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"ALL OF A SUDDEN, KA-WOOM"

Lesbian activist Annie Archbold says Rep. Billy McKinney slugged her in front of a City Hall elevator

Atlanta—A veteran member of the Georgia House stands accused of striking a lesbian activist in the face with his fist outside the room where the Atlanta City Council was discussing a domestic partnership benefits ordinance.

Annie Archbold has filed a complaint with Atlanta Police alleging that Rep. Billy McKinney, an Atlanta Democrat who has been leading an openly anti-gay crusade against the ordinance, hit her.

McKinney denies the charge, telling the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that he had wanted to hit her, but he didn't. But witnesses to the incident have corroborated Archbold's account.

"I didn't hear what was said before [the incident], but I saw him slug her in the mouth and then he cussed her out," S. Faybelle Ma-hee, a lesbian activist, told Southern Voice. "He told her he would not be intimidated by her."

Archbold and several witnesses have now given statements about the incident to Atlanta Police, who are investigating. No charges have been filed.

McKinney stepped into the domestic partnership fray last month, lashing out at the council's attempts to extend "special rights" to "faggots." He was the center of controversy during last week's dramatic City Council meeting, when Council President Marvin Arrington broke a tie vote to pass the measure that grants health care benefits to the partners of unmarried city employees.

Before the council meeting began, McKinney led a handful of protestors outside City Hall, carrying signs reading "Domestic partnership is illegal" and "It's right to vote no" and chanting "Two men can't make babies."

McKinney had been actively lobbying council members during the meeting, and after he had a city em-

ployee hand out material (later revealed to be a privileged attorney-client memo from City Attorney Michael Coleman) to the council members on his behalf, Archbold followed the employee out of the chambers to ask her what was going on. McKinney also followed and caught up to Archbold near the elevators.

"All of a sudden, Billy McKinney and (anti-gay activist) Dwight Larkin came up on either side of me. They started pushing me away from the elevator," Archbold said, sporting a swollen lip after the council's vote. "I said 'you can't touch me,' and all of a sudden, ka-woom."

Back inside council chambers, as debate on the issue continued, Councilman Dozier Smith asked his colleagues to suspend the rules and allow McKinney to speak. The council approved his request by a 10-5 vote.

McKinney decried the expenditure of tax money on such a proposal and told the council members he would fight to stop it.

"Pass it, and we're going to try to stop it in court," he said. "And if we don't stop it in court, come January I'm going to spend full time passing state legislation that will prevent you from wasting money on this type of legislation."

"I'm not a religious person who goes to church every Sunday, but I do believe there are some morals that we're brought up under. The best thing that a man can do is get married and have some children. That is the basis of the family."

After McKinney's speech, the council voted 12-3 to



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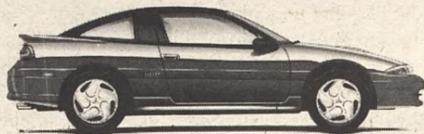
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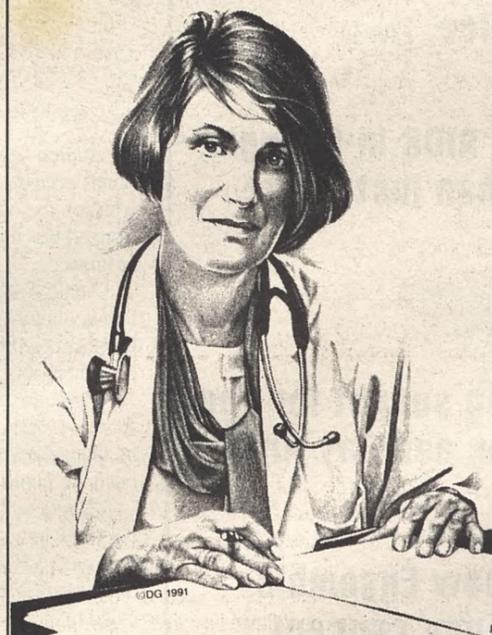
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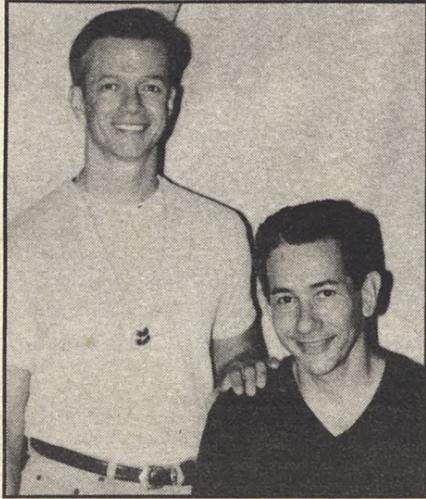
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Atlanta partners begin signing up

Atlanta—Jon Weaver and Diego Sans will go down in Atlanta history as the first gay couple to register as domestic partners.

"It was very easy," said Weaver, just an hour after signing up. "You got to a window and tell them what you want to do. You pay your \$30 and provide two pieces of identification, and some identification with your address on it."

Weaver and Sans, who signed the day after the domestic partnership registry became law, had to wait about a week before the city's business license office mailed them a certificate of registration. But that will change soon, accord-



Weaver and Sans first to register

ing to William Godfrey, director of the city's office of treasury, licensing, and employee benefits.

"Eventually we'll be able to just give it to them," Godfrey said.

Sue Anne and Laine Morgan, who earlier this year became the first same-sex couple to have their commitment ceremony published in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, were Atlanta's second pair of domestic partners and the first lesbians.

"It took about 20 minutes and we were in and out of there," Sue Anne Morgan said. "With our own homophobia, we expected to be pelted with rocks, or for them to say 'just kidding, you can't do it.' But they were very congenial. It was pretty cool."

The Morgans, Sans and Weaver and Godfrey all said they were surprised that the first day of registration brought no takers, but Godfrey said he expects the numbers to pick up.

"I'm not sure people are aware that it's up and running," he said, "But we expect it to catch on."

For Sans and Weaver, who have been together for 17 1/2 years, officially registering was the next right thing to do. "We had lobbied and protested," Weaver said. "Because we aren't city employees, it won't do much for us. But it's making a point. I want the same things that heterosexuals have."

"It's another step in the right direction," Sue Anne Morgan added. "It's clearly what we de-



Morgans are first lesbians to sign up

serve. We also feel we deserve a full blown marriage, but whatever steps this conservative society is willing to give, we'll be there to take them."

Morgan also said that it was strange to be talking with the media about the action. "You don't alert people when you take a breath of fresh air, so why should we alert people when we do this?" she asked. "But it's also important for people to see that there are people like us who are willing to stand up and do this."

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Man in hospital after bashing

Atlanta—Police are looking for clues in the beating of Dominic Sanchez, a gay man who says he was abducted, beaten and robbed in the early hours of July 27.

Sanchez is currently on a ventilator at Georgia Baptist Hospital, where he was initially treated and released shortly after the attack. He was readmitted last Thursday when swelling around his face increased and he had difficulty breathing.

"[The investigation] is at a standstill until [Sanchez] recuperates," said Lt. James Cofield of the Atlanta Police Department's robbery investigation unit. "The investigator on the case has only been able to talk with him briefly."

Cofield said Sanchez was found on Amsterdam Avenue off Monroe Drive when neighbors called police after hearing the man screaming. The investigation, he said, has been difficult because of conflicting reports about where Sanchez was the night of the attack.

"He told the officer that he'd been at the Armory," Cofield said. "[But] we had a friend who was with him that night come in a give a statement."

That friend, according to Cofield, said he and Sanchez had been at both the Gallus and the Armory, but that he had last seen Sanchez at the Cove. Sanchez, he said, refused his offer to take him home, and he last saw his friend talking with someone in a red car in the Cove parking lot.

"[Sanchez] is not even sure where it happened," Cofield said. "All he had been able to tell us is that the perpetrators were several black males and that they dragged him into a car."

WSB-TV reported that reported that the attackers used anti-gay epithets during the attack, but the police report of the incident contains no mention of the slurs.

"We don't know if he told the officer, and he neglected to put it in the report, or what," Cofield said.

The crime has been listed as a hate crime, however, according to Deputy Chief Eugene Robinson, the police department's liaison to the lesbian/gay community.

"Given where it took place, it suggests to us that his sexual orientation played a part," Robinson said.

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Cobb Coalition organizes against hate

Smyrna—About 25 Cobb County residents opposed to efforts by their county commissioners to target art with gay or lesbian themes gathered last Thursday for their first strategy session.

"The energy of the gay and lesbian community in Cobb County has been galvanized, thanks to Cobb Commissioner Gordon Wysong," said Jon Greaves, organizer of the Cobb Citizens Coalition. "We plan to officially thank Wysong."

Wysong is pushing a resolution that would remove county funding from any arts groups that do not exhibit "family values." He has also introduced a second resolution against what he terms as "gay lifestyle units."

Though Greaves estimates that there are perhaps 40,000 to 45,000 gays and lesbians in Cobb County, in the past he said it was hard to get two or three people together for meetings. Many remain closeted because of the "insensitivity and fear of intolerance that is promoted by proposals such as Wysong's," he told the audience at the Symma Public Library.

Noel Lytle, another coalition organizer, said he sees the proposals as very un-American, with

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the commissioners singling out one group and attacking freedom of expression. "There is nothing in these resolutions that is pro-family," Lytle said.

Greaves said that he objects to the "vague and undefined language" of the resolutions.

"Commissioners have no business deciding what the community values are. It is not an appropriate use of government to tell us what those values are or should be."

"We did 'Death of a Salesman' recently," said Michael Horne of Theatre in the Square, which has become Wysong's most particular target. "The play is about an alcoholic adulterer who commits suicide. Are those 'family values?' But the play is also a Pulitzer Prize winning work. Will Cobb County deny its citizens a chance to view a Pulitzer Prize winning play?"

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McKinney v. Archbold

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allow "the other side" to speak. GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini urged the council to vote for the legislation and "not buy the religious, cultish, feverish hatred" from the bill's opponents.

The council had approved the ordinance in June—only to have it vetoed by Mayor Maynard Jackson—and, on the second vote last week, only one councilman changed his position—Jim Maddox, who said he had gotten too many phone calls and letters opposing the measure to vote yes. Portions of Maddox' council district and McKinney's state House district overlap.

Jackson, who was in China when the council voted, is expected to sign the measure, which will go into effect Jan. 1, 1994.

McKinney's rhetoric has brought into the open the anti-gay sentiment that has fueled the opposition to domestic partnership. Prior to McKinney's arrival on the scene last month, most of the opposition had been couched in vague terms about finances, illegality and "high risk" insurance. McKinney has bluntly said the enemy is homosexuality.

"It's a waste of money, an attempt to legiti-

mize an illicit lifestyle," McKinney told Southern Voice.

The main thrust of the coalition's efforts at this point is to try to get those opposed to the resolutions to turn out at two public hearings. The first is August 10 at 9:30 a.m. and the second is August 24 at 7:00 p.m., both at the Cobb County Board of Commissioners chambers at 100 Cherokee Street in Marietta. Because right wing forces are expected to come in mass, those opposed to the resolutions are being urged to get to the courthouse early.

The coalition is also trying to get opponents who cannot attend the hearings to send a fax to the commission office at 528-2606, as well as sending letters directly to the commissioners and to the editors of the Marietta Daily Journal and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

CINDY TUMLIN

change, it's not over with one effort," said Councilwoman Mary Davis, the bill's original sponsor, about McKinney's challenge. "It's unfortunate that he's doing what he's doing. He has power, so it's not an idle threat. But I would hope that people of good will can convince the legislature not to go along with something like [state law prohibiting domestic partnership]."

Davis believes the legislature should not change current state laws that allow city governments to make their own rules regarding employee benefits.

"Everybody has the right to say and feel what they choose in this country. But we would hope that people elected to public office would have reasoned dialogue. That's not what I saw [at the council meeting]. I saw a lot of hatred expressed," she said.

But McKinney's new visibility on the issue may not be all detrimental, says Pellegrini, who thinks it was probably "good for the world to see him."

"The more people see of Billy, the more they'll see that he's abandoned his original roots in the movement for equal rights," Pellegrini said.

"I think whenever you are involved in

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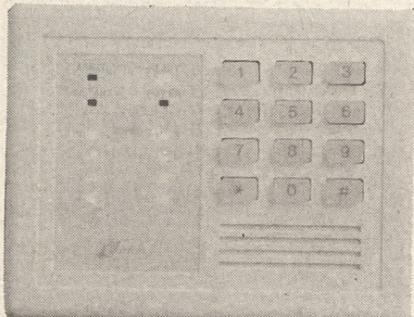
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Ex-NC lobbyist seeks office

Carrboro, NC—An activist who left his job as the gay/lesbian community's chief lobbyist at the North Carolina statehouse amidst an outing controversy has decided to seek political office in his own right.

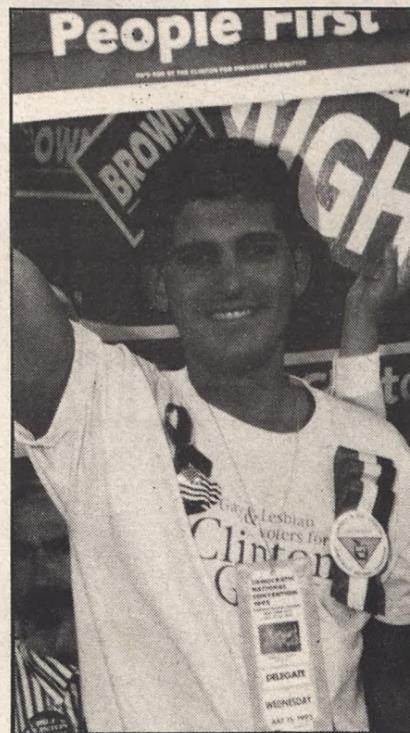
Mike Nelson, former executive director of Pride PAC, will seek one of three open at-large seats on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, according to a report in Q-Notes, Charlotte's gay and lesbian newspaper. He sought the same office in 1989 and lost by only 32 votes.

"Certainly my sexual orientation is a part of the campaign because it's not a secret to anyone in town, but it just doesn't matter to most of the people of Carrboro," Nelson told Q-Notes. "They just want someone to focus on the issues."

If he wins, Nelson will become just the second openly gay person to hold political office in North Carolina. The first is Joe Herzenberg, who serves on the Chapel Hill Town Council. Nelson managed Herzenberg's campaign.

In June, Nelson resigned from Pride PAC shortly after the North Carolina legislature killed a bill to remove the state's "crimes against nature" law. Though his resignation was described as voluntary, some Pride PAC board members were reportedly upset that Nelson had submitted an article to two gay/lesbian newspapers that outed a closeted gay legislator whom Nelson accused of working against the interests of the community.

The legislator was not actually named but



Mike Nelson seeks seat on Carrboro board.

was described in such a way that his or her identity could have become known. Neither newspaper chose to publish the article.

RICHARD SHUMATE
and Q-NOTES

Doctor who got AIDS from addict dies

*Kuhlen described as guardian
of the downtrodden*

Columbia, SC—Dr. Susan Kuhlen, a nurse for 14 years and a first-year medical resident, has died of AIDS complications more than six years after she contracted HIV from a heroin addict she was treating.

Kuhlen contracted HIV on Jan. 24, 1987, while working as a nurse in Richland Memorial Hospital's emergency room. After drawing blood from the addict, she put the needle on the edge of the stretcher. Later, as she leaned toward the patient, the needle pierced her abdominal wall.

The patient died six weeks later of AIDS. Kuhlen died July 23 in her home, a month shy of her 37th birthday.

The (Columbia) State reported July 29 that she was the first health care professional in South Carolina documented to have died of AIDS contracted on the job. The state Department of Health and Environmental Control could not confirm that because death records do not include that information, spokesman Thom Berry said.

Kuhlen's friends say she was the one who watched over the derelicts, the homeless and drug addicts who came to Richland Memorial. She once angrily chewed out a doctor for calling a patient "a troll."

She was accepted into the University of South Carolina's medical school in the spring of 1987, about three months before she found she was HIV-positive. Despite the news, she kept her dream of becoming a rural doctor and planned to move to Saluda County, where doctors are needed.

