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THE SUMMER THAT WAS

The past three months have been a time of acute controversy and tremendous disappointment in the gay and lesbian community. It has been a time to learn lessons about ourselves, our opponents—and about what we need to do.

by RICHARD SHUMATE

Watershed.

The noun doesn't really seem strong enough to convey what impact the recently-departed summer has had on the lesbian and gay community—in Atlanta, around the Southeast and throughout the country. But in the sense that the community has crossed into new territory and left behind a world that will never be quite the same again, the "summer that was" really was an extraordinary watershed.

The headlines this summer were, more often than not, disheartening. The veto of partnership in Atlanta. Sam Nunn. The disappointing performance of Bill Clinton. The arrest of the Pear Garden Six. Billy McKinney. Another international AIDS conference where there was precious little progress to report. Gordon Wylong loose on "Nightline," calling homosexuality a behavior disorder.

Looking at a list of all of the bad news, what seems amazing is that so many negative events could be packed into a mere three months.

The karma of this summer didn't start out that way. Back around Memorial Day, we were still coming off the high from the March On Washington. The gays-in-the-military debate had quieted down somewhat from January, when conservative talk radio jocks had portrayed us as devils incarnate. We still had hope that the president for whom we had done so much to elect would keep the promises that he had made.

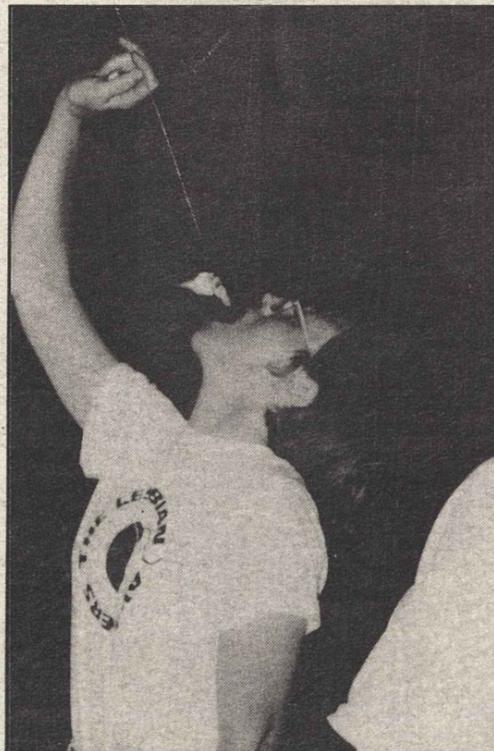
On the home front, the Atlanta City Council and the Fulton County Commission were quietly considering domestic partnership legislation. Gay and lesbian lobbyists were holding onto hope (naively, as it turned out) that the measure would slide through the wheels of local government without much notice from the Christian supremacists.

Cobb County was still just a nice, quiet suburban enclave for gays and lesbians who eschewed life in the

intown gay ghettos. Any negative energy they faced came mainly from peers teasing them that it was less than hip to live in a place where a giant wooden chicken was the primary landmark.

Three months ago, there was a sense that we were

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During a protest after the veto of the domestic partnership ordinance in July, Lesbian Avenger B Connor ate fire.

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New attitude at Morningside Chase?

Management says apartment complex is still gay-friendly, but some residents aren't so sure

Atlanta—Has one of Atlanta's most gay/lesbian friendly apartment complexes turned against the community?

Some residents at Morningside Chase, long known as a "gay complex," think so, and they are concerned that recent events at the complex, including a letter from the property manager telling tenants to stop "public displays of affection" in the pool area, are evidence of a veiled attempt to drive them out.

But the managers of the apartment complex strongly deny that they are trying to discriminate against gay or lesbian tenants and say the letter was prompted by complaints from tenants, most of whom were gay.

"The letter is in no way an attack on the gay and lesbian community," said Sharlyn Young, Morningside Chase's resident manager. "The letter is trying to address concerns our residents have."

Residents received a letter from Gaetano L. Belcore, president of Belcore & Associates, the Tustin, Calif.-based company that manages the complex. The letter cited resi-

dent complaints about cruising throughout the complex, as well as "public displays of affection" in the pool area.

Earlier this year, the company stopped advertising in the gay press, and the rainbow flags that adorned the front entrance were taken down. Belcore told Southern Voice he was not certain about when the flags were removed, but he be-

lieved they probably came down during a recent landscaping. In the letter, Belcore said that the company had eliminated almost all of its advertising, in and out of the gay press, preferring to attract renters by word of mouth.

In the letter, Belcore wrote that "what people do in the privacy of their own apart-

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Morningside Chase has long been known as a "gay complex."

Judge OKs hospice, but Clayton keeps fighting

Riverdale—A federal judge last week granted the go ahead for the opening of an AIDS hospice, but the Clayton County Commission, which denied permission for the facility back in April, has decided to fight the ruling.

"We will be filing a motion for reconsideration, along with other things, initially," Don Foster, the county's attorney, told Southern Voice. "But I'd really rather not go into that further."

The decision by the county to continue the legal fight has angered HIV/AIDS patient advocates.

"It's a senseless thing to appeal. They're just going to waste taxpayer money. They have no grounds for appeal," said Chip Rowan, who represented four people with AIDS, who, along with Elysium House, Inc., filed suit against the commission last April when Clayton County officials refused to grant a business license and

zoning permits for the facility.

"I wish the county would just give us the opportunity to show them [that the hospice] is not what they think," said Kim Partain, Elysium House's administrator. Despite the county's decision to appeal the ruling, the hospice expects to be open by Oct. 1.

"We have people who need housing now," she said. "We're going to get the house ready as soon as possible to move these people in."

County officials, who originally told Partain that the hospice would not need a permit, changed their minds after angry neighbors learned, from an article in a local newspaper, that Elysium House would house AIDS patients.

That article brought angry residents to a PTA meeting last September and a public forum last October, where they complained that locating the facility so close to nearby Oliver El-

ementary School would pose health problems for students. Other residents simply complained that the facility would become "a hangout for gays."

"Anytime you have homosexuals around, there are bound to be a lot of needles," area resident Robert Balfour told a Clayton County newspaper, "I can't imagine the government wanting a group of homosexuals living next to the Oliver School."

The commission steered clear of the health/gay issues, however, instead calling Elysium House a business and refusing to rezone the property, on West Fayetteville Road, for a commercial venture. But U.S. District Court Judge Robert Hall ruled that the facility was a home for terminally ill patients and ordered the county to allow the facility to open.

KC WILDMOON

New AID Atlanta director named

Atlanta—In the wake of Sandra "Sandy" Thurman's recent departure as executive director of AID Atlanta comes her replacement, Rebecca "Becky" Clayton.

Becky who?

Clayton, a virtual unknown in the local AIDS arena who was named head of AID Atlanta last week, spent the past year serving as senior vice president of marketing and resource development with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta. While Clayton has done some work with HIV/AIDS organizations—through the Clubs and several directorial positions she's held with United Way—her involvement up to now has been somewhat tangential.

"I think I come in with an objectivity, and I think that's a great benefit to the organization," Clayton said. "In any organization, whether it's an AIDS/HIV organization, or youth development agency, or United Way, everybody brings agendas to the table. That's human nature. Part of my job is to be able to sift through the human stuff and to work to develop people so that they will work collectively for the common good of the mission of the organization."

Similarities between Clayton and predecessor Thurman will no doubt be made, from the single-white-female aspect down to their shared reputations for bolstering the bank accounts of not-for-profit organizations. Clayton says she is like Sandy Thurman in a lot of ways. "I have a very open style," she said. "I am very much a people person."

"It's difficult if you try and replace a person," said board member and search committee head Ted Haslam. "It's not as difficult if you really just analyze what is the job...the priorities...and find someone who can perform those functions well."

Haslam and the search committee interviewed 142 candidates from around the country, then whittled the list down to six finalists. But in the end, the committee unanimously decided on a local candidate, whom Haslam said impressed the committee with administrative skills, experience with diversity and a strategic, forward way of thinking.

"If there's one thing that shocked me out of [the search process], it's that the person ended up coming from Atlanta," Haslam said. "When you're looking for someone who's going to feel comfortable with the community but at the same time feel comfortable with the issues, comfortable working with an organization the size of

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Home Depot, Sprint and Coke targeted in Cobb economic action

Marietta—Organizers of the economic campaign against Cobb County are turning up the heat on three corporations, trying to get them to steer clear of the county in the wake of anti-gay/lesbian resolutions passed by the county commission.

Home Depot, with corporate headquarters in Cobb County, has already denounced the resolutions but is still scheduled to hold its annual shareholders' meeting at the county's new convention facility, atop the Galleria Centre, in May 1994. Sprint, another corporation headquartered in Cobb, has a meeting scheduled there in January 1994, and Coca-Cola Enterprises, the country's largest Coca-Cola bottler, plans a move to Cobb County early next year.

A nationwide campaign is underway to get the customers and shareholders of these companies to write or call, asking them to reconsider bringing business to Cobb. Both Home Depot and Sprint have statements prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in their employment policies.

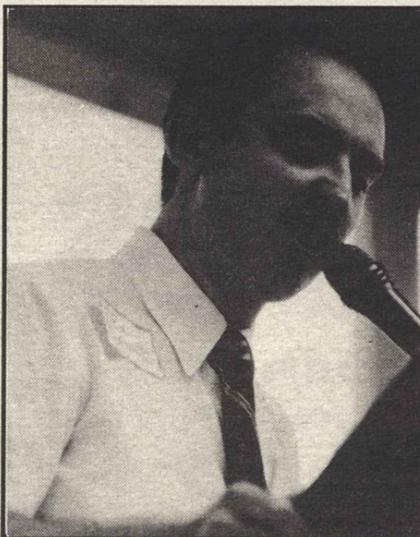
The Cobb campaign, a joint effort of the Cobb County Citizens Coalition and chapters of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defama-

tion, got a boost last week when Boycott Colorado, the organization spearheading the boycott of that state because of its anti-gay/lesbian rights amendment, endorsed the local effort.

"Our board of directors supports this boycott as a way to fight anti-gay sentiment in Cobb County," said Boycott Colorado president Terry Schleder. "Gays and lesbians must use the power of our dollars in the grassroots fight against the anti-gay agenda of the religious right."

Boycott Colorado has provided the Cobb group and GLAAD with a list of nearly 200 individuals and organizations that have endorsed the Colorado boycott. Carl Lange of GLAAD/Atlanta said that his organization would be contacting those on that list to ask for their support in the Cobb campaign.

Though there have been no announced cancellations so far as a result of the economic action against Cobb, "We've only just begun getting all the information out," Lange said. "Other chapters [across the country] are now beginning to get the word out. We're assisting the Cobb Citizens Coalition, trying to help them on a national level because we have the ability to do that."



Cobb County Citizens Coalition organizer Jon Greaves

To help convince corporations and organizations to join in the campaign, the Cobb Citizens Coalition is preparing a video and brochure

to explain the issue.

"The video will have selected pieces of news footage—from the arts ordinance hearings and rallies and demonstrations that have taken place," said coalition organizer Jon Greaves. "We're making an effort to have a balanced piece, but that's very, very difficult because there was just so much meanness."

The brochure, Greaves said, would reiterate the material in the video, and "explain what we would like them to do."

"If they're thinking about using the Cobb Galleria Centre, move the meeting," Greaves said. "If that's not possible, or they're not considering using the facility, then make a strong statement supporting the rights of all citizens. Make public the company's EEOC policy against discrimination based on sexual orientation, or add it to their EEOC statement so their employees will feel safe working there."

In addition to the Galleria Centre boycott, the coalition is drawing up a list of businesses in Cobb County that oppose the commission's resolutions.

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U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds (left) and his partner, Dean Hara, talk with New Orleans activist Lloyd Bowers at the recent P-FLAG convention in New Orleans.

P-FLAG meets in New Orleans

New Orleans, LA calls for administrative restructuring, real traditional family values and greater political accountability among legislators and gays were the topics discussed by three keynote speakers during the 12th annual Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays national convention, held recently in New Orleans.

P-FLAG president Mitzi Henderson lobbied members to approve a limit on the number of regional directors and the formation of a regional director council. While calling P-FLAG a "complex and diverse organization with our own employees, a substantial budget, a large and growing membership and a major public role," Henderson claimed the national board had become outmoded by its own success in representing widely-scattered chapters and encouraging the formation of new groups.

"Just as corporations and other non-profit groups are restructuring to meet the 90s, we are proposing a redesigned board of directors," she said.

New Orleans native Larry Bagneris, the first openly gay political candidate for city and statewide office in Louisiana, elaborated upon the convention's theme of "Celebrating Family New Orleans Style." After introducing accompanying family members, Bagneris discussed what he called the families of birth,

of choice and of all humankind.

"One of the reasons why recognizing diversity and respecting differences has been easier for me than other is that there was so much diversity in my own family," said Bagneris, who is African American and was active as a youth in civil-rights protests in Selma and New Orleans. "It wasn't long after coming out and discovering this new extended family that I began to see that the qualities I valued in my family of birth were the same in my family of choice."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Massachusetts, the first openly gay member of Congress, cited the need for accountability by legislators and gays in his keynote speech. Studds, who first came out publicly on the floor of the House in 1983, said that while most legislators privately support gay civil rights legislation, few will do so in an official roll-call vote.

Calling gays an invisible minority compared to women and people of color, Studds challenged gays and their loved ones to be more open in their everyday lives. "No one discriminates against gay people. We can only discriminate against openly gay people or those we think are gay," Studds said. "If, at 12 o'clock tomorrow, every gay and lesbian person in the country stood up for two minutes, this struggle would be over."

WILLIAM LIERMANN

AIDS fund diversion within law

Tallahassee, FL—Investigators say the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services was within the law when it used federal money earmarked for AIDS programs to pay for other social services.

Janet Ferris, Gov. Lawton Chiles' chief inspector general, who headed the 11-month investigation, said it was "misleading" of the agency to list the counseling positions in its budgets for 1990 and 1991 when the workers were never hired. But federal guidelines allowed HRS to use the funds for other social service programs and to boost its current AIDS program, so the agency did not violate any federal rule, the investigators concluded.

HRS Secretary Jim Towey said Sept. 2 he agreed with the investigation's findings. He

said HRS is working with federal officials to more accurately report spending.

"We can always improve our accountability to the federal government and the taxpayers," Towey told The Orlando Sentinel.

Several former and current employees last September accused HRS officials of misusing millions of dollars worth of federal grants designated for hiring and training AIDS counselors and providing AIDS treatment programs. The whistleblowers said the money went to the service providers favored by officials.

In written responses this week to the governor's findings, the whistleblowers accused Chiles' aides of trying to avoid political embarrassment.

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Partners sign up in the Big Easy

New Orleans—Gay newspaper publisher Rip Naquin and restaurant cook Martin Greeson have become the first couple to register under a city law that recognizes "domestic partnerships" between all couples who live together but are not married.

Though the law applies to both straight and gay and lesbian couples, the early registrants after the law went into effect Sept. 1 were mostly gay and lesbian couples, the re-

sult of an effort by local gay/lesbian groups to spread the word about the new registry. Other cities with similar registries have found that unmarried straight couples also sign up in large numbers.

For now at least, domestic partnerships in New Orleans will have few immediate effects. The new registry does not affect state laws on marriage or inheritance.

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Senate Endorses Nunn's Tougher Ban: By a vote of 63-33, the U.S. Senate endorsed a policy on gays and lesbians serving in the military, proposed by U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, that is far more restrictive than President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" compromise. The Senate language, attached to the 1994 defense budget, says homosexuality is incompatible with military service and is an unacceptable risk to military morale. Only one Southern senator, Virginia Democrat Charles Robb, voted against Nunn's ban plan. The House has already approved a similar version of the tougher anti-gay language. The Clinton administration is not expected to veto the measure.



Torie Osborn leaving NGLTF

Osborn Resigns As Head Of NGLTF: Frustrated by administrative demands, Torie Osborn has resigned as head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, effective Nov. 1. "It just isn't working," said Osborn, who was hired in March to replace Urvashi Vaid. "This job requires internal management in far greater measure than I am prepared to give at this time." Osborn, former director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Center, announced that she plans to stay in Washington and would like to devote more time to writing, lecturing and consulting.

California Judge Says Military Ban Unconstitutional: A federal judge in Sacramento has ruled the military's ban on lesbians and gay men unconstitutional. Former sailor Mel Dahl filed suit in 1989 contesting his 1982 discharge for homosexuality. U.S. District Judge Milton Schwartz's ruling dealt with regulations in effect in the 1980s and not the compromise "don't ask, don't tell" policy set to go into effect on Oct. 1, but he did review and dismiss many of that plan's arguments. "Apparently, as long as heterosexual service members or recruits know only that some service members might be homosexual, but do not know exactly who is homosexual, they do not object to working, showering and living with homosexuals," wrote Schwartz. "The only inference to be drawn is that the threats to military effectiveness posed by homosexuals, assuming such threats actually exist, arise solely from heterosexuals' adverse reactions to the presence of known homosexuals in the Navy, and not from the behavior of homosexuals themselves."

Pennsylvania Lawyer Says Firm Fired Him For Having AIDS: A Philadelphia attorney, identified in court records as John Doe, has filed a federal lawsuit claiming that legal firm Kohn Nast and Graf fired him when it learned he had AIDS. Doe claims that firm partner Steven A. Asher found a letter from a doctor about his HIV infection. Asher allegedly told him he would receive no more work and would be let go in 1994. Doe was fired in March after a phone message to Doe from the equal Employment Opportunity Commission was passed along to senior partner Harold Kohn. The firm says it fired Doe for "communicating confidential firm matters to persons outside the firm" and because his discussions with other employees about his intention to sue "had a detrimental effect" on staff morale, according to the lawsuit.

Midwest Flooding May Hurt AIDS Agencies: AIDS agencies in the nation's Midwest—crippled this summer by record flooding—fear that the cost of recovery from the floods may put a major dent in their fundraising efforts, as corporate and individual donations pile in for flood relief. "Non-profit fundraising is shot to hell," said Michael Current, director of the Des Moines, Iowa, Gay and Lesbian Resource Center. "If you're not the Salvation Army or the Red Cross, you're out of luck." Aid Greater Des Moines, which serves 200 HIV/AIDS clients in the Iowa capital area, lost electricity and several clients were displaced, but little other damage occurred to its facility.

