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JUDY PARKS

"Boo, I'm a Drag Queen"

Men who would never don a dress make an exception for Halloween night

by RICHARD ELDREDGE

The man who will be portraying "Joleena Neveroff Tutu-Much" this Saturday evening at Burkhart's Pub (who we'll refer to as "Jo" for the purposes of this article) is not ordinarily what you describe as "the shy type."

Jo is the type of guy who can stand up in the middle of a crowded IHOP on a Saturday night and play music trivia with a hooker sitting three booths away and not even notice the agitated pimp sitting next to her. He's a natural extrovert, who by day is a diligent tax student and at night slings drinks at a Midtown watering hole. You can ask Jo anything about his sexuality and he'll give you a frank, no-holds-barred answer. He has no problems with being gay.

So why is this guy having such a difficult time buying a dress for his Halloween costume?

Jo's not alone—his friends Joe Wild and Marc Hyde are experiencing similar problems. They're all gay men who usually wouldn't be caught dead in drag. That is, with one exception—Halloween night.

"We don't approach drag the same way real drag queens do," says Marc, one afternoon last week, sitting on a bar stool next to Joe. "With us, it's not a career or a regular part of our lives. It's just for fun, and it's not too traumatic to do it once a year."

"It's the one day of the year where it's accepted," adds Jo. "Anything goes on Halloween. I never take it seriously. Let's face it, people are going to look at you strangely on Halloween no matter what you're wearing. I've convinced Marc, Joe and others to go out together this year because then you've got moral support. There's strength in numbers and besides, you've got people to hide behind."

Years ago when Jo put a dress on for the first time, he had no trouble obtaining the necessary articles of clothing. He got them from a master. "Charlie Brown got me my first dress," Jo recalls, "and girl, it was flawless." Unfortunately you can't borrow dresses from Atlanta's premier female impersonator forever, so Jo was forced to strike out on his own in search of a frilly frock.

And where did Jo end up? Where America Shops, of course.

"There's a Sears surplus right down the street from where I live," he says, "And let me tell, you there's nothing like pulling one over on a Sears ladies department employee. I told her I needed a dress for my mother. She said, 'Do you know her size' and I replied, 'She's about my size.' Now granted, the dress I ended up with was a little matronly, but it still worked."

Joe Wild is also having dress troubles this year.

This is Joe's first Halloween in drag, and he's understandably a little nervous about all this.

"This is something I've always wanted to do, but I never had the guts to do it by myself. Making a party of it has made me a lot more comfortable. I'm probably going to go to a Salvation Army shop and get something and drag one of these other guys along so they can stand at the register and pay for it."

"I've been telling Joe to go for the Olympia Dukakis look," says Marc, "You know, something off the shoulder so he doesn't have to shave too much chest hair. And maybe a big hat."

Marc is lucky. His former roommates were from New Orleans and left a heap of costumes and shoe boxes full of make up behind for him to rummage through.

Although Marc hasn't made the crucial costume decision yet, he knows what he's looking for this year—comfort and warmth. "Those are two necessities."

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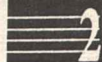


HALLOWEEN HIGHLIGHTS

• **Halloween Masquerade Ball**, Saturday Oct. 30, 9 p.m., Lowe Gallery, 75 Bennett St., Buckhead. Dance to benefit the Lambda Community Center. See Page 25 for details.

• **All Hallows Feast of the Dead**, Sunday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m., First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive, Candler Park. Bring food for the dead to enjoy (the living will actually do the eating) and a poem, song or story about the dead to share. For information call 872-2815.





POSITION ON LESBIAN AND GAY ISSUES

HUMAN RIGHTS

As mayor I will actively work to create a safe environment for all people who live or work in the City of Atlanta. In particular, I guarantee that City Hall will be a safe place to work for lesbians and gays and all minorities, and I will use these employees as resources and liaisons for constant vigilance and advancement of civil rights. I will require sensitivity training on affinity orientation issues in all parts of city government: in city hall, the court system, corrections, police, fire, and the schools. I will commit to the city lobbying the legislature and the school system to defend the rights of its lesbian and gay citizens and to provide education about issues affecting lesbian and gay citizens. I will be proactive in implementing and advancing the non-discrimination clause of the city charter for lesbians and gays, women, people of color, and the physically challenged. I will strive to protect and advance the civil rights of lesbians and gays through my example, my words, and my actions.

AIDS

I commit to educating the people of Atlanta about AIDS. I will appoint an AIDS policy coordinator (paid or volunteer). I will enforce and strengthen the HIV non-discrimination policy for city employees. I will continue and improve upon the HIV sensitivity training for city employees, especially in the courts, public defender's office, and the police department. I will instruct the Atlanta Housing Authority not to discriminate against people with AIDS and I will monitor their compliance. I will continue the liaison between the City and the AIDS Planning Council, and I will be proactive in lobbying for hospices.

APPOINTMENTS

I will appoint (paid or volunteer) publicly identified lesbian and gay people to all parts of city government including the Mayor's staff, city departments, courts, boards, commissions and Olympic planning committees. One of these people will be the lesbian and gay liaison to the Mayor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

I will advocate for tougher hate crime legislation. I will be proactive in recruiting lesbians and gays for the police and fire departments as well for courts and corrections. I will require sensitivity training on lesbian and gay people and issues and HIV sensitivity training in the police, fire, court, corrections, public defender's and the Atlanta schools. I will have gay and lesbian liaisons (paid or volunteer) appointed to courts, corrections, police, and fire departments.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I will require any business doing business with the City of Atlanta to have an affinity orientation non-discrimination clause as part of its company policy. I will take a proactive stance on marketing gay and lesbian business events and foster a positive attitude in promoting gay and lesbian businesses.

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Eagle changes hands in battle over will

Cracker Barrel beaten again

Jury overturns will of the bar's late owner and gives it to his father

Atlanta—A jury has awarded control of the Eagle to the father of Jaye Evans, founder of the popular Atlanta leather bar, stripping possession from Michael Feinstein, the man who inherited the bar and managed it since Evans died last year.

Feinstein says he is devastated by the jury's decision last Friday. "I did what I felt and still feel is what Jaye wanted," he said. "That's really a big part of my disappointment. Now I don't feel the bar is doing what Jaye wanted."

Feinstein was given control of the Eagle, on Ponce de Leon Avenue, in Evans' will. But Evans' father, J.D. Evans, who lives in Texas, challenged the document, claiming that his son's mental capacity was insufficient to make out a will, that the will was not signed or executed properly and that Feinstein had exercised both undue influence and fraud in preparing the document. Besides being a major beneficiary, Feinstein was also Evans' attorney and executor of the estate.

After a trial that lasted nearly a week, a Fulton County Probate Court jury took nearly three hours on Friday to decide in favor of Evans' father.

"Everybody was sure—because of the facts—that [they jury] would come back in favor of the will," said M.P. Schildmeyer, Feinstein's attorney in the case. "When they didn't, it was a shock."

Evans, suffering from AIDS, made out his will from his hospital room in January 1992 just before undergoing surgery at Georgia Baptist Hospital. He left Feinstein, manager of the Eagle since 1990, 49 percent of the Eagle's stock and gave him the first option on purchase of the remainder. The purchase price of that stock would have gone to Project Open Hand. After smaller bequests to family members and friends, the remainder of the estate was to go to establish an

emergency fund for members of the S&M and leather community living with AIDS.

Evans, also a founder of *Etcetera* magazine, recovered from the surgery and left the hospital. He died on February 21, 1992 after suffering a stroke.

J.D. Evans argued that Feinstein, in his capacity as Evans' attorney, unduly influenced Evans in making out the will. But Schildmeyer argued that while it was unusual for the attorney making out the will to be both executor and primary beneficiary, the circumstances were extraordinary.

Schildmeyer said that she had a difficult time during jury selection last week.

"We had to excuse 6 or 7 people for cause," she said. "They expressed to the judge that they could not cast aside their feelings about homosexuality and remain impartial."

"The only consideration I can come up with is that it was a hateful verdict, not one based on facts," she added, "I'm really disappointed that the gay community has to put up with this in Fulton County."

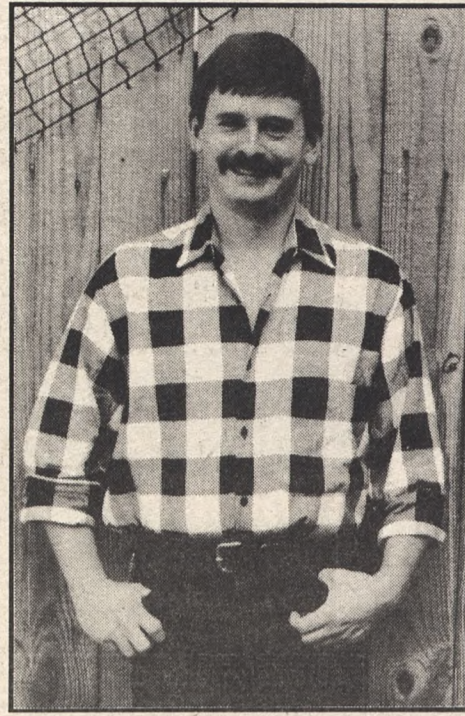
But Wayman Bottoms, assistant manager at the Eagle for 14 years, who has been made manager of the club by J.D. Evans, said that homophobia was not at the root of the father's challenge to the will.

"Mr. Evans is an honorable man," Bottoms said. "He wants to see his son's final wishes fulfilled. He wants this bar to go on serving the community. He is not a bigot."

Bottoms said that the senior Evans plans to create a PWA fund from the bar's profits, to be administered by a board of members of the gay community.

"I really believe this man, or I wouldn't be tackling this job," he said. "I'm doing it for Jaye Jr.'s sake."

But Feinstein is not so sure. "I understand



Jaye Evans, who died in 1992, left control of the Eagle to Michael Feinstein.

Mr. Evans is making all these lofty promises," he said. "But they're all contingent on the bar making money." Feinstein said that the Eagle currently was breaking even.

Feinstein and his attorney have not yet made any decision regarding an appeal or use of other intermediary actions to challenge the jury's decision. They have 30 days to make those decisions.

"I've got to believe that something good is going to happen, and that Jaye is still with me and looking out for me," he said. "I'm going to do what I can to continue his legacy."

KC WILDMOON

Embattled Marietta theater gets top arts award

Atlanta—In a statement that was perhaps as much political as artistic, the artistic director of Marietta's embattled Theatre in the Square has been honored as metro Atlanta's artist of the year.

Last week, before 200 members and guests at the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Salute to the Arts luncheon, Michael Horne was given the Arts Alive 1993 Excellence in Arts Award. The selection was made by his peers, representing 27 metro arts groups.

"I recognize that this is for more than my career," said Horne, whose Marietta theater became the focal point for anti-gay/lesbian activity in Cobb County because of the mere mention of homosexuality in a play presented this season. "Today, you are rewarding something greater than one director. You are acknowledging Theatre in the Square's 'big fight.'"

Acknowledging the "unwavering support and shared vision" of his partner, Theatre in the Square's managing director Palmer Wells, Horne said that "the last few months [have been] hell."

"Out of the blue we were blindsided," he said of the Cobb County Commission's decision to rescind all funding for the arts so as not to inadvertently fund projects that did not present "traditional family values." "[The commissioners] were fueled by a hidden fringe [out to] reshape society's mores.... At the core is an inherent fear of diversity, of new ideas."

"As hard as the loss of funds is," Horne told the audience, "the alternative was more painful."

The Cobb Commission voted last month to eliminate more than \$100,000 in county funds



Michael Horne says Chamber of Commerce award acknowledges Theatre in the Square's "big fight."

for the arts after arts and civil rights groups threatened to sue the county if they adopted an ordinance that required all arts projects to present traditional family values. Theatre in the Square, the only professional theater in Georgia outside Atlanta, received about \$40,000 in county funds. Actress Joanne Woodward, a Marietta native, pledged \$20,000 toward make up the difference, challenging the community to match the grant.

After the awards ceremony, Horne said the

Woodward gift has been matched, adding that the theater had asked the actress to consider donating more money, also to be matched by community donations.

"This year, we're on the public's mind," Horne said. "But it won't hurt to stockpile for future years."

To add additional monies to the coffers of both Theatre in the Square and the Cobb Citizens Coalition, which is spearheading the fight against the county's anti-gay resolution, local performers Kristen Hall, DeDe Vogt and Pierce Pettis will headline a concert on Nov. 2 at the new performing arts facility at Southern Tech. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Also at the Salute to the Arts luncheon, the Chamber announced the recipients of the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation's first Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund awards. Chamber members have raised over \$3 million to endow the fund, and the 1993 winners shared \$150,000.

Actor's Express, the local company that has produced several successful shows in Inman Park, including the smash musical "The Harvey Milk Show," received \$27,500 from the fund. A.R.T. Station in Stone Mountain received \$35,000; African-American theater company Jomandi Productions was awarded \$32,500; contemporary dance company Several Dancers Core received \$35,000 for each of two years; and Production Values, Inc., a non-profit costuming company, was awarded \$20,000.

KC WILDMOON

New York City—The forces fighting for the rights of Cracker Barrel's lesbian and gay employees won another victory last week when a federal judge ruled that the company's stockholders have a right to vote on a proposal that would protect gay employees from discrimination.

U.S. District Court Judge Kimba Wood made her ruling in a suit brought by a group of stockholders against the Securities and Exchange Commission. Last year, the SEC ruled that stockholders of the Tennessee-based chain of roadside eateries had no right to vote on a proposal to include sexual orientation in the company's non-discrimination clause, calling such a decision "ordinary company business" that fell outside the purview of stockholders.

But several large stockholders opposed to the company's past policies of discrimination—the New York City Employees Retirement System, the United States Trust Company, and the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church—took their case to Wood.

"This is a landmark ruling," New York City Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman, a trustee of the city's retirement fund, told New York Newsday.

"This is what I would term a major defining moment for the institutional investors of the United States," said Diane Bratcher of the Wall Street Project, a project of the Community Lesbian and Gay Rights Institute of New York. "This is the first time a resolution like this has been submitted, and the issue is whether they condone blatant anti-gay discrimination."

In 1991, Cracker Barrel management issued a policy stating that it was "inconsistent with our concept and values, and is perceived to be inconsistent with those of our customer base, to...employ individuals...whose sexual preference fails to demonstrate normal heterosexual values." As a result of that policy, as many as 17 gay employees were fired from Cracker Barrel restaurants across the Southeast, spurring numerous sit-ins and pickets at restaurants in the area. Cracker Barrel CEO Dan Evins later rescinded the policy, but activists claim the discrimination continues.

In metro Atlanta, Queer Nation-sponsored protests resulted in 38 arrests for criminal trespassing. Eleven of those arrested were found not guilty in subsequent trials, and the remaining charges were dropped.

Wood's decision paves the way for a stockholder vote on the proposal at Cracker Barrel's annual meeting in November. Buoyed by the Atlanta-based Buy One Project, in which gay and gay supportive individuals buy one share of Cracker Barrel stock, and the support of other large shareholders across the country, opponents of the company's anti-gay actions are hopeful that the stockholders will vote to protect the rights of lesbian and gay employees.

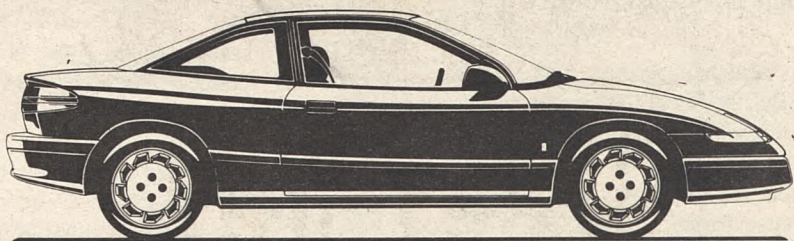
"It's important now for people who own stock to check their portfolios," said Lynn Cothren of the Cracker Barrel Coalition, a group of organizations and individuals organized to fight the company's discriminatory policies. "If their portfolios include Cracker Barrel stock, call those agencies and ask them to vote yes."

Cracker Barrel stockholders may also be voting on another proposal that would require the company's board of directors to reflect the diversity of its stockholders. The SEC recently refused to grant Cracker Barrel's request to allow the company to block that proposal.

Queer Nation/Atlanta, along with the Coalition, is sponsoring a sit-in and legal picket at the Lithonia Cracker Barrel on Nov. 7 at noon. A caravan to the DeKalb County location will leave the Lindbergh MARTA station at 11 a.m.

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Floridians undecided on hate vote

Tallahassee, FL—More than one third of Florida's voters say they haven't made up their minds on a proposed constitutional amendment that would prohibit anti-discrimination measures protecting lesbians and gay men.

The telephone poll of 806 likely voters conducted Oct. 7-10 by Mason-Dixon Political/Research, Inc., showed 34 percent undecided while 35 percent were opposed and 31 percent favored the measure. The poll has a margin of error of 3.5 percent.

The American Family Association of Florida is heading a statewide petition drive to put the question on the 1994 ballot. The group needs 429,000 valid signatures to have the measure placed on the ballot in November 1994.

The American Family petition lists race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, ethnic background, marital status or familial status, but omits sexual orientation.

A gay rights group, the Human Rights Task Force, has begun a competing drive to broaden personal privacy rights under the Florida Constitution.

As part of its campaign, American Family is mailing out anti-gay literature across the state, which says that lesbians and gay men

WHY "GAY RIGHTS" ARE NOT CIVIL RIGHTS

COMPARE	Black Americans	Homosexuals
Denied the right to vote	Yes	NO
Official segregation?	Yes	NO
Denied access by law to public drinking fountains, restrooms?	Yes	NO
Denied access by law to businesses, restaurants, barber shops, etc.?	Yes	NO
Verifiable economic hardship as a result of discrimination?	Yes	NO

A sample of the American Family Association's anti-gay campaign.

don't face economic discrimination and don't face the degree of discrimination faced by African Americans prior to their civil rights movement.

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Captain guilty in military sex case

Pope Air Force Base, NC—An Air Force captain who denied he was gay and claimed he was the victim of another man's obsession has been convicted of sodomy by a military tribunal.

Capt. Luther Turner, a C-130 pilot who flew top-secret missions, was scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 16. He could be dismissed from the military and confined for up to 12 years.

He showed no emotion as the president of the five-man jury announced that the panel had found him guilty of sodomy, entering an off-limits establishment and obstructing the Air Force investigation into his case.

Richard Bullock, a 26-year-old gay civilian whose accusations started the case, wasn't in the courtroom when the verdict was announced. Turner is the second captain to be convicted of sodomy on the basis of Bullock's allegations. In April, a jury convicted Capt. Troy Carlyle, a friend of Turner's who served

with him in an elite Pope transportation unit. His case is under appeal.

The defense maintained that both captains were victims of overzealous investigators eager to purge the military of homosexuals. But Bullock said he had an eight-month romance with Turner that began in September 1991.

The defense called 18 witnesses on Turner's behalf, including five Air Force officers and former girlfriend of both captains. Several defense witnesses, including two of Bullock's good friends, contradicted central aspects of his story.

But the jury was swayed by his testimony, which included detailed descriptions of various sexual encounters he said he had with Turner. He was able to describe a scar Turner has at the base of his abdomen and gave investigators a card Turner sent him with a sexual reference.

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Hate crimes push draws backlash

Montgomery, AL—The head of a conservative organization criticized the formation of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Alabama, which plans to lobby lawmakers for a law limiting hate crimes.

Eunic Smith, president of the Birmingham-based Eagle Forum, said homosexuality is "a sin of the flesh, which is abusive to the body, as for example are adultery, fornication and suicide."

"The real hate crime is the homosexual activist encouraging individuals to choose a lifestyle which leads to premature death,"

Smith said in a statement Oct. 11.

Smith's remarks were in response to plans by gay and lesbian activists to have an organized voice at the Statehouse next year. A leader of the alliance said the formation of the group and an upcoming lobbying effort were "the start of a long-term project."

"We don't expect to go in there and change Alabama in one year," said project coordinator Stefan, a Mobile man who had his name legally changed to one word.

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SC stations pull lesbian special

Spartanburg, SC—A network affiliate's decision to pull an after school television special about lesbians from its schedule is censorship, a women's rights group says.

The special, called "Other Mothers," is about how a teenager copes with having a family headed by two lesbians.

CBS affiliate WSPA-TV's decision not to run the program was "an unwise decision," National Organization for Women spokeswoman Liz Clark said.

"This is a thoughtful drama that illustrates the prejudice that any family could experi-

ence," Clark said.

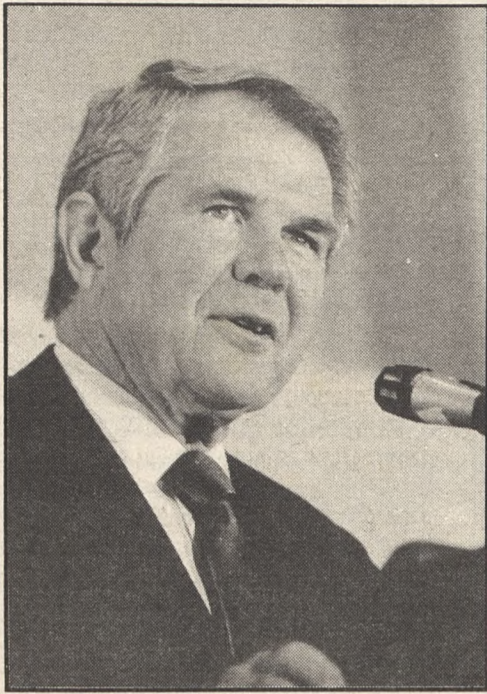
The station thought the content of the program was inappropriate for a show aired at 4 p.m., when most parents are not home to discuss it with their children, WSPA Promotion Manager Bill Shatten said.

"We did not think the show was a proper forum for the subject to be presented to our viewers," Shatten said. "We've dealt with this issue before on other programs."

CBS affiliate WBTW in Florence also didn't run the after school special.

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Man In Drag Says "Ptui" To Council: A bearded man dressed in women's clothes protested at a recent Oklahoma City Council meeting carrying a placard with the single word, "Ptui." Pearl said it was his protest of a council vote rejecting an ordinance banning discrimination against lesbians and gay men. "I came here to let them know I say 'ptui' to their rejection of the proposal," said Pearl, who performs in drag as Pollyanna Peters. Pearl said he would return to the next council meeting and ask to speak to the councilmembers about their decision.



Pat Robertson

Lesbian Avengers Protest Robertson: The New York Lesbian Avengers picketed the New York State School Boards Association and argued with its leader to protest the group's decision to invite televangelist Pat Robertson to speak. NYSSBA executive director Louis Grumet argued that Robertson had a right to speak under the first amendment. "Robertson says he wants to replace all school boards with people he likes... We want our members to hear him in person. Sometimes listening to someone helps in dealing with him," said Grumet. Thirteen Avengers picketed outside the association's offices on Oct. 12, and then headed to Syracuse to protest Robertson's speech at the group's annual conference on Oct. 15.

NY Human Rights Commissioner Discloses HIV Status: Hoping to lift "rampant ignorance" shrouding AIDS, a New York City human rights commissioner disclosed last week that she has

tested positive for HIV. Ilka Tanya Payan said at a news conference that she is "an individual with a serious medical condition that has compromised my immune system—not someone with a religious, moral, social or economic class disorder." Payan, who was appointed to the Human Rights Commission by Mayor David Dinkins last year, is an actress, newspaper columnist and attorney who came to New York from the Dominican Republic in 1956.

Firefighter Suspended For Not Riding With AIDS Patient: A firefighter in Cincinnati has been suspended for refusing to ride in the back of an ambulance with an HIV-positive patient. Lt. Gary Henry was suspended for two days on charges of neglect of duty, said city Safety Director Bill Gustavson. "Leaving a patient alone in the back of an ambulance while you drive to the hospital is not adequate protection of the safety of a patient," Gustavson said. Henry has appealed the suspension.

