

S O U T H E R N
VOICE
TAKING PRIDE IN OUR CULTURE

DEC 23 - DEC 29 / 1993

Victory in Colorado

PAGE 7

NEWS

Gallus gutted in early morning blaze
PAGE 3

**Gay man found stabbed in front of his
Poncey-Highland apartment** PAGE 3

**Two lesbian couples at UGA battle for
equal health benefits** PAGE 3

SOUTHEAST

**Suburbanites in Charlotte want
an MCC church out of their
neighborhood** PAGE 4

NATION

**Man who wanted to try experimental
AIDS treatment runs into a stone
wall of bureaucracy** PAGE 15

OUT AND ABOUT

THEATER

**The second part of the epic
"Angels in America" is now open
on Broadway** PAGE 21

TRAVEL

**New Year's and Carnival are the hot
times to visit hot Rio** PAGE 25

BOOKS

**Larry Duplechan's "Captain Swing"
takes up where his last book left off**

PAGE 31

Happy Holidays



The Christmas season kicked into high gear Sunday with Danny Donohoe's fourth annual Lighting of the Tree at the Gallus, a community celebration and AIDS fundraiser that went off as scheduled despite a fire earlier in the week. Mayor-elect Bill Campbell was on hand for the festivities.

Santa's Helpers

*A group of lesbians and gay men in DeKalb County join
in a community effort to bring the holiday season to
families who might not otherwise see one*

by KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—Most Atlantans never see real life slices of the lives of lesbians and gay men, unless they happen to know them. Media reports present a slanted, limited view—protests, politics and the seamier side that makes for good sweeps week ratings.

For Laura Bevins of DeKalb County, that wasn't enough. She wanted a chance for lesbians and gay men to show that they weren't myopically concerned with only their own issues, and she found it through the Decatur Police Department.

"I thought it was time for us to something fun and positive in the larger community we belong to," Bevins said. "So I approached Judy Turner (a vice-president at BankSouth) and Shirley Kersey (a Decatur police officer). I mentioned to them that I'd like to do something, as a lesbian, to let people know that lesbians and gays are involved in the DeKalb community."

It "springboarded" from there, Bevins said, and she and several other groups and individuals from the lesbian/gay community joined forces with the Decatur Police Department's annual holiday project—to provide a holiday season for families that wouldn't have one otherwise.

The police department's community relations division annually "adopts" families, collecting money and getting volunteers to buy gifts and donate food to the families.

"I go to the school system, the social workers there," said Kersey, who is in her second year of coordinating the program. "They're the ones who know when a family needs something."

Kersey said the department also solicits donations from area businesses, such as restaurants and grocery stores, as well as collecting money for purchases. She was happy to have the help from the lesbian and gay community.

"I thought it would be great," she said, adding that she told some of the families that a gay group would be providing the gifts, and that the response was positive. "There was no problem," she said.

Bevins coordinated the effort to adopt five DeKalb families, and the response, she said, was terrific.

"They were so receptive," she said. "It was just regular people doing something for the community we live in."

The people who participated in the project agreed that it was a wonderful experience.

"It just feels good," said one woman, a 43-year-old therapist who wanted to remain anonymous. "I love buying toys. It gives me a chance to play."

The therapist adopted a family with six children, ranging in age from 5-months- to 9-years-old. Kersey provided the ages, a wish list and a list of clothes sizes for the kids, and left the rest to the volunteers.

"I'd find kids in the toy department and say 'how old are you?'" the therapist said. "Then I'd say, 'what kind of skates would you want?'"

"It was truly the most fun I've ever had at Toys 'R' Us," said Lisa Mount, another participant.

"It's the real meaning of Christmas," said Darlene Drury, who wrapped the gifts, "giving to somebody who's really going to appreciate it."

"We had a wonderful time doing it," said Dan Pruitt, who, along with his partner Mike Edwards, adopted a 4-year-old girl. "It's great imagining her opening the presents on Christmas morning."

"It was really nice to know that we could do something for kids who have fallen through the cracks as far as the system is concerned," said Edwards. "It was a lot of fun. And we found stuff for ourselves, too. We got some Nintendo games. Danny and I don't have any children to buy for, so it was really nice."

The experience left those who participated with a strong feeling of accomplishment—not just because they had helped out families in need.

"It's Christmas time. It's not charity time," said the therapist. "I wanted [the family] to have Christmas and not just be some woman who comes in and says 'see what I can do.'"

"Christmas is for kids," said Tim Boyd, a local businessman who was also involved in the project. "Of all the things I'm asked to do throughout the holiday season, this was something I thought I could give."

But the chance to do something through official channels as openly gay people was also a strong impetus.

"There's so many rotten things out there about us," the therapist said. "It was good to be doing some-"
CONTINUES ON PAGE 19



"How many cares one loses when one decides not to be something, but to be someone."