Texas Utility Commission Appoints Open Lesbian: Sarah Goodfriend, an open lesbian and member of Texas' Lesbian-Gay Rights Lobby, has been appointed to that state's Public Utility Commission. "The appointment of an out lesbian to such a powerful commission gives our community something to celebrate in these difficult times," said Laurie Eiserloh, executive director of LGRL. "I think she will challenge many brutal stereotypes of lesbian and gay people." Goodfriend is the sixth openly gay or lesbian person appointed to a state board or commission in Texas.

Imprisoned Gay Sailor Claims Civil Rights Violations: Officers at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, have opened an investigation into alleged civil rights violations against Lawrence A. Meholick, a gay sailor imprisoned for having sex with another man. Investigators have met with Meholick to question him about allegations that a Leavenworth colonel interfered with Meholick's attorney-client privileges by bugging conversations and tampering with his mail. Meholick, awarded with a Bronze Star during the Vietnam War, was dishonorably discharged for sodomy when he confessed while under influence of psychoactive medication. He was sentenced to six years at Ft. Leavenworth.

Gay/Lesbian Rights Initiative May Be Headed for Colorado Ballot: A group pushing to repeal Colorado's Amendment 2 and replace it with a statewide gay/lesbian rights law is nearing the 50,000 signatures needed to place the proposal on the 1994 ballot. People for a Stronger Colorado has gathered more than 42,000 of the 49,279 signatures of registered voters it needs by Nov. 5 to place the initiative on the ballot, political activist Daniel Brewer-Ward said. "Colorado for Family Values said if their amendment is struck down [by pending court action], they'll come back with something else, and we need to stop that from happening," said Brewer-Ward.

Former CIA Director Says Gays Shouldn't Be Boy Scouts: Gay men shouldn't be allowed to serve as Boy Scout leaders since the organization is intended to instill values and build character in young men, former CIA director Robert Gates says. "Scouting must teach tolerance and respect for the dignity and worth of every individual person, certainly including gays," Gates told a meeting of the Wichita, Kan. Downtown Rotary Club. "But scouting also has a responsibility to the young adolescents in its charge." Gates claims that scouting is different from the CIA, where the Bush appointee implemented a hiring policy that banned the agency from discriminating against gay men and lesbians.

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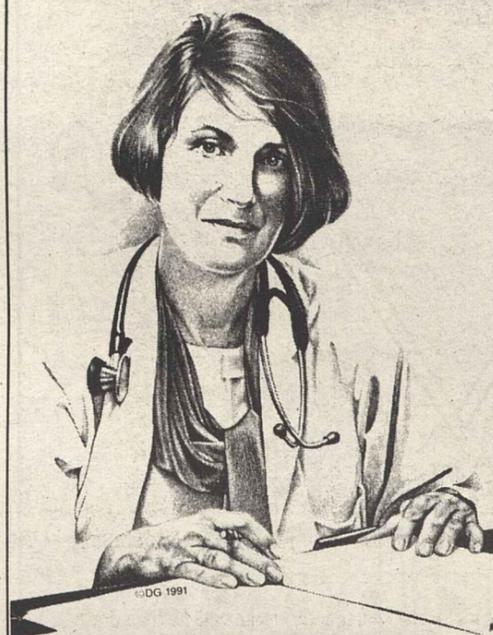
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Anti-gay vandals hit store

Owner says he has been harassed by city workers

Atlanta—Vandals struck a Candler Park business Labor Day weekend, painting a swastika and an anti-gay epithet on the side of Magnolia's, a store in Candler Park.

Owner Rob Turnipseed, who lives at the McLendon Avenue site with his lover, says he is frightened.

"I'm scared for myself and my lover," he said. "This is only one step away from physical violence, or torching the place."

Turnipseed has made no secret of his sexual orientation while in business for the last two years, often flying a rainbow flag and keeping a sign with changing messages on the front of his business. At the time of the vandalism, the sign read "Wysong/Tokars/Cobb County/Hitler. Same family values. Scary, huh?"

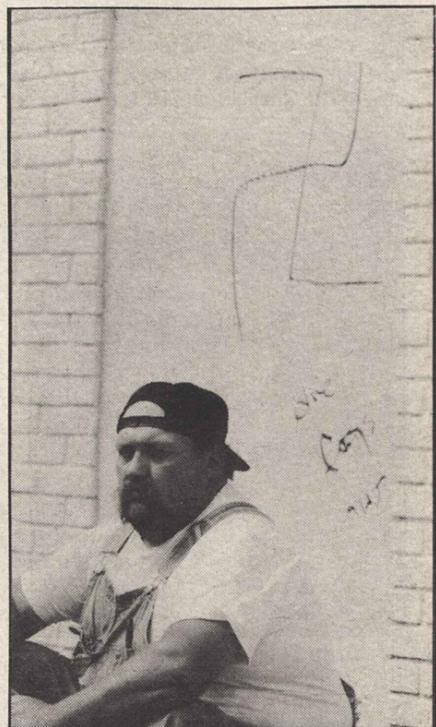
But Turnipseed does not believe that residents in the Candler Park neighborhood are responsible for the spray-painting.

"The neighborhood is great," he said. "The people here, the kids too, are too enlightened for that kind of trash."

Although Turnipseed has never had problems with his Candler Park neighbors, the vandalism was not the first time Turnipseed has been the target of anti-gay harassment. Last spring, when torrential rains caused a sinkhole behind Magnolia's, Turnipseed complained that city workers repairing the damage were drinking and sleeping on the job and harassing neighborhood residents. As a result, he says, the workers began harassing him.

"They drive by in their trucks and yell 'die faggots,'" he said. "It's still happening. Daily, or every other day."

Turnipseed also said that when work was completed, the city workers hauled off fencing, iron pipes and fence posts from behind the building that belonged to him. He met with Acting Public Works Commissioner Douglas Hooker about the problem, and Hooker promised to look into the problem and make restitution, if necessary. But, said Turnipseed, no action has yet been taken.



Magnolia's owner Rob Turnipseed sits in front of the anti-gay graffiti left on the side of his store.

Hooker did not return a phone call in time for his comments to be included in this issue.

City Councilwoman Mary Davis, who set up the meeting with Hooker, has requested that the commissioner report his progress in dealing with Turnipseed's complaints.

"I had hoped that having Mr. Turnipseed and Doug Hooker sitting down and working on these problems would resolve them," Davis said. "Apparently that hasn't happened."

Turnipseed said he is angry about what he sees as a total lack of response to his complaints by the city, and he said that the latest incident has exacerbated his anger.

"The cop who came to take the report stayed exactly five minutes and asked me why I didn't just call it in on the phone," he said. "But this is not even a gay issue. It's a human issue."

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Morningside Chase

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ment homes is not our concern. However, kissing and fondling in public, whether between heterosexuals or homosexuals, is inappropriate, and not permissible at Morningside Chase."

The admonition against heterosexual "kissing and fondling," is a smokescreen, says Robert Wright, one of the tenants upset by the letter.

"I've seen one heterosexual couple at the pool since I moved here, and they were friends of mine," he said. "The reason I moved here is to be open, to be free of pressures to be closeted."

"It's unfortunate that people would interpret [the letter] that way," said Belcore. "I don't think we've given anyone cause to think that. The letter was prompted by complaints—some of which came from gays and lesbians."

Young acknowledged that the complex is known to be primarily gay, and added that "99 percent of the time, the complaints are from a gay person."

"It has nothing to do with being gay or lesbian," she said. "Whatever the sexual preference, I don't care. I do believe that every person is entitled to make their home where they feel comfortable. With some of the things that go on here, that's a problem."

But Wright said that he and other residents take issue with the prohibition against "public displays of affection."

"A lot of us are dead now [from AIDS]," he said. "If a buddy of mine comes down to the

pool, we're probably going to kiss just because we're grateful to be alive. This kind of thing makes me uncomfortable living here."

"I'm not talking about holding someone's hand," Young said by way of defining "public displays of affection." "And the problems we have are not from friendly kisses."

Wright did acknowledge that the cruising complaint—people from nearby bars driving through the complex late at night—was a legitimate one, but added that he wasn't bothered by it. Young said that she had had more positive responses than negative from the letter.

Some in the gay community were also concerned earlier this year when Hollywood Hots, an AIDS benefit usually held at the complex each fall, was moved to the Heretic. However, Margie Huwig, Hollywood Hots board president, denied that any homophobia on the part of Morningside Chase management caused the move.

"Homophobia is not the reason," she said. "The reason is their insurance. [Hollywood Hots] was something that was done there for a number of years, and then their insurance company caught up with it. Basically, it was something that shouldn't have been done, because the insurance company won't allow them to have outside events on the grounds."

KC WILDMOON

Growing into a new home

Atlanta's First MCC Church will inaugurate its new facility in North Druid Hills next month

The First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta will make the eagerly awaited move from its church-house of 21 years on North Highland Avenue to the old Cinema Draft House off of North Druid Hills Road next month.

Riding on plenty of arbitrary deadlines, setbacks and delays, church leaders are the first to admit that the transition has not been a smooth one. However, when it all comes together—which may not happen completely for several years—the new facility will be a nothing less than a landmark of the growth and strength of the 25-year-old ministry.

"In the early '70s we weren't even thinking about owning buildings," says Rev. Jay Neely. "We were just lucky to have a place to meet. And we were meeting in all kinds of places...bars, theaters, homes, storefronts, beauty shops."

Members of the church community bought the North Highland Avenue location back in 1972, wondering how in the world they would ever pay off the \$76,000 mortgage. But while it took just five years to pay it off, today—with no parking, only two meeting rooms, a membership of 178 and a weekly attendance of 200—it can no longer facilitate all of the church's programs.

The new building, acquired three months ago for what the land it sits on was worth, has more than twice the floor space of the old location. While most of it will not be utilized immediately, the goal is to have the entire facility completed by 1995, when Atlanta will host the MCC General Conference.

It will be no small task to take the building

from its current state—complete with stripped floors and walls, dangling wires and exposed insulation—into readiness for its first worship service on Sunday, October 3. Though that date is said to be firm, there is still plenty of work to be done before the church can even acquire a certificate of occupancy. Volunteers did all of the construction work up until last week, when a general contractor came in to complete the first phase.

"Phase I" includes makeshift sanctuary seating for 250 in what will eventually be a lobby area, four large meeting rooms, a kitchen and office space. By the end of "Phase II," there will be a 500-seat sanctuary, a full lobby and enough sound-proof rooms to hold several meetings simultaneously, not to mention such luxuries as a choir room and lots of storage space. Phase I is estimated to cost \$120,000-140,000, with Phase II costing another \$600,000.

An immediate difference is the fact that the new facility isn't located in a residential neighborhood. Instead it sits in the midst of Executive Park, surrounded by office buildings and businesses.

"There is no community here," says Reid Christensen, First MCC's senior pastor. "We are surrounded by businesses and offices. I have visited with most of the businesspeople in the area—a couple of them have even stopped in and welcomed us. But our membership has always been drawn from a 40-to-50-mile radius, so that won't change."

The new location also makes the church accessible to people in the north end of the metro area. And with access from Interstate 85, "it



Rev. Reid Christensen, senior pastor, in front of the new First MCC, which used to be a movie theater/beer hall.

doesn't matter what direction you're coming from," Christensen says. "It's a lot easier than weaving your way down into the Virginia-Highland area."

The recently-ordained Rev. Neely also serves as district coordinator for the Gulf Lower Atlantic District of MCC, overseeing six states and 29 churches. He says it is important that people see the connection between First MCC in Atlanta and what people in other states do.

"There would be no church in Boone, N.C., if this church had not existed," Neely says. He refers to a group of gay and lesbian students at Appalachian State University who became targets of a Baptist minister and were forced to seek an alternative place to worship. Through their association with First MCC in Atlanta,

Boone recently organized its own church.

"All of these things spin off," Neely says. "It isn't just about building buildings. It's what it stands for. It is a hope for other communities. They look and they say 'those folks have done it—we can do it.'"

New MCC churches are constantly opening across the country and throughout the world, and the congregations continue to grow as well. "While other churches are losing members, we're gaining them," Christensen says.

"We're approaching the year 2000," Neely says. "We all tend to look at that as a very special time—and it will be because this church, in the year 2000, will be bursting at the seams."

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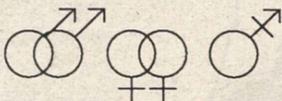
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EDITORIAL

Why the public should know Walk producers' fee

This year, AID Atlanta has hired a production company to organize its annual AIDS Walk, rather than planning the event in-house with volunteers. Both AID Atlanta and the firm it hired, Miller Zeichik and Associates, are private organizations, trying to raise money for services in desperate demand.

So where does Southern Voice get off writing a story that makes a big deal out of the fact that AID Atlanta won't say how much money it is paying Miller Zeichik to put on the walk? Why does SoVo think that the contract arrangements between two private groups is any of its business?

Those were questions a few of our readers had after our recent cover story on the AIDS Walk.

There are several reasons why Southern Voice believes that it is in the best interests of the walk, AID Atlanta and the public to disclose this information.

The first reason is that, in the absence of public disclosure, rumors have been floating around about how much money Miller Zeichik will receive for producing the walk. From everything we have been able to determine, those

rumored figures are highly exaggerated. But in the absence of public disclosure, no one can say that for sure. So the best way to debunk those rumors would be for AID Atlanta simply to tell us how much money Miller Zeichik will receive.

Second, the Atlanta community is being asked to contribute \$1 million to the fight against HIV/AIDS through this event. Everyone who contributes, whether a small amount or thousands of dollars, deserves to know where that money is going and for what purposes it will be used. Any group that asks for that much money cannot expect people just to turn it over and wander off into the night without asking questions.

Third, we don't see a compelling reason for AID Atlanta to refuse to disclose this information. If, as agency officials insist, Miller Zeichik's fee doesn't amount to that much money, then disclosing it will do nothing to harm public confidence in the event. The people who will donate money to the AIDS Walk are certainly capable of looking at this information and making a rational, intelligent decisions about how they want to spend their chari-

table dollars. Refusing to disclose the figure only creates an impression of arrogance and imperiousness that can't help but have a negative impact on the agency's mission.

No one disputes that the AIDS Walk is a worthy cause that deserves the support of the gay/lesbian community, as well as all other communities that make up this city. Southern Voice is proud to be a sponsor of the event, as we have been since its inception. We were not trying to insinuate that some sort of nefarious scheme was afoot.

But just because the walk is a worthy cause does not mean that the financial arrangements surrounding it are immune from public scrutiny. Just because AID Atlanta is an organization involved in good works that benefit those brothers and sisters struggling with HIV/AIDS doesn't mean that its decisions cannot be questioned.

Providing that scrutiny and asking those questions is the role of a newspaper. For us to do anything less would represent a failure to our readers.

RICHARD SHUMATE

L E T T E R S

Shelly Roberts column does a disservice to P-FLAG group

Shelly Roberts is a fine writer, and we look forward to her articles with each issue of SoVo. We felt, however, that her article about the P-FLAG meeting she attended in *another state* [SoVo, Sept. 2] would give a false impression of what you might find when you come to P-FLAG Atlanta meetings.

At P-FLAG Atlanta's meetings, we do not allow guests to be subjected to homophobia as they are in society. Parents new to our P-FLAG chapter do not attend guest lecture sessions. They are in another small group with parents who have already made the journey to acceptance and/or celebration of their child's life.

We talked with Ms. Roberts, and she was distressed that we read a negative P-FLAG negative message in her article. She encouraged us to correct any negative message you may have seen. She said it was not intended and reiterated her admiration of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

We meet the third Sunday of every month from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Cliff Valley Way. You and your friends and families are most

welcome. For more details, call 875-9440.
Judy Colbs
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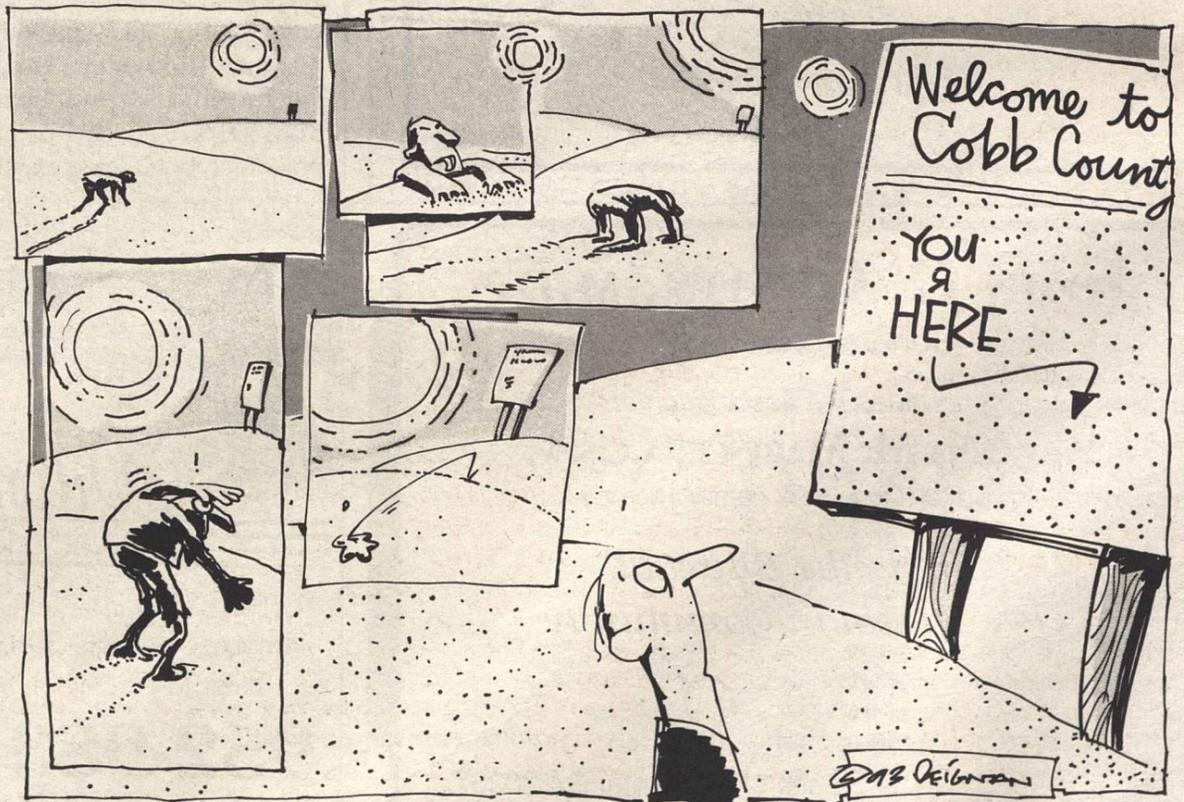
Roberts admits that she overstepped

I would like to apologize to Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays for any offense they may have taken from a recent column of mine on the subject [SoVo, Sept. 2]. I cannot express how valuable an organization I believe P-FLAG to be, or how much admiration I have for all of the dedicated and devoted people involved. It is just that kind of dedication and devotion that takes people like the woman I described and educates and informs her and turns her into a true ally. I intended in no way to be disrespectful to her, nor to the facilitators of the P-FLAG group I attended, and I believe that their handling of what I

thought was an awkward and difficult situation was far more patient and understanding that I think I would have been capable of. Apparently in my necessary exaggeration to make a point with humor, I overstepped.