AIDS Patient Takes Out Ad Against Benetton: An AIDS patient angered by a Benetton advertising campaign's HIV theme has taken out an ad of his own showing his face with hollow cheeks and the caption: "During the agony, the sale continues." Benetton already was sued for the equivalent of \$175,000 by two AIDS activist groups in France for its ad blitz last month. The ads, introducing Benetton's fall-winter collection, showed models with the tattoo "HIV-positive." The Italian clothesmaker, known for using shock as a gimmick in its publicity campaigns, said the ads were an effort to raise awareness. But Olivier Besnard-Rousseau said that he "felt like I was punched in the stomach. I wanted to cry." Besnard-Rousseau paid \$14,000 for the ad in the Oct. 18 issue of the newspaper Liberation.

Federal Judge Clears Way For Army Discharge Of Lesbian Major: A federal judge in Kansas has upheld the military's ban on lesbians and gay men in the military, but he delayed the ruling last week to give a Ft. Leavenworth lesbian soldier time to appeal. Major Joyce L. Walmer now has 60 days to appeal the ruling. Pentagon officials charge that Walmer's discharge is based on homosexual conduct and does not fall under President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Discharge proceedings against Walmer began in 1992 when a former lover told the Army about their relationship.

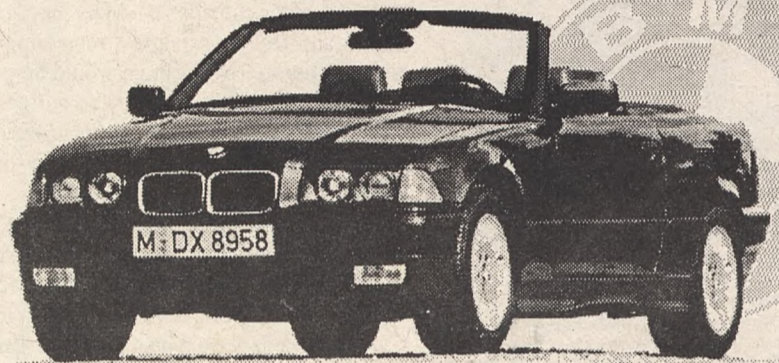
Gay Couples To Get Spousal Benefits In Canadian Government: An arbiter has ruled that the Canadian government's refusal to extend benefits to the partners of gay federal employees violates that country's Human Rights Act. The government, however, is not required to abide by the ruling. "[T]here are other decisions of courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada, which tend to go in the opposite direction. This is not something that's binding in a human-rights tribunal," said Maxwell Yalden, chief of Canada's Human Rights Commission.

Alaska Supreme Court Rules That Anti-Gay Ballot Measure Is Flawed: The Supreme Court of Alaska agreed last week with a lower court ruling that an anti-gay/lesbian ballot measure for Anchorage was flawed because it did not meet standards for truthfulness and impartial language required of statewide petitions. Writing for the majority, Justice Warren Matthews complained about the petition title, which referred to repeal of a "special homosexual ordinance." The court said wording was partisan and potentially prejudicial. Anchorage was poised for a vote after the City Assembly passed an ordinance that barred job discrimination based on sexual orientation. Anti-gay activists protested the measure and began collecting signatures to put the measure's repeal on a citywide ballot. The Assembly eventually repealed the ordinance itself.

Lesbian Mother Granted Temporary Custody: A Superior Court judge in Connecticut has granted a lesbian mother temporary custody of her 9-year-old daughter while court officials determine what is best for the child. The mother is fighting in Waterbury Superior Court for custody. The father has had custody of the child and a 13-year-old sister since their parents divorced two years ago. The case does not involve the 13-year-old. The father testified in court that he opposed the change in custody because he feared the mother's lover would be attracted to the child.

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EDITORIAL

In the 6th District, Mary Davis is the best choice

Joe Kelly, a candidate in the race for the 6th District seat on the Atlanta City Council, said it best when he noted that the 6th "is the seat on the City Council we look to stand up for gays and lesbians."

On Nov. 2, gays and lesbians who live in Morningside, most of Midtown and Virginia-Highland will have to decide who occupies that chair. It is an important decision because the city's entire gay and lesbian community will look to the man or woman chosen by the district's voters to lead the fight for the lesbian/gay agenda.

This has been a heated campaign, and, for many gays and lesbians, this is a tough choice. All three of the candidates—Mary Davis, Andy Loftis and Kelly—espouse strong support of the community. All of them would be preferable to many of the people who currently sit on the council. In addition, Loftis is one of our own, while Davis has been one of the community's most consistent friends.

But a choice needs to be made, and, after interviewing all three candidates and examining their character, positions and records, Southern Voice believes the choice is clear.

Mary Davis should be returned for another term.

Our predisposition in this case was to support Loftis. We agree with him that no straight person, no matter how sympathetic to lesbian/gay causes, can truly understand the struggles that gays and lesbians in the city face. We agree with him that having openly gay people serving in elected positions is vital for the cause of gay/lesbian liberation. We also know that there is a tendency in our community to eat our own—to be harder on our own candidates and hold them to higher standards than we do straight candidates. We have been distressed to witness, time and time again, gay and lesbian political campaigns that disintegrate into nasty family fights.

But we also believe that, just as it is wrong for people to vote *against* someone solely because of their sexual orientation, it is also inappropriate for lesbians and gays to vote *for* someone solely for the same reason. And unfortunately, Loftis has not provided many compelling reasons to support him beyond his sexual orientation.

His primary campaign theme can be boiled down to a mantra that "we need businesspeople at City Hall." The notion that people who run businesses, by virtue of their occupation, will automatically make better decisions at City Hall is overly simplistic—and has proven faulty in past applications.

Also troubling are Loftis' associations with elements in the neighborhood activist movement who automatically oppose any progress or development. These are the people who



refuse to ever even consider that the city might have to get tax money from somewhere to keep Atlanta from crumbling around our ears. And we are also troubled by the fact that prior to running for City Council, his up-front, public involvement with the lesbian/gay community and with its issues has been less than substantial.

We considered Kelly, who seems to have a unique understanding of our community acquired by spending a number of years in a field (modern dance) in which most of his contemporaries were gay. His ideas about attacking the city's tendency to be fiscally irresponsible are especially appealing.

But Kelly seems to prefer telling us what Mary Davis hasn't done, or hasn't done well, instead of telling us what he would do. To hear him tell it, Davis is bumbling and wildly ineffective, and he implies that her devotion to lesbian/gay issues is purely politically motivated.

Granted, Mary Davis is not the most effective councilperson ever to cross the threshold of City Hall. And we know that she, like every other politician, sometimes pushes issues and legislation to serve her political purposes. But while attacking an opponent's record is appropriate if the attacks are fair and if the candidate on the attack offers an alternative vision of his or her own, Kelly falls short on both counts.

Davis does have a record of support for gay and lesbian rights that dates back to her early days on the council. It is a cause that she truly, viscerally, believes in. While we may not agree completely with the way domestic partnership was handled, the bottom line is that Davis was willing to introduce the measure and was willing to fight for it. Despite the long road it took to get there, domestic partnership is now law.

When she came to the council 16 years ago, Davis was willing to talk about lesbian/gay issues when few elected officials were even willing to say the words. As the mother of a lesbian, Davis also has a strong, personal understanding of the unfairness and destructive power of discrimination. While, as a straight woman, she will never completely understand the lesbian or gay experience, we have encountered few other straight politicians who seem to come as close. And, as a veteran council member, she has the stature and experience that can only help as items on our agenda make their way through City Hall.

We believe the arguments for replacing Davis are outweighed by those for keeping her on the council. But we hope that this race, and the legitimate criticism directed her way, will inspire Davis to be more aggressive and effective in her pursuit of lesbian and gay issues. In particular, we expect Davis to follow through on her campaign promise to push a citywide anti-discrimination ordinance that would outlaw employment and housing discrimination based on sexual orientation. We expect her to begin pursuing it now and not wait until the months before the next election. And while it is fine to delay legislation in order to build enough consensus for it to pass, we expect Davis to push the measure even if she cannot build such consensus. That will allow the community to find out who its friends are prior to the next election.

The 6th District seat is the seat that the gay/lesbian community relies on to stand up for us. Given the nature of this district, there will, no doubt, be a gay or lesbian candidate in the next election in 1997 and in subsequent elections. If Mary Davis doesn't produce concrete results during the next four years, that gay or lesbian candidate will, and should, send her packing.

But this year, given these choices, the community's interests are best served by sending her back to City Hall.

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EDITORIAL

Spivey and White are worthy of community support

In addition to the race in the 6th District, openly gay candidates are also running for office in the 1st and 2nd districts. While Southern Voice only endorses candidates in races where we have had the opportunity to interview all the candidates, which we didn't have the opportunity to do in these races due to the extraordinarily large number of candidates (13), we can recommend to the community that Eric Spivey and Carolyn White would be worthy of your support.

After coming to Atlanta from New Orleans, Spivey plunged into service to the gay and lesbian community. He is best known as the host of "Out in Atlanta," a public access cable show dedicated to serving the community. He managed (and we're still not quite

sure how he pulled this off) to become one of Cobb County's alternate delegates to the 1992 Democratic National Convention. Spivey would bring a diligence and spirit of amiability to a council sorely lacking in both. As a person living with HIV/AIDS, he would also bring a unique and long overdue perspective on the AIDS pandemic to City Hall.

Spivey is running in District 2, which includes Midtown west of Piedmont and south of 10th Street, the Georgia Tech area, Inman Park, the Old Fourth Ward and the neighborhoods around the stadium.

White, too, has a record of community involvement. She was head of Georgia's organizing committee for the 1993 March on Washington, has been involved with Atlanta's Pride

committee and currently serves on the national board of Stonewall 25, next year's lesbian/gay celebration in New York City. And attorney in Decatur, she is also a lifelong resident of District 1, which includes Grant Park, Ormewood Park and much of southeast Atlanta, and so is well equipped to relate to the concerns of that portion of the city.

There are other candidates in both of these races who are well-qualified and friendly to the issues important to the community. Debi Starnes in District 2 and Dana Bolden in District 1 stand out. But gays and lesbians who live in these areas cannot go wrong if they punch their ballots for Eric Spivey and Carolyn White.

EDITORIAL

Community can't go wrong with mayoral candidates

Choosing between the three major candidates in the race for Atlanta mayor this year is a little like walking into Neiman Marcus with somebody else's credit card.

Whatever choices you make, you really can't go wrong.

That is particularly true when it comes to the issues of the most importance to the gay and lesbian community. All three of the candidates—Bill Campbell, Myrtle Davis and Michael Lomax—seem to have a commitment to equality, to human rights and to the legal protections we need to reach those goals.

During this campaign, Southern Voice has made a commitment to providing readers with as much information as possible on these candidates, focusing on their responsiveness to community issues. In the process of doing so, we have become convinced that there is no clear cut choice for the entire community; rather, the political camp into which a lesbian or gay Atlantan falls depends on the issues she or he finds most important. In endeavoring to help readers make their final decision, and to provide the information that you will find most useful, we have chosen to provide some perspective on the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates, rather than recommending just one of them.

First, Bill Campbell. His commitment to the cause of equality seems to be a personal one, built on his own experience as a small boy integrating the public schools of Raleigh. He was there for the community during the partnership fight. He was the popular, longtime representative of District 2, which includes areas with concentrations of openly gay and lesbian constituents.

We appreciate Campbell's pledge that he would have a "zero tolerance" policy for police officers who show insensitivity or bigotry toward gays and lesbians, promising to get rid of anybody who violates that policy—which, he vowed, goes all the way to the top. Campbell also has the strongest

position of the candidates on actively recruiting gay men and lesbian to substantive positions within his administration to reflect the fact that this city has one of America's largest lesbian/gay communities.

Perhaps the thing that is most disconcerting about Campbell is his tendency to try to be all things to all people—to tailor his rhetoric to the audience of the moment. This, of course, could be excused as an occupational hazard of any politician. But past experience shows that politicians who behave this way often have a hard time living up to conflicting commitments.

Next, Myrtle Davis. She has an innate grasp of the nuances and internal workings—and possibilities—of what city government can do. She supported the community on partnership and other issues. In outlining her positions, we find her detail, intelligence and candor refreshing, even when she isn't telling us what we would like to hear. As an African American woman born in the South in the 1930s, she has more than a passing personal acquaintance with discrimination on several fronts, which gives her a unique perspective among the candidates. We also believe that she appreciates and takes seriously the concerns of the community with regard to the operation of the police department.

We are troubled that her commitment to actively recruiting gays and lesbians into her administration is not as strong as we would like. We are also troubled that, unlike the other two candidates, she says she will not fight for a citywide gay/lesbian non-discrimination ordinance in the face of questions about its legal viability. We also think her personal experience, contacts and knowledge of the lesbian/gay community, while strong, are not as strong as those of the other two candidates.

Finally, Michael Lomax. He is far and away the most politically experienced of the candidates. He has been a longtime supporter of the community. His work on AIDS

issues, dating back to the early days of the crisis, has earned him respect and appreciation in many circles. He has been a strong supporter of the arts. He was serious about pursuing a partnership ordinance for Fulton County, although he declined to push the measure because there were not enough votes for it to pass.

Though we appreciate his candor in telling us that he will retain Police Chief Eldrin Bell (the other candidates have hedged on that question), we remain troubled by it. Lomax's belief that he can control Bell and somehow make him sensitive to the community's concerns shows a naivete about the nature of homophobia. Lomax, who was nearly forced into a recall election not so

long ago, might also be a divisive force at a time when the city and its government need unity.

True, much of the criticism aimed at him was unfair, stirred up by demagogues such as anti-gay politician Mitch Skandalakis. But an important question for voters to ask is whether the lingering animosity toward Lomax would hamper his ability to be effective.

All that said, however, any of these three candidates would be preferable to Nancy Schaefer. Given their core values, the lesbian/gay community no doubt will (and should) divide its votes between these three candidates.

Don't forget to vote for King

Another important race that will be on the ballot Nov. 2 might have escaped your attention. That is the race to replace Lomax as chairman of the Fulton County Commission. But it is critical that lesbians and gay men pay attention to this contest.

The reason? State Rep. Mitch Skandalakis is running. You might recall that Skandalakis, a conservative Republican who represents Buckhead at the Capitol, stood with Billy McKinney at a press conference not long ago and announced that he would work in the legislature to overturn partnership.

Thankfully, Skandalakis won't be able to do that because he had to resign from the legislature to run for chairman. But keep in mind that because county government is charged with managing public health policy, Skandalakis' anti-gay/lesbian tendencies don't bode well for the fight against AIDS if he is elected. And his election as chairman could also spell the death knell for domestic partnership legislation in the county.

You can help stop that from happening. Skandalakis' opponent is Martin Luther King III. Be sure to punch his name when you vote.

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LETTERS

Clinton still his man

Boo Hoo Hoo. Poor Richard Shumate feels betrayed by Bill Clinton and those in the gay/lesbian community who continue to support the president. [SoVo, Oct. 7] As obnoxious as I find those "Don't Blame Me..." stickers I constantly find myself behind, Shumate's editorial is even more repugnant.

Clinton was elected president of the United States. Not president of gays and lesbians. Not liberator of the disenfranchised. He has done more for us than any other president, but one thing he can't do, and wasn't elected to do, is change how America perceives gays and lesbians. That should be our job.

For every decision made regarding gays and lesbians, there are countless others into which the gay/lesbian issue does not enter. This is the "common good." Further pressing of the "gays in the military" issue on a Congress and population not yet ready to welcome gays and lesbians will only result in alienating Congress. Congressional support is needed to pass programs of greater necessity that benefit the whole and not just the "gay" few.

I supported Clinton a year ago and will continue to do so because, for better or worse, he's all we've got. I would encourage Shumate to do the same. We should look beyond our personal agendas and toward a greater whole.

Dan J. Krulac
Atlanta



8 VIEWPOINTS

Breaking up is pure hell — especially on a couple's friends

Kaye and Ellie broke up. Can you imagine. We're in shock. We're more than in shock, we're astounded.

Diane beat the lesbian jungle drums from California to find out if we'd talked to Massachusetts which is where Kaye and Ellie still live. Only not together. Any more. Kay found someone else. And moved out. Suddenly, Ellie didn't expect it. Neither did we. We all shared the MCI shock waves. Long distance doesn't matter with news of this catastrophic import.

I'm sorry, I don't think I ever had a chance to introduce you to Kaye and Ellie. You'd have loved them. They were a capital letter COUPLE. Fun to be around. A model of monogamous devotion. (Goes to show you what we knew.) I guess I thought there would always be time. They'd been together nearly 15 years, and we couldn't imagine they wouldn't go for a Guinness Book of Lesbian Longevity record.

They were nearly inseparable. They didn't actually *have* separate names any more. They had one: KayeandEllie. HamandEggs. ShoesandSocks. BurgersandFries. ChristmasandNewYears. SaltandPepper. LoveandMarriage. LoveandMarriage GotogetherlikeaHorseandCarriage. Can't have one without the other. KayeandEllie. You know a couple just like them. Everyone knows a couple just like them. Or, at least you think you know them.

Now the details of a breakup are juicy, but, really, not all that interesting if you don't happen to know the lucky couple (Unless the couple happens to be Martina and anybody Marvin Mitchelson happens to be suing her on behalf of). But, what's important, it seems to me, is how inconsiderate a breakup of this magnitude is. On one's friends.

I mean, really. Shouldn't couples of more than a decade's duration give really serious



Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

consideration to the impact of their actions on their nearest and dearest *before* they take such impactful actions? No, not their honeys. On us. Their bosom confidantes. Have they no feelings for us?

A serious breakup like this seriously damages your illusions. It crumbles the concrete corners of your couples' foundations. It draws faint question marks on the expectations that you two, too, could make it to meganumbers on the anniversary charts. Why, if it could happen to *them*, well, well, then it could happen to anybody. Even you. The last California question Diane asked on the phone was, "How are you two?" The last question we asked her was exactly the same.

"Fine," we all reassured each other. "Fine. Fine. Fine."

Then, of course there is the disruption. Not in their lives. In ours.

Now we'll have to get used to saying, Kaye and Hephsebah. Or Ellie and Ingratiata. Not the same. And it's not as though you didn't know for sure, at some embarrassing moment in the future when one or the other brings her little honey for approval and inspection, that you're going to say, "So what are you and Kaye doing about..." when you should have said, "So what are you and Dementia...etc." Then it's oops, and oh spit. It's gonna happen. Trust me.

And, of course, besides the emotional costs, you have to tally the real ones. Towels for the leftie to shred in endless conversations about the beauty/ugliness of the dear departed. Towels aren't cheap. Neither are cases of crying Kleenex. Not to mention all those flowers, boxes of candy, baubles and cubic zirconia from Home Shopping Network necessary to reassure your own loved one that you ain't headin' South. Ever. Honest. SweetieHoney-PoochiePoo.

Then there's long distance. Reach out and hug someone. Sure, you try for after 11 p.m. when the rates go down. But you can't always wait for a better price to lend a sympathetic ear teletronically. When someone needs to repeat over and over and over, between teeth clenching sobbing, that the formerly beloved was really Satan in thin disguise, and reverses the charges because she hasn't been able to quite get it together to get to work for weeks, do you say, "Sorry, wrong number?" No way. You say, "Huh? Ungrhh. Gruuuuuuu. Mumph? Oh. No. Really. We were awake."

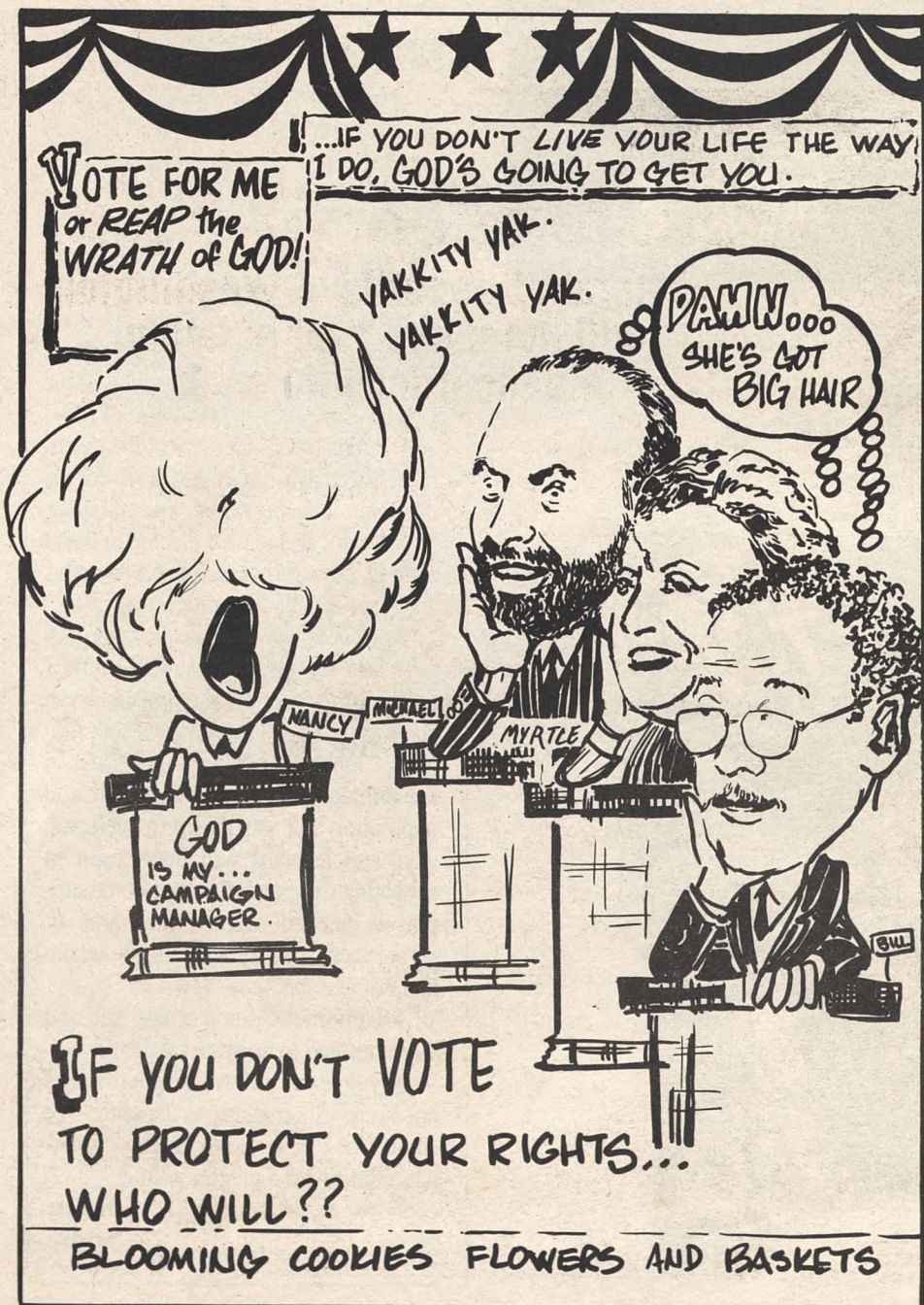
When a couple rifts, it's us friends who get the toughest end of the stick. You have to be careful all the time not to be too agreeable. I mean, it's hard not to say, in the midst of the turmoil, "You're absolutely right, she is a subspecies that wouldn't get past the bouncer in a Star Wars bar. Pond Scum. And you never

should have wasted the happiest decade and a half of your life on her." Or, "Merciful heavens, Kaye, a person does need a little excitement after 14, 15 years. You were absolutely right to go off with Donna Rice to up your adrenaline. Ellie should have understood that." It's so tempting to make judgments. It's a natural law or something. Especially when the event reminds you of the time that your no-good, inconsiderate third lover walked out on you for that bimbo in a corporal's uniform. Or was it the fifth lover who ran off with the gym teacher/bartender/tennis pro/showgirl and, dammit, actually took the engraved set of Arnold Palmer golf clubs you had personally selected for her for your fourth anniversary present—and which you would still personally like to wrap around her personal neck.

