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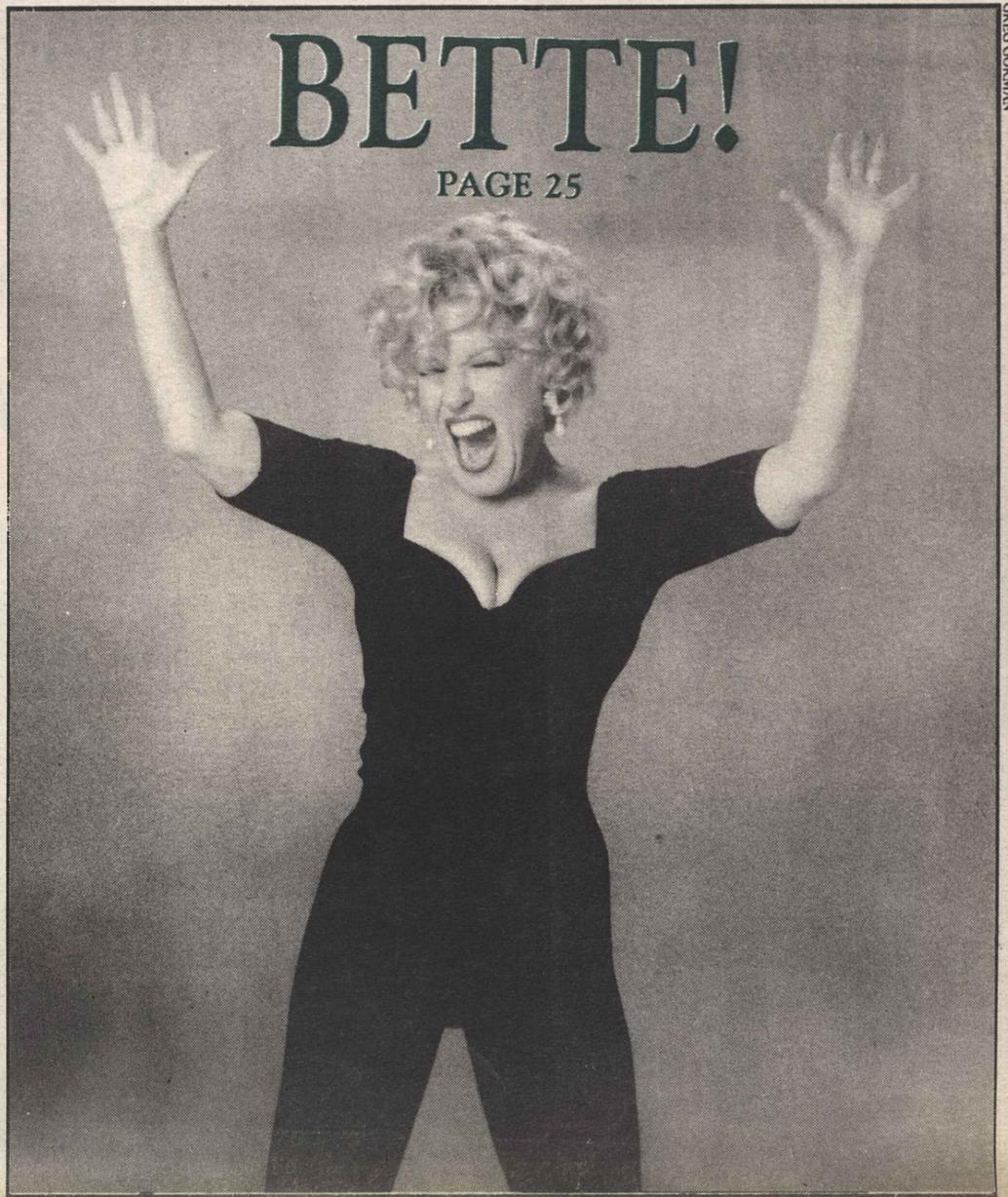
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Going for the Games

Atlanta is competing against Sydney and Amsterdam for the 1998 Gay Games, and the decision will be made this weekend

by KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—The team putting together Atlanta's bid for the 1998 Gay Games will travel to Washington D.C. this weekend to make its final pitch to bring the games to Georgia.

On Saturday, the Federation for International Gay Games, which governs the event, will decide where the 1998 event will be held. Atlanta is in competition with two other cities, Sydney, Australia and Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The toughest hurdle for Atlanta may be the desire to move the event off of North American soil. Though it is billed as an international event, the Gay Games have been held in either the United States or Canada since their inception in San Francisco in 1982.

Atlanta's bid, spearheaded by a group called Atlanta Gaymes, has been put together in conjunction with the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau and includes a video featuring expressions of support from a number of prominent Atlantans. The delegation traveling to Washington will reportedly include both of the remaining candidates for mayor, Bill Campbell and Michael Lomax.

However, Atlanta Gaymes officials would not confirm whether the candidates would attend, and spokespersons for both candidates' camps did not respond to repeated inquiries by Southern Voice.

Indeed, the entire bidding effort is being kept out of the spotlight. Fearing that a backlash by anti-

gay/lesbian forces might affect the success of the bid, Atlanta Gaymes officials decided not to release any details of their plans or bid effort until after the decision on Saturday.

Earlier this summer, Atlanta Gaymes begin preparing the bid. Support for the effort came from across the community, including letters from Mayor Maynard Jackson and Gov. Zell Miller. Miller's letter drew a firestorm of protest from the religious right quarters, and even drew the attention of anti-gay Cobb County Commissioner Gordon Wysong.

"I shudder to think what events might constitute 'gay games,'" Wysong said during the August commission hearings about his anti-gay resolution.

Wysong needn't shudder. The Gay Games include such gay activities as swimming, volleyball, track and field and bowling. Early in the bid process, Atlanta Gaymes estimated that an Atlanta event would draw 8,000 athletes and 100,000 spectators—and a substantial amount of money will flow into Atlanta's economy.

The 1994 Gay Games, to be held in New York City next summer, are projected to bring by city officials to bring \$111 million into that city's economy. Atlanta Gaymes has been using the estimate that the Gay Games—in which the number of participants has doubled every four years in the past—will bring more than \$200 million into Atlanta.

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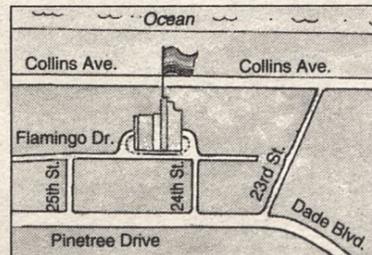
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Nancy Schaefer crushed

Attempt by anti-gay mayoral candidate to build a coalition of black and white voters fails

Atlanta—Nancy Schaefer's attempt to build an anti-gay coalition of blacks and whites in Atlanta in her bid for mayor fell flat in last week's election.

Schaefer, who collected just 11 percent of the vote and finished fourth, found most of her support in upscale, mostly white areas on the Northside. Despite a concerted effort to draw black voters—which included having African-American state Rep. Billy McKinney as her campaign manager—she did poorly in predominantly black areas on the Southside, running behind all three African-American candidates.

That there is a strong dividing line between wealthy whites in Atlanta and blacks and other more progressive voters is no secret. But a precinct-by-precinct look at the returns shows that in one part of the city, Schaefer did surprisingly well for a fundamentalist candidate—she ran well in the Morningside neighborhood and adjacent areas to the north, which are home to many lesbians and gays and are represented by pro-gay City Councilwoman Mary Davis.

"Doing that well in that part of the district says there are people there who are afraid and need to be educated," said community activist Pat Hussain, who added that the mainstream press' unwillingness to challenge Schaefer on her more regressive politics allowed her to

present a platform that appealed to more voters. "It points out why it's important to unmask a stealth candidate. What she said did sound good. It just happened to be a lie."

Schaefer based much of her campaign on fighting crime, an approach that seemed to work in the city's northern districts, where she finished second or a strong third in voting, but didn't work with black voters in the south and west, where she was resoundingly defeated.

"With the voting coming out the way it did, it shows there's a fortress mentality," said Hussain. "It was never about making Atlanta safe. It was about building a stronger police wall to keep black people out of white neighborhoods."

Hussain lashed out at Schaefer's attempts to build a coalition with Atlanta's black community, calling it a smokescreen to hide her real anti-gay/lesbian agenda.

"If she'd wanted to build a coalition, she could have started when young black men became an endangered species, or when teen pregnancies became an epidemic," she said. "All she wanted was validation from the black community...[so that] people wouldn't say what I'm saying now."

"If she really cared about families, she wouldn't be beating up on lesbians and gays. We're families too."

GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini agreed that Schaefer's support came from the expected areas of the city.

"Probably half of her support was racist and half came from people fooled by the mainstream press not challenging her," he said. "Let's face



Schaefer got only 11 percent of the vote but showed surprising strength in Morningside.

it—domestic partnership was not the priority reason that people voted."

During the campaign, Schaefer rarely mentioned the struggle for gay and lesbian rights and only gave lip service to her fight against the city's domestic partnership ordinances, calling for their repeal in order to use the money for crime. The media's mysterious refusal to challenge the right-wing Christian candidate baffled many in the lesbian and gay community.

"Nancy Schaefer was the one person in this state who is recognized as having dedicated almost her entire public adult life to opposing progressive and pro-women's legislation," said Pellegrini. "Yet she was allowed a pro-feminist shade in the mayoral campaign."

"Nancy Schaefer and Billy McKinney were unsuccessful in fooling people of color into believing that Nancy Schaefer was a changed person," he said.

And few people believe Schaefer is through with politics.

"She let people know who she is," said Hussain. "As a political candidate, there's a lot of free mileage. It gave her name and face recognition that she couldn't have paid for. I'm sure there is a continuing agenda."

The two top vote-getters in the mayor's race, Councilman Bill Campbell and former Fulton County Commission Chairman Michael Lomax, will meet in a runoff Nov. 23.

KC WILDMOON

Gay and lesbian candidates come up short in Atlanta

But religious right and anti-partnership forces also take a beating

Atlanta—All three openly gay and lesbian candidates for the Atlanta City Council failed to make the Nov. 23 runoffs for seats on the council.

However, all but two of the candidates believed to have ties to the conservative religious right were defeated, and Councilman Dozier Smith, the staunchest opponent of domestic partnership on the City Council, faces an uphill battle to retain his seat. Two pro-partnership incumbents targeted because of their support for that legislation, Carolyn Long Banks and Barbara Asher, won re-election.

The largest vote total racked up by any of the gay candidates was for Andy Loftis, who garnered 1,675 votes and came in third among three candidates in the 6th District. In the 1st District, Carolyn White drew 419 votes to come in fourth out of seven candidates and in the 2nd District, Eric Spivey came in fourth out of five candidates, capturing 482 votes.

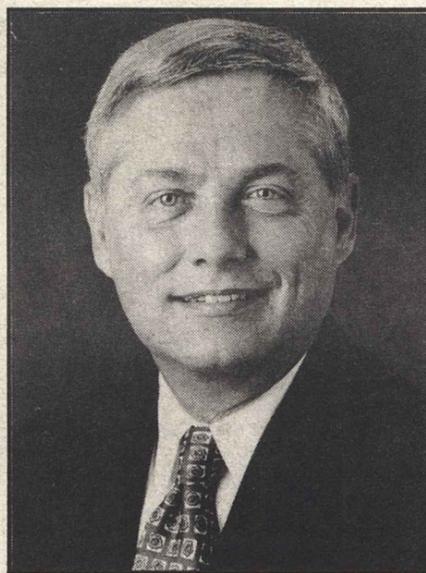
Going into the city election campaign, the race in the 6th District—with three competitive, well-financed candidates—was expected to be close. The district, which includes Virginia-Highland, Morningside and part of Midtown, has the largest concentration of lesbian/gay voters in the city, and all three candidates made strong appeals for the community's support.

But when the votes were counted, the incumbent, Mary Davis, had swamped Loftis and attorney Joe Kelly, getting 5,600 votes or 61 percent of the votes cast. Kelly narrowly edged out Loftis for second place. The intense interest in the race sparked a turnout of nearly 9,400 voters, the highest of any council district in the city.

In the 1st District, the appointed incumbent, Greg Pridgeon, will face off with Vern McCarty in the runoff. The district includes Grant Park and Ormewood Park. In the 2nd District, which includes Inman Park, Little Five Points, Old Fourth Ward and part of Midtown, the runoff will be between Debi Starnes and Ayisha Jeffries.

Of the candidates the gay/lesbian political activists suspected of having ties to the religious right or Nancy Schaefer's Jacob's Well coalition, only two survived to get into a runoff.

In the City Council's 9th District, Jacob's



Andy Loftis drew 1,675 votes to lead among gay/lesbian candidates.

Well candidate and Schaefer ally Ari Casper-Silberman—who was endorsed by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution—captured 37 percent of the vote, trailing the incumbent, Jared Samples, who

got 46 percent of the vote. In the 3rd District, Hiram Scott received 20 percent of the vote, setting up a runoff with Michael Julian Bond, who garnered 42 percent.

Jacob's Well is a group tied to Schaefer that attempted to link anti-gay black politicians with white Christian conservatives on the Northside. Though he was listed as having attended a Jacob's Well function, Scott says he is not affiliated with the group. However, GAPAC, which rates candidates based on their views on lesbian/gay issues, found Scott unacceptable.

In Dozier Smith's 12th District in southwest Atlanta, Spelman professor Gloria Tinubu fell just 18 votes short of the majority she needed to oust Smith, who trailed her by nearly 500 votes. The two will meet in a runoff.

Of the 12 City Council and school board candidates that GAPAC judged to be unacceptable because of their views on lesbian/gay issues, five were defeated outright and five go into runoffs trailing their opponents. Only two—incumbent council members Davetta Johnson and C.T. Martin—were re-elected.

RICHARD SHUMATE

Homophobia on the air at WRFG divides station's volunteers

by AL COTTON

Atlanta—Homophobic commentary on community radio station WRFG—long a bastion of progressive programming—has ignited a bitter controversy that threatens the tenuous multicultural existence of the station's volunteer structure.

Alicia Banks began hosting a show on WRFG featuring African women singers, "Les Chanteuses Africaines," several months ago. She initially found a supportive African centrist group at WRFG, called the Radio Free Griots. Griot being the African term for the oral historian of a

village.

But as she heard homophobic and anti-Semitic remarks from the Griots (all Jewish people being referred to as "Jewish dogs," for example), she chose to come out as a lesbian and then make an on-air resignation from the group.

The Griots' response to her actions was to combine two other Griot-hosted shows, Friday night's "Potential Vibes," hosted by Afrikiti Kishi, and Saturday night's "Round Midnight," hosted by Bomani Bakari, into a "live research project" on homosexuality, which contained thinly-disguised personal attacks on Banks. The

shows' combined topic, "Is Homosexuality an African Thing?" or "African Homosexuality: Trick or Treat?" aired the weekend before Halloween.

The stated intent of both shows was to refute "previously aired" comments about the presence of homosexuality on the African continent. They frequently implied that homosexuality was not present in Africa prior to European contact and therefore was the result of a "defective European gene." Both shows were filled with sarcastic comments and asides to the audience, with lots of childish snickering.

One guest on "Potential Vibes," identified as Queen Mother of Ashanti and a psychotherapist, indicated that all of her gay clients had been abused as children. She pointed out that "as a licensed psychotherapist with an African world view, I reject the term 'homophobia.' A phobia is an irrational fear. Is it irrational to fear a lifestyle that threatens the future of the African race?"

Bakari's "Round Midnight show" contained the single most egregious remark, Kishi's response to a quote from the Bible: "You have to

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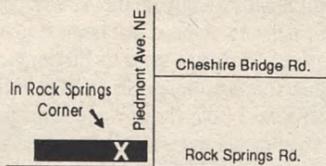
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South Carolina gay center opens

Columbia, S.C.—The South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Community Center opened its doors on Friday, Oct. 22.

The center, located at 141 South Shandon Street, Suite A, in Columbia, is operated by the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement Inc. The location is nestled between the Shandon and Rosewood neighborhoods, which are two of the most heavily lesbian and gay neighborhoods in Columbia.

The center will be open on Fridays, 7 to 11 p.m.; Saturdays, 1 to 11 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 9 p.m.; and Wednesdays, 1 to 6 p.m. The center has a ping pong table, a television area, a growing library and archives section and

board and card games. A merchandise shop will be open during the weekend hours. Visitors will be able to pick up copies of local, regional and national newspapers and have use of an extensive bulletin board.

Staffed entirely by volunteers, the center is designed to offer a safe and confidential location for information and education for and about gay men and lesbians in South Carolina.

For more information, write to Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement, P.O. Box 12648, Columbia, SC 29211, or call Debra Brandes at (803) 799-9085 or Matt Tischler at (803) 252-2269.

Gay Marine pulled from duty

Jacksonville, NC—A week after being reinstated to active duty, a gay Marine sergeant from Camp Lejeune is going back on standby reserve, the Pentagon said.

The Pentagon's decision in the case of Sgt. Justin Elzie followed a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that opened the way for the Pentagon to implement its "don't ask, don't tell" policy allowing expulsion of openly gay and lesbian military personnel.

The justices granted the Clinton administration's emergency request to temporarily limit enforcement of a Los Angeles federal judge's order banning military discrimination against gay men and lesbians nationwide. For now, the judge's order will apply only to the sailor who challenged the Pentagon's policy and the government's appeal of the order will go forward.

Elzie was the only one of eight gays on standby reserve status who had asked to return to active duty and had been granted the request after the judge's ruling, Pentagon officials said.

"It's kind of a roller coaster ride," Elzie said. "I am still keeping a positive attitude that even though I'm disappointed in the Supreme Court's decision that it didn't apply to all gays and lesbians, I'm confident that in the end we're going to win on the issue."

Last week's action means the Pentagon can return to an interim policy in which recruits are not asked about the subject but military personnel who declare their homosexuality are transferred to reserve status.

"I served for eight months, openly gay, with no problems," Elzie said. "And I've been back since the 20th, with again no incidents or negative problems or anything like this."

Said Allan Moore of Washington, D.C., one of Elzie's attorneys: "We know that the Supreme Court issued its order, and we know what the order says is that the government would no longer be in contempt of court if they were to proceed against Justin."

"The problem with that of course is that it in no way justifies the government proceeding against Sgt. Elzie."

Elzie, 31, came out on Jan. 29, the same day President Clinton said he planned to lift the military's ban on gays. When the president didn't follow through on the pledge, Elzie was removed from active duty and placed on reserve status.

Elzie, who worked as a supply clerk before his discharge, returned to a similar job on Oct. 20. He said his case proves that openly gay people can serve in the military.

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100 rally in favor of curriculum

Chapel Hill, NC—About 100 people joined a candlelight vigil Oct. 28 to support the inclusion of homosexuality as part of a multicultural education plan for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools.

The group consisted of gay and lesbian activists, as well as parents and students, who came out to show that not everyone in Chapel Hill opposes the school system's controversial multicultural program, which includes references to sexual orientation.

The demonstrators listened to speeches from members of the gay and lesbian community as well as members of the clergy, Chapel Hill High School students and a candidate for

the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board.

"Our children learn from what is going on around them," said Linda Shealey Williams, a community educator from the North Carolinians Against Racial and Religious Violence. "We must give them something to combat the hatred being displayed around them."

The vigil, called "A Night of Healing," was arranged as a show of support for the school board's decision last May to add homosexuality to the school system's multicultural plan. Since that decision, several school board meetings have been dominated by parents opposed to the new plan.

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Still No Amendment 2: The U.S. Supreme Court last week allowed Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless' injunction against Amendment 2 to stand, refusing to hear the state's appeal of his order. The court's non-action means that Amendment 2 is still not in effect, while Bayless ponders the testimony from the recently completed trial on the amendment. Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton was nonplussed by the rebuke of her appeal, claiming that the court's move "just doesn't give any clue how they will treat a final ruling."

Dinkins Announces Health Benefits For Gay Partners: The domestic partners of gay New York City employees will receive full health benefits under a new agreement announced Oct. 30 by Mayor David Dinkins. The deal was worked out by the Municipal Labor Council and the Gay Teachers Association, which had sued the city in 1988 over health benefits. A recent decision by the New York State Insurance Commissioner that unmarried partners could be eligible for benefits cleared the way for the deal by Dinkins, who lost his reelection bid to Republican Rudolph Giuliani.



