

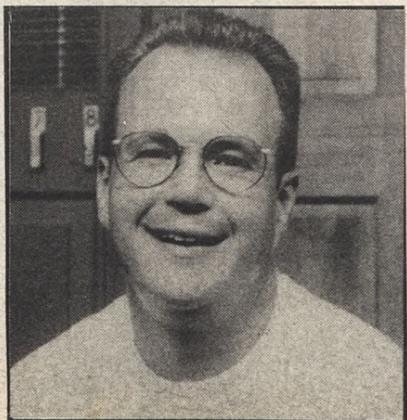
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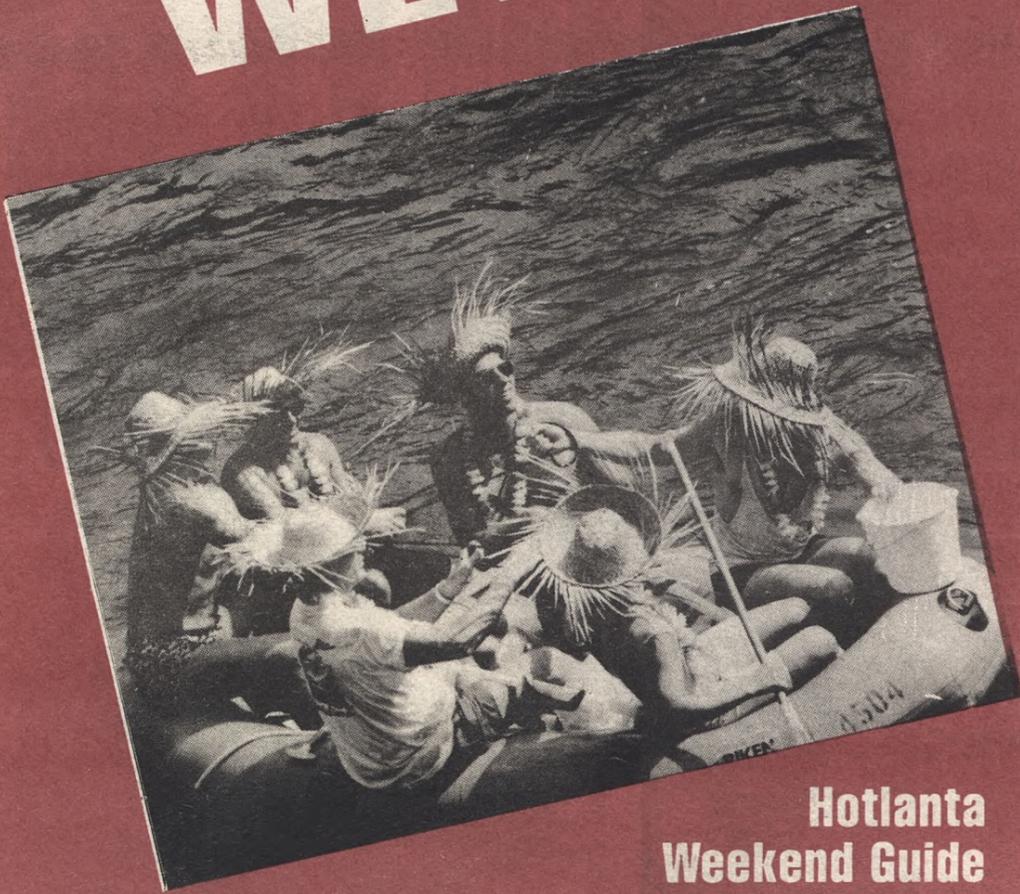
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## Liquid Assets

*The Hotlanta weekend has become one of the city's top tourist draws—even if straight people don't know about it.*

If there is any weekend of the year that proves the value of queer dollars in Atlanta, this weekend, which has come to be known in gay circles across the country simply as "Hotlanta," is it.

Of course, most of heterosexual Atlanta hasn't a clue. While the influx of people coming into the city makes the Hotlanta Raft Race weekend one of the year's top tourism draws, the city's mainstream newspapers and television stations provide scant coverage.

Perhaps the only straight people familiar with the event are aficionados of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, where rangers post signs in the weeks before the event to tell (warn?) the public that hordes of scantily-clad men are on the way.

But what started out years ago as a simple raft race down the river has taken on a life of its own, turning into a weekend of events and parties that draws a crowd from across the country and beyond. Just try to book a room in a Midtown hotel. Intown restaurants are beefing up their staff in anticipation. The bars, of course, will be bursting at the seams. And retail stores are also expecting a crush.

"We have 25 to 45 people jammed in the store at any given time," says Lane Fischer of The Boy Next Door on Piedmont Avenue. "It's like a couple of months [of business] jammed into three days."

"It's definitely an increase in business for us,"

says manager Kelly Tam of Houlihan's restaurant.

Over at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel, they are expecting 1,300 to 1,500 guests, according to spokesman Bill Ericson. Over at the Wyndham Hotel, they expect to book the hotel through the entire weekend, including Sunday, which is normally a slow night.

No one knows for sure, of course, how many gay visitors (this event attracts mostly gay men and few

lesbians) will be in Atlanta this weekend. Last year, there were 4,000 to 5,000 official participants in the Hotlanta River Expo, according to Bob Williams, a spokesman for the organizers, coming from throughout the United States, Canada and beyond for one of the biggest gay party scenes anywhere.

The number of people drawn to Atlanta this weekend is probably much higher because many people who never participate in the official events come

just for the party atmosphere. For example, organizers of "Atlantis," a huge street dance scheduled in Midtown on Saturday afternoon, are anticipating a crowd of 10,000.

For every 1,000 people spending \$300 during the weekend (which would probably just be their bar tab), \$300,000 is pumped into the city's economy. So it's safe to say that Hotlanta's economic impact is well into the millions.

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*Atlanta protestors take on President Clinton and Senator Nunn*

Atlanta—Sixty gay men, lesbians and supporters took to the sidewalk in front of the Army Recruiting Station on Peachtree Street last Saturday to protest President Clinton's compromise policy on gays in the military that leaves most of the 50-year-old ban intact.

But U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, who is pushing an amendment that would erase what little progress was made by Clinton's compromise, became the target of many of the protestors' chants.

"Sam Nunn sucks, and we've got the negatives," chanted the circle of demonstrators carrying signs and waving rainbow flags at passing cars.

"You know how bad Clinton's compromise was. Sam Nunn has gutted that," Don George, Atlanta representative of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, told the protestors when they gathered inside the building in front of the recruiting office, which had closed for the day before protestors arrived. "Don't ask, don't tell" is now just 'don't ask.' He took out the provision about equal enforcement [of the Uniform Code of Military Justice] for homosexuals and heterosexuals.

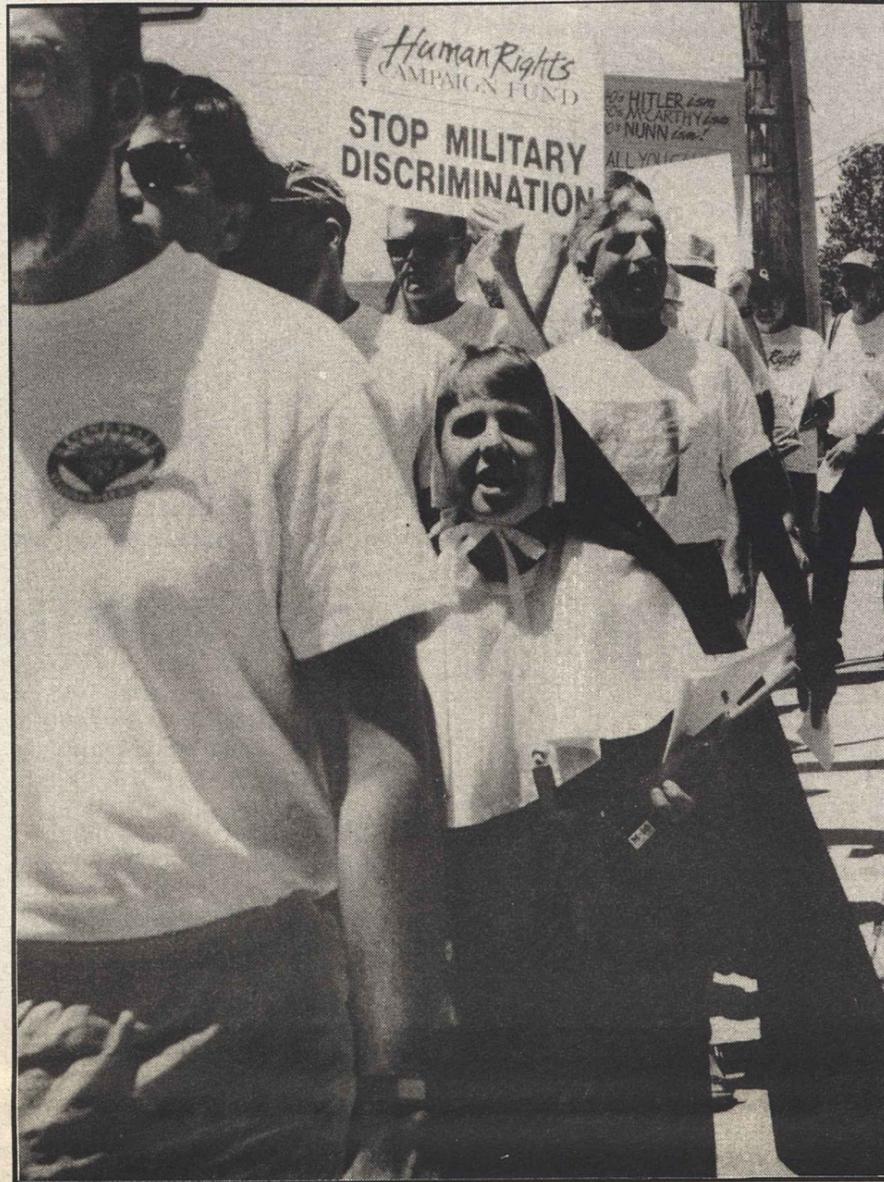
"Clinton's compromise has been stripped of any good thing it had. We were hoodwinked."

George also said that Nunn's version of the gays in the military policy allows what he called the "stop/loss policy" to continue—lesbians and gay men under investigation for homosexuality will still be sent to war and then discharged on their return.

Lesbians and gay men remain angry about the final version of Clinton's policy, as well as Nunn's attempt to write an even stronger ban into federal law through an amendment the Georgia Democrat has attached to the defense budget.

"We have a direct line with God. And boy is she pissed with Sam Nunn," said "Mother Lisa" Kung, a Lesbian Avenger who appeared at the rally as a member of Lesbian Nuns With Guns. "We used to be for Nunn, you know. That was when we thought he was promoting an all-lesbian military with his fears about gay men in the showers."

"Don't ask us to stay in the closet. Don't tell us to hide who we are. And don't expect us to



Julie Cabala, one of the Lesbian Nuns With Guns, joins 60 others in denouncing Nunn.

work," said Anise Barber, explaining a "don't ask, don't tell, don't work" chant.

Organizers of the protest—the Lesbian Avengers and Dykes and Faggots Bash Back—said they were pleased with the turnout on one of Atlanta's cooler days in recent weeks. But protestor Daniel Barber said he'd hoped for more.

"I wonder how many of us would be here if we were still in Vietnam and there was a draft,"

he said.

And anti-military sentiments were visible as well. Several marchers carried signs with a photograph of a bearded man in a dress with the slogan, "Not every boy wants to be a soldier."

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## Partnership Passes

Atlanta—After weeks of controversy, debate and protest, the Atlanta City Council has, once again, approved a plan to extend insurance benefits to the unmarried partners of city employees.

But it took City Council President Marvin Arrington, breaking a tie vote, to push through the ordinance, which now goes to Mayor Maynard Jackson for approval. He is expected to sign the measure.

Then again, when the council passed domestic partnership benefits the first time, Jackson was also expected to sign it. But citing his concerns about how much money extending the benefits would cost the city, he vetoed the measure, setting off a wave of anger in Atlanta's lesbian/gay community that led to several protests, including one in the driveway of his Buckhead mansion.

On Monday afternoon, the council approved the ordinance, which is, ironically, virtually identical to the measure Jackson vetoed. But the mayor, satisfied that the benefits package won't create an undue financial burden on the city, had changed his position on the ordinance and had lobbied members of the council to vote yes.

The first time around, the bill passed on a vote of 9 yes, 7 no and one abstention. But Councilman Jim Maddox, who represents southwest Atlanta, switched sides, making the vote this time 7 yes, 7 no and one abstention (at-large councilman Morris Finley). Two councilmembers, Rob Pitts and Clair Muller, were not at the meeting.

Arrington, who votes when the council is tied, voted yes, breaking the impasse.

The ordinance allows partners of unmarried city employees—lesbian, gay or straight—to obtain insurance coverage. The city would pick up 75 percent of the cost, while the employee would pick up 25 percent, which is the same ratio that the city uses to cover the married spouses of employees.

Because federal law does not recognize same sex partnerships, however, the employee will have to declare the city's portion of the insurance premium as taxable income.

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## "Heather" debated

*Lesbian-positive book under attack in Gainesville*

Gainesville, GA—Should "Heather Has Two Mommies," a book about a lesbian couple raising a child, be removed from the shelves of Gainesville's public library?

Last week, after hearing from 20 speakers evenly divided on whether "Heather" should stay or go, the Chestatee Regional Library Board, which oversees the library in this city 50 miles northeast of Atlanta, formed a committee to decide the fate of the book.

The committee will review the library's book selection process, as well as examining the decision made last year by library director Diane Bronson to move the book from the children's section to the young adult section.

Bronson made the move after complaints about the book from local parents. But that didn't satisfy some critics of "Heather." They complained to their local legislators, and, in June, Rep. James Mills, R-Chestnut Mountain, Rep. Bobby Lawson, D-Gainesville, and Rep. David Hughes, D-Dawsonville, called a press conference to denounce the use of taxpayer funds for the book, touching off this latest controversy.



"The review committee will decide whether or not I made the right decision and whether or not the selection process needs to be revised," said Bronson.

At the library board's meeting, audience members, their numbers swelled by churches that bused in opponents, booed the book's supporters and cheered its opponents. The crowd grew quiet, however, when John Lowery, president of Mountain Catalyst, a support group for gays and lesbians in northeast Georgia, spoke.

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## Cobb gays, lesbians mobilize

*Commissioners try to censor plays and target "gay lifestyle units"*

Marietta—The religious right's war against gay men and lesbians has a new battleground, Cobb County, using an old weapon—art.

Last week, the Cobb County Commission voted unanimously to hold public hearings on a policy change, proposed by Commissioner Gordon Wysong, that would instruct the county's arts council to fund only those programs "which advance and support strong community, family-oriented standards."

The new policy would replace a section of a county ordinance that calls on arts council employees to "avoid the roles of censors," stating that arts grants "shall not focus on censorship, but rather on effectively extending cultural affairs."

But while the Atlanta media have focused attention on the arts controversy, less has been said about a second piece of legislation, also introduced by Wysong, that specifically targets the "gay lifestyle." That resolution, which has

been put on hold until the Aug. 10 commission meeting, would make it county policy to deny funds to support "gay lifestyle units."

"The Board of Commissioners believes that this policy will serve and protect the health, safety, and welfare of its constituents," reads the resolution.

The actions by Cobb commissioners have galvanized a previously quiet Cobb County lesbian/gay community, which has formed a group called the Cobb Citizens Coalition to oppose Wysong's legislation.

Jon Greaves, a 10-year Cobb resident and coalition organizer, called the commission's move "distressing," and said it had lit a fire under many Cobb lesbian and gay residents.

"Before this I could count maybe five people who would come forward on this kind of issue," said Greaves, who has long been active in lesbian/gay politics, including serving as an openly gay delegate to the 1992 Democratic National Convention. "Now we've gotten a lot of support from the arts community and gay people coming out of the closet. We've been bashed in the military, bashed on domestic partnership in Atlanta and now this. People are finally getting fed up. I got fed up a long time ago."

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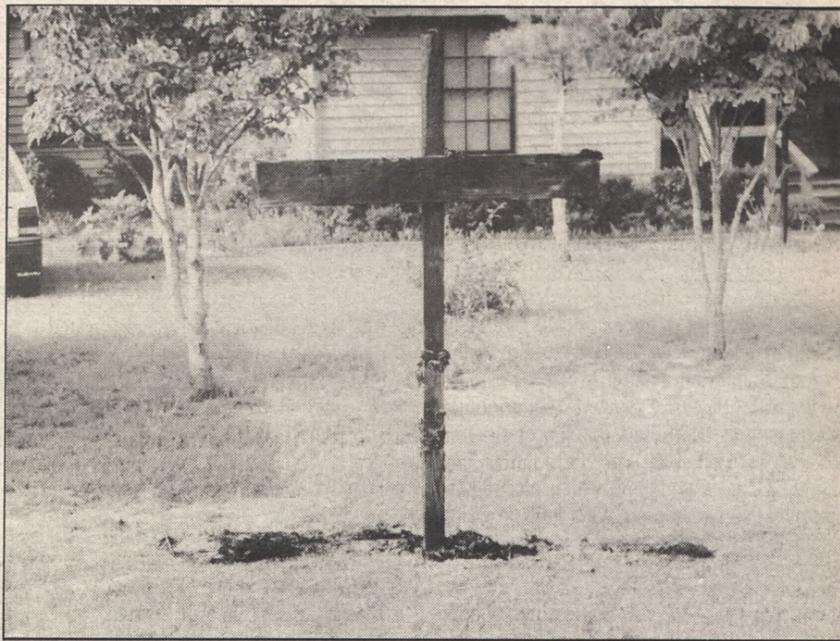
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Remnants of the cross burned in Roy Kirkland's yard

**Coping with flames of hate**

Willacoochee, GA—A peaceful Wednesday morning was shattered for Roy Kirkland two weeks ago when his brother pounded on his front door, asking what was in his front yard.

What Kirkland found were the charred remains of a cross, apparently lit on fire during the night.

"It was sickening," said Kirkland, who lives in Willacoochee with his lover of seven years, Doug Sebastian. "I really thought I was going to pass out. Just talking about it now—it's a horrible, sickening feeling."

Kirkland, a Willacoochee native, returned to this southeast Georgia town in February to live in the house left to him by his father when he died of cancer. He and Sebastian, who met while living in Atlanta, had previously been living in Tifton, about 30 miles to the west, where Sebastian works at a local hotel. Kirkland said the cross burning came as a surprise.

"We have a nice house, and it's quiet here," said Kirkland. "Everybody knows about me, but I don't think people have seen us out together much. I wouldn't deny [I'm gay], but we're not flaming."

Kirkland said that just a week before the

July 21 cross burning, his mailbox had been vandalized, and he now believes the two incidents may be related. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation, he said, is investigating the incident after the local police were less than helpful.

"[The officer] took the report and told me to throw away the cross," Kirkland said. "He told me that the more I stir up this kind of stuff, the more negativity I'll get."