No. No. No value judgments. Even if it does seem exactly like the same thing that happened to you when you split after your umpteenth anniversary with the one who did Woody Herman imitations by blowing air through her ears, who had none of the job skills currently listed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and who firmly believed that sex, especially with you, was dirty.

You know what happens. One good agreeable remark, and then next month they work it all out, have long soulful discussions in bed of every little detail of the event, including exactly what they thought they heard you say and what you seemed to mean by it. And then where does that leave you? With two ex-friends. Neither one of whom ever calls you again to invite you to their fabulous, catered house parties in Montauk.

Breakups really are hell. On your friends.



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Lesbian HIV studies raise concerns

San Francisco—The results of two separate studies released October 19 by the San Francisco Department of Public Health indicate that lesbians and bisexual women engaging in unsafe sexual and drug-using behaviors with male and female partners have a high risk for HIV infection.

One of the two studies, "HIV Seroprevalence and Risk Behaviors Among Lesbians and Bisexual Women: The San Francisco/Berkeley Women's Survey," surveyed 498 lesbian and bisexual women 17 years and older at 25 locations in San Francisco and Berkeley. The women were asked questions regarding their behaviors in relation to HIV risk factors and tested for HIV infection and serologic markers for hepatitis B virus and syphilis.

Lesbians and bisexual women participating in the survey reported very high level of injection drug use and unsafe sexual behaviors with male and female partners. Approximately 52 women in the study had used injection drugs since 1978, and 19 reported injecting drugs during the past three years. Among these women, 71 percent reported a history of sharing needles with 31 percent confiding that they had shared needles with gay and bisexual men.

"The results that were surprising and of greatest concern was the high level of injection drug use which we suspected, but also the high level of unprotected sex these women reported having with men," stated Dr. George Lemp, principal investigator of the study. Among the 405 women in the study who reported having sexual relations with men during the past three years, 253 self-identified as lesbian and the remaining 152 self-identified as bisexual. Many of the women who reported having sex with men engaged in unprotected oral (56.3 percent), vaginal (39.9 percent) and anal (10.4 percent) sexual practices. "We're particularly alarmed at the high level of unprotected sex these women reported having with gay and bisexual men and male injection drug users," added Dr. Lemp.

Six women (three African American, two Latinas and one White woman) tested HIV positive. Five of the women were informed and already aware of their HIV status. One woman who had tested HIV positive was unaware of her status and did not return for the final result. Some of the five women were reportedly still engaging in unsafe sexual practices with both male and female partners. "Woman-to-woman transmission for HIV was not clearly evidenced in the study, but lesbians are getting infected with HIV and dying of AIDS, and that is the reality," stated Melissa Jones, project coordinator for the study.

"We expect a continued rise of HIV infection among lesbian and bisexual women because of the alarming number of high risk partners and level of injection drug use in this population," warned Dr. Lemp. Additionally, 27 women tested positive for previous exposure to hepatitis B and two women had markers indicating a past syphilis infection. "Providers as well as activists in the community have to stop saying that lesbians are not at risk for HIV," emphasized Jones.

The second of the two studies, entitled "Health Behaviors Among Lesbian and Bisexual Women: Results from a Community-Based Survey," mirrored and supported many of the results in the first study. This survey of 483 lesbians and bisexual women recruited from various community locations in San Francisco investigated health service utilization, disease history health behaviors and exposure to HIV prevention programs and



Study coordinator Delia Garcia said, "The risk factors found in both studies is that lesbians and bisexual women are engaging in high risk sexual behaviors with men and predominantly gay and bisexual men. It's almost a secret among lesbians that some are in fact having sex with men."

messages.

"Lesbians are an invisible population in terms of HIV and HIV risks and behaviors," stated Delia Garcia, program coordinator for the women's survey. Similar to the HIV seroprevalence survey, the study found high rates of unsafe sexual behaviors among self-identified lesbians and bisexual women. Forty-seven percent of lesbians and 58 percent of bisexual women reported not always using a condom when having sex with men. Additionally, the study found that almost half the women in the survey utilized women's clinics and emergency rooms as their primary source of medical care. "The risk factors found in both studies is that lesbians and bisexual women are engaging in high risk sexual behaviors with men and predominantly gay and bisexual men," exclaimed Garcia. "It's almost a secret among lesbians that some are in fact having sex with men."

"These studies show that prevention programs targeting women must include lesbian and bisexually-identified women because the sexual behavior that they are engaging in with men clearly puts them at risk for HIV infection," stated Valerie Kegebein, Chief of Prevention at the San Francisco Department of Public Health AIDS Office. Almost two-thirds of the women in the second study reported that they had received an HIV antibody test since 1985, when the test was first offered. One woman in the survey reported that she had tested HIV positive. "We have to think of lesbian and bisexual women being at risk because of the behaviors they engage in," emphasized Kegebein.

Among women in the survey who had not been tested, approximately half felt that they were not at risk at all, 22 percent said they did not want to know their HIV status and 11 percent stated being involved in a monogamous relationship as the reason for not being HIV tested. "The results are a message that service providers should not assume that their lesbian clients are only having sex with women and help them feel comfortable enough to talk about their behaviors and address the subsequent risks for HIV infection," added Steve Mills, Assistant Chief of Prevention at the San Francisco DPH AIDS Office.

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Men complain condoms are too tight

London—When it comes to safe sex, size does matter.

A British survey found that almost one in five men complain that condoms are too tight. And too tight condoms—paradoxically—tend to slide off, said researcher Dr. Stuart J. Tovey.

The findings suggest that condoms should be made in a variety of sizes, Tovey said. In many countries, only one-size-fits-all versions are available.

The study is published in the Oct. 16 issue of The British Medical Journal.

Of 281 men surveyed at a London clinic, 19 percent said condoms were too snug. Of those complaining, three-quarters said condoms slipped off frequently and two-thirds said condoms ripped.

"The assumption is that because you can blow up a condom and put it on your head at a party, it ought to be big enough," Tovey said.

But "when you get the condom out of the packet it's rolled up as a tight rubber ring that won't stretch at all."

If a condom is too tight to roll all the way on easily, the ring can enter the man's partner and be rolled off during intercourse, Tovey said.

Also, when men have difficulties put-

ting on condoms, they "usually put their fingers, two from each hand, inside the ring and try to drag it over," Tovey said. As they do that, the condom splits.

British standards specify condoms be from 50 and 54 millimeters (1.97 to 2.13 inches) wide. The World Health Organization recommends condoms be from 49 and 53 millimeters (1.93 to 2.09 inches) wide.

Those guidelines discourage manufacturers from designing extra-wide styles, Tovey said.

"My guess is that the most comfortable condom is going to be a very loose condom," he said. "People are worried that a very loose condom would come off, but I think there must be ways to get around that."

Dr. Richard McDonald of the Physicians Association for AIDS Care in Chicago was more skeptical about the problem.

"A huge number of men" complain about too tight condoms, he said. "The problem is not the condom is too small for the vast majority of men that complain, but their egos are too large."

A 65-millimeter (2.6-inch) wide condom is available in the United States, but McDonald said just as many men complain that it is too tight.

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Navajo AIDS video premiers

Gallup, NM—A Navajo-language video about AIDS is aimed at women of child-bearing age for education and prevention, an Indian Health Service official says.

Donna Leno of the Health Education Branch of IHS headquarters said there were problems making the video. Many aspects of addressing the subject of AIDS are taboo or nearly so in Navajo society.

The original star dropped out because she feared people would think she had AIDS, and children originally cast in the story also backed out, one organizer of the production said.

Many traditional Navajos are afraid to go to IHS pharmacies to get condoms, much less discuss such topics as sexuality, Leno said.

But, she said, traditional Navajo lifestyles focus on maintaining good health and on preventing some diseases, so producers took advantage of those aspects of Navajo life to create the video.

The video, called "Strengthen the Web of Life," had its first showing Oct. 13 before about 100 health professionals and AIDS activists. The video features amateur actors and is narrated in Navajo with English subtitles.

It will be shown to Native American tribes nationwide.

The video was funded with \$30,000 that was part of a larger appropriation from Congress last year for Native American AIDS education efforts, Leno said.

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Imprisoning HIV-positive people worked in Cuba, says researcher

London—Cuba's strict AIDS program, which includes imprisoning HIV positive people, has spared the country the kind of devastating epidemic suffered by nations with more lenient policies, according to an American researcher.

The government enforces partner notification and testing of all sexual contacts. Pregnant women with the HIV virus that causes AIDS are strongly encouraged to have abortions, and people with the virus are isolated.

"The human rights issue does need to be debated, but Cubans seized the moment at the very start of the epidemic. Consequently, the AIDS tragedy one finds in Haiti and Brazil was averted, and this remarkable public health accomplishment must not be lost sight of," wrote Dr. Nancy Scheper-Hughes, a professor of anthropology at the University of California-Berkeley.

Scheper-Hughes' review of the Cuban system is published in the Oct. 16 issue of *The Lancet*, a British medical journal.

Cuba's program has drawn fire because it deprives people with HIV of privacy and freedom.

Dr. Richard McDonald, a trustee of the Physicians' Association for AIDS Care in Chicago, said, "Cuba is known for repressive attitudes toward homosexuality and it's not a free society."

"Certainly taking Draconian action would eliminate AIDS completely. But that action would be worse than the disease."

As of May 31, 927 people in Cuba have HIV and 187 people have full-blown AIDS. Only one child has died of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and three more have the virus.

By comparison, nearby Puerto Rico, with

a population one-third of Cuba's 10 million-plus, has had more than 8,000 cases of AIDS. In New York City, with roughly 7.3 million people, about 43,000 people have AIDS.

Dr. Johan Gieseke wrote in an accompanying commentary in *The Lancet* that encouraging people to be tested, "not a policy of detention, should be the lesson for other countries." Gieseke is a physician at the department of infectious diseases at Huddinge Hospital in Stockholm, Sweden.

In 1985, the Cuban government began testing everyone that had been out of the country since 1981. By 1987, testing was extended to all pregnant women; people with a sexually transmitted disease; and all sexual contacts of infected people.

In 1986, the government opened a sanitarium, run by the military. Patients were not allowed to leave. In 1987, the public health administration took over from the military and redesigned the complex to appear more like an enclosed community than a decrepit institution.

According to the newer rules, after six months, patients can get permission to go home for a few days. They are never allowed to come and go as they please.

"AIDS was never handled in Cuba [as it has been in most Western democracies] as a 'special case,' to be treated gingerly for fear of offending high-risk populations. It was viewed there as just another major threat to public health," wrote Scheper-Hughes.

"Individual liberty, privacy, free speech, and free choice are cherished values in any democratic society," she added. "But they are sometimes invoked to obstruct social policies that favor universal health care, social welfare, and equal opportunities."

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AIDS czar wants sex-positive attitude

Washington, DC—The Clinton administration's AIDS adviser wants the United States to take a more positive attitude towards sex and stop being "a repressed Victorian society."

Kristine Gebbie told a conference on teen-age pregnancy Wednesday that just talking about sex "in terms of don'ts and diseases" is not working.

She said the United States needs to view human sexuality as "an essentially important and pleasurable thing."

Until it does so, "we will continue to be

a repressed, Victorian society that misrepresents information, denies sexuality early, denies homosexual sexuality, particularly in teens, and leaves people abandoned with no place to go," said Gebbie.

"I can help just a little bit in my job, standing on the White House lawn talking about sex with no lightning bolts falling on my head," said Gebbie, a former nursing educator and Washington state health official.

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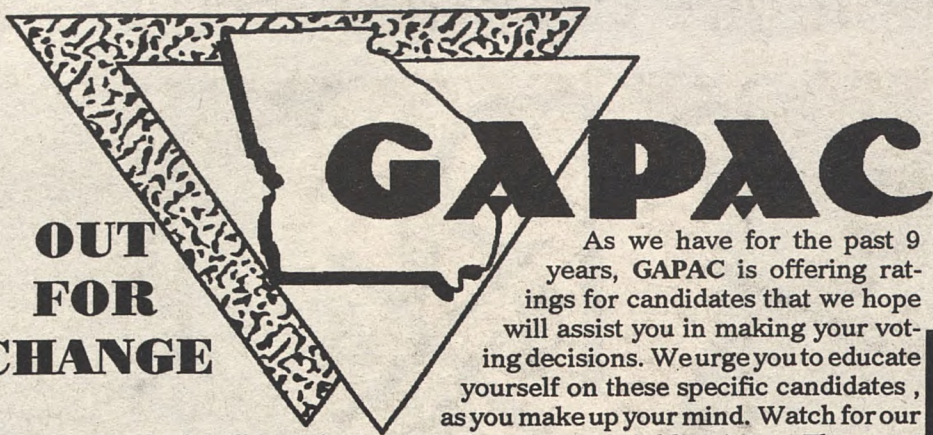
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Couples separated—and brought together—by HIV

Gay or straight, relationships between positive and negative partners present a unique set of challenges

by BRUCE MIRKEN

In 1990 Rebecca Denison's life was sailing along exactly the way she wanted. The Oakland, Calif. paralegal had just won a scholarship to law school and had a thoroughly happy five-year relationship with Daniel Johnston. The two had eschewed legal marriage, but just the year before they had held an informal "wedding" with family and friends to celebrate their commitment to each other. They were talking about having children.

Then, while Johnston was in Guatemala studying Spanish, a friend who was caring for a sister with AIDS decided to get tested for HIV. As a gesture of friendship and support, Denison decided to go along and get tested as well, certain that her results would come back negative.

She was wrong.

In tears, she called Johnston and told him the news, and he immediately rushed home to be with her. Since then, their lives have been turned upside down. Denison's plans for law school have been scrapped, replaced by an unexpected new career educating women about HIV and AIDS through an organization called WORLD (Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases), which Denison founded out of frustration at the lack of available resources. Thoughts of a family have also been put aside, perhaps forever. Three years ago, they were legally married so that Denison could be covered on Johnston's employee health insurance.

But despite the upheavals, or perhaps because of them, both say their relationship is stronger than it's ever been. They don't much care for the terminology that medical or psychiatric professionals use to describe couples of differing HIV status—"serodifferent," "mixed status," and the like. Playing on another meaning of "positive" and "negative," they call themselves a "magnetic couple."

At about the same time Rebecca Denison was getting the bad news about her HIV test, Nancy MacNeil was meeting Mary Lucey in a drug rehab program at American Hospital in Pomona, Calif. They were roommates and soon became lovers, and both vividly remember the start of their relationship.

"Out of respect for you, there's something I

need to tell you," Lucey told her new companion. "I'm HIV-infected."

"Well, out of respect for you, there's something I need to tell you," MacNeil replied. "I snore."

AIDS is a terrifying disease, and HIV has dramatically altered the way Americans—straight, gay, or lesbian—think about sex and dating. For some, the idea of being in a relationship with someone who is HIV-infected is unthinkable, but for couples from all strata of society, love, romance—and sex—between someone who is HIV-positive and a partner who is negative is just another fact of everyday life.

But often it isn't easy.

"In sickness or in health' takes on a very different meaning when it's so short-term," says San Francisco therapist Tom Caldarola, who has been counseling serodifferent couples for nine years. "I think it's safe to say that any negative [who is] in a relationship with a positive probably has to ask themselves the question, 'Is my love strong enough? Am I really willing to go through the long haul?'"

The very meaning of "the long haul" changes when you're living in the shadow of HIV.

"The positive person," Caldarola explains, "may be in a mode of, 'We can't waste time. I want to travel, I want to do such-and-such now, I don't want to wait until you're done with school.' It may mean, 'Let's spend more money now. Why should I save it?' while the negative partner contemplates what it will be like to be left alone."

Such issues are often easier to deal with when two people enter a relationship knowing up front of their differing HIV status. But to some, the very thought of entering into such a relationship is unfathomable. One young man interviewed for an article on HIV and dating last year in the gay lifestyle magazine *Genre* put it bluntly: "Who would want to get into a relationship you know is going to end in death?"

Playwright James Carroll Pickett, 43, and actor-performance artist David Nichols, 33, think they've found at least part of the answer to that question. Pickett had become acquainted to Nichols through the Los Angeles theater and



Rebecca Denison and Daniel Johnston legally married after she discovered she was HIV positive.

performance scene, as well as through their mutual interest in AIDS activism. And because Pickett has been publicly outspoken about his status and had been hospitalized three times with AIDS-related illnesses, Nichols, who is negative, knew exactly what he was getting into when they started dating last February.

Friends, Nichols says, often ask him if he's scared. "No," he answers. "It's something that's always there, but it's not like this sword hanging over my head...There is this huge denial on the part of the public that people with AIDS are still people and they still have needs. They breathe, they go to the bathroom. It's like suddenly they're in this bubble and not to be touched."

Dealing with that stigma at close range, Nichols reflects, has been an education. "I think it's been wonderful for me to be dealing with the moment and always trying to be in the present, because who knows? Who knows how long he's going to be here? Who knows how long I'm going to be here?" He sees the epidemic in larger terms, "as the tip of a great big iceberg that has to do with the planet and what we're doing with it and the denial of the life connections that are inherent...There's more at work in this than we can comprehend."

Romance, of course, often leads to sex. And with a potentially fatal, sexually transmitted dis-

ease lurking in the background, sex can become a minefield of fears and emotional stresses.

Surprisingly, it is often the HIV-positive partner who is most afraid of a sexual relationship. Sally Juc, director of mental health programs at AIDS Project Los Angeles, says she has seen such feelings come up many times in the support groups she runs.

"Often the person who is negative wants more sex, and the person who is positive is worried about accidents—condoms breaking, for example," she says.

Those first days after she tested positive, Rebecca Denison recalls, "I was terrified...my feeling was I never wanted to have sex again." She credits her husband with helping her overcome her terror of possibly infecting him.

"He came off the plane and it was just kind of like, 'No, I love you and I want to be close to you, and we're not going to let this disaster keep us apart. We just have to learn how to live with it.'"

"Learning to live with it" meant making an effort to find out what was safe and what wasn't, and making changes accordingly. These days, Johnston sounds downright matter-of-fact about the necessity of condoms. "We used to take turns being responsible for birth control," he

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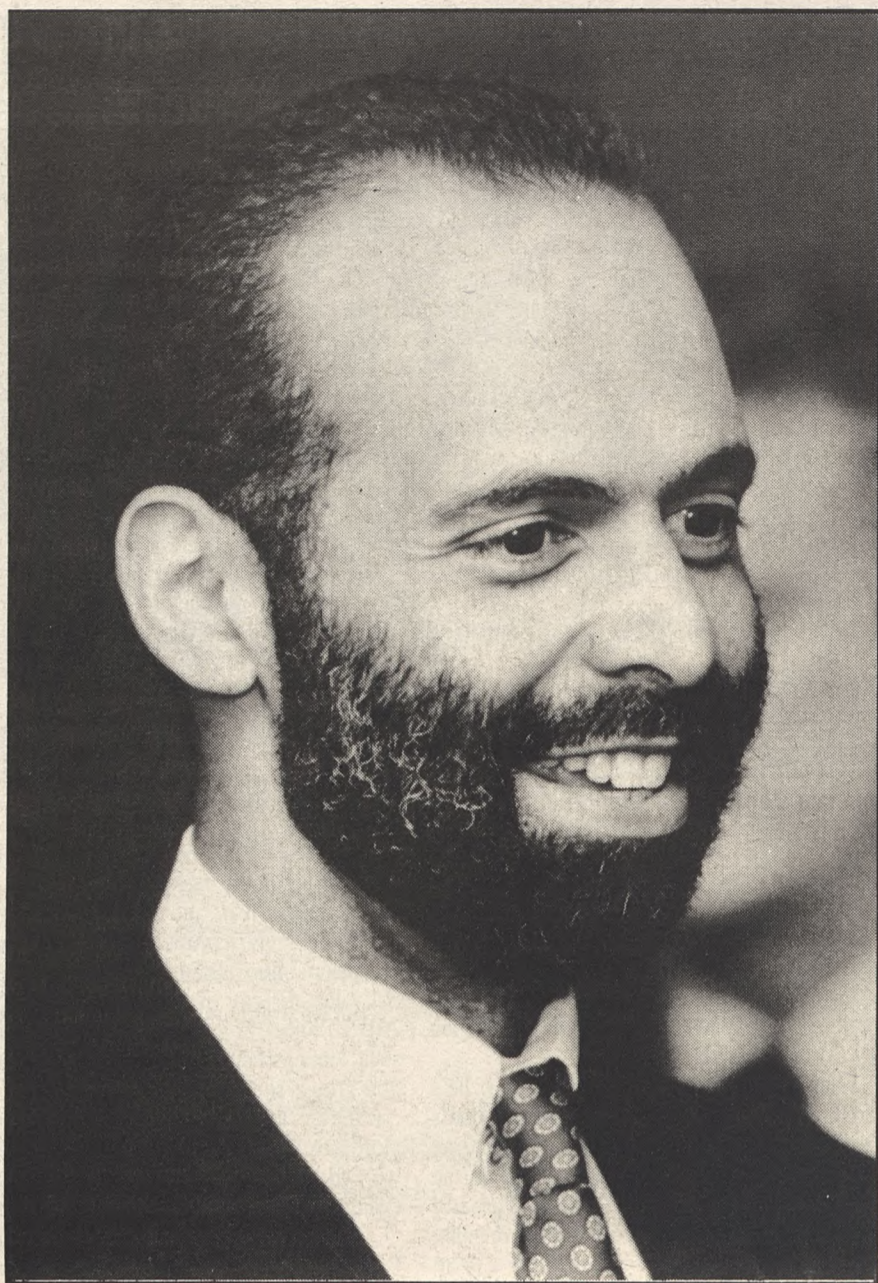
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STRENGTH FOR CHANGE

Couples brought together by HIV

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says. "Now it's always my turn."

Contrary to popular misconception—and occasional deliberate distortions by opponents of safer-sex education—condoms are nearly 100-percent effective in blocking HIV transmission when used properly and consistently. For example, in a European study presented at this summer's Ninth International AIDS Conference in Berlin, researchers followed 245 couples in which one partner was HIV-positive while the other was negative for approximately two years. Of the 123 couples who used condoms for every episode of either vaginal or anal intercourse, none of the HIV-negative partners became infected. Among the 122 irregular condom users, 12 were infected.

But not all of the data on sexual transmission of HIV is so clear cut, and those gray areas force couples whose HIV status differ to make difficult choices about what level of risk is acceptable.

No doubt the biggest such gray area is oral sex. There have been some, but relatively few, cases in which transmission has with reasonable certainty been traced to oral sex. When investigated closely, many of these have involved individuals who had gum disease, cuts, or sores in their mouth, giving the virus a chance to directly enter the bloodstream. Clearly, the risk is increased when a male ejaculates in his partner's mouth. In the absence of these factors, the risk is thought by many experts to be fairly small, but U.S. AIDS educators have generally taken a conservative approach, advising the use of latex barriers such as condoms or dental dams for oral sex.

Negotiating these uncertainties can be a challenge. It was particularly so for Lucey and MacNeil because solid data on lesbian transmission is virtually nonexistent (and such transmission is still not tracked by the federal Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention). In any case, the partners are faced with a choice between real but uncertain risks and possibly having to forego some favorite sexual activities. The whole process is often awkward and stressful.

Some couples find discussing these issues—even with such slight risks as deep kissing—to be a nearly insurmountable obstacle.

Caldarola recalls that he once counseled a couple "in which the positive felt like he didn't want to initiate deep kissing with the negative because he didn't want to flip him out, and the negative didn't want to initiate deep kissing with the positive," because he thought doing so would make his infected partner uncomfortable.

"They never talked about it," Caldarola says, until the subject came up in therapy. Eventually, they each discovered that the other was comfortable with the idea, but by then enough tension had built up around the subject that it took some time before they were actually able to deep kiss.

For Nichols and Pickett, that sort of communication block hasn't appeared. Condom use is automatic, but beyond that the anxiety level has been fairly low.

