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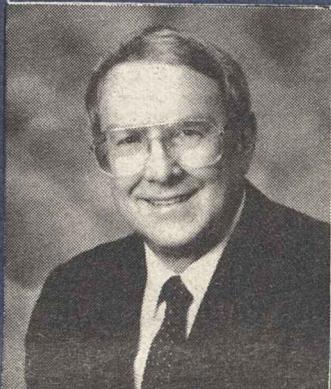
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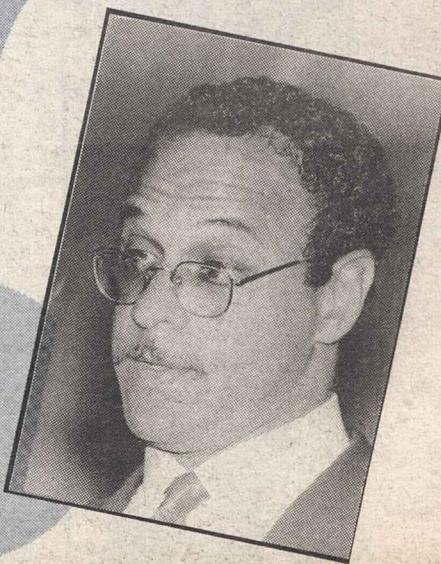
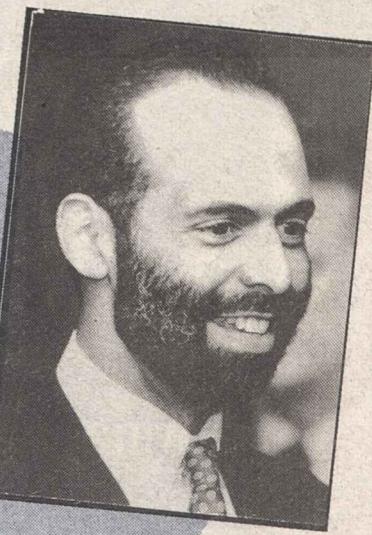
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More than \$1 million

Sunday's AIDS Walk Atlanta draws 20,000 participants and exceeds fundraising goal

Atlanta—More than 20,000 walkers turned out under gray skies in Piedmont Park Sunday for the largest AIDS walk in the Southeast, which organizers say raised \$1,013,000 for the fight against AIDS.

Though that fundraising figure was \$250,000 more than was raised last year, walk producer Craig Miller called the number a "conservative projection" and predicted that the final total will be even higher when

all of the money is collected.

"We feel very gratified by the tremendous outpouring of support from the Atlanta community for this year's AIDS Walk," Miller said. "We feel we clearly accomplished what we set out to do—to expand the base of support for this event and to dramatically increase awareness in the community."

Nearly 400 teams from corporations and other organizations throughout the metro Atlanta area participated in the 1993 AIDS Walk Atlanta, helping underscore the diversity of those committed to fighting AIDS.

"Public health is one of our national goals for the year," said Melissa Mack, one of more than two dozen walkers from Georgia Tech's Delta Sigma Theta sorority who made the walk. "We're here to help out in any type of way we can."

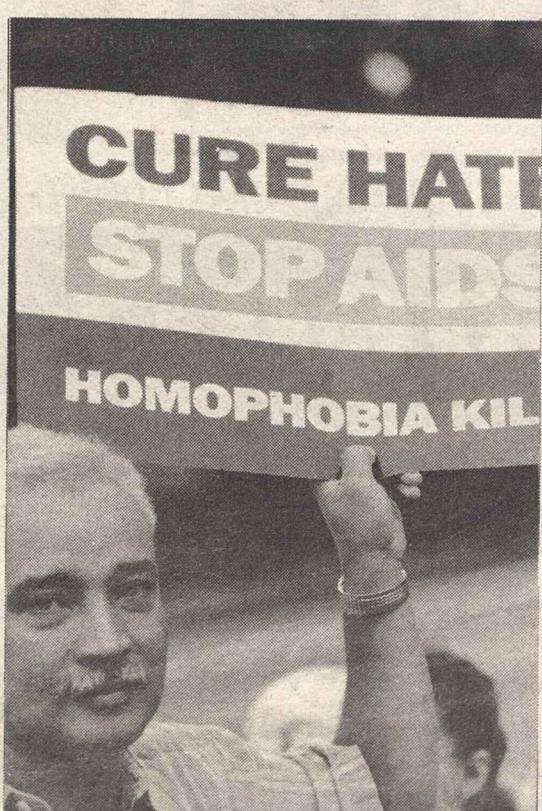
Rich's department store brought out the largest team—nearly 500 walkers—and company chair Russell Straditz said the effort was not atypical of his employees.

"This is a reflection on the kind of people Rich's people are," he said. "It's a reflection of the kind of commitment we have."

Becky Clayton, the newly appointed executive director of AID Atlanta, which receives the bulk of the walk's proceeds, said she was "incredibly pleased" with the turnout.

"My background is in community activism," she said, "And this is what it's all about."

AID Atlanta was the subject of some criticism for hiring a production company, Miller Zeichik and Associates, to produce what had been a largely vol-



As well as raising money, the AIDS Walk allowed this walker to send a message.

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Elton John helps open Grady clinic

Grady IDC dedicated in ceremony last week

Atlanta—Music superstar Elton John, joined by a crowd of 500 invited guests, officially opened Grady Memorial Hospital's new Infectious Disease Clinic last Thursday, an outpatient AIDS-treatment facility described by one speaker as "unparalleled in the United States."

"This is such an amazing achievement—eight years of hard work," said John, a part-time Atlanta resident, who added that "I wish this facility didn't have to be here."

John, who started the Elton John AIDS Foundation, based in Atlanta, last year, pledged that he would continue his involvement in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

"This is a monumental task ahead of us, and we all have a role to play," he said.

The Grady IDC, designed to provide care to people with HIV/AIDS who don't have access to private medical care, was started in 1985 at the hospital's main facility downtown. At the time, it served less than 100 patients. As the caseload grew, the small, cramped facility was overwhelmed, prompting complaints and protests by HIV/AIDS activists that people were not getting sufficient care.

Two years ago, Grady officials bought the

vacant Presbyterian Center on Ponce de Leon Avenue and announced plans to renovate it into a comprehensive, state-of-the-art AIDS treatment facility. Some businesspeople in the Ponce de Leon corridor objected and tried to stop the project, but it was eventually approved.

At last week's ceremony, the pressure put on by the activists was cited as helpful to the process by one speaker. "I never thought I'd say this, but I would like to say a special word of thanks to ACT UP," said former Fulton County Commission chairman, and mayoral candidate, Michael Lomax.

The new facility, staffed by 150 people, serves 5,000 patients and is expected to serve 7,000 patients by 1996. It includes medical treatment facilities for people with HIV/AIDS of all ages, as well facilities for dental treatment, social service support, educational programs, a pharmacy and daycare.

Despite the difficulties in getting the facility approved, "I believe we can now get consensus that the result was well worth the effort," said Donald Snell, acting president of Grady.

However, Dr. Sumner Thompson, the IDC's medical director, reminded the crowd that a treatment facility alone is not enough.

"In the midst of this celebration of treatment, we must remember prevention because that is our only salvation," he said.

RICHARD SHUMATE



John calls IDC "an amazing achievement."

GAPAC recommends Myrtle Davis for mayor

Lesbian/gay political group fails to find openly gay candidate Andy Loftis acceptable

Atlanta—The release of GAPAC's candidate ratings for the 1993 elections has unleashed a firestorm of controversy, particularly over the gay/lesbian political action committee's ratings in the races for mayor and the 6th District seat on the City Council.

For mayor, GAPAC gave its highest ranking, "recommended," to Myrtle Davis, who was in third place among the three major candidates in a recent poll. And in the 6th District, GAPAC gave no ranking at all to openly gay candidate Andy Loftis, while recommending his straight opponent, incumbent Mary Davis.

The group gave a "recommended" rating to two other openly gay candidates, Eric Spivey in District 2 and Carolyn White in District 1.

In a written statement, Loftis lashed out at the organization, saying that his campaign was "baffled and gravely disappointed that the lobbyists on the committee could not distinguish leadership from political expediency."

The decision in the mayor's race stunned some supporters of candidates Bill Campbell and Michael Lomax, who were rated as "acceptable" by GAPAC. But GAPAC co-chair Ed Stancell defended the ratings, saying that Davis

had the edge based on candidate interviews, a position questionnaire and a candidate forum.

"[Davis] was perceived as a very detailed person," Stancell said, "And we thought that would pay off in a hands-on leadership style."

Stancell added that both Campbell and Lomax were very good on lesbian and gay issues, but that Davis' experience pushed her over the top.

"There was a distinct feeling that Atlanta needs some change, which we felt [Davis] represented," he said, "She has supported us in the past, and we don't expect any difference in the future."

GAPAC's political committee, whose members interviewed the candidates and reviewed their questionnaires, made the decisions as to how candidates should be rated. It then issued one of three rankings—recommended, acceptable or not acceptable—or no ranking at all.

When word of what the committee had decided started to leak out to campaigns, rumors began spreading in lesbian/gay political circles that Campbell and Lomax supporters were trying to get GAPAC's board of directors to overrule the political committee.

Stancell said that the board did review the decision to recommend Myrtle Davis and agreed with what the political committee had decided.

The decision in the 6th District race has causing even more controversy. Mary Davis was given a "recommended" rating. No rating—not even an "acceptable" designation—was given to either of her two opponents, Loftis and attorney

Joe Kelly.

"Mary has a proven record on our issues and other community issues," Stancell said. "She stood out above the others in her grasp of the issues and on her record."

In his statement, Loftis said, "The public deserves an opportunity to review candidate questionnaire responses, so that they can better understand the opinions of the GAPAC 'leadership.'"

But Stancell countered that GAPAC's ratings were based not only on the questionnaire, but also on interviews with the candidates and their appearance at a GAPAC-sponsored candidate forum.

"The forum helped us clarify our decision on this race and on a number of other races in that we were able to access a candidate's ability to speak on the issues," he said.

Loftis also announced in his statement that he had been endorsed by a previously-unknown political group called the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Ballot.

Campaign manager Tris Castaneda told Southern Voice that he did not know who was involved in the organization and referred a reporter to an activist he "thought" was involved. That activist denied any involvement. As of press time, Southern Voice has been unable to find any information on the group, including how long it has been in existence, who its organizers are or what criteria and methods were used to come up with its endorsement.

KC WILD MOON

Decatur candidates talk gay issues

Decatur—For the third time during this election season, candidates for public office voiced strong support for lesbian and gay rights at a GAPAC-sponsored forum.

A racially-diverse, sometimes emotional audience heard from candidates for Decatur's school board and City Commission at last Thursday's gathering. Commission candidates vowed to stop hiring discrimination, while school board contenders offered support for lesbian and gay students and teachers.

"I've been a minority for 56 years, and I teach in the public system," said school board

candidate Mary Nell Thomas. "Counseling is essential. I've seen students who didn't recognize (their gayness) and they didn't have anybody to talk to, anybody who would understand."

Thomas, who is seeking the District 2, Post A seat, also said she "definitely" supports a non-discrimination policy for lesbian and gay teachers, as well as gay-themed books in the schools. "We can get rid of ignorance, on many issues, through education," she said.

Board candidate Cydne Nash (District 2, Post B) also clearly supported a non-discrimination

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District 2 City Commission candidate Anne Branscome was one of the candidates appearing at the GAPAC forum.

LAMBDA RISING

Effort to build community center building momentum

Atlanta—The effort to acquire and maintain a Lambda Community Center for the gay and lesbian community is building momentum, slowly but surely.

The center's board held one of its quarterly town hall meetings last Monday at the 14th Street Playhouse to get some input and feedback from the community. Despite a turnout of only about 25 people, a good dialogue brought some concerns and wishes for the center to the surface.

"We need to get things out of our houses," said co-chair Ann Archbold, addressing representatives from several organizations who hope to play key roles in the center's development. "We need a space where we can all sit down, find out what's happening."

The consensus of those in attendance was that minimum expectations for the center include office, storage and work space for volunteer organizations, a day-area for senior adults and a large space for meetings and special events—all of this in a secure, well-lit location.

The open discussion generated ideas for some unique services that ideally would be included, such as childcare, a youth program and luncheon services for gay and lesbian senior adults. Loftier visions for such things as a media center, a sound stage and recording studio within the center were also tossed out.

"Once we have this space, we can do anything with it," Archbold said.

Wish lists from organizations were detailed, calling for luxuries from a secretary, computers and a piano to an acoustically sound performance space and an outdoor gardening area.

"In our hearts, we want something that's CONTINUES ON PAGE 20

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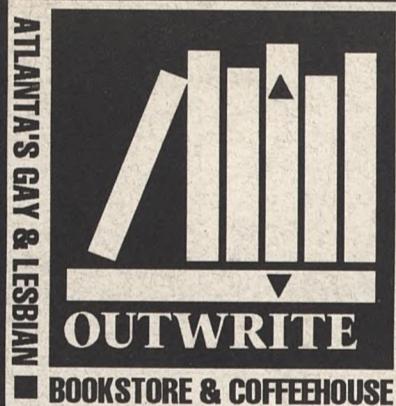
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SOUTHEASTERN NEWS

Captain denies he had sex with man

Pope Air Force Base, NC—When Capt. Luther Turner took the stand on his own behalf last week, he portrayed the man who has accused him of sodomy as a deranged stalker bent on destroying his life.

Turner admitted that he had had a friendship with his accuser, Richard Bullock, but tried to end it after it became apparent that Bullock was "a sick person."

"Are you a homosexual?" asked Turner's attorney, Mark Waple.

"No," Turner replied.

"Have you ever committed sodomy with Richard Bullock?" Waple continued.

"Absolutely not," Turner said.

Turner's testimony came on the 10th day of court-martial proceedings against him. He is charged with sodomy, entering an off-limits establishment and attempting to obstruct the Air Force investigation into his case.

Military prosecutors say the trial is about honor, conduct and respect for military law—not about homosexuality. Defense attorneys say Turner is the victim of overzealous investigators who accepted Bullock's claims without bothering to assess his credibility, the News & Observer of Raleigh reported.

In April, Turner's former roommate and fellow unit member, Capt. Troy Carlyle, was convicted of sodomy after Bullock made similar charges against him.

No witnesses have corroborated Bullock's allegations, but several have contradicted his testimony. A dozen witnesses, including a former girlfriend, have testified on Turner's behalf.

Bullock has testified that he had an eight-month romance with Turner that began in the fall of 1991. He said he reported Turner to authorities after finding him in bed with another man on the night of June 1, 1992.

But Turner testified Friday that Bullock had peeked through his window that evening and found him in bed with a woman. Later that night, just hours before Bullock reported Turner to Air Force investigators, someone vandalized Turner's prized Triumph TR-6 sports car, Turner testified.

Turner said he first met Bullock at a film club that met each week at Carlyle's house and the three of them gradually became friends.

By the spring of 1992, Turner said, Bullock had become obsessed with him and began acting strangely. When he tried to distance himself from Bullock, Turner said, Bullock became even more irrational.

"Richard Bullock is a sick person," Turner testified. "He was out to destroy me, my life, Captain Carlyle, my property and my Air Force career."

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County backs down on banning Blade

Fairfax, VA—The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors reversed itself and agreed to allow public libraries in the Washington suburb to continue carrying a weekly gay newspaper.

The supervisors voted unanimously Oct. 11 to allow the county's 22 public libraries to make *The Washington Blade* available. But they said a library panel must meet with the county's attorney to develop ways to keep the newspaper and similar publications inaccessible to children.

"The board wants to keep these out of the hands of children," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Thomas Davis III. "They can be available to the public, but they're not going to be available to children. And we're looking

at legal ways to do that."

"Public libraries are public forums," said Phylis Salak, who heads the county's library board. The panel in May ignored the supervisors' suggestion to limit access to the *Blade* and similar publications by keeping them at library information and checkout stations and making them available upon readers' requests.

During a Sept. 27 meeting, the board of supervisors voted to abolish the library panel over the controversy, but the supervisors found they lacked the authority to do that.

Gay/lesbian activists and anti-*Blade* protesters demonstrated outside the county headquarters as the supervisors met.

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Program Audit Reveals Administrative Deficiencies At NC AIDS Agency: An independent program audit has revealed major administrative problems at Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP), Charlotte's only AIDS service agency. The audit revealed that the agency's documentation of services provided was virtually non-existent, leaving future funding from several sources in doubt, and that the agency's count on numbers of clients served was overreported, according to a report in Q-Notes, Charlotte's lesbian/gay publication. The Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium, which funds case management at MAP, has put funding for the agency on hold and given the organization four conditions that must be met in order for funding to resume. Meanwhile, board, staff, and former staff of the agency continue to haggle over responsibility for the problems. Barbara Rein, formerly director of the New Orleans AIDS Task Force, has been hired as MAP's new executive director.

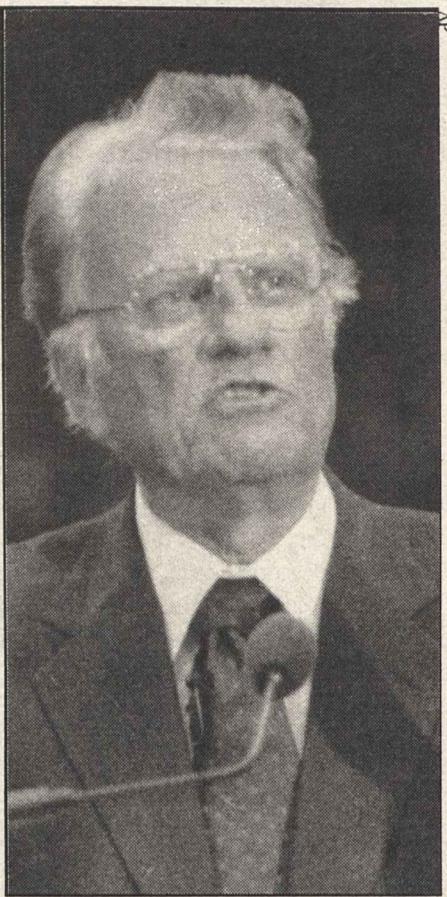
Two Convicted In Anti-Gay Beating Death: Two men have been convicted in the 1992 slaying of Alan Byram at a rest stop on the Natchez Trace Parkway in rural Mississippi. Gregory Leon Dingler was sentenced to 17 1/2 years, and Danny McGee to 15 years, both without parole, by a U.S. District Court jury. McGee testified during the trial that during the attack, he was afraid Byram would bite him and give him AIDS. Dingler denied striking Byram, but McGee testified otherwise.

North Carolina Ordered To Pay ACT UP In AIDS Testing Lawsuit: The state of North Carolina has been ordered to pay the legal expenses of ACT UP/Triangle in a lawsuit challenging the state's right to eliminate anonymous testing for HIV. ACT UP sued and won a decision by an administrative law judge in 1992 that required the state to restore anonymous testing. When the state ignored that ruling, ACT UP appealed to District Court, where a judge again ruled in favor of the AIDS activist group. Last week, District Court Judge Orlando Hudson ordered the state to pay \$24,000 to cover ACT UP's legal fees.

Judge Puts Clamps On AIDS Testing In Alabama: A federal judge struck down part of an Alabama law that allowed a doctor to test patients for AIDS without their permission simply because a doctor thought they were at risk. U.S. District Judge Harold Albritton ruled last week that the 1991 law unfairly left interpretation of "high risk" to doctors. The state failed to prove such testing for HIV "would in any way curb the spread of disease," the judge ruled. However, Albritton let stand the portion of the law that allows testing if the presence of HIV would alter the patient's medical treatment or if knowledge of the patient's HIV status was needed to protect health care workers.

Billy Graham Apologizes For AIDS Remark:

The Rev. Billy Graham said he does not believe that AIDS is God's punishment for people's sins, and he regrets having made the comment during a sermon in Columbus, Ohio, on Sept. 26. "I remember saying it, and I immediately regretted it and almost went back and clarified the statement," Graham said during a telephone interview he initiated with the Cleveland Plain Dealer to clarify his beliefs. "I don't believe that, and I don't know why I said it," he told the newspaper. "To say God has judged people with AIDS would be very wrong and very cruel. I would like to say that I am very sorry for what I said."



Graham says he regrets saying AIDS is God's punishment.

KGAY Goes Off The Air: The nation's only all gay radio station, KGAY in Denver, Colo., has gone off the air, reportedly due to lack of funds. Denver's gay newspaper, Out Front, was unable to contact station manager Elizabeth Dworak for comment, but sources close to the operation told the paper that listenership had declined along with advertising revenues. KGAY was available only to listeners with a satellite dish.

Federal Appeals Court Denies Stay On Military Ban Order: A federal appeals court refused to overrule a judge's order to allow gays in the military, rejecting a request of an emergency stay by the Clinton administration. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Oct. 9 denied the Defense Department's request to either suspend or overrule the Sept. 30 decision by U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter Jr., who ruled that the ban is unconstitutional. The Defense Department has now suspended its ban on gays serving in the military while it pursues the case. At press time, the Clinton administration was deciding whether to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to hear an emergency appeal.

Colorado Amendment Two Trial Begins Without Martina: The trial in the case of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Colorado's Amendment 2 began last week in front of a Denver District Court judge, but without three plaintiffs, including tennis star Martina Navratilova, who withdrew from the lawsuit a week before the trial was scheduled to begin. Navratilova withdrew because tennis commitments prevented her from filing required affidavits, an anonymous plaintiff withdrew because her employer does not know she is a lesbian, and a third plaintiff died earlier this year.

Actor Kenneth Nelson Dead Of AIDS: Kenneth Nelson, an American actor who came to London with the groundbreaking gay-themed play "The Boys in the Band" and settled in Britain, has died of AIDS, his agent said. Nelson, 63, died Oct. 8. Nelson was born in Rocky Mount, N.C. and educated in Texas. He made his Broadway debut in 1951 in "Seventeen," and was in the original off-Broadway cast of "The Fantasticks" in 1960. Nelson is survived by his sister, Naomi Burns.

Washington Lawmakers May Push Bill to Stop Gay Adoptions: Washington state lawmakers have joined the debate over a state policy that allows gay and lesbian couples to adopt children. Two conservative lawmakers say they may introduce legislation to allow adoptions only by married, heterosexual couples. The issue has been at the forefront of Washington politics in recent weeks because of an Orcas Island woman's attempts to prevent the state from placing her 3-year-old son, whom she gave up for adoption, with a gay Seattle couple.

California Councilman Censured For Anti-Gay Remarks: A Long Beach city councilman has been censured for saying that he wasn't worried about gays gaining political power because so many of them were dying of AIDS. The City Council voted unanimously to censure Douglas Drummond for "highly inflammatory and prejudicial" comments he made at a public forum in the Los Angeles suburb. Drummond reversed his earlier defense of the remarks and voted for his own censure. He called his comments "insensitive and intemperate" but rejected calls for him to resign. Drummond's remarks also included approval for Cuba's policy of quarantining people with AIDS and called it "pitiful" that gays are allowed to adopt children. The censure does not carry any penalties.