I also want readers to understand that, for the sake of confidentiality, I chose not to run this particular column in the area where the group was held. I don't believe that this column was reflective of any P-FLAG meetings in your area, as I have never attended any there.

Shelly Roberts
Pompano Beach, Fla.



Might-have-beens from a Chicago night with Janis Ian

Janis Ian was on Howard Stern's show last night promoting her new album, "Breaking Silence." In the first five seconds, he tossed his auburn curls, like some latter-day Loretta Young entering his hair through a doorway, and asked how old she was when she first acted on her lesbianism.

What? Janis? One of us? Oh, gaydar, where were you when I really needed you?

"Fifteen and a half," she replied, in the kind of months-on-end accounting ascribed to the impatiently young learning to tally their lifetimes.

"Ooooooh," I thought. I inwardly groaned. Only, Judy, lying beside me in our Sunday night let's-watch-a-little-TV-before-we-have-to-sleep-ourselves-into-a-new-week bed, asked, "What's wrong?"

"Oh, nothing. I used to know her." And drifted into a 20-year-old Chicago reverie. Way back to when I still wanted to throw up at the lesbian scenes in paperback books. I had been married to Whatsisname for about as long as we were going to last and had taken up a friendship with a woman at work who fulfilled all the blond, blue-eyed Cinderella fantasies I was never going to be. As friends, you understand. Best friends. The kind who invent traumas weekly for excuses to hug. The kind who later would bring suicidal realizations, none of which would ever get acted on and which would only very later be understood.

I was still working my way through my frustrated twentysomething housewife phase when Priscilla said, "You have to hear this music," and played Janis Ian's interracial insight, "Society's Child." It had turned Ian from school yard outcast into famous folksinger at 14. She, who got to hang with Hendrix, was an icon I had missed, and I was taken. With the voice, with the lyricism of the writing, with the sentiment and sensi-



Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

tivity and the concern about the boundary-crossing of the song.

It was a significant number of months later. Whatsisname was packed and gone, Priscilla was offering scant relief and my company said, "Vacation. Use it or lose it." It was the kind of chill December ultimatum that caught me short on cash and travel inspiration. I'd paid for the divorce, was still paying for childcare and couldn't cover costs beyond the wilds of Gary, Indiana, an inconceivable opportunity for Midwest adventure travel. So I did what any poor Chicago soul in my circumstances would do. I looked in the Sunday Sun-Times for amusements and planned to stay home.

And lo and behold. A grown-up Janis Ian was at a local club for the week. For a few bucks to cover the babysitter, and the price of an elevated train to, and an indulgent taxi from, I could have my own Janis Ian festival.

She was splendid. I was entranced. For

four nights I showed up and sipped scotch, which hadn't yet been designated environmentally unsound, and drank in the music and the lovely lady.

On the fifth night, the record company advance man acknowledged my existence with free albums and free drinks. Nothing lascivious, I was vaguely disappointed to discover (what did I know then?). Just good business for an obvious fan. I still have the album, a little cat scratched along the upper edge but with the magic marker inscription still intact. To me. From her.

On the fifth night, we talked a little. Between sets. The sort of star-to-fan non-conversation that makes your adam's apple sit doubled inside your throat. But I must have said something, because the sixth night, the last night, she said, "So, uh, you wanna come with us 'n' get something to eat? Help us pack?"

Did I? Of course. It was way into the little-hand numbers by the end of the last set. We rode up the Northside—Janis, me, the three in the band—in a Sherman tank Checker Cab that defines the streets of Chicago. I sat backward on the fold-down, while they talked of the next gig. And I tried to figure out what I was doing there, or was supposed to do. Help her pack, I guessed. Going home with a guy from a club, I'd have known. But this? It was undefined.

We headed to the hotel, where I handed her clothes from a drawer or a pile on the floor and listened to memorable one-way conversation I can't reconstruct. Just the float-through image of being there, innocently, strangely, strongly drawn in a magnetism that had no vocabulary then, in a room where the tension came from having nowhere to go with it. So I went home, caught in the first few rays over the corner of the lake.

I never knew what I had been doing there. Just a fan thing, I always thought. I must have worn the grooves in that signed album nearly smooth over the next decade. I casually sought sightings and cheered Grammy successes and marveled at her anthem to my adolescence, "At Seventeen," which she lifted wholecloth from my high school yearbook.

We've traveled some roads since then, Janis and I. I went through lesbian bootcamp—away the next year in Europe with Sandy, interned magnificently with Roxann and studied self-destruction with professors Barbara and Jennifer on my way to Judi. A most enlightening trip. I don't know what Janis did in the intervening time. Just, from what I could tell on the Howard Stern show last night, got cooler. Her voice got sweeter. Her memory more special, now that I understood, finally, what I had been doing in a Chicago hotel room 23 years ago handing Janis Ian spare socks and packs of guitar strings.

"Did she come on to you?" Judi asked as I explained the encounter, briefly, so as not to interrupt the absorption of as much Ian essence as could pass to me through the cathode ray.

"I don't think so. I don't know. Who could have known?" I answer, my eyes, way into my thousand-yard stare, reconstructing a smoky club two decades ahead of the wrecking ball, just beyond the image of Howard Stern's awed interrogation.

Who could have known? Oh, Janis, I'm too old to be a groupie. But I'll always be a fan. Or something more.

If I had only known then what I just found out now.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Results of having a lesbian mother anything but adverse

Editor's note: This essay was written by the author as part of the application process to be a White House intern. Applicants were asked to write an essay about their family.

by TANYA DEAN

When you have a family as interesting as mine, it is hard to be brief when describing your background, but I will do my best. The most unusual thing about my family (although it is getting to be less and less unusual) is that my mother is a lesbian. Many people imagine that having a lesbian mother might have affected me adversely. That is quite the opposite of the truth. It is true that we have had to deal with more adversity than the average family because of the prejudices of others, but in many ways that has been a blessing rather than a curse. Adversity provides a test of character, and by observing my mother, I have learned how to face adversity with integrity and courage.

All of my life, my mother has been very open about the fact that she is a lesbian. As a result, she has suffered from a great deal of persecution and prejudice. My mother lived (and lives) with the constant threats of harassment, violence and fear that someone might try to take me away from her. When

she returned to college to pursue a degree late in life and went on to receive a masters degree at a theological seminary, she did so while openly stating that she was a lesbian. Because of this, the church refused to ordain her when she completed her degree, so she was unable to pastor a church, the dream she had cherished for many years.

Despite all of this, my mother has never been bitter, cynical or dishonest. It would have been easier for her to lie about herself, but she has always believed that honesty was more important than simply getting what she wanted. To be dishonest would be to betray herself and all other gay people because it would be the same as saying that there is something wrong with being gay, something that should be hidden. She has been honest about who she was, and so she has always felt good about herself and her life. She has not allowed herself to become cynical or disillusioned.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about my mother is that despite what she has been through, she still firmly believes in the American democratic system. She could easily have given up hope in a system that in many ways was not working for her, but she did not. She has always taught me that the American form of government is special because it gives us the freedom and the means

to overcome injustice by working within the system. The flip-side of this is that because we have the means to right the wrongs within our system, we also have the responsibility to do so. Our government is only as good as its citizens make it. We can give lip service to our ideals, or we can earnestly strive to achieve them.

My mother also taught me that the America of our ideals, the one set out in our Constitution and Bill of Rights, the America that respects every human being, that fights injustice and champions the causes of the oppressed and the rights of the individual, is a government worth fighting for. That is the America that Americans believe in, that we pledge allegiance to, and that we work for. Sometimes we forget about that America, or we stop believing in it, because our reality seems so distant from the idea. It's true that we may never realize our ideal vision of America, but if we keep striving to create that vision, we will get closer and closer to it. Just the fact that we have such a vision is a first step in and of itself.

Each time an individual takes action to try to help achieve a better America, we move one step closer to making the vision real, no matter how small that action is. My mother taught me this through her words and deeds. She has never lost her belief that,

in America, one person can make a difference if he or she has the courage and the integrity to act. She has had that courage and integrity, and I hope to follow in her footsteps.

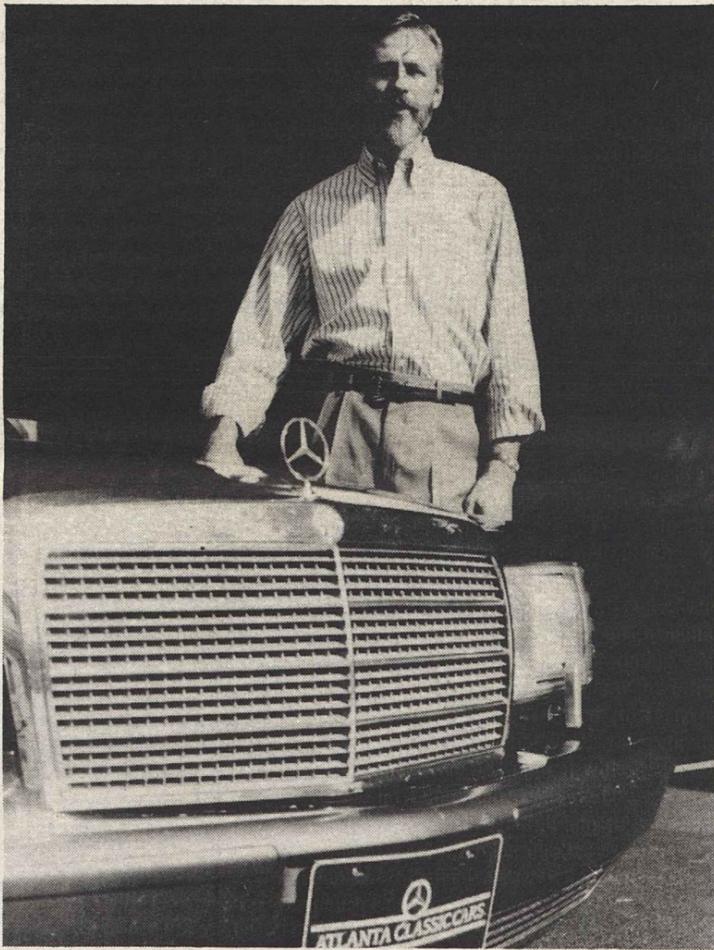
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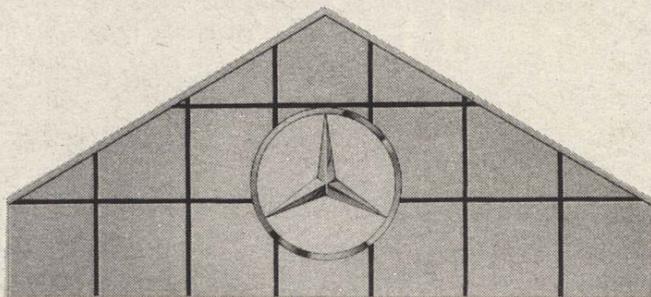
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Virginia lesbian loses custody

Judge says Sharon Bottoms is "immoral" and gives custody of her son to her mother

Richmond, VA—In a case that has brought nationwide attention to discrimination against lesbian and gay parents in custody cases, a Virginia judge ruled that a lesbian is an unfit mother solely because of her sexual orientation.

Henrico County Circuit Judge Buford Parsons Jr. took custody of 2-year-old Tyler Doustou away from Sharon Bottoms, 23, and awarded it to Bottoms' mother, Kay.

One lesbian rights advocate said she feared the decision could prompt a rash of similar disputes elsewhere.

"It's the kind of case that strikes terror in people's hearts—makes them wonder, 'Could this happen to me?' I'm personally concerned there will be some copycat cases," said Liz Hendrickson, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco.

Parsons said Sharon Bottoms' sexual relationship with April Wade, 27, was "immoral" and makes her an unfit mother. He granted custody to Kay Bottoms, who testified that she believed her grandson would be emotionally damaged if raised in a lesbian home.

Parsons relied on a 1985 Virginia Supreme Court ruling that said a parent's homosexuality was a valid reason for losing custody. That ruling, he said, is the law in Virginia, and the judge said the "extraordinary nature" of Bottoms' deficiency as a parent outweighed the legal presumption in favor of keeping mother and child together.

Hendrickson and Donald Butler, the attorney for Sharon Bottoms, said the judge misinterpreted the law. The earlier case dealt with a

mother gaining custody of her child from her gay ex-husband, whereas the Bottoms case involved a non-parent.

Butler said Kay Bottoms had "no more standing than a stranger" to sue for custody. He said Parsons' ruling will be appealed to the Virginia Court of Appeals.

Sharon Bottoms was questioned by her mother's lawyer, Richard Ryder, about the intimate details of her relationship with Wade. She said they had oral sex once or twice a week but never when her son was at home. She said she and Wade did routinely kiss and hug in Tyler's presence.

Ryder pointed out that oral sodomy is a felony. "I don't believe Virginia has gotten to the point yet that it condones felonious behavior," he said.

Butler argued that oral sodomy also is a felony for heterosexual couples, yet the law is not enforced on them.

Parsons ruled that Sharon Bottoms may visit her child between 10 a.m. on Mondays and 6 p.m. Tuesdays, but not in her home and not in Wade's presence.

During the trial, Sharon Bottoms said she endured sexual abuse from her mother's live-in boyfriend throughout her teenage years. She estimated that the man had sex with her 800 times.

Kay Bottoms' boyfriend lived with her, her daughter and a son for 17 years. She testified that she ended the relationship on the advice of her lawyer after the custody dispute arose and saw nothing wrong with living with her boyfriend while raising her children.

Kay Bottoms claimed her daughter and Wade neglected the child, and that Tyler never wanted to go with his mother on visitation days. She said the child calls Wade "Da-Da," which she said shows that he could grow up so confused that he couldn't differentiate men from women.

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THE SUMMER THAT WAS

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moving into the Gay '90s, a period when there would be increased tolerance, increased acceptance and increased political access. The Sam Nunns and Jesse Helmses annoyed us, but we had confidence we would beat them.

Now, Labor Day has come and gone, and those days of lofty optimism have been replaced with days of hard realism.

This was a summer that taught the community much.

We learned that tolerance of gays and lesbians is not as far along as we had let ourselves believe. The first lesson came on Memorial Day itself, when the powers that be in Pensacola, Fla.—long a popular destination for lesbians and gays from around the Southeast—said they didn't want "those" people in "their" town. A weekend at the beach became some sort of subversive plot to seduce their sons and daughters.

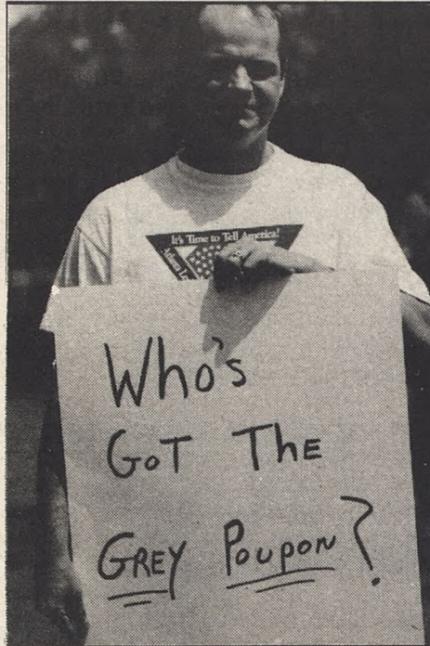
Then three state legislators in Gainesville, Ga. attacked the lesbian-positive book "Heather Has Two Mommies." Marchers in Chattanooga, Tenn. had to battle the city's resistance to stage their Pride march. Parents in Florida objected to their children going to play among the mice at Disney World on the same weekend as the unof-

ficial annual gay/lesbian day at the park.

Those minor skirmishes were just a prelude to what was about to happen in Cobb County, where commissioners decided to brand lesbians and gays as officially undesirable. This time, the attack was not in some remote outpost but in the state's third-largest county, a major suburb of a major American city. The lesson learned here was that for gays and lesbians in America, there may be no place where a determined homophobic politician can't create untold mischief.

The lesbian and gay community has also learned that it cannot depend on the campaign promises of straight politicians. Back in July, the community expected Bill Clinton to keep his promise to lift the ban on lesbians and gay men serving openly in the United States military. But he didn't. When the City Council first passed legislation providing employee benefits to the domestic partners of city employees, Maynard Jackson was expected to sign it into law. He eventually did so, but after his initial veto triggered weeks of indignation.

In both of those cases, the extension of civil rights to lesbians and gays ran into determined, organized opposition, both in the population at large and within the government bureaucracy, that the community underestimated. In Wash-



This culinarily-astute diner at August's Queer Family Picnic in Marietta, held to protest the anti-gay actions of the Cobb County Commission, reminded the crowd of the need to keep its sense of humor.

ington, the community's clout was no match for the clout of the military establishment and the Christian right. In Atlanta, the community had trouble countering the power of anti-gay churches, particularly in the African-American community, and the bureaucracy at City Hall proved a formidable obstacle.