"I think that there is such a chemistry between us...that those middle areas will take care of themselves," says Nichols. "I don't give a lot of thought to what we're doing or how we're doing it."

"I enjoy sleeping with him, I enjoy rubbing his back," Nichols says. "That still is contact and it's very, very satisfying. I think that's what a relationship is. I think way too much emphasis is placed on 'The Act' to the exclusion of everything else."

At this point Pickett interrupts his partner's monologue: "I think people should fuck every hour of the day if they can, to the exclusion of everything else" he exclaims, and both roar with laughter.

But it is a rare mixed-status relationship in which at least some tensions don't arise. Sex,

after all, is a forest of psychological complexities even before AIDS enters the picture.

And some people consciously choose to take substantial—many would say foolish—risks.

"I actually had a couple tell me they'd made an informed decision not to have safer sex, because they said it was like taking a third person to bed with them and they didn't want to do that," said Imani Ajaniku, field director of the University of California-San Francisco's California Partners Study. "These were intelligent and sophisticated people—they both had master's degrees."

But such attitudes seem to be rare among partners who have learned how to protect themselves. Many consider themselves safer than if they were single and dating, noting that because of the lag of up to six months between when a person becomes infected and when they test positive on the standard HIV antibody tests, you can never be sure that a partner is truly HIV-negative.

"I know about my partner," says MacNeil. "And I know to have safer sex. But if I were single I might think, 'Lesbians don't get HIV' and not even worry about it. I'm a lot safer than other lesbians who are out there in denial."

Disclosure can also take on terrifying implications when the subject is HIV. How do you tell your partner, if he or she doesn't already know? Do you tell your family? Friends? Co-workers? If you do, will they avoid you or treat you differently? Will you lose your health insurance?

This is one area where gay couples have it slightly easier than straights.

"How a person gets HIV in a straight relationship is often a big issue," Calderola explains. "In a gay relationship, we've accepted that having gay sex is a way of getting it, whereas in a straight relationship it often is [acquired in] some way that is not necessarily going to be acceptable or understood by the partner"—such as a previously undiscussed history of drug use or bisexuality. The HIV-infected partner ends up making two painful disclosures in one. And in

both straight and gay couples, it may mean admitting that there has been sex outside the relationship.

Even if the partners are completely comfortable with each other's status, deciding when and how to tell family and friends is often a struggle.

"We didn't tell anyone but a few close friends at first because we weren't sure what was going to happen with insurance," Johnston says.

"Once I tested negative, we set out to very carefully tell our families." It was a major project. Johnston has ten brothers and sisters and Denison has a large family as well, and they felt they had to speak to each relative in person, not over the phone. Telling the families was hard at first, but the repetition made it easier.

"By the time we finished, it was a lot easier for us to tell than for them to hear, we'd told it so many times," he says.

Even if families, friends, and co-workers take the news well, tensions can arise in plenty of other ways. The frustration of watching someone you care about battle an incurable and probably fatal illness can produce intense guilt feelings. And sometimes the HIV-negative person can start to feel that the focus of the relationship is so much on the infected partner that his or her needs never get addressed.

According to Caldarola, "Sometimes the positive person will not really appreciate or believe that the negative one has any issues of their own that need to be dealt with. There's a lot of moral relativization that goes on—'How can you be upset about that when I have HIV?'"

"So when arguments happen, sometimes the HIV-positive person will play that card, and it can feel like, 'We can never have a fair fight. I always lose.'"

In therapy, Caldarola tries to get the HIV-infected partner to acknowledge that his or her uninfected companion has needs and fears of their own. In any case, he says, it's critical for each partner to have their own support system—friends, counselors, or others outside the relationship they can turn to talk things over and let off steam.



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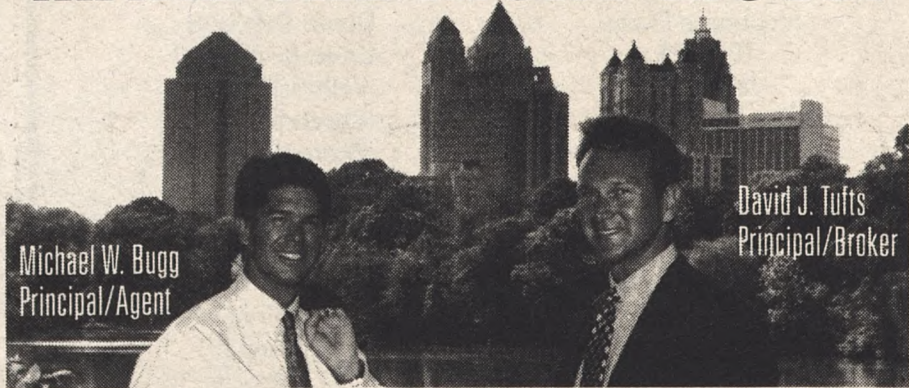
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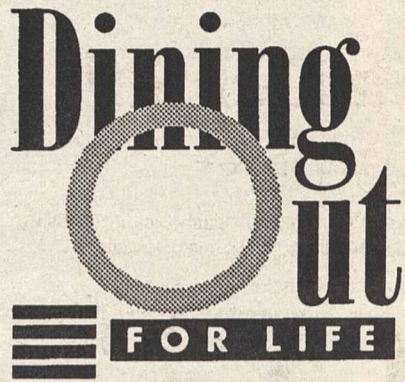


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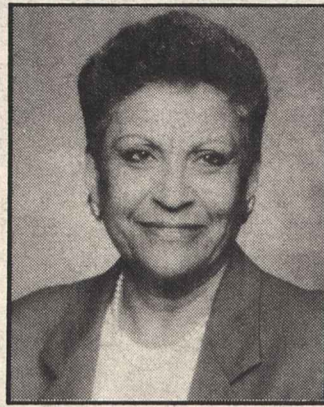
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Liz drops by Jerusalem House

Atlanta—Actress Elizabeth Taylor, in town for a public appearance for her fragrance line, took time out to stop by Jerusalem House—and drop off \$15,000.

Last Monday, in a private visit closed to the press and public, Taylor toured the house in Druid Hills, which is home to 24 people with AIDS. She spent time talking with each of the residents.

"It is clear that Miss Taylor genuinely cares about the needs of people with AIDS," said Louisa Basarrate, development director of Jerusalem House. "We were delighted that Miss Taylor took the time to visit with the people who benefit from our program."

The \$15,000 grant came from The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation, Rich's and Parfums International. The presentation was made at the Rich's store at Lenox Square, where Taylor made an appearance to promote her perfume line.

"The AIDS epidemic and homelessness are two of our nation's greatest challenges. This contribution will allow us to continue providing a real home and care for men and women who would have not place to live without Jerusalem House," said Frank Rozelle, president of the board of Jerusalem House.

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"Boo, I'm a drag queen"

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ties for Halloween night. You also have to choose your high heels carefully, or else your feet will be numb until the second week of November."

Jo also advises Halloween drag queens about the possible hazards of high heels. In fact, Jo suggests a few practice runs before heading out the door with your trick-or-treat bag.

"There's really nothing like walking on a good linoleum floor and then stopping short and posing. If you do that a few times, you'll do fine on Halloween night."

"What bothers me are these so-called Halloween-only drag queens who walk just a little too well in pumps. You know they're playing dress up at home. They look and they walk a little too well for once a year amateurs. I'm willing to bet they're at home in Dunwoody on a Tuesday night vacuuming the house in full get-up."

While Jo admits that there are a lot of gay men who are stand-offish about doing drag for Halloween, he was raised in a North Carolina community that thought otherwise.

"People were very accepting of men in women's clothing," he recounts. "There weren't the preconceived ideas about it like there are today. Our PTA in fact, had a yearly fundraiser called 'The Womanless Wedding' where everybody's dad came dressed as a woman and people would be married by a woman dressed as a preacher. There was no disrespect at all. No one found it off-color or distasteful. It was viewed as fun. We would also have basketball games that would pit the women against the men. The women would wear tennis shoes and the men had to wear the high heels."

Daniel Slack, a representative with Costume Architects in Midtown, agrees that public perception is a big issue for a lot of his clients.

"Seasonal drag queens have a lot more

hurdles to cross, not only with the actual process of putting on the outfit but finding it as well," he says. "Usually the seasonal people have no clue about what to get. That's where we come in. They just tell us, 'I need everything,' and we can usually put together something that looks good. Now, 'good' and 'completely believable' are two totally different things, mind you."

"I can't do much with football player shoulders and Adam's apples. Some guys are just going to have to settle for looking like those guys in the Lite beer commercial. There's no way around it."

Slack says that many once-a-year drag queens call and ask about "private dressing rooms" as well. "I think they're really intimidated by the whole process. We get straight men who come in for female outfits this time of year as well."

Straight or gay, Slack says that everyone always heads for the same rack.

"They all love the glamour stuff. The long elaborate sequined gowns—that's what goes first."

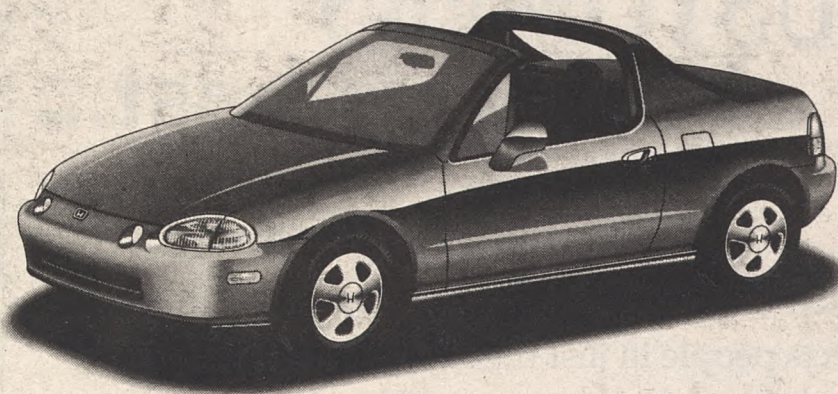
Meanwhile, Joleena Neveroff Tutu-Much (She's a Russian-trained dancer, according to her alter ego), "Josephine" Wild and "Marjorie Evelyn" Hyde have some last minute work to do before the big night.

"I have to practice being dainty, you know," says Jo. "We also have to finalize who's going to bring the lipstick, who's going to carry the blush and the powder in case we glisten and who's going to hold the tube of Crazy Glue and extra fingernails."

"I'll also be bringing a sipping straw with me. Ladies do not drink out of mugs or beer bottles. Then there's the whole matter of trying to figure out how to light a cigarette with fake fingernails."

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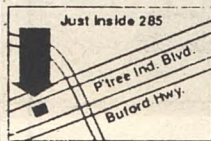
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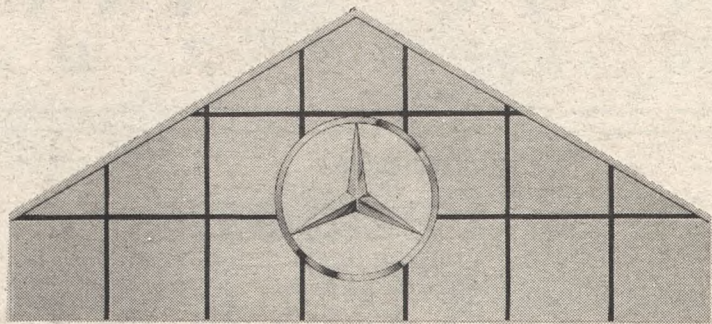
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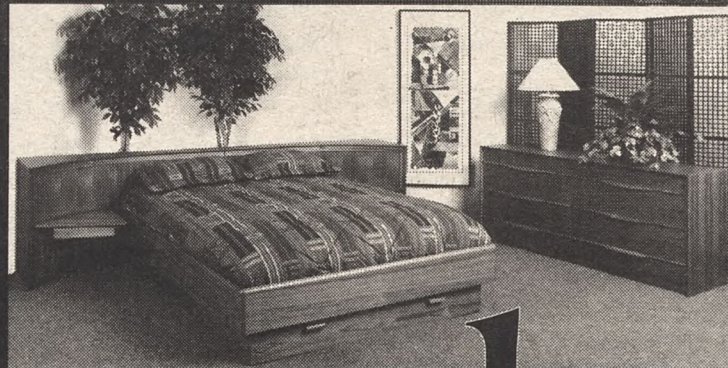


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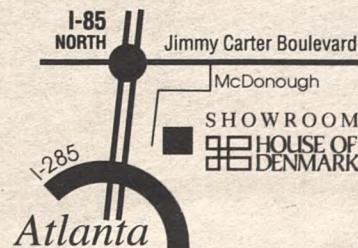
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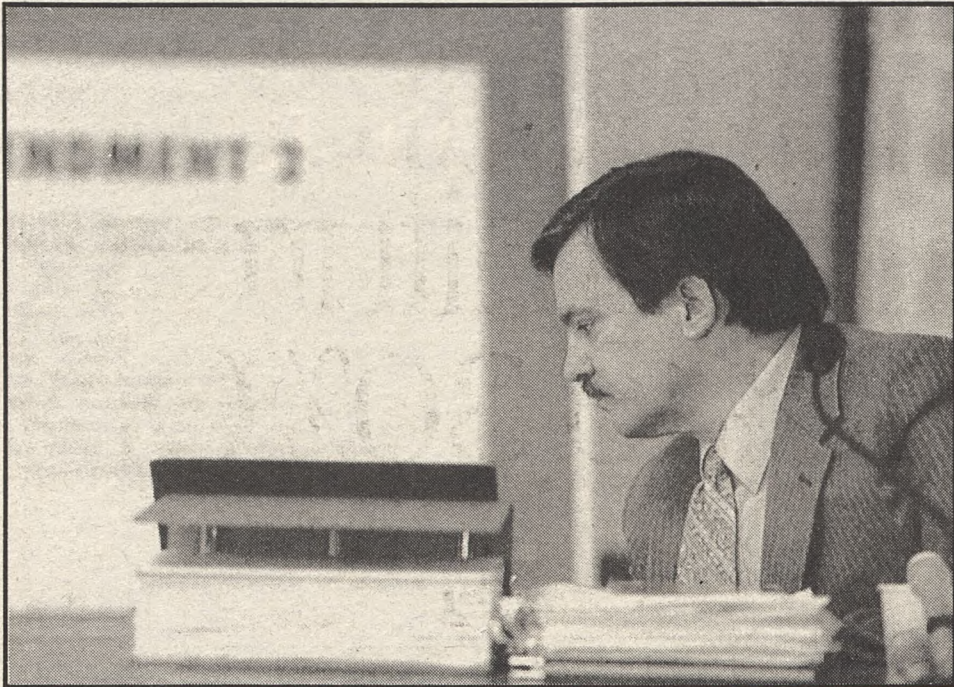
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Tony Marco, one of the authors of Amendment 2, admitted during the trial that supporters of the measure used unfair tactics to insure its passage.

Amendment 2 trial wraps up

Denver—The landmark trial challenging the constitutionality of Colorado's anti-gay/lesbian rights measure, Amendment 2, drew to a close last week.

Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless has not said when he will issue a ruling in the case.

Nearly seven days of trial testimony centered around the constitutionality of Amendment 2, passed by the state's voters last November. A long list of witnesses, many of them lawyers or scholars in political science or philosophy, testified for both sides.

Amendment 2 bars any state or local law protecting the rights of gays, lesbians and bisexuals. The trial was sought by a coalition of six individuals and the cities of Boulder, Denver and Aspen on the grounds that it violates the constitutional rights of gays and lesbians.

The state attorney general's office argued that voters were within their rights to deny that protection, that sexual orientation should not be a basis for protection and that cities should not have the power to enact local protective ordinances.

But attorneys for the plaintiffs produced witnesses who pointed out that being gay or lesbian is not a choice and that gays and lesbians need protection because they make up a politically disadvantaged minority group. Witnesses against the amendment also pointed out flaws in arguments used in passing the measure, including accusations that gays were involved in child molestation.

Even Tony Marco, a co-founder of Colorado for Family Values, who proposed Amendment 2, testified that the group unfairly depicted gays during last year's campaign as promiscuous and likely to sexually abuse children.

Marco said he has since left Colorado for Family Values to start his own group, Dovetail Ministries, whose mission is to help gay men and lesbians cope with their sexuality and assist other people "experiencing conflict."

He would not use campaign tactics like those used in the campaign again, Marco said of Colorado for Family Values' use of film footage from gay rights parades showing gay activists cavorting with one another.

"It unfairly indicts the entire gay community," Marco said.

Meanwhile, the question remains as to whether a nationwide boycott of Colorado will continue if Bayless strikes down Amendment 2.

A number of gay-rights groups want the boycott called off immediately if Bayless rules in their favor. Two key groups, the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado and the gay-organized Colorado Business Council, will vote on the boycott in the next month and are expected to urge its formal end.

But Terry Schleder, of Boycott Colorado Inc., vows the ban will continue—regardless of any ruling on Amendment 2—until Colorado passes a statewide bill protecting gays from discrimination.

"The boycott absolutely will continue," said Schleder, despite critics' claims that Colorado likely won't approve a gay-rights bill for 20 years, if ever.

The Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, a gay-rights legal group, plans to meet with Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund to urge him to lobby East Coast activist groups to end the boycott, said Mary Celeste, a co-founder of Colorado Legal Initiatives Project.

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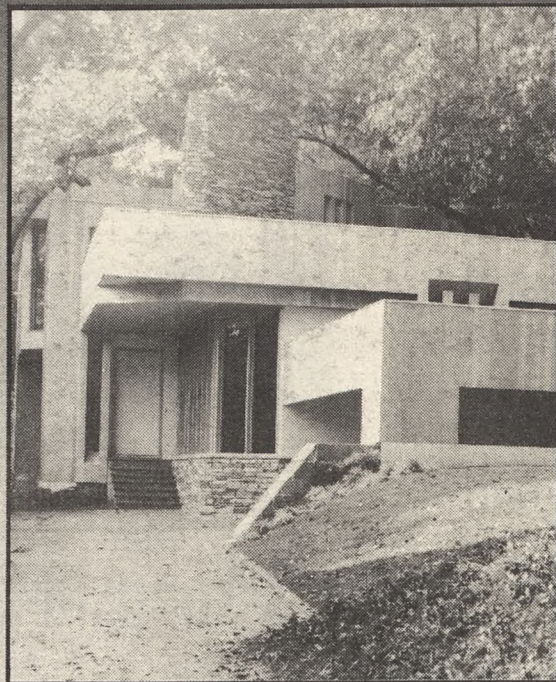
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Richard Dailey, president of Project Open Hand's board and honorary chairman for the event, terms the response from the restaurants "overwhelming and gratifying." Co-chairs for

the event are Janet Selig and Annie Collins.

The concept for Dining Out for Life was developed three years ago in Philadelphia by ActionAIDS. Aubrey Bowie, development director of Project Open Hand, worked out an agreement to bring the event to Atlanta.

"Dining out one day a year is an easy and direct way for both restaurants and the public to help Project Open Hand meet its challenging mission," Bowie said. "Our hope is that the community will fill the participating restaurants on Wednesday, Nov. 3."

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Atlanta volleyball team takes Dallas title

Dallas—The Atlanta Altitude volleyball team came back from the Dallas Sports and Cultural Festival with a first place trophy.

Team Dallas hosted a Sports and Cultural Festival in Dallas over Columbus Day weekend. Patterned after the Seattle Sports Festival, Dallas hopes to start a traditional event in their region of the country. This year's festival was to be used as a "practice round" for teams and individuals who are preparing for the next Gay Games which are in New York City, June 18—25, 1994. "The festival was mostly volleyball and bowling but this is their first year and they can grow from here," says Larry Lucas of the Atlanta Rainbeaus.

The Altitude was one of seven teams that traveled to Dallas for the festival and came back with trophies. Also in the AA bracket were the Smyrna Smackers, who placed third.

"We were very pleased with third place since we've never played in the AA bracket," said Kevin Jerome of the Smyrna team. Also placing

third was Atlanta 57, a new team from Atlanta that competed in the A division. Atlanta placed fourth in the B and BB divisions.

Hotlanta Volleyball Association currently sponsors three nights of play a week. Clinics and open play are held on Wednesday nights, while league play is on Thursdays at Mercer University. At North Druid Hills Methodist Church on Fridays, HVA has recreational play for all levels. HVA teams will be preparing this fall and winter for the upcoming national championships that will be held in Houston, Texas, over Easter weekend.

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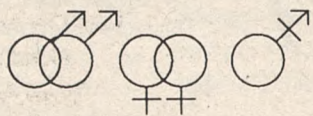
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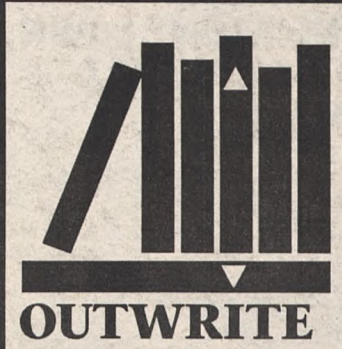
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SoVo general manager Leigh VanderEls turned 33 on Oct. 22. Her son Chase flew in from Charlotte for the occasion. She celebrated the birthday privately with close friends.

Happy birthday to John Ellis, who will turn 30 on Nov. 1.

Best birthday wishes to Russ Rucker on Oct. 26 from Keith.

ANNIVERSARIES

Oops, SoVo goofed. We incorrectly reported the number of years CJ Clark and Mary Edwards were celebrating last August—the correct number is six. CJ and Mary did confirm that the ceremony of the heart and the honeymoon were still great, though.

Marshall L. Williams and Jeffrey S. Walker celebrated their fourth anniversary on Aug. 25 by registering as domestic partners with the city of Atlanta, followed by a weekend trip to Cashiers, N.C. and then the opening of their new business, Really Rustic at



Daniel Pasqueletti-Bevins celebrated birthday number one on Oct. 18.

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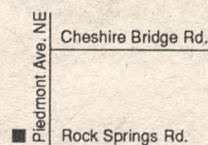
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Howard W. Street

Peacefully on October 15, 1993, my best friend and companion, Howard W. Street, 35, left this life to be in heaven after a 10-year battle with AIDS.

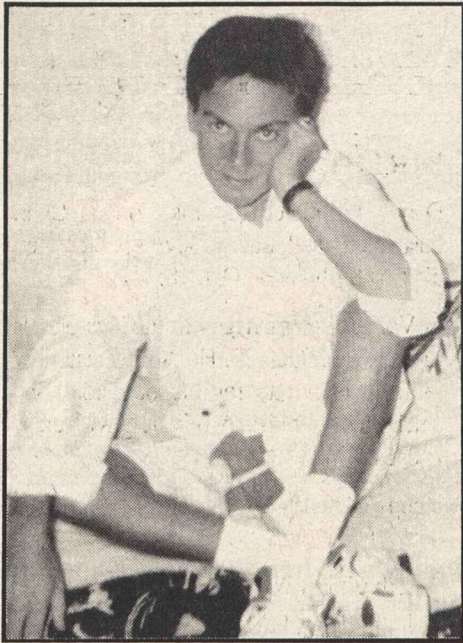
Howard was a lifelong resident of Atlanta and at the time of his departure lived at the Landmark Apartments, our home.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in Howard's memory should make it to Project Open Hand/Atlanta.

I'll miss Howard, and I am a better person for having been loved by such a loving man.

May Howard's soul and all the souls of those departed rest in peace.

—Victor Corasaniti

**To place an obituary**

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COMMUNITY NEWS**Project Open Hand/Atlanta Cookbook**

Volunteers and friends of Project Open Hand are in the process of writing the first Project Open Hand cookbook.

Members of the community are being invited to submit their favorite recipes for the cookbook, designed as a way to acknowledge volunteers, share great recipes and raise money for meals.

To submit recipes or for more information, call Stephen Woods at (404) 525-4828, or John Fritchie at (404) 373-9649 as soon as possible. The mailing address is 1801-R Euclid Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 31.

