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## BISEXUALS: MYTHS IN THE MIDDLE

*"They can't make up their minds." "They just can't admit that they are gay." "They sleep with everybody." Bisexuals are often on the receiving end of those kinds of comments from people in the lesbian and gay community, many of whom will not even concede that true bisexuals even exist. But these men and women in the sexual middle, accepted by neither gays nor straights, insist that these myths really are myths. What follows are their stories, told from both the male and female perspective.*

### What about those breasts?

by RICHARD ELDREDGE

During a recent night out at the Armory, Scott Felske had several gay friends grill him about exactly what he finds attractive about the female gender.

"I found myself explaining the virtues of breasts to a group of guys who have never even touched a female breast," says Felske, 28, who is bisexual. "I found myself defending my sexuality, attempting to explain what makes women attractive to me. It's hard to nail down exactly. It could be the perfume or the way her hair looks. Finally, I just gave it up. I realized I wasn't making any sense to them whatsoever."

The walls of Felske's Virginia-Highland apartment speak volumes about his orientation. Two large Madonna posters (one featuring the Material Girl in leather while the other has her completely nude save for a few well-placed bangles and beads) fight it out for wall space with various framed glossies of tanned male models wearing Speedos.

He has a cartoon taped to his refrigerator as well. The drawing features three squirrels riding in a car as the indecisive driver squints at the various signs and forks in the road ahead. The caption below reads: "OK,

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### Treason to the sisterhood

by GALE RETER

As a bisexual woman, Cat Archer knows the attitude she would probably face if she walked into a radical feminist lesbian group.

"You are a traitor. They say first of all that you're lying to yourself and, second, you're a traitor and, third, you're going to screw up their life because you're going to have a relationship with them and then you're going to leave them for a man."

Anita Bressenham, another bisexual woman, says that if she went into a women's bar with her husband, just to enjoy the atmosphere, some women would jump to salacious conclusions.

"We're not swingers looking for some cheap thrills. Everyone thinks that we're promiscuous, and they turn it into a sex issue. And it's simply not true. Even if you have the capacity to love both sexes, this doesn't necessarily mean that you will love them both at the same time or will even feel comfortable doing so."

Says Archer, "Just because you're bi doesn't mean that you have to sleep with everyone you know."

Like bisexual men, Bressenham and Archer say they face hostility and misunderstanding both from the

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## Nancy Schaefer running for mayor

*Anti-gay leader joins three openly gay candidates filing for city posts*

Atlanta—Nancy Schaefer, Atlanta's best known and most vitriolic anti-gay/lesbian activist, is running for mayor.

Last Wednesday, on the last day to qualify for the Nov. 2 city election, Schaefer, who is the head of Family Concerns Inc., a Christian supremacist group that works against gay and lesbian rights, paid her qualifying fee at City Hall.

But in the event that she were to pull off a victory over the three major candidates in the race, Schaefer might have to face the prospect of a gay or lesbian face—or two or three—on the City Council. That's because one lesbian, Carolyn White, and two gay men, Andy Loftis and Eric Spivey, qualified to run for City Council posts.

When contacted by Southern Voice, a spokesman for Family Concerns, Eddie Cannon, said Schaefer was out of town and un-

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Schaefer is the outspoken spokesperson for the anti-gay/lesbian right in Atlanta.

## Pastor says he helped Wysong

*Comments cast doubt on Gordon Wysong's claims that he came up with Cobb's anti-gay resolution.*

Marietta—Cobb County Commissioner Gordon Wysong's assertion that he acted alone in penning his anti-gay resolution took a serious blow last week when a televangelist who heads one of Marietta's largest churches admitted that he had conferred with Wysong "long before this went public."

"Communities all over the nation have had to act remedially, and it was thought to be to our advantage to act preventively," Nelson Price, pastor of the 9,500-member Roswell Street Baptist Church, told The Christian Index, a weekly newsletter from the Georgia Baptist Convention. "What we've tried to do... is to keep this from appearing to be a religious issue. It is, but it is more than a religious issue."

Price's church has a television ministry that broadcasts his services nationally.

In media appearances, and before the Cobb Commission itself, Wysong repeatedly said that he acted alone while writing the resolution that declared homosexuality incompatible with Cobb community standards. After Price's comments became public when they appeared in the Sept. 2 issue of The Christian Index, Wysong told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that "obviously I did consult him at the time it was drafted, but the content was entirely my own."

"Wysong has not been honest with his fellow commissioners. He has not been honest with the public, and he has not been honest with the press," said Jon Greaves, an organizer of the Cobb Citizens Coalition, which is fighting the anti-gay sentiment in Cobb County.

Greaves also noted that the religious community has not been unanimous in its support of the Wysong resolution. Price, in the Christian Index article, revealed that he sent out nearly 300 letters to religious leaders asking for their support of the measure. He said he was "tremendously amazed at the lack of response" from the ministers.

"That tells me that the religious community, while not openly supportive of gays and lesbians as a group, also will not support open attacks on us," Greaves said.

KC WILDMOON

## Cobb loses three conventions over hate votes

Marietta—The campaign to steer convention business away from Cobb County because of the county commission's anti-gay/lesbian and anti-arts resolutions has scored its first success.

The Georgia Society of Association Executives has cancelled its annual meeting, scheduled for next summer in the new \$43 million Galleria Centre, and two other groups have stopped negotiations for use of the facility. All three specifically cited the commissions' recent actions.

"We are an inclusive organization made up of many diverse elements," said Sharon Hunt, executive director of the Georgia Society of Association Executives. "After a long and serious discussion, the board of directors... thought that it would be inconsistent to take our organization into an area whose government is not accepting of any segment of society."

The decision by the association executives to move their meeting out of Cobb is an even more significant victory for the economic campaign against the county because the group's

450 members are executives of a variety of non-profit organizations, such as trade associations and professional groups. They are the people who help make decisions about where their individual organizations will hold meetings and conventions, and the cancelled meeting would have introduced them to the new Galleria Centre.

In fact, Galleria Centre general manager Don Poor told Southern Voice that the convention center was offering its facility free of charge to the group.

"It was a marketing tool for the facility," said Poor. "[GSAE is] a group we would like to have had [so much that] we were giving away the space."

Two other organizations, which could have brought nearly 4,500 people into Galleria Centre, have cancelled their negotiations for the facility, citing the commission's actions, said Poor. The Association for Worksite Health Promotion, based in Illinois, was negotiating a trade show that would have had 1,300 participants,

and a software show sponsored by Auto Desk, based in California, would have drawn 3,000 participants.

Jon Greaves, an organizer for the Cobb Citizens Coalition, one of the organizers of the campaign to steer business from the Galleria Centre, said that he was happy with the cancellations.

"As far as I'm concerned, we've been a success," he said. "We never set a goal about an X number of dollars we wanted the center to lose. The message has been sent through these cancellations that these groups have the same concerns as the gay community."

The economic campaign is sponsored by the coalition and boosted nationally through the network of local Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation chapters. It was launched after the county commission passed a resolution saying the "gay lifestyle" was inconsistent with the county's values and after commissioners, motivated by complaints about a play with gay references, cut all county funding for arts groups.

KC WILDMOON

## Censored lesbian film leads to policy change at DeKalb TV

Decatur—The outcry over a station manager's censoring of a film with lesbian content at DeKalb's public access cable television station has resulted in a new policy for reviewing such films before broadcast.

Ann Landers, a spokesperson for Georgia Cable Television (GCTV), which funds DeKalb Community Television (DCTV), said that the public access station would institute a review panel to preview films, taking the final decision about broadcast out of the hands of a single individual.

"GCTV doesn't feel it's appropriate for one person to make these decisions—pro or con—on potentially sensitive material," Landers said. "We've decided the best tactic would be to create a board of community members who can comment prior to cablecast."

Landers added the panel would be drawn from diverse segments of the community at large.

The film in question, "From the Goddess," produced last fall by Donna Collier at DCTV's studios, was originally approved for broadcast by then-station manager Nancy Lowe but was removed in May from the station's broadcast rotation by Tony Briscler, who replaced Lowe

in February.

"Without even telling me, he took it off the air," said Collier. "[When I did finally speak with him], he told me the 'simulated sex scene' between two women was not acceptable, and that he had gotten one complaint."

Collier said the film had been aired "a couple of times a month" since its approval, and that she found it remarkable that "as many times as it aired, he got only one complaint."

"[Briscler] decides what's right and what's wrong, what's offensive and what's not," she said. "But his saying ['From the Goddess'] is offensive to me."

According to Collier, the film's one time use of the word "fuck" and a scene at the end with the two lesbian characters in bed caused the problem.

"It ends with the two women in bed, clothed," she said. "They kiss and are in an intimate embrace. My sister told me that the 'sex scene' was boring."

Doug Loggins, who was in charge of scheduling at DCTV at the time, said that Briscler told him to pull the program from the air.

"He said it has these words and adult situa-

tions," said Loggins, who said the incident, and another in which Briscler refused to allow a belly dancer to appear, prompted him to quit his position. "He said he was going by FCC (Federal Communication Commission) guidelines, but those guidelines are very subjective."

FCC guidelines prohibit the airing of material that violates "community standards" but do not define those standards. Most broadcast stations air programs of potentially controversial material late at night to avoid problems with complaints.

Briscler would not speak with Southern Voice on the record about the incident, referring to a phone call to GCTV. GCTV's Landers said that DCTV management told her they had gotten "one or two" complaints about an early evening airing of the film.

"One or two complaints does not make community outrage," she said. "And then you have to consider who the outrage is coming from. These decisions [about airing programs] just can't be made in a vacuum."

Collier's film, Landers said, will go before the review panel when it is in place.

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Film producer Donna Collier says she was told a lesbian scene, with women fully clothed, was unacceptable.

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Marchers take to the streets of Ocean Springs in Mississippi's first lesbian/gay rights march.

## Mississippi march peaceful

Ocean Springs, MS—Parading decorously past murmuring onlookers and yellow police cordons, several hundred Gulf Coast residents marched without incident through downtown Ocean Springs Saturday in Mississippi's first ever lesbian/gay rights march.

The march was in support of a group, G.L. Friendly, which encountered homophobic resistance earlier this summer after trying to organize gays and lesbians along the Mississippi coast.

The estimated 350 marchers, and about 40 counterdemonstrators, were kept apart by police as the march traveled four blocks. Marchers were told that their signs and chants had to conform with the area's anti-obscenity ordinances, which ban profanity and suggestive language. Police also prevented both pro-gay and anti-gay forces from passing out literature.

At a rally afterward, speakers represented organizations from Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia and Alabama.

While the turnout fell short of the 1,200 to 1,800 organizers had hoped for, G.L. Friendly co-founder Todd Emerson said, "even if there were just 10 people, it would have made a difference to us. We worked hard on this. We're glad that it came to an end without any incidents and everything is peaceful now."

"We were just as powerful today in Ocean Springs as we were in Washington, D.C.," said Rev. Jay Neely of Atlanta, district coordinator for the Metropolitan Community Churches, during a speech at the rally. "I invite our detractors to know us, to know us not for the sensationalized image of those who would trivialize the seriousness of our purpose, but for the people we really are."

WILLIAM LIERMANN

## Father in lesbian custody battle supports mother getting son

Richmond, VA—The father of the boy taken from his mother because she is a lesbian says the mother should have custody of the 2-year-old because the child "means the world to her."

Dennis Doustou said he has not had any contact with his son since the child's birth. But he said a court decision last week to give custody to the child's maternal grandmother "pushes me harder to be a part of Tyler's life."

In a case that made national headlines, a judge awarded custody of Tyler Doustou to the grandmother, Kay Bottoms. He determined that Sharon Bottoms, 23, was an unfit mother because she lived with her lover, April Wade, 27. Henrico Circuit Judge Buford M. Parsons Jr. found that Sharon Bottoms' conduct was immoral, illegal and potentially damaging to the boy.

Until the custody case, Doustou was unaware that his ex-wife was a lesbian.

"If that's what makes her happy, I don't

have anything against it," Doustou told the Richmond Times-Dispatch. "There's nothing that says lesbians and gays cannot raise kids."

Doustou had little positive to say about his former mother-in-law. "The woman is cold-hearted," he said. "Anybody that would put their [daughter] through this... It's no reason to take a child from his mother. That's totally wrong."

Doustou was not allowed to testify at the custody hearing. Kay Bottoms' lawyer, Richard Ryder, told the judge that Doustou gave up custody of Tyler when the couple divorced in June 1992 and contributed only \$65 in child support.

Doustou said at the time he and his wife separated, "I was young, I was stupid. I figured... that Tyler was better off without me."

Doustou said that after the custody battle began this spring, he considered petitioning the court for visitation or shared custody, but decided against it.

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## Lesbian partner allowed to adopt

Fort Worth, TX—In a landmark court decision, a Texas judge has permitted a lesbian to adopt her partner's biological daughter.

The 2-year-old, conceived by artificial insemination, now legally has two mothers. The two Fort Worth women have shared a home for the past decade.

"This a landmark case. It's as far as we know the first one in the entire South," Austin attorney Suzanne Bryant, co-chairwoman of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association, said of last month's ruling.

The Fort Worth couple filed the adoption petition so the girl legally can inherit from both partners and receive health insurance and Social Security benefits through either. If her biological mother dies, the girl's adoptive mother may assume responsibility without legal hassles.

The Fort Worth parents, a day-care center employee and an aerospace worker, asked that their names not be disclosed.

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**Radio Station Boycotts Melissa Etheridge:** A Fort Collins, Colorado radio station says it will boycott singer Melissa Etheridge because she is boycotting Colorado over Amendment 2. Etheridge told the Denver Post during a record industry gathering in August that "I have to stand with my brothers and sisters who are trying to fight and turn this mistake around. They decided that what they're going to do is boycott Colorado, and I'm gonna support that." KCSU music director Bob Terrill made the decision to drop the singer's music, but Etheridge's publicist, Nancy Sullivan, said she did not understand the action. "Her fans are going to be almost unanimously against 2," she said. "For the most part, people for 2 don't even know who she is."

**College Republicans Selling Anti-Gay T-Shirts:** The College Republicans group at Colorado State University is selling anti-gay T-shirts on campus. One of the shirts reads "In the beginning... God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve." Another provides the top ten reasons to support Amendment 2—"Homosexuality is an abomination, and kind of gross, too" is among them. Tanisia Smith, a member of the Fort Collins Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance, said she defends any group's right to free speech but she doesn't find the shirts funny. "It's the message behind those T-shirts that concerns me," she said. "They don't want to give the idea that homosexuality should be supported, included, or even talked about."

**Achtenberg Says Liberating Gays Not Clinton's Job:** Addressing members of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association in New York City recently, Housing and Urban Development Undersecretary Roberta Achtenberg, the country's highest ranking openly lesbian public official, praised Pres. Clinton's record on hiring lesbians and gay men and said that it's not the president's job to liberate the community. "We hired Bill Clinton to be president of the United States," she said. "We did not hire him to be the great liberator of lesbian and gay people. Our liberation is, as it always has been, in our own hands."



Peri Jude Radecic

**NGLTF Names Radecic Executive Director:** The National Lesbian and Gay Task Force has named Peri Jude Radecic to succeed Torie Osborn as the group's executive director. Radecic has been with NGLTF since 1987, currently serving as Deputy Director for Public Policy. "Our work will be a strategic mix of building and strengthening our movement at the state and local level, combined with a more aggressive Federal lobby," Radecic said. "New programming priorities, such as health policy with a focus on lesbian health care and AIDS, campus and workplace organizing, state and local civil rights organizing, strengthening our response to the increasing threat of the Far Right, are at the heart of our movement."

**Brokerage Firm Tracks Companies' Policy On Gays:** Progressive Asset Management, an Oakland, Calif. company specializing in socially responsible investing, has produced a database on 250 publicly traded companies and their policies toward gay men and lesbians. The company released a pre-

view of its database last week, and included Apple Computer Inc., Borland International Inc. and Wells Fargo & Co. on its "progressive list." Atlanta-based Delta Airlines made the "regressive" list, as did Target stores, which challenged the listing. A spokesperson for Dayton Hudson Corp., which owns Target, said the company's diversity standards include sexual orientation, and that the company regularly funds programs for gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. Delta also challenged the listing.

**Colorado To Use Homophobic Psychologist To Support Amendment 2:** Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton has listed Paul Cameron, expelled by the American Psychological Association in 1984 for falsifying data, as an "expert witness" in the upcoming trial over Amendment 2. Cameron has in the past made statements to the press that homosexuals should all be put to death, called for castration and quarantine of homosexuals, and urged doctors to use euthanasia on gay men infected with HIV. Norton has listed at least seven articles by Cameron as state exhibits, including "Child Molestation and Homosexuality," the pamphlet that caused his expulsion from the APA. Cameron based his writings in this pamphlet on the work of Dr. A. Nicholas Groth, who wrote in 1984 that Cameron "misrepresents my findings and distorts them to advance homophobic views."

**Cities Enact Partnership Laws:** Minneapolis, Minnesota and Austin, Texas have joined the list of cities offering benefits to the domestic partners of city employees. The Minneapolis law was passed on August 27 and will go into effect Jan. 1, while the Austin law was passed on Sept. 2, also slated to go into effect on Jan. 1. In other city council news, the LaFayette, Indiana City Council refused to reconsider a gay rights ordinance it passed four months ago. Opponents of the law, which extends the city's anti-discrimination protection to all people regardless of sexual orientation, have pledged to pursue their case in court.

**Joan Rivers Headlines Benefit For Lesbian/Gay Center:** Joan Rivers will head an all-star cast for a gala evening of comedy and song benefiting New York's Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center on Nov. 3 at Broadway's Palace Theatre. The event will showcase some of the lesbian and gay community's hottest talents, including Kate Clinton, the Five Lesbian Brothers, Hot Lavender Swing Band, Frank Maya and Karen Williams. All performers are donating their time.

**Transsexual Women Booted From Michigan Festival:** Four transsexual women were asked to leave the Michigan Women's Music Festival in August after festival security received an unknown number of complaints. The four had staffed a table providing information on transsexual issues for the first four days of the festival, and camped on public land outside the festival grounds for the remainder of the event. From that location, they held workshops attended by about 75 women. In 1991, another transsexual woman was kicked out of the festival, when organizers of the event announced that it was for "womyn born womyn" only.

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**ELECTION '93**

by RICHARD SHUMATE

Now that the qualifying period is over for elections in the city of Atlanta, the true insanity of the campaign can begin.

With all of candidates running for mayor, 18 City Council seats and council president, along with 40 people running for the school board, it might be a little difficult to keep up to date on what the candidates are saying about issues important to the lesbian/gay community. To help out, Southern Voice will run this column each week between now and the Nov. 2 election.

The biggest prize up for grabs, of course, is the mayor's chair, and the three major contenders, as expected, are Fulton County Commission Chairman **Michael Lomax**, City Councilman **Bill Campbell** and City Councilwoman **Myrtle Davis**—all of whom have generally been pro-gay/lesbian in their past political careers. The good news for the community was that Police Chief **Eldrin Bell**—he of a decidedly not-so-gay-friendly bent—decided not to take the plunge. The bad news is that Christian supremacist **Nancy Schaefer** threw her power hair into the ring.

Gay and lesbian political activists seem to be splitting between the candidates. Among those supporting Campbell is ProMove CEO **Todd White**, who spoke at Campbell's kickoff rally, while **Joe Blount** is on Lomax's campaign committee and **Don George**, active in HRCF circles, is lending his expertise to Davis.

In the wake of Lomax's departure as head of the Fulton County Commission (under state law, he had to resign the minute he qualified to run for mayor), state Rep. **Mitch Skandalakis**, a Republican from Buckhead, announced he would run for the chairmanship in a special election that will also be held Nov. 2. Skandalakis, you might recall, was one of the Georgia House members who joined **Billy McKinney** in supporting legislation to overturn Atlanta's domestic partnership ordinance. His strongest opponent will be County Commissioner **Martin Luther King III**, who, though he has a mixed history on gay/lesbian issues, was a partnership supporter on the commission.

A race that seems destined to split the lesbian/gay community is in the 6th District City Council race. This district encompasses many east side neighborhoods such as Virginia-Highland, Morningside and Druid Hills. The incumbent, **Mary Davis**, arguably the most pro-gay/lesbian voice on the council, is being challenged by **Andy Loftis**, a gay man who is the former head of the city's zoning board, and **Joe Kelly**, a local attorney who is also very progressive on lesbian/gay issues.

Loftis, who has issued a public debate challenge to his opponents, recently hired The Advance Group, a New York-based political consulting firm that helped elect **David Dinkins** as mayor of New York. His campaign people also faxed around a copy of a speech Loftis made recently at Crazy Ray's, which opened with the following joke: "You know there are a lot of people downtown who think they are crown princes and princesses. With your help in November, the real queen will be seated."

For those of you who want to meet the candidates up close and ask them a few things, GAPAC is sponsoring two candidate forums—Monday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. at Grady High School (candidates for Atlanta mayor and school board) and Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at Inman Middle School (Atlanta City Council candidates and candidates for council president).