But Kirkland said he's gotten support from all over the community, and that he has no plans to hide who he is or what happened.

"I want everybody to see it," he said. "My mother told me that I could either run or stand up to it. We're going to stand up to it."

"We've received I don't know how many phone calls, and nothing has been negative," he says. "People call and say 'hang in there.' People who aren't gay call, just saying we have the right to live our lives."

While Kirkland said he and Sebastian miss Atlanta, they won't pack up and leave Willacoochee because of anti-gay harassment.

"We've thought about it," he said. "But we want to leave on our own terms. Not like this."

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**Mississippi Gulf Gays to Protest:** GL Friendly, a lesbian/gay support group that planned to establish community centers on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, is planning a march through Ocean Springs in August and is considering a boycott of businesses because the city accepted petitions from people opposed to the community center. Todd Emerson, GL's founder, who lives in Ocean Springs but says the group wasn't considering the city as the site for the center, said he was incensed when members of the First Baptist Church presented to city aldermen with six pages of signatures on a petition that appealed to the city to "stop this effort by a small minority to impose and promote this lifestyle as a normal thing and to turn our community into a microcosm of what has happened in San Francisco."

**Alabama Man Pleads Guilty To Pride Fund Theft:** Amon Timothy Endley has pleaded guilty to the 1992 theft of some \$1,500 from Birmingham's Gay/Lesbian Pride Coalition, according to the Alabama Forum. Endley, who allegedly wrote checks for personal business on the coalition's checking account, was indicted by a grand jury earlier this year.

**Florida Man Accused of Attempted Murder Via HIV:** A \$1 million bond has been set for a Jacksonville man accused of sexual battery and attempted first-degree murder for allegedly assaulting his former lover and infecting him with HIV. Assistant State Attorney Judy Grover said evidence will show that Randy Rodriguez knew he was HIV-positive and intended to harm the victim. "I clearly have the grounds to file a premeditated charge," she said. Rodriguez is the second person to be charged in Jacksonville with attempted murder after being accused of infecting another person with HIV. Shawn Boswell was charged in March with infecting a 21-year-old woman with the virus during consensual sex.

**Florida Judge Takes Gay Father's Visitation:** A gay divorced father gave up his rights to share in decisions about his children's upbringing when he moved in with his HIV-infected lover, according to a Jacksonville judge. Calling Scott McAbee's lifestyle "detrimental to his children," Circuit Judge A.C. Soud rejected the man's visitation request. "His homosexual lifestyle is so indicative of moral unfitness that it disqualifies his ability to live up to and perform the societal duty of parenting children," wrote Soud, who ruled McAbee could visit his children only with his ex-wife's supervision and if he shows up without a male companion, submits to two HIV tests per year and agrees not to discuss his lifestyle or partner.

## Cammermeyer Story Comes To Small Screen:

Barbra Streisand and Glenn Close will produce a TV movie about Margarethe Cammermeyer, the Army colonel forced out of the Washington National Guard after disclosing she is a lesbian. Close will portray Cammermeyer in the two hour film, scheduled to air in the fall of 1994. "This is a story that throws light on one of the most important issues of our time," Streisand said in a release. "Hopefully, this will help break the stigma that people seem so bound to maintain that makes us so frightening to them," Cammermeyer said of her decision to allow the filming to move forward.

**Animal Rights Opponents Gay-Baiting PETA:** Putting People First, an organization that opposes what it calls "environmental extremism," has begun gay-baiting animal rights groups. In the group's June 20 newsletter, PPF quotes a "disgruntled insider" at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) saying that gay rights advocates have infiltrated PETA's staff. "You don't have to be homosexual to work at the office of [PETA], but it helps," the anonymous source said. The article also outs PETA personnel director Mike Rodman, and suggests that the group should be investigated for reverse discrimination. PETA reports that its demonstrations have long drawn shouts of "Hope you faggots get AIDS" at protestors, and that homophobic messages frequently show up on the group's answering machine.

**Dykes Against Porn Get Nasty:** The Seattle group Dykes Against Porn tossed copies of a local newspaper, The Stranger, into a dumpster last month, apparently to keep an interview with one of their members from reaching the public. Stranger editor Christine Wenc interviewed the DAP member after the group ripped covers off an issue of lesbian erotic magazine On Our Backs, complaining that the cover was racist and promoted violence against women. The cover featured Dawn Wan, an Asian woman, engulfed in flames. Wan designed the cover, according to On Our Backs staff. "This really shouldn't be tolerated," said Wenc. "You can't just go around picking up people's newspapers because you don't like what they say."



Asked about her views on discrimination against gay people, Supreme Court nominee Ruth Ginsburg said discrimination against anyone should be deplored.

ter ski weekend from Park City to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, when ski resort officials in Park City agreed to host the Winterfest '94 Gay Ski Games. "Family members are invited," he said. "There was a general feeling by our employees that they didn't want to go [after learning] they were promoting a gay and lesbian ski week."

**Idaho Lesbian Runs For Small Town Council:** Kathy Sprague, an open lesbian and lifelong resident of Moscow has thrown her hat into the ring to campaign for city council. "I knew my sexual orientation would be an issue, whether I wanted it to or not," Sprague said. "But I'm a business owner and a native, and I feel I have more of an understanding, a holistic view of the town." Lynn Ungar, minister at the Unitarian Church of the Palouse in Moscow, applauded Sprague's decision to run. "The religious right has been running a stealth campaign to put people in office," Ungar said. "Seeing someone who is young and gay and not someone who is seen as the establishment of politics is exciting."

**Two Gay Men Found Murdered in Washington:** Two, and possibly a third, gay men have been found murdered in the Seattle area in the last few weeks. Patrick Roy McVey was stabbed to death after picking up two young men in a local park on July 6, and another man in nearby Edmonds was also stabbed to death. Further details of the Edmonds murder were not available. Additionally, police in Seattle are investigating the hanging death of a man found dead in the city's Arboretum on July 5. He was handcuffed and his ankles were bound with duct tape.

**Mapplethorpe Exhibits No Big Deal in Europe:** After creating a storm of controversy in the United States in the early 90s, an exhibit of works by photographer Robert Mapplethorpe is breezing through Europe this year with barely a whisper of discontent. "It doesn't shock me at all," said Andre Lefever after viewing the exhibit in Brussels. The same photos, however—oral sex, bondage and sadomasochism—caused a landmark obscenity trial in the U.S., controversy in the U.S. Congress, and a bitter nationwide debate over whether public funds should be used for what some consider obscene art. "Sure, some people are taken aback and say some pictures are just too much," said Brussels exhibition director Piet Coessens. "But they don't cause any problems."

**Colorado Anti-Gay Amendment Author to Monitor Gay Rights:** The Colorado Springs man who co-founded the group that successfully pushed through an anti-gay/lesbian rights amendment has formed a new national organization to monitor the lesbian/gay rights movement. Tony Marco said the new group won't get involved in political campaigns or try to influence proposed legislation. "Essentially, our goal is to take the same educational resources that Colorado citizens used to help defeat the militant gay agenda, and make it available across the nation," said Marco. The new organization is called America for Family Values.

## Supreme Court Nominee Deplores "Rank Discrimination":

Asked by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) to supply her views on discrimination against people because of sexual orientation, Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg said, "I think rank discrimination against anyone is against the tradition of the United States and is to be deplored. This country is great because of its accommodations with diversity," she added during Senate confirmation hearings on her nomination last week. "The richness of the diversity of this country is a treasure and it's a constant challenge to remain tolerant and respectful of one another."

## Farm Bureau Doesn't Want to Ski With Gays:

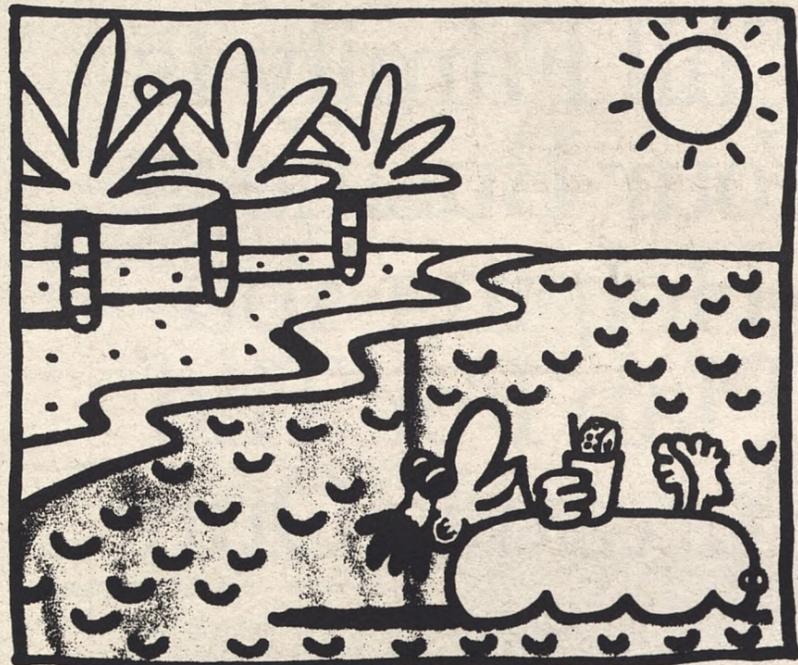
The employees of a Laramie, Wyoming insurance company felt uncomfortable meeting in Park City, Utah, because of a decision by officials there to host a gay and lesbian ski event, according to company officials. Raymond Johnson, a claims director for Mountain States Farm Bureau Insurance, said the company decided to change the site of its winter

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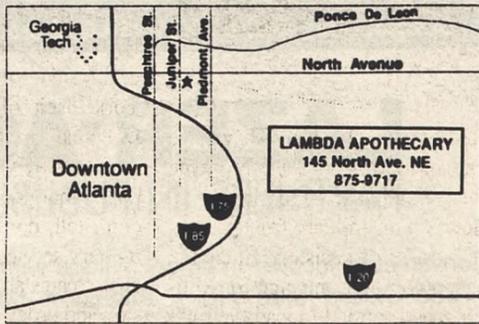
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# Military's gay/lesbian ban headed for the courts

Seattle—After six years in the Army and National Guard, Sgt. Steven Spencer is challenging the Clinton administration's new policy on gays and lesbians in the military because he doesn't want to "live a lie."

"I'm not an activist. I'm a regular-Joe soldier who wants to be able to serve his country like any other able-bodied adult without having to lie about myself," he says.

Spencer, 26, a nurse with a MASH unit at Camp Murray near Tacoma, is among seven gay service men and women who challenged the policy in a lawsuit brought on their behalf last week in Washington, D.C., by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The lawsuit contends the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy is "restrictive, confused and self-contradictory" and deprives the plaintiffs of their constitutional rights to free speech and equal protection under the law.

The policy allows gay men and lesbians to serve as long as they don't disclose their sexual orientation and remain celibate.

"I don't feel that I should have to live a lie," Spencer said.

He said members of his guard unit weren't aware that he was gay before the lawsuit. He and four other plaintiffs may risk discharge by declaring their sexual orientation in the lawsuit. Two plaintiffs used pseudonyms.

"I don't think I should be discharged," Spencer said. "But I'm willing to accept it as a price for the freedom of all people."

"You're not out of the service for being part of a lawsuit," said Camp Murray spokesman Maj. Glenn Worthington, who noted that Spencer hadn't "disclosed anything to me."



Sgt. Steven Spencer comes out fighting the ban.

"If there's a disclosure, I imagine we would take a look at the policy," said Worthington, who said decisions would be based on the individual case.

Spencer served three years in the Army—at Fort Lewis near Tacoma and in Korea.

The lawsuit said the new policy subjects lesbians and gays "to investigation and discharge because of the perceived prejudices of others." There are numerous pending federal

court cases challenging the ban. They have yielded conflicting rulings, and the Supreme Court has never ruled on the issue.

In other news on the military front:

• With the president's decision forcing the issue into the courts, The Campaign for Military Service, a group formed to lead the fight against the military ban, has announced it is shutting down operations as of Aug. 13.

"We lost this battle, but the fight will con-

tinue," said Tom Stoddard, head of the campaign, who will return to New York City. "The ban will eventually fall. The campaign's work over the past six months has helped to chip away at the foundation of America's last official form of bigotry."

During the past six months, the campaign raised \$1.5 million, which it spent on grassroots work and lobbying, as well as a five-week national bus tour of gay/lesbian veterans. It also produced TV spots that aired nationally on CNN.

• U.S. Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif., who chairs the House Armed Services Committee, tried to get his committee to end the ban outright by attaching an amendment to the defense budget. It didn't work.

During the first recorded vote in Congress on the military ban issue, the House committee voted down Dellums' measure by a 43-12 vote, despite an impassioned plea by Dellums that the issue of gays in the military amounted to a question of civil rights.

"As a civilized society, we should get beyond our fears, get beyond our bigotry and get beyond our prejudices," said Dellums. In the end, only one Republican, Rep. Peter Torkildsen of Massachusetts, voted with Dellums.

Later, by voice vote, the panel approved a policy that goes beyond Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" plan by stating that military service is unique and that homosexuality creates an unacceptable risk to unit cohesion and order, similar to language adopted by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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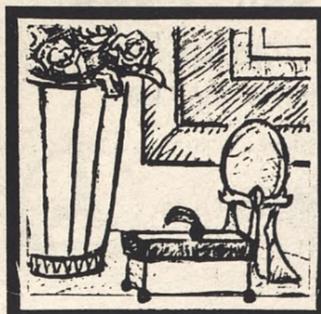
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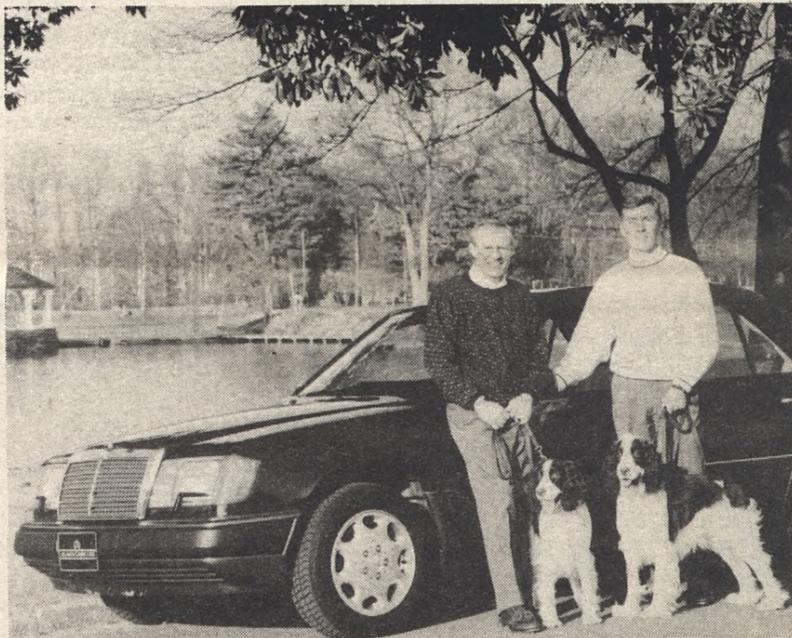
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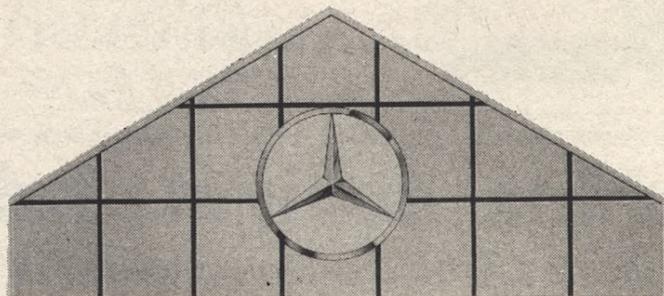
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# Nunn more defense monger than hate monger

*But Lee Bledsoe, Sen. Sam's gay cousin, says he would tell his famous kinsman that he's dead wrong on the ban issue.*

Like many other lesbians and gay men in Georgia, Lee Bledsoe wrote to U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, expressing his opposition to the ban on gays in the military. He outlined his belief that the policy was discriminatory, and ought to be ended. In response, he got a standard form letter, addressed to Ms. Lee Nunn Bledsoe.

"I'm going to respond to the response," Bledsoe says. "And this time, I'll probably send it to his home."

Bledsoe can do that because the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee is his cousin. Both grew up in Perry, Georgia.

"He and my mother are first cousins," Bledsoe says. "His father and my grandfather are brothers. Sam and I are probably about fifth-generation Perryans."

In his letter to the senator, Bledsoe noted that as a fellow Perryan and a kinsman, he wanted to let him know his feelings on the issue of gays in the military.

"It obviously didn't get to him," says Bledsoe, 33, during an interview in his Midtown apartment. "But the thing is, I did not write in the letter that I was gay, straight or whatever. The whole issue is discrimination. That's the problem to me."

"It's so frustrating. How can you do well [in the military] and then announce one little thing and then all of a sudden you're out of the army? You are what you are. It's plain and simple discrimination. It's just wrong. I was laughing about this Eydie Gorme song—'What Did I Have That I Don't Have Now?' All the words pertain to that. 'I'm outclassed by my past.' That's almost the way it is."

Bledsoe clearly disagrees with his powerful cousin on this issue.

"The whole 'don't ask, don't tell' thing is the same old same-old," he says. "It's not right that as a gay person I can't have a picture of someone on my desk. I can say I went out and fooled around with Sally Mac, but I can't say I went to X bar and kissed a man. It's not right."

Bledsoe easily acknowledges that he's not the only one to try to show Sen. Nunn that side of the issue, and it's easy to assume, he says, that Nunn is acting out of homophobia.

"I went to Washington [for the March]," he says. "It was an interesting experience at the march because of all the signs which were anti-Nunn, with my background of knowing him. I was certainly not surprised, and I can certainly understand. In essence, he is perpetuating discrimination. But in terms of Sam Nunn as a person, he's not like that."