Diversity Chorale forming

The Atlanta Diversity Chorale, a new choral organization forming in the Atlanta metropolitan area, is seeking members. The new mixed chorus celebrates the power and diversity of its members and their communities. The group will focus on its members' individual growth through continuing musical education and planned performances. All levels of experience and backgrounds are welcome. Weekly rehearsals are planned for Tuesday evenings at 7:30. Contact Joe Moore at 739-5607 for more information and location.

Ryan White funds available

Funds are now available through the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act for programs that provide HIV health care and support services for individuals with HIV disease and their families. Public and private non-profit health service providers may receive applications by calling Joe Ann Stewart at 657-3129. The application deadline is Nov. 30. Allocation of funds will be made in an equitable manner without regard for race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or religion of the client population.

NOW Lesbian/Gay Task Force

The Atlanta chapter of the National Organization for Women is forming a new Lesbian and Gay Task Force. The group is planning an array of political actions in conjunction with other Atlanta gay and lesbian activist groups, along with social activities and consciousness raising events. It meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Call Robin Day at 636-7435 for the meeting location.

The group's first event will be an open house on Thursday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m., at 1045 Hudson Drive in Virginia-Highland. NOW members, non-members and friends are invited to attend.

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- She currently serves on the City Council's Executive, Finance and Human Resources Committees.
- She has been elected President Pro Tem of the City Council.
- She is a skilled consensus builder and serves as a voice of reason on the often divided Atlanta City Council.
- She is adept at handling complex governmental issues and she is skilled in the day to day governmental process.

Mary Davis is *Principled and Committed* And has shown *Active Leadership*:

- She believes in honesty and integrity in City government and adherence to the highest levels of ethical behavior. She has introduced her own tough ethics legislation.
- Her philosophy of government is based on inclusion and citizen participation, and she believes decisions based on reason and consensus are strong and lasting.
- She has been the City's leader in neighborhood preservation for more than two decades.
- She has vigorously fought to preserve Piedmont Park.
- She has long been a champion of human rights, fighting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender, age, race, ethnicity or disability.
- She sponsored and successfully fought for Atlanta's Domestic Partnership legislation—twice.
- She had questions about sodomy removed from police applications and initiated police recruit sensitivity training in lesbian and gay issues.
- She successfully sponsored a city tax rollback to offset property value increases and led the effort to increase homestead exemptions for senior citizens and for all homeowners.
- She has led environmental protection efforts, bringing citywide curbside recycling to Atlanta.
- She worked to improve the economic conditions of our neighborhoods, and her successful effort to relocate City Hall East in the old Sears Building places more than 500 City employees in the Ponce de Leon business corridor daily.
- She has worked for improved public safety in our neighborhoods, supporting Neighborhood Watch and locating police mini-precincts within our neighborhoods.

Mary Davis *Listens* to her Constituents:

- When Midtown was swamped with uncontrolled festival events occurring at Piedmont Park, Mary Davis met with neighborhood leaders and brought their concerns back to the City to develop preventive measures for the future.



- She has worked to provide City support for the arts.
- When neighborhoods complained about speeding through their streets, Mary Davis obtained increased speed checks in these areas and worked with the neighborhood leaders for workable solutions to control speeding.
- Mary Davis worked with neighborhood leaders to prevent the implementation of the ill-conceived CSO facility in Piedmont Park, and to develop a plan which improves and expands Piedmont Park.
- She has been Atlanta's leader in the preservation of our neighborhoods, including her leadership to stop the superhighway that would have destroyed our neighborhoods.

Mary Davis has shown *Concern*:

- Mary Davis led the rezoning effort for Jerusalem House, which provides dignified, caring housing to persons living with AIDS.
- She supported the relocation of the Grady IDC to the new, modern Ponce de Leon Center, working with community leaders on design issues.
- She has sponsored significant legislation promoting women's health, protecting women's rights, and supporting women's freedom of choice.

Mary Davis has shown *Service* to her Community:

- She serves on the State AIDS Task Force and is chairperson of its Legislative Committee; the Mayor's Infrastructure Task Force; and the National League of Cities Advisory Council.
- She is a past President of the Morningside-Lenox Park Neighborhood Association.
- She is a successful businesswoman and is a member of the Atlanta Board of Realtors.
- She has served on the Boards of Directors of Friends of Piedmont Park, the Dancers' Collective, Atlanta AIDS Interfaith Network, the National Association of Regional Councils, the National League of Cities, Public Technology, Inc., and the Women's Advisory Council.
- She is secretary of the Corporation for Olympic Development in Atlanta (CODA).
- She has been national President of Women in Municipal Government; she is an alumna of Leadership Atlanta; and she was a founder of Atlanta's Transportation Coalition and the City-Wide League of Neighborhoods.
- She is a past Vice-President of the League of Women Voters of Atlanta-Fulton County.
- She has served on the State Democratic Committee, the Democratic Party's National Strategy Council and has been a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.
- She has served on the City's Future Funding Commission, the Atlanta Regional Commission's Regional Development Planning Council, the Community Council and the Georgia Commission on the Status of Women.

Mary Davis is *Prepared for the Future*:

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FEM 2 FEM

Dance group rides the wave of lesbian chic—even though only two of the women are gay

by PAMELA EVANS

They want to shatter stereotypes, reach mainstream audiences, advocate gay rights and counsel gays and lesbians who are afraid to come out.

They want to teach about women loving women. They want to make the religious right see that living with lesbians and gays doesn't have to be scary. In some ways, they hope to shake up the world, wake up the world.

And they're already on their way to doing some of that, at least the part about shaking up the world.

Who are they?

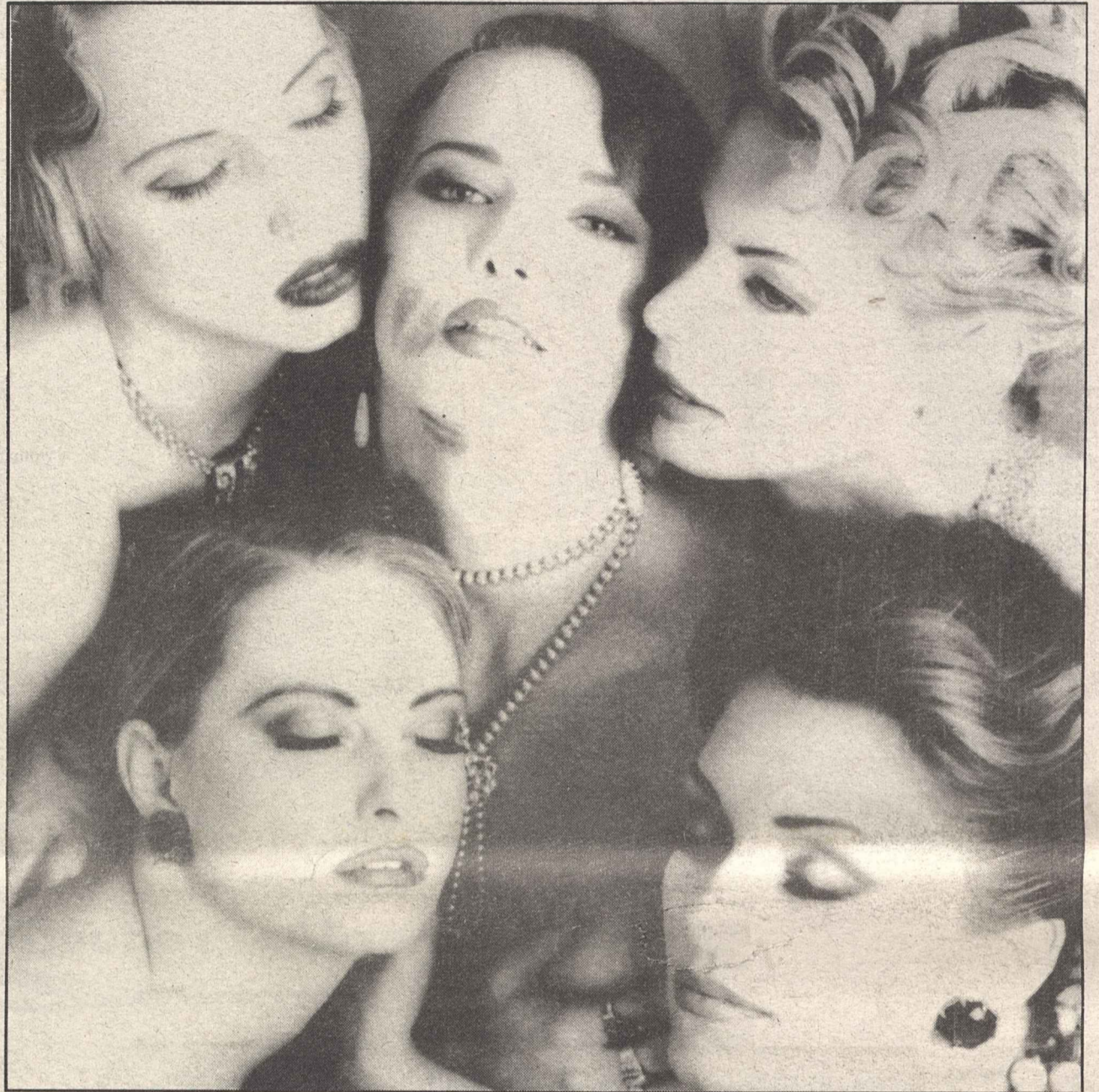
Well, you're wrong...no, you're *real* wrong if you're thinking a new organization has come to town, one equipped with trained volunteers and educated counselors.

No, these earnest optimists intent on making a difference call themselves Fem 2 Fem. And they aren't a organization. What they are is a hot new dance band with a twist who are based out of Los Angeles and who come equipped with the optimism of youth (all are 25 or younger) and enough talent and beauty to get anyone's attention (straight or gay).

The twist is Fem 2 Fem is being billed as a band not afraid to be "openly expressive about their sexuality." Press releases tie the band's formation to the recent lesbian chic media wave in America. From *Vogue* to *Rolling Stone*, from "Roscanne" to "Seinfeld," lesbians are a hot topic. According to their publicists, Fem 2 Fem are taking advantage of an opportunity.

And they're getting all kinds of attention because of it. Recently the group or some of its members have been featured on "Geraldo" and *Howard Stern*. In November, they can be seen on "Maury Povich" and "Joan Rivers."

The five members are Michelle Crispin, 25, Julie Park, 24, L.D., 25, Christina Minna, 25, and Lynn Pompey, 22. A further



twist, particularly for a band that uses lesbian sexuality to attract attention, is that only two of the members, Pompey and Minna, are gay. Park describes herself as bisexual while Crispin and L.D. are straight, emphatically so.

So why do straight women want to be in a band that appears to promote lesbian sexuality?

"Some of my friends have said, 'But people will think you are a lesbian,'" explained Crispin. "Now I say, 'So what?'"

But the Jacksonville native didn't always feel that way. "I had reservations in the beginning. My parents were confused. We sat down and talked. And now I've been with the band for a year."

Although Crispin had always considered herself supportive of gay and human rights, not until she joined Fem 2 Fem was she really exposed to the difficult life that gays lead. "Because I am often thought to be a lesbian, I am discriminated against. I do experience much of the same prejudice," she said.

Another member, L.D., of Dallas, Texas, describes the ways she has grown since joining the band. "I've learned a lot about being a woman. I've had to make real gut decisions about what I

believe in."

What the group agrees they all believe in is that the world needs to change and let everyone be who he or she wants to be. They passionately describe their frustration with people who condemn others for who they are.

"I see this thing, the band, as a gift. To not only get to sing, but to sing about being gay," said Minna. "We aren't trying to be role models. We are musicians first and foremost. But music breaks down walls."

"It always comes down to sex. Sex isn't what we are about. We are even asked by people if we sleep together. This is so much more than that. It's a spiritual thing, an emotional thing. We are embracing our sexuality. We aren't going to hide it away. This is who we are," she said.

Yet members of the group are not being naive about the next wave of criticism they are likely to receive—from the lesbian and feminist communities—because they agreed to an interview and pictorial in *Playboy*.

"I had to really think about it," said Crispin, who refused to

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Lambda's Halloween benefit soiree set for Saturday

"Nightmares to Dreams" is the theme of Atlanta Lambda Community Center's second annual Halloween Masquerade Ball.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Lowe Gallery, which is located at 75 Bennett Street. The ball starts at 9 p.m. and is scheduled to continue until 2 a.m.

The fun-filled evening includes a costume contest/pageant, door prizes, a silent auction, roaming street performers and a buffet featuring food and refreshments from some of Atlanta's finest restaurants. The emcee is Hal Gresham, a.k.a. Peg from Etcetera.

The theme ties in with the dream of the Atlanta Lambda

Community Center—a building complex that will provide safe, comfortable meeting space for community groups, house an archival museum that will preserve and display the history of Atlanta's lesbian/gay community and to be a catalyst for positive social change for all communities.

"I'm very excited about this year's event and the energy of the team of volunteers organizing the Halloween Ball. The 'Nightmares to Dreams' theme really allows for a tremendous amount of creativity for party goers and for our team as we 'set the stage' for the event," says Shelly Robbins, chairperson of the 1993 Halloween Ball. "The Atlanta Lambda Community Center is

such a wonderful project, and I'm proud to be able to make a contribution to the dream."

During this year's event, Lowe Gallery director Robert Sherer will showcase works from lesbian and gay artists (a show that premiered Oct. 7), as well as works from world-famous African American sculptor Artis Lane and Lebanese-American painter Chawky Frenn.

Tickets are limited to 1,000 and will be available for \$10 at The Boy Next Door, Brushstrokes, Charis Books, Funny Business and, for credit card holders, the offices of Etcetera Magazine.

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CURRENT EVENTS & SOULS ON FIRE.

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OPEN HOUSE AT AID ATLANTA. Here is an

opportunity to see for yourself how AID Atlanta operates and understand the services they provide to the HIV+ community. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to answer questions and relate the volunteer opportunities available. 5:30-8:00 pm. 1438 W. Peachtree St. 872-0600.

HARVEST MOON STROLL. Celebrate the harvest moon at Atlanta Botanical Garden with the annual Moon Stroll. Wear a costume or come as you are. 9:00 pm. Atlanta Botanical Garden in Piedmont Park. 876-5859.

THE ART OF DREAD LOCKS. Atlanta writer Wanda Johnson will enlighten and inform you about dread locks—how to get them, why they are worn and what are the cultural and spiritual beliefs. 7:30

pm. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

29 **FRIDAY**

ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Yakov Kreizberg, Music Director and Chief Conductor Designate of the Komische Oper Berlin, leads the ASO and soprano Roberta Alexander in a selection of Mozart opera arias. Tonight and Sat night. 8:00 pm. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

PILL HILL. Jomandi Productions opens its 15th anniversary season with this provocative drama about the frustrations of six black males spanning 10 years, beginning in the early 1970s. Through Nov. 21. 14th St. Playhouse. 873-1099.

BOYHOOD: GROWING UP MALE. A workshop for men that will explore many dimensions of boyhood experience with an emphasis on healing wounds suffered based on gender roles. Facilitated by Franklin Abbott, LCSW and Neale Lundgren, PhD. \$75-90. Today and tomorrow. Contact Abbott at 874-8294 or Lundgren at 434-4568 ext. 3586 for particulars.

30 **SATURDAY** **31** **SUNDAY**

LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER HALLOWEEN BALL. Come out in any kind of drag you want 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.

HALLOWEEN BASH AND COMING OUT PARTY. The Bisexual Atlanta Resource Network invites you to attend this party in honor of the official announcement of Atlanta's first bisexual resource network. Local performers, a bi-erotic slide show and a costume contest round out the evening. 8:00 pm. 800 East Arts Center. 738-3489 for more info.

AN AMERICAN SAMPLER: QUILTS IN THE HIGH MUSEUM OF ART. A superb selection of home-spun and hand-style quilts goes on exhibit today at the newly renovated High Museum of Folk Art and Photography Galleries in the Georgia-Pacific Center. On view through Dec. 31. Free. 892-HIGH for more info.

THE MONSTER SHOW. Put on your costume and take yourself on down to Symphony Hall for two concerts (1:30pm and 3:30pm) of spooky favorites and classics designed for kids, but likley to engage the kid in any of us. Tickets are \$12. Reservations, 892-2414.

1 **MONDAY**

RUBY IN PARADISE. Filmed in 1992 in Panama City, FL this film focuses on Ruby Lee Gissing who is on the run and determined to find something better than the closed, rough life in the mountains of East Tennessee. This is the Atlanta premiere of the Victor Nunez film which won the prestigious Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival. 7:30 pm. Garden Hills Cinema. 352-4225.

AMELIA EARHART. The first woman to fly solo across North America was a national heroine. In 1937, she set out to be the first to circle the earth along the equator—never to be heard from again. Learn all about this American legend in this "American Experience" special. 10:00 pm. GPTV. Channel 8.

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.



songwriters in a benefit performance for Cobb Citizens Coalition and Theatre in the Square. Joanne Woodward and Paul Newman will match funds raised by this event. Come out and hear great music and support those fighting to keep Cobb County free of hate politics. 7:30 pm. Southern Tech Theatre. \$15. 977-3586.

portion of each meal to Project Open Hand. For more info and a list of restaurants call 525-4737.

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.

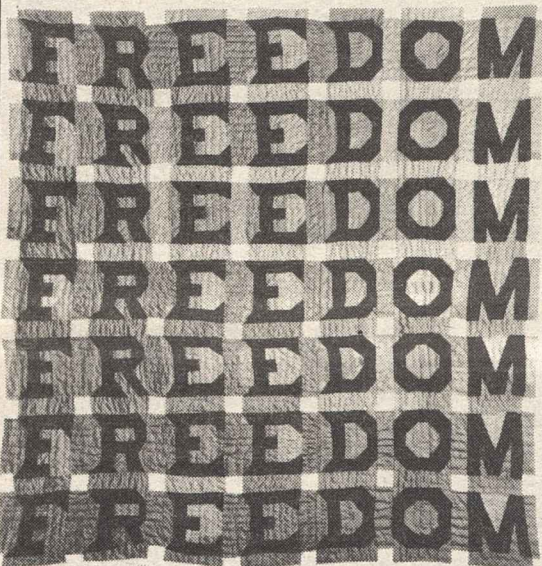
3 **WEDNESDAY**

EULA MAE'S BEAUTY, BAIT AND TACKLE. Weds.-Sat. with Sat & Sun matinees. This hilarious local production by Frank Blocker and Chuck Richards is packed with wacky characters based on the author's families and friends. You know what they say about truth being stranger and funnier than fiction. Runs through Dec. 11. 14th Street Playhouse. 355-8057 for reservations.

DINING OUT FOR LIFE. For the price of a delicious meal at select restaurants, Atlantans can help feed people with AIDS. 97 Dining Out For Life restaurants will donate a

PICTURED: LEFT: The colorful "Freedom Quilt" will be on view at the High Museum of Art at Ga. Pacific Center from Oct. 30 through Dec. 31.

BELOW: Eula Mae's Beauty, Bait and Tackle opens on Nov. 3 at 14th St. Playhouse. ABOVE: Take yourself and/or the kids to the "Monster Show" Sunday night at Symphony Hall for some ghoulish sounds. Photo by James E. Fitts



O N G O I N G A N D U P C O M I N G

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

SIL0 X: A HAUNTED HOUSE. Thurs thru Sun nights in Oct. Spanning the length of three football fields, Silo X features lasers and extensive sound and lighting systems. Totally ghoulish. Perimeter Mall. 645-7900.

BEOWULF. Through Oct. 31. Theatrical Outfit presents this original adaptation of the oldest surviving literary work in the English language, dating back to 1000 A.D. in written form. The play is staged with audience members seated at banquet-style tables while the story unfolds around them. Theatrical Outfit, 1012 Peachtree St. 872-0665.

NUNSENSE II, THE SECOND COMING. Through Nov. 6. This musical comedy sequel to

Nunsense has been held over. The play features the same five hysterically funny nuns, now smitten with the theatre bug and ready to put on a thank you program for all the people who supported them in their first benefit. Onstage Atlanta. 420 Courtland St. 897-1802.

TWO TRAINS RUNNING. Through Nov. 14. Kenny Leon directs this latest work by Pulitzer Prize-winner August Wilson, an ongoing chronicle of the lives of 20th century African Americans. Set in the tumultuous 60s, this play turns a sensitive ear to the quiet echoes of mighty changes in commomplace lives. Alliance Theatre. 892-2414.

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION. Through Nov. 14. Horizon Theatre opens its 10th anniversary season with this brilliant Broadway hit comedy about a charming stranger, Paul, who manipulates an affluent Manhattan couple to take him into their cozy world. Unraveling the mystery of Paul, which includes the discovery that he is gay, changes everyone involved. The Oct. 24 performance will be audio described. Horizon Theatre. 584-7450.

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

ART AT THE EDGE: RAY SMITH. Through Jan. 2. This exhibit at the High, which features a new cycle of paintings by Ray Smith, is held in conjunction with "Mexican Tapestry", a celebration of Mexican culture presented by Atlanta's Cultural Olympiad. Smith, who was raised in central Mexico, draws upon Mexican tales, popular culture and the rich legacy of Mexican modern art in his work. High Museum of Art. 892-HIGH.

DOUBLE TAKES: A NEW LOOK AT THE HIGH. Through Jan. 2. The High Museum of Art marks its 10th anniversary of its award-winning building with a major exhibition celebrating the breadth and

variety of its permanent collections. Double Takes places seemingly unrelated works from every major collecting area side-by-side to illustrate the recurrence of key themes in art of every medium and genre from different periods and parts of the world. 892-HIGH.

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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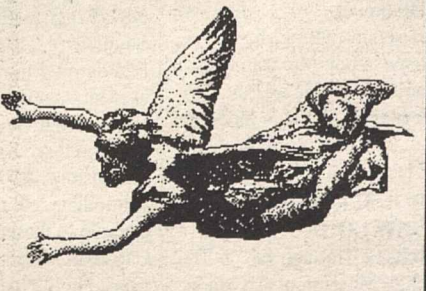
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New Atlanta history museum opens its doors

Collection of lesbian/gay memorabilia part of \$11 million facility

Just in time for the 1996 Olympics, the 1994 Super Bowl and undoubtedly all the conventioners and tourists planning to visit Atlanta next year, the Atlanta History Center unveiled the new Atlanta History Museum as the city's newest attraction on Oct. 23.

Though Atlanta is relatively a young city historically speaking, it is definitely not short on history, counting the Civil War, industrialization, the civil rights movement and its current status as the next Olympic city.

The new Atlanta History Museum is one of the largest museums devoted to urban and suburban history in the United States. The facility, which was built at a cost of more than \$11 million, boasts 83,000 square feet in total area, 30,000 square feet of which is dedicated exclusively to interpretations of Atlanta history. The atrium of the museum was built of materials native to Georgia, including a floor mat of heart pine and polished Stone Mountain granite.

The design of the building itself, and the landscaping of the grounds, reflect regional character. The museum building, designed by Gordon Smith at Heery International in Atlanta, uses local materials extensively. Plants native to the Georgia Piedmont were used in landscaping.

Permanent collections to be found in the museum include the DuBose Civil War Collection and the John A. Burrison Folklife Collection. Executive Director Rick Beard says of the collections, "The quality and scope of the history exhibitions the public will experience in the Atlanta History Museum will be a first for the city. We are eager to share our expanded resources with all of Atlanta's citizens and with visitors from around the world."