But the road was not easy. When a professor learned she had AIDS, it became tenuous whether she could continue her education. The issue landed in the office of James Holderman, then-president of USC.

"It was finally agreed that she should be allowed to go to medical school," said Dr. Charles Bryan, chairman of the school's Department of Medicine. "But every step of the way, these issues were brought up and con-

stantly re-evaluated."

Dr. Nancy Richardson, a professor in the internal medicine department and coordinator of the residents' schedules, said she gave Mrs. Kuhlen only one break.

"The only thing I did make sure of is that she had Christmas off with her kids," she said. "We both knew this might be the last Christmas with them."

Kuhlen and her husband, Jim, had a boy and a girl, ages 9 and 10.

Until her death, Kuhlen spoke throughout the state to dozens of groups and several churches about her story, although she shied from the media because of concern for her children.

Her obituary asked that memorials be made to the Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services in Columbia.

Jim Kuhlen said his wife probably would have had mixed feelings about the hundreds of people who showed up at her funeral.

"I kept thinking as we drove to the cemetery, she would have felt sorry for all the people who had to be stopped because of the traffic," he said.

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"Humiliating lifestyle," cited in custody case

Huntsville, AL—A lesbian has been stripped of custody of her two children by a Huntsville judge who expressed disapproval of the mother's "lifestyle."

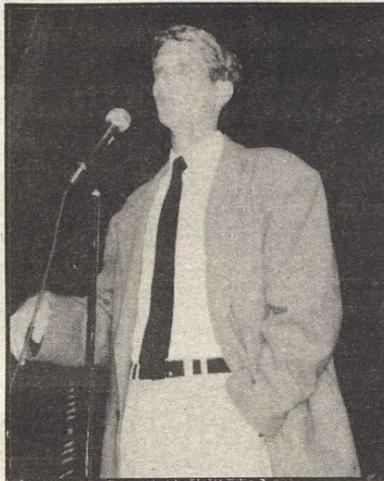
In her ruling, Judge Jeri Blankenship said that Teresa Jones has a "humiliating lifestyle which is out of touch with the mainstream." The judge also cited pressure from the children's peer group as a reason for giving custody to the father.

In 1991, Blankenship had awarded custody to Jones, even though she was out of work. This time around, the judge gave custody to her ex-husband despite testimony from a doctor that the father, a manic depressive, could be dangerous without medication.

Jones is appealing the decision.

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Navy Searches Apartment Of California Civilian: Five officers of the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service, armed with a search warrant, raided the San Diego apartment of Norman Furnace on July 29. Furnace, a civilian, says the investigators were looking for a videotape of him having sex with a Navy petty officer who was formerly his gay lover and took videotapes and results of his recent HIV test. An unidentified Navy officer told the Associated Press that Furnace's claims that his rights were violated hold little water because he originally brought the tape to the Navy, then took it back and refused to turn it over. "This is the old jilted lover syndrome," he said. Furnace denies the charge. A spokesman for Naval Base Command San Diego, Capt. Mark Neuhart, said the raid didn't violate the new policy on gays in the military because it doesn't take effect until Oct. 1.



STEVE WARREN

Clinton Takes Navy's Side In Meinhold Discharge Case: The Clinton administration says a judge's ruling that the discharge of Keith Meinhold, a gay sailor, was unconstitutional is in error and may interfere with the implementation of Clinton's new military ban policy. In a brief filed with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, administration lawyers argued that U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter's ruling that the old military ban violated the Constitution's equal protection guarantee "could be construed to mean the district court could be entitled to review the new policy before it takes effect" and should be overturned.

Clinton administration is defending discharge of gay sailor Keith Meinhold.

Funeral Procession to White House Stopped by DC Police: AIDS activists who tried to take an open casket with the remains of a man who died from AIDS to the White House were stopped by Washington police, though they were able to hold a public viewing of the body near the Capitol. The deceased, Tim Bailey, had requested that his body be taken to the White

House and thrown over the fence in protest of government indifference to the AIDS crisis. His friends agreed to take the body to the White House but decided against throwing it. Police and the activists scuffled several times during the tense standoff, and two men, including Bailey's brother, were arrested.

Texas Boys' Chorus Won't Record with Gay Chorale: The Texas Boys Choir has withdrawn from a recording session with Dallas' acclaimed Turtle Creek Chorale. The Dallas Voice reported that chorale artistic director Dr. Tim Seelig was told by boys choir staffers that the chorale "was just too visible in the AIDS fight." The chorale's recording sessions, set for late July, went on with a hastily arranged choir of women's voices culled from the Mesquite Civic Chorus and the Dallas Symphony Chorus. "It's a disappointment," said Seelig.

Colorado Law Protecting Smokers Used To Fight Homophobia: Using a state law designed to protect employment of smokers, Robert Borquez, a gay lawyer who claimed he was fired because of his orientation, won a \$91,000 judgment in Denver District Court, a precedent that may expand gay-rights protections in Colorado. A 1990 law, intended to protect smokers, not gays or lesbians, prevents employers from firing employees for lawful conduct outside of the workplace. Borquez was able to use the law in his case because Colorado has no sodomy law. "I am at a loss as to why this law has not been used more in anti-gay discrimination cases," said Roger Moore, co-counsel for Borquez.

Episcopal Convention Won't Go To Colorado: The 1997 general convention of the Episcopal Church will be held in Philadelphia, not Denver, after heavy lobbying from Integrity, the church's lesbian and gay group. Denver was considered the likely choice for the convention until last November's approval of an anti-gay/lesbian rights amendment by Colorado voters. The church was involved in a similar controversy in 1991, when it voted to hold its convention in Arizona even after voters there refused to allow a Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. In that case, however, Arizona's Episcopalians were on record supporting the holiday, while Colorado Episcopalians have refused to call for the repeal of the homophobic amendment.

NOW Re-elects Bisexual President: Fending off a challenge from women who say NOW's leadership is too white and middle class, Patricia Ireland was re-elected as president of the National Organization for Women. Ireland is married to a man and has a female partner but steadfastly refuses to name her sexuality. Efa Nwangaza, a South Carolina attorney, led the challenge against Ireland, arguing that the NOW leadership poorly represented the NOW membership.

Lambda Names NY Lesbian As New Legal Director: Beatrice Dohm is the new legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "I have always been most concerned with protecting and maintaining people's civil rights, in the home, in the workplace and in their personal relationships," Dohm said. "I am eager to contribute to Lambda's established tradition of creative advocacy." Prior to her appointment at Lambda, Dohm served as a supervising attorney in the housing unit of the New York City Legal Aid Society and as a law assistant in the Civil Court of the City of New York.

Chicago Gay/Lesbian Group To March In African American Parade: The organizers of Chicago's Bud Billiken Parade, billed as the country's largest African American parade, have agreed to allow the Ad Hoc Committee of Proud Black Lesbians and Gays to march. Chicago Defender Charities had initially refused the application of the gay group, prompting the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund to threaten legal action. "The inclusion of PBLG in the parade affirms the equal place of lesbians and gay men in our communities," said Patricia Logue, managing attorney at Lambda.

Washington University Rejects Gay/Lesbian Student Organization: Trustees at Gonzaga University, a Catholic institution in Spokane, have refused to officially recognize a campus lesbian and gay student group. Rev. Bernard Coughlin, a university spokesman, said an endorsement would be inappropriate for the Jesuit-run school. "The group is surprised and disappointed with the university's decision," said Mark Del Monte, one of two students who petitioned for trustee approval of the organization. Del Monte said the group is "looking seriously at all of our options."

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President Clinton's decision to support a "Lie and Hide" policy for lesbians and gays in the military, is a shattering disappointment. After a long and expensive struggle to end the ban, the Human Rights Campaign Fund expressed our community's anger. Outside the White House on July 20th, Tim McFeeley, the Campaign Fund's executive director, became the first American to be arrested at a peaceful civil disobedience action in opposition to the President's policy.

But protests are not enough. We must turn our anger into action. In the wake of the President's decision, we all have hard work to do. We won the substantive debate, but lost to the opponents of change. The battles continue as Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and Oliver North raise millions of dollars for anti-gay and lesbian programs and campaigns.

In the committee rooms and caucuses of Capitol Hill, our civil rights are under attack as never before. As our opponents gear up to wage a continuing assault on lesbian and gay Americans throughout the 1990's, we have to aggressively fight to secure our rights. That is why the Human Rights Campaign Fund has prepared a bold action plan to insure that our community emerges from this debate strengthened for the challenges that await us.

We are waging a state-of-the-art campaign to reach America and win the battle for equal rights. We're conducting the first major survey research and

message development program in the history of our community, laying the groundwork for effective campaigns of public persuasion. We're building coalitions and seeking the support of non-gay allies to carry the fight into every corner of America.

We're adding new lobbyists to our staff, increasing our involvement in campaigns and strengthening our successful Speak Out program. And most important of all, through our "National Coming Out Day," we're building the base for people to "come out" in massive numbers, creating change by shattering stereotypes in the most effective form of personal political action.

Outside the White House, Tim McFeeley said the arrests of gay, lesbian and bisexual veterans "underscores our message to the American people that the closet is unhealthy and immoral. We will not rest until the ban is lifted and until America's promise of 'liberty and justice for all' includes all with no exceptions." That is the what the Human Rights Campaign Fund intends to do.

You can be a part of our efforts. You can turn anger into action. There has never been a more critical time for our community to take bold action to secure equality for gay and lesbian Americans. We must discard strategies that have failed and programs that are outdated. We must build on our strengths. Help us meet the challenges of change. Join the Human Rights Campaign Fund by writing or calling us today.



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End of the Thurman era

Outgoing AID Atlanta director reflects on her tenure and answers the grumbling

by JAMES FITCH

Her public farewell was vintage Sandy Thurman. Part fundraiser and part spectacle, 150 admirers crowded into Backstreet on a Friday night. The evening was flawlessly executed, as lifelong friends, co-workers, celebrity drag-queen pals—even her ex-husband—took the stage to intermittently roast and shower her with accolade.

Thurman herself donned a red-sequined dress and blow-up breasts and lip-synched the words “when the working day is done, girls just want to have fun.”

To her admirers, and they are many, Thurman is the woman who took AID Atlanta from the brink of failure in 1989 and turned it into a world-class community-based AIDS organization. So noticed was her work that she was at one time rumored to be on President Clinton’s list to be the national AIDS czar.

“Sandy seems to be one of those people who does everything well,” says Dr. William Foege, chairman of AID Atlanta’s board. “It sounds like it’s going to be tough for someone to take her place.”

No one disputes that she is a whiz at promotion and public relations, with strong connections arising from her family’s long association with Georgia Democratic politics. She also exhibits a penchant for fundraising. One co-worker addressed Thurman-as-businesswoman in a speech at her going-away roast. “When I think of Sandy

Thurman, I think ‘big,’” she said, going on to explain how Thurman made her realize that fundraising had less to do with paperwork than with “black patent-leather pumps, black hose, a red mini-skirt and jewelry.” In fact, joking allusions to Thurman’s ability to woo the politicians with sex appeal and style were made just often enough that night to make one wonder...

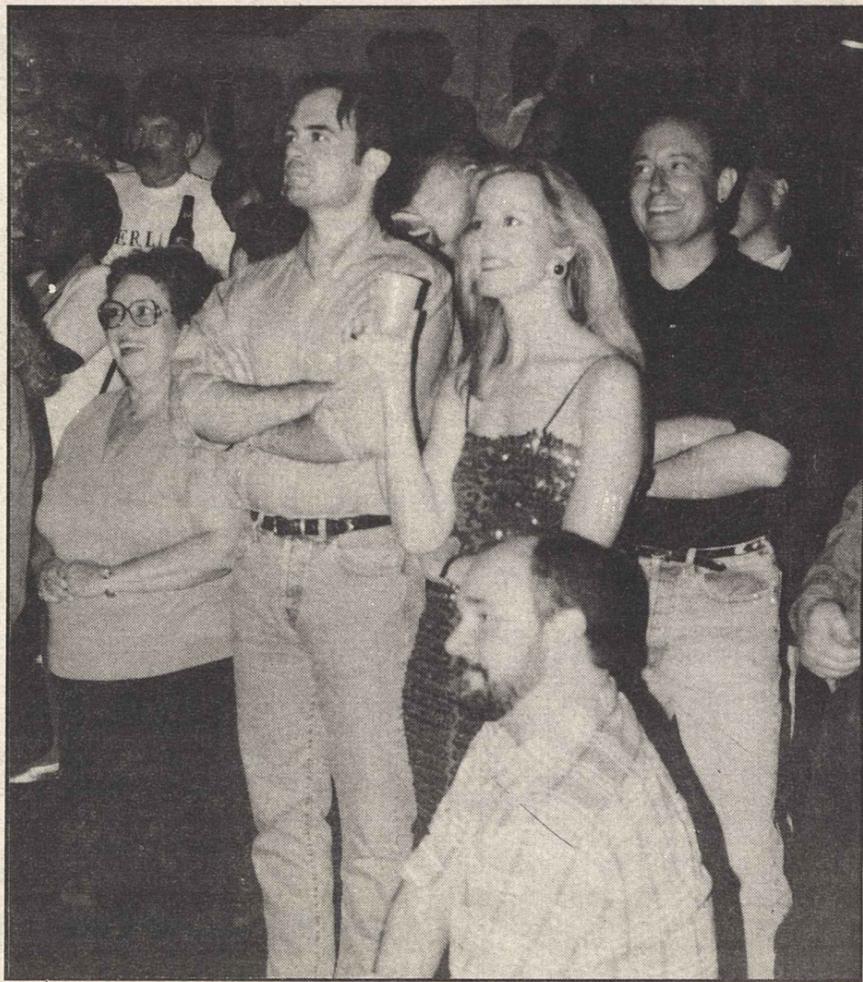
“I don’t think that’s true,” Thurman says. “Folks like to tease me about that because I am a bit of a clothes horse. I grew up in politics. Mostly it requires a black dress and pearls. If you look poor, people will treat you as if you’re poor. If you don’t look poor, they won’t treat you that way.”

But there does exist a low-level grumbling about Thurman and the organization under her tenure—from other agencies, ex-employees, volunteers and members of the gay/lesbian community. Perhaps their biggest complaint is that Thurman has been more concerned with appearances and PR and style than in the nuts and bolts of delivering services to people with AIDS.

While packing her office last week, Thurman reflected on some of those criticisms.

“Any time you’re chief executive officer of anything, you don’t do it to win a popularity contest,” she says. “You do it to get the job done.”

The AID Atlanta offices on West Peachtree Street are extensive, stylishly deco-



Sandy Thurman and her admirers at her farewell roast at Backstreet July 31.

rated and visually appealing. Even Thurman says the space more closely resembles an ad agency than an AIDS organization. But she says it only looks expensive and that the space was donated, as was the interior design and furniture.

“You don’t do much for people’s self-

esteem when you serve them in a basement that’s got water in it and rats running around. So I do think the venue in which you provide service is very important. I also think it’s important for fundraising purposes that we run a professional shop. That’s been very

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EDITORIAL

Cobb commission's culture crusade comical

So Cobb County's commissioners think they can have an arts community befitting an urban county of more than 400,000 people without any works that have even the teeniest, weeniest hint of homosexuality?

Please. Carrying the commissioners' drive for "family values" through to its illogical conclusion, we guess theater patrons in Cobb can expect to see a plethora of vanilla productions that go out of their way not to offend. Audiences will be faced with endless revivals of such challenging, contemporary fare as "Camelot," "Guys and Dolls" and "The Sound of Music."

Then again, this is a slippery slope. In "Camelot," after all, there was an adulterous relationship. And somewhere in Cobb County is, no doubt, a Christian supremacist who will find homoeroticism in the tune, "Climb Every Mountain."

It's just this sort of nonsense that causes many intown people to peer imperiously down their noses at those who live in Cobb and other suburban counties, dismissing them as

rubes and bumpkins whose idea of high art is the Big Chicken and whose idea of a cultural highlight is a tractor pull.

That assessment is not accurate, of course, and one of the best examples of why it not is Marietta's Theatre in the Square, arguably one of the metro area's most vibrant, innovative companies—not in Midtown, not in Little Five Points, but in Cobb County.