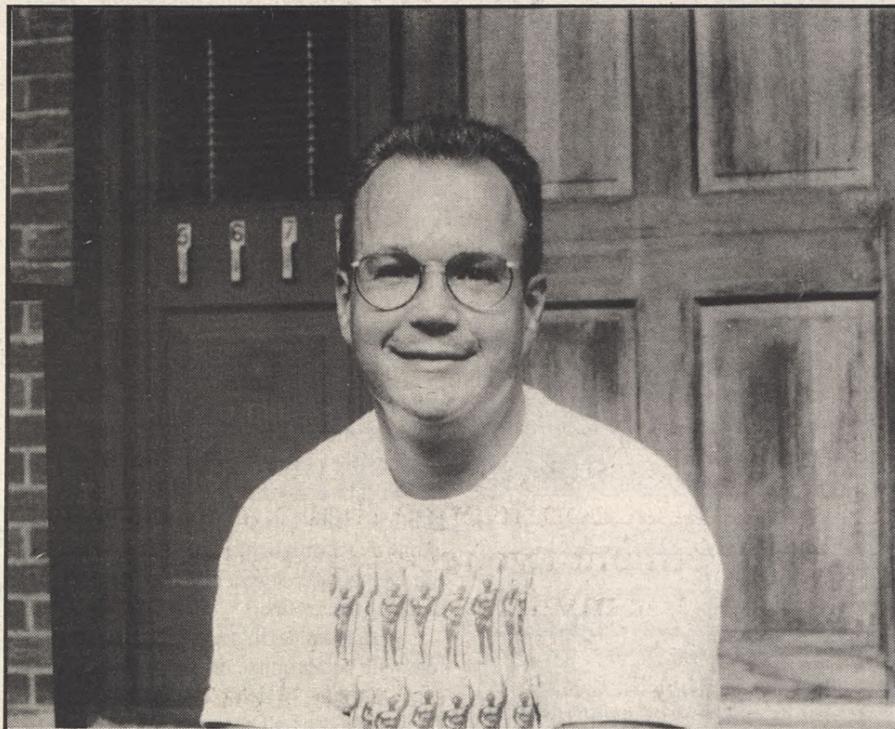
"He's not a hate monger. Lately there have been some things that have come out that I've begun to question more, but I think he's more of a defense monger. Anything that might upset the apple cart of the defense machine industry—of which he is a great proponent and knowledgeable person—that's where he'll shy away."

"I think he's had a problem with Clinton coming in. I really think if it had been, oh, [that] somebody came in and decided that all service members had to wear three-ply wool suits, which would be a great disruption to the army, I think that would have been as much a controversy as anything else."

Bledsoe has not come out to his cousin. But he knows what he'd like to say to him about the gays in the military issue.

"I think he needs somebody he knows to come forward and explain it to him," he says. "I'd probably ask him what is the background? Is it strictly [that you are] pro-military or do you have a problem with gay people? I know, we're from the South, and the educational process is not always as adept as it should be to get this across. But I'd like to know from him, 'Why?'"

"I'm a nice person, a good person, an aver-



Bledsoe grew up in Nunn's hometown, Perry, Georgia.

age person," he continues. "I'm not a freak. I have a good job. I think a lot of it is the fear of change. They did it with the blacks with Harry Truman. It was an assimilation process that was very difficult, but it happened. I think this is going to happen."

Bledsoe came out in 1985, just a few years after a summer as an intern in Nunn's Washington office. The experience showed him the strength of Nunn's power in the defense establishment.

"I was a staff correspondent for military matters," he explains. "People would write in and ask 'can you help me get a boat to take out over the water to drop a wreath for my father who died in World War II?' We could do it. I was amazed at the power we had. We would write a letter, send it to the U.S. Coast Guard and they would contact the person and tell them the boat would be there at such and such a time. With his name you could do it."

While Bledsoe freely acknowledges not being "as active as I probably should be," he says that his experience at the April March On Washington was "an eye opener," and believes that the focus on the gays in the military issue has been good for the community.

"The very fact that a gay issue has come before the world, certainly the United States, has got to be positive," he says. "It's time to prove to the world we're not some kind of fringe element. We're everyday people, and we want to be treated like everybody else."

About the recent onslaught of gays portrayed in the media, Bledsoe says that "there are some that, with the exposure of gay people, have recoiled further into their shell going 'oh, my God, it's worse than I could have possibly imagined.' And there are those who say 'gosh, there are gays, and they're not so bad, not so weird.'"

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## EDITORIAL

## Rethink support for (not so) Democratic Party

U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn has become the focus of much of the intense anger and frustration in the lesbian and gay community in the wake of the decision to keep military queers tucked in the closet. And however much Georgia's senior senator deserves the enmity, turning our fury on him only serves to treat the symptoms of what ails gay and lesbian America, while doing little to combat the parasites that are sucking the life blood out of our civil liberties.

Far too often, those parasites are Democrats.

You remember the Democrats. They are the politicians who for years have relied on lesbians and gay men to open up their wallets, answer phones and ring doorbells. Here in Georgia and nationwide, being gay and political, with a few exceptions, has meant exhibiting a pronounced tendency to support the Democratic Party. In this state, here are some of the results:

Sam Nunn, a Democrat, engineers an intolerable compromise on the military ban issue. Attorney General Michael Bowers, a Democrat, goes all the way to the Supreme Court to preserve the state's sodomy law and terminates a lesbian law clerk for marrying her partner. The state House, controlled by Democrats, refuses to repeal the sodomy law and has to be convinced, year after year, not to impose nasty, punitive measures on those with HIV/AIDS. Rep. Billy McKinney, a Democrat, calls gay men "faggots." Rep. Ralph Twiggs, a Democrat, uses the slightly-milder "queer," though not in the politically-correct fashion. Not to mention, of course, Bill Clinton, a Democrat, demonstrating a spine made of warm Jell-O when it comes to gay/lesbian issues.

Perhaps as bad as the overtly anti-gay Democrats are those who merely stand by while all of this goes on, emitting a thunderous silence—Gov. Zell Miller, who writes a welcoming letter for a Human Rights Cam-

paign Fund dinner without ever using the "L" word or the "G" word (though, to the governor's credit, he did pen a letter in support of the Gay Games bid); Lt. Gov. Pierre Howard, who as a senator represented a constituency in DeKalb County with a large gay/lesbian population but, as lieutenant governor, has hardly been on the horizon when it comes to queer civil rights; the leaders of the state party, who continue to embrace Sam Nunn as their hero, their ideal of what a good Democrat is all about.

In a recent commentary, Gary Bastian of Atlanta, president of Republicans for Individual Freedom, a GOP gay/lesbian group, points out that these examples show that homophobia is alive and well in both parties. We agree. Where we part company with Mr. Bastian, however, is with his solution, namely voting Republican. That would seem a strange remedy, given the fact that, on the whole, Republicans work against our issues far more often than Democrats and allow nutcases such as Pat Buchanan onto their national convention stage.

## A scenario to make Nunn go

Speaking of Sen. Nunn, conventional wisdom holds that he is unbeatable in Georgia. But try this scenario on for size:

In the 1996 Democratic primary, someone opposes Sam Nunn. He or she energizes a coalition of African American voters, liberal and progressive voters in Atlanta and the state's smaller cities, environmentalists and civil libertarians. She or he is a candidate of principle who is pro-queer and not afraid to say so, which energizes lesbian and gay voters.

The right-wing yahoos in Georgia who think Nunn is nifty are off voting in the Republican primary, which is where the senator from Perry would be if he were ideologically

So what is the solution? What does the gay/lesbian community do when faced with two political parties, one of which tolerates homophobia and the other of which actively promotes it?

We believe that the answer is for gay men and lesbians to stop donating money to any political group or party that doesn't actively oppose intolerance. The key word in that sentence is *actively*. The same litmus test needs to apply to individual candidates. Before you write that check or stuff that envelope, find out if the candidate has a proven track record of support for gay/lesbian causes and is willing to publicly express such support. The key word in that sentence is *publicly*.

If they don't, put that pen down and use your tongue, well, for something else.

And when the Democratic Party of Georgia comes calling, tell its leaders that you will no longer support a party that tolerates the Sam Nunn and Billy McKinneys of the world, full of little people who endorse intolerance with silence.

## LETTERS

## GAPAC says letter might have been too aggressive

Ooops. We mailed many of SoVo's readers and Dish's friends a strong fundraising letter which some considered inappropriate. We sincerely apologize to those who were offended, and, at the same time, we feel we must highlight the need for such an aggressive letter.

As you suggested to your readers, GAPAC has been playing a major role in passage of domestic partnership (the key role, according to sponsor Mary Davis). Costs for paying our lobbyist and printing on this issue have been

tremendous. GAPAC is evaluating city of Atlanta and city of Decatur races now through November and will be conducting candidate forums and issuing candidate rating sheets—all of which involve expense. Finally, we have initiated a three-year Sodomy Reform Campaign which is likely to require expansion of the lobbyist position from part-time to full-time. (Luckily for us and the community, lobbyist Larry Pellegrini has been working nearly full-time for half-time pay.)

GAPAC hired the first gay-issues lobbyist in the history of the state of Georgia last November. Our group is the only bi-partisan community voice at the state and local levels. Our crucial activities of monitoring governmental

bodies, lobbying, and influencing elections require donations—hence the purpose of the letter about which your staff wrote.

To those whom we upset, please forgive. Then, please renew (or submit) your GAPAC membership and send money. Call 872-8095 to let us know if you would like more information or if you wish to volunteer.

Thank you SoVo, for your continued support, and for calling this to our attention. Please share with Dish that we had as much positive response (comments, new memberships, etc.) as we had negative. We appreciate everyone's understanding of our urgent needs.

Ed Stansell  
Chairperson, GAPAC

## Responsibility of being out

I recently participated in the Lesbian and Gay Pride March and subsequent gathering at Piedmont Park. Reflecting on the event, I would like to share some of my thoughts with you.

Being one of 100,000 or so people at the park, it was easy to take for granted our ease at being "out" and proud in a city with such a large and vocal gay population. It's also easy to lose sight of our brothers and sisters in smaller, more closeted communities—places where gay men and lesbians do not march or gather together in public places. I believe that

those of us living in cities where we can be open have a responsibility to work for our equal rights and to come out and fight against discrimination.

I am not suggesting that we negate the responsibilities of those in the smaller cities and towns. They too must be proud and as open as they can be. Soon the whole world will know that we too are special, unique and different individuals. Who happen to be gay.

David Boxer  
Atlanta



## Mixed messages, misconceptions and those lesbian jeans

Okay, let's see. I have a gay gene that makes me this way, so it really shouldn't offend anyone anymore, and they should stop discriminating against me because I couldn't help it, Mom, honest.

Of course, they only examined men, so we still don't know if there is any such thing as a lesbian jean, though personally, I would still vote for Levi 501's. To go with our flannel shirts, right? Which, as every straight person knows, is how you really can tell us from everyone else.

I don't know about you, but now I really am confused. First they tell us that our men have smaller hypothalamuses (hypothalamusi?), and you get the real sense that they don't think that smaller is better. And then there were all those twin boys who had boy twins, gay like them. So maybe it really wasn't our choice to be unidirectional. Maybe God caused it. Or Charles Darwin. (Some of our local church people get them confused.)

And speaking of confused, not only does this gene thing take away our free will, it seems to make non-gay people extraordinarily happy. And more comfortable. And that confuses me. Because, if they can make us the poor, helpless victims of countless fruit fly experiments, it's not okay to kill us and fire us and make us live out on the streets, got it? So if we weren't a Mendelian experiment (he's the guy who devoted his life to sweetpeas and their progeny to prove that two blue-eyed parents shouldn't fool around with the Italian mailman), it would still be okay, right?

And then there are our own additions and corrections to these minutes.

We keep saying out loud (I know I do. On every conceivable occasion) that we are capable of raising happy, healthy heterosexual children. Which, of course is true. (I know I did.) They still haven't gotten around to recognizing that we are also capable of



### Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

raising happy, healthy homosexual children, too, because that would, of course, allow that there was such a thing as a happy, healthy homosexual.

They are still stuck on the fact that it is possible for us to raise OK non-gay kids. It seems awfully important to them. So we seem to be letting them have that.

Only...

...about this genetics thing?

Doesn't it stand to reason, just in case anybody's actually listening, that if it is genetic, and we do have natural (i.e. not adopted from Paraguay for a couple of grand) kids that maybe we stand a higher chance of those kids being gay too. Hmmm. Makes you kind of wonder when any one of our opponents will figure out such simple logic and begin to use it against us.

Of course, it also makes you wonder when some brilliant Anti or Uncle Sam type will strongly suggest that if it's a gene, why, couldn't we just splice it, or dice it or Cuisinart it into oblivion. And "voilà," no

more queer problems. Do the words "master race" ring a bell?

And another thing. There's this other genetic argument I keep hearing on talk shows and in other people's living rooms, even some of our people's living rooms, because it sounds like such a cool argument. It's the one that goes something like "Choice? Choice?! Choice!!! Who would choose it? I mean, it's such a miserable, pitiful, unpleasant, awful, terrible, ugly, abominable, painful, odious, reprehensible, reviled, horrid, repugnant, accursed, vile, fetid, foul, unhappy, *lonely* lifestyle, who would *choose* it?"

Excuse me?

Excuuuuuuse me?

We're talking about my life here. Yours too. (Not our lifestyle. I don't have a lifestyle, I have a life.) And as for lonely, some week-ends, it would be a great relief. (Could somebody please get these people over to someone else's barbecue grill?) As for the other things, I find that being homosexual, so far, has been happy, fulfilling, satisfying, powerful, blissful, sociable, jovial, joyful, potent, commanding, adventurous, contented, vigorous, spiritual, lively, spirited, stable, forceful, faithful, loyal, merry and jolly (seasonally), agreeable (except when I want to listen to James Taylor and she wants to watch American Gladiators), constant, neighborly, benevolent, enjoyable, enduring, honest, loving, thrifty, brave and reverent. Nary a reprehensible anywhere. Nor in most of the homo households I know.

Now who would want to choose that? Put your hands down. I can't count that high.

Is it any wonder they all think we're so awful? Or at least so stupid? I mean, with some major neurotic exceptions, who would choose a lifestyle like the one they (ugh!) keep describing? I know I wouldn't. But I also know I didn't. And until we disavow

them of that particular belief, no matter how good an argument it seems to present, how can we blame them for believing we're pitiful?

And then.

This is one of those contradictions in callers I got on a radio show I did last week. The first person berated me for bringing our bedrooms into their living rooms. She said how dare I "make them think about all that perverted sex stuff?" (Hey, you're the one who brought the subject up.)

And then the very next caller wanted to know what we did. You know. Did. I told them we paid our mortgage and defrosted things in the microwave, rented videos from Blockbuster, and, when we could, went to the beach. He persisted. He honestly wanted to know how I, as a man-disgusted lesbian, thank you very much, could have stood having sex with my ex-husband?

I told him I didn't normally answer those kinds of questions, in an effort to keep my bedroom out of his living room. I suggested that lesbians don't hate men. We don't have to. We don't live with them. If he wanted an honest answer, he should ask somebody's wife.

So that's three or four mixed messages this week alone.

We are, it seems to me, at an extremely critical juncture. We are so close to gaining acceptance that they now put our well-made-up pictures on the covers of Newsweek, New York magazine and Vanity Fair. Everybody wants to know the truth about us. Which is cool. And healthy. As long as the truth doesn't lie somewhere else.

So I'm just suggesting that maybe, real soon, we ought to start working a little harder at getting our stories straight.

## Queers in the 'burbs should wake up

When you think of Douglasville, you think of a little town that's laid back with nothing to do. Well, think again, folks.

Douglas and Carroll Counties just elected a new state [legislator], Perry McGuire, a Republican, a Baptist Republican, a Baptist homophobic Republican. I know—I've had run-ins with him in the local paper concerning Amendment 2 in Colorado.

If we are not careful, we are going to end up just like Oregon, county by county. It doesn't matter how liberal Atlanta is, or what Atlanta gets passed, Atlanta is not Georgia. Georgia, for the most part, is very conservative right to the core. If a state ballot were put forth right now, would we lose? Yes.

The funny thing is that there are plenty of gay men and lesbians all around these two counties, Douglas and Carroll, but how many of us are out? I know of at least 35 gays, lesbians and bisexuals around Douglasville, but, where were they on Election Day? Where were they on Sunday, June 27? I know four people that went to gay Pride in Atlanta, [and] my lover and I were two of them.

Do you think Cobb County cares about us, or Gwinnett, Douglas, Rockdale or Fayette? No. They would rather just sit back and say that there are only a few of us out there, and they are the ones making trouble. If we don't wake up now and watch the counties we live in, and do something about them now, then we are going to lose any rights that we now have.

Look at Oregon. The anti-gay measure was on the [statewide] ballot in November and it didn't pass. Now the anti-gay bigots are going county by county, and they are winning, winning every county so far and a few cities. They are going after the counties [where they] would have won if the voting were done exclusively in that county back in November. This is what is going to happen in Georgia if we don't start doing something now.

We need to get out and let our voices be heard, contact our representatives and let them know how we feel, not just in Atlanta, but all over Georgia. We need to get organized in the suburbs, where a lot of us live. We need to let these people know that we are just like everyone else, and that "yes," we are everywhere.

Rick Perry  
Douglasville

### Letters! We Want Letters!

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## Dish unfair to Up With People

This letter is in response to an item in the "Dish" section (SoVo, July 15). There was a tidbit about the group "Up With People." You obviously do not speak with an informed opinion, simply a subjective one. I had the privileged opportunity to travel in this organization for two years, and I am nothing close to a "young Republican" or a "fascist," as you so stated. You were correct in saying that the group is a training ground. The vast majority of those who tour in Up With People return to their own communities with a fresh

outlook on diversity. As a member of this internationally-known organization, I have travelled to 14 different countries, performed for presidents and world leaders, lived and worked with other cultures and regret none of it. Step back, look at your life and ask yourself, could you say that at the age of 23? To me, the "scary stuff," as you put it, is the fact that your publication would print such slanderous material about such an openly gay-friendly organization.

Timothy Meyers  
Atlanta

## Dish, baby, let down your hair

A letter to Dish:

Talking trash honey buns—you know, I'm just now comin' out, at 37 years old, getting to know the "community" and, lo and behold, I read in your Out and About some trashy stuff about Up With People ["Dish," SoVo, July 15]. Well...was I surprised, as an alumnus of this group (20 years ago). I can say that maybe it's time you combed out some of the kinks in your hair and just let it down, baby. Let that heart open cause there is only one thing nausea tells me and [that is that] the food ain't good here—take a rest from the cruel world and relax.

[Up With People] is full of some good stuff. I traveled all over Europe and North America at 17 years [of age] with those wonderful people and, by the way, had some of my hottest bonding experiences ever, back when I was just a pup. [It] is really full of every orientation, political persuasion, religion and creed. So drop your fears, as well as anything else you care to, and celebrate the you no other God could possibly create anywhere. Maybe I need to send you some tickets, next time they're in town. It could be fab, darling. Thanks for listening.

John



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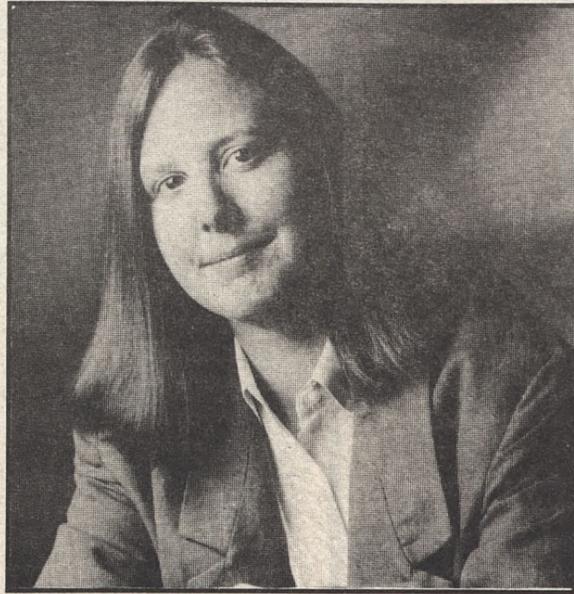
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# Her column is the one she always wanted to read

*Out lesbian Deb Price's witty essays sweeping the country*



Price spoke to Fourth Tuesday in Atlanta last week.

