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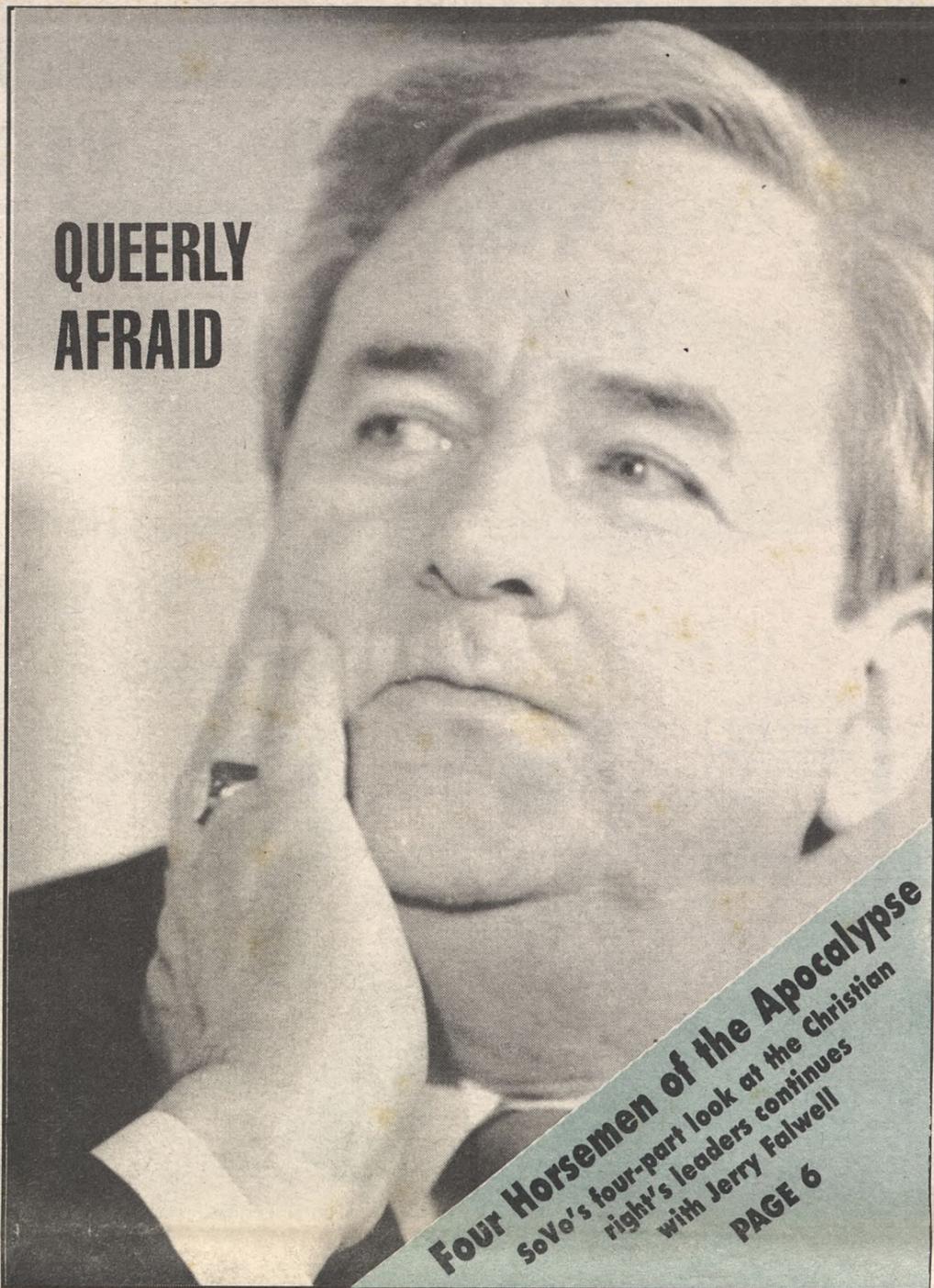
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# Eye on the Right

*New Christian supremacist push in city elections has lesbian/gay politicians looking for hidden agendas*

by KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—Gay and lesbian activists in the city are searching for clues this week, trying to ferret out candidates for local office who may be connected with the religious right.

The search intensified last week when the existence of Jacob's Well was uncovered. Jacob's Well bills itself as a black/white coalition supporting "candidates with character." The group's stated purpose is to provide resources for candidates running on a "pro-family" platform, particularly those opposed to the recently passed domestic partnership ordinances.

GAPAC has uncovered a number of such "stealth candidates," so named because, much like the military's Stealth bomber can fly undetected by radar, these candidates try to enter the political arena without their right-wing ties being detected.

The list includes Ari Casper-Silberman (City Council District 9), Hiram Scott (District 3), Harold Morgan (District 17), Soisette Lumpkin (District 1), Jackie Livingston (District 16), Donny Grogan (School Board Seat 9), and Rasheed Edwards (Seat 4). Also thought to be leaning sharply to the right are Kathy Carter (City Council District 9), Ayisha Jeffries (District 2), John H. Lewis, Sr. (District 14), and Brenda Muhammad (School Board Seat 1).

African American activists have been alarmed by the revelations of Jacob's Well. Pat Hussain, a community organizer with AIDS Walk Atlanta, was particularly disturbed when she arrived to speak to a meeting of Concerned Black Clergy last week to find mayoral candidate Nancy Schaefer, the force behind Jacob's Well, at the meeting.

"My blood ran cold when I saw [her]," Hussain said. "It's depressing to me from the standpoint that

here we have Family Concerns [Schaefer's group], which is white, trying to dictate what we should do. It's sickening to see it happen."

Hussain said that Schaefer was unable to speak to the group because she hadn't arranged a spot on the agenda beforehand, and that she left the meeting after introducing herself.

"There were other candidates for office there as well, who also couldn't speak," she said. "Everyone else who couldn't get on the program stayed. But Nancy Big Hair left, which spoke volumes. She wanted us to hear what she had to say, but she didn't want to hear what we had to say."

Patrick Bell, a member of the African American Lesbian Gay Alliance, called the introduction of Jacob's Well a racist attempt to subjugate the minority community, and urged lesbians and gays to hold those who take a stand with the group accountable for their positions.

"If they make the stand, they need to be willing to withstand the scrutiny," he said. "We allow African American leaders to get away with silence on these issues. [We need to] ask them if their silence means they condone people like [state Rep.] Billy [McKinney] and Nancy."

"It seems to me rather racist," he added. "They're trying to get African Americans to agree with them, and the more they get to agree with them, the more legitimate they are. But it's a hate campaign."

Hussain agreed. "Dr. King said 11 o'clock on Sunday is the most segregated hour in the country," she said. "What has brought [the white Christians] out of their churches? It's because they want to use us. But nobody's been asked to dinner, right? What I really want to ask [Schaefer] is where were you in the 1950s?"

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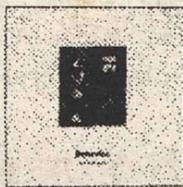
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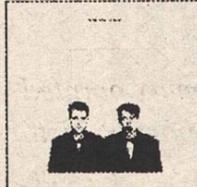
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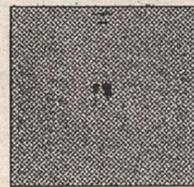
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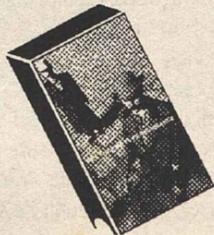
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# Courting the gay vote

*Lomax, Davis and Campbell campaign at gay/lesbian forum*

Atlanta—In an illustration of just how important the gay/lesbian vote has become in the Atlanta mayoral election, the three major candidates in the race all made strong pro-gay appeals last week.

Speaking to a forum Monday at Grady High School, sponsored by GAPAC, Councilman Bill Campbell, Councilwoman Myrtle Davis and former Fulton County Commission Chairman Michael Lomax all decried discrimination, said they would fight to retain domestic partnership legislation and committed to doing more to combat the AIDS plague.

"Discrimination is heinous. It is destructive. It can never be tolerated at any time," said Campbell, who told the crowd about his experience as the first black child to integrate the public school system in Raleigh, N.C. "Never in my career will I ever accept discrimination."

He noted his support for the recently-passed domestic partnership legislation, as well as legislation combating discrimination in private clubs. Campbell also told the crowd of about 100 that he battled a neighborhood planning unit in his district to allow placement of an AIDS hospice on Edgewood Avenue.

Davis also outlined her work on gay and lesbian issues during her time on the City Council, including sponsorship of the non-discrimination clause in the city's charter, hate crimes legislation and resolutions against homophobic actions by the Cracker Barrel res-

taurants and the state of Colorado.

She also said she has gotten a "bad rap" for being weak on gay/lesbian concerns after she missed both Pride and a crucial vote on domestic partnership. Davis said that on both of those occasions, she was out of town on previously scheduled business, not trying to dodge lesbian/gay issues.

"I can assure you that never happened," she said.

Lomax, who has lost some lesbian and gay support for his announcement that he would keep Eldrin Bell as police chief, also outlined

*Michael Lomax pointed to his gay-supportive history. "I've been visible. I've been supportive. I've been active. I've been there."*

his longtime support of the community as chairman of the commission, especially his work on the AIDS crisis.

"I've been visible. I've been supportive. I've been active. I've been there," Lomax said. He said he fought to allow the Infectious Disease Clinic to locate on Ponce DeLeon Avenue and said that Fulton County gave finan-

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Lesbian candidate Carolyn White faces six opponents in her bid in District 1.

## Council candidates face GAPAC crowd

Atlanta—Vern McCarty, a veteran of city political campaigns, says he remembers that as late as eight years ago, candidates for the City Council debated the advisability of even seeking the endorsement of GAPAC and the city's lesbian/gay community.

Times have changed. Last week, McCarty and 20 other candidates for the council trooped into the auditorium of Inman Park Middle School to actively seek the community's support.

Also on hand were the two candidates for City Council President—the incumbent, Marvin Arrington, and the challenger, Jabari Simama.

The race for council president presents a choice between two people who have been community supporters lately. Arrington broke the tie that pushed domestic partnership benefits through the City Council and introduced a new AIDS initiative. Simama, as a member of the council, voted for the partnership measure and gave an eloquent, moving speech in support of the bill. He told the crowd that as a result, he has received the most "mean spirited" response in his council career.

The campaign in this race has been one of the sharpest in the election, and the GAPAC forum was no exception. Simama accused Arrington of being a Marvin-come-lately to gay/lesbian concerns, noting that he has been involved in the council since 1970.

"Why didn't he do these things 24 years ago?" Simama said.

Addressing questions from the audience, Arrington, who is stressing an improved educational system as one of his campaign themes, was asked if he would support a gay/lesbian-positive curriculum in the Atlanta public schools. While he declined to endorse such a plan, he pledged to study it. "I think people ought to know about all forms of life," he said.

Simama, who told the audience that he was a Baptist, not a Muslim, despite his Swahili name, was asked for his reaction to ministers who condemn homosexuality. Simama said that he considered such rhetoric to be "anti-theological" and that if he heard a pastor engage in such verbal gay bashing, "I doubt I'd ever go back [to that church] again."

Among the council races, the highlight of the evening was in the race for the 6th District post (Virginia-Highland, Morningside and part of Midtown), which features an openly gay candidate, businessman Andy Loftis, the in-

cumbent, Mary Davis, and attorney Joe Kelly. All three were supportive of domestic partnership, expansion of anti-discrimination protections and prohibitions on the city doing business with companies that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Davis, who has been attacked by the other candidates for not being an effective force on the council, went through a laundry listed of boards she has served on, stretching back to her campaign two decades ago to stop a freeway through Morningside.

"I'm proud of my record," said Davis, who was the sponsor of the domestic partnership legislation. She said that with the emergence of an organized right-wing effort in the city, "this is no time for on-the-job training."

Kelly said the 6th District seat "is the seat on the City Council we look to to stand up for gays and lesbians." While he isn't gay, Kelly, who ran a dance company in the city for a number of years, said he had received "inspiration and mentoring from the gay and lesbian community."

He said he was running for council because he thinks the current crowd downtown doesn't manage the city well. "I'm mad about what I see happening to my city," he said. "People are becoming discouraged about living intown."

Loftis, saying that if he is elected he "won't forget my lesbian and gay sisters and brothers," said that it was time "that the voices of all the people, and not just an elite few, are heard." He promised to use his council post as a bully pulpit to promote tolerance of lesbians and gays.

"Watch me go after those people in the State Capitol and in Washington," said Loftis, who also said that a gay candidate has a perspective that a straight candidate cannot have, similar to the unique perspectives of black or female candidates.

"Only lesbians and gays know what they feel and experience," he said.

Both Kelly and Loftis were peppered, however, with questions about their community involvement—some of which came from Davis supporters in the audience.

Loftis, asked what he had done in the gay community, pointed to his membership a group called Apollo in the 1960s. And he said that "I have been a role model for the gay community in the business community." Kelly, who was

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## Store spikes physique magazines

*SportsTown says two magazines are not appropriate for its "normal" customers*

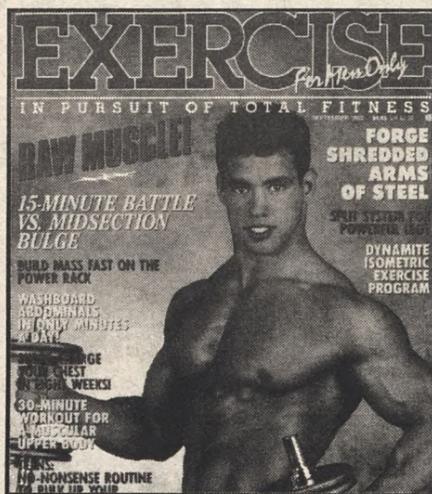
Norcross—SportsTown, the sporting goods superstore, recently removed two magazines featuring male physiques from its stores, claiming they were not appropriate for the company's "normal" customer.

Southern Voice has obtained a memo that magazine buyer Scott Cowan sent to all store managers on Sept. 24, noting that the magazines in question, The Human Form and Exercise for Men Only, both published by Chelo Publishing in New York, had not been approved by his office.

"These magazines are not appropriate for our normal SportsTown customer," Cowan wrote. "Return them on your magazine rep's next visit and ask him/her to discontinue delivery of these titles."

Cowan could not be reached for comment, and a SportsTown spokeswoman said the company had no comment on the removal of the magazines. Before the "no comment" was issued, public relations representative Julie Williams described SportsTown's normal customer as having a basic education of college and above, an average income of \$50,000 and above, and between 25-40 years of age.

A source close to SportsTown told Southern Voice that the edict originated from a



**A magazine deemed inappropriate for SportsTown's "normal" customers.**

district manager upset that the magazines were on display in the Marietta store.

Exercise for Men Only is a full color, glossy magazine aimed at the bodybuilding set. The magazine carries articles about workouts and a high concentration of photographs of muscular men performing various bodybuilding activities, as well as features on healthy eating and fashion. Chelo Publishing calls The Human Form "a photo book of impressive physiques captured by the world's finest photographers."

SportsTown is a growing company headquartered in Norcross, with five stores in Georgia and seventeen others scattered across the southeast, notably in Texas, North and South Carolina, and Virginia.

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## Virginia leaders attack gay paper

Fairfax, VA—The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has threatened the local library board with extinction unless it removes a gay newspaper being distributed free in county libraries.

The decision came Sept. 27 following an intense public hearing where residents protested distribution of the Washington Blade. During the hearing, the residents showed the supervisors a video presentation of sexually suggestive advertising from the Blade.

"I don't understand why the county can be used by a group like the Blade," said Supervisor Michael R. Frey. "I think their motives are clear."

The supervisors directed their staff to find a way to remove the newspaper. Failing that, the board asked for instructions on how to abolish the Library Board of Trustees, whose members are appointed by the supervisors.

"Them's fighting words, aren't they?" said Phylis A. Salak, head of the library board.

The dispute, which began in December, has been quiet recently. The library board decided earlier this year to allow distribution of two dozen copies of the Blade in each of the 22 branches, just as other free newspa-

### The Washington Blade



#### Gay groups grow larger

But vigorous growth is not as strong as period following 1987 March on Washington

The Gay movement's momentum has ebbed somewhat during the past year. In the Washington area, the number of active members in the local gay and lesbian community has declined since the 1987 March on Washington. The number of active members in the local gay and lesbian community has declined since the 1987 March on Washington.

#### Gay man hails cab, gets taken for a ride

D.C. man alleges discrimination by driver

A Washington, D.C. man has filed a lawsuit against a taxi driver, alleging discrimination. The man claims that the driver refused to take him to a gay bar because of his sexual orientation.

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## Students sue over Alabama funding law

Montgomery, AL—The leader of a lesbian/gay student organization says an Alabama law that bars such groups from getting funding on university campuses infringes on members' right to free speech and association.

The Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance of the University of South Alabama, in Mobile, was denied funding by the university last winter, said George Hite Wilson, the group's president.

On Sept. 27, the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama filed a federal lawsuit challenging the state law, which prohibits state colleges from using public funds or buildings to support any group "that fosters or promotes a lifestyle or actions prohibited by the sodomy and sexual misconduct laws" of Alabama.

State legislators passed the bill without opposition in response to a dispute at Auburn University, where the Student Government Association denied a campus charter to the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association in 1991. Administrators overruled the decision and granted the charter. The legislation was signed into law by former Gov. Guy Hunt.

Ruth E. Harlow, associate director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, co-filer of the suit, said the law's language is unconstitutional.

"Alabama's government-sanctioned bigotry is an insult to its citizens, and embarrassment to the state and a threat to the safety of gay and lesbian students," said Olivia Turner, director of the ACLU of Alabama.

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## Lesbian will give up lover for custody

Bentonville, AR—A woman fighting to keep custody of her children says she'll give up a lesbian relationship if it means she can keep the youngsters, her lawyer says.

The children's father and mother, divorced in 1988, are battling for custody of the children in Benton County Chancery Court. The names of the parents are being kept confidential to protect the children.

The lawyer for the father said his client was alerted to his ex-wife's lesbian relationship when the two women applied unsuccessfully for a marriage license last May. That action prompted the father to seek custody of the children—a 13-year-old son and a 9-year-old daughter—who have been primarily in the custody of their mother since the divorce.

"This is not San Francisco, not New York, not Chicago—this is northwest Arkansas," said Bob Scott, lawyer for the father. "Whether that lifestyle has been accepted in the rest of the country is immaterial. It has not been accepted here."

Lawyer Xollie Duncan, appointed to represent the children, has recommended that the father get primary custody, with specific restrictions placed on both parents. Duncan said there were concerns about the father's financial stability and the irresponsibility of both parents. She also said the mother's lesbian lifestyle has put pressure on both chil-

dren.

Cochran claimed that the father was unfit to be a parent. He has a record of writing bad checks, a driving-while-intoxicated conviction, is behind on child-support payments and violated a standing order not to take the children out of the state during visitation, she said.

"For a man of his character to get custody in a normal case would be unheard of," she said. "They did not put on a shred of evidence to prove that she is not a good mother. If our society is that prejudiced, that's pretty sad."

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### COMING EVENT

#### "Falsettos" in Charlotte

Charlotte, NC—The Charlotte Repertory Theatre will present "Falsettos" from October 6-17 in the Booth Playhouse of the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. The play runs Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for weeknight and matinee performances and \$15 for weekend evening shows. Call the Charlotte Rep box office at (704) 333-8587 or the Performing Arts Center box office at (704) 372-1000.