CoCo Channel



Cortex is a contemporary hair studio that practices a pure and healthy approach to helping you achieve your own individual style. Our professional staff invites you to see and feel the difference.



1177 Virginia Avenue • Atlanta • Georgia 30306 • 404-874-6913

To help you save,
we spent like a
Scrooge on this ad.



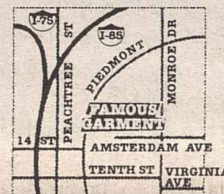
We're not "Bah Humbug." We're just tight with our marketing budget because we want to give you TOP QUALITY LADIES' SUITS at the LOWEST PRICES AVAILABLE.

As part of our FALL SALE, you can get: All BLAZERS, \$25. These are the same designer fashions you've seen in department stores—for less than HALF THE PRICE. Just in time for your holiday shopping.

So visit us, at 550-C Amsterdam Ave. (in the Midtown Outlets), Atlanta. Store hours: Wed, 10-7; Thurs-Sat, 10-9; Sun, 1-6. Fri 12/24, 10-2. Closed Christmas Day. 12/26, 1-6. Fri 12/27. Open all week, Mon 12/27 to Wed 12/29, 10-7; Thurs 12/30, 10-9. Closed New Year's Day until 1/5. For details, call 875-7053. Come in soon because our SALE ends when the blazers are gone. We don't offer holiday commercialism—just GREAT DEALS.

FAMOUS GARMENT

SMART SUITS. LOW PRICES.
(MEDIocre ADVERTISING)



**Pat Robertson is doing it.
Jerry Falwell is doing it too.
Even Nancy Schaefer is doing it.**

Why don't you?

Do what? Let your elected officials hear your voice and not just the voices of the religious right! And the first step is to attend a workshop that will show you how.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), The Georgia Political Action Committee (GAPAC) and the African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance (AALGA) will sponsor a political skills workshop on Saturday, January 8, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Atlanta-Decatur Conference Plaza. The workshop is free and pre-registration is encouraged.

The workshop's focus is to train citizens in a variety of skills necessary to be effective advocates for lesbian and gay issues. For more information or to pre-register call HRCF's state coordinator, Don George, at 231-5479.

*An interpreter for hearing impaired individuals will be provided. Please call 373-6673V/TTY for information and pre-registration. The Holiday Inn Atlanta-Decatur Conference Center is a wheelchair accessible facility.

Sponsored by



It's our turn, let's do it.

Atlanta bar gutted by fire

Atlanta—The Gallus Restaurant and Bar, one of Atlanta's oldest gay establishments, was gutted last week by a fire that officials believe was caused by a faulty furnace.

The early-morning blaze on Tuesday at the Gallus, located at the corner of Cypress and Sixth streets in Midtown, forced the closing of both the bar and restaurant. However, the fire did not delay the fourth annual Lighting of the Tree, an AIDS fundraiser sponsored by the Gallus that went off as planned in front of the establishment on Sunday evening.

Atlanta Fire Department officials said the fire was touched off by a defective furnace in the basement and spread through the walls of the building. The fire gutted the basement bar and caused some parts of the first floor to collapse.

"There was smoke coming out of every crack in the building when we pulled up," said

Chief Joe Talbot, who said the department received the call at about 8:15 a.m. and had the fire under control a little over an hour later. Firefighters stayed on the scene for about an hour and a half more to be certain all the fires were out.

"There were a lot of little fires [in the walls]," the chief said. "[The basement bar] is totalled. It's gone."

In addition to the damage in the basement and to the first floor, smoke damage throughout the building was extensive. There were no major injuries, but one firefighter was taken to a hospital to be checked for a minor injury.

According to a statement released by Quinton T. Hudson and Associates, attorneys for the bar management, the Gallus will be closed for an undetermined period of time while repairs are completed.

KC WILDMOON



Gallus owner Don Honeywell surveys the fire damage with Atlanta firefighters.

Police seek clues in murder of Raven Wolfdancer

Atlanta—A well-known figure in the gay men's spirituality movement was stabbed to death last week outside of his apartment in Poncey-Highland.

Atlanta police say they have no suspects in the murder of Raven Wolfdancer, 47, and they have not made a determination if his death was an anti-gay bias crime.

Wolfdancer's body was discovered by his landlady at about 7 a.m. on Dec. 13 outside of his apartment on Linwood Avenue. He had been stabbed in the chest. Sgt. J.J. James of the Atlanta Police's homicide division would not say if police believed Wolfdancer was killed by an intruder or someone he knew. But James said a neighbor "heard something" between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. on the morning of Wolfdancer's death.

"We don't have any additional information at this time," James said. "We have no suspects identified. We are soliciting the public for any information they may have."

Wolfdancer was one of the founders of the



Wolfdancer was one of the founders of the Celebrating Gay Spirit Visions conference.

Celebrating Gay Spirit Visions conference and was active in the Southeastern Network and, earlier, the Radical Faeries.