NYC Mayor David Dinkins announces health benefits for gay domestic partners.

Bishop Who Supports Ordination Of Gays Is Consecrated: The Rev. James Jelinek has been consecrated as bishop by the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, a ceremony that had been delayed by critics of his stance on the ordination of gay men and lesbians. A conservative group had challenged his position favoring the ordination of

qualified gay and lesbian people. "Everyone who is [gay or lesbian] is a child of God," Jelinek said. "We need to affirm them as that. I'm trying to focus on unity."

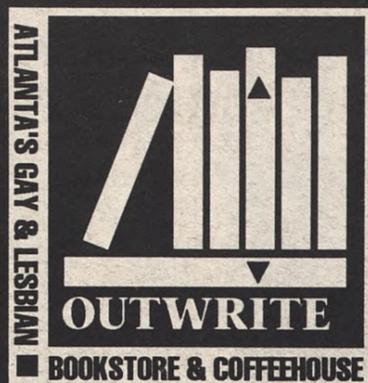
Colorado Group Helping To Fund Anti-Gays In Ohio: Colorado for Family Values has donated \$75,000 to Equal Rights, Not Special Rights, the anti-gay group in Cincinnati that organized a successful attempt to repeal the city's human rights ordinance, which includes protections based on sexual orientation. "If we have money, and there's a group fighting the battle the way we like it, we'll make a donation," said Kevin Tebedo, director of CFV, which organized the successful drive for Amendment 2. "Our mission is to be a resource in any way we can."

Hundreds Turn Out For Hearing On Same Sex Marriages: Hundreds of people turned out in Honolulu last week for a hearing on the question of same sex marriage, and for 12 hours the gathered throngs made emotional pleas for and against the issue. The hearing was organized by Hawaii House Judiciary Chairman Terrence Tom, who says the meetings will provide voter comment that will be considered in any bills lawmakers consider next session. The Hawaii Supreme Court has ruled the state's ban on same sex marriages unconstitutional, but an appeal means it may be at least two years before a final decision is reached.

Idaho Council Candidates Change Their Tune: A majority of the eight candidates for an Idaho Falls City Council seat said they erred in initially announcing their support for the Idaho Citizens Alliance's anti-gay initiative. Seven of the candidates said during a mid-October forum that they would support the measure proposed for the state's November 1994 ballot, prompting an eighth candidate, Don Allen, to launch a write-in campaign for the seat. Within hours of Allen's announcement, 6 of the 7 candidates issued statements claiming that they had not read the measure closely enough, and that more education was needed. Only Army Corps of Engineers regulatory project manager Ray Kagel maintained his strong support for the measure, accusing his fellow candidates of "backpedaling."

Charges Dismissed Against Parade Demonstrators: Charges have been dismissed against the more than 200 lesbian and gay demonstrators arrested for violating a court order by marching in New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade, the district attorney announced last week. The arrests were made after a judge ruled that the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization, which had battled for three years to be included in the parade, could not stage a protest parade. A statement from District Attorney Robert Morgethau's office said the decision to drop the charges was based on several factors, including the amount of time already served by the defendants, their passive resistance to police and the lack of damage done during the protest.

U.S. May Go After Gay Group's UN Status: The United States government is considering an attempt to rescind the International Lesbian/Gay Association's United Nation's status, after learning that the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) is a member of the group. U.S. envoy John Blaney blasted NAMBLA, which supports a relaxation of laws against pedophilia, saying the goals of the group "...are reprehensible and have no place in any U.N. forum." ILGA representative Julie Dorf said that the group is not responsible for its member group's actions, but that ILGA leaders will address Blaney's concerns. The ILGA was recently awarded consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council.



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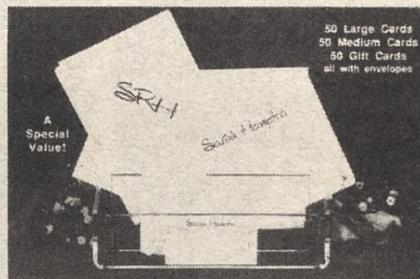
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remember also that [King] James I was a homosexual, him and his boy Shakespeare, and they got together and hooked this book up between frigging."

Another of Bakari's guests closed by saying that "we must reserve the right to disagree with certain lifestyle choices in a cerebral, well-thought-out manner, without being labelled homophobic. To disagree does not automatically mean that violence will be perpetrated against an individual."

Banks said of the Griots, "They have always gay bashed, but they started doing so severely in the name of Africa after my resignation. I find it hypocritical for any black person to gay bash, but in the name of Africa, it is especially awful. It is not necessary to fictionalize the utopia of Africa."

Banks feels that weak management at WRFG is too intimidated to stand up to the African centrists, in part because the written complaints WRFG has received have only come from whites. "If management were truly responsible, they would have to put the Klan on for equal access."

Other gay and lesbians producers at WRFG tell Southern Voice that homophobia over there is not a new occurrence. There have been enough complaints that the station's program committee came up with proposed guidelines for people on the air, saying that racism, sexism, anti-Semitism and homophobia are not appropriate on WRFG. That proposal was submitted to the station's board more than a year ago but no action has yet been taken.

Station manager Tom Davis said people producing shows on WRFG have complete editorial freedom within station guidelines. "We're an alternative to mainstream media and don't tolerate programming that is militaristic, racist, sexist or homophobic."

As to this specific controversy, Davis says that he expects all of his shows to be diplomatic and journalistic and it is his view that neither the Griots nor Banks have crossed that line.

"We need to have an internal discussion on dissemination of information on hot issues, and the sensitivity of the delivery. Both groups were borderline, with [the griots less borderline] than the lesbian show, but I would say they were pretty even. They didn't turn into the Rush Limbaugh type of over-emotionalizing. They gave the audience information, and it's up to the audience to disseminate that," Davis said.

A joint response from the African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance (AALGA) and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is being planned. Carl Lange of GLAAD said he thought that sensitivity training and a retraction of misinformation that occurred on the program was necessary.

"Free speech does not include slanderous, malicious and hateful attacks—that's defamation," Lange said.

"It's disheartening to me to see my people, who have a history of verbal abuse and physical attack, to join in on an attack on someone else," said AALGA's Pat Hussain. "When you've been on the receiving end so long, you may not recognize when you turn around and start giving it to someone else. If it had been WGST, we would file complaints with the FCC. We can't fail to respond."

The timing of this controversy is especially sensitive, as WRFG prepares to kick off a fundraising campaign to raise the \$145,000 needed to increase the station's signal strength to 100,000 watts. Lange said if station management fails to respond adequately to the defamation, the fundraising campaign could be targeted.

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Augusta hosts regional MCC conference this weekend

Augusta, GA—The Metropolitan Community Church of Augusta will host the semi-annual conference of the Gulf Lower Atlantic District (GLAD) of Metropolitan Community Churches on Nov. 12-14.

The featured speakers will be Rev. Elder Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and Dr. Mel White, dean of the Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, Texas.

Having Perry as a speaker is an exciting and rare opportunity, says Sandra DuBose, conference publicity chair.

Perry founded the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) in 1968 as a Christian church with a primary ministry among lesbian and gay men throughout the world. Since then, UFMCC has grown into a denomination of more than 280 churches in 13 districts in 16 countries. Worldwide membership today is approaching 30,000.

Perry continues to serve as a moderator and chief executive officer and is internationally known as a civil rights activist. He has received honors from human rights organizations, including honorary doctorates from Samaritan College and Sierra University and awards from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Gay and Lesbian Press Association.

For the conference, Perry will speak and conduct a weekend workshop on how to deal with the media as a controversial church.

"Troy has to be booked like a year or two

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in advance," DuBose said. "All the districts like to have him speak. He's very amusing. This will be the first time he has spoken [at a GLAD district conference] in four years."

The second featured speaker is author, journalist, filmmaker, television producer and communications consultant Mel White. DuBose said White, who was installed in June as Dean of the Cathedral at Cathedral of Hope UFMCC in Dallas, was chosen to speak four months ago—just before the mainstream media reported on his gay life and his past as a ghost-writer for such religious celebrities as Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and Billy Graham.

White, a communications scholar and eminently successful film producer, has produced 53 prize-winning motion picture and television documentaries. His films have documented the lives of such people as a POW, a terminal cancer patient and survivors of the Jonestown tragedy. His bestselling books, too, have been inspirational stories of the human struggle. His book "Margaret of Molokai" is the story of the last leper to leave the Kalaupapa peninsula and serves as an analogy for the AIDS crisis.

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White is currently mobilizing a nationwide campaign against the anti-gay rhetoric of the religious right and is launching Circles of Hope, a national ministry to gays and lesbians living in towns and villages across America where there is currently no organized, proactive, lesbian/gay presence.

Besides general business for church leaders, workshops and worship, conferees will also elect a district coordinator. Jay Neely of Atlanta currently serves in that position.

The Gulf Lower Atlantic District includes churches and outreach efforts in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. Twelve new mission churches have been added since the last conference in May.

Four hundred people, including visitors and children, are expected to attend this conference, which will be held at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel in Augusta. MCC/Augusta welcomes all people who care to worship.

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EDITORIAL

Failure to expose Schaefer's mask troubling

Nine out of 10 Atlanta voters rejected Nancy Schaefer's bid to be mayor, a heartening and powerful indication that the politics of intolerance and division are unwelcome in this city.

But even though she didn't manage to garner much support at the ballot box, the ease with which Schaefer was able to manipulate Atlanta's mainstream media—and generate coverage that made her appear legitimate—troubles us greatly.

The Nancy Schaefer that the gay/lesbian community has known for years is not the Nancy Schaefer who paraded in front of the voters. She assiduously avoided attacking gays and lesbians. Her comments concerning domestic partnership focused almost solely on its cost, not on her anti-gay/lesbian views. She didn't even trot out the phrase "family values." Instead, she talked about crime and taxes and ethics and education.

Why, if it weren't for the hair, we might not have recognized her.

In short, Schaefer reinvented her public persona to make it more palatable. On one level, that is a positive development—when even the fundies catch on that virulent homophobia turns off voters, we are headed in the right direction. But clearly, voters who were unfamiliar with Schaefer had the right to know about her real agenda.

And that is where Atlanta's television stations and mainstream newspapers failed.

For instance, their viewers and readers

never knew that Schaefer, in a 1989 newsletter for the Family Concerns group that she heads, maintained that AIDS "can be contracted not only through blood and semen—but also through saliva, sweat, tears, intact skin, household contact and operating room aerosols." Or that she solicited funds for that group by saying that "we are in a major spiritual morality war." Or that she once said told a TV audience that gay men were infected with "amoebas."

Discovering her views wouldn't have required any complicated feat of investigative journalism. She has left a mile-wide trail of narrow-minded writings and public utterances behind her.

In the beginning of the mayoral campaign, Schaefer was dismissed by the media as one of those "other" candidates, an afterthought to the major three contenders. But, armed with a TV ad blitz and a new persona that had gone unchallenged because the media didn't take her seriously, she started attracting voters. Then she started showing up in the polls, the media not only didn't dig into her past anti-gay activities, but also started treating her as the fourth major candidate, inviting her to debates and forums.

During the final debate of the campaign on Channel 5, this woman—who has built an entire organization based on her opposition to lesbian and gay rights, who has been the chief spokeswoman for anti-gay forces in this city for the better part of a decade—was not asked a single question about her views on the sub-

ject. In a city with a large gay population, and in a city where lesbian/gay rights issues have been in the spotlight for much of the year, such a lapse is mystifying, bordering on unconscionable.

Likewise, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution continued to write about her and describe her simply as a conservative activist, without ever seriously exploring her reputation, her ties to the Christian Coalition or her attempt, through the Jacob's Well group, to dupe African-American voters.

It makes one wonder if the Atlanta newspapers would have covered the last governor's race in Louisiana without bothering to mention that David Duke once belonged to the Klan.

To be fair, the three major candidates in the race didn't call her to account, either. But then, their task was to win an election, not to expose Nancy Schaefer for the homophobe that she is. That job belonged to the media, who were asleep at the switch.

By treating Nancy Schaefer with kid gloves and throwing her marshmallow questions, the media gave her a stamp of credibility that allowed her to draw 9,000 votes and probably throw the race into a runoff. Thankfully, this time, the actual damage was minimal. Voters who were in the dark about the real Nancy Schaefer still did the right thing and resoundingly rejected her.

What about next time?

RICHARD SHUMATE

L E T T E R S

Will fight article miscasts situation, doctor says

It was with great concern that I read the article "Eagle changes hands..." in the October 28 issue of Southern Voice. While many of the facts in the article are accurate, the point of view presented seems to be very one sided, seeming to represent only [MP] Schildmeyer's perspective, with no apparent representation of the opposing attorney's point of view.

I had known Jaye [Evans] for nearly 10 years before he died, first as a prominent member of Atlanta's bar community, then as a friend, a fellow community activist and finally as his physician for the last seven years of his life. During the final years of his illness, he became quite close to my staff and to myself.

I think it would be inappropriate for me to discuss in this particular forum communications between Jaye Evans and myself which arose as part of our physician-patient relationship. However, it would not be inappropriate for me to at least state that I knew, from my

many contacts with Jaye, that Jaye wanted to leave some sort of lasting legacy to Atlanta's gay/lesbian/AIDS/leather community. He was also very concerned that the bar continue to operate, so that his employees could maintain their health insurance. But in all of our various conversations and communications, Jaye Evans did not mention the name of Michael Feinstein as part of his vision or plans in these regards.

I was questioned extensively by the opposing attorneys about Jaye's will and my personal contacts with him. I was called upon to testify in the trial which overturned Jaye's will, rightly or wrongly. During this trial the following facts were presented. Jaye's will was written and executed while he was hospitalized and only three weeks before his death. He was that day awaiting an open lung biopsy. He was taking many strong medications, some with powerful mind-altering capabilities. He was suffering from many complications. He was totally blind in one eye and visually impaired in the other. Apparently while Jaye was in this condition, Feinstein prepared, and Jaye executed, a will which named Feinstein as his executor and beneficiary as well.

We have all heard the many horror stories of an estranged and distant family appearing at the last minute to take a gay or lesbian person's estate away from the faithful lover. But it seems that we are not prepared to accept the possibility that the family of such a person might also at least have valid questions about how such a loved one's estate and affairs are to be handled, given the circumstances surrounding the execution of his/her will or the consequences surrounding his/her last illness and death.

I do not know Michael Feinstein personally. I have no motive to question his ethics, integrity, intentions or abilities. I do not intend to impugn his reputation or suggest that he did or did not do something wrong in relation to Jaye Evans' will. Michael Feinstein might well be the finest person in the world, with the best of intentions. But, at least Jaye's family had some basis upon which to question Feinstein's

control and administration of Jaye's estate.

I know that when I had my own will written, my attorney, who is one of my closest friends, refused to be my executor because he felt it represented a potential conflict of interest. It is not illegal for an attorney to act as draftsman, executor and beneficiary of a will. Under certain circumstances, it is not unethical for an attorney to do so. But, I understand from the court case, that it was in part because of such concerns that Jaye's family chose to contest his will. So, Jaye's family at least had some facts upon which to base their claims, whether the will's preparation and execution were in fact proper or improper. It would have seemed appropriate for your news coverage of these disputes to fairly present the family's side of the case as well as Feinstein's and his attorney's.

It has been very difficult for me to write this letter. It was very difficult for me to testify at the trial regarding Jaye Evans' will. The information which I am providing to you above is exactly the same information which I provided at trial and which I understand is of public record. Many of these facts, however, were not presented in your article. As the finest, and most reputable, gay/lesbian press in the South, it is incumbent upon you to present all sides of a story. This is especially true in this sort of case when the defendant and his attorney are members of the community and the plaintiff and his attorney are not.

We can only hope that J.D. Evans, Jaye's father, will honor Jaye's memory by honoring the spirit of his wishes. [He] has expressed his intention to do so. Hopefully Evans' intentions will come closer to following Jaye's intentions than did the will which was overturned.

Stosh Ostrow
Atlanta



Lesbians can't have best friends without tongues wagging

I have a real lesbian dilemma maybe you can help me with.

How does a lesbian have best friends?

"Well," you're probably saying to yourself, "Easy. You just marry them."

Right, that's the problem.

That's, as far as I'm concerned, the absolute, bottom-line, defacto, ultimate, perfect definition of "lesbian." We marry our best friends.

I know that there are many non-gay people who believe that they marry their best friends. Hah. They don't. Oh, sure, detente, maybe, but best friends between *genus masculines* and *phylum femininus*? Preposterous. I know for a fact, and have always firmly adhered to the abiding principle, that it is against the laws of nature and the traveled universes to marry outside of one's own species.

I mean, really. On the one hand you've got a subset of Sapiens who believes that deep and significant sharing is caringly expressed through passing the peanuts at post time. And on the other, you've got an entire classification of sentient beings whose basic assumptions are built upon the unshakable theory that Martha Stewart actually has an entire magazine's worth of important things to tell them about living. Monthly. Where's the commonality? The crossed threshold? The breastbone to breastbone connection you get from being amongst your own kind in perfect society?

Heterosexual best friends? I think not.

But same sex friendships. Now that does make perfect sense. Humungo hulks smashing beer cans on each other's foreheads in hetero-harmony? Hey, who could argue with that? Seems right to me. Straight Sallies sharing intimate diet secrets. I can get behind that, too. But where does that leave us? Lesbians?



Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

We usually gain our initiation with a best friend connection that somehow gets to the gonads. And when it does, voila. Lesbians. Any women who don't think they qualify as lesbians just because they are only sleeping with their best friend, and it's not like they're, uh, you know, dykes or anything, should please and promptly hie yourselves to a Webster's New Collegiate, and look up just exactly whose pictures you'll find next to that dyke definition: Lady who sleeps with other lady: Lesbian. Duh. Denial is such a wonderful thing.

Lianna and the professor felt the best friend connection, and look what happened.

So, more than likely, did Patience and Sarah. Not to mention the rest of us. Some extraordinary intimacy, not to mention extraordinary sex, with the person with whom you have this connection.

And a result, we accomplish a set of best friends, a) we are currently married to or b) we used to be married to.

Not much room in here for just plain best friends who we'll never be married to.

Not buddies, you understand. I'm not talking philosophical softball sisters here. Or others of our equal femme-illumination or butch-osity, whose pheromones will never get past our gastrointestinal track. I'm talking about people you'd might marry under other circumstances, but when the circumstances are other, there doesn't seem to be a comfortable category to put them into.

I mean, where's the room?

I have one at the moment, and frankly, I can't figure out what to do with her. I mean, of course, I know what to do with her. Have dinner. See movies. Attend social functions. Wash the cars. Saltillo Mexican tile the spare rooms. Stuff like that. But, ah, my friends, and, oh, my foes, it sheds an awkward light.

You see, she's secretly engaged with (see how different that is for lesbians than for straight ladies who get engaged to. Oops. Sorry, I get easily distracted when it comes to us and our place on the planet). someone who may or may not become fully available in many months forward. And my friend is happy as a clam in garlic-butter about it (No, not the wait. But the impending wed, for which she's willing to wait). Because I'm in a waiting mode, too, having a close Significant who has taken temporary consulting status in other regions, and, unfortunately, isn't so close any more. But only geographically speaking.

So my best friend and I spend our hang time together, patiently scratching daily lines on the walls.

And, my dears, you'd think adultery was illegal in the lesbian community. And that we

were committing it. Which we're not. You'd also think the community hadn't anything better to dish since Martina. Now, I do understand a little, of course, because my friend can't be too careful, can't tell anyone what, or more accurately who, she's doing these days, without risking serious .38-caliber maximum magnum harm to her elf and her posterity. And, then, just everybody here knows that Judi's left the state for a few more months or more. Far too long as far as I'm concerned. So everybody's busy putting too and too together and coming up with the very next chapter of the lesbian soap opera.

So I ask you, what do I do? Sit lonely in my room, pining for the presence of my absent other? Or hang out with my best friend. With whom I laugh at the same things, and who keeps me from sitting in my lonely room pining away, which keeps her similarly occupied. Tell me.

