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### Walking a thin line

Atlanta's AIDS Walk has gone from a fledgling volunteer effort to a million-dollar operation. This year, the hiring of a professional fundraiser and a change in how the proceeds are distributed are raising concerns about just who will benefit.

by RICHARD SHUMATE

On Sunday, Oct. 17, thousands of people will take to the streets of Midtown to raise \$1 million for the fight against AIDS—to raise their voices in support of those who are living with the disease and to remember those who have died.

But the AIDS Walk Atlanta will be a different affair this year, and not just because it has a new name (the first two AIDS walks were called "From All Walks of Life").

For one thing, a for-profit professional fundraising firm, Miller Zeichik and Associates, has been hired to run what had been an all-volunteer operation. AID Atlanta, the agency that created the walk and is its major benefactor, refuses to disclose the fee that the company will be paid. And several groups that in the past had benefited from the walk—and helped build it in size and scope—are no longer guaranteed a slice of the pie.

The changes have caused some dissension among those who have been involved in the walk in the past. At least one person raising corporate money for the AIDS Walk resigned over the changes, and the heads of AIDS service organizations have held several meetings with AID Atlanta officials to express their concerns. Switching from a primarily volunteer effort to a professional fundraiser, which several sources say was an initiative of Sandy Thurman, who recently left her position as executive director of AID Atlanta, was also opposed by some on the agency's board.

"I was probably the [board member] least in favor of it," said Louis Jeffries. Although Miller Zeichik will still utilize some volunteers, Jeffries says he believes the switch will limit the ability of people to get involved in the walk in meaningful roles.

The dispute has put the leaders of the AIDS service organizations in something of a dilemma. No one wants to do anything to hurt the success of the walk, which is not only a fundraiser but also a powerful symbol of the

city's concern about AIDS. On the other hand, they believe that the public deserves to know where the money will go.

"We support the spirit of the walk, and I think no one disputes the value of the walk," says Louisa Basarrate, development director of Jerusalem House, one of the groups that has seen its guaranteed slice of the AIDS Walk money disappear. "But our biggest concern is that walkers will be misled by the promotional material."

That promotional material says that the walk will benefit AID Atlanta, Project Open Hand and "other AIDS service and education providers." But those other groups won't directly get money, as they have in the past.

This year, when the walk is over and all expenses are paid, 60 percent of the money that remains will go to AID Atlanta, 15 percent will go to Project Open Hand and the remaining 25 percent will go to the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation. The foundation's AIDS fund will then distribute that money through a competitive grant process.

The organizations that in the past received money from the walk will be eligible for the foundation grants. Indeed, many of them have received grants in the past. Now, though, they will have to compete with dozens of groups for the \$188,000 that will be available if the walk meets its fundraising goals. And under the foundation's existing policies, money might be distributed from the AIDS fund to organizations that are not primarily AIDS service groups but that offer AIDS programming.

For example, last year the foundation gave money to three youth organizations—the Boys' Club, the Girls' Scouts and Campfire—to provide peer educators to reach young people about AIDS. (Contrary to some rumors floating around town, none of that money went

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#### "No Hamlet, no Strauss, all Cobb gets is Mickey Mouse"

Demonstrators denounce Cobb commission's decision to cut all arts funding, as human rights groups launch effort to steer business out of the county.

Marietta—Don't come to Cobb.

That is the message that is going out across the country in the wake of the Cobb County Commission's decision last week to cut all county funding for the arts and a previous resolution condemning the gay/lesbian "lifestyle."

The action against Cobb County-organizers are going out of their way not to describe it as a boycott—is being promoted by the Cobb County Citizens Alliance, the group formed to fight the county commission's recent anti-gay/ lesbian initiatives, and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), which has chapters nationwide.

According to Carl Lange, executive director of GLAAD/Atlanta, the economic action is taking several forms. First, groups who are considering bringing conventions to Cobb's new \$43 million convention center, on top of Galleria Mall, will be asked to take them elsewhere. And businesses that are considering locating facilities in Cobb, Georgia's third largest county, will be asked to consider other sites in counties that don't sanction discrimination. Olympics officials will be lobbied not to locate any of the venues for the 1996 Olympic Games in Cobb County.

However, the economic action against Cobb does not include a blanket boycott of the county's merchants, which organizers felt would unfairly harm businesses who oppose the commission's action. But people who shop in Cobb and oppose the anti-gay/lesbian resolutions are being asked to let businesspeople know their opposition and ask them where they stand.

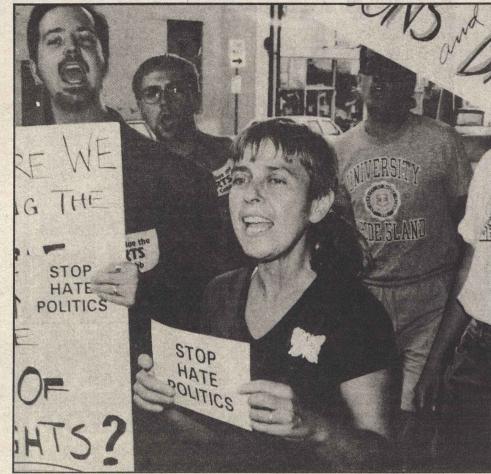
The action was announced the day after the Cobb County Commission, by a 5-0 vote, stripped \$123,000 in funding for nine arts groups that receive county money. The commissioners had been expected to approve a policy change, proposed by Commissioner Gordon Wysong, that would have removed funding only from works that didn't promote "traditional family values." But because of the First Amendment legal troubles inherent in judging artwork by its content, Chairman Bill Byrne instead moved to cut all funding, casting the proposal as an example of fiscal conservatism.

"[The arts groups'] success will be based on their performance," says Byrne, who said the money saved would be used to buy cameras for police cars and improve Cobb's canine unit. He denied that the commission's motive was censorship, describing that as a "smokescreen."

The only commissioner to oppose the antigay/lesbian "lifestyles" resolution, Bill Cooper, switched sides this time, saying this resolution was different because it was about use of tax dollars and not the lifestyles of individual county residents. "They must be viewed as separate and distinct," Cooper said.

However, Wysong's initial anti-arts resolution, as well as the resolution condemning the gay lifestyle, came after some Christian supremacists complained about a play, at Marietta's Theatre in the Square, which mentioned gay men. And hours after the vote, Wysong went on ABC's "Nightline" and said the county decided to yank funding because it was not willing to allocate money to arts groups without being able to have some control over how it was used. He also referred to homosexuality as a "behavior disor-

Teresa Nelson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Georgia, likened the commission's action to decisions in some parts of the South in the 1960s to completely close parks rather than integrate them.



ACT UP's Jeff Graham and other demonstrators took to the streets of Marietta.

"If they think they are avoiding litigation by simply gutting all funding for the arts, they're wrong," said Nelson, who said the ACLU is considering suing the county. "Cobb County commissioners are clearly carrying out the agenda of the religious right."

After the commission's vote, about 100 demonstrators took to the streets in front of Cobb's administration building to denounce the commissioners. A smaller group of counter-demon-

strators, including several people wearing Nazi insignias and a man holding a sign reading "Praise God for AIDS," stood across the street.

'This is not an issue of taxation. This is an issue of American culture," said Jeff Graham of ACT UP/Atlanta, the group that organized the demonstration. At one point, demonstrators vowed to fight on by chanting, "We Will Win."

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#### omax says he would keep Eldrin Bell as police chief

In a statement that could cost him support in Atlanta's gay/lesbian community, Fulton County Commission Chairman Michael Lomax said last week that if he becomes the next mayor of Atlanta, he will keep Eldrin Bell as police chief.

In a report on WAGA-TV, in which the contenders for mayor were asked whether they would get rid of Bell, Lomax was the only candidate who said that he would retain the chief, noting that he thought the chief had done a good job and that the two could work together.

City Councilman Bill Campbell and Councilwoman Myrtle Davis declined to say whether they would keep Bell as the city's top law enforcement officer, both saying that city employees would be evaluated on their performance. Davis said she found the question, from WAGA's Morse Diggs, to be offensive.

State Rep. Billy McKinney, who has said he



Michael Lomax

run for mayor himself—and he says he doesn't plan to run—his retention as police chief is ex-. pected to be a key issue in the mayoral race in the gay/lesbian community, where the controversial chief is unpopular and his performance has been roundly criticized.

Ed Stansell, chairperson of GAPAC, a gay/ lesbian political organization, says the leadership of his group "feels that our community's perception will be that Lomax's intention to re-

If Bell doesn't on Bell's performance."

Southern Voice could not reach Lomax for further comment.

Bell is seen in the community as insensitive to the issue of gay bashing and has been criticized for not following through on commitments made by Mayor Maynard Jackson during the last mayoral campaign to hire lesbian and gay officers. Stansell notes that it took almost two years before Bell would even agree to meet with community representatives.

Dissatisfaction with Bell has been one of the primary reasons for friction between the Mayor Jackson and the gay/lesbian community during this, his third term as mayor. He is not running for re-election.

Davis, Campbell and Lomax, who survived a recall attempt last year, have all been making concerted efforts to court the gay/lesbian vote also plans to run for mayor, was not interviewed. appoint Eldrin Bell is totally unacceptable, based considered crucial in this wide-open race.

McKinney, on the other hand, is openly homophobic and has been a vocal opponent of domestic partnership legislation recently passed by the City Council.

Bell's appointment by Jackson was highly controversial because several years ago Bell, then a police officer, was caught in an Atlanta restaurant during FBI sting operation in which several people with ties to organized crime were arrested. Witnesses said cocaine was being openly used in the restaurant while Bell was inside. He was never charged in connection with the sting but was demoted at the time.

Jackson made Bell police chief despite an Georgia Bureau of Investigation background report that was critical of Bell and despite the opposition of two top Atlanta police officials.

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#### McKinney, Archbold in court over City Hall scuffle

Atlanta—State Rep. Billy McKinney, who Archbold's arrest after Patricia Hubbert, a city has been leading an unapologetically homophobic campaign against gay/lesbian rights legislation, will go to court this week to face an assault charge for allegedly hitting lesbian activist Annie Archbold in front of a City Hall eleva-

After completing their investigation, Atlanta police issued a warrant for McKinney's arrest last week. In response, McKinney blasted police and told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that the situation "has escalated to full-scale war with the homosexual community."

In another development in the case, a Fulton

employee and McKinney ally, signed an affidavit in Fulton County Magistrate Court saying Archbold "made contact of an insulting or provoking nature with the victim by poking her with her finger and pushing her" during the same incident in which McKinney allegedly punched Archbold in the face.

Archbold told Southern Voice that she never got closer than about to 20 feet to Hubbert. "I personally believe [the warrant] is a form of harassment," she said.

On Aug. 2, as the City Council was considering a domestic partnership benefits bill that County magistrate issued a warrant for McKinney opposed, Archbold saw Hubbert, at

McKinney's behest, distributing a memo to City Council members. She says she followed Hubbert out of the room to ask her what she was doing when McKinney approached her and a discussion ensued. That is when, Archbold says, McKinney hit her in the face, a charged backed up by at least one other witness.

McKinney denies he hit Archbold.

Archbold says if the charges were filed in an attempt to intimidate her into dropping her complaint against McKinney, it won't work.

"This is a hate crime," she said. "I find it inappropriate for a state legislator to hit any-

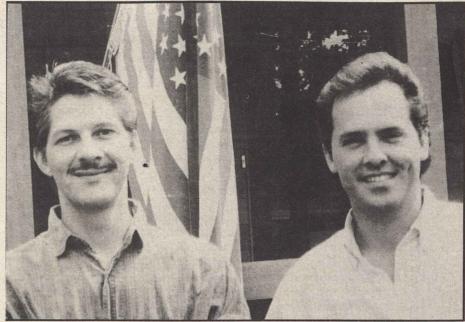
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Archbold denies poking McKinney ally







After a cross burning and a death threat, Roy Kirkland and Doug Sebastian are thinking of leaving Willacoochee.

#### Rural gay couple gets death threat

Willacoochee, GA — A gay couple who by his father with Sebastian, his lover of seven woke up a month ago to find a burned cross on their lawn have again been the targets of

And after returning from a recent trip to Florida to find their mailbox trashed and a crude death threat on their answering machine, Roy Kirkland and Doug Sebastian are considering leaving the small south Georgia town where they have lived for the past seven months.

"What should we do?' That's what we're really talking about," said Kirkland, who had vowed after the cross burning that the couple would not leave.

In February, Kirkland, a Willacoochee native, returned to live in the house left to him years. On July 21, they woke to find a burned cross on their lawn.

News of the attack prompted an outpouring of support from the community, which the couple found heartening. Then, when they returned from Jacksonville two weekends ago, they found the death threat and a message Kirkland describes as "very vulgar."

"It was a redneck's way of describing gay men," said Kirkland.

The cross burning, which is being investigated by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. has not been solved. Kirkland said he has reported the second attack to local authorities. who, he says, have not been helpful.

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#### **Churches target Gay World Series**

Nashville, TN-Christian supremacists have launched a campaign to stop the 1994 Gay Softball World Series, which will be held in Nashville next summer.

Congregations at 15 churches in Madison, a small town outside of the city where some Series events are scheduled, are being asked by their pastors to oppose the measure, according to a report in Query, Nashville's gay/ lesbian newspaper. Local pastors have formed a group called Pro-Madison, organized to oppose the World Series and to guard against the establishment of sex-related businesses in

More than 1,900 signatures were collected on petitions circulated during two services at the huge Madison Church of Christ, where pastor Steve Flatt said, "We want to go on record as saying we would prefer that this event not take place. We think [the tournament] will be an exhibition like the March [On Washington]. We don't need that in Madison.'

The petitions were to be presented to the Nashville-Davidson County Metro Council. Officials with metro parks department have said, however, that despite any petitions, it would be discriminatory to refuse use of their facilities to any groups, including the Music City Sports Association, the organizing group for the 1994 World Series.

The Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice, a Middle Tennessee-based political organization, condemned the ministers' "message of discrimination."

"The choice to use the pulpit as a forum to preach bigotry, and attempt to exclude certain citizens from access to metro parks, is irresponsible use of leadership," said Lon Thrasher of the coalition. "Are these ministers afraid that the Gay World Series will show many residents of Davidson County that lesbians and gay men are real people who enjoy the same recreations that these Madison congregations do?"

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#### **NC Pride March goes to Charlotte**

eight-year history, the North Carolina Lesbian and Gay Pride March will be held in the state's largest city, Charlotte.

The statewide celebration, to be held June 3-5, 1994, is expected to bring 3,000-5,000 people to the city. Activities being planned include concerts, seminars, a business expo and picnics, with the march and rally set for Sunday.

"We will be looking for some major names to be part of our celebration," said Sue Henry, one of the co-chairs of the event. "We will be encouraging all members of the lesbian and gay community to participate in the weekend's

Charlotte, NC-For the first time in its activities, and we will be inviting everyone who is supportive of equal rights.'

North Carolina Lesbian and Gay Pride, Inc., based in Durham, awarded the 1994 march to Charlotte on July 24. Though most frequently held in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area, the event does move to other parts of the state, as in 1992 when it was held in Asheville.

Those wishing to volunteer or make a contribution can contact the local organizing committee at P.O. Box 32062, Charlotte NC 28232-2062, or call Sue Henry days at (704) 332-7473 or Dan Kirsch evenings at (704) 536-

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#### SF Mayor Ousts Official Who Condones Killing Gays: A



Rev. Eugene Lumpkin

Baptist minister who believes homosexuality is an abomination against God has been fired from San Francisco's Human Rights Commission for telling a talk-show audience the Bible condones killing gay men. "It is intolerable, indefensible and inexcusable for anyone in San Francisco...to be associated with statements, be they biblical or otherwise, which justify violence," Mayor Frank Jordan said in a statement Aug. 20 demanding the resignation of Rev. Eugene Lumpkin. Lumpkin denied that he advocates violence against gays, saying that he only agreed that the Bible advocates such punishment. Asked on a local television program if he agreed with a passage in the Book of Leviticus that calls for executing men by stoning if they have sex with other men, he replied: "That's what it says...That's what God says...that's what the Bible says."