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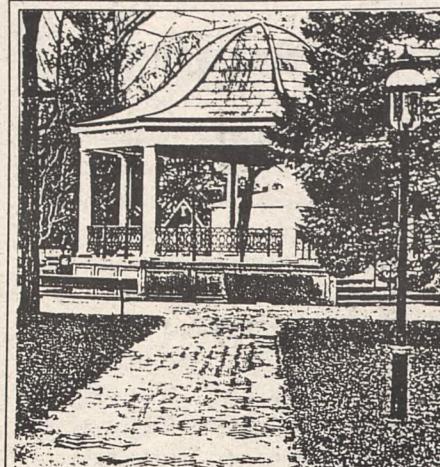
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by RICHARD SHUMATE

When it comes to negativity, there may be no campaign in the city, not even the mayor's race, that can match what is happening on the east side of town in the race for the 6th District seat.

One of the stories that has been circulating behind the scenes for a couple of weeks concerns a campaign staffer for openly gay candidate **Andy Loftis**. The allegation that was being made was that Loftis knowingly had an operative on his staff, named **Timothy Glisson**, who had been previously been involved in election fraud in New York.

According to information Southern Voice obtained from the Syracuse Herald-Journal, Glisson pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of falsely swearing that he was a witness to two people who signed petitions for a mayoral candidate (those running for mayor in Syracuse have to collect a certain number of petition signatures). He was not alone, however—more than 40 workers in the campaigns of both candidates for mayor were accused of being involved in what the local district attorney termed "a swamp of irregularities" in the petition-gathering process.

Glisson came to Atlanta as an employee of The Advance Group, a political consulting firm Loftis hired to help manage his campaign. **Tris Castaneda**, an Advance Group employee who is managing Loftis' campaign, tells Southern Voice that Glisson was terminated after he disclosed what happened in Syracuse and after Loftis was made aware of the situation.

Over in the mayor's race, some of the candidates have begun to vie for gay votes by making stops at bars on the weekends. **Myrtle Davis**, fresh off her GAPAC endorsement, was reportedly seen in the Armory this past weekend, and Bill Campbell was also reportedly out and about. This weekend, Davis is scheduled to be introduced at some of the stage shows.

In a bit of curious strategy, flyers for anti-lesbian/gay candidate **Nancy Schaefer** were stuck on cars this past weekend at Midtown Promenade, located in the heart of the gay community. Schaefer's campaign has also been sponsoring the **Sean Hannity** show on WGST Radio.

By the way, those fliers that Schaefer has been distributing don't specifically mention her opposition to domestic partnership and other gay/lesbian issues. Instead, she expresses her support for school choice and her opposition to crime, corruption and property tax increases.

In what appears to be part of her strategy to appeal to the African-American community, the fliers feature a picture of state Rep. **Billy McKinney**, as well as a glowing quote from him about Schaefer:

"Atlanta desperately needs leaders with integrity, moral ethics and a compassion for all its citizens. Nancy Schaefer is just the person to curtail corruption in City Hall and bring family values to the forefront of Atlanta politics," McKinney says.



THE MAYOR'S RACE

Davis, Campbell and Lomax talk gay/lesbian issues

Myrtle Davis

Davis, 62, who lives in the Collier Heights area of west Atlanta, was first elected to an at-large post on the Atlanta City Council in 1981. She is chairwoman of the council's finance committee.

Why should the lesbian/gay community should support you?

"I think my record speaks for itself in terms of how I've tried to respond to their needs and their requests." She notes her support of domestic partnership and measures to add sexual orientation as a protected class in the city charter, combat hate crimes, condemn Cracker Barrel and ban travel by city employees to Colorado or other states and cities that discriminate against gays and lesbians.

What is your agenda on gay and lesbian issues? "I think the one thing that probably is missing just now [is a] non-discriminatory clause for people [the city] does business with—that they will not discriminate based on sexual orientation." She wants companies to be required to certify up front that they have non-discrimination policies in order to do business with the city.

Do you support a citywide ordinance forbidding discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual orientation? "I think it would be ineffective to try to initiate that as a citywide ordinance based on the fact that we don't have the national legislation to back it up. I think requiring all businesses to do that probably would be challenged in terms of the constitutionality of it."

What does the city needs to do to fight AIDS? "I think that government has yet to initiate a strong education effort. Some of the advocacy groups have done a much better job, and government really has not gotten involved."

How would you fight for PWA group homes, such as Jerusalem House, even in the face of neighborhood opposition? "I think the city has an obligation [to see] that [group homes] are dispersed throughout the neighborhoods. They are not an intrusion in the neighborhood."

Would you actively recruit gays and lesbians to serve in substantive, policy making roles in your administration? "I would like to see my department heads and people who are working within my administration to be hired not based on what they are—not looking necessarily for any kind of employee but hiring them based on their ability to perform the job." She is committed to having a gay/lesbian liaison, whom she will recruit through her own contacts in the community.

What would you do to combat hate crimes and improve the police department's relationship with the lesbian/gay community? She wants to recruit openly gay and lesbian police officers and implement ongoing sensitivity training for police officers "wherein officers know how to interact with people of different persuasions from themselves."

On replacing Police Chief Eldrin Bell: She has made no commitment to either retain or replace him. "I would give him every benefit of the doubt to prove to me that he is not insensitive to the gay and lesbian community. Without a doubt, that will be one of the criteria used in determining whether he says on or not. If he and I are on the same page singing the same hymn, I see no reason why he can't [stay]. If we aren't, then I think he needs to go."

Why do you believe discrimination against gays and lesbians is wrong? "I've known discrimination. I know what it is to be African American, I know what it is to be a woman, and I can certainly relate to the kinds of discrimination that people who are different than others often encounter. Simply because you happen not to be gay or lesbian does not mean that you are in a position to discriminate against someone who is. I think there has to be an appreciation of the differences in people, and what their sexual orientation is should not matter."

**Bill Campbell**

Campbell, 40, who lives in Inman Park, is an attorney who was first elected to the District 2 seat on the Atlanta City Council in 1981. He was one of Mayor Maynard Jackson's floor leaders on the council.

Why should the lesbian/gay community should support you?

"I think I have a demonstrated record of support for the gay and lesbian community. I have initiated—I have fought for—issues that are important to the gay and lesbian community, all the way back before it was popular." He notes his support of domestic partnership and measures protecting lesbian/gay employees from discrimination, banning travel to Colorado or other states and cities that discriminate against gays and lesbians and outlawing discrimination in private clubs with city liquor licenses.

What is your agenda on gay and lesbian issues? He would ban companies from doing business with the city unless they have a written policy against discrimination based on sexual orientation, and form an AIDS task force made up of people with AIDS to advise him on AIDS policies, particularly housing. He also promises open access to his office to the gay and lesbian community.

Do you support a citywide ordinance forbidding discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual orientation? He supports such an ordinance and says he would be willing to defend it in court against constitutional challenge. "I don't believe the state constitution condones discrimination at all."

What does the city needs to do to fight AIDS? He wants to develop a comprehensive AIDS strategy, on housing and care issues, that is a joint effort of the city, county and community-based AIDS service organizations. "I think the mayor has to be the leader in that effort."

How would you fight for PWA group homes, such as Jerusalem House, even in the face of neighborhood opposition? "The mayor is really the great moral leader of the city of Atlanta, and there needs to be strong, vigorous support for such facilities and for embracing those with AIDS in a more compassionate fashion than has happened in the past."

Would you actively recruit gays and lesbians to serve in substantive, policy making roles in your administration? He would seek out candidates with the advice of community groups. "What we're going to do is we're going to seek the best and the brightest. And by doing so, I'm certain that gays and lesbians will be included in that number."

What would you do to combat hate crimes and improve the police department's relationship with the lesbian/gay community? He wants stronger hate crimes legislation and improved sensitivity training for officers. "I would not tolerate any officer on our force or any person in the police department who does not embrace wholeheartedly the concept that gays and lesbians must be treated equally and must be treated with sensitivity and must be treated with dignity and respect. Any violation of that will result in termination."

On replacing Police Chief Eldrin Bell: He has not made a commitment to either retaining or replacing Bell, "but there is no person in the city of Atlanta or in this country that has been promised a job in the Campbell administration." Bell's willingness to repair his relationship with the lesbian/gay community "will be a criteria" in deciding whether to keep the chief.

Why do you believe discrimination against gays and lesbians is wrong? He says it comes from his personal experience as the first child to integrate Raleigh's public schools in 1960. "I was beaten and spat upon because of the color of my skin. They burned a cross in our yard...I learned at an early age that you never, ever accept discrimination against any group. And if you ever slide the line even the slightest degree, then you're not being true to your own beliefs."

**Michael Lomax**

Lomax, 46, who lives in southwest Atlanta, is a businessman and college professor. He was chairman of the Fulton County Commission until resigning to run for mayor.

Why should the lesbian/gay community should support you?

"I think I've demonstrated support and outreach to the gay and lesbian community, and, for those reasons, I should have strong consideration." He notes his work on AIDS issues, arts issues and the fact he had an openly gay man on his commission staff.

What is your agenda on gay and lesbian issues? "I intend to have a total commitment and demonstration to human rights...I'm committed to human rights and civil rights for all people. That is an absolute value of mine, and one which will be reflected in every element of my administration—to treat all people equally." He supports a ban on the city doing business with companies that do not have a policy against discrimination based on sexual orientation. Lomax wants to create a strong human relations commission and will appoint a gay and lesbian task force.

Do you support a citywide ordinance forbidding discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual orientation? He supports such a measure and would be willing to defend it against constitutional challenge. "I believe in strong civil rights legislation, and I will continue to fight for that."

What does the city needs to do to fight AIDS? "Work full time in between the special events...I don't find that there's an ongoing AIDS policy at City Hall. I don't think there's an ongoing office where the AIDS issue is located. There is in county government. I think the mayor and the city need to be taking a greater advocacy role, particularly with regard to housing."

How would you fight for PWA group homes, such as Jerusalem House, even in the face of neighborhood opposition? "I think the opposition has come out of ignorance and fear. One of the things we've got to do is break down the barriers. I would see that as the role of a human relations commission."

Would you actively recruit gays and lesbians to serve in substantive, policy making roles in your administration? "I would like to see the workforce of the city, the boards and commissions of the city, reflect the diversity of population in the city." But Lomax said "just as there is not a special position for black people [at City Hall], there shouldn't be any special position, or limited position, just for gays and lesbians." He would find possible gay and lesbian candidates for positions through his task force.

What would you do to combat hate crimes and improve the police department's relationship with the lesbian/gay community? "I am going to sit with the [gay and lesbian] public safety task force for the first year of my administration. I'm going to listen directly to the issues. I'm going to work on the task force as a member to insure that City Hall is responsive. I'm going to learn more by participating."

On replacing Police Chief Eldrin Bell: He has committed to retaining Bell, although he would require the chief to go through sensitivity training. "I'm not going to make Chief Bell, at this point, a campaign issue. I expect all department heads to share my values and to insure that all sectors of this community are fairly represented and responded to."

Why do you believe discrimination against gays and lesbians is wrong? "Because I think all people are equal and should be treated equally, and no one has the right to judge or to treat people as less than full human beings. And my civil rights and human rights are not secure as long as anyone else is discriminated against, regardless of the reason."

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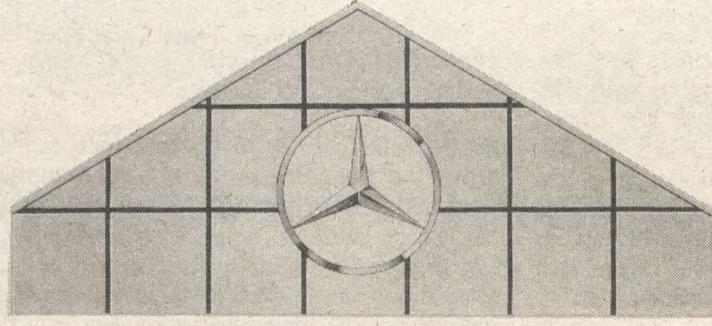
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Decatur Candidates

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clause for "faculty, staff and students," while four other candidates hedged on that question.

City Commission District 2, candidates Anne J. Branscome and Michael Harris both said they support non-discrimination in hiring, but they differed somewhat on other issues.

Branscome noted that Decatur doesn't even register married couples and state law may prohibit a domestic partnership registry. "With the limited tax base...we can't afford lawsuits," she said. "Maybe we need an affidavit [instead]." On the question of benefits, she said that "everyone" should have health coverage.

In contrast to Branscome, Harris said, "I go on the record as supporting any basic human rights for all people. We're protected by the U.S. Constitution, but they still find ways to discriminate."

Branscome said she would be "delighted" to have gays and lesbians express interest in serving on task forces. "In my experience, when people play together and work together, respect grows," she said.

Harris noted that he would need to look at the budget, but that he would like to hire an affirmative action officer or set up a committee. "With the gay community, there is a lot of discrimination going on right now. We have some problems with hiring practices," Harris said.

He also noted he had worked with lesbian and gay neighbors in the past "trying to pull things together in this city." Harris added, "I look forward to working with the gay community."

The audience of about 50 people was made up of both African American parents and lesbians and gays. Through their questions and comments, audience members supported each others concerns.

Many of those running for the school board

were questioned about stands taken by the previous board. Parents raised the issue of racially-discriminatory policies, high drop-out rates and students' inability to read and write.

The current board, which was appointed, was accused of preventing parents' input at board meetings. In response, candidate Nash said she would "absolutely" support a parent task force on the school board. Asked if she wanted gay and lesbian parents to participate, Nash said, "Definitely. That's a perfect way for students to have [gay] role models."

Board candidate W.H. Simmons, Sr. warmed many hearts and drew laughter with one of his comments.

"I look at a person's qualifications. In my experience, lesbians are some of the most qualified people. I'd like to see some of these heterosexuals replaced by lesbians," said Simmons, a District 2, Post B candidate.

While Sara Turnipseed (District 1, Post B) said she was opposed to discrimination, she said that as an attorney she had difficulty with the idea of "protected classes." She also said she would be surprised if anybody had been discriminated against in the Decatur school system.

Incumbent Tom Keating (District 1, Post B) said he supported "broadening" the system's anti-discrimination clause, but he added that school board members would need to discuss which way to do that.

Keating turned the table on the audience. He noted there has been money available for school-based suicide prevention programs since 1980. He asked why the gay community didn't come forward sooner.

"When there's conflict, will you be there to help us?" he asked. "Because this will cause conflict."

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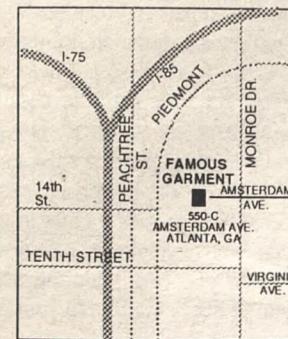
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Loftis, Davis and Kelly square off on the east side

Andy Loftis



Loftis, 55, who lives in Morningside, is an accountant and businessman and chairman of the city of Atlanta's zoning review board. He is openly gay.

Why should the gay and lesbian community support you? "There is a difference between being gay-friendly and being a lesbian or gay. I think it's time now, with the issues that we're facing, that we elect one of our own. And until we do, we're never going to know what true political power is. Once we elect one of our own, who goes to City Hall, who demonstrates leadership and responsibility, it will dispel the myth in other parts of the city...that gay people are different."

What is your agenda for gay and lesbian issues if elected? He will change the purchasing code to make firms that do business with the city have a non-discrimination policy based on sexual orientation. He would require the police department to hire gay and lesbian officers, and "I would like to see gay and lesbian officers work with Midtown precinct. I think putting our own people on patrol in Midtown...can correct some of these hate [crimes]." He supports a citywide non-discrimination ordinance, applying to housing and employment, "if we can write that ordinance so that it can be effective." He would use his office as a bully pulpit with whoever is police chief and tell him or her that "I will be a thorn in your side" until he or she sits down with the community to iron out their differences.

What does the city need to do to fight AIDS? "We need to provide housing for our PWAs, and the community development block grants should be used to provide some of this housing."

How would you fight for PWA group homes, such as Jerusalem House, even in the face of neighborhood opposition? "We must educate the public that AIDS does not go through the air."

Why should the community support you, rather than Mary Davis, who has been a friend of the community? He notes that he has a special understanding of lesbian/gay issues because he is gay and also says Davis is not effective. "Mary has been good in her days. Her days were the 70s. This is the 90s. Our problems have changed from the 70s to the 90s."

How do you respond to the criticism that you have not been involved in the community prior to running for council? He cites his work behind the scenes helping people who faced discrimination in the business world and his membership in the Apollo Club, an early gay social/political group, in the late 1960s. "I have been, I think, a role model for the gay community and the lesbian community in our city. I am not a person who feels like you have to shout to the world what you're doing. I think that you can move in a responsible way and still get things done without getting press for it."

Mary Davis



Davis, 54, a real estate agent who lives in Morningside, was first elected to represent District 6 on the Atlanta City Council (Midtown, Virginia-Highland, Morningside and Druid Hills) in 1977. One of her daughters is a lesbian, and she is a member of P-FLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). She is a member of the state of Georgia's AIDS task force.

Why should the gay and lesbian community support you? "I have an effective record of service and leadership on issues that are important [to the community]. I have produced." She notes that she was the sponsor of domestic partnership, was the author of the first resolution recognizing Pride, got the police department to remove a question from its employment form asking people if they had committed sodomy and helped implement police sensitivity training and hate crimes legislation. "We've come a long way, and I've been a large part of that."

What is your agenda for gay and lesbian issues if elected? She wants to expand and increase sensitivity training for police officers and for employees in all city departments. She will introduce a bill outlawing employment and housing discrimination in the city based on sexual orientation. "There are still some questions about whether it would pass legal muster, but I want to try it."

What does the city need to do to fight AIDS? She wants the city to take a stronger role in helping to provide housing for PWAs and would propose more education for city employees to combat ignorance about AIDS. She also cites her work as a member of the AIDS task force. "I have more standing when I speak at the state on AIDS issues if I'm an elected official."

How would you fight for PWA group homes, such as Jerusalem House, even in the face of neighborhood opposition? "I absolutely think people should have the right to be involved in decisions affecting them. But there are some bottom line issues for me, and one of those is [fair housing]."

On why the lesbian/gay community should support her rather than elect one of its own: "I understand the desire to have someone gay in public office. I like to have women elected to public office. But I have never voted for a woman because she's a woman only. If somebody has been there fighting for me, and he's a man, I don't hold his being a man against him. I feel that I have no apologies to make. I feel that I have served my constituency well."

On her opponents' community involvement: "They've not been there on the issues of importance to this city or this community. They haven't been there on anti-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, either of them...I think it's admirable that they've become interested, but I think they need a little more work in the community."

Joe Kelly



Kelly, 45, who lives in Morningside, is an attorney and, from 1972 to 1982, served as artistic director of the Atlanta Contemporary Dance Company.

Why should the gay and lesbian community support you? "I think that one thing that I bring to the representation is an across the board awareness that there are many fronts [of action]." Kelly also says that, because he's straight but has had experience working with gay men and lesbians in the dance world, he would be an effective advocate. "I think one of the things that I bring is that there is no question that I'm straight, that I have a wife, family, kids. I'm going to be able to convince people, I think, in a serious way, not because this is on an agenda, not because people elected me, not because I am gay, but because it is important that society make this transition."

What is your agenda for gay and lesbian issues if elected? He supports requirements that firms that do business with the city have non-discrimination policies based on sexual orientation and thinks the city should invest its funds only in companies that have such policies. He supports community policing, which would take officers out of cars and get them interacting with the neighborhoods.

On the existing domestic partnership law: He calls it "goofy" because it includes straight unmarried partners, who don't need it, and because "it imposes financial responsibilities on partners that married people do not have," namely, joint responsibility for medical expenses. He also says Davis mishandled the issue. "I believe a great disservice was done because, in the firestorm of controversy after that, we stirred up a reaction that took the movement back years."

On what the city needs to do to fight AIDS: He believes the city should cut the red tape required for approvals of group homes and provide more funding and support to community-based AIDS organizations.

On fighting for PWA group homes, such as Jerusalem House, even in the face of neighborhood opposition: "I'll be happy to face my angry constituents and say 'it's the law.'"

Why should the community support you rather than elect an openly gay candidate? "You're talking about a symbolic thing, and I think that's important. But I think when people go to the polls...they have an enormous number of concerns about the future of the city. While [the sexual orientation of the candidates] may be an issue, it's not near the top of the list."

Why should the community support you rather than reelect Davis? "I think her friendship has promised a lot but delivered little."

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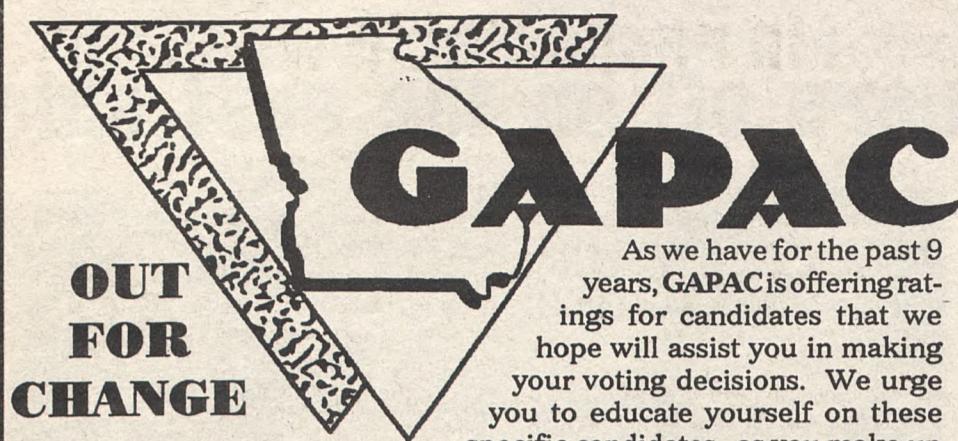
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8	Aaron Watson	Recommend
9	Mae Kendall	Recommend

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FEATURE



James Dobson puts anti-gay rhetoric in respectable wrapping

From his base in Colorado, this Christian child psychologist has built a media empire on his view of family

by KC WILDMOON

Focus on the Family is a ministry without a minister and a political organization without a politician.

Instead, what the Christian organization does have is James Dobson, a child psychologist and former professor at the University of Southern California, who has precious little name recognition among the general public. He is almost never listed with the likes of Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Pat Buchanan and other leaders of the religious right, and he is even more low-profile than Donald Wildmon and his American Family Association.

But make no mistake—he is a force to be reckoned with in the cultural war of values being waged across the country that pits right against left, gays against straights and family against family.

Consider that, when Falwell disbanded the Moral Majority, he named Dobson as his "successor" as the leader of the Christian right. And in 1992, Dobson's organization had a budget of nearly \$80 million, a list of publications that would fill a small library and radio broadcasts on enough stations—2,000—to make Pat Robertson drool.

His operation is slick. Very slick. It's glossy, it's bright, and it appeals to huge numbers of Americans disturbed by teenage pregnancy, violence and other threats to family unity—such as homosexuality.

"Since the heart of God's plan for the family is the marriage of a man and a woman for life, and since families are the basic building blocks of society, then it follows that societies will be only as strong as the relationships between men and women," reads a Focus on the Family publication describing the mission and values of the organization. "Heterosexuality is fundamental to the vitality and even the existence of any society."

And while the same document is quick to point out that "God loves the homosexual as much as any other person," Focus on the Family "does take strong exception to the activist movement that seeks to gain special privileges and



protected minority status for the homosexual community."