I got to have best friends when I was chained to Whatsisname. It seemed to be a perfectly acceptable heterosexual custom, unless, of course, she runs off with her best friend instead of his. It was probably crafted in self-defense (see Roberts' pet theory about same species marriages above). But now, apparently, according to the Official Guidebook to Lesbian Etiquette, it's a highly questionable practice. Even if we aren't doing anything uptoward. Odd.

Anyway, I thought maybe you had some thoughts on just why this is. Why is it that lesbians are not allowed to have best friends that they aren't now, or in the future, planning to be married to? I think my best friend and I will go to a movie.

I guess you think going to the Thanksgiving dance together would be out of the question.

L E T T E R S

Evans family defends decision to contest will in Eagle case

In response to your Oct. 28 article on the "Eagle changes hands," written by KC Wildmoon, I would like to inform you and your readers about the Evans' family point of view and why we contested the will.

Jaye Evans was a hard-working man for

all of his life. He worked many long years for what he had and was rightfully proud of his accomplishments. It was extremely uncharacteristic for him to give everything to a man he only knew for six months. In your article, it was stated that Jaye left the Eagle to Feinstein

who had managed the bar prior to Jaye's death. He was, in fact, only a patron. It was in this capacity that he met Jaye, saw how ill he was and took the opportunity to take advantage of Jaye's vulnerable state.

Jaye was extremely ill the last six months

of his life. He was on several different types of medication, many of which were mind altering. His eyesight was also impaired to the point that he could not read.

Jaye waited until it was almost too late to draw up his will because he always felt if he wrote a will, then he would be giving into death and that wasn't what he wanted. If Jaye had not been ill or heavily medicated, he would have left his possessions to Bill Dean, who was his roommate and best friend for 10 years. He also would have remembered his family. The will would have never been contested if that had been the case.

Feinstein is a Johnny-come-lately who didn't cover his tracks well enough and got caught. If Feinstein is an attorney and knows Georgia law, he and his attorney (Schildmeyer) should know that it is against the code of ethics and the law to do what he did. In my opinion, Feinstein should be disbarred from practicing law in the state of Georgia, so this won't happen to other victims of AIDS.

I would also like to clarify another point in your article. Your statement that Jaye died Feb. 21, 1992, after suffering a stroke, but it was on Feb. 14, a week prior to his death. Therefore, Jaye died of AIDS.

In spite of M.P. Schildmeyer's statement, there was nothing hateful about the verdict. I see it as justice having been served. Finally, Jaye's true wishes will be fulfilled and his legacy will live on for the gay community.

Ellen Evans
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Lesbians to be included in \$600 million women's health study

*Post-menopausal women aged 50-79
 urged to participate*

Washington, DC—After months of organizing, letter writing, and rabble rousing, lesbian health advocates have won a small, but substantial victory: the National Institutes of Health has decided to include lesbians as a visible part of the largest study of women's health ever undertaken.

The Women's Health Initiative, which will recruit 160,000 post-menopausal women into a \$600 million study focused on the incidence of and remedies for health disease, gynecological cancers and osteoporosis in women will include questions designed to allow researchers to determine whether there may be different disease risks or reactions to remedies among lesbians. The questions—which like all those in the study, are voluntary—will ask women about sexual behavior and sexual identity.

The announcement reverses a prior decision by the Women's Health Institute Coordinator, Dr. William Harlan, to exclude lesbians from a primary portion of the study.

"This is a tremendous victory for lesbians, both because it will establish a model for inclusion of lesbians in future health research and because it has such far reaching implications for addressing lesbian health needs in the future," said Paula Ettelbrick, public policy director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, who coordinated the grassroots public education and letter writing campaign to include lesbians in the study.

"The health concerns of lesbians, such as breast cancer, have been ignored for too long. This victory proves that when we organize we can impact on national policy and demand that our tax dollars be used to address our health needs as women and as lesbians," Ettelbrick said.

Attention was first drawn to lesbian exclusion from the health study by Dr. Kate O'Hanlan, a lesbian gynecological surgeon at Stanford University, who brought her concern to the attention of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Dr. Harlan.

The National Center for Lesbian Rights joined O'Hanlan in a campaign that included lesbian health projects from across

the country. The coalition asked that Secretary Shalala intercede and follow up on her expressed concerns for the lesbian health care needs presented to her by a group of lesbian health advocates last April during the March On Washington.

Letters poured into Shalala's office from groups as diverse as the North Carolina Lesbian and Gay Health Project, Seattle Lesbian Cancer Project, Boston Women's Health Collective, the Lesbian Avengers, and the Vice President of Clinical Affairs for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

While several small scale studies seem to indicate that lesbians may be at high risk for certain cancers and heart disease, the finding of the nine-year Women's Health Initiative, which will begin in January 1994 at 45 sites around the country, will provide the most statistically valid profile of the top three causes of illness and death for women. In addition, all future research funding, health services, and educational efforts within target communities will emanate from this study.

"A most important feature of this study is that it will finally give us a statistically valid profile of lesbian health so that we know what is going on in our community," said Ettelbrick. "It will also set the stage for us to draw attention to other related health concerns, such as hostility against or insensitivity toward lesbians among health care providers and the identification of lesbians as a community with special needs under the President's new health proposals."

Advocates say it is now essential that lesbians volunteer to take part in the study. To participate, they must have gone through menopause and be 50-79 years old.

Three southeastern sites for the study have been selected. In Atlanta the contact person is W. Dallas Hall, M.D., (404) 473-8600; in Birmingham, Albert Oberman, M.D., (205) 375-7575; and in Memphis William Applegate, M.D., (901) 767-4200.

Information about the future sites for the study may be obtained by contacting the National Center for Lesbian Rights Public Policy Office, (212) 343-9589.



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Toxic pollutants linked to endometriosis

A study sponsored by the Endometriosis Association in Wisconsin has linked endometriosis to toxic pollutants such as dioxin. Scientists hope that the study will lead to further research on the causes of this puzzling disease.

Endometriosis predominantly affects women in their reproductive years. It is characterized by the presence of uterine tissue outside of the uterus in the form of nodules, tumors, lesions, or other growth. These anomalies can cause pain, infertility, and other problems.

The study revealed a directly proportional dose-dependent relationship between

the amount of dioxin given to monkeys and the severity of their endometriosis.

Dioxin, a poisonous chemical that can often be found in waterways near pulp and paper mills, is formed when chlorine bonds with organic substances, such as those found in lakes and rivers. Pending further research, the Endometriosis Association has advised women to stay away from chlorine-bleached tampons and pads.

For more information about the study or about endometriosis, write to the Endometriosis Association's International Headquarters, 8586 N. 76th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53223.

Pasteur Institute finds important HIV coreceptor

Paris—French researchers say they have discovered the gateway through which HIV penetrates and infects blood cells, a finding that could lead to development of a vaccine to lock the virus out.

A Pasteur Institute team said it has discovered a "co-receptor" enzyme molecule, named CD26, used by all strains of HIV to gain entry to immune system cells.

AIDS researchers have known for several years that HIV, latches onto a receptor molecule called CD4 on the surface of some blood cells.

"But we didn't know how the virus got inside the cell to contaminate it," said Dr. Ara Hovanessian, who headed Pasteur's research team. "Now we know that both the CD4 and the CD26 are necessary for the virus to penetrate and infect the cell," Hovanessian said.

The CD26 structure was identified several years ago, but its function remained a mystery.

"The presence and functioning of the CD26 molecule are indispensable for the infection and spread of the virus in the CD4 cells," said a statement from the Pasteur Institute. "In viral infections, the CD4 serves as the contact point for viral particles, while CD26 serves as the main door.

AIDS researcher Robert Gallo on the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, said the findings appeared to be a "very exciting, very stimulating step" in AIDS research.

Pasteur Institute researchers say the existence of a second receptor provides researchers with another avenue of research in developing a vaccine.

"The AIDS virus has always managed to have the key to open the CD4 receptor-lock. We hope to be able to develop drugs capable of jamming the CD26 lock so that the AIDS key will no longer fit," Hovanessian said. Since every strain of HIV uses CD26 to infect cells, "we're hoping to develop a universal vaccine," he said.

However, Hovanessian cautioned that developing such a vaccine could take a long time because research has so far been conducted only on a limited number of chimpanzees, an endangered species.

Scientists in Paris plan to breed a laboratory mouse which would have both the CD4 and CD26 receptors like human beings.

Jean-Paul Levy, head of France's National AIDS Research Center, said that the findings represented a major breakthrough because of implications for a vaccine that would work against all HIV strains.

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Doctors, researchers question value of annual mammograms

Raleigh, NC—Confused about how often you should have a mammogram?

Well, you should be.

Some doctors and researchers are now questioning the long standing conventional wisdom that women should begin receiving annual mammograms after they turn 40.

A recent National Cancer Institute analysis of 30 years of data found that women in their 40s who received mammograms died of breast cancer at the same rate as those who did not.

The review did confirm, however, that routine, annual mammograms clearly save the lives of many women over 50, The News & Observer of Raleigh reported.

Dr. Russell Harris, an internist at University of North Carolina Hospitals, was on the five-member NCI panel that reviewed breast cancer studies involving hundreds of thousands of women.

Although he is a strong advocate of mammograms, Harris said he can't ignore the studies. "What it comes down to is telling women the truth," Harris said. "If we tell women in their 40s, 'You should run out and get a mammogram and that will save you,' we're deceiving them."

The National Cancer Institute's executive committee will decide in December whether to withdraw its longstanding recommendation that women in their 40s receive regular mammograms.

It's unclear why mammograms don't seem to benefit most younger women. One theory is that the scans of younger, denser breasts are less accurate. Another is that cancers showing up earlier in life are more aggressive and early detection does not sig-

nificantly increase the chances of a patient's survival.

Barbara Rimmer, a member of the NCI panel and director of the Cancer Prevention and Early Detection program at Duke University Medical Center, said scans might be less accurate for younger women whose breasts are still made up of mostly milk glands.

One study showed that 44 percent of all mammograms failed to detect cancerous lesions in women under 50. As women age, the milk glands are replaced by fat and the breast becomes less dense and allows for a more accurate X-ray.

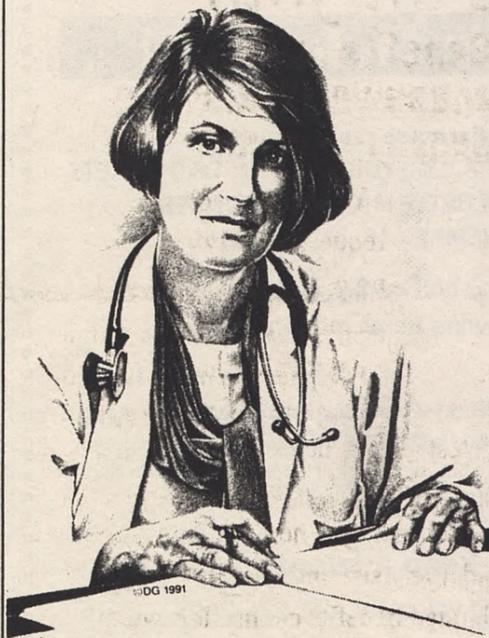
While the NCI weighs a decision on mammograms, some major doctors' groups remain adamant about the value of early screening. The American Cancer Society and the American College of Radiology think the NCI's mammography studies are flawed, and both groups will continue urging women to begin screening tests at the age of 40.

But for some doctors and others in health care, the confusion about recommending mammograms is complicated by a new sensitivity about the overuse of medical tests in general. At a price of \$50 to \$100, the mammogram is a relatively inexpensive procedure, but it is also a common one. Mammograms administered to women in their 40s account for \$1.5 billion in health care spending annually.

One in nine women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime, up from one in 14 in 1960. About one-third of them—or 46,000 American women—will die from it in 1993. It is the leading cause of death for black women.

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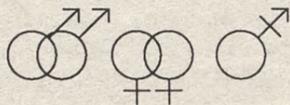
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Alternative Treatment Information: Jon Greeberg, a New York treatment activist who died July 12, and Stefan Korsia, who for three years headed the treatment education program at AIDS Project Los Angeles, collected more than 2,000 pages of information on dozens of "alternative" treatments—things like bitter melon, astragalus, spirulina (blue-green algae), NAC and many others. Copies of the collected information are now available free to nonprofit organizations and for \$30 to others.

In a cover letter announcing the collection, Korsia urged caution, noting that the information comes from varied and sometimes unreliable sources (solid data on most alternative treatments being extremely scarce). Still, this may be as thorough a compilation of what information does exist about unconventional treatments as one is likely to find.

To order, call AIDS Project Los Angeles at (213)993-1529. If you want to speak to a live person, call Marty Majchrowitz, head of APLA's treatment education department at (213)993-1484.

Vaccines: No Miracles In Sight: A panel of experts at a Community Forum on AIDS Vaccines, held in conjunction with a major vaccine conference in San Francisco, described slow, steady progress in research but cautioned that nothing miraculous is in sight.

The basic problem remains that, although a number of HIV vaccines being tested are safe and produce some immune response, no one knows exactly what kind of response a vaccine must elicit from the complex machinery of the human immune system in order to actually protect against the virus.

Don Francis, the former Centers for Disease Control official (made famous in the HBO production of "And the Band Played On") and now working for the biotech firm Genetech, summed it up this way: "If any of these that have been [tested] in humans...were penicillin, we wouldn't be sitting here. We're making incremental steps, maybe, but none of these are...going to save all HIV-infected people in the world."

Scam Update: In a recent column I mentioned the Orion Institute's glossy fundraising mailer as an example of the sort of solicitation that should provoke a lot of questions before anyone starts parting with their money. Columnist Michael Botkin of the Bay Area Reporter in San Francisco did a little checking and seems to have confirmed my worst suspicions.

"Their 1-800 number," Botkin writes in B.A.R.'s Oct. 7 issue, "turned out to be a phone service with no specific knowledge of their subscribers." They did offer another phone number (not toll free), he continues, and offered to send him written information. But that also turned out to be another faceless phone service with no direct connection to Orion. After three months of repeated inquiries, the promised literature has yet to arrive. Donor beware.

Behind The Scenes At The FDA: In a recent article in AIDS and Public Policy Review, Alvin Novick, MD reflects on his four years of service on the FDA's Anti-Virals Advisory Committee, the group of experts that advises the drug-regulating agency on whether or not to approve new anti-HIV drugs. Novick's point of view is relatively conservative, but he makes a number of intriguing points that have rarely been so clearly stated by a voice from inside the FDA.

For example, in many of the trials on which the FDA must base its decisions significant numbers of patients drop out—and almost always, Novick writes, there are enough drop-outs to make interpretation of the results more difficult. These drop-outs could be a huge potential well of information that Novick says has been left virtually untapped:

"I'm sure that some patients found the trials too tedious or demanding, or that they intruded on work or life schedules. Some were probably offended by the way they were treated, though many were surely deeply grateful. We almost never know which ones, how many, and why. I'm willing to guess the investigators didn't know either." Interviews with those who drop out, Novick suggests, could tell us much, not only about the drug being studied, but also about how to design better trials for the future.

He also has some interesting things to say about who gets studied. "Women were often excluded—not by overt exclusion criteria, but because few or none appeared on the patient roster," Novick notes. "What was going on? Were they excluded to protect their fetuses (a just and rational exclusion in some circumstances)? Or were they a nuisance to recruit and hold onto?"

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Lesbian mecca of Santa Cruz still not a completely safe haven

Santa Cruz, CA—In cities across the United States, something as simple as holding your girlfriend's hand on the street is almost always uncomfortable and often dangerous—if you're another woman.

That fact has been enough to fuel a pilgrimage to Santa Cruz by lesbians from across the country, who have come here in search of the safe haven called a "lesbian mecca" by Ms. Magazine more than a decade ago.

Some say they've found it. Others say there's a long way to go before lesbians are fully integrated into the local community.

"Santa Cruz does have a reputation for a lesbian mecca, in the way that Northampton, Mass., does in the East," said Sara Pettit, executive editor of Out magazine, a gay and lesbian publication based in New York. "I don't know if it's the famous lesbians like [award winning poet] Adrienne Rich who live there or the young University of California students, or what, but it does have that reputation."

While the city's reputation stretches back to the '70s and early '80s, the difference is that today, the large underground community of gay women in Santa Cruz has begun to open doors that may never be closed again.

Following a national trend of openness, or perhaps leading the way, local lesbians are coming out of the closet. While in the past, gay meant "men" and lesbians would never be seen walking down the Pacific Garden Mall holding hands, today lesbians are making themselves visible at all levels of society, from business to politics to government.

"You know the term 'We are everywhere,'" said Jo Kenny, a well-known lesbian activist in town. "Well, we are."

It was at a gas station in Arkansas when Marcy Coburn, 22, decided she had found paradise in Santa Cruz, when the gas station

owner leaned over, said, "I know what you are," and refused to let her use the bathroom.

"It was a big reality check for me, like the rest of the world is not Santa Cruz," said Coburn, who moved to Santa Cruz in search of a safe community to come out in.

"Every woman I saw, I would totally blush. There's just so many gay women." And they come from all over. Coburn has lesbian friends from Connecticut, Texas, Boston. "This is the first place I've ever felt like this was home."

Lesbians have been drawn to Santa Cruz by its reputation as a town accepting of alternate lifestyles—a reputation that began back when Mike Rotkin became the first feminist mayor and John Laird the first openly gay mayor in the early '80s.

But that's far from all Santa Cruz offers lesbians. The list usually begins with the women's studies program at UC-Santa Cruz. One of the best in the country, the program has hired lesbian faculty members who have helped make lesbians feel welcome, said Marge Frantz, who has been teaching at the university as a lesbian for nearly 20 years.

UCSC is also one of the few universities to offer courses in gay studies. There are institutional community anchors—the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Community Center that opened three years ago in downtown Santa Cruz and offers a list of services from housing listings to a hotline.

There's La Gazette, a feminist magazine with a strong lesbian component, published by Tracye Lea Lawson, a lesbian activist, concert promoter

and businesswoman. She graduated from the women's studies program at UCSC in the late '70s.

"Santa Cruz is just a very comfortable place," said Lawson, who estimates the local lesbian population in the thousands.

She points to new businesses, like Herland Cafe, a women's cafe and bookstore, run by two young lesbians, which has become a meeting place for many lesbians in town but is first and foremost a business operation.

The list of lesbian activities stretches on and on. But for every activity, there's a story of harassment. For every over-40s potluck dinner, there's a story of a couple being harassed on the street. Along with the Blue Lagoon, a gay bar, come stories of guys in trucks yelling at the "queers" to get out of town.

Each of the annual Gay Pride parades, which have been held for 19 years in Santa Cruz, is accompanied by acts of vandalism, scratched cars, graffiti. Merrie Schaller, coordinator of the Gay Pride Parade, said a bag of vomit was left in her driveway after a recent parade, numerous threatening telephone calls, and "We kill queers," written on her bumper sticker.

"Even in this town, where you would think it would be more accepting, it is just amazing the level of discrimination," said attorney Jennifer Drobac, who represents lesbians suing RMC Lonestar Co. in nearby Davenport, charging colleagues and managers at the cement plant with harassment.

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"Even in a so-called lesbian mecca, there's still really a need to counteract stereotypes," said Melyssa Jo Kelly, 42, coordinator of the City of Santa Cruz Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women.

On the other hand, Kelly, a gay city employee, said she's never been harassed on the job and

praises the city for passing an anti-bias ordinance last year designed in part to protect gays from discrimination.

"I feel absolutely safe at work. I don't have to hide it," said Kelly, who displays a picture of her lover at work. She joins a growing number of high profile women in Santa Cruz who are becoming increasingly open about their homosexuality.

People like Karen Clark, editorial page editor at the Santa Cruz Sentinel, who believe it's important to provide role models to counter stereotypes branding lesbians as amoral or deviants.

"Anytime someone is in the public eye, it's important to be out," Clark said. "So many people have strange ideas of what lesbians are, although there's still a strong part of me that feels it's nobody's business."

"We are just like everyone else," a concept that can be threatening for straight society, said Elisabeth, a school teacher in Santa Cruz County, who is afraid she'll be "harassed" out of her job if she comes out of the closet at work.