Goldwater Fed Up With GOP, Religious Right: Barry Goldwater, who for years was the conservative voice of the GOP, says it is "just plain dumb" for Republicans to oppose gays and lesbians in the armed forces. "There has been homosexuality ever since men and women were invented. I guess there were gay apes. So it's not an issue," he said in an interview with The Advocate. Goldwater said Clinton sought his views on the issue. "Clinton called me up one day about this and I told him just that, give the order and then shut up about it." Goldwater said he has also lost all respect for the religious right. "There is no place in this country for practicing religion in politics. That goes for Falwell, Robertson and all the rest of those political preachers." Goldwater also disclosed he has a gay grandson.

coalition of conservative groups and religious organizations, presented its petitions to the Hamilton County Board of Elections on Aug. 20. Gay groups have formed Equality Cincinnati to fight the ballot issue. Peri Jude Radecic, an organization will bring experts to Cincinnati to train volunteers and help local activists organize. The anti-gay rights initiative is similar to other efforts throughout the country, but is the first in Ohio. Take Back Cincinnati was assisted by the Colorado group that was successful last year in passing a statewide referendum that nullified gay rights ordinances in Aspen, Boulder and Denver.

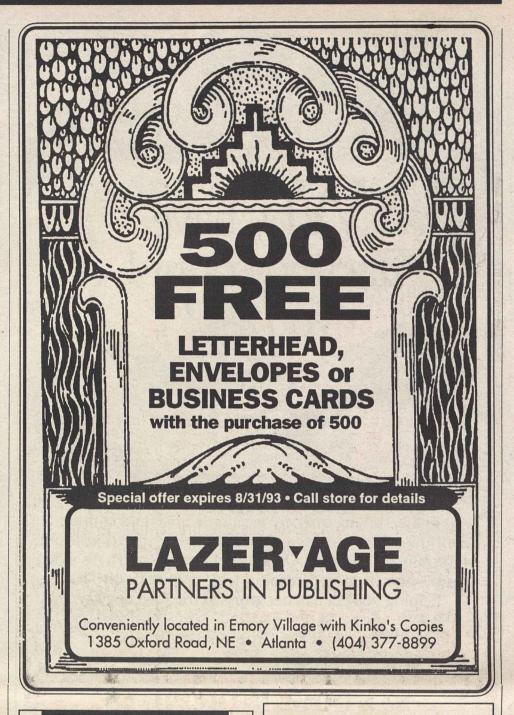
King, John Join Forces Against AIDS: Part-time Atlantan Elton John and tennis star Billie Jean King are putting together a two day "Smash Hits" fundraiser to benefit the Elton John AIDS Foundation. The event, set for Sept. 22-23 in Los Angeles, will feature a tennis match with some of the sport's all-time greats, a private concert by John, and an invitation-only dinner hosted by Lily Tomlin. Among those expected to take part are Elizabeth Taylor, John McEnroe, Don Henley, and Chris Evert. John and King plan to make the event an annual one.

Italian Father Hires Hit Man To Kill Gay Son: A Sicilian father reportedly outraged that his son was gay and working as a prostitute has been arrested on charges of hiring a gunman to kill him. Giuseppe Mandanici, 33, was shot three times in the stomach and arm on a sidewalk in Mazzara Sant'Andrea, a town near Messina, Sicily. He was reported in serious condition in a hospital after an operation to remove a bullet from his liver. A few hours after the shooting on Aug. 18, his father, Vincenzo, 58, was arrested on charges of attempted murder, said deputy police chief Carmelo Castrogiovanni. "He was ashamed, he couldn't accept his son's sexual inclination and refused to allow anyone in the family to talk about it," said the Rome newspaper La Republica. Police also arrested the man who allegedly shot Mandanici. Newspapers said he was paid \$700 to do it.

Boston Police To Actively Recruit Gay/Lesbian Officers: The Boston Police Department will actively recruit gays and lesbians for its September and February police academy classes, Commissioner William J. Bratton said. "We do it for the same reason we recruit Chinese officers," he said. "Some people feel more comfortable when they are dealing with Chinese officers who speak their language." The department is also trying to attract more women and minorities. The police force now has two openly gay officers.

Judge Says Oregon Law Can't Stop Anti-Gay Initiatives: Clackamas County circuit Judge Patrick Gilroy ruled Aug. 20 that he is powerless to stop votes on anti-gay ordinances in two Oregon towns despite a state law that prohibits local governments from enacting or enforcing ordinances that single out individuals or groups based on sexual orientation. The ACLU filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction to stop votes in Estacada and Molalla, arguing the Legislature enacted the new law to prohibit them. But Gilroy agreed with lawyers for the state, saying the law contained no specific language giving him the authority to call off the elections. The ACLU plans to repeal the ruling. The ruling may set a precedent for other local elections on the issue scheduled later this year. Seven local governments plan to go ahead with Sept. 21 elections on anti-gay rights proposals backed by the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

**Suspect in Gay Serial Killings Held Without Bail:** A suspect in the London serial killings of gay men was ordered held without bail Aug. 21 for allegedly murdering five men, including a Texas businessman. Colin Ireland, 39, is charged with the murders of four Britons and a Texas businessman who lived in London. The unemployed father of two sat expressionless throughout the brief hearing. Since March 8, the bodies of the five men have been found strangled or suffocated in their homes. In each case, the killer telephoned police, a national newspaper or a suicide hot line with precise details of the crime. He also threatened to kill a new victim every week.



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now Congress is considering measures that would exempt them from federal taxes.

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Barney Frank, D-Massachusetts, and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-California. In order for the life insurance seller to qualify for the tax break, the company that is buying the policy must meet state regulations. So far,

only California regulates these so-called "viatical" companies, so the bill in Congress companies to report the proceeds of life inis expected to spur other states to start overseeing what is now an almost completely unregulated enterprise.

But chances that the Frank-Pelosi bill will pass are considered slim by some Congress

"It's never going to pass," said David Petersen, president of Affording Care, a national not-for-profit center that offers financial information to the seriously ill. "With

San Francisco, CA—Taxes are a huge Congress arguing over how much to tax Medicaid benefits, this [proposal] is going to be seen as a boondoggle. Who's going to vote for that?"

Last year, a similar effort was led by Sen. settlement if they sell their life insurance Arlen Specter, R-Pennsylvania. It failed due to criticism that exempting the life insurance sales from taxes would cost the government

> But that figure "doesn't take into account the savings realized by the terminally ill [by] not having to rely on public assistance," said Dennis Shawl of Frank's office.

Shawl said that he intends to be able to quantify the cost savings this month when Frank presents the measure at a public hearing.

Right now, the IRS doesn't require viatical surance sales to the IRS, so it is up to the terminally ill person to decide whether to comply with the requirement to declare the income. However, if an estate were to be audited after their death, the taxes would still have to be paid out of the estate.

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#### Ban law may come up next week

back into town next week, it is expected to take up a measure that would codify thE ban on gay men and lesbians serving openly in the military into federal law.

Anti-ban forces are gearing up for a major fight, asking their supporters to continue lobbying their congressmen and senators.

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, says the proposal, which the Clinton administration will apparently not fight, would be more strict that Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which allows gays and lesbians to serve if they keep their orientation secret or agree to remain celi-

"[The congressional measure] would weaken the "don't ask" provision of "don't ask, don't tell." It would also eliminate all provisions for equal enforcement of military codes of conduct for heterosexual and homosexual violations, thereby encouraging a vicious double-standard of enforcement to continue," said McFeeley.

Now, restrictions on lesbian/gay service personnel are based on executive orders that could be changed by any president without the approval of Congress. If the ban is written into federal law, however, only Congress could lift the ban in the future.

In a related development last week, the Pentagon finally released a 407-page study on the gays-in-the-military issue done by the Rand Corp., a California research group with close ties to the Defense Department.

The Rand report, which cost the government \$1.3 million, concluded that while concerns about the possible effects of permitting homosexuals to serve are not groundless, "the problems do not appear insurmountable, and there is ample

Washington, D.C-When Congress comes reason to believe that heterosexual and homosexual military personnel can work together effectively."

This contradicts a study by senior military officers that found that "all homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

Upon its release last week, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin said President Clinton's decision not to lift the ban was derived from the officers' recommendations but insisted Rand's work was not ignored. "What



Secretary of Defense Les Aspin

Rand's systematic research and analysis showed was that a

policy change could be successfully implemented," Aspin said. The policy change adopted, however, varied little from the existing ban policy. While news of the Rand report leaked out

prior to Clinton's announcement of "don't ask, don't tell," the Pentagon refused to release it. The change of heart came shortly after eight U.S. senators demanded that the report be re-

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The 39-year-old man, who called himself "Bobby" and spoke to two California newspapers on the condition his real name wasn't used, says he has burned his pornography and is leaving town after two Marines tried to break down his front door and others made threatening calls.

"I think I'm going to San Francisco," he said. "I don't want to die over this. It's not worth

Bobby ran a mail-order gay pornography operation from a garage apartment in Oceanside, a few miles from Camp Pendleton. He estimated that between 500 and 800 Marines stationed at Camp Pendleton had sex with him since he moved to Oceanside from Los Angeles in 1974 and began photographing Marines in private sessions. Bobby said as many as 20 Marines a weck

The mail-order video operation began three years ago, Bobby said, adding that he also acted as point man in an underground referral operation through which other pornographic video makers in the San Diego area would pay Marines up to \$250 for taping sessions lasting 20 minutes to 90 minutes.

About 20 percent of the Marines he videotaped or referred to other agencies were homosexual or bisexual, Bobby said, but even heterosexual Marines would consent to be photographed with other men "for the money or just the thrill of it."

Oceanside police said investigators were closing a probe into the gay pornography ring bccause they had no evidence underage boys were involved. However, if Marines are identified, they could face charges because involvement in making pornography violates the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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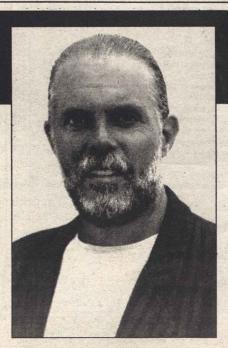
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#### EDITORIAL

#### Oregon flyers point to need for rights law

A recent news item has brought to light, yet again, the legally precarious situation in which lesbians and gay men in the United States find themselves.

The item concerned the United States Justice Department's refusal to investigate the source of flyers being circulated in Oregon that advocate violence against gay men and lesbians.

These aren't just your garden-variety "God hates fags" missives that would, unfortunately, be expected in a state where the populace has been whipped into a frenzy by the activities of extremists. "We must observe and implement God's methods to exterminate homosexuals,' read one. Another calls for executions and castrations. "The Bible commands you to raise up the 'Sword of Righteousness' and slash the throat of the perverted heathen."

And ominously, the flyers ask people to compile lists of those whom they believe are gay and send them to something called a "homosexual names collection division." This would be alarming anywhere, but particularly so in a state where two gay people lost their lives in a firebombing last year.

If these flyers had advocated that these violent actions be taken against a racial or religious minority, the Justice Department would have investigated because of federal laws against conspiring to deprive someone of

But there will be no investigation in this

case because, as Linda Davis, chief of the criminal section of the Justice Department's civil rights division noted, sexual orientation is not included under civil rights laws. "Neither the dissemination of the flyer nor the violence it advocates constitutes a violation of any federal criminal statute," she said.

Of course, if any lesbians or gay men are actually killed or castrated, the perpetrators could be held accountable under Oregon criminal law. But because sexual orientation is not a recognized category under civil rights laws, the considerable resources of federal law enforcement cannot be brought to bear against

this violent campaign before it becomes vio-

It appears that in this case, the Justice Department had no choice but to turn down a request for an investigation. Davis said she regretted having to do so. If she really feels that way, our hope is that she, Attorney General Janet Reno and others in the Clinton administration will become forceful advocates for extension of federal civil rights protections to America's gays and lesbians so that they won't have to regret any longer.

RICHARD SHUMATE

#### **Lunching with Lester in Marietta**

Kudos all around, particularly to the Lesbian Avengers, for last weekend's "Queer Family Picnic" in the Marietta Square. While we had lunch in the sun and engaged in a peaceful demonstration against intolerance, our opponents phoned in bomb threats and had Lester Maddox, the Klan and skinheads in their midst.

What a glorious sight to see on the evening news-rainbow flags and words of peace juxtaposed with that blast from not-so-fondlyremembered past, Mistah Lestah, talking about "putting the brakes on queers."

But our favorite observation came from

two bystanders on the square who didn't seem gay/lesbian sympathetic but were nonetheless expressing displeasure at how much of money the frivolous actions of the commissioners were costing the county in police overtime.

We would, of course, have liked to win these two men over to our cause by raising their consciousness about lesbian and gay people. But if the only way we can get their support is to make them see the high cost of homophobia, then so be it.

We'll take whatever we can get.

RICHARD SHUMATE

#### T Barlow's comedy went too far at Queer Family Picnic

Upon arriving at the Marietta Square for our "Family Picnic," I was happy to find a wonderfully diverse group packing the area. In keeping with the stated goals of the event, it appeared that everyone was working together to present a united front of demanding respect for our rights as human beings and as taxpaying citizens. The atmosphere was one of family, of mutual caring and support. And it was a pleasure to see so many children present, both from our community as well as from "straight families" who were there in support.

I was, therefore, disappointed and angry when performer Jan Barlow resorted to "comedy" material that was very offensive, much of it sexually explicit. I cannot think of any setting where I would find it humorous to joke about "redneck dykes" who will either "do it with your child or with your goat," least of all with many of your children sitting front and center in the audience. Sexual abuse of children is simply not a joking matter.

I appreciate the fact that there are individuals willing to step out front and take on the spotlight roles for our community. But it is my hope that these spokespersons recognize the personal responsibility that goes along with that role and use some judgment and selfcensoring when appropriate. Not all material is suitable for all settings or audiences. In some instances, shock tactics and "in your face" sexuality only serve to foster and fuel existing stereotypes about our community.

Above all, I hope we can all take more responsibility for creating a nurturing and respectful environment for our children. This event was designed to show off our family values. My family values do not include exposing children to demeaning or inappropriate sexual material.

Carol Calvert Decatur

#### Too few people at Marietta picnic

I realize sometimes we get obsessed with numbers, and, it's true, numbers don't mean everything, but, they are important, and this time it just doesn't make sense to me.

How can Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride attract 125,000 and the Queer Family Picnic only something around 1,000?

Even if I consider things like out-oftowners accounting for some of the numbers

at Gay Pride and comparatively little advance "publicity" for the Queer Family Picnic, and the fact that many closeted gays and lesbians may feel more comfortable in the vast crowd at Gay Pride as opposed to a smaller group where they might be more visible, I still don't understand it.

Only one out of every 125 who went to Gay Pride went to the Oueer Family Picnic? Perhaps some of you weren't as shocked and outraged as I was at the Cobb County Commission's recent actions.

If you haven't heard, the Cobb County commissioners have passed a resolution officially condemning us. We've heard of such antics in far away places like Oregon and Colorado, but folks, Cobb County is right here in good old metro Atlanta.

The Queer Family Picnic was an opportunity for us to show our numbers, our united community and our utter rejection of the board's resolution. I'm sure there will be more such opportunities, and I hope more of you decide to get involved. My many thanks to the Lesbian Avengers for organizing the event. Despite my personal disappointment at the size of the crowd, the event was still a resounding success.

Steve Devore Atlanta

#### Drug use in "Ethan" is inappropriate

I am an avid Southern Voice reader who feels that the paper is a great asset to our community. I will, however, notify you of something in your paper that I find disturbing. I have noticed three "Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green" cartoons in the past several months that endorse the lie that abusing drugs [is] sale or desirable. In one cartoon, Ethan Green used the deadly combination of booze and pills. In another, he took poppers and then cruised a disco.

I wonder if those who are using poppers are capable of considering [safer] sex. In the most recent cartoon the character admits to using "the assistance of a helpful bottle of Valium" to help him not be depressed by reading the newspaper. I feel that these cartoons were a blemish to an otherwise high-quality paper. If you choose to continue to publish cartoons that show drug abuse in a positive light, I hope that you would also print information that shows the truth about using drugs-that continued and sometimes even occasional drug abuse ruins lives and may cause death.

Maggie Turlington

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#### An anxious, neurotic homophobe in P-FLAG clothing

Aaaaaaaaaarrrrrghhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

I know it is not acceptable to want to get hold of Rocco and Vinnie to take out a contract on a P-Flag member. Thank you, no, you don't have to remind me that this is hardly a charitable, compassionate, understanding attitude. But, hey, you weren't at the meeting.

Now why, you may be asking, was *I* there? Did my only heir suddenly spring a same-sex spouse? No such luck. I was there because the founders of this particular chapter of this wonderful, helpful, thrifty, brave and reverent organization are the parents of a young gay friend. They could be the poster parents we are all looking for. It was the second or third meeting of the chapter, and they had decided that the program of the night ought to include a panel of actual homosexuals. They asked me to be the token grown-up in a sea of post-adolescence.