Commissioner Gordon Wysong seems bound and determined to drive this artistic jewel out of the county. It isn't because the commissioner was personally offended by the play, "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," driven to this lawmaking frenzy by witnessing shocking homo imagery smack dab in the middle of the Marietta Square. He hasn't even seen the play. And even if he had, the play doesn't have any shocking homo imagery, although some do get mentioned in passing.

A second bit of legislative foolishness from Wysong—attacking something called "gay lifestyle units"—is strong indication that the commissioner's motivation is dislike of gay people, pure and simple. His use of "Lips"

is just a smokescreen.

Among those who, unlike Wysong, have actually seen the play, the take on "Lips" is quite different. The theater's 4,200 subscribers liked it enough to vote it their favorite play of the season.

Shouldn't the views of 4,200 people who have seen the play count for more than the views of one close-minded, pandering politician who hasn't? We believe they should.

We also believe lesbians and gay men who live in Cobb—yes, Commissioner Wysong, they do live in your county—need to let their elected officials know they don't appreciate his antics, as should the theater's patrons. Don't let them take comfort in the assumption that lesbians and gays are just an Atlanta thing and they can pander to the yahoos without facing consequences.

And while we're on the subject, we're not exactly sure what Wysong meant with the term "gay lifestyle unit," but we think every queer probably needs one.

RICHARD SHUMATE

LETTERS

Cathy Woolard's defense of Sen. Sam Nunn reprehensible

After reading "Front Line View" [SoVo, July 29], I am very glad my "Speak Out" messages have run out. I also will not be renewing my membership with the Human Rights Campaign Fun. I think Cathy Woolard's defense of Sam Nunn is reprehensible.

Woolard states in the article that she finds Nunn "fascinating." I think most people in the lesbian and gay movement would not use such a positive term to describe Nunn. She

also states that this man who fired two of his staffers because he discovered that they were gay "has not been known before to be a gay basher." It is shocking to me that this woman feels that Nunn is simply trying to protect the military. Protect the military from what?

Woolard is also "fascinated" by the militant Christian right. I would suggest to Woolard that maybe one of the reasons the militant Christians are so successful is that they do not find their enemies so "fascinat-

ing." I've never heard of one of these Christians defending a gay and lesbian supporter. With people like Woolard working for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, who needs the Christian right? She says that she feels that the lesbian and gay community does not have the "stamina" to defeat the Christian right. With people like her on our side, it is not hard to see why.

Randy Fair
Atlanta

What if Americans faced reality?

What are the self-appointed moral watchdogs like [Cobb County Commissioner Gordon] Wysong so afraid of? That if people are allowed to reason and feel for themselves they won't be cookie cutter people anymore? [That] maybe they'd stand up and declare that the white-washed antiseptic Norman Rockwell fantasy world is a lie. God forbid that Americans should be burdened by reality. They might even decide to actually do something about it. Clutch the pearls! Some would be forced to realize what bigoted, intolerant, fascist hypocrites they are.

Art is meant to challenge you to interpret the world in new ways. Art is supposed to make you think, to invoke all ranges of emotion, from amusement to anger, from sorrow to joy, and come away a little wiser. The facts

of life aren't always pretty, but denying something has never made it go away. Nothing is so taboo that it can't be questioned. By exposing things to the light, we can begin to understand them. Get on the clue bus. You can play all the word games you want. It is censorship. Hate is not a family value, nor should it be a community standard.

Genia Richards
Marietta

Gay GOP'ers see double standard

We were disappointed at your publication's lack of fairness in two political stories in [the July 29] issue.

You printed two small articles about gay rights laws being defeated in two northern states. In the article about New York, you mentioned three times that it was the Republicans in the legislature who killed the gay rights law. But in your story about Rhode Island, you did not mention, not even once, that it was the Democratic majority that killed the gay rights law.

Why do you report the villains were the Republicans in one state but fail to identify the Democrats in the other?

Homophobia is a bi-partisan disease requiring a bi-partisan cure. The gay press has a responsibility to open both of its political eyes and not see one party through rose colored glasses.

Republicans for Individual Freedoms
Atlanta

NAPWA director misled in story

Regarding the profile on NAPWA's new executive director, Mark King [SoVo, July 8], we feel it necessary to correct his statement that NAPWA is "the only organization in town which provides services for people with AIDS by people with AIDS."

As members of Good Samaritan Project's advisory board, which is comprised of persons with HIV/AIDS only and which oversees the volunteer and client services programs, we would like to point out that a number of our volunteers are living with HIV and are providing services for other people with AIDS. We man the office, provide clients with food and clothing, volunteer as buddies, do practical support in homes and are members of the speaker's bureau.

Just like NAPWA, we offer volunteer opportunities for folks who are negative and positive. What's important to us is addressing the needs of our clients, and many times we fall short because of a volunteer shortage. Our doors are open to anyone who'd like to lend a hand.

We welcome Mark to Atlanta and wish him the best, but felt compelled to respond to his statement which, we felt, was misleading.

Steve McGriff
Rick Hunter
Good Samaritan Project advisory board



Questions and coming out on The Mountain

*I whispered "I am too young"!
And then, "I am old enough"!
Wherefore I threw a penny!
To find out if I might love!
"Go and love, go and love young man!
If the lad be young and fair"!
Ah, penny, brown penny, brown penny!
I am looped in the loops of his hair.*

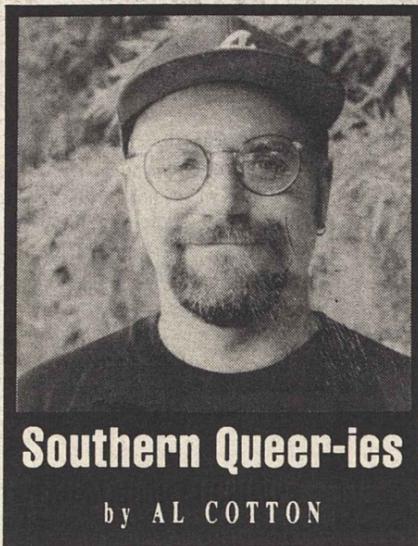
That's the first stanza of Yeats' "Brown Penny" (with a change or two in gender). A college friend thought it was my favorite poem and caligraphed and framed it for me for Christmas one year. It was really my second favorite, Yeats' "The Song of the Wandering Aengus" being first. One of the reasons I was uncomfortable about "Brown Penny" is that I couldn't follow its advice—it took me six years to actually get looped, so to speak.

That it took me 27 years to come out was one of the main reasons I got excited when asked by a youth counsellor from The Mountain, a Unitarian/Universalist camp and conference center near Highlands, N.C., to assemble a panel to speak to their 73 senior high campers about being gay. The Mountain is the site of our annual Gay Spirit Visions Conference, one of the few spiritual places I know that is run by spiritual people.

Without the support of the people at The Mountain, so many of the wonderful experiences of my life would never have happened that I take for granted the miracle of its existence. Right now, what gets me gushiest about them is how important they found it to have their campers hear the experiences of gay people.

Diversity Day on The Mountain was also Skirt Day for the senior high guys, about half of whom were willing to wear dresses to see what that's like (and about half of whom didn't). Our panel was one of five that day, including racism (or, as they termed it, White Skin Privilege) and body shame. They came in groups of 15 to 20, some surly, some effervescent, some quiet, some clearly uncomfortable. The phrase of the day was "Well, I come from a conservative school..." One kid talked about his gay father, another about a friend who had a lesbian affair at 15 and whose mother freaked.

Three girls told about going to the March On Washington, each one describing it with



Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

their generation's ubiquitous, two-syllable adjective, "coo-ul." The ones who told their classmates about going invariably got the same reaction: "Eeuww. Why would you want to go to that? Are you a lesbian?" I wanted to ask the same question, just without the "eeuww" part. But of course, the answer was no; otherwise, they would never have admitted going.

Prior to our arrival on The Mountain, we were hopeful of finding some budding, Out-Proud, Super Queer Teen. Instead, I was reminded of the reality of gay and lesbian youth—a crushing loneliness—by watching the one student who came about as close to coming out as possible but pulled back. When asked, point blank, "Would The Mountain be a safe place to come out?" the answer we got was no. Cabin mates would get weird, and, we surmised, the two weeks of escape that The Mountain provided might be spoiled—too big a risk.

After that exchange, other groups were asked the same question: Is The Mountain a safe place to come out? "Yes, I think so," one boy said. Then another panelist asked the glaring question—"So how many people here are out?" The response: "None." "What about last year or the year before?" "None." "Oh."

Afterwards, we spoke informally with about 15 kids who had more questions. Overall, I can't think of any single day's work I've

done that has been as rewarding. I was exhilarated, flush with the energy of sharing my experiences, of being honored and validated by being listened to. Being asked to tell your story is a remarkably intoxicating experience. I see why Oprah has no trouble finding guests.

Two things struck me most clearly. First, it's no easier coming out now than it ever was. When it comes to taking the first step, no space, not even The Mountain, is safe enough to coax us out before we're ready.

And second, our community still is unable to help gay teens. There are support groups for every conceivable collection of gay adults, colleges full of bright-eyed, very-out people, student groups galore. But the Iron Curtain between the gay community and gay teens still exists, big-time. Will we ever convince society that, in the name of keeping out imagined sexual predators, they are really much more effectively promoting teen suicide?

That night, as I stood looking out over Blue Valley, Yeats' poem kept running through my head—the hesitant, waiting-for-permission part in the first stanza, followed by the admonition:

*Ah, love is the crooked thing!
There is nobody wise enough!
To find out all that is in it!
For he would be thinking of love!
Til the stars had all run away!
And the shadows eaten the moon!
Ah, penny, brown penny, brown penny!
One cannot begin it too soon.*

That's the message I'd like to send to gay teens—that wasted time is time that won't be gotten back. That for me, coming out at 27 meant I was a 27-year-old with the social skills of a 16-year-old. That the majority of my 20s were spent hiding behind fat and hair and shame and no self-esteem.

You don't have to tell your parents yet. You don't even have to do it with anyone yet. But in your mind, accept what you are, make a plan and start, as cautiously as necessary, but start. Coming out will always be hard, but once you get out, you'll find it's so much easier than it was. And if you risk it, you'll have the chance to create a life full of Mountaintop experiences.



GLAAD News

by CARL LANGE

Price is Right for Atlanta

Deb Price, the nation's first mainstream lesbian columnist, received a standing ovation at the July 27 meeting of Atlanta's Fourth Tuesday. She is making journalistic history with her nationally-syndicated column for the Gannett Co.'s Detroit News, which has appeared in dozens of papers across the country including USA Today and the Atlanta Constitution.

Deb's discussion of personal experiences and issues that affect the lesbian and gay community provides an opportunity for many Americans to know an open lesbian and to see lesbians and gays as people, often for the first time. The resulting dialogue, in the form of thousands of letters to Price and to the editorial pages of papers, has been overwhelmingly positive, in both traditionally liberal and conservative papers.

Deb Price's column has proven itself to be an asset to the papers in which it regularly appears and a great tool for dialogue and understanding in the communities it serves.

It is time for Atlanta to have Deb Price full time. Write to Ron Martin, Editor, Atlanta Journal & Constitution, P.O. Box 4689, Atlanta, GA 30302.

Nazism Nouveau

In a move reminiscent of Nazi tactics, Cobb County commissioners are attacking the gay community under the guise of promoting "family values." Commissioner Gordon Wysong and Commission Chairman Bill Byrne have proposed legislation to restrict public funding to arts projects that maintain "traditional family values." Their actions are in response to Marietta's Theatre in the Square's production of "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," and 1988 Tony award-winner "M. Butterfly."

"Lips Together," about two married heterosexual couples vacationing at Fire Island, was voted favorite play of the year by the theater's own 4,200 subscribers.

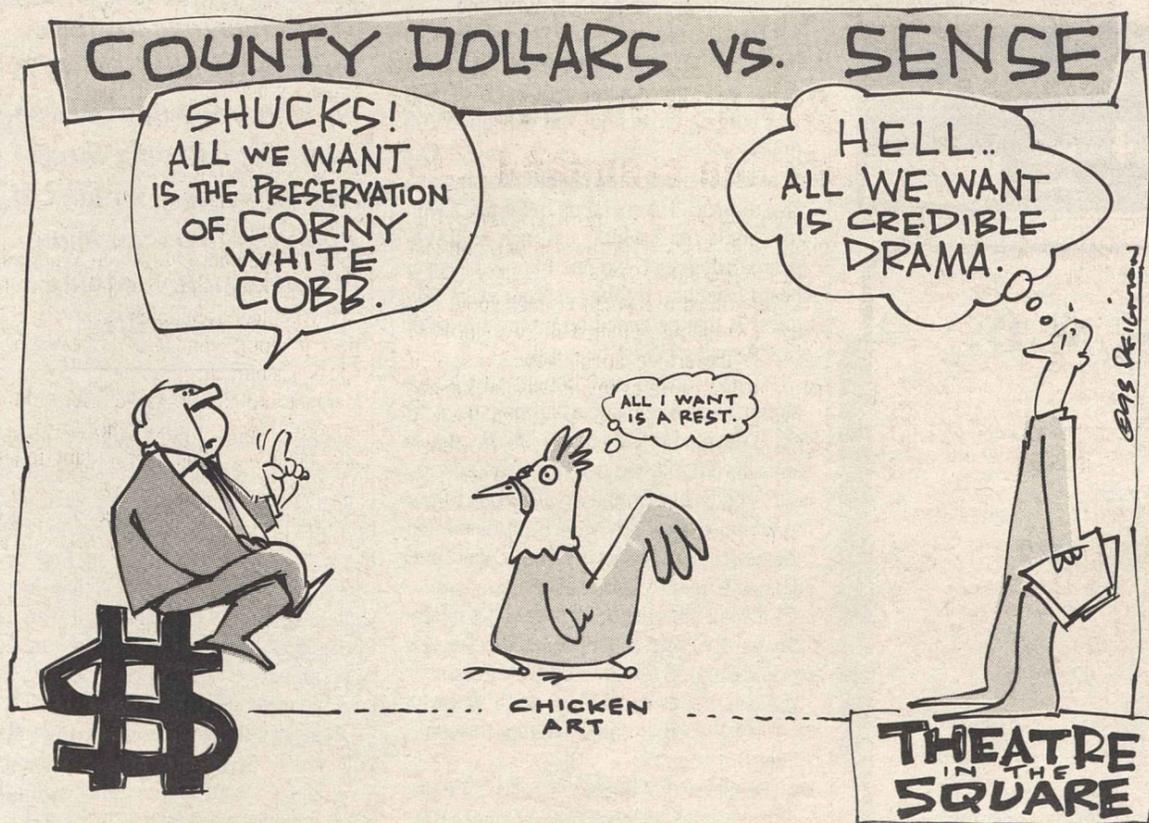
In addition to attacking the arts, the commission will vote on legislation that states:

[Gay] lifestyles...are incompatible with the standards to which this community subscribes. Gay lifestyle units are directly contrary to state law....[T]his policy will serve and protect the health, safety and welfare of its constituents. ...The board of commissioners intends to send this message to policy makers of this country such that a previously silent voice will now be heard.

The powerful lobbying machine of the Christian Coalition is providing the commission with the "proof" that the community of Cobb supports their initiative.

Do not let this voice go unanswered. Write Commissioners Gordon Wysong and Bill Byrne at 100 Cherokee Street, Marietta, GA 30090 or call 528-3300 to voice your own opinion.

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DAVID STANLEY

Surviving those who don't

Surviving AIDS, unfortunately, means surviving those who don't. There are those I would have known anyway, and many I have met only because of our common battle against HIV.

First and foremost, of course, would be my brother, Phil. Of the people he truly loved, I believe that I was the first to be diagnosed with AIDS, but not by much. A couple of weeks after my diagnosis, Phil's lover, Duck, was diagnosed with lymphoma. They didn't associate his cancer with HIV until a couple of weeks before he died, in the summer of 1986.

This was such a difficult time for Phil. As Duck began his treatments, Phil allowed my lover Kip and I to move in with him. It was unspoken at the time, but I believe that it was assumed I would spend my final days in Phil's home.