The lesson learned is that the community's political influence is not nearly as strong as we had hoped—or as strong as our opponents claim when they want to use it as a red flag to whip up their supporters.

But this summer, many gays and lesbians have also learned that there is no longer a place for complacency.

Nowhere is that better illustrated than in Cobb County. Many of the lesbians and gays who came out to the county commission hearings to speak out against the anti-gay and anti-arts ordinances, or to attend protests, were people who in the past disdained political activism. And many of those who came to stand against the commissioners were not even gay. Meanwhile, the

crowds standing with the commissioners included skinheads, Klansmen and Lester Maddox.

As Jon Greaves of the Cobb County Citizens Coalition observed, "Every time we get this exposure and Americans see us being attacked, we're winning."

The partnership veto in Atlanta led to an unprecedented sense of anger in the community, a backlash few would have anticipated. The extent of the role that backlash played in convincing Mayor Jackson to change his mind may be debatable, but the fact that it played a role is not.

Perhaps one of the most heartening events of the summer came in August in DeKalb County. Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, who had a hand in the mischief in Cobb, came to organize a chapter in DeKalb, only to be met with a solid wall of opposition that forced organizers to retreat. Decatur Mayor Mike Mears later made a public statement welcoming lesbians and gays to his city.

But this summer, the community has also learned that it should not be in perpetual defense. And if tolerance hasn't arrived and our friends cannot be relied upon, then maybe the best option is to carve out our own seat at the table.

Fueled by the events of the summer of 1993, an unprecedented number of lesbians and gays are considering qualifying for the city elections in Atlanta this week. This state has never had an openly gay elected official. That may soon change.

At the end of the summer, we stand at a far different place than just three months ago. We lost on the military ban. We lost in Cobb County. The partnership legislation in Atlanta, passed only after a hard-fought struggle, is under legal attack from conservatives and anti-gay Christians. The partnership legislation in Fulton County has disappeared from the political radar. A backlash against lesbians and gays, brought on by all the controversy and our new visibility in the media, makes everyone less secure. A rainbow flag is burned on a porch in Cabbagetown, while a gay couple's house goes up in flames in Willacoochee.

But someday, after victories are won, the community will perhaps look back on the lessons of this summer of 1993 and recall that while it was a time when our illusions were dashed, our hopes were not.

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South organizes for Stonewall 25

A regional conference to organize the South's participation in next year's Stonewall 25 celebration will be held in Atlanta this weekend. The regional conference is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18 at the First Metropolitan Community at 800 North Highland Avenue and is open to anyone interested in getting involved. Delegates will be elected to represent the South on the celebration's national steering committee. Stonewall 25's Southern region includes Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky, North and South Carolina, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee.

On June 26, 1994, gays and lesbians from around the world will converge on New York to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots that marked the beginning of the modern lesbian/gay civil rights movement. Organizers are hoping to get more than a million people to attend and make it the largest lesbian/gay gathering in history. A march to the United Nations for international gay/lesbian rights is planned, and Stonewall 25 is being held in conjunction with the 1994 Gay Games in New York. For more information on Stonewall 25, call (404) 662-6753.

New AID Atlanta director named

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AID Atlanta, comfortable working with the diversity of the populations we have to work with, your odds are pretty good that they're going to come from somewhere other than Atlanta." Haslam said that some immediate objectives for Clayton include increased education and outreach and repairing some tarnished public perceptions about AID Atlanta. "We have to do an even better job of education than we have done in the past," Haslam said. "We have to do a better job of outreaching, whether it's to the gay population or the straight population. We need someone who can make sure that the public and the population and the gay community and minorities understand that we have to reunite—and we think that Becky is very well suited to do that." "Over the next three weeks, I intend to really sharpen my learning curve by meeting a lot of people within the community—within the gay community, within the African American community—to gain a perspective," Clayton said. "It's going to be a two-way street. I think I bring things to the table and other folks bring things to

the table. I'm looking forward to working collectively." To some activists, the fact that the committee went with an AIDS outsider sounds like a plus. To others, it's a big, ominous question mark. "There seem to be a lot of interpolitics in HIV/AIDS organizations," says Mark King, executive director of NAPWA/Atlanta. "So many people's personalities are deeply ingrained in Atlanta. Speaking as an executive director who came from the outside, it makes a world of difference because you don't have any preconceived opinions or allegiances." Jeff Graham of ACT UP/Atlanta is more apprehensive and less inclined to comment on Clayton at this point. "I really don't know enough about Rebecca Clayton to comment on her personally," Graham said. "I know that when I read that she did come from the Boys and Girls Clubs, as opposed to an established HIV or AIDS organization, I was surprised by that decision."

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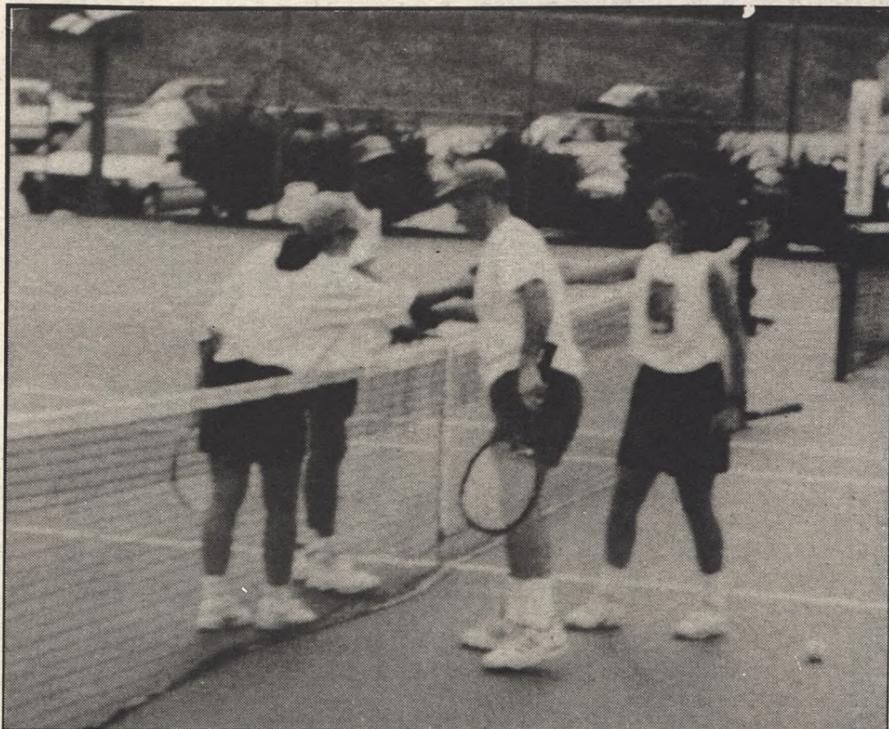
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This was the sixth tournament sponsored by Atlanta Team Tennis Association and Atlanta Women's Social Tennis and was played at Georgia Tech, DeKalb Tennis Center and Blackburn Tennis Center.

Despite some rain delays early on Saturday, the tournament was back on schedule by the end of the day with some fierce competition. The evidence of that was the fact that of the 21 brackets of play, only four were won by seeded players. Both the men's open singles and the women's open singles were won by players in their first GLTA tournament.

Another impressive factor of the tournament was the number of women participating, nearly three times as many players as last year. The number of women volunteering also increased.

"The thrust this year was to have women feel this was their tournament also, especially with all the great players we have locally," said David Black of Atlanta Team Tennis.

Tournament winners included:

Women's Open Singles: Kerry Young, Maitland Fla.; Women's B Singles: Robyn Fowler, San Francisco; Women's C Singles: Jan Stottlemeyer, Palm Beach, Fla.

Men's Open Singles: Russ Buchi, Nashville,

Tenn.; Men's A Singles: Terry Blackwell, Washington D.C.; Men's B Singles: Russ Fowler, Orlando, Fla.; Men's C Singles: Jim Potocki, North Bergen, N.J.; Men's D Singles: David Sprague, Washington, D.C.; Men's 35's Singles: Tony Reyes, Ft Lauderdale, Fla.

Women's Open Doubles: Quynh Le, Irvine, Calif., and Paige O'Neill, Marietta; Women's B Doubles: Elaine Jackson, Austell, and Laura Thompson, Austell; Women's C Doubles: Julie Bosch, Palm Beach, Fla., and Jan Stottlemeyer, Palm Beach, Fla.

Men's Open Doubles: Terry Bane, Atlanta, and Peter Prinsloo, Atlanta; Men's A Doubles: Ed Hull, Marietta, and Jeff Martin, Dallas, Tex.; Men's B Doubles: Esteban Moreno, Miami, and Wilfredo Trujillo, Miami; Men's C Doubles: Ranger Jernigan, Norcross, and Greg Thomason, Atlanta.

Mixed Open Doubles: T.J. Jones, Winter Park, Fla., and Kerry Young, Maitland, Fla.; Mixed A/B Doubles: Russ Fowler, Orlando, Fla., and Tania Torruella, Maitland, Fla.; Mixed C Doubles: Peter Pasternack, Atlanta, and Lauren Sukey, Chamblee.

All proceeds of the tournament were donated to Project Open Hand in memory of friends of the '93 Peach who were lost in 1992. The next GLTA tournament will be played in Washington, D.C.

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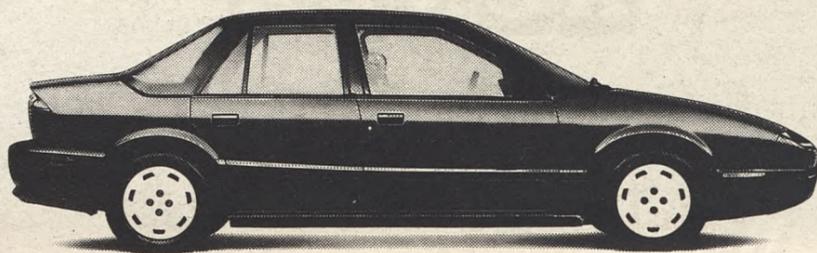
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Family cancer link not certain

Study shows breast cancer risk of women with family histories of the disease only marginally higher

Portland, ME—Women with family histories of breast cancer have only a moderately higher risk of getting the disease, according to a study by a Maine researcher.

Women who have mothers, sisters, aunts and grandmothers that have had breast cancer have a risk that is less than 50 percent higher than women without a family history, said W. Douglas Thompson, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Southern Maine.

He presented the results of the study August 26 at the American Cancer Society's National Conference on Breast Cancer in Boston.

"In general, I think that this study should be reassuring to women," Thompson said. "Family history does not at all mean there's a near certainty that they will develop the disease."

Thompson calculated that family history accounts for only 14.5 percent of all breast cancer in women between the ages of 20 and 44. For women age 45 to 54, family history accounts for 13 percent of breast cancer cases.

He studied 4,500 women between the ages of 20 and 54 with breast cancer and an equal number without. Most studies of breast cancer risk and family history have examined a limited group of women with a high

incidence of the disease.

In Thompson's study, women in the 20-44 age group, with two or more first-degree relatives with breast cancer (mothers or sisters) made up less than 1 percent of the study group.

People in this category had a 20-fold increase in breast cancer risk. Having a mother or sister with ovarian cancer increased a woman's risk by about 60 percent.

"As you might suspect, as the number of relatives affected goes up, the risk goes up, and fairly dramatically," Thompson said.

He examined risk factors such as how many relatives had breast cancer, how closely related they were and the age when cancers were diagnosed.

"I hope that [this] data will help to put things in perspective," Thompson said. "Yes, women with family history are at an increased risk, but for most of them it's a relatively modest increase as compared with women who don't have that history."

However, all women, no matter what kind of history they have, should try to catch the disease early with regular breast exams and mammograms, he said.

Thompson used data that had been collected in the early 1980s to examine the relationship between oral contraceptives and breast, endometrial and ovarian cancers for the Cancer and Steroid Hormone Study, which was funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Thompson's study will be published in an issue of the journal *Cancer*.

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AIDS may ravage Asia if governments fail to act

Manila, Philippines—AIDS could spread rapidly in Asia and the Pacific if governments do not take early preventive measures, experts warned Sept. 8.

"The most alarming rate of infection is occurring here, in the Asia and the Pacific region, spreading as fast as it did a decade ago in sub-Saharan Africa," said Kevin McGrath, Philippine representative of the U.N. Development Program.

McGrath said that by the end of the decade, up to 400,000 people may die yearly of AIDS worldwide. By then, as many as 40 million people—90 percent of them from the poor nations—may be infected with HIV.

Gunther Schultz, vice president for finance and administration of the Asian Development Bank, said there is a growing consensus that the disease "is more than a health problem" and has deep economic implications.

McGrath and Schultz spoke at the opening of a three-day workshop on the economic implications of AIDS. The workshop aims to design studies on combatting AIDS and to establish a network of countries fighting the disease. Experts are attending from India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, China, South Korea, Burma, the Philippines, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea.

McGrath said AIDS presents an "unprecedented challenge" because it strikes

economically and socially active adults and affects people responsible for caring for children and the elderly.

"HIV can impede and more significantly reverse the gains in economic and human development reached over the last few decades by affecting programs geared to reduce poverty and improve the general health of the population," he said.

McGrath said the disease is decreasing the number of farm workers, affecting agricultural production in Asia and Africa. Discrimination against those infected with HIV is disrupting the workplace, increasing absenteeism, he added.

"In countries with fewer skilled laborers, the reduction of the work force will make trained replacements more difficult to locate," he said.

"Ultimately, HIV's impact may increase the general poverty level of countries already experiencing poor health care, inadequate sanitation, food shortages and in some cases famine."

He said it was vital that governments allocate money and adopt policies to respond to the epidemic based on sound economic analysis and ethical and public health considerations.

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Drug expert heads ARCA forum

One of the government's top experts on new drug therapies to combat HIV/AIDS will headline the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta's annual AIDS Research Update this Saturday.

Dr. Carl Dieffenbach, chief of the developmental therapeutics branch of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases' AIDS division, will present information about new HIV drugs in development at the plenary session of the forum, which is free and open to the public.

The AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA) is sponsoring the forum Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Atlanta Renaissance Hotel (formerly the Penta Hotel), 590 West Peachtree Street. ARCA member physicians and other AIDS experts will discuss information presented at the International Conference on AIDS held in Berlin in July.

Previously held at the Atlanta Civic Center, this year's forum has been moved to a different location and will feature a different format from past years. ARCA has revamped the program to include a general plenary session and then several smaller breakout sessions, allowing participants to select the ones of most interest to them. Smaller breakout groups will also

allow for better interaction between audience members and presenters.

Among the breakout sessions:

- HIV in Pediatrics
- HIV in the African American community
- HIV in women
- Neurological and psychological manifestations of HIV
- Oncology and HIV
- Prophylaxis for opportunistic infections
- Treatment of opportunistic infections
- Vaccines and the immune system
- What is a clinical trial?

In addition, representatives from more than 20 different AIDS services agencies will participate in a health fair throughout the event.

The Atlanta Renaissance Hotel is located less than 1/2 block from the North Avenue MARTA Station. Guests are encouraged to ride MARTA to the event as there is a fee for parking at the hotel. Childcare will be provided on site during the program.

ARCA is a non-profit organization of health care providers who sponsor clinical trials of promising new therapies for persons with HIV infection. For more information, call ARCA at 876-2317.

NAPWA open house set for Friday

The Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA) will open its facilities and programs for public view this Friday.

NAPWA's annual open house, to be followed by the organization's annual meeting, begins at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17 at 44 12th St. The annual meeting follows at 6:45 p.m.

"More than most organizations, NAPWA answers to the people that it serves," said executive director Mark King, noting that anyone with HIV is eligible to become a member and participate in the election of new board members at the annual meeting. "We have to open our doors and say, 'come in, see what we're doing.'"

Since the last time NAPWA had an open house, the organization's treatment library, which has the latest information on therapies for HIV, has doubled in size, King said. Those attending the open house will be able to see what has now become the most complete treatment library in the South, as well as finding out about NAPWA's programs, including peer counseling for people living with HIV/AIDS.

As part of Friday's open house, a NAPWA volunteer will be honored, and Councilman Bill Campbell will present a proclamation on behalf of the city.

For more information, call the Atlanta NAPWA office at (404) 874-7926.

AIDS lobbyists hit Washington

Washington, DC—Citizen lobbyists from more than 10 states converged on Washington this week to advocate for increased funding for AIDS-related programming, to educate legislators about the health care reform needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and to call for a greater federal effort to fight the epidemic.

The event, sponsored by the AIDS Action Council, included a meeting Monday with Kristine Gebbie, President Clinton's new AIDS czar, and a meeting with the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues to discuss the special concerns of women with HIV.

"[The event] is a chance for AIDS advocates to speak with one voice about the many problems people living with AIDS continue to face in our society," said Dan Bross, executive director of the AIDS Action Council. "Although federal funding for AIDS-related programs is increasing, it is not keeping pace with the growth in the

number of people impacted by the disease. Congress has a unique opportunity this year to show unprecedented commitment to fighting AIDS. We'll be there to tell them how and why."

The lobbyists called on senators to support Clinton's 1994 budget proposals, which call for a \$582 million increase in AIDS-related funding, including an additional \$310 million for AIDS care, \$227 for AIDS research and \$45 million for prevention programs. Currently, the federal government spends less than \$2.1 billion on AIDS related programs through the Public Health Service and \$100 million for special housing assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS.

AIDS Action Council, founded in 1984, represents more than 1,000 community-based AIDS service organizations in lobbying the federal government on AIDS policy, legislation and funding.

OCCASIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Pablo Vargas on Sept. 3 from his lover, John Obermeyer.

Mona Love called to wish happy birthdays to one of her favorite ACT UP couples. Pete Steiner and Jeff Graham will be celebrating on Sept. 10 and 19 respectively. Looks like September will be a double-whammy month for these guys. Happy birthday, Pete and Jeff.