He was born in Indiana and lived from 1970 to 1976 near Big Stone Gap, Va., where he worked on conscientious objector issues and with a building co-op installing bathrooms for Appalachian families. After a year in Denver, Colo., he moved to Atlanta in 1977.

In 1984, he and Cathy Hope, now living in New Mexico, started The Gardeners, a landscaping company, which he still operated at the time of his death. Wolfdancer was also an artist who worked for a time in the early 1980s with Chris Moses.

A memorial service will be held at the First Existentialist Congregation on Candler Park Drive on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring food and "Raven memorabilia."

Wolfdancer is survived by his mother, Frankie Dee, of Apollo Beach, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Terri Cravens, and three nephews, all of Crawfordsville, Ind.; and countless friends.

KC WILDMOON

Companies can't cover city partners

But the legal opinion striking down the city's domestic partnership ordinances won't affect private employees

by KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—Georgia Insurance Commissioner Tim Ryles has sent notices to two insurance companies informing them that they cannot provide insurance benefits to the domestic partners of Atlanta's city employees.

But Ryles' decision, prompted by Attorney General Michael Bowers' written opinion two weeks ago that the city's partnership ordinances were unconstitutional, will apparently not affect private companies that want to extend benefits to the same-sex couples.

Although Georgia law doesn't make Bowers' opinion legally binding on Ryles, the insurance commissioner's spokesperson, Kevin Curtin, confirmed that the insurance commissioner sent the companies notices on Dec. 13.

In an interview with Southern Voice, Bowers said that his opinion that cities and counties in Georgia cannot extend insurance coverage to domestic partners would not prevent a private company from doing so.

"In my view—and I don't have any corner on the market—it's strictly about government employment," Bowers said. "This has nothing to do with private employment."

The issue of whether the city's domestic partnership ordinances are legal is currently at the heart of a case in Fulton County Superior Court. Bowers admitted that it was unusual for an attorney general to issue an opinion on a matter already before the courts and said he had turned down a request from an unidentified state legislator who wanted a legal opinion on partnership. But because the insurance commis-

CONTINUES ON PAGE 18

Lesbian couples at UGA fight for equal benefits

University officials say same-sex partners not entitled to discounts at student health care facility

Athens—Two lesbian students at the University of Georgia who want to include their partners in the university's student health plan have been turned down by the UGA administration.

The battle for benefits began earlier this fall when Sharon Moore, a Ph.D. student and instructor in the English department, sought health care for her partner, Elaine Petrie, at the university's Gilbert Health Center.

Spouses of UGA students can receive health care at discounted rates, but that benefit apparently only applies to heterosexual couples who are legally married. Moore was told that she and Petrie did not qualify, even though the university has a policy banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"They told me that in order to be considered a spouse, I had to have either a marriage license or a tax form," Petrie said.

When the staff at the center refused Moore's

request to include Petrie, the pair took their grievance to student affairs office. In the meantime, another student, Elise Cohen, and her partner, Leah Rushing, both from Atlanta, joined the fight. Rushing, too, was denied treatment at the health center.

"I don't see how it can be anything but discrimination based on sexual orientation," Cohen said. "Having a same sex partner is an integral part of being a lesbian."

UGA's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student Union waged a letter-writing campaign to support the change in policy, but the nearly 100 letters the group generated were not enough to sway administration officials. Now, Moore, Petrie, Cohen and Rushing are considering their next moves—which could include legal action.

"The only way the university is going to do something is to get the faculty involved and maybe bring in somebody from outside to cause an uproar," says Moore. "We have 27,000 students on campus. Three hundred people upset aren't going to do much. But 3,000..."

Dwight Douglas, UGA's vice president for student affairs, told Southern Voice that "the policy is that we treat spouses and legal dependents."

"It's Georgia law. We can't do anything opposed to Georgia law," he said.

KC WILDMOON

THE HNS HIV PROGRAM

A comprehensive program of services that responds to the diverse needs of the HIV individual.



▼ Psychological Services

Personalized counseling by gay licensed clinical social workers helps meet the emotional, psychological, and family needs specific to the HIV individual.

▼ Pharmacy Services

Clinically trained pharmacists are continually updated to advanced protocols in delivering HIV pharmacy services.

▼ Nursing Services

Sensitive to the special needs of the PWA, the registered nurses have a minimum five years clinical experience in I.V. therapy or related field.

▼ Caring, Committed, and Concerned about the community.



HNS™

ADVANCED INFUSION THERAPIES

1-800-872-4467
426-4933

Neighbors want MCC church gone

Matthews, NC—A group of 25 homeowners who live near the New Life Metropolitan Community Church are asking a court to order the lesbian/gay-friendly church out of their suburban Charlotte neighborhood.

The neighbors argue that the zoning board in the town of Matthews erred in granting a variance that allowed the church to open. About half of the church's 50 members are gay or lesbian.