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# New group takes on HRCF to redefine the gay agenda

The message was sent loud and clear in an advertisement in the Washington Blade: "Human Rights Campaign Fund, We Expect Results!"

And with that salvo, a new group calling itself Gay & Lesbian Americans has been launched — an effort to get the lesbian and gay community to rethink its political strategies and the structure of its organizations. Its first shot has been fired at HRCF, the largest and wealthiest gay/lesbian political group.

The ad, an open letter to HRCF officials, says that "because you are more adept at hosting black-tie receptions than tackling homophobic bigotry head-on, activists derisively call you the Champagne Fund."

"Most gays and lesbians are locked out of the decision-making process," the ad said. "HRCF needs a mechanism for community input, such as open town meetings. Grassroots activists, on the front lines of our movement, deserve financial and innovating technical aid — not condemnation."

"In HRCF, we see the most fundamental problems that need to be addressed right away," says Steven Reichert, one of the organizers of Gay & Lesbian Americans. As Reichert sees it, HRCF is too Washington-oriented, not set up to get input from around the country and has neither a grassroots organization nor a clear agenda.

The ad stated that "leadership means choosing our battles — not simply reacting to each new anti-gay attack. With broad community input, HRCF must prioritize an agenda, then publicize a plan of action we can support."

"What we want to do is have a debate in

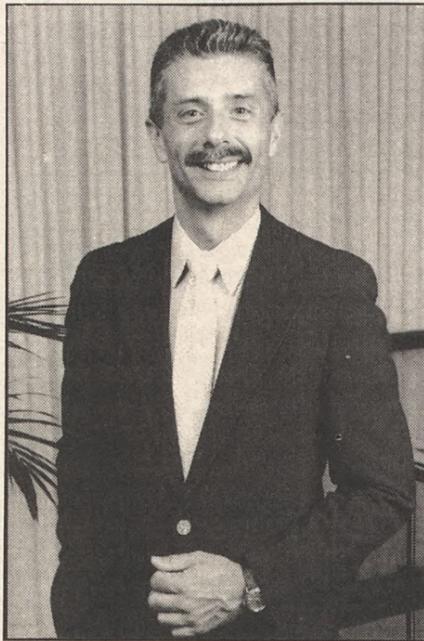
*What the eight organizers of Gay & Lesbian Americans say what they want to see is evidence of HRCF's promised bold action plan. "Had they called, we would have told them that the action plan will be announced in mid-October," said HRCF spokesman Gregory King.*

the gay press about what is the gay agenda," said Michael Petrelis, another of the organizers. "There must be other ideas beyond the [Washington] beltway."

What Petrelis and Reichert say they want to see is for Gay and Lesbian Americans to become a decentralized group with local chapters which can organize at the grassroots level and address local as well as national concerns.

"Another Washington-based, inside-the-Beltway organization is exactly what we don't need right now," says Reichert.

However, Petrelis says he hopes the group would have some mechanism to coordinate the local groups into a national force. He says



HRCF head Tim McFeeley said he was troubled that the new group chose to be "confrontational."

the idea is a structure somewhere between HRCF, which is based in Washington and mostly concerned with working on federal issues in the capital, and activist groups such as Queer Nation, which, while individual groups are active, have no central mechanism to coordinate activities nationwide.

The models Gay and Lesbian Americans are looking toward, says Petrelis, are the organizational structures of the National Organization for Women and the NAACP. And

Petrelis says the name of the new group is an important change as well — putting the words "gay" and "lesbian" right out in front of the public.

But the involvement of Petrelis and Reichert, both well-known as the leader and chief spokesman, respectively, of Queer Nation/National Capital, has led to the dismissal of the ad by the HRCF as a publicity stunt by the controversial activists.

"We just presume it's Queer Nation," Gregory King, HRCF's spokesman, told Southern Voice. "Perhaps they are more interested in getting press than accomplishing things."

HRCF executive director Tim McFeeley sent a letter to Petrelis and Reichert, saying he was troubled that the new group "presented [its] appeal in language that will be by some as confrontational." However, in the wake of the ad and the publicity surrounding it, McFeeley agreed to meet this week with Petrelis and Reichert to discuss the Gay & Lesbian Americans' effort.

Shortly after the loss on lifting the military ban, HRCF ran advertisements in lesbian/gay newspapers across the country promising a bold new plan of action. What the eight organizers of Gay & Lesbian Americans say they want is to see is evidence of that plan.

"Had they called, we would have told them that the action plan will be announced in mid-October," King said. HRCF leaders met in Dallas last weekend to put the finishing touches on the new strategy.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

If we give up the high road of values, we lose

Editor's note: This speech was given by Abner Mason, newly elected head of the national Log Cabin Federation, a lesbian/gay Republican group, at its recent convention in Philadelphia.

It is appropriate that we meet in Philadelphia, the cradle of liberty, not far from Independence Hall, where the framers convened to craft a form of government and the principles that make us who we are, as Americans. Like any convention, including ours, they had heated debates. As Americans, we must never forget that, in almost every instance, their singular concern was how to limit the role and power of the very government they were creating. They struggled to craft a government that would hold us together as a nation, and at the same time, would maximize the individual freedom of each citizen. No doubt, some gathered there thought this was an impossible task; thankfully, it was not. I believe they succeeded. But, if that is true, then why are we here?

The answer to that question is as obvious as it is sobering. We are here because the work of defending liberty is never done. Throughout our nation's history, successive generations of Americans have answered their call to defend America's promise of liberty and justice for all. I believe the 1990s to be our time.

As gay and lesbian Republicans, we are engaged in a battle that, in a narrow sense, is about intolerance in the Republican Party. In a somewhat broader sense, it is about equal rights for gays and lesbians in America. Fundamentally, however, this battle is not just about us. It is about the rights and responsibilities of every American. As has often been the case in our nation's history, this is a battle over ideas and values. It is about who we are and what we believe.

Much of the leadership of the gay and lesbian community either does not understand this, or they are so uncomfortable in discussing values [that] they have allowed this debate to be framed as a fight between those who wish for a return to traditional values and those who oppose traditional values. So long as the debate is so framed, we will lose. Values have been, and remain, at the core of what it means to be an American.

When we allowed our community leaders to give up the high road of values, we lost the ability to communicate with the American public, and even worse and more damaging, we allowed our political adversaries on the left and right to do whatever they wished with the language of what it means to be an American. As a result, traditional American values have been redefined to mean either the narrow, intolerant religious beliefs of a minority on the right, or the hypocritical, knee-jerk liberal be-

liefs of those on the left.

A similar situation exists in our own party. At the 1992 Republican National Convention, the values of the founders were replaced by the ravings and bizarre personal beliefs of Pat Buchanan and his ilk. This occurred because, with a few exceptions like Massachusetts Governor William Weld, those in our party who knew better refused to defend the founders' vision. They refused to defend American values.

We must accept the reality that, in the minds of far too many Americans today, our political adversaries have successfully redefined traditional American values. They have turned the founders' vision, and our vision, on its head. They speak of liberty but they don't mean liberty as you and I understand it.



Abner Mason

Those on the left who oppose us, say they support equality for all, regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation. Yet, at every turn, they insist upon policies that make these very characteristics the primary consideration in decision making.

They say they are pro-choice, and they are when the choice involves a woman's right to abortion. But when the question is whether that same woman may have the right to choose where to send her child to school, they are as anti-choice as the most zealous rightist. They talk about keeping government out of people's personal lives, but they fail to understand that excessive taxation of hard-earned wages is a direct assault on the personal lives of every American.

Those on the right who oppose us have engaged in similar tactics. The America they hope and work for is an America where, instead of each of us, it is the government that makes decisions about the most intimate, private and important aspects of our lives. This attack on individual freedom is what they call "traditional American values." These are the same Americans whose anti-gay bigotry creates hostile environments for gay and lesbian youth in homes, churches, schools and neighborhoods across this country—and as a result, gay and lesbian youth account for 30 percent of completed teen suicides. Encouraging this tragic loss of life is what many on the right call "family values."

With this sort of redefining of American values by political left and right, it is under-

standable that there is uncertainty about equal rights for gays and lesbians in the minds of many Americans. So, what are we to do?

I think it is important to realize that this is not the first time playing fast and loose with the dictionary of American values has been a strategy of those who seek to sway the American public to a cause that is unjust and contrary to our founding principles. I want to share with you the words of President Abraham Lincoln when he faced a similar situation. One year before the end of the Civil War, Lincoln spoke to a group of Union supporters in Baltimore about this very issue:

"The world has never had a good definition of liberty, and the American people, just now, are much in want of one. We all declare for liberty, but in using the same word, we do not all mean the same thing.

With some, the word liberty may mean for each man to do as he pleases with himself and the product of his labor, while with others, the same word may mean for some men to do as they please with other men and the product of other men's labor. Here are two not only different, but incompatible, things, called by the same name—liberty.

The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as a liberator, while the wolf denounces the shepherd as a destroyer of liberty, especially as the sheep is a black one. Recently, as it seems, the people of Maryland have been doing something to define liberty, and thanks to them, in what they have done, the wolf's dictionary has been repudiated.

Like the people of Maryland in their time, this is our time to be about the business of repudiating the wolf's dictionary. For us, instead of the geographic north and south, the battle lines are the political left and right, and, of course, the sheep is lavender instead of black.

However, the goal remains the same: to make real in our time—in our community, in our country and in our party—the great promise of America as a place where the blessings of liberty are enjoyed by all, and the pursuit of happiness is possible, because we are given the right to make what we will of our own lives.

By being here, out of all the closets that for too long have kept us from realizing our dreams, by working to return our party to its core values and by challenging the false definitions of the very ideas that make us who we are and which hold us together as a nation, we are together doing something to define liberty.

This is our task. This is our time.

L E T T E R S

Lomax aide defends his support of Bell

I recognize that [Atlanta Police] Chief [Eldrin] Bell has been neither receptive nor responsive to the needs of lesbians and gays and share our community's concerns over the possibility of his remaining police chief.

Nonetheless, I'm also aware that Bell remains popular in the larger Atlanta community and is seen as an effective leader. Just as we've expressed extreme displeasure, people from Bankhead to Buckhead have been vocal in their support. Therefore, it might be naive of us not to recognize the fact that Chief Bell might play a role in the administration of whoever is elected as our next mayor.

Whereas Michael Lomax has received negative reaction from our community because he stated for the record his intention to retain Bell, I'd rather know this up front so that we might work to help define a role for Bell which

demands greater sensitivity to our needs.

The fact that the other candidates have refused to state their intentions with regard to retaining Bell provides no comfort—I'm reluctant to interpret that silence as an indication that they would not.

I learned from our recent experience with Mayor Jackson's surprise veto of the Atlanta domestic partnership ordinance that we cannot passively hope that silence means support. I'm unwilling to accept vagaries in hope that the outcome will be favorable.

Let's assign ourselves the task of ensuring that, if Bell is to be a factor in our future, he fulfills a role that we helped to define.

Jeff Cheek  
Atlanta

Cheek served as Michael Lomax's liaison to the gay and lesbian community.

Play a chorus of "Hate Lifted Me"

As a musician, I detest the thought that the next time I am contracted to play an engagement in "traditional-family-value" (whatever that undefinable, conglomerate adjective means) Cobb County, I would be required to play a hundred verses of that xenophobic, dog-eared tune, "Just As I Am Without One Flea," or that Cobb Commission-inspired favorite, "Hate Lifted Me."

Edward Scruggs  
Atlanta

## The purpose of gay in the grand scheme of things

What are we here for? Does this question from Gay Metaphysics 101 bother you as much as it sometimes bothers me?

As I get ready to celebrate the autumnal equinox at the Gay Spirit Visions Conference in Highlands, N.C., I find myself dwelling on it more often than usual—logically, I guess, because answering it would profoundly affect what we do there (and everywhere in life).

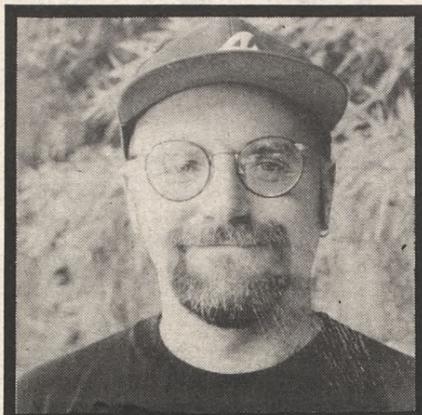
Why are gay people here? Starting with the negative, you can take what I call bigots' logic and push it one step further—because gay people tend not to reproduce, then our continued existence is either (a) a perversion of natural order, or (b) an intentional creation that benefits society. (Funny how they never get that far, isn't it?) The only way to get them to reconsider this would be if all of this "gay" gene research comes through for us, so I wish our scientists well. For me, though, (b) is something I already instinctively know.

And there is already sociobiological theory that backs me up. Geneticists know that any negative genetic trait (that is, a trait that does not enhance an organism's chance of survival) will disappear as evolution progresses. Because that hasn't happened to gay people yet, there must be something we do (or once did) that helps the survival of our species.

One theory about what that might be, ironically enough, is child care. Logic tells us that the larger the number of adults raising a child, the better the chance of that child's survival. Building into the biological family some extra people who aren't reproducing would create extra bodies to care for children. That makes us a sort of vestigial tail of the prehistoric childcare industry, doesn't it?

But back to the question—an acceptable answer must go beyond the negative, the strictly biological. How are we spiritually different from straight people? What sort of special knowledge do we have?

It's easy to figure out that gay men and lesbians might be able to teach men something about being softer and women something about being stronger. As men with more strongly developed female qualities, gay men are especially well-suited to serve as a bridge between men and women. We are men who have experienced sexual penetration (and who have at times chosen that role voluntarily, rather than having it "thrust" upon us biologically), which gives us a different understanding of both sides



Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

of the sexual act and of what it means to grant someone permission to perform it. Could it be that the best relationship counselor would be someone who has walked in both boots and high heels, so to speak?

On other fronts, our current perspective as societal outsiders has always predisposed us toward recording general societal goofiness—ergo, we act, write, paint, compose. And as the only white men on the planet who have experienced discrimination, white gay men have access to the dominant culture, while knowing stories that other white men don't always hear.

Zeroing in further, though, what jobs would we be doing if society actually evaluated our knowledge and skills and put them to proper use? Perhaps there would be jobs that don't exist now, if only we were there to fill them. In Native American society, the berdache was the honored man/woman of the spirit; in Greek society, we initiated young boys into manhood. Are there other things that we used to do as a people that we've forgotten?

In preparation for our conference, I've been rereading the work of one of our speakers, Andrew Ramer, whose story about the prehistoric name for the gay male tribe—the Walks-Between People—speaks to our role in society.

As Andrew's story goes, Grandmother Earth created all the Earth's tribes and was pleased with all the beautiful things that they were, in turn, creating. But she noticed that the

tribes weren't sharing their beauty with each other; instead, each tribe was keeping its beauty to itself. So one day Grandmother Earth fell asleep and dreamed the Walks-Between People, who are born to all tribes but who aren't tied down to raising a family and sustaining a village and so need not stay in one place. Instead, they walked from one tribe to the other, seeing all the beauty there was to see, and sharing it with all the other tribes.

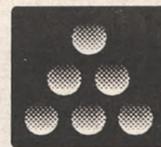
The modern day version of this job—communicators of beauty—is a role we still perform, as trendsetters, sensing changes in style and fashion, knowing how to decorate (Though I'm not sure that convincing the world to wear baseball caps backwards is a great leap forward for gaykind).

Another of Andrew's stories tells of our role in prehistoric past, both as healers and as guardians of the gate of life. Thousands of years ago, gay men traveled as pairs, Andrew says, using their combined energies to heal when possible and to lead spirits to the other side when not. Some think that AIDS has come to gay men to re-teach these skills to us because they are vital not only to our survival as a species but to the survival of our planet itself.

Add teacher and minister—two other roles where tons of us hide today so that we can do work we love—and we've assembled quite a Queer Job Fair. Alas, we would have to be connected to, and honored by, this society to do these things, and only within the last decade have they even considered ending their efforts to deny us our rightful avenues of expression.

Our community-wide mission is to pave the way to reclaiming these roles, to strengthen ourselves sufficiently to regain our birthright. For too long, society has hidden us in its own sexual shadow. It must finally learn to hear poet James Broughton when he says, "Men must love men, or war is forever."

Back to our question. As with all people, gay people are here to express ourselves as fully as the human experience will allow. In this society, that remains a right that must be fought for. So let me state a queer creed: We are gay by birth and by biology and by spirit and by choice. And once we start living that way and demanding to be treated that way, society will learn and come to wonder how on Earth it survived without us.



GLAAD  
News

by CARL LANGE

### Cobb Takes A Bite

Success! The first major cancellation at the Cobb Convention Center was made with the announcement that Georgia's hospitality industry executives will take their annual convention elsewhere.

"We have a diverse and inclusive membership and would not meet in a place where some of our membership would be uncomfortable," stated Sharon Hunt, executive director of the Georgia Society of Association Executives. The cancellation is significant as the association is responsible for booking events for other groups.

The association deserves praise for support of the Cobb Campaign and recognition of this human rights issue. Write Sharon Hunt, executive director, Georgia Society of Association Executives, 4500 Hugh Howell Road, Suite 340, Tucker, GA 30084.

### Out in Design

In a recent mailing to readers of Interior Design magazine, an advertisement for Out magazine was included. The insert invited readers to subscribe to Out, a lesbian and gay publication. Out attempted to place the ad in several publications, but Interior Design was the only one that accepted.

Interior Design is experiencing an organized homophobic backlash as a result of their decision and needs to be commended. Write Cara David, publisher, Interior Design, 249 West 17th Street, New York, NY 10011.

### A Boyfriend for Matt?

Entertainment Tonight has reported that Fox's "Melrose Place" might soon feature another gay character. It is rumored that the rarely present gay character, Matt Fielding, may soon have a companion on the second season of the show.

Fox should be encouraged to give Matt more air time and to make this a duo a reality. Write Peter Chernin, president, Fox Broadcasting, 10201 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035 or phone (310) 277-2211. Send a copy of your letter to Darren Star, executive producer, "Melrose Place," Spelling Enterprises, 5700 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90036.

### Playboy

Playboy magazine recently interviewed ACT-UP founder, Larry Kramer.

The interview was well done, despite some naive questions by the straight interviewer. Playboy should be applauded for devoting space to a subject that many of the magazine's subscribers might find controversial. Playboy should be commended for creating dialogue that can only help to educate the heterosexual public as to the depth and diversity of the gay community. Write to Letters to the Editor, Playboy Magazine, 680 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611.

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## LETTERS

### Psychologists say Ridgeview Institute isn't anti-gay/lesbian

We read, with interest, the article about anti-gay bias at Ridgeview Institute [SoVo, Aug. 26]. We are in the private practice of psychology and have been affiliated with Ridgeview Institute for more than a decade. During that time, we have not witnessed any anti-gay bias on the part of the administration or staff. In fact, Ridgeview has several openly gay staff members and within the last two months, the institute published our article, entitled "Gay Men at the Crossroads," in Insight Magazine, with a circulation of around 16,000. We and the institute "took some heat" over that article and there are several vitriolic let-

ters on file in our office.

Adolescent patients require firm boundaries and limits and, simply put, the staff member in question crossed a therapeutic boundary, which he acknowledged in the article. We are of the understanding that the staff member was not fired, only required to take remedial training on setting boundaries with adolescent patients. While Ridgeview does not have progressive gay and lesbian policies or attitudes (and certainly this could stand improvement), there is a lack of anti-gay sentiment on campus.

As a matter of point, we have encouraged the institute to advertise in gay and lesbian publications, to institute gay and lesbian sensi-

tive training for the staff and to change an intake form that mentions "gender preference." There were no local substance abuse treatment facilities reaching out to the gay community, even though the incidence of drug and alcohol abuse in our community is higher than for the general population. Now, we understand that one local hospital in Decatur may be developing a program with a gay and lesbian audience in mind. Our community has a long way to go in raising heterosexual consciousness, but the fierce debate of the last eight months has been productive, though painful.

Michael S. McGarry  
James S. Fitzgerald  
Smyrna

### Don't move out of Cobb County, move in

Right now, I feel embarrassed to say I live in Cobb County, but I'm also very disappointed that many people say they are going to move out. Don't be crazy. If people move out, how are we going to vote these politicians out of office?

I'm hoping people will consider moving into Cobb County, even if it's just for a year. If you live in an apartment, move to Cobb, register to vote, and then DO IT in November of

1994. That's the only way we're going to solve the problems here.

It's a great county and has a lot to offer (including lower rents). Help make Cobb a great place to live for everyone.

By the way, many thanks to the mayor of Decatur, but I think I'll pass on the offer—for now.

Ken Pauli  
Mableton

### Letters! We Want Letters!

Got a gripe? An observation? Or better yet, praise for something or someone? Then help us keep the cobwebs out of our mailbox, and write us a letter. Send it to Letters to the Editor, Southern Voice, P.O. Box 18215, Atlanta GA 30316. Letters should be less than 200 words and must include a name, address and daytime telephone number for verification, though names will be withheld on request. Anonymous letters will not be accepted. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject any submission.