Deb Price and her partner, Joyce Murdoch, have become their own two-lesbian cottage industry.

It all started innocently enough. Deb, the news editor in the Washington bureau of the Detroit News, went to her bosses with the idea of writing a column about gay/lesbian issues from her perspective as an out lesbian in a committed relationship, which had never been done before in a mainstream newspaper.

"The column I asked to write was the column I always wanted to read," Price told a Fourth Tuesday audience in Atlanta last week. "I was not alone in wanting to read such a column, according to my mail."

The Detroit News would have seemed an unlikely place for such a pioneering effort. In viewpoint, the paper is quite conservative, and the editor is a straight, white male family man not given to radical departures. But she asked, and he said yes, and Price thinks the lesson here is that gays and lesbians should stop assuming that all straight, white, conservative men are necessarily grievous homophobes.

"We need to stop writing people off," she says.

In the months since her column debuted in May 1992, it has exploded into that cottage industry, which now employs both her and Murdoch. The column, appearing in papers across the country, including USA Today, is just a part, albeit the central one, of the family firm. Price spends a good bit of time on the road, speaking to audiences about what the column has accomplished and how it has affected her life. Murdoch, a reporter at the Washington Post who grew up in

Macon, Ga., has taken a leave of absence to write a book about the column, which will come out in 1995. And both of them answer the mail.

And there is mail, tons of it. Much of it positive, much of it funny. Some understanding, some curious, some supportive, some hateful. People who can relate to what Price writes because of their own past. People who relate because of their present.

A woman in Springfield, Mo., who is having a hard time coming to terms with being a lesbian, writes a letter that so concerns Price that she decides to find a lesbian in Springfield who can go talk to her. But finding a lesbian in Springfield turns out to be easier said than done.

"It took me an entire day, but I finally found one," Price

jokes. "She was an electrician."

The column is very much a partnership between Price and Murdoch, and their relationship and interaction often winds up in print. The two of them attend Murdoch's high school reunion in Macon, and people across the country get to read about it.

Price says she thinks mainstream newspapers have done a poor job covering the lesbian and gay community, a frustration which gave rise to the idea for her column. The newspaper business has a built-in fear of change, which hampers its ability to try new ideas. Newspapers' overriding concern about providing "balance" in their coverage causes them to reinforce misunderstandings — by doing things such as including fundamentalist pap as a counterpoint to lesbian or gay people.

And, as Price sees it, one of the biggest problems has been that the newspaper culture hasn't been open to letting the voices of gays and lesbians on their staff be heard. Instead, many reporters sent to cover the lesbian/gay community don't have a clue.

"It was the equivalent of assigning someone who has never been to a baseball game to cover the World Series," she says. "It's not surprising that a lot of reporters struck out."

But Price sees that changing.

"Mainstream newspapers are learning that they have a lot of gay and lesbian-supportive readers and gay and lesbian employees," she said.

And in the wake of Price's column, a handful of other newspapers across the country have started columns by out gays and lesbians. The company that owns the Detroit News, Gannett Co. Inc., provides Price's column to all of its more than 80 newspapers throughout the United States, and her column was recently syndicated by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. It appears occasionally, though not regularly, in the Atlanta Constitution.

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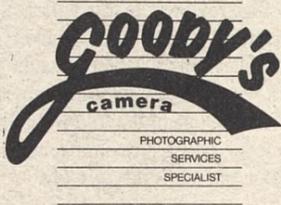
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Would you like to know how to receive project funding from the Fulton County Arts Council? Potential applicants for the 1994/1995 contracts for services are invited to attend one of a series of workshops.

The workshops will focus on the processes of applying for a contract for services, preparing a budget, and distributing contract awards. Although only new and previously denied applicants are required to attend a workshop, all applicants are strongly urged to participate because procedures change from year to year.

The workshop for individuals will be held on Monday, August 9, 1993, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Image Film and Video, 75 Bennett Street, NW, Suite M1, and another on Tuesday, August 10, 1993, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Nexus Contemporary Art Center, 535 Means Street. For more information, contact Veronica Njoku at 730-5780.

Program guidelines are now available. The guidelines include applications and descriptions for the 1994-1995 cycle. Deadlines are September 17, 1993 for proposals from non-profit arts and cultural organizations and presenters, and September 30, 1993 for individual artists and museums. Applicants will be notified of awards on April 30, 1994.

During the 1993-1994 cycle, the Arts Council awarded over \$3 million in contracts for services to 1320 arts and cultural organizations and to 39 individual artists in Fulton County. Proposals will be accepted from non-profit arts and cultural organizations, presenters and individual artists in all disciplines, including dance, folk art, literature, visual arts, music, theater, radio, multi-discipline and film and video media.

For further information, and to request program guidelines, please contact Verna Jennings of the Fulton County Arts Council at 730-5780.

### Panelists Sought for Application Review

Area artists and arts professionals, listen up! The Fulton County Arts Council is in search of panelists to review applications for contracts for services, and you may be what they need.

Applications for panelist positions will be accepted through August 6, 1993. Applicants will then be invited for interviews during the week of August 23 and will be notified of their selection by the end of August.

Selected applicants will join a peer review panel comprised of a rotating pool of individuals with either expertise in a particular artistic field or knowledge of the arts in Fulton County. Panelists will be assigned to specific discipline panels based on their specialties.

The peer review panel is one step of four in a process that reviews yearly contracts for services awarded by the Arts Council. Panelists review applications of project funding submitted by non-profit arts organizations and individual artists in one of the following disciplines: dance, media, music, visual arts, museum, literary, theater and multi-disciplinary.

Applicants must be available for full and half-day panel review sessions during January and February of 1994. Typical panels will last from one to two days. Panelists will receive a small honorarium for their service.

If you wish to be considered for a panel, please contact the Arts Council and request panel membership criteria and a panel nomination form. Applications can be requested by phone or in writing from the Arts Council, 141 Pryor Street, Suite 2030, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 730-5780.

## First lesbian, gay, bisexual studies program abroad

Brattleboro, VT—The School for International Training will launch the first-ever U.S. undergraduate lesbian, gay, and bisexual study abroad program in February in the Netherlands.

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Students will also receive language training, and will have homestays with Dutch families, including lesbian and gay families. Field trips are planned to Copenhagen and/or Berlin, homes of Europe's largest gay communities. In Denmark, students will learn about a culture where same-sex marriage is legal. In Berlin, a center of gay culture since the 1920s, students will learn, among other things, about the effects of Hitlerism on the gay community during the Third Reich and beyond.

The curriculum will include such topics as: social theories of sexuality; homosexuality and law; study of lesbian and gay families; AIDS and the lesbian and gay community; as well as a survey of lesbian and gay literature. Students will also complete a self-designed independent study project.

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Happy 44th Birthday to David Stanley on August 12. David will soon be returning to Atlanta after a brief absence. He says this birthday is extra special because it's the 5th birthday he wasn't supposed to have. Hang in there David. And, welcome back to Atlanta.

A couple of issues ago, we received two birthday greetings for one person and don't you know... we left one out. So here goes...

Happy 24th Birthday to my Political Activist Sidekick and Fellow Boy Brigader Uri Vaknin on July 25th. Love, Anthony Ricciardi!

Here are a few more personalized birthday greetings we've received this week:

Happy, Happy Birthday to one of the dearest and most hip hets any of us has had the pleasure of knowing. She's the most decorative ornament to society and we love her very very much! We're speaking of none other than photographer-about-town, Miss Mona Love! Happy Birthday (Aug. 5) from Anthony Ricciardi and Brian Rountree.

Even though you claim it's not "an important birthday," Happy 34th Birthday Meredith Li. I am so glad you came into my life. Here's to dinner at The Varsity! Love, Cathy.

And, from Dennis Boone...Happy Birthday to my sweet little husband Mark Broe, on August 3.



Mona Love celebrates her birthday on August 5.

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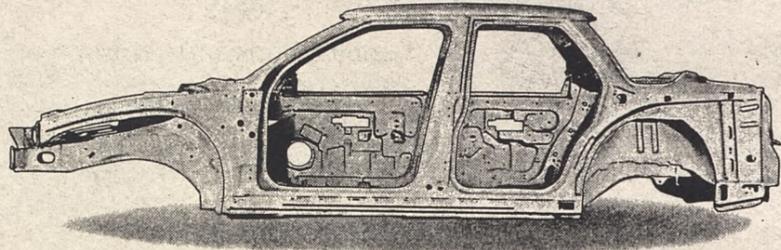
Congratulations to Elizabeth Deschesene who was recently promoted to Lead Editor of the Monday-Friday 11PM newscast at WXIA 11-Alive. Elizabeth is so happy about this because it means she will now have a life...and weekends free!

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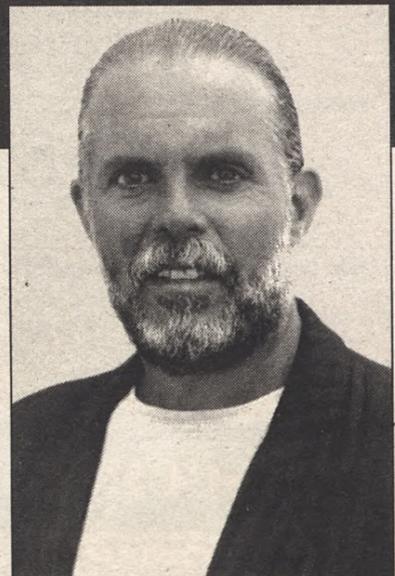
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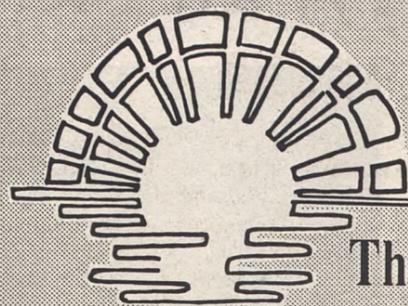
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# Man arrested in gay serial murders in London

London—A suspect has been arrested in connection with a string of serial murders that sent terror through London's gay community this summer.

Colin Ireland, 39, was arrested July 20 after turning himself into police. He came forward after police published a security camera picture of a possible suspect seen walking behind one of the victims, Emanuel Spiteri, at Charing Cross rail station shortly before his death.

Though he turned himself in, Ireland has denied killing the men.

Spiteri and four other men—Christopher Dunn, Peter Walker, Andrew Collier and Perry Bradley III—were strangled or suffocated. After each murder, the killer telephoned police, a national newspaper or a suicide hotline with precise details of the crime. Newspapers reported he also threatened to kill another victim every week until he was caught, sending alarm through the city's gay community.

While police say they have no knowledge that Bradley, a Texas businessman living in London, was gay, the other four victims were gay. Bradley, found naked, bound and strangled at his west London apartment June 4, was linked with the other victims because of the way he died and the physical evidence left at the scene.

Though the evidence that prompted him to come forward connected him to Spiteri, Ireland,

who police say was unemployed and had no fixed address, was first charged with killing Collier, who worked at a home for the elderly and was slain between June 6 and 10 at his home in east London.

Three days later, Ireland was charged with the murder of Spiteri, who was the last of the five victims. He was found dead at his apartment June 15, his body burned.

Dunn, a 37-year-old librarian, found strangled at his home May 30, and Peter Walker, a 45-year-old theater director, died while tied to his bed in March.

The police, striving to overcome longstanding hostility and suspicion in the gay community, assigned a gay officer to the investigation and have actively sought community cooperation in the case.

Customers at the Colherne pub, a gay bar in west London where Spiteri used to drink, held a party the night following Ireland's arrest.

The Daily Mirror quoted one of the celebrants, Barry Cannon, 32, a welder, as saying: "We all feel a lot safer now. Everyone was being extra careful. It didn't stop people from coming into the pub. But it was easy to tell (that) the regulars were cautious about talking to strangers."

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## Cobb County

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Greaves said that he suspects this latest attack is connected with televangelist Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, which recently held a convention in Marietta. Although Commissioner Wysong denies that the coalition is "pulling his strings," the group has been pushing its members to call the commission in support of the measures.

The idea of Christian Coalition involvement, said Greaves, is frightening.

"I'm suspicious that this may be the first salvo in a bigger effort," he said.

Wysong said his purpose for introducing the legislation against the "gay lifestyle unit" was to circumvent any attempt to establish domestic partnership in Cobb County. The policy change on arts funding was prompted by a complaint about a recent production at Marietta's Theatre in the Square of "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," the story of two heterosexual couples vacationing on Fire Island in a home willed to one of the women by a brother who died of AIDS.

No gay characters appear on stage during the show, although their lives are discussed by the heterosexuals who live next door.

"Isn't that ironic?" said Michael Horne, Theatre in the Square's producing artistic director, who said "Lips Together" was voted this season's play of the year by the theater's subscribers. "[Wysong] didn't even see the show. I'm looking at 4,200 subscribers who said they loved the show. I have to keep it in perspective."

According to Horne, Wysong also refused offers by the theater to read the script or to view a video tape of the production. The commissioner also complained about an earlier show, "M. Butterfly," the Tony-winning play about a diplomat who falls in love with an opera singer who turns out to be a man.

"It's been a roller coaster this summer," Horne continued. "We were so proud of our audience for being so progressive. And then right on top of it this comes along to show the flip side."

Horne said he is concerned about the potential change in the grants policy, largely because "family-oriented standards" is a hard phrase to define.

"Our next show is 'Smoke on the Mountain,' a bluegrass-gospel show," he said. "I guess

that would pass. But really we have no idea what they're talking about."

Last year, said Horne, the 12-year-old theater received only about 5 percent of its budget from the Cobb Arts Commission, so the loss of the money is not his chief concern.

"It's more the mindset that disturbs me," he said. "I can tell you we're not going to change our programming. We would miss the funds, but we are committed to diverse programming."

And should the commission cut the theater's funding, Horne said he may consider moving out of Cobb County.

"We fight these perceptions that Cobb is a backward place all the time," he said. "But if I truly believe that the majority of the people favored this, I'd have to think long and hard [about leaving]."

The theater was turning away 100 people per night when "Lips Together" closed last month, proving no small number of Cobb theatergoers approved of the play's selection.

"We've never attempted to say we're a gay theater," said Horne. "But we've always done diverse programming."

"At the root of it all is homophobia. The fact that [Wysong] introduced both of these things at the same time shows that we're not overreacting when we say that. They're just hell-bent that they're not going to have a situation like Atlanta, and they're dragging the arts into it."

KC WILDMOON

### Fighting the Right

The Cobb Citizens Coalition meets Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m., at the Smyrna Public Library on Atlanta Road.

Public hearings on the arts ordinance are scheduled for Aug. 10 at 9:30 a.m., and August 24 at 7:30 p.m. The commission will also take up the "gay lifestyle units" resolution at its Aug. 10 meeting, 7 p.m.

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This election is not only very important to our community and our struggle for equal treatment under the law, but also represents an opportunity to elect a leader who will help Atlanta shine on the world stage as our city is the center of global attention during the 1996 Olympics.

As most of you know, today there are two primary candidates for mayor, City Council member **Bill Campbell** and City Councilmember Myrtle Davis (not to be confused with City Councilmember **Mary Davis** who sponsored the recent domestic partnership legislation and is also running for re-election to the City Council in district 6)

After careful consideration, I believe our community should work to elect **BILL CAMPBELL FOR MAYOR**. The differences between the two candidates are clear and **BILL CAMPBELL** has stood up to fight for our equality in the face of public scrutiny. We should thank him with our vote.

**BILL CAMPBELL** was present at the recent city council meeting when Domestic Partnership was being voted on and voted in favor of the Domestic Partnership legislation, Myrtle Davis said she was "out of town".

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Todd White

## Gay Games bid submitted

Atlanta's bid to host the 1998 Gay Games is now in the hands of the women and men who will make the final decision.

On July 1, Atlanta Gaymes, Inc., the group formed to organize the city's effort to land the games, sent the bid to the selection committee of the Federation of Gay Games in San Francisco. The bid was put together with the help of the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Darrell Hatton, the ACVB's vice president for sales who assisted Atlanta Gaymes in putting together its bid package, calls it "one of the most impressive bids ever put together at the convention bureau." He has requested a copy for the ACVB to display.

The next step in the bid process will be to travel to Washington, D.C. in November for a visual presentation. Atlanta Gaymes has invited everyone in the community to join them on the trip (Nov. 12-14) so that as many Atlanta representatives as possible are on hand to show support for bringing the Games to Georgia.

A critical part of winning the honor of being the host city will be to show how the organizers will fund the games. Atlanta Gaymes has already begun to solicit major corporate sponsors and has started its long-range fundraising. The anticipated cost of the 1998 Games is \$8 million and, according to forecasts, will bring more than \$11 million to the city in tourism business.

The strongest part of Atlanta's bid is the abundance of public venues in the city, many of which are being built for the 1996 Summer Olympics. There has also been strong public support for bringing the Games to Atlanta, which was

also a key in landing the Olympics. Accompanying the bid were more than 100 letters of support and a petition with more than 10,000 signatures. In addition to letters from Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson and Gov. Zell Miller, superstar Elton John, an Atlanta resident, also voiced his support for the Atlanta bid.

Atlanta Gaymes has also been trying to create awareness of the bid in the city's large gay/lesbian community. Thousands of signatures were collected for the bid at Pride and the Southeast Lesbian and Gay Business Expo, and organizers will have a table at registration for this weekend's Holidanta River Expo.

The bid committee has also been working with the organizers of the 1994 Games in New York, trying to assist in fundraising to make those Games a success.

"The Games in Atlanta can only be a success if the New York Games are a success," says Konny Light Mitchell, co-chair of the Atlanta committee.

Atlanta Gaymes is also trying to develop a good relationship with Team Atlanta, the group organizing the city's entries in the 1994 Games, to support the athletes that will

be representing Atlanta in New York.

"It will be important for Atlanta to have a good showing in the New York Games, if we want to bring the Games to Atlanta in '98," said Dan Easton, co-chair of Atlanta Gaymes.

At this point, there is no real frontrunner among bidding cities. The strongest bids in contention with Atlanta are from Amsterdam and Sydney.

RICHY HOWARD



## "Heather" debated

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"They showed respect for me, and it was surprising," Lowery said.

But Sterling Barlow, a Cleveland resident who also attended the meeting in support of the book but did not speak, told Southern Voice that the audience's silence might have been more a reflection of their refusal to acknowledge a gay man.

"To me it appeared that [Lowery] was invisible," said Barlow, a former pastor in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. "While there had been boos for the opposition before him, when he finished, there was nothing. It was as if he wasn't even there."

Lowery told the board that gay people are taxpayers too, and that the book should be on the shelves for those who want to read it.

"That was my argument," he said. "If you don't want to read it, don't read it. But don't deny other people that right."