The five opening exhibits at the museum not only reflect Atlanta's past, but also predict the city's future. The first, "Metropolitan Frontiers: Atlanta 1835-2000," will be a permanent exhibit, starting with Atlanta's earliest history as a Native American settlement and pioneer outpost through the city's current

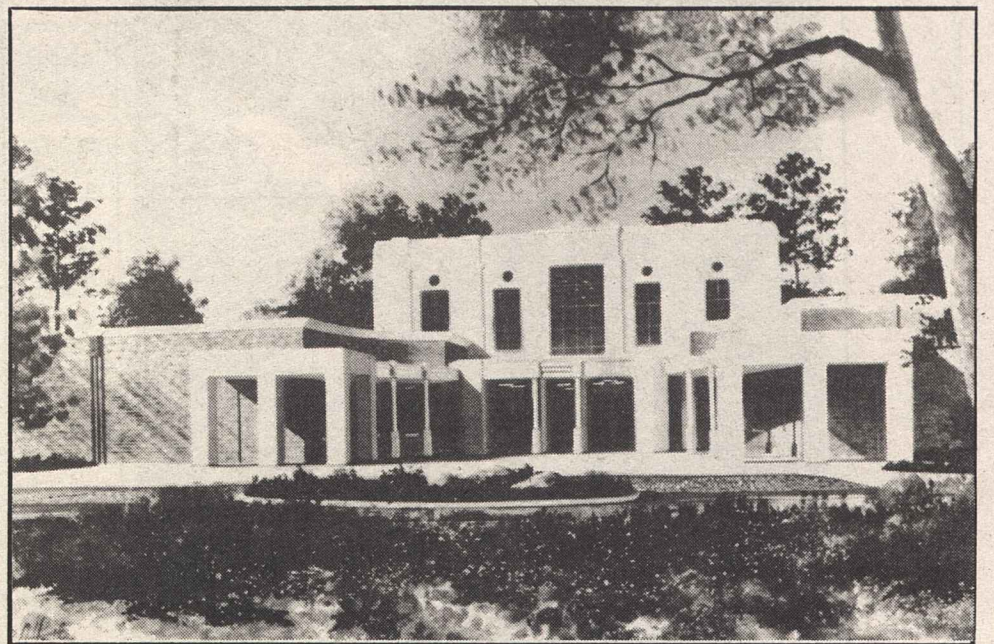
international status and into the 21st Century. Visitors will be able to peruse hundreds of photographs and artifacts, including an entire 1890s shotgun house and a horse-drawn fire engine used by the fire department in the tragic 1917 fire.

"Gone for a Soldier: Transformed by War, 1861-1865" attempts to evoke the emotions, idealism and ultimate despair of the common soldiers of the Civil War, most of whom were forever altered by a war that was fought and ended as few of them could even imagine. Using simple items like pocket knives, canteens and tin cups used by the soldiers, the collection recreates the day-by-day sacrifices these men made for a cause they believed in completely.

The creation of an African-American elite class immediately following the Civil War is the subject of "The Herndons: Style and Substance of the Black Upper Class in Atlanta, 1880-1930." Alonzo Herndon, Atlanta's first black millionaire, founded the nation's largest black-owned insurance agency, and the exhibit tells his remarkable story.

Folk crafts have always been an integral part of Southern tradition and "Handed On: Folk Crafts in Southern Life" features baskets, textiles, musical instruments and pottery, all handmade and products of generations-old lore.

"Days to Remember: Atlanta's Cultural Calendars" celebrates Atlanta's multi-cultural diversity by examining the special days that ethnic and immigrant communities remember and honor. A photographic showing, taken over the last year to accompany the exhibit, is used to illustrate the story.



The Atlanta History Museum is located in Buckhead on West Paces Ferry Road

A visit to the new Atlanta History Museum can also include touring the Swan House, the Tullie Smith Farm, the gardens and the research library/archives. Especially notable is that the archives includes an extensive collection of gay and lesbian memorabilia, including photographs, manuscripts and periodicals. History Center spokesperson Anne Isenhower reports that the collection is currently being catalogued and that an exhibition for a future date is not out of the question. "The Historical Society feels that the collection is necessary and that gays and lesbians represent an important part of Atlanta's history," she says.

The Atlanta History Center is located at 130 West Paces Ferry Road and museum hours are 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon until 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call (404) 814-4000.

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do full nudity. "We were given the choice, either to do it or not to. We were clear that we didn't want to do the traditional Playboy thing, with the boas and stuff. We wanted something with more edge. And we were fortunate that they let us have a lot of creative input."

The members are happy with what they believe will be a good and important piece, which they describe as "sophisticated and elegant." And they fiercely defend their right to be in a magazine that is often criticized for perpetuating female stereotypes.

"We expect a backlash. But the whole idea is to educate people and reach people. You have to do that through mainstream magazines," said Pompey.

One reason they believe they already shock and get the straight community's attention is because they all appear to be exceedingly feminine. They realize many people still have the mistaken impression that lesbians are all masculine.

"I'm the butch member of the band. When we go in for an interview, we always ask which members they think are lesbians. I'm always the first one picked, and I'm straight," said L.D.

Yet they also suspect they are shattering stereotypes for some in the lesbian world as well. They even expect their lesbian members may be accused of not being gay.

"I've been in gay bars before and women think I'm in the wrong bar," said Pompey. "I love being feminine. This is who I am."

The group's music was carefully selected to appeal to all kinds of people, again in an effort to reach different types of audiences. "It's eclectic. There's something for everyone—dance music, ballads, reggae," said Park, who is from Ohio and until last year was working as a financial consultant at Kent State.

She disagrees that the group, who each had to audition to join Fem 2 Fem, was formed as a result of the recent popularity of lesbian culture. "We are over a year and a half old," she said. "Our manager came up with the concept before any of the magazine articles about lesbians came out."

But the members do all agree that their beauty is helping them get the public's attention—that and the erotic and theatrical aspects of their

performances. A video of their first single, "Switch," from their debut album "Woman To Woman" is labeled "X-Rated" on the cover and contains partial nudity, a lot of touching and stroking and sexually provocative costumes.

What the band members are saying in interviews has also made Fem 2 Fem controversial. "We were cancelled in Corpus Christi, Texas after someone saw us interviewed on CNN," said L.D., who declined to give her full name. "They just got scared."

They have also had to deal with their own fears. Due to the increasing popularity of Fem 2 Fem, the members, particularly the two gay members, had to consider how their families and friends will handle the band's emphasis on lesbianism and sexuality.

"My friends have been great," said Minna, who until August was listed as a guest singer with the band because she was afraid of the exposure. "I had one very close friend from high school who I was really afraid to tell. I heard her say a lot of anti-gay things. And I loved her so much. But she caught on herself, I guess from some of the things I said. And she started changing. She's straight, but she goes with me to the bars. She was just happy I told her."

Minna also had a difficult time telling her parents and is still suffering some of the consequences of doing so. "They were very upset. They were going to disown me. It was a big struggle. But I told myself I was going to do this, and if they don't love me anymore, then they just didn't. Now they're coming around some. They take care of my pets when I'm out of town."

"My father said, 'What am I going to tell my friends at work?'" said Pompey. "I said, 'Who cares? I doubt your friends live for me and I sure don't live for them.'" She describes her mother as being extremely supportive, calling Pompey with all of the latest gay and lesbian political news. And her father is coming around, slowly.

Her own pain in revealing her sexuality orientation has made her want to help other lesbians who may be having the same fears. As much as she can, Pompey volunteers her time at a Los Angeles gay and lesbian center. She also wants to help her audience as much as she can.

"We get fan letters all the time about coming out. I respond to each one personally."

The band just recently finished a 30-city tour and will leave in a few days to do interviews all along the East Coast.

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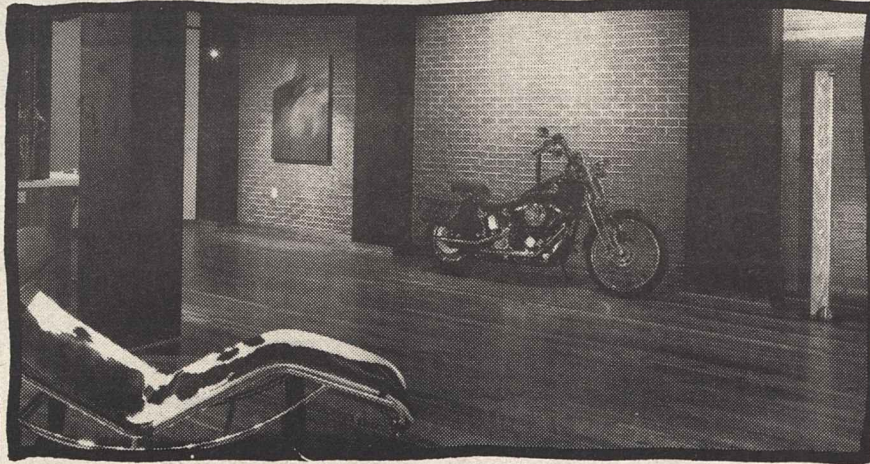
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Acclaimed "Ruby in Paradise" opens in Atlanta

*Debut of film produced by Atlantan
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Hollywood types have lately been fawning over a new discovery, an actress whose abilities have everyone talking. Yes, she has a famous mother and sister, but, thanks to a new film, "Ruby in Paradise," Ashley Judd is a hot property.

"She just came to an audition," says the film's Atlanta-based producer, Keith Crofford. "We cast the five leads in Los Angeles. She was just one of those blind strokes of luck."

"Ruby in Paradise" will be having its Southeastern debut on Monday, Nov. 1, as a benefit for IMAGE Film & Video Center and Project Open Hand/Atlanta. Judd and Crofford will be present for the benefit screening.

This small feature film, produced for less than \$1 million, is the story of Ruby Lee Gissing, a young woman from East Tennessee who leaves a less-than-desirable life and looks for something better. Her mother has just died, and she is leaving an abusive boyfriend. So she heads down to the Gulf of Mexico (she has fond memories of a vacation she took there as a child) and goes looking for work. The problem is that it's autumn, the season has ended, and everyone is shutting down.

She somehow manages to talk her way into a job in a souvenir store owned by Mildred Chambers. The woman doesn't really want to give her a job, but something in Ruby reminds her of herself 20 years earlier, so she gives Ruby a chance. Unfortunately, the owner's son is sort of a heel. He's a self-styled playboy who puts the moves on Ruby. When she refuses his drunken advances, he fires her. She sinks lower and lower, and in the depths of her despair, she goes to a strip bar, sees a big sign outside saying "Girls Wanted" and walks in. Fortunately, she realizes just how far she has sunk and finds a way to redeem herself and grow as a person.

Ruby builds her own kind of "paradise" and finds she no longer feels the need to attach herself to a man in order to be happy. She even gets her old job back at the souvenir store, just

in time for spring break.

Crofford joined forces with noted independent film director Victor Nunez ("A Flash of Green" and "Gal Young 'Un") to make "Ruby in Paradise." "I went to school in Tallahassee and I met Victor back then," Crofford explained. "About three years ago, we renewed our acquaintance. We discovered we had a mutual interest in doing something regional—something Southern—and getting that going. I actually had another script we were trying to get produced."

"It's been eight years since Victor's last film. A lot of doors were now closed, and a lot of phone calls weren't returned. We then started making notes for this original "Ruby" script. It just seemed to fit better. But again, we didn't have anyone knocking the doors down offering us money. Actually what happened was one of Victor's aunts died and left him an inheritance, which we borrowed against and drew from. We still did it cheap—less than one million dollars.

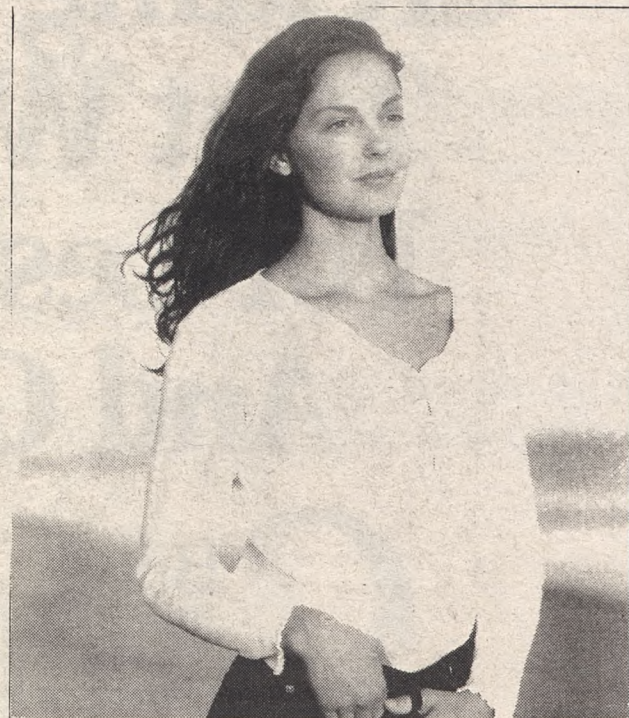
"With a small budget like ours, there's never enough money. But we were very fortunate when we were casting, in the winter of '92. It was right after Sundance [Film Festival]. Agents were real receptive to independent, art house types of projects simply because they had Sundance potential. We were also fortunate because [television] pilot season had been delayed by seven weeks. All the actors were willing to work for scale."

And that's when Ashley Judd, who has a recurring role in NBC's series "Sisters," walked into the audition.

"Victor had narrowed his choice down to three different women," recalled Crofford, "But they were all, as he said, 'Too much Tennessee Williams, and not enough Tennessee.' Ashley had read the script. It struck a chord with her. She came in, looked Victor right in the eye, and said, 'I know the story.' And that was that."

So far, "Ruby in Paradise" has won critical acclaim at the Director's Fortnight in Cannes and garnered the prestigious Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival. The New York Daily News gave it four stars and called it "the most beautiful American film of 1993." Even Siskel and Ebert gave it two very enthusiastic thumbs up.

Spurred by the reception of "Ruby in Paradise," Crofford is forging ahead with plans to produce more films with a Southern



Ashley Judd, sibling of Wynonna and daughter of Naomi, stars as the young woman from Tennessee who finds her paradise on the Gulf Coast.

flair. He currently has two projects in the works. The first is "Raney" based on the novel by Clyde Edgerton, and the other is "Family Fortune." It is adapted by Cobb County writer Sam Hansley Jr. from his novel about college football. "These two projects are getting a lot of interest right now in New York and Los Angeles. I've already been able to acquire the cooperation of Florida State to shoot 'Family Fortune' there."

Crofford is always on the lookout for new Southern scripts. As board member of IMAGE, one of his responsibilities is to administer the screenwriting competition. "I've got my feelers out for material," he noted. "I'm always looking for new projects."

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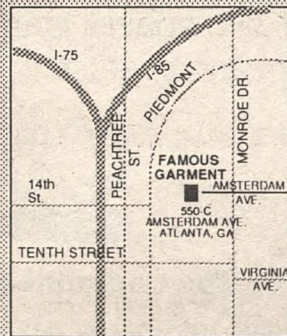
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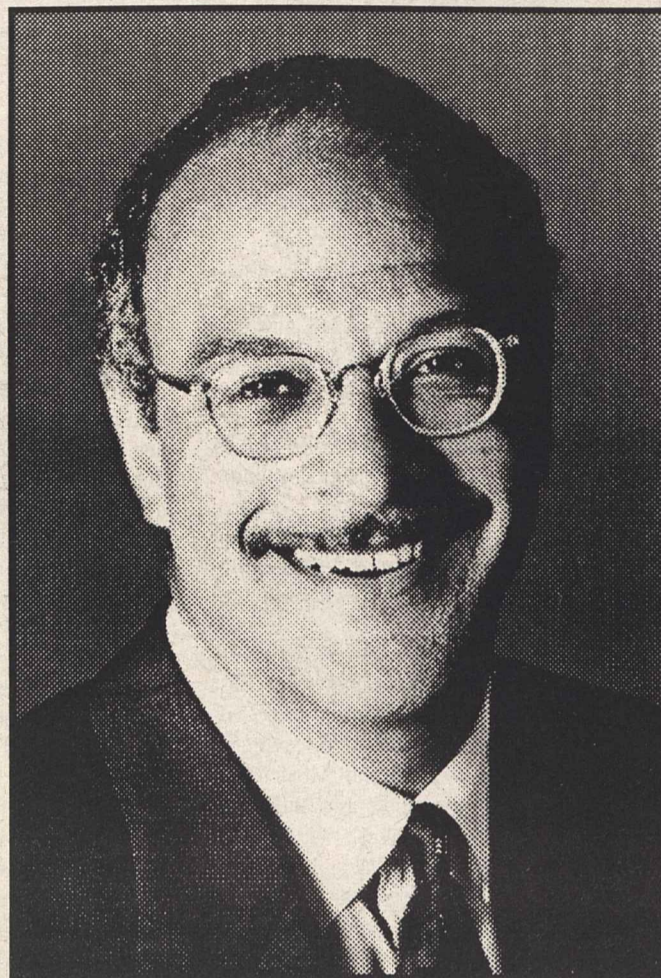
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- In 1989, Bill cosponsored legislation to establish a citywide policy to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- In 1992, he cosponsored the resolution in support of overturning Colorado's controversial anti-gay legislation, "Amendment 2."
- In addition, Bill Campbell cosponsored the resolution prohibiting travel of city employees to states that prohibit the adoption or enforcement of anti-discrimination laws.
- In 1993, Bill supported the domestic partnership registry and domestic partner benefits legislation.

As mayor providing "a new generation of leadership for change" in the City of Atlanta, Bill Campbell will continue his commitment to the lesbian and gay communities:

- Bill Campbell will support a citywide ordinance forbidding housing and employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
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- As Mayor, he will appoint leaders in Atlanta's HIV/AIDS community to an advisory board designed to help shape Atlanta's response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- Bill will provide active leadership in hospice zoning issues and will earmark a percentage of low-income housing to HIV/AIDS patients.
- Bill Campbell will continue the city's paid lesbian/gay liaison position to advise the mayor on issues facing the lesbian and gay communities.
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Piano/organ concert to benefit Common Ground and PWAs

On the eve before Halloween, Oct. 30, a Phantom Affair will be taking place at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The Phantom Affair is a benefit concert to raise funds for Common Ground, a day activity center for people with AIDS/HIV.

The first half of the benefit consists of organ/piano duets with accompaniment by flute. The second half of the benefit is a 40-minute medley of the score from *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Afterwards, light chamber music will lend an ambience to a reception in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity United Methodist Church with elegant desserts donated by various caterers and coffee.

Phantom Affair

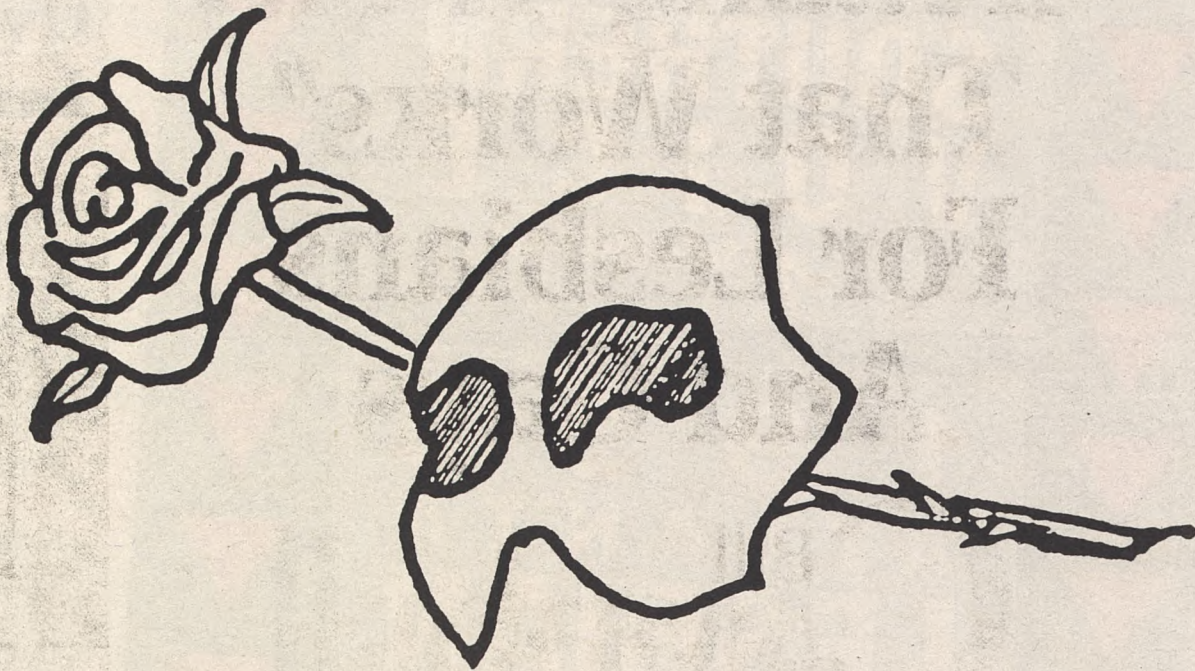
a benefit for Common Ground, will begin at 8 p.m. on Oct. 30 at Trinity United Methodist Church at the corner of Trinity and Washington streets, across from City Hall. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Call 659-6236 for reservations.

Angela Robinson, the new anchorwoman at Channel 11, will emcee the event, where three 12-by-12 foot quilt panels from the NAMES Project will also be on display.

The benefit was the vision of Steve Murell who is a caterer. He is also HIV-positive.

"I wanted to use my talent to raise money for Common Ground," Murell said. Murell is one of two organists/pianists who will be performing at the benefit. Bob Rudolf is the other organist and Sally Roettger will be accompanying them on the flute for the first half of the concert.

Murell has done volunteer work and became involved with Common Ground through Trinity Methodist AIDS ministry which supports Common Ground, and has AIDS healing services. Members of the church also assist with meals. Project Open Hand helps to feed Common Ground participants. Com-



mon Ground is part of the Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network.

June Owens, a member of the task force who helped bring the benefit together, stresses the importance of letting people know that Common Ground is not a hospice.

"It's more like a day care center for people with AIDS," Owens said. "They (Common Ground) don't provide medical staff or services, but the support they provide is very instrumental."

"A lot of times, family and friends will back off when they hear HIV and people lose themselves without that support. The support provided by Common Ground is good energy for them."

What Common Ground does have to offer people with AIDS/HIV is fellowship, activities designed to enhance self-esteem, social interaction, the opportunity to learn new skills,

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It's very lonely leading the parade. You've no one to follow," laments Father Robert L. Arpin, the first Roman Catholic priest to go public with his AIDS diagnosis. He sometimes feels "very few are following," although many watch his parade from their closet windows.

Last spring Arpin appeared on "Donahue" to plug his book, "Wonderfully, Fearfully Made," which offers hope to people living with AIDS and understanding to those who love them. After the show, he reports, "Donahue said, 'Find me three other priests (with AIDS) who are willing to talk and I'll bring you back.'" Arpin says he's issued the invitation publicly, even in gatherings of gay priests, and not one has offered to join him.

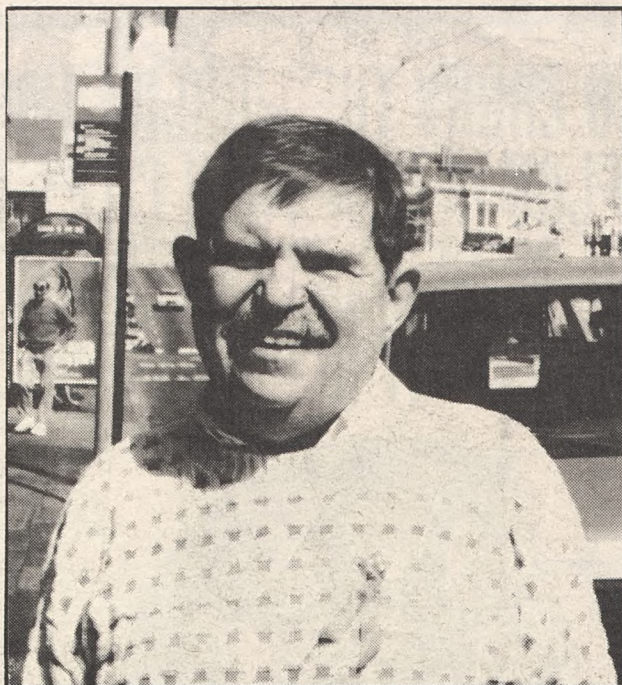
"I don't want to pass judgment on those who won't come out," Arpin says. "They have their reasons... To come out that way means institutional suicide." Arpin has been luckier than many priests in receiving support from the church after going public as a PWA (priest with AIDS).