"Homosexuals are entitled to go wherever they want to go," said Charlotte lawyer Paul Whitfield, who represents the families. "But I don't want one in my neighborhood."

But the Rev. Robert Darst of New Life MCC said the church won't leave the 2.6-acre site—unless the residents are willing to pay for it.

"If they want to buy it from us, we'll sell it to them," said Darst, who is gay. "At a profit, of course. We'll make money off their homophobia."

Superior Court Judge Zoro Guice Jr. said Dec. 7 he'll decide whether local landowners have the right to drive out the church. The judge said the town of Matthews failed to notify surrounding owners about the zoning variance that allowed the church to locate there.

Residents fighting the church say they object to lesbians and gay men worshipping in their community.

"I think we have the right to choose what we want in our neighborhood. I have small children. I don't want them exposed to it," said Lakeview neighborhood spokesman Cindy Faw.

The fight has led the Charlotte Area Clergy Association to side with Darst and his church. Darst is a member of the clergy association.

"It's total discrimination for them not to be allowed to worship in peace," said Gwendolyn Ferguson, a member of the clergy association's task force on gays. "The whole message of the Bible is to love your neighbor."

The New Life MCC congregation is now meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte while awaiting the town's permission to renovate the garage building it bought for \$50,000.

But during the seven weeks it met in north Matthews, Darst said the congregation was the target of harassment that caused attendance to dwindle from 35 to eight. Among other things, he accused residents of leaving a bag of feces in the church mailbox, disrupting a service by the sound of a chain saw and making a death threat.

Area residents, in turn, claim some church members have tried to bother them by riding up and down the street in front of their homes.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gay ROTC cadet leaves USC

Columbia, SC—Even as he prepares to leave the university where his budding military career was sidetracked by a debate about homosexuality, former ROTC cadet Jay Belangia says he still wants to be an officer.

That goal might be impossible. The 24-year-old Hartsville native stirred up headlines when he declared that he was gay while a member of the University of South Carolina's ROTC program.

Belangia is preparing to leave USC but has not decided where he will go. He said he wants a fresh start and probably will go to a college in a larger city. He has his eye on a career in law or politics, maybe both, but still wants to serve in the military as an officer.

"Personally, I feel good," the 24-year-old Hartsville resident said. "For the first time, I'm really happy. I'm not hiding behind a facade, making up stories about who I'm with."

But he said he is leaving USC with mixed emotions because he made friends who supported him. He also said he is disappointed

with USC's leadership, which he said seemed indifferent to his assertions that he was being discriminated against.

"I'm just looking at it as a learning experience," he said.

Belangia lost his ROTC scholarship last summer after a disciplinary hearing where he was charged with not maintaining good grades and not participating in drills.

In addition to being dismissed from USC's ROTC program, he also was told he must repay an estimated \$3,000 in ROTC scholarship money, Belangia said. He is appealing that ruling.

After coming out, Belangia said the flak he caught because of his candor made life so miserable he couldn't function as a student, let alone as an ROTC cadet.

By the end of the spring semester, USC's ROTC leaders brought him up on charges that his grades had fallen below minimum standards and that he wasn't showing up for mandatory military activities.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIV records stolen from hospital

Miami—Burglars at a hospital made off with computerized records of at least 6,000 people with AIDS or HIV.

Police said the burglary at Jackson Memorial Hospital, in which three personal computers and several diskettes were taken, may have been an inside job. They said burglars got by double-locked office doors.

The burglary was discovered Nov. 15 but officials didn't publicize it until recently for fear of alarming patients.

The names were on a list of people served by the South Florida AIDS Network. Barbara Loyd, the network's administrator, said the agency has copies of all of the stolen records.

Jim Towey, secretary of the Florida De-

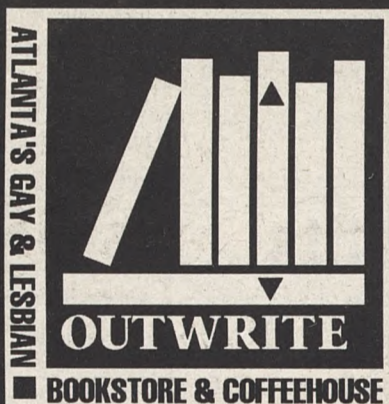
partment of Health and Rehabilitative Services, said several codes protect the information from easy access. But the theft prompted Towey to send inspectors to check security at 35 county health departments and AIDS agencies across the state.

State law makes unauthorized disclosure of records of HIV-infected people illegal, and hospital administrators and health officials said there was no evidence that any of the names had leaked out since the burglary.

But AIDS activist Jim Pruitt said: "This is really disturbing... People are really fearful about their confidentiality. Some of the people who receive services are acutely sensitive to this, and understandably so."

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NOW OPEN!



ESCAPE THE MALL!

NEW YEAR'S EVE
PRIDE BENEFIT '94 AT INFORUM
Advance Tickets Available at Outwrite

The South's Source
for Information on Our Lives.