## Recurrent Herpes Study

**WHO:** HIV+ individuals with T cells greater than 100 and documented recurrent ano/genital *herpes simplex* infections.

**WHAT:** ARCA and Grady Infectious Disease Clinic (GIDC) are conducting a clinical trial comparing acyclovir (Zovirax) to a new drug, BW 256, for prevention of *herpes* infections.

**HOW:** Call ARCA (876-2317) or Sue Hogan at GIDC (616-6313) for more information on how you can enroll into this new study.



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## AIDS

### AT THE CROSSROADS

by Bruce Mirken



## Money and madness

The glossy, full-color mailer looks like the press kit for some new sci-fi movie. With a starry night sky in the background, an anxious young woman gazes fearfully towards the heavens. "In a world filled with darkness," the headline tells us, "the stars provide a glimmer of hope."

A sequel to "E.T."? No, it's a fundraising mailer for a group calling itself the Orion Institute, an outfit that says it funds AIDS research. Not just any AIDS research, mind you, but "innovative forms of dry-lab research which utilize computer Artificial Intelligence...and other highly advanced computer hardware and software...For example, the creation of computer modeling of biological processes will enable researchers...to see the results of various therapies on an organism without waiting months or years for clinical feedback." In other words, computer simulations will replace all those messy patients we have to test drugs on now.

Well, maybe. But since the FDA still wants data on actual people before approving a new treatment, and since I've never heard anyone involved in medical research suggest that such computer wizardry is anywhere close to being able to simulate the incredible subtleties of the human body, a little polite skepticism seems in order. That's not to say that the folks at Orion Institute aren't sincere or that they may not be funding worthwhile projects, but I'd want to ask a whole lot of questions before sending my money to the Utah post office box that is the only address they list.

Meanwhile, about a year ago a group of southern California entrepreneurs came up with what seemed like a dandy idea: An auction, carried on cable TV systems all over the area, to benefit some 30 relatively small local AIDS agencies. Such groups often do important work but lack the resources to put on the sort of big, glitzy fundraisers that come easily to large organizations like AIDS Project Los Angeles or New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis.

It was a swell idea all right, but it went badly off course. The event, known as the Cable AIDS Auction Block held on April 4 of this year, raised a total of just under \$240,000, but the benefitting agencies never saw a dime. In fact, according to a financial report filed with the L.A. city Social Services Department, after expenses (which included just over \$185,000 in salaries), the auction ended up \$78,000 in the hole. As of this writing the benefitting agencies have asked for

down of exactly where the money went. And, not surprisingly, a whole lot of people are very, very unhappy.

These two items illustrate how AIDS fundraising has changed over the last decade. It's no longer a mom-and-pop operation anymore, with just a handful of groups scraping pennies together. New players enter the field all the time, the big agencies put on elaborate, star-studded extravaganzas in which much of the money often ends up going to production expenses, and as smaller groups struggle to keep up they can find themselves being preyed upon by promoters who are mainly interested in using an organization's good name to insure themselves a healthy salary.

It's a big business. As Dave Johnson, former head of Being Alive in Los Angeles, commented recently, "You've definitely got a lot of producers making a ton of money, literally hundreds of thousands of dollars." While no one would begrudge a skilled, talented person reasonable pay for their efforts, it behooves all of us to make sure that as much as possible of our AIDS donations go to the services and research that we're trying to support.

How? First, if any outfit you've never heard of wants money, ask questions. If no one you know and can trust can vouch for them, ask the organization to provide you a list of exactly what services they've provided on projects they've underwritten in the last year. Ask them how much of their budget goes to overhead, salaries, etc. If the answers don't make you comfortable, if the response is vague or the group is reluctant to give out the information, there are plenty of others that could use your help.

Second, we can all help wean AIDS organizations off big-budget, high-overhead fundraisers by voting with our checkbooks. If an agency is doing something worthwhile, send a check now, don't wait for the next dinner, auction, or whatever-a-thon. Since you may not be able to find out the budget for a given fundraiser beforehand, let common sense be your guide: if an event sounds expensive to put on, it probably is. Skip it and just send a contribution. If they start to see they can meet their budget without the bring-out-all-the-bells-and-whistles extravaganzas, the message will get through loud and clear.

Wouldn't it be neat if all the AIDS agencies had plenty of money to do everything they need to do and all the middlemen could go out and find productive jobs?

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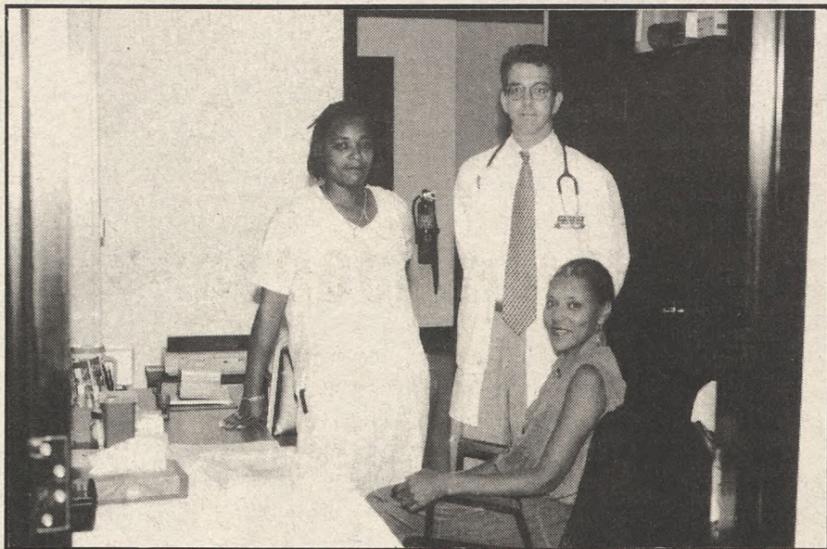
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## AID Atlanta opens new clinic



Jackie Smith, Troy Spicer and Anna Goode of the recently opened Joye Bradley Health Services Unit at AID Atlanta

Atlanta—AID Atlanta recently expanded its services to include an on-site early intervention clinic for people living with HIV. The Joye Bradley Health Services Unit is the first such facility to grace the Southeast.

"It's a mind and body and soul thing," said Colleen Hughes, coordinator of health services at AID Atlanta and director of the new unit. "Caring for a person with HIV in an early intervention way is not just doling out AZT to them. It's about connecting their health services with their social services and looking at not just the status of their physical health, but what's going on with other parts of their lives as well."

In operation for four weeks now, the unit has enrolled more than 30 clients for services, which include nutrition counseling, stress reduction, and massage therapy along with the regular blood tests, physical exams, and treatment of illness.

The unit is located within recently-expanded AID Atlanta space and is composed of a triage area, three exam rooms, a nurse's office and a waiting area. Hughes heads the full-time staff of one nurse practitioner and a medical assistant. The unit is a cooperative effort between AID Atlanta and Central Health Center, from which the practitioners and medical assistants are contracted.

"My background is in private hospitals and this is the first time I've ever worked in a community-based organization," said nurse practitioner Troy Spicer. "I feel like this is sort of a merger of those two philosophies or emphases. At this point we're definitely able to give personalized service. I think it's wonderful. It's a nice facility, it's culturally

sensitive...I'm just very proud of the clinic. It was sort of built from scratch."

The inspiration for the project, Joye Bradley, is a 30-year veteran of public health, nursing and education in Georgia. Bradley, co-founder of the school of nursing at DeKalb Community College and former director of health and social services at AID Atlanta, came out of retirement in 1991 to respond to the needs of people living with HIV. Bradley now serves as a consultant, but she is credited with the vision and the early groundwork involved in launching the unorthodox clinic.

"She's the one who went up against a lot of hurdles early on to push the system and get some acceptance for community-based health care," said Hughes. "I understand that there were some folks in the community who simply said that you could not put a clinic in a community-based setting. But we've seen the model work well in other cities."

Hughes said that the goal was to put health care where people are already accessing the social services and other services for HIV. This addition should also help to take some of the pressure off other area HIV/AIDS-service facilities, which are being forced to devote their time and resources to people who are at later stages of the disease.

This service is only available to AID Atlanta clients, however. "We've gotten calls from folks who just want to get their T-cells done here and monitored here," Hughes said, "[but] if a person wants to access their health care services here, they do need to be a client of AID Atlanta. It's simply a matter of coming in and meeting with an intake counselor and then that process happens very quickly."

JAMES FITCH

## Lawsuit claims AIDS caps violate federal disability act

Washington, DC—A lawsuit was filed last week in the Federal Court in Virginia, and a companion complaint with the United States Department of Labor, which will determine whether insurance companies and employers who self-insure can limit the coverage of disabled policy holders or employees. The Federal Court filing, which seeks an injunction to prevent the denial of AIDS related health benefit claims under a company's health insurance policy, will be the first case ever decided to test the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibition against caps on insurance coverage for AIDS patients. A New York case is currently testing whether insurers can exclude AIDS patients from coverage.

The case was filed by a ten-year employee of the Alexandria, Virginia-based Vic-

tory Van Corporation, who suffers from AIDS, which is defined as a disability under the ADA. He has filed the suit under the name John Doe to protect his identity.

"Placing a cap on the amount of coverage an AIDS patient may receive is exactly the same, as far as ADA is concerned, as limiting the amount cancer patients may be reimbursed for chemotherapy treatment, said Eric Drattell, an attorney with the law firm of Howrey & Simon, which represents Mr. Doe. "Mr. Doe was a valuable, committed and loyal employee who is now sick and will not be able to receive proper medical attention because his employer's insurance coverage limits the amount of coverage available for AIDS treatment. We believe this is illegal under the ADA."



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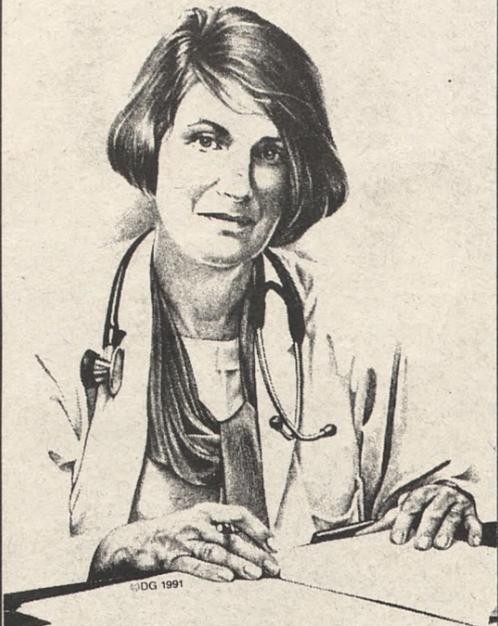
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**Theory that HIV doesn't cause AIDS is topic at conference**

*Las Cruces, NM*—A recent health conference here looked at the controversial theory that maybe AIDS isn't caused solely by the human immunodeficiency virus after all.

"It's important to bring this out and let people know," said organizer Ernie Brown, director of the HIV-AIDS Advocacy Project with the Protection and Advocacy office in Albuquerque. "I get asked all the time by people working in communities on AIDS education, 'What about this theory?'"

"Well, I don't know if it is true. I don't know if it is false," Brown said. "But I do know that we're 11 years into this epidemic and we still have no drugs that are effective. It seems it is time to rethink AIDS."

State AIDS epidemiologist Michael Samuel, citing a 1984 long-term study he helped conduct with the National Institutes of Health, said there is a scientific consensus HIV causes AIDS. The state Health Department registered two representatives for the conference, including Samuel.

"I feel it's my responsibility to attend," Samuel said. "But I don't think it's a very good topic to spend money on or two whole days discussing."

The NIH research tracked two random samples of San Francisco-area residents, one with HIV and one without. Seven of the 367 who did not contract HIV died of other causes,

such as heart attacks, while 169 of the 400 people who were infected with HIV died.

However, the 1992 International Conference on AIDS revealed hundreds of people who have AIDS do not have HIV, challenging the conventional wisdom the virus is solely responsible for AIDS.

Peter Duesberg of the University of California at Berkeley, a retrovirus researcher who began disputing the HIV theory in 1987, said there are an estimated 4,621 cases of AIDS worldwide in which the HIV antibody is not present.

Some speculate HIV is not responsible because it doesn't act like other autoimmune diseases that usually trigger an immediate response when the body is invaded by an infectious agent. Others wonder if factors such as heavy drug use or hundreds of sexual partners trigger the immune system to deteriorate and lead to diseases connected with the AIDS syndrome.

Brown said some people are angry about the conference topic.

"The whole AIDS establishment is built on the HIV theory," Brown said. "All we're doing is questioning that theory. If we don't know what's going on, let's just admit it and find out what is going on."

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**Researchers seek permission to insert HIV gene slicer into cells**

*Bethesda, MD*—A proposal to insert a genetic trap into cells that are the favored targets of the AIDS virus is being considered by a federal committee that evaluates human gene therapy techniques.

Drs. Flossie Wong-Staal, Eric Poeschla and David Looney of the University of California-San Diego, are seeking permission to conduct experiments on human AIDS patients in which blood cells would be genetically altered and armed with a "molecular knife" that is able to prevent the AIDS virus from reproducing.

A National Institutes of Health panel called the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee is evaluating the proposal and will soon vote on whether it should be recommended for approval. The evaluation is a step toward the required approval by the head of the NIH and by the Food and Drug Administration.

Wong-Staal said the proposed experiment calls for removing from an AIDS patient a few CD4 lymphocyte cells, which are the

principal targets of the AIDS virus, and then genetically splicing in a molecule called a hairpin ribozyme.

She said the ribozyme is able to slice up ribonucleic acid, or RNA. The AIDS virus uses RNA to reproduce itself inside CD4 cells.

If the CD4 cells are altered to contain the hairpin ribozyme, said Wong-Staal, this will prevent the virus from reproducing in that cell. If enough CD4 cells carry this altered gene, it could lower the level of HIV infection.

"We have very strong laboratory data showing that the insertion of this ribozyme into the primary lymphocytes of people can confer resistance to infection by HIV," she said.

Wong-Staal said her group is asking permission to try the experiment on six patients. If it is proven safe and successful, she said, the group then would propose to expand the therapy to more patients.

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**Gay/lesbian volunteers sought**

Researchers at the University of Florida are seeking volunteers to assist with two studies regarding persons with disabilities, special education, and gay, lesbian, bisexual issues. Persons who are disabled and gay, lesbian, or bisexual and special education teachers or teachers-in-training who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual are needed by the researchers. Volunteers will be asked to complete a questionnaire regarding their educational experiences so that the researchers can identify critical factors in special education and in special education teacher training.

Information obtained through these studies will be valuable for special education professionals by providing them with important information about the educational needs of disabled persons who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual. Further, these studies should enable special education professors to recog-

nize modifications needed in teacher training programs.

The names of volunteers will not be divulged, and information which could identify individuals will not be reported. There will be no compensation for volunteers.

Individuals who are willing to participate should send their name and complete address to Dr. Stuart Schwartz, Department of Special Education, G-315 Norman Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611. They should indicate if they have a disability or if they are a special education professional. A questionnaire and a stamped return envelope will be mailed to volunteers.

Information regarding organizations for gay, lesbian, or bisexual persons who are disabled and current research being conducted in this area would also be appreciated by the researchers.



GALE RITTER

Cat Archer (left) and Anita Bressenham (right) say bisexual women want to break down the walls between themselves and lesbians.

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straight world and from women who love women exclusively. As Bressenham puts it, "my favorite myth is that we are sitting on the fence and we can't decide. My response to that is, 'We're trying to tear it down because we don't believe it should be there.'"

Archer says, "If heterosexuals find out, in their mind you no longer belong with the hets. You're gay. And when you approach your gay friends, hoping they'll accept you, it's another story."

Another comment that bisexuals often get from lesbians and gay men is that they are not really bisexual but stuck in a phase on the way to fully accepting their true sexual nature.

"Part of the mythology that we have to fight as bisexuals is that we are in transition, that there is no true bisexual—we are all in transition from being gay to being heterosexual or heterosexual to being gay," Archer says. "Some people may go through it as a transition, but I haven't personally known anyone who went through that as a transition and said, 'Well, I'm bisexual but now I wish to identify as gay.'"

"I don't think I will ever become just gay or heterosexual, because I've gone through reconciling with myself that I have the capacity to love anyone. After having that, I can't see limiting myself. To me, that is more logical than [saying], 'Once you've had a woman, how can you go back to a man?' Once you've had it all, how can you limit yourself?"

Female bisexuals face an additional obstacle in their interactions with the lesbian community. The specter of AIDS has not yet emerged as a major health problem among lesbians, and some lesbians feel that sleeping with bisexual women increases the chances of that happening.

"Statistically, I am at greater risk with a male partner than with a female partner," Archer says. "But it is not your sexual orientation that makes you high risk, it is the sexual activity that you participate in."

Bressenham says that while she always "had the capacity to aesthetically appreciate women," it wasn't until later in her life that she came to the realization that she was bisexual.

"When I actually fell in love with a woman and realized that I had the capacity to erotically appreciate a woman, I said, 'I'm bisexual,'" Bressenham says. She is now involved in a "quad" relationship with her husband and another couple.

Currently, Archer has two men in her life.

"People say, 'Well, why didn't you choose a woman if you're bisexual? And I have to say that a man came along, not a woman, and that's who I fell in love with. Not that there wasn't room for [a woman], but I don't feel that I have to be 50-50.'"

"The thing that bisexuals want people to realize is that we're not a see-saw where you have to be on one end or the other," Bressenham says. "There is a whole range between heterosexual and homosexual."

Often isolated from both the straight and gay worlds, bisexuals in Atlanta have begun to form networking groups. Both Archer and Bressenham are members of Bi Atlanta.

"We don't have a community," Bressenham says. "Nobody openly recognized us, and until I started meeting people through the group, I thought that my husband and I were completely out of the spectrum and that there was nobody out there like me—very much like gay people

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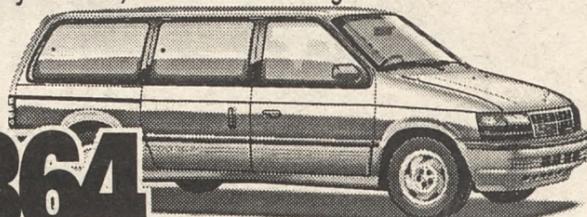
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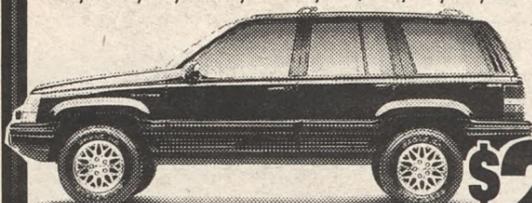


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who let the bisexual drive???"

"I think it's a funny comic strip, basically," says Felske. "But in some small way, I also see it as a small subtle jab from the homosexual community toward us."

It's only been a year since he rang up his friends and family back home in Michigan to announce his bisexuality.

"A lot of times, you get that raised eyebrow when you tell people, like, 'Oh, you're one of them?'" he says. "I've found that the homosexual community here considers us to be part of them, but suspiciously. I hear 'Why can't you make up your mind?' a lot. I think you have to be bisexual to understand it."

Felske says that he discovered his bisexuality at 12 or 13 when puberty hit. "I knew even at that young age that my feelings toward both sexes were viewed as abnormal, but I really thought that this was natural for everyone and that the homosexual aspects would go away as I got older."

It was when he was 14 that he heard the word "bisexual" for the first time and realized that he wasn't alone, that there was a word for his "condition."

"In high school, I thought that I had to make a choice, so I made the easy choice, to be straight. It wasn't until I went to college away from my hometown and my parents that I began to explore my homosexual side. It was shortly after that that I realized that I didn't have to make a choice."

Felske says that he feels equally comfortable going out to bars whether they're located in Buckhead or Midtown but that, as a rule, since he moved to Atlanta last year, he finds himself spending more time in the city's gay clubs.

"For reasons not relating to sexual attraction, I would say that presently I'm more apt to want a relationship with another man rather than a woman. I feel more compatible with guys."

Back in Michigan, however, Felske had relationships exclusively with women. And the women he's dated here don't know about his bisexuality, an intentional move on Felske's part.

"I think that most women would run for the nearest exit if I told them," he explains. "Automatically they would think, 'Oh, I'm going to get AIDS' or something. If the relationship started getting serious, certainly, I would tell them. It's important first, though, to get to know the person rather than a stereotype."

He admits to still being in the dark on a lot of the gay male mindset.

"A lot of gay people just tend to write off bisexuals as people who are just coming out, people who aren't yet comfortable with the 'g' word or the 'h' word. What they don't understand is that there are all kinds of bisexuals out there. Some of them are married but still want to have fun in a gay club. My personal feeling is that there are a lot of homosexuals out there who are really bisexual but, because of group pressure or whatever, don't explore it. I've just heard

too many supposedly gay men tell that story about getting drunk and accidentally sleeping with a woman."

"Of course, my hair stylist has a different perspective entirely. He tells me that the only reason bisexuals call themselves that is so they can get a date for Saturday night."