Duck was given strong chemo for his cancer, which only weakened his immune system further. The poor boy only lasted six months. I really loved Duck as a brother-in-law and was proud of Phil's devotion as he took care of him. Duck was the first AIDS death for many of us.

Also about the time I was diagnosed, my friend, Ron, in Denver was beginning his illness. I met Ron shortly after Kip and I became lovers. There was an incredible attraction between me and Ron, but I am a monogamous soul, so we were only friends. Without Kip, Ron and I would have been much more. In a way, we were lovers, but we just never had sex. I loved that man, and I remain close to his mother, Clair.

Then there was Kip, who is difficult to explain. He was 23 when we met and 130 pounds. Shortly after he moved in, it was disclosed that AIDS was spread sexually, and I told him I had been exposed. He stuck with me, though, and even if he wasn't as intelligent or talented as most of my friends, his devotion was something else, and I loved him for it.

Kip, for a while, was prepared to see it through to the end with me. He cooked and cleaned house and allowed me to devote my time to my job and just surviving.

He had, though, some private demons of his own. By the time I decided I wasn't dying and wanted a house of our own, Kip was binging on alcohol and was up to 200 pounds.

When I started making offers on houses, Kip took off. He ended up in Phoenix with his family for a while, and then he disappeared altogether. No one I know has ever heard from him for the past four years. My guess is that he ended up on the streets of Los Angeles, before he got ill.

I went ahead and bought my house alone. It was a year and a half before I went out. I devoted myself to my job, my house and surviving. I had my family and all my old friends, but I finally realized there had to be more. That's when I determined that the closest gay bar to my house was Buddies on Cheshire Bridge Road.

Buddies has the most pool tables of any gay bar I've seen in Atlanta, and pool is an old passion of mine. I've made a number of close friends at Buddies, and I've had a number of flings. Flings are not, however, what I'm after.

People with AIDS have great difficulty with new relationships. There are those HIV

negatives who don't worry about AIDS but only want a fling. Then there are the negatives who realize, in the end, that they can't handle the complete AIDS scene. Finally, there are the HIV positives who refuse to expend the energy required to develop a relationship.

This first group, I can't address. Who can figure? The second group is hard to blame. I have a good friend who should have been a lover, but he had survived one lover without being infected, and he really couldn't face it again. I can be really intense with my surviving and my activism, and it's hard to expect a negative to understand.

It wasn't until Phil got ill that I became an activist. I had expected that my being a guinea pig would somehow save him, but I was wrong, and Phil died last year. If I couldn't save Phil, I wanted to help someone.

Then there's the HIV positive group I mentioned above. Sometimes, HIV is the only thing we have in common, and they realize it before I do. Too often, however, they seem to want to be alone in their struggle. Several would have made great lovers for me, but they all pulled back. Maybe I'm just a jerk, but my impression is that a lover would just interfere with their final plans. I just couldn't be allowed to share them.

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Consider this a plea to open up, share your lives. All of us have something to give, and it's hard to give when you don't allow anyone to receive.

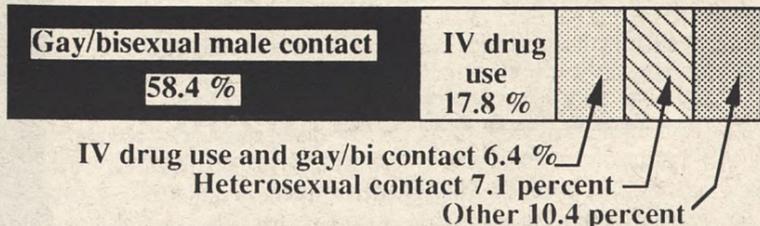
AIDS in Georgia

More than 8,750 Georgians have been diagnosed with AIDS. Here are how those cases break down:

By Race



By Risk Factor



Source: Ga. Dept. of Human Resources as of July 19, 1993. "Other" category includes those who acquired HIV through blood products or from a parent or those whose risk factor is not known. Lesbians who acquired HIV from exclusively lesbian contacts would be included in this category.

Blacks now largest AIDS group

Atlanta—The face of AIDS is changing in Georgia.

The latest figures from the Georgia Department of Human Resources show that for the first time, more African Americans than whites have been diagnosed with AIDS in the state.

And while the largest single group of people with AIDS is still made up of those who contracted HIV through gay or bisexual contact, this group now accounts for less than two-thirds of the state's AIDS cases. In contrast, almost one in five PWAs are believed to have acquired HIV through drug use outside of sexual contact, and slightly more than 7 percent of cases involve heterosexual contact.

These latest figures, which generated headlines in the mainstream press after their release, are the latest evidence of what those on the front lines of the AIDS battle have been saying all along—this is not a disease confined to white, gay males.

"A much higher proportion of risk behavior is IV drug use and heterosexual activity in blacks," said Dr. Brian Williams, director of AIDS surveillance for Georgia. "More blacks are acquiring the disease through these routes."

"It's somewhat difficult to educate the IV drug user," Williams said. "You can't call a meeting of IV drug users. And when they need their fix, that's all that matters,

not cleaning the needle."

As of July 19, DHR reported that African Americans accounted for 50.6 percent of the 8,758 total AIDS cases in Georgia. Only 27 percent of the state's population is African American.

In Georgia, which ranks seventh in the nation in cumulative AIDS cases, the disease strikes whites at a rate of 80.1 cases per 100,000. Among blacks, the rate is 189.4 per 100,000.

Although more African Americans are developing AIDS, blacks with HIV are less likely to seek medical treatment, many waiting instead until they become seriously ill.

"They go through a denial period like gay men did five years ago," said Dr. Rick Hudson, an Atlanta doctor who treats several AIDS patients. He said poverty compounds the problem, as many doctors refuse to treat Medicaid patients with AIDS.

"When you have to go to the Infectious Disease Clinic [at Grady Memorial Hospital] and wait all day for a half-hour appointment, you just don't want to go," he said.

According to Tricia Grindel of AID Atlanta, educational programs have helped, but not enough.

"Awareness has increased everywhere," Grindel said. "Whether that's translated into behavior changes is another matter, and I'm not sure we're seeing that yet."

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New study supports early AZT

Boston—A new study provides more conflicting advice about the value of early use of AZT.

According to a report in the New England Journal of Medicine, the study, conducted by the European-Australian Collaborative Group, found that early AZT treatment appeared to cut in half the chances that patients' conditions would worsen over the next two years.

The study involved 993 HIV-infected volunteers in 11 countries who were outwardly well and whose CD4 cells had not been dangerously depleted. After two years of treatment, there was a 19 percent chance the disease would progress among AZT

recipients. However, the risk of disease progression was 34 percent in those getting inactive placebos.

The latest study is in direct conflict with the results of the Concorde study from Europe, published earlier this year, which showed that early AZT intervention was of little value.

"The implication is that most patients with HIV infection should be treated, but the benefit may be greatest if therapy is begun when CD4 cell counts are over 300 to 400 per cubic millimeter," Dr. John C. Bartlett of John Hopkins University wrote in a journal editorial.

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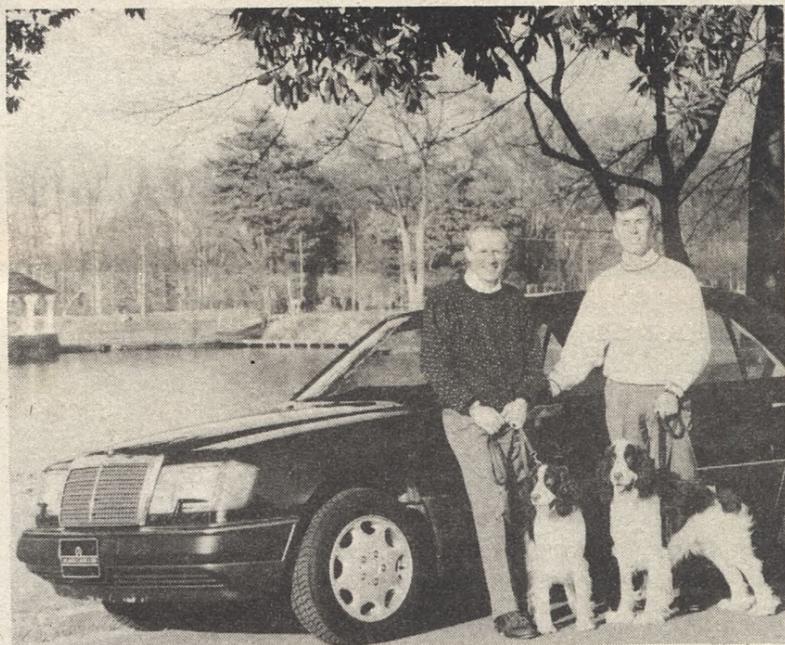
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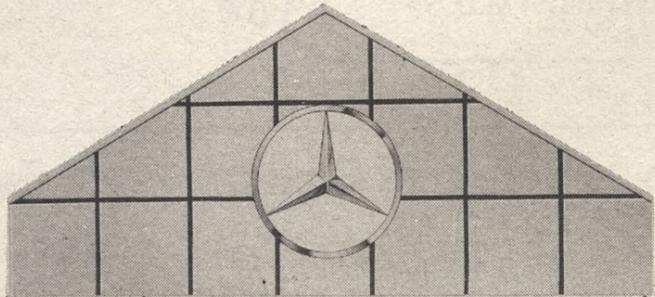
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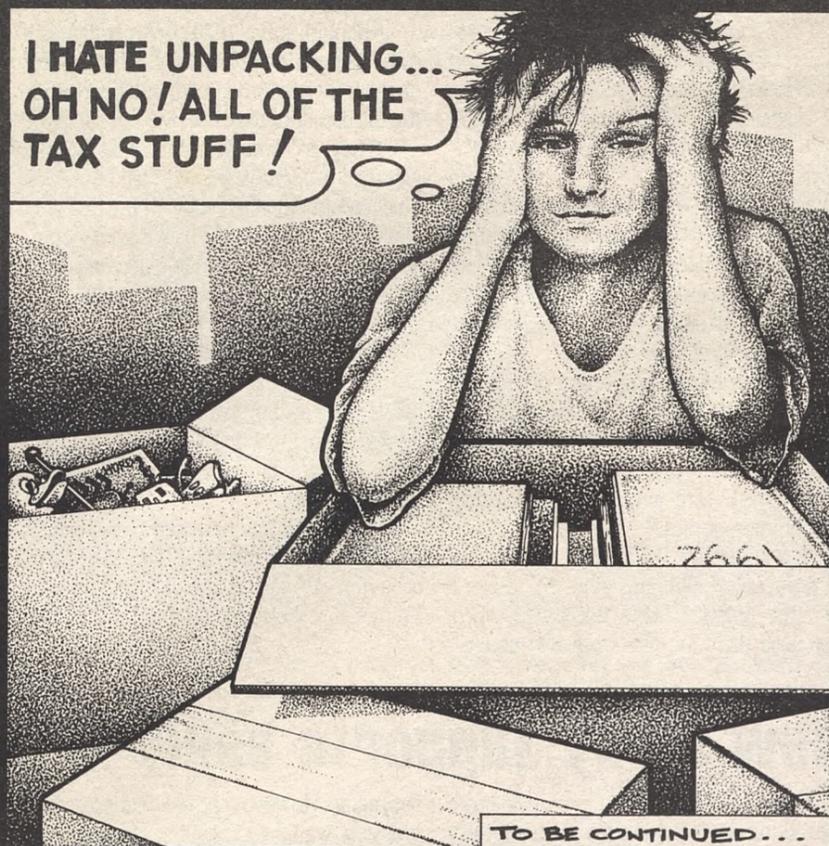
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His 15 minutes of fame are up

Police seek Pridgen on felony charges

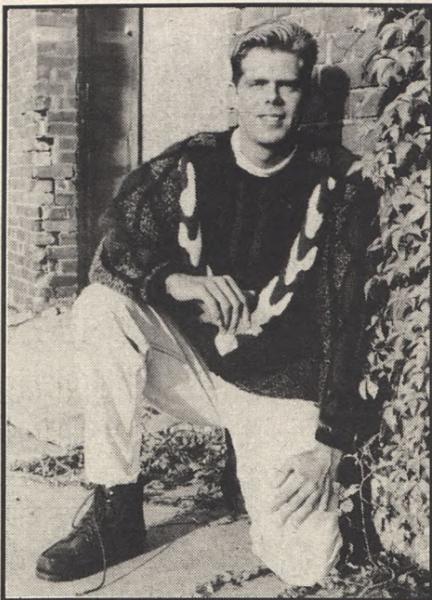
Wilmington, NC—Crae Pridgen, who garnered national media attention after an altercation earlier this year with a group of U.S. Marines in a North Carolina bar, is being sought on felony charges.

According to a report in The Front Page, a Raleigh lesbian/gay newspaper, Wilmington police have a warrant charging Pridgen with felony embezzlement. He is accused of using credit cards to steal between \$200 and \$300 from a men's clothing store where he was once employed.

Last spring, Pridgen was thrust into the limelight when he was beaten during a confrontation with three Marines outside a Wilmington bar. He said the Marines shouted "Clinton must pay" as they were beating him and said he believed that the president's announcement that he would lift the ban on lesbians and gay men in the military helped precipitate the incident.

In their trial on battery charges, however, the Marines maintained that they were acting in self defense and that Pridgen and another gay man in the bar helped provoke the incident. Pridgen's history of arrests for driving offenses and passing bad checks were used by the defense to challenge his credibility.

The Marines were acquitted.



Pridgen in Atlanta in happier times

In the wake of the incident, Pridgen became something of a symbol in the battle over lesbians and gays in the military, speaking to gatherings across the county, including an anti-ban rally in Atlanta.

So far, Wilmington police, who say the alleged embezzlement happened before the battering incident, have not been able to find Pridgen. He is believed to have left North Carolina for the San Francisco area.

District Attorney Jerry Spivey says that if Pridgen decides to stay in California, he may try to extradite Pridgen back to North Carolina.

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Thurman era over

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hard for some people [to understand.] They think I'm very sticky about that—and I am. I think the people with AIDS in this community deserve the very, by God, best services we can provide for them, from the best people we can employ."

Is AID Atlanta spending too much on overhead and salaries and not enough on direct client services? Thurman insists the answer is no, estimating that only 14 percent of the organization's money is spent on overhead, including rent, her salary and administrative staff, with the rest of the money going directly to client services. She said that AID Atlanta currently serves a caseload of 1,300 people and is providing services in any given month to about 2,000 more.

"We run a very lean administrative budget," she said. "We're about the same size as the San Francisco AIDS Foundation in terms of number of people we serve and educate, and we're doing it on less than half of their budget. We can provide comprehensive services to people for a year on less than a thousand dollars. That's pretty incredible considering the amount of work and the complexity of services we provide."

"I think there's a perception that we're a wealthy agency, but we still live from paycheck to paycheck."

Perhaps some of the criticism of Thurman stems from the fact that she is a straight white woman, running an agency that serve mostly gay men and people of color.

"I think that because we were founded primarily by gay white men, that there was some resistance when I took over the organization," she said. "I've been a social-work or service-delivery professional all my life, so I think I have a history of providing good service to whoever needs it, and that's sufficient here." She says the staff includes a mix of gay, straight, black and white, both in senior man-

agement and service staff.

She does acknowledge that a public perception exists that AID Atlanta has gotten away from a primary function for which it was founded—to reach out to the gay community. She attributes this to the fact that, in addition to serving the gay community, the organization began serving other groups as the face of the AIDS epidemic began to change.

In response to that perception, AID Atlanta launched a new community outreach program specifically targeted to the gay community last January. A new staff person was brought on to coordinate the gay outreach programs, including educational efforts and safer-sex parties. Thurman says while most of these programs are not new and have always been offered by AID Atlanta, more financial resources are now being put into gay outreach and, with the higher profile it will have by being run as a specific program, the community will be reassured of AID Atlanta's commitment to what she calls its "backbone."

Unlike her two immediate predecessors, who left AID Atlanta amid some form of controversy or staff turnover, Thurman is leaving of her own accord at a time when the agency is getting generally good reviews.

"I think it's real healthy that we've gotten to the point that we just have one old buzzard retiring and somebody with new energy taking over," she said.

So why is Thurman leaving AID Atlanta?