**Lesbians Fight For Custody Of Son:** The split-up of a lesbian couple in Madison, Wis., has led to a custody battle over a 5-year-old boy. Sandra Lynne Holtzman has asked a judge to award her custody of the boy, who is currently staying with her biological mother, Elisabeth Knott. A hearing has been set for Oct. 1. In court papers, Holtzman claims that Knott is an unfit parent. The couple was together for 10 years before splitting last May. The boy was conceived by artificial insemination during the couple's relationship.

**AIDS, Gay Groups Back Clinton Health Plan:** Leaders of HRCF and the AIDS Action Council have announced that they will support President Clinton's proposed health care reform plan. "The broad principles in the proposal set forth by the president provide the first comprehensive national framework for addressing a range of health care issues facing people living with HIV/AIDS," said Daniel Bross, executive director of AAC. HRCF director Tim McFeeley also praised the Clinton plan, saying "We believe that access to health care is a basic human right. We will be with him in this fight."



**Secretary of Defense Les Aspin must explain to a federal judge why the military ban on gay people is still in effect.**

board member Efa Nwangaza, a Greenville, NC attorney, said she thought the woman's orientation was public knowledge, and claimed that the grievance and upcoming hearing are part of "a continuing effort to quash dissent within the organization, a continuing effort to discredit and neutralize black women and other women of color." Both Nwangaza and her accuser are African American.

**Judge Throws Out Anti-Gay Rights Election:** The state of Oregon is considering criminal charges against five Junction City voters after a judge threw out election results for an anti-gay rights measure sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance. The measure passed by a single vote in June, but Judge Gregory Foote tossed the results when he found improprieties with five voters, two of whom admitted under oath that they voted for the measure even though they live outside the city. One of the two, Amy Feinberg, said that she considers Christ's Center inside the city limits to be her home even though she actually lives in a trailer parked outside the city limits.

**U.S. House Passes New Hate Crimes Legislation:** The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act of 1993 by an overwhelming vote on Sept. 21. The bill, if passed by the Senate where strong opposition from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) is expected, will increase sentences for federal hate crimes where the victim was targeted because of race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. "The House has now taken the next step with this vital piece of legislation to insure and protect the safety of all Americans," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of HRCF.

**Teaching Assistant Reprimanded For Showing "Paris Is Burning":** A teaching assistant at the University of Iowa has received a letter of reprimand for failing to warn students before showing the documentary film "Paris Is Burning." "The person was not reprimanded for showing the film but for not complying with our expectation that students be warned about contents," said Ann Rhodes, vice president for university relations. The instructor was not named because disciplinary actions are confidential.

**Lesbian/Gay Journalists Critical Of Mainstream Media Coverage:** Television and radio newsrooms are perceived to be generally good environments for lesbian and gay employees, but there is a wide gap in the way newsroom managers and lesbian and gay journalists view coverage of gay issues, according to a survey conducted by the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation and the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association. 75% of gay journalists reported that their newsrooms are comfortable workplaces, while 58% of news directors agreed. But 72% of news directors gave high marks to their coverage of anti-lesbian/gay violence, while only 35% of the gay journalists did so. The journalists are also far more critical of the coverage of other issues concerning lesbians and gay men than the news directors.

**Gay Police Officer Who Resigned Is Reinstated:** Five months after he resigned from the Seattle Police Dept. over what he says was harassment within the force, a gay officer is set to return to his job. Paul Brady, an eight year veteran who resigned in May after fellow officers criticized him intensely for testifying in favor of a proposed state hate crimes law, will return to his former post as sergeant at the East Precinct. Grady's attorney would not comment on why Grady was returning, but Police Chief Patrick Fitzsimons, who Grady claimed tolerated the harassment, is retiring in February. "You can read between the lines," said Shelley Kostrinsky, Grady's attorney.

**Second Lawsuit Filed Under Portland Gay Rights Ordinance:** A Portland, Maine, woman is suing a local bagel shop, claiming she was fired because she is a lesbian. Leslie Johnson is the second person to test the city's gay rights ordinance. Earlier this month, Cynthia Dowd claimed that she was transferred, laid off and ultimately fired from her job because of her sexual orientation. An attorney said that Johnson, who began work at the Bagel Works in August 1992 and was fired last April, was probed about her sexual orientation and then told she "didn't fit the mold."

**Judge Wants Aspin In Court To Explain Military Gay Ban:** The federal judge who ruled that the Navy's gay ban was unconstitutional has ordered Secretary of Defense Les Aspin and other officials to appear in court to explain why the ban is still in effect. U.S. District Judge Terry J. Hatter, Jr., said last week that the officials must show cause "why you should not be held in contempt." Hatter made his ruling in the case of Keith Meinhold, a Navy petty officer who was discharged after revealing his homosexuality. Meinhold has been reinstated. President Clinton's compromise plan is set to go into effect this week, but the House and Senate have each passed stricter versions of the plan attached to the defense budget. The Clinton administration has indicated that it will not oppose the amendment.

**NOW To Hold Hearing Over Alleged Outing:** The National Organization for Women is considering whether to discipline one of its officials for publicly identifying a member of the group as a lesbian. The woman whose conduct is being challenged, NOW

board member Efa Nwangaza, a Greenville, NC attorney, said she thought the woman's orientation was public knowledge, and claimed that the grievance and upcoming hearing are part of "a continuing effort to quash dissent within the organization, a continuing effort to discredit and neutralize black women and other women of color." Both Nwangaza and her accuser are African American.

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# Falwell bashes gays and lesbians to revive past glory

by KC WILDMOON

During the 1980s, as the money poured in, presidents sought his counsel and politicians courted his support. But in this new decade, Jerry Falwell finds himself battered financially and usurped politically. To sustain his ministry and celebrity, he has turned to bashing gays and lesbians.

Hardly a direct-mail piece goes out of his Lynchburg, Va. headquarters that does not decry the moral degeneration caused in this country by homosexuals. Both his "Old Time Gospel Hour" television show and "Perspectives" radio program rail against the awful descent of America into hellish hedonism. He has asked his followers (and they do refer to themselves as such) to join him in a declaration of war.

"The liberal politicians, radical feminists and homosexual groups have a design for takeover...of our country...and your family," he wrote in a June fundraising letter mailed out to thousands of sympathizers in his group, the Liberty Alliance.

In return for "a gift of \$55, \$35 or even \$25," Falwell promised those who joined his spiritual war a videotape with "two messages every American should hear—'America Declares War on God' and 'An Exposé of the Gay and Lesbian March on Washington.'"

But what Falwell and his "behind-the-scenes camera crew" saw in the nation's capital last April 25—what they are sending out to cities and hamlets all across America—bears precious little resemblance to what people at the march saw, or even the view enjoyed by people who stayed home and watched the proceedings on the network news or C-SPAN.

His version is a carefully constructed series of clips of the most outrageous scenes Falwell's camera crew could find.

"If you watched the national media coverage on the gay march, you missed the real, sordid story," Falwell wrote in a May 1 fundraising letter. "The media attempted to sugarcoat the perversion—but our camera crews captured events not shown on network TV." And with a warning that the mailer should be kept out of the hands of small children, Falwell described the horrors in Washington

on that spring day:

Clinton advisor David Mixner saying that gay men and lesbians need "no longer live in shame." Metropolitan Community Church founder Troy Perry announcing that "God is on our side." Men walking arm-in-arm.

Photos enclosed with the call for money showed two men hugging, a man in a "Big Fag" T-shirt and the front banner of a P-FLAG group proclaiming "the real meaning of family values."

In short, what set Falwell off was nothing that wouldn't have appeared in lesbian and gay press coverage of the march. But Falwell had a different take. "These radical homosexuals were an army of perverted men and women whose agenda is to completely destroy the traditional moral values of America," he wrote. "They now feel free to spread their filth across America."

Jerry Falwell's paranoid perception is of a massive, evil homosexual constituency out to undermine the security of the nation. And the only way to combat it is to return to those elusive traditional family values—one man for one woman, no homosexuality.

But such a simplistic view of "family values" does not always take into consideration the real behavior of those families. And Jerry Falwell's family history is a case in point.

The Falwell clan has been a part of Lynchburg history since its 1757, when John Lynch established a ferry on the James River. And yes, this is the spot that brought the word "lynching" into the American language. During the American Revolution, John Lynch and his brother, Charles, had a habit of hanging Tories by their thumbs until they called out "Liberty forever." Through the years, the practice became much more violent—and fatal.

Falwell's family has always been a rough cross between Southern aristocracy and wild rednecks. Hezekiah Carey Falwell, Jerry's great-grandfather, was a slaveowner with nearly 1,000 acres of farmland. A wheelwright by trade, Hezekiah used his land to raise crops to feed the Confederate army during the Civil War. He also provided land for a Confederate

## About this series



They are four straight white men with religious fervor, political savvy and media access, and they are using them to take aim at gays and lesbians in America. They are the Four Horsemen of our Apocalypse—Jerry Falwell, father of the religious right; Pat Robertson, broadcaster and organizer of the Christian Coalition; James Dobson, who is trying to redefine family in a fundamentalist image through his Focus on the Family media empire; and Donald

Wildmon, head of the pro-censorship American Family Association. In a four-part series, Southern Voice staff writer KC Wildmoon explores how and why these men built their power—and how they are using it against us.

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fort for the city's defense.

Jerry Falwell's grandfather, Charles William Falwell, was, by all accounts, a kind and generous man who ran a large dairy and dirt farm on the Falwell property. But he was an atheist who "turned his back on God forever" when his wife died in 1914. "Grandpa Charles refused to enter a church and relentlessly ridiculed anyone who did," Jerry Falwell wrote in his 1987 autobiography, "Strength for the Journey."

Falwell saw this as a victory for the "Enemy," his special name for Satan. In "Strength for the Journey," Falwell details as much of his family history as is known, carefully attrib-

uting any action that does not coincide with his Christian beliefs to the "Enemy." No account was more dramatic than the death of his uncle, Garland, at the hands of Carey Falwell, Jerry's father.

Carey's father was a hard-working man who started a bus service between several cities in Virginia and North Carolina. He was also a bootlegger during Prohibition in the 1920s and staged illegal cockfights and dogfights for the Lynchburg citizenry. Because of Carey Falwell's many business enterprises—a hotel, restaurants, gas stations, real estate, stocks, bonds, vending machines, the bus line—

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## Falwell

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the Falwells fared well during the depression. "Even in the worst...he still owned several cars and regularly ate venison," wrote Falwell biographer Dinesh D'Souza.

But Carey's brother, Garland, did not handle the prosperity as well. He drank heavily, gambled, used drugs and drove fast cars. The Falwells stuck by their wayward kin, however, with Carey Falwell providing the attorney when Garland was arrested for chasing some college students with a gun when he thought they had stolen his wallet.

Given a light sentence thanks to Carey's help, Garland returned to his old ways, and eventually, in an alcohol-and-drug-induced rage, came after Carey with his gun. Carey defended himself and killed Garland with one shot from a shotgun to the chest.

The killing was ruled self-defense, and Carey Falwell was not prosecuted. But the death of his brother, and the earlier death of his daughter, Rosha, from a ruptured appendix, sent him into a dizzying spiral of alcohol abuse. Jerry Falwell attributes it all to the Enemy.

Jerry Laymon Falwell was born on Aug. 11, 1933, two years after the deaths of Rosha and Garland. He and his fraternal twin, Gene, were the second and third sons of Carey and Helen Beasley Falwell. They had an older brother and sister. Like fellow Christian supremacist Pat Robertson, Falwell comes by his religion from his mother's side of the family.

The Beasleys, "Baptists from the beginning of time," according to Falwell, were also owners of plantations farmed by slaves, and the Civil War ruined the family. But the Beasleys remained properly religious, bringing up their children to fear the Lord and go to church every Sunday. Carey and Helen were married in 1915 and remained together until Carey's death in 1948, although the last few years were frequently punctuated by Carey's drunken, violent outbursts.

"Occasionally, angry words were not enough, and Dad would strike out with his fists before thinking," Falwell wrote, adding that his father struck him only once that he



could remember.

Jerry Falwell's consolation in the story of his father is that on his death bed, Carey was baptized. It had taken 37 years, but Carey Falwell confessed his sins and was forgiven by God. Jerry Falwell's vision is for this to happen to every American.

However, the act of conversion took nearly 20 years for Jerry himself.

Young Jerry Falwell was a practical joker and a little bit wild. He belonged to a gang called the "Wall Gang," so named because of the spot in Lynchburg where the teenaged boys hung out. They picked fights, started fires and generally caused mischief. Falwell was even banned from delivering the valedictory address at his high school because he had masterminded a scheme for school athletes to eat without meal tickets.

Falwell was one of those athletes. He played football, basketball and baseball. At

one time, he was given a chance to try out for the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team.

He grew up listening to the fundamentalist Rev. Charles Fuller's "Old Fashioned Revival Hour" on the radio each Sunday morning. Falwell liked the preacher's steady promotion of the Gospel, and, in his college years, he went in search of a minister like Fuller.

Falwell found Rev. Paul Donnelson at the Park Avenue Baptist Church in Lynchburg. In 1952, taken with the preaching of Donnelson, he dropped out of Lynchburg College and enrolled at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo.

"I went to Lynchburg College to get a liberal education," he told biographer D'Souza. "I went to Baptist Bible College with the specific purpose of preparing for Christian ministry."

After graduation, Falwell prepared to come to Macon, Ga. to start a church. But back in

Lynchburg, his old church was having problems with its new minister, and 35 members persuaded Falwell to help them found a new church. Falwell set up shop in 1956 in an abandoned building, the Donald Duck Bottling Company, and intended to stay only a month.

He has been at the Thomas Road Baptist Church ever since.

Falwell married Macel Pate, whom he had met when he first came to Park Avenue, and began his radio and television ministry. He would broadcast sermons first, then deliver them an hour later at church.

Thomas Road expanded rapidly—from 35 members to nearly 900 in a year. The church now boasts nearly 20,000 members and seats 4,000 for each of Falwell's services. His radio and television broadcasts grew quickly as well. By the mid-1960s, "The Old Time Gospel Hour," as he called it, was being broadcast across the country.

He held conservative political views, including opposition to integration and Supreme Court rulings such as *Brown vs. Board of Education* ("I grew up from infancy believing that segregation was right and Christian," he has said. "If Chief Justice Warren and his associates had known God's word, I am quite confident that the 1954 decision would never have been made.") But in his early years as a televangelist, Falwell avoided political involvement.

He held to the traditional fundamentalist view that political questions were irrelevant to saving souls.

"We have a message of redeeming grace through a crucified and risen Lord," Falwell preached in 1965. "Nowhere are we told to reform the externals. We are not told to wage wars against bootleggers, liquor stores, gamblers, murderers, prostitutes, racketeers, prejudiced persons or institutions, or any other existing evil as such. The Gospel does not clean up the outside but rather regenerates the inside...Preachers are not called to be politicians but soul winners."

Citing those beliefs, he was particularly critical of "liberal" clergymen taking an active role in the civil rights battles of the 1960s.

Today, Jerry Falwell's positions have

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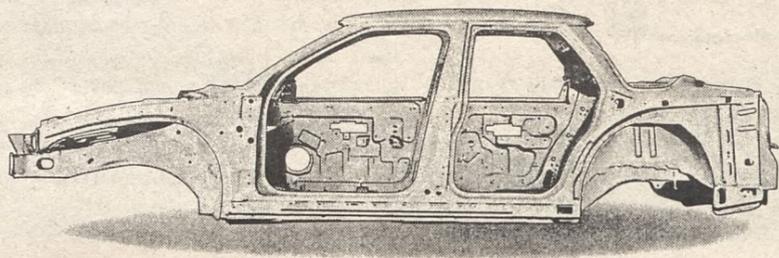
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## Falwell bashes to revive old glory

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changed—both on segregation, which he no longer condones, and on the role of preachers. He says he reread his Bible and learned that it did not recommend segregation. And when the Supreme Court legalized abortion with its *Roe vs. Wade* decision in 1973, he tumbled into the political arena with a vengeance, preaching vehemently against abortion, Communism, homosexuality, feminism and everything else that, to him, stood in the way of a righteous America.

In 1976, Falwell's organized a series of "I Love America" rallies, staged to celebrate the country's 200th birthday. He carried the success of those rallies to Florida to support Anita Bryant's anti-gay "Save the Children" crusade in 1978.

That same year, a group of like-minded conservative activists—the National Christian Action Coalition's Robert Billings, Religious Roundtable founder Ed McAteer, Conservative Caucus director Howard Phillips and conservative direct-mail fund raiser Richard Viguier—contacted Falwell about drawing up "a game plan to save America."

The Moral Majority was born.

It was a political and financial success. In 1980, Ronald Reagan was swept into office and a dozen liberal Democratic senators were swept out, many of whom had been targeted by Falwell's organization. Pollster Lou Harris credits the Moral Majority with delivering Reagan's victory—without it, Harris believes, Jimmy Carter would have won by a percentage point. At its high point in 1985, the Moral Majority grossed \$11 million.

Falwell became the confidant of presidents, offering advice on everything from domestic policy to Supreme Court appointments. These were heady years, but the writing was on the wall.

As the 1980s wore on, the scandals of Jim Bakker and Jimmy Swaggart caused serious financial and credibility problems for all televangelists. Falwell, in a series of loans, borrowed \$100 million and mortgaged his church 11 times. He made an attempt to revive Bakker's PTL empire that was spectacularly unsuccessful. Liberty University, the college he started in Lynchburg, had part of its campus foreclosed on in 1991. At one point, Falwell was even involved in a company with ties to disgraced investment banker Charles Keating.

As of this summer, according to a report in the magazine *Mother Jones*, Falwell's various organizations owed the IRS \$5 million.

Politically, too, Falwell has seen his role as chief lion of the religious right usurped by

people such as Pat Robertson (Falwell backed George Bush, not Robertson, in the 1988 Republican presidential race) and Pat Buchanan. Declaring that he had accomplished what he had set out to do, Falwell shut the Moral Majority down in 1989.

"[Falwell] was very much an example of the religious right as it existed in the 1980s," said Arthur Kropp, president of People for the American Way, a progressive group hated by Falwell because of its close monitoring of the activities of conservative leaders. "What Falwell had was a direct mail list that generated a lot of money and gave him a lot of TV time. But he never built a grassroots organization and never seemed inclined to. Jerry Falwell was into self-promotion."

But though he may not be the power he once was, Falwell is still on TV and still able to spread his view of what is and isn't acceptable in America. And gay men and lesbians are what he finds unacceptable.

"He's worse than he was, particularly on the anti-gay front," says Kropp. "He's as shrill and incendiary as he can be, but that's not going to get him back into the position he had before."

But the question is whether gays and lesbians can take that chance. Falwell is dabbling again in politics. He has started a new organization, the Liberty Alliance. With the election of Bill Clinton as president, he has a new target. Clinton, he regularly preaches, has turned his back on God and is taking the country with him on the road to hell.

He delivers his message through lies and distortions: "We don't know how AIDS is contracted;" "This gay civil rights legislation could also penalize pastors ultimately and all ministers for preaching against homosexuality from a Biblical perspective as sin;" "A bigot is someone who has Biblical truth on their side and is not afraid to preach and deliver that truth, even against the mobs;" "It was as if Sodom and Gomorrah had stepped off the pages of the Old Testament and visited our nation's capital."

At his most basic level, Jerry Falwell's crusade is about his own power, his own vision, his own place in history. America fell for it once, and Falwell seems to be trying to get America to fall for it again.