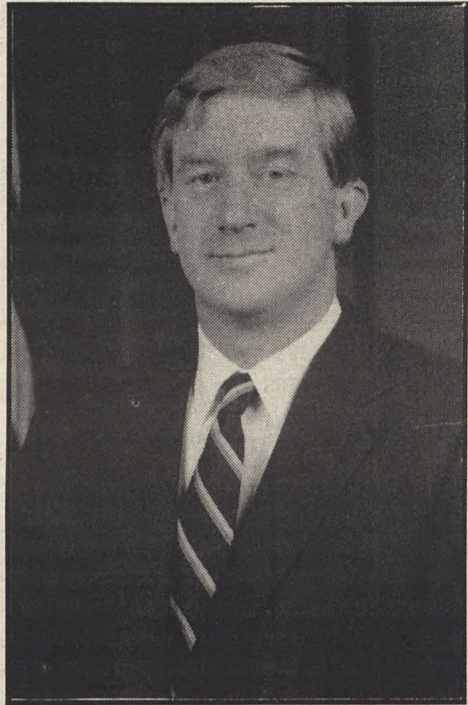
BOOKS ■ MAGAZINES ■ CALENDARS ■ CARDS ■ ART ■ GIFTS
DESSERTS ■ PASTRIES ■ COFFEE ■ ESPRESSO

(404) 607-0082

MIDTOWN PROMENADE ■ MONROE AND VIRGINIA

FBI Settles Buttino's Suit, Bans Discrimination:

Fired gay FBI agent Frank Buttino didn't get his job back, but he still considers the outcome of his lawsuit against the bureau a triumph. The FBI tentatively settled the suit out of court last week, agreeing not to discriminate against gay employees or applicants. The agreement goes further than Attorney General Janet Reno's memo barring discrimination based on sexual orientation, because it forbids discrimination on the grounds of "homosexual conduct among consenting adults in private." Buttino was not reinstated, but he will get a partial restoration of his pension rights and \$53,000 in legal fees.



Mass. Gov. William Weld has once again taken bold action to protect the rights of lesbian and gay citizens.

Mass. Governor Signs Student Gay Rights Law:

On Dec. 10, Massachusetts Gov. William Weld, a Republican, signed into law a bill that bans discrimination against gay students, making Massachusetts the first state in the union to enact such a law. "The governor feels schools should be places where students can learn," said Weld spokesperson Virginia Buckingham. "No one should be discriminated against based on their sexual preference." Opponents of the new law blasted Weld for his "total subservience to the homosexual lobby." "The next step is homosexual programs in public schools that specifically affirm the gay lifestyle, and that will be done at taxpayer expense," said C.J. Doyle, director of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights.

Transsexuals Not Protected by Federal Law:

In tossing out a case brought by a transsexual woman against Amtrak, U.S. District Judge Herbert Hutton has found that federal laws protecting men and women from sex discrimination do not apply to transsexuals. Andria Adams Dobre filed suit against Amtrak after her supervisors began to harass her following her admission that she was undergoing hormone treatments to become a woman. The harassment forced her resignation in March 1990. Dobre's lawsuit will be appealed to a Federal Appeals Court panel in Philadelphia.

Lawsuit Filed To Overturn Montana Law Against Gay Sex:

Saying Montana law encourages discrimination and violence, six people filed a lawsuit in early December to overturn the provision making gay sex a felony. Rosemary Daszkiewicz, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said the challenge is based on the Montana Constitution's guarantees of individual privacy. "Montana's lesbians and gay men are seeking only this basic freedom—to keep the government out of their bedrooms," she said.

Lutherans' New Sexuality Statement Will Stand On The Bible:

The nation's largest Lutheran group has vowed to keep closer tabs on a task force that provoked widespread protests for supporting gay unions, but the church is not backing off from the sex wars. The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America voted to appoint an 11-member consulting panel to work with the task force in order to insure that any official policy on human sexuality would stand on biblical foundations and the confessional tradition of the church. The move came after parishioners from around the country protested a 21-page report released in October that urged church members to challenge traditional condemnations of homosexuality, and argued that supporting and even moving toward a practice of blessing committed same-sex unions is "strongly supported by responsible biblical interpretation."

Idaho Citizens Alliance Only Halfway To Signature Goal:

The founder of the Idaho Citizens Alliance says his volunteers have collected only about half of the signatures they need to put his anti-gay initiative on the 1994 general election ballot. But Kelly Walton says that he is confident the goal will be reached and exceeded by the July 8, 1994 deadline. "We will not settle for a 55 percent win," he said. "We are going for a 70 percent landslide."

Magic Johnson HIV Infection Lawsuit Dismissed:

Retired basketball star Magic Johnson and a woman who accused him of infecting her with HIV reached a private agreement that brought dismissal of the woman's lawsuit. U.S. District Judge Richard Enslin signed the dismissal order Dec. 9, saying only that lawyers on both sides requested it. There was no indication in his order whether a financial settlement had been reached. Attorneys for Johnson and Waymer Moore refused to divulge any details.