"I'm tired," she said. "It's time for me to move on. I think I've given the best of what I have to give to AID Atlanta. It's been an extraordinarily rewarding experience, but the AIDS business is intense and problematic for a variety of reasons. I'm looking forward to expanding my horizons."

Her new job will be to manage the advocacy programs for the Task Force for Child Survival and Development. She will continue to do some volunteer work at AID Atlanta. Thurman's successor has not yet been named, although, at press time, a search committee was believed to be close to making a decision.

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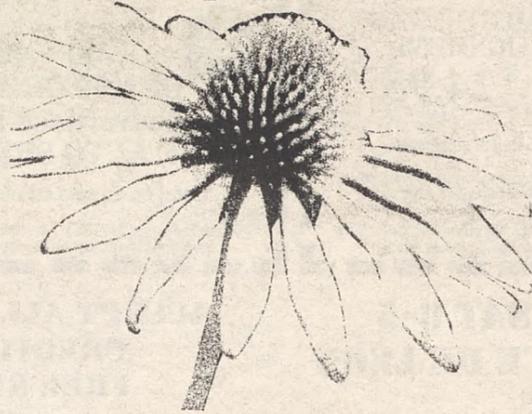


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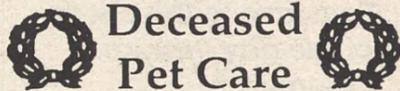


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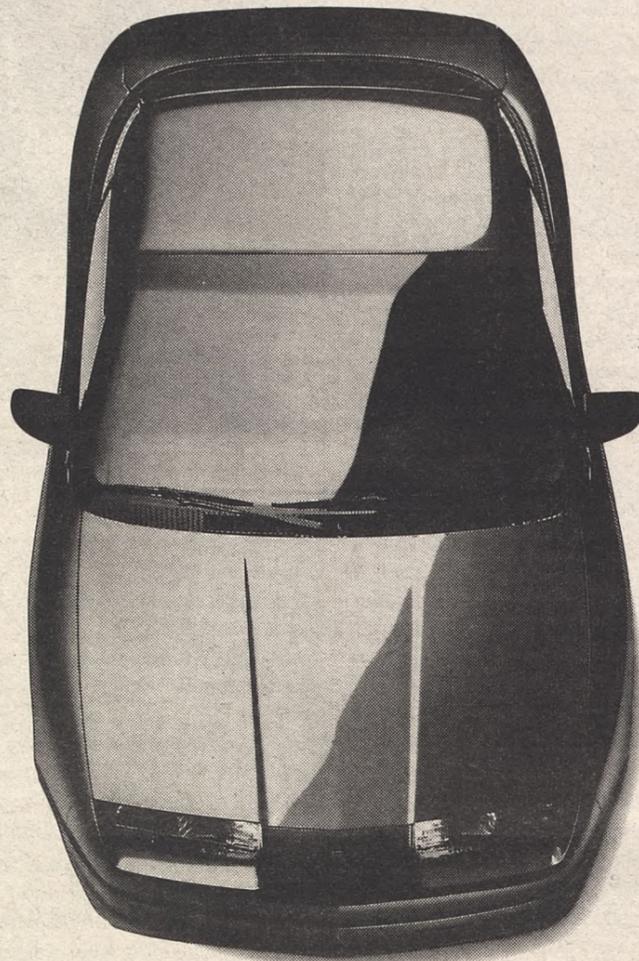
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Bonnie Lea says this is going to be her decade.

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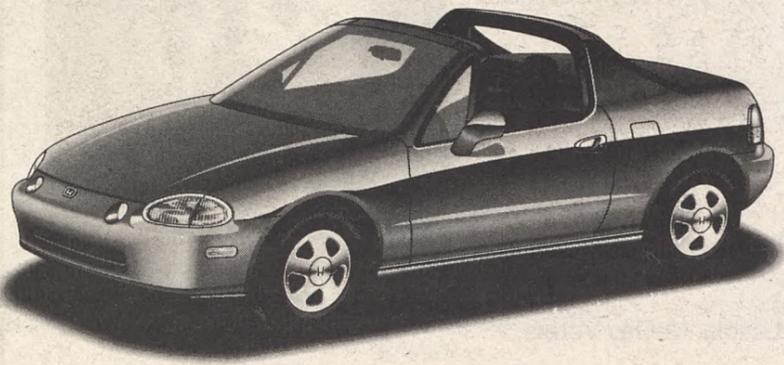
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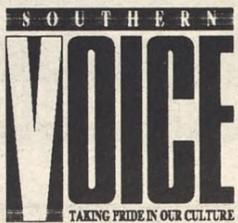
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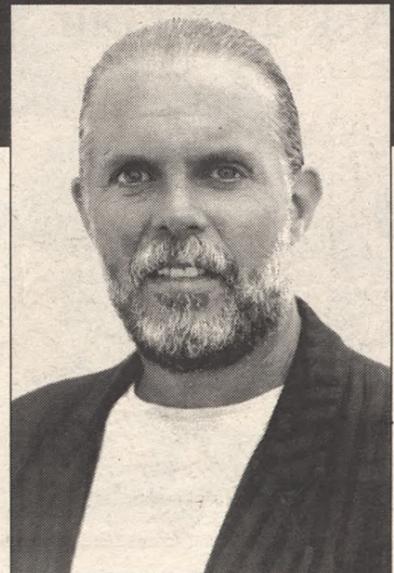
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The time and place have been set for the second annual Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival. Now, all it needs is, well, art.

The original deadline for submission of proposals for entries has been extended to Aug. 15 in order to increase the number of participants, says Jim Chappeloux, who is organizing the festival.

"We need volunteers and, above all, artists," Chappeloux says. "We're also encouraging businesses and individuals to advertise in the festival program. Last year we put this together on a budget of \$4,500. We want to raise that so we can have more money for the artists."

This year's festival will be held Oct. 7-10, coinciding with National Coming Out Day to highlight this year's theme of "The Art of Coming Out." The stated mission of the festival is "to provide an empowering experience for the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities through recognition of artistic contributions to society."

Toward this end, work is being sought in the areas of visual art, performance, literature and poetry, as well as material for the Artists Market, new to this year's event.

Also new this year will be a move to Buckhead.

Why Buckhead? Chappeloux says the new location will help to distance the festival from the Arts Festival of Atlanta, held annually in Piedmont Park, and attract new sponsors and advertisers.

"Reception has been warm and enthusiastic from the Buckhead Chamber of Commerce, the Buckhead Village Merchants Association, and others. They want us up there," he said.

Specific sites have yet to be announced, but organizers are looking for appropriate locations for the art shows. Chappeloux says the goal is "to show each medium in a space where it will get the best attention and respectability—visual arts in gallery spaces, performances in theaters, etc. We may end up using warehouses or storefronts, but we'll work to make them suitable for the art displayed there."

One space has already been locked in—the Buckhead Library, site for a series of workshops (also new to this year's event) to be held during the day on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8 and 9. The free workshops scheduled so far will cover such topics as religion, coming out stories and performance and individual artistic disciplines like batik and architecture.

The Artists Market will be structured much like those at Pride Day and the citywide arts festival—a chance for craftspeople to show and sell their work. Unlike the Pride market, however, participants will be screened to ensure only handmade works of art, not commercially manufactured pieces, go on sale. No commission on sales will be taken by the festival.

Last year the festival attracted more than 800 people, many from outside of Atlanta. Chappeloux and the other organizers hope to expand the scope and numbers this year by making community participation more widespread.

For entry forms or information about advertising in the festival program, call 874-8710 and leave your name, address and phone number. There is a \$15 entry fee to help defray the festival's operation costs.

ROB NIXON

Rainbow Ensemble serves as outlet for sound

As you approach the room in St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church where the Atlanta Rainbow Ensemble is rehearsing, the sound conjures up visual images. As the band plays a rousing rendition of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," you can almost see the animation.

Frank Steele leads this small, dedicated group through one section of the piece, honing it before moving on the next part, bringing all the pieces into one whole.

The band's enthusiasm is evident during a break period, as almost everyone is eager to discuss the Rainbow Ensemble, Atlanta's gay and lesbian concert band.

"So many people think of a contemporary band when you say the word, 'band,'" says member Steve Warner. "They think lead guitars and drums."

"Or they think marching band," chimes in Steele. "But we're a concert-style band. We do classical to Broadway to easy listening."

"This creates such an outlet for the performer in me," says Robert Gosa, who plays the baritone. "I enjoyed the thrill of being able to perform at high school football games."

"Not only has this band given me an outlet in the community as part of the community, it's given me a chance to recapture my musicianship," says Pam Cole, who plays the trumpet. "We have great fellowship and lots of fun. It takes a lot of time, but what you get out of it—the pride of being in the group, the product we are able to produce, which is good music—is worth it."

When he came to Atlanta from Tampa and got involved in the ensemble, Rosa discovered that he and trombone player Becky England had attended rival high schools in Dallas, Texas in 1984 without ever having known each other.

This night, England's parents, vacationing from Texas, are sitting in on the rehearsal.

"They have a good sound for as small as they are," John England says. Both he and her mother, Martha, say they are proud of their daughter.

The 11 men and six women who comprise the Rainbow Ensemble played at Pride this year, where they were well-received with a standing ovation. Some members also played at the March On Washington, along with 200 musicians from bands all over the country.

Several years ago, the gay/lesbian band, Pride of Peachtree, was doing well when its history took a tragic turn—the director, Sam Davis, was killed in a car accident. The band eventually dissolved and was dormant until

the arrival of Frank Steele from Augusta, Ga.

"I was with the Gay Men's Chorus at the time, and we had put together a concert with a pit orchestra. Some people approached me about reforming Pride of Peachtree and gave me Steve Warner's name and number."

Steele is originally from Oklahoma (he tells people he is an "Oklahomosexual") and has been a band and choral director in schools for 18 years. Since moving to Atlanta, he has done theater work and freelance musical direction.

Warner and Steele contacted past members of Pride of Peachtree, distributed flyers, did some advertising and depended on word of mouth to solicit musicians.

"We struggled for a while," said Steele. "But we've gotten a stable core of committed musicians. We're growing slowly, but consistently."

The name of the band itself has undergone several changes. After Pride of Peachtree, it was known as the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Wind Symphony and the Greater Atlanta Music Ensemble.

"There was much discussion about using the words 'gay' and 'lesbian' in the name because some people still have jobs that needed to be thought about," Steele says. "We wanted a name that would denote the kind of music we play." They decided on Atlanta Rainbow Ensemble because "it is symbolic of the diversity of the group and has a softer approach."

Many of those involved in the band feel that their well-received performance at Pride may have been a turning point for the group.

"People approached us after the performance," said Warner. "That's how we got our tuba player, Robin Threatt."

The band's next concert will be Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, which is on LaVista Road in DeKalb County. Selections to be performed include "America the Beautiful," "Jamaican Rumba" and selections from La Cage Aux Folles.

The ensemble is also looking for some sponsors to help defray the costs of renting rehearsal spaces, paying for sheet music and hosting concerts. Sponsors are being sought who can donate either money or material.

And Steele also says he's willing to teach anyone interested in learning an instrument to play with the band. He asks that people furnish their own instrument, but he's willing to help them locate one if necessary. The only real requirements, he says, are commitment and dedication.

PENNY WHITE



The women and men of the Atlanta Rainbow Ensemble in rehearsal for their Oct. 4 concert.



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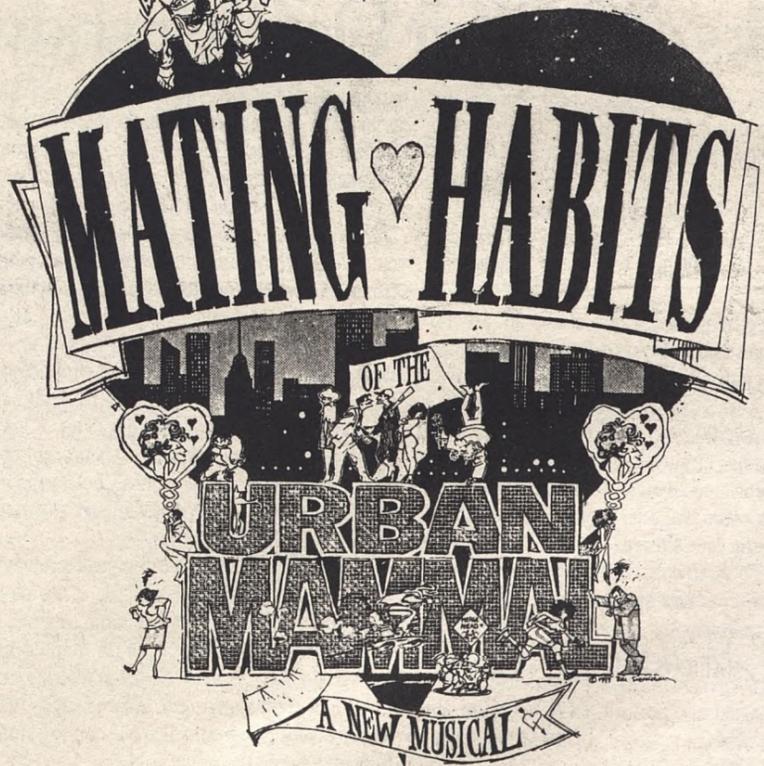
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UNICEF duties more than her fame. Also airs Aug 14. Tonight 7:30 p.m. WGTV Channel 8.

ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. The City of Atlanta Bureau of Cultural Affairs hosts a free concert tonight. 7 p.m. Coca-Cola Lakewood Amphitheater. 262-3000.

SEXUAL PERVERSITY IN CHICAGO. The play, best remembered for the movie adaptation "About Last Night," follows the lives and exploits of two bachelors, Dan and Bernie, and presents a harsh commentary on the male perception of sex and love. The female point of view comes through Deborah and Joan, two roommates. When Dan and Deborah fall in love, their friends sound a voice of doom. Through Aug 28. Th-Sat 8 p.m. 14th St. Playhouse. \$10. 881-6304.

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ATLANTA ENTREPRENEURS' CLUB. Network with the gay business community tonight. 7-9 p.m. 457-6347.

13 FRIDAY

COOL SOUNDS OF MIAMI. Dance to the exciting Latin rhythms of Stephanie Pettis & RIO. 10:30 p.m. Headliners. 261-4666.

BURNING AGAIN. This isn't a firefighters' convention, but Round Up '93/Two Steps Closer to a Cure, the hottest country event of the year—a benefit weekend of dance and entertainment, complete with hoedowns, dance lessons and exhibits. Featured performer is singer Tim Ryan with special guest star Steff Mahan. Radisson Hotel and the Civic Center. Registration begins at 4 p.m. at the Radisson. \$25. 908-7480.

COOL JOE. Those of you who attended this year's Atlanta Pride March might remember the fabulous Funk/R & B sounds of this local band. They are something not to be missed. Tonight and tomorrow 10 p.m. Dark Horse Tavern. \$3. 873-3607.

WHY AM I GAY? STORIES OF COMING OUT IN AMERICA. Stay up late or set your VCRs for this documentary that "paints a moving and thought-provoking picture" of what we already know—what it's like to grow up gay. Also on Aug 16, 22, 25 and 31, check listings. Tonight 2 a.m. HBO.

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MISS POOL SLUT PAGEANT. You are cordially invited to this 10th annual benefit to help out Project Open Hand. Invite says there's a buffet after the coronation and concert seating (in other words, bring a blanket). Noon. Hill St. Resort, 729 Hill St. 627-4281.

OPENING EXHIBIT. Members of the Southwest Artist League present a showing of their recent works. Through Sept 3. Opening reception 4 p.m. Gilbert House. 766-9049.

RONNIE MILSAP. Making his Chastain debut, Ronnie will perform his numerous chart-topping songs, including "There's a Stranger in My House" and "Smokey Mountain Rain," with the Atlanta Symphony. 8:30 p.m. Chastain Park. \$16-\$32.50. 898-1189.

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OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program. 10:30 p.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.



Opera. 6:30 p.m. San Gennaro Italian Restaurant. \$39.50/prix fixe dinner included. 355-8685.