As Kropp puts it, "[Falwell] is the father of the religious right movement. He just hates being out of the spotlight. He's not comfortable being a founding father who fades into the background."



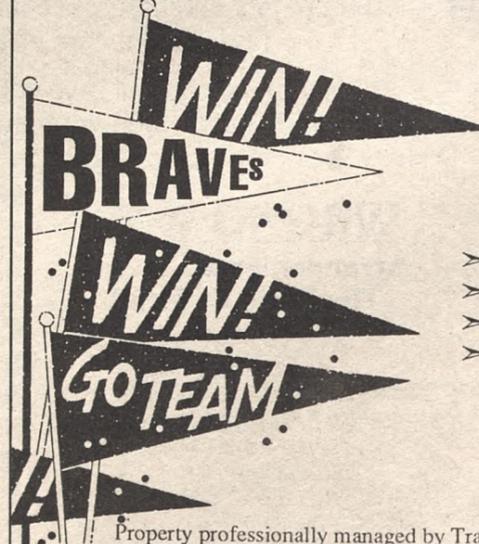
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Members of the anti-lesbian/gay Oregon Citizens Alliance kick off their petition drive for a 1994 "no special rights" ballot question.

## Oregon may face 1994 hate vote

Salem, OR—Leaders of the Oregon Citizens Alliance have started a new petition drive to put an anti-gay/lesbian rights measure on the ballot statewide.

While Oregon voters rejected a similar proposal in 1992, the new measure has been cleansed of the most extreme homophobic language that upset some voters—including labeling homosexuality as abnormal and perverse and requiring state and local governments to discourage it.

The new initiative is called "The Minority Status and Child Protection Act," denying minority status based on sexual orientation. It would prohibit children, students and employees from being "advised, instructed or taught by any government agency, department or political unit in the state of Oregon that homosexuality is the legal or social equivalent of race, color, religion, gender, age or national origin; nor shall public funds be expended in a manner that has the purpose or effect of promoting or expressing approval of homosexuality." Marital status of "domestic partnerships" and spousal benefits would also be barred on the basis of homosexuality.

The proposed initiative would, however, recognize private lawful sexual behaviors as "non-job related factors, provided such factors do not disrupt the work place." It would also safeguard gays from being denied business licenses, permits or services.

In an effort to placate fears of censorship created by the defeated ballot measure, called Measure 9, the OCA included a provision in the new initiative that says that adult access to library books addressing homosexuality would not be limited, "provided access to such materials is limited through the existing library review process."

If the OCA can collect enough signatures on

the petitions, a statewide vote on the measure would be held in November, 1994.

In the meantime, more local anti-gay rights ordinances, dubbed "The Sons of 9," were overwhelmingly approved by voters recently in six Oregon cities and one county.

Sponsored by the OCA, the local measures called for "no special rights" for gays or lesbians and would prohibit local governments from granting minority or affirmative action status to them.

The ordinances passed in the cities of Creswell, Medford, Estacada, Molalla, Sweet Home and Lebanon, as well as Jackson County. The OCA previously succeeded in getting seven similar measures passed in other cities and counties.

While Measure 9 passed in 21 of Oregon's 36 counties, it lost statewide because of strong opposition in heavily-populated metropolitan areas. So OCA leaders began pushing the local referendums.

Those referendums, however, have been thrown into confusion after the legislature, on August 3, passed a new state law which invalidates all such local measures. The latest local votes have been allowed to proceed until a judge decides whether the state law is constitutional. That ruling is expected this month.

Several gay/lesbian rights activists said uncertainty over whether or not the courts would actually allow the elections made it difficult for them to convey their message to voters.

"We're disappointed," said Gina Davis of the organization Creswell for Human Rights, after seeing the anti-gay measure pass 368-268 in her town. "But I don't think any of us are real surprised. We didn't manage to educate people enough about what this issue meant for Creswell."

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## EDITORIAL

## African Americans must stand against right's ruse

We'll give the Christian right credit for imagination, even if we can't give them any points for intellectual honesty.

The latest ruse being employed by these right-wing chameleons is to use homophobia as a weapon to build a political alliance with African-American voters, with whom they have next to nothing in common. This clever, if morally bankrupt, tactic is being tried across the nation, and in Atlanta, a group called Jacob's Well is trying to use the strategy in the city elections. In one particularly egregious bit of hyperbole, a Jacob's Well leader said that "MLK didn't die for the rights of gay men to sleep together."

One of the ironies here is that, 30 years ago, the Christian supremacist establishment, which is now misusing the Bible to justify oppression of gays and lesbians, was misusing that same Bible to justify oppression of blacks. Egged on by that atmosphere, people tossed rocks in Selma and turned on the firehoses in Birmingham—and aimed rifles in Memphis.

State Rep. Billy McKinney and the other blacks who have entered into this unseemly alliance are so blinded by their hatred of lesbians and gays that they don't recognize that they are being duped by the very people who have oppressed them.

Most African Americans, of course, aren't falling for such rot. But make no mistake—the possibility of such an alliance needs to be viewed as a serious threat, particularly in Atlanta, where large numbers of straight African Americans live side-by-side with lesbians and gay men of all colors. And if a fundamentalist/black alliance in the city links up with rural Sam Nunn Democrats and right-wing suburban Republicans, the resulting assault on what few human rights protections exist in Georgia could be truly frightening.

The question is how to counter this threat. We believe the first line of defense is for

gay and lesbian African Americans to speak up and organize. Anti-gay African American demagogues get away with their outrageous behavior by painting homosexuality as a "white thing." The people who are best able to counter this misinformation are the people who, through their own proud lives and examples, prove that ignorant notion false.

We also believe that civil rights leaders, and Atlanta's African-American political establishment, need to denounce this strategy and its disciples.

There are, of course, many differences between the gay/lesbian rights movement and the African Americans' struggle for equality in the 1950s and 1960s. A complete parallel does not exist. But an underlying principle—that people should be judged by content and not classification—is at the core of both movements.

Coretta Scott King and Rev. Joseph Lowery of the Southern Christian Leadership Confer-

ence have made strong, public statements in support of lesbian and gay rights. We applaud their courage and consistency. Now, political leaders—the Andrew Youngs and Maynard Jacksons—need to also speak out forcefully against the evils of discrimination and exclusion. They need to denounce Jacob's Well and work to thwart its hateful sneak attack.

Ditto for the city's mayoral, City Council and school board candidates.

This is a city where the issue of race stands in the background like a 40-ton gorilla. Dragging it into the middle of the battle over lesbian/gay human rights, as Jacob's Well seeks to do, is reprehensible, of course. And if it works, all lesbians and gay men, black and white, will see what little progress we have made imperiled.

With the eyes of the world upon us as 1996 approaches, this city—and all of its residents—have a stake in not letting that happen.

RICHARD SHUMATE

## Stop kissing Clinton's behind

Given the complete and utter betrayal of lesbians and gays by Bill Clinton, we remain amazed that so many people in our community still seem so willing to bend low and kiss his posterior.

In particular, the Human Rights Campaign Fund has been puckering up. They actually spent money to send out a press release noting that Clinton *shook hands* with two HRCF staffers at a recent bill signing. Yes, another magnanimous, monumental gesture from our beloved leader. Who needs civil rights when you get to shake the Big Guy's hand?

In another release, the HRCF's newly elected co-chair, Hilary Rosen, said, "We do

have a friend in the White House."

Enough already. We do *not* have a friend in the White House. Under any definition of friendship that's worth a hoot, a friend is somebody who doesn't sell you out when the going gets tough.

We may take small comfort in the fact that Clinton is not as bad as Reagan and Bush. That hardly qualifies him as a friend. The prettiest among three ugly frogs is still an ugly frog.

And behaving as apologists for people who screw us over may be the reason we keep getting screwed over.

RICHARD SHUMATE

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## Fallacies of the HIV-equals-AIDS orthodoxy

BY TIMOTHY HAND

If your main sources of information are the local paper and the TV, you are likely to believe that AIDS is caused by a sexually transmitted virus. But if you visit the medical library from time to time, you will come across other views of AIDS. Scientists are not only questioning the role of HIV in AIDS—they are going further and asking: is AIDS an infectious, sexually transmitted disease at all?

Think about the characteristics of infectious diseases, particularly sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). All are equally distributed between the sexes. None remain confined to risk groups. All are produced by a single, common, active, abundant microbe after a brief (days or weeks) incubation period. Never do the symptoms vary with your nationality or sexual orientation. For STDs, the most promiscuous people get the most disease. Moreover, transmission is nearly guaranteed if you engage in sex with a person who has active disease.

AIDS does not behave like this. AIDS in America and Europe is confined primarily (about 90 percent) to males. It has had plenty of time to spread to non-drug-using heterosexuals and to equilibrate between the sexes, but it hasn't done so. Highly promiscuous female prostitutes remain nearly untouched by the AIDS epidemic, despite the fact that they rarely use condoms and suffer very high rates of classical STDs. AIDS patients have no single microbe in common; even HIV is completely absent in hundreds, if not thousands, of people with AIDS. (Renaming the disease in HIV-free people, or redefining AIDS as immune

suppression with HIV, are unconvincing and dishonest responses to the dilemma of HIV-free AIDS). AIDS symptoms also tend to vary with risk group; they differ in gays and straights, and in Americans and Africans. Finally, wives of hemophiliacs with HIV and/or AIDS do not get AIDS, despite years of unprotected sexual contact with their husbands. T-cell counts in these women are usually normal. Partners of HIV-positive persons often remain healthy and HIV-negative (for example,

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the wives of Arthur Ashe and Magic Johnson, as well as Rock Hudson's partner, Marc Christian).

Those who believe that sexually transmitted HIV "causes AIDS" must account for HIV-free AIDS cases, HIV inactivity and scarcity in infected persons and the absence of HIV from the semen of nearly all HIV-infected men. They must also explain why AIDS itself is primarily a male disease in America, even though the testing of millions of recruits for the U.S. Army shows equal distribution of HIV between the sexes.

Taken together, these observations suggest

that neither HIV nor AIDS itself is sexually transmitted.

Why is none of this appearing in the mainstream press? Is it because preventing and treating non-infectious diseases is commercially uninteresting? Is it because we may have to admit that the billions of dollars we've poured into HIV/AZT research have been wasted?

Let's continue questioning. Of the people who died of "AIDS," how many died not of HIV but of the consequences of medical/recreational drug use? How many died of hemophilia itself? How many died of AZT poisoning? (Independent studies show that chronic AZT is ineffective against both HIV and AIDS, that it is extremely harmful to health and that it may actually cause AIDS diseases.)

Today's prevalent "gospel truth" is that sex = HIV transmission = AIDS = death. This seems like the truth only because it has been endlessly repeated like a mantra (usually by journalists and AIDS activists who have no medical or scientific training, or by doctors who are trained to respect authority rather than to think critically). But this dogma has only been around for a few years, an eye blink in medical history. It was accepted prematurely. It has less scientific support than you might think. And there is now a new line of inquiry that rejects it and proposes a completely new concept of AIDS.

But you would never know that by reading the gay or mainstream press. They repeat the tired mantra without thinking. Should we have a requiem for investigative journalism?

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## Ten years when all has changed, changed utterly

Be forewarned—this column is a mess. Part theater review, part restaurant critique, part maudlin reminiscence, part aimless introspection, part political rumination, part real estate kvetching. And all about change. Such is my life on my tenth anniversary of moving to Atlanta.

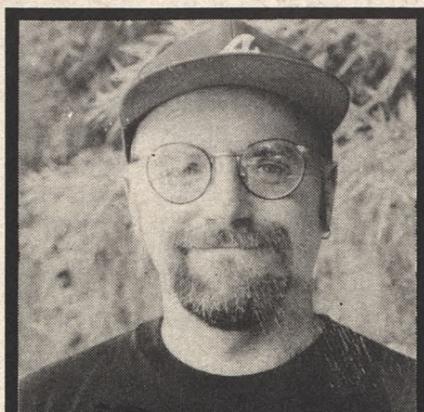
It is Sept. 26, 1983, and the combination of forces required to set me in motion—job distress, roommate distress, money distress, an aching need to get out of Montgomery, Ala., and the presence of the Atlanta Constitution in a newsstand near the Trailways bus station—have finally hit critical mass. Resumes went out in June, were responded to in July, offers made and accepted in August.

I resigned from my paralegal job, and now the moving van is packed, the cat is in my 1972 Dodge Dart Swinger and nothing is left to do but surrender myself to adventure, start the engine and head northeast. Atlanta had called, and somehow, I had found the courage to answer.

Ten years later, to quote Yeats, "all has changed, changed utterly." My tenth summer saw me engaged in activities unfathomable to the person I was in 1983. Co-existing side-by-side in my life were a successful and rewarding effort in organizing a gay male spirituality conference and a fitful and frustrating househunting experience. Now that the conference is over, I am waiting to see if my fourth real estate contract of the summer will be the first one accepted by a seller.

Sept. 26, 1993 is also about trying to catch up on things undone. Yesterday, I visited my "faux" nephews—offspring of friends from Montgomery who had twins on the day after my birthday three years ago—for the first time since May. My 10 1/2 year old cat, done in by his flea allergies and my clueless response to his distress, has run away, an instinctive response to imminent death that I hope I have the grace and courage to emulate when my time comes. And a friend and I, finally, have tickets to see Falsettos at the Alliance Theatre.

First stop, though, is brunch at The Country Place, a gay landmark that just underwent the Stan Topol Makeover Maneuver. Our adorable waiter brings the old, reliable yeast rolls, and I flash back to other occasions celebrated here—at least three various birthdays and a wonderful roommate reunion/Sunday brunch. But today, things are different. Low energy, no bustle, only a few gaggles of gay men enlivening the staid Sunday afternoon Colony



### Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

Square atmosphere.

The redone menu doesn't have my favorite dessert (apple, lemon and honeydew sorbets in a pool of blackberry cassis sauce), and I wonder if my brunch ennui is more than simple menu disappointment. I fleetingly envision the ghosts of gay men who've brunched and waited here in times past hovering overhead, none too happy with the changes. Perhaps this is just the way a landmark slips toward the mundane, becomes just another brunch stop.

The Alliance is a landmark I've long avoided, last darkening its door in 1986, when John Cullum was touring as Cyrano. Since then, the various musicals and Shakespeares that were their hallmark have not persuaded me that my time and money would be well spent there. "When will my truth be up there on the stage?" I've wondered over the years.

The answer is September, 1993. Falsettos is the play with the gay content that Gordon Wyson thought he was yelling about in Cobb County, a play where gay families loudly demonstrate family values, clearly recognizable to straight audience members. And there are plenty of straight audience members today. Tons of little old Jewish ladies, any one of whom could be one of William Finn's character's grandmothers.

I find the experience of watching a "gay" play in a "straight" audience—looking for validation, fearing derision or incompetent production—surprisingly stressful. "How will they react to the 'blatant' gay content of the play?" my co-dependent reflexes make me wonder,

as though I'm personally responsible if a play I'm watching hurts a grandmother's feelings about her potential gay grandson.

And at first, our fears seemed confirmed, as a large chunk of the audience sits stonily through the hilarious "Four Jews Bitching" opening number. But as Finn unfurls song after song that depict his characters' innate humanity, from slimy Marvin to his ill-treated lovers Trina and Whizzer, I can feel the audience moving. We began in stony silence and ended standing and applauding with tear-streaked cheeks, proving that one good play can do the job of 1,000 propagandists and do it far better.

That the Alliance is even doing Falsettos is a testament to the changes 10 years have wrought. Artistic director Kenny Leon deserves credit for taking a theater where "Julius Caesar" and "Annie, Get Your Gun" once paid the bills and turning into a home for August Wilson and Bill Finn. And let's not forget the context. The Alliance is the most heavily grant-supported theater in Georgia, and Mr. Leon scheduled a gay play at a time when one hot potato can cost you a bundle of money. That's courage, folks, even without a gay kiss onstage.

This underscores to me our role, in the only Deep South city larger than Chapel Hill with gay rights legislation, on the front lines in the Family Values Wars. We are the pacesetter, the model, the audition spot. You can be sure that if referendums were easy to start in Georgia, we'd be staring one in the face this November. Instead, we have the lovely and talented Nancy Schaefer in random, drive-by TV commercials for the next two months. Can't wait, can you?

But seeing common cause made between us and Kenny Leon, or Bill Campbell, to name two, reminds me that something special is occurring here. Seeing a portion of my truth on the Alliance stage is yet another reward for a well-chosen 10-year-old risk. And seeing our community's depth and breadth of talent and commitment makes me ferociously glad to have chosen Atlanta over the "safer" choices such as Charlotte or Birmingham or Montgomery.

And Sunday night at approximately 6 p.m., a very nice woman in unincorporated DeKalb County decided to sell me her townhouse. The Country Place can slide, the Alliance can soar and its audiences transform, and I can even move closer to—but absolutely not outside of—the Perimeter. Isn't change, in a horrifying sort of way, delightful?



## GLAAD News

by CARL LANGE

### Sour note in Cobb

Adding to the list of organizations challenging the Cobb County commissioners' condemnation of lesbian and gay citizens is the Atlanta Federation of Musicians. The 1,100 member union expressed "extreme disfavor regarding the Cobb County Commission's irresponsible singling out and condemning a group of dedicated, creative and talented, tax-paying citizens..."

The union, whose membership includes 60 counties in Georgia (Cobb included) and three in South Carolina, has asked the Cobb Commission to rescind the anti-gay resolution and restore funding to the arts.

The AFM deserves applause. Write John Head, president, The Atlanta Federation of Musicians, 551 Dutch Valley Road NE, Atlanta GA 30324. The phone number is (404) 873-2033.

### Johnson Wax is "CLEaRed"

Johnson Wax Company has apparently bowed to the forces of bigotry launched by Christian Leaders for Responsible Television (CLEaR-TV). According to Johnson Wax spokesperson Thomas Conrardy, "CLEaR-TV has lifted the national boycott against SC Johnson, following a meeting [the company] had with representatives of CLEaR-TV. We are confident that the mutual understanding will strengthen our ability to avoid programs that are not in good taste or inconsistent with our own values."

CLEaR-TV's boycott against Johnson Wax was for its sponsorship of "pro-homosexual" television programs that featured "lesbian innuendo." Johnson Wax's "mutual understanding" with a hate group that attempts to censor lesbians, gays or bisexuals from television is alarming. Johnson Wax needs to define "good taste" and "values" and explain which groups of citizens they feel should be excluded from that list. Write Thomas R. Conrardy, director, Consumer Resource Center, SC Johnson Wax, 1525 Howe Street, Racine WI 53403-5011. The phone number is (414) 631-2000.

### Putting spin on hate

In the August issue of the music magazine Spin, Farad Chideya examines the use of homophobic lyrics in his hip-hop, rap and dance hall reggae music. Chideya concludes that blatantly homophobic lyrics are an attempt to deny the existence of homosexuality within the African American community and that more performers need to come back with their own response, using rap as the format.

Send compliments to Bob Guccione, Jr., editor, Spin, 6 West 18th Street, New York, NY 10011.

Upcoming events: GLAAD Meet the Press, Oct. 18, 7 p.m. at the Peachtree Library across from the High Museum. All are invited to attend this panel discussion by local journalists. GLAAD/Atlanta Naming Names, Oct. 18, 10:30 p.m. First television version of GLAAD/News on "Out in Atlanta" on Cable 12 TV.