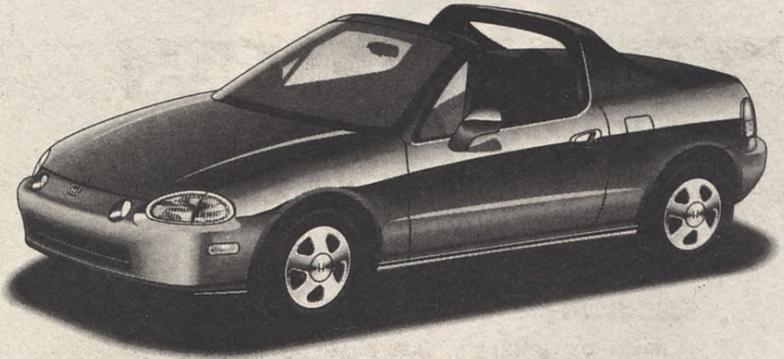
"No one wants to think we're the gal in the pretty dress, the nice lady in the grocery store, or those cute girls next door," she said. "It's just easier to stereotype us."

The truth is, said Linda Hooper, organizer of a Gay Evening in May and local lesbian activist, "You don't know who a lesbian is, unless she tells you."

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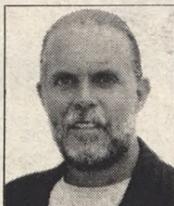
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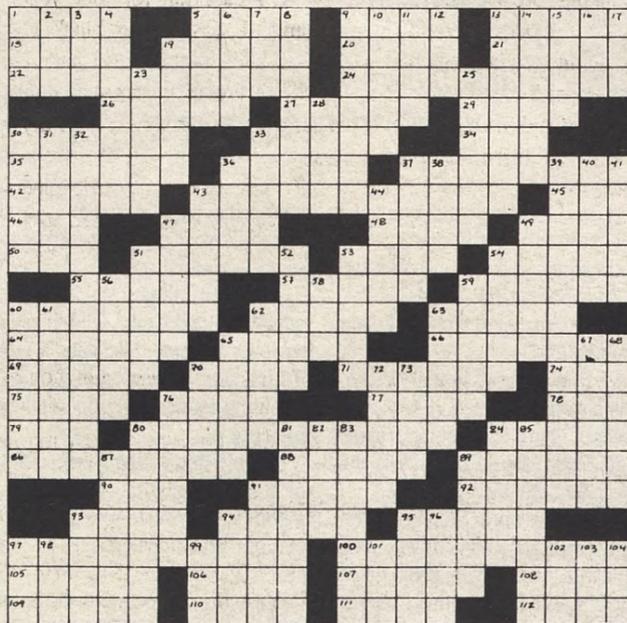
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Sappho's sits almost invisibly behind a tall tree in the Western Addition, a transitional San Francisco neighborhood where “gay gentrified” Victorians tower over federally-funded housing projects. Like the house, “invisible” lesbians once again quietly break ground, developing new models to take care of women's needs neglected by the mainstream political establishment.

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According to founder and director, Alison Wright, valid concerns about housing options often constrain women's opportunities for important life changes. Transitional housing is limited to the far ends of the spectrum, from high-priced women's hotels to homeless shelters. Sappho's is trying to bridge this gap at \$15 per night for a semi-private room, shared bath, kitchen, common areas and continental breakfast foods donated by community businesses, as well as supplementary foods for evening meals. Monthly rates and work share is available for stays up to a few months.

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Founded by a group of 10 women in 1988, Sappho's has grown under Alison Wright's need to give something back to the community, following her mistaken arrest as a protester during an appearance of President Bush at the St. Francis-Weston in 1988. New to town,



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According to Wright, she was dealing with something very new to her. “I was called ‘nigger,’ which was the first time I had ever heard it. I had lived in New York and in Boston and had never had an experience like this. The case ran for four years, and they assumed I was a poor black girl from the project and couldn't read and didn't understand the law and what was going on. They assumed very wrong, as both my parents are teachers.”

Eventually the case settled and Wright had promised herself she would give something back to the community. “It took a man who died of AIDS to get it on tape, a gay woman from Florida to get it on camera to stop them from beating me, and a gay man next to me, that I didn't even know and who has also since died of AIDS, who tried to get them off of me. It took the community to save my ass and here I had been using the community for my entertainment. My decision to join this effort was to give something back.”

According to Wright, “Women from all over the world come to Sappho's and learn by living, working and talking with a whole spectrum of women about our community and various cultures represented at Sappho's. Many prejudices are unmasked and dissolved by simply providing an atmosphere where every woman has the ability to meet lesbians, women of color, seniors and women with children all under the same roof. Frankly, if you don't have family or someone to take care of you or to give you the ability to be some place without ending up on the street, you're at a disadvantage. When I moved here, if I hadn't had a friend or the will, I don't think I would have survived here at all, especially after the beating. But I had support. I had support of people who didn't even know me.”

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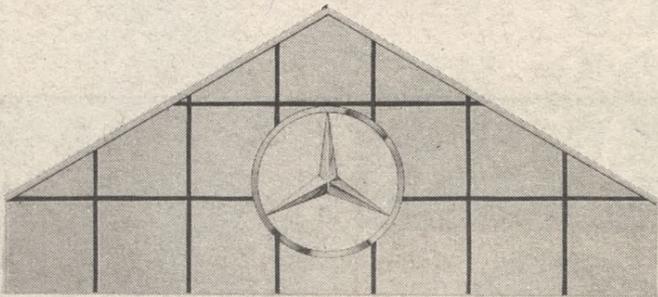
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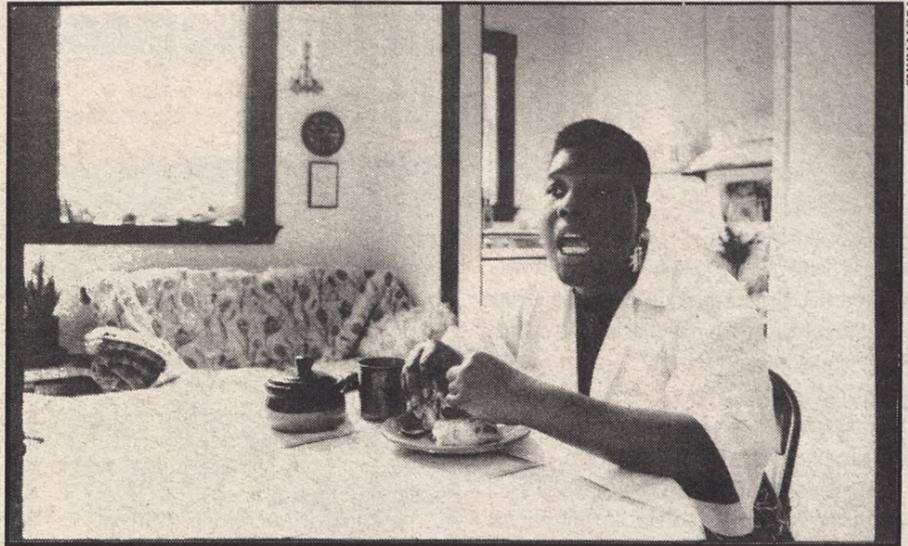
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Cities vote down gay/lesbian rights

Voters in two cities voted overwhelmingly to repeal gay/lesbian rights ordinances already in place during the Nov. 2 elections, while voters in a third city said no to implementing a gay rights measure.

• In Cincinnati, Ohio, a ballot measure repealing an ordinance protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination passed with 62 percent of the vote. "The whole issue wasn't about discrimination; it was about morality," said the Rev. K.Z. Smith, a Baptist preacher and leader of the repeal forces.

Defenders of the ordinance included the League of Women Voters and even Cincinnati's Roman Catholic Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, who said gays and lesbians deserve protection.

On the day after the election, gay rights supporters said they would go to court to prevent the repeal measure from taking effect. And three groups—the United Church of Christ, the American Library Association and the American Historical Association—are reportedly considering moving conventions from the city.

• In Portsmouth, N.H., residents said no in a non-binding referendum on a gay rights ordi-

nance that had previously been defeated by the City Council. Only about 41 percent of the city's voters said they supported the measure.

Members of the Open Door City Coalition, which proposed the ordinance last spring, said after the vote that they will now turn their attention to pushing state legislation to bar discrimination based on sexual orientation throughout New Hampshire.

"I think we're going to continue our education process because that's had an impact already," said coalition member Susan Horowitz.

• In Lewiston, Maine, the state's second largest city, the voters repealed a gay/lesbian rights ordinance that had been enacted by the City Council. Nearly 68 percent of the city's electorate voted for repeal.

"The road to justice is a difficult one," said Celeste Branham, a leader in the fight to preserve the ordinance.

The day after the defeat, a small number of protestors were arrested during an evening demonstration of lesbian/gay rights supporters in downtown Lewiston.

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Teenager gets 50 years in HIV murder

Indianapolis, IN—A teenager's claim that he killed a sexual partner after the man told him he was carrying the AIDS virus could start a dangerous trend, AIDS activists say.

Michael Kelnhofer, 19, of Lafayette, was sentenced to 50 years in prison Oct. 26 as part of an agreement under which he pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter.

Twenty years of the sentence were suspended, and Kelnhofer could be released from prison in 15 years with good behavior.

In exchange for Kelnhofer's guilty plea, charges of murder, burglary and theft were dismissed.

"Yeah, that worries me. I think it sets a dangerous precedent, to tell you the truth," Robert Taylor, executive director of Project AIDS Lafayette, said of Kelnhofer's plea agreement. "There was no expert AIDS testimony on what occurred between those two gentlemen.

"I think it's a classic case of not taking responsibility for his actions," Taylor added.

Kelnhofer stabbed John Eric Randolph, 29, to death last November after the two had a sexual encounter in Randolph's apartment, according to court records.

In a written statement submitted to the court, Kelnhofer said he agreed to allow Randolph to perform oral sex on him in exchange for Randolph's stereo.

Randolph refused to give Kelnhofer the stereo after the encounter. The two argued and Randolph pulled a kitchen knife, according to the statement.

Randolph also said he was infected with HIV, and told Kelnhofer he would now have it,

too, according to the statement. Kelnhofer grabbed the knife from Randolph and began stabbing him.

"The defendant basically lost his mind at that point," defense attorney Matt Sandy said.

Medical tests did not confirm whether Randolph was HIV positive, and an autopsy was inconclusive. Randolph had told others he was HIV positive, but there is no medical record of it, Sandy said.

"Somehow cases like this... always make our job more difficult when it seems to fuel the misinformation," said John Aleshire, spokesman at the Damien Center in Indianapolis.

Kelnhofer's claim of self-defense also was based on the fact that Randolph came at him with a knife, Sandy said. The combination of the two factors enraged Kelnhofer, and Randolph was killed in the "heat of passion," qualifying the incident as voluntary manslaughter, Sandy said.

"The real relevant situation is what was reasonable in the defendant's mind when the [murder] occurred," Sandy said. "Whether the victim had AIDS is irrelevant, it's whether the defendant thought he did."

But Taylor disagreed. If Kelnhofer had been properly educated about AIDS, he would have known that the chances of him getting the virus from Randolph—if Randolph even had it—were very slim, he said.

"That's very low-risk behavior, if you will," Taylor said. "There are a lot of people operating on outdated myths."

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BIRTHDAYS

Houlanta's supermodeling gift to the world RuPaul Charles celebrates one of several ageless birthdays on Nov. 17.

SoVo office manager and restaurant critic Gary Kaupman celebrated his 49th birthday (Nov. 4) over a number of days with a variety of friends in a multiplicity of ways.

SoVo editor Richard Shumate celebrates his birthday on Nov. 9.

Happy belated birthday to Jana Tyson on Oct. 24.

Happy belated 26th birthday to Clay Calhoun on Oct. 26. Hubby Rob Harlow reports the couple had a quiet celebration, with an "I can't even think straight shirt" as one of the gifts. Rob hints that he'd like such a queer related item for his birthday in February.

A very happy birthday to Dennie Doucher on Nov. 5.



MARK CONTRATTO

RuPaul is ageless.

ANNIVERSARY

Happy belated 7th anniversary to Jon Greaves and David Greer on Halloween.

EMPLOYMENT

Congratulations to Rob Boeger on his graphic new job.

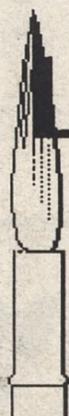
PUBLISHED

Congrats to Atlanta author J. Michael Clark on the release of his 12th book, "Beyond Our Ghettos," which is his first book with a mainstream publisher (Pilgrim Press).

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Martin S. Worsham

Martin S. Worsham (Marty), age 35, passed away on Oct. 17, 1993 due to AIDS-related complications. He was a long time resident of Atlanta but had recently moved to Orange Park, Florida.

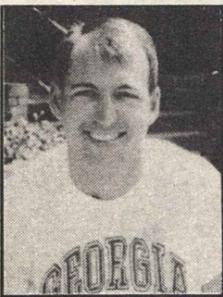
Marty graduated with honors from Georgia State University in 1985 and was employed at Southern Bell. He was a board member and past vice president of LEGAL and volunteered at several AIDS organizations and as an escort at women's clinics.

Marty is survived by his companion of seven years, Jeff Corrigan. He also leaves behind a supportive and loving family; his parents, Bob and Betty Worsham of Orange Park; brothers

Boyd, Gary and Wade; nephews, Lucas and Tucker; and his sister-in-law Brenda.

Marty showed us all what it meant to live a full and meaningful life. He bravely faced his struggle with AIDS and fought it with wit and style. He was a loving and generous man and will be terribly missed.

In his memory, Marty asked that contributions be made to Project Open Hand, Atlanta or to the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta.

**James F. White Jr.**

James, 28, left us on July 6, 1993 after a brief but painful illness caused by chronic active hepatitis. He is survived by Ron Boerner, his lover of three years, his mother, two sisters and three dogs, Beau, Baque and Dubbie.

James loved computers and was fascinated by them. I would never have been able to use my computer without him. Thanks baby.

He was jaded, yet I was able to find and nourish the child within him. I was able to see a lot of life anew through the child in him, and I will truly miss that as I will miss the man.

I wish to thank all the folks in Grady's IDC

holding room for the help and support that they have given both of us. Also, VNA for all they did during his brief last time at home. I can never thank all of our friends whose support has been so important to us and to me.

I will always love and miss you but am so thankful you have been a part of my life.

—Ron Boerner

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COMMUNITY NEWS**Pride theme set**

The 1994 Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee is proud to announce the theme for the 1994 Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration—"From Stonewall to Atlanta." Pride committees world-wide are joining together in an effort to commemorate and celebrate the beginning of what historians call the birth of the modern lesbian and gay civil rights movement.

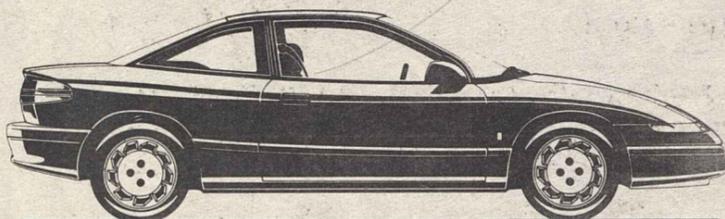
During this celebration leading up to the International Stonewall March in New York City, we will take time to reflect on how the Stonewall riots have affected the Atlanta lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community by tracing our history from the first Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride March in 1970 up to the present.

Pride '94 art

Artwork nominations for the 1994 Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration will be accepted at the Volunteer Kick-off Party, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1994. The party starts at 7 p.m. at the Colony Square Hotel.

To be accepted for consideration, all artwork must be camera ready and color separations complete. Voting will occur during the Kick-off Party and the winning artwork will be sent out for print the next day. The 1994 theme is "From Stonewall to Atlanta" which recognizes the International Celebration in New York, celebrates the history of Pride in Atlanta and celebrates our Pride in ourselves and in the community, city and future we are all helping to create.

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*The Discovery Channel's
"A Time of AIDS" is a hardhitting
documentary that will make you angry*

by BRIAN COCHRAN

If you think you can't possibly become more enraged about the way the government, health officials, egotistical doctors and the general public handled the early days of the AIDS crisis, watch the Discovery Channel's upcoming documentary miniseries, "A Time of AIDS," which airs its first two installments Nov. 14.

The recent HBO movie "And the Band Played On" was tame in comparison to this blockbuster. "A Time of AIDS" finds its power not in great performances by actors, but in turning its cameras on the real people who were instrumental in the detection of the disease and the day-by-day struggle of dealing with its effects.

The miniseries features interviews with, among others, Dr. Robert Gallo, whose overwhelming concern with who would receive the credit for identifying the virus overshadowed his work and magnified his ego; Dr. Don Francis, the CDC scientist whose calls of caution fell on mostly deaf ears; Dr. Selma Dritz, one of the first to recognize the virus for what it would become; and gay activists such as Roger McFarlane and Larry Kramer.

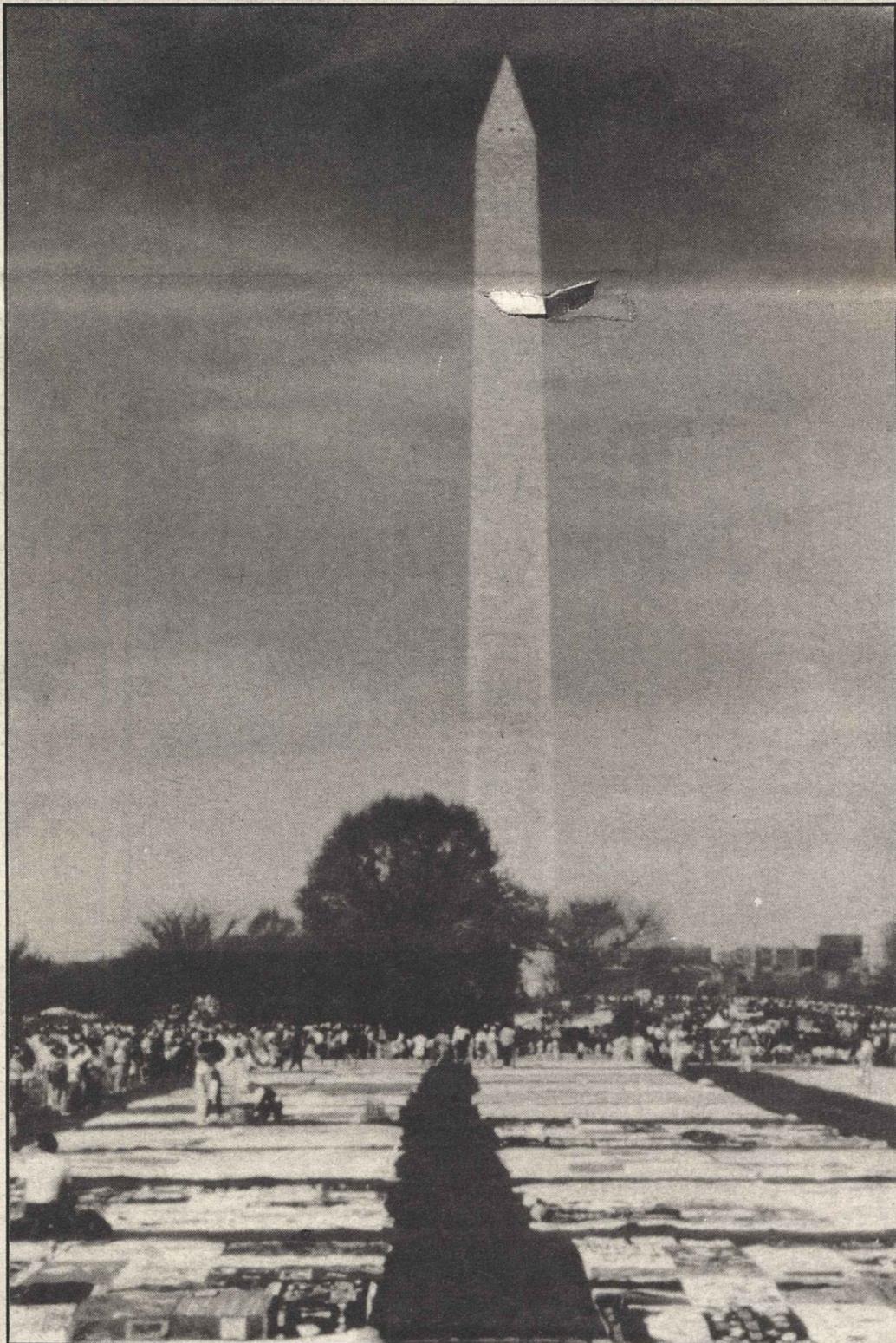
Beginning with what Dr. Dritz calls the "whodunnit of the century," she describes the San Francisco Health Department's early frustration with the virus. "We didn't know what it was, we didn't know where it was coming from. We had no test for it. Every test we used came up negative." Dr. Michael Adler, head of the venereal disease section at Middlesex Hospital in Great Britain, observes, "It was clearly seen as a gay disease, as self-inflicted, and there were tremendous problems getting people to accept that these people should be treated like any other patients...It was like medicine maybe 600 years ago."