Steven Webster, 26, is a bisexual man who is married to a woman. He says he has also found that most bisexuals have had a unique experience in coming to terms with their sexual nature.

"Most people say that the major issue here is coming out. I don't agree. The major issue is not coming out—it's the realization that you can receive satisfaction from either sex, that you can have a wonderful and fulfilled relationship with a woman or a man."

Even though Webster is now separated from



his wife, he says that his sexuality didn't break them up. "It was interpersonal differences that led to us not being together anymore."

Webster admits that, like a lot of other bisexual men, he thought getting married would close the door on his homosexual yearnings. "The temptation to be with men didn't go away. I thought that getting married would abate those urges. But that's not why I got married. Like anybody else, I got married based on one thing—love."

Webster says that even though he's now free to go out to gay clubs, he doesn't often go out. He says that when he does go out to a gay establishment, he has to spend most of the

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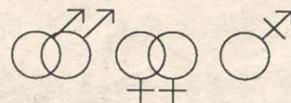
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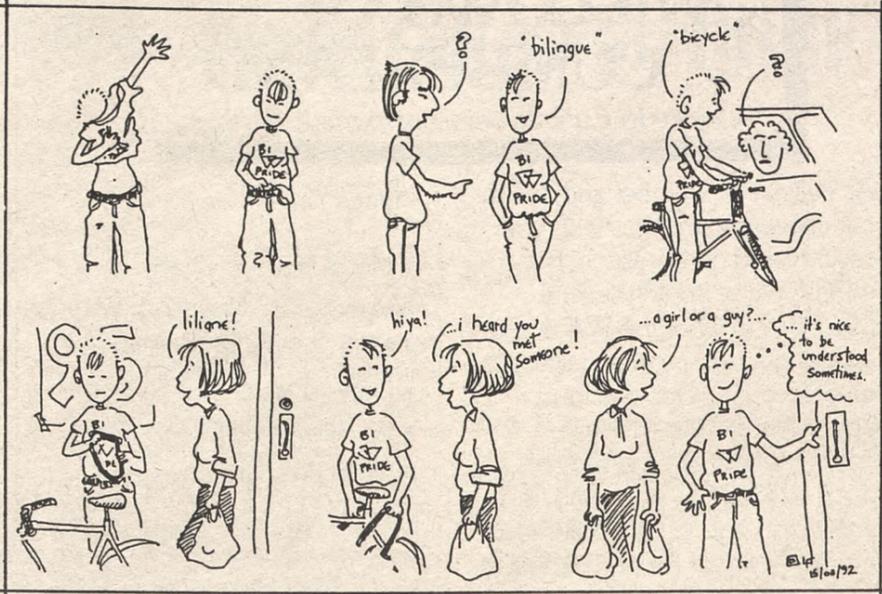


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did before their movement started beginning." "The group has been really wonderful for me because it has helped me to realize that there are other people out there who feel the same way I do." And what message would Archer and Bressenham like to sent to the gay/lesbian community? "We are out here and we are part of you," says Archer. "I'd like to see a lot of the anger dissolve. I'd like to see a lot of the fear in the lesbian community about associating with us dissolve. I'd like to see people be more honest. I'd like to see people stop labeling and limiting

themselves." "We don't want to be labeled and we don't want to label you," says Bressenham. "We just want to accept everyone as a human and get on with it. Gay people have been oppressed for thousands of years, and we want them to understand that they have become the oppressors now because they will not allow us to open up and be honest without being discriminated against." "The gays have joined the hets in condemning us, but we want them to understand we want the same things. We want to live in peace." For more information on Bi Atlanta, call 256-8992. For reading materials on bisexuality and bisexual issues, Charis Books and More in Little Five Points has a bisexual section.

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evening explaining himself and his lifestyle to gay men. "Being bisexual has created problems for me," he admits. "The biggest thing is ignorance. It causes a lot of high emotions, particularly from gay men. They flat-out don't understand." Webster says that even though his first marriage didn't work, he would never rule out getting married again. "If it's the right person, it's the right person, regardless of gender. That's the really unique and wonderful thing about being bisexual. You have the ability to fall in love with absolutely anyone. I view it as a great gift in many ways." Felske and Webster both say that it is difficult to find other bisexuals to talk to about their unique situation. That's the chief reason Sedric Maurice, a 30-year-old professional dancer from Atlanta, started the Bisexuals of Atlanta Network in May 1992. Maurice says that it was almost impossible for him, even though he's outspoken about his bisexuality, to find other bisexuals with which

to share experiences. So he put an ad in Creative Loafing to organize the group, and the response surprised even him. "We went from maybe a dozen people at our first discussion meeting to 37 participants at our first potluck dinner two weeks later," he says. "Now we have around 100 members, and we're still seeing growth." The network sponsors dinners, parties, speakers and discussion meetings and has members who address the political, the social and the psychological needs of its members. Maurice says that Bisexuals of Atlanta's membership is presently split pretty closely between male and female members, a statistic he's excited about. "I've learned a lot from our female members, and we may even start a separate organization exclusively for our female members." "The energy is incredibly high when we come together for a meeting. Just to see 100 bisexual people in a single room at a single time is very inspirational. There's no outside forces at work, no hatred. We're all accepted in that room." For more information about the Bisexuals of Atlanta Network, call 908-3413.

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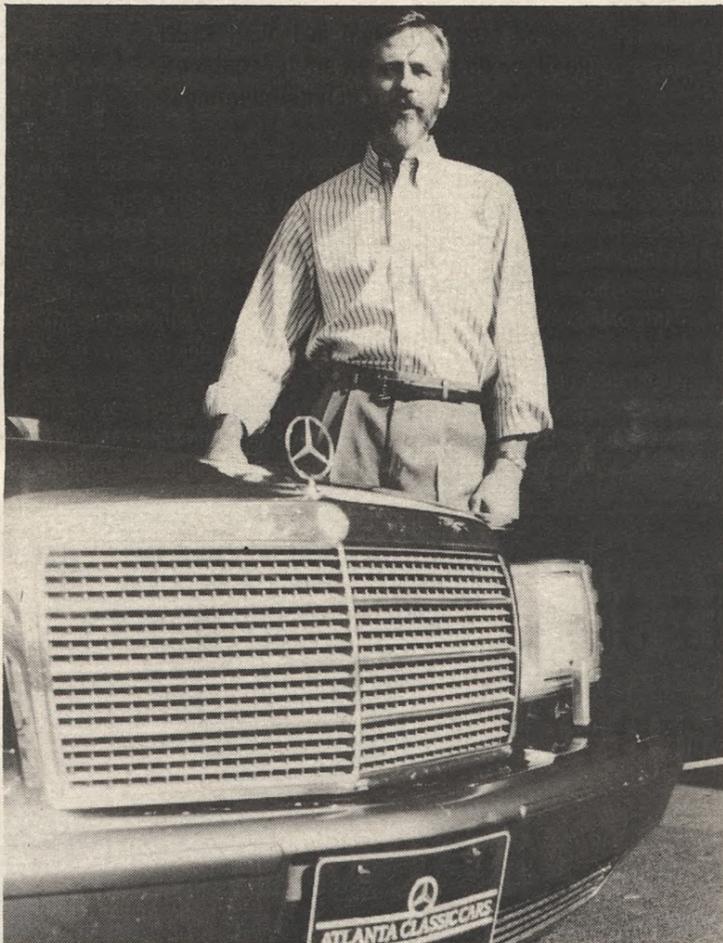
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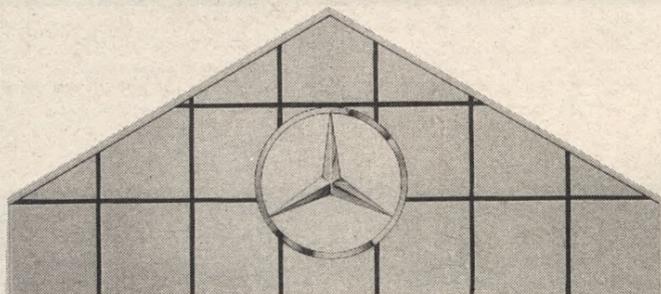
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# Christian Coalition's "wider net" narrowed by Buchanan's rhetoric

Washington, DC—In a ringing attack on multiculturalism, Pat Buchanan brought members of the Christian Coalition to their feet at their recent convention with an assertion that other cultures are not equal to American culture.

"Our culture is superior because our religion is Christianity and that is the truth that makes men free," said Buchanan.

Those same conventioners hissed when Democratic Party chairman David Wilhelm denounced anti-gay/lesbian bigotry and the use of religion as a political bludgeon.

"God and faith are not and cannot be the province of one political party or movement," Wilhelm said "God is an independent. And no single entity can claim to speak for all persons who believe in Christ and consider themselves Christians."

The Christian Coalition, the political organization founded by televangelist Pat Robertson, has been trying to diversify its agenda to counter the public perception that it is only interested in a right-wing social issues. But the speeches of Buchanan and Wilhelm overshadowed the attempted makeover.

Buchanan issued a fiery defense of the Republican Party's anti-choice stance on abortion, vowed to rebuff GOP moderates and never "raise

a white flag in the cultural war."

"If a political party would turn its back on the 4,000 unborn children doomed to death every day in this country, then it is time to found a new party," Buchanan said, prompting a standing ovation. "We are a pro-life party, and we are going to keep our party pro-life."

Still, not all of the Republican leaders who spoke to the coalition were as eager as Buchanan to plunge into the party's internal debate over abortion and other social issues. Sens. Bob Dole of Kansas and Phil Gramm of Texas focused on economics and health care. Former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, speaking Saturday night, said it is a "false choice" to pit social conservatives against economic conservatives.

Christian Coalition executive director Ralph Reed said the economic focus of Dole and Gramm showed the wisdom of diversifying the organization's issues portfolio. "Taxes and health care and government are of paramount importance to our members," he said. "We've moved beyond the days when someone has to talk about abortion when they come before us."

Yet even as he spoke of "casting a wider net" to expand the coalition's reach, Reed was careful to make clear he was not advocating a retreat on abortion or other cultural fronts.

"To do anything that would be perceived as

backpedaling from that position would be a disaster at the ballot box," Reed said of the party's anti-choice stance. In their effort to diversify, Christian Coalition leaders invited Wilhelm to speak. They were not pleased by his attack on the tactics of the Christian right.

"We invited him as a good faith gesture to give him and his party an opportunity to reach out to one of the largest blocs in the electorate, and he chose to punt that opportunity," said Reed.

Wilhelm said to the Christian Coalition members that the Democratic Party and President Clinton shared their commitment to faith, family and tax fairness.

"Let me say it plainly: the Democratic Party is and always has been a party of values," Wilhelm said. "And those values are at least as richly informed by religious beliefs and moral principles as the party you have chosen to align



Pat Buchanan

yourself with—the Republican Party."

That remark met with hisses from the audience, which turned up the volume and added boos when Wilhelm challenged the Christian Coalition's views on abortion and homosexuality. Robertson has called homosexuality "a lifestyle that destroys all it touches."

"I believe you can be a good Christian and support a woman's right to choose," Wilhelm said. "I believe strongly that God loves all and accepts all his children, regardless of differences among us, including sexual orientation."

In his keynote speech, Robertson said tax, welfare, education, health care and government reform were becoming major parts of the Christian Coalition's broader agenda. But he promised never to stop protesting the "slaughter" of abortion and "obscene and blasphemous" taxpayer-funded art.

Bragging of growing grassroots power, Robertson said the organization has a simple message to politicians at every level of government: "If you advocate the agenda of the radical left, you will not be re-elected to public office."

Robertson said the group's goal was a government that "in its policies acknowledges its dependence on Almighty God."

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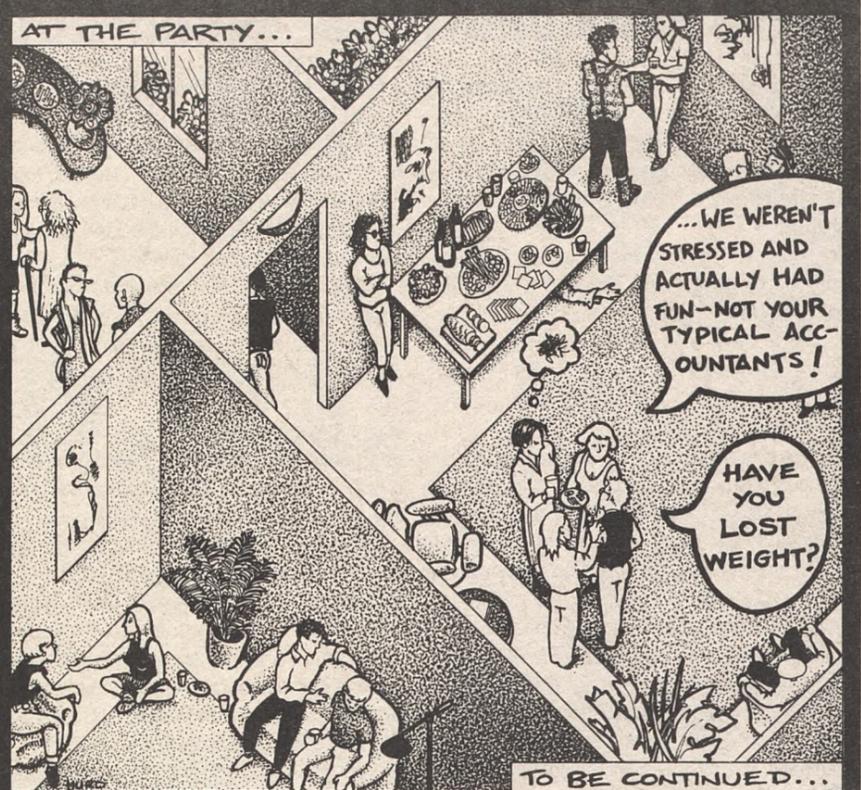
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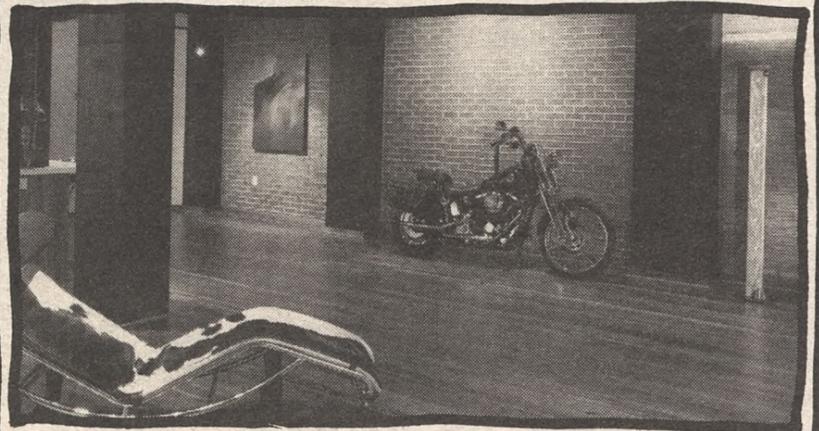
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## Forum aims to stop right wing's alliance with minority groups

Atlanta—An effort by anti-gay/lesbian Christian politicians to drive a wedge between the community and other minority groups has prompted three local groups to organize a counterattack.

"Not Georgia Next!" a community forum to build a movement against fundamentalism, the right wing and racism, will be held at the First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27. It is sponsored by the Congregation, the African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance and the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, a group that works for liberal and progressive causes.

The alliance between the anti-gay right and some African American leaders came to the forefront in Atlanta this summer during the fight over domestic partnership legislation. Rep. Billy McKinney, a black state legislator, led the fight against the city's domestic partnership ordinances, while traditionally vocal white anti-gay activists, such as Family Concerns' Nancy Schaefer, were content to sit at the back of the room and watch.

"When you look at the people trying to stop domestic partnership, you can't miss the fact that there were representatives from the black churches and black legislators leading the fight," said Judy Siff of the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee. "It's possible to mistake this as a race issue, but it's not. It does, however, raise the importance of examining racism in our effort to stop Georgia from becoming the next Colorado."

"[During the domestic partnership battle] it wasn't that the white fundamentalists weren't opposed—they just stepped back and let the black ones do it," she said. "It seems like they're making a conscious effort to use that kind wedge."

Televangelist Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition released a survey recently that suggested that African Americans and Hispanics share many of the core beliefs of the Christian Right movement, including views on "cultural issues" such as abortion and homosexuality.

"They are the most conservative, the most pro-family and the most pro-life voters," said Christian Coalition executive director Ralph Reed. "We can make an aggressive pitch at these voters."

"It's a national strategy," Siff said, pointing out that Latino and white fundamentalists joined forces in Colorado to pass Amendment 2.

The Republican polling firm of Fabrizio, McLaughlin and Associates, who conducted the Christian Coalition's survey, wrote that "President Clinton and the Democratic Party could face future difficulties if these specific issues (homosexuality, abortion, death penalty, etc.) are used as wedges to drive Hispanic and African American voters away from them."

"Groups that are successful in mobilizing voters around this core group of issues would not only threaten the Democrat electoral coalition, but position themselves as a potent political force to be reckoned with in future elections," the pollsters' report said.

"As we [in Atlanta] dealt with the issues of domestic partnership and then Cobb County, it seemed that it had brought Colorado closer to Georgia," Siff said. "We want to put the cards out so people can see what's going on. We need to understand the right wing. We have to understand their strategies and how racism is working both in them and among ourselves."

For more information about the forum, call the African American Gay/Lesbian Alliance at 239-8184 or the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee at 621-5793.

## Schaefer running for mayor

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available for comment. But he did confirm that the Nancy Schaefer running for mayor was indeed the Nancy Schaefer who has become known as Atlanta's Anita Bryant because of her strident anti-gay campaign that dates back to the late 1980s.

As president of a group called Citizens for Public Awareness, Schaefer tried unsuccessfully to have the city's 1986 ordinance prohibiting discrimination against lesbian/gay city employees repealed. In August, during the battle over domestic partnership legislation, Schaefer took a lead role in fighting against the measures to establish a registry for partners and extend benefits to the partners of city employees. Her group, Family Concerns, is providing legal assistance to a group of plaintiffs suing to have the ordinances overturned.

In addition to her political lobbying, Schaefer has become a spokesperson for the city's anti-lesbian/gay forces, appearing in public forums and in the media. She once told a television audience that gay men were infected with "amoebas," and, in a fundraising letter for her organization, said, "We are in a major spiritual moral-war."

Among the gay candidates, Loftis, the chief financial officer for an electrical contracting company, qualified to run in the 6th District, which includes many of the intown neighborhoods on the city's northeast side, including Virginia-Highland, Morningside, Druid Hills and portions of Midtown. The district contains perhaps the largest concentration of lesbian/gay voters in the city.

Spivey qualified to run in the 2nd District, a diverse and oddly-shaped district that starts in the Inman Park-Little Five Points area, goes west through the Old Fourth Ward neighborhood and then south to the neighborhoods around



Andy Loftis is one of three candidates seeking the 6th District City Council post.

Atlanta Fulton-County Stadium and north into the heart of Midtown. While the district has fewer identifiable gay-friendly neighborhoods than does the 6th District, it does contain all of Midtown south of 10th Street, a heavily gay area.

Spivey is the host of "Out In Atlanta," a gay/lesbian show on Atlanta's public access cable channel.

White, an attorney with a practice in Decatur who is on the national steering committee for next year's Stonewall 25 celebration in New York, is running in the 1st District, which includes much of southeast Atlanta, including the lesbian/gay-friendly neighborhoods of Grant Park and Ormewood Park.

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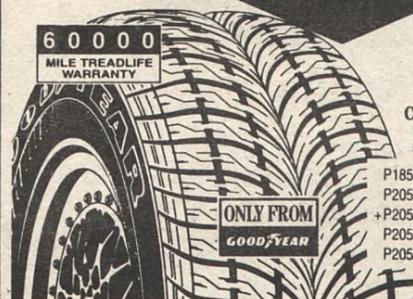
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Sheila Nichols and Linda Vaughn will celebrate their sixth anniversary Sept. 26. The couple plans a weekend retreat from Cobb County. Oh, come on, girls. You know you feel so welcome up there.



Susan Teisciero celebrated her 44th with her partner in Florida

### BIRTHDAYS

Annette Hatton celebrated the third anniversary of her 50th birthday (let's see, that must mean she's 53) Sept. 1 in Athens. Annette is a well-loved member of the community and an inspiration to us all (but we don't know if that's good or bad). Happy birthday.

Happy birthday to Diane Callahan, who turns 56 on Sept. 28. Diane's friend Pete tells us she is a former Atlanta Ballet dancer who now lives in Gainesville, and that she is "the most generous and giving person I've had the pleasure to know."

Happy 21st birthday to Steve Phillips (Sept. 23) from his friend John Leopard.

Happy birthday on Sept. 26 to Todd Sharley. "I'm happy to help you celebrate your 24th. Thanks for being such a dear friend. Love ya, Shane."

Happy birthday on Sept. 25 to Shannon Tucker. "Your roommate wishes you the hap-

piest of happy birthdays and hopes to celebrate many more with you. May we grow old together and talk dirt about the men in our lives. Love ya, Shane."