PHANTOM. Have a hauntingly romantic evening with an all-new musical stage thriller from Arthur Kopit and Maury Yeston. This production focuses on the classic love story about the Paris Opera House "phantom" and the beautiful opera singer who steals his heart. Through Sun. Tues-Sun 8 p.m., Sat & Sun 2 p.m. Fox Theater. \$11.50-\$32.50. 249-6400.

COVERING DIVERSITY IN ATLANTA. The Atlanta Press Club presents a program on how mainstream and individualized publications attempt to cover diverse cultures and lifestyles in Atlanta. Reception 6:30 p.m., program 7:30 p.m. Manuel's Tavern. Non-members \$5. 57-PRESS.

BUILDINGS, PEOPLE, CULTURE: AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN GEORGIA HISTORY.

The first of four seminars concentrating on the diverse history of the African-American communities in Georgia. Tonight's seminar focuses on urban architecture and will feature Barbara Tagger who will present "A Look at the Prosperity of Sweet Auburn through Historic Preservation." 4:30-7:30 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, 449 Auburn St. 331-3920.

18 WEDNESDAY

THE TEMPTATIONS. Listen to some classic Motown tunes under the stars. 8:30 p.m. Chastain Park Amphitheater. \$19-\$24. 249-6400.

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MATING HABITS OF THE URBAN ANIMAL. A new musical by Michael Leeds and Peggy Gordon that takes a comic and irreverent look at dating in the 90s: 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.

THE CONDUCT OF LIFE. A unique and devastating play, written by

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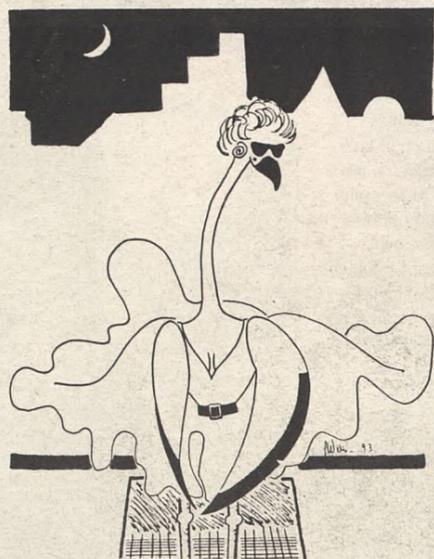
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Pictured: LEFT: Big Head Todd and the Monsters at the H.O.A.R.D.E. festival Saturday at Lakewood. Photo by Marina Chavez ABOVE: Stephanie Pettis and Rio, Latin rhythm in the heart of Buckhead. BELOW: The folks of E/R 2, Atlanta's own version of M*A*S*H, take the stage Thursday at Onstage Atlanta.

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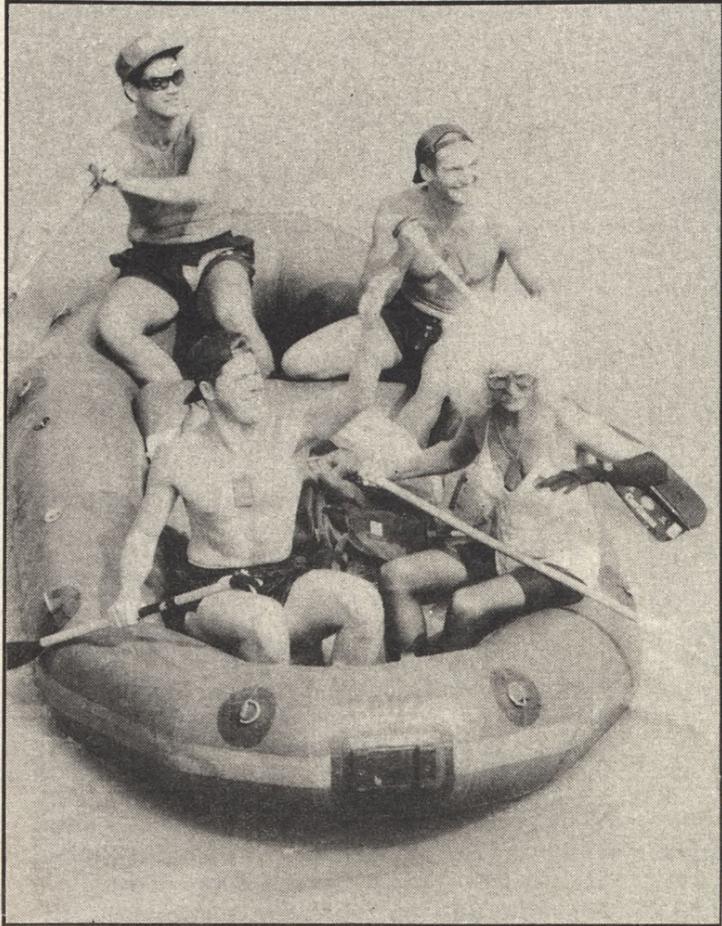
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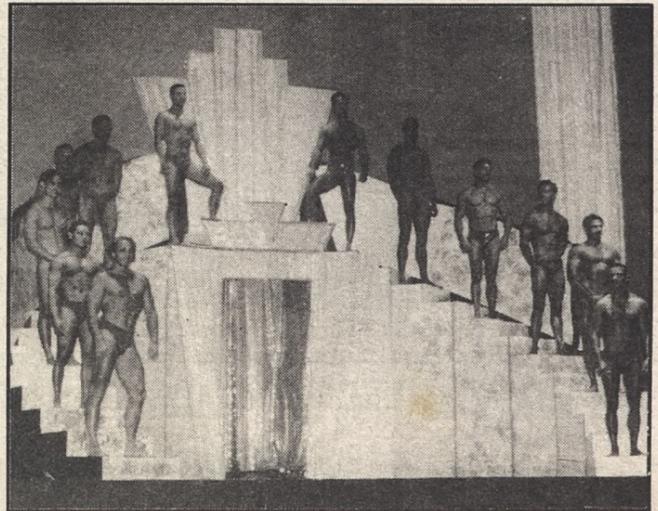
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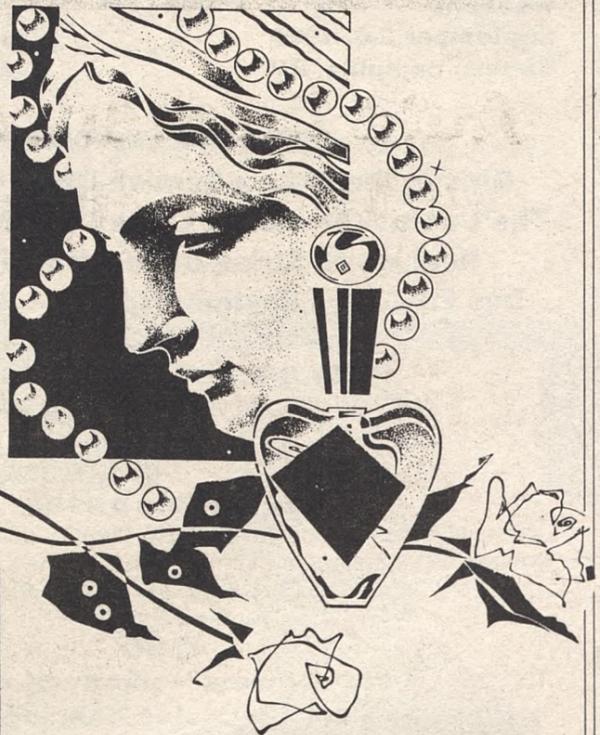
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MATING HABITS

Any time a new theater opens, it's an event. Neighborhood Playhouse, that bastion of mass appeal shows housed in downtown Decatur, has launched its new theater, the Discovery Arena, with a funny, stylish, light-weight musical revue, which bodes good things for the company.

"Mating Habits of the Urban Mammal" is the sort of show that used to be very popular in the early '80s. It lacks a clear narrative—instead, it's just a collection of songs and sketches about love, sex, dating, disease and relationships in today's urban environment. It doesn't profess to have a heavy-duty message, content to be check-your-mind-at-the-door entertainment.

"Mating Habits of the Urban Mammal" runs through Aug. 22 at the Neighborhood Playhouse's Discovery Arena (430 W. Trinity Place, Decatur; 373-5311)

Still, it represents a major departure for Neighborhood Playhouse, which has thrived for years by offering a plateful of safe, standard fare with no rough edges.

In "Mating Habits," we meet five urban dwellers: Gary (John Schroeder), a greeting card writer; Katherine (Tamara

McCurdy), a public relations executive; Martha (Karen Whitaker-Banks), a 30-ish divorcee; Ernie (Jeff McKerley), the gay, HIV positive owner of a video store; and Leo (Christopher S. Connelly), a man who has a difficult time deciding whether he wants to be married.

These five people have one thing in common—they hate being alone, but they're not sure what to do to correct their situations. Though there is no clear cut narrative to "Mating Habits," we do get to follow the story of how Gary and Katherine meet, seduce each other, live together, break up and hopefully reunite by the evening's end.

For anyone who's been through the fun and agony of meeting a potential mate and all that entails, much of "Mating Habits" will seem immediately relevant. Martha's lament "They Want Young"—about how men seem to always want that younger,



Friends Katherine (Tamara McCurdy) and Martha (Karen Whitaker-Banks) share their angst about life and love in "Mating Habits of the Urban Mammal" at the new Discovery Arena.

prettier face—smacks of universal truth. Ernie's tap dancing "Abstinence Drag" speaks of the dangers of sex in the '90s. Again, it feels very familiar.

The only real low points in the show are two second act numbers. "Princess Di Has My Life" has the two women decrying their lives and envying Di (except for her mother-in-law). It should be funny, but it falls flat. "Take a Step" is meant to be the denouement of the show, urging single people to go out and live

life and take a few chances. Unfortunately, authors Michael Leeds and Peggy Gordon, in a departure from the rest of the show, have resorted to Hallmark Card cliches and fortune cookie ad-ages, and it strikes a particularly discordant note for an evening which had, up until then, been quite enjoyable.

The clear standouts in the cast of five are the wonderfully talented Tamara McCurdy as Katherine, and Jeff McKerley (who also choreographed the show) as Ernie. Ms. McCurdy has a cut glass soprano of remarkable clarity that resonates throughout the small space. It's a shame she's saddled in most of her songs with John Schroeder, whose voice is simply too weak for the wealth of material he's given. Mr. McKerley (who was also the standout in Southern Fried Productions' most recent "Second Samuel") has a good strong voice, and he's quite touching when he talks about the problems of being a single gay man who is positive. His choreography for "Mating Habits" runs the gamut from inventive ("Abstinence Drag" is worth the price of admission alone) to excruciating (far too often, the cast bumps into itself as it maneuvers through the small space).

Set designer Mario D. Cieri has made good use out of Discovery Arena's flexible space, and Chris Rudy's lighting does the best it can given the physical limitations of the tiny playing area. Musical director Bric Barker, housed in a quasi-piano bar on stage, often becomes a comment on the action on stage (watch for his clever use of headgear). Director Elizabeth Sharrock Rodriguez keeps the action moving swiftly, and she has certainly squeezed the most out of the thin material she's given.

If you've ever gone through the mating game (haven't we all?) and lost (ditto), you'll find a lot to enjoy in "Mating Habits of the Urban Mammal." It's the kind of show you might even take your ex to see ("Look at all the anguish I went through with you—it's all there on stage," is a line that comes to mind you could use). You could also take a current paramour and hope it makes him or her feel romantic. It's certainly a welcome change for Neighborhood Playhouse. We should all applaud the effort.

At the dedication ceremonies for the new theater, there was a good deal of glad-handing and congratulations, all well earned. But ironically, the biggest round of applause came when Neighborhood Playhouse's managing director, Sondra Nelson, introduced members of the Decatur City government. "You see," she told the assemblage, "contrary to Cobb County, we have enlightened commissioners here."

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TINA MCELROY ANSA

Author presents her new novel, UGLY WAYS, a funny and touching novel about three Southern sisters who return to their home to bury their not-so-easily buried mother. Ansa is also the author of BABY OF THE FAMILY.

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GRACE HAWTHORNE

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"Phantom," the latest theatrical version of the classic tale of love and obsession, comes to the Fox Theater for one week, August 17-22. This production, never before seen in Atlanta, was written by Arthur Kopit and Maury Yeston in 1985, but the announcement of another production of the story by Andrew Lloyd Webber made it very difficult for Kopit and Yeston to secure financial backing. There was talk of a collaboration between Kopit and Webber, but the two scripts were too dissimilar. Brought to stage six years later by Houston's Theater Under the Stars, the play was given rave reviews and has opened to positive reaction in other cities around the country.

The storyline is a familiar one. Derived from a novel written in 1911 by Gaston Leroux, the plot involves the disfigured young man who lives in the dark recesses of the Paris Opera House and falls in love with the beautiful voice of Christine. Another element in "Phantom" is the rivalry between Christine and another diva, Carlotta. The role of Christine will be played by Victoria Mallory, best known as concert pianist Leslie Brooks on the daytime soap "The Young and the Restless," as well as Dr. Denise Foxworthy on "Santa Barbara."

Performances of "Phantom" will be Sunday through Tuesday at 8 p.m., with matinees Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at through the Fox box office at 881-2100 or through Ticketmaster at 249-6400. Ticket prices range from \$11.50 to \$32.50.

A very different theatrical offering comes to us from Art Attack, Inc., which will present David Mamet's "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" at the 14th Street Playhouse Aug. 12-28. The play was adapted for the big screen some years ago and underwent a dramatic name change to "About Last Night." The story concerns the lives and exploits of Chicago bachelors Dan and Bernie and presents a "harsh commentary on the male perception of sex and love." The female side of the equation is represented by roommates Joan and Deborah, who hook up with Dan and Bernie and do the birds and bees thing with very different results. The cast includes Angela

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Soap veteran Victoria Mallory plays the object of desire in "Phantom" at the Fox.

Bratcher, Patrick Cusick, Laura Cole and Boyd Baker. Bratcher, Cusick and Cole were last seen in "Psycho Beach Party," also put on by Art Attack. Tickets for the show are \$10 and can be obtained by calling 881-6304.

Those of you who missed the recent run of "Eula Mae's Beauty Bait and Tackle" at the 14th Street Playhouse can begin kicking yourself—hard. I cannot recall going to a play where the audience reaction was so positive. The two-man, one-woman play (Linda Patton, Frank Blocker and Chuck Richards) is a series of character sketches centered around the owner and customers of a bait shop which has recently expanded to include beauty treatments for the ladies, so they won't have to wait out in the pickup while their men buy worms.

Spotted enjoying the play (and a party on the patio at Einstein's afterwards) were artist Terry Hardy, talent agent Brenda Burnette, photographer Jane Holmes, voice and acting coach Richard Woods and cabaret diva Ramona Dugger. The following night brought out Paul Ossman from "Good Day Atlanta" and Martina Navratilova.

Plans are in the works for another run of "Eula Mae's" at a larger venue, and possibly a new play to come along at Christmas time. Keep an eye out and don't deprive yourself next time.

Coming to HBO this month is an America Undercover documentary called "Why am I Gay? Stories of Coming Out in America." Produced and directed by a participating psychiatrist, the documentary looks at four gay people and examines issues of coming out and coming of age in surroundings that are often hostile. The show offers new insights into human sexuality, both homo and hetero, by leading authorities in brain research, psychiatry, genetics, anthropology and psychology. The first showing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, at 10:15 p.m., with other showings on August 13, 16, 22, 25, and 31.

Popular Atlanta vocal duo **Joyce and Jacque** will perform at the First Existentialist Church on Saturday, August 14 at 8 p.m. The music they create and perform has been called a blend of jazz, folk and African-American styles. Former Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus accompanist Joy Peterman will open the show. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 378-5570.

	
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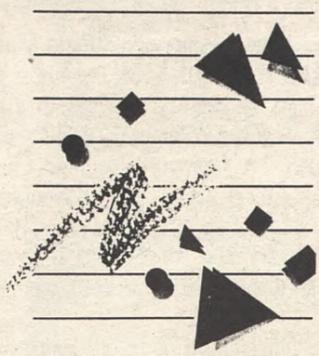
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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

Cooking in this heat, especially for one, isn't my idea of fun. And going out to eat every night stretches my wallet far too thin. Besides which, my cat has a major snit if I don't get home by 6:30 and feed her a handful of treats.