The birth of AIDS activist groups as a result of this prejudice and ignorance is also chronicled, including interviews with McFarlane and Kramer, two of the first to mobilize the gay community against AIDS. When it became apparent that the disease was transmitted through blood and was no longer contained within the gay community, the stigmatized name GRID (for gay-related immune deficiency) was changed to AIDS, but as the documentary points out, the stigma didn't end there.

Because of the business-government tie-up in this country, "As early as October of 1984, the blood bankers knew...that there were infected people walking in the door...they did not change what they were doing until the test was licensed on March 15, 1985," charges Dr. Marcus Conant, former director of the AIDS Clinical Research Center, University of California, San Francisco, in the documentary. In France, this test was delayed for several more months, due to the French government's unwillingness to give up profits to an American testing company until a French test could be manufactured. In the time lapse, 3,000 people were unnecessarily infected.

Perhaps the most entertaining part of the miniseries is watching the rancorous Dr. Gallo rationalize his reprehensible feud with Dr. Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute. Gallo, then known as a scientific "star," was recently found guilty of scientific misconduct in a fracas over blood samples he

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KARL SCHUMACHER

The quilt on the mall is one of the scenes in "A Time of AIDS"

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13 SATURDAY

FILM FESTIVAL. Screenings include "Nitrate Kisses," "Damned in the USA," and the "Women's Safe Sex Extravaganza." See inserted program for details.
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LAUGHING MATTERS. Improv troupe is wild and wacky at Manuel's Thursdays & Saturdays throughout November. 8pm. 717-4714.

14 SUNDAY

FILM FESTIVAL. More from the 5th annual fest, including "Silverlake Life" and "Bill & Ted's Homosexual Adventure." See program for details.
ATLANTA CHAMBER PLAYERS. "Rhapsody & Premiere" features works

by Loeffler, Knox, and Brahms. Georgia State Univ. Concert Hall, 3 pm. 651-1228.

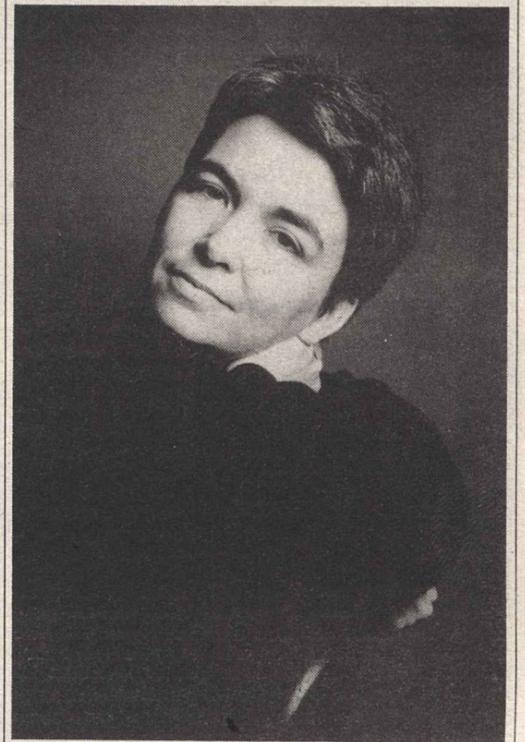
ROCK FOR RIGHTS. A benefit for the ACLU of Georgia featuring Babyfat, Doll Squad, Marc Stowe Group and the Big Fish Ensemble. Star Community Bar, 8pm. 523-6201.
LES CHANTEUSES AFRICAINES. The musical and literary voices of African women, with host Alicia Banks, who offers a unique perspective that includes the lesbian point of view. 1-4am. WRFG, 89.3 FM.

15 MONDAY

FILM FESTIVAL. Family night at the LeFont Plaza. See program for details.
STILL AIN'T SATISFIED. Music and interviews from a lesbian perspective. Cool music for any queer or interested other. 7-9pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.
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.

16 TUESDAY

FILM FESTIVAL. "Last Call at Maud's" opens tonight's screenings, which include "Queer Nation at Cracker Barrel." See program for more details.
HATE CRIMES SEMINAR. Part of Emory's Unity Week. Winship Ballroom, 4-6 pm. 727-0272.
ROCKETTES & SUSAN ANTON. The Radio City Music Hall Spectacular



comes to the Fox, presented by Theatre of the Stars. Through Nov. 21. 8pm Tues-Sat, Sat & Sun 2pm, Sun 7 pm. 249-6400.
LA TRAVIATA. It's Tuesday night at the opera at San Gennaro restaurant. Hosted by Atlanta tenor Cory Scott Colton, with a prix fixe dinner and wine. 633-2848.

DeKalb County Board of Health, 445 Winn Way, Rm. 557. 8:30pm. 294-3762.
APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS. Theatrical Outfit's holiday offering opens tonight and runs through Dec. 23. 872-0665.
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.

17 WEDNESDAY

FILM FESTIVAL. Tonight's offerings include "Tongues Untied" and "Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien." See program for details.
ZAMI REMEMBERS AUDRE LORDE. Atlanta African American lesbian organization pays tribute to the late lesbian poet and activist. 7:30 pm. 524-0304.
HIV SELF-CARE WORKSHOP. Workshop on nutrition, led by registered dietician Michelle Moorwessel.

PICTURED: ABOVE: Former Atlanta Kay Hagan returns to Charis Books Nov. 11. Photo by Richard Downing
 LEFT: Lydia Bolen and Jared Simon star in Southern Fried Productions' "Talley's Folly," through Dec. 4. Photo by Angela Bratcher
 BELOW: Radio City Music Hall Spectacular comes to the Fox, with the Rockettes and Susan Anton, Nov. 16-21. Photo by Mark Kozlowski



ONGOING AND UPCOMING

CURRENT EVENTS & SOULS ON FIRE. Through Nov. 14. OutProud Theatre presents two plays from the African American perspective by Shirlene Homes and Terrence Jackson respectively. Sondra Barrie stars in Current Events, the story of four women from different backgrounds and how they respond to the violent situations in which they find themselves. Souls On Fire focuses on being African American and gay in America and is woven together by a capella music. OutProud Theatre, TULA Galleries, 75 Bennett St. 609-9590 for info and reservations.
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 commonplace lives. Alliance Theatre. 892-2414.
AGAMENON & ELECTRA. Theatre

Emory stages both Greek plays on one production. Through Nov. 20 at Mary Gray Munroe Theater. 727-6187.
PILL HILL. Through Nov. 21. 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. 14th St. Playhouse. 873-1099.
SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION. Through Nov. 28. 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. 584-7450.
ANNIE LEBOVITZ: PHOTOGRAPHS 1970-1990. Through Nov. 28. The work of one of the most exceptional portraitists of her generation is on exhibit starting today at the High Museum of Art. Her provocative photographs of

celebrities have been seen in Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair, Time, etc. This retrospective of her work includes 125 photos from early assignments to current portraiture. High Museum of Art.
PETER KITCHELL AND JOHNNY MYERS. Abstracts by Kitchell and wildlife by Myers on display at BurnNoff Gallery at Clear Creek Center today through Dec. 4. 875-3475.
TALLEY'S FOLLY. Through Dec. 4. Southern Fried Productions presents Lanford Wilson's story of Sally Talley and her Jewish suitor Matt Friedman, in 1940s Missouri. It is described by Clive Barnes as "a love poem for an apple and an orange." Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru Dec. 4. Mercer Fine Arts Auditorium. 378-8646.
DOCTOR FAUSTUS. The Shakespeare Tavern presents Christopher Marlowe's tale of a man who sells his soul to the devil. Thurs-Sat until Dec. 5. Also Wed. Nov. 24, with no performance on Nov. 25. 874-5299.
EULA MAE'S BEAUTY,

BAIT AND TACKLE: Through Dec. 11. 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. Weds.-Sat. with Sat & Sun matinees. 14th Street Playhouse. 355-8057 for reservations.
TOUCHABLES 1993. Unusual art exhibit encourages visitors to feel the art. Through Dec. 16. Georgia Tech Westbrook Gallery. Reception today 2:30-4pm. 992-6175.
AN AMERICAN SAMPLER: QUILTS IN THE HIGH MUSEUM OF ART. Through Dec. 31. 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. Free. 892-HIGH for more info.
THE NUTCRACKER. Tickets are now on sale for the Atlanta Ballet's annual classic, set to run Dec. 3-20. 817-8700.



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The story behind the crisis

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allegedly stole from the French researchers. Amazingly, this rivalry between the two caused no delay in the critical research in which they were involved—according to Dr. Gallo. As he states in part two of the documentary, “Delayed? Give me an example where I could have delayed. The idea is utter nonsense.” His confidence is chilling.

Part three of “A Time of AIDS” begins with the news of Rock Hudson’s death and the crumbling of the wall of silence surrounding the disease as a result. The shock of the nation and the world and the impact of Hudson’s death upon public attitudes towards AIDS shifts the focus of the documentary dramatically to the stories of ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances: The Ray family of Florida, whose hemophilic sons all contracted the disease through blood transfusions and whose minister, upon being confided in about their status, asked them not to return to church; a woman in New Jersey whose son contracted the disease the same way, and had only the gay community to rely upon for support; and a mother whose daughter was deliberately infected by convicted attempted murderer Robert Gonzales. Her comment on the disease: “There are no words...until you’ve been here.”

And who can forget the Reagan administration’s total lack of concern in the face of a burgeoning epidemic? In an interview with C. Everett Koop, the top ranking health official under Reagan, he responds to charges of homophobia: “Homophobia? That word connotes fear, and this situation was not fear. It was hatred.” Margaret Thatcher displayed an equal amount of discomfort with the AIDS-homosexuality connection. “It was

as though a war was going on that nobody else recognized except those being shot at,” notes Tony Whitehead, an English AIDS activist.

The miniseries concludes with the reality that AIDS is everyone’s problem though most people still doubt that it will ever touch them. Dr. Don Francis, whose early dedication to prevention, not treatment, was not exactly met with open arms, is shown at work on an HIV vaccine in his lab at Greentech, Inc., in San Francisco; and Drs. Gallo and Montagnier still search for treatment methods in their respective laboratories.

In Thailand, where sex workers in Bangkok are estimated to be at least 50 percent infected with the virus, the government has produced a brochure entitled “13 Ways to Seduce Your Client to Use a Condom.” Strangely humorous, yes, but imagine the same thing happening in this country. An Indian doctor is seen wandering through the red light district of his city, issuing warnings through a bullhorn—while his assistants hand out condoms. The reaction? Embarrassment, curiosity, and... many condoms distributed.

Soon, as “A Time of AIDS” points out, AIDS casualties will exceed all the deaths suffered in all the wars fought by this country. The documentary ends with the hope that the world will overcome political, cultural and medical barriers to bring this era to its long-awaited end. It makes its statement powerfully and simply—and is well worth your time.

“A Time of AIDS” airs its first two episodes Nov. 14 from 9-11 p.m. and episodes three and four on Nov. 15 from 9-11 p.m. on the Discovery Channel.

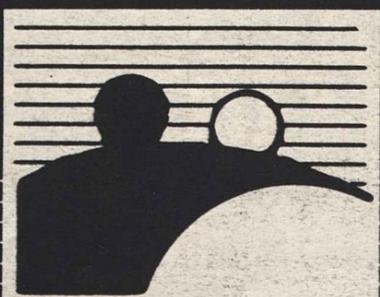
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Bette brings her divine self to Atlanta

Those lucky enough to get into her Omni show can expect a mix of old and new

When Bette Midler's first concert tour in ten years, "Experience the Divine," comes to Atlanta Monday, Nov. 15 those lucky enough to have snatched up tickets to the sold-out show will feel as if they have done just what the show's title says.

Midler, long heralded by the gay community as the bastion of entertainment by which most other performers pale in comparison, has put together a hysterical show of shows that blends her various styles of music and comedy and recently made her the hottest ticket in New York City. Her engagement of 30 sell-out shows at Radio City Music Hall broke that theater's box office records for any other show in its history (even Liza). Quite a long way from the Continental Baths with Barry Manilow on piano, which is how her career started.

Midler is one of the few performers versatile enough to have succeeded in stage, screen, and studio to such an extent that her fans actually reflect her diverse talents. The Radio City performance brought out not only gay couples in droves, but straight, black, white, young, old, and even the famous. She gave each one of them a taste of what they paid \$100 or more to see.

There was a feeling of the unknown before the show because many did not know what to expect. Some thought she would be more tame than she used to be since her success with mainstream America in the past decade. But the skeptics were the ones most pleased with that same bawdy, trashy sense of humor many of us love from her early career. One of the lines that probably best represents Bette in 1993 is "Get the trash off the highway and back on the stage where it belongs."

The audience this time around gets to visit with the old Bette and meet some of the new Bette. There is a lot of talk during the nearly three hour show about what she's been doing since her last tour. She is somewhat more personal with the audience than before, and it is clear that she has missed the stage. Having gotten married, had a child (named after vaudevillian Sophie



The Divine Miss M returns at last on Nov. 15.

Tucker, also a character from Midler's past stage shows), and made a score of successful movies and albums may have kept her from touring, but she is much more centered now. That is not to say she is any less exciting to listen to or watch. The show really is like getting together with an old friend and going over the same old stories while catching up with one another at the same time.

Die-hard Bette fans get to see much of the "Divine Madness" madness again. "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Going to the Chapel," and the Sophie Tucker jokes are all in the mix. There is

more camp in this show than in every drag number in Atlanta combined on a given Friday night. One audience member, on seeing Bette and her Staggering Whores wheel around the stage in electric wheelchairs, decked out in their mermaids' fins and waving American flags while singing "Boogie Woogie" said, "Entertainment just doesn't get any better than this. If Bette Midler were Jesus, I'd be a Christian."

There is enough novelty to differentiate "Experience the Divine," however, from her last tour. Her new generation of admirers get to hear several of the more recent songs from "Beaches" and the platinum-selling "Some People's Lives," along with classics from "The Rose" years. Jokes about many things that have changed in 10 years, from politics to technology to society's increased "sensitivity" about certain subjects are sprinkled throughout. She knows her audience and what certain people want from her as she asks at one point, "Have I done the ballad yet?" Some of the songs she covers are numbers by Blondie, Village People and Simon and Garfunkel.

One of the best values for the money is the \$15 dollar program. It is a visual biography of Midler's career. There is even one yearbook photo of her as a child that shows why Mayim Bialik (TV's "Blossom") was cast as Midler's "Beaches" character as a child. They could be twins. But it also includes Midler's writings about what she has done, both good and bad. One of her appeals is how she can admit her shortcomings, i.e., Disney's "Scenes from a Mall" with Midler and Woody Allen, said by many to be one of the worst movies either of them has ever made. There is also a testimonial on Midler's social pet cause, the environment, and her plea to fans on the importance of composting to help save it. It is an extremely emotional appeal that shows her commitment to the cause.

The Atlanta show will be held at the Omni, which many are already grumbling will not be as intimate as a theater, like the Fox. But for those who miss this show and absolutely have to get a taste of the Divine Miss M, tune in to CBS in December. Midler has been cast as Mama Rose for the television version of "Gypsy." A Rose is a Rose is a Rose.

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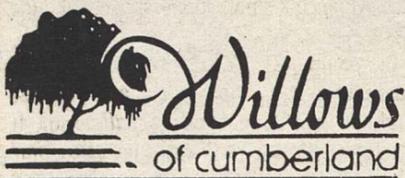
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Trio of New Age acts bring a winter solstice to Atlanta

Coinciding with the recent release of their fourth "Winter's Solstice" album, Windham Hill records has arranged a tour with three of its most popular acts, who are scheduled to arrive in Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center Nov. 10.

Playing the concert will be pianist Liz Story, Celtic/jazz/pop group Nightnoise and guitarist Alex De Grassi. To make the show a little bit more interesting, the three acts will perform in solos, duet and ensemble settings and the program will include holiday songs (from the new "Winter's Solstice IV" album) along with more

traditional Celtic and American music.

The Windham Hill label is best known for producing albums by artists whose improvisational harmonies flow and weave into one another effortlessly, like symmetrical bookends. Usually, the talent of most of their New Age artists is only appreciated after several listenings, when the subtle textures of the melodies assert their strength. However, three new recordings by Story, De Grassi and Nightnoise show a marked difference from their previous works.

For Liz Story, rearranging old standards

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THE TRAP

No matter which way you turn it around, dress it up or try to reconstitute it, when you slice into a turkey, it's still a turkey.

And no matter how hard Alliance Theatre Company tries to gussy it up with high-tech production values and a moderately competent cast, Frank Manley's play about sexual harassment on a college campus, "The Trap," is still a turkey.

When Alliance announced its 1993-94 season, "The Trap" was a surprise in the schedule because the play was not well received when it was first presented in March at Theatre Emory. Though it is rare for the Atlanta theater critics to ever agree on anything, "The Trap" was one play we did agree on—we hated it. The Alliance's explanation for remounting the play was that artistic director Kenny Leon "thought it had real potential."

Manley did extensive rewriting to his script over the summer. When it was first presented at Emory, the dialogue sounded like second-rate David Mamet. That's gone. But in its place is dialogue that's strikingly offensive, but more about that shortly. Last March, the play was so structurally flawed as to be rendered worthless as an allegory about the Thomas-Hill hearings (which the playwright readily admitted was his purpose). The structure of the play has not changed one iota. It is still not a viable drama.

"The Trap" concerns a university professor, Dr. Brady (Stuart Culpepper), who is accused of sexually harassing one of his graduate students, Marc Amonette (Brad Sherrill). The play takes place in a hearing room of the university, where a faculty committee is sitting to hear the charges and decide what to do. The five committee members, Dr. Pittman (Sam Groom), Dr. Thurman (Jim Peck), Dr. Tabor (Rhoda Griffis), Dr. Petrucci (Michael H. Moss) and Dr. Lee (Pat Nesbit),



Stuart Culpepper and Brad Sherrill square off in a fight over sexual harassment at the Alliance Studio Theatre.

interrogate the accuser and the alleged harasser, argue among themselves, ponder the state of the world and, finally, set a trap in which Dr. Brady, they hope, will incriminate himself.

As much as the professors protest otherwise, this is nothing but an overlong court proceeding. As such, "The Trap" qualifies as the worst kind of courtroom drama—it's talky, it's basically pointless and nothing much happens. Even when the titular trap is sprung, it happens far too early in the second act to sustain our interest for the rest of the play. All these people do is talk. They barely move. At every turn, Manley shows his hand. He telegraphs the ending to us three scenes before it happens (we know Dr. Tabor will cast the important and deciding vote—the wrong way—because we're told this is what she'll do).

Even worse, Dr. Lee, rightfully, should not be on this committee at all, since she is also acting as an advocate for the victim (he decided to press charges at her urging; no university would allow her to then sit in judgment on a case in which she was so personally involved—yet another structural flaw). But Dr. Lee needs to be there because she is the voice of the

playwright, arguing about justice over expediency.

When Dr. Manley rewrote the dialogue for "The Trap," he added an element which is most unwelcome. The play has now developed clearly homophobic overtones (they were there before, but they were not so obvious) which are highly offensive. The way the trap is sprung deals with who actively engaged in oral sex—the professor or the student—and the revulsion the committee feels about said act. One committee member, Dr. Thurman, is written to be a gay bashing bigot, and that's out in the open. But the other committee members display their prejudice in much more incidious, subconscious ways. And that's where the playwright's homophobia really creeps in and becomes offensive ("We're not condemning homosexuals, but..." one committee member says late in the play).