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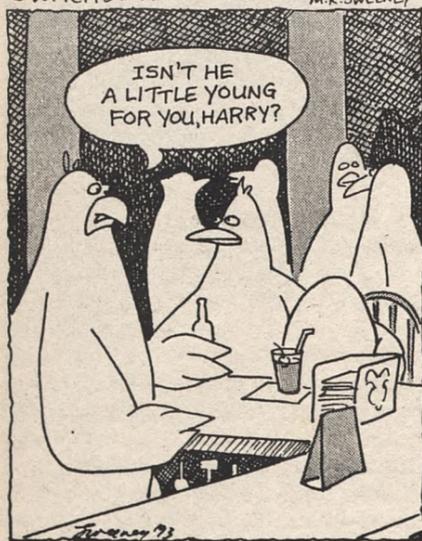
## L E T T E R S

### Divided into incomplete halves

"Brava" to Tonya who had the courage to step forward as an African-American lesbian [SoVo, Sept. 2] As a loud, proud African dyke,

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M.K. SWEENEY



I too have felt the sting of disapproval I often receive from heterosexual African Americans. We are asked to choose sides, to divide ourselves into two incomplete halves, all in the name of solidarity. My queerness is as much a part of me as my blackness, and I am equally proud to be a card-carrying member of both groups.

The pressure to conform to heterosexist standards bears heavy on the consciences of lesbians and gays of African descent. Unlike non-black gays and lesbians, we bear the cross of racism and depend on our people for solace and refuge. It is understandable why so many of us choose to remain silent; however, it is no longer acceptable. Being in the closet gives the impression that you have something to be ashamed of. Just as you are proud of your race, be proud of your sexual orientation. Don't shy away from political action groups. Do not be afraid to say who you really are. Being "in the life" means more than going out to clubs. It means living openly and honestly, without shame.

Cecily C. Walker  
Atlanta

### Staying in Cobb

Kudos to Ken Pauli for his letter [SoVo, Sept. 29]. I, too, agree that Cobb is a viable alternative to noisier, costly areas. As an extremely out and vocal dyke, I too feel some embarrassment in acknowledging where I live. You can imagine how I felt when my brother (who is also gay) from Tulsa questioned me about my safety. Not a pretty picture, indeed.

Frankly, I'm tired of people telling me that I should move. Sure, it would be convenient for my lover Angie and I to uproot and move to "gayer" pastures. I considered it for a while, but why should we sacrifice our lives over someone else's stupidity?

Like Ken, we're staying to vote those narrow-minded bigots out of office. We're supporting gay-friendly businesses and boycotting those who cringe when asked how they feel about gays and lesbians. The more we demand our rights and realize that prejudice abounds virtually everywhere, the more we are empowered as a community and as "family," regardless of residence.

Tracey R. Davis  
Marietta

## Three major candidates address forum

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cial support to AID Atlanta "when nobody else would."

"[Fulton County's AIDS] program is a model. It has been looked at by people from all over the country," Lomax said.

Addressing a question from the audience about Bell, Lomax said he has talked with the chief about his problems with the lesbian/gay community and that Bell told him that "it is an issue of communication"—a response that drew groans in some corners of the audience.

But Lomax said he will require Bell, and all of the rest of his department heads, to attend sensitivity training and "adhere to a strong non-discrimination policy." He also pledged to attend monthly meetings of the gay/lesbian community's public safety committee during his first year as mayor.

While candidates in the forum were stepping up to answer questions asked of other candidates during the audience question time, neither Davis nor Campbell responded to the question asked of Lomax about Bell.

As for some of the other promises made by the candidates:

- Campbell said he would appoint a city AIDS board that would involve people from the "AIDS community." He will also support a measure banning the city from doing business with companies that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and push Atlanta's bid to host the 1998 Gay Games.

- Davis said she was committed to combating violence against lesbians and gays and would "actively work to create a safe environment. She, too, would appoint an AIDS task

force and lobby for the creation of more AIDS hospices in the city. Davis also pledged to strengthen hate crimes reporting, actively recruit gays and lesbians in the police and fire departments and require companies doing business with the city to have a non-discrimination policy that applies to sexual orientation.

- Lomax said he would push for a full-fledged city human rights ordinance that would include protections for gays and lesbians. He would appoint a specific staff member to work on AIDS issues, push for city funding for AIDS service organizations and require AIDS education for city employees.

RICHARD SHUMATE



Bill Campbell said he supports Atlanta's bid to host the 1998 Gay Games.

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# Come out, come out, wherever—and whoever—you are

On a recent business trip to Little Rock, I was reviewing notes and looking over a press release from National Coming Out Day so that I could complete this article.

The logo on the press release has Keith Haring's well-known artwork of a figure coming out of the closet and "National Coming Out Day" in big letters across the top.

I didn't feel odd or uncomfortable or secretive about what I was writing or the paper being visible to the other passengers. I mean, I've always been proud and open about who I am and about being part of our community. Until, until, the client I was working with walked up behind me and paused while the flight attendants blocked his seat with the beverage cart.

So what does this have to do with National Coming Out Day? A lot.

National Coming Out Day is a day of celebration for us. It's a day filled with pride for who we are—lesbians, gays and bisexuals. It's a day for those who may still be "in the closet" to look around at those of us living our lives without shame or deceit and gather support and encouragement. And it's a day we can help dispel the negative stereotypes we live with every day.

Now in its sixth year, this year's celebration, on Monday, Oct. 11, is the first since the National Coming Out Day organization merged with the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay political group. Events are being planned in major cities across the country.

Here in Atlanta, as part of the celebration, the Lesbian Avengers are sponsoring a Southern Belle Coming Out Debutante Ball on Friday, Oct. 8 at 9 p.m. at Revolution, a lesbian/gay club in Buckhead. Everyone in the community, men and women, are welcome to attend, according to Lisa Kung of the Avengers. While formal attire is suggested, it is not required.



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Also, the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival is being held this year in conjunction with National Coming Out Day (see page 25 for details).

The first National Coming Out Day was held in 1988 as a positive and proactive statement of pride from the gay and lesbian community. Media attention was overwhelming and the event was solidified as part of the community's way of showing pride.

Organizers and participants were keenly aware of the need to "come out" to family and friends as a way to help break through the ugly stereotypes that keep us from accepting and being proud of who we are. It was the way to stop discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and to stop the violence we are inflicting on

ourselves in shame through alcohol, drugs and sometimes suicide.

The date, Oct. 11, was chosen to commemorate the 1987 March on Washington, as well as the inaugural visit of the NAMES Project AIDS quilt to the nation's capital.

We've been coming out ever since. In Atlanta, more and more gays and lesbians are showing their true colors—freedom rings and banners abound. Gay and lesbian businesses are advertising to the heterosexual and homosexual communities equally. Major corporations court our business. Well-known and prominent figures are coming out—people known worldwide who are admired and respected by all.

So, what does my tale at the beginning of this have to do with National Coming Out Day?

I don't know if I can put my finger on it, but, as the plane made its descent, I began to wrap up my work. I noticed that Keith Haring had been sitting bold and beautiful on the tray in front of me. I was no longer huddled over the words I'd written. I didn't feel the need to hide.

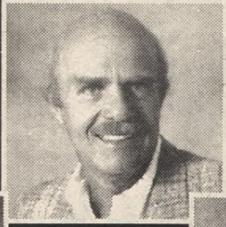
Celebrate National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11. Encourage those you know who may still be afraid or ashamed, hiding behind closed doors. Be gay or lesbian or bisexual or a queer or a dyke or whatever. No one should be made to feel ashamed of who they are, of who they choose to love or sleep with. No one should have to hide their soul. We should be celebrating who we are every day of our lives.

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**ELECTION  
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by RICHARD SHUMATE

The big news this past week in the race for Atlanta's mayor was the release of the first major poll, conducted by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and WSB-TV. It showed **Bill Campbell** with a 15-point lead over **Michael Lomax**, with **Myrtle Davis** bringing up the rear. And the poll showed that more voters viewed Lomax unfavorably than viewed him favorably.

A month before the election, however, more than a third of the electorate says it has yet to make up its mind in this race. Campbell was supported by 35 percent, Lomax by 20 percent and Davis by 17 percent. The large number of undecided voters may be perhaps the only silver lining in the clouds hovering over Davis and Lomax. Buoyed by the results, the Campbell camp was predicting he would win without a runoff.

The results of the poll pretty much agree with the pulse of the room during the recent GAPAC forum for the mayoral candidates.

Lomax, despite his lengthy political career and longstanding support of lesbian/gay and AIDS issues, was the only candidate who encountered any open hostility from the crowd, centering around his support of **Eldrin Bell**. Though he stumbled a bit when he said that Bell told him that the chief's differences with the gay community were an "issue of communication," his strong statement that he would make Bell, and all of the rest of his department heads, attend sensitivity training seemed to play well with the GAPAC audience.

Campbell's visible and well-polished campaign apparatus made its presence known, and Campbell's personal account of his own battles with discrimination was well received. In her remarks, Davis laid out perhaps the most comprehensive, specific agenda for action to meet the concerns of the lesbian/gay community, which was also well received. Her biggest battle at this point, especially in the wake of the poll data, may be to convince voters that she has a shot at winning the race.

Speaking of the mayor's race, some publications have been reporting that one of the candidates for mayor, **David Librace**, is openly gay. It was how he was introduced at the GAPAC forum.

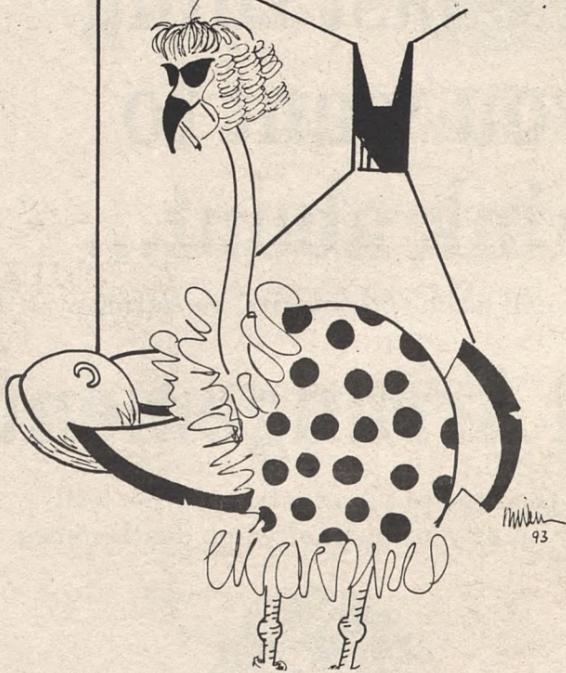
But Librace's response to that, upon taking the stage, was "I don't want to get involved in who I am."

While the three major candidates focused on lesbian/gay issues, Librace used most of his speech to go on the attack. He decried what he said was "embezzlement in City Hall" and called the current crop of politicians "professional actors."

"Get 'em out of here," Librace said.

Over in the races for the Atlanta school board, one of the candidates who has been making a concerted effort to court the lesbian/gay community comes at community issues from a unique perspective. **Jule Anderson**, a candidate in District 1, spent four years as a member of the school board in San Francisco. She supports discrimination protections for lesbian and gay teachers, as well as including information about gays and lesbians in the curriculum and tracking bias crime in the schools.

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# Council wannabes court gays

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asked how he had been involved in issues in the intown east side neighborhoods, said most of his community involvement has come through helping people in his law practice.

Not all the candidates who sought the crowds approval were as knowledgeable or supportive of gay issues as candidates in the 6th District.

Jim Garcia, a candidate in District 7 (Buckhead) who has ties to the district's current anti-gay incumbent, Buddy Fowlkes, said he would not support domestic partnership because he doesn't believe in any legislation that would address groups of people individually. Noting that without legislation such as domestic partnership current discriminatory situations would be frozen into place, audience member Lynn Cothren asked Garcia whether he realized that such a position was racist, sexist and homophobic.

It was a remark to which Garcia took umbrage.

"I am not a sexist and a racist," he said, at one point admitting that "I knew coming in

*"Unless we are all included in the process, we cannot address the problems that we have," said Eric Spivey.*

that [his opposition to partnership] was going to be a problem."

Two candidates stumbled badly when it came to questions about the need for legislation to specifically address discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Cleta Winslow from the West End, a candidate in District 4, said she thought federal and state discrimination laws protected gays and lesbians, prompting head shaking and a flurry of comments from the audience. Rick Evereteze, a candidate for the at-large District 17 seat, said he thought that everybody ought to be treated equally under the Constitution, so other legislation, such as domestic partnership, was not necessary. He said he was not familiar with the domestic partnership bill and didn't know that it was legal to fire employees based on their sexual orientation.

In District 2 (Midtown, Old Fourth Ward, Summerhill and Inman Park), openly gay candidate Eric Spivey also pointed to the need to have gay and lesbian representation on the council.

"Unless we are all included in the process,



District 6 incumbent, Mary Davis, said "this is no time for on-the-job training."

we cannot address the problems that we have," said Spivey. He said some of the ignorance on issues shown by candidates in some of the council races "makes me even more motivated [to run]."

Two other District 2 candidates appeared. Debi Starnes, who stressed a strong pro-gay/lesbian platform, said she was "the type of person that can get things done." A longtime community activist in Inman Park and a member of the city's zoning board, she said that "to be assured of what you're going to get for the future, you need to look at past activities." The third candidate seeking GAPAC's support, Chester Dixon, said he believed city government "needs to be sensitive to all the people of the city." But he said he would not have supported domestic partnership.

In District 1 (Grant Park, Ormewood Park), five of the seven candidates in the race appeared at the forum, the most of any race. The incumbent, Greg Pridgeon, joked that "as you can see, we have a wonderful party here in the 1st District."

Among those candidates is Carolyn White, a lesbian. She stressed the need to broaden the legislative agenda and go beyond domestic partnership and other issues that only apply to city employees. "I don't think all of you want city jobs," she told the crowd.

Other candidates in that race include Dana Bolden, who said "I don't think human rights or civil rights can be classified as special interests;" Vern McCarty; and Scott Petersen, who called for more public housing for PWAs.

RICHARD SHUMATE

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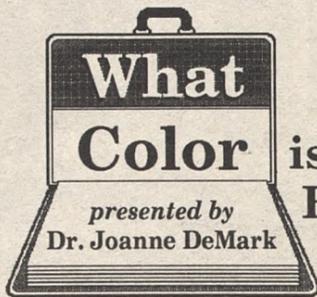
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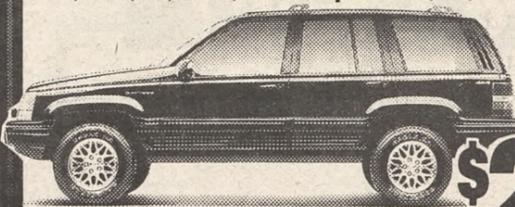
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## Focus on inside and outside threats during "Not Georgia Next" forum

Atlanta—Invasion of Georgia by the fundamentalist right-wing and its new-found contingent. Phobias, prejudice and classism within the lesbian and gay community. The pursuit of freedom in a patriarchal, monotheistic society.

These are just a few of the complex problems working against gays and lesbians in the quest for human rights, according to panelists at the "Not Georgia Next" forum, held Sept. 27 at the First Existentialist Church.

With Georgia reportedly on the fundamentalists' short-list for the same kind of anti-gay/lesbian activity that has taken place in Oregon and Colorado, members of the African-American Lesbian and Gay Alliance (AALGA), Prairie Fire Organizing Committee and the First Existentialist Congregation have joined in an effort to fight back.

The panelists and 60 participants at the forum grappled with some of the complex social problems which plague the lesbian and gay community and hinder its ability to effectively combat the Pat Robertsons, Phyllis Schlaflys, Nancy Schaefer and Gordon Wylsons of the world.

"Do you sound an alarm or do you not worry?" asked local activist and panelist Judy Siff. "In the words of ACT UP, 'Silence Equals Death.'" Siff spoke of the cultural and electoral strategies of the religious right, from their attack on culture to their covert operations to get candidates elected, often at the school-board level and without much attention.

Also of urgency are the rapidly expanding Christian Coalition and a new anti-gay coalition in the city called Jacob's Well. Both organizations tout African-American and Hispanic membership.

"By finding the Billy McKinnys [and] by denouncing [New York's] Rainbow Curriculum with an Hispanic woman; it begins to look like a race issue," said Siff. "The media picks up on it

that way. Instead of Billy McKinley hits a lesbian—a person—it looks like black man hits white woman."

Another panelist, Patrick Bell, public relations coordinator for AALGA, brought up the issue of classism within the gay and lesbian community.

"I take difference [with the common belief] that the gay and lesbian community is wealthy," Bell said. "For a lot of lesbian and gay people, the issue of registering as domestic partners is not as important as trying to eat. We have to not be ashamed."

Bell said that the gay community is a community that does not prepare a place for its young, elders and poor. "We tend to exclude those that we do not understand," he said.

Panelist Maria Helena Dolan spoke on a more historical and philosophical level, harking back to the extermination of homosexuals during the Holocaust and denouncing the very nature of patriarchal monotheism.

"Patriarchal monotheism makes the world a dangerous place," Dolan said. "What it promises is [that] 'if you do what we say, you'll be safe.' We as queers, no matter what we look like, make a very handy demon."

Dolan also touched on the issue of how people in the gay and lesbian community define themselves, saying "It's really self-hatred when we say things like, 'Well, we're not all drag-queens and diesel dykes.'"

Responses from the audience were diverse. One participant suggested that lesbian and gay activists resort to the same deceitful tactics employed by the fundamentalist right. Another, responding to overwhelming disapproval of a focus on the power of "gay dollars," said, "It's perfectly all right with me if gay white men finance the revolution."

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## Victory over Cracker Barrel

*SEC says company will have to go to court if it wants to block a gay stockholder's proposal to diversify its board of directors.*

Atlanta—Dissident gay and lesbian stockholders of Cracker Barrel have won a victory in their campaign against the chain of roadside eateries with a history of discrimination.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has ruled that Cracker Barrel will have to go to federal court if it wants to stop stockholders from considering a proposal requiring that the company's board of directors to "reflect the varied races, gender and sexual orientations of the stockholders."

"Essentially, [the SEC] is saying that the company has to include my proxy proposal," said Carl Owens of Atlanta, who has spearheaded a campaign encouraging lesbians and gays to buy a single share in Cracker Barrel in order to pressure the company's management to institute policies to combat anti-gay/lesbian discrimination.

"This maybe is a message to all American business," Owens said. "I don't think stockholders have ever said to a board of directors, 'We want a gay or lesbian on the board.'"

Meanwhile, Queer Nation's protest campaign against Cracker Barrel, which has been dormant while the cases of activists arrested in previous demonstrations worked their way through the courts, is apparently ready to start again.

Raymond Marrero, president of Queer Nation/Atlanta, said a protest march and sit-in is being planned at a Cracker Barrel in early November.

Cracker Barrel began drawing the wrath of the lesbian/gay community in 1991 after company officials circulated a memo saying that gay employees didn't fit the company's image and directing managers to fire them. Though the company later said that it had rescinded the

policy, those fired were never rehired.

A number of Queer Nation protestors were arrested at demonstrations in Lithonia and Union City. But after DeKalb County jurors acquitted the demonstrators, Fulton County authorities dropped the remaining charges.

Although gays and lesbians hold a small share of stock, they are now believed to make up a numerical majority of stockholders, according to Owens. So while they don't control the company, any proposal requiring the board to reflect the diversity of the stockholders could put a lesbian or gay man on the board.