Happy birthday to Maggie Atkachunas on Sept. 15. Maggie, who is straight but not narrow, can be seen with her husband, Tom, at many affairs and fundraisers around town. Maggie is an active volunteer for AID Gwinnett and is facilitator of the home and hospice care programs for the organization. She is soon to move from her volunteer position to a staff job with AID Gwinnett. "Happy 50, Girl. Love, Tom."

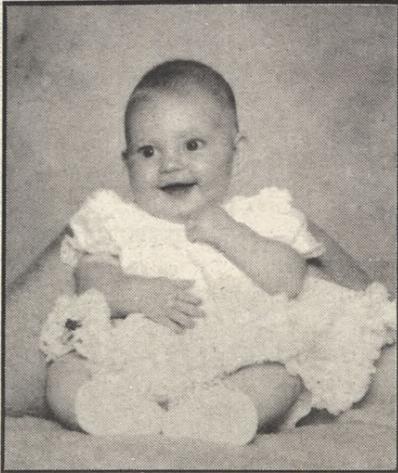
Karen Reese called to wish herself a happy 30th birthday on Sept. 9.

Happy birthday to Danny Hull from your friend Jackie on Sept. 12.

Happy birthday to ER Vanwagner on Sept. 8 from your friend Venessa DeWilliams.

"Jess, I love you, and happy birthday. Nineteen years old, gosh we're getting old. Congratulations on getting into classes at Georgia State University even though you have to be in class on your birthday (Sept. 21). I love you, Honey. Carmin Laurens."

Devin Riley, daughter of Sandy Riley and Cheryl Summerville, turned 9 months old on Sept. 2. The proud parents are happy to report that Devin learned to sit up, clap, crawl, and stand up all in the same week she turned



Devin Riley celebrates 9-mo. milestone.

9 months old. Sandy and Cheryl are also the parents of Chris, who turned 18 on Aug. 9. Congrats to the entire family.

Friends and future friends will gather at Buddies Midtown for Betty "Fish" Fisher's annual birthday bash on Sept. 18. Come on by and celebrate. Fish's actual birthday, for those who need to know, is Sept. 19.

Happy belated birthday to Michael Clark, who turned 40 on September 2. He was taken to the Chattanooga Choo-Choo for a romantic getaway by his spouse, Bob McNeir.

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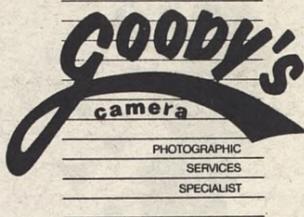
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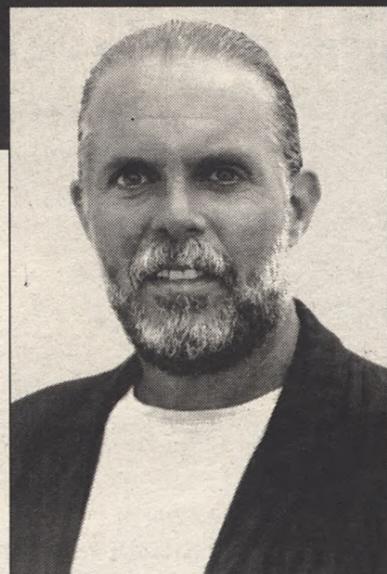
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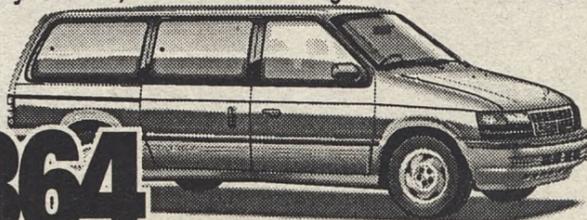
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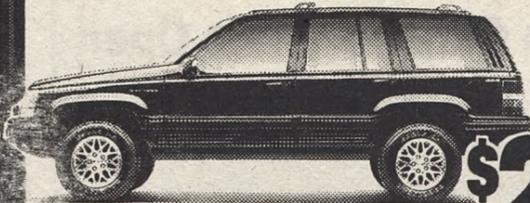


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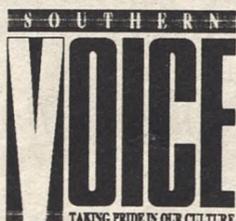
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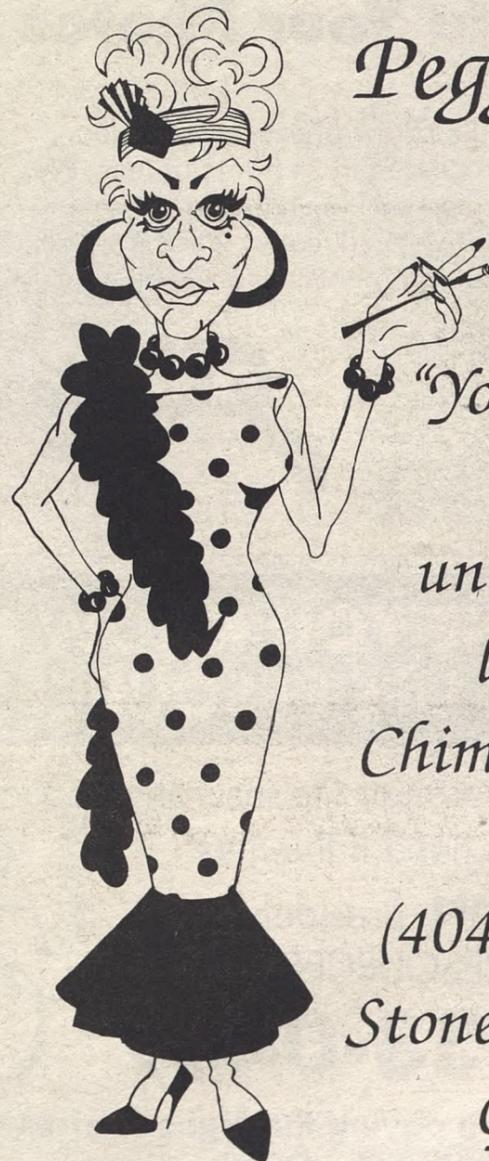
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The photographic genius of
ANNIE LEIBOVITZ
opens September 21 at the High

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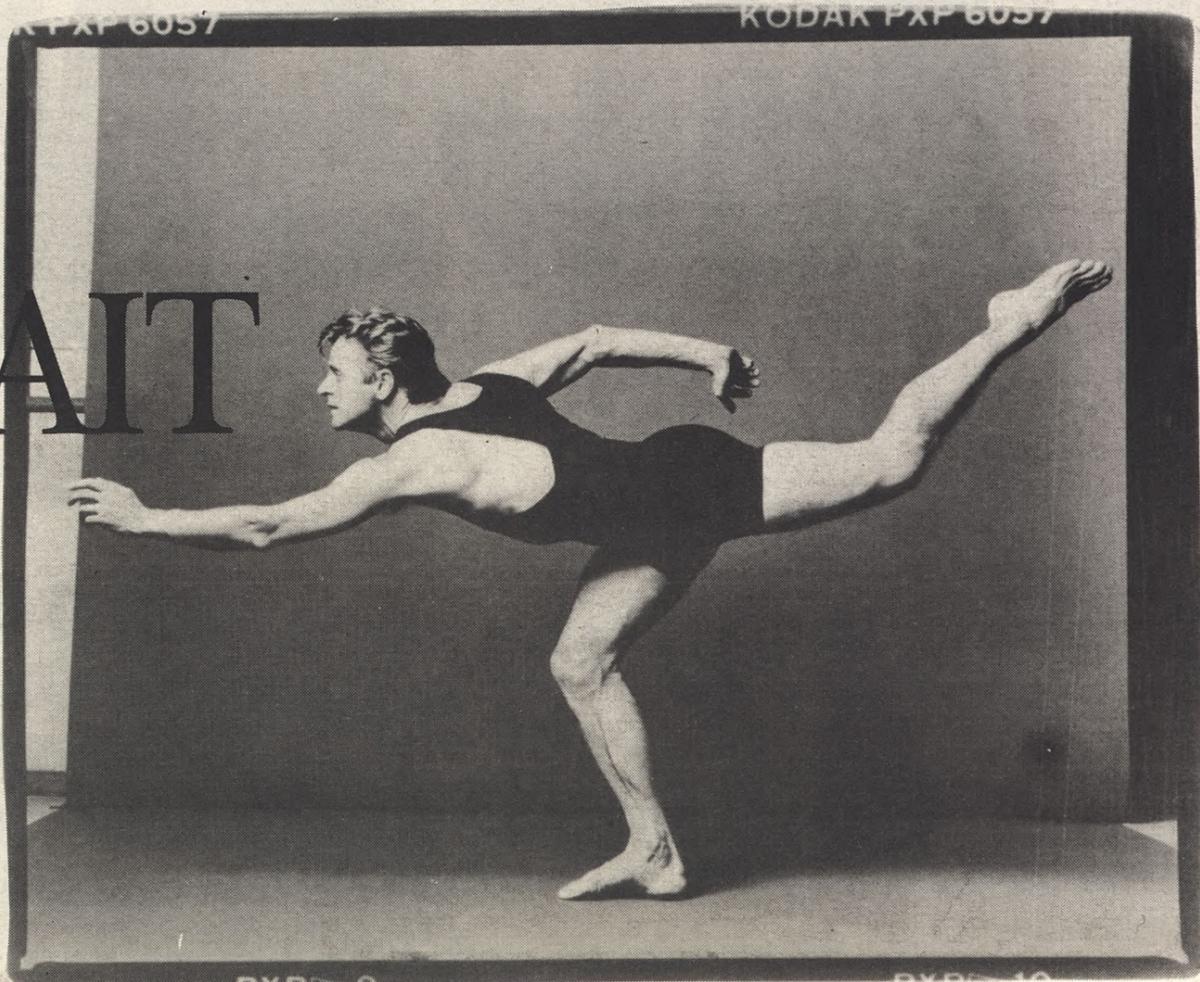
Photography is an elusive art, much different from painting or sculpting in that it consists of capturing a single moment in time while expressing an entire personality, telling a witty anecdote or showing emotion so raw that it almost hurts to look at it.

The art, of course, is knowing when to take the picture. That is what Annie Leibovitz does best.

Leibovitz is the subject of an extraordinary exhibit at the High Museum of Art that opens Sept. 21. She not only knows when to take the picture, she somehow manages to capture the essence of her subject brilliantly.

In a career that has spanned more than two decades, Leibovitz has photographed subjects as diverse as Richard Nixon, on his way out of the White House, and Whoopi Goldberg, half submerged in a bathtub full of milk. There is perhaps no other contemporary photographer who has seized the attention of her audience so completely.

"She has an incredible inventiveness putting people in situations that say something about them," says Anna Bloomfield, assistant curator for photography at the High Museum. She refers specifically to a photograph of director David Lynch and actress Isabella Rossellini, in which Lynch has his turtle-neck



Leibovitz catches Mikhail Baryshnikov in motion.

pulled up to his forehead, illustrating his well-known obsession with privacy.

Leibovitz, the daughter of an Air Force colonel, began her career at the San Francisco Art Institute in the late 1960s. Her original intention was to study painting, which probably accounts for her inspired use of color in her photography. She was first intrigued with photography while visiting her father in Japan, where she bought a camera and first began taking pictures. Then, after spending a year on a kibbutz in Israel, she took some photographs to Rolling Stone while still in college. The magazine's founder, Jann Wenner, was so impressed with her work that he immediately gave her an assignment.

From there, her career at Rolling Stone flourished, including shoots with John Lennon and the Rolling Stones. In the course of her career, Leibovitz has created a standard for celebrity photography that demands a more intimate, personal feeling, even to the point of the celebrities making light of their own fame. It is self-conscious portraiture, to be sure, with the result often being humorous or poignant. Each photograph is as distinctive as the other, and each serves as a documentation of today's culture.

One especially memorable portrait is of a mud-caked Sting, standing on one foot like a flamingo in

the Lucerne Valley in California.

It is the portraits created for advertising campaigns for American Express and The Gap that have helped to give Leibovitz the celebrity status some of her subjects enjoy. The images are intensely intimate and tell stories that are witty, terse and unforgettable.

The work Leibovitz did for Vanity Fair helped to establish the magazine in its fledgling years, and former editor Tina Brown has credited Leibovitz with forging the whole look of the magazine. It was, in fact, her portrait of a very pregnant and nude Demi Moore that caused such an uproar when it appeared on the cover. Another portrait, of late gay artist Keith Haring, features Haring nude in a white room in which all the contents, including his own body, are covered with his trademark pictographic art.

According to a recent article in ARTnews magazine, the photographer counts among her early influences Cartier-Bresson, Avedon and Hiro. Avedon, especially, taught her "how simple a picture can be and still be strong." Though some detractors have complained about Leibovitz' lack of serious art, due mostly to choosing celebrities as her subjects, no one doubts her ability to create striking images that reflect the personalities of the celebrities.

When the exhibit coming to the High opened in Washington, D.C. and New York, it drew record crowds. The organizers of the exhibit are The International Center of Photography in New York and the National Portrait Gallery of The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Photographs included in the exhibition opening at the High include black-and-white photojournalism produced for Rolling Stone in the 1970s, portraiture commissioned by Vanity Fair from 1983 to 1990 and images from the American Express "Portraits" advertising campaign. In addition, selections from Leibovitz' latest work will be featured, making this one exhibit that should not be missed.



A 1984 Western take on Sam Shepherd by Leibovitz

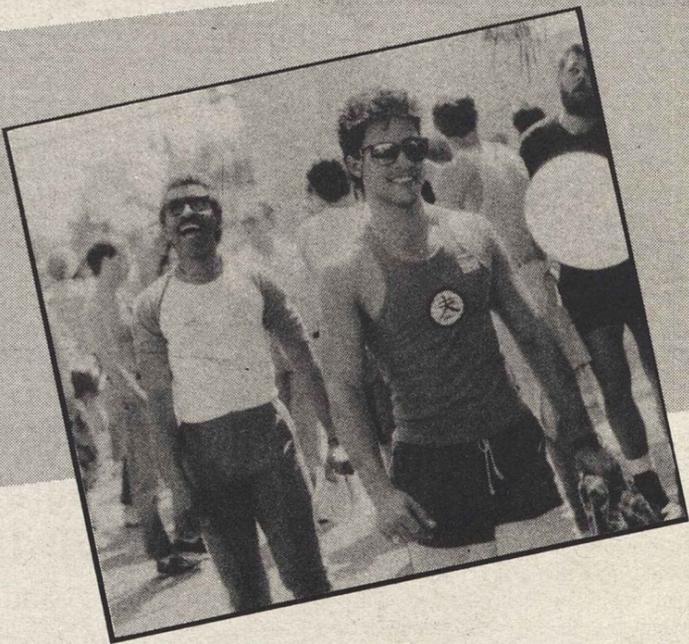
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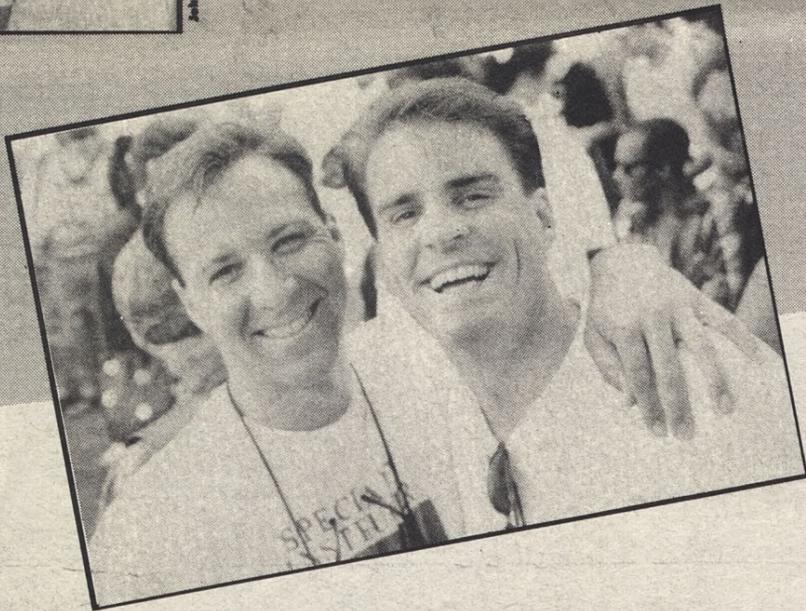
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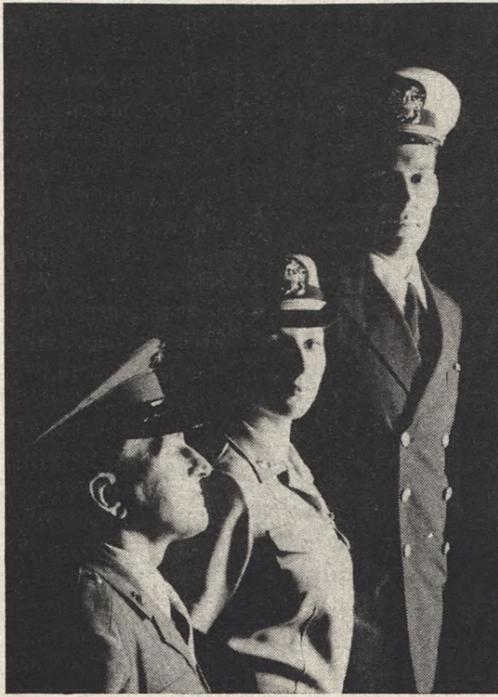
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17 FRIDAY

A FEW GOOD MEN. Neighborhood Playhouse presents the Atlanta premiere of the military

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overview Ranson's life and mark her passage into her 50th year. OutProud Theater in TULA Galleries. 75 Benett St. 609-9590.

SEA MARKS. Through Oct. 3. Theatre Gael opens its 10th season with this story of two romantic outcasts who somehow find love and tenderness with each other. Directed by Carol Mitchell Leon. 14th St. Playhouse. 876-1138 for reservations and tickets.