Lowery was joined in support of the book by former state Rep. Wyc Orr of Gainesville, who decried what he called an act of book banning and was greeted by a chorus of boos.

"This is a slippery slope you're being asked to walk down," said Orr, who gave up his legislative seat to run for Congress and was replaced by Hughes. "If you start the process of banning books, removing books and the like, there is no end to that process."

Opponents of the book called it "pornographic," and that public funds should not be used to purchase such books. Others argued only that the book be moved out of the children's section.

"My wife and I are asking the the board please move the book...to the adult section of the library, where, if a lesbian parent desires it, they may find it," said Steve Humphrey, who, along with his wife, made the complaint that spurred the library director to move the book out of the young children's section last year.

Bronson said that the library board faces a difficult task when it meets again in September and hears its committee's report on the issue.

"It's about a difference of opinion," she said. "The board is really faced with trying to balance two very different points of view."

But Bronson said she was pleased that a number of supporters turned out at last week's meeting.

"There are a lot of people up here concerned that Hall County continue to be a leader in the state," she said. "I was happy that people are willing to take a stand on this issue."

The meeting date for the committee reviewing the issue has not been set, but the meeting will be an open one. The board will hear the committee's report on Sept. 28.

Comments can be sent in writing to the Chestatee Regional Library Headquarters, 127 N. Main St., Gainesville, GA 30501. Additionally, the library is planning a panel discussion on censorship, to be held during Banned Book Week, Sept. 20-25. For details, contact Stephanie Wells at (404) 532-3311.

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## Multi-drug therapy may not work

Boston AIDS researchers find flaw in their experiment

Boston—A strategy using three different drugs in combination to fight HIV, announced with much fanfare in February, has turned out to have a serious flaw in its scientific underpinning.

But government researchers say they will keep using the therapy on 400 volunteers, even after the originators of the approach at Massachusetts General Hospital found a serious mistake in the experiment that first prompted them to suggest the approach.

In February, the researchers announced results of a test-tube experiment showing that a combination of three medicines appeared to stop HIV. A hospital news release said the discovery "may be the Achilles' heel of HIV," and the episode produced unusually intense news coverage.

As a result of the attention, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases quickly approved a study to find out whether the strategy worked as well in people. The entire approval process, from proposing the concept to enrolling the first patient, took an unusually brief four months.

Recently, however, The New York Times reported that the Massachusetts General team was informing a medical journal that its experiment was flawed. The three drugs had not crippled the virus with mutations, as it first appeared.

Even though a major theoretical underpinning for using this approach in humans has disappeared, officials at the federal infectious diseases institute said it's still worth testing.

Dr. Steven Schnittman, chief of the medical branch in the institute's AIDS division, said that while there is less reason to think the combination will completely stop virus reproduction, most experts doubted all along

that it would work as well in people as it seemed to in the test tube.

Schnittman noted that developing multi-drug combinations has been a major strategy against AIDS for several years. And he said other studies suggested that an experimental drug called nevirapine, one of the three used at Massachusetts General, looked promising.

In May, doctors at 16 hospitals across the country began testing a combination of nevirapine plus two other AIDS drugs already on the market—AZT and ddI. The study is scheduled to last 48 weeks.

AZT and similar drugs attack an enzyme the virus needs to reproduce. The virus eventually eludes the drugs by developing mutations in the gene that makes this enzyme.

The Massachusetts General team theorized that giving a combination of drugs would circumvent the virus's defenses. To escape several different drugs all aimed at the same enzyme, the virus would have to develop a variety of mutations in one gene. Eventually, the virus would accumulate too many mutations to survive.

The team found that when exposed to the three drugs, the virus appeared unable to grow or spread to other cells. They attributed this to four mutations that resulted from the drug treatment.

However, in May, the team learned that researchers elsewhere had not been able to duplicate their findings. They went back to the lab and discovered there was a fifth mutation, unrelated to the drugs, that had inhibited the virus's reproduction.

Furthermore, the virus eventually did grow resistant to the three-drug combination after enough time had passed.

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## Sex now women's biggest AIDS risk

Atlanta—The biggest jump in new AIDS cases last year was among women who—for the first time in the epidemic—were infected more through sex than drug use.

New AIDS cases climbed by 3.5 percent last year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported July 22. And while the vast majority of patients still are men, the fatal disease is increasing almost four times faster among women.

"It's a continuing evolution of the epidemic," said Dr. John Ward, the CDC's chief of AIDS surveillance. "They need to know their sex partners, and they need to know the drug and sex practices of that partner so they can...make a more informed decision about whether to have sex with that person."

About 47,095 new AIDS cases were diagnosed in the United States last year, up from the 45,499 cases reported in 1991. New cases among females—6,642—increased 9.8 percent, compared with a 2.5 percent rise among males, who accounted for 40,453 cases.

Until now, tainted drug needles have caused most female AIDS cases. Last year marked the first time that sex surpassed drugs. Fifty percent of the new female AIDS cases were due to heterosexual contact, compared with 44 percent from intravenous drug use,

Ward said. Still, about 57 percent of the women infected heterosexually reported having sex with a drug user, making drugs an indirect threat, the CDC said.

It was just a matter of time before sex became women's biggest AIDS risk, said David Kirby of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

"Not only do they have sex with IV drug users, but with bisexual men. Bisexuality is one of the most underreported mechanisms in the United States," he said. "This underscores the tremendous need for highly specific education aimed at sexually active women. We have to help them empower themselves so they're able to negotiate having safer sex with their partners."

Gay and bisexual men, the first group hit by HIV a decade ago, still account for most new diagnoses. But new cases in that group decreased 1.1 percent last year, the CDC said.

"The slowing trend in this population reflects the prevention efforts in these communities," Ward said. "It shows that, yes, you can have prevention programs that teach or urge or motivate people to change their behavior and reduce their risk."

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## Marijuana therapy advocate dies

Panama City Beach, FL—Kenny Jenks, who was the nation's last surviving AIDS patient with government permission to smoke marijuana, died at home of AIDS-related complications. He was 31.

Jenks and his late wife, who were arrested in 1990 for growing their own marijuana supply, campaigned for federal reforms that would allow expanded use of medicinal marijuana.

They were convicted, but the case was overturned on appeal by a panel who ruled their consumption wasn't criminal but an act of medical necessity.

Jenks contracted the HIV virus in the early 1980s from hemophilia treatments and transmitted it to his wife, Barbra, who died in March 1992 at 25.

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## Health studies need lesbians

*Lesbian physician tells NIH that doctors need to ask women about their orientation.*

Washington, D.C.—In order to provide adequate medical care for lesbians, participants in women's clinical studies need to be asked about their sexual orientation, an expert on lesbian health told the National Institutes of Health.

At an NIH scientific meeting on July 13, Dr. Katherine A. O'Hanlan, president-elect of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, was believed to have become the first person asked by government officials to testify on lesbian health issues. She said that at least one question about sexual orientation should be added to the trial study of the Women's Health Initiative.

That initiative, a study which has \$600 million in funding and will involve up to 160,000 women, is slated to commence in September of this year. The trial compo-

*"It will help us educate the community," said Susan Hester of the Mautner Project. "Also, it could help change health care practices by educating health care providers to work differently with lesbians and address the differences."*

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nent of the study will test the effects of various approaches to preventing cancer and other diseases in up to 60,000 women.

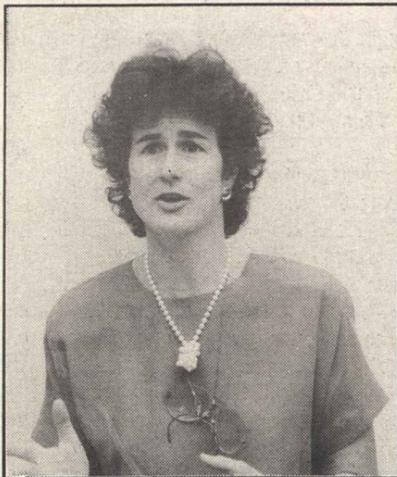
"Her testimony is absolutely a first, and it's really important," said Susan Hester, president of the Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer. "It's the beginning of what we're trying to do, which is mainstream the issue."

The two-day-long scientific meeting at NIH attracted more than 300 participants, including prominent health care providers from across the nation, according to Ellyn J. Pollack, a spokesperson for the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH), the NIH division that sponsored the meeting. According to ORWH literature, the meeting was held to obtain workable recommendations on including women in clinical trials from health care professionals.

But while the testimony elicited positive responses from physicians at the meeting, O'Hanlan said it also caused a few waves.

She said she had an "unsavory interaction" with Dr. William R. Harlan, director of the Women's Health Initiative, because he has resisted putting the question of sexual orientation into the trial study.

If the question is not included, then lesbians will continue to be underrepresented in clinical studies, O'Hanlan said. Currently,



Dr. Katherine O'Hanlan

not enough information is known about the presence of health risk factors in lesbians, according to O'Hanlan, one of about 400 gynecological cancer surgeons in the nation.

Some health surveys indicate that lesbians may be more prone to cancer and other diseases than heterosexual women because more lesbians exhibit risk factors including tobacco usage, obesity, low childbearing rates and lack of access to health care.

If the question of sexual orientation is included on the Women's Health Initiative, lesbian health care advocates say they foresee some improvements.

"It will help us educate the community," said Hester of the Mautner Project. "Also, it could help change health care practices by educating health care providers to work differently with lesbians and address the differences."

There are ways to involve lesbians in health research, O'Hanlan said in her testimony. Among those ways are providing participants with pay, having gay-friendly clinic staff and offering lab tests such as pap smears, she said.

"Lesbians don't recruit, but we hope NIH will," she said.

An emphasis on recruiting lesbians of color is also important, O'Hanlan said. She suggested recruiting for only lesbians of color at first, sending posters to churches and community organizations and having people describe the project to those in the community.

When lesbians do participate in clinical trials, physicians need to assure anonymity, share the purpose and goals of the research with participants and feel comfortable treating lesbians, she said.

O'Hanlan's opportunity to testify at NIH did not come out of the blue. When ORWH's director, Dr. Vivian W. Pinn, spoke at an April conference of lesbian physicians, O'Hanlan asked several questions that took Pinn off guard. O'Hanlan said she "hounded" Pinn with letters and calls after the conference. Finally, Pinn asked her to testify at the NIH conference.

"She's been good about writing letters and it shows," said Hester. "It takes persistence."

But the battle is not over for lesbian health care advocates, Hester added.

"This is a beginning of the campaign—not the end," she said Hester. "O'Hanlan has really paved the way and let us know it can happen."

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EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS

If there is one invariable equation to life in Georgia, it must be this: mild winter + hot summer + no rainfall = flea heaven. The bloodsuckers have created incredible misery this year, multiplying at phenomenal rates, preying on all classes of mammals and sparing nothing in their sanguinary onslaught.

Driven to despair, many folks have resorted to repeated applications of poisons, with varying degrees of success. Personally and politically, I find those products ill-advised, for two reasons. First and foremost, we simply don't need to be pumping more of that stuff into our environment. It stays and stays and accumulates up the food chain.

Secondly, we are inadvertently bio-engineering, selectively breeding 'superbugs,' who acquire increasing immunity to the arsenal of toxins. However, flea infestations are also abhorrent. So, what's a mother to do?

On the non-toxic front, we must mount combined assaults. First, understand a little about the life cycle of the flea. They are hardy little suckers. They can endure surprising extremes of temperature, hibernate without feeding for a year and toss offspring the way ragweed spreads pollen.

The female flea must have a blood meal in order to lay eggs. The larvae hatch and eat all kinds of disgusting tiny remnants in rugs, floor cracks, etc. They become spring-footed juveniles, hopping about with amazing abandon. And then they become full-fledged bloodsuckers.

The easiest way to deal with them is to interrupt their cycle. Precor, a non-toxic growth-regulating hormone, prevents flea larvae from maturing. Hence, no biting.

But you and your animals are bound to bring more adults into the house. In fact, dogs in particular act like flea moving vans, the buggers first hitching a ride, and then

hopping off once inside. Fleas like to feed on board, then drop their engorged little selves off for a break.

So let's say you spray for larvae, following the packaged instructions to the letter (this is a concentrate, and you pay \$4 to \$8 for a small bottle). You will also have to remove any adults who will throw more little ones. What works best for this?

*First, understand a little about the life cycle of the flea. They are hardy little suckers. They can endure surprising extremes of temperature, hibernate without feeding for a year and toss offspring the way ragweed spreads pollen.*

I combine daily or tri-weekly vacuuming—with flea collar in the bag, and the bag thrown away after each use—and applications of diatomaceous earth.

DE is actually the ground-up fossilized remnants of small marine lifeforms. You spread this white powder into every place where fleas congregate, particularly where floors and walls meet, into any cracks in wood floors, on pet bedding, etc.

I let it sit for a few days and then vacuum. How does it

work? If you examined DE under a microscope, you'd see that it has sharp crystalline edges. It actually cuts the exoskeleton of the flea, and the bodily fluids evaporate.

DE doesn't seem to affect the smallest fleas, just adults. I have also used it for ants, with some success. But two notes of caution—it doesn't work if it is spread too thinly or if it gets wet. And you'll have to be very careful with the inevitable dust it creates if you have anyone in the house who is asthmatic or dust sensitive. (I wear a mask when I apply it. It isn't abrasive to skin, but lungs are one-way streets.)

You can purchase DE at many gardening/hardware centers at a premium. Or go to Home Depot's pool section, and get the 25 pound bag of pool filter for \$10.

Another prong in your assault must be removing fleas regularly from your animals. They'll be happier, and so will you, when these pests disappear.

I have a \$6 flea comb (the same type you would use for removing lice nits), one of my all-time best investments. It traps fleas with its very tight tines. You then drop them into a small bowl of alcohol or soapy water. I have even placed them onto a strip of scotch tape, fiendishly enjoying the crunching sound of their little exoskeletons as I crumble the tape up.

A new weapon in this war is the Enforce flea trap. It is a 5 1/2-by-11 inch plastic shell construct containing a photoelectric eye (to attract fleas in the dark) and sticky paper. Fleas jump into it, and most cannot get free. A small bowl of alcohol or soapy water in front of the trap will get the escape artists.

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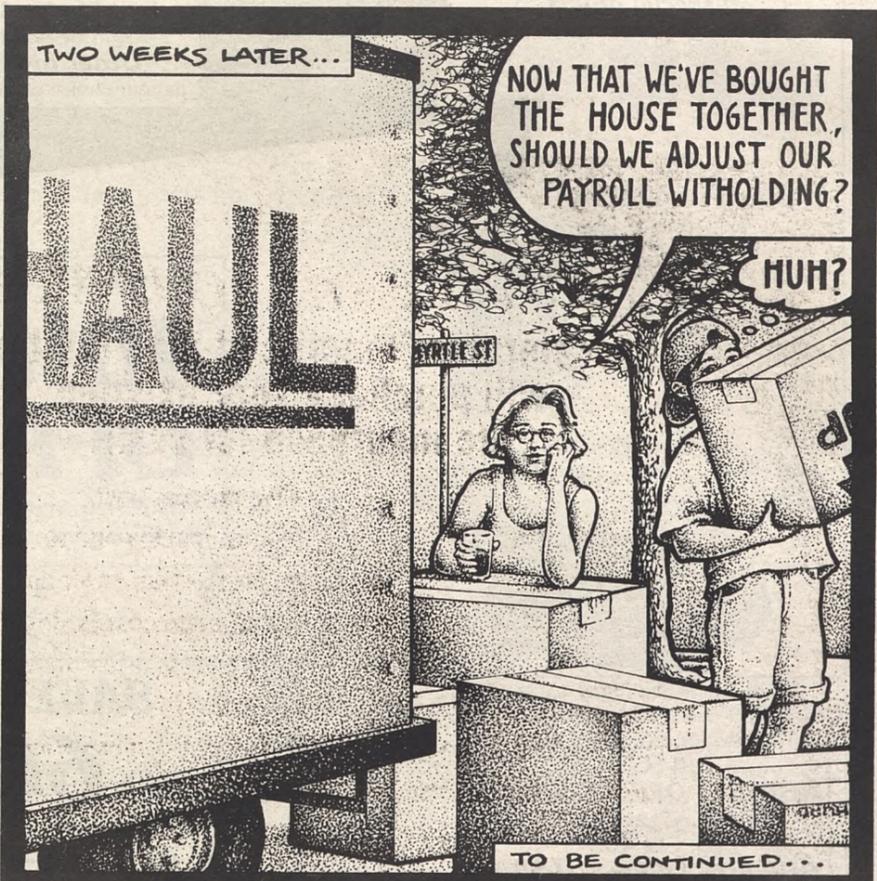
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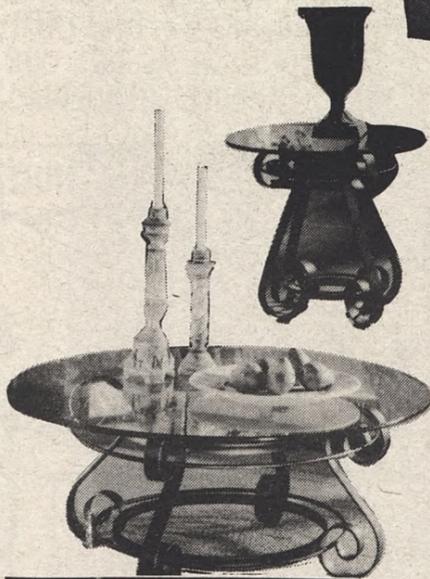


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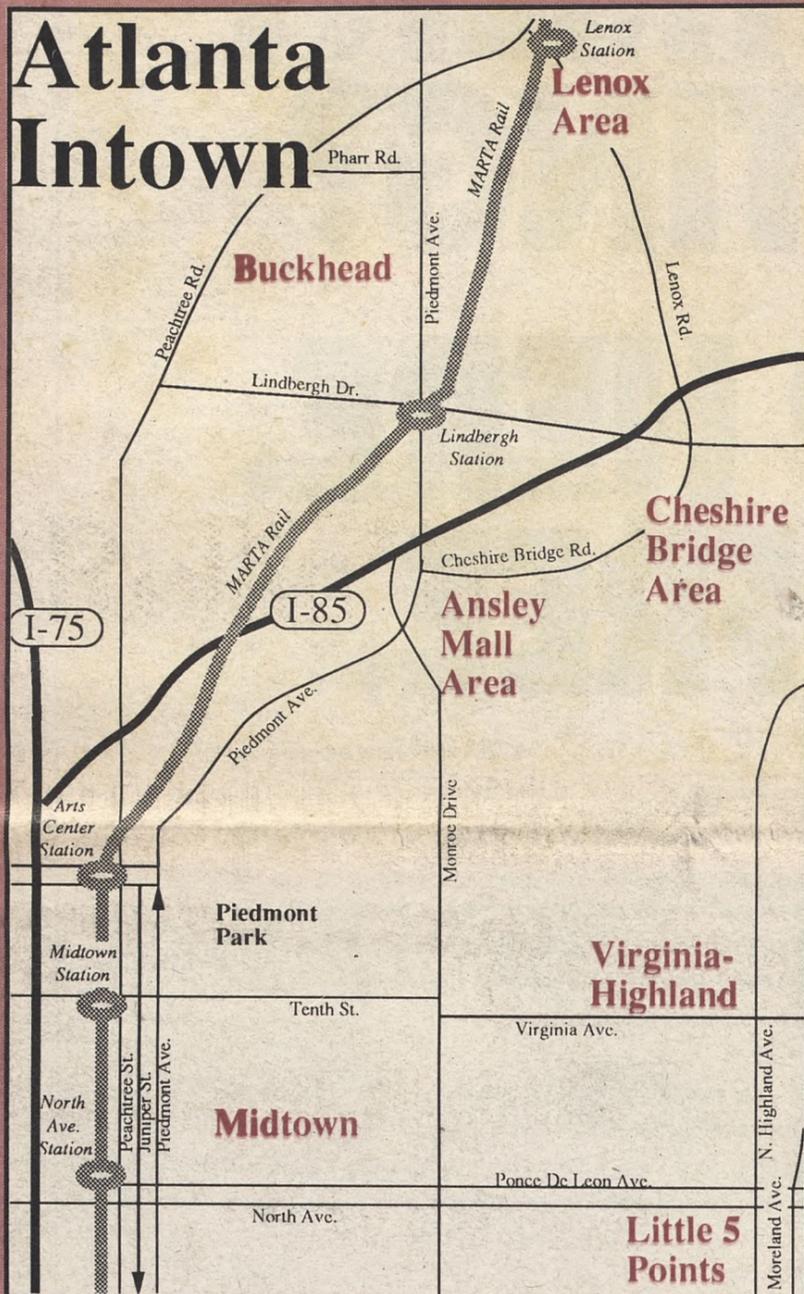
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### Hotlanta Schedule

Thursday, Aug. 5

**Miss Hotlanta Contest:** A camp drag extravaganza at the Sheraton Colony Square Ballroom (14th and Peachtree streets, Midtown). Show begins at 9 p.m. General Admission \$10, registered Expo participants get in free. For those taking MARTA, get off at Arts Center Station, walk two blocks southeast. An official Hotlanta River Expo event.