At the time of his diagnosis, in April 1987, a San Franciscan in his situation was given 17 months to live. Rather than waiting to die, he expanded his ministry to the gay/lesbian/HIV community. The media helped him reach thousands more with word of hope and God's love. He also discovered an ability to heal and found that he healed himself as he healed others. Most importantly, he learned to live one day at a time.

Though technically retired, being in San Francisco's Castro district gives Arpin a ministry of visibility. People stop him on the street, to seek his help or simply thank him for speaking out as he has.

AIDS has streamlined Arpin's religion, he says. "People say, 'My lover's dying. We haven't been to church in years, but could you come to the house and see him?' or 'I've been trying to find a way back to God and thought maybe you could help.'"

Instead of having them confess their "sins," Arpin asks



Father Robert Arpin has chronicled his life as the first Catholic priest to come out as a PWA.

them two questions: "Tell me the three things in your life you're most proud of," and "Tell me one or two things you carry around that you really want to unload... God knows what you've done or haven't done and has already forgiven you. The point of this life is for me, in God's name, to welcome you home and for you to forgive yourself."

Not a by-the-book Catholic priest, Bob Arpin realized he was gay six months after his ordination. He began ministering and being ministered to through Dignity, the lesbian and gay Catholic organization.

"We've all got closets we need to come out of," he says. "It's coming out of a closet to be Christian in the gay community. The church has a bad rap in the gay community, very often well-deserved." Asked whether he's devoted to the Catholic church as it is or as it could be, he answers, "Both—the church human and the church divine."

"The human part of the church is like most of humanity. It's broken and scarred and has lots of skeletons in its closets. But it's still my heritage and my family. I may have disagreed with my parents when I was growing up, but I never left the family."

"The church divine is the spirit of God as it resides in the hearts and minds of the people of God... I see a tremendous witness in people who have every reason to say 'screw this' but go to MCC or Dignity or the gay synagogue. That is a tremendous act of faith."

The church is "running out of priests" because of its hard line, Arpin says. "I'm convinced it has more to do with the church's refusal to ordain women and married men than with God not calling people."

Candor, he feels, would help the image problem caused by the press gleefully reporting allegations of priests molesting children. "The priests who have enough sense to deal openly and honestly with their sexuality aren't going to play with little boys," Arpin says. However, he doesn't think all allegations are reported truthfully. "Kids have come on to friends of mine—'kids' of 16—and they say, 'You might as well do it with me because if you don't I'll say you did anyway.'... Most of the gay priests I know are people of integrity."

The church sometimes silences rebels in its midst, but it hasn't taken action against Father Arpin. "I'm a threat," he admits, "but given how public I am... they couldn't stand the heat if they attempted to silence me. I'm dying. I have public sympathy."

While writing "Wonderfully, Fearfully Made," Arpin confesses that he suffered writer's block. A therapist helped him realize he subconsciously believed he would die when he finished the book. "I'm not afraid to die," he says now. As his illness progresses, there are days when he feels "death would be a welcome friend. What scares me is the process of dying, the being sick. But I'm not afraid of dying. I'd be in the wrong business if I were."

As he contemplates writing a second book, Arpin says he continues "to have reinforced that God has a sense of humor and is full of surprises. On my worst days people will... ask for my help. Whatever their words, the message is the same: 'You've still got work to do.'"

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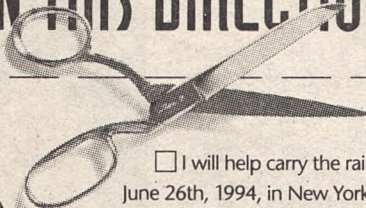
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Sponsored by SAME and Southern Voice, the festival will feature a wide variety of films playing over 10 days on two screens at the Plaza Theatre, located on Ponce de Leon Avenue at North Highland Avenue. The festival begins Nov.

12 and continues through Nov. 21

In addition to "Sex is..." other films on the bill for the festival include "I Am My Own Woman," a German movie originally entitled "Ich Bin Meine Elgene Frau," which chronicles the story of a woman, Charlotte von Mahlsdorm, who lives her life enclosed in the body of a man; and "Twin Bracelets," from Hong Kong, the story of two young women who battle for their relationship against a society that seeks to put an end to their "rebelliousness."

Official March video now available

Washington, D.C.—"A Simple Matter of Justice," the official video of the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, premiered recently to an enthusiastic, near-capacity crowd at Washington, D.C.'s Embassy Theater.

The one-hour documentary chronicles what has been dubbed the greatest civil rights gathering ever to be staged in the nation's capital. In addition to extensive coverage of the rally stages, the video prominently features many stirring scenes from such memorable related events as the Holocaust Museum Dedication, the Dyke March, the Names Project Quilt Display, Hands Around the Capital and The Wedding. The video also documents the historic participation of organizations such as the NAACP, NOW, Amnesty International and other civil rights and religious supporters.

"It took more than two years to organize one of this community's greatest events," comments March on Washington co-chair Billy Hileman. "Instead of rushing a 'home movie' to market as some others did, we took the time to make the best possible video documentary of the March. The Committee hopes people will buy this video because in the final analysis it is the only one that really does the March justice."

The film was produced for The Committee for the March on Washington by Washington videographer Joan E. Biren, who has worked in the lesbian and gay media for more than two decades. "We had

nearly one hundred hours of raw footage to review and edit in order to produce this video," Biren said. "It was really exciting and I'm very proud of the result. And I'm thrilled by how well it's being received."

March media co-chair Nadine Smith adds, "By all accounts, the 1993 March on Washington was a critical moment in the gay, lesbian and bisexual movement that will live on far beyond any of us. We felt that it was important to document this part of our history in a way that was not only entertaining, but historically accurate and compelling as well. [Biren] did an excellent job capturing the true spirit and energy of the March."

Copies of "A Simple Matter of Justice" are available by direct mail at a cost of \$28.50 each. Orders may be placed by sending a check or money order, payable to the March on Washington, to MOW Video, P.O. Box 34607, Washington, DC 20043.

In addition to the video, a 250-page commemorative album featuring more than 200 color and black and white photographs taken during the March will be released later this year. Information about the commemorative album, which is expected to retail for \$34.99 (plus shipping and handling), may be obtained by contacting its producers, Toxic Feminist Productions, at P.O. Box 360446, Tampa, FL 33673; (813) 238-1900.

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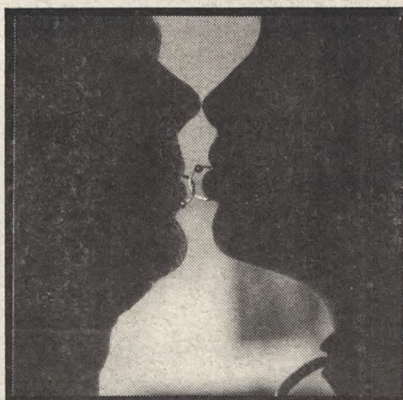


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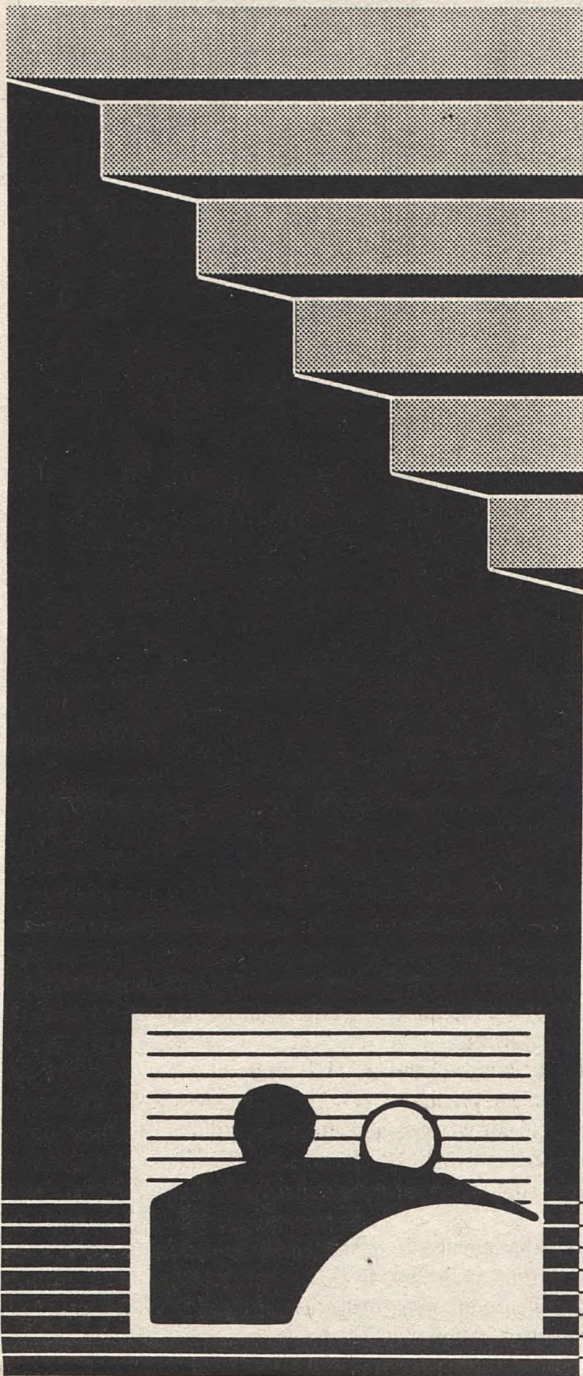
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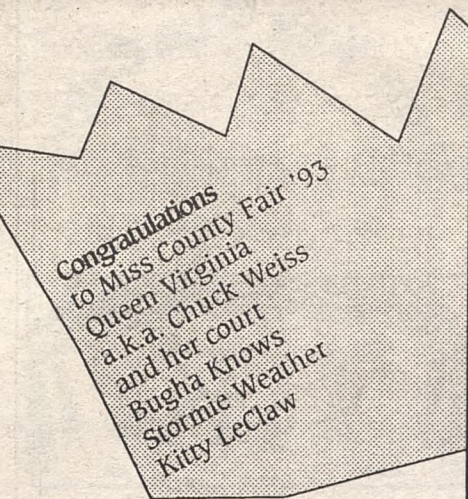
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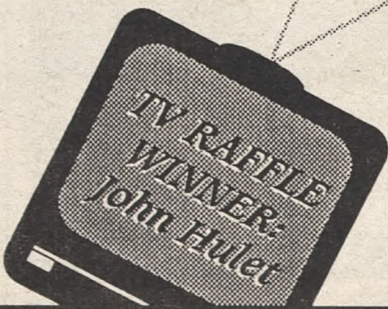
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Recently, a Yankee gardening girlfriend visited me for a long weekend. The frost had already laid waste to the Boston area, so impressing her with our still-summer wares was embarrassingly easy.

For good effect, one of the entities to which I introduced her was Callaway Gardens, about 70 miles southwest of Atlanta. We drove down Ga. 85 for the "scenic tour"—and don't forget those signage photo opportunities in the small-but-proud town of Gay, Ga., which is on the way.

Naturally, I have some political problems with the entity of Callaway, with their hunting-on-the-grounds and whatnot. But for a day-long shot of truly Southern gardening, there is no comparable spot in our area.

We viewed the introductory film at the Visitor Center, which presents itself as you enter the grounds. A bit on the treacly side, the film still gives a good overview of the facilities and is worth the 15-minute investment of time. For a mere \$7.50, you can enter what is called a "public, educational, horticultural and charitable organization, owned and operated by the non-profit Ida Cason Callaway Foundation," and open 365 days a year (with seasonally varying hours).

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trays, your hair, just about every single surface. They float, laze, circle, wheel, dive, jump up, mate, feed and just hang out.

The building also houses educational displays, ranging from global butterfly maps to pupating caterpillars just busting out, to the theater/lecture hall which shows the award-winning movie on butterfly life cycles, "On the Wings of Wonder."

We spent a fair amount of time out on the surrounding 1 1/2 acre wildlife gardens, which are designed to attract native butterflies and birds. The Mexican salvia was entrancing, and I will definitely plant some. Naturally, lantana, Joe Pye weed and butterfly bush enclosed the place. Most shocking, though, for October—the camellia had blooms.

We then moseyed over to "Mr. Cason's Vegetable Garden." Started in 1960 but much improved over time, it consists of three large terraces in a semi-circular design. Here you can find more than 400 varieties of cultivars, ranging from traditional Southern crops to "All American" trial gardens and wildflower test plots.

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The upper terrace grows varieties of blueberries, muscadines and unusual vegetables on a three-acre site. The middle terrace produces seasonal annual vegetables—summer-time corn, beans, tomatoes, squash, okra and peppers were still in evidence. But cool season broccoli, cabbage, lettuce and cauliflower had already been put in, too.

The lower terrace features 1 1/2 acres of herbs set in the midst of apple and peach trees. Medicinal, fragrant, and culinary herbs thrive in raised beds, attracting butterflies. We also enjoyed the terrace sun dial, which uses not only blocks set in the ground, but also your own body, to give a fair approximation of the hour.

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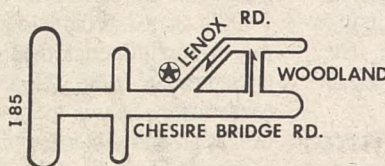
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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

Even stay at home types need to plan to eat their lunch and evening meals out on Wednesday, Nov. 3. That's the date for Project Open Hand's "Dining Out for Life" fundraiser.

On that day, almost 100 restaurants across the metro area will donate 20 percent of your tab to Project Open Hand, which is currently serving two meals a day, seven days a week, to more than 800 HIV-positive clients.

The list of participating eateries is impressive, both from the point of view of culinary fire power (from Abruzzi to Bacchanalia to Veni, Vidi, Vici) and variety (from La Grotta in Buckhead to La Fonda Latina in LSP to Mario's in Marietta).

Here's a chance to eat well on most any sized budget while participating a citywide event that acknowledges a strong sense of connection and community.

Tell our friends, recruit your neighbors, invite your family. Eat out and eat well on Nov. 3 so that others with more need may simply eat.

Ormewood Original

High on my list of life's little joys is being able to walk to a nearby restaurant for a simple and satisfying meal. The exercise before helps work up an appetite; the stroll home assuages at least a bit of the guilt that comes with indulgence.

But given Atlanta's dependence on the car and fairly intense economic stratification, not all neighborhoods are created equal when it comes to accessible and affordable eateries. The folks who live south of I-20 have traditionally had to haul their fannies to Little Five Points or Virginia-Highland to get a decent meal.

Such is no longer the case. Most enjoyable of the newly hatched eateries in the Grant/Ormewood/Brownwood Park area is **Zack's** (82 Woodland Ave., 627-9266), an ice cream/dessert parlor that also serves lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch (Call to check on days and hours of operation. The doors are sometimes locked when the owners have a large catering job far from home).

Zack's, located at corner of Woodland and Delaware in a residential neighborhood, looks and feels perfect. The high ceilinged triangular dining room sports an exposed brick wall, faux marble tables and a very mixed and affable neighborhood clientele (To get a sense of that neighborhood, check out the rainbow flag flying from the restaurant and the sign on the Ormewood Park Presbyterian Church across the way that says, "Casual dress is welcome"). There's an ice cream case at one end of the room; fresh-baked desserts line another cabinet across the way.

The only meal that I've tried here is brunch. The offerings are limited and simple: eggs benedict, sardou, or scrambled into an omelette are constants. Specials include (raisin) French toast, an egg, cheese and asparagus bake that is essentially a crustless quiche, and a combo of poached egg, tomato, avocado, bacon and mornay sauce atop half a croissant.

Everything comes nicely garnished with fruit; the asparagus bake with a hefty portion of sparkling fruit salad. If you can abandon good sense and your diet for a morning, order something that comes with bacon which is sweet, salty and perfectly cooked to a crisp, but not brittle.

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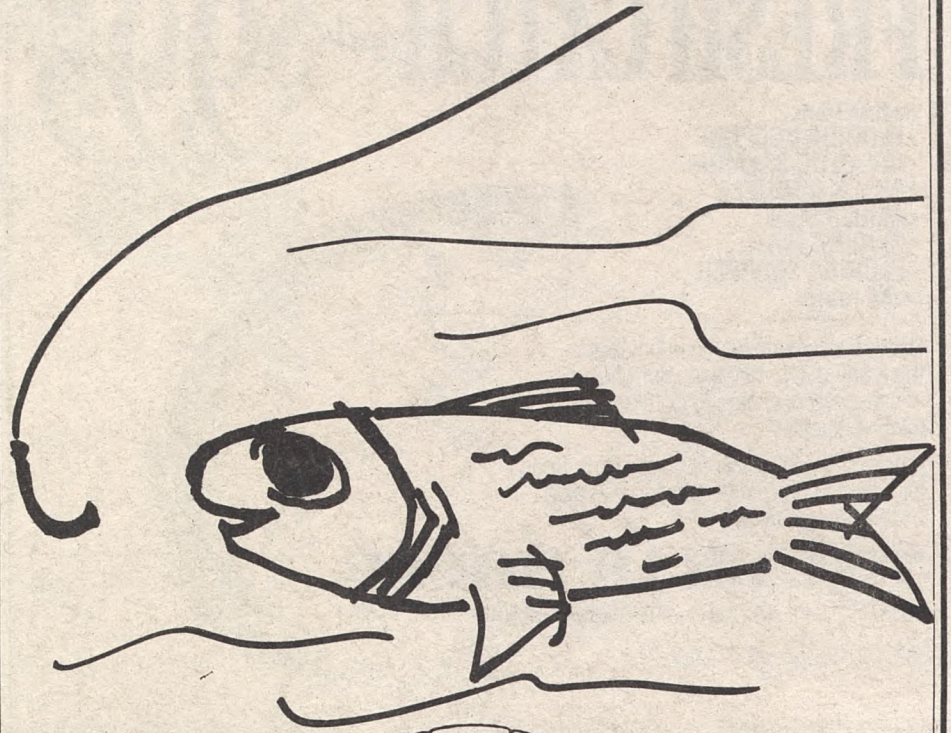
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If I lived in the neighborhood, I'd be a regular. As it is, I'll just have to drive to Zack's and take a stroll around the block before I eat.

Mixed Messages

Regular readers know that while Houston's is not my favorite place to eat, its baby sibling The Pine Room had me turning flips of joy back when it opened last winter. When I saw The Pine Room (now *Houston's Pine Room*) on the list of restaurants for Dining Out for Life, my mouth started watering for some of that fabulous garlicky bean dip and one of those ethereal roasted pepper pizzas.

So a friend and I headed up to Northside Drive and Paces Ferry to calm our tummy grumbles.

I was pleased (and somewhat surprised) to see my glowing review of the place hanging on the wall. It takes guts (and confidence) for a restaurant so mainstream as Houston's to post a story that refers to its eateries as having a "neofascist feel."

But disappointment quickly followed our elation when we found the feel of The Pine Room radically changed. The formerly laid-back space was packed to the gills. The bar now serves hard booze along with the previous beer and wine. Tables have been added around the once spacious bar. Worse yet, the used-to-be simple and elegant menu is now loaded down with Houston's usual collection of burgers, baked beans and fried chicken tenders.

The bean dip is gone, replaced by a spinach, artichoke and Parmesan goo that's almost as ancient and tired as packaged onion soup and sour cream. The decent smoked salmon appetizer is still available, but stratospherically priced at \$9. A quintet of the delicious crisp-crusted pizzas remains, as does the very good eggless Caesar salad, but desserts are little more than the over-sugared dreck from next door.

Houston's Pine Room has devolved from its status as the almost brash and stylish scion of a conservative family into little more than the homogenized stepchild of an oppressive parent.

I'm glad that Houston's and the Pine Room are participating in Dining Out for Life. I'm pleased that they are displaying a review from this paper right alongside those from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Knife and Fork. But I find little reason to cheer the changes that have been wrecked upon The Pine Room.

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Luna Si The magic of Paul Luna. Creating lunch 11:30-3:00, dinner 6:00-11:00. Late night fare. 1931 Peachtree Rd • 355-5993

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Bad Bedfellows: Remember Pierre Howard, the guy who used to be a warm and fuzzy state senator from somewhere in the wilds of DeKalb County? The one who had gobs of gay support because he was for sodomy reform and other cool stuff? Well now comes word that Lt. Gov. Howard (elected with gay support and who is being pretty sly about his intentions vis-a-vis next year's governor's race) recently went dove hunting with no less a right-wing Christian fanatic than the Rev. Dr. Nelson Price of Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta. A word of warning, Pierre: folks who lie down with dogs often get fleas...and strange fungal infections.

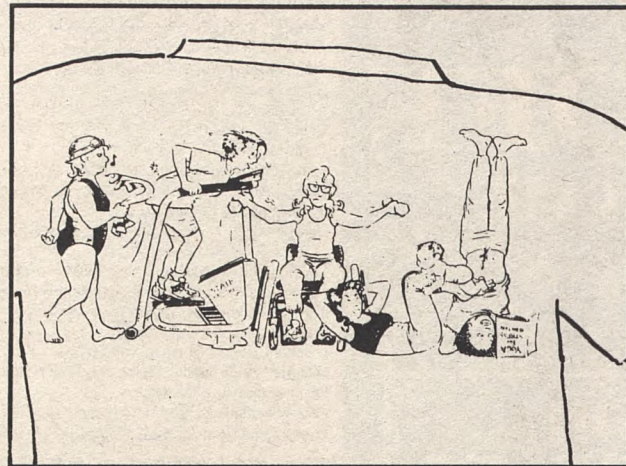
A Creative Response to a (T)horny Problem: Speaking of Cobb County and things unpleasant, the cops out that way are at it again, rounding up homos who have sex in Cobb's numerous and well-wooded parks—specifically Burruss and Wildwood. State Court Solicitor Ben Smith, Jr. says that he intends to notify the wives of the men that he catches making eyes at each other in the woods. Now Dish has a suggestion for the Cobb cops and Smith: The cops need to open a couple of gay bars in Cobb, maybe even one with a dark and sleazy back room, and watch the level of cruising in the parks go, way, way down. The profits from the bars could be used to buy police dogs and bullet proof vests and video cameras, which would allow the county commissioners to reinstate funding for the arts in their benighted county.

Revisionist History: Ever wondered why Mark Twain's books are all about boys? Well, a dude named Andy Hoffman, who is writing a biography of Twain, thinks that the Markster was gay before he married a woman and fathered four children. Why? News clips from Twain's time contain a reference that he and roommate Dan De Quille "...are to be married shortly. About time." And there's a letter from humorist Artemus Ward to Twain that opens with the greeting "My dearest love." The tourism office in Twain's hometown of Hannibal, Mo. is officially not amused.

Feeling Testy? Been feeling cranky lately but can't figure out any creative way to vent your frustrations? Read on. Richard

Dish

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



Dish thinks Dykes are worth watching for.

Cohen (an ex-homo associated with Moonies who caused a nasty ruckus at Georgia State a couple of years ago) has written a book titled "Alfie's Home" that is a mean spirited fundamentalist swipe at gay kids. Cohen claims that boys (no mention of baby dykes here) who have homo feelings can rid themselves of those nasty thoughts by developing full, rich and rewarding relationships with their fathers. Hogwash. Cohen's publicity is being handled by an outfit called the International Healing Foundation. Give them a call at (301) 773-5573 and tell them that if they are truly interested in healing, they would not be publishing books that are likely to further injure kids already in crisis about their sexual orientation. By the way, current research tends to indicate that gay male kids have distant fathers because those fathers are weirded out by their sons' differentness.

Shameless Promo: Each year about this time, we remind you that Alison Bechdel of Dykes to Watch Out For fame puts out a nifty Christmas catalog of Dykes merchandise. Our fave item this year is the "Get Physical" T-shirt, which features the cast of the strip as girljocks involved in all sorts of workout poses. Our fave is Clarice standing on her head reading a yoga book. For your very own copy of the catalog, write to Alison at P.O. Box 703, Waterbury, VT 05676.