However, what sets Dobson apart from his fellow travelers in the anti-gay/lesbian movement is that his rhetoric is wrapped in a magnanimous veneer. For instance, Focus on the Family says it opposes "any movement to rob [lesbians and gay men] of [the same basic rights of other citizens], persecute them, deprive them of employment or housing, or harass them in any way." What it opposes are only those "radical homosexual social reformers" out to change the social fabric of the country—to redefine the family, allow gay marriages, allow adoption by lesbian and gay adults and, curiously, "recruit the young."

However, the official, soft-pedaled version of Dobson's homophobic views, which makes him seem so much more *reasonable* than his cohorts, isn't the only version that comes out of the Focus on the Family headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Take, for example, a document called "The Homosexual Agenda: Changing Your Community and Nation," which is a blueprint for combating the "homosexual lobby" on a grassroots level. Written by Brad Hayton, the thoroughly-footnoted, 31-page report gives details on how to write letters to editors, how to pressure elected

representatives and what arguments to use in opposition to gay rights, sodomy law repeal, gay Pride celebrations and domestic partnership ordinances. And, Hayton argues, the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of freedom of association gives landlords and employers the right to discriminate against lesbians and gay men because of who they are.

James Dobson was born in Louisiana and raised in Oklahoma, the son of a travelling Nazarene evangelist. He attended Pasadena College and earned a Ph.D. in child development from the University of Southern California, where he served as an associate clinical professor of pediatrics for 14 years. He was also on staff at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles for 17 years.

But teaching and working in a hospital were not enough for Dobson. He wanted to reach more people, to spread his vision of the American family to as many as could hear. To reach that goal, he wrote his first book, "Dare to Discipline," an unabashed endorsement of corporal punishment. The book was an enormous success (to date, it has sold more than 2 million copies). Dobson quit both his jobs to devote his full time to writing and speaking.

But that, too, was not enough. The American family was in trouble, he believed, and he

knew the answer—a "Judeo-Christian" centered value system. But how was he to spread his gospel?

A year after leaving USC, in 1977, Dobson found his calling. He persuaded Tyndale House Publishing to give him a substantial donation, which he used to start Focus on the Family, a non-profit Christian ministry "dedicated to the preservation of the home." Almost immediately, he began broadcasting a weekly radio program, "Focus on the Family," which started out in 1977 on 43 radio stations.

Just three years later, Dobson, in his first taste of political access, was able to get himself invited to President Jimmy Carter's 1980 White House Conference on Families after the White House received 80,000 letters from his listeners asking that he be included. The conference became a battlefield between progressives and conservatives, with conservatives lashing out at progressive measures and blasting the conference as "anti...the average American Christian family." (Dobson himself proclaimed the conference "a disaster.")

"Focus on the Family" has expanded through the years, from 15 minutes weekly to a half-hour daily, and to more than 2,000 stations by 1992. Another radio broadcast, "Adventures in Odys-

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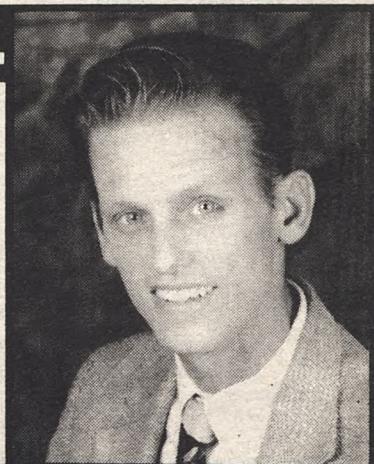
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Hey, hey, ho, ho, Michael Bowers has got to go

Pop quiz. What person in the state of Georgia has done the most to damage the cause of human rights for lesbians and gay men?

Gordon Wysong? Billy McKinney? Tom Murphy? No, no and no. The clear answer to that question is Michael Bowers.

Georgia's attorney general fought to preserve the state's sodomy law, going all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and winning a case that imposed his view of morality not just on Georgia but on the rest of the country as well. Now, in the Robin Shahar case, he has gotten a federal judge to sanction his decision to rescind an offer of employment to a woman because she chose to marry her partner.

He might not be out there yelling with Nancy Schaefer and the yahoos, but it is long past time to speak the plain truth about Bowers. He is a bigot. And he has clearly demonstrated that as long as the people of Georgia allow him to remain as attorney general, he will continue to use the powers of his office to oppress gay men and lesbians.

Now, Bowers has been asked to consider whether the city of Atlanta's decision to grant

insurance benefits to the domestic partners of city employees is a violation of state law. Given his past record, we fear we already know what his answer will be.

But we don't have to sit by helpless while this man tightens the noose around our necks. Michael Bowers must run for re-election in 1994. Now is the time to organize an effort to send him packing.

What many people may not realize is that Bowers has a legal, not a political, background. He was appointed as attorney general in 1981 to replace his predecessor, who resigned. He was then re-elected by voters in 1982, 1986 and 1990, without significant opposition. But he has made many enemies, and not just in the lesbian/gay community. Many of the powers that be in the Georgia House, for example, view him with the same displeasure as they do something stuck on the bottom of their shoe. His unyielding support for provisions in state election laws that have the effect of limiting the ability of minority candidates to win elections to judgeships and other political offices hasn't endeared him to African American ac-

tivists, either. In a Democratic primary, without the reactionary support his anti-lesbian/gay stands would engender, he is ripe for destruction.

In 1994, should he choose to run again, it is imperative that Bowers face a progressive candidate who will call him to account for his vicious brand of hatemongering. We must organize to encourage such a candidate to run, and, if she or he does, we must offer both financial support and the sweat of our collective brows.

It won't be easy, and, granted, the odds of actually driving this Neanderthal back into the primordial soup from whence he came are long. But we must let him know that the days when he could bash us with impunity, and without consequences, have come to an end.

Michael Bowers has been willing, even eager, to inject discomfort into the lives of others. It is time for him to experience a dose of discomfort himself.

RICHARD SHUMATE

LETTERS

Theory that HIV is not sexually transmitted is irresponsible

Recent studies indicate that gay men are increasingly returning to unsafe sexual practices. So the letter by Timothy Hand [SoVo, Oct. 7], which suggests that AIDS is not sexually transmitted is, therefore, particularly irresponsible and unethical.

Maintaining that AIDS is not sexually transmitted contains an inherent message that discounts the importance of practicing safer sex. It has been an uphill battle to get accurate safer sex information to our community, and Dr. Hand's article is a disservice to those at risk.

The theory that AIDS is not sexually transmitted is based on several weak observations by Dr. Hand. He states that AIDS does not behave like other [sexually transmitted diseases]. He offers the fact that AIDS in Europe and the United States primarily affects males as support for his theory that AIDS is not sexually transmitted. Overlooked are the facts that AIDS in Africa is primarily a heterosexual disease, where the sexes are equally affected, and that, in the United States, the highest rate of new infections are among women.

Dr. Hand states that "highly promiscuous female prostitutes remain nearly untouched by the AIDS epidemic, despite the fact that they

rarely use condoms." A recent study in Thailand, where HIV has only recently gained a foothold, found 14 percent of female sex workers to be HIV-positive. I am not sure what Dr. Hand would define as virtually untouched, but studies suggest a significant impact on sex workers who don't practice safer sex.

Finally, there is the contention that because some sex partners of people with HIV remain negative suggests that AIDS is not sexually transmitted. Dr. Hand has already pointed out that HIV doesn't behave like other STDs. It is more difficult to transmit than other STDs, which accounts for the relatively few individuals who remain negative after engaging in high-risk behaviors with HIV-positive individuals. Some individuals may also have a higher genetic resistance to HIV infection.

Dr. Hand blasts the gay and mainstream press for not reporting more extensively on the theory he espouses and which he claims is gaining credibility among scientists. It would be irresponsible of the press to devote more attention to an unfounded theory. As people living with HIV, we get enough misinformation from the HIV research establishment. Dr. Hand has added to the volumes of inaccurate information on AIDS.

It is important for all of us living with this pandemic to question the source and credibility of AIDS information. And it is important for all of us to continue practicing safer sex until the pandemic is over.

John Kappers
Atlanta

Kappers, a registered nurse, is the board president of the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS.

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Anti-Clinton Opti-World ad offensive

I am disappointed and offended at the right-wing approach that Opti-World would have the nerve to present to our community in its recent ad in Southern Voice, which alluded to a "90 Day Return Policy" on President Clinton.

For the past 12 years, I have experienced feelings of near oppression, especially while seeing friends and relatives die day after day. And I didn't even hear anything about it come out of my president's mouth as I started my own personal battle.

I've had to get my perspective in order as to why your newspaper accepted such an advertisement. As in my business—printing—I've had to print things that made my skin crawl, as I had to put up with the same thing in my former employment of, what else, newspaper advertising sales.

How often during the last three terms would we have wanted to return a president? Probably non-stop, except for Desert Storm days.

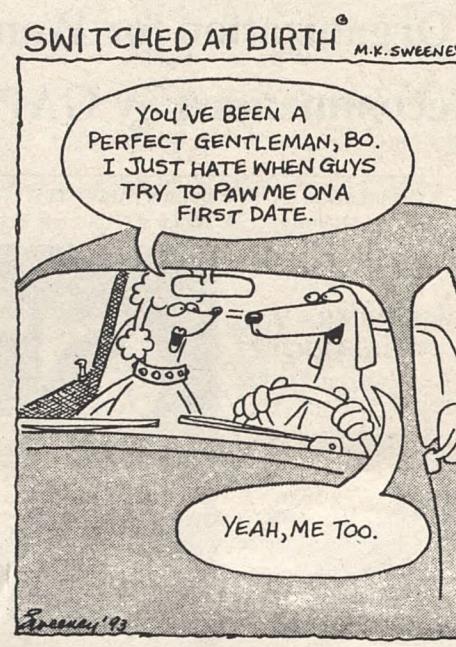
Even when President Clinton tried and I didn't understand, I still thought highly of him

for trying. I've had to retain an attorney four times in less than two years to keep my health insurance. I've won all four times, but I shouldn't have had to worry about that with such a draining illness.

I'm glad to have a human president who cares. I couldn't find a bumper sticker to combat the one I see on cars, "Don't Blame Me, I Voted For Bush," so I printed my own, "Blame Me Now, Thank Me Later...Clinton!"

At least now, as I need reading glasses, I know what decision not to make. It's my 90-second rethink policy.

Ron Judah
Atlanta





Commending a furry friend to the universe

Last month, I lost one of my cats. Malcolm was 10 1/2 years old, a beautiful, long-haired orange cat, or, if you prefer, a fuzzy Garfield (though he would not have appreciated the comparison). Named after Malcolm McDowell (in the movie "Cat People"), he had moved here with me from Montgomery as a kitten. His flea allergy developed about five years ago, but I soon moved to an apartment where neither he nor my other cat, Aengus, could get out. Because there was no contact with fleas, he was fine.

Well, I moved again in March of this year to a place where they could get out, and when they did, they loved it so much—Malcolm spent his first entire night out in six years, not showing up until 11 a.m. the next morning—that I sort of (but not really) forgot about the allergy.

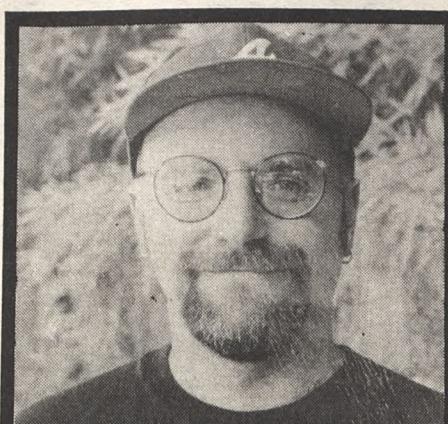
And when the fleas started rolling in, Malcolm's response was far worse than before. This time around, he would sit in various, flea-free spaces around the house—window sills, arms of couches—for days at a time. And, as before, his beautiful, Persian-length orange fur was being clawed out in a desperate effort to get at the fleas.

I escalated to the next stage, flea baths, but other problems arose. Every time I gave Malcolm a flea bath (which required me to get in the tub with him, holding him from behind to keep from being scratched to pieces), he would spend the next two or even three days, sitting in his spot, hardly moving. The remedy was as toxic as the problem.

Two flea bombs later, I finally went nuclear—Home Depot's hormone-filled formula, major vacuuming, cats overnight at the vet's for dipping. When I picked him up, the vet mentioned that Malcolm was quite sick. She feared kidney failure was imminent and recommended tests. And I, trying to save money to buy a house, was torn.

Question: Was a 10-year-old cat worth "heroic medical measures" when the money is needed elsewhere? Question Reframed: Should a 10-year-old companion be given the honor and respect of a real effort to pull him through his crisis? And if not, when and how do you decide to have him "put to sleep?" Hillary and her plan would be of no help here, but Malcolm would have answers in due time.

Malcolm was never a playful cat. I think his long hair caused him to put on airs (unlike



Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

his short-haired offspring, Aengus, who would plop himself down on his back on the sidewalk in front of strangers to get them to scratch his stomach—behavior that was not unlike that of his owner, as a previous boyfriend once pointed out to me).

No, Malcolm was more an Attitude Cat, as pointed out in a story from his youth. When I brought him home, he was so terrified from the car ride that he ran behind the refrigerator and meowed and bellowed until he permanently damaged his vocal cords, leaving this regal and imposing figure with only a very squeaky half-meow. I often flashed on Bert Lahr, the Cowardly Lion in "The Wizard of Oz," as the appropriate comparison.

But Malcolm always had a strong sense of how far he would not go—especially with things such as messy litter boxes and sleep times for the person who was supposed to feed him. He wasn't very patient when you crossed one of his lines. "Don't indulge yourself at my discomfited expense," he often reminded.

Malcolm was still "unfixed" and roaming around the neighborhood when this little orange furball showed up on the back steps one day. Malcolm usually ran off other neighborhood cats, but he let Aengus hang around. I've always considered this the kitty equivalent of acknowledging paternity. "You smell too much like me—I guess I'll have to let you stay." Actions elicit responsibilities, I saw him imply, as he licked Aengus' forehead one day.

And Malcolm detested my abusive first lover. If Malcolm were sitting near me and heard the key turn and the wrong footsteps on the stairway, he would run from the couch and hide under the bed. I initially attributed this to his skittishness. It wasn't until later that I realized that Malcolm was probably being as mis-treated by my ex as I was, only he was reacting with self-respect and protection. My early warning system failed me, but only because I wasn't listening for the alarm.

Back to 1993. I continued to dither and be wishy-washy about what to do, so Malcolm took matters into his own paws. I came home from work one night, and, as soon as the door opened, he bolted past me and out into the evening. "OK," I thought, "Enjoy yourself tonight. I'll take you into the vet's tomorrow morning." And that was the last time I saw him. My downstairs neighbor fed him the next day, hardly recognizing this gaunt stray as Malcolm. Neither of us has seen him since.

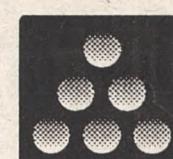
Malcolm chose the instinctual response—into nature, allowing the elements to deal with him appropriately. I guilted myself back and forth for a week for not getting him into the vet's sooner. And then I considered how much he enjoyed being out again, and I couldn't accept that being on the wrong end of a vet's needle was better than his chosen way of leaving.

And on his way out, I learned that, first, I'm not a great caretaker, and I need to address that for myself, as well as my pets; second, I'm neither an animal rights-er nor a sentimental, because I couldn't justify exorbitant medical bills for a cat, no matter how beloved; and, third, I cared for and fed him for 10 years, and that should not be diminished because of my clueless response to his difficulties this summer.

Ultimately, I can say about Malcolm what someone once said about a dying soldier—that nothing became him in his life more than his manner of leaving it. When it's my time to go, I hope I do so with the grace and courage that Malcolm demonstrated.

Bye, Malcolm. You sat there, usually quietly, and witnessed the various tricks, boyfriends, lovers and changes that passed through my life in Atlanta. You were a good companion for 10 years, and I hope you found me an acceptable owner.

I commend you to the universe.



**GLAAD
News**

by CARL LANGE

Reviewing the Review

American Journalism Review magazine covers a range of media-related issues and is widely read by journalists and academics, as well as the general public. The July/August issue of AJR includes two noteworthy articles.

In "Taking It to the Streets," Kim I. Mills explores the contested boundaries between journalism and activism. She examines the potential conflicts of interests, personal and professional, that can arise for journalists who are also involved in various civil rights and social justice causes. As a case in point, Mills gives ample attention to the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) and "gay reporters on the gay beat." All in all, the article's approach is informed and thought-provoking.

Send comments to Rem Rider, editor and senior vice president, American Journalism Review; 4716 Pontiac St., Suite 310, College Park, MD 20740-2493. The telephone number is (301) 513-0001.

What's Ailing CNBC?

Roger Ailes has been named president of CNBC, the cable television talk-show and business news network. Available on 4,000 systems nationwide, CNBC reaches 48.5 million cable subscribers. As part of his new job, Ailes will also be in charge of another NBC cable channel, "America's Talking," scheduled to premiere in 1994. We should all be alarmed.

Even a quick glance at Roger Ailes' right-wing resume is cause for concern. Ailes was media adviser to Presidents Nixon, Reagan and Bush. He put together the exceedingly racist "Willie Horton" campaign ads for the 1988 presidential election. He is—and will continue to be—the executive producer of "The Rush Limbaugh Show."

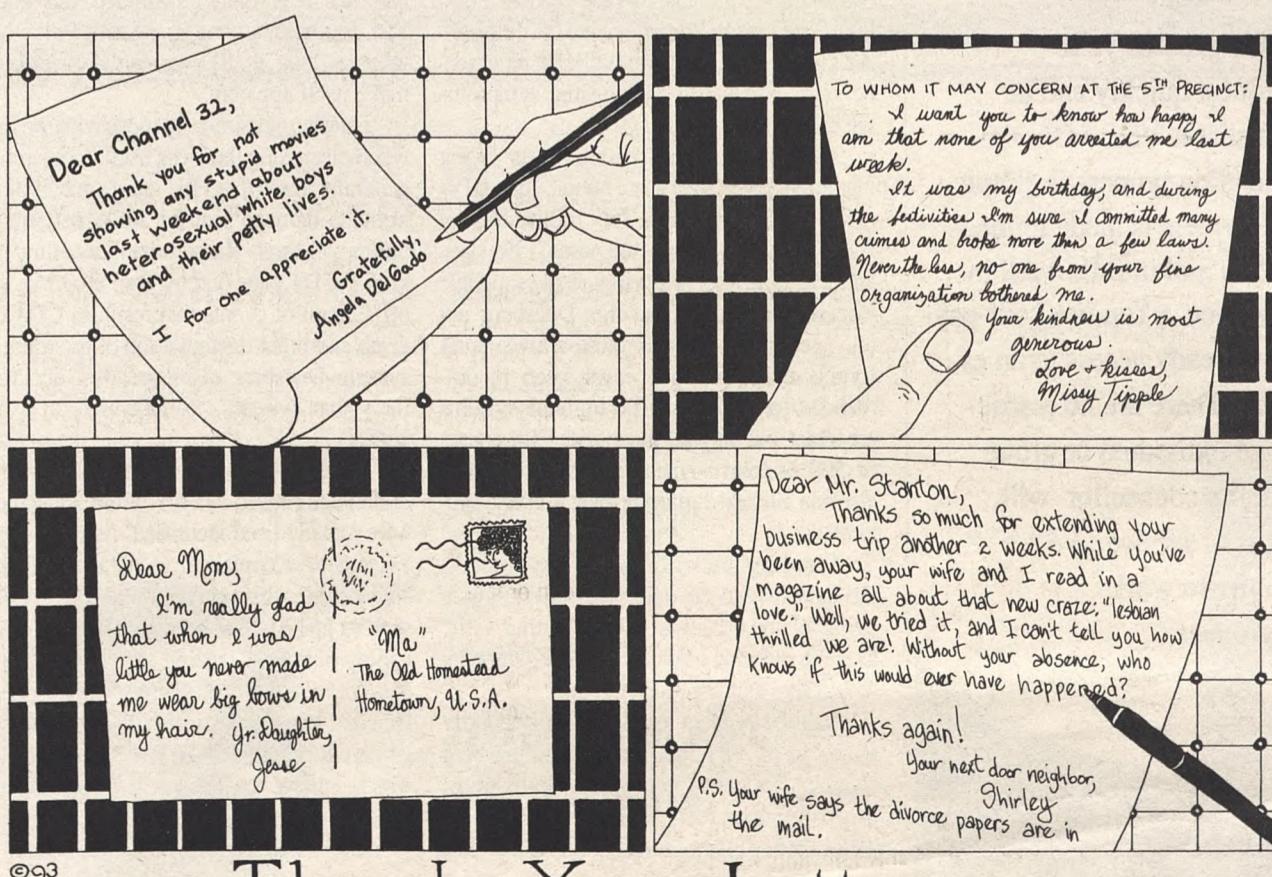
According to NBC president Robert Wright, Roger Ailes is "one of a kind in the television business. He represents a unique combination of promoter, entrepreneur and, above all, a highly talented television producer." Would you care to add "mercenary bigot" to that list, Mr. Wright?

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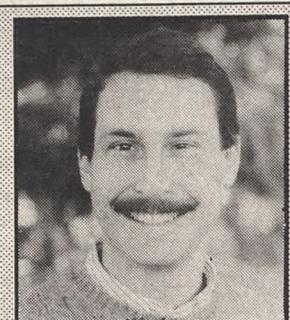
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AT THE CROSSROADS

by Bruce Mirken



False prophet

Since 1987, Peter Duesberg, professor of molecular biology at the University of California at Berkeley, has made something of a second career out of proclaiming that HIV does not cause AIDS. Along the way, he has acquired a vocal following within the gay community.

Duesberg's biggest media booster has been Spin magazine, which devoted 10 pages in its September issue to an interview with the controversial scientist, conducted by publisher/editor Bob Guccione Jr. It is an exhaustively detailed, utterly astonishing interview, so riddled with half-truths, distortions and out-and-out falsehoods that one is left to conclude that the man is either a fool (highly unlikely) or a pathological liar.

In a nutshell, Duesberg claims that HIV is a completely harmless virus that just happens to turn up in people with AIDS. The real culprit, he says, is drugs—whether recreational ones such as cocaine, amphetamines or poppers, or pharmaceuticals, especially AZT.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention list roughly 30 percent of U.S. AIDS cases as being people with some history of injection drug use. Most of the rest are gay or bisexual men. So, to make his case stick, Duesberg must argue that all gay men with AIDS are drug users. "The homosexuals who get AIDS had hundreds, if not thousands, of sexual contacts," the good professor tells us. "That is not achieved with your conventional testosterone. It is achieved with chemicals...They inhale poppers, they use amphetamines, they take Quaaludes, they take amyl nitrate, they take cocaine as aphrodisiacs."

Duesberg's argument, that *nobody* could have that much sex without using drugs, betrays his breathtaking ignorance of the gay community. But just in case readers don't buy it, he brings out his backup culprit—AZT. The drug used to treat HIV infection, he says, is actually causing the symptoms we call AIDS.

Here the misinformation starts flying thick and fast. "Every six hours, your HIV-positive person takes 250 milligrams of AZT...just for having the virus," he says, and the drug, not the virus, makes people lose weight, sicken and die. Duesberg not only gets the dose wrong, he conveniently forgets that AZT has *never* been recommended for people whose immune systems are intact, but only for those with CD4 counts of 500 or lower—meaning that something else has already damaged their immune systems.