WHY?

Charles Evans BMW



HERE'S WHY

BECAUSE we are the largest volume dealer in Georgia, that means the largest selection and great prices for you.

Our sales representative will bring an automobile, new or used, to your home or office by appointment for a personal demonstration and test drive. Free pick-up and delivery for service is available from Peachtree to Gainesville. We will pick up your car, service it and bring it back to you the same day. Remember, we are only one appointment away!

\$19.93 for oil changes on BMW's

Free 23 Point Safety Inspections.

Sales staff available 7 days a week 1-5 on Sunday.

Service department available 6 days a week, 8-2 on Saturday.

Large selection of pre-owned BMW's and other makes.

Contact Philip Munford, Sales Professional

Charles Evans BMW

I-85 at Pleasant Hill Road Gwinnett Place Auto Mall

Call 476-8800



Kuba Mask

African Heritage

African Handcrafts

Antiques • Collectibles • Artifacts

Stone-Wood Carvings

Contemporary Fashion Accessories

GEORGIA ANTIQUE CENTER &
INTERNATIONAL MARKET - BOOTH 521
I-85/N ACCESS ROAD • EXIT JIMMY CARTER BLVD.
CALL 261-0148 FOR INFO

Amy Morris leaving ARCA post in January

Atlanta—Amy Morris, the executive director of AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA), has resigned her position, effective January 1.

"I'm basically tired. I've been here for 4 1/2 years and seen [ARCA] grow and grow and grow. I need a break," said Morris, who said she had no immediate employment plans.

Morris, who joined ARCA in 1989, is one of the longest serving directors among Atlanta's AIDS service organizations. During her tenure, ARCA grew from a staff of six and a budget of \$150,000 to a staff of 23 and a budget of more than \$1.3 million.

"I think ARCA nationally is regarded as one of the top three community-based AIDS research agencies in the field," she said. Morris cited ARCA's ability to bring a large variety of HIV treatment trials to Atlanta as one of her achievements as director.

Morris has been active on a national level as well, serving as Chair of the Protocol Interest Group of the Community Programs for Clinical Research in AIDS (CPCRA), a program of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. She has also been an active member of AmFAR's Community Based Clinical Trials Network.

Haidee Courson, chair of the ARCA Board of Directors, said: "Without Amy's contribution ARCA would not be where it is today and we all owe her a debt of gratitude."

"Amy has made a tremendous contribution to ARCA," said Dr. Melanie Thompson, President and Principal Investigator of ARCA. "We have been lucky to have her skill and dedication over the last 4 1/2 years as Executive Director. She has seen ARCA through a critical phase of growth and has given us a strong foundation for the future."

Thompson will serve as interim director until a new executive director is named. A search committee is now being formed to conduct a national search, which should be complete by March.

ARCA is a non-profit association of 47 physicians and three public clinics that provides clinical trials of promising treatments for HIV and its related illnesses. Founded in 1988, ARCA has brought to the Atlanta community 23 clinical trials involving more than 700 patients. ARCA will begin three new clinical trials in January, including two proteinase inhibitor studies. In addition, ARCA has enrolled 6,000 patients on the Adult Spectrum of HIV Disease Study, an observational study sponsored by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Amy Morris says she has no immediate employment plans.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

We Make Life Easier for the Immuno-Suppressed

Serving the South

FAX US YOUR PRESCRIPTION

404-873-5614

We will arrange direct assignment to your insurance company and you will receive monthly notification of all billing

- **Guaranteed Lowest Price** on Prescriptions
 - Homeopathic Remedies
 - Vitamin Supplements/Herbs
 - Nutritional Supplements
 - Specialized Medications
 - Free UPS Delivery
 - Completely Confidential

800-501-DRUG
3 7 8 4

MEDICINE CENTER

699B PIEDMONT AVENUE, NE, ATLANTA

(CORNER OF PIEDMONT & 3RD)

888-9834

Judge strikes down Colorado's hate amendment

Colorado lesbian/gay groups call for an end to the nationwide boycott of the state

Denver— Amendment 2, a measure passed by Colorado voters last year which overturned existing lesbian/gay rights ordinances and prevented any further extensions of civil rights guarantees based on sexual orientation, is unconstitutional, a Denver judge has ruled.

In a 17-page decision issued without comment last week, Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless said the amendment violates "the fundamental right of an identifiable group to participate in the political process without being supported by a compelling state interest." He made permanent an earlier temporary injunction that had kept the amendment from ever going into effect.

In the wake of Bayless' ruling, a coalition of Colorado-based lesbian, gay and anti-Amendment 2 groups called for an end to the nationwide boycott begun after voters approved the measure last November.