Friday, Aug. 6

**Mr. Hotlanta Finals and Show:** Some of the country's hottest men go for the title at the Atlanta Civic Center. Steve Wyrick and Jo Carol perform. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m., doors to auditorium open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. No reserved seating. General admission \$30, registered Expo participants get in free. For those taking MARTA, get off at Civic Center station, walk six blocks east. An official Hotlanta River Expo event.

Saturday, Aug. 7

**Atlantis:** Midtown's 6th Street will be blocked off from Peachtree to Cypress for a street party that begins at 3 p.m., a benefit for the Georgia Political Action Committee. Admission \$12 (advance tickets available at Brushstrokes for \$10). For those taking MARTA, get off at either the North Avenue station and walk four blocks north or the Midtown station and walk three blocks south.

**Hotlanta Magic:** A giant warehouse party at Studio Two (1275 Ellsworth Industrial Drive, Northwest Atlanta). Begins at 8 p.m. General admission \$30, registered Expo participants get in free. No easy MARTA train access. To get there from Midtown, go west on 14th Street past I-75 to the street ends, go north (right) on Howell Mill Road, then take left (west) and a right on Ellsworth Industrial Drive. An official Hotlanta River Expo event.

**Summer Sorcery:** A dance party in the atrium of the Atlanta Apparel Mart (250 Williams St., Downtown), a benefit for a variety of community organizations. Begins at 9:23 p.m. and runs until 3:47 a.m. Admission is \$40 (advance tickets available for \$30 from Ticketmaster). For those taking MARTA, get off at the Peachtree Center Station.

Sunday, Aug. 8

**Raft Race:** The weekend's main event, rafting on the muddy waters at the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, beginning Sunday morning and continuing most of the afternoon. Official race open only to registered participants, who will be bused to the site from the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel. For those who want to spectate, the recreation area is off Interstate 75 just north of Interstate 285. Follow the signs.

### Atlanta Scene

For those of you visiting our city for the Hotlanta Weekend, here is some information on where to go and how to get there:

#### BARS AND CLUBS

##### Midtown

The Armory (836 Juniper. 881-9280) Entertainment complex with four bars, two dance floors, country dancing, drag shows and a patio. Mostly men. Large crowds most nights.  
 Babylon (Piedmont Grove, 10th and Monroe) Sunday night-only dance club. Mostly men.  
 Backstreet (845 Peachtree St. 873-1986) Entertainment complex with four bars, a dance floor, a cabaret, food service and a patio. Mixed crowd, mostly men. Open 24 hours. Large late night crowds, especially Saturdays.  
 Bellissima (688 Spring Street) Dance club with patio. Mixed crowd, mostly women.  
 Buddies Midtown (239 Ponce de Leon. 872-2655) Neighborhood style bar with food service. Mixed crowd, mostly men.  
 Bulldogs (893 Peachtree. 872-3025) Levi-leather bar with dance floor and deck. Mostly men. Large crowds, es-

pecially Sunday afternoon/evening.  
 Blake's (227 10th St. 892-5786) Neighborhood-style bar with video and patio. Mixed crowd, mostly men. Large crowds most nights.  
 The Eagle (308 Ponce De Leon. 87EAGLE) Leather bar with dance floor, leather shop. Mostly men. Large crowds, especially weekends.  
 Gallus Bar & Restaurant (49 6th St. 892-8983) Neighborhood-style bar with restaurant. Mostly men.  
 Loretta's (708 Spring St. 874-8125) Entertainment complex with dance floor, drag shows and food service. Mixed crowd, mostly African American clientele.  
 Masquerade (695 North Ave., 577-8178) Alternative dance club. Mostly straight clientele but gay friendly. Mixed crowd.  
 The Metro (48 6th Street, 874-9869) Neighborhood-style bar with video, dance floor and drag and strip shows. Mixed crowd, mostly men.  
 Peppers (980 Piedmont Ave. NE 872-4000) Neighborhood-style bar and restaurant. Mixed crowd.  
 Phoenix (567 Ponce De Leon. 892-7871) Neighborhood-

style bar with country atmosphere. Mostly men.

##### Downtown

The Pear Garden (11 Luckie St. 659-4055) Neighborhood-style bar. Mixed crowd, mostly African-American clientele.  
 Traxx (306 Luckie St. 577-9510) Dance club with drag shows. Mixed crowd, mostly African-American clientele.  
 Velvet (89 Park Place) Dance club. Mostly straight clientele but gay-friendly. Mixed crowd. Large crowds most nights.

##### Ansley Mall Area

Burkhart's (Ansley Square. 872-4403) Neighborhood-style bar with patio. Mixed crowd, mostly men. Large crowds most nights.  
 The Cove (586 Worchester. 875-2477) Dance bar with food service. Mixed crowd, mostly men. Open 24 hours. Large crowds late at night.  
 Crazy Ray'z (1492 Piedmont. 873-4655) Neighborhood-

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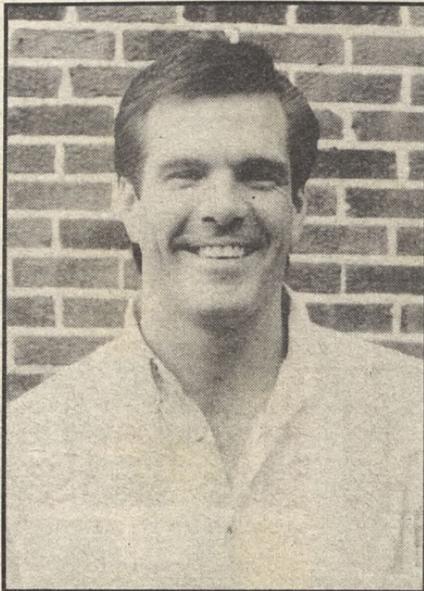
# Etter goes for title in Friday's Mr. Hotlanta final

Whether or not Chris Etter becomes Mr. Hotlanta, he might be a shoo-in for "Mr. Reluctant."

He says he didn't really *want* to get up in front of a room full of people back in June and parade around in a swimsuit. He had given a firm "no" to several people who suggested that he enter the Mr. Hotlanta preliminary contest. But then, one night he was in the Armory talking to one of those people who had been making that suggestion, and "after enough drinks, I said yes."

Though he had just two weeks to prepare, Etter won that contest, and this Friday, he will represent Atlanta in competition with 15 men from across the country in the Mr. Hotlanta finals. The show, a traditional part of the Hotlanta River Expo, will be held at the Atlanta Civic Center.

Etter, 26, who grew up in Auburn, Ala. and lived in Nashville before coming to Atlanta last September, had entered several male contests during the seven years he lived in Tennessee, including the Mr. Tennessee contest. He says the main reason he got involved in the contests was to win the money that



Atlanta's Mr. Hotlanta contestant, Chris Etter

comes along with these titles. But he insists Mr. Hotlanta will be his swan song on the contest stage.

"This will be it. I'll never do this again.

It's just too much stress, too much attention. You have to eat right, and work out and get a tan," says Etter, who works in the credit collection department for a major retail chain. "The last two months have been hell."

He says it has been particularly hard to keep to his regimen because of all the events that have taken place since he won the Atlanta title, including Pride, the Fourth of July and his birthday. "It's like every weekend, there's been a party."

Of course, there are those pesky critics who would dismiss male beauty contests in the same manner as those featuring women, deriding them as silly spectacles featuring people who, though pretty, are vacuous, egotistical and more concerned with the way they look than with the world around them. But Etter says his experience in contests disproves such stereotypes.

"I have never been in a contest where anybody was a stereotype," he says. "I can honestly tell you that they were people of high intelligence and great humor. They were just great people."

On Friday, Mr. Hotlanta contestants will

compete in formal wear, fantasy costume and swimsuit competitions. Mr. Reluctant says he isn't even entertaining the idea of actually taking the title.

"I don't think I really have a chance—I really don't," he says. But Etter adds that doesn't mean he won't give it his best shot.

"One thing I don't want to do is let Atlanta down."

The Mr. Hotlanta contest begins at 7:30 p.m. Auditorium doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is no reserved seating. Tickets are \$30.

RICHARD SHUMATE

## Saturday on the streets of Atlantis

Thousands of people are expected to descend on the streets of Midtown this Saturday for an extravagant street party, a new event for this weekend of Hotlanta madness.

The party is called Atlantis, and is being put on by the folks at the Gallus and the Metro who created the Wigwood street festivals that have been so successful in the past. While not an official part of the Hotlanta River Expo, the party will no doubt be peopled by the thousands of souls brought to town by that event.

In fact, organizers are planning for a crowd of 10,000 people and are blocking off 6th Street between Peachtree and Cypress streets. The party begins at 3 p.m.

Besides fun in the sun, Atlantis is also a benefit for the Georgia Political Action Committee, or GAPAC, which is an Atlanta-based organization that lobbies on gay/lesbian political issues in Georgia and monitors where political candidates stand on issues important to the lesbian/gay community.

The party will attempt to create the final days of the fictional city of Atlantis. Entering through gates at the corner of Peachtree and 6th streets, attendees can view sets where four themes will unfold—Paradise Lost, A City of Splendor, Temple of Paganism and The Day of Reckoning.

The themes will be carried on in the various acts appearing on the different stages. More than 50 dancers and entertainers will float through the crowd and appear amid the sets. Two segments of the day are being kept secret.

The event will be brought to you by Esprit Enterprises, the producers of Wigwood. Directed by The Metro, Atlantis will feature decor by Thomas Hollingsworth & Associates. DJs from around the country will play the dance music, from the 70s through the present, including Stephen C from the Boatslip in Provincetown and Dmitry of Dece Lite from New York City.

Also, four male adult film stars are scheduled to attend the event—Lex Baldwin, Karl Thomas, Chip Daniels and Joey Stefano.

Don't worry about the heat or your hair—appearance check areas will be provided, as well as cooling stations and your favorite drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and are available at Brushstrokes, The Metro and Male Pak. If available the day of the event, tickets will be \$12.

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5 THURSDAY

**HOTLANTA RIVER EXPO '93.** It's baaaack...So get your sunscreen, antibiotics and hangover cures out. Nominated by OUT magazine as the city's hottest event, the River Expo brings queers from every corner of the earth to Atlanta for one big party. This year's theme, "Magic: Believe in It," is destined to bring all you river and swimsuit fans a fabulous weekend. Through Aug 8. 607-8390.

**FIGHT HOMOPHOBIA IN COBB.** A meeting of The Cobb Citizens Coalition to coordinate the fight against homophobia on the Cobb County Commission. 7:30 pm at Smyrna Public Library, Atlanta Rd. 434-7826.

**RuPAUL.** Need I say more about the wigged one, but concert...tonight. The city's favorite and most fabulous daughter returns "Back To His Roots" for a special show. Around 11 p.m. Velvet, 89 Park Place. \$10-\$12. 681-9978.

**MARVELOUS MAGICAL MADAMS.** Enjoy an evening of beauty and talent with the Miss Hotlanta Pageant. 9 p.m. Sheraton

Colony Square. \$10. 874-3976.

**E/R, EMERGENCY ROOM.** A slice of life comedy/drama set in the busy emergency room of the fictional Peachtree Memorial Hospital. See the flow of doctors, nurses and patients that parade through this modern urban M\*A\*S\*H. There's also a sequel, "E/R?, Peachtree Memorial," showing next week that is inspired by stories from the Atlanta medical community. Through Aug 8, and again Aug 19-22. Th-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 5 p.m. Onstage Atlanta. \$12-\$15. 897-1802.

**NETWORK Q.** A representative from the Network, Carol Morgan, will introduce this gay and lesbian TV/video magazine. Network Q includes regular features like Cinema Homosexual, Out in America, HIV Update and Queer Holiday travel guide. Find out more and see their coverage of the March on Washington. Charis Books and More. 7:30 p.m. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

**KVETCH.** Steve Berkoff's hilarious comedy about a wildly dysfunctional Jewish family thrown into the convulsive energy of a dinner party. Thoug Aug. 15. Th-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 7

p.m. Actor's Express, 280 Elizabeth St. \$5. 221-0831.

**MUSIC IN THE MEADOW.** Say goodbye to the season with music from the Pumphouse Players with selections from the upcoming production Carousel and a command performance from Eastern Seaboard. Show begins 7 p.m. Barnsley Gardens. \$6. 773-7480.

**THE CONDUCT OF LIFE.** A unique and devastating play, written by Cuban-American Maria Irene Fomes, dealing with the psychology of a torturer as seen by three women in his life. Through Aug. 28. Th-Sat 8 p.m. Seven Stages Backdoor Theater, LSP. \$7. 523-7647.

**IT'S RAINING FROGS AND FISHES.** Author Jerry Dennis will read and sign copies of his book about the many natural phenomena that we take for granted. Combines the latest scientific findings with historical anecdotes, lore, superstition and personal observation. 7-8:30 p.m. Borders Book Store. 237-0707.

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**NORTH CAROLINA GLASS REUNION.** Over 35 glass artists will revealing their most recent works. Through Sept 25. Opening reception 5-8 p.m. 38 Biltmore Ave., Asheville, NC. (704) 251-0202.

**LATE NITE SPECIAL.** A very different original musical comedy, revealing the story of a theater worker who encounters characters such as Clark Kent, Captain Kirk, Joan of Arc, Dorothy, Babe Ruth and Hamlet while working late at night. Through Aug. 21. F & Sat 8 p.m. DramaTech Theater, GA Tech. \$6. 894-2745.

**FACES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.** A photo exhibit by Ron Zirpoli depicting the daily life of Palistinians in the Israeli Occupied Territories. Opening reception 7-9 p.m. Tula Foundation Gallery 2. 351-3551.

**CLIPPINGS: PORTRAITS FROM A GARDEN.** A floral photography exhibit by Kodak Photo Contest winner Rosemary Graham. Through Aug. 28. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Art Institute of Atlanta. 266-1341, ext. 390.

**ONE-ACT FESTIVAL.** The Stage Door Players offer 7 different one-act plays, including two Atlanta premieres and one world premiere, directed by local aspiring directors with vision. 8 p.m. F & Sat, 2:30 p.m. Sun. N. DeKalb Cultural Center. \$7. 396-1726.

weekend, and it's even new and improved this year with "more AC" and "lower drink prices." Jo Carol is set to perform too. 8 p.m.-? Studio 2. \$30.

**SEA ISLAND CELEBRATION.** Festive music, colorful art, award-winning films, delicious coastal cuisine and other aspects of the culture of the Georgia and South Carolina low country will be presented at this celebration sponsored by the Institute for Southern Cultures. 4-7 p.m. Rio Mall, corner of Piedmont and North Ave. \$20. 681-7549.

**PET PARADE-A WALK FOR ANIMALS.** Hundreds of pets and their owners will take to the streets for the Atlanta Humane Society today. Walk with your pet or bring a picture of your pal for the Stay-At-Home Pets Photo Board. Lots of prizes, giveaways and fun. 10 a.m. Begins at Chastain Park Amphitheater north end parking lot. \$25 minimum pledge. 873-5562.

**THE WORLD OF APU.** The High Museum of Art will screen this wonderful film, which is the last movie in Satyajit Ray's acclaimed "Apu Trilogy," and a masterful work in its own right. 8 p.m. 1280 Peachtree St. \$6. 898-9284.

**FLESH AND SPIRIT.** A limited edition black-and-white photo exhibit of some beautiful examples of the male species by Atlantan Chip Goltz. Through Aug 21. Opening reception 1-4 p.m. Bumoff Gallery. 875-3475.

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



friends and neighbors. 8 a.m.-mid-afternoon. Chattahoochee River. 874-3976.

**TINA TURNER.** This has been the Summer of Tina, with the movie of her life getting raves and a new hit album tearing up the charts. Tonight (*sans* Ike, no doubt), she plays Lakewood Amphitheater as part of a national tour rumored to be her last ever. As of press time, lawn seats were still available. Doors open at 6 p.m. Concert at 7:30 p.m.

issues on the nation's agenda. This new special reveals the striking differences between the ways citizens, the media and political leaders think and talk about the issues. 10 p.m. WGTV Channel 8.

6 FRIDAY

**MR. HOTLANTA NATIONAL FINALS AND SHOW.** Get your Raft Weekend started with 15 of the best looking men this country has to offer. Cheer on Mr. Atlanta Chris Eitter and the other contestants as they compete for the title of Mr. Hotlanta '93. Special guests and entertainment included. Auditorium opens 6:30 p.m. \$30.

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**OPEN HOUSE AT ALFA.** Don't spend this Friday night all alone when you could spend the evening with a group of women wrapped up in conversation and games, surrounded by munchies. 8-11 p.m. Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance,

7 SATURDAY

**ATLANTIS.** Start early with an "elusive" street dance party sponsored by the Metro that benefits the Georgia Political Action Committee. Porn stars Lex Baldwin and Karl Thomas will be splashing in during the evening. 3 p.m.-? Peachtree & 6th. \$10-\$12. 522-0268.