There were five of us on the imaginary dais in their living room. I was the only one of them who had earned more money than my age, or knew which band Paul McCartney played in before the one that Mastercard sends on world tours. They thought I'd bring vision, experience and wisdom. Hey, who was I to disagree?

We introduced ourselves and proceeded to panel-discuss.

"No, I hadn't felt any different growing up."

"Yes, I had."

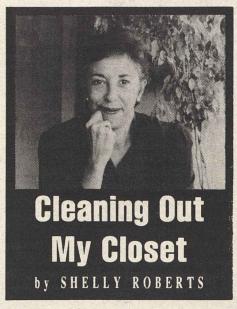
"No, my friends didn't beat me up when they found out."

"Yes, they did."

. "No, I wasn't sure when I was three and a half."

"Of course, I was."

Seemed innocent enough. Your average panel of contradictory homos attempting self-explanation to a captive audience seeking self-



enlightment while accomplishing self-acquit-

Then she opened her mouth. Who? You know who. Her. Richie and No-Nose's potential target. We'll call her 'AN (short, in my accurate vocabulary, for Anxious Neurotic). She started with our most vulnerable.

"So, Tommy... (Tommy was barely acknowledged to himself, only partially out to his friends and struggling with how to inform his family) ...so your dad was unavailable? Now, why is it, and my son and I have talked about this, and we both are absolutely certain that it's true, and we know it for a fact, why is it, Tommy, that all gay men have absent or abusive fathers?"

What??? Poor Tommy's jaw went slack. He sputtered. "Well, uh, no. I was closer to my mom, but, um, a lot of guys are. My dad may have been somewhat more distant, but he wasn't absent or abusive..."

"Well," she continued, in that tone you could use to tame plywood and that didn't brook contradiction well, "why is it that all gay men are only involved with promiscuous sex? And don't seem—my son agrees on this—to place any value on character or friendship?"

Huh??? "It's the family that causes it," she blathered. "You could all stop if you really wanted to. I know you don't like me, or what I have to say, but it's my opinion, and I'm entitled to my opinion."

Oh, my. And she went on. For the rest of the night. Dominating the agenda with slanderous certainties. Interrupting with inaccuracies at every opportunity. Rudely arguing evidence in her face.

She coalesced the rest of the parents. Strong, supportive fathers defended themselves. Mothers broke reason over the head of her obstinacy. Kids attempted to bring experience to bear. I ineffectively tried controlling the steam screaming to escape my ears.

That night I learned how glad I am that there are P-Flag parents wise enough to explain the P-Flag purpose—to support and educate parents and friends of lesbians and gays so they can be there for themselves and their children and be more comfortable with their interactions. And that if five self-declared lesbians and gay men all had something to say that was contradictory to any parent's belief, just maybe they were trying to tell a parent something valid and perhaps we ought to listen. (Dennis, Beverly, you have my vote for sainthood. I also vote for breaking AN's knees and drumming her kid out of the homo corps. All those in favor, say "Get 'em!!")

That night, I remembered that neurotics often either hear their kids neurotically or make their kids follow their image and that AN's son probably would have had a busy social life, gay or not. That certain people (like his

mother) were going to hold us personally responsible whether we deserved it or not. I learned that coming out is a parent's process, too, and that if AN does go back, she will gain insight into the very nature of our very nature. If I go back in six months or a year, it would probably be AN patiently explaining to some new Cro-Magnon mom, "You know, I used to think like that, but now I know..." (That, or the other parents will have poisoned her punch).

I also understand that, while I have little enough tolerance for my declared enemies—the self-portentous conservatives trying to immoralize my soul at my life's expense—there is nearly none left for the self-confessed "friends and family" brandishing myths of damning self-justification and denial. So I should stay out of P-Flag meetings till I get more tolerant. It's their process, and they have to go through it their own way.

I'm so glad P-Flag is willing to bear the burden of all the ANs and sundry involved misinformeds. Bless P-Flag parents for completing the process and loving their kids. Not "anyway." Not "in spite of." And caring enough to want to help other parents get there. They're doing a necessary job that I don't wish, thank you very much, to apply for. I'm obviously not qualified.

Eventually, of course, I will cool down on the encounter. But, gee, in the meantime, er, uh, just in case I don't, or don't want to, could someone fax me a certain "family" phone number in the New York-New Jersey area? I may have a few arrangements to work out.

Anybody want to help me start a chapter on Fop-Flag? That's Figuring Out Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays? First meeting will be at my house.

#### GUEST EDITORIAL

#### Advice from a black lesbian: Come out, be proud, it's your life

by TANYA

Coming out? What is that!! These are the words you fear your hip-hop, jazz and R&B friends might say, so instead of coming out, you repress it, because you're afraid of what all the homegirls and homeboys might say.

College starts, and again you walk around with a bomb inside. House parties galore full of sweaty guys and lovely girls. Yeah, you dance with all the cute guys, but you're really looking at that fine sister in the corner who's looking like Mary G. Blige.

The night is over, you go back to the dorm, take a cold shower and you go to sleep, only to dream about the opportunities you could have had if you were honest with yourself.

At 8 a.m. the next morning, you awake for Mr. Davis' African history class. You awake with good anticipation, hoping that the nice looking girl with the brown eyes will tease you like she always does. Class starts, you eagerly search the room hoping that pretty brown eyes are in the house. Damn. She didn't show up.

Two-thirty the same day, Mom calls, "How are you, hon?" "Fine, Mom, how are you?" "Fine, have you found a good looking cutic yet?" "No Mom." You hang up the telephone feeling bad because you want to say, "Hey Mom, I'm a lesbian" but you think of what your grandmother, aunts, uncles and friends might say, not to mention the black community, so again you repress it.

Eight-thirty comes, and there's a knock on your door. You open the door and there she is, the girl with the pretty brown eyes asking for today's assignment. You gasp. "Sure, come on in," you say. Sitting on the bed you get nervous because you're attracted to this girl who, not to mention, also teases you. She stares at you and says, "Did you know that I am a lesbian?" You choke up and say, "Really?" She says, "I'm awfully attracted to you," and you reply, "I'm attracted to you too." You give her the assignment, kiss a little and make

Ten-thirty comes, you feel great. You feel that you have the courage to tell Mom. "Hello?" "Hi, Mom, guess what?" "What, honey?" "I'm a lesbian." "Honey, I love you no matter what. If you're happy, I'm happy." Click.

Ten-forty-five comes, the telephone rings,

it's your grandmother calling saying that she knew it and that she still loves you no matter what. You hang up with a relief.

Nine-thirty the next day, you're ready for the date. You put on this lovely black dress and shoes. You stop to pick up your date and you're off (still in the closet to friends). The date is wonderful, you eat, dance and hug.

She's your dream, so you decide to tell your friends. Some leave you and some stay, but you're happy and really don't care. There, you did it. Yes, you get picked on sometimes, but you don't let words bother you.

It's been a year, and my partner and I are stronger than ever. The black community is split on my decision, but who cares?

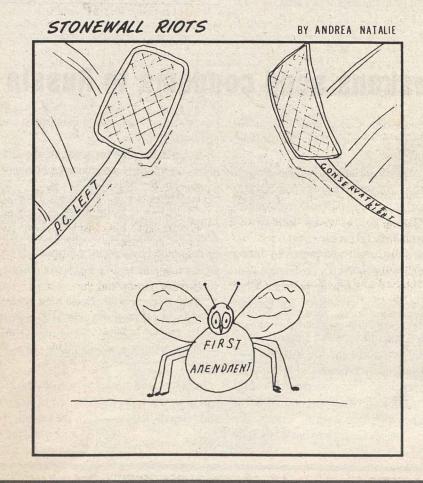
I wrote this because I know that there are a lot of black sisters out there who feel the way I did but, because of how the black community has responded to lesbians/gays, they are seared.

Do yourself a favor. Come out. Be proud. It's your life.

Tanya lives in Columbia, S.C.

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#### All condoms aren't created equal

Tests for leakage of HIV find brands vary widely

Los Angeles, CA-After testing 31 different brands of condoms for leakage of the HIV virus, a recent study found that the Ramses Non-Lube condom ranked best among brands still on the market in the United States.

On the other end of the scale, the Contracept Plus brand, which is no longer on the market, ranked lowest. Of 100 condoms of that brand tested, all 100 leaked.

The study was conducted by the Mariposa Foundation and Sequoia Associates in California and Nelson Laboratories in Salt Lake City. It confirmed earlier reports that condoms from some brands leak viruses similar in size and shape to the HIV virus and to the hepatitis viruses, although the amount of leakage vary widely from condom to condom.

"Not all brands of condoms are equal," said Dr. Bruce Voeller, president of the Mariposa Foundation. "At the same time, if you are going to engage in sex, almost any brand of condom is better than none."

Among major brands of condoms, those manufactured by Schmid, which includes the Ramses and Sheik brands, ranked among the best, as did condoms made by Circle, including the Mentor and Gold Circle

However, researchers had a couple of notes for consumers using this information to make their condom-buying decisions. First, Circle has been bought by Carter Wallace, which replaced some of the Circle condoms with its own products still using the brand names Circle used. The Mentor condom that actually topped the study is no longer being sold, and a new Mentor condom was ranked low in a Consumer Reports test. And second, the highly-ranked Ramses brand is now called Touch.

Of 110 Ramses Non-Lube condoms tested, only one condom appeared to exhibit any leakage. It was at a value less than 300 particles in half an hour, a very low value, underscoring the high quality of this particular Schmid brand condom, research-

Each of the brands was tested for viral

leakage after the first being stressed for five minutes under physiological conditions on a "coital simulating instrument" in order to place the condoms under circumstances as similar to those during actual sex as possible. Each condom was tested with large quantities of a benign virus similar to HIV placed inside the condom.

#### **Condom rankings**

(Among brands tested in the study that are still on the market in the United States)

- 1. Ramses Non-Lube, Schmid
- 2. Ramses Sensitol, Schmid
- 3. Gold Circle Coin, Circle
- 4. Gold Circle, Circle
- 5. Sheik Elite, Schmid
- 6. Durex Nuform, Schmid
- 7. Pleaser, Circle
- 8. Ramses Extra, Schmid
- 9. Embrace Her, Circle
- 10. LifeStyles Stimula, Ansell
- 11. Ramses NuForm, Schmid
- 12. Excita Extra, Schmid
- 13. Parrish, Circle
- 14. Yamabuki #1, Fuji
- 15. Trojan-Enz, Carter Wallace
- 16. Trojan-Enz Lubricated, Carter Wallace
- 17. Shields, Ortho Pharmaceutical
- 18. Trojan Plus,
- Carter Wallace
- 19. Zero O-2000, Fuji
- 20. Prime, Ansell
- 21. LifeStyles Nuda Plus, Ansell
- 22. Arouse, National Sanitary
- 23. Tahiti, Ansell
- 24. LifeStyles Conture, Ansell
- 25. LifeStyles Nuda, Ansell
- 26. Trojan Naturalube Ribbed, Carter Wallace
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#### Alaskans send condoms to Russia

the proletariat, or Juneau's gift to Russia, with love.

A group of Juneau women has brought more than 200,000 condoms and \$60,000 worth of birth-control pills to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, a Russian Far East city of more than 350,000 people.

The unusual gift was presented during an international women's conference convened there last week to promote better health and social conditions for Russian

The conference, which included more than 100 Americans and 150 Russians, was organized by JoAnn Grady of Juneau-based Innovations Inc. The conference was held in conjunction with the opening of Petropavlovsk's first women's center. The Lovett Women's Center was funded by Sally

Juneau, AK-Call it prophylactics for Lovett, a San Francisco philanthropist and

Lovett also paid for some of the condoms, while others were donated by manu-

The condoms will be distributed at the Lovett Center, while the birth-control pills, donated by Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp., will be distributed by the city's hospital. There are enough pills to give 500 women a oneyear supply, Grady said.

Though most methods of birth control available in the West also exist in the former Soviet Union, abortion is the most commonly used and only free option there, Grady

Doctors and nurses advise women to use other methods, but they are expensive and often difficult to obtain, she said.

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#### **New CDC head stresses prevention**

Atlanta—The new head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says he will stress prevention of new infections in the nation's battle with HIV.

HIV/AIDS "challenges us as no other problem has before to deal with behavior modification first of all," said Dr. David Satcher, who was appointed to head the CDC on Aug. 20.

Satcher listed his priorities as head of the federal agency as battling AIDS, environmental toxins and the problems of the inner city. He said that "the role of CDC is becoming increasingly crucial for the nation."

Satcher, 52, is the president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville. The Anniston, Ala., native will become the CDC's first black director, inheriting a CDC troubled by turmoil, as it slashes hundreds of jobs and deals with allegations of discrimina-

President Clinton appointed Satcher, a genetics researcher who has headed Meharry since 1982. He will assume his duties Jan.

AIDS activists, long critical of the CDC for letting conservative Bush and Reagan administration politics curtail AIDS programs, predicted Satcher's appointment would signal a new era in fighting the virus.

"Dr. Satcher understands the needs for targeted, culturally specific HIV programs," said Jay Coburn of AIDS Action Council. "He will bring some much-needed leadership to CDC...in reforming the way it does HIV prevention."

Experts say a black director is not only a milestone, but that Satcher's personal experiences will shape the CDC's future.

"Our nation really has a major challenge in improving the health of our minority populations," said Dr. Louis Sullivan, former Health and Human Services secretary and the president of Morehouse Medical School in Atlanta. "Having someone who can give greater insight on effective strategies to do this is a very wise choice."

"We think he'll be more in tune with the issues," said Dr. Leonard E. Lawrence, president of the National Medical Associa-

He called on Satcher to fight the nation's sible to address this issue fairly." epidemic of violence and to focus on AIDS prevention in minority communities.



Dr. David Satcher

Satcher replaces Dr. William Roper, who was asked to resign by the Clinton administration this spring.

During Roper's three-year tenure, the CDC's budget doubled to \$2.2 billion. But black employees filed a class-action complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, alleging hiring and promotion discrimination, and the Office on Personnel Management is scrutinizing CDC for improper hiring procedures.

The Clinton administration has also ordered the CDC to eliminate 7 percent of its workforce.

"He's coming into a hot box," said Sam Richardson, a CDC computer analyst who spearheaded the EEOC complaint. "We will have to take a wait-and-see attitude. We can't expect this man to come in and be a

But Satcher, who is credited with turning Meharry from a bankrupt, unaccredited institution into one of the country's top providers of black physicians, expressed confidence he could handle the problems.

"If anything, Meharry has been good at dealing with diversity. It's probably one of the most diverse institutions in the country," Satcher said. "I do believe it's pos-

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The announcement caught many researchers by surprise. A panel of AIDS experts had recommended earlier this year that the National Institutes of Health spend the \$20 million on a trial that would test

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In any case, AIDS experts said the trial treating HIV infection with what is called a therapeutic vaccine.

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#### Team Atlanta kicks off Gay Games drive

party on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at the Armory to begin the countdown to Gay Games IV in New York City, which will be held June 18-25, 1994.

The party, which begins at 7 p.m., will feature a couple of entertainment numbers, a video promo of the Games, some guest speakers and an abundance of information on how to become part of the Team Atlanta entry to the Games.

Registration will begin in September. Team Atlanta organizers are encouraging all Atlanta athletes to register early because New York may limit the number of participants in certain events. The limitations are being implemented because of the venue difficulties encountered by New York organizers, and events that are limited will choose participants on a

Team Atlanta will be hosting a kick-off first come, first served basis. Team Atlanta opening and closing ceremonies rendered sevwill have registration information available at the party.

Team Atlanta is hoping to nominate and possibly elect a lesbian co-chair, as well as some dedicated volunteers to recruit and promote lesbian participants, in order to increase the number of women going to the Games in New York.

While Gay Games III in Vancouver had an excellent turn out of lesbian participants (43 percent), Team Atlanta only had a few lesbian participants in Vancouver. New York has set a goal of 50 percent lesbian participation in Gay Games IV, and Team Atlanta wants to meet that goal by having one male and one female in every event.

Earlier this year, a call for art work to be used as part of the uniform to be worn at

eral responses but no designs were submitted. Once again, Team Atlanta is requesting all local artists to submit their ideas for the Team Atlanta T-Shirts to be worn in New York. Anyone interested in submitting their work is asked to come to the kick-off party or to call 872-7494.

Starting in October, Team Atlanta will begin having regular meetings the second Tuesday of every month at the Armory at 7 p.m. Anyone unable to attend the kick-off can still get involved by attending regular meetings or by calling Larry Lucas (875-0700) or Richy Howard (872-7494).