APPROACHING ZANZIBAR. Through Oct. 17. Actor's Express kicks off its 6th season with this comedy by Tina Howe. The dizzily whacko script is full of romance, magic, wonder and healing. Directed by Stephen Petty and stars

courtroom drama about two Marines charged with murder and the fierce code of honor which compelled them. Runs through Oct. 23, Thurs.-Sun. Neighborhood Playhouse. 430 W. Trinity Place, Decatur. 373-5311.

AMERICAN REGIONALISM. The Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art (yes, there is still art in Cobb County) presents this exhibition which marks the 60th anniversary of the emergence of Regionalist Art as a movement. Works by Thomas Hart Benson, Grant Wood and John Steuart Curry. Runs through Nov. 24.

Museum hours are 11 am-5 pm, Tues. thru Sat. and admission is \$4 for adults. (We suggest you stamp your money "GAY/LESBIAN \$"). 422-8142.

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Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program featuring interviews, news, arts & entertainment and more. This week's special guest is Andy Loftis, candidate for City Council, District 6. 10:30 p.m. and again, Wed. 5:30 p.m. Cable Ch. 12.

JOURNEY TO HEALING THROUGH ART THERAPY. Patty Gray, a local professor, presents an evening of art and poetry to illustrate the effects of childhood sexual abuse. 7:30 pm, Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

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

ANNIE LEIBOVITZ: PHOTOGRAPHS 1970-1990. The work of one of the most exceptional portraitists of her generation is on exhibit starting today at the High Museum of Art. Her provocative photographs of celebrities have been seen in Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair, Time, etc. This retrospective of her work includes 125 photos from early assignments to current portraiture. Runs through Nov. 28. High Museum of Art.

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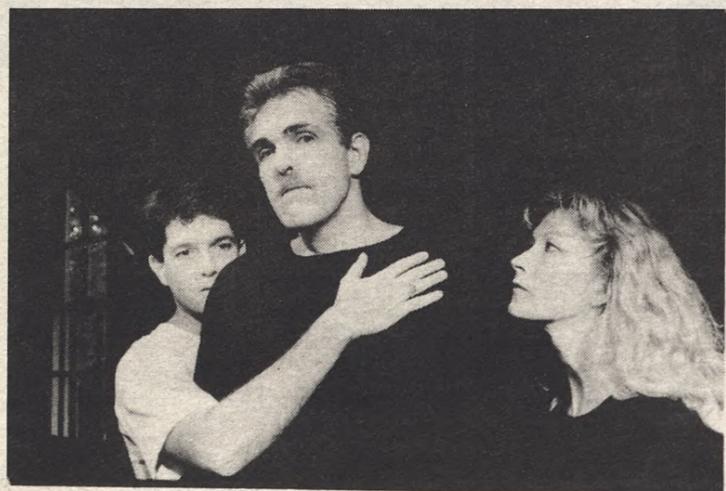
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POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS. People TV Ch. 12, 2:30 p.m. and again on Sat., 10 p.m. It also airs on City Ch. 6, Th. 5 p.m.

Pictured:
ABOVE LEFT: "A Few Good Men" opens at Neighborhood Playhouse on Sept. 17. Photo by Gil Williams
BELOW: Steve Murray's "Body Politic" opens Sept. 16 at Theatre Emory. Photo by Annemarie Poyo



Gay rodeo playday set for this weekend in Conyers

SEGRA event a prelude to October rodeo in Washington and Atlanta's own rodeo in the spring

Polish up those boots and buckles. This weekend, it's time for rodeo.

As it does three times each year, the Southeast Gay Rodeo Association is putting on a rodeo playday at the C Bar J Ranch in Conyers.

The two-day event begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 with competition in three horse events, one roping event and seven "camp" events, all open to anyone—men and women—interested in participating. The only requirement is that if you want to participate in the horse events, you need to bring, well, a horse.

The horse events include pole bending, the flag raise and barrel racing. The roping event is goat roping on foot. Camp events include goat dressing, the Scarlett O'Hara race, the boot race, the broncing bull, the catalog race, steer decorating and wild drag.

All events will be repeated on Sunday, Sept. 19 beginning

at noon. Admission for one day is \$3 or \$5 for both days. SEGRA members are admitted free. Concessions are available on the grounds both days, and camping will be available on Saturday night.

The playday is a chance for local enthusiasts of gay/lesbian rodeo to gear up for two major upcoming events.

On Oct. 1-3, the Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association will be hosting Atlantic Stampede '93, a regional gay rodeo in Washington, D.C.

"We should have a good contingent from Atlanta going," says Rick LeClaire, president of SEGRA.

The Atlantic Stampede, billed as the East's only gay rodeo, last year attracted more than 12,000 participants from around the country. This year, it will be held at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Md., just outside of Washington, featuring such traditional rodeo events as bull riding, bronco riding and calf roping. It will be part of a country festival that will also include dancing, dance lessons, live entertainment and a Western bazaar with crafts and merchandise. Nightly dances and entertainment will take place at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in the city.

A complete weekend pass to all events is available for \$35, and tickets are also available to individual events. For tickets, send a check or money order to ASGRA, P.O. Box 31208, Bethesda, MD 20824. Tickets to the weekend's events

are limited, so organizers are encouraging advance purchases. Proceeds will benefit HIV groups and other local charities in the Washington area.

But after April, the Atlantic Stampede will no longer be able to bill itself as the only gay rodeo in the East. The International Gay Rodeo Association, the sport's governing body, recently approved SEGRA's plans to host a full gay rodeo in Atlanta in April, according to LeClaire. The rodeo will be held at Henderson's Arena in College Park.

RICHARD SHUMATE

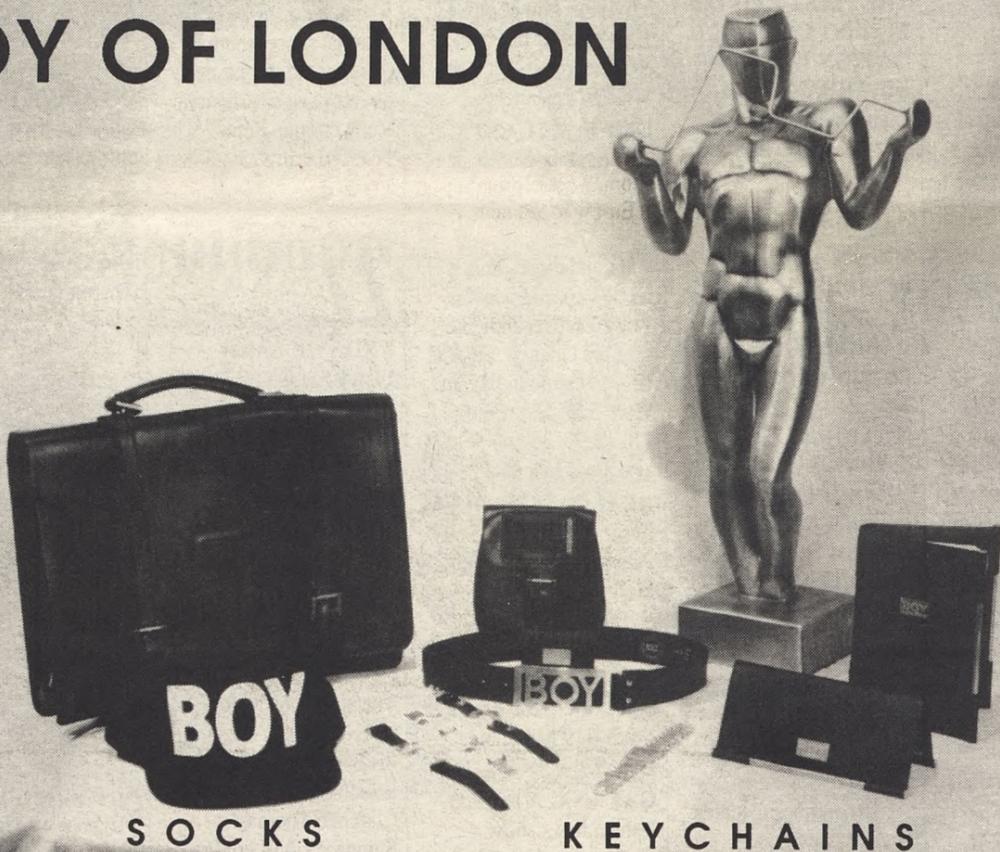
Directions to SEGRA Playday

From Atlanta, head east on Interstate 20 to Conyers. Take Exit 42 (Ga. 138) and turn left. Go east on Ga. 138 to Sigman Road, then turn right. At the next 4-way stop, turn left. The C Bar J Ranch should be about a mile down on your left.

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Little Jo's trek through the wilds of the American West

With "The Ballad of Little Jo," whose heroine dons men's apparel when she realizes the American frontier of 1866 is too wild for a woman, in general release, writer-director Maggie Greenwald has become the most visible "expert" on cross-dressing in the American West.

Her heroine, Josephine Monaghan, really existed, Greenwald maintains. Her wealthy father in Buffalo, New York threw her out for having an illegitimate child, and she went west. But most of the movie, including Jo's presumed heterosexuality, is Greenwald's invention.

The Ballad of Little Jo is now playing at the Tara Theater, Cheshire Bridge Road at LaVista Road

A rape attempt on the road and a coincidence in a store (men's clothes are ready to wear; women are expected to make their own) lead Jo to transvestism, despite the shopkeeper's warning that "it's 'gainst the law to dress improper to your sex." Jo cuts her hair and scars her face to look more butch.

Such cross-dressing women of the last century became archetypes for some of their sisters in our own. But the 20th Century "cowgirls" have different reasons for adopting that look. Or do they? Were there dykes in the Old West, too?

"It's not something I researched," Greenwald says. "But I always assumed it was there. What I thought of was the macho West, where they had miners' dances every Saturday night. I thought, 'Hmmm, nobody's done anything about that.'"

There may have been no women, or only a few, in a town, so some men would have to dance the women's part. "The tradition was that they would wear neckerchiefs for identification."

And so the "hanky code" was born, although you may not pick up on that much detail in the brief scene of such a dance in "Little Jo."

Greenwald says she doesn't know the orientation of lesbian icon Annie Oakley, immortalized as a heterosexual in Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun." But Oakley is legendary in Red Lodge, Montana, where "Little Jo" was filmed. "She was thrown out regularly for wearing pants," Greenwald says.

It wasn't just a social gaffe in those days—there really was a



Josephine Monaghan, played in "The Ballad of Little Jo" by Suzy Amis, disguised herself as a man to survive.

law against cross-dressing. It was a misdemeanor, according to Greenwald. "It goes back to Deuteronomy," she says, quoting Chapter 22, Verse 5. "Judeo-Christian tradition considered those things very deviant."

On the bright side, the fact that cross-dressing was so uncommon made it easier for someone like Jo Monaghan to pull off her masquerade. Still, when "he" arrives in Ruby City in 1866, Jo is hassled by Frank Badger (Bo Hopkins), who accuses "him" of being a "dude." It sounds like garden-variety homophobia, but Greenwald explains that a dude was "more of a gentleman, a dandy, who may or may not have been homosexual. The westerners had a disdain for rich men from the East who thought

of the West as an amusement park."

Suzy Amis' performance as Jo is the film's backbone. "Nothing she'd done before prepared me for what I saw when I met her," Greenwald recalls. "Some women came to audition in Western garb, but Suzy was coming from another audition, for the role of a sexpot. She was wearing tight black pants and high heels, with hair down to her waist. I thought, 'She certainly knows who she is.' But as she started to read, it was amazing to watch the androgynousness emerging from this woman."

The start of shooting coincided with the end of Sir Ian McKellen's American tour in "Richard III." It worked out perfectly for the gay actor, who had declared that he was taking time off from the stage to do film work. "I had been pursuing non-American actors because I wanted to people the landscape with immigrants," Greenwald says. "Ian loved the script. It was different from anything he'd ever done."

McKellen plays an outwardly gentle, intelligent Englishman who beats up a prostitute, then tries to rape Jo after learning her secret.

"The Ballad of Little Jo" is well-timed to cash in on the reexamination of gender roles begun by "The Crying Game" and "Orlando" and soon to be taken up by "M. Butterfly." Greenwald's timing wasn't as good on a project she tried to get off the ground a year before "Little Jo." Based on "something I read," it was a script about an American soldier who was killed by his own unit in Vietnam because he was gay.

"Everybody said it was the most improbable thing they ever heard of," she says, countering the suggestion that she try it again by saying it would take four years to get the film made and released, and by then the gays-in-the-military issue will be old news.

How about a good lesbian film? Greenwald says she's not a lesbian herself, but "if I found a great story I wanted to tell, I'd do it."

After Agnieszka Holland ("The Secret Garden") and Sally Potter ("Orlando") made two of the summer's best pictures, this really could turn out to be "The Year of the Woman." Greenwald is cautiously optimistic. "I hope we get more than one year," she says wryly.

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In my recent trip north, a Yankee friend pointed out similarities between Boston and Atlanta. His thesis includes explosive post World War II construction and growth, a large metro area which isn't psychologically prepared to divest itself of parochialism, pretensions to internationalism and Frederick Law Olmsted-designed green areas.

Of course, Atlanta almost lost our little Olmsted strip to the ExPrezWay. By contrast, Boston's populace reveres the 265 acres of the Arnold Arboretum and her sister green areas known collectively as "The Emerald Necklace."

This series of parklands, ponds and reservoirs winds from the Boston Commons through the city. And you can take mass transit to admire these surviving green spots.

Now, Atlanta is dotted with still-green areas, such as Fernbank's Storza Woods, the Cator Woolford Gardens at the Cerebral Palsy Center, Lullwater Park, etc.

But I'm not aware of anything comparable to Garden in the Woods in this area. On a 40-minute drive out of Boston, you're still in areas bearing thick yellow diamond traffic signs proclaiming the vicinity "Thickly Settled." But then you stumble into these 45 acres, surrounded by housing.

The Garden is operated by The New England Wildflower Society (established 1910), whose mission is to "promote the conservation of temperate North American plants."

Garden in the Woods is the society's botanical garden and headquarters. It's also New England's premier wildflower collection and showcase, featuring 1500 varieties of plants, including more than 200 rare, threatened, and endangered plants.

The Garden is actually a connected series of specially-designed gardens—pine barrens, meadow, pond, bog, woodland groves, western (xeriscaping), rock garden, etc. Hop

Brook runs through the land, and you cross it several times on small bridges. Two thirds of the area is preserved as "natural habitat" (in fact, one section advises "rough trail" for the mobility-impaired or those with baby strollers).

The staff is friendly, enthusiastic and knowledgeable. I spoke with Harriet Purcell, who explained that a landscape architect named Will Curtis bought the property in 1931 for \$1,000. He obtained the first 30 acres from the railroad and worked the land until 1965. Of course, 500 trees, and indeed, almost the land itself, were lost in the Hurricane of '38. Old-timers up and down Yankeeeland still talk about that damn storm.

Now, Will didn't charge admission to his obsession—he let you onto the property if he liked you. And when someone remarked that the grounds were "a mess," as opposed to, say, "manicured," ol' Will took it as a high compliment.

The land type itself is known as "esker," meaning that when the glaciers receded millennia ago, they left mounds—which gravel companies covet. How long could the salivating companies be held off? Will decided to entrust the garden to the New England Wildflower Society, to be kept as a living botanical museum. They've preserved Garden in the Woods as essentially a simulated wild environment, and, as such, it requires a high amount of maintenance. We passed several clusters of unobtrusive but busy workers during the walk.

The place is a delight and well worth searching out. But I must say that it always strikes me as a bit strange to see dogwoods up north, since they have such southern associations for me. And 12-foot-high rhododendrons everywhere?

Positively disorienting.

One of the great things about the Garden is the persnickety labelling of plants. Even poison ivy has signage. And, sad to say, a number of the plants bear labels with such legends as "Endangered in Vermont," "Endangered in Virginia," "Endangered in New England," etc. But, interestingly, they had species of Franklinia, native to the banks of Georgia's own Altamaha River, which vanished from there shortly after her 18th century discovery.

It takes several hours to walk past everything. You enter so many different environments. They are all interesting in their own right. But possibly my favorite was the voluptuously lush Lily Pond.

The smallish body of water is wrapped in the great white spires of false dragon's head and the startling red of the cardinal flower, surrounded by the fragrance of sweet pepper bush (endangered), trailed by blue flag iris and dabbled with tart blueberry bushes (I know, I know, you're not supposed to sample, but the contrast with our southern rabbiteye types was too much of a temptation).

Taking it slowly, we spied tree turtles lazily sunning motionless on a partially submerged log, oblivious to the small frenzy of waterbug activity around them. Indisputably, this Lily Pond provides food and shelter for all types of life—amphibians, mammals, reptiles, birds, insects. It's also one of the few remaining breeding sites in Massachusetts for the endangered spotted salamander.

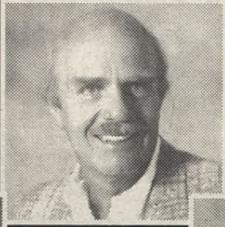
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Tina Howe's "Approaching Zanzibar," currently being given a handsome new production at Actor's Express, is the story of a family car trip from hell.

The Blossom family—Wallace (Jim Braude), Charlotte (Patricia French), Turner (Michael Ogletree) and Pony (Lauren Gunderson)—begin their trek in New York on their way to Taos, New Mexico to visit their Aunt Olivia (Annette Coleman), an eccentric environmental artist, who is dying of cancer. Before five minutes have passed, you know one of the kids whines, "Are we there yet?"

The Blossoms are not a happy-go-lucky family. Wallace is a composer who can't seem to write any more music. Charlotte is constantly having hot flashes. Turner is a musical prodigy who yearns to just be normal, and Pony just likes

being obnoxious. Still, they do love each other. They just have a hard time showing it.

Approaching Zanzibar continues through Oct. 17 at Actor's Express, 280 Elizabeth St., Inman Park. For ticket information, call 221-0831

As the Blossoms progress on their journey through America, they meet up with some unusual people (including a deaf soothsaying boy) and some weird relatives. They camp out. They go fishing. They go sailing. They explore strange noises in the woods. And Charlotte keeps having hot flashes.