A belated happy birthday to Susan Teisciero, who celebrated her 44th on Sept. 14. She and her partner had a celebration dinner and then headed to Florida a week later to continue the festivities.

Betsy Goodrich, a straight-but-not-narrow ally of the gay/lesbian community, celebrated her 25th birthday with friends on Friday, Sept. 17.

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After moving to Atlanta in 1979, Mark took a position with Abstein Gallery and was gallery director when he left in 1989. He was a central figure in the visual arts community, working on many private and corporate art collections throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area.

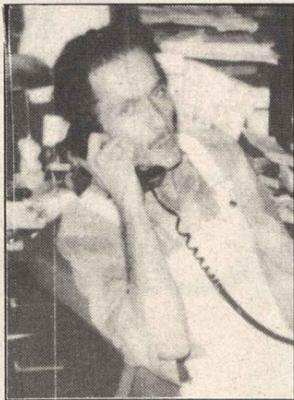
Mark will best be remembered for his lust of life, unsurpassed cheery disposition, romanticized story telling, dreams of the North Carolina coast, childlike anticipation of Halloween and Christmas and the love of his 13-year companion, Claud Gray.

A memorial service was held Aug. 12 in

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**Russel Nieke**

Russel Nieke passed away peacefully on Sept. 12 in Goshen, N.Y. due to AIDS-related complications. He is survived by his loving mother, Irene; his father, George; his brother, Roger; his grandmother, Leona; and several uncles, aunts and cousins. He will be deeply missed by all of his friends and extended family here in Atlanta.

A celebration of his life and friendship will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Reggie's British

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**Operation Isaiah Food Drive**

When Atlanta's Jewish community observes the high holy days by bringing bags of groceries to Kol Nidre services Friday night, Sept. 24., Atlanta's gay and lesbian Jewish congregation Bet Haverim will participate in Operation Isaiah this year for the first time.

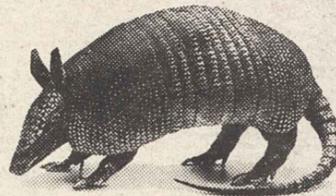
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**Group for gay counselors**

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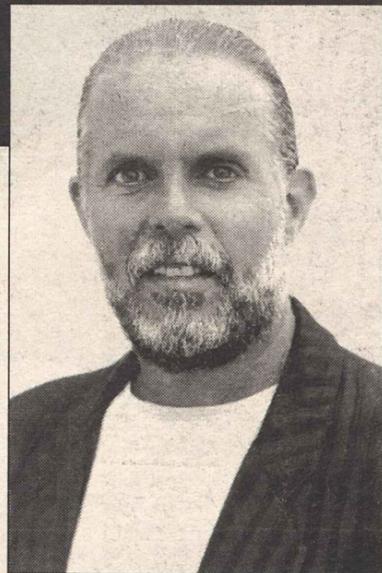
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THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE OF SOUTHERN VOICE

## RETURN of the CLAMPETTS

*But this time, will Miss Hathaway go after Elly May?*

By DAVID STORY

In the '50s, TV had Donna Reed and her nice, nuclear family. They gave way in the '60s to the Warhol-like camp and kaleidoscope escapades of "Laugh-In," "Get Smart" and "Lost In Space." And though, as the '70s started, TV made way for depictions of racial and feminist struggles, with shows such as "Maude" and "All In The Family," one '60s series persevered into the new decade—"The Beverly Hillbillies."

The Clampetts. Granny, Jethro, Elly May and Jed, the poor mountaineers who were shootin' at some food when up from the ground came a-bubblin' crude. Their oil wealth took them to Beverly Hills and into any number of silly escapades with Mr. Drysdale, a greedy banker, and his loyal secretarial sidekick, Miss Jane Hathaway.

This week, a film incarnation of "The Beverly Hillbillies" opens. Jim Varney stars as Jed, Cloris Leachman as Granny, Erika Eleniak as Elly May and Dabney Coleman as Mr. Drysdale. And in a bit of casting fraught on several levels with irony of a sexual orientation, Lily Tomlin, the dowager darling of the gay and lesbian community despite the fact that she is somewhat reticent about coming out, will portray the decidedly-butch Miss Jane.

So here in the Gay '90s, might Miss Lily bring Miss Jane out of the closet? This time, shouldn't she be smitten with the voluptuous Elly May, instead of carrying an unrequited torch for big, dumb Jethro?

That's not likely, of course. Yet the fact that the idea exists even as a remote, albeit wishful, possibility is evidence of how we are evolving as a society. Such a thing would not

even have been discussed back in the '60s when, according to Tomlin, nobody was gay, just shy.

In the television series, Miss Jane was played by another handsome woman who never actually came out either, respected character actress Nancy Kulp.

The late Kulp had already established herself prior to joining the "Hillbillies" cast in films such as "Forever Darling," "The Three Faces of Eve," and "The Parent Trap." Her co-stars on "The Beverly Hillbillies" included Buddy Ebsen as Jed, Irene Ryan as Granny, Donna Douglas as Elly May, Max Baer, Jr. as Jethro and Raymond Bailey as Mr. Drysdale.

"No matter how successful you seem to be," Kulp told TV GUIDE in an interview before her death, "nothing has really changed if no change has taken place within yourself. I was just a good character actress and I don't consider myself a comedienne. I'm an actress. I make people laugh, but this is a gift."

Kulp's insight into her own talent could well be a testimony to Tomlin, who is basically a superb character actress herself with a knack for making her audiences laugh, much as she did in her Ernestine persona on that other '60s hit, "Laugh-In."

Another attribute Kulp shared with Tomlin is that she guarded her privacy just as fiercely, if not more so, than Lily does. Commenting once in a print interview, Kulp reveled in her anonymity: "The neighbors would shout, 'Hey, Miss



Nancy Kulp, the first Miss Jane, squared off against Buddy Ebsen—on screen and in real life.

Hathaway, ...but they never really spoke to me. I [had] more privacy...[then] than...I've ever [had]. My hometown newspaper never even mentioned my name."

And Kulp, professional until the end, added: "Comedy has to be played so seriously. You can't just play it for laughs—you have to be honest. I [didn't] get too broad."

After leaving "The Beverly Hillbillies" behind, the closeted Kulp made an unsuccessful run for Congress as a Democrat, losing to a Republican opponent who was endorsed publicly by her co-star, Ebsen, a Reaganite.

When CBS ran a retrospective on "The Beverly Hillbillies" earlier this summer, Kulp, who died several years ago, was sadly absent. Yet an ailing Ebsen was reunited with Baer (in his first appearance as Jethro since the series ended), Cousin Roy Clark and a matronly Douglas, whose Elly May character was still single.

Now that we think about it, when Douglas appeared in the ill-fated "Return of the Beverly Hillbillies" (a stinker sometimes shown on USA Network), Elly May was also single, though Douglas was in real-life divorcing "Hillbillies" director Bob Leeds.

Do we see a pattern here?

Could Elly May actually be a tomboy-turned-lipstick lesbian herself?

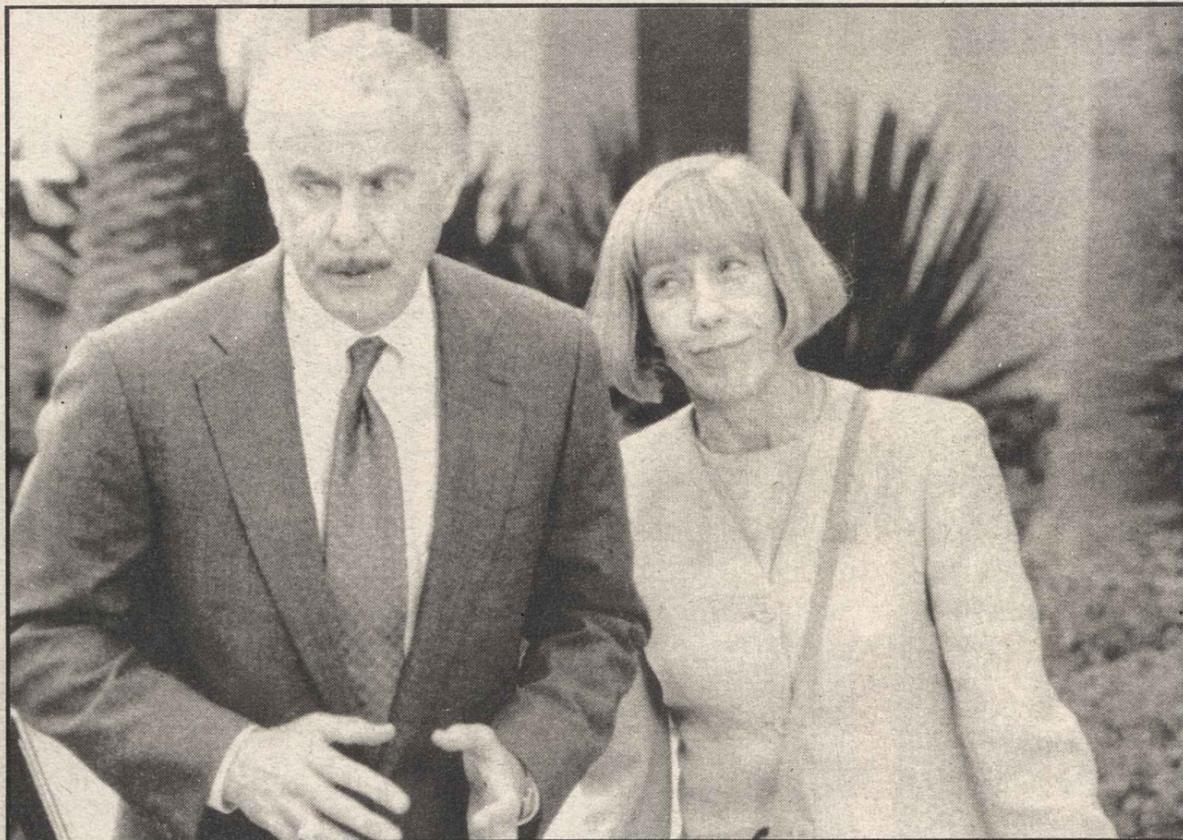
"The Beverly Hillbillies" gave Kulp real security for the first time in her life. As Kulp told TV GUIDE back then: "The big thing that this show has given me is prestige...I've decided to relax and enjoy it. Who knows—maybe next year people will be saying 'Whatever happened to Nancy Kulp?'"

Her security, of course, would have been destroyed in that day and age by even the slightest speculation over her private life. In the '90s, as k.d. lang has proven, that's no longer necessarily the case. Today, an openly lesbian entertainer can enchant the American public. What makes the phenomenon of k.d. lang possible is the fact that celebrities, such as "Bewitched's" Dick Sargent and others, have finally taken that ultimate step and dispelled any doubts.

Of course, Miss Lily—and in all likelihood the makers of "The Beverly Hillbillies" movie—haven't realized that yet.

Well, there's always the sequel.

David Story, an Atlanta writer and frequent contributor to Southern Voice, is the author of "America on the Rerun: TV Shows That Never Die," due soon in bookstores.



Tomlin plays Miss Jane to Dabney Coleman's Mr. Drysdale

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Didn't Speak Up. Then  
They Came To Get The  
Blacks, And I Didn't Speak  
Up. Then They  
Came To Get The  
Homosexuals, And I Didn't  
Speak Up. Then They  
Came To Get The Artists,  
And I Didn't Speak Up.  
Then They Came To Get  
The Democrats, And I  
Didn't Speak Up. Then They  
Came To Get Me,  
And There Was No One Left To  
Speak Up.**

It's a paraphrase of Martin Niemöller's poignant commentary on Nazi-era Germany, but the message is identical. Silence equals acquiescence. Whenever, wherever you can, speak up against social injustice. Against the bigots, the racists, the hate-mongers, the demagogues — all those who would usurp the human will and destroy the human spirit. Let your voice be heard. You can be damn sure ours will.

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C A L E N D A R

23 THURSDAY

**THE COLORS OF OUR RAINBOW.** Writer and activist Rakesh Ratti presents a talk on the diversity of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community. Ratti edited "A Lotus of Another Color: An Unfolding of the South Asian Gay and Lesbian" Experience. 8:00 pm. White Hall at Emory University, Room 207. Presented by the Emory Univ. Office of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Life.

**BODY POLITIC.** Theater Emory presents the world premiere of Atlanta playwright Steve Murray's two one-act plays. Issues of sexual orientation are addressed in "Gloaming" and stalking is examined in "Material." Through Oct. 9 at 7 Stages Back Door Theater.

**CAROL ELLIOTT.** Atlanta-turned-Nashville singer/songwriter performs along with Elizabeth Cutler tonight at Eddie's Attic in Decatur.

**GAY GRAFFITI.** Local radio show offers news, music and info for Atlanta's gay and lesbian community every Thursday night at 7:00 pm on WRFG, 89.3. Tonight's special guests are "Funny That Way."

24 FRIDAY

**UNQUESTIONED INTEGRITY: THE HILL-THOMAS HEARINGS.** 7 Stages Theatre opens its new season with this bold and insightful play taken from actual manuscripts of Clarence Thomas' Supreme Court confirmation hearings.

Through Oct. 24, Thurs.-Sun. 7 Stages Theatre. 1105 Euclid Ave. 523-7647.

**SWEET AUBURN HERITAGE FESTIVAL.** Three days of music and food along Atlanta's most historic street, Auburn Avenue. Free. Auburn Ave. between Courtland and Jackson streets. 525-0205 for more info.

**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.** ASO guest artist Louis Lane conducts the ASO and guest pianist David Golub in Dvorak's Piano Concerto. Also includes Stravinsky's Symphonies of Wild Instruments. Tonight and tomorrow night at 8:00 pm. Symphony Hall. 874-2414.

**WOMEN ON FIRE.** 800 EAST presents a three-day exhibit of paintings by Colleen Lynch and Angela Muriel, and photographs and mixed-media by Lynn Marshall Linnemeier. Tonight and

tomorrow night also features performances by Genie Barringer, Alice Lovelace and others. Performances start at 8:00 pm. The gallery opens at 7:00 pm. 800 EAST. 522-8265.

25 SATURDAY

**YOM KIPPUR.** Congregation Bet Haverim will hold its services at 10:00 am at the Friends Meeting House on W. Howard Ave. in Decatur. For more information call 642-3467.

**LES MISERABLES.** The world's most popular musical returns to Atlanta for one week only. Tomorrow night is the last night. Fox Theatre. 873-4300.

**THE NUDES.** Possibly the tallest and thinnest band in NYC comes to town tonight. Walter Parks and Stephanie Winters guitar and cello duo forge a distinct and inviting style. Yes, we'll say it, the most fun you can have with your clothes on. Eddie's Attic. 10:00 pm. 377-4976.

26 SUNDAY

**ATLANTA CHAMBER PLAYERS.** Eight of Atlanta's finest musicians open their 18th season with "Grace & Grandeur" featuring works from Schubert, Schumann and Bartok. 3:00 pm. Ga. State U. Concert Hall. 651-1228 for more info.

**SHOOTING STARS: ANNIE LEBOVITZ'S PHOTOGRAPHS.** Join Ellen Dugan, High Museum of Art's curator of photography, for a discussion of the glamour, intimacy and wit that Leibovitz captures in her images of celebrities—then see the photos! The talk begins on the third floor at the entrance to the Leibovitz exhibition. 2:00 pm. High Museum of Art. 892-HIGH for more info.

**AND THE BAND PLAYED ON.** Randy Shilts' best selling book about the early years of AIDS airs on HBO tonight. 8:00 pm. Also Sept. 30.



**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.



ONGOING AND UPCOMING

**FEELING THE PRESENCE: BROWNIE BROADWAY AT 50.** Through Sept. 25, Fri. and Sat. only. SAME's OutProud Theatre opens its new season with Rebecca Ranson's one-woman show, the fourth in the Brownie Broadway series which began in 1973. Based on personal history and perspective, "Feeling The Presence" will overview Ranson's life and mark her passage into her 50th year. OutProud Theater in TULA Galleries. 75 Benett St. 609-9590.

**FALSETTOS.** Through Oct. 3. The Tony-winning musical about real family values is almost completely sold out. Call for tickets today. 8:00 pm Alliance Theatre. 892-2414.

**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.

**T BONE 'N WEASEL.** Through Oct. 16, Fri.-Sun. Southern Fried Productions

opens its new season with this comedy about two ex-cons set on the back roads of South Carolina. Mercer Fine Arts Auditorium. 3001 Mercer Univ. Dr. 378-8646.

**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 Patricia French, Annette Cloeman, Theo Harness and Dr. Jim Braude. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

**MATING HABITS OF THE URBAN MAMMAL.** Through Oct. 17. Due to popular demand, this new comical musical has been held over again at The Discovery Arena at Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur. Performances are Thurs through Sun. 373-5311 or Ticketmaster at 817-8700.

**A FEW GOOD MEN.** Through Oct. 23, Thurs.-Sun. Neighborhood Playhouse presents the Atlanta premiere of the military courtroom drama about two Marines charged with murder and the fierce

code of honor which compelled them. Neighborhood Playhouse. 430 W. Trinity Place, Decatur. 373-5311.

**THE MEMBER OF THE WEDDING.** Through Oct. 30. Embattled Theatre in the Square opens its 12th season with a new musical treatment of Carson McCullers' poignant story of a young girl coming of age in rural Georgia. Support Theatre in the Square who has lost all funding from Cobb County. See this play! 11 Whitlock Ave. in Marietta. 422-8369.

**SIL0 X: A HAUNTED HOUSE.** Thurs thru Sun nights in Sept. and Oct. Atlanta's biggest and best haunted house has its grand opening tonight. Spanning the length of three football fields, Silo X features lasers and extensive sound and lighting systems. Totally ghoulish. Perimeter Mall. 645-7900.

**AMERICAN REGIONALISM.** Through Nov. 24. 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. Museum hours are 11 am-5 pm, Tues. thru Sat. \$4 for adults. (We suggest you stamp your money "GAY/LESBIAN \$"). 422-8142.

**ANNIE LEBOVITZ: PHOTOGRAPHS 1970-1990.** Through Nov. 28. 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. High Museum of Art.

**OUTWRITE '93.** October 8-10. The 4th annual conference for queer writers and publishers will be held in Boston this year. Keynote speakers include Tony Kushner (Angels in America), Jewelle Gomez (The Gilda Stories), Samuel Delany (The Motion of Light in Water), and Chrystos (Not Vanishing). For more info write: Outwrite '93, PO Box 263, State House, Boston, MA 02133

27 MONDAY

**NOT GEORGIA NEXT.** Join this discussion of the right wing's strategy to prevent lesbians and gays from gaining basic human rights, and how to prevent more setbacks in Georgia like the one in Cobb County. This community forum to build a movement against fundamentalism, the right wing and racism is sponsored by the African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance, Prairie Fire Organizing Committee and the First Existentialist Congregation. 7:00 pm. First Existentialist Congregation. 470 Candler Park Dr. 378-5570 for more info.

**OUT IN ATLANTA.** Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program featuring interviews, news, arts & entertainment and more. 10:30 p.m. and again, Wed. 5:30 p.m. Cable Ch. 12.

28 TUESDAY

**MICHAEL MEADE.** One of the seminal figures in the Men's Movement, Meade will read from and sign his new book, "Men and the Water of Life." 7:00 pm. Border's Books. 3655 Roswell Rd. 237-0707 for more info.

29 WEDNESDAY

**DEPECHE MODE.** The boys from Britain whose work tends to the very homoerotic are in town for one night at The Omni. Opening act is The The. 249-6400 for tickets.

**POSITIVE LIVING.** 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: BELOW: Ron Himes and Marsha Jackson star in "Unquestioned Integrity: The Hill/Thomas Hearings" opening at 7 Stages Theatre Friday night. Photo by Jonathan Burnette ABOVE: The Nudes perform Saturday night at Eddie's Attic. Photo by Alsir N. da Silva LEFT: The Atlanta Chamber Players open their 18th season on Sunday at GSU Concert Hall. Photo by Kevin Hyde



BOOKS

HOW AM I TO BE HEARD?

It is a rare book that takes us on a journey into the past and, upon arrival there, shows us the many faces of our present. Margaret Rose Gladney's "How Am I To Be Heard?: Letters of Lillian Smith" is just this kind of extraordinary work.