"The boycott was successful in creating national awareness about the right-wing threat to civil rights and democracy in America," said Lawrence Pacheco, a spokesperson for Equality Colorado, a Denver gay/lesbian rights group. "However, it is time to end the boycott and move forward together by employing other strategies to secure civil rights protections for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force announced that it also supported an end to the boycott.

After Amendment 2 passed, the religious right launched similar petition drives in several other cities and states, including Florida. So the

win in Colorado—where opponents of Amendment 2 successfully argued that the measure violated federal constitutional guarantees—may have nationwide ramifications.

"It sends a powerful message to the proponents of anti-gay rights nationwide that they cannot strip away the civil rights of lesbians and gay men nationwide and that their efforts offend our nation's constitution," said Suzanne Goldberg, an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York. "It's a terrific ruling. The ruling is a strong affirmation of gay and lesbian civil rights."

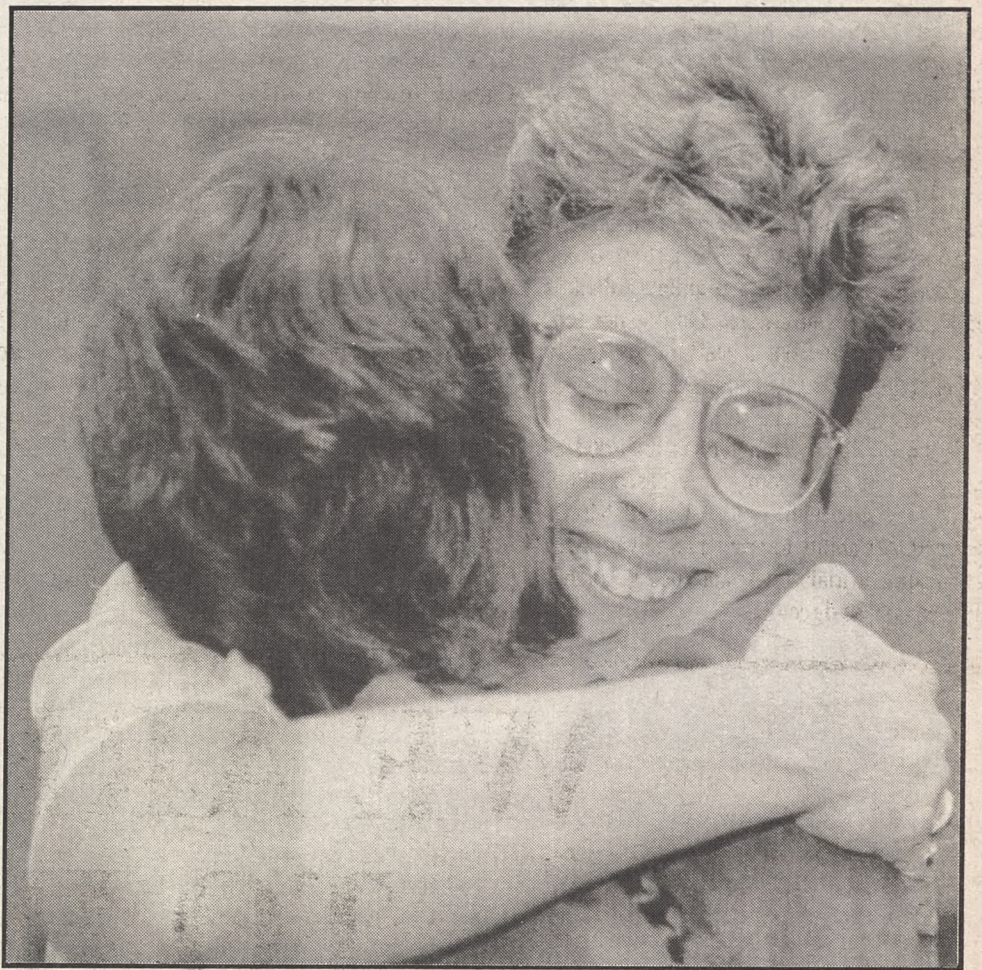
Mary Celeste, an attorney for the plaintiffs who sued to overturn the law, including the three cities who have passed lesbian/gay rights measures (Denver, Boulder and Aspen), said the ruling puts other cities and states where similar laws are pending on notice that "they'd better be careful not to step on the toes of fundamental rights."

However, Assistant Colorado Attorney General Tim Tymkovich said the state likely will appeal the decision to the Colorado Supreme Court. "We had a very difficult burden to meet," Tymkovich said. "We thought we put up as strong as evidence possible under the circumstances."

Gov. Roy Romer, who opposed Amendment 2 when it was on the ballot last year but has drawn fire for his decision to defend the amendment in court, says he supports the state's intent to appeal. "We need a final decision. What we need to do is to put this question to rest finally one way or another. The judge has ruled, but obviously it needs a final answer," he said.

Both sides say the matter may eventually wind up being decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We all know the case is not going to end here," said Boulder City Attorney Joe de Raismes III.