Duesberg backs his claim that AZT is the culprit with no data whatsoever, just a string of meaningless stories. Arthur Ashe took the stuff and he died, didn't he? Nureyev took it too, and isn't he dead too?

Regular readers know that this reporter is no fan of AZT, but the reason Duesberg cites no data is that none exists. In the most damning major AZT study so far, the British/French Concorde trial announced last spring, the patients who took AZT before showing any symptoms lived as long as those who didn't. In other words, the stuff may not

have helped people, but it didn't kill them either.

Sometimes Duesberg is forced to ignore facts that are staring him in the face. A key part of his argument is that epidemiologically, AIDS is not behaving like an infectious disease because an infectious disease should affect roughly equal numbers of men and women, while AIDS in the United States and Europe has hit far more men. Asked why the proportion of women is increasing, Duesberg claims that no such thing is happening, that "it has been 10 percent for quite a while now."

Not quite. The CDC's statistics show a gradual but absolutely steady rise in the percentage of female cases—from close to zero at the start of the epidemic to 14.2 percent of newly-diagnosed cases in 1992. The good professor never attempts to question the CDC's methodology or refute its numbers. He simply lies about what the numbers say.

But why, interviewer Guccione asks, has the increase in gay male AIDS cases declined since safer sex became solidly established in the gay community? Again, Duesberg just claims that it hasn't happened. "AIDS has continued to increase despite the safe sex campaign," he says. "The only thing they claim is decreasing is HIV infection, but AIDS continues to increase every year."

Wrong again. The rate of increase of AIDS cases among gay men has been slowly tapering off for years, and in 1992—nine years after safe-sex campaigns got started in earnest—the number of new gay male AIDS cases actually *decreased* for the first time ever, which is just what you'd expect if safe sex was having an impact. Overall, the gradual shift in the demographics of AIDS is exactly what you would predict from a disease that is sexually transmitted, that got its first foothold among gay men and which takes as long as 10 years after infection to make itself apparent.

Duesberg is similarly loose with the facts when discussing the virus itself. Researchers generally agree that HIV causes much of the immune damage seen in AIDS patients by indirect means. Rather than invading and killing CD4 cells one by one, the virus sets off a chain of events that result in CD4 cell death and other disregulation of the immune system. Duesberg dismisses this, declaring flatly that "viruses...cannot work at a distance."

But he ignores that fact that some kinds of damage caused by HIV "from a distance" have already been identified. As neurologist Elyse Singer explained to AIDS Treatment News earlier this year, certain HIV proteins, such as gp120, "can be toxic to neurons in a variety of ways," leading to nerve cell damage without the cells themselves being infected. The virus also stimulates production of certain chemicals, known as cytokines, which, when excessive levels are maintained for too long, can work all sorts of mischief.

Later, discussing the effects of different strains of the virus, the professor tells us, "We have yet to see a single case where an

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A better condom, not a vaccine

Two psychologists argue that it would be more cost effective to spend vaccine research money improving condoms

Washington, DC—The money and effort spent to develop a vaccine for AIDS could be put to better use by inventing condoms that are more sensitive, comfortable and pleasant to use, two psychologists contend.

"The current program puts billions of dollars into developing a preventive vaccine, while a device exists for HIV which is 98 percent effective," said Paul Abramson, a professor at the University of California at Los Angeles.

"We have to consider cost effectiveness," Abramson said.

Abramson and graduate student Steven Pinkerton argue in an article that significant obstacles will remain even after an AIDS vaccine is developed. Their article was published in *Evaluation Review*, a journal for researchers, planners and policy makers. Abramson and Pinkerton also make their case in a letter in the current issue of *Science*.

"We reject the notion that vaccination is the simplest, safest and most effective form of AIDS prevention," Pinkerton said. "Additional funding for basic research, education and treatment, and the development of stronger, more comfortable and more pleasurable condoms, would be safer and more cost effective."

If condoms were 90 percent effective in preventing HIV transmission, the psychologists contend, 90 percent of the population would have to be successfully vaccinated to gain the same benefit as it would from the conscientious use of condoms.

They argue that an AIDS vaccine would provide a false sense of security because many people would believe, incorrectly, that they could not contract the disease. Abramson said influenza vaccines are less than 80 percent effective.

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It also would require booster shots, which many people would not receive, and scientists might not be able to create a single vaccine to be effective against all the existing strains and new ones that might develop.

"Will people who are not vaccinated lie to attract sexual partners?" they ask. "Will insurance be restricted to the vaccinated? Will immigration?"

Asked for comment on the article, Dr. Jeffrey Laurence of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, said no AIDS researcher will claim that a vaccine can be made 100 percent effective.

"We can either give up completely or say we don't have the best vaccine we can, but there is some efficacy," he said.

"People are absolutely correct that we should not be spending money or testing vaccines that people believe will be minimally effective when we could better spend that money on basic biomedical research."



And Dr. David Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York said that developing a vaccine is one of the best ways to fight the epidemic.

Said Abramson: "We are not arguing that vaccines are not helpful. In some cases they are extraordinarily helpful. Our feeling is that money should better be spent in treatment. There is no curative treatment at this point, only enormous suffering."

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False prophet

HIV mutant has been isolated that can do something that other HIVs can't.

Not quite. A number of researchers have documented the effects of what are called syncytium-inducing (SI) strains, which are HIV variants that have the ability to cause cells to clump together. This subject got a lot of attention at the 1992 International AIDS Conference. Not only is it clear that not all HIV strains can do this, but it is equally clear that people infected with SI strains do worse than those who are not. Sometimes these strains don't show up until years after a person gets infected, but a Danish study recently published in the journal AIDS shows quite clearly that people infected with SI strains from the very beginning lose CD4 cells more quickly than those who are not.

Other studies have also shown that when specific HIV mutations show up, the patient gets worse. Maybe it's possible to explain this and still believe the virus has nothing to do with AIDS, but Duesberg doesn't try. He just claims it doesn't happen, despite mountains of evidence to the contrary.

When he's not telling flat untruths, Duesberg simply ignores data that's inconvenient. Jay Levy at the University of California-San Francisco, for example, has shown that people whose CD8 immune cells are more able to combat HIV live longer with undamaged immune systems than those whose cells lack this ability.

And many researchers have compared HIV-infected drug users with non-drug users, with results that don't help Duesberg. Several studies presented at this year's AIDS Conference in Berlin, for example, showed that HIV-infected drug injectors did no worse than non-drug users—rather difficult to explain if drug use causes AIDS.

Alas, Guccione didn't ask about these findings and let even the most blatant misstatements go unchallenged. He, perhaps, can be excused for not knowing any better. But what is one to make of Professor Duesberg, who surely *must* know better? Why is he spreading a potentially deadly message—that you don't have to worry about safe sex because AIDS isn't a sexually transmitted disease—with arguments built out of what look an awful lot like plain, old-fashioned lies?

One researcher, who preferred not to have her name associated in print with such harsh language, offered a blunt assessment: "He's nuts." Over time, that may turn out to have been an excessively charitable view.



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AIDS Walk Atlanta

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unteer effort during its first two years. The walk's name was changed and its length was doubled in an effort to boost the amount of money the walk generates.

"The changes that were made in producing this year's walk were clearly for the better, and they resulted in greater funds being available to provide AIDS services in this community," Miller said.

After expenses, which include Miller Zeichik's fee—an amount AID Atlanta declined to make public—AID Atlanta will take 60 percent of the proceeds, with 15 percent going to Project Open Hand. The remaining 25 percent will go to the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation, which will distribute the money to 15 other AIDS service providers through a competitive grant process.

Organizers had predicted that if the fundraising goal of \$1 million was met, which it was, that expenses would amount to about 25 percent of walk proceeds.

"We got a lot of good, strong feedback," said AID Atlanta's Clayton, "And we'll use that to evaluate what worked and what needs to be improved."

Overall, organizers termed the walk a success. Comparing Atlanta's walk to others his firm produces in Los Angeles, San Francisco

and New York, Miller said he was very happy with the final results.

"Of course, [Atlanta's walk] is smaller," he said. "But that's because [the other three cities] are at the epicenter of the epidemic. They were hit first and hardest. Given that, the size of this year's AIDS Walk Atlanta was extraordinarily impressive."

On stage, U.S. Congressman John Lewis enthusiastically voiced his opposition to discrimination against people with AIDS.

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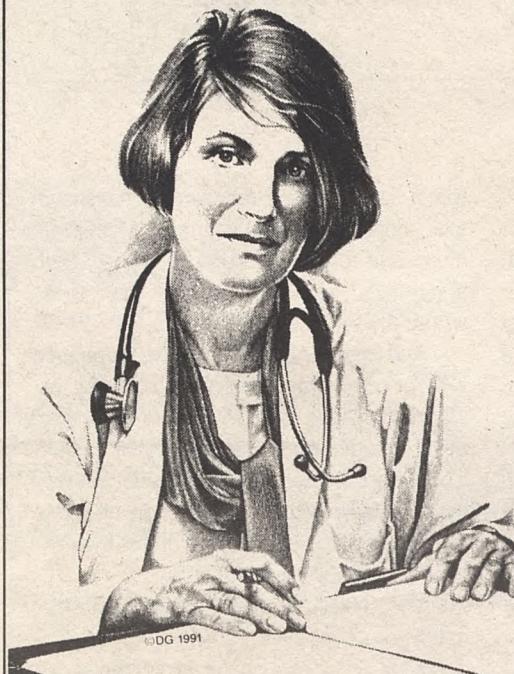
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ment of groups and people from around the city, the lesbian and gay community provided much of the support for the walk, a spirit of cooperation that was noted by Southern Voice representative Dixon Taylor, who spoke from the stage.

"This is the single event each year that puts the straight community shoulder to shoulder with the gay and lesbian community for a common cause," Taylor said. "Can you think of any reason we can't do that the other 364 days a year?"

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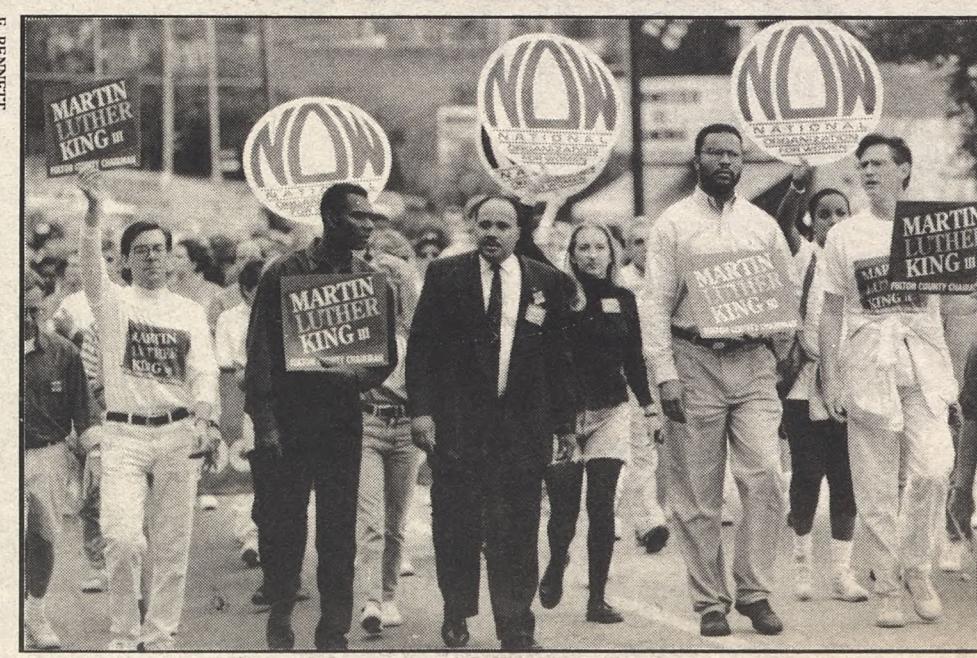
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sey," a dramatic broadcast for children, airs on more than 1,000 stations a week. "Family News in Focus" is heard on more than 800 stations each week. A Spanish language broadcast, "Enfoque a la Familia," airs on nearly 500 stations. And an Armed Forces Radio Network broadcast is heard around the world on military bases and ships at sea.

(Focus on the Family programming is broadcast on 51 stations in Georgia, including 10 in the metro Atlanta area).

In addition to stations in the United States, Dobson's programs are broadcast in the United Kingdom, Canada, Norway, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Australia, New Zealand and Russia, giving the ministry an international reach.

But radio is not the only medium Dobson uses with great success. Focus on the Family publishes seven full color, glossy magazines—Focus on the Family, with 2 million household subscriptions monthly; Citizen, with nearly 300,000 monthly subscribers; Physician, going to 17,000 doctors bimonthly; Clubhouse and Clubhouse Jr. for children, going to 92,000 and 74,000 households monthly, respectively; Brio for teenage girls, 120,000 monthly; Breakaway, for teenage boys, 79,000 monthly; and the newest addition to Dobson's publishing gallery, Teachers in Focus, sent out to 24,000 educators each month.

His magazines are chic, hip, informative and attractive. The magazines for children offer games, articles about Christian performing artists, Christian athletes and Christian values. The adult versions offer commentary on world and national issues, with, of course, that ever-present Christian supremacist slant. Physician helps doctors keep the "Judeo-Christian" ethic in mind as they heal their patients, and Teachers in Focus offers tips on slipping religion into the daily class routine.

And then there's Parental Guidance, a four page newsletter that provides parents with movie, record and television reviews.

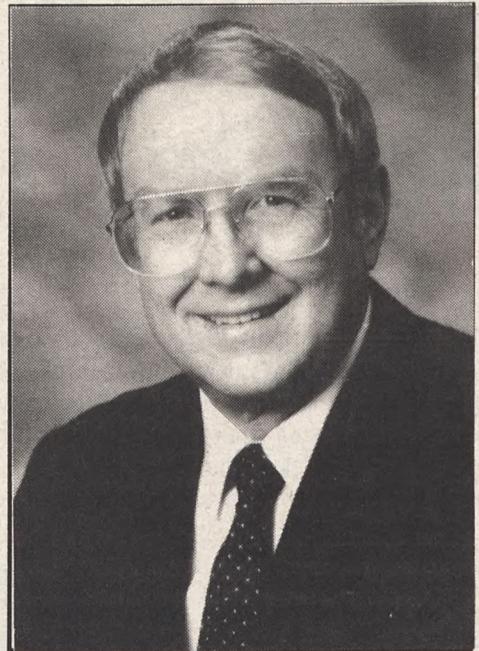
But that's not all. Dobson's empire includes book publishing (Dobson himself has authored 12 books), films and videos (how about "Sex, Lies...and Truth," which purports to tell teens the "truth" about safe sex?), a church bulletin, basketball camps for sons of single mothers and a host of Crisis Pregnancy Centers, which offer free pregnancy screening—and a free view of the anti-abortion film "The Silent Scream"—across the country (In Georgia, Focus on the Family operates centers in Douglasville and Jonesboro and a shelter in Conyers).

Dobson himself rarely participates in the kind of rhetoric that has drawn liberal ire upon his spiritual brethren. His broadcasts, and his articles and books, contain gentle, almost folksy chat about issues relating to childrearing. He leaves the really nasty stuff to men like Wildmon and Randall Terry, leader of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, both of whom regularly appear on Dobson's broadcasts to espouse their extremist views.

The same holds true for Dobson's magazines. Last year, Citizen promoted Gene Antonio's "The AIDS Cover-Up," a book blasted by former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop for providing massive disinformation about how AIDS is spread. And the July 9, 1993 issue of the magazine promotes, and carries an excerpt from, Maj. Melissa Wells-Perry's "Exclusion: Homosexuals and the Right to Serve," an anti-gay propaganda book used by Congress to argue against lifting the military's ban on lesbians and gay men.

But, claims Dobson, Focus on the Family is not a political organization. To bolster that claim, it recently severed official ties with the Family Research Council, a conservative Washington-based think tank headed by former Reagan staffer Gary Bauer. But, family being family, Dobson is on the board of the council, and Bauer is slated to join the board of Dobson's group later this year.

In 1991, Dobson uprooted Focus on the Fam-



ily from California and crossed the desert to Colorado Springs, which has become home to about 50 other religious right organizations. The move came just in time to allow Dobson to help out with Amendment 2, the anti-gay/lesbian rights initiative passed by Colorado's voters.

Focus on the Family insists that it didn't tell its radio listeners how to vote on the issue, and Dobson did only one program on the amendment, an interview with Will Perkins, head of the group pushing the amendment, Colorado for Family Values. But Dobson's organization provided more than \$8,000 in "in-kind" contributions toward the anti-gay effort, and other Dobson programs, while not directly addressing the amendment, provided "news" about the effort and others across the country, as well as information about the efforts of lesbians and gays to institute their "gay agenda."

Like Jerry Falwell, Dobson has often been an advisor to those in power—but unlike Falwell, Dobson has more often been in position to dispense policy. He served on then-Attorney General Edwin Meese's infamous Commission on Pornography in 1985; on Ronald Reagan's National Advisory Commission to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention from 1982-84; and on Health and Human Services Secretary Otis Bowen's Panel on Teen Pregnancy Prevention in 1987. He regularly consulted with Reagan and George Bush on family matters and served as chairman of the United States Army's Family Initiative from 1986-88.

He's everywhere. He's quiet. He's effective. "Dobson is sort of like the stealth leader," said Arthur Kropp, president of People for the American Way, which recently released a detailed report on Focus on the Family's activities. "He probably has more impact in the public education aspect—the promotion of the religious right—than anybody because he is so popular. I think he is the No. 3 radio personality in the country, and Focus on the Family rivals (Pat) Robertson in terms of size and money."

"People don't think of him as political because he tends to focus on child psychology. But he's been involved in everything from attacking school curriculums to supporting the military ban to [attacking] the NEA."

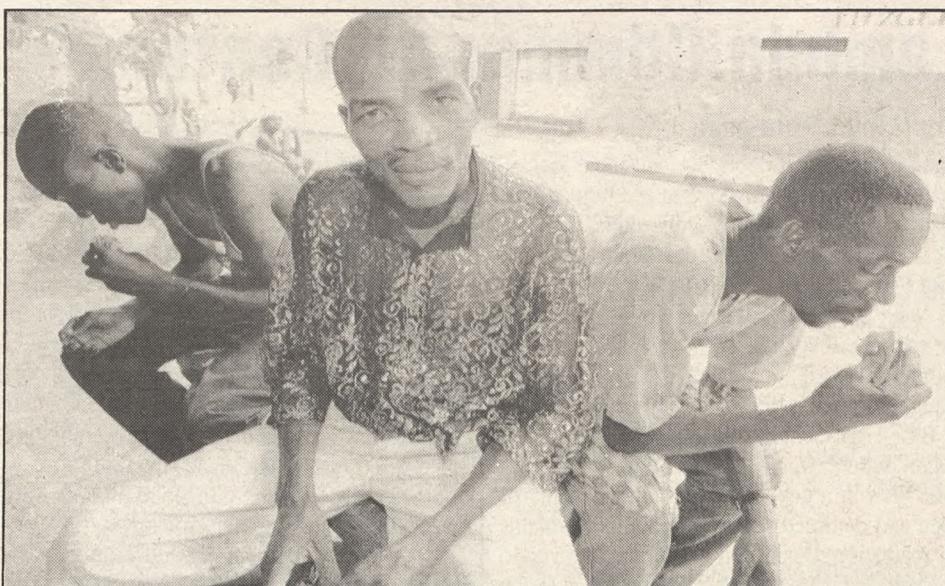
And recently, Focus on the Family has begun promoting state coalitions and community seminars designed to strengthen the conservative movement.

In Alabama, for example, the Alabama Family Alliance, sponsored by Focus on the Family, is actively working to force Alabama schools to promote abstinence in sex education. Organizers quickly learned from Dobson and his staff to avoid couching their message in religious terms—after a 1991 defeat, the Alabama alliance reframed its bill as a health issue and won a sweeping victory in the state legislature.

For Dobson, it's all about the family—strengthen the family, support the family. He

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WORLD NEWS



MIKE STINSON

These members of the "Superstud" gang on Kingston's Southside say any gays or lesbians that come into their neighborhood will face violence.

Jamaica no island paradise for gays and lesbians

Kingston, Jamaica—In front of wall murals preaching tolerance and black pride, Percival Cordwell proudly recounts how he helped drive two men from his shantytown because he thought they were gay.

The two were lying side by side on a beach four blocks away, in their swimsuits, when a neighborhood man screamed "Batty boys!"—Jamaican slang for gay men. Cordwell joined a stick-waving mob moving in on the two men.

"These guys ran for their lives. Everybody wanted to get a lick," Cordwell, 47, a soccer coach for teenagers, recalls.

Despite the laid-back, anything-goes image propagated by tourist boards, gays and gay-bashers here agree on perhaps only one point: Jamaica is the most hostile island toward gay men and lesbians in the Caribbean.

Gays do visit Jamaica but generally stick to smaller resorts or guest houses away from main tourism areas. Gay tourists are told not to hold hands in hotel restaurants or outside resorts for fear of attacks.

The anti-gay sentiment has become known worldwide through the increasing popularity of Jamaican "dancehall," a rap-reggae music hybrid that often has raunchy or violent themes.

In slums like Cordwell's rough Southside neighborhood, the music has long been popular, as has gay-bashing. No gays live here and none ever will, he declares.

Cordwell, his long dreadlocks tucked under a multicolored knit cap, said he maintains the integrity of his soccer teams by never picking a player from outside the neighborhood. You never know, he says.

Beside him, a half-dozen members of a neighborhood gang, the Superstuds, agree, competing to describe the violence they would administer if they found gays or lesbians.

Examples of Jamaica's hostile attitudes toward gays abound:

- An attempt to toughen Jamaica's rape law stalled last March because critics contended that allowing prosecution for the rape of one man by another would implicitly give legal acknowledgment to sex between two consenting adult men. An outpouring of angry public complaints forced the government to put aside the proposed amendment.

- Victims of gay-bashing seek no justice from policemen, some of whom state publicly that they are likely to do some bashing themselves.

- Reggae rappers often depend on gay-bashing themes to stir up concert-goers, as was

done in August's Sunsplash music festival. The theme of Buju Banton's international hit "Boom Boom Bye"—kill gay men—has provoked criticism in the United States, but little in Jamaica.

- A radio broadcast last June about rumors that gays and lesbians planned a rally prompted scores of youths armed with axes, knives and chains to converge on Nelson Mandela Park in Kingston, the rumored site. No rally took place.

"They were testing the strength of the Jamaican people," one bare-chested Superstud gang member, 30-year-old Errol Sanders, says of the gay activists behind the reported rally. "We were going to murder them."

The tough talk comes as no surprise to Larry Chang, a restaurant owner and property manager who is one of the few gay Jamaicans who has gone public. He has lost work because of his beliefs, endured insults on the street and says neighbors have shunned him.

Homosexuality provokes "a trigger response" among most Jamaicans, says Chang, who had been secretary of a now-disbanded gay rights group.

The intolerance has something to do with the legacy of slavery and with the predominance of single-parent families, Chang speculates.

"Most Jamaican men grow up without a father. They never felt affection from another man, any kind of affection, and they don't know how to deal with it," he says.