The real catharsis for this family comes when it comes face to face with death. Their aunt, who they remembered as being so vital and so alive, is now a mere shell of what she once was



Michael Ogletree (left), Jim Braude (rear), Patricia French (right) and Lauren Gunderson are the Blossoms, a family on a cathartic car trip in "Approaching Zanzibar."

(anyone who has ever cared for a dying loved one can quickly understand). Yet in this life-affirming play, Olivia has one final triumph. She passes along her wisdom and the vitality of her life to young Pony. The play ends on a bed-bouncing, uplifting celebration of the passing down of knowledge from one generation to the next.

Actor's Express has made some interesting choices in producing Howe's absurdist comedy. Tim Habberger's wildly inventive, versatile, wide-open set design easily transforms itself from a car to a tent to a sailboat to a deathbed. The set crew plays an important role in the show, for it not only moves around the four muslin-covered triangles to form new scenes, but it also provides the sound effects and water works for the show and serves as a mileage marker to let us know the Blossoms' progress through America.

Director Stephen Petty keeps the action moving briskly, and he manages to pull some fascinating performances from a very talented cast.

Jim Braude's characterization of Wallace is at times stolid and staid and at other times inventive and extreme. He shows us the depths of despair this frustrated composer is suffering, especially in a highly-charged fishing scene with his son, in which all of his smoldering anger finally explodes. Braude handles the lightning-fast mood swings well.

Michael Ogletree turns the character of Turner into a strong, silent type of big brother. He clearly loves his family, but he doesn't know how to deal with it at times. Lauren Gunderson is properly whiny and adorable as Pony, and in her final scene she gives a wonderful, awe-struck performance filled with exuberance and excitement. Annette Coleman infuses Olivia with amazing vibrancy (especially when you consider the character is supposed to be dying). She handles the role with an incandescent warmth and electric charm that makes her endearing.

Patricia French turns in the most complex performance of the show as Charlotte—at times giddy and funny, at times painful, at times achingly intense. She has the most memorable moment in the show, the point where she realizes she can never have children again. "Something in me has died," she cries, and we see her inner pain and struggle with what her body is doing. Later, she does things with champagne it was never meant to do, and the absent-minded look on her face is searingly priceless.

Actor's Express has given "Approaching Zanzibar" a stylish, fun-filled, and intense production, one which more than does justice to Tina Howe's comedy. At times, this play may strike you as an interesting piece of Americana, more wholesome than a Norman Rockwell painting. At other moments, sheer anarchy reigns (like when the four Blossoms do a complete reversal, with the parents being the children). But finally, the play is about celebrating what precious little life we have.

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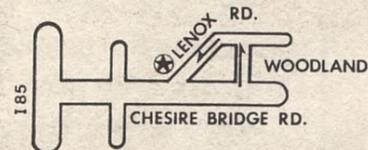
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I took a terrible chance and visited the fledgling venture on its opening night and enjoyed it so much that I wrote about Babette's immediately. Sad to say, I haven't been back, but more than one friend has told me that Babette's has matured nicely and that the food sometimes borders on ethereal.

Brunch is now a Sunday staple, and it is to that too-often-hackneyed institution that I took myself and a friend last week. We didn't sample anywhere near the entire menu, but our nibbling around the edges suggests that you would do well to add Babette's to your rotation of Sunday day eateries.

The dining space here is big, airy and simple—wood floor, high ceilings, white plaster walls, white table clothes, a bit of trompe l'oeil ivy scattered here and there. There are even separate spaces for those who smoke and those who eschew the weed.

The menu is anything but simple. The closest thing to eggs benedict is a combo of thinly sliced beef and prosciutto with Asiago cheese topped with two eggs and served with toast. And while you could, no doubt, order a mimosa, the house special brunch punch—champagne, orange and pineapple juices and a squirt of fresh lime—is typical of the creativity that owner/chef Marla Adams has exhibited in designing her menus. Sure there are omelettes (how about spinach, leek and roasted tomato with Asiago?) and there is French toast (made with brioche and served with warm apples.)

But there's also veggie risotto, bouillabaisse and a BLT slathered with grilled red onions and served with Babette's fabulous shoestring potatoes.

Is your mouth watering yet?

We tried two main dishes. Shirred eggs baked in a ramekin lined with thick slices of smoky salmon and basted with a basil cream sauce is a rich and pleasing combination of flavors. I would have preferred the eggs a tad less done and would suggest that you make that request if you order the dish. But the salmon is exceptionally good, and the presentation a welcome variant on schnibbles of lox scrambled into a plateful of sloppy eggs.

Fresh, tender pasta layered with fresh spinach, goat cheese and knockout roasted tomatoes (drizzled with a light creamy basil sauce) is the sort of breakfast dish that could wean you away from eggs forever.

There are also several soups and salads—the romaine and arugula with creamy lemon thyme dressing is killer—and a rich, moist orange almond muffin that set me to swooning.

Service at Babette's is cheerful and helpful. The pace is perfect for brunch—leisurely but not so slow as to make one worry about starvation. Get thee there soon.

Feast Alert

The Monday after I bunched at Babette's the postperson brought a flyer about two upcoming "feasts" at the restaurant.

On Thursday Oct. 28, Adams will be hosting a "Like Water for Chocolate" meal that sounds mighty swell to me—oxtail soup, pablans with walnut sauce, chicken with rose petal sauce and chabela wedding cake with chocolate sauce. If you've seen the movie or read the book, I suspect this will be hard to pass up. Cost is \$55 per person, with wines, but without tax or tip.

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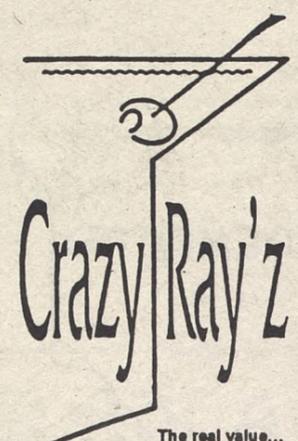
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Miss Sherry Regrets....: It has come to our attention that this year's Fashionata (which was a benefit for AID Atlanta) was held without the benefit of the beauty of one of Atlanta's top models. No, Dish fans, we do not refer to the fact that Supermodel RuPaul was not pounding the runway at the gala event, but rather that The Grand Czarina of the Digging Dykes of Decatur (known in the workaday world as Sherry Siclair) was not in attendance. Do the ladies who lunch know what they missed? We doubt it. And just why was Our Lady of the Siberian Iris not in attendance? Well, a top secret press document obtained by our foremost fashion mole claims that the redoubtable Ms. S. cleans her house (and closets) on Thursday nights and that those in charge of scheduling Fashionata were not aware of this when they rented the Fox for the event.

Un-Equal Opportunity: Dish has been thinking about taking our newly polished two-handicap to the Georgia Ladies' Team (Golf) Championship in Savannah in late October. (No one has accused us of being a "lady" lately, but we attended Bryn Mawr back in pre-history, so we know how to pass.) But then we noticed that the play is "open to all female amateur golfers who were female at birth." This brings up two questions. Do male participants at similar events have to certify that they were born with a penis? And are there so many transsexuals playing amateur golf that their presence is an issue? The Georgia State Golf Association, sponsor of this event, is, by the way, headquartered in Marietta. No word on whether Gordon Wysong is a member of its board of directors.

Cover Up: Cobb County, Ga. is not the only place in America where folks are in a homosexual panic about the suitability of public art. Seems there is a mural of two warring native American tribes in the Oglesby, Ill. post office that is causing at least one resident of that town to be apoplectic. John Swartz, a janitor, claims that the bare buttocks promote homosexuality and violate his civil rights. Post office officials took him seriously for a while and put drapes in front of the 51-year-old painting. But they came to their senses and took the drapes down. John had a snit and is now demanding that the post office paint clothes on

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Hats off to our visible brothers and sisters in Spain.

the Indians—or paint over the mural entirely. Dish thinks that Swartz should move to Cobb County. We hear they are painting over pictures of naked buttocks as we speak.

Transsexual Terror?: Toledo police have arrested a woman by the name of Traci Krystal Greene for credit card fraud and a long list of other felony charges. She is also wanted in Arkansas, Arizona and Michigan. Nothing particularly unusual about this except for the fact that the cops are claiming Traci is a member of a Detroit fraud ring whose members are "transsexuals or homosexuals." Ms. G. is one of the former. But note the use of the word "or" here. Is it a slip of the tongue where someone meant to say "and," or do the Toledo cops just not know the difference? And while Dish would never condone crime (other than consensual sodomy), the fantasy of such a lavender mafia sounds pretty delicious to us.

Entrepreneurial Zeal: You know that the face of the AIDS epidemic is changing when a woman in Stone Mountain (who is herself HIV-positive and not amused by the problems inherent in negotiating sexual contacts with folks who aren't) starts a dating service for other people who are positive. If you're interested in knowing more, ring up Positive People at 292-6226.

Oxymoron: Georgette Mosbacher (step-mother of Dee and wife of Robert) has written a book called "Feminine Force" about her experiences in life, business and being married to the reactionary multi-millionaire former sec. of commerce. To Dish, it sounds like the '90s version of Marabel Morgan's insipid "The Total Woman," with a new and improved emphasis on greed.

Vote Pink: Dish is indebted to our friend the Flag Fairy (remember the folks who decorated much of Virginia-Highland and Midtown with rainbow flags the days before Pride?) for sending us the attached photo of a poster that he saw in Valencia, Spain. Dish does not read (or speak) Spanish, but we can figure out what Vota Rosa (emblazoned on a big pink triangle) and the words "Gay y Lesbiana" mean. We think it's pretty cool that gay folks in mucho macho España are doing such a sterling job of making their presence known and getting out the vote at the same time. Dish hopes that our very own GAPAC will take note and consider a similar public awareness campaign. How about "Get Your Lavender Licks on Election Day" for a slogan?

SEPTEMBER 15 - SEPTEMBER 22, 1993

With the new moon on Sept. 15, this is an excellent time to begin projects and plan ahead for fall, which begins on Wednesday, Sept. 22. As the seasons change, be sure to take extra good care of yourself—good food, good water, plenty of rest and wholesome thoughts.

ARIES, as the sun joins Mercury in your seventh house of close personal relationships and partnerships, you may find some very fascinating and attractive people coming into your life. Pay attention and take time to get to know these folks. **TAURUS**, pay attention to your body. Are you really taking good care of yourself, or are you fudging with highly processed foods and too much sugar, coffee or Coke? It will all catch up with you, and then you'll be upset. So, really do take care. **GEMINI**, with Mercury and the sun in your fifth house of fun, play, creativity and passion, you definitely need to find very specific outlets for your abundance of creative energy. Someone may need your help with a special project or new idea.

CANCER, Venus in your second house of material resources and personal income may influence you to spend some money on new furnishings for your home or new clothing for yourself. It's

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probably a good idea, so have fun shopping and choosing. **LEO**, Venus in your first house can only add to your inherent charm and charisma, so use it to support and assist others as they cross your path and you will reap the benefits for years to come. Also, take an inventory of all your success and blessings. Happy Birthday, **VIRGO**. You have another whole week to celebrate your birth. If, for some reason, you aren't feeling too elated right now, then you definitely need to change your perspective and look at your life from a much better angle.

LIBRA, the sun is now in your 12th house of the collective unconscious, stirring up your dream time and possibly activating your instincts and intuition. So listen to what your subconscious is trying to tell you about your thoughts and approach to life.

SCORPIO, with the sun in your 12th house of the collective unconscious, you may have some very illuminating dreams and

visions. Be sure and make note of these experiences, so you can refer to them later on. Stay grounded and don't over-extend. **SAGITTARIUS**, if you need an outlet for your energy, community service can offer some real possibilities for personal growth and connecting with people who share your interests and concerns. Start slow and don't take on too much.

CAPRICORN, how are things going on the job or with your career? Remember that things are shifting rapidly throughout the world, so be patient and stay true to your vision. Things will work out, and you can have what you want. **AQUARIUS**, be sure to take time for yourself this week. You definitely need quality personal time, especially if you are in a high stress or extremely demanding job. Make every effort to put yourself first, not your agenda. **PISCES**, as the sun moves through your seventh house, pay attention to the people moving into your life. You could meet fascinating people and romance may be coming your way. Do your best to stay centered and focused on your priorities.

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- AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728
- AIDS Legal Project—688-5433
- AIDS Outreach Sewing Guild—872-2246
- AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA)—876-2317
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- AIDS SUPPORT—Jewish Family Services—888-6400, #76 Atlanta Buyers Club—874-4845, or POB 77003, Atl, 30357.
- Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project—250-8177
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- Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728
- Good Samaritan Project—873-4589
- Grady Mem. Hospital Infectious Disease Program—35 Butler St., SE, POB 26113, Atl., GA 30335-3801, (404) 616-2440
- The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—876-0105
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Arts/Entertainment/Culture

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- Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—POB 771144, Atlanta 30357
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing—POB, 7032, Atlanta 30357, 876-1060
- Atlanta Rainbow Ensemble—872-3135
- "Funny...That Way"—875-2275
- Gay & Lesbian Marching Band—872-9763
- Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc.—609-9590
- Southern Country Atlanta—938-0609

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- Babylon—Piedmont Grove, 10th & Monroe.
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- Visions—2043 Cheshire Bridge. 248-9712

Direct Action/Political

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- ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—523-6201
- ACT UP—874-6782 (O)
- Atlanta Greens, Green Party USA, Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Queer Caucus—368-7137
- Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
- Cobb Citizens Coalition—POB 965336, Marietta 30066, 256-8690
- Dykes & Faggots Bash Back—P.O. Box 14531, Atlanta 30324, voice mail 908-5369
- Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477
- Gay Republicans—Republicans for Individual Freedoms, 2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
- Georgia Advocates for Battered Women & Children/Lesbian Task Force—524-3847; 250 Georgia Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atl. 30312
- Georgia Committee for the 1993 March on Washington—(404) 662-4199 or POB 5282, Atlanta 30307
- GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
- Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751
- LEGAL—605-7476
- Lesbian Avengers—621-5016
- National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
- National Organization for Women—875-0176
- Neighbors Network—257-5550
- Queer Nation—605-7396
- Republicans for Individual Freedoms—PO 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324, 239-1679
- Straight But Not Narrow—242-2256 (voice mail)
- STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

National

- Human Rights Campaign Fund—1012 14th St. NW, Suite 607, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 628-4160
- Lambda Legal Defense Fund—666 Broadway, 12th floor, New York, NY 10012, (212) 995-8585
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force—1517 U. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, (202) 332-6483
- Old Lesbians Organizing for Change—OLOC, PO Box 980422, Houston, TX 77098
- Stonewall 25/Internat'l March—662-6753

Professional

- Atlanta Entrepreneurs' Club—Dr. Bravy 457-6347
- Bar Owner's Assn—POB 15114, Atlanta 30333-0114
- Fourth Tuesday—662-4353
- Gay/Lesbian Postal Employees Network (G/L PEN)—POB 580397, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0397
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- HomeGirls—622-0105
- LEAGUE, Inc. (Employees of AT&T)—404/872-2359
- Nat'l Gay Pilots Assoc.—PO Box 27542, Washington, D.C. 20038-7542, (703) 660-3852
- Nat'l Lesbian and Gay Journalists Assoc.—634-7429
- Nat'l Federation of Career Women—(404) 659-0315
- OUTstaff (Emory)—727-2787 (Donna)

Spiritual

- All Saints Metropolitan Community Church—622-1154
- Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—876-0631
- Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain—297-0350
- Congregation Bet Haverim—642-3467
- Emergence/Atlanta (Christian Scientists)—215-0585
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- Gay Spirit Visions—378-7224
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- Integrity (Episcopal)—642-3183
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- Atlanta Women's Social Tennis—662-GAME
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- Hotlanta Softball League—POB 14582, Atl. 30324, 873-4061
- Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062
- Lambda Car Club—POB 11705, Atlanta 30355
- Luring Lesbians (fishing club)—932-5236
- Mountain Catalyst—POB 199, Demorest, GA 30535
- S.E. Gay Rodeo Assn—POB 7881, Atl., 30357, 760-8126
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- Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
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- Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—223-3718
- American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033, (404) 939-0244 (eve)
- Asians & Friends—Atlanta—876-0090
- Athens Lesbian Information—LSG, POB 7864, Athens, 30604
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- Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
- Atlanta Lambda Community Center—POB 15180, Atlanta 30333, 662-9010
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- Georgia Girth & Mirth—POB 9678, Atl. 30319, (404) 621-5710
- Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085
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- Prime Timers—POB 29487, Atlanta 30359
- Queer Youth—P.O. Box 54032, Atlanta 30308; 605-7396
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- Survivors of Incest Anonymous—239-8018
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- Women of Wisdom—289-8819
- Wordsmith Society—Chris at 498-0137
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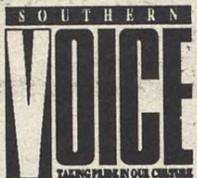
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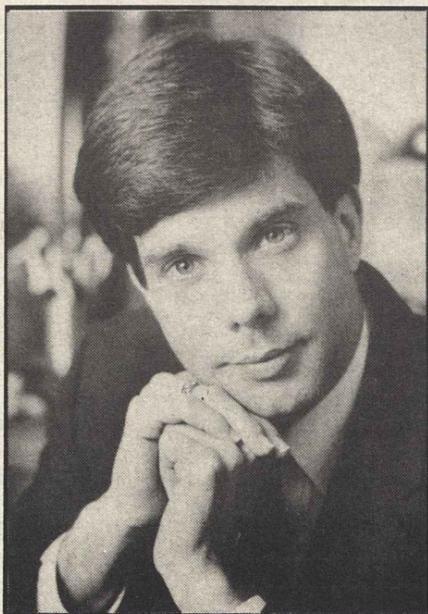
How Long in Atlanta: 8 years

Relationship Status: Committed

Last Movie Seen: "The Fugitive"

Pet Peeve:

Racism within the community



Christopher Allers has made quite an impact on the gay and lesbian community here in Atlanta since his arrival from Florida eight years ago. The psychotherapist founded Positive Impact, an organization that provides free mental health services to persons affected by HIV.

"I had a waiting list of 15 to 20 patients from various referral services," explains Allers. "My practice was saturated with HIV [clients]. You can be overwhelmed by it. [So] I founded Positive Impact, which is non-profit, and we have administrative offices at Grady [Hospital] and at the new Infectious Diseases Clinic."