#### Football league now forming

A co-ed football league is forming for play this fall. Play will begin at the end of September and go through November at Piedmont Park. The league is being formed in order to create a men's and women's team to go to New York and compete in the 1994 Gay Games. Anyone interested in playing football should attend the Sept. 7 kick-off party of Team Atlanta, which will begin at 7 p.m. at the Armory, or contact Richy Howard at 872-7494.

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#### Aces 2nd, Bulldogs 8th in Series

One of the high points of the week

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which raised more than \$5,000

for Philadelphia's equivalent of

Project Open Hand.

for second place.

After a flawless week of softball in which lumbus, Ohio and San Francisco, the Aceswho went undefeated this year in the women's

division of the Hotlanta Softball League—had arrived in the World Series final undefeated, needing just one more win to take the crown.

But after losing to Atlanta, San Francisco dropped down into the loser's bracket and defeated Houston to set

up a rematch with Atlanta. San Francisco recovered their composure and came seeking revenge to defeat the Aces twice and win the World Series on Aug. 21.

This was the ninth year of the series for the women and the 15th year for the men. Seventyone teams from 26 cities came to Philadelphia to take part in one of the nation's largest gay/ lesbian sporting events.

But this year's series continued a frustrating streak for Atlanta, which has taken only one title in the history of the series. That triumph came last year when the Pear Garden won the Men's Division C (recreational) title.

In the Men's Division A, Atlanta's entry, Bulldog's, placed eighth in Philadelphia. They

Philadelphia, PA—Once again, the started out with two victories, over Southern Backstreet Atlanta Aces came oh so close to New England and San Diego. But then their winning the Gay World Series. But, for the luck turned sour and they lost to Boston and third time in four years, they have had to settle then were eliminated by a second loss to Chi-

Norfolk went on to win the championship in they defeated teams from Houston, Dallas, Co-Division A by defeating Boston in the final. The team from the Twin Cities took third.

Representing Atlanta in the Men's Division

B were the Accelerated Chiropractic Nads. The team was eliminated after losing its first two games. Seattle defeated Dallas to win the division title.

In Men's Division C, Project Open Hand from Atlanta was also eliminated after losing its first two games.

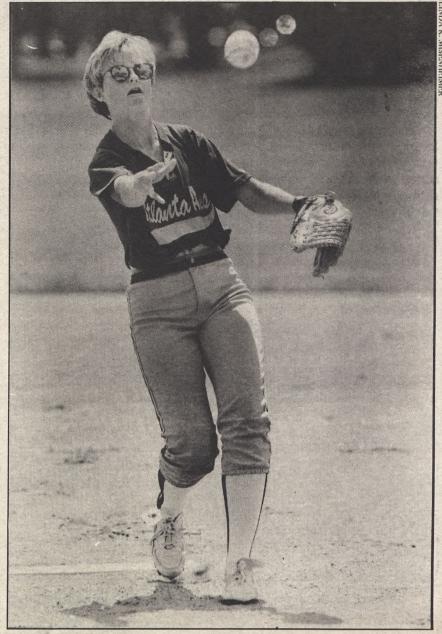
San Francisco defeated Chicago to take the title in that division.

One of the high points of the week was a talent show and fundraiser, hosted by Atlanta's Bubbalicious, which raised more than \$5,000 for Philadelphia's equivalent of Project Open Hand. There was also a partial display of the Names Project Quilt and a reading of names of softball alumni who have died of AIDS.

Atlanta has lost 31 softball friends to the

The 1994 Gay World Series will be held in Nashville, Tenn. Seattle has been selected to host the 1995 championships.

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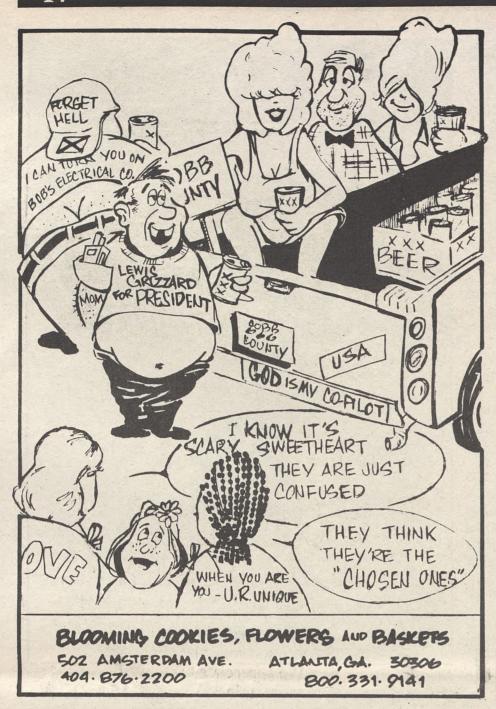


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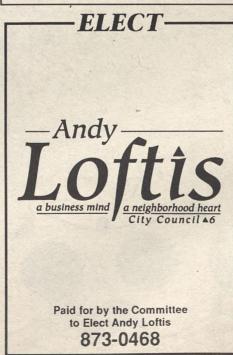
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Walkers in last year's "From All Walks Of Life" helped raise \$750,000. This year the goal is \$1 million, but some are concerned where the money will go.

#### Walking a thin line

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to the Boy Scouts, a group whose policies discriminate against gays.)

The idea that money from the walk might go to groups far removed from providing direct services to people with HIV/AIDS ignited protest from the leaders of some AIDS service organizations, some of which didn't know until July that a funding source they have relied on was no longer a sure thing.

"We haven't budgeted a dime [from the AIDS Walk] this year because we don't know what's going to happen," says Mark King, executive director of the National Association of People with AIDS, which received \$18,500 from last year's AIDS walk.

For some smaller agencies, the results could be severe. For example, Pets Are Loving Support Inc., which provides food and veterinary care so that people with AIDS can keep their pets, received nearly one-third of its budget from proceeds from last year's AIDS walk.

Another beneficiary in the past was the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta, or ARCA, which received about \$40,000 from last year's walk. But because the metropolitan foundation's AIDS fund does not give money for research, ARCA might not be eligible for any money from this year's event.

"We were counting on the money. It was a blow," said Matt Piper, community relations director for ARCA, which has an annual budget of \$1 million. "It wasn't like it was half of our budget. But it was significant."

Ava Diamond Suber, who heads the AIDS fund of the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation, says foundation officials are taking the concerns of the AIDS service organizations seriously and will meet this week to try to come up with ways to meet some of those concerns. She said they will also discuss how they might continue to fund some non-research programs at ARCA.

"I really think we can work out a process that is fair and equitable," says Suber.

"We're relatively optimistic that this could work out," said Piper.

The community foundation was picked to distribute the AIDS Walk money because of disputes in the past over how money was divided among the various groups. In some instances, groups received less money than their volunteers raised during the walk. "That made people unhappy, and they were very vocal," said Thurman.

Tired of the controversy and fighting, the AID Atlanta board decided to take itself out of the process by turning over responsibility to the foundation. The lone exception was made for Project Open Hand, whose volunteers have been the walk's most prolific fundraisers in the past.

Thurman says she understands the concerns

about distributing the money through the foundation and believes an agreement can be reached to insure that the money is channeled only to AIDS service organizations. However, she said, AID Atlanta is committed to going with the foundation even if an agreement can't be reached.

Thurman says an outside firm was hired to run the walk because "it had gotten so big, it was just difficult to manage in house." She said Miller Zeichik and Associates, which produces the AIDS walks in both Los Angeles and San Francisco and has been involved in projects with the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York, "came highly recommended."

King, who is familiar with the firm from his days at the Shanti Project in Los Angeles, said "[Miller Zeichik] are expensive. They also know what they are doing. They will probably raise a lot more money."

Jane Breyer, the development director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, said that since Miller Zeichik came on board to organize San Francisco's walk, "the income has gone up appreciably."

With Miller Zeichik at the helm, AID Atlanta has set a lofty goal of raising \$1 million from this year's walk, a 25 percent increase from last year. According to Thurman, about 25 percent, \$250,000, will go toward paying both Miller Zeichik's fee and the expenses of putting on the event. Last year, when the event was done in-house and raised \$750,000, she said expenses were about 24 percent of the money raised, or \$180,000.

How much of the anticipated \$250,000 expense of the Atlanta walk will go toward Miller Zeichik's fee? Thurman refused to disclose that figure. "That's not public knowledge. But it's not a great sum," she said.

Jeffries also declined to release the figure but did say that he "didn't think it was excessive."

Thurman said the amount of money the company will get is "less or about the same as I would pay" a staff person to organize the march. AID Atlanta did have a staff person organizing the march, who is now working for Miller Zeichik, she said.

Miller Zeichik is being paid a flat fee, not a percentage of the amount of money raised, Thurman said. Depending on how much is raised and the actual costs of putting on the event, Thurman concedes that overhead "could conceivably go over [25 percent]."

In San Francisco, where this year's walk raised \$2.6 million, Breyer estimates that costs will run about 20 percent.

As for the name change to AIDS Walk Atlanta, Thurman said it was a marketing decision designed to complement a new push into some suburban areas. "From All Walks of Life' doesn't immediately tell people in the hinterlands what the event is," she said.

#### OCCASIONS

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy 2nd anniversary to Bubba and Candi Licious of Midtown who celebrated on Aug. 31. Hope it was a De Licious time.

More 2nd anniversary wishes go out to Teresa Rea and Kim Bowers on Sept. 6. This will also mark their first anniversary of living together. The couple plan to celebrate at The Otherside with all their friends.

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

A late Happy Birthday to John Greaves who celebrated his 36th on Aug. 21. Well, actually there was no celebration says David Greer, John's partner of seven years. John and David are very active in the Cobb Citizens Coalition and have been too busy fighting hate politics in their county to mark the event. Might we suggest that the two of you come into "town" for a day or evening of relaxation and celebration-and go to a Southern Voice restaurant advertiser where both your business and your "lifestyle units" are appreciated. Thanks to both of you for your hard work in the Jonquil City and other outlying areas.

#### **INTERNSHIPS**

Tanya Dean, daughter of Connie Tuttle, was recently accepted into The White House Intern Program. She graduated cum laude from Bryn Mawr in 1992, majoring in Political Science. Tanya says she's very honored and excited at the appointment since she has always wanted a career in public service, and hopes this will be the start. However, she admits, she's most excited at the chance of meeting Bill, Hillary and Socks. A party was held for Tanya on Aug. 29 at Ormewood Presbyterian Church where friends gathered to offer congratulations as well as contributions to help pay expenses for the internship.

#### **JOBS**

Matt Montgomery, who used to live in Atlanta, then moved to Macon, then moved to Savannah, and is soon moving back to Atlanta—has a new job! Matt becomes Associate Editor of the Emory Report on Sept. 13. The Report is the paper of the Emory University faculty and staff, and Matt will be in charge of design. Congrats Matt and welcome back to Atlanta.

#### **PROMOTIONS**

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Authors Nicola Griffith (right) and Kelley Eskridge, will be wed on Sept. 4.

he started with-Evening Secretarial Support Supervisor. "That sort of says it all," Al says. Super job, Al!

#### WEDDINGS

Nicola Griffith, recent winner of a Lambda Literary Award for her novel, "Ammonite," will marry Astrae award-winning author, Kelley Eskridge, at their home in Lake Claire on Sunday, Sept. 4. The couple, who met just over five years ago, also plan to register as domestic partners in the city of Atlanta. The couple is pleased to announce that family and friends from both sides of the Atlantic will fly in to witness the vows. The ceremony itself, attended by about 50 guests, will be held at Noon, followed by a reception and party. "We wish it was legal, of course, say the couple, one a UK citizen, one a citizen of the U.S. "because it would make our lives easier-for one thing, our immigration problems would disappear overnight. However, we think the essence of any marriage, the reason for the ceremony itself, is not the legal or religious aspect but the public aspect. Marriage is not easy, not to be entered into lightly. We are promising to live together, love together, and each make the other's life better, richer, and more full forever. Those who hear us say that, on Sept. 4, will be entering into a compact to help us stay together. Every couple, queer or straight, needs that. Wish us luck; every couple needs that too."

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#### A story of love, of death, but most of all, of family

In the midst of the debate to define family values, David Bell and Alliance Theater bring "Falsettos" to Atlanta

by MICHAEL KAPE

On the surface, "Falsettos" might seem like the kind of "family values" musical that even the Christian Coalition in Cobb County would embrace. After all, it is about a "tight-knit family." It's about love and, alas, it's also about death. The climax of the play is a deeply moving religious ceremony. All seven characters on stage are average people who have human frailties, just like any other family next door.

But while "Falsettos" may be about family, it is not about the traditional kind. There's Marvin and his ex-wife Trina. There's Jason, their son. And there's Mendel, Marvin's psychiatrist who ultimately marries Trina. Of course, there is also Whizzer, Marvin's lover, and Dr. Charlotte and Cordelia, the two lesbians from next door. All of them are Jewish, except Whizzer, who's half-Jewish. The play's most exciting theatrical moment comes when Jason decides to hold his bar mitzvah in the hospital room where Whizzer is dying of AIDS.

Even though it doesn't open officially until Sept. 8 (it's currently in previews), the Alliance Theatre Company's new production of "Falsettos" is already under attack.

"We've had subscribers leave specifically because of 'Falsettos,'" explains David Bell, the Alliance's associate artistic director, who is directing the play. "The Cobb County issue has simply raised interesting questions about who goes to the theater and what they do expect to see. I'm interested to see the kind of response we get."

"Falsettos" is actually the combination of two one-act musicals by William Finn (music and lyrics) and James Lapine (story). The first, "March of the Falsettos," debuted in 1980. It told the story of how Marvin left Trina and took up with Whizzer, only to break up with him, and how he nearly lost the love of his son. Nine years later, Finn and Lapine followed up with "Falsettoland," a continuation of the story in an age when "something bad is happening"—AIDS.

Two years ago, the two shows were combined into "Falsettos," which won Tony Awards for best score and best book of a musical. It is certainly a landmark show—the first Broadway musical about ordinary gays and lesbians and how they honestly live ("La Cage" most definitely does not count). It is considered by some critics to be one of the best musicals of the past 10 years.

And it is coming to Atlanta at a time when the arts in general,



Director and associate artistic director David Bell says, "we create our families because that is what we all need to get through life. And everybody creates those families."

and production with gay or lesbian themes in particular, have been under attack. Earlier this year, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, the Alliance was given a \$1 million grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, just as it named Bell, who directed the most recent incarnation of "Heartstrings" and last season's production of "One On This Island," as associate artistic director.

How will the Alliance deal with the expected outcry?

"We're doing what we can," says Bell. "But ultimately Kenny [Leon, the Alliance's artistic director] is pretty clear on the programming he wants to do. He wants not to be innocuous. When someone points to "Falsettos" as an example of deviant behavior, we ask, 'As opposed to what—"Macbeth," "Richard III," "Edward II"?" Were we to do those pieces, no one would bat an eyelash because the mirror being held up to the audience is a distant one, so no one is threatened.

"Macbeth kills everybody in sight. Edward was a homo-

sexual. Richard was also a corrupt and vile murderer. I'm left with the question—what is so threatening about "Falsettos"? If, as Hamlet says, theater is a mirror of nature, what is so threatening about the nature of this mirror? Why do people feel obligated to protest? I just don't know. On some levels, we're doing what we can to prepare, but if we can't do socially and politically viable theater, then I don't want to be here."

In an extended think piece in the New York Times, critic Frank Rich called "Falsettos" the ultimate "family values" musical, a concept which Bell wholeheartedly embraces. "Barbara Bush said some years ago that families are created by caring and love," notes Bell. "There is no more example of the myth of the nuclear family that we were lead to believe existed in 'Leave It to Beaver' or 'Father Knows Best.' So we can redefine ourselves and rediscover the true family of the '90s is made of a community of love and caring."

"We create our families because that is what we all need to get through life. And everybody creates those families. The thing is AIDS is not a minor issue with this play. It's a major issue. A major character dies of AIDS. I feel very strongly that those nuclear families who have not had a member come up and say, 'I'm sorry, but I'm HIV-positive,' are simply waiting until it happens. It is going to happen. Unless there is a cure for this disease, 30 million people will be affected by the year 2000.

"You have no greater image of the celebration of life, the celebration of growing up, which is what a bar mitzvah really is, than placing it in the death ward with someone who within the course of the ceremony dies of AIDS. It's a profoundly moving experience. To see it performed by this company is one of the most extraordinary things I've ever witnessed. What affects me most is the joy that is brought to that often-degrading experience—my 'family values' underlined five times."

Bell faces several challenges in directing a completely rethought production of "Falsettos." He is not looking to recreate James Lapine's staging.