The cast overall is competent, though no performance stands out as stellar. Stuart Culpepper is full of bluster, but he goes overboard far too often and looks just plain hammy. Brad Sherrill is simply miscast—again (he and Culpepper are the only holdovers from the original Emory cast). But no cast can salvage this play.

Vincent Murphy's direction of "The Trap" has improved slightly since last March. Yet every time he tries to get someone in the cast on his or her feet (literally), it looks forced and phony. And someone should explain the real purpose of using a revolving set in the Alliance's small studio space. Like the play, it was pointless.

Perhaps that is the point. "The Trap" represents the ultimate in hubris on the part of the Alliance. It is as if Leon is trying to instruct us by saying, "The critics were all wrong. If we do this play here at the Alliance, we'll make it successful." Unfortunately, nothing can take what is essentially a very bad drama with a weak structure and turn it into a good piece of theater.

"The Trap," revised and made even worse than before, is one big piece of claptrap. It offends and insults, but it doesn't really say much of anything about sexual harassment.

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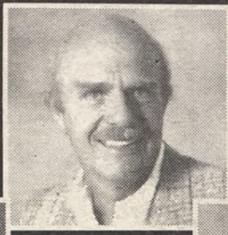
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Winter Solstice concert

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into entirely new sounding works breaks the mold. Story's delicate piano technique, praised recently in Keyboard magazine, has previously been used to showcase her own compositions.

Why the change? "There is a danger of complacency, in every aspect of life—a danger of imitating yourself," says Story. "There is a point where one almost needs to get rid of the history. History can be death to the artist. It doesn't mean that you don't know where you're coming from or that you dissolve the voice you initially found, but every move you make cannot be guided by looking back."

Her album, "My Foolish Heart," while based upon songs that have been done to death, like "In a Sentimental Mood" and "Someday My Prince Will Come," still manages to sound fresh and original, mostly with the addition of acoustic bassist Joel DiBartolo.

"I've always thought that my music was on the cusp of a lot of different styles, folk, classical, jazz, world music," says guitarist Alex de Grassi. "But this recording is the closest I've gotten to a dance album."

De Grassi, whose new work, "The World Is Getting Loud," has a definite international flavor, mixing brand new guitar arrangements with percussion tapped from various ethnic sources to create his new sound. You would have to listen to quite a few albums of guitar music to find fingerpicking as deft as de Grassi's, and this recording shows that again and again, with each successive track. About his original compositions, he says, "You start with an idea, write a few bars and then the idea takes control, shuts you out and creates something quite different. I hate it when that happens."

Describing the fusion that is Nightnoise's music involves using Celtic, jazz, classical and pop influences, while adding another that is uniquely their own. "Shadow of Time," the fifth and newest Windham Hill recording for the group, is the first for Celtic fiddler Johnny Cunningham, who joins longtime members Michael O. Domhnaill, Billy Oskay, Brian Dunnig and Triona Ni Dhomhnaill.

Cunningham, who founded the Celtic folk band Silly Wizard, brings a new sense of heritage and ethnicity to the group. Though Silly Wizard was known for its jigs, reels and traditional ballads, Nightnoise creates its own material, and a new challenge for the artist.

"Since Johnny's a Celt himself, our sort of musical alliance allows a lot of things to go unsaid and makes us a more fluid, cohesive unit," says O Domhnaill. In a show of equal talent, the new album contains new compositions from all four musicians. The blend with traditional Gaelic music (like "The Rose of Tralee") is smooth and seamless.

With "Winter's Solstice I" and "Winter's Solstice II" already certified platinum, the fourth album is almost assuredly going to be a hit and certainly offers a departure from more traditional holiday music. All the artists in the upcoming concert at Symphony Hall are featured on the album, in addition to other Windham Hill artists, which is a great way to check out the other talent on the label.

The 1993 Winter's Solstice Concert will be Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center. Tickets can be obtained at the Woodruff Arts Center Box Office.

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Seven Atlanta dance groups unite for festival of life

A number of Atlanta-area dance groups are getting together this week in a performance benefit for people with HIV/AIDS.

Festival of Life will be held Friday, Nov. 12 at the Roswell Auditorium in Roswell. The event will feature a variety of Atlanta dance talent, including dancers from the Atlanta Ballet, Atlanta Dance Unlimited, Atlanta Jazz Theatre, Brenau

Festival of Life, a dance benefit for people with HIV/AIDS, is Friday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Roswell Auditorium in Roswell.

Dance Ensemble, Dance Gallery & Co., Roswell Dance Theatre and Roswell Recreation Dance Co.

The event is sponsored by three Catholic churches—St. Andrew's, St. Ann and St. Thomas Aquinas. Music will be provided by Gerald Stacy, Karen List and soloists from the Calvary Assembly of God Church Choir.

The performances will benefit Childkind, which provides care and foster placement of infants and young children with HIV, and Project Open Hand. Organizers hope to raise \$4,000.

Fifteen members of the Atlanta Ballet are scheduled to perform. The ballet's principal dancer, Maiqui Manosa, was the first company dancer to become aware of this impor-

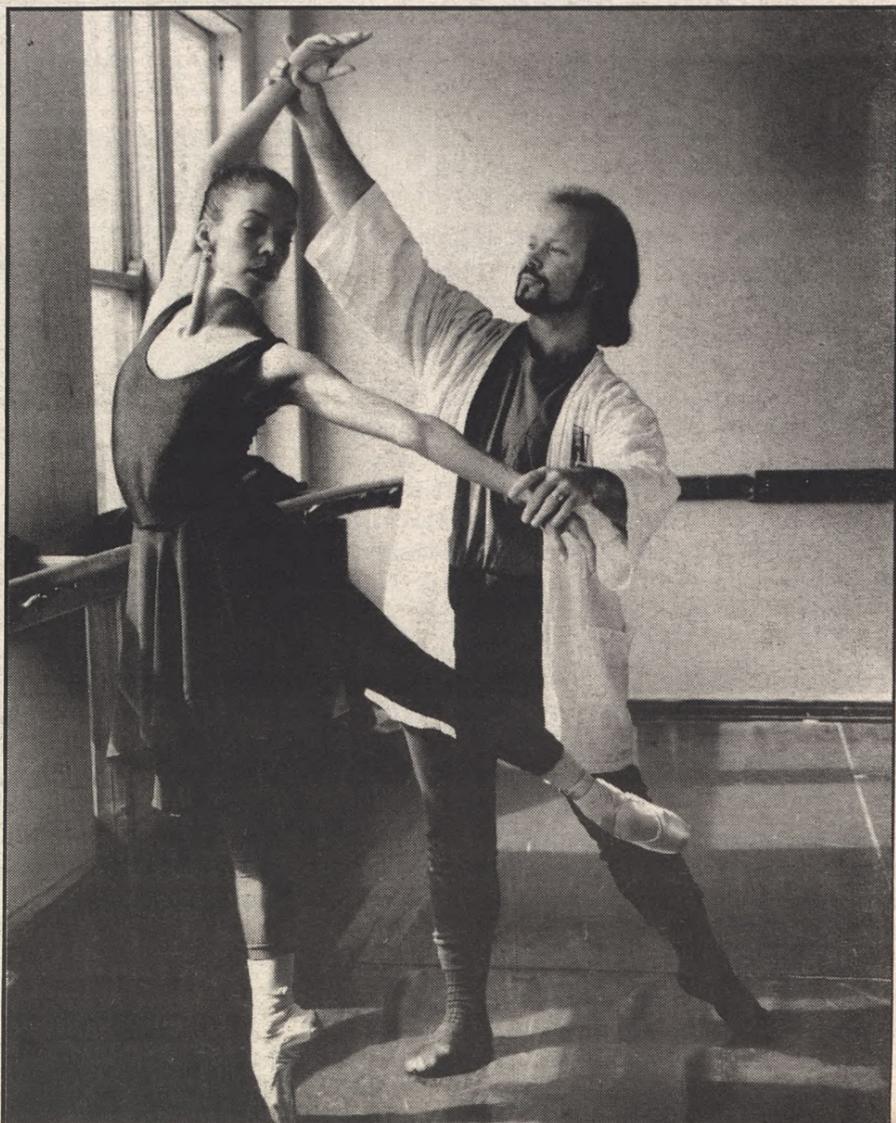
tant collaboration and encouraged other dance colleagues to volunteer their time to the project, despite the fact that with two demanding upcoming repertoires dancers were presented with little extra time to rehearse.

"We are all so busy with our regular rehearsal schedule that I wasn't sure if anyone would be able to work on this project," said Manosa. "All of the dancers' dedication to this worthy cause shows there is beauty in their hearts as well as in their dancing. There have been so many people in our field touched by AIDS that we all feel very passionate about doing anything we can to help our loved ones."

The Atlanta Ballet will perform "In Paradisium," choreographed by Jeffrey Hughes with music by Morrocone and Faure. Hughes, a former Joffrey Ballet and Cleveland Ballet dancer (and husband to Atlanta Ballet principal dancer, Pamela Reyman), created "In Paradisium" in memory of all of his friends and family who have died before their time. "In Paradisium" premiered in 1990 at Ballet Arts in Tucson, Ariz., where Hughes was artistic associate.

Atlanta Ballet company member Jenna Rae Lavin will also perform a soloist piece, "Concerto for Sitar and Orchestra" by Ravi Shankar.

The Festival of Life begins with an art show and sale at 6:30 p.m., courtesy of the Crabapple Middle School in Roswell. Dance performances are set to begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (404) 936-9655.



Atlanta Ballet dancer Pamela Reyman and choreographer Jeffrey Hughes work on "In Paradisium," which will be performed as part of the Festival of Life benefit.

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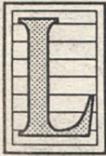
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Leaves are turning, and that means it's bulb-planting time. Indulge me. Let's linger on one of my personal favorites. I just love the multifloret form and heady scent of the hyacinth. And of course, I enjoy the long pedigree behind this flower.

Hyacinthus was not only the son of the king of Sparta, but famed for his beauty, grace and athletic prowess. He was also the adored of Apollo, god of the sun. However, their relationship caused great jealousy to rise in the breast of the god of the west wind, Zephyrus, who was also enamored of Hyacinthus.

In the fashion of the time, the youth enjoyed tossing the bronze discus in the sunlight, particularly with his beloved Apollo. In a fit of divine jealousy, the wind god caused Apollo's discus to blow off course, striking Hyacinthus fatally in the head.

Apollo's grief and horror was so great that he took a bit of the dead youth's blood between his fingers and formed this fragrant flower (The Greco-albanian root word, giak, means "dark red").

Hence, some folks say the hyacinth represents sorrow. Others maintain it signifies sport, or play. Always drawn to the dramatic, the hyacinth was much loved by people in classical times.

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Whether indoors or out, you want a bulb that's firm and

fat, like an onion. Reject any mushy, skinny or dried-out bulbs. For outdoor blooms in the spring, you should refrigerate the bulbs for several weeks (mine have been in the crisper since August), then put them right-side up (the tapered part) into well-drained soil about five to six inches deep.

Dig in a lot of manure and a bit of good old bone meal and cover with mulch so they don't freeze. Standing water will make them rot, hence the admonishment about well-drained soil.

They do best in full sun but can cope with a little shade. I've had them bloom as early as late January and as late as mid-April, following fall plantings.

Of course, in the house, you can have them almost any time if you force them properly. Start with a pebble tray, for drainage. Then, get a pot which will comfortably hold not only potting soil, but also peat moss and bone meal mixture (I use a 10-to-10-to-1 ratio) and three to six bulbs. The mixture surrounds the not-touching bulbs and covers them up to the tips (Yes, you can do all pebbles, but I don't recommend it).

Soak them from below (in the tray). Keep them in low light and coolish temps for three to six weeks, because this is when the root system is forming. Basements are good for this purpose, but in/out of the refrigerator will work if necessary.

Gradually bring them into the warmth and light. You will be rewarded with tons of fragrance and sturdy little flower bracts.

Does this seem like too much trouble? Well, I have seen 'gift boxes' of preplanted hyacinths. But why spend the \$8-10 for a single bulb, even if you feel no guilt about adding unnecessarily to the waste stream with the product trappings? You can buy a wide variety of bulbs for anywhere from about 80 cents to \$4 each.

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Essence editor is "Black, Gay and Out" in Atlanta

It wasn't that she didn't want to come out. She just kept *not* coming out. And the more she didn't come out, the more and more her true life became a secret and the more assumptions her colleagues at Essence Magazine made about her.

"I was getting this reputation for being too serious because deep down I became more and more scared to let people know I am a lesbian," said Linda Villarosa, senior editor at Essence, a black women's publication where she has been on staff for the past four years and a contributing writer for the past decade.

"I loved where I was working, being with all of these black women. [Hiding] just got worse and worse," said Villarosa, who will give a lecture entitled "Black, Gay and Out" at Emory University on Nov. 18.

Then came a weekend retreat for all of the senior editors at the magazine. Everyone was discussing their private selves, sharing with each other—except Villarosa, who could not summon the courage to tell them her secret.

"Then on the drive back, I was with my boss who I adore. I could tell she was getting ready to fix me up with someone. I just said, 'Susan, I'm a lesbian,'" Villarosa said. "And she didn't lapse into this weird silence like some people do. She asked about my family, whether my parents knew. We talked about everything."

Yet the then somewhat repressed Villarosa, who finally was able to come out to the entire staff at Essence, had no idea her next "outing" would be to 5 million people when she and her mother agreed to write separate articles for Essence about Villarosa's coming out to her family.

"It was other people's idea. We were doing a Mother's Day issue and someone said why didn't I do an article. At Essence, our editor sets the tone for writing about yourself, and other people had done it. I thought about it, what my responsibility is as a lesbian. My mother was easy to convince. I was the one. But I didn't know it would help so many people," said Villarosa, who earned the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Media Award for the stories.

The response the two articles received was immediate and enormous, so much so that the mother/daughter team wrote a second article because they were unable to answer the many letters they received.



Linda Villarosa and her mother wrote a groundbreaking coming out feature for Essence magazine.

"What struck people about the articles," said Villarosa, "was that every mother has a daughter thing and every daughter has a mother thing. And, too, we each had a moment of truth. We talked about the good stuff and the bad stuff. My mother was saying, 'This is my daughter. I must get over this.' I was saying, 'This is who I am.'"

Since the Essence articles, Villarosa has been on a mission, a very personal one, lecturing at universities and to various groups and organizations about being a lesbian and about being a les-

bian in the black community. The writer, who describes herself as having once been too shy to speak in public, now knows that young lesbians listen to her, and she strongly believes her voice can help.

"I hear from lesbians as young as 14-years-old. They tell me that God and I are the only ones who know. I ask them to tell one other person, a friend, a relative... someone so that they don't feel so alone," she said.

She also believes it is important to talk to the straight community, to attempt to relate to them about being gay so that old attitudes can change. She describes a recent moment following one lecture when a young, straight woman walked up to her and said Villarosa's talk had totally changed her outlook on lesbians. Before hearing Villarosa speak, the woman had only thought of sex when she thought of lesbians. Meeting and hearing Villarosa meant she was able to begin to see lesbians as real people with real lives.

Enlightening the black community on the subject of gay men and lesbians is particularly important to Villarosa, but also particularly difficult. "What happens in the black community is that you are really tight with your family. They become a kind of oasis against all the bad stuff—racism, oppression. Then it becomes really difficult to come out. If you come out, you might lose your protection. There'd be no one watching my back," she explained.

Talking about sexuality is also somewhat taboo and makes talking about sexual orientation confusing to the black listener. "We have struggled so hard to become one solid block that it's really hard to have differences. We don't want to hear about each other's private stuff. A woman said to me yesterday, 'Why do you have to talk about sex?' I told her I wasn't talking about sex. I was talking about who I had dinner with. I wanted to tell her about my girlfriend just like I want to hear about her boyfriend," Villarosa explained.

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Villarosa's lecture at Emory begins at 8 p.m. in the Winship Ballroom and is free and open to the public. More information maybe obtained by contacting Emory's Office of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Life at 727-0272 or 727-2136.

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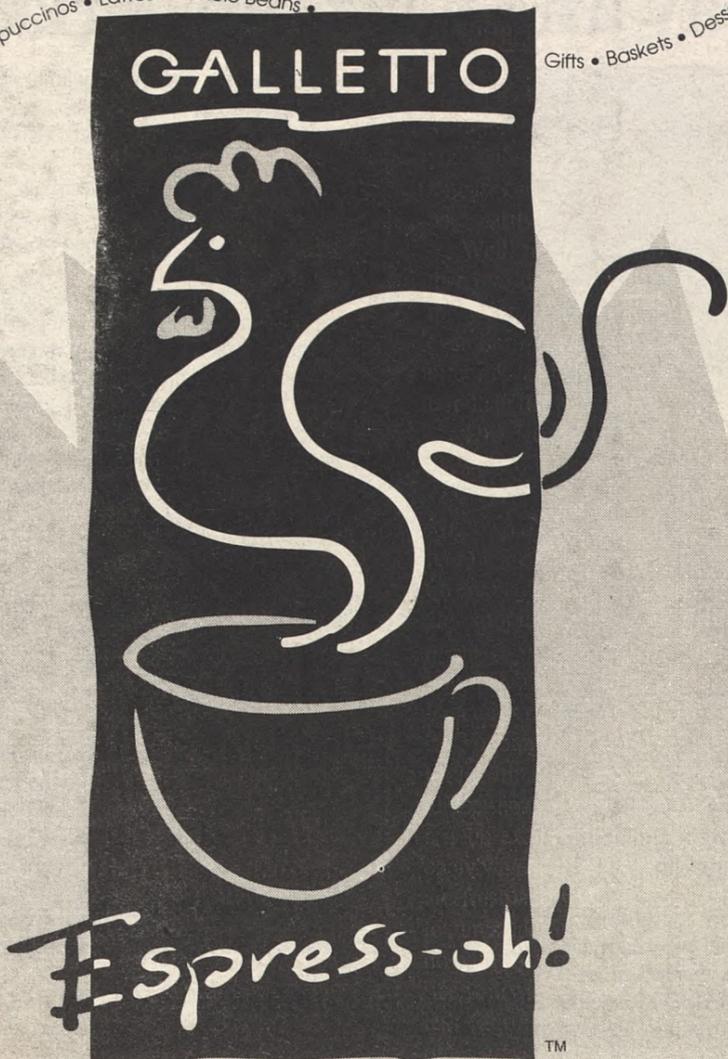
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Well, neither of the new Thai eateries that I've tried in the past few weeks make me want to abandon Hot Pepper Thai or even Surin (much less Zab-E-Lee), but both offer substantially more authentic and amusing fare than the King and I or Bangkok.

The Royal Orchid (931 Monroe Dr. 892-4345) located in the old Frank and Ale space near the theaters in the back part of Midtown Promenade, is the older of this pair of Siamese infants. The interior is cool (grey, black and white with a few mirrors) and simple (all but devoid of decor). The menu is simple too, offering nothing that you haven't seen a thousand times before. Execution ranges from very good to booring.

Topping the list in the latter category is tofu with broccoli and mushrooms in an almost nonexistent and characterless sauce, a good example of why folks too often eschew vegetarian cuisine. All the ingredients are fresh and well cooked. It's just that the textures and flavors seem to have nothing to do with each other. Even the accompanying rice is dry and flavorless. Royal rolls (meatless eggrolls) are also pretty lackluster, too often greasy and limp and not possessed of much flavor.

On the other hand, orchid rolls (filled with cream cheese and shrimp) are fat, flavorful and far better than their cousins down the street at Bangkok. Ditto a nicely spiced plate of namsod that is long on ginger—a nice variation on the usual form.

The sweet and sour dressing on a yum yai salad is mild and pleasant and the warm, just-cooked, shrimp and chicken pieces provide a nice contrast to the cool greens that form its base. But despite all this excellent technique, the whole deal is only decent.

Panang curry is better; well balanced and soothing with just a mite of hot. More complexity would be welcome, but I'd sure order it again. On the other hand, the red curry is especially rich and tasty especially when beefed up with (boneless) duck. Also gutsy and well balanced is royal spicy basil stirfry with veggies and your choice of meat, fowl, tofu or shrimp. If one dish here approaches the quality of Hot Pepper Thai, this is it.