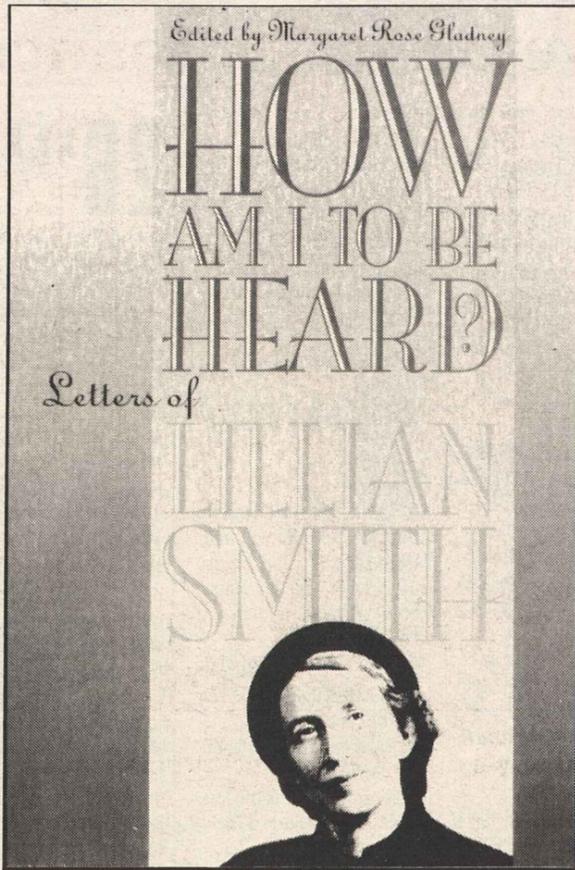
Gladney, a professor at the University of Alabama, skillfully presents the letters of Lillian Smith with the intention of at once displaying Smith's vision and fueling our own. Gladney makes sure the reader acknowledges the interconnectedness of Smith's life—how each relationship and piece of writing held multiple meanings.

Born in 1897, Smith was a Southern, upper-class, white lesbian who spoke out against segregation and other social ills long before such stands became popular. Her forthrightness resulted in such an efficient censorship of her work and life that today too few people either inside or outside of the South have even heard of Lillian Smith. Her 1944 best-seller "Strange Fruit" caused a sensation when it was banned in Boston. Smith also authored many other books, among them "Killers of the Dream," "The Journey," "Now Is the Time," and "One Hour."

To call Smith a "Southerner" is bald understatement. In the authentic tradition of regional pride, loyalty and tenacity, Smith did what most people in most times just aren't brave enough to do—she stood up for what she believed on her home turf.

"How am I to be heard?" cries Smith, frustrated at the way the powers that be in the South and North continued to ignore, trivialize and slight her work. "The line on me is that I am a 'queer,' a fanatical 'old maid who lives by herself up on a mountain.'"

Through her letters, we glimpse her foes—a network of white Southern good ol' boys working alongside their equally racist buddies in the North to silence voices like Smith's that called for an end to segregation. And as if these bigots weren't enough of a problem, her papers—6,000 of them—were burned



by arsonists. It seems like a cruel force kept lashing out to silence Smith, but fortunately for us she relentlessly struck back, insisting on being heard.

Perhaps the notion of "striking" wouldn't suit Smith. Each of her letters demonstrates a measured compassion and a deliberate emphasis on non-violence. During two trips to India, she became strongly influenced by Gandhi. In 1956, she wrote to Martin Luther King Jr. that, "Only through persuasion, love, goodwill and firm nonviolent resistance can the change take place in our South." And Smith constantly took full advantage of her status and talent in order to speak out against the violent

acts of those she termed "racist psychotics."

Smith was no gradualist and proud of it. In fact, throughout her letters are sprinkled candid criticisms of eminent Southerners such as Ralph McGill and Hodding Carter. She was disgusted with people such as those who spoke out against segregation only when it became politic to do so. We find an example of her typical response to these folks in a 1959 letter. "Most of Atlanta's best people have been moral zeroes," she asserts. "They began, at least, to say they were 'against bombings, violence, and for obedience to law.' They felt terribly brave to do so."

One of the most important things Gladney achieves with this work is a discussion of Smith's lesbianism. You won't find a lot of people who want to talk about her sexuality. More often than not, they make sure that you know she was reticent about it. The case seems open and shut, they imply—she would have been too much of a lady to talk about such things.

But Gladney lets Smith reply to this contention. Comments to and about Paula Snelling, her "darling" of 40 years, appear liberally throughout the letters. In one missive to Paula, Smith admits her reluctance to tackle the subject of their sexual life. Yet at the same time, she encourages Paula to do just that. "However esoteric, or strange or special," Smith implores, "you should put down your feelings about you and me." As well, Smith regrets the fact that she destroyed some letters of theirs. "I'm sorry my letters are burned," she writes. "That is my ambivalence. My shame about something different and completely good."

These pages also document Smith's exchanges with, and opinions about, many historical figures—Eleanor Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr. and Karl Menninger. But more importantly, her writings serve as a manifesto that demands us to do more to create a sane, just world.

"Last week in 1960, I repeated much of what I said in 1942—and it is still relevant, still seems 'new' to many people," she wrote. "Why can't we catch up with the time? Are we caught in a nightmare? Are we going to sleepwalk until it will be too late to act in any rational way?"

At first, a reader maybe dismayed to discover that Smith's social commentary still applies to our situation today. But then she or he will be heartened, because Lillian Smith had the courage to keep fighting. Her words inspire us to do the same.

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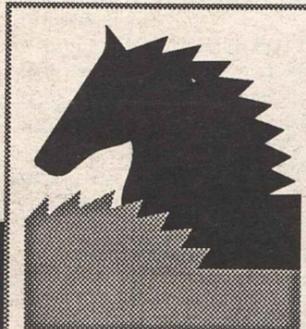
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# Body Politic's power games produce thoughtful anger

Atlanta playwright Steve Murray has a concern he likes to joke about. His new work, "Body Politic," is opening at 7 Stages this week, and it is certainly thought provoking. "I'm just hoping no one in the audience goes into a blind rage and attacks me with an umbrella in the lobby," he says. "If that doesn't happen, I'll be happy."

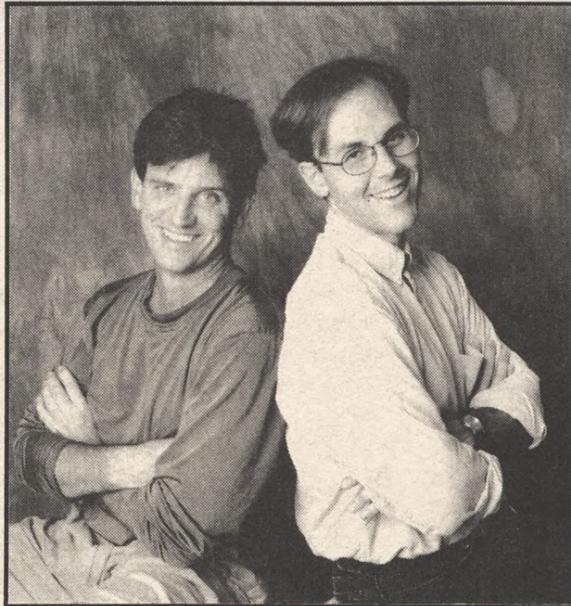
Certainly the possibility exists. "Body Politic" consists of two one-act plays, "Gloaming," which addresses the question of outing, and "Material," which delves into stalking, fiction stealing from real life and life imitating art. The play was honed in recent workshops at Theater Emory.

**Body Politic** runs through Oct. 9 at 7 Stages Back Door Theatre, 1105 Euclid Avenue, in Inman Park. Call 523-7647 for information.

"Gloaming" is about the successful alumnus of a boy's prep school who is now thirtysomething. He goes back to his alma mater to make a speech and meets up with his old teacher, a man on whom he had a crush. In the course of the play, the out young man confronts his former mentor. "But it's not really an outing play," says Murray. "It's my response to the question of outing. It's more about who has the power to proclaim who you are. Is that a personal power, or does someone else have the authority to announce that? It's decidedly much about ambiguity."

"Gloaming," according to Murray, "is a pissant word meaning twilight. There's a reason it's pedantic. Gloaming turns out to not only be the time of day the action takes place, but it's also the name of a book that becomes relevant. It's just sort of a self-referential thing."

"Material" explores two years in the lives of a theater director, his lover, who happens to be an actress, and the director's former student, who was an actor and is now trying



Director Vincent Murphy (left) and playwright Steve Murray bring "Body Politic" to the stage.

his hand at being a playwright. He has written his first play, a two-character piece—based on a true event—about a woman who was stalked, raped, and then killed by her own lover. He presents this play fictionalizing that event. The three decide to develop the script with the director directing, his lover playing the woman and the writer/actor playing the man. Murray feels this script represents "the cannibalism of not only fiction cannibalizing reality, but also relationships cannibalizing relationships."

The two one-act plays were meant to be presented together. They both use the same basic set, as well as the same set of performers, Theater Emory actors Tim McDonough

and Janice Akers (who happen to be married to each other in real life), and Atlanta actor Brad Sherrill. "Body Politic" was developed and directed by Theater Emory's artistic producing director Vincent Murphy.

"Thematically, these plays are very much linked," says Murray. "I would say they are both about sexual power and power games, gay and straight and somewhere in between. I went through two umbrella titles before I came up with 'Body Politic.' The first was 'Sex Acts,' because they are two one-act plays about sex games. But that was considered to be possibly a little too salacious to be doing at a university—and rightly so, because I think people would have gone in with the wrong expectations. The other title I had was 'The World of Men,' but Vinny's daughter thought it sounded like it took place in a gay bathhouse."

"I am more interested in the themes of these plays than in the actual plots. I'm very interested in what the response to these plays will be. I can see people being very angry at these plays, from straight to gay to male to female. I hope they don't get angry at me, but rather at the situation these characters find themselves in."

"I'm quite interested in these characters. I wouldn't necessarily want to have dinner with them, though."

Previously, the 30-year-old Murray has written "Menu in the Window" at the Academy Lab Theater in 1985 and "Hungry to Bed" at Actor's Express in 1991. He was the project playwright for Vincent Murphy's "The Van Gogh Gallery" at Theater Emory in 1991. He is currently a staff writer in the features department for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He mostly covers the film beat, doing reviews, previews, interviews and trend stories. He is quite "out" at work. "In fact," he says, "I'm the features department queer. I'm about as out as I can be."

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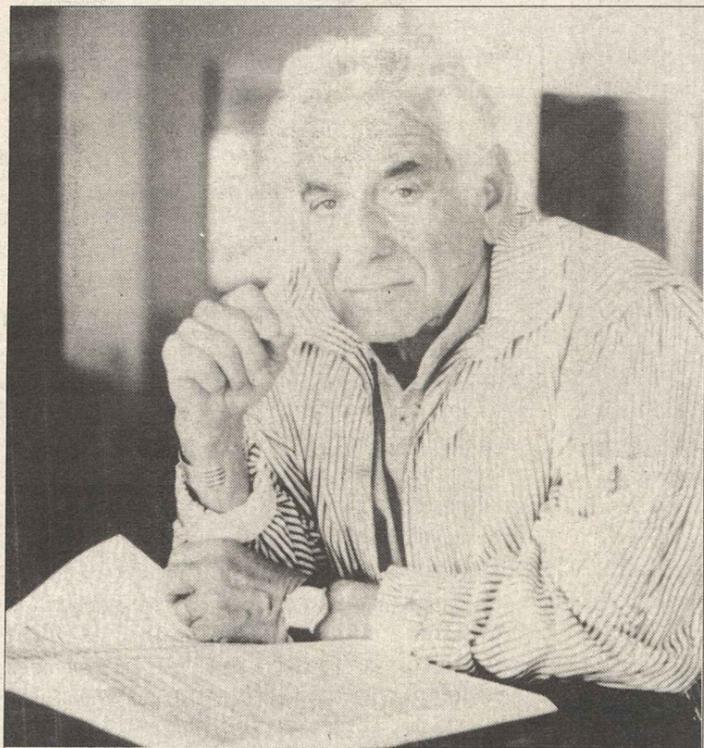
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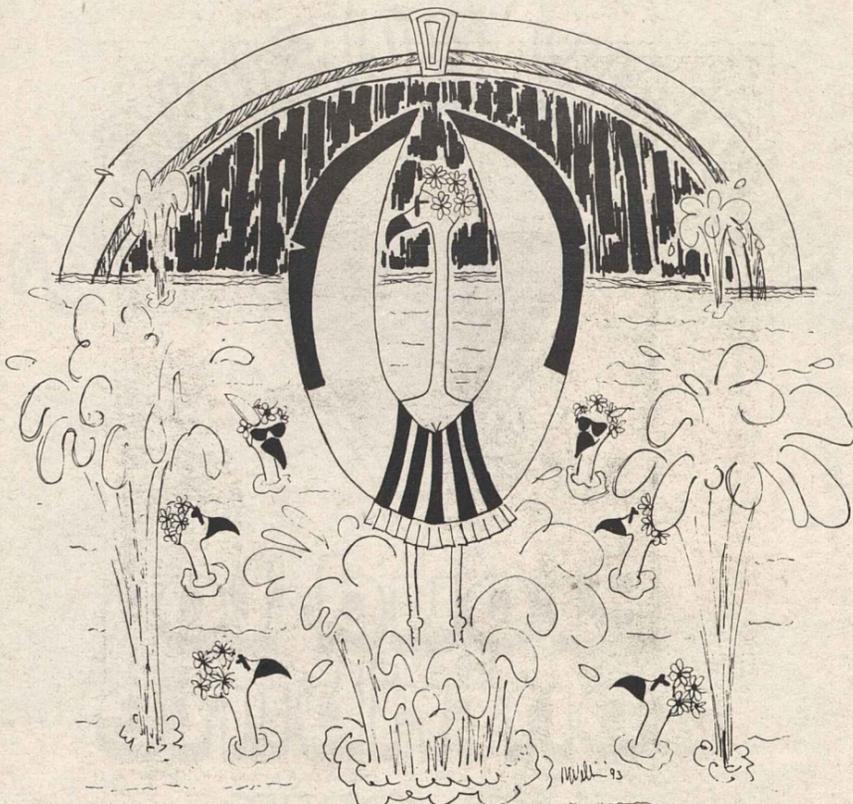
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# MOVIE CHATTER

**Tom Cruise** is "insisting" that the gay yearnings of his character, Lestat, in the film based on Anne Rice's "Interview with a Vampire" be cut. In particular, according to the Chicago Sun-Times, Cruise said 'no way' to an overt scene with co-star **Brad Pitt**. Hollywood mogul **David Geffen**, the gay man behind this film, hasn't been heard from yet on the re-writing of the script. Cruise is too much "mom and apple pie" to play Lestat, says author Rice, adding he is "no more Vampire Lestat than Edward G. Robinson is Rhett Butler...[He] should do himself and everyone else a service and withdraw."

**Mel Gibson** a couple of years ago got into hot water with gay/lesbian rights activists for saying in a European magazine that he was afraid some people might "assume he's gay. But with my look, who's going to think I'm gay?" Apparently Mel was so concerned about anyone thinking he was "like that" that for his latest film and directorial debut, "The Man Without A Face," he altered Isabelle Holland's original novel so that the lead character, whom Gibson portrays in the movie, is no longer gay as he is in Holland's book. During a recent interview on ABC's "PrimeTime Live," as the reporter discussed Gibson's anti-gay comments, Gibson went into a tirade about "politically correct" speech. Gibson said he's been screamed at by men in leather, and generally he just doesn't seem to understand why people are offended. Gibson and, of all folks, **Jodie Foster** will star as con artists in a new film based on the "Maverick" TV Series.

The long-delayed biopic of assassinated gay-rights leader

Harvey Milk is inching closer to reality. Filmmaker Rob Cohen, who was named to direct "The Mayor of Castro Street" after Gus Van Sant left the project, says David Franzoni is writing a new script, which should be available this month to show it to **Robin Williams**, long mentioned to portray the murdered San Francisco supervisor in the film. Cohen also said he's been talking to singer **k.d. lang** about a role in the film, probably as Milk's campaign manager when he won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Entertainment columnist Marilyn Beck reports that a Warner Brothers film being planned about the life of American composer **George Gershwin** will ignore recently-published material in the book "The Memory of All That" by Joan Peyser indicating the famed composer was bisexual. Warner officials told Beck there was "no proof" of Peyser's reports.

Entertainment Weekly Reports that **Madeline Stowe**, **Drew Barrymore** and **Mary Stuart Masterson** are expected to star in the western "Bad Girls," but director Tamra Davis has been fired, reportedly replaced by Jonathan Kaplan because she was aiming for a feminist take on the Wild West and the studio wanted a sexier version of "Young Guns."

Premiere has a special issue out on women in Hollywood, with Jodie Foster on the cover. The lesbian factor is pretty much ignored, although "Claire of the Moon's" **Nicole Conn**



Robin Williams looking at new Harvey Milk script



Jodie Foster offended by "Basic Instinct"

is briefly interviewed about her new look. She's found someone interested in "lesbian-themed projects" and is in pre-production on "Cynara," a period love story.

Foster says she fiercely hated "Basic Instinct" for its portrayal of women (ironic given the gay controversy over her film "Silence of the Lambs"). She says: "The film is so ill-informed about human behavior...In terms of women, I mean, it's catastrophic, but it's so laughable that it's almost not to be taken seriously."

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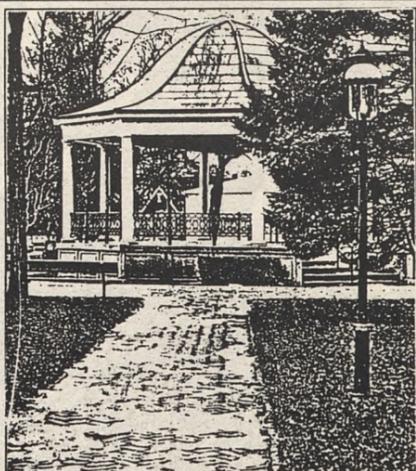
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# Country music stars launch new AIDS campaign

*Chesnutt, Carpenter chair effort that features thirty-five country stars*

Nashville, TN—Music City, USA is finally taking on AIDS awareness.

Country music stars Mark Chesnutt ("It Sure Is Monday") and Mary-Chapin Carpenter ("I Feel Lucky") will serve as co-chairs of "Country Music AIDS Awareness," an ambitious AIDS/HIV public education campaign that will kick off in January.

And also in 1994, "Red, Hot and Country," an album to raise money for the AIDS fight, will be released.

The Nashville awareness campaign has received the endorsements of the Country Music Association and the American Advertising Federation. The CMA's endorsement is a significant development, given the flap over wearing red ribbons at the last CMA awards show. The campaign will consist of public service announcements featuring 35 country stars on radio, network TV, cable and in print with a potential audience of 50 million.

Chesnutt, a native Texan and cowboy who endorses a number of products, including Fritos corn chips, and Carpenter, a native of Princeton, N.J. and an Ivy Leaguer who is a favored darling of the gay and lesbian community, will join the ranks of other country stars who have taken a stand on the AIDS crisis, such as Clint Black, who appeared in August on ABC's special "In a New Light '93."

Those performers participating include Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, Mark Collie, Rodney Foster, Kathy Mattea, Dolly Parton, Collin Raye, Marty Stuart, Kevin Welch and Wynonna.

According to Bill Johnson of Sony Music, who leads the group of country music insiders which organized the campaign, the advertising federation is working to bring the message to its TV network affiliates, radio stations and print outlets in more than 250 major markets across the country.

"I know lots of people outside urban areas who think that AIDS is strictly a big city problem, but it's affecting rural areas all over the country and these are places that country music can speak directly," says Chesnutt, best known for his three albums "Too Cold At Home," "Longnecks & Short Stories" and "Almost Goodbye."

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Following in the steps of "Red, Hot and Blue" and "Red, Hot and Dance," the "Red, Hot and Country" album is de-

"We're hoping the campaign will help make it more acceptable for people to use condoms, for parents to talk to their children openly and for learning about HIV through local AIDS agencies," says Carpenter, best known for her albums "Hometown Girl," "State of the Heart" and "Come On, Come On."

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Mary-Chapin Carpenter says she hopes the country campaign will make condoms more acceptable.

signed to raise both funds and awareness in the HIV/AIDS fight. This time, however, the message will be going out to a new audience.

"People respond better if you speak to them in their own language," says John Carlin, executive producer of "Red, Hot and Country." The track will feature a single by Mattea, "Here Come Those Tears Again."

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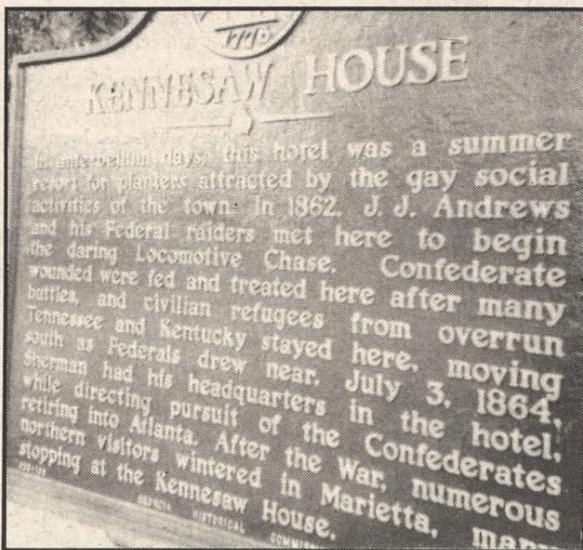
**H**omos in (Cobb) History: Queer Cobbites tell us they have known about the state historical marker for Kennesaw House (just off the square in Marietta) for years. It took Dish a little while longer to find the exact plaque that offers up these encouraging words: "In ante-bellum days this hotel was a summer resort for the planters attracted by the gay social activities of the town." Now it seems to Dish that the members of the Cobb Commission need to be made aware of this important part of their heritage so that they might properly honor their lesbian and gay ancestors. We think the best way to do this would be a play (at Theatre in the Square of course) funded with county money—which should be no problem here because it would involve a portrayal of the Civil War which true Southerners refer to as "the late unpleasantness" or "the wawah of Northern aggression." Gordon Wysong could be cast as a vile Yankee carpetbagger come to further victimize those battered by the ravages of war. We're not sure what the name of this sweeping drama should be—send us your suggestions and we'll publish the winners.