**HOTLANTA MAGIC.** The Warehouse party. Promises to be one of the biggest parties of the

8 SUNDAY

**HOTLANTA RIVER RAFT RACE.** Have you decided what your raft's theme is going to be yet? Well, you better work...on it. Shoot the 'Hooch this morning with thousands of your closest half-naked

9 MONDAY

**OUT IN ATLANTA.** Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program. 10:30p.m. and again, Wed. 5:30 p.m. Cable Ch. 12.

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

10 TUESDAY

**A PUBLIC VOICE.** The economy, health care, criminal violence—critical

11 WEDNESDAY

**THE FAMINE WITHIN.** One in two women in North America is on a diet, 5-year-old girls are being treated for eating disorders and, in a recent survey, more women said they feared getting fat more than dying. This national special looks at the tyranny of the feminine body ideal and how it affects women's psyches. 10 p.m. WGTV Channel 8.

**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: RuPaul comes back to (his? her?) roots, Sunday at Velvet. LEFT: Chip Goltz's salute to the male form opens Saturday at BurnNoff Gallery. BELOW: A scene from "The World of Apu," Saturday at the High Museum of Art.



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

**FACE TO FACE.** The Cultural Olympiad of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, in collaboration with the Center for Puppetry Arts, presents this play by Bululu Theater of Paris, France. This award-winning troupe creates mind-boggling and amusing series of skits performed on a tabletop stage with most scenes performed in the universal language of mime. Through Aug 7. Center of Puppetry Arts. \$11-\$14. 873-3391.

**A LADY AND A WOMAN. SAME'S**

OutProud Theater presents a return engagement of this beautiful lesbian romance by Shirlene Holmes. Through Aug 15. 8 p.m. 75 Bennett St., Ste N-1. \$10-\$12. 609-9590.

**CITY SCULPTURE.** Experience Atlanta's newest gallery with an opening reception and showing of the works of 17 area artists. Showing through Aug 21. Reception 5-7 p.m. Atlanta City Hall East Gallery, 675 Ponce de Leon. 257-1804.

**DAMN YANKEES.** Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical salute to

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**MATING HABITS OF THE URBAN MAMMAL.** A new musical by Michael Leeds & Peggy Gordon that takes a comic and irreverent look at dating in the 90's: the bar scene, safe sex, commitment and working relationships. Through Aug 22. Th-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 7 p.m. Neighborhood

Playhouse. \$12. 373-5311.

**SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN.** This popular and highly successful musical comedy and good-time gospel celebration returns to Theatre in the Square. Through Sept 4. 8 p.m. T-Sat, 3 & 7 p.m. Sun. 11 Whitlock Ave, Marietta. \$15-\$25. 422-8369.

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# Laughing to chase away the pain

*Comedian Jan Barlow's new release tied to her personal brush with the issue of incest.*

Jan Barlow has a theory about the value of laughter. "You can't hate while you're laughing and you can't be mad while you're laughing and you can't be fearful while you're laughing," she says.

And the Atlanta lesbian comedian and songwriter has used the healing power of laughter to help deal with a very personal pain. Last year, Chris Lancaster, the woman she loved for seven years, committed suicide. She had been haunted by the spectre of incest.

"Incest is still not talked about. It still has this stigma attached to it. Chris committed suicide last year as a result of some of those 'issues' that aren't talked about and that she decided she couldn't get over. All of my music was written, basically, for her or to entertain her because I loved her for seven years."

Barlow says for her, comedy is therapy. And with her new release, "Oh, Sodomy!," which contains some of her latest material enjoyed by many during this year's Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival, Barlow is also trying to give even more tangible help to those facing what Chris faced. A portion of the proceeds will go toward starting the Chris Lancaster Fund, which, in conjunction with the Georgia Council on Child Abuse, will provide counseling to incest victims.

Another organization Barlow hopes can benefit from her work is National Association of People with AIDS. Because of her own experiences, she says she feels like she can identify with partners of AIDS patients who have passed, especially those who have had to deal with the hostility aimed at them by their lovers' families who never accepted the relationship.

Proceeds from any of her future works, whether comedy or what she calls "real music stuff," will continue to support these two goals.

Barlow grew up in Kentucky. Dad was a doctor and Mom was a classical pianist. Like all good little Baptist children, she

was exposed to the Jerry Falwell-ish dogma from the religious right. Honing her musical talents, she joined the Kentucky Opera Association but, she says, "I didn't really have the tits for it."

So she wound up at Mississippi State University with a music scholarship "on a whim because I didn't know where Mississippi was, geographically."

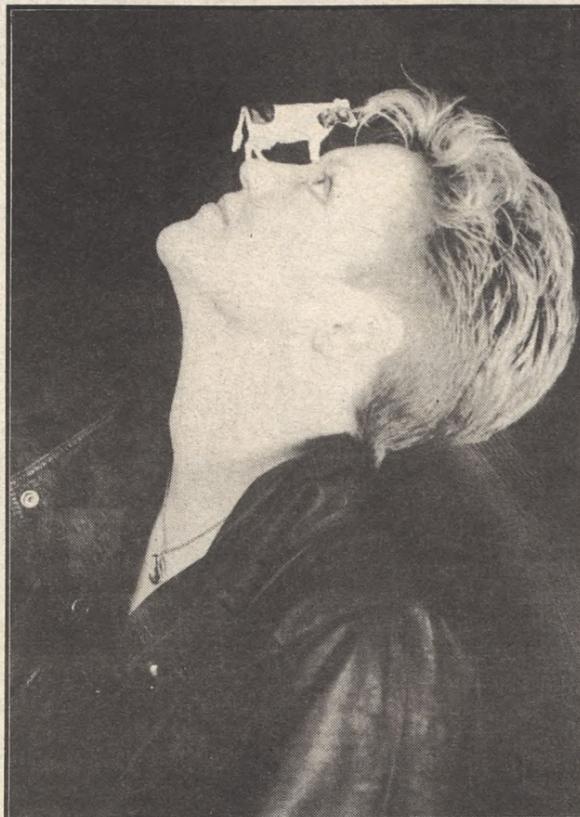
Her roots are the roots of much of the humor in her release. "Jerry Falwell is Coming to Town," screams of those Baptist days of yore. The title song, "Oh, Sodomy!," is about the sodomy law, which she says is "just retarded. I had to sing about that." Also included are "Sister Maria Theresa Dyketa," a hilarious tune about life at a parochial school (her school bus used to pass one every day when she was a child), and "Dyke Classifications," one of her biggest crowd pleasers.

"I use the word dyke on purpose because people are so traumatized by the word dyke or fag or queen or something like that. If you could just not traumatize yourself over a word—I mean, a word is a word—and laugh at yourself."

And how does Barlow view herself in comparison to other lesbian comics, such as Lea Delaria or Ellen Degeneres.

"A lot of people feel that because Lea is so rough and raucous that she is hurting the community. I don't really feel like that. She does what she does because you've got to get attention somehow. She's getting attention, and she serves a purpose. The closeted people are more nervous [with Delaria] and are more comfortable with what I do. It's big for them to even say the word dyke."

"More people compare me to Ellen Degeneres because she's a lot cleaner. I'm going toward what I call a more beige market and I can drag 'em into a little bit of spicy stuff instead of, like, terrifying them. A lot of people are terrified by Lea Delaria because they're not comfortable with being queer. I'm kind of going for the middle ground and at least making sure that some-



Barlow says she wants to make fun of everybody.

body out there is more comfortable with being gay."

Barlow is releasing a new tape within the next month, titled "Got a Heart-On 4 U" (she advises people to say the title three times fast when buying it). It will be sold with "Oh, Sodomy!" as a dual cassette package and later released nationally. "Heart-On" includes material about ex's, the Moral Majority, S&M and coming out. And the male version of her popular "Dyke Classifications" may be imminent.

"Basically, I want to make fun of everybody and just tell people to get their thumbs out of their butts and laugh a little bit."

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Popular Atlanta vocalist **Leigh McClelland** has recorded a song written by Kurt Beals which many are calling a new AIDS anthem. The song is called "A Time For Love," and all proceeds from the sale of the cassette will be donated to Project Open Hand, the meal delivery service for PWAs. The song features a beautiful chorus of voices backing up Leigh, including the voice of Ramona Dugger. So far, the tape is available at A World of Differents in Ansley Square and Charis Books and More in Little Five Points for only \$5.

Are you ready for a late night special? No, this is not something you order from a beehived waitress at The Majestic at 3 o'clock in the morning. "**Late Night Special**" is an original musical comedy opening Friday, Aug. 6 at the Theatre for the Arts Complex on the Georgia Tech campus. Produced by DramaTech Theatre, the play was written by the theater's members with the help of consultants Libby Whittemore and Monica Smith. Directing duties are shared by Jimmy Rose and Lorraine Allen, while the choreographer is Georgia State dance student Chris Whitmire.

The setting for the play is the Tinseltown Community Theatre and Rib Shack, which offers the ultimate in lip smacking entertainment and is known as the place where the fine few come to chew and view. The lead character is Opie, a theater worker who, in the course of a very unusual night shift, encounters Dorothy Gale (of central Kansas), Clark Kent, Joan of Arc, Captain Kirk, Hamlet and Babe Ruth. Interwoven with the story are classic tunes running the gamut from Broadway to rock n' roll, such as "Hunka Hunka Burnin' Love," "Route 66" and "Mood Indigo."

The curtain opens every Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. through Aug. 21. For reservations and more information, call (404) 894-2745.

The stars were out in force on a recent Monday night at Charlie Brown's Cabaret at Backstreet as Randy Dixon brought us the 1993-94 **Miss Continental Atlanta Pageant**. In addition to the eight stars on stage competing for the title, a galaxy of glamorous and beautiful goddesses performed for the standing room only crowd. The luminaries included the much anticipated appearance of the current Miss Continental USA, Mimi Marx, our own Miss Continental 91-92, Amber Richards, Cezanne, Dina Jacobs, Ashley Kruijz and Paula Sinclair. Hosting the show were Tina DeVore and Madonna's boy toy, Jody Hanvey.

## AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Leigh McClelland's moving new anthem benefits Project Open Hand.

As with all the Miss Continentals, Mimi Marx sets a new standard for beauty. Her shining blonde hair atop a tanned and curvaceous body left the audience hungry for more. Also looking her best was Amber Richards, displaying a deep tan and warm auburn hair.

I enjoyed the first half of the show but had to leave, so I got the post-pageant results from stage manager Tony Curtis. Taking the crown and title was LaTasha Mills from Indianapolis. LaTasha is a stunning Oriental beauty with long hair, lightened to a warm red-brown color. She stole the show in the swimwear category, emerging from behind a large American flag held up by two nearly naked men. Her barely-there one piece suit covered only the barest essentials and was made from red, white and blue Stars and Stripes material. First runner up was a local favorite, Motion Adriane, followed by Felicity Lane from Tampa. Motion took the award for best onstage question and gave it her all in her "Tribal Dance" production number, although her two backup dancers must have come from another, less soulful, tribe.

Also competing were red headed Raz, Fontasia L'Amour, Raven, Tiesha Iman and Tasha Kahn. Tasha is a local beauty who has had her eye on a Continental crown for quite some time. This year she looked better than ever, sporting a trim figure and wonderful hair by Regina Sims. She also placed in a three-way tie for personal interview with Felicity and Fontasia.

For those who missed the pageant, there are two more even bigger ones coming up. J and M Productions will present the **Miss Georgia Continental Pageant** on Monday, Aug. 16 in the disco of Backstreet. This venue accommodates a larger crowd and has a more functional stage, complete with a runway. Ashley Kruijz will give up her crown to a winner, who will go on to compete in Chicago in September for the title of Miss Continental USA 93-94.

The BurNoff Gallery at 1529 Piedmont Avenue is presenting the work of Atlanta photographer **Chip Goltz** at their space. An opening reception for the artist will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 1-4 p.m. The show runs through Aug. 21 and features Goltz's limited edition black-and-white photographs of male nudes. Goltz says of his work, "I work with the male form both because of my attraction to the male figure and because of the inherent definition found in the form."

It's not too late to catch **Eula Mae's Beauty Bait and Tackle** at the 14th Street Playhouse, playing now through Aug. 8. The play stars Frank Blocker and Chuck Richards in a variety of roles. Showtimes are Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. Call (404) 681-6091 for reservations.

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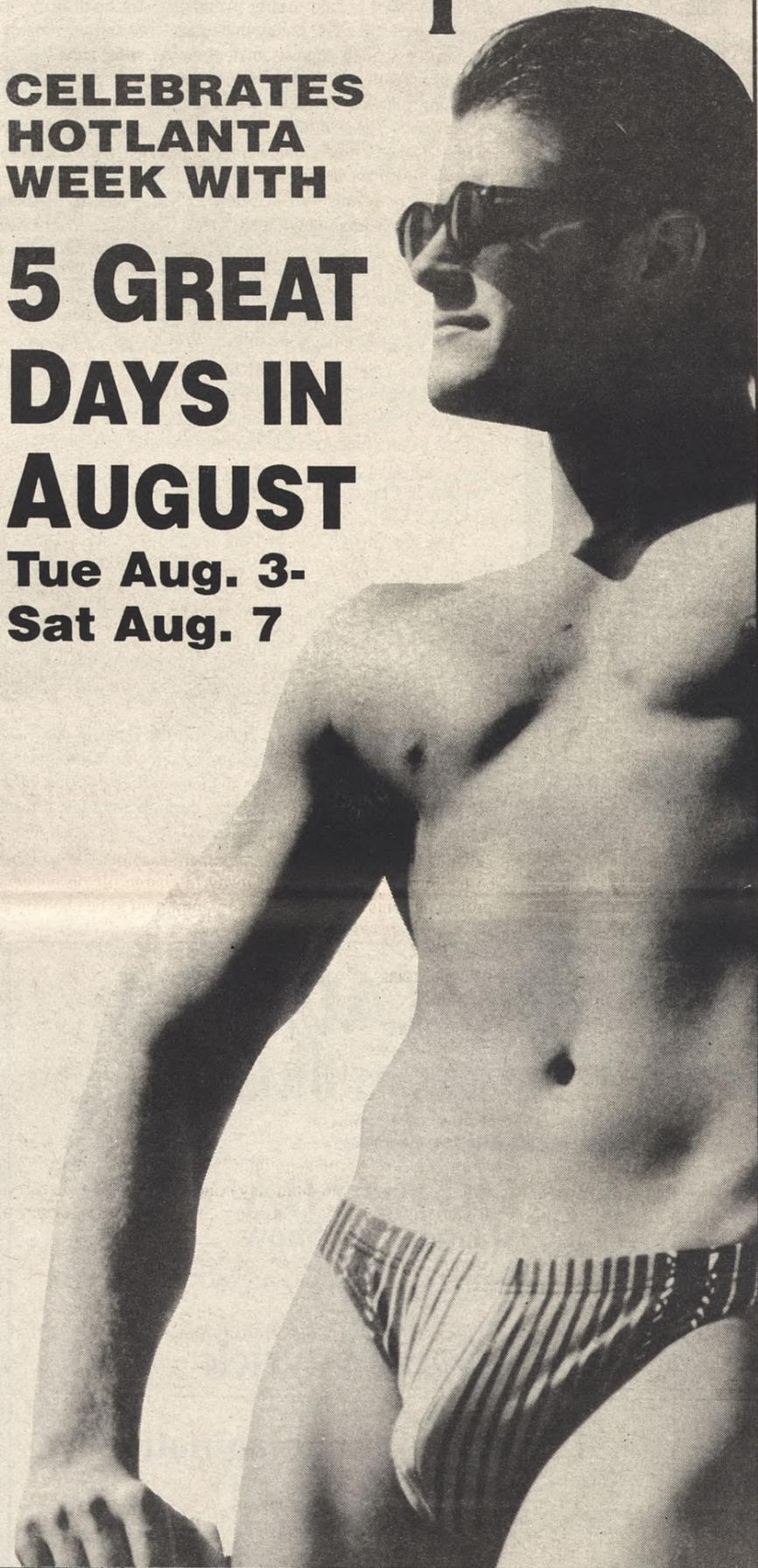


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**Lousy Lewis:** We generally don't like it when the Eastern Establishment Press (in this case New York magazine) bashes Southerners. But we're pleased to report that a friend from the Big Apple sent a clip from the June 14 issue of that publication which awards Lewis Grizzard this year's "Author From Hell" award. The folks who vote on this prize are the group of professional escorts that accompany authors on book tours. Grizzard not only won for this year but also copped the group's lifetime achievement award for his insensitivity and cantankerousness. To which Dish would add, "and a certain lack of facility with the English language."

**Sharp Guys:** We're also indebted to another reader who sent a copy of an ad for nothing less aptly named than the "Men's Devotional Bible" (we find the Bible already pretty well slanted towards the needs, feelings and mores of guys.) Anyway, the headline on this ad tells us that, "as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." That's Proverbs 27:17, for those of you inclined to search such out, which Dish thinks is pretty good ammo to hurl in the face of fundy fanatics who regularly use the Bible to bash homos. By the way, it's been far too long since Dish has been sharpened by another man's iron. Drop us a line if you'd like to apply for the job.

**Sexist Shit I:** Dish is pleased to note that some ex-Hooter's waitrons are suing the pants off the company for sexual harassment. That's the good news. Where the wind blows ill is from the mouth of one Sam McNeil (vice president of marketing for the flesh'n'suds chain) who claims that the name Hooters has nothing whatsoever to do with women's breasts. Catch this explanation (from the Hooter's menu) of the name's origin: "The dilemma... what to name the place. Simple — what else brings a gleam to men's eyes everywhere besides beer and chicken wings and an occasional winning football season. Hence the name Hooters." Dish believes that is what is called a non-sequitur. Mr. McNeil also claims that "Hooters Girls in our concept are put on pedestals." How's *that* for a truly scary image?

# Dish

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Dish would be happy to salute Col. Cammermeyer.

**Sexist Shit II:** A fire company in Pleasant Hills, Pa. has learned the hard way that sexism sells. In 1989 the group earned \$90,000 selling a calendar titled "Blazes of Glory" that showed scantily clad women posing with firefighting equipment. This year the

group opted to do the right thing and offer a calendar with pictures of churches, schools, and other civic beautousness. The new calendar cost \$8,000 to publish and brought in less than \$2,000. So much for political correctness.

**Sexist Shit III:** Then there's the news from down under of a guy (19-year-old Damian Taylor) who beat eight real women to win a local beauty contest but was denied entry into the Miss Australia competition by the kill-joys who run that event. Damian said that he decided not to sue the group under sexual discrimination laws because he didn't want to hurt the pageant's fundraising efforts. The organizers did, however, offer to create a male-only category for Miss Thing and other guys who were interested in competing. Taylor declined, which Dish thinks was one major faux pas. A crown, after all, is a crown.