Takeout is the answer, of course. And I'm totally indebted to Stone Soup for providing me with endless bowls of garlicky gazpacho and earthy black bean soup along with an occasional spanikopita. But a boy needs variety, and since the unfortunate demise of Sabrina's and Two Chefs booth inside Sevananda, the takeout scene on the east side of town has been pretty glum.

If I lived in Buckhead, I could cruise by The Easy Way Out or Preferred to Go on the way home. Neither is exactly cheap, but both turn out chow that ranges from merely respectable to nearly cosmic—the fried chicken at the Easy Way Out is easily the equal of Deacon Burton's in my book, and the shrimp salad is major swoon stuff.

And if I lived in Buckhead, I could also be one of the hordes now packing the aisles at the newly opened **Harry's in a Hurry** (1875 Peachtree Rd. 352-7800). I used to live thereabouts and sometimes think about returning to these vaunted confines, but I gotta tell you that Harry's in a Hurry is not among the reasons for my musings.

Harry's is the brainchild of Harry Blazer, who owns the very successful farmers' markets of the same name in Roswell and Gwinnett County. If your sole experience with monster markets in Atlanta is confined to the DeKalb Farmers Market, you owe yourself a trip to one of Harry's stores, which are infinitely more user friendly and miles more yup-scale.

The new Buckhead store (technically it abuts the even tonier Brookwood Hills) is obviously a prototype for many such ventures around the city and across the countryside. The concept is great: fast one stop shopping for tonight's dinner, from fresh peppers and pasta to preportioned (but uncooked) porterhouses and swordfish to salads and sushi to complete precooked meals and very pretty desserts. There's a large selection of Harry's very good made-in-house breads and even fresh flowers. All that's missing for a complete evening of nesting are wine, videos and condoms.

The former convenience store (it was a Pot o' Gold in the '40s and '50s, remember them?) looks pretty snazzy too. It's all shiny green and white, well lit and staffed by eager-to-please bodies. Cooler cases packed with slick packages line the walls, and a glitzy black and brass Italian rotisserie oven fills the center of the room.

And the prices are reasonable: \$3.99 for a pound and a half platter that offers samples of 10 salads; \$5 for two pounds of lasagna; \$2.69 for a (beautiful) rotisserie-cooked half chicken.

Could this be anything less than a major winner in the high-risk lottery of the food business? The customers packing the place at all hours of the day suggest that Mr. Blazer is smiling all the way to the bank. But after sampling nearly a score of his offerings, I'm not amused.

An appetizer of crab (imitation) and salmon (smoked) sushi rolls proved something that I've always suspected: good

wasabe and ginger (included in the package here) are what makes or breaks sushi. The rolls are nicely constructed, the rice sticky and the fillings generous. The strong flavor of the smoked salmon is predominant, but that's OK. Not bad at all, but no giant bargain at \$3.29 for 6 slices.

Come to think of it, maybe pricing is the problem here. For a mere 70 cents more than the six dainty pieces of sushi, one can buy a huge "briefcase lunch" packed full of tasty *sounding* salads. Only one (brown rice) is actually inedible, and two (egg salad and ham and pasta in a Dijon mustard dressing) are pretty good if bordering on bland. The remaining seven choices range in taste from strange (dill, chicken, and pasta that tastes like tuna) to boring (pasta with pesto) to just plain dull (orzo with veggies). It's as if whoever designed the stuff was aiming for the lowest common taste denominator.

Vegetarian eggrolls (the tough skins of which turn flaccid when they are reheated in a microwave) are filled with little but cabbage that tastes like it wants to become sauerkraut. We are not amused.

Meat lasagna (also available: vegetarian, cheese, and pesto) is not half bad, but it tastes like it was mass produced in a 10-acre warehouse in Kansas, frozen in 50-pound pans and shipped to Atlanta via Minneapolis. In other words, commercial to the max. An aluminum baker tray full of tomato sauce and fresh eggplant slices topped with characterless mozzarella suffers a similar fate. All this despite the fact that neither has been frozen and is assembled only miles from home in Roswell. Me? I'll spend twice as much and buy Stouffer's.

Far and away the biggest disappointment of the day is the absolutely scrumptious looking rotisserie chicken. Glistening with juices, flecked with herbs, gorgeously brown, it is sadly overcooked (even the dark meat is dry), virtually flavorless and the limp skin is tough to boot. It's not at all greasy, but then that's probably where all the flavor went. Sad.

Taste treat of the day award goes to a cinnamon raisin bread pudding that tastes little of cinnamon but does manage to be tender, tasty and sweet without becoming cloying. Far from the best in town, but at \$2.29 for a portion that easily serves two, it's an entirely reasonable way to end a meal—that you cooked yourself...or bought somewhere else. (Don't be fooled by Harry's other very attractive desserts, especially those based on chocolate—they are truly boring stuff.)

Word has it that Southern cooking maven Scott Peacock is (or will be) consulting with Harry's on their prepared food recipes. That's good news. But management will have to actually heed his advice and make some pretty big changes in how this food is designed and prepared if it is to do any good.

Harry's in a Hurry is a great concept, exceptionally well packaged. But I'd be hard put to patronize it regularly, even if I lived across the street.

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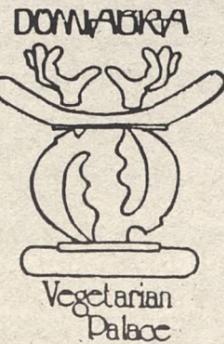


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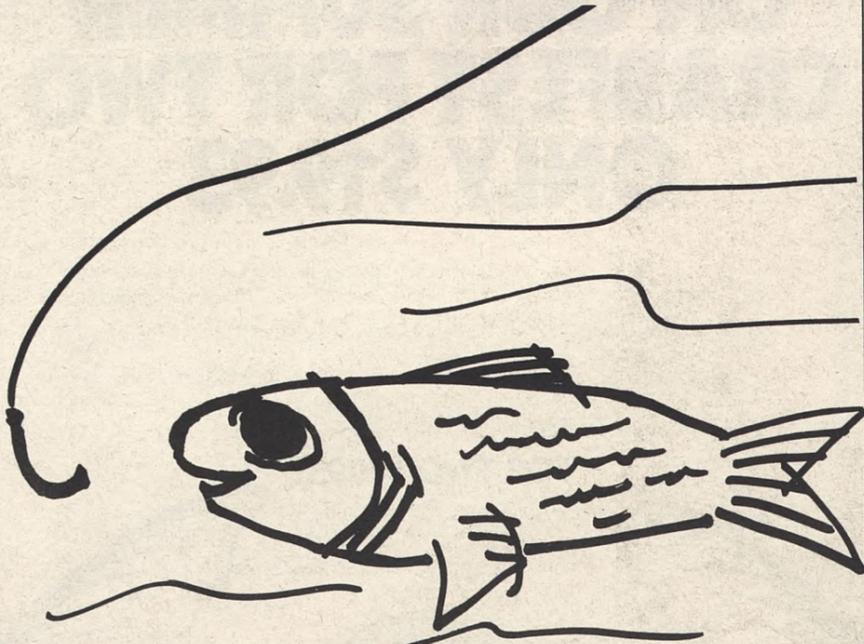
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Here's a recipe that you can whip up in five minutes in a microwave. You can vary it according to your taste, but the recipe derives its flavor from butter, so don't use margarine or some other butter substitute instead.

- ½ cup heavy (whipping) cream
- ¼ cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
- ¼ cup (½ stick) butter, cut into 4 chunks

In a two-cup glass measure, combine the cream and brown sugar, cover with vented plastic wrap. Cook on 100 percent (high) until smooth and golden brown, about 5 minutes, stirring once. Add the butter and stir until melted. Serve warm, or cover and refrigerate until ready

to serve. Reheat on 30 percent power (defrost) until warm, about 1 minute. Serve over vanilla ice cream (or frozen yogurt), pound cake, sliced bananas, waffles, pancakes, or any combination thereof. Makes ¾ cup.

For a sweet and spicy variation, add ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon and a pinch of ground red pepper just before stirring in the butter.

For coffee butterscotch sauce add 1 teaspoon instant espresso coffee when combining the cream and brown sugar.

If you like orange with your sweets, add 1 teaspoon grated orange peel and ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg just before stirring in the butter.

Or add ¼ cup seedless golden raisins and one teaspoon white or golden rum after stirring in the butter and you've got rum-raisin.

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Movers & Shakers: The August/September issue of Out magazine features a third of a page entitled "Some Like it Hotlanta," which purports to offer an abbreviated guide to the city for (we assume) the raft race. The tips are OK, but we think a mite predictable—the Majestic for late night breakfast; Midtown is "gay central;" San Jose for dinner. What we found more amusing was Out's take on the city's top 13 "Movers & Shakers," a list that Dish would never dare to conjure but is happy to repeat here for your delectation. The "Lucky 13" are: Lesbian Networker Annie Archbold, Policy King Jeff Cheek, Controversy Broker Lana Kathryn, Southern Vocalist Maria Helena Dolan, African American Issues Queen Joan Garner, ACT UP Kingpin Jeff Graham, Atlanta Gay Center Honcho Bill Gripp, Activist Dreamboat Dave MacDonald, Mayoral Liaison Marcia Okula, Drag Nightmare DeAundra Peek, GAPAC Lobbyist Larry Pellegrini, Legal Whiz Chip Rowan, Lesbian Inseminatory Judy Siff." Siff's title, we think, deserves a prize.

Mainstream Mama: Speaking of the Rich and Famous, the same issue of Out informs us that former NGLTF exec director Urvashi Vaid has signed a contract with Anchor books to pen a volume titled "Margin to Center: The Mainstreaming of Gay and Lesbian Liberation." The advance for this bit of wit and wisdom is rumored to be a fat six figures. Talk about mainstream.

Being Out is the Best Revenge: And speaking of women with money, Martina Navratilova was on the Sunday version of "Good Morning America" a couple of weeks ago and told them that being open about her sexual orientation had definitely cost her money. But, she added, "I certainly can't complain. I've made more than my share of money playing tennis." To which Dish might add, "and done more than her share of good for fags and dykes (especially young ones) by showing that you can be out, successful, and rich." We need more like you, Martina.

Dish

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



This Ol' Hoe's Dolan gets the Out spotlight.

Casting Crap: Several months ago, we reported in this space that Daniel Day-Lewis seemed a shoe-in to play Lestat (a stroke of casting genius that certainly left us moist with anticipation) in the upcoming film of Anne Rice's "Interview With a Vampire."

Well, now comes the word that Tom Cruise will get the part instead. Dish does not mean to be catty or contemptuous, but Cruise only knows how to play one character (himself) and any resemblance between that persona and the devilishly menacing (not to mention blond) Lestat is purely coincidental. We love our vampire(s) too much to put up with this kind of abuse. Anyone for organizing a boycott?

Coincidence?: We think not. Have you noticed that the graphic for "Friday's Special Sections" on the front page of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution is nothing less than a pink triangle? We have. And assumed for some time that a friendly layout person was being, well, friendly. But then a couple of weeks ago, an illustration of a car just below the pink triangle was decorated with a rainbow of colors. Dish thinks all this is too cute and subversive for words, but we won't be really happy until we see a labrys worked into the front page somewhere.

Hetero Hysteria: It has come to our attention that the class of '93 at the Virginia Military Institute designed their class ring with the international symbol for female covered by the slash of a "forbidden" symbol on it. Dish has been accused of having no sense of humor, but we think permitting this sort of institutionalized bigotry is reprehensible. What we have a really hard time understanding is why a school full of (mostly) heterosexual men would not want to have women around. Try as we might, we will never understand straight men.

Pawns in a Larger Battle: Dish finds it not a little troubling that Secretary of Defense Les Aspin told Newsweek that the dreadful compromise worked out between Bill Clinton and the military brass on queers in the service, "created a certain amount of togetherness [between Clinton and the top generals]." Just what we needed, one more president who's deliriously happy cozying up to the military-industrial establishment.

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STARSIGNS

Another intense week, with the Perseids meteor showers on the 12th, Annie Oakley's birthday on the 13th and the new moon on the 17th, all leading up to the second of the famous Uranus/Neptune conjunctions on the 19th. As you can plainly see, things will be intense and unusual for at least a week.

ARIES, with the sun in your fifth house of creativity, passion and playfulness, this is a wonderful time for expressing yourself, getting out some of your deeper feelings and finding new ways or rediscovering old ways of just having fun. **TAURUS**, with the sun and Mercury cruising through your fourth house of family ties, emotional conditions at home and your basic living conditions, you could gain a great deal by focusing your attention on any unresolved situations or unfinished home projects. **GEMINI**, Mars is now in your fifth house of creativity, fun, excitement and passionate outbursts. Be sure to find several very productive outlets for all this expressive energy, so you can enjoy the return on your efforts in six to eight months.

CANCER, with Venus in your first house of self-awareness, physical appearance and basic instincts, you may want to spend some time on your clothing, get a massage, change your hair style or

just do something that you enjoy and gives you pleasure. Happy Birthday, **LEO**. Hopefully you have had a wonderful birthday month and you are ready to blast off into a new solar year. Take a few minutes, at least, and consider how you would like the next year to look. Put it on paper, just as a reminder. **VIRGO**, Mercury and the Sun are now in both your 12th house, stirring up buried material, activating your intuition and probably creating just a little chaos in your life. If things get intense, take a deep breath and relax. It will all pass.

LIBRA, Mars has arrived in your first house of self-awareness and physical appearance, so you will have plenty of energy for exercise and new projects, especially around the home and garden. Also a good time to develop your two-to-three-year goals.

SCORPIO, Mars has now joined Jupiter in your 12th house, adding force and action to Jupiter's expansive energy. So, the

bottom line here is more impressions, images and information coming to you from the unseen worlds. Do some art work. **SAGITTARIUS**, your optimism and seemingly endless energy are very attractive to folks who are having difficulties. So, don't take on problems that aren't yours. Also, be very realistic about taking on new projects that may drain your energy or finances.

CAPRICORN, what do you do to nourish your spirit and your soul? These can be trying times, to say the least, so find ways and means of nourishing yourself and allowing the unseen powers that support you to come into greater manifestation in your life.

AQUARIUS, Mercury has joined the sun in your seventh house of close personal relationships and partnerships, making this an excellent time to communicate your thoughts and feelings with those closest to you. Take time to get this done, and you'll benefit. **PISCES**, how are your personal boundaries? Are you feeling like a front doormat or do feel intact and appreciated? Be sure to take really good care of yourself first and then do what you can for others, but don't take on more than is realistic.

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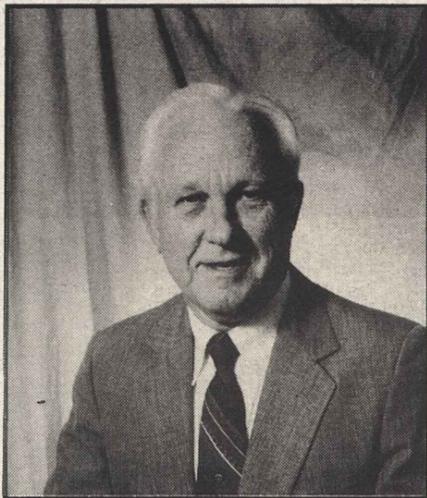
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DOUG JOHNSON

Age: 61
How Long in Atlanta: Native
Relationship Status: Single
Last Book Read: "An End to Shame" by Dr. Ira Reiss
Pet Peeve: Being approached by attached men.



Doug Johnson always knew he was gay, but he wasn't quite sure what that meant.

"In fifth grade, there was a cute little girl who I said was my girlfriend," he recalls, his face breaking into a wide smile. "One day after our typhoid fever shots, she got sick, so the teacher asked me to walk her to her house, which was back in the woods. When we got to the woods, the girl kept saying, 'Let's don't stop.' I didn't know why in the world we would stop. I took her right home."

It was another 50 years before Doug could admit to himself and the world that he was gay. In those years, the College Park native married, fathered four kids and became a Southern Baptist preacher. He remembers being called to the ministry around the age of 16.