Psychiatrist Aggrey Irons, who is host of Jamaican radio and television programs on human sexuality, adds that constant anti-gay messages by evangelical Protestant faiths may also play a role. He says Jamaica tolerates homosexuality as long as it is not advertised—a tropical version of President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy for the U.S. military.

Irons says he has treated some men who "are afraid that the stigma may be attached to them, so their defense is to hit out rather than deal with their own insecurity."

Jamaica is probably about as hostile to gay men and lesbians as the United States was 15 or 20 years ago, says Irons and Aston Cooke, a spokesman for the Jamaica Tourist Board. "But," Cooke adds, "sometimes you ask, would you want to be where the U.S. is now?"

Cooke says gay tourists represent "an untapped market," but he does not expect Jamaica to begin directing marketing efforts toward them.

Reggae rappers often depend on gay-bashing themes to stir up concert-goers, as was

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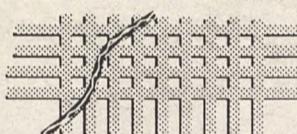
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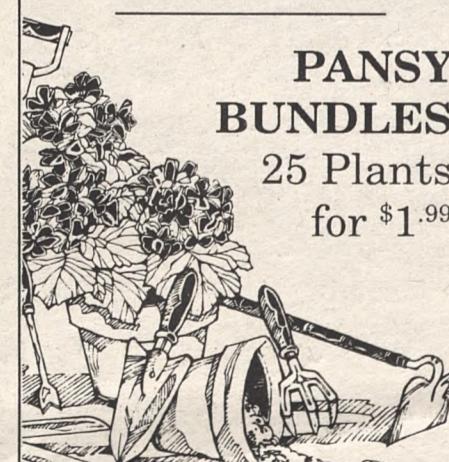
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Lambda Community Center

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going to cost \$3 million," said Debbie Fraker, chair of the outreach committee and former head of the research and design committee. "But we decided we'd rather open a center next year and raise \$500,000."

With that \$500,000 goal, the group expects the center will open its doors in June 1994. The committee is still in search of a building, although they seem to be focusing on acquisition of Bass High School in Little Five Points. The vacant school would be ideal for several reasons—it's in a good location and has plenty of open and confined space with outdoor grounds for recreation. Besides, it has already proven to be a safe and sound home to Project Open Hand.

Fraker emphasizes the need for immediate dedication, support and enthusiasm from the community and various organizations.

"We all hear people saying it's a great idea on an individual level," Fraker says. "Now we need a rallying of organizations. It's important

that the community take on the responsibility for the center, whether that means writing a check or showing up physically. Right now it means both."

The driving force of this effort has been and will need to continue to be the involvement of community organizations. At present, people involved directly represent the diversity of Atlanta's gay and lesbian community. For that reason, a PBS documentary film crew, which is working on a documentary about community centers, has, according to Archbold, decided to use the Lambda Center as the model community center of the future in their program.

Recent developments include the acquisition in August of a small office within the 14th Street Playhouse for development purposes. And fundraising efforts are coming into full swing. A benefit in conjunction with "Falsettos" raised \$6,000, and a new Major Donor Campaign has already produced pledges of \$30,000.

JAMES FITCH

Horsemen: Dobson

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talks a good line about the values those families need—values like honesty and respect—but when it comes down to the bottom line, there is, for Dobson, only one kind of family. Take this letter, from Jamie Bloor in Los Angeles, to Focus on the Family Magazine, and the editor's reply:

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JUDI PARKS

Author Francisco X. Alarcon invokes the four directions in his dedication of *Encuentro Nacional*, the second annual conference of the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization, held Oct. 7-11 in San Jose, California.

Gay/lesbian latinos hold conference

San Jose, CA—A piece of happy news buoyed the second annual *Encuentro Nacional*, the yearly conference of the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO), held Oct. 7-11 in San Jose, when word came from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that the group stands to receive an AIDS prevention grant of at least \$300,000, the first federal monies specifically targeting gay and lesbian latinos.

But there was frustration and some anger as well—at the continuing struggle to gain recognition within the broader latino and lesbian/gay civil rights movements and at the growing anti-immigrant sentiment being stirred up by politicians in California and across the country.

The exact amount of the CDC grants (LLEGO had requested \$600,000) will be worked out in negotiations that were set to begin Oct. 19. The money will be used to provide training and technical assistance to local gay and lesbian latino groups doing AIDS prevention work in their own communities. According to Martin Ornelas, LLEGO's development co-chair, barring unforeseen snags, the grant should be in place for the start of the 1994 fiscal year, which begins Nov. 1.

"This should have happened years ago," commented LLEGO acting co-chair Mario Solis-Marich, noting that despite rising numbers of cases of HIV infection and full-blown AIDS among latinos, particularly among gays and bisexuals, the federal government has never targeted funding to reach gay and bisexual latinos—and just a handful of gay latino groups across the country have gotten state or local funding.

To help strengthen the often-weak infrastructure of these local agencies, Solis-Marich said, "We're going to actually go down and roll up our sleeves...and help them build their programs."

The federal money should also give LLEGO new influence at the national level. "This means when there are policy discussions in Washington, we'll be there," Solis-Marich noted. "This is our seat at the table."

But despite the happy news from the CDC, the conference was also marked by a continuing sense that the issues that affect gay and lesbian latinos get little attention from either the major gay and lesbian civil rights organizations or mainstream latino groups.

According to Jose Solis and Roberto Jimenez of Somos Orgullo Latinos (SOL) in Portland, Ore., their group formed after right-wing fundamentalists had some success in targeting the latino community during the recent campaigns over anti-gay ballot initiatives. Non-gay latino

groups showed little interest, Solis commented, and even "some hostility," though the hostility for the most part came out in subtle ways. The situation was worsened, he added, because "we were not visible in the gay community" and existing gay and lesbian groups were ill-equipped to respond to the right-wing attacks.

Many expressed a sense of feeling left out of the national gay and lesbian agenda. One example of this, explained Letitia Gomez, LLEGO's acting executive director, is the heavy emphasis by national gay and lesbian groups during the last year on the effort to lift the ban on lesbians and gay in the military. In a survey taken by LLEGO at a gathering the group hosted during the March on Washington, the military issue ranked "seventh or eighth" among possible priorities, Gomez noted. "There just wasn't a high degree of interest. People didn't feel like it was our issue."

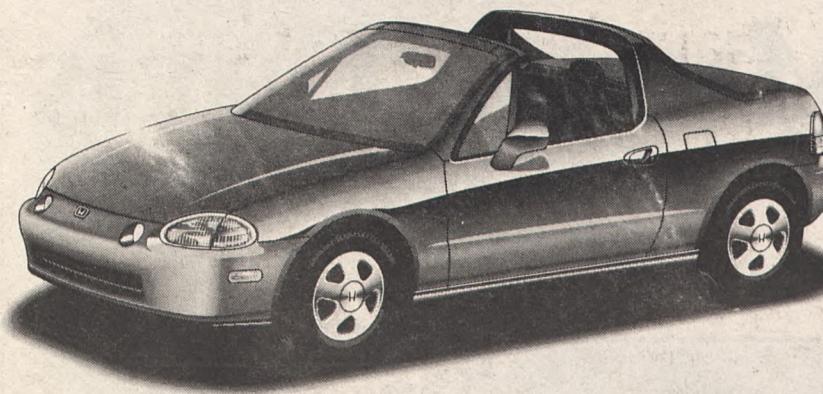
Jorge Cortinas, program director for the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, put it even more strongly during the conference's closing session. "We are wrong," he declared to loud and enthusiastic applause, "to jump on the anglo-led bandwagon to gain admission as lesbian and gay people to the armed forces of the United States. Are we prepared to patrol the border with Mexico with the National Guard? Are we prepared to shoot down our lesbian and gay compatriots and compatriots the next time we invade Panama or Nicaragua, or even Cuba?"

Cortinas' reference to patrolling the Mexican border touched a theme that recurred repeatedly over the weekend—a deep and growing concern over the anti-immigrant sentiment, targeted primarily at undocumented immigrants from Mexico and Central America, being stirred up by politicians in California and elsewhere. Many noted that leaving undocumented immigrants out of any national health care plan, as the Clinton health care proposal does, will leave an enormous gap in AIDS care and prevention efforts.

Particular venom was reserved for liberal politicians such as California's U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, up for re-election in 1993, who have jumped on the anti-immigrant bandwagon. And with it came a not-too-subtle warning to anglo gay and lesbian groups who have supported them. "It's going to be interesting," declared Solis-Marich, "to see Dianne Feinstein raising money from white gay and lesbians as she does so on the bodies of gay latino immigrants with AIDS."

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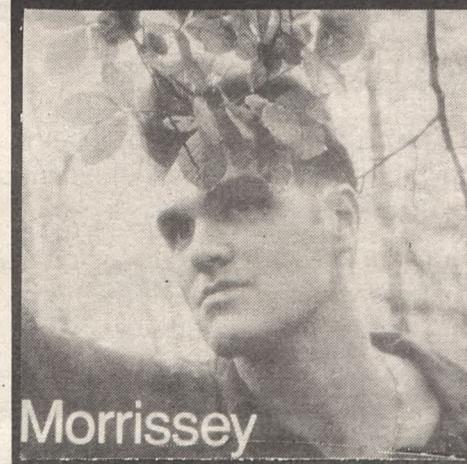
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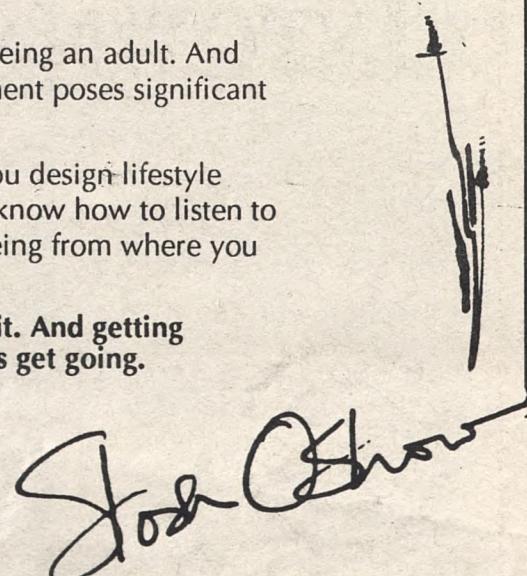
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Laurie Kezh is a very young 31

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Donald J. Wachal

Don departed us over one year ago to return to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he passed away from complications with AIDS at the age of 40. He will be remembered by many for his quick wit, bright smile and loving nature. A memorial service was held at the Grant Park Mansion on Oct. 18 to honor the memory of Don on his birthday. He will be greatly missed by Mitchell, Julie and his many friends. "Sleep quietly now, for all the good you have done will always be remembered."



COMMUNITY NEWS

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SAME's OutProud Theater will be holding open auditions for its Spring '94 Season on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Callbacks will be held on Sunday, October 24th.

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Gay Games IV Registration

Registration for Gay Games IV has begun with registration kick-offs around the country.

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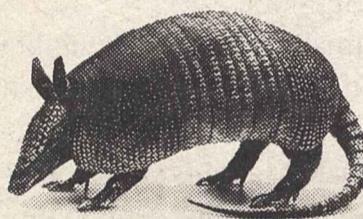


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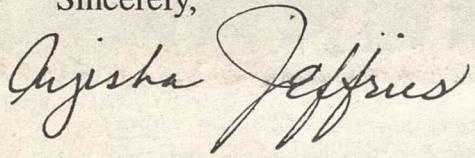
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THE CLOSET AND THE SPOTLIGHT

Gay and lesbian entertainers grapple with the risks and rewards of coming out

by DAVID STORY

To come out or not to come out—that's the question that's haunted the entertainment industry way back to the days of Tallulah Bankhead and Greta Garbo.

Even today, more celebrities are outed than have come out. Though Rock Hudson, Cary Grant, Montgomery Clift, Sal Mineo, James Dean and George Maharis have been outed, in most cases posthumously, until Dick Sargent of "Bewitched" fame announced to the world a couple of years ago that he was gay, relatively few actors had done the same voluntarily. And though androgynous females, such as the late Marlene Dietrich and singer k.d. lang, seem to be able to reach a level of social acceptability that eludes gay men in similar situations, the closet door remains an uncrossed barrier for most female entertainers as well.

The same problem exists behind the scenes in the industry, where some see the closet as even more insidious because these are the people who make the decisions about when, or whether, openly gay and lesbian performers will work.



k.d. lang's decision to come out hasn't hurt her commercial viability.

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John Schuck, of "Munsters Today" fame, says "the industry needs to realize that someone's sexual preference is not going to affect box office."

"I'd like to see more executives and producers coming out," says John Schuck of "McMillan Wife" and "The Munsters Today." "I think that would help the industry more than performers coming out. The industry needs to realize that someone's sexual preference is not going to affect box office."

After years of being coy about her sexuality, k.d. lang finally came out in 1992—and she received not one negative phone call, not one letter. Somebody sent back one of her records, but hey, there's always one bad apple.

"I think it's important for people to come out because it's broadening acceptance walls," lang said in a recent *Vanity Fair* interview. "I've always presented myself as myself. I didn't try to dispel lesbian rumors. I didn't take boys to the Grammys. I didn't do anything to cover up—I just lived my life. There was a part of me that really didn't think it was important to make an announcement, but to the gay and lesbian community, saying, 'I'm a lesbian' is dispelling any doubt."

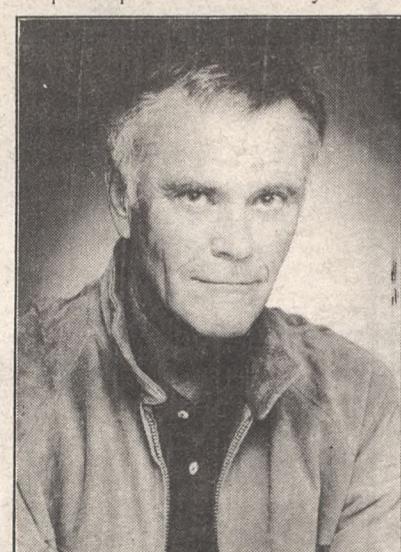
There are still those, of course, whose sexual orientation is well known but who, for whatever reasons, will not stand up and make it publicly official. Perhaps the most famous name on this list is Lily Tomlin.

"There are a lot of people who come out and don't have to take on the world," Lily Tomlin once said in a print interview. "It's not like someone's sexuality is not known in the industry.

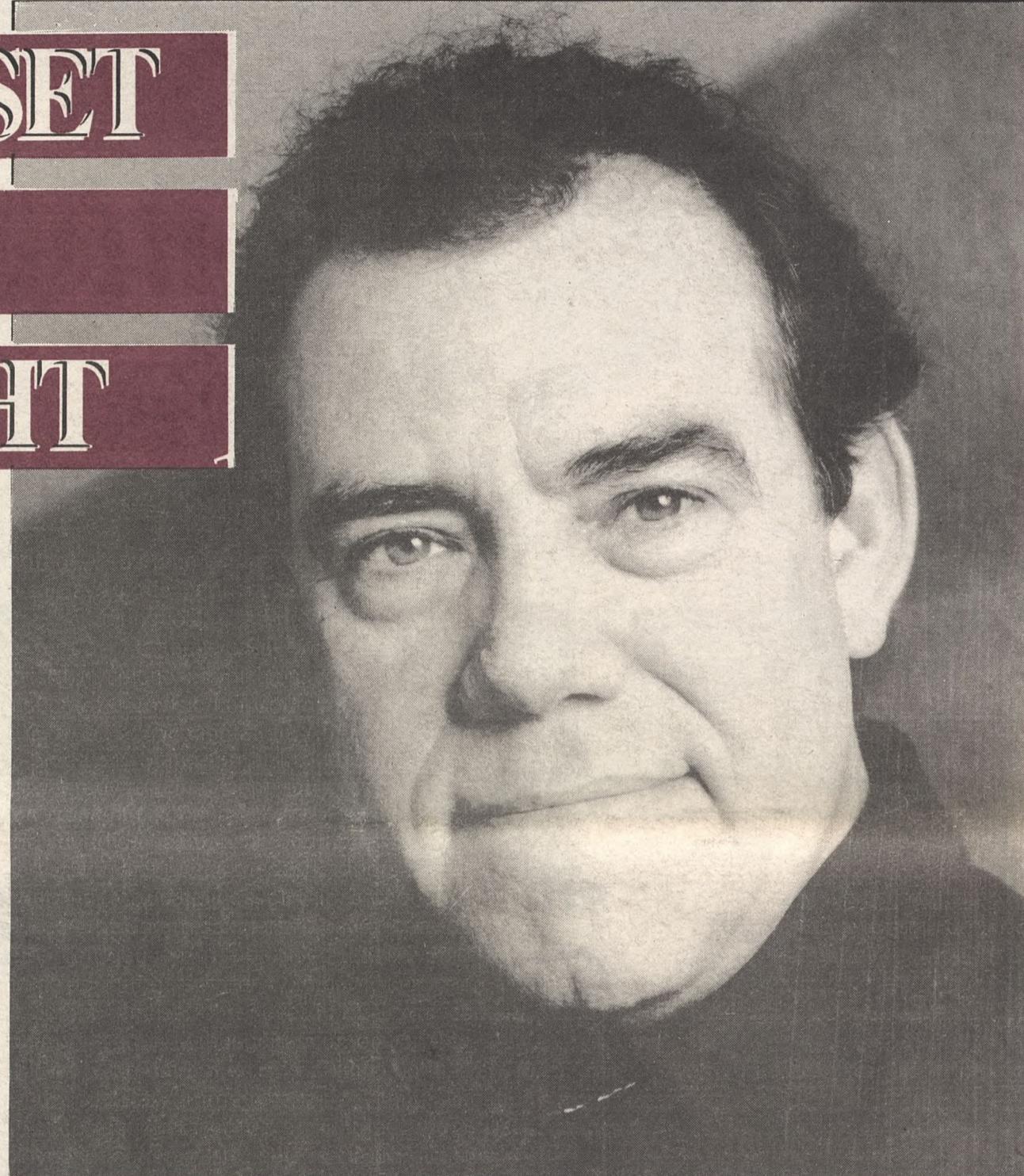
No one's really closeted, just hiding their sexuality from the general public. I've been a public person for over 20 years and I've never dated boys."

"Coming out has to do with your sense of privacy," Tomlin has said. "Some people have a sense of privacy they don't want to see violated. I think people worry that they wouldn't get certain kinds of parts. If it's too widely known, people will project that the audience is reacting badly."

To many gays and lesbians, of course, that attitude shows that Tomlin is missing the point—that dispelling any perceptions in the



Dick Sargent has been one of the few gay actors to come out voluntarily.



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21 THURSDAY

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13TH ANNUAL THIRD WORLD FILM FESTIVAL. Through Oct. 24. The City of Atlanta continues the tradition of presenting rarely seen films and videos by independent filmmakers from around the world. Highlights include "Oggun Internally Present," "Black Women Behind The Camera," "A Place Of Rage," featuring Alice Walker and Angela Davis and much more. Runs Different locations, call 853-3ART, ext. 402.

THE MEMBER OF THE WEDDING. Through Oct. 30. Embattled Theatre in the Square opens its 12th season with a new musical treatment of Carson McCullers' poignant story of a young girl coming of age in rural Georgia. Support Theatre in the Square who has lost all

human body and blends dance and acrobatics into sexy, risky body sculpture returns to Atlanta. The program includes "Duet" which is danced by the company's two women dancers. Balloons, bungee cords, and hot costumes add to the fun. Don't miss them; there's nothing else quite like 'em. Also Fri. and Sat. at 8pm at the Georgia Tech Theatre for the Arts. Reservations (M-F, 9-5) at 894-9600.

22 FRIDAY

AN ARTISTS INSPIRATION WEEKEND.

Remember that great angel that used to adorn the dance floor Petrus? Well Martin Dawe, who helped create it, will be one of the artists in residence at a weekend end retreat that will allow you to try your hand at art while enjoying the fabulous N. Georgia fall color show. One, two, and three day programs are available. Contact Wolf Creek Adventure Center at 706/745-5553

GAPAC BAR NIGHT. Meet the folks that lobby for your rights (and make the recommendations about how you should cast your precious votes. 10pm at Revolution In Buckhead. 872-8095 for info.

RECENT WORK BY ROB BRINSON.

Selenium-toned female figure studies that focus on composition rather than subject matter by the well-known Atlanta photographer. About half the images are nudes. At the Frances Shaw Gallery in King Plow Arts Center, 887 W. Marietta St. The opening is 7-10pm tonight. The show runs Mon-Sat, through Nov. 4. 885-9933 for info.

HOMO HOMO. 800 East Gallery presents its second annual performance and visual art event that explores and celebrates what it's like to be queer in

today's society. Performers include DeAundra Peck, Deb Calabria, Cedric Maurice and more. Artists include Michael Venezia, Quinn, Larry Anderson and more. Doors open at 8:00 pm on Friday to view the art, with performances beginning at 10:00 pm. If you missed the opening last Friday here's your last chance. 522-8265 for more info.

A QUESTION OF COLOR. The Southeast premiere of a new documentary that confronts the issue of color/caste consciousness in the African-American community. The director will introduce her film. Also on the bill "Keep on Moving" and "Hair Piece-A Film for Nappy Headed People." A reception follows. 7pm at the Georgia Pacific Auditorium, 133 Peachtree St. 525-1136.

23 SATURDAY

ELISE WITT. DeDe Vogt, Janet Metzger and a host of other folks join Ms. Witt for an album release party. At Cannon Chapel-Emory at 8:15pm. Tickets at the door or in advance at Charis, Wuxtry, and Eat More Records.

WOMEN'S BLACKSMITHING DAY. You don't have to be a butch to attend this afternoon session, but it might help. Artist-

blacksmith Cathy Morgan will introduce participants to blacksmithing so they can tell whether or not it is a medium that "will bring them joy." From 1-4pm at Cathy Morgan's Ecstasy Forge near Helen, GA. Call 706/754-3812 for info.

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24 SUNDAY

MOVEMENT THEATRE. Performances featuring Micah Couttet, Douglas Scott, D Patton White, Jim Chappelle and S. Faybell Ma-hee. 8pm at OutProud Theater, 75 Bennett St. 609-9590

GAPAC BAR NIGHT. Meet the folks that lobby for your rights (and make the recommendations about how you should cast your precious votes. 6pm at Bulldogs. 872-8095 for info.

I'LL FLY AWAY. GPTV (Ch 8.) begins rebroadcasting the series that critics loved but that was just too good (and too strong) for commercial TV viewers. Good news for those who loved it the first time around. Even better for those who missed it. At 10 am.

CREATING CHANGE CONFERENCE. Nov. 10-14. Billed as the nation's largest gathering of gay and lesbian activists, this year's do will take place in Durham, NC. Featured speakers include Mab Segrest, Dr. Marjorie Hill and Dr. Franklin Kameny. Contact NGLTF, 1734 14th Street NW, Wash., DC 20009; 202/332-6483

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LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER HALLOWEEN BALL. Oct. 30. Come out in any kind of drag you want to this annual party to benefit the Atlanta Lambda Community Center. A perfect way to spend Halloween! Lowe Gallery in TULA Arts Center, 75 Bennett St. 662-9010 for more info.

EULA MAE'S BEAUTY, BAIT AND TACKLE: Nov. 3-Dec. 11. Weds.-Sat. with Sat & Sun matinees. This hilarious local production by Frank

**25 MONDAY**

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.