Royal Orchid is seldom home to more than a handful of customers, so service is always quick and deferential. The prices are reasonable (\$5.95 for most entrees of substantial size) and the \$3.95 lunch specials (including soup and a spring roll) may be one of the best bargains intown.

I've only eaten once at **My Thai** (1248 Clairmont Rd. 636-4280), and I think I'll give it another month or two to settle in before I venture back.

The neatly arranged menu here is the most cogent and easy to decipher at a Thai restaurant in Atlanta; again nothing radical, and unfortunately far more appealing than the food actually is. This strip center store front is decorated a bit like an English tea room with dark colors, brass sconces and ersatz Laura Ashley prints. There are also



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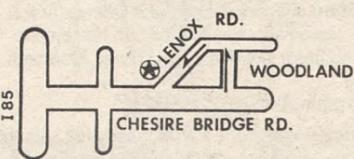


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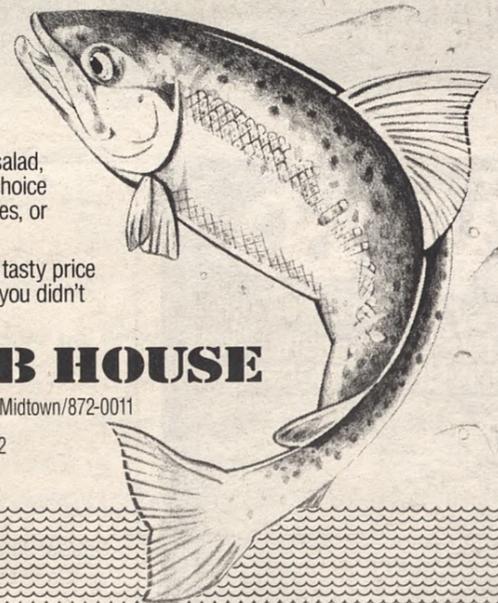
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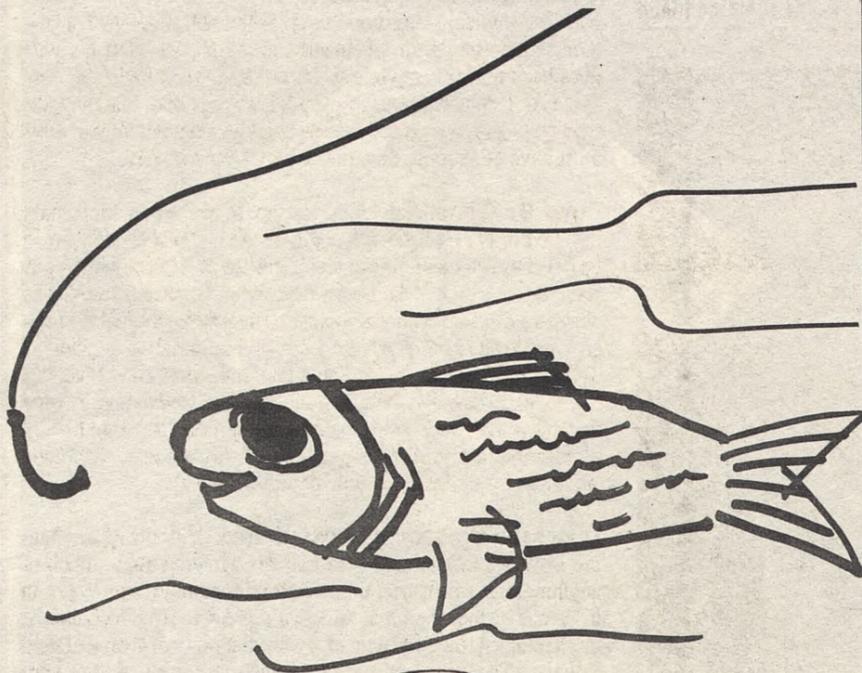
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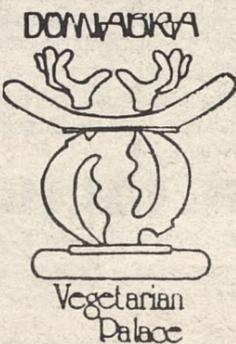
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real, all cotton, white table clothes not covered in glass or plastic and very comfortable (padded) captain's chairs.

So what's not to like?

Well, the folks running the place are extremely tentative and not quite ready for the success that they seem to be enjoying. The host tried to talk two of us into waiting 15 minutes for a table for two because he had only four-tops open. When that ploy was politely rejected, we wound up getting served after another table that was seated five minutes later. Service for the rest of the meal was fractured. Minor quibbling maybe, but not the sort of greeting that establishes great rapport with new customers.

Cold, greasy eggrolls served with frigid peanut dipping sauce do not make a very good first impression either.

But a bowl of steaming hot tom yum soup is just what the doctor ordered on a cold night, even if its hot peppers do overwhelm the miniscule quantities of lemongrass, lime and cilantro. Panang curry suffers a similar fate with the peppers all but annihilating its other, more delicate flavors. Ordered with tofu, it arrives also packed with larger than bite-sized pieces of green pepper, cabbage and carrot. The coarseness of the veggies and combination of flavors is a bit unexpected at first but wears pretty well. If only the tofu did not taste as if it had been soaked in brine.

Catfish in a "mild" chili sauce is pretty good if you also happen to like the green beans (not mentioned on the menu) that comprise the majority of the dish and, again too much salt. The chunks of fish are mild and nicely fried; the peppery sauce displays a nice balance between peppers and ginger.

One friend reports one of the worst meals of her life at My Thai, while another says his experience was more than satisfactory. But like Royal Orchid, the prices are very reasonable, so at least you're not risking a week's salary to give the place a try.

Good News

Cheese lovers rejoice. The current issue of The Annals of Internal Medicine features an report detailing the cholesterol lowering effects of cheese. Well, OK, not just any cheese, but cheese in which the saturated fats have been replaced by polyunsaturated vegetable oils. Studies showed a six percent drop in total cholesterol when the modified product replaced a similar amount of part-skim mozzarella in people's diets. No word on when the product might be available for human consumption.

The same issue sports two other articles confirming the cholesterol lowering ability of garlic and the fiber supplement psyllium.

The latter, taken twice a day, also produced a six percent drop in total cholesterol. One-half to one clove a day of garlic (whole or in tablet/powder form) was said to lower cholesterol by almost nine percent in folks with levels over the dread 200 mark.

If the effects of all these were cumulative, it would seem to suggest that a diet of psyllium crusted pizzas topped with garlic and fat substituted cheese could be the way to arterial bliss.

Oh, Please! We really have had it up to our earlobes with members of the Southern Baptist Convention. The latest political ploy (disguised as worship) from the fabulous folks who gave you Charles Stanley and Nancy Schaefer is a 40-day prayer feast to "support" Bill Clinton and Al Gore. We really like the analysis of one Bob Patterson (a religion professor at Baylor, the largest Baptist university in the world) who says what the fundies are really up to is "pray for him [Clinton] to be anti-abortion and put a cork in Hillary's mouth." Such truth from the lips of a Baptist deserves much praise, we believe.

Bad Sport: Remember Dish's joy at the fact that "One Life to Live" had managed to develop a happy, healthy gay teenage character? One who stood up to homophobes (including his father)? Well it seems that the (straight) actor who played Billy Douglas balked at doing anything *too* homo in front of the camera and so the character never developed. Now spoilsport Ryan Phillippe has left the show and taken a role in a primetime miniseries, "The Secrets of Lake Success" where we'll bet he has women fawning all over him. Phillippe and other scared straight men like him should take a clue from James Woods, who is trying hard to get the part of Harvey Milk in "The Mayor of Castro Street." Woods was spectacularly creepy as Roy Cohn, but we wonder if he has the heart to play Milk. Dish still likes Robin Williams, thank you.

Poignant Wrap-Up: Whilst we're on TV, did anyone else catch the two hour wrap-up of "I'll Fly Away" that ran on PBS a couple of weeks ago? Good stuff and much welcomed by those of us who felt left in the lurch when the show ended. When Forrest and Lily (circa 1993) were discussing what was going on with his kids, he told her proudly that his oldest son had become a real estate mogul and his daughter a doctor. And what about the precious John Morgan? Well, it seems he became a school teacher, never married and died recently. No mention of the cause, but the implication is sure there that John Morgan might have been gay and died of AIDS. At least it sure seemed that way to us. Which makes us all the crankier that public (and network) support for this superb show was not been equal to its quality.

Dish

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



Dish thinks Southern Baptists ought not pray to put a cork in Hillary's mouth.

Matt's Mess: Going from the sublime (in TV) to the ridiculous, there is this word from the producers of "Melrose Place."

According to a press release from the show's PR firm, "Matt's marriage of convenience to Katya is in no way meant to imply that his character is going straight. Rather it is an act of generosity that also reinforces the notion that gay men possess all of the requisite qualities for fatherhood as do their straight counterparts." The release also promises that Matt will soon begin a long term relationship with a lieutenant in the Navy—after his wife goes back to Russia. While we're not impressed with "Melrose Place" or its gay character, we think it's pretty cool that the folks who make the show responded so quickly and positively to what must have been some testy phone calls from viewers.

Boyd Be Gone: Sex hound extraordinaire Boyd McDonald has died in NYC at the age of 68. In the early '70s, McDonald began publishing the magazine "Straight to Hell," which was also known as the "Manhattan Review of Unnatural Acts." His deadpan, dry vignettes on homosex (frequently the public variety) managed to be funny, arousing, and informative all at once. Though perhaps devoid of anything that resembles love, his stories were never without wit and passion. McDonald insisted that his works were serious and that they were "the true history of homosexual desire and experience." An accurate statement, we think, for many in the time before Stonewall.

Under the Spreading Chesnut Tree...: It's hard to imagine Boyd McDonald and Ann Landers agreeing about much of anything, but we suspect that old Boyd is turning flips of joy in his grave at the news that America's premier advice columnist has endorsed the practice of masturbation, both mutual and solitary. (The Pope and Nancy Schaefer are probably not very amused, but Ann's ratings are way better, so who cares?) Given that this is probably the most universally practiced (and hidden) sexual act on earth, we think Landers has done us all a favor by bringing it out of the closet. Where we do take issue with Ms. Ann is her implication that the purpose of masturbation is to dissipate sexual tension. Dish (and most of our friends) do it because it feels good...real good. Maybe Ann needs a session or two with sex goddess Annie Sprinkle to teach her some new and exciting techniques.

NOVEMBER 11-NOVEMBER 17, 1993

The new moon in Scorpio on Saturday is a solar eclipse, meaning the sun and the moon are lined up exactly, intensifying the magnetic pull on the Earth. Solar and lunar eclipses also tend to intensify our intuition, feelings and emotions, so take things easy and stay relaxed. Mercury goes direct on Sunday, Nov. 14.

ARIES, with the sun, Mercury, Venus and now Jupiter all in your eighth house of sexuality, self-mastery and shared resources, your close personal relationships are demanding more attention for the next week or so. Keep communications open and flowing. **TAURUS**, how is your love life? Is everything going the way you want it to go? Are some close relationships a little strained or intense right now? Be as clear as possible in your own heart and mind about what you need and want in a relationship. **GEMINI**, there is a very distinct difference between daydreaming and visualization. Daydreaming is entertaining but not always productive, while good, clear focused mental pictures can and do produce results. So, get some clarity and concentrate.

CANCER, your fifth house of creativity and self-expression is very active right now. Be sure you have outlets for your creative energy and marvelous ideas. Please don't try to cram all of your creativity into your career or job. Have more fun. **LEO**, this is

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definitely the time to take care of life at home, including any unfinished projects or repairs that you have let slide over the past few months. Be sure to pay attention to the needs and wants of others as well as your intuition. **VIRGO**, it would be a really good idea for you to sit down right now and put your schedule for the rest of the year on paper so you can actually see what is going on. Remember to include vacation time or at least a weekend off for yourself soon.

LIBRA, you may feel some relief as Jupiter exits your first house of personality and self-awareness, moving into your second house of material resources and personal income. Jupiter's energy can be used to expand your resources and your investments. Happy birthday, **SCORPIO**. This is going to be a busy week with the sun, Mercury and Venus all visiting Pluto in your first house of personality and self-awareness. Make life easy for yourself, don't

worry about trivia and get plenty of rest. **SAGITTARIUS**, this is not the time to get yourself overloaded with outside activities and obligations. Your world of dreams and visions is overflowing and you definitely need quiet time to absorb what is moving up from your unconscious.

CAPRICORN, be sure to get plenty of exercise and eat fresh, healthy food. Your brain needs lots of oxygen to function well during the day, and your cells need nutrients to protect and repair themselves, especially if you are working under stress. **AQUARIUS**, with the sun, Mercury, Venus and dear ol' Pluto all moving through your 10th house of career and public image, you may find that your words carry more weight right now. Stay focused on solutions rather than problems for best results. **PISCES**, how are your intimate relationships? Are you looking for someone special or is your current romance not quite as exciting and wonderful as you thought? Romance is often like cut flowers that fade away. Look for similar values to share.

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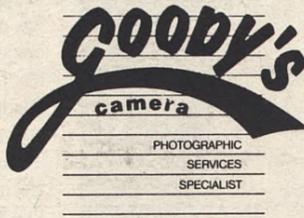
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- AIDS Hotline for Women—888-9991
- AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728
- AIDS Legal Project—688-5433
- AIDS Outreach Sewing Guild—872-2246
- AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA)—876-2317
- AIDS and Substance Abuse Speakers Network—977-7797
- AIDS SUPPORT—Jewish Family Services—888-6400, #76
- Atlanta Buyers Club—874-4845, or POB 77003, Atl, 30357
- Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network—874-8686
- Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project—250-8177
- Childkind—936-9655
- Common Ground—874-6425
- First MCC AIDS Ministry—325-4143
- Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728
- Good Samaritan Project—873-4589
- Grady Mem. Hospital Infectious Disease Program—341 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atl. 30308, (404) 616-2440
- The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—876-0105
- National Assn of People With AIDS/Atlanta—874-7926
- The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
- Outreach, Inc.—(404) 346-3922
- People's United Pet Support—370-0178
- Pets Are Loving Support (P.A.L.S.)—876-PALS
- Positive Impact—885-9040
- Positive Outlook On Health—872-9954
- Project Open Hand Atlanta—525-4620

Arts/Entertainment/Culture

- Atlanta Diversity Choral—607-1146
- Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus—438-5823
- Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—POB 771144, Atlanta 30357
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing—POB 7032, Atlanta 30357, 876-1060
- Atlanta Rainbow Ensemble—872-3135
- "Funny...That Way"—875-2275
- Gay & Lesbian Marching Band—872-9763
- Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc.—609-9590
- Southern Country Atlanta—938-0609

Bars

- The Armory—836 Juniper. 881-9280
- Babylon—Piedmont Grove, 10th & Monroe.
- Backstreet—845 Peachtree St. 873-1986
- Bellissima—688 Spring Street.
- Blake's—227 10th St. 892-5786
- Buddies Cheshire Square—2345 Cheshire Br. Rd. 634-5895
- Buddies Midtown—239 Ponce de Leon. 872-2655
- Bulldog & Co.—893 Peachtree. 872-3025
- Burkhart's—Ansley Square. 872-4403
- Club Fetish—(Weds.) 695 North Ave. 577-8178
- The Cove—586 Worcester. 875-2477
- Crazy Ray's—1492 Piedmont. 873-4655
- Crown Club—2050 Cheshire Br. 636-5470
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- 551 Downstairs—551 Ponce De Leon. 873-4052
- Gallus Bar & Restaurant—49 6th St. 892-8983
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- The Heretic—2069 Cheshire Bridge. 325-3061
- Loretta's—708 Spring St. 874-8125
- The Metro—48 6th Street, 874-9869
- New Order—1544 Piedmont. 874-8247
- Opus—1086 Alco St. 634-6478
- The Otherside—1924 Piedmont Rd. 875-5238
- The Pear Garden—11 Luckie St. 659-4055
- Peppers by Frank Powell—980 Piedmont Ave. NE 872-4000
- Phoenix—567 Ponce De Leon. 892-7871
- Revolution—293 Pharr Rd. 816-5455
- Scandals—Ansley Square. 875-5957
- The Model-T—Ford Factory Square. 872-2209
- Visions—2043 Cheshire Bridge. 248-9712

Direct Action/Political

- ACLU of Georgia—523-5398
- ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—523-6201
- ACT UP—874-6782 (O)
- Atlanta Greens, Green Party USA, Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Queer Caucus—368-7137
- Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
- Cobb Citizens Coalition—POB 965336, Marietta 30066, 256-8690
- Dykes & Faggots Bash Back—P.O. Box 14531, Atlanta 30324, voice mail 908-5369
- Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477
- Georgia Advocates for Battered Women & Children/Lesbian Task Force—524-3847; 250 Georgia Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atl. 30312
- Georgia Committee for the 1993 March on Washington—(404) 662-4199 or POB 5282, Atlanta 30307
- GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
- Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751
- LEGAL—605-7476
- Lesbian Avengers—621-5016
- National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
- National Organization for Women, Gay & Lesbian Rights Task Force 636-7435
- Neighbors Network—257-5550
- Queer Nation—605-7396
- Republicans for Individual Freedoms—PO 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324, 239-1679
- Straight But Not Narrow—242-2256 (voice mail)
- STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

National

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

Professional

- Atlanta Entrepreneurs' Club—Dr. Bravy 457-6347
- Bar Owner's Assn—POB 15114, Atlanta 30333-0114
- Fourth Tuesday—662-4353
- Gay/Lesbian Postal Employees Network (G/L PEN)—POB 580397, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0397
- GA Assoc. of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR)—231-2251
- HomeGirls—622-0105
- LEAGUE, Inc. (Employees of AT&T)—404/872-2359
- Nat'l Gay Pilots Assoc.—PO Box 27542, Washington, D.C. 20038-7542, (703) 660-3852
- Nat'l Lesbian and Gay Journalists Assoc.—634-7429
- Nat'l Federaton of Career Women—(404) 659-0315
- OUTstaff (Emory)—727-2787 (Donna)

Spiritual

- All Saints Metropolitan Community Church—622-1154
- Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—876-0631
- Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain—297-0350
- Congregation Bet Haverim—642-3467
- Emergence/Atlanta (Christian Scientists)—565-2126
- First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta—378-5570
- First Metropolitan Community Church of Atl—325-4143
- Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns (Quakers)—370-1340
- Gay & Lesbian Mormons—570-2561 (dig. page)
- Gay Spirit Visions—378-7224
- Grant Park Aldersgate United Methodist Church—627-6221; 575 Boulevard SE
- Hosanna African Unity Life Center—872-9055
- Integrity (Episcopal)—642-3183
- Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—636-7109
- Oakhurst Presbyterian Church—378-6284
- Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—373-5830
- Unitarian Universalists—634-5134, George at 688-2242

Sports/Outdoor/Hobbies

- Atlanta Team Tennis Assn—621-2699
- Atlanta Venture Sports—242-4899
- Atlanta Women's Social Tennis—662-GAMI:
- Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
- Greater Atlanta Naturist Group—851-2882 (voice mail)
- Hotlanta Soccer—876-7372
- Hotlanta Softball League—POB 14582, Atl. 30324, 873-4061
- Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062
- Lambda Car Club—POB 11705, Atlanta 30355
- Luring Lesbians (fishing club)—932-5236
- Mountain Catalyst—POB 199, Demorest, GA 30535
- S.E. Gay Rodeo Assn—POB 7881, Atl., 30357, 760-8126
- Wilderness Network of GA—SASE, POB 55156, Atlanta 30308
- Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
- Women's Rugby—659-6916 or 761-8939
- TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
- Underwater Escapes—289-0696