Several large institutional investors who own stock in Cracker Barrel, including New York City's pension funds, oppose the company's anti-lesbian/gay policies.

Owens, using his status as a Cracker Barrel stockholder, asked the company to include his diversity proposal on the agenda for its annual meeting. The company, relying on SEC regulations, refused. Cracker Barrel maintained that it could disqualify the proposal because Owens didn't plan to be a long-term stockholder and because the proposal involved the method of electing company officers, both of which are excludable under SEC rules.

But the SEC said it was "unable to concur" in the company's view. Owens furnished a statement saying that he planned to keep his stock on a long-term basis, and the proposed rule involved qualifications for company officers, not their method of election, the SEC said.

In a cover letter to Cracker Barrel's attorney, the SEC said that "only a court such as a U.S. District Court can decide whether a company is obligated to include shareholder proposals in its proxy material." And if the company's management omits the proposal, nothing would preclude the dissident shareholders from suing the company, according to the SEC.

Owens said he has not yet heard from Cracker Barrel's attorneys about whether they will go to court.

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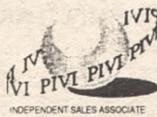
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## Panel OKs ddC alone as therapy

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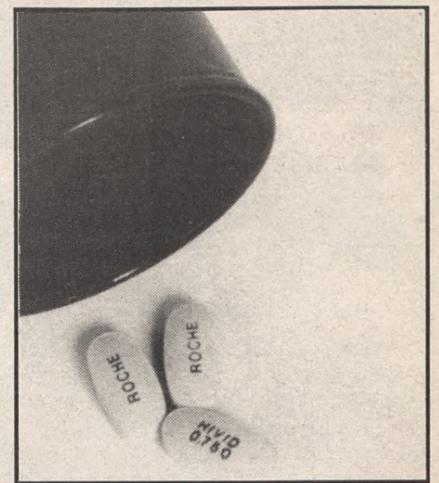
The drug, marketed under the brand name HIVID by Hoffmann-LaRoche Inc., of Nutley, N.J., had been approved previously used in combination with another AIDS drug.

Advisory committee suggestions are not binding on the FDA, but the agency usually follows the advice of the panels.

The committee also voted to remove HIVID from a conditional approval under which it had been authorized for use in combination with AZT, or zidovudine. It now would get full approval.

If the FDA follows the committee recommendation, HIVID will become the third drug approved for single-drug therapy against AIDS. The others are AZT and ddI, or didanosine.

All of the AIDS drugs attack the AIDS virus by blocking the ability of the virus to



reproduce. Studies have also shown that all three drugs can be toxic and that some patients who can take one cannot take the others.

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## Rifabutin recommended for advanced AIDS

A U.S. Public Health Force panel recommended last month that all patients with advanced AIDS should take rifabutin to prevent *Mycobacterium avium complex* (MAC). Rifabutin, sold under the name Mycobutin, in December 1992 became the first drug to get federal approval for prevention of MAC, a bacterial infection that affects almost 40 per cent of people with AIDS.

The Public Health Task Force on Prophylaxis and Therapy for MAC said HIV-infected people whose t-cell counts drop below 100 should take 300 milligrams a day of rifabutin for the rest of their lives. It also stated that patients who develop MAC despite taking daily rifabutin should be treated

with a combination of antibacterial drugs. The combination should include either clarithromycin, or azithromycin and at least one other drug, such as clofazimine, rifampin or ciprofloxacin. The panel released its recommendations in the Sept. 16 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Researchers in that same issue announced the results of two clinical trials which confirm that rifabutin is effective in preventing MAC. The trials found that AIDS patients who took rifabutin were half as likely to develop MAC than those who did not take the drug. The studies also confirmed that adverse side effects to the drug are uncommon.

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## AIDS policy chief hails health plan

Nashville, TN—President Clinton's health care plans represent a major improvement in fighting AIDS, the national AIDS policy coordinator said Sept. 23.

Kristine Gebbie told 100 business leaders that Clinton's proposals "give us the financial base of caring for HIV that we've never had before."

"This gives us the building blocks for treating this disease," she said at the Governor's Business Responds to AIDS Conference, cosponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Gebbie, a nurse who has been the policy coordinator for about two months, told reporters after the speech that a key part of Clinton's plan is universal coverage that cannot be revoked.

"Knowing that you are covered and community-rated are critical," she said. Community-rated means patients are not singled out as exempt from insurance coverage.

Clinton's proposals greatly increase insurance benefits for AIDS patients and make treatment more available in neglected areas, Gebbie said.

All this means that those with HIV should be encouraged, she said.

"They need to be receptive to this plan and watch what happens in Congress."

Gebbie, former secretary of health in the state of Washington, said current AIDS treatment is basically community programs that are patched together.

"This [Clinton's reforms] gives us a base to plan for prevention."

Gebbie said she was not surprised that the insurance community has already begun a public relations campaign against the plans.

"They stand to lose the most. Their world is going to have to change drastically," she said before flying to Chicago to attend a town meeting at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

She was part of a contingent of Clinton's



AIDS Czar Kristine Gebbie

top aides who fanned out across the country to drum up support for the reform movement.

In her speech, Gebbie urged the business leaders to do more than write their employees memos on the subject of AIDS.

"We need leaders who don't just delegate—they participate," she said.

"They don't just send out memos but follow up and are visibly unafraid to be associated with the problem."

She said the business community needs to recognize that a comprehensive health education curriculum is needed in schools "or in 20 years there won't be any workers."

Gebbie, who has been in the nursing field for 30 years, said the public reaction to AIDS is similar to the way cancer was regarded 30 years ago when it was not listed as the cause of death in newspaper obituaries.

"We're not quite sure we can reach out and embrace this disease like others."

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## Concerns about mammogram frequency in new national health care plan

Washington, DC—Some lawmakers are questioning whether President Clinton's health proposal is offering the right prescription when it comes to the frequency of breast cancer screening tests.

In his speech to Congress Sept. 22, Clinton emphasized that his health care package would cover routine women's health services such as mammograms, a widely used test to detect breast cancer. However, White House documents indicate the standard benefit package would include mammograms only for women over 50, and at intervals of once every two years.

While medical experts continue to debate the best timetable for such screening tests, the American Cancer Society recommends that women between 40 and 49 receive a mammogram every other year and women over 50 be checked annually. That schedule should be incorporated into the Clinton package, some say.

"They're not covering women under 50 and...women over 50 are getting one every two years instead of one a year," said Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA). "We're going to have to examine it all with a microscope."

"My concern is that over 50, most women...should be getting mammograms every year," said Rep. Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (D-PA). "It's going to save money and lives."

Lawmakers were quick to credit Clinton for including mammograms in the health package, since some insurance programs now don't provide any coverage for such preventive tests. Dr. Susan Stewart, co-chair of the committee on health reform for the American Medical

Women's Association, estimated that half the women in the country don't receive any breast cancer screening.

While her organization recommends the timetable endorsed by the cancer society, she said, "if we did everybody every other year, that would be fabulous."

"For women over 50, it's definitely an advantage to screen regularly," she added.

Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-CO) said she expected a compromise would be worked out. She said she would also argue for more flexibility in the proposal's testing schedule for Pap smears, which screen for uterine cancer.

"I was pleased to hear the president mention prevention care, mammograms and Pap smears. It was a nice way of saying we're working on this and we'll get it figured out," she said. "I'm not panicked about it yet."

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## Medical "guinea pigs" pave way for others' better health

**Atlanta**—They're medical guinea pigs: The mother who tested an AIDS vaccine, hoping it would protect her son. The man trying to stop hepatitis from killing him. Two brothers seeking relief from a painful genetic disease.

Volunteers for medical trials put their health on the line to get potential new drugs out of laboratories and into drugstores.

"It's a selfless act on anybody's part to be a 'guinea pig,'" said Janie Manziak of Pensacola, Fla., who is testing an experimental AIDS vaccine out of fear the fatal disease will strike her gay son.

"I wish everybody could feel that way, but I understand they're scared."

When a drug works in animals, the Food and Drug Administration orders clinical testing in people. It approved testing of 10,261 experimental drugs last year.

Often, they work—attacking previously incurable diseases, improving the cure rate or causing fewer side effects than existing drugs.

Many others have no effect at all. And occasionally tragedy strikes, as it did this summer when five hepatitis patients died from an experimental drug.

"One misconception people have is we're out there experimenting on people in a mad scientist sort of approach," said Dr. Edwin Trevathan, who tries new epilepsy drugs on hard-to-treat patients at Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Atlanta.

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That's why Timothy and Thomas Burton of Augusta volunteered to try a new drug for sickle cell anemia, a genetic disease that causes crippling pain.

The brothers enrolled in a Medical College of Georgia study of hydroxyurea, which prods the body to produce normal hemoglobin. They think they're getting the drug instead of a placebo because their pain is disappearing.

"You can't stand the pain and you can't hardly walk and you can't hardly breathe," said Thomas Burton, 26. "This really does help."

But experimental drugs can go awry, as Paul Melstrom of Phoenix discovered.

"I feel like I was just a research throw-away," said Melstrom, 53, who suffered nerve damage from what doctors thought would be a miracle drug for the liver disease hepatitis B.

Melstrom developed painful nerve damage in his feet and legs after taking the drug Fialuridine, or FIAU, last year. Doctors couldn't prove FIAU caused the damage and proceeded with the trial's next phase—giving it to 10 people for 11 weeks this year.

This time, the drug attacked patients' livers, killing five and critically injuring two more.

Mrs. Manziak, who tested the potential AIDS vaccine in hopes it could protect her gay son from contracting the virus, worried about danger in her trial too.

But Serologicals Inc. of Pensacola convinced her the vaccine was safe—because it uses a laboratory-engineered portion of the AIDS virus, not the actual virus.

Mrs. Manziak compares the vaccine trial to the nation's first polio vaccinations, which she experienced as a child.

"If that could work, why couldn't this work?" she said. "It's everybody's responsibility to do everything we can to find a cure."

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Drug research still not fast enough

When I was diagnosed with AIDS in 1985, there was nothing, absolutely nothing, available for medical treatment. Many times, I have heard angry protests about how slow the progress has been, and how few options are available for treatment. These protests are all justified. If more money had been allocated by the Republican administrations in the eighties, we could have been much further along in the nineties. Many thousands of lives might have been saved with more action and compassion from the Reagan and Bush administrations.

At the same time, we should be thankful for the progress that has been made. No longer will a new AIDS patient hear the words I heard, "We'll take things, infections, as they come. We'll treat each infection the best we can, and we'll try to make you as comfortable as we can." My only hope in 1985 was to die comfortably. In 1985, a diagnosis of AIDS was a death sentence.

There have been many breakthroughs since then in knowledge of the virus, if not in ways to combat it. We have prophylaxis drugs that help prevent some of the opportunistic infections that used to be among the largest killers of AIDS patients. I've talked to doctors who said that it had been years—years—since one of their patients had had pneumocytis carinii pneumonia.

We have people with zero or near zero T4 cell counts, who go to work, who exercise, and who feel fine. They are rare, but they do exist, and their numbers are growing. Better treatments have continuously been discovered and progress is being made.

All this progress does not mean, however, that we should be happy or satisfied with this progress or with the directions in which most research has been heading. Too much research seems to be rehashing things we already know. AZT is still being studied. Granted, comparing a new drug to AZT is preferable to using a placebo, but there is still research in the US and Europe of the mechanisms of what AZT actually does.

Most of the new drugs being studied are in the same class of drugs as AZT. These

drugs all do the same thing, differing primarily in their toxicities. Even if one of these drugs is discovered to be totally nontoxic, the virus will one day adapt and mutate so that the drug will eventually be useless.

Other directions of research are slowly coming around and should be encouraged. Interleukin-2 was looked at early in the epidemic, abandoned, and now it's being looked at again.

Alpha Interferon is thought of by most doctors for its anti-tumor characteristics. Interferon, however, is primarily an anti-viral agent. It is produced naturally by cells when they are attacked by a virus. I got rid of my Kaposi's Sarcoma over five years ago, yet I still take a daily shot of alpha Interferon. I don't take it now because I fear Kaposi's Sarcoma. I take it because it helps me fight HIV. It is an anti-retroviral, and it works differently than AZT. Combining these two drugs is the primary reason I'm alive today. More attention needs to be drawn to Interferon.

Cell therapies are getting new attention, as are Protease inhibitors. It has been noted that patients who take antioxidant vitamin supplements "seem" to do better than patients who don't take the supplements. Research needs to be done in this area. I've mentioned before that long-term survivors need to be studied more. It needs to be determined what we are doing that keeps our therapies working, when other patients on the same therapies die.

A diagnosis of AIDS in 1993 is no longer a death sentence. Progress has been made in some areas, but some of these areas appear to be overworked, while other areas have been shoved aside or even ignored, due to lack of funding or misguided thinking. With new funding, we can start looking in these new directions and find ways to keep more people alive and healthy longer. Don't let your representatives think that research spending has been enough. Health care reform should not be used as an excuse to cut back on research. More research dollars need to be spent, and we need to let our representatives know this.

Unique South Beach T-shirt raises money for AIDS in Florida

Community Research Initiative of South Florida (CRI), a non-profit HIV/AIDS research organization has created a unique T-shirt to raise funds for AIDS research.

The letters "OUT" in SOUTH BEACH are highlighted in red ink, symbolizing the fact that many openly gay men and lesbians have made South Beach their vacation destination, and the ideal location to open their new businesses. The tee shirt concept is the creation of Bernie Teeple, Director of Development for CRI. "The OUT tee shirt is a natural, not only for South Beach gay visitors, but for the local community as well," Teeple said. "It makes a very strong statement in a very subtle way."

According to CRI Executive Director Richard Siclari, funds raised from the sale of the shirt have enabled CRI to enroll more than 950 patients into their clinical trials. "Funds will enable CRI to expand access to our studies to the ever increasing number of patients who are interested in participating in promising new therapies," Siclari said.

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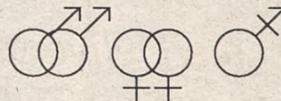
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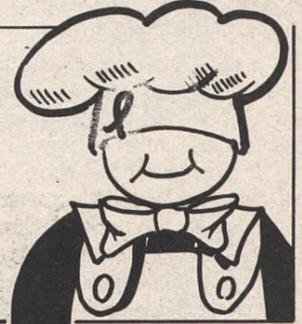
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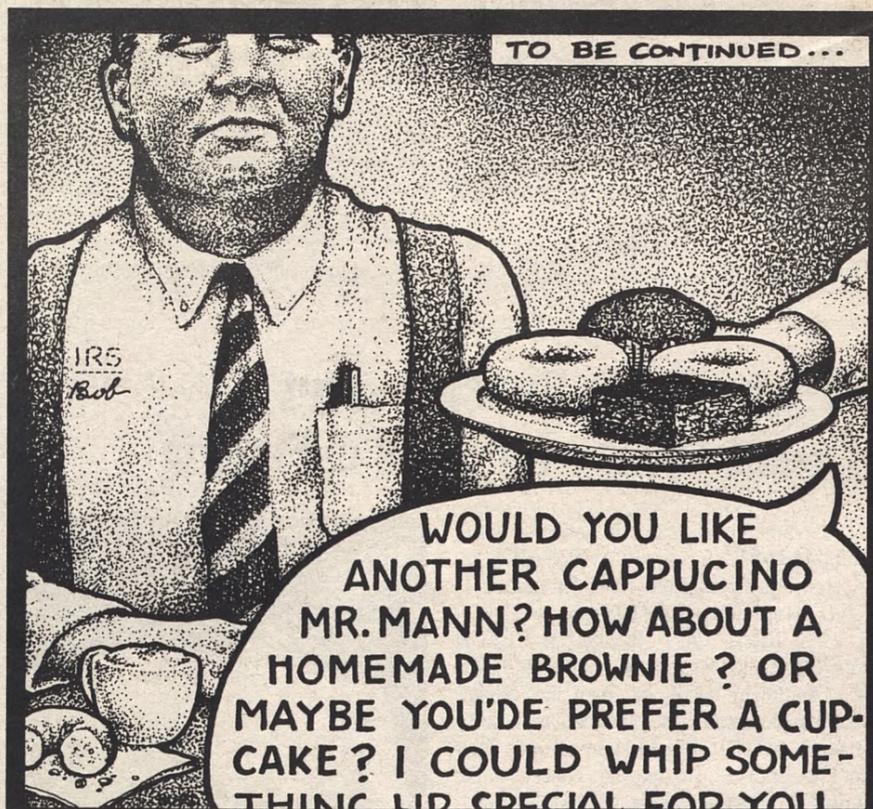
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Happy 3 month anniversary to Susan Owen and the Common Pond, an environmental warehouse in Highland Walk.

Brad Harold Herr and Brad Pitts celebrated six years together on Sept. 27, followed immediately on the 29th by Brad Harold's 36th birthday. Congrats, guys.



Mary Edwards and CJ Clark celebrated with a "ceremony of the heart" on their 5th anniversary.

On the occasion of their 5th anniversary, CJ Clark and Mary Edwards were joined in a "ceremony of the heart" on Aug. 28. The ceremony and reception took place at their home in Ormewood Park and was performed by Rev. Peter Denlea. Mary's parents, Jack and Elizabeth Edwards, and her sister and brother-in-law Vicky and Mike Henning, all of Arkansas attended, as did CJ's sister Cheryl Clark of Key West and brother Rick Clark of Atlanta, and seventy-five friends. CJ & Mary started their honeymoon trip at the Westin Peachtree Hotel, and from there they went on to SeaWorld in Orlando and Sanibel Island in southwest Florida.

When you have Occasions, let us know. Write Southern Voice/Occasions, PO Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316, call (404) 876-0789, or fax to (404) 876-2709. Please include a phone number for verification.

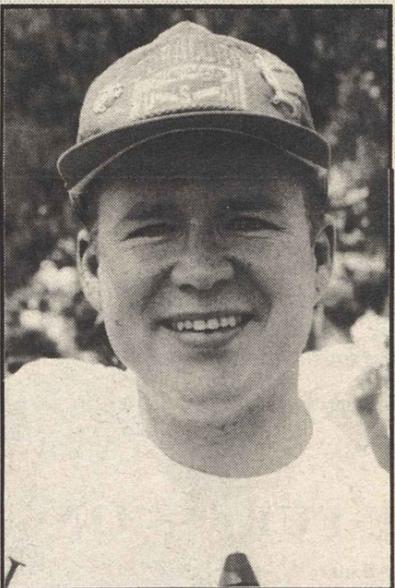


Brad Herr recently celebrated his 36th birthday and shared a happy 6th anniversary with partner Brad Pitts.

BIRTHDAYS

Allison Hardy celebrated her 30th birthday on Sept. 29.

Scott Shelton turns "the big 3-0" on Oct. 6. His partner, Gregory Ebert, says he gets better and better as time goes on.



Scott Shelton hits thirty and just keeps getting better.

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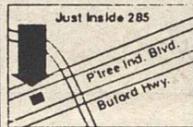
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# OUT & ABOUT

THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE OF SOUTHERN VOICE

# PIRIE

*Dyke on*

By JAMES FITCH

U2 vocalist Bono recently suggested to "Spin" magazine that "in the 90s, regarding political and cultural shake-ups, the comedians will be the first in line. Musicians have had their day."