26 TUESDAY

ATLANTA MAYORAL DEBATE. Haven't made up your mind about how to exercise your franchise? Members of the Atlanta Press Club ask the candidates the questions that you would have if you'd only thought of them. 7:30 pm GPTV (Ch. 8).

27 WEDNESDAY

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BOYHOOD. The Atlanta Men's Center presents a talk by Franklin Abbott and others covering such topics as how boys first claim a male identity, and the enduring aspects of a boy's relationship with his parents and siblings. 8-10pm at Ridgeview Conference Center, 3995 S. Cobb Dr., Smyrna. 288-8559.

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

PICTURED:
ABOVE: Pilobolus, the dance company that redefined the human body, performs at Ga. Tech Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Photo by Lois Greenfield

LEFT: Dysfunctia does it again this Friday in "Homo Homo" at 800 East.

BELOW: Elise Witt performs with DeDe Vogt, Janet Metzger and others on Saturday at Cannon Chapel-Emory.





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At 19, DiMarco is a writer trying to outrace time

Seattle lesbian author is topping the best seller lists—and writing her autobiography

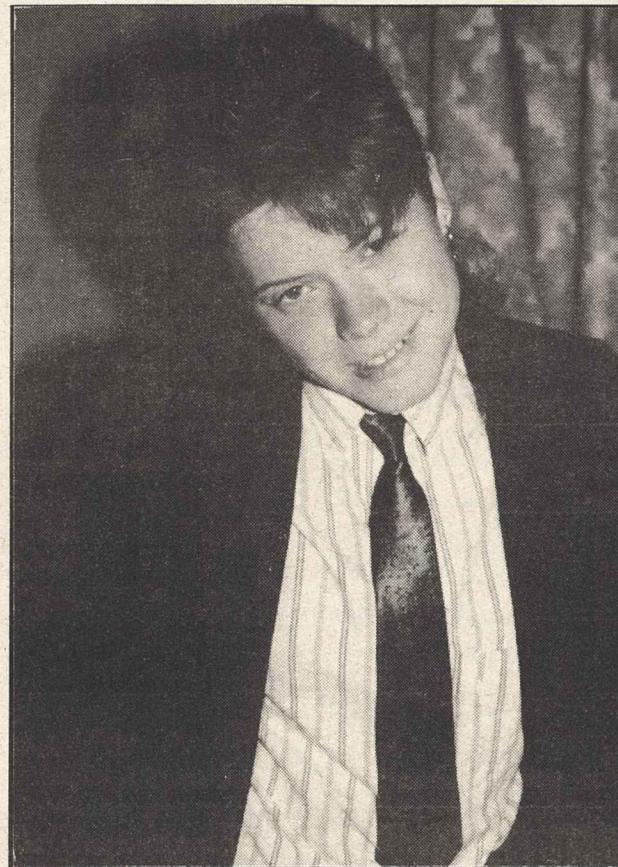
Seattle—Lesbian author Jennifer DiMarco is just 19, but already, her latest novel, "Escape to the Wind," a post-Armageddon lesbian adventure, edged out "Jurassic Park" to take the top spot on the Seattle Times best seller list.

"It's so incredible to be able to show the mainstream world that even though we are gay and lesbian, the world is still our oyster—we can accomplish all our dreams and reach all of our goals," says DiMarco.

She created the world of New Seattle, and elusive Windriders, and their Warrior leader, Tyger, in "Escape to the Wind" before she even graduated high school. Her first novel was written at the age of 10, to simply pass the fifth grade. To her credit, DiMarco has stacked a total of 13 novels, four screenplays and two stage productions. Eight of DiMarco's novels have been self-published.

Days after the release of "Escape," DiMarco's publisher sent her off on a tour to Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York and Boston. All along the way, DiMarco appeared on radio and television shows and was interviewed by numerous newspapers and magazines—an experience she says left her feeling "intense and very empowered." She says that the most memorable experiences she encountered weren't with the media, but with the people she met along the way.

"I talked to about 80 people a day on a personal basis about their lives and their dreams. There were people who cried at the readings because they finally felt like someone was speaking for them and their community, and there were others who were angry at me because I am a lesbian daughter of lesbian parents," she said. (Indeed, during a book signing



Jennifer DiMarco wrote her first novel at the age of 10

by DiMarco in Portland, Ore., bigots picketed, while others verbally threatened her in Los Angeles for being a lesbian).

Three different publishers are bidding for her recently-completed novel, "Jackie Falcon, Pride."

In this book, DiMarco challenges us to stare at a dark and hidden side of ourselves, and just for a moment, imagine setting it free. As a "young blood vigilante," Jackie's purpose is revenge, which she seeks for her lesbian mother's death and

for anyone else who has fallen victim to hate. "Jackie is a little bit of darkness feeding on darkness to make more light," DiMarco says.

DiMarco's achievements—she is a two-year winner of the Pacific Northwest Writer's Conference First Place Award—best describe the degree of her ability. But DiMarco is much more than just a writer and much more than just a lesbian. Her talent is indeed her words, but her gift is her humanity.

Last year, Karen Driver of Claresholm, Alberta, Canada read a DiMarco article in a local magazine. She wrote and told DiMarco how lonely it was living as a lesbian in a very small town. Driver asked DiMarco if she could send more of her works. Not only did Driver receive the books, she got a visit from DiMarco herself.

"My partner and I drove 20 hours in winter snow just to meet her," says DiMarco. "The first thing I am is my words. I write to reach people, to make that connection. That's all I want to do."

While DiMarco's base of readership is in the gay and lesbian community, and her main characters are gay and lesbian, about 45 percent of her readers are straight.

"I write about the human community," she says. "I have a large heterosexual following because I don't hate heterosexuals. I hate bigots, no matter what their sexual orientation."

DiMarco's style is singular and raw. Some have called her a prodigy. Her talent spans a wide spectrum of diversity and leaves us racing from shelf to shelf to explore children's tales or mystery or horror novels. "I write across the board in every genre. I write about life, and life is diverse," she says.

Currently, DiMarco is working on two stage plays and her own autobiography, titled "Speed...The First 20 Years."

"I'm living as fast as I can," she said. "Since the time I started writing, I have had this feeling in the gut of my stomach that I am trying to outrace time."

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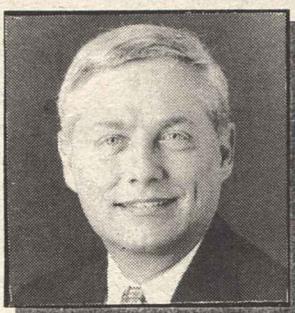


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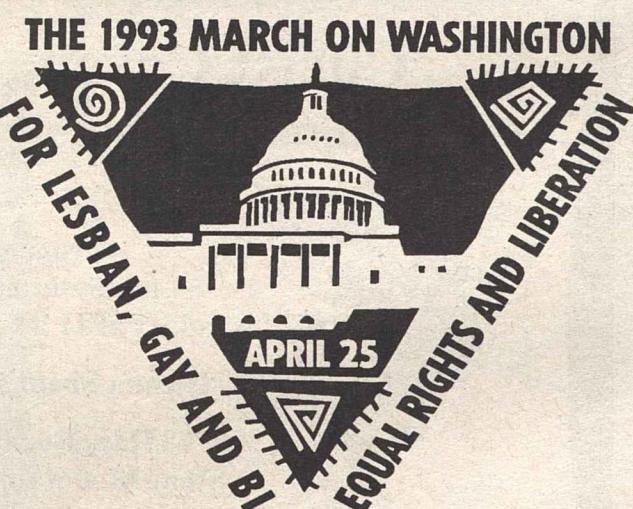
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Cukor's reign in Hollywood lodged in the closet

Famous gay MGM director subject of new book about his double life

George Cukor was one of Hollywood's leading directors, a man whose career spanned the most glamorous decades of film production.

When he began directing films in 1930, he was only 30 years old. That was quite young in those days to be handed the reigns of a major production. Because he began his career at the beginning of Hollywood's "Golden Years," he was fortunate to have access to all of the great stars at the time. Sensitive to actresses' needs, he quickly became known as a "woman's director." He was the original choice to direct "Gone With The Wind."

But what the public didn't know, and what only a few of his close friends did, was that Cukor was gay. Although gays and lesbians thrived in the creative crafts such as costume and set design, and some lesser directors were open and even flamboyant, Cukor, an 'A' ranked director, did everything he could to keep his sexuality unknown, believing he had to do so to retain his prestige and that of his studio, MGM.

In Cukor's era, studios had "morals" clauses in their contracts, and a star or a director could be fired under that all-encompassing clause for any reason deemed detrimental to the studio.

Cukor's life as a director and as a gay man has been chronicled by author Patrick McGilligan, in a new book, "George Cukor: A Double Life."

Born in 1899, Cukor was an elder statesman in Hollywood until he died in 1983. He was not only famous for his films, but also for the "salon" he presided over in his Beverly Hills mansion. Being a man of great taste, his gatherings attracted all of the famous and glamorous people of the day. Many of the gay stars, who were so far in the closet that they could be used as hangers, felt safe and relaxed at George's house.

Female stars adored him and clamored to have him guide their films. They knew that he would get the best performance out of them. As has been true throughout Hollywood history,

male stars were pampered by the studios, but there were few directors who knew how to handle the great actresses.

"A Bill of Divorcement" came out in 1932 and introduced the now-legendary Katharine Hepburn to the screen. Her strange manner of speaking and her extraordinary looks had perplexed other movie people, who didn't know what to do with her. Cukor knew that Hepburn was unique, and he is credited with being responsible for getting her started.

Katharine Hepburn had this to say about him in her book, "Me": "George Cukor was really my best friend in California. We made many pictures together—always happily. Must have had the same set of standards. We both adored the business—we loved to work—we admired each other..."

"It was as if George and I had been brought up together. Total comfort. The same liberal point of view—the same sense of right or wrong."

While at MGM, Cukor directed the great Greta Garbo in one of her finest films, "Camille," in 1936. MGM insisted that all of their stars look perfect and other-worldly. In other words, the actresses looked like "stars" and not the girl next door. Garbo always enjoyed being caressed by the camera with loving close-ups as ordered by Cukor.

He was also the original selection to direct "Gone With The Wind" in 1939, but a great crisis arose when Clark Gable refused to work with Cukor and had him fired and replaced with his buddy, Victor Fleming.

The official reason was that Gable felt that because Cukor had such a great reputation as a "woman's director," Vivien Leigh would be favored over him in their scenes together. The truth, according to McGilligan's book, was that Gable was so obsessed with his "macho" image that he did not want to work with a gay director and somehow be "compromised."

Marcella Rabwin, executive secretary to the film's producer, David O. Selznick, at the time, recalled that "[Gable] and Victor



Cukor guides Audrey Hepburn in "My Fair Lady."

Fleming were very macho people and they had great intolerances. One of the intolerances was for gays, and one was for Jews. They always referred to Mr. Selznick and Mr. Cukor in very unflattering terms. They always referred to David Selznick as 'that Jewboy up there' and Cukor as 'that fag.'"

"That fag" went on to direct some of Hollywood's most memorable movies, starring its most memorable leading ladies.

The mid-1940s saw Ingrid Bergman, the highly-touted Swedish import of producer Selznick, being directed in the chiller "Gaslight" by the meticulous Cukor. In 1954, he took on Judy Garland, with a reputation for being difficult, and managed to get a great performance worthy of an Oscar nomination.

Cukor guided Marilyn Monroe's "Let's Make Love" at 20th Century Fox into theaters without any major mishaps, and in 1964 George turned the Broadway musical "My Fair Lady" into a major triumph for Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison at Warner Brothers.

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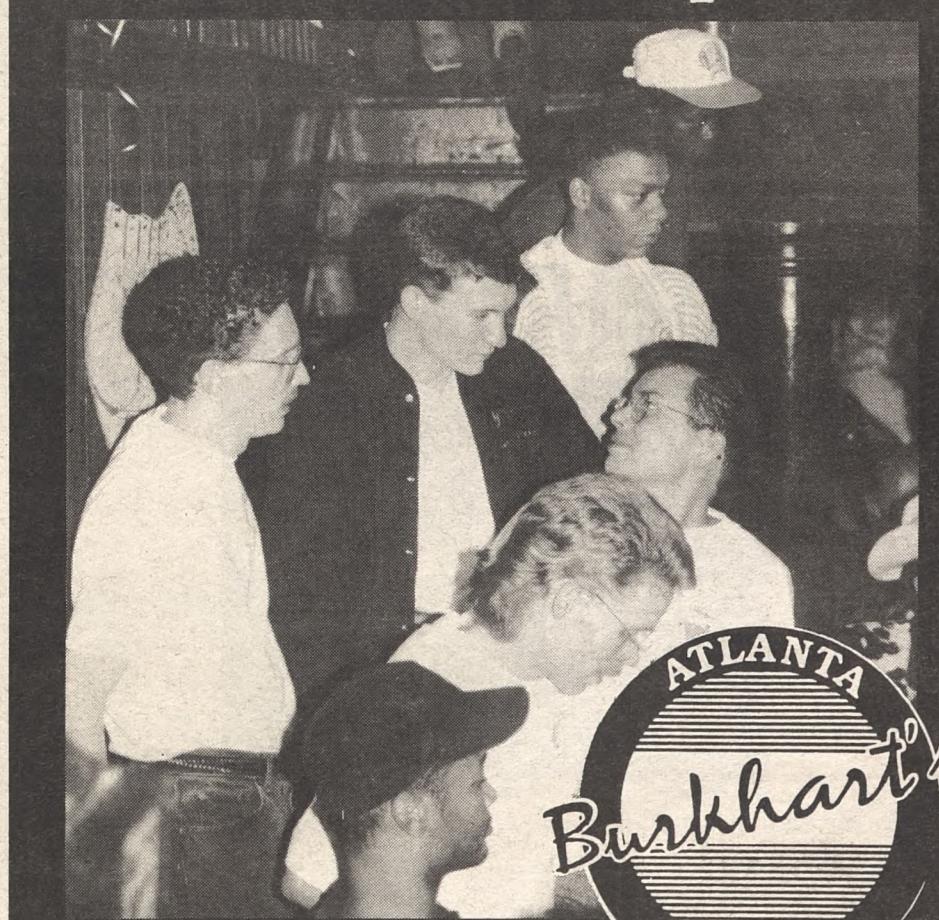
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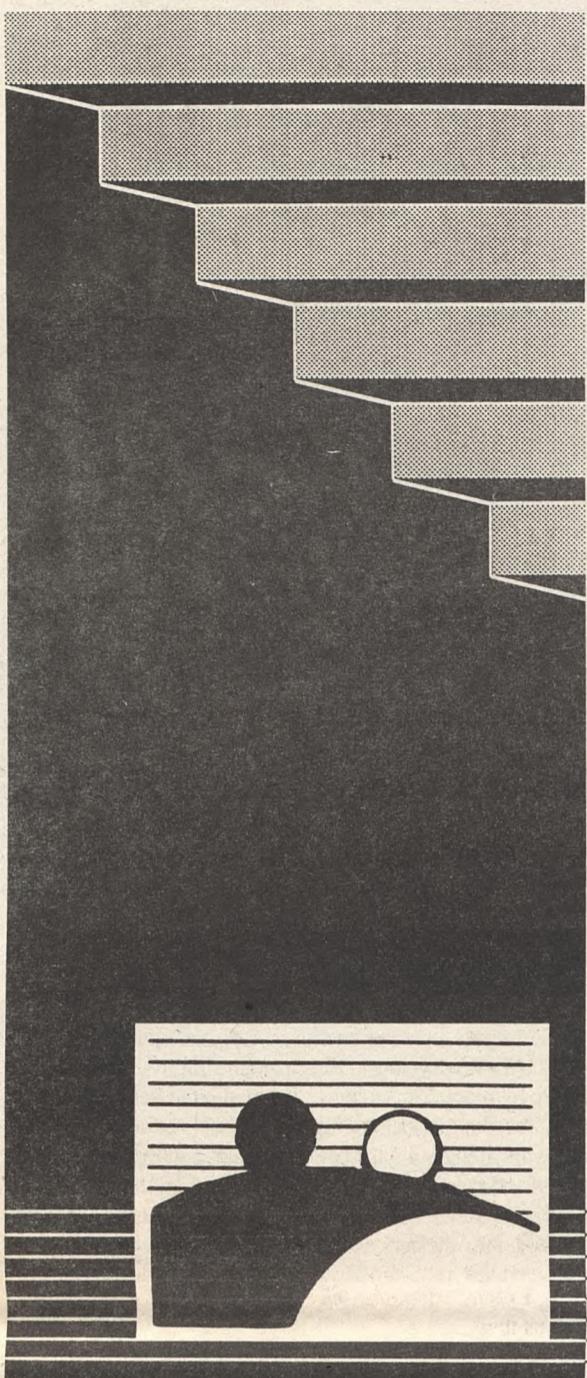
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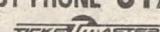
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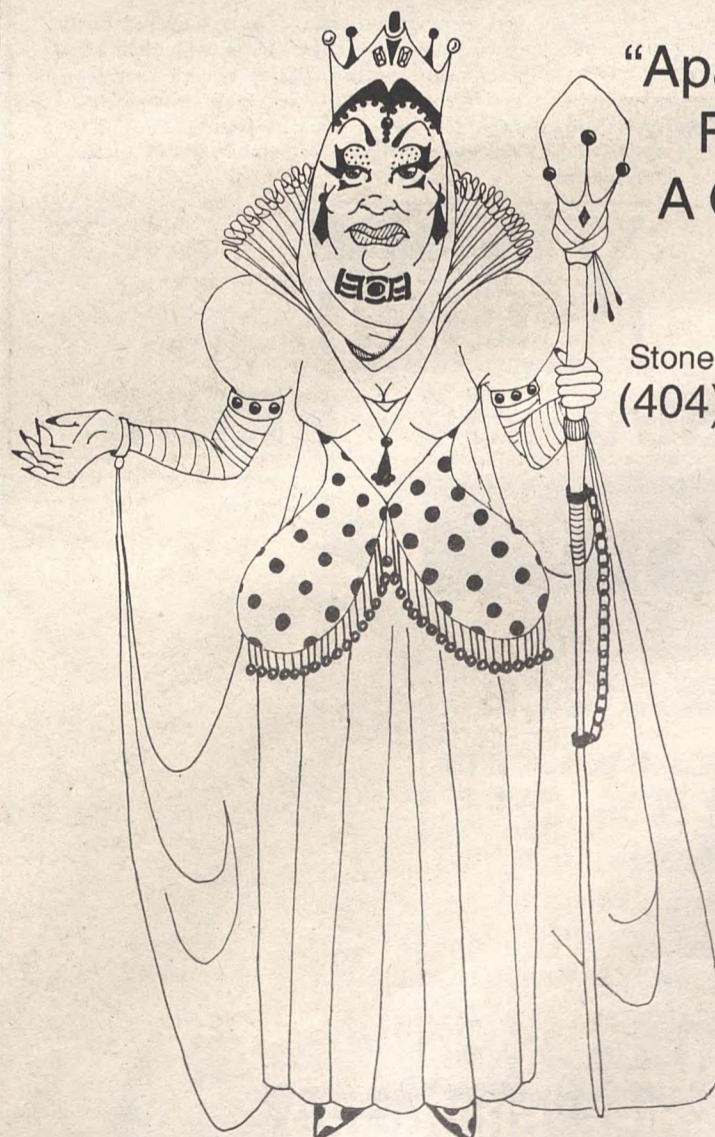
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"Twilight of the Golds" explores couple's struggle after they learn that their unborn son will probably be gay

When Jonathan Tolins wrote "The Twilight of the Golds," which will soon open on Broadway after runs in Washington and San Francisco, the plot was pure science-fiction—a supposedly-liberal couple learns from genetic testing that their unborn son will probably be gay, touching off an ethical struggle over whether to abort the fetus.

Now, of course, with the recent research on a "gay gene," what was science fiction has become topical. Call it the "China Syndrome" syndrome, if you will, named for the nuclear meltdown movie that just happened to coincide with the Three-Mile Island incident.

"Twilight" raises fascinating questions that may not be answered in our lifetime. The fact that Tolins is queer may make his answers more to our liking than those of someone else—a preemptive strike.

The play centers around a gay man, David Gold (Raphael Sbarge), the uncle of the unborn child. David introduces us to his mother (Judith Scarpone), father (David Groh), sister Suzanne (Jennifer Grey) and her husband Rob (Michael Spound).

An opera queen on staff at the Met, David sees life in terms of opera and parallels his family saga with a running synopsis of Wagner's Ring Cycle.

"In Wagner," David says, "The gods determine the fate of the world...through domestic squabbles and conversations." So do the Golds. The first act is mostly comic, in a very New York-Jewish (and, thanks to David, gay) way.

The almost incestuously close family gathers to celebrate Suzanne and Rob's third anniversary. David may be overly sensitive, but his mother does tell him he's too thin more than once before he complains that "I can't wait for the day when I can lose a few pounds or catch a cold without everyone planning what to read at the memorial." He and his sister should start a Children of Jewish Parents support group.

Rob, who works in biotechnology, announces that his com-



A gay man, David Gold (Raphael Sbarge), implores his sister Suzanne (Jennifer Grey) not to abort her unborn child after she learns the child will be gay.

pany has made a breakthrough that will let pregnant women learn their unborn child's genetic makeup at the end of the first trimester. Rob speaks positively of being alerted in advance to genetically transmitted diseases, but David sees only red flags and warns of a "blatant Nazi philosophy" that will allow only

perfect children to be born.

"Knowledge is neutral," Rob argues. "It's what bad people do with that knowledge" that causes problems. Mom, who has a childlike faith that most people will do the right thing most of the time, notes she's already heard talk in the beauty parlor about women having abortions because their children would have been female.

When the discussion gets hot and heavy, Suzanne blurts out that she's pregnant. Rob arranges for her to be the first to have a genetic screening. When she balks, he says, "It's just information."

But who is ready for this kind of information? The play's most shocking moment comes as this educated, liberal couple grapples with the results of the test—"It's a boy. No physical deformities, Quite intelligent, probably left-handed. It will probably be like David."

Suzanne asks if they might not control their child's environment to make him grow up straight, and Rob replies, "We'd have a lot of nature to nurture against."

"We could get rid of it," his wife suggests. When reminded that there is no precedent for such a decision, she says, "If only it were deformed it wouldn't be so complicated."

The second act of "Twilight" is largely serious, as David lobbies for Suzanne to keep her baby. Most of her rationalizations for aborting the child center on sparing him suffering. But then, who gets through life without suffering?

Can you be pro-choice but limit a woman's reasons for making her choice? And when genetic mutation is viable, would you reverse the orientation of a gay gene? Would you want your children to be gay, given a choice? Those are questions the audience will be arguing all the way home.

"The Twilight of the Golds" isn't perfect, but it's witty, intelligent, entertaining and dramatically satisfying. Effectively directed by Arvin Brown, it is excellently acted, with top honors to Judith Scarpone as a Jewish mother whose humanity transcends the stereotype when it counts. It's also the best play for opera queens since "The Lisbon Traviata."

The bottom line is that "Twilight" may help prepare other families for a private decision they may have to make sooner than any of us think.