**What A Friend We Have in Layout:** Somebody in the composition department of the Atlanta Journal/Constitution has a wonderfully wicked sense of humor. The page of that paper which contained most of the information about Clinton's nauseating compromise on queers in the military had a small ad from Rich's in its bottom right corner. The product advertised therein? Custom closets! At 20% off. Not a bad deal, but Dish finds closets, at any price, far too expensive for our pocketbook.

**Close to Cammermeyer:** We hope this is good news, but given Babs Streisand's interminable diddling around with the film of "The Normal Heart," we wonder if her planned TV film production about the life of (ex) Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer will ever see the light of day. (Col. C. you may remember, was the highest ranking woman in the military when, in June '92, she was tossed from its ranks because she has strong Sapphic tendencies—the Colonel is a major dyke.) The show is scheduled to air in the fall of '94 with Glenn Close playing the lead. Dish thinks the casting is perfect—just thinking about either of these women makes us want to abandon our current (and very luscious) girlfriend. But, please, if you see her, don't tell her we said that.

August 5-August 11, 1993

Things may be a little quieter this week, but it also could be the calm before the intensity as Pluto moves into direct motion, Mars goes into Libra and we are gearing up for the second Uranus/Neptune conjunction of this year. Time for more change. **ARIES**, Miss Venus is in your fourth house of home and family relationships, doing her best to help you create peace and harmony, while Mars in your seventh house of personal relationships and partnerships is firing your interest in significant others. **TAURUS**, now that Pluto is once again moving forward in your seventh house of close personal relationships and partnerships, you may find it a bit easier to be in emotionally intimate situations, but not necessarily completely comfortable just yet. **GEMINI**, who's on first and what's on second? You are. You are probably trying to play all the bases and actually meeting yourself coming and going. If so, then you really need to pick a base and stay put. There are others on the team who will play. **CANCER**, water, water, everywhere. Whether it's along the big river or the overflow of emotions, there may seem to be a lot of muddy water in the wrong places. Try to remember—it is not all your responsibility. Do what you can and keep right on paddling.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ STARSIGNS

Happy Birthday, **LEO**. It is time to celebrate, it is time to roar and express your wonderful courage, creativity and excitement about living. Share your fun loving self with others which will give everyone a chance to enjoy life and lighten up. **VIRGO**, with the sun cruising through your 12th house of dreams, visions and the collective unconscious, and Mercury heading in that same direction, you may find your dreams full of imagery, color, sound and very interesting themes. Take notes. **LIBRA**, Mars is heading for your first house of personal appearance and self-awareness, due to arrive on the 11th, so be prepared for more physical energy and a marvelous opportunity to get your little self in shape. Be sure to eat right, too. **SCORPIO**, with Jupiter in your 12th house, continually expanding your access to the collective unconscious, and Mars heading in that same direction, you really may wonder whether you are coming

or going. Well, you are coming and going and it's OK. **SAGITTARIUS**, your fire is fueled from numerous sources, so you may be feeling very energetic and ready to charge off on whatever project presents itself first. It is very important to be choosy and select endeavors that suit you the best. **CAPRICORN**, good news. Venus is in your seventh house of close personal relationships and partnerships, creating wonderful opportunities for you to get to know the other people in your life better. There also may be some romance coming your way. **AQUARIUS**, with the sun in your seventh house of partnerships and personal relationships, you could have some close encounters with wonderful people. Also, keep your antennae alert for interesting and special folks you might like to know better. **PISCES**, if you are feeling unloved, unwanted or thinking of retiring to a monastic community for the rest of your life, then you definitely need to dump any collective guilt you are carrying around and do whatever necessary to restore your self-esteem.

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**Panel 6:** WAIL!  
**Panel 7:** AW, TONI! I'M YOUR SUPPORT! I'M SORRY I HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND. FROM NOW ON I WILL BE, BABY. I GUESS I'VE BEEN KIND OF AN ASSHOLE.  
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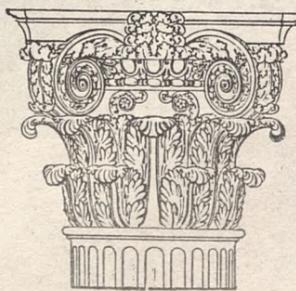


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It's been too long since I've taken my tummy (and my soul) to San Francisco. If you've eaten your way up and down the central coast of California, you know the food for which I pine: fresh, audaciously flavored, pretty to look at, and, most of the time, good for you, too.

It's not that you can't find food like this in Atlanta. Bacchanalia, Chef's Cafe/Grill and Luna Si all serve fine variations on the form. It's just that in San Francisco you can wander into scores of places—even tiny sandwich shops—that serve the bright, fresh, original food that's known generically as California Cuisine.

Well, for far less than the price of a plane ticket to Baghdad by the Bay, you can now drive yourself to Bennett St. and treat yourself to a simple lunch as luscious as any on California's central coast at **Bella Cucina** (55 Bennett St. 350-0024).

Located inside the Interiors Market (a collection of flea market like booths stocked with some verrry yup-scale merchandise), this tiny jewel of a lunch counter/take away shop serves up food that is close to culinary heaven.

The space is simple: a self-serve counter, seven tiny tables (adorned with small bowls of complimentary olives and some pretty uncomfortable chairs) and a counter with five (equally Spartan) stools. The line is sometimes lengthy (but it moves fast) and the clientele a fascinating character study in Buckhead affect.

The menu is equally simple: four sandwiches, two soups, a quartet of salads and a single pasta entree. But, oh, the flavors.

To start with, all the sandwiches come on a fat, moist chunk of rosemary-scented focaccia that manages to enhance, rather than overwhelm, the flavor of its fillings. The bread works especially well with a rosemary-infused grilled chicken breast that's been slathered with pesto aioli, balsamic mustard and a piece or two of roasted pepper. The sharp mayo and earthy mustard bounce off each other like little bullets of flavor, while the chicken is tender, moist and just a mite smoky.

A sandwich packed with fat, moist slices of grilled eggplant is also anointed with roasted peppers and leaves of fresh basil. It simply drips flavor.

I've eschewed eggs of late, but the potential of egg salad wrapped in that same garlicky aioli and olive paste, spiked with arugula, might make me risk the cholesterol on my next visit.

Sandwiches (which will fill a mortal human to the brim) come with a tiny portion watercress potato salad that's nice and earthy but far from spectacular.

For a less filling meal, try half a sandwich and a bowl of soup. Gazpacho and another variety (carrot-orange the day I visited) are generally available. The mild gazpacho (based on roasted tomatoes) is packed with incredible crisp-yet-tender veggies. If, like me, you find most gazpachos too much like an overgarlicked chopped veggie salad, you'll be might happy with the smoothness and complexity of this one.

Only one of a trio of salads had me turning cartwheels the way the sandwiches and soup did. Pasta shells, with arugula, ricotta, goat cheese and two kinds of squash, managed to be light, rich, filling and soothing all in one package. Take home a bowl of this stuff and have it with a glass of dry white wine for a perfect light summer dinner.

Gorgeous purple Peruvian potatoes and yellow cherry tomato halves look stunning together. And the potatoes have a wonderful earthy flavor that contrasts nicely with the tart tomatoes, though the dish never manages the complex melange of flavors that is typical of other offerings.

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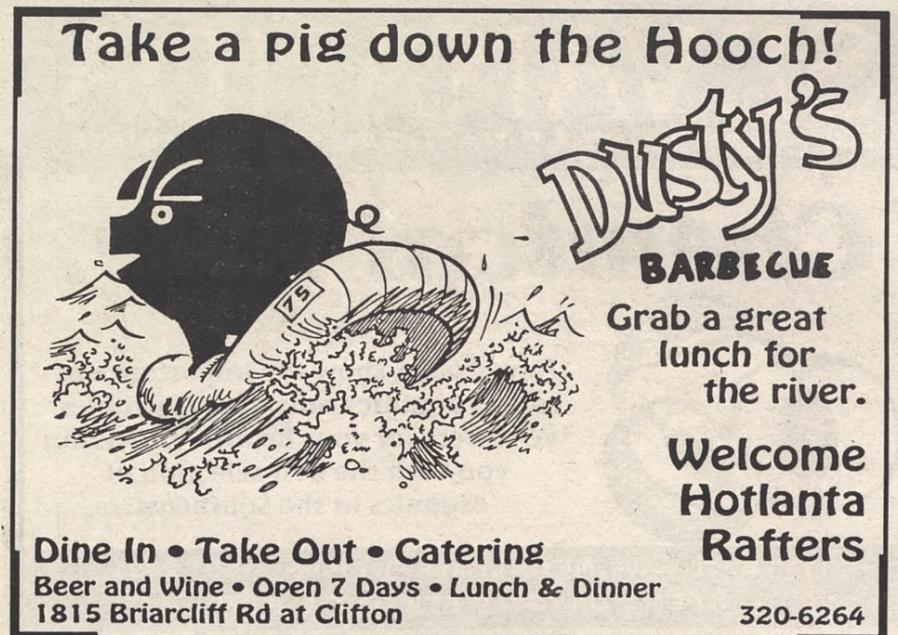


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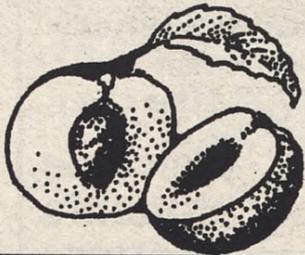
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## EAT

A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

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On the other hand, the *flavors* produced by a mixture of shredded grilled chicken breast, mango, mint, pine nuts and balsamic vinegar are rich and pleasing. But some of the chicken is dry and stringy, which really detracts from the fun.

A Death by Chocolate cookie is moist and packed with pounds of bittersweet flavor. It gets my prize for the best cookie in the city.

Sandwiches run \$5.25-\$5.75; half a sandwich and soup are \$6.25. Not exactly Subway prices, but totally reasonable given the quality of the product.

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Check your grocery store shelves soon for light-up lollipops and suckers that rely on batteries to spin around in your mouth. Lazer Pops are a small plastic flashlight with a gob of candy stuck on top. Spin Pops sport a tiny motor run by a AA battery to twirl a replaceable candy round and round twixt your teeth and tongue. Sounds pretty kinky to me. Retail prices will range from \$3 to \$6.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, Nov. 3, when a number of metro area restaurants will donate part of the money you pay for your meal to Project Open Hand Atlanta. The event is called Dining Out For Life. Watch this space for details as they are available.

Want to learn more about wine? Check St. Supery Wines' "SmellaVision" at Mid-City Fish Company on Thursday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. The SmellaVision machine reproduces the various aromas associated with wine terminology so that you'll not feel like a dummy when you read about a vintage that is said to exhibit a "nose redolent of tobacco and apricot pits." In addition to all this technological fun, you get a seafood buffet and tastes of five St. Supery wines for \$35. Call 633-2848 for more facts and reservations.

When I was going off about the fat and sodium content of hot dogs a couple of weeks ago, I neglected to mention that the little devils also pose a health risk if they are not heated to a temperature of at least 160°F. before you eat them. Because they are classified as "processed" meat by the Feds, packages need not contain cooking instructions. But the FDA, CDC and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture have warned that 20 percent of all dogs contain a bacteria that can cause flu-like symptoms in healthy folks and serious problems in people with compromised immune systems. People with AIDS have a 300 percent greater chance of being affected by the bacteria than do those with normal immune systems. Don't risk disaster. Cook your dogs til' they sizzle.

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## OUTLINE

## TODD WHITE

Age: 32

How Long in Atlanta: Four years

Relationship Status: Single

Last Book Read: "The Fifth Discipline" by Peter Senge

Pet Peeve: Apathy



Straight people who buy into stereotypes about gays probably wouldn't pick up that Todd White was gay. Not that he hides it—quite the opposite in fact. It's just that with his expensive double breasted suit, slicked back hair and Buckhead business demeanor and accessories, including a beeper that never stopped buzzing during this interview, their pre-conceived image of a gay man might not be the first thing that comes to their minds.

The reason for the incessant buzzing was White's Atlanta business. "We help 20,000 people a year relocate to Atlanta," White says. "We've grown so fast, we're about to move into a new office. This is a business not affected by recessionary times, so we've been fortunate."

All this and no MBA. White wasn't one for college, and he'll be the first to tell you that. "When I was 17, I graduated from high school in Gastonia, N.C., a small town on the Piedmont where I grew up, and I started a landscaping firm. After two years of that, I tried college, but it just didn't work out. I wanted to be in the financial services industry, so I founded a business that designed pension and profit sharing plans, insurance packages, that sort of thing."

But after years in a small town, White was ready to come to Atlanta. "Being an entrepreneur is about freedom and being able to make your own choices and set your own destiny. Very few entrepreneurs are motivated by money. I was ready for a more progressive city with more diversity. I knew there would be opportunities here."

White displays a quiet intensity when it comes to his devotion to gay and lesbian civil rights and a clarity of vision about his own experiences growing up gay. "I can't ever remember a time when I wasn't aware that I was gay, but even though I had an average childhood, I didn't have any positive role models growing up. The difference [was that] all of a sudden you are an adolescent with very different stuff going on from your other classmates, and you're expected to date. And so, at least in a small town, you begin your journey of hiding."

Hiding is behind White. After a shaky start, he is totally out. His family offers him "unconditional love. Family values in my family are

based on acceptance and inclusion and love. It is a safe harbor for growth. For each of us to grow dimensionally, the most important thing we can do is be out, because being out is about being who we are."

Being out for White also means being involved with the Human Rights Campaign Fund, as well as Ron Slotin's state senate race and Bill Campbell's bid for mayor. He is also an active member of "Out Front," a creative pool of advertising and marketing specialists who get together to be available to educate the media on positive gay role models.

"We're just a group of professionals that have joined together to ensure the civil liberties of lesbians and gays." When Noonday, a local television interview program, wanted someone to respond to the issue of gays in the military, White was asked. "It was a non-confrontational atmosphere. I may never be a spokesperson again in my life—all Out Front is trying to do is make available to the media different articulate lesbians and gay professionals, rather than seeing just Bill Gripp all the time."

White's work with HRCF is more behind the scenes. The reason he is so devoted to aiding this organization, he says, is because of its importance in lobbying Congress on issues of vital importance to every lesbian and gay person. "With 70,000 members nationwide, it's a tremendous number of people dedicated to working for, and contributing to, lesbian and gay civil rights."

White admits that together, his work and volunteer activities are seven-day-a-week endeavor. "Change is my hobby. We can only do this through education, electing public officials who have the courage to stand up for our equality and face up to public scrutiny, because through education people learn that discrimination is wrong."

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Kanbar, an inventor with more than 30 patents, searched through medical journals and alcohol research studies and finally traced his headaches to congeners - the impurities found in all alcoholic beverages, even vodka. He also discovered that many vodkas' purity levels vary between batches.

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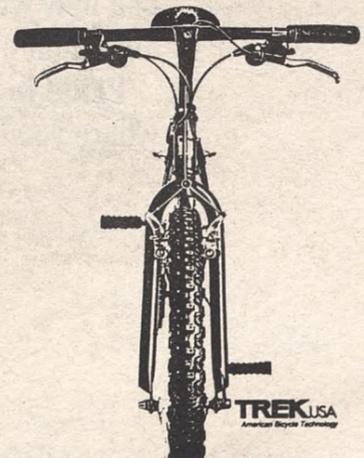
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Scandals (Ansley Square. 875-5957) Neighborhood-style bar with food service. Mostly men.

New Order (1544 Piedmont. 874-8247) Neighborhood-style bar. Mostly men.

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Buddies Cheshire Square (2345 Cheshire Br. Rd. 634-5895) Neighborhood-style bar, mixed crowd, mostly men.

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### Buckhead

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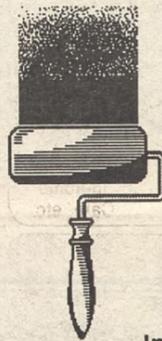
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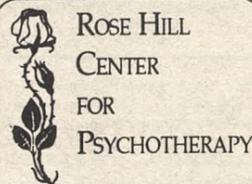
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BiBF, 20, seeks friend/companion/etc., any race, 18-25. Likes: music, theatre, movies. Intelligent, affectionate, sincere, non-smoker. 1569

GWF, new to Atlanta, looking for white water dykes. Let's go paddle! 1568

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GWF looking for special GWF 30-40. Integrity, intelligent, monogamous. Enjoys galleries, music, theatre, books, having fun. No drugs, alcohol abuse. 1556

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GWF seeks GWF 35-55, average size, for friendship and possibly more. No drugs. 1523

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BiBF, 41, auto erotic, discreet Mom, closet butch, first timer. Lonely for intelligent open minded bi/GF for friendship & mutual interest. 1495

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

GBF seeks that special someone between 18-27 for friendship, possible relationship. 1455

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

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

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

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

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

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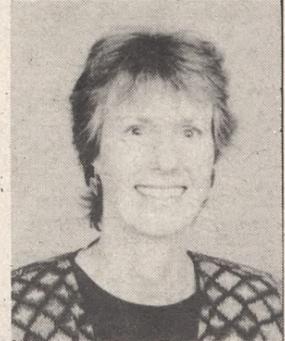
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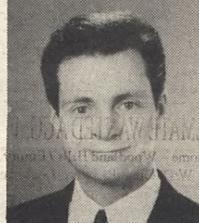
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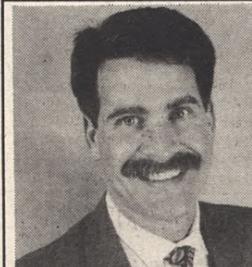
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GWM, 39, 5'7", 140 lbs., brn/hzl, beard, versatile, daytime playmate interested in safe anal, oral ball action seeks GWM 30's-45 with similar interests. ☎ 1595

GWM, 30, 6'2", looking for college graduate, masculine, thin, GBM 22-30 to share in building the good life, must be spontaneous and possess a sense of humor. 1593

GWM, 35, 5'6", 135 lbs, cleancut, youthful looks, slim muscular body, seeking hard bodied muscular males into showing off, I/O, body-worship. ☎ 1591

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GWM, 33, 5'8", 220 seeks to date a nice clean respectful romantic hard worker. I'm the same, no time for games. PO Box 7161

Chestnut Mtn., GA 30502. (6.26)

Masculine GWM, 26, 5'10", 155#, blond/brown, seeks good looking Butch top to 45 (sane, sexy, safe) for intense manly encounters. ☎ 1567

GWM, 35, 5'7", 135 lbs. Br/Br/Beard, seeks Bottom GWM, 25-40 for monogamous relationship. Box 956222, Duluth, GA 30136. (6.26)

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I very fine looks, body, mind, soul, circa 35 young looking masculine man seeks similar for one on one. Negative. ☎ 1571

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

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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

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PERSONALS

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

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

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/bm, very French active, ISO laid back, dominant, verbal, WMs to help fulfill my constant cravings. ☎ 1478

GWM, 28, 6', 180 lbs, brn/grn, 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., attr, fit, smooth. HIV-, rel. oriented. Seeks WM 30-45, prof., attr., tall, hairy. ☎ 1453

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

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/bm, 200# prof. seeks young smooth slim bottom GWM for fun times. ☎ 1445

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

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

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

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

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