**Don't Ask? Don't Tell!:** Dish has to admit that we don't usually read the "Just Ask Jules" column in the Atlanta Business Chronicle. The questions are unsigned and read suspiciously like excuses for Jules to mouth off about whatever is stuck in her craw this week. And the answers aren't very sensible—like telling some dude who makes \$3.50 an hour to start his own business as a way out poverty. But we noticed a few weeks ago that Jules is pissed because she thinks that the city of Atlanta's decision to extend benefits to domestic partners is going to raise her taxes so much that she won't be able to shop at Needless Markup any more. Her attempts at humor (are domestic animals the same as domestic partners?) are about as funny as Lewis Grizzard's...and just about as latently racist and homophobic.

**True Tales:** Dish was pleased to see the special issue of Premiere magazine now on the stands that honors women in film.

# Dish

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



Dish thinks Gordon Wysong would do well to pay attention to this gay episode in Cobb's history.

Among the many articles (some of them moisture-inducing pictorials) is a piece seductively (but incorrectly) named "The Casting Couch," in which various actresses tell about their first audition. The replies range from the mundane (from Julia Roberts, Marisa Tomei and Mercedes Ruehl—from whom we would

have expected better) to this sublime scene from Jodie Foster: "It was for Coppertone, a commercial I got when I was three. I snuck in behind my brother—I wasn't supposed to be there—and kept showing them how I could make muscles. I told them my name was Alexander." Sighhhh. We've always had a special place in our heart (and bed) for women with men's names.

**Unconscious?:** Speaking of stars, Dish was horrified to see a full page picture of Wynonna Judd gracing the front page of Out Front, Denver's gay/lesbian paper, the very same week that Dish was suggesting that Wynonna was little short of evil incarnate because she was playing at the Pope Fest. Out Front also ran a big old story on Wynonna. When asked about why she was not boycotting the state, she claimed that she had never heard of Amendment 2 because "being on the road for extended periods of time, we become removed from news events." Then there was this comment from Ms. J, "I don't want to be political. Those that are boycotting are showing their own hate and missing out on such a beautiful opportunity to sing." Well, Wynonna, you pay your money and you make your choice, and the sound of your voice is getting less and less sweet the more we hear you talk.

**Gender Bender:** Dish has never had much doubt that Zoo Atlanta's Willie B. was a male gorilla. We've read lots of press to that effect, including some quite touching tales about how he didn't have a lady-love. (We've always wondered if that was because he might actually have preferred male gorillas, but the folks at the zoo were not amused by our suggestions of such frivolity.) But now we've spotted a bumper sticker that says "Willie B. a boy or a girl?" The question, of course refers to the gender of the baby ape that zoo officials hope Willie will be having with a fellow gorilla named Choomba. But it sure looks to us like the creative individual who came up with this precious slogan might have noticed that the question posed is not the question asked.

SEPTEMBER 23 - SEPTEMBER 29, 1993

As of Sept. 22, we are officially into fall. Hopefully, your summer went well and you were able to have time for fun and relaxation. However, if the summer was a blur, then you definitely need to take time out to do something you enjoy.

**ARIES**, the sun and Mercury are now in your seventh house of close personal relationships and partnerships. Are you seriously interested in someone special, or are you considering a business or financial arrangement? Take your time, there is no rush. **TAURUS**, with the sun and Mercury activating your sixth house of health awareness and the way you learned to take care of yourself, you could benefit greatly by taking an objective look at how well you actually do take care of your body and your own needs. **GEMINI**, have you been creating crises just because you are so good in a flurry? Or are you finding new ways of avoiding your own creative work? If so, leave crisis creation to the Pentagon for a while and give yourself a chance to flourish. **CANCER**, home is where the heart is, so take time to put a little more heart into your home, making it just the way you want it to be. Also, take care of any necessary repairs before winter. Get help with the heavy stuff, but do get it done. **LEO**, are other

## STARSIGNS

people living up to your expectations? If you are feeling a little let down now and then, it could be that your expectations of others (and of yourself) are a bit too high. Try moderating your drive and being more relaxed with others. **VIRGO**, before you plunge into your new solar year, be sure you have a map, a plan or at least a basic priority sheet for the next 12 months. Put it up where you can see it every day, and you'll be amazed at how much easier it is to make decisions. Happy birthday, **LIBRA**. It's your month to celebrate and enjoy life. Sit down right now and start planning all the wonderful things you want to do and list all the wonderful people you want to include in your celebration. Have tons of fun. **SCORPIO**, just consider this an unusual month, to say the very least. Your 12th house of dreams, visions and dealing with the unconscious is super-activated, so be sure you have plenty of high-quality per-

sonal time to reflect and renew. **SAGITTARIUS**, "The times they are a changin'," which means for sure that you don't want to be making any impulsive decisions, especially ones that may have long-term effects or create extra amounts of stress. Take things slowly and ease through the day.

**CAPRICORN**, your 10th house of career and status in the community is lit up like the 4th of July, meaning that you can really stand out this month and have opportunities to be noted for your efforts and hard work. Do try to be a little humble. **AQUARIUS**, have you been thinking about going back to school for another degree or for advanced studies? If you already have several pieces of paper hanging on your wall, right now you may need a good solid adventure, rather than working in your head. **PISCES**, have you earned your master's degree in worry and worst case scenarios? If so, then it is definitely time to graduate, hang your parchment on the wall and move on to a much more productive and fulfilling lifestyle. Just give it a try.

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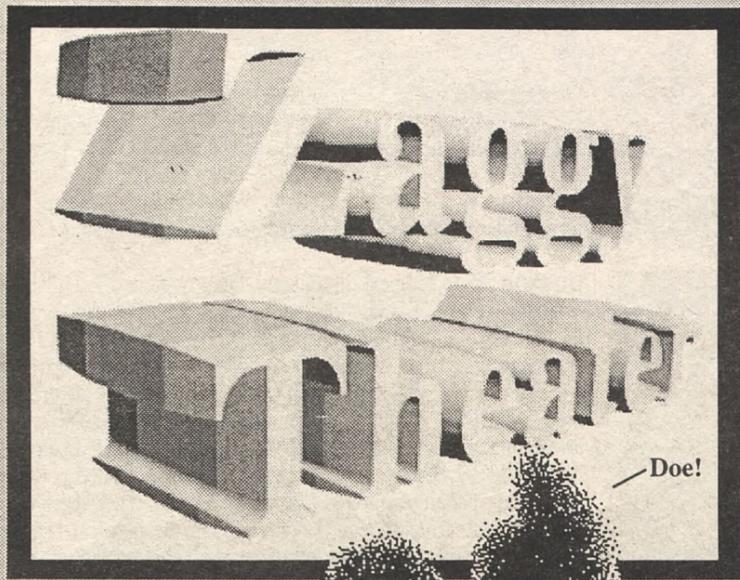
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# Arts Obituaries

**Dorian Corey**, a New York City drag performer who gained fame for his starring role in the 1991 film "Paris in Burning," died August 29 in New York City of AIDS complications (New York Times). **Stefan Fitterman**, a stage director and producer who served as founding director of the St. Louis Ensemble, and most recently produced "The Cloud in Trousers" for Vanessa Redgrave at Circle in the Square Theater in New York City, died August 1 of AIDS complications. Place of death was not reported. His companion was Sid Pinkerton (Variety).

**Ted Matthews**, 41, a 20-year San Francisco gay activist who helped found Bay Area Gay Liberation in the 1970s and Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention in the 1980s, and also appeared in Peter Adair's late 1970s film "Word is Out," died July 17 of AIDS complications. Place of death was not reported (Bay Area Reporter). **Mark Tindell**, 37, well-known British painter who volunteered to give gay sensitivity training to police cadets and officers, died June 13. Place and cause of death were not reported (Capital Gay).

**John Spencer West**, 37, a Hollywood public relations executive who organized publicity campaigns for such films as "Postcards from the Edge" and "Hairspray," and for such



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actors as Liza Minnelli and Michelle Pfeiffer, died July 24 of AIDS complications. Place of death was not reported. His partner was Tom Gibson (Update). **Jim Yestadt**, 41, the senior project designer for teams that revised the MasterCard logo, packaging for such Sterling Drug products as Midol and Panadol, and identity programs for Bell Atlantic and Discover Card Services, died July 14 in Fire Island, N.Y. of AIDS complications. His partner was Richard Barbieri (New York Times).

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Last Book Read: "Saint Joan of Arc" by Vita Sackville-West

Pet Peeve: Cowardice, particularly when it leads to the abuse of power by bullies



Margaret Maree is very excited about the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association. She just returned from their national conference in New York, and her energy level is high. But then, her energy level is probably high more often than not.

Besides being a journalist for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, she is the coordinator for the Atlanta chapter of NLGJA. She is also finishing up a masters degree in communications at Georgia State University, and in her spare time, she reads, gardens, and is co-parent to eight cats.

After growing up in Atlanta, Maree spent the first two years of college at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. "Colorado didn't have much of a journalism school, but it was great for skiing," she says. She came back to Georgia to finish her degree at the University of Georgia, "in an actual journalism school."

From UGA, Maree started her career in journalism at WSB Radio as a newsroom assistant. "I did it backwards," she says, referring to the fact that her career progressed from broadcast media to print media. She went from WSB Radio to WSB-TV, working in production, to three years at CNN as an associate producer. At this point, her career took a side road when she decided to investigate law.

"I decided to be a paralegal for a year to see if I liked it before I went to law school," she explains. But, after being recruited by a corporate law firm, she says, "I knew after about a year and a half that I didn't want to do law as a profession." Her stint in law was a valuable education for her, however. "A lot of journalists don't understand how the three piece suits work," she says.

Maree missed the newsroom, so she went to work for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, where she has been for a year. She works in the North Metro Bureau, writing primarily for North Fulton and Gwinnett counties. "They're drastically different," she says, "different demographics." Recently she has particularly enjoyed doing interviews with Congressmen Don Johnson and Newt Gingrich.

After the March on Washington in April, Maree was among those who decided that Atlanta journalists needed the support of NLGJA. In May, she and others had the first

meeting of the Atlanta chapter. The organization currently has 10 members and welcomes all others interested. NLGJA's members are "anybody in news media whose primary source of income is in journalism," according to Maree. But they also have associate and student memberships. "We're starting to do some student mentoring nationally," she says.

The goals of NLGJA are to make newsrooms across the country more hospitable to gays and lesbians and to insure fair and accurate reporting. Toward that end, their projects include working cooperatively with other media organizations to aid lesbian and gay members of those organizations. The Atlanta chapter helped to set up a panel on covering lesbian and gay issues with the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists for an upcoming SPJ meeting. They are also planning to offer a similar panel at next year's Unity '94, a joint national conference of the

four ethnic minority journalists' organizations. Unity '94 will be held in Atlanta in July, 1994.

One of the biggest issues for gay and lesbian journalists is the degree of involvement a journalist can have in activism. According to Maree, it was a big part of discussions at the NLGJA conference and is an ongoing discussion among her peers.

"It's something that every journalist wrestles with individually," she explains. They must stay out of politics to avoid a conflict of interest. "But there's also the argument that you can't deny journalists to be who they are or what they are," says Maree.

In the past, conflict of interest considerations have often meant that editors have kept openly lesbian or gay journalists from covering gay or lesbian issues. "It's opening up," says Maree. She explains that editors are making better use of the diversity in the newsroom. "That's one of the things I think are shifting around. Gays are starting to be better utilized. But we have to be squeaky clean," she adds.

Maree is obviously a very dedicated journalist, one who is not above taking her work home when necessary. But she does know how to relax and have fun. She recommends checking out the Clit Club when you're in New York.

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# An Open Letter to the Community About this Year's AIDS Walk Atlanta

Dear Friends,

Our third annual AIDS Walk Atlanta will be held in Piedmont Park on Sunday, October 17th. As always, Atlanta's Gay and Lesbian Community is the driving force behind this massive AIDS fundraiser. In order to maximize the success of this essential event, we have made some important strides forward in organizing the Walk. We want to take every opportunity to explain to the community the changes we have made.

Last year we paid salaries to individual fundraisers to help us produce the event. This year, for a modest fee, we have hired Miller, Zeichik and Associates to serve that function. They are a group of dedicated AIDS activists who created the very first AIDS Walk nine years ago and have raised more than \$60 million for AIDS organizations throughout the country. Their outstanding track record at keeping expenses down while maximizing public support for AIDS fundraising is what made us decide to invite them to work with us.

That decision is already paying big dividends for people with AIDS in Atlanta. This year's AIDS Walk is going to be more successful than ever.

We are committed to doing everything possible to keep expenses to a minimum. Last year's net income from our AIDS Walk ran just under 75 cents on the dollar. That's an impressive result by fundraising standards. But net income from the AIDS Walks that Miller, Zeichik and Associates have been producing in Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco have been even higher than ours, ranging from 75 cents to 87 cents on the dollar.

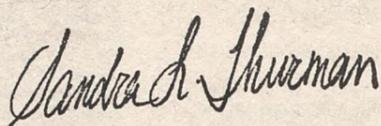
To help keep costs down further, AIDS Walk Atlanta is offering even more volunteer opportunities than before. If you would like to volunteer either before the event, or on the day of the event, please call our AIDS Walk office at 876-WALK.

Proceeds from this year's AIDS Walk will go primarily to AID Atlanta and Project Open Hand. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will be distributed to other Atlanta AIDS-specific organizations by the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation. The Foundation has great expertise in grant making and was selected to ensure that the broadest spectrum of community needs are met. Please be assured that the vast majority of AIDS Walk funds will be used to serve people with HIV and AIDS in the Gay and Lesbian Community, where the epidemic has taken its most devastating toll.

We wish that fundraising events like AIDS Walk Atlanta were not necessary. We wish that our government would meet its obligation to adequately fund AIDS programs.

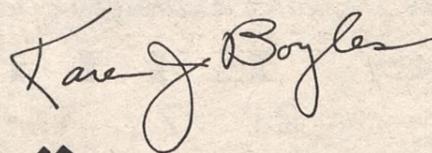
But wishes alone will not help our brothers and sisters with AIDS—**action will**. Please register today for AIDS Walk Atlanta and then ask your friends and neighbors to sponsor you. Walking these ten kilometers will be among the most important steps we can take together for the health of our community.

Sincerely,



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Sandra Thurman  
Executive Director  
AID Atlanta



Karen Boyles  
Executive Director  
Project Open Hand

## How To Participate

### Register Today

Call the Walk office at (404) 876-WALK. Your walkathon sponsor form and further information will be sent to you immediately.

### Get Sponsors

Ask your family members, friends, co-workers, schoolmates, and neighbors to sponsor you for each of the 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) that you will be walking. For example, sponsors pledging \$1 per kilometer would pay \$10. Sponsors pledging \$5 per kilometer would pay \$50. Raise as much money as you can.

### Walk Against AIDS

Join the excitement as thousands of caring Georgians walk together on Sunday October 17th. You will sign-in and turn in the contributions that you have collected at 1 p.m. in Piedmont Park. The Walk will begin at 2 p.m.

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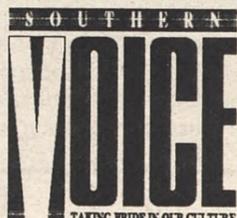
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- AIDS Hotline for Women—888-9991
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- Common Ground—874-6425
- First MCC AIDS Ministry—872-2246
- Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728
- Good Samaritan Project—873-4589
- Grady Mem. Hospital Infectious Disease Program—341 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atl. 30308, (404) 616-2440
- The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—876-0105
- National Assn of People With AIDS/Atlanta—874-7926
- The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
- Outreach, Inc.—(404) 346-3922
- People's United Pet Support—370-0178
- Pets Are Loving Support (P.A.L.S.)—876-PALS
- Positive Outlook On Health—872-9954
- Project Open Hand Atlanta—525-4620

**Arts/Entertainment/Culture**

- Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus—438-5823
- Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—POB 771144, Atlanta 30357
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing—POB 7032, Atlanta 30357, 876-1060
- 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

**Bars**

- The Armory—836 Juniper. 881-9280
- Babylon—Piedmont Grove, 10th & Monroe.
- Backstreet—845 Peachtree St. 873-1986
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- Visions—2043 Cheshire Bridge. 248-9712

**Direct Action/Political**

- ACLU of Georgia—523-5398
- ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—523-6201
- ACT UP—874-6782 (O)
- Atlanta Greens, Green Party USA, Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Queer Caucus—368-7137
- Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
- 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
- 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—O.L.O.C., PO Box 980422, Houston, TX 77098
- Stonewall 25/Internat'l March—662-6753

**Professional**

- Atlanta Entrepreneurs' Club—Dr. Bravy 457-6347
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- Fourth Tuesday—662-4353
- Gay/Lesbian Postal Employees Network (G/L PEN)—POB 580397, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0397
- GA Assoc. of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR)—231-2251
- 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)

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- All Saints Metropolitan Community Church—622-1154
- Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—876-0631
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- Congregation Bet Haverim—642-3467
- Emergence/Atlanta (Christian Scientists)—215-0585
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- Gay & Lesbian Mormons—570-2561 (dig. page)
- Gay Spirit Visions—378-7224
- Grant Park Aldersgate United Methodist Church—627-6221; 575 Boulevard SE

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- Hosanna African Unity Life Center—872-9055
- Integrity (Episcopal)—642-3183
- Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—636-7109
- Oakhurst Presbyterian Church—378-6284
- Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—373-5830
- Unitarian Universalists—634-5134, George at 688-2242
- Atlanta Team Tennis Assn—621-2699
- Atlanta Venture Sports—242-4899
- Atlanta Women's Social Tennis—662-GAME
- Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
- Greater Atlanta Naturist Group—851-2882 (voice mail)
- Hotlanta Soccer—876-7372
- Hotlanta Softball League—POB 14582, Atl. 30324, 873-4061
- Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062
- Lambda Car Club—POB 11705, Atlanta 30355
- Luring Lesbians (fishing club)—932-5236
- Mountain Catalyst—POB 199, Demorest, GA 30355
- S.E. Gay Rodeo Assn—POB 7881, Atl., 30357, 760-8126
- Wilderness Network of GA—SASE, POB 55156, Atlanta 30308
- Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
- Women's Rugby—659-6916 or 761-8939
- TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
- Underwater Escapes—289-0696

**Service/Support/Social**

- About Crossdressing—Janet, 624-3770
- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—239-8184 (voice mail)
- Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—223-3718
- American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033, (404) 939-0244 (eve)
- Asians & Friends—Atlanta—876-0090
- Athens Lesbian Information—LSG, POB 7864, Athens, 30604
- Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club—Box 11863, Atlanta 30355
- Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
- Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
- Atlanta Lambda Community Center—POB 15180, Atlanta 30333, 662-9010
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atlanta 30307, phone 378-9769
- Atlanta Lesbian-Singles Organization (ALSO)—843-4492
- Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
- Bisexuals of Atlanta Resource Network—908-3413
- Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
- Caregivers to PWAs Support Group—874-1109 or 875-6109
- Codependents Anonymous—239-1657
- Delphi—POB 14591, Atlanta, G 30324
- Emotions Anonymous—872-0979
- First Women—G.G. Richardson, POB 724711, Atl. 30339, 612-9473.
- Friends Atlanta—662-4501
- Gay Fathers of Atlanta—342-6451
- Gay Help Line—6pm-11pm 892-0661
- Gay/Lesbian AA & Al-Anon—881-9188
- Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America—623-4099
- Gay/Lesbian Task Force to the Public Safety Comm. of City Council—330-6504
- Georgia Girth & Mirth—POB 9678, Atl. 30319, (404) 621-5710
- Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085
- Gwinnett Lambda—POB 464848, Lwrnc'ville 30246, 871-GAYS
- Hospitality Atlanta—627-0520
- Interact of Atlanta—984-9875
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- Lesbian Support Group—627-7387
- Lesbians Considering Parenthood—908-1704
- Lesbians Over 50—850-1005
- Lesbians With Children—740-1729
- Men of Little 5 Points—POB 5425, Atlanta 30307
- Name the Violence Support Group for Battered Lesbians—822-9570; Crisis Hotline—688-9436
- Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays—296-0830 or 875-9440
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Athens—(706) 208-1704
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Chattanooga—(615) 875-3750, (615) 622-3813
- Prime Timers—POB 29487, Atlanta 30359
- Queer Youth—P.O. Box 54032, Atlanta 30308; 605-7396
- Real Gay World BBS—404-266-0856
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous—239-8048
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- Survivors of Incest Anonymous—239-8018
- Uniformed Svcs Activity—Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
- Women In Kahoots—(WINK) 438-1421
- Women of Wisdom—289-8819
- Wordsmith Society—Chris at 498-0137
- Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
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- Agnes Scott Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance—Box 501, Decatur 30030; 373-1632
- Bi, Lesbian & Gay Student Union of West Ga. College—706-834-3569
- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692
- Gay & Lesbian Student Alliance—Clayton St. College—471-4567
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# EAT

A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

There's something slightly redundant about naming a restaurant the **Our Way Cafe** (303 E. College Ave. 373-6665). After all, the people who own and operate non-chain restaurants are usually among the most cussedly independent and individualistic in the world. They have to be in order to survive.