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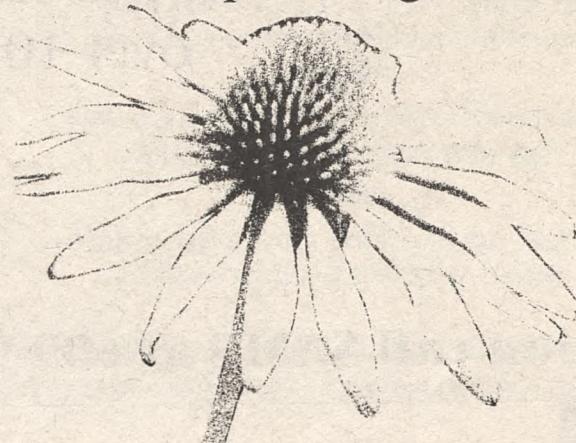
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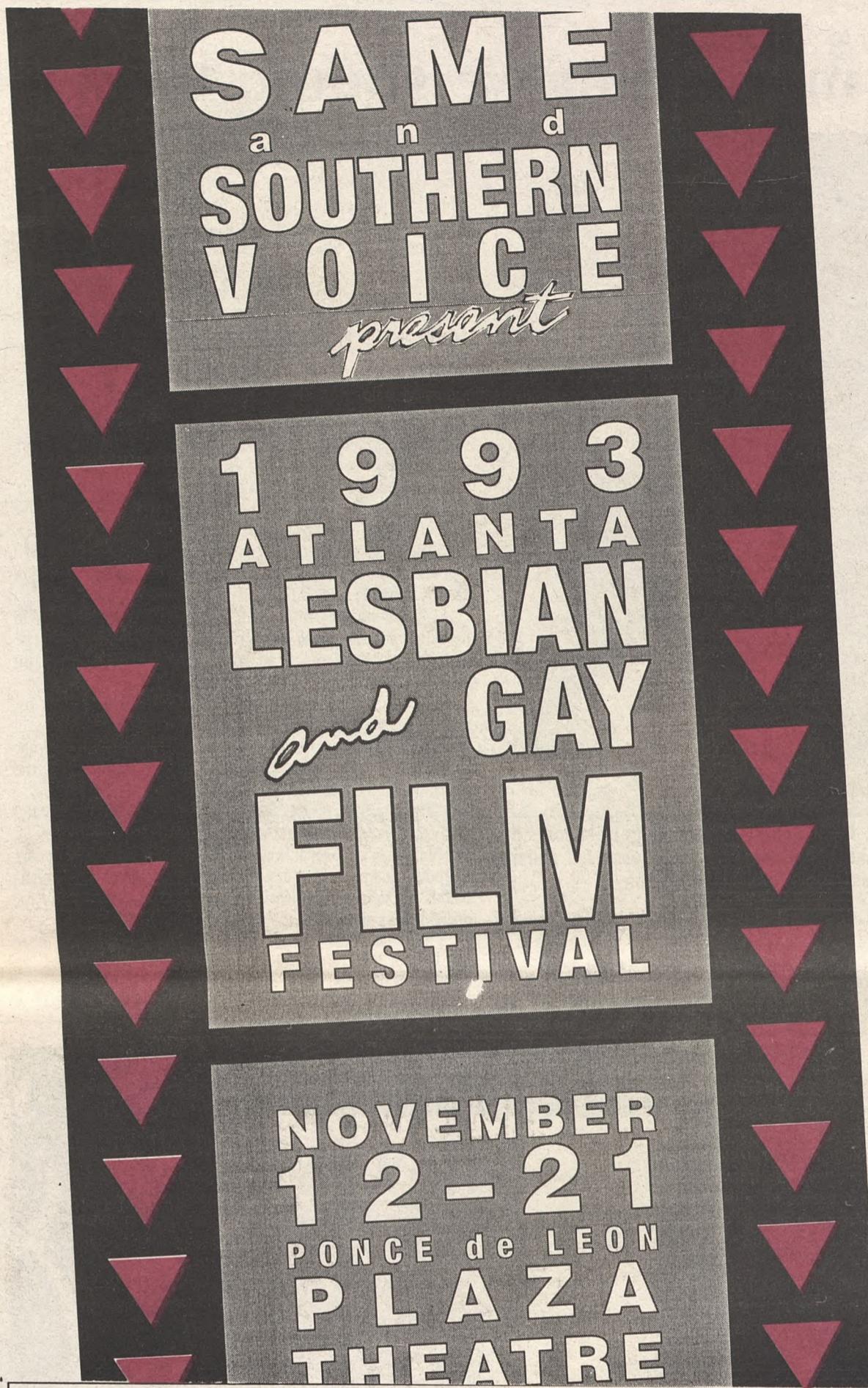
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Spotlight

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general public that someone is straight, when, in fact, she is not, is the point. But has the general public in 1993 gotten to the point where they can get beyond a performer's sexuality?

"Coming out has some residual problems," admits Schuck, a frequent visitor to Atlanta on the theater circuit. "But we've finally come out of the closet as a society to acknowledge that we do have differences. The effects of that admission are far less than they used to be. If a person wants to come out, I don't think it carries a stigma. And it certainly doesn't with the audience. And that's what really counts."

"The classic thing about celebrities is that they have so much to lose," said Torie Osborn, former executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, in *Vanity Fair*. "[k.d.] lang has been the first major woman...star who's out and proud and fine about it. That's why her coming out has been so important. It signals a whole new era of possibilities for celebrities."

"When you see [lang]...you see a living example of how when you step out of the closet, you become more whole and are able to be more powerful," said Osborn.

From 1969 to 1972, when Sargent starred as Darrin on "Bewitched," coming out publicly was not an option. Sargent says he began to realize he was gay in college, culminating with a botched suicide attempt. After an abortive movie career, Sargent, who regularly visits friends in Atlanta, was signed for "Bewitched" after the first actor to play Darrin, the late Dick York, was fired. But though he settled into his TV role as a straight all-American dad, Sargent would celebrate holidays with his lover at the home of "Bewitched" star Elizabeth Montgomery and her husband, Bill Asher.

When he finally came out in the fall of 1991, he made the usual round of TV talk shows—Sally Jesse, Joan and Geraldo. He was also fea-



Rock Hudson refused to come out, even as he was dying of AIDS.

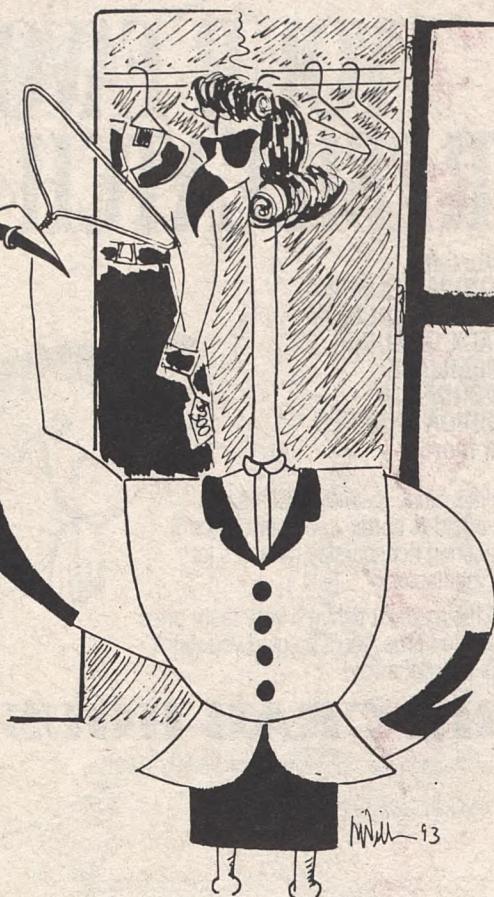
tured in all the tabloids and in *People* magazine. But despite the initial buzz, the general reaction seemed to be "Who cares?" To some cynical lesbians and gays, it almost seemed like a desperate ploy to revitalize a sagging career, long after that the time when his high profile could have helped the cause.

Today, Sargent has mixed feelings about how his coming out has affected his career. Though he has agreed to revive his Darrin role for a "Bewitched" reunion should Columbia get the project off the ground, there have been few other offers, although that may stem more from his faded celebrity status than from his sexuality.

lang, however, has proven that a performer can, as Osborn puts it, "come out with grace and ease and no loss of sale."

"My career could have been over," lang told *Vanity Fair*. "I don't think that I sacrificed anything, but [I] didn't know that at that time."

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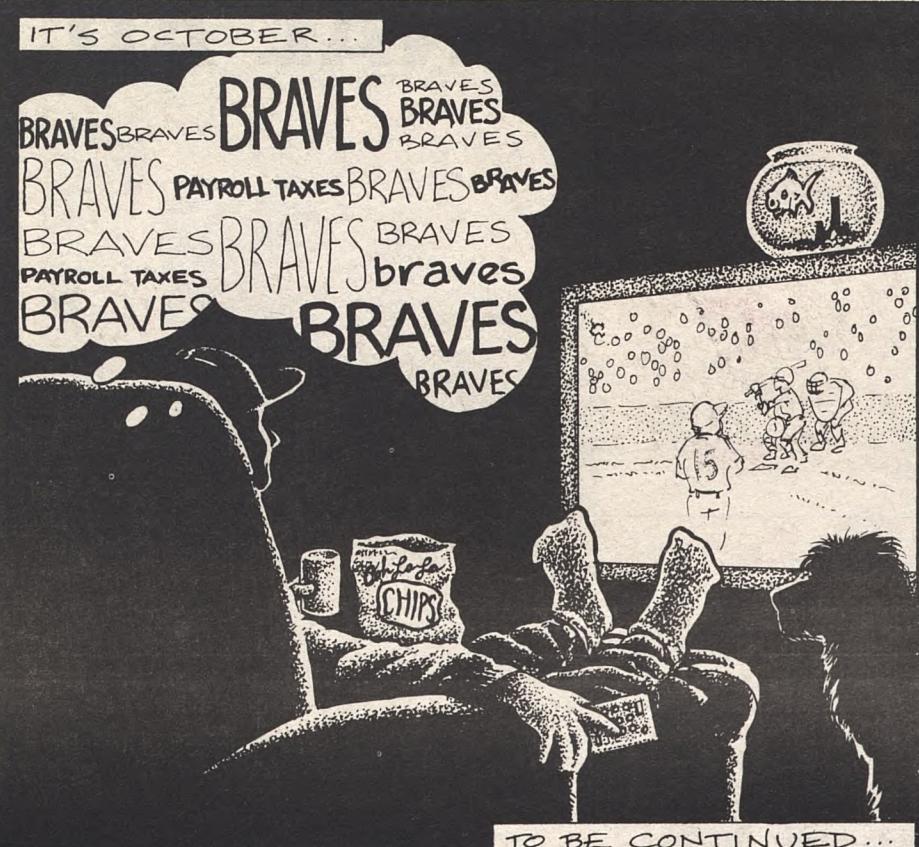
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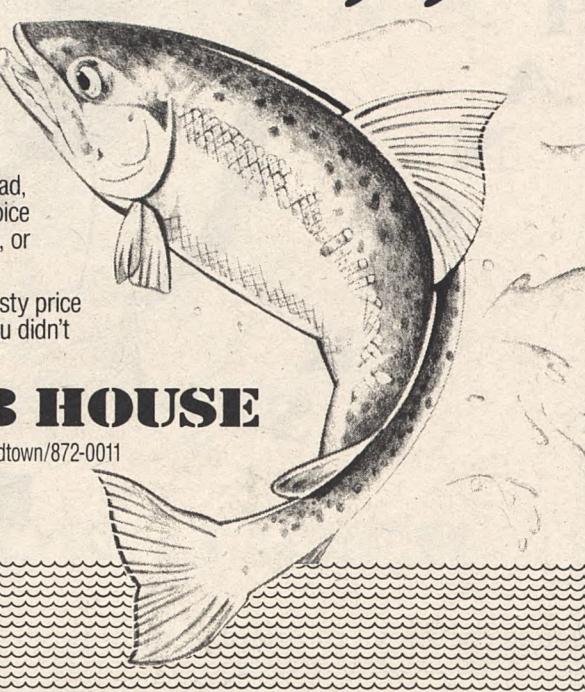
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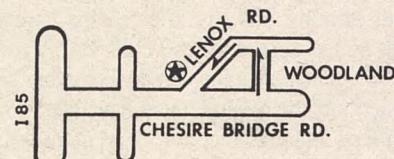
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I don't often conjure up an image of the ideal boyfriend. It's not that I haven't ever engaged in this frustrating pastime. Rather, after years of doing so, I find that life usually provides many more enticing options than my mind was ever able to create.

Restaurants, alas, are a bit more prosaic than humans. And it's not infrequently that I do toy with mental images of commercial culinary perfection. After I visited the newly opened **Bacchanalia** (3125 Piedmont Rd. 365-0410) last winter, I regularly projected slides of its slightly kinky ambiance and sublimely fresh and satisfying food onto most every restaurant in town. Few measured up. Which has left me craving a trip back to the little green house in Buckhead.

The small dark dining rooms, with their funky-elegant mix of tapestry table runners, tall white candles and grape cluster napkin rings, remain comfortable and easy to occupy. Music ranges from Twin Peaks, to jazz, to near Montovanni. The rooms are noisy when full, but polite conversation need never devolve to shouting. The crowd is mostly upscale, yet men in shirt sleeves and women in simple attire dot the landscape and neither look nor feel out of place.

Reservations are accepted (absolutely necessary on weekends) and appear to be honored with almost clock-like precision. I spent almost three hours savoring my most recent meal here and never saw a new arrival wait more than a few minutes to be seated.

But the real precision at Bacchanalia lies in the kitchen, from whence plate after plate of perfection emerges with deceptive ease.

That bit of gushing said and done, I've got to report that the chefs here are human and subject to the foibles of mortals. Nestled among appetizers as elegant as fois gras ravioli in apple broth—and as mindbogglingly simple and delicious as a salad of pears, endive, stilton, walnuts and grapes—is a baked potato topped with pearly pink langostinos and chive butter.

Sorry guys, it just doesn't work. All three of the ingredients are perfectly cooked, and the flavors of each are bright and pleasing. But the luscious tasting butter just can't bridge the spiritual gap that exists between the potato and the crustaceans. Maybe if the potato were shredded and fried. Or if the salty-sweet lobster-shrimp were nestled in a tiny pastry shell.

But the stuffed potato fades easily into oblivion when a bowl of cream of (wild) mushroom soup appears. Adjectives simply fail to convey how flavors of cream, browned butter, mushrooms and white truffle oil meld into a whole that is elegant, delicate and rich all at the same time. Could it be the best bowl of soup in town? Probably.

Almost as satisfying, though way more assertive, is a pile of smoked salmon, served atop a salad of thinly sliced cucumbers and sprinkled with golden caviar. The delicate, sweet salmon contrasts perfectly with the just-crisp, tart cucumbers, with the caviar adding little explosions of flavor as your work your way down to the bottom of this elegant little pile. Like the soup, the affinity of the ingredients for each other makes the dish both seamless and exciting.

The six entrees are a little less outre than the appetizers, but no less appealing. There are three kinds of fish, quail, beef and rabbit. Given my unalloyed joy with the latter last time I ate here, I was hard pressed not to try this season's variation (with figs, pancetta

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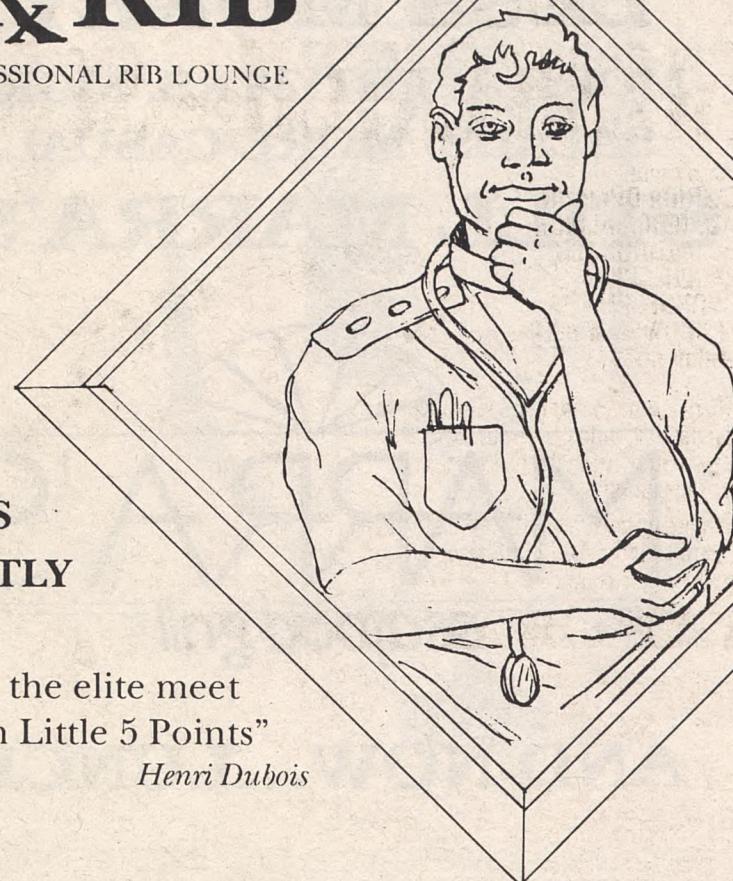
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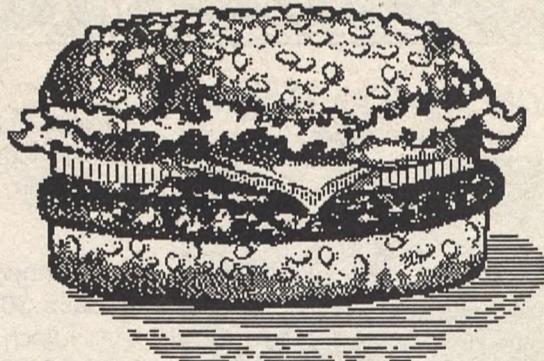
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and pearl barley.)

But I opted for two plump, golden quail (mercifully devoid of most of their skeletal structure) stuffed with wild rice and bits of pancetta, served with onions glazed with balsamic vinegar. Once again, adjectives fail. Moist, sweet, smooth, rich, easy and wow all come to mind, but none seems to completely describe how well all the flavors and textures connive and combine to make your mouth a happy place.

Good as the quail is, a fat slab of perfectly grilled Chilean sea bass awash in a pool of roasted tomato sauce infused with basil oil is better by half. The mild, flaky fish is perfectly cooked and totally happy being napped in the gentle wash of the slightly acid sauce. It's hard to imagine so much flavor being presented with such an even and gentle hand.

While portions are not huge, you'll be pleasantly full after two courses and a slice or two of excellent, chewy French bread. But dessert comes as part of the three course fixed price menu, so relax and enjoy yourself.

A small square of tiramisu mimics the sea bass with its intense, yet not strong, flavors. There's no overwhelming essence of booze here, just a superb balance of alcohol, cake, cream and espresso.

Way more intense is a warm, airy chocolate cake filled with liquid Vahlrona chocolate and served with a side of especially rich vanilla ice cream. Warm and cool, sweet, but not sugary, strong but delicate. Swoon.

Service at Bacchanalia is relaxed, friendly and without affect—much more sure than when the place opened. The wine list is extensive and reasonably priced, though I'd sure like to see more varieties by the glass.

About the only complaint I ever hear about this restaurant is that the \$27.50 tab is too much to make it a regular stop. It may be more money than you want to spend every night of the week (or even once a month), but given the quality of the food, service and surroundings, the price is a downright bargain.

Bacchanalia is one of the 90-plus restaurants participating in Project Open Hand's Dining Out for Life program. On Wednesday, Nov. 3, 20 percent of your tab goes to Project Open Hand to help feed people with HIV. Both the event and the restaurant get top marks.

Red Ribbon Menus

I'm not exactly sure why Susan Langhorne's and Bill Murphy's new menu cookbook is called The Red Ribbon Cookbook. Part of the profits are being donated to AIDS charities. And the menus (for two) are nutritionally balanced and designed to be prepared in an hour or less, which makes them an easy way to feed yourself and a friend who may be suffering from AIDS. But the end result is simply a collection of nutritious, easy to prepare meals for two.

Most of the ingredients are fresh. Some are downright innovative: a spinach, avocado and (fresh) peach salad dressed with lemon juice and olive oil sounds mighty fine to me.

I haven't had a chance to cook anything from the book, but if half the items are as fine as the moist and rich pumpkin/ginger cupcakes that came with my promotional copy of the cookbook, then there is some mighty tasty eating to be found in these 92 pages.

If you can't find it at your bookstore, send \$12 (plus \$2 shipping and 6 percent sales tax) to SBL Cooks, 2499 Peachtree Road., Suite 604, Atlanta, GA 30305.

Mr. Burr Regrets...: Denial is powerful stuff. When the tabloids ran stories several months ago about the fact that actor Raymond Burr was gay and that he was dying of cancer, he vigorously denied reports of his disease but not of his sexual orientation. Dish appreciated his (partial) honesty. Now (in an interview in TV Guide) comes distressing news about the way that Burr lived...and died. It seems that playing Perry Mason "dominated" Burr's life and kept him from living a "normal, everyday life." Then there's the news that Burr fought death by refusing to sleep for 30 hours just before he died, saying, "If I lie down, I'll die." Once he finally did lie down, he died within 48 hours. It seems to Dish that if there is one thing we've learned from friends who have died in the past decade, it's that an attitude of acceptance makes all of life's passages a little easier. Maybe if Mr. Burr had spent more time with gay brothers and sisters, he might have learned about living in the moment and dying with grace.

(Bad) Bumper Sticker of the Week: "To get to heaven, turn right and go straight."

Announcing Dish's P.I. Fund: OK, we'll admit it. We're flat tired of hearing unconfirmed stories about homophobic politicians. The latest is that one of our local bigots is married to a lesbian (which causes one to wonder about his tendencies) and that this is a fairly well-known fact among his peers. Dish has neither the time nor the skill to check out this and other such stories. What we would like to do is hire a private investigator to see if some of the many rumors flying about are really true. Thus, we are announcing the establishment of Dish's Bigot Bashing Fund, contributions to which will also go to trying to discover the exact nature of the sword that Mrs. Charles Stanley has pointed at her husband's butt.

Trend Watch: No one denies the fact that the U.S. government (and most state and local bureaucracies) have done a miserable, foot-dragging job of educating the public about AIDS. If ever

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



Dish just says no to Nancy

there was a case for privatizing public institutions, this may be it. Thus, as you would guess, Dish is ecstatic about the fact that some wily California entrepreneur has developed a series of AIDS Awareness Trading Cards. A typical pack (there are 10 sets of a dozen each, smartly wrapped in foil) might contain info about Rock Hudson, the NAMES Project Quilt, C. Everett Koop and Rep. Stewart McKinney. We think that the government should buy about a billion sets of these things and pass them out to every middle school kid in the country. Failing that miracle, you might buy a couple of sets and give them out to the kids in your 'hood. Write Eclipse Enterprises, P.O. Box 1099, Forestville, CA 95436 and ask them for details.