Service/Support/Social

- About Crossdressing—Janet, 624-3770
- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—239-8184 (voice mail)
- Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—223-3718
- American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033. (404) 939-0244 (eve)
- Asians & Friends/Atlanta—876-0090
- Athens Lesbian Information—LSG, POB 7864, Athens, 30604
- Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club—Box 11863, Atlanta 30355
- Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
- Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
- Atlanta Gender Exploration—875-9846
- Atlanta Lambda Community Center—POB 15180, Atlanta 30333. 662-9010
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atlanta 30307, phone 378-9769
- Atlanta Lesbian Singles Organization (ALSO)—843-4492
- Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
- BiAtlanta—256-8992
- Bisexuals of Atlanta Resource Network—908-3413
- Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
- Caregivers to PWAs Support Group—874-1109 or 875-6109
- Codependents Anonymous—239-1657
- Delphi—POB 14591, Atlanta, G 30324
- Emotions Anonymous—872-0979
- First Women—G.G. Richardson, POB 724711, Atl. 30339, 612-9473.
- Friends Atlanta—662-4501
- Gay Fathers of Atlanta—342-6451
- Gay Help Line—6pm-11pm 892-0661
- Gay/Lesbian AA & Al-Anon—881-9188
- Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America—623-4099
- Gay/Lesbian Task Force to the Public Safety Comm. of City Council—330-6504
- Georgia Girth & Mirth—POB 9678, Atl. 30319. (404) 621-5710
- Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085
- Gwinnett Lambda—POB 464848, Lwrnc'ville 30246, 871-GAYS
- Hospitality Atlanta—627-0520
- Interact of Atlanta—984-9875
- KO-Existance—875-8936
- John Howell Park Project—876-0105
- Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous—237-6262
- Latinos En Accion—621-5743
- Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous—325-4909
- Lesbian Narcotics Anonymous—703-3897
- Lesbian Support Group—627-7387
- Lesbians Considering Parenthood—908-1704
- Lesbians Over 50—850-1005
- Lesbians With Children—740-1729
- Men of Little 5 Points—POB 5425, Atlanta 30307
- Name the Violence Support Group for Battered Lesbians—822-9570; Crisis Hotline—688-9436
- Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—296-0830 or 875-9440
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Chattanooga (615) 875-5750, (615) 622-3813
- Positive Black Lesbians United (PBLU)—294-4377
- Prime Timers—POB 29487, Atlanta 30359
- Queer Youth—P.O. Box 54032, Atlanta 30308; 605-7396
- Real Gay World BBS—404-266-0856
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous—239-8048
- Support Group for Battered Gay Partners—(404) 350-0456
- Survivors of Incest Anonymous—POB 2502, Decatur, GA 30031; 239-8018
- Uniformed Svcs Activity—Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
- Women In Kahoots—(WINK) 438-1421
- Women of Wisdom—289-8819
- Wordsmith Society—Chris at 498-0137
- Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
- Zami—908-3356

Students/Alumni

- Agnes Scott Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance—Box 501, Decatur 30030; 373-1632
- Alliance of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students of GA State—605-7681
- Bi, Lesbian & Gay Student Union of West Ga. College—706-834-3569
- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692
- Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Comm. College 423-6246
- Georgia Tech Gay Alumni Group—POB 50291, GA Tech Sta., Atlanta 30332
- Georgia Tech Gay & Lesbian Alliance—497-0684
- Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Student Union of the Univ. of Ga.—POB 2438 Athens 30612-0438 or call 404/549-9368
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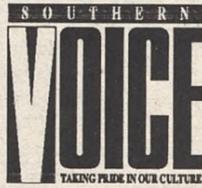


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He builds custom-made furniture. He tinkers with cars. He cooks. And he spends his spare time rollerblading through the city with a Siberian Husky named Misty.

Oh, and lately he's been helping his "other half," Philip, with the opening of Atlanta's new lesbian/gay bookstore, OutWrite.

He's Mike Ballacchino, and his passion, aside from Philip, is that custom-built furniture. He built the display table and bar for OutWrite and regularly puts out dressers, tables, chairs, and 4-foot-tall candleabras from his workshop off Peachtree between Midtown and Buckhead, all distinctive and unique.

"I don't duplicate any of my work," he says. "It's all one of a kind."

A recently completed vanity for a decorators' showcase is a prime example of his work.

"It's not square," he said. "I don't like straight lines and 45-degree angles."

But Ballacchino's furniture is not designed to attract attention and little else. Viewers at the showcase were impressed by the vanity's utilitarian design.

"All of my furniture has a distinctive look, and it's all functional," Ballacchino says.

He's always been a tinkerer, he says, always building things. His first piece of furniture was a step-stool for his mother.

"She sits on it when they eat dinner in the living room watching television," he laughs.

When he first moved out on his own a year ago, he built all the furniture for his apartment, "except my couch."

"My bed was the first thing I built," he says. "I got an idea, and I built it."

But furniture isn't the only thing Ballacchino likes to build. For seven years, he kept an Alfa Romeo Spider in tip-top condition.

"It was the love of my life," he recalls. "I rebuilt the engine, did the body work, everything."

The car was a lifeline for him as well—in high school, Ballacchino remembers being shy,

and the car was his "way of getting away."

"I'd spend \$50 a week on gas," he said. "I drove that car every day with the top down, even if it rained."

In the background, his mother cheers. "She's glad I got rid of it," he laughs.

Ballacchino says it was telling his family that he is gay that ended his teenaged shyness.

"Coming out helped me come out of my shell," he says. "It was really difficult when I first came out because my father and I didn't get along very well. But I learned a lot from how he reacted and how I reacted. I grew up real quick."

"I'm still shy sometimes," he adds with a laugh, "but now when I get started talking sometimes I can't stop."

He's out to his entire family now, and says it was a strengthening experience for him.

To get away from his busy schedule, Ballacchino now straps on a pair of rollerblades and hits the street, often with Misty the husky in tow, or occasionally, towing him. He glides through Midtown, between the city's tall buildings.

"It's my way of getting away from everything," he says.

At home, Ballacchino loves to cook, although his and Philip's work at the bookstore has kept that to a minimum.

"The other night I cooked dinner for myself for the first time in two months," he said. "I do miss it."

Back in his workshop, Ballacchino is busy at work, with Misty, chewing on scraps of wood, playing the role of his able assistant. Hombre, Philip and Mike's wiry cat, helps when he can.

"I just got sick of working for other people," Ballacchino says.

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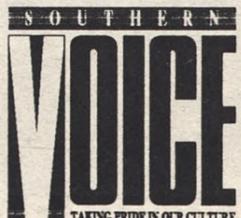
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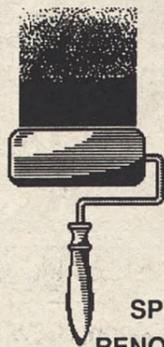
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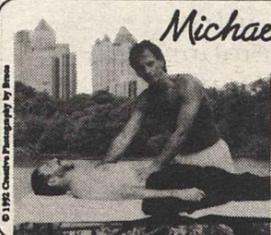
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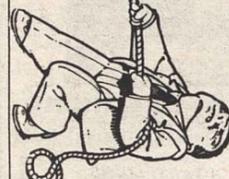
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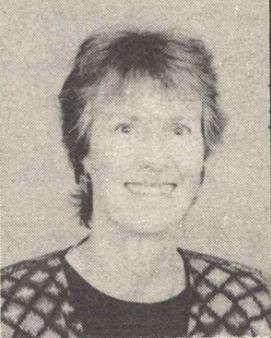
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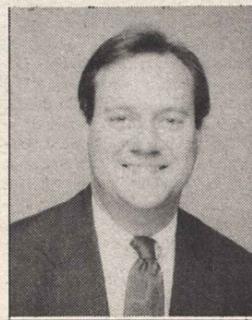
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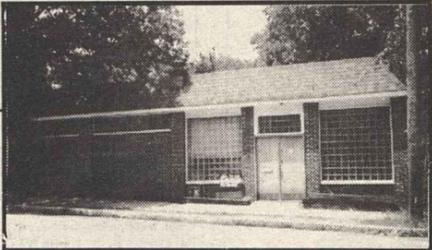
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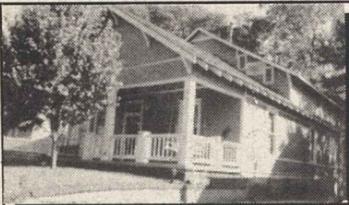
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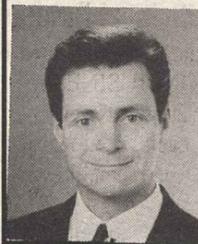


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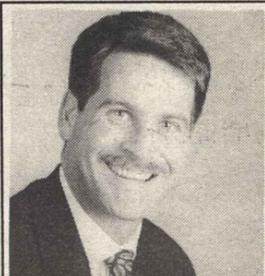
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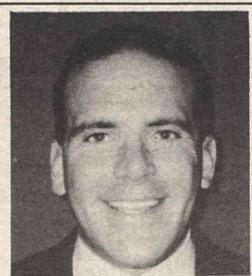


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Come play w/me; GWF - 31, wine + roses lady w/good sense of humor & a love of adventure. Looking for the right woman to

sweep me off my feet. Must be lustful of all life's pleasures + romantic. 1841

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Open GF sought for quality friendship. Must understand college student's life. Must enjoy theatre, art, dance, dining. 20-27. 1798

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

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

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

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

GWF, early twenties, doesn't know how to pick up women, but sure knows what to do once she's got one. 1783

GWF, 34, I'm an old fashioned girl with new age ideas. My mom will like you too if, like me, you're natural, emotionally stable, attractive, kind, humorous, intelligent, and has integrity. 1777

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

Attractive GF Seeking foreign, petite lipsticked lesbian for companionship, to enjoy life, love and happiness. No butch, bi's or kids. 1746

Attractive GWF seeking feminine GWF who enjoys being wined and dined in life's simple pleasures. No bi's, drug free. 1744

Lesbian seeking women to talk with, laugh with and walk with along life's path. If your world includes films, theater, books, travel, pets, politics, spirituality and joy, I look forward to talking to you. 1713

GWF, very attractive, long hair, Gothic, grunge, alternative music, seeks GWF. Must be feminine and attractive, 47, no Bi's. 1738

GBF, prof., 30's, kids, attractive, enjoys books, music, dancing, laughing. Seeks GF 25-40 with similar interests for friendship & more. 1716

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

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

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

BiWF, 40's, attractive, trim, first-timer seeks non-smoking, trim, feminine GWF 35-50 for discreet safe encounters. No drugs. 1709

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

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

If you're a GBF drug free, independant, spiritual, proportioned, naturally beautiful, socio-politically conscious, intellectual, over x-lovers, conversationalist, monogamous - I'm waiting. 1703

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GBF, 33, attractive, sports/arts lover. Appreciates beautiful feminine GF with intellect and security. Call me today anyway. You'll see! 1665

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWF - 36, accomplished, thoughtful, de-

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

MEN

Take charge! GWM, athletic, 28, professional, great looks seeks safe, dominant, older, endowed inshape WM who needs oral service. 1850

GWM, top, dominate, 45yo, 6', 180 lbs, clean shaven, seeks under 30 men also clean shaven for fun safe hot times. 1851

Masculine GWM, 26, 5'10" 160 lbs, blond/brown, hairy; seeks goodlooking butch top to 40 (sane, sexy, safe) for direct manly maneuvers. 1852

Attractive interracial couple seeks attractive male(s), any race, for very good times, humor/friendships. No attitude, tops, bottoms welcome. 1849

Attractive BM, 33. Educated, fit, fun, honest, financially secure professional, many interests, ready for relationship. Seeks WM, 29 and over. Serious replies only. 1842

GWM - HIV+ - very attractive, 28 yo, physically fit healthy, Br/bl, 5'9", 160 lbs, professional, masculine, clean cut, smooth. Likes - a normal life, good times and great sex. Would like to meet/date similar, very similar! 1843

GBM, 6', 200 #, 38, seeks blue collar type BM, 190+, 25+, looks unimportant, endowment and personality are. Not into bars. 1846

Bald 46yo, masculine, sincere, executive seeks same, 30-45. Enjoys tennis, exercise, outdoors, theater, symphony. Looking for monogamous relationship. 1847

Sexy, hairy leatherboy, 33, 5'8" 150 lb/br HIV seeks hairy, affectionate, nonsmoking, intelligent, kinky, horny, top/daddy to 45. 1840

Handsome GWM, 21, mature professional, 6'1" - 185, brwn/brwn sks sincere GWM, 30-40. Take charge kinda guy - romantic, cultured, not only interested in a pretty face but what's inside. Let's talk!!! 1839

GBM, 29, 6'1", 240 lbs, competitive body-builder, professional, masculine, discreet, seeking BM with similar characteristics and interests to spend time with. 1836

Looking for you! Me: Handsome, sexy, 5'8", 165 lbs, workout, professional, romantic, adventurous. You: sexy, my size or bigger, well-built, romantic, adventurous. Call to talk! Big arms, big heart preferred! 1828

BM - Handsome, athletic, muscular, romantic, honest, seek masculine, athletic, handsome, muscular, discreet men for relationship. Policemen & armed forces preferred. 1834

GWM, 39, 5'7", 135 lbs., beard, versatile, daytime playmate for all types of action.

Seeks 25-45 GWM into playing hard. 1829

GWM, Attractive, witty, youngish 50, 6', 185 lbs, moustache, brn/blu, healthy HIV, interests: movies, cooking, cards, theater, dining out, travel, quiet evenings - into: cuddling, long-term companionship, Greek love, light smoker/drinker, no drugs, seeks GWM 40-55 w/similar needs/wants. 1830

DESIRED: Professional GBM, 30ish, top with average build to spend quiet evenings with professional HIV+ healthy GWM, slim build, athletic, honest. 1832

Friendship or relationship? GWM 31, HIV+, enjoys country music & dance, easy going, seeks same/older. Call + find out more! 1833

GBM, 30, 5'10", 185 lbs, goodlooking endowed seeks guys 18-35 to share fun sessions of J/O at my place. 1837

Butch, handsome, hung, fit youngster (24) gives or receives safe, discreet French service to/from butch endowed athletes; leave message. 1838

GWM, 36, 5'11", lean, attractive, seeks similar GWM into movies, conversation, "Star Trek", safe sex and low-key lifestyle. 1826

GWM 29, Professional, attractive, sincere, honest, financially secure, relationship oriented. I believe there has to be someone out there who believes in having a loving, caring, monogamous relationship. You- Attractive GBM 20-31 professional or serious minded student. I enjoy quiet evenings at home, walks in the park, stimulating conversation, working out, traveling, and anything romantic! Interested? Let's talk. Serious only. 1824

Handsome No. Ga. Mtns. WM, 37, 5'8"/145, healthy seeks aggressive eager French active GWM for regular encounters! 1796

GWM, 27, 6'1", 175#, clean cut, athletic, non-smoker, masculine, intelligent, very attractive, seeks similar, 22-32. 1795

W/M, 35, blond, moustache, butch, handsome, 5'8", 150, fun-loving, single, wants to relocate Gulf Coast Mississippi, Louisiana, needs contacts. 1794

BM, 5'8", 160 lbs, trim, masculine, endowed, versatile. Seeks same for intense encounters. 1800

Hot GWM want out, active, confident, Gdtk, hot, political boyfriend. No closet wimps! 20's/30's Adventure. Any race. I dare you! 1790

GWM, 38, 5'10", 180, somewhat attractive, tired of lonely weekends, have friends, need more, HIV-, like companionship, walks, cooking, seek similar, 36-43. 1792

I want it all! Passion, romance, sex - all that is possible in a committed relationship. I am GWM, 45, professional, athletic, non-smoker, HIV+ and healthy. Looking for fun and adventure, a kid to play with mine, sensitivity and maturity. A Prince who is self aware enough to take care of himself and to care for me. Serious replies only, please. 1791

GWM, 26, 5'10", 160 lbs., nonsmoker, masculine type, versatile, college grad, recently out, seeks similar GWM (20-30) for dating, possible relationship. Write: "Jake," P.O. Box 101592, B'ham, AL 35210 (6.39)

BiBM, 32, handsome newly relocated to Atlanta. Very discreet, not into bar scene, seeks same. No fats/fems. 1799

GWM, sincere, stable, Attractive, healthy, well-educated professional, 40's, masculine. Seeks quality clean-cut WM college-student. Novice fine. 1797

GWM, 22, HIV-, swimmer's build, affectionate, stable, seeks attractive, hairy, stable, mature, HIV-, "Bruce Willis" type, 30+ for possible relationship. 1788

F.F.B.B. (Fuzzy face/back/butt) sought by GWM, 35, 6'1", 170#, smooth, bear admirer. Hibernation time is near! 1787

THREE-WAY ACTION: attractive top, 30's, 5'11", 160 lbs, seeks handsome couple for safe, regular, discreet, no-strings encounters. 1786

Senior Male - seeks male 25-35 to mentor, help financially, and for companionship during week days. Clean, masculine, healthy. 1785

Horny Midtown Professional. Involved GWM, 40, 5'10", 155, HIV-, with place seeks guys for 5 pm adventurous, creative safe fun. 1784.

Joven Cubana desea tener Amistad con Damas o caballeros de cualquier edad sincero y cariñoso. No Irogas. 1776

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

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

GWM, 34, handsome, 6'2", 175, Red/green, swimmer. You are 30+, tall, bright, adventurous and stable. 1781

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

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

Atlanta's Hottest GWM - best dancer, most fashion conscious, great personality, great looks - need support to attain your full potential? Let's talk. 1743

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

GWM, 6', 175, mid 40s, smooth, healthy, professional, seeks HIV- bottom into submission, humiliation, embarrassment for discreet safe sessions. 1771

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

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

GWM Business owner needs attractive young live-in companion, relationship oriented, maintain household, help manage businesses. Some travel, I'll reciprocate generously. 1741

PERSONALS

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

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GWM, 35, 6'2", 175, trim, attractive top gentleman, bearded, smooth body. Into movies, travel, dining out, music, romantic evenings, and cuddling. Seeking GWM, attractive, non-smoking, good natured, smooth bottom, with similar interests. 30-40. ☎ 1739

Cool Nights - Hot Tub Fun. Masculine, fit GWM, 34, Br/Br, 5'10", 155 seeks similar GWM couple - Splash around! Maybe more. ☎ 1737

Youthful 41, GWM, goodlooking professional seeking person possessing: humor, confidence, class, compassion, kids, activism, pets? Seeking relationship, no race preference. Call me, let's talk some. ☎ 1736

Hot, muscular GWM couple - 28, 6', 160#; 30, 5'11", 170#; seeks great looking male(s) for adventures in the bedroom. ☎ 1735

GBM, 27, 5'11", 220# seeks GWM 30-50 for serious relationship and good times. ☎ 1715

GWM, 29, 5'7", 170 Br/HZ, Novice Boy seeks WM 25-40 dominant. Spanking, discipline, W/S, B/D, Safe S/M. Make me serve. ☎ 1714

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

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

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

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

GBM, 33, 5'7", 130, masculine bottom, novice, seeks heavy-set, very dominant top 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, 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

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, br/bl, relationship-oriented, non-bar type, seeks same in GWM, late 20s. ☎ 1662

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

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

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

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 some-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attractive professional GBM Top, 35, good condition, masculine, affectionate, seeks GWM Bottom (same attributes) for friend-

ship/possible relationship. You 29-40. ☎ 1596

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 W/M, moustache, handsome, rimming, romantic, relationship, 35-45. ☎ 1549

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

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

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

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

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

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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Relationship wanted-women. BiBM, tall, dark, handsome, 34, Healthy HIV+ seeks attractive, honest HIV+ women. Healthy, enjoys music, sharing, love and laughter. Any race, kids okay. Will be discreet and caring. Write me, I'm waiting. P.O. Box 1213, Atlanta, GA 30301 (6.38)

Tall attractive BiTV seeks attractive tall Bi W/M over 40 for friendship and possible relationship. Sincere only. ☎ 1831

BiWM, 30, 5'11", 175, very attractive, great shape, sharp mind would like to meet other bi women/men. Let's talk! ☎ 1717
SBM married, 54, great shape, seeks mature shapely BiBf (30-50) for very discreet safe encounters. ☎ 1570

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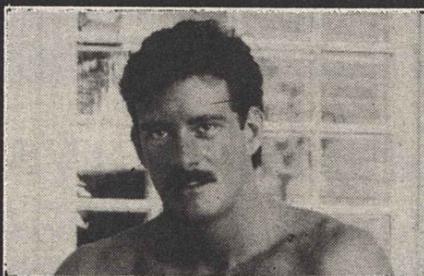
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