I haven't had the pleasure of meeting the two women who operate Decatur's fabulously popular Our Way, but a quick lunch a couple of weeks ago convinced me that almost without exception their way of preparing Southern food is mighty fine by me.

The restaurant is located in the space formerly occupied by the late and lamentable Pizza by Candlelight—a restaurant that managed to worsen substantially with age and through several changes of ownership. It's hard to imagine the place's demise leaving anyone bereaved.

The interior layout at Our Way is simple—numerous rectangular tables arranged to seat the hoards that descend on the place between 11:30 and 2:30 for lunch every weekday. (Sad to say the restaurant is not open for dinner or on weekends. It's hard to imagine that it would not be packed during those times, too. See what I mean about cussed independence?) The walls are dark green, the table clothes maroon vinyl, the chairs mixed. There are a couple of tables on a small patio. Service is cafeteria style from a tiny steam table, but a limited selection and hyper-efficient servers see to it that there is never much of a wait.

Morrison's could take a lesson or two about efficiency here. And the managers of that huge enterprise could sure learn something about how to cook from these folks, too. Despite my misgivings about orange-almond chicken, the quarter-bird marinated and baked in OJ and laced with little more than salt and pepper was a winner—moist and tender, with plenty of chicken flavor managing to make it through the tart, citric bite of the juice. It would have been easy for the kitchen to abandon its restraint and make a real mess of this dish by adding sugar or hands full of dried herbs.

Veggies display a similarly deft touch. Greens—seasoned with a perfect balance of vinegar, sugar and salt, but nary a drop of meat—are tender but not cooked to mush. Mashed potatoes are smooth and earthy, great by themselves but (surprisingly) even better with the orange gravy from the chicken.

Creamed corn (though here, as in other restaurants that keep the faith, the dish is called fried corn) is sweet, tender and sublime. Fresh-off-the-cobb kernels floating in a perfectly seasoned amalgam of butter and cream is not exactly health food, but as an occasional treat, especially if you're having a veggie plate, they are simply not to be missed.

Only the green beans disappoint. Like everything else, they are fresh and not overcooked, but they simply lack any creative seasoning. I'm not suggesting meat, but a little parsley, or pepper or dill would set them to flying. It seems odd that the same kitchen which produced perfect little pie-shaped slabs of jalapeno-laced cornbread could not have worked the same magic on those beans.

But a small, dense slice of coconut cream pie quickly banishes any ill memory of the beans. Wrapped in a light, pale crust and topped with whipped cream, the rich coconut custard is packed with flavor and plenty sweet, but not cloying. It's a treat the likes of which you might have found in dozens of local eateries during the '50s, but one that is singular in its excellence today.

You can eat yourself silly for \$5-\$7. Not cheap, but a bargain for this sort of quality.

Anyone interested in starting a campaign to get Our Way to open even a couple of nights a week can count me among their most fervent supporters.

## Bad News

I suspect you'd have to have been in Bosnia not to have heard the recent nutritional (bad) news about Chinese food released by the Center for Science in the Public Interest. But in case you missed it, the facts deserve repeating here.

What the center found was that typical take-out portions of popular dishes such as moo shu pork and kung pao chicken were wall-to-wall with fat, sodium and cholesterol. The typical serving of chicken had as much fat as four Quarter Pounders, which is more of that dread substance than someone eating 2,000 calories a day should consume in three full meals.

Most of us think that Chinese food is healthier than average American fare. It probably is in China, where the typical meal consists of lots of rice and veggies and very little meat and where much of the food is steamed rather than stir-fried in *lots* of oil.

If you want to eat Chinese and not OD on salt and fat, avoid dishes that are mostly meat. Eat like the Chinese (in China) do—lots of rice, don't eat the sauces of stirfried dishes and, whenever possible, order food that's steamed or cooked in broth. Not easy when you're ordering take-out, but entirely possible at good Chinese eateries like Little Szechuan, Pung Mie or Yen Jing.

## Good News

The September issue of Consumer Reports has an extensive article on supermarket chains. If you are a conscious consumer, you'll probably want to check it out.

There's much information here about how to save money—make a list, don't buy on impulse, buy store brands (at least good ones) and stock up on specials—as well as all kinds of fascinating facts about the tricks that grocery marketers employ to get you to part with your hard-earned cash.

But the best news in the article is that when Consumer Reports' readers rate grocery store chains, they give their highest kudos to Publix, which is opening a half-dozen or so stores in Atlanta.

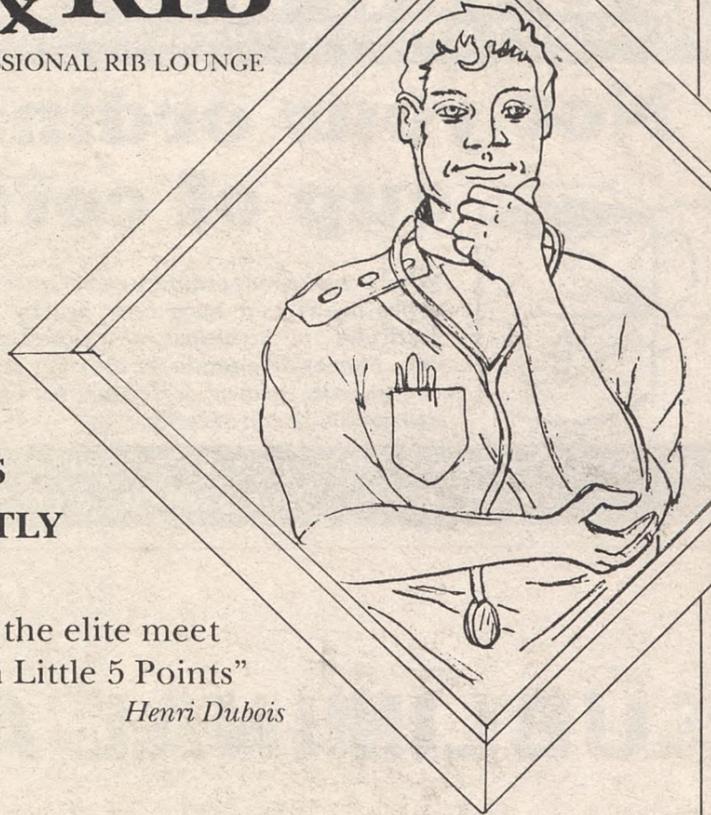
The Publix store already open in East Cobb is getting raves—even from folks who are otherwise less than amused with the idea of living in Georgia's very own version of the Hate State.

Publix' produce selection, the quality of its prepared foods and the courtesy of its employees all rate especially high marks. That's really welcome news to those of us accustomed to being battered by less than acceptable quality and service at Winn-Dixie and A&P, especially in the stores that it recently took over from Big Star.

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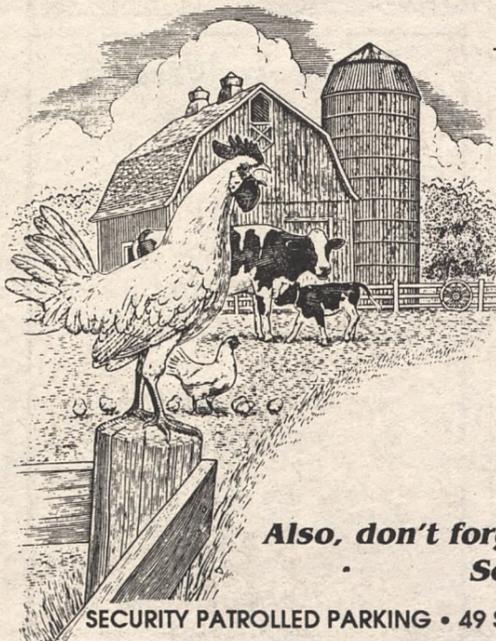
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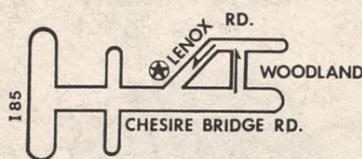
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- 1 pound asparagus spears
- 2 tablespoons water
- ½ cup bottled poppy seed or Italian dressing
- 1 teaspoon finely shredded orange peel
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 8 cups torn fresh spinach or mixed greens
- 2 cups sliced fresh blueberries and/or whole blueberries
- ¼ cup toasted pecan halves

1 pound cooked turkey cut in ½" cubes (optional)

Snap off and discard the woody bases from asparagus. Cut into 1 inch pieces. Place asparagus in a 1 quart microwave safe container, add water and cook covered on high for 5-7 minutes, stirring once, until just crisp tender. Rinse with cold water and let stand in cold water until cool; drain.

Mix commercial dressing, orange juice and orange peel; set aside.

In a salad bowl combine asparagus, greens, berries, and turkey, add dressing and toss. Top with pecans. Makes 6-8 appetizer salads or 4 main dish servings.

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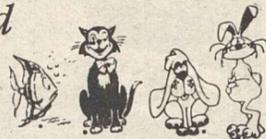
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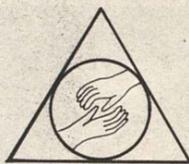
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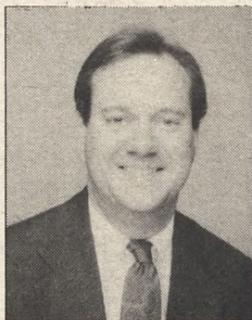
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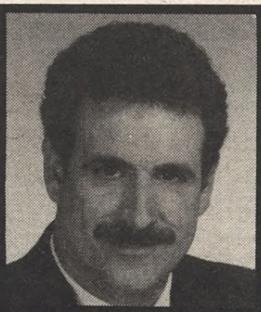
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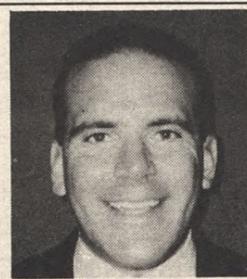
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**Voice Connection**

**WOMEN**

Single GBF interested in meeting single BF for friendship with many possibilities. **T 1701**

BiWf, 40's, attractive, trim, first-timer seeks non-smoking, trim, feminine GWF 35-50 for discreet safe encounters. No drugs. **T 1709**

GWF, seeks special woman 32-40 to meet another special woman, emotionally healthy, no drugs, alcohol abuse, feminine, start with friendship. **T 1711**

BF experienced, adventurous, affectionate seeks intelligent, exotic, femi-female who enjoys travel, romance, dancing and a lot more. Non-smoker, novice OK, race unimportant. **T 1712**

If you're a GBF drug free, independent, spiritual, proportioned, naturally beautiful, socio-politically conscious, intellectual, over x-lovers, conversationalist, monogamous - I'm waiting. **T 1703**

GBF - Attractive, suave 25 yr. old lipstick butch seeks shapely, intelligent, extremely femme Black woman. Prefer Spelman type. **T 1707**

Desired: Wise, lovely, genteel woman. Feeling and success oriented. Appreciates life's finer offerings, reverts its simpler pleasures. You are fit GWF 37-44, passionate, positive, with wit and imagination, also seeking to share the wonder, warmth, and adventure. You remember how to question authority and are occasionally up for throwing caution to the wind. Eclectic interests. Value fun, intimacy and autonomy. If meeting a woman with the above qualities appeals to you, write back! (Don't respond if you're a substance abuser, in recovery, or having an identity crisis.) P.O. Box 2053, Decatur, GA 30031. (6.33)

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

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

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

Petite GWF 28, fem., non-smoker, romantic, sensual, fun-loving, independent. Seek GWF 25-35 for friendship. No smokers, Bi's, butches. **T 1680**

GWF, 30, cute and petite, seeking same. Friendship in recovery can be fun without

drugs and alcohol. Let's be adventurous. **T 1675**

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

GWF, 23, 5'1" seeking attractive GWF, 20's for fun, romantic evenings, good conversation. Friendship, possible relationship. Like fun? Let's meet! **T 1678**

You: intelligent, secure BiWf, 25-45, seeking take charge partner for sensuous relationship - & willing to travel. Me: BiBF, 38, NY prof'l w/Atl. ties. **T 1673**

Attractive GWF, 34, intelligent, professional, shapely, adventurous, sincere, new to Atlanta seeks similar GWF's. Come on Girls, I'm waiting! **T 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. **T 1677**

GBF, 33; attractive, sports/arts lover. Appreciates beautiful feminine GF with intellect and security. Call me today anyway. You'll see! **T 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)

GWF, 40, professional keeps yuppie tendencies somewhat in check with feminist, humanitarian, humorous outlook. Seeks generous heart, quality mind, playful soul, pampered body, verbal and emotional feast for creative, gentle relationship. **T 1599**

GBF, 35, attractive & professional, seeks feminine GF, down-to-earth, for companion / friendship. No games, bi's. **T 1660**

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

WANTED! Attractive fem. late 20's+ for fun & more. Me, country semi-butche blonde, 25, non-drinker, no drugs. **T 1646**

WF31 - Adventurous, untamed, a bit crazy, very humorous, like dancing, pool, outdoors, etc. Lkg 4 same w/wild imagination. Plz call!!! **T 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! **T 1623**

GBF looking for a GBF (feminine). No bi-or Butchy (over 30) please. **T 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. **T 1628**

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

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

Baby linebacker seeking exquisite blonde for lovely healing from the life we're given, and passionately embracing the life we make. **T 1603**

Wonderful, intelligent GWF looking for that special lady, 30-40's, who has sense of humor, honesty, loyalty and is financially secure. **T 1594**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWF feminine, attractive, professional, VERY discreet seeks same GWF or BiWf 24-35 for friendship. Preferably Columbus, Auburn area - Confidential. **T 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. **T 1525**

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

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

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

GWF, 40's, seeks serious animal lover, vegetarian, non-smoker who has trouble with grown people who believe in supernatural beings. **T 1497**

GBF in search of other gay females for friendship, possibly more. A good sense of humor is the only requirement. **T 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. **T 1488**

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

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

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

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

**MEN**

GBM newly relocated to Atlanta wishes to meet attractive masculine gay male who is not into bars. **T 1710**

GWM, 41, 5'6", 140. Inexperienced, shy, lonely. Seeks sincere friendship with man in E. AL., W. GA area south of Atlanta. Enjoy music, movies, theater, quiet times, country life. Drug-free. Non-smoker. Box 1902, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.34)

GWM, good looking, into local music, vegetarian food, C.G. Jung, Comedy Central, lesbians, dating. Seek similar 30-40. **T 1704**

Hairy, trim, youthful, GWM, 51, 145#, ashblonde/moustache, professional, seeks GWM, non-smoker, slim, varied interests, into affection, relationship. 40-55. **T 1705**

Attractive, professional GWM into running, MST3000, Mexican food, existentialism without the angst seeks similar 25-35 with sense of humor. **T 1706**

GBM, 33, 5'7", 130, masculine bottom, novice, seeks heavy-set, very dominant top 200+, 40-60. **T 1708**

GWM, 30, HIV-, 180, 6'1", average to good looking seeks GM 24-30 for friendship, sex and possible relationship. **T 1702**

2 GMS, 32 - muscular, handsome, endowed; 52 - lean, good-looking, deep throat; seek affectionate, versatile, young GWM for wild, kinky, long sessions. Letter/piz to: Bejeman, POB 6562, Marietta, GA 30065-0562. (6.34)

GWM, mid-40's, Healthy HIV+, seeks stable young GWM for hot massage, high erotic states, extended cuddle sessions and possible relationship. **T 1559**

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

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

GWM, 31, 5'9", 170, bl/bl, looking for more than "GOOD" time. Varied interests. Call for more details. **T 1686**

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GWM, 39, 5'7", 140 lbs., brn/hzl, beard, versatile, daytime playmate interested in safe anal, oral ball action seeks GWM 30's-45 with similar interests. **T 1595**

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

Goodlooking GWM 33, 5'9", 150, athletic, professional, great personality and values, healthy HIV. Looking to meet another exceptional man. **T 1670**

**SHOOT THE MOON?**

Hairy GWM, HIV-, 38, 5'10", 175# seeks men 18-40 who love their butts played with!

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. **T 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 Mns. & relationship. **T 1674**

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

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

Omo-Oschun, W/M, blond, moustache, 40, 5'8", slim, handsome, likes: wolves, nature, son montano, musica campesina, Cajun & Cuban cultures. **T 1676**

Handsome 6'2", 180, GWM seeks same over 30 with varied interests who is professional, intelligent and enjoys life like me. **T 1668**

GWM, 42, 5'11", 170, brn/bl, relationship-oriented, non-bar type, seeks same in GWM, late 20s. **T 1662**

To Japanese GM, 41, from August 19 Voice Connection, please contact me (GWM, 38), we have the same dream. **T 1663**

Work Hard, want to Play Hard - Prof., stable, happy GWM couple, 29, Bi/G, 5'8", 145, 35, br/br, 6', 175, seek fun guy or couple for good times - possible real good time, hot and safe. **T 1666**

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

WM seeks BM, WM - 25, discreet, good-looking, seeks similar Black Man. No fats / fems. **T 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 com-

sports, travel, French language. Seeks compatible GWM 35-45 for monogamous relationship. **T 1650**

GWM, 32, 6'3", professional, my eclectic interests: Country/rock music, Braves, comic book art, Grateful Dead, movies...sincere replies please. **T 1649**

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

Anal erotic seeks playmates, friends, etc. for long fun sessions. SM NOT. **T 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. **T 1644**

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

GWM 35, 5'8", 160 lb, br/br, g-look, masc, muscular, clean cut, adventurous, laid back, non-pretentious, honest, romantic, considerate, seeks same in secure energetic GWM 35-45. **T 1625**

Versatile GWM, 35, seeks neighborhood BM for close and convenient fun: Lakewood and adjacent areas. **T 1626**

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

GBM, 27, Professional, relationship-oriented, community-involved, ISO GM, 25-35, for cheap movie date. **T 1638**

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 47, 6'6", 210, sandy/blue, seeking gay Black, Hispanic, Native-American or Oriental male for serious friendship / romance / relationship. **T 1632**

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

GBM, 28, dominant, masculine, endowed top seeks GWM for french service. Must be discreet, passive and experienced. **T 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. **T 1602**

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

Black male seeks a masculine black male

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

Attractive professional GBM Top, 35, good condition, masculine, affectionate, seeks GWM Bottom (same attributes) for friendship/possible relationship. You 29-40. **T 1596**

GWM nudist, 40, 5'11", 185 lbs, muscular build, relocating to Atlanta mid-August, seeking GWM/GWC for fun in the sun and friendship. Professional, clean-cut, healthy, versatile enjoys sensual massages, videos, french, dancing and hot times. **T 1597**

Back-to-the-land survivor dares rugged outdoorsman to join him and crafts in rustic, peaceful, secluded northeast Georgia retreat. **T 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. **T 1593**

GWM, 35, 5'6", 135 lbs, clean-cut, youthful looks, slim muscular body, seeking hard O, body-worship. **T 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! **T 1590**

GWM 35, 5'9", 160, beard, masculine seeks older in-shape GB stud for discreet encounters. **T 1588**

Nice guy, 55, 160 lbs, safe HIV neg. masculine, endowed top desires friendship (relationship?) with slim white male under 40. **T 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. **T 1543**

After living seven years scared this very healthy HIV+ attractive, masculine GWM 5'9", Bi/Bl, 189, wishes to relax, love, and move on with life again. Desire attractive GWM 30-40+. **T 1573**

Masculine GWM, 26, 5'10", 155#, blond/brown, seeks good looking Butch top to 45 (sane, sexy, safe) for intense manly encounters. **T 1567**

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

Attractive GWM, 30, 5'5", 132, Brn/bm, hairy, seeking tall, handsome, sincere, non-smoking GWM for husband, 30-40ish. **T 1318**

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

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

Masculine WM, 41, brn/grm, in shape, stable, professional seeks masculine, healthy, safe non-smoker WM. **T 1558**

GWM, 36, Healthy HIV+ seeks other GWMs who are relationship oriented. I'm slim, great cook, attractive, romantic, love to cuddle. **T 1557**

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

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

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respected. Beginners OK. ☎ 1555

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, handsome, HIV-, desires someone to date; enjoys the mountains, hikes, reading, serious conversation, Comedy Central,

60s TV, long kisses. Weary of tactile deprivation. ☎ 1501

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

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

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

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

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

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, versatil, 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

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

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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30's BiWM, 6', dark hair and eyes, Francophile, seeks BiWF whose interests include literature, language(s), Scrabble, Chamber music OK. ☎ 1487

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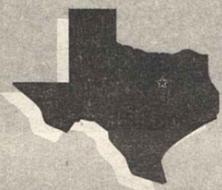
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