"I found this community church in College Park and started going when I was eight years old," Doug relates, while relaxing in his sparse but comfortable office at All Saints Metropolitan Community Church, where he now is a pastor. "To that church's credit, while they were very backward and fundamental, they sent me to college."

Doug spent four years at Mercer and another four at the Southern Baptist Theological School in Louisville, Kentucky. Along the way, he met his future wife and got married. But something was still not right.

"I didn't know what it was," he says, frowning his brow. "I knew there was a difference, and there was not the attraction there that there should have been to my wife. She was the only woman I was ever with."

It was in 1990, while Doug was a chaplain with the Department of Corrections, that his sexual orientation first became apparent. He recalls, with some difficulty, the first time he put the label on himself.

"I was in a couples' group with my wife, trying to work on our marriage," he begins. "Finally, I said to the group, 'I guess I'm a goddamn queer.' That was the first realization of putting it into words. Then it moved from that negative attitude about it to an acceptance of it."

Doug is finally enjoying his life as a gay

man, but he arrived a little late on the scene.

"Age plays a large part in the gay culture. Being my age is well past being over the hill in gay life," he smiles. "A lot of younger folk isolate me or put me off to the side, and that's all right. There are others who are very caring. I feel very accepted where I've been involved, like the churches and some social arenas."

And like so many gays and lesbians, Doug is hungry for his first real relationship.

"I think it would give me a completion in my life, and I am looking for it—unabashedly so," he laughs. "I'm not panicky about it, though."

Doug has learned the hard lesson of waiting for the spirit to move in his life. While he waits for that special someone, he has dedicated his time to building All Saints MCC.

"I guess my biggest disappointment in the gay and lesbian community is their unwillingness to accept the possibility that MCC may be the answer to their needs," he says. "I meet people who tell me they haven't been to church in years and it's not important to them anymore, and that's sad. God sent Jesus to die for the sins of all humankind, and if we believe, there is our salvation. It doesn't depend on who we sleep with at night."

Doug knows it's a long, hard journey to undo all the gay bashing that has been done in the name of God.

"It takes a while for some folks to realize that they are not going to hell because of their social orientation and that God loves them too," he concludes.

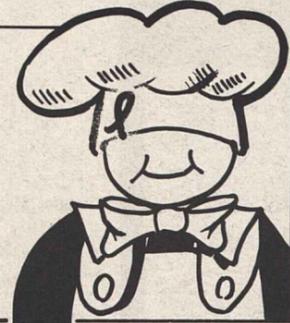
As for Doug, he has grieved over many losses as he begins his new life. Things are not good between he and his ex-wife, and his children are struggling to accept their father's true identity. But for the first time in a long time, Doug feels good about himself.

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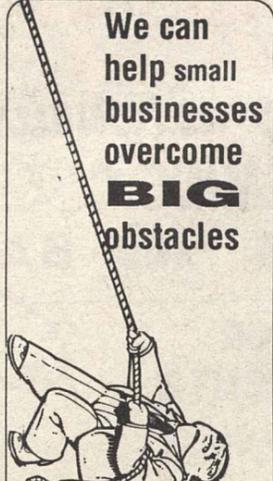
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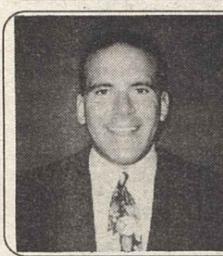
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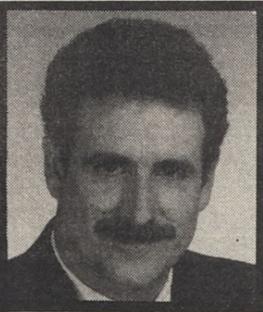
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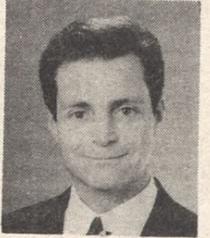
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GWF feminine, attractive, professional, VERY discreet seeks same GWF or Bi/WF 24-35 for friendship. Preferably Columbus, Auburn area - Confidential. ☎ 1526

GWF, 23, 5'2", slim, good sense of humor, positive, motivated, has own life, seeking attractive, secure woman who enjoys local music, outdoors, arts, romance. No butch, no druggies, no psychos. ☎ 1525

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

Wonderful intelligent GWF looking for special lady 30-40s who has sense of humor, honesty and loyalty for relationship. ☎ 1521

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

GWF, 40's, seeks serious animal lover, vegetarian, non-smoker who has trouble with grown people who believe in supernatural beings. ☎ 1497

GBF in search of other gay females for friendship, possibly more. A good sense of humor is the only requirement. ☎ 1499

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

GBF, attractive, very feminine, seeks fun-loving, aggressive GF for friendship, possible relationship. ☎ 1462

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEN

GBM, 28, dominant, masculine endowed top seeks GWM for french service. Must be discreet, passive and experienced. ☎ 1601

Romantic, assertive, spiritual, handsome GBM, 5'10", 160 lbs., 39 years, with hazel eyes seeks person possessing great emotional depth to chase rainbows with for a lifetime. Any race. ☎ 1602

GWM, HIV+, 34, seeks men for dining, movies, possible intimacy. ☎ 1600

Black male seeks a masculine black male with a touch of New York flavor for adventurous fun. ☎ 1598

Attractive professional GBM Top, 35, good condition, masculine, affectionate, seeks GWM Bottom (same attributes) for friendship/possible relationship. You 29-40. POB 371847, Decatur, GA 30037. ☎ 1596

GWM nudist, 40, 5'11", 185 lbs, muscular build, relocating to Atlanta mid-August, seeking GWM/GWC for fun in the sun and friendship. Professional, clean-cut, healthy, versatile enjoys sensual massages, videos, french, dancing and hot times. ☎ 1597

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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, clean-cut, youthful looks, slim muscular body, seeking hard bodied muscular males into showing off, J/O, body-worship. ☎ 1591

USA-born, raised in West Africa GWM, 30s, seriously seeking GBM (5'10"/taller) for friend/relationship. Benjamin, POB 21675, Long Beach, California 90801-4675. (6.27)

Fairly Humid WM, 6'3", 185 lbs., 43, HIV-, non-bar, seeks similarly heated "blue-collar" guy, 30-40, for hassle-free "Dog Day Afternoon" Popsicle Breaks! ☎ 1590

GWM 35, 5'9", 160, beard, masculine seeks older in-shape GB stud for discreet encounters. ☎ 1588

Nice guy, 55, 160 lbs, safe HIV neg. masculine, endowed top desires friendship (relationship?) with slim white male under 40. ☎ 1587

GBM SEEKS GM BODYBUILDER—Me: 29, attractive, masculine, "Charles Atlas Before" likes Kahill Gibran, Joe Campbell, volunteering, movies, traveling. You: secure, masculine, GM race unimportant. Goal: friendship possible relationship with physical and spiritual growth. ☎ 1543

After living seven years scared this very healthy HIV+ attractive, masculine GWM 5'9", B/Bl, 189, wishes to relax, love, and move on with life again. Desire attractive GWM 30-40+. ☎ 1573

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 (same, 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)

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 36, Healthy HIV+ seeks other GWMs who are relationship oriented. I'm slim, great cook, attractive, romantic, love to cuddle. ☎ 1557

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

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Skilledly administered by GWM, 38, 5'10", HAIRY, 170#, to guys 18-40. Discretion assured, limits respected. Beginners OK. ☎ 1555

GWM 35+ prof. 6'3" seeks same to 40. Respond if you seek simple life of love. Tennis, hairy, masc. sought. ☎ 1554

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

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

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

GWM mature professional seeks good looking, sincere and mature young man (20s) for travel, shopping, spoiling, possible relationship, no drugs, prefer non-smoker. ☎ 1563

Big Brother, Big Bottom, Carolina GWM, 50, 6'3", 250, ISO younger GWM, attractive Top. Trim and smooth A+. Will travel. ☎ 1546

GWM seeks attractive young GWM for dining out, travel, movies, cuddling, relationship, sincere only. ☎ 1564

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

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

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

GBM, attractive, hairy, versatile, top & bottom, seeks other black males for discreet encounters. ☎ 1522

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM COUPLE. 32 & 38 seek versatile GWM for fun and games. Us: Both 5'9", 185#, b/bl and br/gr. Love lots of body contact. ☎ 1500

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

Kissing, Screwing, Cuddling—my three favorite things!!! 38 year old nice guy, brown/blue, mustache, romantic, safe top. ☎ 1489

Teddy Bear seeks companion 35-50 for good times, happy times, quiet times. I am sincere, sophisticated and funny! Bearded, 6'1", 240 lbs, 47 years old. ☎ 1492

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 32, 5'10", 135#, blk/brn, very French active, ISO laid back, dominant, verbal, WMs to help fulfill my constant cravings. ☎ 1478

GWM, 28, 6', 180 lbs, brn/gm, 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 fls. Love to cuddle. ☎ 1448

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

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

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

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Texas WM, 39, 5'11", 175# seeks feminine passable Transsexual (pre-op) or Transvestite 21-45 for long lasting relationship/ friendship. ☎ 1553

46, BiWM, 6'1", clean, safe, smooth, bottom, love others into CD, TV/TS, feminine things, can satisfy demanding top. ☎ 1410

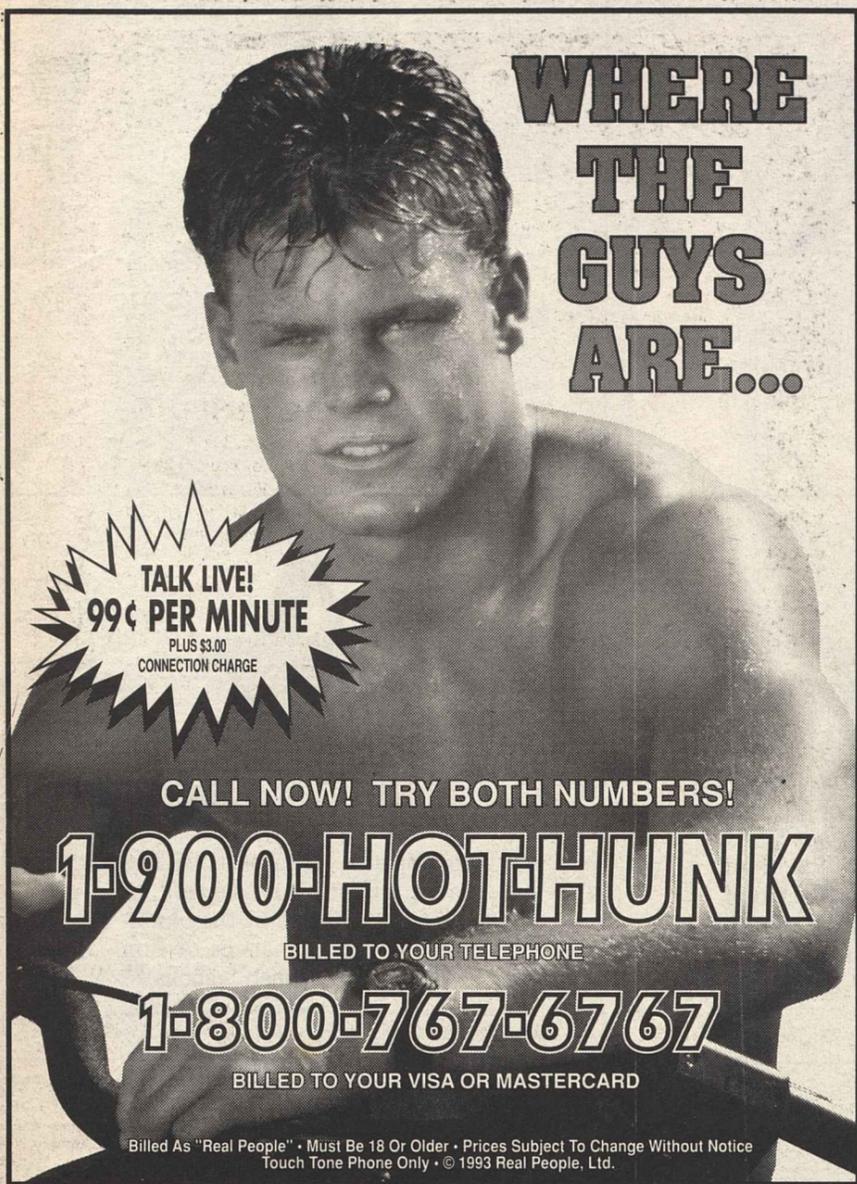
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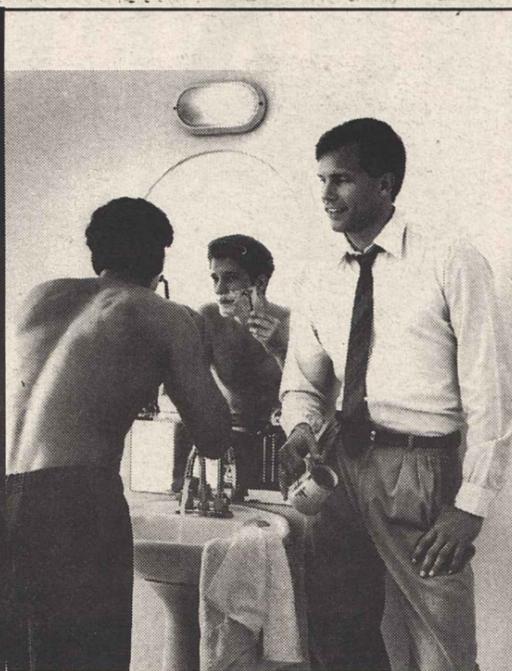
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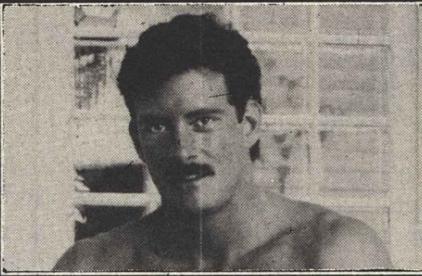


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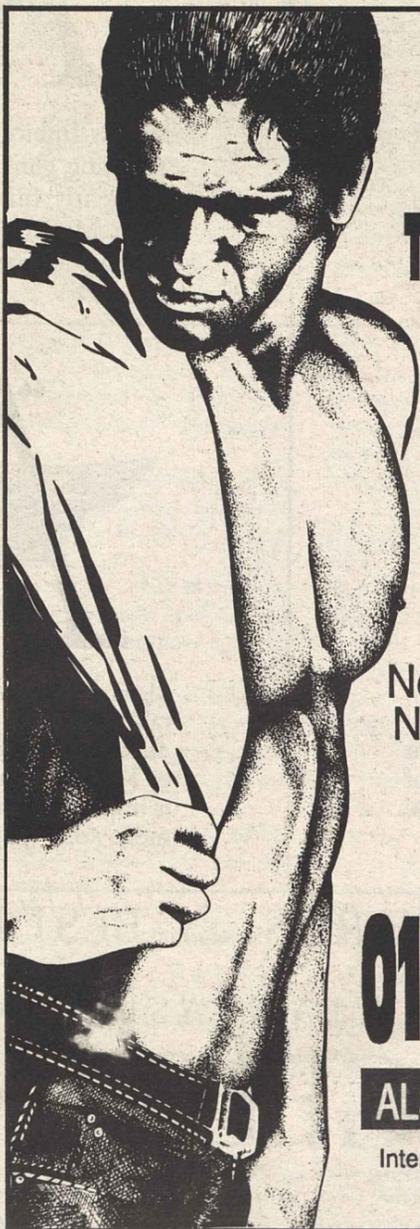
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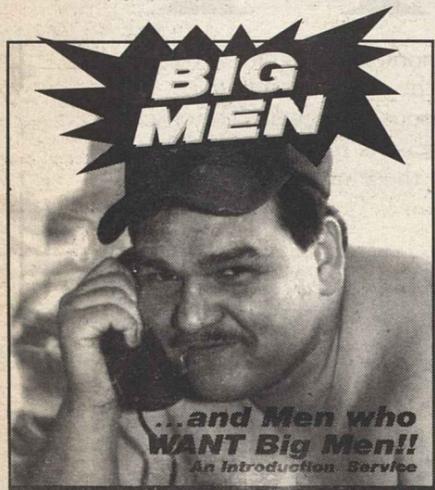
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