"The material is so challenging," he says. "When I did 'Once on This Island' last year, I felt that piece had not grown up from off Broadway—that when they moved it in New York, it was still done without a set or an environment and it didn't make the step to Broadway, it just made the move. When I saw "Falsettos" put together from "March" and "Falsettoland," I was profoundly moved by the impact of the two pieces together. I hadn't really cared for "March" originally. I thought it was shrill and urban when I saw it in 1981. I don't think Bill Finn had found his voice. By the time he got to "Falsettoland," he had a clear social and political mandate which transcended just this urban story of

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# Hotlanta Holiday set for this weekend

Labor Day weekend is usually the time when people leave the city in droves for that last gasp of summer at the beach or other resorts. But don't expect Atlanta to be deserted.

Thanks to Friends magazine and a number of local and nationwide orgaizations, the city will play host to African-American lesbians and gays arriving to take part in the first annual "Hotlanta Holiday Weekend."

The event, which includes a full schedule of cultural and social activites, may be a first but the inspiration for it is not new.

"In the African-American lesbian and gay community, it has become traditional for folks to come into Atlanta for the Labor Day weekend," according to Friends editor Gloria McCrary. "It has just been by word of mouth. We thought it would be wonderful to take all this energy and have a little structure to it, and also offer some things outside of just the clubs."

With this in mind, organizers have planned performances, parties, and tours that they hope will become part of the annual tradition.

Friends is a national black gay and lesbian publication based in Atlanta that has been around for about a year and a half. It's distributed in eight other cities across the country. "The community was growing and there really wasn't a venue for us to get information out," says McCrary, who has been active in the local community for a long time and was in the club business. "We started the publication to share what was happening so every-

body could have a source."

Taking that a step further, the growing network of Friends became a natural resource for organizing the Hotlanta Holiday Weekend. As a result, the event is drawing African-American lesbian and gay groups from New York, Los Angeles, San

Francisco, Detroit, Cincinnati and even as far away as Idaho. While the emphasis is on fun, McCrary points out that the weekend will also be a good chance for people throughout the country to network and exchange information.

ROB NIXON

#### Hotlanta Holiday Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, Sept. 3

 Welcome reception and dance, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the Trolley Barn, 963 Edgewood Ave., Inman Park, Includes a market place for businesses and merchandise from within the community, an art exhibit and performances by Johnny Eason and Trey Johnson.

Saturday, Sept. 4

- Tour of the city, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Includes Underground, the King Center and other tourist sites.
- Picnic and pool party, 4 p.m. until dusk, Murphy Candler Park (Nancy Cree Drive off Ashford-Dunwoody Road, just inside the Perimeter). Sponsored by the African-American Lesbian/Gay Alliance and the Boys of Distinction.
- "The Life: Legends Past and Present," 9:30 p.m. at 14th St. Playhouse, corner of 14th and Juniper. This is a collaborative piece by local artists. Through drama, music, literature, and dance, the performance focuses on the life and work of Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Audre Lorde, Assoto Saint, Moms Mabley, Alvin Ailey, Pat Parker and other African-American lesbian/gay historical and cultural figures.
- Tour of Clubs, after the show. A taste of Atlanta night life

with various groups and organizations hosting parties and special events in the bars and dance clubs.

Sunday, Sept. 5

- Church Service, 10 a.m., Hillside International Church, 2450 Cascade Rd.
- Brunch, Noon-4 p.m., Waterworks Cafe, 109 Luckie Street. Includes a preview of a new film by Michelle Parkerson (who has made films for PBS on Sweet Honey in the Rock, Carmen DeLavallade, and Audre Lorde). Beginning at 3 p.m., in the Pear Garden next door to Waterworks, a poetry reading will be held featuring Shirlene Holmes, E. Linn Harris (author of "Invisible Life") and performers from the group Pomo Afro Homos.
- Splash Party, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Buckhead Town Club. Sponsored by Hospitality.
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Ticketmaster at 817-8700.

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ACCION. Sept. 10. 7:00 pm. This newly formed group of Latino lesbians invites all gay men and lesbians to a dance, celebrating Hispanic heritage month. Refreshments. \$5. Tix at Charis and Brushstrokes. First Existentialist Congregation. 470 Candler Park Dr. 621-5743.

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON. Sept. 11. Randy Shilts' best selling book about the early years of AIDS comes to HBO tonight. 8:00 pm. Other play dates are Sept. and Friends of Gays and Lesbians will be in funfilled New Orleans networking, learning about gay and lesbian issues through a multitude of workshops and enjoying the scenery. Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. Discounted hotel rates available. \$100 registration. (504) 523-3922/288-2332.

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FALSETTOS. The Tony Award-winning play about a not-so-traditional family (i.e., there are gay characters) is in preview this week with offical opening night on Sept. 8. See story on page 17. Alliance Theatre. 892-2414.

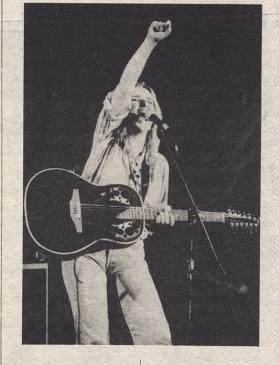
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number of local and national groups host this weekend event for Atlanta African American lesbians and gay men. Sunday's events include Brunch at the Waterworks, a pool party and an evening of music and dance at The Ritz. See page 19 for complete details. 621-5078.

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

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TUESDAY STAY HOME AGAIN TODAY. We couldn't find ONE interesting thing going on today so we suggest you take another day off, and rest up for the opening of Falsettos tomorrow night.

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FASHIONATA. Rich's big annual fashion show benefits AID Atlanta this year. So come on down and check out the latest fashion trends and not feel guilty about it. 8:00 pm. Fox Theatre. 249-6400 for tix.

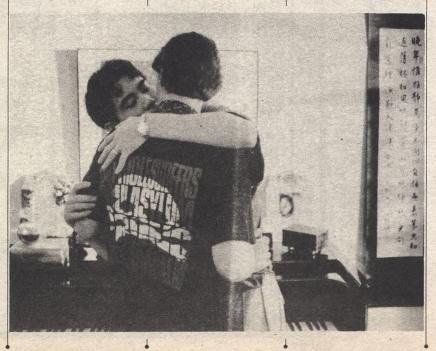
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POSITIVE LIVING.

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

FRONT RUNNERS. It's not too early to start training for the 1994 Pride Run. Run with the Front Runners. Meet at 6:30 pm in Piedmont Park parking lot near the tennis courts. 621-5007.

Pictured: ABOVE: If Melissa isn't at Rhythm Fest, then catch her on the telly Saturday night on "In A New Light." Photo by M.J. Hochberg BELOW: The Wedding Banquet is showing at Phipps Plaza 12. Photo by Albert Huang LEFT: "Mating Habits of the Urban Mammal" is held over through Sept. 19 at the Discrovery Arena at the Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur. Photo by Gil Williams

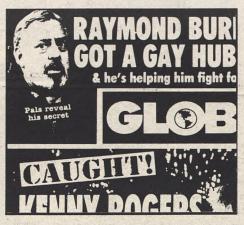


#### NAMES In The News

Olympic superstar Greg Louganis has traded his swimsuit for a "Cats" costume. No, he's not going into Andrew Lloyd Webber's long-running feline musical on Broadway, but rather will appear in "Jeffrey," the off-Broadway comedy as a chorus boy who works in "Cats."

The 33-year-old Louganis, who won four Olympic gold medals for diving, joined the show, now playing at the Minetta Lane Theater, on Aug. 31. "Jeffrey" by Paul Rudnick is about a gay man looking for love in the age of AIDS. Louganis plays a best friend of the title

"Jeffrey" is Louganis' New York stage de-



Calif., production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella." He'll also appear in the Disney film "The Mighty Ducks 2" and continues as a spokesman for Speedo, the swimsuit company.

Martina Navratilova, the biggest winner but. Since retiring from diving competition, he ever in women's professional tennis, and coauhas appeared as the Prince in a Long Beach, thor Liz Nichles, signed a three-book contract

last week with Villard Books, a division of Random House.

"Her personal and political beliefs-plus her rare insights into women's tennis—will be at the heart of her books," said Doug Stumpf, Villard's executive editor.

The first book is to be published in 1995, the second in 1996 and the third in 1997, Dozoretz said. Contract terms weren't disclosed.

Navratilova is not new to the literary scene: She coauthored her autobiography with George Vecsey eight years ago and recently wrote a column for USA Today on Colorado's Amendment 2 and gay rights issues and another of her columns is to be published by Time Magazine. Another Martina note: In late July a lesbian and gay tribute to the tennis great netted \$255,000 for Gay Games IV, to be held in New York City next summer. The event, held at Madison Square Garden, featured NY Mayor David Dinkins, Billie Jean King, ABC-TV's Dick Schaap, and others, and was attended by over 1200 people.

Raymond Burr of Perry Mason and Ironside fame, who The Globe outed on its cover last February, is reportedly very ill at his Northern California ranch. Burr, 76, reportedly lives with his lover of 31 years, Robert Benevides. The Globe also reported at the time that Burr was recuperating from surgery to remove a kidney.

Country singer Patsy Cline has been honored by the U.S. Postal Service with a tribute stamp. Cline, who died in a plane crash in 1963 at the age of 31, will be on a 29-cent stamp available to the public Sept. 30.

The stamp is part of the Legends of American Music series, which features other greats, including Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly.

The stamp, which shows a smiling Cline and a microphone in the foreground, was unveiled Aug. 17 at the Charles Playhouse in Boston, where the musical tribute, "A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline," is playing.

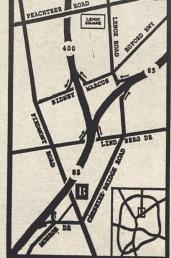
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#### Life and love among the bohemians of Paris

The Atlanta Opera stages the classic Puccini work,
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If you've always loved opera, or if you've always wanted to go to the opera, or even if you've steadfastly refused to ever attend an opera, you owe it to yourself to experience this week's production of Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme."

In all of opera literature, there is no more involving, passionate and stirring work. Based

La Boheme

will be staged by the Atlanta Opera in Symphony Hall of the Woodruff Arts Center on at 8:00 p.m. Sept. 2, 4 & 6. on Henry Murger's novel "Scenes de la Vie de Boheme," "La Boheme" focuses on the tragic story of a pair of lovers whose passion is cut short by a fatal illness. But more than just a story of doomed love, the opera paints a rich mural of life as lived

by a group of bohemian artists in the Latin Quarter of Paris in the mid-nineteenth century.

Stage director Whitfield Lloyd, a veteran of six previous Atlanta Opera productions, including one previous production of "La Boheme," believes that "the heart of the opera lies in the vivid contrasts of the depth of the tragedy and the vibrancy of the comedy." In fact, nearly half of "La Boheme" is comedy, a rarity in most tragic operas.

It is that contrast, seen vividly in fourth act that renders the fate of lovers Mimi and Rodolfo



Susan Rosenbaum (Musetta), Jee Hyun Lim (Mimi), Tonio Di Paolo (Rodolfo) and John Hancock (Marcello) star in "La Boheme."

all the more powerful. Lloyd also sees a parallel to the disease which ultimately claims Mimi's life, tuberculosis, and a disease which most of us have had to come to terms with, in one way or another, AIDS.

"Tuberculosis was a young people's disease in the mid-to-late-nineteenth century and claimed one in 10 lives on the average. The current AIDS

epidemic is, tragically, also a young people's disease. The universal truth and universal emotion in the story and music of "La Boheme" make it entirely relevant to modern audiences, perhaps more so," says Lloyd.

Cast members of "La Boheme" include some performers making their Atlanta debuts, as well as some who have performed here before, whose various accomplishments include performing at Spoleto Festival USA, the Metropolitan Opera and Carnegie Hall.

Soprano Jee Hyun Lim, who is making her Atlanta debut, recently performed the role of Mimi at The Lyric Opera of Chicago. She was chosen by Gian Carlo Menotti to sing the lead in the world premiere of "Giorno di nozze" at the Olympic Games in Scoul. Two artists also making their Atlanta debuts are Susan Rosenbaum and John Hancock.

Returning to the Atlanta Opera is Tinio di Paolo in the role of Rodolfo. Di Paolo has appeared with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Deutsch Oper Berlin. In the dual roles of Alcindoro and Benoit, Thomas Hammons returns to Atlanta after performing as Kissinger in the Los Angeles Music Center Opera's production of "Nixon in China," a role he created for the 1987 premiere at the Houston Grand Opera. Also returning to the Atlanta stage are Dale Morehouse and Matthew Lau.

"La Boheme," like so many now-classic works of art, was not immediately hailed as a success. The first critics of the opera found it lacking in "art" and attacked Puccini for creating music that was too emotional and exuberant, the very qualities which have made the work into possibly the most popular, approachable and most involving operas of all time. Audiences have been moved by the emotions woven into the music by Puccini and by the drama of the story of Mimi and Rodolfo's doomed love for nearly a century.

"Puccini is every bit as accessible to audiences as a good soap opera on television," says Lloyd. "La Boheme' is verismo opera, about real people doing natural things. It is an opera which anyone, opera lover or not, can enjoy."

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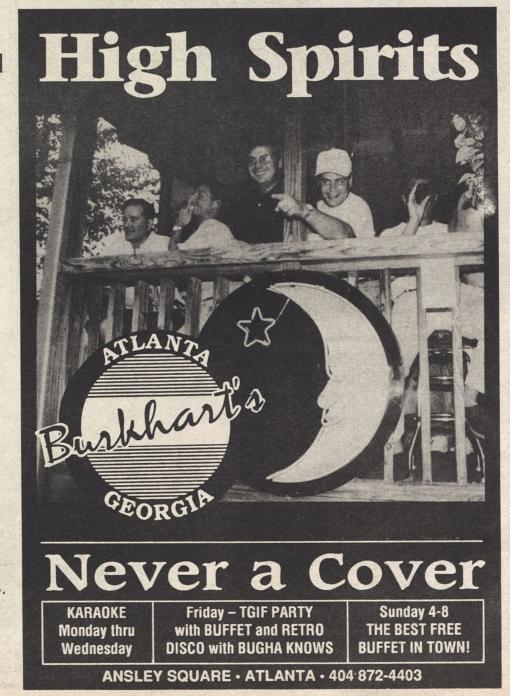
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#### **Falsettos**

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fairly pedestrian unrequited love. Suddenly we had a mature author. When you put them together, all of the stuff that seemed shallow in the first act became a ringing indictment of a lifestyle for what happened in the second act.

"Those nine years between the writing of the two pieces changed our view of who we see ourselves as gay men and how we view our lives.

"I've always wanted to do the material, but I didn't think I'd be adding much to it. But in fact, once we put it on its feet and had gone through the process of developing it, in many ways, there were ringing similarities between "Falsettos" and "Once on This Island." I don't think it had made the move to a bigger theater as much as it had simply reassembled the two off-Broadway pieces. Visually, it is much more similar to "Angels in America," where you are given specific locales rather than the wonderful late '70s theatrical form of actors hauling and carrying their own furniture.

"It seemed not to reveal anything about Marvin, Trina, Mendel, Whizzer or Jason in how they interacted with their environment. Through the really extraordinary work of [set designer] Dex Edwards, we have moved in that direction."

It is important to understand that "Falsettos" was not only successful in New York because it was a musical about a gay man and his extended family. It was also the quality of William Finn's complex music and twistingly tight lyrics.

If Oscar Hammerstein personified the '50s notion that every song must be a one-act play, and his protege, Stephen Sondheim, made a career of destroying that idea in the '70s and '80s, then we must look to Finn, who not only harkens back to Hammerstein concept but takes it one step further. In "Falsettos" two lines can constitute an entire one act play: "What a mess

this is, this family. Experts can see this is so. Photographs can't capture our magic, we're simply tragic," or as many people can relate to, "I would kill for the thrill of first love."

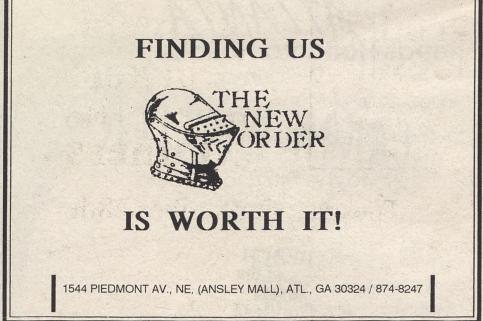
"We actually do kill for that thrill of first love," says Bell. "In the relationship that is about to start its decline, we represent it by two people stripping a bed, then making a new bed. They're doing the minutiae of daily life. That activity has resonance that parallels the activity of the song."