Upon hearing this news flash, comedian Lea DeLaria laughs. "Bono's about 500 years behind," she says. "Every social revolution has a cultural revolution that goes along with it. And every cultural revolution has always had comics. We've been at the forefront of almost every social reform that you can think of. We can't expect Bono to know this. He's a rock musician."

DeLaria should know about being at the forefront of social and political revolution. This year, she emceed the March on Washington and became one of the hottest comedy tickets

going. Last March, when she walked out on the "Arsenio Hall Show," she was the first openly gay comic to do so in the history of United States network television.

She's here, she's queer, and the masses are not only getting used to it, but digging it. The press—the *mainstream* press—has been very, very good to DeLaria.

## Lea DeLaria

will appear one night only, Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid Ave. in Little Five Points. Tickets are \$15 in advance at Charis Books & More or \$18 at the door.

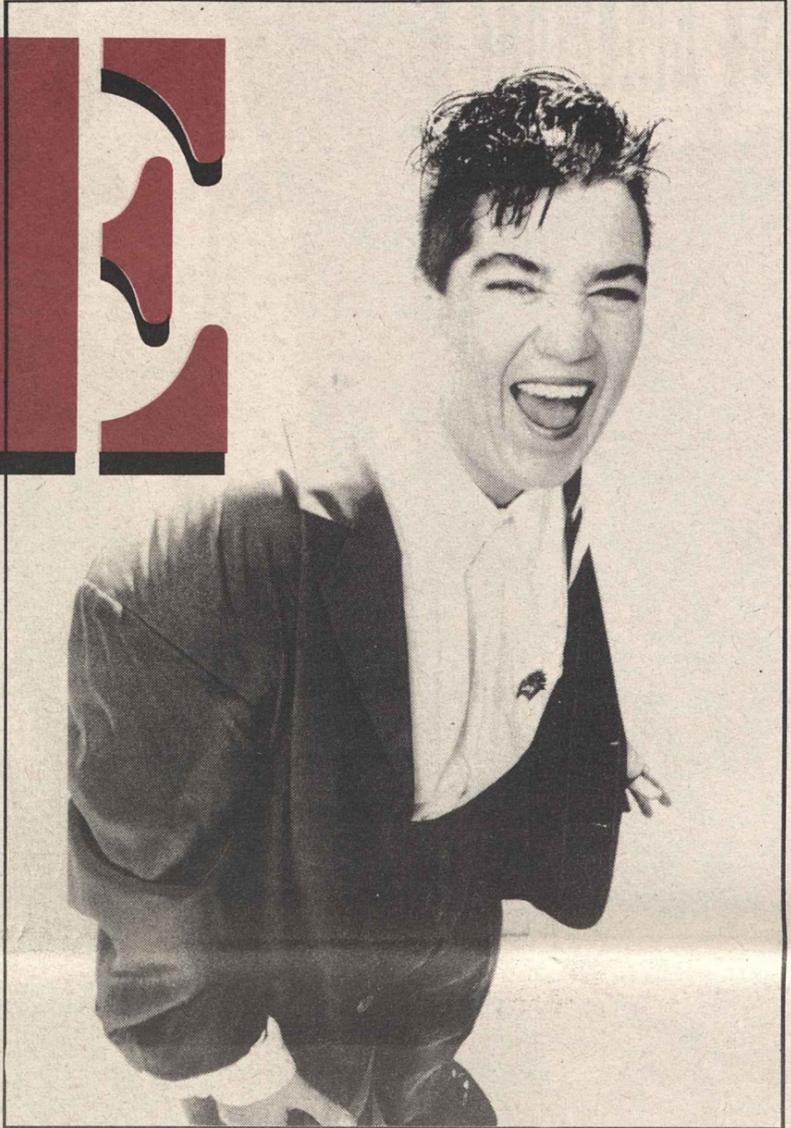
*"Muff Diva"  
Lea DeLaria  
is hot, hot, hot  
these days.  
Now, if only  
Jodie Foster  
would notice.*

She's all over the place, from Time to USA Today to Rolling Stone's "Hot List." But if a lot of the press is a result of the media's recent fascination with lesbians, DeLaria's not buying into that "lesbian chic" thing.

"Oh, it's silly," she says. "It's like a woman on your arm is a better fashion accessory than a Gucci purse right now. It's totally preposterous because what's 'lesbian chic' about it? I mean, they don't even use real lesbians. They throw a couple of

women on the cover of a magazine, slap some lipstick on them. You know what they do? They go lesbian chic [as] started by Madonna. I love this. Here it is, lesbian chic started by a fucking straight woman. Nothing against Madonna. I love Madonna. I'd like to fuck her 'till it hurts to pee, but frankly, I resent that. It's like saying 'the black civil rights movement started by John F. Kennedy.' I don't think so. I mean, k.d. lang kissing Cindy

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## Gay & Lesbian Arts Festival kicks off in Buckhead

Yellow fliers denote it as the "2nd Annual Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival."

To Jim Chappelpeaux, the festival's director, fundraiser and just about everything else, the word "second" itself is cause for celebration. This year's festival, which begins on Oct. 7 and continues through the Columbus Day weekend, is being held in conjunction with National Coming Out Day.

"We need more than one gay holiday per year, other than Pride, especially in the South," Chappelpeaux says.

The arts festival will be held in the Buckhead area in a number of locations. "When you mention 'arts festival,' most people think it is the Piedmont Arts Festival or they associate it with the park," Chappelpeaux explains "But art happens in the space that best suits it." Theatrical performances will be held in OutProud Theater and artwork will be displayed in art galleries.

Another reason the arts festival will be happening in the Buckhead area is that Chappelpeaux feels that the art and entertainment media is an excellent way to educate society.

"We really need to expand our visibility, branch out more into the straight community. People need to see us. It's very important that we educate the straight community. They need to be able to see things. All people need to be able to see things expressed and learn from them."

In beginning the arts festival last year, Chappelpeaux had an ultimate goal in mind—that by the year 1996, the festival will



Chicago performance artist Anita Loomis headlines the festival.

be able to move to the Summer Olympic Games as a visible sign of gay/lesbian culture.

Chappelpeaux, however, claims not to be a businessman and finds the undertaking of preparing and implementing the arts festival a bit overwhelming.

"I'm finding that it's much too big for just one person. I do all the writing, fundraising, advertising. Everything. In order for this festival to really grow, I need volunteers who are willing to devote some time to this."

However, there was one process in which Chappelpeaux was not involved. Everything for the festival underwent a juried selection process in order to ensure the quality of the festival.

The events are varied and include workshops, visual perfor-

mances, film and music. Some highlights include:

- Anita Loomis, a National Fund for Lesbian and Gay Artists recipient, will perform "Money, Sex, Love, Art and Public Transportation" on Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. at OutProud Theater, 75 Bennett St. N-1

Local artists S. Faybell Ma-hce and Jim Chappelpeaux are also on the bill. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

- Visual art will be on display on Thursday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Windsor House Galleries, on Miami Circle, the Lowe Gallery, on Bennett Street, and the Goldsmith Gallery, on Buckhead Avenue. Admission is free.

- An artist's market, featuring original works from local lesbian and gay artists, will be Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Windsor House Galleries. Admission is free.

- A gala fundraiser, benefiting the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival and National Coming Out Day, will be held Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Otherside. Tickets are \$5.

Advance tickets and \$20 festival passes are available at Charis Books & More in Little Five Points, E.D.'s Gourmet Records in Ansley Square and Maddix, Deluxe at Virginia-Highland. Music and theater performance affiliated with the festival continue weekends through Oct. 24.

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**ATLANTA GAY AND LESBIAN ARTS FESTIVAL.** Oct. 7-11. This 2nd annual event will feature an artists market, music, visual arts, performance pieces and more. The festival opens tonight with a visual art exhibit featuring local and national gay and lesbian painters, photographers and artists, and runs through Oct. 11. 7:00 pm. Windsor House Galleries. Also tonight a Gallery Hop, visit lesbian and gay artists in their home galleries. 7-9

pm. Lowe Gallery, 75 Bennett St. and Goldsmith Gallery, 247 Buckhead Ave.

**EXPLORING A WOMAN'S SEXUAL PAST.** Atlanta lesbian writer Nancy Oswald Astarte reads from her book "Private Poetry" and discusses topics such as child abuse, sex play and teenage abortion. 7:30 pm. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

**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, 89.3FM.

8 FRIDAY

**AGALAF MUSIC NIGHT.** The Atlanta Gay

and Lesbian Arts Festival turns to music tonight with an evening of song featuring Lenny Lasater, Johnnie Eason, Kent Wilson and Sister Thunder. 8:00 pm. SAME's OutProud Theatre, 75 Bennett St. 609-9590 for more info.

**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.** Yoel Levi leads the ASO and guest artist Maxim Vengerov on violin. Selections include Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 1. Tonight and tomorrow night. Symphony Hall. 872-2414.

**ALFA OPEN HOUSE.** The Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance invites you to an evening of games, conversation and munchies. 8:00 pm. 64 Clay St. 378-9769 for more info and directions.

**PIRATES OF PENZANCE.** The Savoyard Light Opera Co. opens its 14th season with this all time favorite Gilbert & Sullivan production. Tonight through Sunday night. Georgia Tech Theatre For The Arts. 894-9600.

**HOPE I DIE BEFORE I GET OLD.** Photographer Marvin Rhodes was hired to shoot photos of people in a nursing home to produce a brochure. The nursing home rejected the photos, using elderly "models" instead to complete the project. In Atlanta, several galleries have refused to exhibit the photos. Although considered some of his best work, the photos force us to consider our own vulnerability and to look at our neglect of the elderly. The exhibit opens tonight at The First Existentialist Congregation and will be on view until Nov. 21. 378-5570 for more info.

9 SATURDAY

**FALL GARDENING FESTIVAL.** The Atlanta Botanical Garden presents this annual event featuring displays, information and giveaways geared for the urban gardener. Held rain or shine. ABG at Piedmont Park. 10 am-3 pm. 876-5859 for more info.

**GREETINGS FROM OUT HERE.** Filmmaker Ellen Spiro traveled the backroads and cities of the South a few years ago in search of a southern gay culture. Whether she found it or not, and whether she looked in the right places, is debatable but the video is worth watching. 8:00 pm. High Museum's Hill Auditorium.

**HOLLY WOODLAWN.** The "Holly came from Miami F-L-A" of Lou Reed fame hits town tonight. Woodlawn will perform her dance rendition of the Velvet Underground song "Femme Fatale." See story page 30 for more details. Velvet. 89 Park Place. 681-9936.

**ATLANTA GAY AND LESBIAN ARTS FESTIVAL.** Today's events feature an artists market from 10 am-5 pm at Windsor House Galleries, two talks at the Buckhead Branch Library and performance artist Anita Loomis at 8:00 pm at OutProud Theatre, 75 Bennett St.

This 8th annual day will be observed in Atlanta with a service of hope and healing at 4:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Philip, 2744 Peachtree Rd. The service will include the rite of laying on of hands and a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Sponsored by the Diocese of Atlanta, Task Force on AIDS, and Integrity, Atlanta.

**1993 NATIONAL MISS ATLANTA PAGEANT.** No, this is not a "straight" beauty pageant, folks. Consider the entertainers: Sable Channel, Lauren Michaels, Tina Devore, the fabulous Dina Jacobs and more. Consider one of the judges; Tula. Get the picture? However, the categories are pretty familiar—evening gown, talent and sportswear. 9:00 pm. Omni Hotel, International Ballroom. 325-4364 for more info and reservations.

**ATLANTA GAY AND LESBIAN ARTS FESTIVAL.** Artists Market from 10 am-5 pm at Windsor House Galleries and performance artist Anita Loomis at 8:00 pm at OutProud Theatre. 609-9590.

11 MONDAY

**LESBIAN BATTERING: HOW LESBIANS AND THEIR ALLIES CAN HELP.** Georgia Advocates for battered women and children present this workshop and public forum on a problem we can no longer afford to ignore. 6:00 pm. First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr. 524-3847 for more information.

**LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER TOWN HALL MEETING.** Come and hear about the status and progress of the eagerly awaited new lesbian and gay community services center for Atlanta. Volunteer, get involved. 7:30 pm. 14th St. Playhouse. 294-7546 for more info.

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EXHIBIT. Through Oct. 15. Festa Italiana Culture Center and Nalley Lexus present this exhibit of historic opera costumes and supporting photographs from the archives of the New York Metropolitan Opera. The exhibit will be held at Saks Fifth Avenue at Phipps Plaza and is free to the public. 988-8085 for more info.



**AGALAF GALA FUNDRAISER.** In celebration of National Coming Out Day, this year's gay and lesbian arts festival offers an evening of fun featuring Ramona Dugger, Tory Beatty, Dance Force and others. MC is Jan Barlow. 6:00 pm-9:00 pm at The Otherside.

**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.

**DOUBLE TAKES: A NEW LOOK AT THE HIGH.** The High Museum of Art marks its 10th anniversary of its award-winning building with a major exhibition celebrating the breadth and variety of its permanent collections. Double Takes places seemingly unrelated works from every major collecting area side-by-side to

12 TUESDAY

**THE 5TH ANNUAL ATLANTA LESBIAN & GAY FILM FESTIVAL.** Nov. 12-21. SAME and Southern Voice present the best damn 1/2 film festival to ever hit Atlanta. 10 days of feature length and short films on 2 screens. Politics, sex, history, AIDS, multiculturalism and more are covered in these U.S., Canadian and international films. Highlights include "Forbidden Love" and "Sex Is." Lefont Plaza Theatre. Watch SoVo in upcoming weeks for all the details.

illustrate the recurrence of key themes in art of every medium and genre from different periods and parts of the world. Runs through Jan. 2. 892-HIGH.

13 WEDNESDAY

**WOMAN-EYES FESTIVAL OF NEW PLAYS.** This third annual event sponsored by Agnes Scott College features an eclectic mix of new plays from Pamela Turner, Shirlene Holmes Dianne Monroe and Sabina Angel. Tonight and tomorrow night at Winter Theatre in the Dana Fine Arts Building at Agnes Scott College. 371-6250.

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

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ABOVE: Warhol's 1968 "Marilyn" is just one piece on exhibit at the High Museum's exhibit "Double Takes" opening Oct. 12. LEFT: "Hope I Die Before I Get Old," a photo exhibit of the elderly by Marvin Rhodes, opens Oct. 8 at the First Existentialist Congregation.

BELOW: Maxim Vengerov performs with the Atlanta Symphony this weekend. Photo by Klaus Thumser.



ONGOING AND UPCOMING

**BODY POLITIC.** Through Oct. 9. The premiere of Atlanta playwright Steve Murray's two, one-act plays. 7 Stages Back Door Theatre.

**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.

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**UNQUESTIONED INTEGRITY: THE HILL-THOMAS HEARINGS.** Through Oct. 24, Thurs.-Sun. 7 Stages Theatre opens its new season with this bold and insightful play taken from actual manuscripts of Clarence Thomas' Supreme Court confirmation hearings. 7 Stages Theatre. 1105 Euclid Ave. 523-7647.

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# Dyke on Fire

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Crawford on the cover of *Vanity Fair*? Fuck that. Kiss a lesbian, k.d. Me! I volunteer! Kiss me!"

DeLaria returned home to Boston recently from Great Britain, where she did 34 sold-out performances, appeared on TV five times and picked up the prestigious Edinburgh Critics Award for Comedy. On Oct. 9, she is bringing her "Muff Diva" act to the Variety Playhouse in Atlanta.

DeLaria is a well-known in Atlanta, one of her favorite spots, because of her uproarious work as the emcee of *Pride* in 1991 and 1992. The second time around, a small stink ensued when she was asked to tone down the language in her act (this is, after all, the woman who, at the March on Washington, described Hillary Clinton as a "First Lady we can fuck") and refused.

Breaking the lavender ceiling in the enter-

tainment world is something she wasn't thinking about 11 years ago when she walked out on a stage in San Francisco and talked about being queer.

"When I made that decision, I didn't think about it as a career move. In 1982, when you talk about being gay on stage, you don't think you're going to get on the 'Tonight Show.' I didn't think it was gonna happen in January of this year. Suddenly, I walk out on the 'Arsenio Hall Show,' and I kill. I do great. The whole fucking industry's buzzing about me."

According to DeLaria, that particular performance changed the face of comedy and opened doors for other openly gay comedians, most notably Scott Thompson from "Kids in the Hall" and Kate Clinton.

DeLaria has since signed with APA, one of the major talent agencies in the world. She has been featured on CNN and ABC's "20/20" and will host an upcoming Comedy Central special for National Coming Out Day. She's negotiating a recording contract with Sire Records, and a possible television series is in the planning

stages with TV-guru Fred Silverman. Then there is her off-Broadway run next year. Oh, and talk of a movie.

"There's like a face lift that's going on," DeLaria says. "[Gay comedians] are not being ghettoized so much. It's unusual for me to accept this Comedy Central thing because I don't want us to be ghettoized, like "Def Comedy Jam" for black comics. Silly me—I think that black comics should be on *any* bill. And I think that gay comics should be on any bill. But in this particular instance, it's going to be a celebration of National Coming Out Day, and I think that's a great way to celebrate it, so I went for it."

DeLaria sums up her current one-woman show, "Muff Diva," as "Just me, doing my thing—being wild, being crazy...trying to get laid." Cracking jokes, singing jazz or swinging a double-headed dildo around on stage, DeLaria wants to change the way straight people view homosexuality. That's a goal she says she accomplishes just by performing.

"How many straight people actually see a

happy, positive, smiling, friendly gay or lesbian? The media controls what they see. They go to the March on Washington, and they only show the images they want you to see. [Seeing me] gives straight people an opportunity to say 'Wow, she thinks just like we do, she laughs just like we do, she talks like we do, she loves like we do.' You can really change people's minds if you make them laugh."

At 35, DeLaria says she's experiencing her sexual peak. What should we expect when she hits her career peak?

"There's nothing less about what I've been doing for 11 years than what I'm about to do—films, TV series and all that," she says. "If anything, it's gonna be much more watered down than things I've been doing in the past. I just kind of follow the dictates of my taste and try to be true to my integrity and my community."

"I have a charmed life. Now, if I could just get laid...If I could just get that Jodie Foster to sit on my face, everything would be set."

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# A comedy dark with imposters and connections

*Horizon's "Six Degrees of Separation" testifies that it really is a small world after all*

"We play a game around the set," jokes Rosemary Newcott, the director of Horizon Theatre Company's production of "Six Degrees of Separation." "We all try to figure out how we're connected to other people. Sometimes there are even less than six degrees separating us."