Mystery Solved: The bad news is that the film M. Butterfly is evidently a real mess—according to one critic, "lacking heat or plausibility." The good word is that Joyce Wadler's new book ("Liaison") about the real life men on which the play and film were based is packed with fact that's far stranger than fiction. Most telling fact that we've found—Pei Pu was dressed as a man when he first met Boursicot. Pei Pu fed him a complicated line that he was really a woman who had been raised as a man because his parents would have to get divorced if his father had not sired a son. (Can you say melodrama?) The book also reveals that French doctors found that Pei Pu could draw his testicles back into his body and tuck his penis back, creating the sort of female genital illusion that most young boys are familiar with, but seldom use to this sort of extreme.

Bad Trends: If you'd been thinking about subscribing to "Georgia Trend" magazine, think again. Its October issue sports an editorial by Virgil Williams (president and CEO) that offers a "Bravo" to the Cobb County Commission for its recent homophobic acts of cowardice. And catch this quote, "The common law tradition has always recognized the compelling interests of the religious community in shaping the general morals and tenor of the culture as well as the specific ethical parameters of public policy." Williams uses this wobbly line to suggest that homosexuality is somehow linked to violence in schools and low SAT scores. Hell, if kids were having more sodomy with each other, they'd be so blissed out that they would just plain forget what violence is.

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Can you believe it is already November. On top of the major planetary energies we are experiencing, Mercury is also in retrograde, so keep your communications simple and to the point. Enjoy the full moon in Taurus on Saturday, Oct. 30, and be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed that same night. Sweet dreams.

ARIES, you should find it easier to move things ahead at work now that Uranus and Neptune have had their final summit conference. Be sure the work you are doing is part of your career plan and not just another 9-to-5 for money. **TAURUS**, with the Sun, Mercury (retrograde) and Mars all lined up in your seventh house of partnerships and close personal friends and lovers, you could be getting some fairly intense or unexpected reactions back from folks you thought you knew well. **GEMINI**, forge ahead with caution. As you know, everyone gets a little crazy closer to the holidays, so keep your cool, maintain your priorities and stay in touch with those you love and care about. Remember, they may be busy, but they care.

CANCER, don't let the news of the latest disasters get to you, as there is just too much chaos in the world right now to even track. We are on our way into the next century, so fasten your seat belt

STARSIGNS

and pay attention to what is working well for you. **LEO**, any pressure you have been feeling from relationships or partnerships should ease a little bit, now that Saturn is moving forward again. Try to remember that others may give us a reflection of the very things we like least about ourselves. **VIRGO**, if you are in a tizzy (again) with too much to do and too little time to get it all done, then you may want to create a better way of bringing people and projects into your life. And, believe it or not, you may have to say "no" once in a while.

Dear **LIBRA**, hopefully you had a wonderful birthday month with good friends and loved ones. Now, keep riding all that positive energy you created for yourself. Find as many ways as you can to have fun and to enjoy your life and work. Go for it. Happy Birthday, **SCORPIO**. It's time to celebrate another year of learning how to live on the planet. Just look at all you have learned

and accomplished this past year. Set aside plenty of time to have fun with those you love and care about the most. **SAGITTARIUS**, your 12th house of dreams, visions and the collective unconscious is really jumping, with the sun joining Mercury and Mars to stir things up some more. You can learn a lot about yourself by keeping a dream log and using your intuition.

Dear **CAPRICORN**, how's life? Is everything calm, organized and moving along smoothly, or is there still too much change and chaos for you? Whether you know it or not, you are learning how to create a better life for yourself and others. Be patient. **AQUARIUS**, with the sun, Mercury (retrograde) and Mars all cruising through your 10th house of career and public attention, you may find some of your more progressive or enlightened ideas are now popular and up for discussion. Persistence always pays. **PISCES**, if you have been ignoring your artistic/creative side, trying to be a "regular person," then you definitely need to reconsider. Find ways to integrate your creative insight into the work you are doing now. Use every opportunity possible.

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LOY JOHNSON

Age: 47

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Relationship Status: Dating

Last Book Read: "Obsessive Love" by Susan Forward

Pet Peeve: Closed minds



The room is dark except for the half dozen candles in front of the figure swaying and sitting cross-legged on the floor. A large circle made up of men and women shaking rattles, drumming handmade drums and tapping out beats with bell-like shakers surrounds her, also cross-legged. The sound of the beat is at a fever pitch, but the cadence remains steady and controlled. Every once in a while, someone will let out a whoop or a shrill chirp. The spirits are invited.

Loy Johnson leads this diverse group of adults in a chant class to get in touch with their voices, their spirituality and the kid inside them. She believes that even people who are not musically inclined have the ability to express themselves vocally.

Johnson knew she had to make music her focus in life. "It's my passion." She has a bachelor of science degree in education and has taught in schools. "After I turned 40, I went back to school to do some post baccalaureate work in music at the University of Florida. They asked me what I wanted to do." Johnson laughs out loud. "I said I want to do music. When I can express myself musically, both receiving and performing, it creates a circle that is very satisfying. Plus, I'm a ham."

Johnson grew up in a very musical family. Everyone sang and her parents both played the piano and ukulele. When she was four, she would sit with her mother at the piano and listen to her play, accompanying her with an appropriate note or two.

"There was one member in our family who was not quite as musical as the rest of us. I remember how hard it was for her. I want to help bring out the voices that were shut up when someone said, 'You can't sing' or 'Someone's off here.'" Johnson shakes her head. "When someone says you can't carry a tune, it'll shut you up."

She explains that people are born with a steady beat because of their mother's heartbeat but lose that sense of rhythm when they learn to talk. Speech, she says, doesn't have a beat, hence the natural ability is lost. But there's hope. Even non-singers have the ability to match a tone.

The focus of her chant classes is on Native American chants, African chants and some in English. "They aren't so much as about singing as they are about expressing yourself vocally. People can come and just listen without participating."

Why would anyone with a busy schedule come to a chant class? Johnson explains that our society does not have any means to sing within a group. "People will sing in the car with their radios or in the shower by themselves. But in the '40s and '50s, everyone went to the movies and followed the bouncing ball. There was always an organ in the movie theater, and when I went to school we used to

gather in the auditorium and have a group sing." Johnson recalls her experience wistfully. "Kids don't grow up with that anymore."

Most people come to the class because it gives an outlet to sing within a group. Some come because they want to sing but have been afraid to do it. Johnson's class gives them a safe place to do it in.

Some come because it's fun. "People experience joy in these classes and get in touch with their inner child. We sing in rounds, we even do the hokey-pokey at the end of the class. We play and have fun like kids."

There is also an element of sacredness to some of the chants, so there is an aspect of spirituality to the experience. "We invite the spirits of the elements (fire, air, earth and water) and of the north, south, east and west. When we offer prayers, we offer it to the higher power of each person's understanding. We stress spirituality, not religion."

As a chant leader, she is free to be herself and appreciates being self-employed. "I knew I wasn't willing to work in a job where I can't be who I am. Self-employment brings the joy of not having to mind a boss. I can be out in this job. I don't have to act like it's (her sexual orientation) not there. I don't have to say my 'husband' when I'm referring to my partner or lover."

Johnson also leads a music service at the Thurman Hamer Ellington Unitarian Universalist Church in Decatur. She performs with an African drummer named Stone, and the two have energized the congregation to the point that the minister, Dan Aldridge, has considered her arrival there a mile marker. She says it's easy to work at the church because the doctrine is one she can swallow, the folks are accepting and unconditional and they think her music is fun.

The class is ending and the letter for the night is "H." Class members yell out words that begin with the letter: hope, heart, happiness, healing. They come to the center of the room and huddle like a football team with their hands outstretched and layered on top of one another. The whole group crouches slightly and springs up in one unanimous shout.

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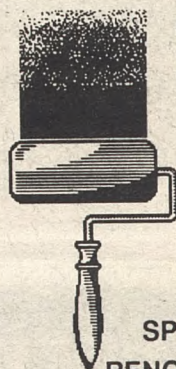
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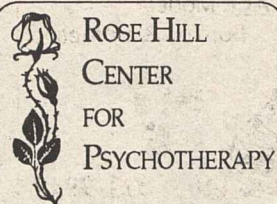
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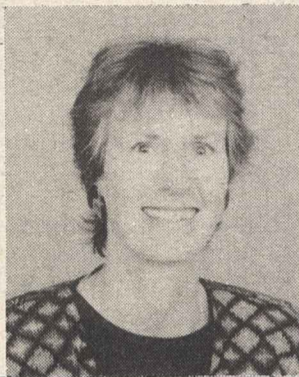
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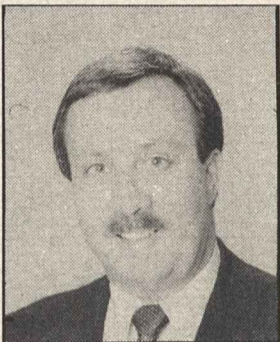
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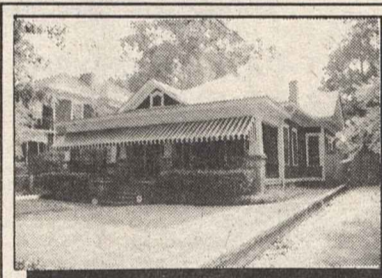
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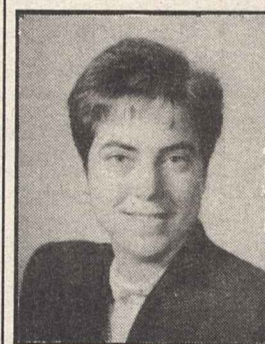


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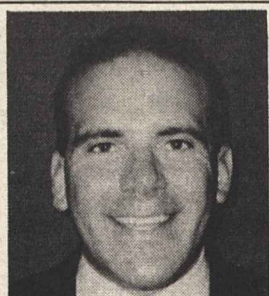
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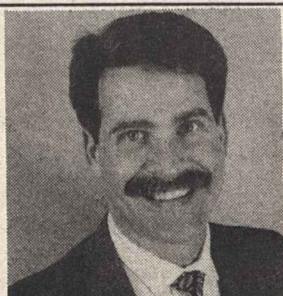
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HIV SELF-CARE WORKSHOP Feeling Stressed? Depressed? Want some questions answered? Nov. 3, Wed. 7-8:30pm. Depression: How to recognize it-What to do about it. Trish Demaris-Cravens, Mental Health Counselor. (6.37)

Good Samaritan Project provides support for persons with AIDS. Support group, buddy program, clothing/food, practical support, pastoral care. 873-4589. (6.45)

AIDS SUPPORT: Jewish Family Services sponsors a support group for Jewish people affected by HIV/AIDS, their families or lovers. 2nd and 4th Sundays, 7:30 p.m. in Buckhead. For information: 888-6400, voice mailbox 76.

AID Atlanta Services include education, case management, transportation, housing, buddy program, practical support, homeless services, pediatric services, support groups, AIDS Information Line. Call 872-0600 for more information.

AIDS HOTLINE FOR WOMEN- 888-9991 - a project of the Feminist Women's Health Ctr. Trained phone counselors 5:30-9:30pm Mon-Fri, 10:30am-2pm Saturdays. Caller anonymity assured. To volunteer call Tonia at 874-7551.

HIV+ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) for African Am. **FREE ANONYMOUS HIV TESTS**, counselling, referral (minority cultural sensitivity). For confidential info call OUTREACH, INC. 346-3922.

P.O.O.H. - Positive Outlook On Health is a supportive network of HIV+ persons who share positive health attitudes and want to meet similarly oriented people for social and emotional interaction. Call 872-9954.

THE ATLANTA BUYERS CLUB-ABC provides access to optional treatments for the HIV community in the Southeast. Hours are 12-5 PM, Tuesday through Friday. We are located at 44 Twelfth St., NE, with parking in the rear. For more information phone (404) 874-4845, fax (404) 874-9320, or write P.O. Box 77003, Atlanta, GA 30357-7003.

Atlanta Gay Center-Plus groups for HIV-affected people. Fridays, 8:00pm and Sundays, 6:00pm. 63 12th Street. Call 876-5372 for more info. Helpline, 892-0661, for info, counselling and referral. 6:00-11:00pm 365 days a year.

AIDS Information Line / GA Toll-Free AIDS Hotline Free, anonymous information and referral services. In Atlanta: 876-

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Announcements

IT'S COMING IN 1994

A "photoselect" matching service. No rip offs, just a great way to meet your next lover! Call now, M-F 5-9pm. 264-0281. (6.40)

AVAILABILITY OFFUNDS - Funds now available through the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act for programs providing HIV health care and support services for people w/HIV & families. Avail to public & private non-profit health svc. providers. Application: Joe Ann Stewart, 657-3129. Deadline for submission: Nov. 30, 1993. Allocation of funds shall be made in an equitable manner without regard for race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or religion of the client population. (6.40)

Volunteer with Pride. With your help, Pride '94 will be the biggest ever. Call the Pride line - 662-4533. (6.44)

Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee (ALGPC) meets the third Thursday every month, 7:00 p.m. Call the Pride Line for location 662-4533. (6.44)

Artists and craftspeople: apply now to participate in SAME's 5th Annual Arts for Pride Festival to be held on Sunday, Dec. 5. Call 609-9590 for application. Due Oct. 29. (6.41)

ZAMI

A support/discussion group for the growth and education of lesbians in the African-American community. Meetings are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 6:30-8:30 at Charis Bookstore. 419 Moreland Ave., NE (6.39)

CELEBRATING THE FEMINE SPIRIT

A WOMEN'S RETREAT November 5-14, Toccoa, GA. Gather with us for drawing, drum-making, yoga, storytelling, journal-writing, sweat lodges, conoing, fire circles, meditation, and wild play. Teachers include Kay Hagan, Caroline Montague, Cathleen Rountree. Minimum 2-night stay. Call MorningStar - 633-9092. (6.36)

The Atlanta Diversity Chorale, a mixed chorus, is seeking new members. All levels of experience welcome. Contact Joe Moore 739-5607. (6.36)

Unique Funky Art Wanted - Artists invited to participate with Good Samaritan Project in an exciting new venture. **"COOLHIPFUNKYSTUFF"** - A Gallery of Sorts, Atlanta's first and only gallery to benefit personal living with AIDS, is looking for unique and varied works of art. Call Chris at 873-4589. (6.37)

Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club seeks new members. Write: Box 11863, Atlanta 30355. Call: (404) 261-0106 for info. Hot, Safe, Fun! (6.37)

GF's starting social, support and networking group for "post-yuppie" young professionals, aspiring professionals, and career oriented students. Call Carolyn 294-4233 (6.36)

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SEEKING APARTMENT

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Huge 2 BR, 1 BA Grant Park flat totally remodeled near park/Marta, W/D connect, 2 fplc, Central Air/Heat, \$700/mo. + util. 627-0495, leave message. (6.36)

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PERSONALS

200+, 40-60. ☎ 1708

GWM, 30, HIV-, 180, 6'1", average to good looking seeks GM 24-30 for friendship, sex and possible relationship. ☎ 1702

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

lifetime. Any race. ☎ 1602

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GBM SEEKS GM BODYBUILDER—Me: 29, attractive, masculine, "Charles Atlas Before" likes Kahill Gibrán, Joe Campbell, volunteering, movies, traveling. You: secure, masculine, GM race unimportant. Goal: friendship possible relationship with physical and spiritual growth. ☎ 15

After living seven years scared this ve y healthy HIV+ attractive, masculine G M 5'9", Bi/Bl, 189, wishes to relax, love, a d move on with life again. Desire attractive GWM 30-40+. ☎

573 Masculine GWM, 26, 5'10", 155#, bl ond/brown, seeks good looking Butch top t 45 (same, sexy, safe) for intense manly-encounters. ☎ 1567

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Teddy Bear seeks companion 35-50 for good times, happy times, quiet times. I am

sincere, sophisticated and funny! Bearded, 6'1", 240 lbs, 47 years old. ☎ 1492

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

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

TV/TS

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

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

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BISEXUAL

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

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

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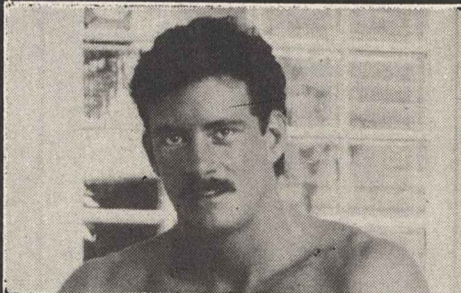
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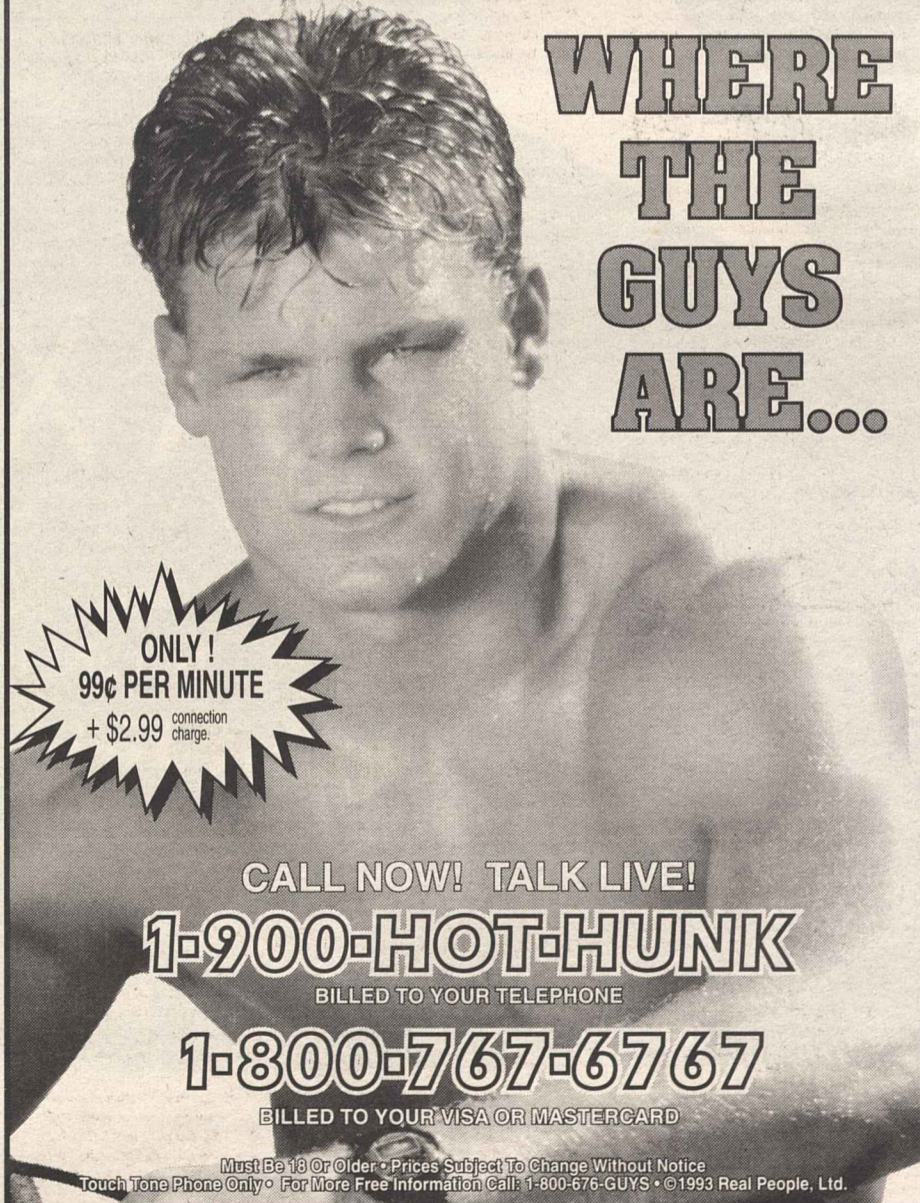
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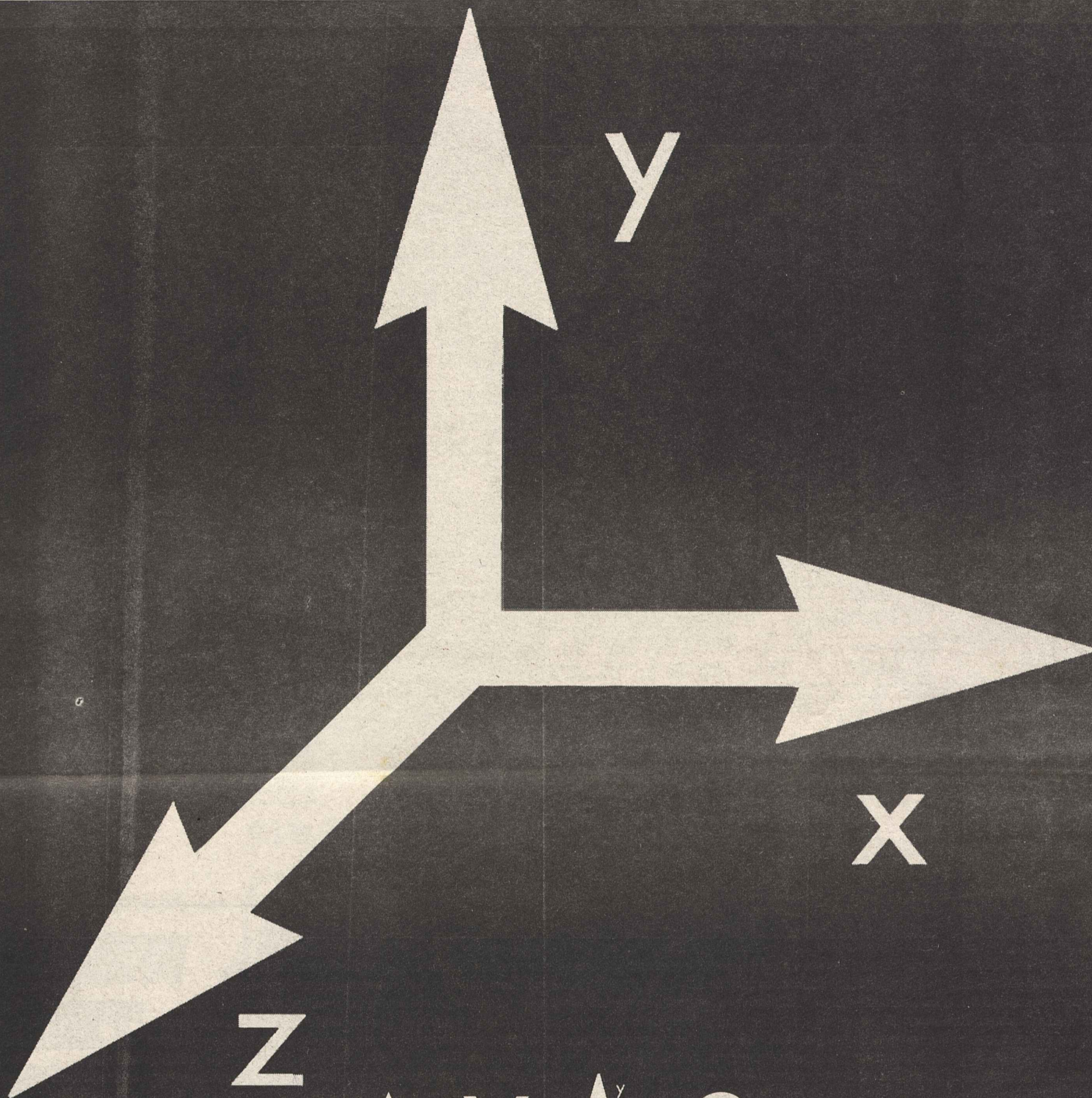
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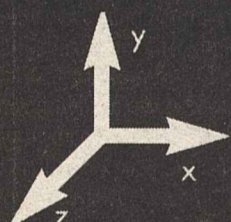
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