Smarm Alert: The letter from Tom Shepherd (of Newport Beach, Calif.) gets right to the point. It tells us that "publications like yours are the cornerstone of our basic constitutional rights." Dish got all tingly at the thought that this man understood just how important the gay press is to our collective quest for freedom. And we liked his line that "many people are being taken advantage of for the benefit of a select few." Surely he was talking about the likes of "patriots" Oliver North and Charles Keating. But then we spied a photo of Nancy Reagan attached and discovered that Mr. Shepherd's letter is naught but a promo for teaching kids to say "no." Ostensibly to drugs (which is not a bad idea), but there's also a nasty subtext which implies that just saying no to other vices—like sex (especially the homo kind) or the questioning of authority—will cause you to discover a life of ease, plenitude and bliss. Well, just take a look at the face of No-No Nancy in the accompanying photograph. Sure looks like the result of some kind of drug to us.

On the Rubber Chicken Circuit: Dish is confused about just how it is and isn't OK for churches and non-profit groups to interact with the political process. Take an invite that we got to attend a luncheon soiree hosted by Family Concerns, Inc. (that's Nancy Schaefer's non-profit, tax-exempt Christian-oriented attempt to homogenize the world into a lily white and hetero kinda place) with Jack Kemp for a \$50 (tax-deductible) donation. Now, Schaefer is running for mayor and Kemp is running for President, and, while their candidacies give us gas, they do have every right to seek elective office. We just wish that they would be as self-righteous about this country's tax code as they are about its taxes.

Dyspepsia Alert: Speaking of chicken, politics and things that cause gas, members of the host committee at the aforementioned soiree included Mr. and Mrs. Don Cathy. He, we do believe, is the son of Truett Cathy, founder of Chick-Fil-A. You might want to consider this next time you crave some of their battered salt (masquerading as chicken) on a cotton bun.

OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 26, 1993

A busy week, starting with Orionids meteor showers on Thursday. Monday Uranus and Neptune join at Capricorn for the third time. We're on our way into the next century, full speed ahead. **ARIES**, Venus has joined the sun and Jupiter in your seventh house of close relationships, creating all kinds of wonderful opportunities for you to meet fascinating people and experience more love and beauty with long-term relationships. **TAURUS**, between having Mercury and Mars in your relationship house and trining (good energy flow) with Uranus and Neptune in your ninth house of higher learning and world perspective, you can expect to have old ideas and patterns shaken and falling away. **GEMINI**, with Venus moving through your fifth house of children, passion, play and creativity, you will have an opportunity for creative expression, fun and adventure. Time for renewal of innocence and playfulness.

CANCER, romance is a real possibility now, especially if you can release old hurts and wounds from the past. Let go of any old and painful memories. Fortunately, life goes on, and so should you. **LEO**, pay attention to what is going on at home. If the emotional

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atmosphere is making you uncomfortable, then sit down and communicate honestly, without blame, with those involved. Be responsible. **VIRGO**, are you ready for the third and final Uranus/Neptune conjunction in your fifth house of fun, play and creativity? This may give you a burst of energy to move beyond your own fears and doubts out into the world of self-expression. Happy Birthday, **LIBRA**. With the sun, Venus (your ruling planet) and Jupiter in your first house of self-awareness and personality, you should be off to a wonderful personal new year. **SCORPIO**, Mercury and Mars join Pluto in your first house of personal instincts and awareness, making for an intense week as Mercury goes retrograde. Don't take anything too personally, maintain your sense of humor, trust your instincts. **SAGITTARIUS**, what

are your priorities? Are you too caught up in the crises of friends and neighbors to take care of your own life? Time to get back on track with your own life and needs.

CAPRICORN, this is it. The third and final Uranus/Neptune conjunction in your first house of personality and self-awareness. If you feel like a different person, then you're right on track. It's time for a new you. **AQUARIUS**, are you ready to take the high road into the next century? You should be more than ready. Shake off the dust of the past, grab your backpack and head for the future. That's where you're most comfortable. **PISCES**, the sun, graceful Venus and expansive Jupiter are giving you an incredible opportunity to transform the wounds of the past into compassionate understanding and mystic power. Connect with the universe.

Mary Bailey Rule is a professional astrologer who specializes in personal and relationship chart interpretation as well as crisis management. She can be reached in Santa Fe at (505) 982-3104 to order charts or arrange a chart interpretation.

THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN...

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 Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project 250-8177
 Childkind 936-9655
 Common Ground 874-6425
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 Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network 1-800-551-2728
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 The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project 876-0105
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 Positive Impact 885-9040
 Positive Outlook On Health 872-9954
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 ACT UP 874-6782 (O)
 Atlanta Greens, Green Party USA, Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Queer Caucus 368-7137
 Catalyst (404) 776-1478
 Cobb Citizen Coalition—POB 965336, Marietta 30066, 256-8690
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 Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation 605-7477
 Georgia Advocates for Battered Women & Children/Lesbian Task Force 524-3847; 250 Georgia Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atl. 30312
 Georgia Committee for the 1993 March on Washington (404) 662-4199 or POB 5282, Atlanta 30307
 GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee 872-8095, FAX 874-8628
 Human Rights Campaign Fund Field Committee, 231-5751
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 Lesbian Avengers 621-5016
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 Neighbors Network 257-5550
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 Old Lesbians Organizing for Change OLOC, PO Box 980422, Houston, TX 77098
 Stonewall 25/International March 662-6753

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 HomeGirls 622-0105
 LEAGUE, Inc. (Employees of AT&T) 404-872-2359
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 Nat'l Federation of Career Women 404-659-0315
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Service/Support/Social

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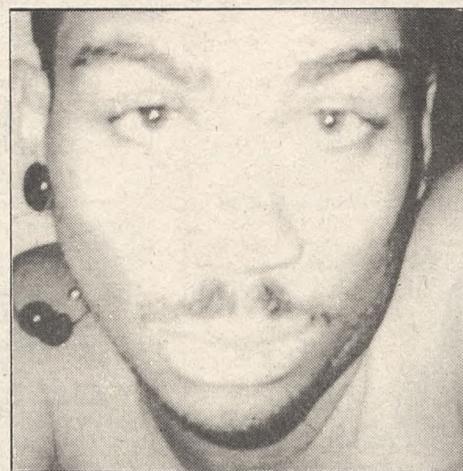
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OUTLINES

TRE JOHNSON

Age: 23**How long in Atlanta:** native**Relationship Status:** long distance**Last Book Read:** "The Ugly Waif" by Tina McElroy Ansa**Pet Peeve:** inconsistency

Despite all of the attention paid to the arts in metro Atlanta lately, performance artist Tre Johnson has not been sitting still just watching the news stories. Johnson recently performed in "Life's Legends: Past and Present" at 14th Street Playhouse over Labor Day weekend.

The timing turned out to be very good for that show, he says, "because, for some reason, thousands of African-American gays and lesbians come to Atlanta on Labor Day weekend." The show ran again in conjunction with the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival, where he read poetry and short stories at the Otherside. Gay and lesbian Atlantans may have also seen him at this summer's Pride festival, where he staged a reading of one of his short stories called "Kissing Cousins."

A self-proclaimed singer/actor/poet, Johnson was exposed to the stage at an early age. His father is a blues musician who still does studio work here. Johnson started singing around age 10, primarily because it was the one thing he had in common with his father. There were the hopes that through singing, his relationship with his father would grow stronger because that was something that his father could acknowledge and appreciate. Johnson started performing during his middle school years and went on to graduate from the nationally-acclaimed Northside School of the Arts. "That's where I really came into my own, I guess."

"My mother is a Jehovah's Witness. She and my father were from two different worlds. So early on, I had craziness in my world." But has mom, as a Jehovah's Witness who also lives in Atlanta, had problems dealing with her son's sexuality?

"No. My mother is very very supportive of me. People don't believe she's actually my mother because she is just so wonderful and so receptive to her openly gay black son. I've always been very different from my family. I've just kind of segregated myself so they just think I'm kind of crazed. They just accept me for who I am."

Although Jehovah's Witnesses, as with most every other organized religion, deem homosexuality as wrong, Johnson seems to have a very healthy relationship with his family. With his niece Maya (named after the poet) bouncing on his knee while talking and answering questions about his life, his wonderful sense of humor about himself and his work comes to surface. When asked what to do if someone from Jehovah's Witness comes to the door to convert you, he says, "Just do what I do and say, 'Oh, I'm in here with my lover right now.'" As the Southerner creeps into his speech on occasion, he talks about his life after Northside.

"I left the city for while and went to London, and then I came back because my best girlfriend was murdered. When I came back home, I was totally different because I had left the States and I had gained my independence."

Johnson is currently in a relationship with a playwright who lives in Texas. "He's my long-distance lover. I just love him. I'm trying to get him to move here to Atlanta. If he wants me to be his complete spouse, he would have to." There are plans to visit his Texas beau for about a month this fall.

Before his rendezvous in the Lone Star State, however, he will be working with "one of my best girlfriends," lesbian activist S. Faybell Mahee, on "Souls On Fire" at SAME on Oct. 28. After returning from his trip, he will once again be busy as ever, premiering an all African-American gay male theater group called Sissy Shockers. They will be performing "A Love Beyond Levels," three individual pieces about interracial love. Tre's piece is titled "Mulatto Love Thang," so it probably won't make it to Cobb County.

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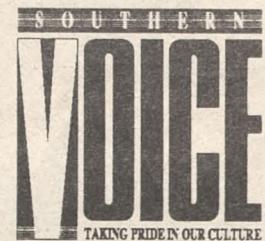
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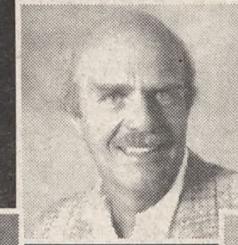
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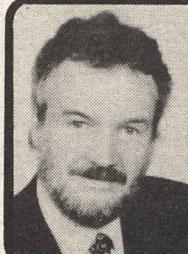
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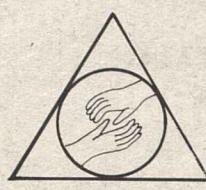
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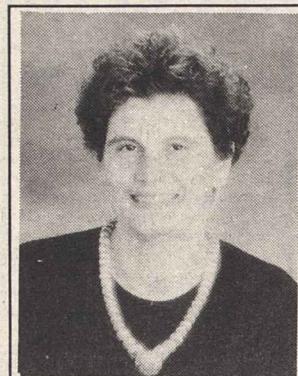
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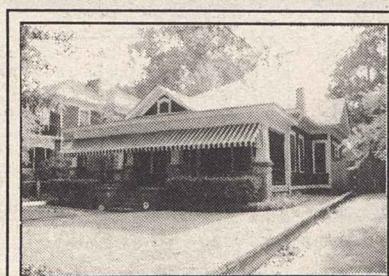
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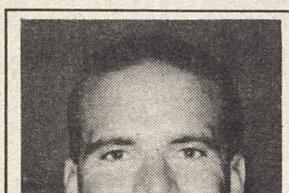
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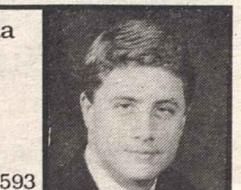
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Volunteers needed for the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. Come to the general meetings, 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Colony Square Hotel. Hotel parking validated. (ongoing)

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Voice Connection

WOMEN

GWF - I love life, fun and dogs. Work hard, play hard and know how to relax. No drugs/alcohol. 40ish. **T 1789**

GWF, 32, baby dyke starting over, seeks GWF 20-35 into laughter, movies, romance and commitment. No drugs, non-smoker, kids-okay. **T 1780**

GBF, attractive, very feminine, seeks fun-loving, aggressive GF for friendship, possible relationship. **T 1774**

Cute, feminine, GWF, 27, educated, academic professional, energetic, cat-lover, passionate and playful, seeks soulmate and friends close to my age for intellectual and comical stimulation. **T 1778**

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GWF, 34, I'm an old fashioned girl with new age ideas. My mom will like you too if, like me, you're natural, emotionally stable, attractive, kind, humorous, intelligent, and have integrity. **T 1777**

GWF, 32, feminine tomboy. No butches. Enjoy outdoors, physical activity and quiet evenings. Young/professional by day and student at night. Similar. P.O. 1905, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

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, 42, no bi's. **T 1738**

GBF, prof., 30's, kids, attractive, 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 and 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, independant, spiritual, proportioned, naturally beautiful, socio-politically conscious, intellectual, over x-lovers, conversationalist, monogamous. I'm waiting. **T 1707**

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

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

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

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

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

GWF, 30, cute and petite, seeking same. Friendship in recovery can be fun without drugs and alcohol. Let's be adventurous. **T 1675**

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

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

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

Attractive GWF, 34, intelligent, professional, shapely, adventurous, sincere, new to Atlanta seeks similar GWF's. Come on Girls, I'm waiting! **T 1682**

Attractive mature lesbian desires same, 40+, to share outdoor & indoor activities, affairs of the soul, humor, music. I am a professional in human services, stable, tolerant of diversity, + not on the rebound. Prefer womanly type. **T 1677**

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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 GWF, 26, desires a GWF 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**

MEN

GWM, 22, HIV+, swimmer's build, affectionate, stable, seeks attractive, hairy, stable, mature, HIV+, "Bruce Willis" type, 30+ for possible relationship. **T 1788**

THREE-WAY ACTION: attractive top, 30's, 5'11", 160 lbs, seeks handsome couple for safe, regular, discreet, no-strings encounters. **T 1786**

Senior Male seeks male 25-35 to mentor, help financially, and for companionship during week days. Clean, masculine, healthy. **T 1784**

Horny Midtown Professional. Involved GWM, 40, 5'10", 155, HIV+, with place seeks guys for 5 pm adventurous, creative sex fun. **T 1784**

WM, 38, 5'8", very handsome, masculine, strong build, seeks open-minded, big man. Big belly is a plus. Letter with photo gets mine. POB 54076, Atlanta, GA 30308. (6.37)

Joven Cubano desea tener Amistad con Damas o caballeros de cualquier edad sincero y cariñoso. No fumas. **T 1776**

BM, masculine, built, 30, seeks Black Males for group meetings. Looks unimportant, masculinity, physique, and endowment are important. **T 1775**

WANTED: ASSWORK. Handsome hairy autoless NE Georgia GWM 26 seeks similar hairy butt enthusiasts for indepth recreation. Couples welcome. Ideas encouraged. **T 1782**

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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**

GBM, athletic, college educated, sensual, sexual, sensitive 27 year old, seeking mas-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Romantic, assertive, spiritual, handsome GBM, 5'10", 160 lbs., 39 years, with hazel eyes seeks person possessing great emotional depth to chase rainbows with for a lifetime. Any race. **T 1602**

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

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

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

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

GWM, 30, 6'2", looking for college graduate, masculine, thin, GBM 22-30 to share in building the good life, must be spontaneous and possess a sense of humor. **T 1593**

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

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

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

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

ing show. Please call again. **T 1518**

GBM, attractive, masculine, "Charles Atlas' Before" likes Kahlil Gibran, Joe Campbell, volunteering, movies, traveling. You: secure, masculine, GM race unimportant. Goal: friendship possible relationship with physical and spiritual growth. **T 1543**

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

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

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

Attractive GWM, 30, 5'5", 132, Brn/brown, hairy, seeking tall, handsome, sincere, non-smoking GWM for husband, 30-40ish. **T 1518**

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

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

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

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

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

GWM 35+ prof. 6'3" seeks same to 40. Respond if you seek simple life of love. Tennis, hairy, masc. sought. **T 1554**

GWM Young looking/acting 40, 5'7", br/bl, muscular, attractive, sexy, sincere, outdoors, varied interests, fun, HIV-. Seeks similar. **T 1552**

Handsome, blond/moustache, slim, 40, 5'8", masculine, blue collar, non-bar, negative, seeks W/M, moustache, handsome, rimming, romantic, relationship, 35-45. **T 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. **T 1548**

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

Big Brother, Big Bottom, Carolina GWM, 50, 6'3", 250, ISO younger GWM, attractive Top. Trim and smooth A+. Will travel. **T 1546**

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

BM, 27, 6'1", 255, HIV pos., discreet, masculine, independent, affectionate, versatile; but I prefer to be bottom, NO Games. **T 1527**

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

Looking for love? GWM, 38, 6'2" prof. seeks romance with same 30-40. Hairy chest major plus. Sincere and caring. **T 1447**

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

Texas WM, 39, 5'11", 175# seeks feminine passable Transexual (pre-op) or Transvestite 21-45 for long lasting relationship/ friendship. **T 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! **T 1717**

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

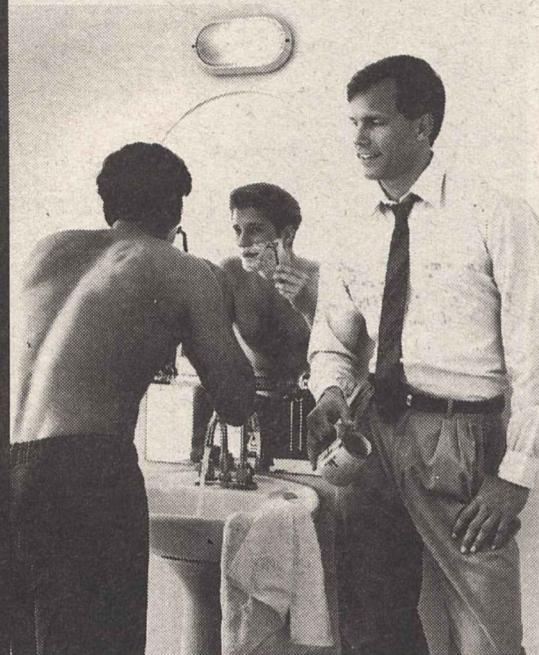
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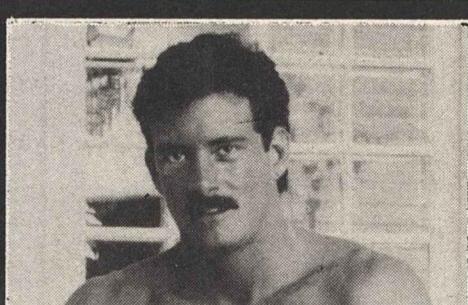
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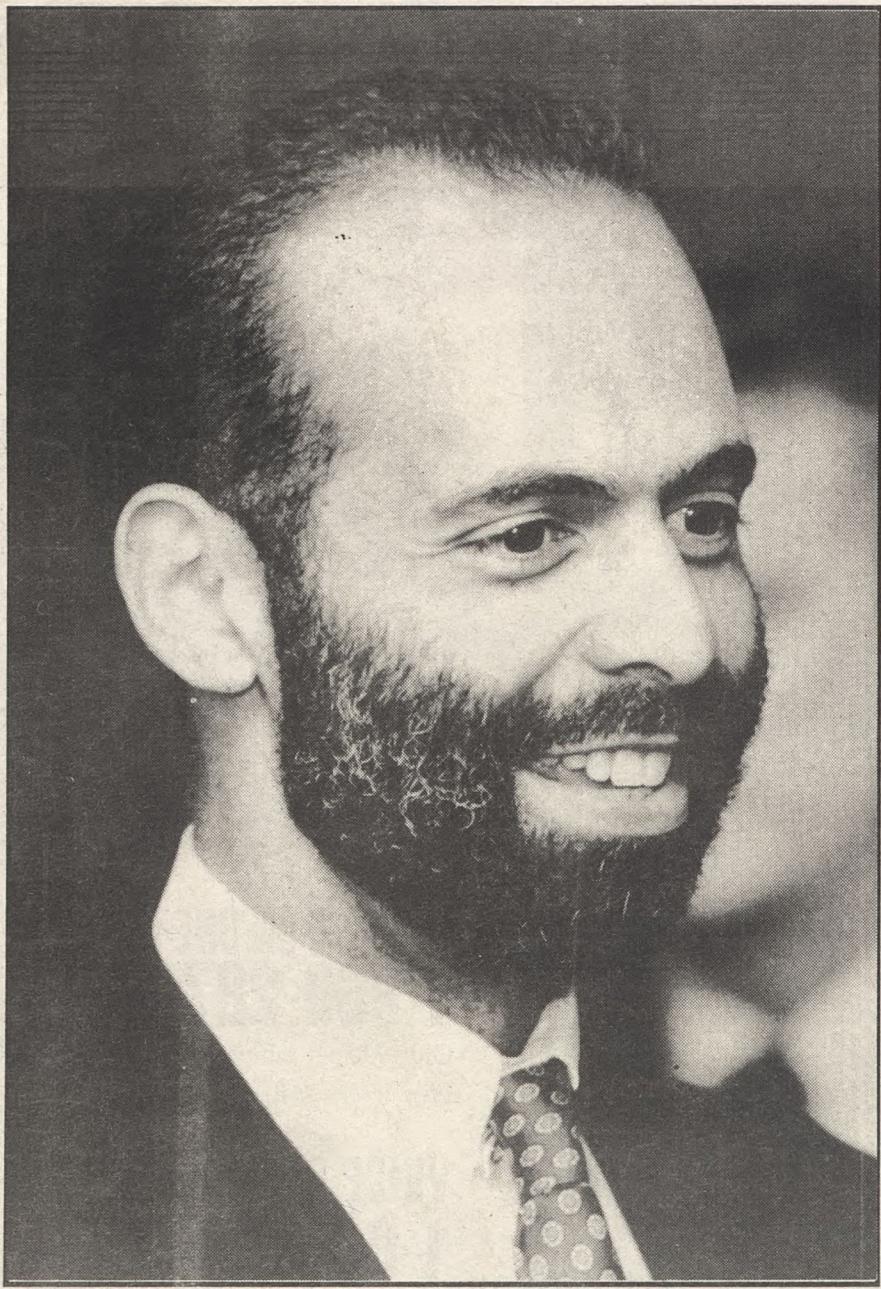
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- I am the only candidate to have a staff person assigned to serving as a liaison with the AIDS infected/affected community.
- I am the only candidate to have hired an openly Gay person to serve on my immediate staff as a liaison with the Lesbian and Gay Community.
- I have been consistently supportive of the Lesbian and Gay community's struggle for the human rights deserved by all citizens—My record goes back many years and didn't simply occur when I decided to run for the Office of Mayor. Among others this has included:
 - Attending and participating in Pride events (from the early days when there were only a couple of thousand marching—to this year where 70,000 people participated)
 - Attending the annual Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner—and when unable to attend I have purchased tickets and sent representation
- Introduced and voted for Fulton County Travel Prohibition Resolution
 - Boycott of Areas with Ordinances which Prohibit Lesbian/Gay Rights Ordinances (e.g., Colorado, Tampa, FL, Springfield, Ore.)-prohibits use of County funds for travel to these area—written to include any additional jurisdictions which assume similar positions.
- Voted in support of revision of County's non-discrimination policy to include sexual orientation. Affects hiring and retention practices. Statement is included in all County contracts, thereby requiring contractor to comply with this policy. Advertise positions in culturally specific publications (e.g., advertise positions in Southern Voice).
- Developed Fulton County Domestic Partnership Ordinance: (which unfortunately never gained enough support from the Board of Commissioners to pass; therefore, it has not been introduced. I determined that it would be more damaging to the community to have the Board defeat the proposal than for it never to be introduced).
 - Residents – benefits: recognition of relationship (useful in the probate of wills); visitation rights at public hospitals as "immediate family"; and, visitation rights at correctional facilities as "immediate family"
 - Employees – benefits: also able to claim Partner and dependents on insurance benefits; and, family leave to care for Partner and dependents.
 - Also contains resolutions prohibiting discrimination against Lesbians and Gays in Housing and Public Accommodations Nonetheless, this Ordinance served as the model for the legislation passed by the City of Atlanta.

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