In the beginning, Allers says, "I started calling people, explaining my dilemma and the need, and a remarkable group of professionals became our board of directors. Our executive director is Paul Plate, who has been instrumental in initiating several HIV services in the Atlanta area, including Project Open Hand and AID Atlanta."

According to Allers, Positive Impact, his life's passion, offers mental health assessment, supportive education and an opportunity to participate in mental health research studies. Clients must have an HIV diagnosis, be an Atlanta resident, have their own transportation and demonstrate financial need.

But Positive Impact's services do not end there, adds Allers, an undergraduate of Florida State University. For its own staff of mental health care providers, the organization offers orientation and training, monthly case consultations, as well as supervision groups, quarterly education seminars, professional networking and access to consultants and specialists for individual support.

"I'm also on the HIV Health Services Planning Council," continues Allers on the subject of his other volunteer efforts, which include GAPAC, NAPWA and Pride. "We fund AIDS organizations in Atlanta. I've been a case manager with AID Atlanta. I speak at conferences. I've done a lot of research on HIV. A large number of HIV-infected [people] are sexual/physical abuse survivors, incest survivors. These are extremely vulnerable people."

Allers goes on to elaborate that with abuse survivors, HIV is just one more issue in a long history of struggle. As for his five years of private practice, Allers says, "I'm a psychotherapist, just completing my doctorate at Georgia State University. The focus of my private practice is with the gay and lesbian community—coming out, transsexual/

transgender issues, childhood sexual abuse. I have provided services to people with HIV, as well, in my private practice throughout the past five years.

"I practice what I preach—I'm very involved with the gay community. I am a gay person and that gives my work a certain amount of authenticity. I do in my life the things that I would encourage my clients to do."

"Georgia State [University] has been wonderful in terms of [its] support, both of my work and of my identity as a gay man," says Allers on the subject of his training. "I've been in school for 12 years, the last eight at Georgia State. In the next year or so, I may start looking at faculty positions in the Southeast. I'd consider going back to Florida, where I grew up."

Yet being a man who walks his own talk, so to speak, Allers realizes the dangers of all work and no play, allowing time for recreation by going to the gym regularly, taking care of the many plants in his apartment and spending time with his significant other, Justin, a local hair stylist. As a matter of fact, when first queried about his hobbies, Allers replied "relationship" before mentioning workouts or plant care or Nintendo, the latter being the real passion of his life.

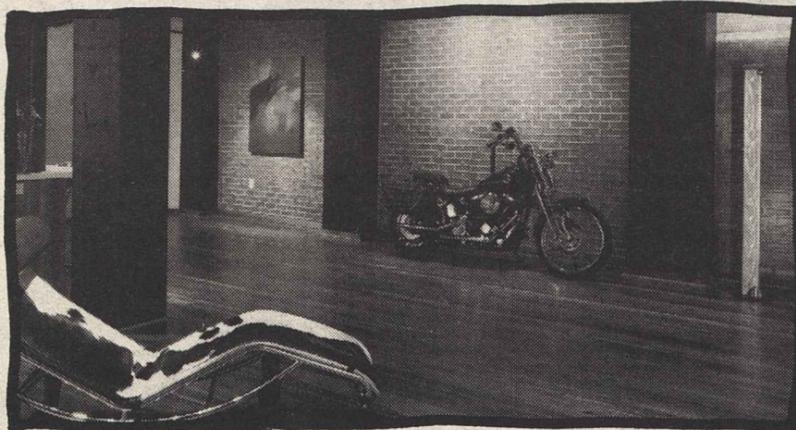
Then laughing at himself, he quickly corrected that by explaining that actually, the relationship was more "work" than play. He and Justin have known one another for more than two years, and Justin has recently had his last name legally changed to Allers to cement their monogamy and the depth of their commitment. "Justin is my lover and our relationship is very important to us. [The name change] reflects that."

Originally from Massachusetts, Allers is a transplanted Yankee who has found genuine fulfillment both professionally and personally here in Atlanta.

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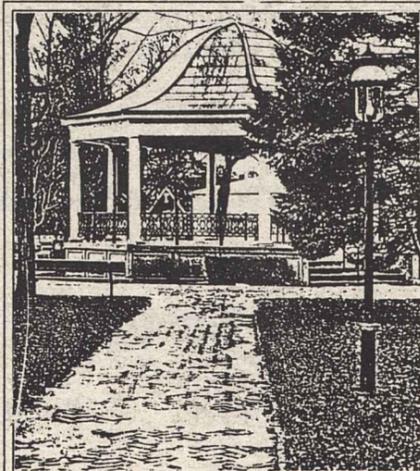
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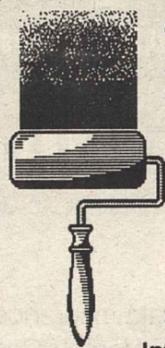
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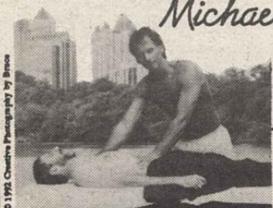
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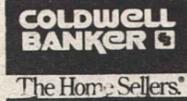
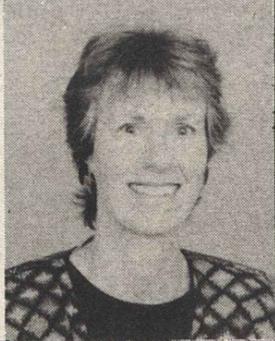
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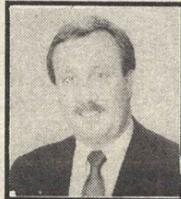


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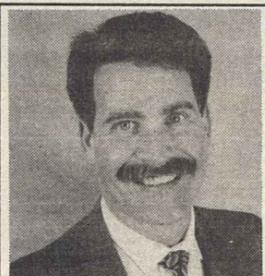
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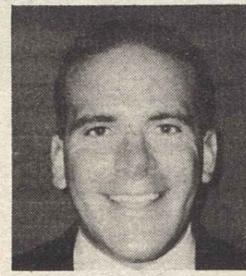


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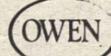
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Volunteers needed for the **Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee**. Come to the general meetings, 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Colony Square Hotel. Hotel parking validated. (ongoing)

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

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The Living AIDS Memorial Park needs volunteers. Normal business hours. Light clerical, filing and Word Perfect. Call Rick at 876-0105. (6.30)

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WOMEN

Seeking aggressive, intelligent, open-minded romantic for friendship & possible relationship. No drugs. ☎ 1685

GWF, 42, fun, adventurous, independent. Likes outdoors, sports, nice conversation and dinners. Seeks same to go with flow of universe. ☎ 1689

Black lesbian. Intellectually and physically blessed seeks dinner, theatre, bookstore, thriftstore, bowling, exercise companion. Children fine. No drugs, cigarettes, alcohol. ☎ 1672

Petite GWF 28, fem., non-smoker, romantic, sensual, fun-loving, independent. Seek GWF 25-35 for friendship. No smokers, Bi's, butches. ☎ 1680

GWF, 30, cute and petite, seeking same. Friendship in recovery can be fun without drugs and alcohol. Let's be adventurous. ☎ 1675

Feminine, attractive, GBF, no kids, seeking down to earth GBFs for friendship. Will answer all calls. ☎ 1671

GWF, 23, 5'11" seeking attractive GWF, 20's for fun, romantic evenings, good conversation. Friendship, possible relationship. Like fun? Let's meet! ☎ 1678

You: intelligent, secure BiW/F, 25-45, seeking take charge partner for sensual relationship - & willing to travel. Me: BiBF, 38, NY prof'l w/Atl. ties. ☎ 1673

Attractive GWF, 34, intelligent, professional, shapely, adventurous, sincere, new to Atlanta seeks similar GWF's. Come on Girls, I'm waiting! ☎ 1682

Attractive mature lesbian desires same, 40+, to share outdoor & indoor activities, affairs of the soul, humor, music. I am a professional in human services, stable, tolerant of diversity, + not on the rebound. Prefer womanly type. ☎ 677

GBF, 33; attractive, sports/arts lover. Appreciates beautiful feminine GF with intellect and security. Call me today anyway. You'll see! ☎ 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)

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GBF, 35, attractive & professional, seeks feminine GF, down-to-earth, for companion/friendship. No games, Bi's. ☎ 1660

BiBF, 32, attractive GA Peach, feminine, seeks gorgeous feminine female, any race, for possible one-on-one relationship. ☎ 1643

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

WF 31 - Adventurous, untamed, a bit crazy, very humorous, like dancing, pool, outdoors, etc. Lkg 4 same w/wild imagination. Plz call!!! ☎ 1647

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

GBF looking for a GBF (feminine). No bi- or Bitchy (over 30) please. ☎ 1635

GWF, 24, new to Atlanta. Looking for friends and more who like laughter, movies, music, romance, trying new things, conversation, candlelight and commitment. Race, age unimportant. No drugs, no smokers. ☎ 1628

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

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

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

we make. ☎ 1603

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

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

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

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

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

Seeking love, friendship or whatever develops. GWF, 34, attractive, professional, fun, intelligent, witty, athletic. Too good to be true! ☎ 1565

Seeking intelligent GWF 32-42 active in the gay community in volunteer/work with AIDS related programs. GWF interested in friendship. ☎ 1547

Good looking GBF, 26, desires a GBF 28+ who is shapely, intelligent and sincere. ☎ 1550

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEN

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

Roswell, handsome, masculine, professional, 50 Bi-DWM, intelligent, honest, dependable, dominant seeks Bi-DWM with similar qualities for friendship. Sincere inquiries encouraged. ☎ 1688

GWM - 29, good looking, romantic seeks same 25-35 attractive, looking for something special. ☎ 1685

GWM, 31, 5'9", 170, bi/bl, looking for more than "GOOD" time. Varied interests. Call for more details. ☎ 1686

W/F, dominant, demanding queen seeks gentleman, over 50's, submissive, financially secure, supportive, giving to live in Cobb Co., Smyrna. ☎ 1700

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. ☎ 1661

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

GBM, tall, slim, light complexion, seeks GWM/Hispanic male for fun times, friendship / relationship. Under 32 yo. ☎ 1683

Goodlooking GWM 33, 5'9", 150, athletic, professional, great personality and values, healthy HIV. Looking to meet another exceptional man. ☎ 1670

SHOOT THE MOON?

Hairy GWM, HIV-, 38, 5'10", 175# seeks men 18-40 who love their butts played with! Drop 'em, spread & smile! ☎ 1679

GWM, mid 30's, Br/br/beard seeks bottom GWM or GHM 30-45 for friendship/relationship. Box 347184, Atlanta 30334. (6.32)

Average GBM bottom seeking serious friendship with relationship oriented, masculine, aggressive, private, average Black G/BIM absolute top under 51. POB 492253, Atlanta, GA 30349. ☎ 1684

GWM, 26, 6'1", 175#, masculine, athletic, non-smoker, clean-cut boy next door, recently "out" grad seeks similar college-type (20-29) for friendship, dating, possible relationship. Written responses only. #1901, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.32)

GWM, 35, 5'8", 145#, br/br, handsome, masc, seeks similar 21-30s to help with small resort in North GA Mtns. & relationship. ☎ 1674

GWM, 32, 5'7", 160#, br/br, seeking GHM/GBM TOP 35-40 friendship/fun. Box 956222, Duluth, GA 30136. Photo welcome. (6.32)

Bet you wish you knew me? Uncut idolizer of massive hairy chests seeks GWM for relationship. 30s, smooth, professional. ☎ 1681

Omo-Oschun, W/M, blond, moustache, 40, 5'8", slim, handsome, likes: wolves, nature, son montuano, musica campesina, Cajun & Cuban cultures. ☎ 1676

Handsome 6'2", 180, GWM seeks same over 30 with varied interests who is professional, intelligent and enjoys life like me. ☎ 1668

GWM, 42, 5'11", 170, brn/bl, relationship-oriented, non-bar type, seeks same in GWM, late 20s. ☎ 1662

To Japanese GM, 41, from August 19 Voice Connection, please contact me (GWM, 38), we have the same dream. ☎ 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. ☎ 1666

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

WM seeks BM, WM - 25, discreet, good-looking, seeks similar Black Man. No fats / fems. ☎ 1667

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

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

GWM, 28, handsome, 5'11", 150, brown/blue, healthy seek similar 25-35. Reply to 513 Bankhead Ave., Suite 119, Carrollton, GA 30117 (6.30)

GWM, 35, handsome, looking for big bears who are sincere, into outdoors, romance, cuddling. You never know. ☎ 1648

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

GWM seeks other ex-Catholics who sometimes 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. ☎ 1644

TALENTED HANDS WANTED:

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

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

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

YOU: Loving, masculine, FIT, articulate, 35+, imperfect, safe, handsome. ME: Loving, masculine, GETTING FIT, athletic #250, 38, GWM, fallible, safe, handsome. ☎ 1637

GBM, 27, Professional, relationship-oriented, community-involved, ISO GM, 25-35, for cheap movie date. Write: KCC, POB 1334, Atlanta, GA 30301-1334 or call ☎ 1638

Slender GWM, 36, artist/architect, seeks brainy GBM engaged in creative labor. Serious, sensitive, sensual if drunk, head full of ideas, I seek Black friend/lover equally self-challenged. Coffee? ☎ 1639

Wanna wrestle? GWM, 6 ft., 185, blonde/blue, 45, good shape, seeks others interested in wrestling, safe. ☎ 1640

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

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

GBM, 29, seeks GWM 25-35 to share quiet evenings together, movies, dining out, friendship, possibly more. ☎ 1630

GWM, masculine, healthy, 61, ALA farmer, seeks discreet older trim white/oriental male for fun, friendship & more. ☎ 1631

GWM, 47, 6'6", 210, sandy/blue, seeking gay Black, Hispanic, Native-American or Oriental male for serious friendship/romance/relationship. ☎ 1632

GBM, 5'10", 190#, 21, seeks Teddy Bear type BM 190+, 25+, looks not important. Intelligence a must. Not into bars. ☎ 1633

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

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

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

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

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

GWM nudist, 40, 5'11", 185 lbs, muscular build, relocating to Atlanta mid-August, seeking GWM/GWC for fun in the sun and friendship. Professional, clean-cut,

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healthy, versatile enjoys sensual massages, videos, french, dancing and hot times. ☎ 1597

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM 35+ prof. 6'3" seeks same to 40. Respond if you seek simple life of love.

Tennis, hairy, masc. sought. ☎ 1554

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BM, 27, 6'1", 255, HIV pos., discreet, masculine, independent, affectionate, versatile; but I prefer to be bottom, NO Games. ☎ 1527

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, handsome, HIV-, desires someone to date; enjoys the mountains, hikes,

reading, serious conversation, Comedy Central, 60s TV, long kisses. Weary of tactile deprivation. ☎ 1501

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 29, Br/Br, 5'8" 150 lbs. Interests: spirituality, sci-fi and fun. Seeks 19-35, HIV- into same for friendship and more. ☎ 1457

White collar Asian male, 29, 5'10", seeks guy 20-35 for friendship. You like massage when watching TV. ☎ 1454

WM, 31, 5'8", prof., attr, fit, smooth. HIV-, rel. oriented. Seeks WM 30-45, prof., attr., tall, hairy. ☎ 1453

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WM, 29, 6 ft, 175 lbs, rceding Willis

type, country boy, boots, jeans, conservative, CLOSETED, seeks same for LONG friendship. Rockdale area. ☎ 1384

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

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

TV/TS

WM, 30, enjoys being female passable, seeks man who wants a submissive girl to obey and please. ☎ 1634

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

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

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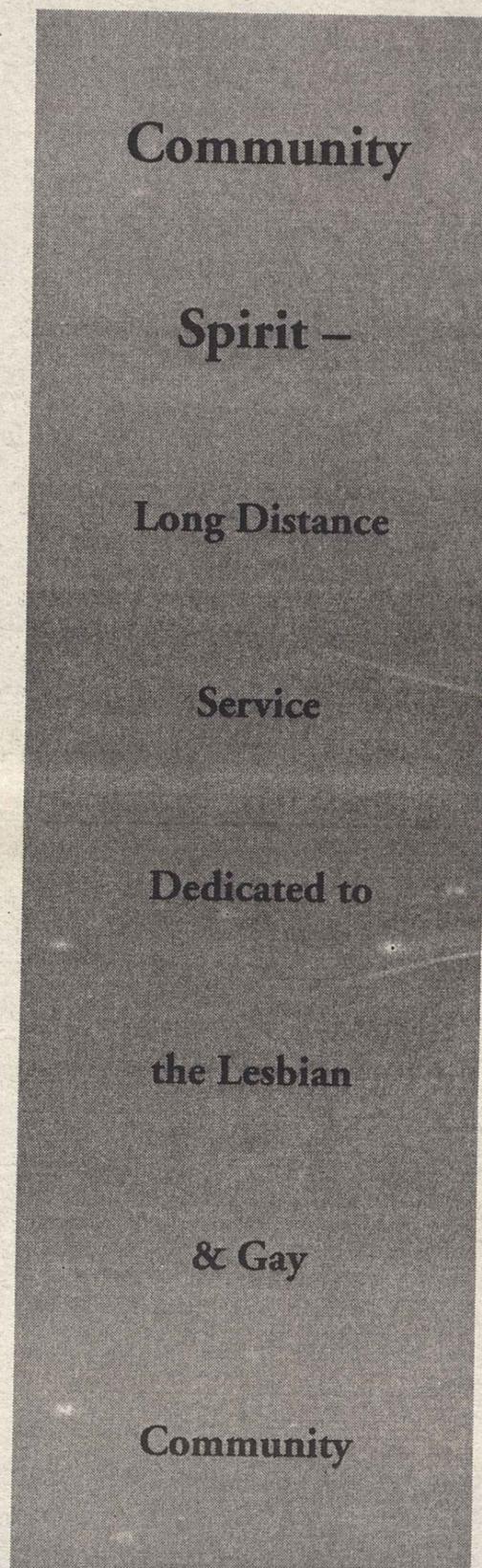
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