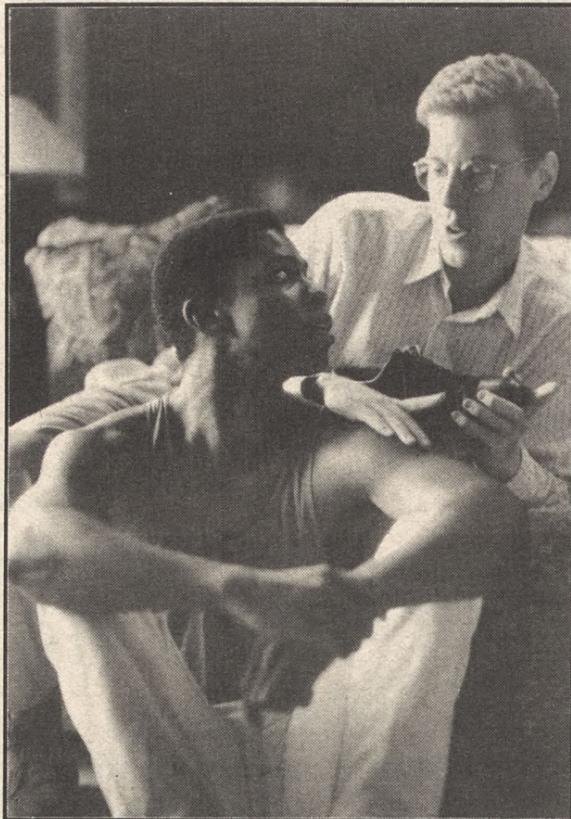
"Six Degrees of Separation" is about connections—the title refers to the theory that any two people on the face of the earth are separated by no more than six people who know each other. The play is a fictionalized version of a story which

**Six Degrees of Separation** runs Oct. 1 through Nov. 14 at Horizon Theater Company, 1083 Euclid Ave. in Little 5 Points. Call 584-7450.

occurred a few years ago in New York, when a drifter, David Hampton, convinced several wealthy people he was the son of actor Sidney Poitier and that he was helping his father cast a new movie. Poitier, in reality, has no sons, only daughters.

The play paints a scathingly funny portrait of urban Americans as we see how this stranger, Paul, charms his way into the cozy world of an affluent Manhattan couple, Ouisa and Flan, their friends and their children. Playwright John Guara, best known for "The House of Blue Leaves," was fascinated by the story. He put aside a script he'd been working on for two years and quickly penned "Six Degrees," a story he felt demanded be dramatized immediately. It was, and it became a major success when it was staged two years ago.

New York Times critic Frank Rich called it "transcendent,



Trent (Ron Estes, right) tries to seduce Paul (Judge Luckey) in a scene from "Six Degrees of Separation."

magical, an extraordinarily high comedy," but the play is much more than that. Though Horizon bills it is a suspenseful comedy, the play has a very dark, tragic side.

"It could be called a black comedy," said Newcott. "There are times we laugh, but there are times when we are shocked

by what's happening. Yes, you can call 'Six Degrees' a comedy, but it's a comedy like Shakespeare's 'Measure for Measure'—it's not laugh-a-minute stuff."

In the play, Paul finds a kindred spirit in Ouisa, a woman who reaches out to connect with him, even after she learns he's a liar, even after he brings a hustler into her home to have sex with him, even after he drives a young man to suicide.

A movie version of "Six Degrees of Separation" is due out this winter, but it is reported all indications of Paul's homosexuality have been eradicated by the filmmakers. "I don't know how they can do it," says Newcott. "The point of the play is that it makes no difference who or what we are. His sexuality is essential to many of the plot points of the play, at least as I see it."

Though she says she feels a little like a traffic cop at times with this play—there are 10 actors playing 17 roles—Newcott has striven to develop the characters in "Six Degrees" as fully as possible. "I didn't see the show in New York, though I wanted to at the time, but I was told Jerry Zaks directed it in a very fast-paced, boom, boom, boom kind of way. In our production, we're looking for the duality of the play. It has its funny sides and its serious ones. Paul and Ouisa and Flan have their good sides and their dark sides. What Guare constantly tells us in this play is that there are two sides to everything. Yes, he does make some radical switches in the writing, but that is how he keeps making that point."

Ironically, there are less than six degrees separating Rosemary Newcott from the original con man whose story is unfolding at Horizon. "My sister, Mary Lou—who's in our cast—went to school at the State University of New York at Buffalo. She remembers this guy who was hanging around the theater department all the time pursuing some other guy. He was, of course, David Hampton."

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Now, for the very first time, drag queen extraordinaire Holly Woodlawn will be coming to Atlanta to perform. On Saturday, Oct. 9 at Velvet, she will be doing her '90s dance rendition of the Velvet Underground song "Femme Fatale."

She was working as a female model for Saks Fifth Avenue ("They had no idea. I was that woman," Woodlawn says) when she burst into pop consciousness in 1970, after Warhol cast her in his film "Trash." None other than noted film director George Cukor petitioned unsuccessfully for her to be nominated for an Academy Award.

She has appeared in a number of films since then, as

well as in numerous theater productions. Her one-woman cabaret act was a hit in New York and London during the 1970s and 1980s. Her act incorporated Woodlawn's unique style of singing and special brand of humor. A New York Times critic wrote that she "really excels as an improviser. When she throws away her prepared material and ad libs, she is genuinely funny." In 1992, she released her autobiography, "A Low Life in High Heels." A deal is in the works to turn the book into a film.

"As far as being a transvestite goes, I see myself as an artist in the classical sense, like Kabuki theater. I don't live in drag. Holly Woodlawn is a character I created," she says. "When I'm in pants, call me a he. When I'm in a gown, call me a limo."

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# Thomas and Hill, together again

7 Stages' "Unquestioned Integrity" revisits hearings

Two years ago, the weekend mesmerized America. Anita Hill versus Clarence Thomas. He said, she said. Long Dong Silver and high-tech lynching. Pubic hairs on cans of Coke and talk of a woman scorned. The country divided into two camps—he lied or she lied.

Thomas is on the Supreme Court. Hill is a well-respected lecturer on the subject of sexual harassment. And the country is now more aware than ever that women (and men) can be subjected to sexual harassment in the workplace.

**Unquestioned Integrity** through Oct. 24 at 7 Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. in Little 5 Points. Call 523-7647.

Playwright Mame Hunt has decided to revisit this moment in American history in her new work, "Unquestioned Integrity: The Hill/Thomas Hearings," which is now playing at 7 Stages. The work is a compilation of text from the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings that we saw unfold on our television screens. The most important of the major players are there: Anita Hill (Marsha A. Jackson), cool, calm, collected, clear-headed and forthright; Clarence Thomas (Ron Himes), furious, invigorated, stentorian and fulminating; and the Senate committee, represented here by an amalgam referred to only as Senator (Del Hamilton).

In "Unquestioned Integrity," even the audience gets to participate. A facilitator (Diane Sellers) runs through the audience, Oprah-like, to

get people to say controversial things about the hearings as they are seeing them unfold.

It's all very interesting, but is it theater? The televised hearings were wildly dramatic. Who can forget the steady, calm Anita Hill discoursing on subjects we never thought would be broached on the tube, or forget Clarence Thomas denouncing the hearings as a "high tech lynching?" It was history, happening in front of us, and we were all willing spectators to the blood and gore.

However, the playwright has added nothing—no point of view, no insight, no 20/20 hindsight—to give us a reason for this play. She has crafted the actual transcripts into a working script, but it is not a play. Watching "talking heads" on television provides a certain dramatic tension of its own. Watching it in a theater is tiresome. Even breaking up the hearings with the facilitator running through the audience does not mask the fact that we are merely watching a recreation of the hearings, not a reinterpretation.

There is a great danger in putting "hearings" on a stage, and that danger is that they may not be dramatically moving or appealing. "Unquestioned Integrity" offers no insight—the playwright has made no choices nor taken any sides. All she has done is present us with a "Greatest Moments of the Hill/Thomas Hearings" play, something you'd almost expect to be hawked on TBS ("Now, while supplies last, you can own the great moments of the hearings that changed history! Only \$19.95 on your Visa or Mastercard!").

Worse, combining the varied, and unques-



Ron Himes, as Clarence Thomas, and Marsha Jackson, as Anita Hill, face off in a play based on their infamous Senate Judiciary Committee testimony.

tionably unique, personalities of the members of the committee into one bland senator further serves to reduce dramatic impact. Without having Arlen Specter and Alan Simpson to jeer at, and without having Kennedy to laugh about, we have only Hill and Thomas. While they are both highly intelligent, they are not the epitome of sparkling personalities.

Marsha A. Jackson manages to perfectly capture the calm demeanor of Anita Hill. She clearly has studied the tapes and found the essence of this woman. Ron Himes embodies the fury and bluster of Clarence Thomas in an over-the-top performance (but Thomas was over the top himself at the hearings). Del Hamilton spends most of his time on stage looking confused, sort of like he's wondering which senator he's supposed to be at any given moment. Diane Sellers provides the only lively moments of the evening

as the facilitator.

Director Andre Frye has tried to infuse some tension in the proceedings, but at every turn she's defeated by the script. And she makes one truly confusing choice. Often during the proceedings, we see the participants turning around to talk to attorneys or staff members who we're supposed to believe are there.

Yes, that is what may have happened at that moment in the hearings, but on stage, it only serves to point out how much of a vacuum this play operates in. The total atmosphere of pages, aides, lawyers, spectators, cameras, reporters and klieg lights is missing. The words are there, but the feeling is gone. When any of the actors turns to an imaginary person, it only serves to remind us how much we miss the environment we saw on television.

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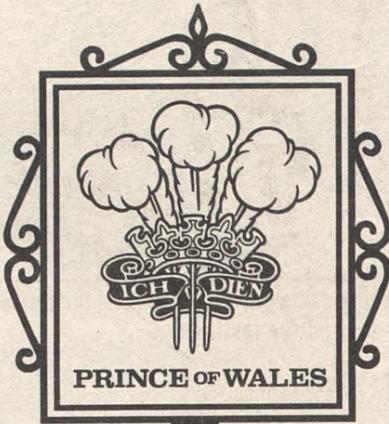
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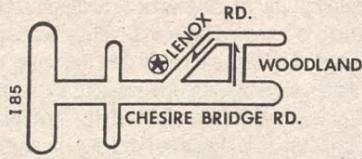
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There's got to be some logical reason why I've avoided eating at the **Oasis Cafe** (1799 Briarcliff Rd. in Sage Hill Center; 876-0003) despite the fact that friends have long sung its praises. Maybe it's that every time I think of an oasis, I also think of that ditzy song from the '70s that went "Midnight at the oasis/Send your camels to bed." If I go to a restaurant called the Oasis, am I going to have to listen to smarmy '70s music?

The answer is "no." The music at the Oasis Cafe is a laid back mix of jazz and other eclectic tunes sure to soothe even the grumpiest among us. The same is true for the look of the place, a high ceilinged, elongated room done up in simple black and white with a few chotzkes distributed tastefully about—simple, functional and without affect.

That's not a bad way to describe the food either, except that much of it is far better than just functional.

Take an appetizer of fool—fat fava beans swimming in a sea of garlic, lemon juice and olive oil. Served with a side of warm pita wedges, this powerful mixture is at once bracing and soothing. It's the sort of food that causes poets to put pen to paper as they howl with pleasure—the kind of stuff that would make you want to get your camel out of bed and demand that (s)he share in this delight.

Other starters (some of which can be combined into an entree platter) are also worthwhile, but only the sublime, smoky babba ghannouj quite resides in the same category as the fool. The smoked eggplant dip is deeply flavored, perfectly smooth and loaded with olive oil, but not the least bit greasy. A dip in bathtub full sounds like heaven to me.

Hummus and tabbouli, on the other hand, are only serviceable, lacking the bright distinctive flavors of the aforementioned treats.

But vegetarian stuffed grape leaves are light and lemony and easy to eat. And felafel patties (which combine ground chick peas and fava beans) are crisp on the exterior and substantive and chewy inside without being the least bit greasy. The tahini sauce that accompanies them provides just the right amount of spice and lubricity to the slightly dry patties. If you've grown bored with others' renditions of this dish, be sure and give these a try. They'll restore your faith in the form.

If you've got any room left after a trip through appetizerville, there's a short list of entrees, several of which merit attention.

Several kinds of meat—chicken, lamb, beef and ground lamb/beef—come mixed with grilled veggies in kabob form. All arrive on a bed of rice and a side of either tahini or musky/hot and very complex "BBQ" sauce. The former works better with chicken and the latter with the red meats, which may be the better choice here given the kitchen's propensity for keeping these kabobs on the fire a bit too long. The veggies and meat seem to enjoy the flame, but the white chicken flesh simply dries out and becomes tough and tasteless.

Pollo al arroz, a platter of rotisserie chicken, rice, nuts and a few raisins or currants sounds sublime and shows substantial promise. But the slightly dry chicken seems to have been pulled from its bone on another day, and the whole mess is a mite on the greasy side. That's a shame, because the flavors and textures are very pleasing. I'd definitely give it another try in hopes that I ordered it on an off day.

Almost the antithesis, a platter of moist gyro meat, topped with tomatoes and grilled onions and naped with tahini sauce, is as pleasing as any in town.

Service is quick and pleasant, at least when the restaurant is virtually empty as it has been on the two (Braves game) nights that I've visited. Prices are reasonable—\$10 or less will stuff you to the gills. Alcohol is not served, but brown bagging is permitted. There's another location at 752 Ponce de Leon (881-0815). Take out is available from either.



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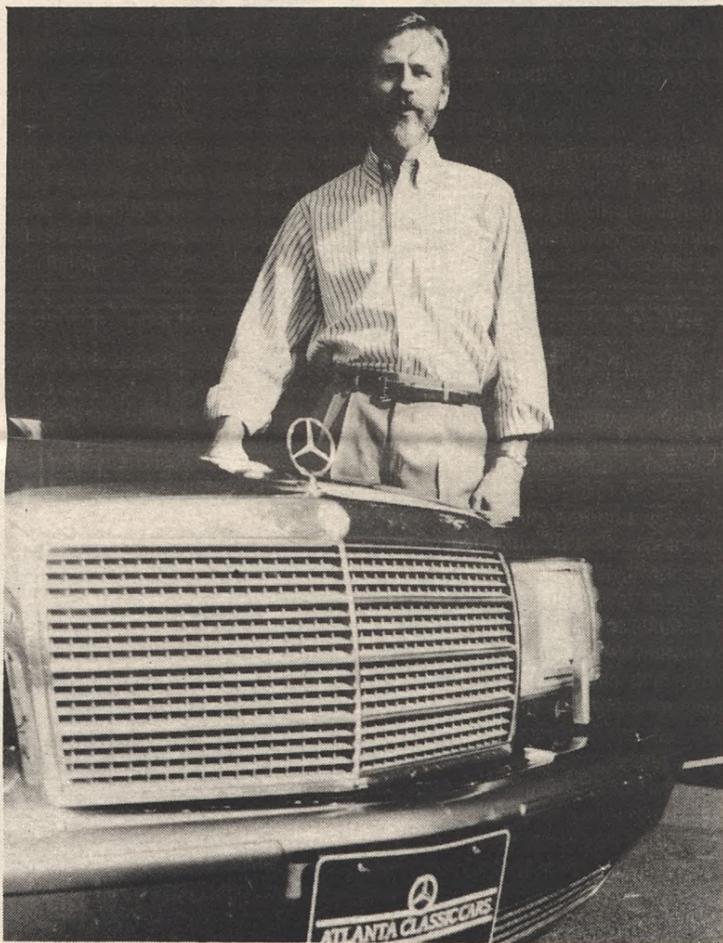
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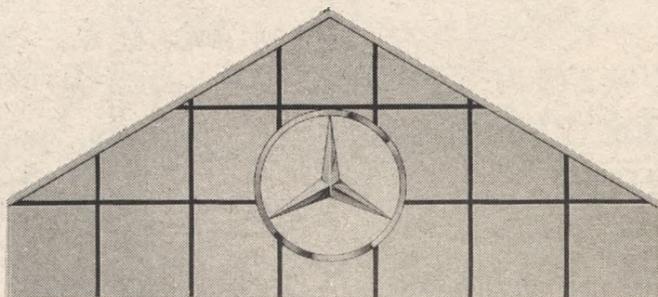
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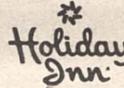
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Sign of the Week (and the Times): Seen on Briarcliff Road: "Stop Here Queen, Yard Sale Today."

Erotophobia on Parade: A New Jersey man named Daniel Swisher (we don't know if he is related to the Swisher folks who make cleanliness equipment for public restrooms) is looking for financial backing for a condom applicator. The device opens the condom package and allows you to apply it to the penis in question without having to touch either condom or penis. It's designed for folks who object to the "messy" nature of lubricated latex. Now this brings up some pretty serious questions for Dish. Like why would a man in the heat of passion (or his partner) not want to touch his penis? And how can you have sex and not get messy—isn't that part of the fun? Most importantly, there's no mention about this device offering any assistance in removing the condom. Maybe Swisher wants to sell you latex gloves for that.

Wet Lips: Speaking of anti-erotic, police (nine of them to be exact) raided an adult novelty store in Austin, Texas and confiscated four plastic sheep with "rear entry holes." Remarked the store's clerk, "We sold them as gag gifts for bachelor parties. I don't remember anyone buying one who had wet lips and looked like he couldn't wait to get the package open."

Worth a Thousand Words: Comic extraordinaire Robin Williams and his wife Marsha are producing a comedy in which Mr. Williams stars as Mrs. Doubtfire, also the name of the flick. The plot goes like this: When a couple gets divorced, she gets the kids and he gets grumpy because he doesn't get to spend enough time with the cherubs. So when wifey advertises for a housekeeper, (ex)hubby gets himself up as an elderly British woman...and gets the job. We could tell you more (like the fact that Harvey Fierstein also has a part), but we think that the accompanying image of Williams tells more than we could ever convey about why you should go see this film.

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



Dish thinks Robin Williams, exploring his femme side, is a must see.

Worth a Thousand Words II: One of the most arresting images that we've seen in a long time is the United Colors of Benetton ad that features the smooth chest (in fuzzy focus) of a man whose arm has been tattooed with the words "H.I.V. POSITIVE." Like many Benetton ads, this one makes you stop, think

and question reality in a way that Dish thinks deserves beaucoup praise. Seems that some AIDS activists in France disagree. They are suing Benetton, claiming that the image is too reminiscent of how the Nazi's branded folks. Which is exactly why we like it.

Big Bucks: Ever wonder who the wealthiest homo in the world is? Well we have, and were therefore instantly attracted to Forbes magazine's list of the 40 most highly paid entertainers. (Given the late Malcolm Sr.'s closet proclivities, we think that the mag should do a list of the 25 richest fags and dykes.) We spotted only one name of an out-and-out queer on the list—Brit producer Cameron Mackintosh was No. 38 with an income of \$22 million in the last two years. Siegfried & Roy (who Dish thinks might actually be Liberace and his evil twin in disguise) were No. 18 with \$32 million. Prince came in fifth on the list with a cool \$49 million, exactly half of No. 1 Oprah's \$98 million haul. Poor Elton didn't even make the cut.

Bell Bottoms, Too?: From Boy George in "The Advocate:" "If clogs can make a comeback, why can't I?"

Disco Bigot: Seems that disco diva Gloria Gaynor isn't too happy about a large part of her listening audience—queers. Quoted in the British tabloid, The Sun, Gaynor said, "I feel the same way as the Bible. It says that homosexuality is an abomination. God loves homosexuals, but he doesn't love what they do." Like what, Gloria? Dance their collective asses off to your music? Not any more, sweet lips. And if you feel that way, why the hell did you give "I Am What I Am" such a stirring rendition?"

And Still More Bigots: Word is that Bad Billy McKinney decided not to run for mayor because his wife told him he would have to move out of their house if he did. McKinney said he liked his house, so he wouldn't run. Not "I love my wife and want to respect our relationship," but "I like my house and don't want to find new digs." How touching.

OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 13, 1993

As we approach the new moon (on Oct. 15), we can make use of the last quarter energies by completing unfinished projects, especially anything started around the previous new moon in September. Also make more time for being with people you care about.