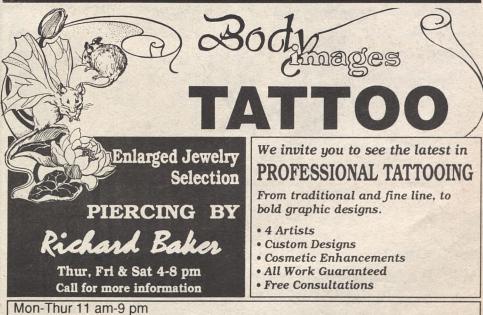
Bell has selected a major league cast featuring Actor's Express artistic director Chris Coleman in the lead role of Marvin. Atlanta audiences will remember him from his stellar performance as Harvey Milk ("The Harvey Milk Show"). Other Atlantans include Denise Connolly as Trina, Patty Mack as Cordelia and 11-year-old Evans Colton as Jason. The cast is rounded out with Michael Gruber (Whizzer), David Studwell (Mendell) and Mary Beth Purdy (Dr. Charlotte).

"They are all such intense pros," says Bell. "They are some of my favorite people. I've worked with almost all of them before. And Evans is the most extraordinary child actor I have ever seen. He's almost the most adult person in the room. He is Jason, who as a character, is almost too good to be true. Well, so is Evans."

Although some of its leading characters are gay, Bell believes the show reaches a much wider audience: "We are not doing this show specifically for a gay population, but it does have impact on the gay community because certainly gay people my age in the late '70s were involved in a behavior toward commitments that was definitely reflective of a community in search of itself. And there is something about the horrible plague of AIDS that has demanded the community reinvent itself."

"What I love about 'Falsettos' is it shows a lot of that reinvention. It shows that in the face of this epidemic, people become more loving, more caring, more generous, more humane than we were back in the late '70s. We were kind of self-obsessed then.





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tlanta playwright **Rebecca Ranson** will perform her one-woman play, "Feeling the Presence: Brownie Broadway at 50" as SAME's OutProud Theater season opener beginning Sept.10.

"Feeling the Presence" is the fourth in the Brownie Broadway series, begun in 1973. The play is based on Ranson's personal history and looks back on her life and will serve as a milepost for her 50th year. Says the author and actress, "I've always believed that the old saying about an unconsidered life not being worth living is true. So I created Brownie as one pathway to look at my own life. I felt that making a theater piece was the only appropriate thing to do."

Ransom will share the stage with several painted mannequins, designed by Taylor Gibson, to represent the people in Brownie's life. Other elements of the show include a 10-minute, 50-year year resume, a dance with old lovers and straightforward storytelling. The play opens on Friday, Sept. 10 and will be performed each Friday and Saturday through Sept. 25. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at Charis Books, E.D.'s Gourmet Records and Maddix Deluxe.

The exact number of years ago escapes me, but I recall that the play mounted by my high school theater department was Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." It was an earnest, well-intentioned production but one that only a doting parent could love. Luckily for present day Atlantans, it is not necessary to rely on a local high school in order to enjoy the Bard's most popular play. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" opens the Shakespeare Tavern's 1993-1994 season on Friday, Sept. 3 and continues through Oct. 23.

Directed by Tony Wright, associate director of the Tavern, the production will have an original score by Bo Ketchin. The elaborate costumes are by Carol Haynes. The leading roles of Oberon and Theseus will be played by Mark Douglas-Jones, while Kimberly Hawthorne handles the dual roles of Titania and Hippolyta. The pivotal role of Puck belongs to 13-year-old Brian Parks.

The play previewed in Conyers on Aug. 27 in a production sponsored by the Conyers-Rockdale Council for the Arts and the Concert Association of Newton County. The play will also

### AFTERHOURS



Rebecca Ranson celebrates "Brownie Broadway at 50."

be presented at the Clayton County Schools Performing Arts Center for all the high school seniors of that county.

The performances take place on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 5:30 p.m. at the Shakespeare Tavern, located at 499 Peachtree Street, four blocks south of the Fox. Tickets for Friday and Saturday performances are \$14 (\$10 for students) and \$8 on Thursdays and Sundays. A

British Pub menu is available at additional cost. For more information and reservations, call 874-5299.

Performance artist **SAASHA** has been busy putting together her upcoming show at 800 East, which she bills as a "last blast" for the summer of 1993. Dubbed the "Sunshine Gorilla Picnic," the show will be an all-night affair featuring visual and performance art as well as music from several bands. "Expect a light, playful atmosphere," says SAASHA, wearing her trademark black cat-eye glasses. "Performers will be experimenting with new material, breaking down boundaries and discovering new forms of expression all in one evening."

Visual artists contributing to the "Exhibition of Beauty" will include Terry Hardy, Raymondo, Anthony Owsley, Wayne Sizemore, Ed Woodham, and Peter Jayko as well as 40 or so others. Bands scheduled to play are the Atlanta Project, Sproing, Harper Fragment, Bill Taft and Kelly Hogan of Kick Mc (formerly with Jody Grind). FLAP and DQE.

MC Brett will be the vocal guide through the "Walk of Beauty" which is described as a "funky display of glamour" and will feature John Levey, Jim Miller and a host of others including the big of hateful, notorious club queen, Disfunksha.

Doors open on "Sunshine Gorilla Picnic" at 800 East Avenue on Sunday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. East Avenue is located off Alaska Street between Glen Iris and Elizabeth on North Highland. Call 522-8265 for more information.

If you haven't taken advantage of the services offered by the **GLAD Line**, you can do so at any time by calling 875-GLAD. This is the source for information and referral for a wide range of subjects such as health and fitness, nightclubs and entertainment, local news, national news, and professional services. I've gotten into the habit of calling at least twice a week to listen to the messages on the Bulletin Board (#17). This board offers a little bit of everything, like guys seeking a roommate, renting a condo, seeking a traveling companion, finding a home for a puppy or offering their services as a "masseuse" who guarantees complete satisfaction and can do two people at once. Also of interest is Gladiola's Advice Line (#20) wherein the Floral One drawls out dubious but fun suggestions for her listeners.

# Fourth

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#### Pamela Parker

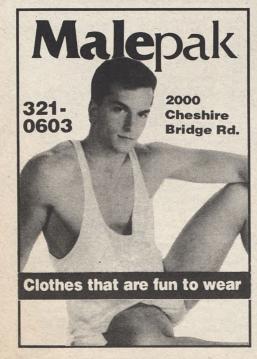
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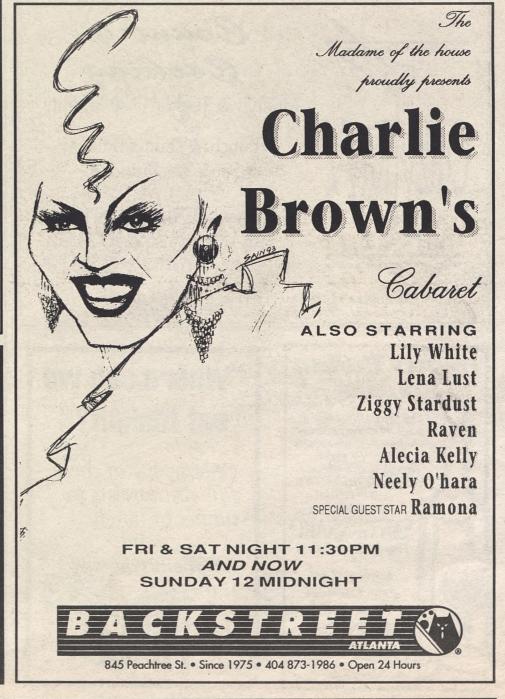
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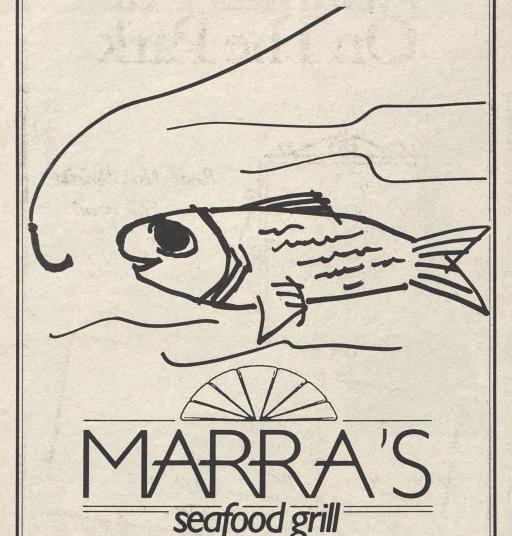


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With some restaurants, you get a distinct sense of history because the place has been there since before Stonewall—The Colonnade, Mary Mac's, The Lark and the Dove, until it closed. Other, newer, places sometimes channel the history of the location's previous occupant(s). It's impossible for me to walk into The Baker's Cafe and not remember Roger's Restaurant. Or to darken the doors at L5P's Good Ol' Days and not flash back to gallons of bad coffee, greasy eggs and great biscuits consumed too often as hangover remedies in a dive whose name is now long gone from my brain.

Sometimes the newer eatery is an improvement over the old and sometimes not—gruesome as that nameless place was, it was heaven compared to Good Ol' Days.

I was also not amused when the Little 5 Points Pub transmogrified into Fellini's Pasta a couple of years ago. The portions were big and the prices were reasonable, but the always-too-salty noodles went rapidly downhill as the place aged. Worst of all, the space just didn't feel like a pasta palace.

Well obviously, somebody else agreed with me because the owners of the Fellini's eatery empire have turned their late pasta parlor into **Dr. Rib** (1174 Euclid Ave. 525-5525.) While far from perfect, the new venture is a great improvement over its most recent predecessor.

Mostly, Dr. Rib (which features live blues every evening from 9:30 'til about 2 a.m.) looks fabulous. The exterior is done up with great graphics from JJ of LA. The interior is all black and red, accented with goldtone heart, crucifix and Last Supper clocks. Pulsing lava lamps dot the walls. The waitresses (who look like they were hired by central casting) wear tight white uniforms; the booths are upholstered in red metal-flake vinyl. A picture of MLK Jr., JFK and RFK hangs over the bar.

The menu is simple: ribs, chicken, a chopped pork sandwich, a burger and three sides. Beer by the pitcher is back.

Ribs are ticket here—half a slab (adequate for any mortal human) for \$7.95, a full portion \$13.75. They're tender, sweet, moist and slightly smoky. A little on the fatty side, but no gristle. There's no cloying, salty dry rub marinade in evidence either, so they're pretty yummy even without sauce.

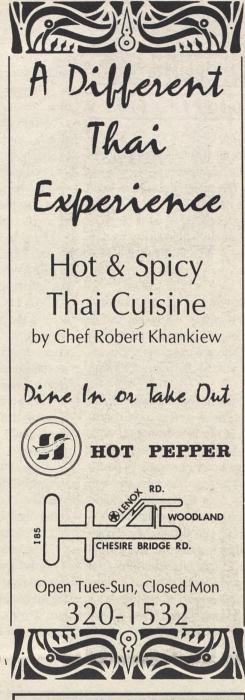
That sauce—thick and pungent, heavy on vinegar and mustard—reminds me of some I had as a kid in Murrell's Inlet, S.C., but I hesitate to call it South Carolina style. I haven't eaten much barbecue since I was a kid and have to claim ignorance when it comes to ascribing regional styles to its sauce. Suffice to say that Dr. Rib's variation has plenty of pep but lets the flavor of the meat come through. And the mustard/vinegar cuts nicely through the ribs' inherent greasiness in a way no sweet sauce could.

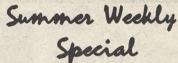
The same sauce also enlivens a half chicken that's no where near as much fun as the ribs. The main problem here is that the bird has been overcooked and held too long—the breast meat is arid and flavorless. The moister leg and thigh flesh are much better—again pretty tasty without sauce.

Brunswick stew isn't on the menu, but be sure to try it if it's offered. Nice size chunks of meat and potato pack a hot, vinegary base that, again, is blessedly short on sugar and tomatoes. Good stuff.

I can't be so enthusiastic about lackluster sides of slaw or potato salad, which feature nice big pieces of potato and cabbage in thick, boring dressings that don't even taste like real mayonnaise. Rum-laced baked beans are better, rich and well spiced and just sweet enough. At 75 cents a serving, they're a deal.

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he heat has proved too much. I had to escape up north for a reprieve. And one of the benefits of doing so is touring the garden spots of other locales.

Because I know some of us do venture into Yankeeland on occasion, let me turn you on to a few lesser-known spots. This column describes The Butterfly Place at Papillon Park, in Westford, Mass., about 40 miles north/northeast of Boston.

The entrance is very unprepossessing and easy to miss from the road. You need an automobile. I didn't see any sign of public transit out that way.

At first, it seems that you are driving onto a previously strip-mined area. This hardly seems appropriate or congenial butterfly turf. But things improve vastly as you cut over to the building area.

Lots of reclamation efforts are going on here. A green-house supplies many of the butterfly-friendly plants which adorn the area (they're also available for sale). Small islands of color draw the eye away from the wastes in the background. Local species of lepidoptera don't complain about not being inside because plenty has been provided for them outdoors.

Just who would be obsessed enough to start something like this in such an area? I spoke with Sylvia Leslie, daughter of the founders George and Jane Leslie. "This is the only live display of butterflies in New England. We have about 300 varieties. It is privately owned, without any government money or grants."

How did this obvious labor of love begin? "In 1985, we started a mail order business with a hatching kit for a live, indigenous butterfly

"By September 1990, we owned five acres here, with a



sand and gravel pit in the background. [Our outdoor plantings] attract the local butterflies. Our specimens come mainly from New England, Florida, Tennessee and a few from Costa Rica. About 200 people a day visit."

The outside landscape features plenty of lantanas, verbenas, butterfly bush, various sedums and butterfly weed—all of which are Southern-proved. (The staff says that butterfly bush, for instance, can survive up north if it's well-protected.)

Inside the climate-controlled atrium, those plants also thrive, along with *Cuphea hyssopifolia*—Yankees call it elfin herb, but around here, we say Mexican heather. And of course there are plenty of host-specific plants for the caterpillars (such as passion flower vine for the zebra longwing caterpillar).

You enter at the gift shop, which sports an astonishing array of butterfly-themed chotchkas, as well as more educational materials. Then, there's a display/educational area, featuring tall glassed-in boxes bearing living specimens of the 19 most common caterpillars in various stages of development, including pupating. A large monitor on the wall runs a film on butterflies (it's from Calloway Gardens). Butterfly art adorns the walls, and you can purchase it.

What a complete change when you step into the adjoining atrium building. It's another realm inside the 3,100-square-foot glass building. The 12-foot side walls taper over laminated beams to a 27-foot peak. Waterfalls and shallow pools fed by tiny streams course around a winding brick walkway. Vivaldi plays on the hidden speakers, and you are standing inside a living butterfly environment.

Butterflies wheel, dive, laze in easy up-and-down pat-

terns, feed, pump on plants and just generally make the place come alive. Inquisitively or territorially, butterflies land on your shoulder or back, flap a few times and then fly off. They also unhurriedly mate, abdomen to inverted abdomen.

Moths too make their home here. We thought there were also hummingbirds. Instead, we heard that these are the Hummingbird Air Wing Moth.

You must walk carefully and softly, so as not to inadvertently tread on anyone. The weeping, draping or just slouching plants trail onto the walkway and may carry eggs, or anyone else.

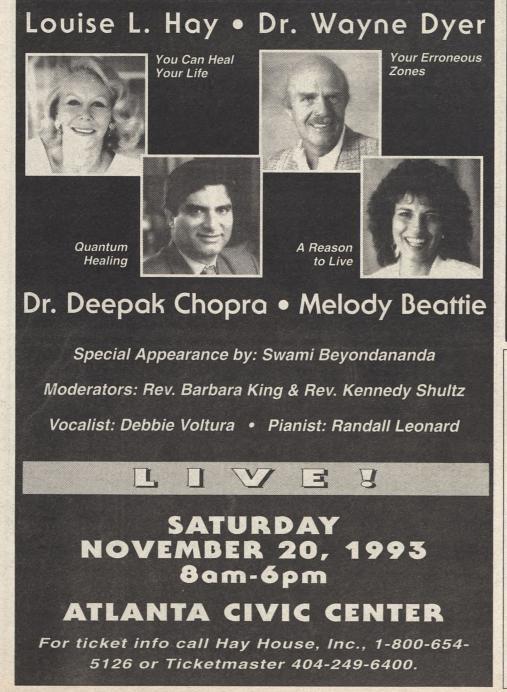
Eggs and larvae are precious here and may be removed for safekeeping. Some are left out for the folks to see—you grow to understand that these may not be 'bug eggs' after all but rather the beginnings of airy ambassadors.

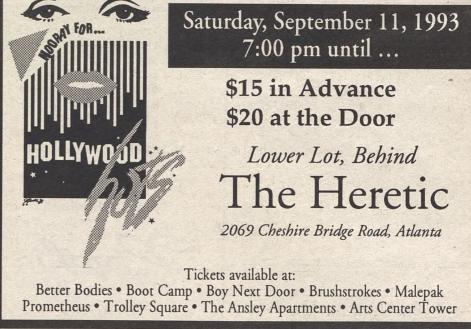
You have to retrace your steps across the walkways several times to really feel as though you've seen everything. At a worktable on the side of the atrium, various little critters roam in screened or glassed boxes, waiting for metamorphosing. A hickory-horned devil caterpillar waits on his changes, and that's six inches of pure ugly.

Silkworms snuggle in their little white cocoons. (You do know that they are boiled to get the silk from the cocoon, don't you?) The answer man hangs out there and fields questions.

True, this operation hardly threatens to usurp the primacy of Calloway Gardens' Day Butterfly Collection. But you have to admire people who have an abiding passion and throw their lives, borrowed money and adult children into this monomania...and manage to make it happen.

The address for Butterfly Place at Papillon Park is 120 Tyngsboro Road, Westford, Mass., (508) 392-0955. You can order the "Papillon Butterfly Box," a small plastic hatching kit containing live chrysalides, cocoons and or caterpillars. There's a picnic area, and things are fairly accessible. Open April 15 through Columbus Day. Admission is \$6.







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t's Obvious: A Scripps Howard survey of 1057 bouncing adult heterosexuals has discovered the obvious: queers are more likely to come out women and Democrats than to men and Republicans. Forty-seven percent of folks who identify as Democrats say they know a homo, while only 30 percent of Republicans say they do. Also more likely to know queers: rich folks rather than poor, women and college graduates. All of which suggests to Dish that each of us should search out and befriend a poor, male, high school drop out who voted for Bush (and lives in Cobb County). Unless, of course, we value our hides.

Party Pooper or PC?: Dish is confused. Most Dutch radio stations are refusing to play a song about a man who becomes a woman (and then takes a job in a brothel) because they fear that it will offend their transsexual listeners. This is either the height of sensitivity or the depths of censorship. Whichever, the controversy seems to be doing nothing but selling records. The one station that is playing the song has declared it "hit of the week." All of which makes us wonder if music radio in Holland and talk radio in the United States operate on the same principles.

**Sing Out**: The Marietta Singers (who perform both *a capella* and accompanied by music) are looking for a few good voices to join their group which rehearses on Tuesday nights in East Cobb (that's where Commissioner Gordon Wysong lives.) Dish believes that this fine group of performers needs some homos in its ranks and urges you to call 973-0684 for an audition appointment if you can lay claim to a voice like an angel.

Idea of the Week: Former Atlantan (and Cobb County County employee) Ralston Cox (who now lives in Washington D.C.) told "Peach Buzz" that he and other ex-Cobb worker bees have started a faux 12-step group. The first two steps: "We were powerless over Cobb County and our lives had become unmanageable." And, "taking the next step, we came to believe a power greater than the board of commissioners could restore us to sanity." Dish thinks that is cool for folks who have left the Hate County but actually wonders about the need for a support group for all the hundreds of decent folks who are still employed

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



Dish thinks the Buckhead Girls Club logo of a buck (notice the horns) in drag is a blow for diversity.

by Cobb's government and are now suffering from Post Traumatic Bigot Syndrome. After all, other institutions regularly offer counseling and support when their employees have endured some sort of work-related trauma. Perhaps the group's activities could include some sort of art therapy, county-funded of course. And certainly the Lesbian Avengers should facilitate

the process, don't you think?

Gender Bender: "Peach Buzz" last week featured a picture of Buckhead real estate maven Jenny Pruitt proudly displaying a drawing of the newly organized Buckhead Girls Club's mascot. (The BGC's members are actually, we assume, women, not prepubescent fans of Barbie or campy Girlfriends.) The group's avowed purpose is to do good works in the community and we think that its mascot—a horny (male) buck decked out in tasteful women's business drag with one arm campily canted on his hip—is certainly a step in the direction of good humor and diversity in a zip code not particularly noted for such amusements.

Slimed Again: Why is that every time Creative Loafing's columnist Tammy Lloyd talks about queers, we wind up feeling like we've been bashed with a bushel of good intention gone wrong? Last week's CL sported a piece by the Tamster about the goings-on in Cobbland that tried to ask all the right questions: What happens to Cobb movie houses that show films which mention homosexuality? Can out queers still buy license tags in Cobb? Are working women next on the pro-family agenda? But she really steps in a pile of poop and comes up smelling like a bigot herself when she asks. "Who in Cobb is next? My bottled-blonde hair may not be the most *unnatural* (our emphasis) thing that could be targeted next in Cobb County." Dish takes strong exception to having our (or anyone's) sexual orientation compared to the actions of a bottle of Clairol.

Love Thy Neighbor: If the crap in Cobb and Billy McKinney have you down, take heart. Not every neighborhood in America hates homos. In fact, residents of San Diego's Azalea Park seem to think we're pretty cool. These creative folks are going out of their way to invite lesbians and gays into their 'hood. A dozen Azalea Park residents marched in San Diego's Pride Parade carrying signs that said "We love Our Neighbors" and "Gays Welcome." After the parade, the residents staffed a booth offering tours of the neighborhood and available homes. Dish thinks that the Cobb commissioners need to take a fact-finding (and consciousness-raising) trip to San Diego.

#### SEPTEMBER 2 - SEPTEMBER 8, 1993

This week is excellent for catching up on loose ends and unfinished projects. It is also very good for taking better care of yourself by eating lots of fresh, in-season fruits and vegetables, getting plenty of rest and doing things you enjoy.

ARIES, definitely do whatever you can to take better care of yourself. If you have been thinking about having a physical, then do it now and take care of any worries you have about your body.

with Mars in your fifth house, you need to be focused on fun activities with good friends and those you love. This is not the time to brood or worry over things, especially from the past. Let it go and move on to more productive thinking.

**CANCER**, now that Pluto is moving forward in your fifth house of creativity, romance and recreation, you should focus on doing things in the most creative and fun ways possible. What do you love to do? What is exciting and fulfilling for you? **LEO**, with



Venus in your first house, your perspective on life may be more positive and appreciative. Be sure to tell all the important others in your life how much you love and appreciate them. Also give yourself some positive feedback during the day. Happy birthday, **VIRGO**. This is your month to shine and have fun with those you love. Unfinished projects will get finished, especially if you don't overload yourself with extra work. Learn to say "no" so you can have a life and relax a bit.

**LIBRA**, even with Saturn retrograde in your fifth house of fun and exciting activities, you can still enjoy Mars and Jupiter in your first house. Be active, have fun, plan a party, meet new people, do something a little out of the ordinary. **SCORPIO**, now Mars has joined Jupiter in your 12th house, super-activating your connection with the collective unconscious. You may feel a little overwhelmed with impressions, intuition and images, so take really

good care of yourself and relax. **SAGITTARIUS**, with Pluto moving forward in your 12th of the collective unconscious, secrets and skeletons in your closet, your anxiety level may be higher than usual. Take the pressure off yourself whenever possible and be very gentle with yourself.

capericorn, with Mars and Jupiter aligning in your house of career and standing in the community, you could be receiving either "standing" ovations for your contributions or flak for things undone. Don't take either personally, and stay on track. AQUARIUS, hopefully, since Saturn has been in your first house for awhile, you have turned that authoritarian energy from self-criticism to a very positive self-support system. Personal negative feedback is not productive, so turn it around. PISCES, all you can do is all you can do. You are not responsible for the sins and sorrows of the world. Do your best to find ways to have fun and enjoy your life from moment to moment. It's the little things that add up to a happy life.

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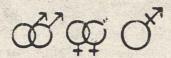
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Age: 60

How Long in Atlanta: All my life

Relationship Status: In a committed relationship

Last Book Read: "Maybe the Moon" by Armistead Maupin

#### Pet Peeve:

People not being honest.

Sometimes a person's nickname can indicate something about his or her personality. But in the case of bartender and Atlanta institution, Betty Fisher, better known as "Fish" to her fan club that spans decades, it was just a case of reworking her name. "Back when I first came out, there were a lot of Bettys, so I just shortened my last name from Fisher to Fish and the name stuck."

Fish, who has lived long enough to see many things change and some things stay the same has her own perspective about being gay in the military. She was a WAF in the fifties, when according to her, just saying the word homosexual could get you booted out the front gate.

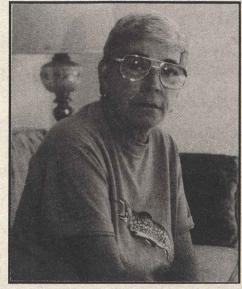
"My family couldn't afford college, and I decided to get some training and the Air Force looked like a good place to get it," she said.

Somehow, Fish found herself with a "cosmic clearance," which at that time was higher than a top secret listing, and was working for the undersecretary of the Air Force "I was dealing with sensitive information, decoding, that sort of stuff." But the real cosmic goings on were the quiet friendships the Fish formed with many of the career WAFs who also happened to be lesbians as well.

"When I was stationed in Washington D.C., we had a barracks of some 400 women, of which I would estimate over half of which were gay," she said. Being on the WAF basketball team brought the scrutiny of the OSI, the predecessor to the CIA. "They were always watching us, just because we were involved with women's sports. It was like some unsaid rule, if you were involved with sports, well, then, you must be gay."

Fish recalls that mail was read regularly, though randomly. "You were afraid to put, 'love, so and so' at the bottom of a letter." At that time, she explained, lesbians and gays were given an undesirable discharge without any hearing or opportunity to respond. "They just gave you a ticket home and a ruined life and that was it so there was a lot of fear.'

All the same, Fish loved the Air Force and would have made it a career, except that illness in her family forced her to return to Atlanta. Being a lesbian in Atlanta during the 1960s, she recalls, meant keeping it to yourself most of the



time and finding the few places where other lesbians went and congregated.

"At that time there was only one bar," she recalls, shaking her head, "It was called the Tower (not to be confused with the later bar of the same name where Fisher worked) and it was a Greek restaurant during the day. But the owner let us use it in the evening. But we had to be out of there by 11:30 or the police harassed us. Even some of the gay bars required us to wear skirts. There just wasn't a place for us to let our hair down.'

And police harassment was not uncommon, Fish adds. "If we went to a friend's house, just to socialize, if there were a lot of us, then the police would bother us."

Did she ever think about doing anything in protest? "Hell, doing a gay pride march back then would have been like signing your own death warrant. The times weren't right for it

Fish actually was an owner of the contemporary Tower back in the '70s but got out of the business side after things became, "a sticky situation." But she continued to work at the bar as a bartender and became the grand dame of the bar scene. But not by being outrageous or loud.

"I just try to be a good listener, if someone needs to talk. The idea that people just come into a bar to drink isn't right. Sometimes people are just lonely or need someone to talk to." Her many happy customers over the years say Fish has perfected her own particular style of making people comfortable.

Fish is not the only gay member of her family. Her brother, she states with sagacity, "has been gay for as long as I've been." Fish notes, with admiration, that he has been in a relationship for 33 years.

Fish's birthday bashes, like the one soon approaching, are legendary. "It's just a time for all my friends to get together. Sure it's a good party, but it's more about friends. My only wish is that some of the friends that I have lost in the past two years could be there."

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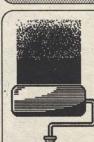
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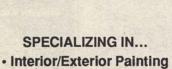
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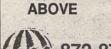
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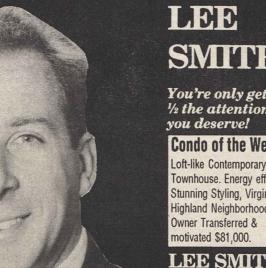




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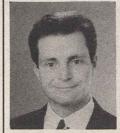
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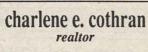
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LATINOS en Acción a newly formed group of Latino/a Lesbians and gays who have come together to meet the needs of the Latino/a Lesbian and Gay community. Call 621-5743

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Avondale - GWF seeking roommate for 2 BR, 2 BA condo. Serious inquiries only. 469-3542 - page 388-6642. (6.29)

GWM needed to share 2 homes: Unique large 5 BR, 4 BA. Tri-level, Lakeview, steamroom, jacuzzi, gym, private entrance Just off I-85/I-285 NE; Also enjoy secluded Chatt. River cabin. Share utilities. \$425. 934-7013: Chuck. (6.28)

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RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS - LESBI-ANS Are you over the age of 65? Do you live within a 65 mile radius of Atlanta? Women are being sought for a study on leisure and older lesbians. Women will be asked to complete a mail-in questionnaire Strict confidentiality is assured. For information contact Sharon Jacobson, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, University of Georgia, Hardman Hall, Ath-5064 or (706) 354-0559. (6.28)

Volunteers needed for the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. Come to the general meetings, 3rd Thursday of every onth at 7 p.m. at the Colony Square Ho tel. Hotel parking validated. (ongoing)

Good Samaritan Project provides support for persons with AIDS. Volunteers needed - as buddies, practical support, office, clothing/food bank. 873-4589. (6.45)

AIDS WALK ATLANTA. Volunteers needed to help produce the Southeast's largest fundraiser for AIDS—the Atlanta AIDS Walk on October 17. Daytime volunteers especially needed, as well as people to work evenings and weekends. Call 876-9255. Ask

Help elect a new city council for the new mayor. To volunteer with the Committee to Elect Andy Loftis City Council, contact Kyle Limbaugh, 873-0468. (6.27)

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#### **Voice Connection**

#### WOMEN

GBF, 33; attractive, sports/arts lover. Appreciates beautiful feminine GF with intellect and security. Call me today anyway. You'll see! \$\overline{\infty}\$ 1665

Gay (male) couple seeks lesbian couple for mutually beneficial marriage, or lesbian seeking international mobility (EC), Confidential. Box 1900, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.31)

LEE (INTJ/INFJ, from 'Please Understand Me' book) Please call again, your response to my ad #1599 got cut off. GWF, 40, professional keeps yuppie tendencies some what in check with feminist, humanist, hu morous outlook. Seeks generous heart, quality mind, playful soul, pampered body, ver-bal and emotional feast for creative, gentle relationship. To 1599

GBF, 35, attractive & professional, seeks feminine GF, down-to-earth, for com ion / friendship. No games, bi's. To 1660

BiBF, 32, attractive GA Peach, feminine, for possible one-on-one relationship. To 1643

WANTED! Attractive fem. late 20's+ for fun & more. Me, country semi-butch blonde, 25, non-drinker, no drugs. To 1646

WF31 - Adventurous, untamed, a bit crazy very humorous, like dancing, pool, outdoors, etc. Lkg 4 same w/wild imagination. Plz call!!! 2 1647

GWF, 40, Professional - self-confident, feminine non-smoker, lover of life, humor, the arts, nature and stimulating conversa-tion seeks same (38-42) for friendship and possibly more. No dykes, butch or co-dependents! T 1623

GBF looking for a GBF (feminine). No bior Bitchy (over 30) please. To 1635

GWF, 24, new to Atlanta. Looking for friends and more who like laughter, ies, music, romance, trying new things, conversation, candlelight and commitment. Race, age unimportant. No drugs, no smok-

GBF, full figure, 32, fem, new to Atlanta seeks GBF, DDF, for friendship and possible relationship. 27 1629

GWF, 34, pleasingly plump, seeks a nice, respectable, down to earth romantic working GWF 35+. No drugs, booze or bar flys, smokers welcomed. PO Box 2361, Lilburn GA 30226. (6.29)

GWF - Enjoys 2-stepping, outdoors, all animals. Am emotionally healthy, playful, kind, considerate, and honest. Seeking same 35-40. Friendship possible relationship. To 1604

Baby linebacker seeking exquisite blonde for lovely healing from the life we're given, and passionately embracing the life we make. The 1603

Wonderful, intelligent GWF looking for that special lady, 30-40's, who has sense of humor, honesty, loyalty and is financially secure. To 1594

GWF, 30, cute and petite, seeks feminine GWF 25-35 for friendship, possibly more. No addicts, butches or plumps. To 1592

ATLANTA Bi-FEMALE - BiWF, 26, 5'4", 125#, blonde, nude dancer. Seeks Bi-Female 18-35. Live-in Possible. No men, couples or heavies. Write: Andrea. Box 2257, Forest Park, GA 30051. 25 1572

BiBF, 20, seeks friend/companion/etc., any race, 18-25, Likes; music, theatre, movie Intelligent, affectionate, sincere, nonsmoker. 7 1569

GWF - 36, accomplished, thoughtful, deliberate, practical, healthy, musical, kind, good looking, opinionated seeks similar women for friendship and fun. To 1551

GWF, new to Atlanta, looking for white water dykes. Let's go paddle! \$\overline{\infty}\$ 1568

Romantic, intelligent, attractive GWF, 34, seeks witty GWF to share love and laughter Professional, athletic, opinionated. In trigued? You should be!! To 1566

Seeking love, friendship or whatever develops. GWF, 34, attractive, professional, fun, intelligent, witty, athletic. Too good to

Seeking intelligent GWF 32-42 active in the gay community in volu AIDS related programs. GWF interested in friendship. T 1547

Good looking GBF, 26, desires a GBF 284 who is shapely, intelligent and sincere. To

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

GWF seeks GWF feminine for friendship or possibly more. Must love children and being pampered. No drugs. To 1528

GWF feminine, attractive, professional, VERY discreet seeks same GWF or BiWF 24-35 for friendship. Preferably Colu Auburn area Confidential. To 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. To 1525

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

Wonderful intelligent GWF looking for special lady 30-40s who has sense of honesty and loyalty for relatinship. To 1521

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

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

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

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

GBF, attractive, very feminine, seeks funloving, aggressive GF for friendship, possible relationship. To 1462

Cute fem GBF, 20, seeks aggressive GF for 

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

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

DWF, 20s, Bi, curious, happy, funny, intelligent, artistic, drug-free, non-bar personality seeks companion & entry level excercise partner. 3 1446

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

and having a good time. Seeks GBF 18-27 for friendship, possible relationship. To 1421

20 aggressive GBF enjoys music, sports

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

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

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

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

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

GWF, attractive, 34, seeks same for dinner, art, theatre, etc. Humorous, witty intelligent a must. 7 1383

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

Single female seeking other females for friendship and possible relationship. 18-25 No butches. 7 1381

#### MEN

Handsome 6'2", 180, GWM seeks same over 30 with varied interests who is professional, intelligent and enjoys life like me.