ARIES, you can make real progress in any form of negotiation right now, if you are able to listen and really hear what others are saying. In partnerships and business relationships, you can build strong bonds and loyalty by shifting your perspective. TAURUS, the atmosphere in your close relationships could be a little explosive for the next week or so as Mercury and Mars join Pluto in your seventh house of partnerships and intimate relationships. Are you still carefully guarding your heart? GEMINI, how do you explain all the "good luck" that just happens in your life? Is it only random occurrence, or could it be your natural affinity/ability to tune into the universal streams of goodness and intelligence? Have a little more faith in yourself.

CANCER, the sun and Jupiter are illuminating and expanding your fourth house of home, personal/private life and family ties. Don't be too surprised if something private becomes more public than you would like. Be optimistic and positive, regardless. LEO,

STAR SIGNS

how is the general emotional atmosphere at home? Is everything harmonious, or is there an undercurrent of turmoil and potential disruption that you have been ignoring? This is the time to pay attention and acknowledge the obvious. It will work out. VIRGO, well, this is definitely your time of year, so you need to be out in the wonderful world of nature, absorbing all of the fantastic beauty and nourishing energy of fall. This will restore your energy and your overall sense of well being.

Happy Birthday, LIBRA. Are you having a wonderful time, or are you expending some energy worrying about people or things you can't do anything about anyway? Seek out places of peace and beauty to quiet your mind and nourish your spirit. Be happy. SCORPIO, lots of activity for you in the dream world, as well as changes in the way you perceive life. What may feel like turmoil and upset would actually be some very wonderful personal growth

and the emergence of a new and positive self-awareness. SAGITARIUS, are you feeling the need to be more involved in community activities? If so, that's great. Just be sure you have all your personal ducks in a nice, tidy row before taking off to pour your energy into another project. Hasten slowly.

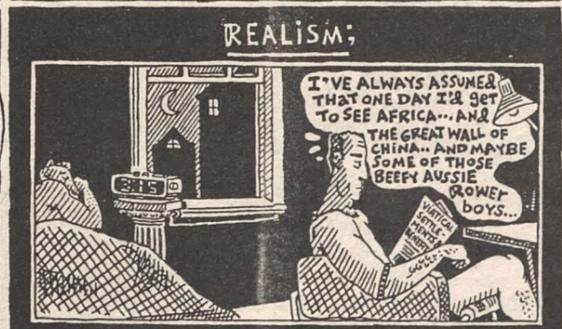
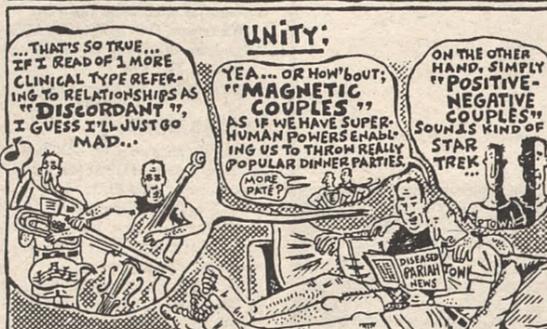
CAPRICORN, you can really move forward in your career right now by sharpening your skills in diplomacy and negotiation. You don't want to win the battle and lose the war or get too focused on a minor point. Practice changing your perspective. AQUARIUS, there is no time like the present for letting go of old habits and patterns that are not healthy or productive. Your capacity for personal growth is astonishing if you are willing to release yourself from the past and trust in your own good karma. PISCES, your eighth house of sexuality and transformational experiences is super active right now, so fasten your seat belt and take a deep breath. You need to pay close attention to your gut instincts, and your excellent intuition, and avoid alcohol.

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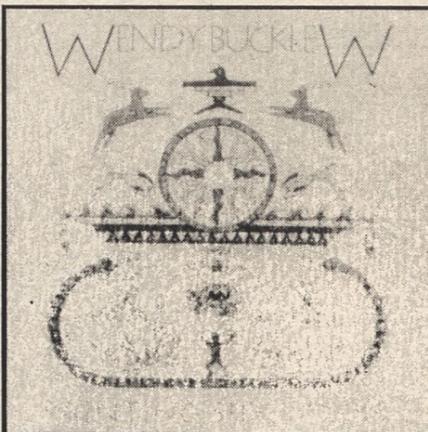
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MARIE MURRAY

Age: 43

Relationship Status: "taken" for 12 years

Last Book Read: for fun, "The Grass Crown" by Colleen McCullough; serious, "People of the Lie" by Scott Peck

Pet Peeve: fanatics of any persuasion



"I was involved in GAPAC when the Metro Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Association (MACGLO) was still around," recalls Marie J. Murray, a local writer/editor and former Yankee turned Southern girl, who was educated at State University in Geneseo, New York. "I still mourn MACGLO's loss—absolute folly to let that wonderful meeting ground go by the wayside. It had about 75 organizations represented. But you can't keep a good community, such as ours, down. The true leaders continue to emerge anyway."

"I have such admiration for a dozen or so of special people," says Murray, a New York City native. "The women that I admire the most are Chris Cash—I'm bowled over by what she's done—and Judy Colbs—because of her tremendous organization skills. These two should be applauded for their accomplishments in building up Southern Voice and P-FLAG, respectively."

"For fairly obvious reasons I've become concerned about breast cancer, which is becoming as epidemic as AIDS," she adds when queried about women's issues. "More and more I'm becoming involved in women's health issues." Yet overall Murray's volunteer activities have taken a back seat to her home and relationship over the past few years.

"I was a board member and a chairperson of GAPAC," she explains. "It was fun and educational and burned me out totally. So for the past few years, I've limited my activism to writing out checks."

"Marie Johanson is the light of my life today," continues Murray on the subject of her lover, a physical therapist in south Atlanta. "I don't know what I'd do without her. We seemed so different in the beginning. At the start, we never expected it to last, but we balance each other. I taught her how to spend, and she taught me how to save, which worked out great after we merged our bank accounts. Years ago, our role models, who have been together 31 years now, advised us that the secret of their success

was that they were so financially entangled that they couldn't afford to break up. We're in that same position now."

However, it does sometimes get confusing with two Maries in the same household. According to Murray, one Christmas, they sent a card to a friend signed "Les Maries." Subsequently he proceeded to call up mutual acquaintances complaining that he didn't know a guy named "L-E-S."

"Non-work time is spent gardening, decorating and loving our dogs," she says.

Four years ago, Marie Murray's professional life took off in a different direction when she began writing.

"I love the freedom it gives me," she says. "And I love freelancing in particular because it keeps me involved with different projects and ensures that I won't be stuck with any one boss' neurosis for too long."

On a more personal note, recently Murray's pet peeve was tested when she sent off a series of letters to a local politician.

"John Linder and I had a brisk series of communications," she says, shuddering.

There is with Murray, as with each of us, a darker area that causes deep concern.

"I'm very worried about violence against women—it's something that never leaves you," she states. "Rape, in particular, is something you never 'get over,' though you make your peace with the experience. As a rape survivor, I know that I can go for long periods of time just fine and then at other times my fear is just below the surface. The escalating level of violence against women in our society is very disturbing."

On a lighter note, having seen many demographic changes in Atlanta since her arrival, Murray concludes with this observation about her Candler Park neighborhood: "The gay boys are moving in, so now we will become 'trendy.' The neighborhood was first settled by lesbians, so for years we were not."

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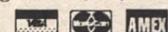
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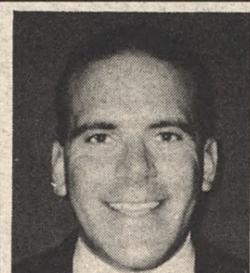
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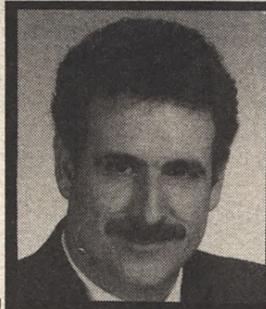
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Gay or gay-friendly MF to share house in East Atlanta (Ormeadow Park area). \$275 per month plus 1/2 util. Pets negotiable. Deposit/References required. 622-7562. (6.33)

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Roommate wanted to share 2 BR, 1 BA home in Lake Claire. Hardwood floors, fireplace, W/D. \$350 + 1/2 util. I'm easygoing. Non-smoker with no pets. Available immediately. Call Jerrilyn 378-6640. (6.33)

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LESBIAN? AFFAIR? CAN WE TALK? Researchers looking for volunteers. If you have been in a committed relationship impacted by an affair, donate your experience! Call (904) 668-7460. (6.33)

Positive Impact provide mental health services to persons who are affected by HIV and have limited financial resources. Services are provided by volunteer mental health professionals. Call 885-9040 to volunteer. (6.34)

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

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

AIDS WALK ATLANTA. Volunteers needed to help produce the Southeast's largest fundraiser for AIDS—the Atlanta AIDS Walk on October 17. Daytime volunteers especially needed, as well as people to work evenings and weekends. Call 876-9255. Ask for Julia. (6.34)

## Voice Connection

### WOMEN

Young 40, attractive, intelligent, blessed with many good friends. Are you honest, stable, tender? With no fear of the potential relationship? **T** 1773

Attractive GF Seeking foreign, petite lipstick lesbian for companionship, to enjoy life, love and happiness. No butch, bi's or kids. **T** 1746

Attractive GWF seeking feminine GWF who enjoys being wined and dined in life's simple pleasures. No bi's, drug free. **T** 1744

Lesbian seeking women to talk with, laugh with and walk with along life's path. If your world includes films, theater, books, travel, pets, politics, spirituality and joy, I look forward to talking to you. **T** 1713

GWF, very attractive, long hair, Gothic, grunge, alternative music, seeks GWF. Must be feminine and attractive, 47, no Bi's. **T** 1738

GWF, professional, feminine, fit, desires correspondence with/meeting same 37-45. Appreciates intellect, depth, balance, equanimity, innate sensuality, taste. POB 674812, Marietta, GA 30067. (6.34)

GBF, prof., 30's, kids, attracts, enjoys books, music, dancing, laughing. Seeks GF 25-40 with similar interests for friendship

& more. **T** 1716

Feminine, GWF, 31, seeking dependable friendship, intelligent conversation, laughter (no zombies) and maybe romance with a sincere feminine lady. **T** 1718

GWF, 35, attractive, romantic, seeks GWF 35-40, attractive feminine dark-haired, fun, likes outdoors, horses, country dancing. Must be honest, playful & stable. I am. Friendship possible relationship. No drugs. **T** 1719

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, reverses 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, 5'11" 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

GWF, 40, professional keeps yuppie tendencies somewhat in check with feminist, humanist, 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 Bitchy (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 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

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

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

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

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

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

### MEN

GBM, athletic, college educated, sensual, sexual, sensitive 27 year old, seeking masculine, educated physically fit GBM. **T** 1747

29, tall, educated, very handsome, quality professional WM. Seeking similar, quality WM, handsome, for potential relationship. No games please! **T** 1751

Atlanta's Hottest GWM—best dancer, most fashion conscious, great personality, great looks - need support to attain your full potential? Let's talk. **T** 1743

GWM 27, Little overweight seeks GM 18-30 Top for relationship. Latin, Asian, all replies answered. **T** 1748

GWM, 6', 175, mid 40s, smooth, healthy, professional, seeks HIV- bottom into submission, humiliation, embarrassment for discreet safe sessions. **T** 1771

Leather Daddy needs leather boy - would you look great in leather jock, chaps, harness, collar & cap - Party with the men. **T** 1742

Hairy and stocky GWM sought by medium size GWM bear. Prefer friendly, professional, healthy, nongame, sincere, husky but trim bears. **T** 1772

Attractive 44 yr. old tennis pro, loves theater, reading, movies, cooking, jazz, traveling. Virginia graduate. Seeks WM same interests, most importantly fun, educated, compassionate, decent. #1903, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

GBM, 19, 200 lbs, nice looking, honest, loving & very caring. Seeking Bi/GM (18-45) for friendship or relationship. Tops and bottoms are welcome. **T** 1749

Handsome, sincere, romantic, caring man hopes to meet someone with equal qualities to share exciting times together. **T** 1745

Outdoors, sunsets, rivers, forests, mountains, masculine, healthy, 32, 150#, W/M to share cabin/friendship with non-smoker. P.O. Box 612, White, GA 30184. (6.36)

GWM Business owner needs attractive young live-in companion, relationship oriented, maintain household, help manage businesses. Some travel, I'll reciprocate generously. **T** 1741

GWM, 35, tall attractive. New to Atlanta. Seeks same 25-45 for friendship/safe fun/relationship? Duluth/Gwinnett area a plus. **T** 1750

Female impersonation. You - pretty young man. Me - mature male mentor/hobbyist with dresses, furs, jewelry, prof. make-up & wigs. Beginners only. **T** 1740

GWM, 35, 6'2", 175, trim, attractive top

gentleman, bearded, smooth body. Into movies, travel, dining out, music, romantic evenings, and cuddling. Seeking GWM, attractive, non-smoking, good natured, smooth bottom, with similar interests. 30-40. **T** 1739

Cool Nights - Hot Tub Fun. Masculine, fit GWM, 34, Br/Br, 5'10", 155 seeks similar GWM couple - Splash around! Maybe more. **T** 1737

Youthful 41, GWM, goodlooking professional seeking person possessing: humor, confidence, class, compassion, kids, activism, pets? Seeking relationship, no race preference. Call me, let's talk some. **T** 1736

### SOUTH METRO

GWM Couple - Young, monogamous, professional, stable, seek similar for friendship only. Write 256 Commerce Dr., Ste. 460, PTC, GA 30269. (6.35)

Hot, muscular GWM couple - 28, 6', 160#; 30, 5'11", 170#, seeks great looking male(s) for adventures in the bedroom. **T** 1735

HERMIT seeks companion for sharing a simple life in the spirit of Saint Francis on secluded hermitage in northeast Georgia. **T** 1589

GBM, 27, 5'11", 220# seeks GWM 30-50 for serious relationship and good times. **T** 1715

Asian, 22, 160#, 5'10", shy and caring, seeks WM 20-30 for fun, friendship and more. Box 1130, Clemson, SC 29633-1130.

GWM, 29, 5'7", 170 Br/HZ, Novice Boy seeks WM 25-40 dominant. Spanking, discipline, W/S, B/D, Safe S/M. Make me serve. **T** 1714

Blue eyed top, boyish 38, playful, mustache, seeks safe bottom boyfriend. Photo & telephone to; POB 13162, Atl., GA 30324. (6.35)

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 GWMs, 32 - muscular, handsome, endowed; 52 - lean, good-looking, deep throat; seek affectionate, versatile, young GWM for wild, kinky, long sessions. Letter/pik to: Betjeman, POB 6562, Marietta, GA 30065-0562. (6.35)

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

W/F, dominant, demanding queen seeks gentleman, over 50's, submissive, financially secure, supportive, giving to live in Cobb Co., Smyrna. **T** 1700

Gay Greek & Italian, 6'1", 175 #, br/br, man 27, very good-looking, Romantic, spiritual, and healthy, seeks GBM 27-37 who is good-looking and who is spiritual and likes to go to movies and do romantic things, not into bars. Who's looking for a possible relationship. Please, no fems. **T** 1661

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 yr. **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! Drop 'em, spread & smile! **T** 1679

Average GBM bottom seeking serious friendship with relationship oriented, masculine, aggressive, private, average Black G/BiM absolute top under 51. **T** 1684

GWM, 35, 5'8", 145#, br/br, handsome, masc, seeks similar 21-30s to help with small resort in North GA Mtns. & relationship. **T** 1674

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 montuno, 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/Gr, 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 compatible GWM 35-45 for

PERSONALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GBM, 27, Professional, relationship-oriented, community-involved, ISO GM, 25-35, for cheap movie date. ☎ 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? ☎ 1639

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Black male seeks a masculine black male with a touch of New York flavor for adven-

turous fun. ☎ 1598

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM COUPLE, 32 & 38 seek versatile GWM for fun and games. Us: Both 5'9", 185#, 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, mustache, romantic, safe top. ☎ 1489

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 35, 5'9", 160, beard, balding, masculine, versital, seek 35-40s GBM or GWM

for fun, friendship and more. ☎ 1486

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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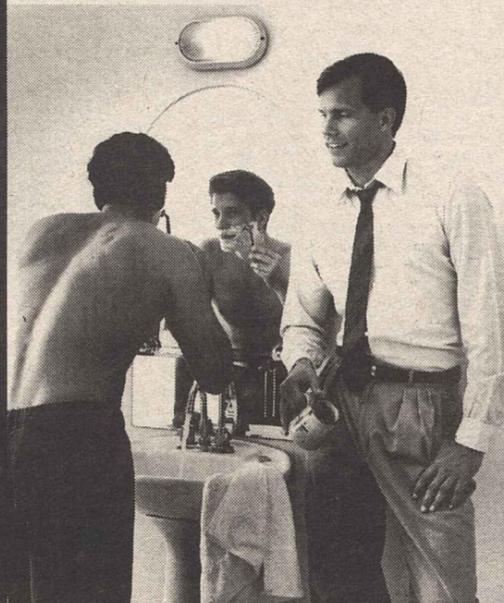
BiWM, 30, 5'11", 175, very attractive, great shape, sharp mind would like to meet other bi women/men. Let's talk! ☎ 1717

SBM married, 54, great shape, seeks mature shapely BiBF (30-50) for very discreet safe encounters. ☎ 1570

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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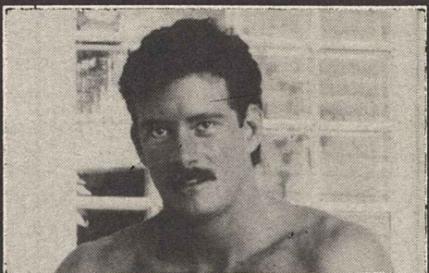
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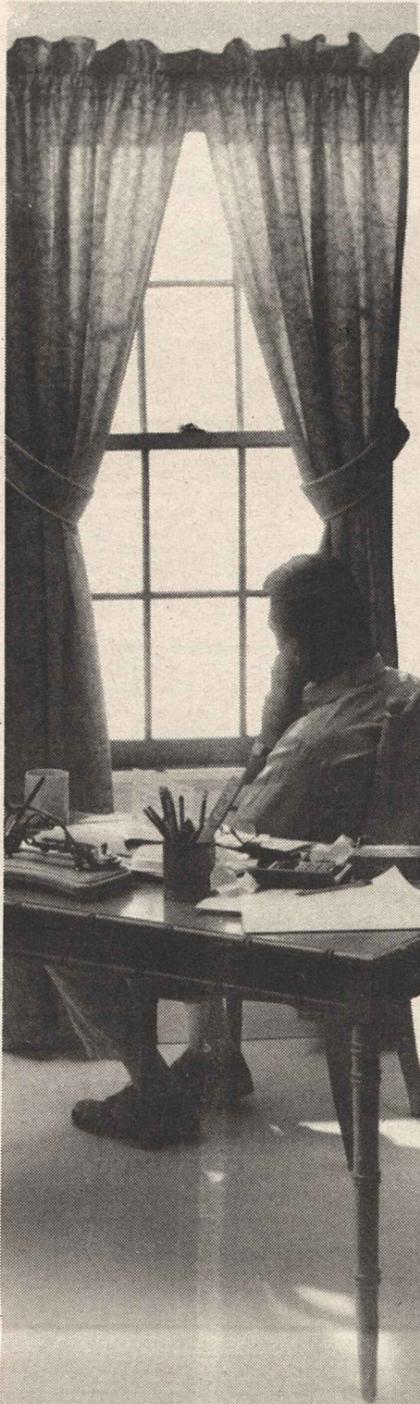
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