GWM 42 5'11" 170 hrn/hl relationshir oriented, non-bar type, seeks same in GWM, late 20s. 2 1662

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GBM, tall, slim, light complexion, seeks GWM/Hispanic male for fun times, friendship / relationship. Under 32 yo. 7 1664

Connection, please contact me (GWM, 38),

we have the same dream. To 1663

Work Hard, want to Play Hard - Prof. stable, happy GWM couple, 29, Bl/Gr, 5'8". 145, 35, br/br, 6', 175, seek fun guy or couple for good times - possible real good time, hot and safe. To 1666

Gay Greek & Italian, 6'1", 175 #, br/br, man 27, very good-looking. Romantic, spiritual, and healthy, seeks GBM 27-37 who is good-looking and who is spiritual and likes to go to movies and do romantic things, not into bars. Who's looking for a possible relationship. Please, no fems. To 1664

BM. bottom, discreet, seeks BM, top, dis creet, masculine, for special friendship. 1669

WM seeks BM, WM - 25, discreet, goodlooking, seeks similar Black Man. No fats / fems. T 1667

GWM, 39, 6'1", 185, br./hzl, HIV negative, reserved, honest, hard working, nonbar, non-smoker, cat-lover, likes spectator sports, travel, French language. Seeks comeatible GWM 35-45 for monogamous relationship. To 1650

GWM, 32, 6'3", professional, my eclectic interests: Country/rock music, Braves, comic book art, Grateful Dead, movies...sincere replies please. To 1649

GWM, 28, handsome, 5'11", 150, brown/blue, healthy seek similar 25-35. Reply to 513 Bankhead Ave., Suite 119, Carrollton,

GWM, 35, handsome, looking for big bears who are sincere, into outdo cuddling. You never know. To 1648

Anal erotic seeks playmates, friends, etc for long fun sessions. SM NOT. 7 1645

GWM seeks other ex-Catholics who some times feel like concentration camp survivors. Join me in a safe crew for a possibly dangerous voyage to discover/reconcile/slay ancient beasts and tell scary stories. Gay men preferred, ex-religious orders welcome. Brendan the Bold. **T** 1644

#### TALENTED HANDS WANTED:

To explore a masculine, country, muscular, handsome bottom. Prefer masculine hairy tops for safe, discreet sensuous handball T 1642

GWM 35, 5'8", 160 lb, br/br, g-look, masc, muscular, clean cut, adventurous, laid back, non-pretentious, honest, romantic, consid eks same in secure energetic GWM 35-45. 7 1625

Versatile GWM, 35, seeks neighborhood BM for close and convenient fun; Lakewood and adjacent areas. To 1626

YOU: Loving, masculine, FIT, articulate, 35+, imperfect, safe, handsome. ME: Loving, masculine, GETTING FIT, athletic #250, 38, GWM, fallible, safe, handsome.

ented, community-involved, ISO GM, 25 35, for cheap movie date. Write: KCC, POB 1334, Atlanta, GA 30301-1334 or call T 1638

GBM, 27, Professional, relationship-ori-

Slender GWM, 36, artist/architect, seeks brainy GBM engaged in creative labor. Se full of ideas, I seek Black friend/lover equally self-challenged. Coffee? 7 1639

Wanna wrestle? GWM, 6 ft., 185, blonde/ blue, 45, good shape, seeks others inter

ested in wrestling, safe fun. To 1640

Leather Dad sks same/younger 4 sensory deprivation, intense S&M, B&D, wax hoods, gags, assplay. Versatile, sane, mutual. T 1641

Are you out there? GWM, 20s seeks GAM to hang with, maybe more. Please be he est and caring. To 1627

GBM, 29, seeks GWM 25-35 to share quiet evenings together, movies, dining out, friendship, possibly more. To 1630 GWM, masculine, healthy, 61, ALA farmer,

seeks discreet older trim white/oriental male for fun, friendship & more. To 1631 GWM, 47, 6'6", 210, sandy/blue, seeking gay Black, Hispanic, Native-American or

Oriental male for serious friendship / ro-

mance / relationship. To 1632 GBM, 5'10", 190#, 21, seeks Teddy Bear type BM 190+, 25+, looks not in Intelligence a must. Not into bars. To 1633

Blue eyed top, boyish 38, playful, mus tache, seeks safe bottom boyfriend. Photo & telephone to; POB 13162, Atl., GA 30324. (6.29)

GBM, 28, dominant, masculine endowed top seeks GWM for french service. Must be discreet, passive and experienced.  $\overline{\Delta}$ 

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. To 1602

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

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

Attractive professional GBM Top, 35, good ndition, masculine, affectionate, seeks GWM Bottom (same attributes) for friend ossible relationship. You 29-40, POB 371847. Decatur. GA 30037. 7 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, cleancut, healthy versatile enjoys sensual massages french, dancing and hot times. To 1597

Back-to-the-land survivor dares rugged outdoorsman to join him and crafts in rus tic, peaceful, secluded northeast Georgia retreat. 🏗 1589

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

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

GWM, 35, 5'6", 135 lbs, cleancut, youthful looks, slim muscular body, seeking hard bodied muscular males into showing off, J/ O, body-worship. T 1591

Fairly Humid WM, 6'3", 185 lbs., 43, HIVnon-bar, seeks similarly heated "blue-col-" guy, 30-40, for hassle-free "Dog Day Afternoon" Popsicle Breaks! T 1590

GWM 35, 5'9", 160, beard, masculine seeks older in-shape GB stud for discreet encounters. 7 1588

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

GBM SEEKS GM BODYBUILDER -- MC 29. attractive, masculine, "Charles Atlas Before" likes Kahill Gibran, Joe Campbell, volunteering, movies, traveling. You: se-cure, masculine, GM race unimportant. Goal: friendship possible relationship with physical and spiritual growth. **T** 1543

ealthy HIV+ attractive, masculine GWM 5'9", Bl/Bl, 189, wishes to relax, love, and with life again. Desire attractive GWM 30-40+, 75 1573 Masculine GWM, 26, 5'10", 155#, blond/

brown, seeks good looking Butch top to 45

After living seven years scared this very

(sane, sexy, safe) for intense manly encounters. \$\overline{\Omega}\$ 1567 I very fine looks, body, mind, sould, circa 35 young looking masculine man seeks similar for one on one. Negative. T 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, perm, nice wardrobe sonal services for roo travel, transportation. To 1560

GWM Daddy needs pretty young boy to dress in leather & other cute/sexy outfits & go out and party. 7 1561

GWM, mid-40's, Healthy HIV+, seeks

stable young GWM for hot massage, high erotic states, extended cuddle sessions and possible relationship. To 1559

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

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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. 75 1463

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GWM, 29, 6'4", 195, tall, dark, handsome, healthy, HIV neg., romantic, masculine, artistic, not into bars, loves outdoors, serious replies. 25 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. 27 1476

Handsome, passionate, 35, 6'1", 175, healthy WM looking for summer sizzle and workout partner, Jazz lover. 7 1480

GWM, 32, 5'10", 135#, blk/brn, very French active, ISO laid back, dominant, verbal, WMs to help fulfill my constant cravings. 75 1478

HIV+, considered attractive with a variety of interests, seeking someone similar.

GWM, 28, 6', 180 lbs, brn/grn, healthy,

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.

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.

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. To 1451

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GWM, 36, healthy, HIV, 5'11", 180, goodlooking, muscular, seeks top. You: GWM, masculine, 32-45, good shape. 🛣 1411 GWM, 29, 5'7", 160, br/br. Masculine, intelligent, affectionate top seeks masculine, intelligent, affectionate bottom to share life and love. 

1415

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

GWM, 37, 5'6", 160#, blk/grn, hairy, moustache, healthy, non-smoker, professional, NW area. Seeking similar GWM, 35-40's for possible relationship. 25 1407

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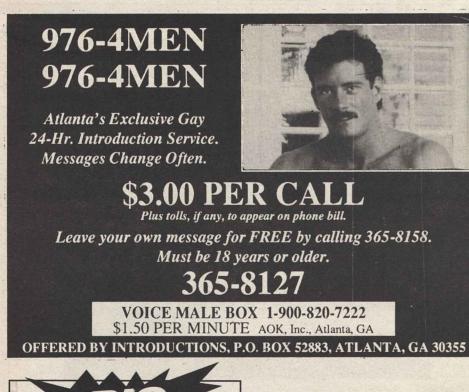
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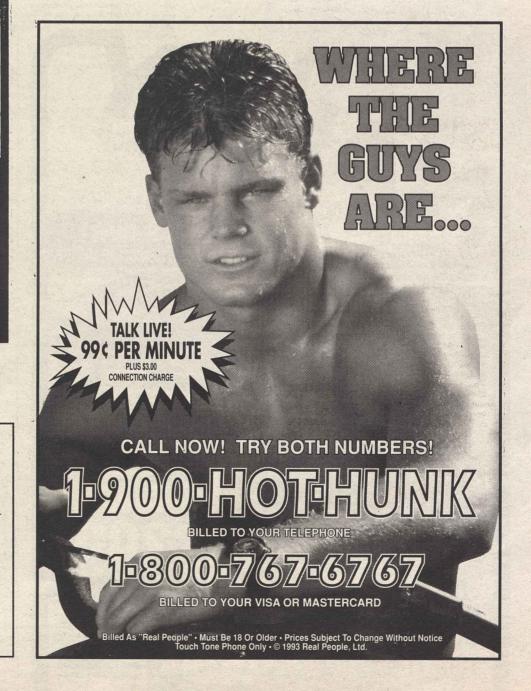




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#### Gay and lesbian vacation threatened by protestors

Gaylord, MI —Anton Ware, 16, felt his stomach tighten as he, his father, sister and a family friend neared the entrance of El Rancho Stevens.

Anti-gay activists had threatened to picket the resort, where a group of gay and lesbian parents and their children began a four-day vacation August 19.

But as the Ware family arrived at the 1,000-acre spread, they were greeted by...no one.

"It would have taken away from the vacation spirit if they (protesters) had been out there," said Anton, whose father, Chicago travel agent Dan Ware, organized the trip. Ware dubbed the vacation the "Family Values" tour.

Preacher Jon Harwood called off the demonstration earlier this week, believing erroneously the vacation had been canceled. He had assembled a group called Citizens of Gaylord for Traditional Values to protest the gay and lesbian parents and kids' visit.

"We received a lot of exposure, so I think we got our point across," said Harwood, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. He said he didn't know how many demonstrators would have shown up because his group was organized by phone.

Dan Ware, 40, founded Toto Tours in 1990 to offer travel opportunities for gay men. He said he never planned to cancel the El Rancho trip, although fewer people took part than originally expected.

Thirteen adults and 11 children spent a long weekend riding horses and bikes, water skiing and enjoying other sports at the Western-style resort nestled in a pine forest a couple of miles south of Gaylord.

"We didn't come here to make a political statement. It's just parents having a good time with their children," Ware said. Although he has led other vacation tours

Although he has led other vacation tours for gay adults, this is the first for gay and lesbian parents and their children. And, he says, he plans to do it again next year.



Families pose poolside at El Rancho Stevens

"According to a survey done by Overlooked Opinions, 4.8% of gay men and 10.2% of lesbians have kids under the age of 18," Ware told Southern Voicce. "7500 people from across the country participated in that survey. That's significant. But even more important, lesbian and gay parents want and need to give their kids the opportunity to be around other kids of gay and lesbian parents so they know they're not alone. And in a selfish vein, so my kids can have that experience, too. "

Danna Merritt, 48, a mother of two from Troy, joined the group although she isn't a lesbian. She met the Wares during another vacation at El Rancho Stevens several years ago.

"Dan has family values, as much as anyone," Merritt said. "He's devoted to his kids. I respect him."

Harwood isn't convinced.

"We don't want people like this coming here and having a family time no more than we'd want thieves or murderers to come up here and have a family get-together," he said. "We don't want Gaylord to become the San Francisco of Michigan."

Ware said he told Anton and Alexis, 14, that he is gay when he and his wife divorced a decade ago. The children stay with her during the week and with him on weekends.

"Whether or not I agree with his lifestyle,

he's my dad and I love him," Alexis said.

Ware's tour groups neither "flaunt" nor hide their sexual orientation, he said. Fellow tourists are generally tolerant, and in some cases have become fast friends with the gay travelers, Ware said.

"The more chances there are for straight people to interact with gay people, the better off we are," he said. "There's really nothing to be afraid of.

"A lot of stereotypes get smashed when straight people hang out with us."

The controversy was the talk of the town, although some residents say it has brought unwelcome publicity to Gaylord, a northern Lower Peninsula village of 3,200 heavily dependent on tourism.

"I think it's been a little blown out of proportion," resort owner Steven Stevens said. Stevens, whose father founded the resort in 1948, said he welcomed Ware's tour group which included residents of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana.

"We don't discriminate," Stevens said. 'Everybody's money's green."

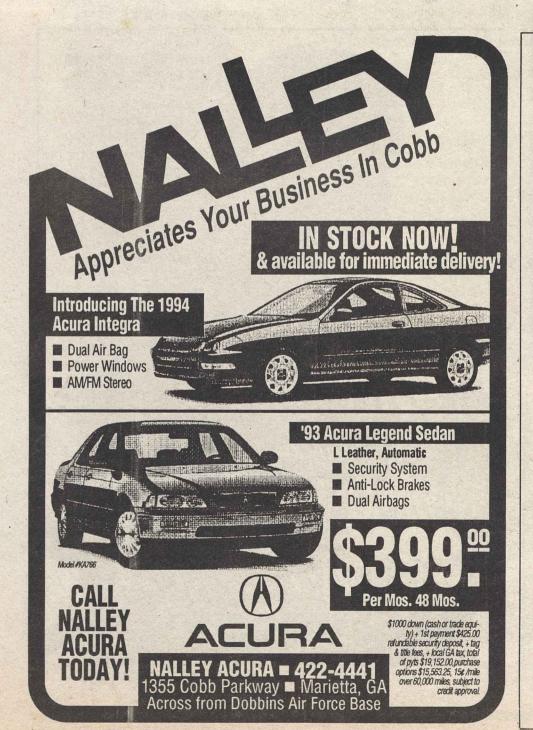
Although Ware will offer a vacation again next summer for lesbian and gay parents and their children, he says it will not be held at El Rancho Stevens.

"There was some awkwardness and coolness on the part of the staff," Ware said, "probably because they were very unhappy about all the publicity. I didn't feel they were active enough in supporting our right to be there as they did the other vacationers at the Ranch."

Ware is not only planning a family summer vacation next year, but also a ski weekend.

"I don't have the times or places confirmed yet, but it will happen."

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