Tina Scardina hugs friend Kat Morgan in jubilation after a judge struck down Colorado's anti-gay/lesbian Amendment 2.

Bayless' ruling said evidence presented during the trial on the case's constitutionality in October did not satisfy him that there is a "militant gay aggression in this state that endangers the state's political functions."

He also said the evidence did not persuade

him that without Amendment 2, lesbians and gay men would be able to lay claim to special protection now afforded minorities, as Amendment 2's supporters said.

RICHARD SHUMATE and
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Having the Day from HELL?

**T
H
R
E
L
A
X
I
N
G
&
M
A
S
S
A
G
E
T
H
E
R
A
P
Y**

Everyone has days when every thing and every one seems determined to set your last nerve on edge.

MASSAGE

Brian H. Dinerman, CMT

- ◇ is one of the best known antidotes for stress.
- ◇ relieves most muscle tightness, including habitual tension such as tight neck muscles.
- ◇ can release muscle spasms that impinge on nerves, causing tingling in arms or legs.
- ◇ works on your joints to increase range of motion
- ◇ can release restrictions in muscles and joints, and drain fluid retention in body tissues.

875-1389 APPT.

DIG. PAGER 726-1527

Slides, Overheads & Posters From Your Mac or PC

- ❖ Free Tip Sheets
- ❖ 24 Hour Modem
- ❖ Logo Scanning
- ❖ Creative Services



Next to Perimeter Mall
Atlanta's Original Since 1985

396-2189

We put time on your side
Accelerated Benefits of Washington*
will purchase your existing
life insurance for cash.

- We process your request quickly and at no cost to you.
- Our application process is simple.
- Payment is made immediately and in full.
- All inquiries are held in the strictest confidence.
- You use your payment any way you want.
- You have ready access to an escrow account holding your money. There are no restrictions.
- We will consider any size individual or group policy.
- Your accelerated benefits counsellor will give you prompt, personalized service. We welcome the opportunity to work with federal employees.

*member NAPWA and NAVSO

ABW
Accelerated Benefits of Washington

If you or someone close to you is seriously ill,
call Carol Cunard at 1-800-227-8447 for more information.

NEXT WEEK

Street Life

They exist in the community's shadings, enduring the threat of danger just to make a living. A look at who they are and why they do what they do in the next Southern Voice.

SOUTHERN VOICE

TAKING PRIDE IN OUR CULTURE

Executive Editor: Christina Cash
 General Manager: Leigh VanderEls
 Editor: Richard Shumate
 Office Manager: Gary Kaupman
 Display Advertising:
 Dixon Taylor and Linda Vaughn
 Circulation Mgr./Classified Advertising:
 Shane Nugent
 Production Manager: Joan T. Sherwood
 Staff Writer: KC Wildmoon
 Graphic Designer: Robert Boeger

National Advertising: Rivendell Marketing Co.;
 aka advertising

Circulation: C. Summerville, S. Brown,
 K. Fugate, Stefan, Susan Nichols, Lea Hawkins,
 Sean Childers, Bobby Webster, Bernie Evans

Production: Shelly Robbins, Mark du Pont,
 Jack Jones, Gwynn Hutlas, Kristin Summerlin,
 Benjamin Hardin, Molly Ivins

Contributing Writers: Joe Birdsong, Brian
 Cochran, Al Cotton, Maria Helena Dolan, Richard
 Eldredge, Pamela Evans, Debbie Fraker, James
 Fitch, Brent Hartinger, Richy Howard, Michael
 Kape, Gary Kaupman, Bruce Mirken, Ceci
 Mitchell, Dell Richards, Shelly Roberts, David
 Stanley, David Story, Steve Warren, Penny White.

Photographers/Illustrators: E. Bennett,
 Adam Taylor, Rink, Judi Parks, Deignan,
 Eric Orner, Alison Bechdel, Melissa K. Sweeney,
 Andrea Natalie, Jennifer Camper.

Southern Voice is published by Ryan Publications
 Inc. with offices at 1189 Virginia Ave. NE, Atlanta
 GA 30306. Correspondence should be sent to our
 mailing address, which is P.O. Box 18215, Atlanta
 GA 30316. (404) 876-1819.

All material in Southern Voice is protected by
 federal copyright law and may not be reproduced
 without the written consent of Southern Voice. The
 sexual orientation of advertisers, photographers,
 writers and cartoonists published herein in neither
 inferred or implied. The appearance of names or
 pictorial representations does not necessarily
 indicate the sexual orientation of that person or
 persons.

The views of Southern Voice are expressed only in
 editorials or in editor's notes. Other opinions
 expressed are those of the writers and do not
 necessarily represent the opinion of Southern
 Voice or the publisher.

Advertising is subject to the approval of Southern
 Voice and the publisher. Although Southern Voice
 appreciates its advertisers, we cannot accept
 responsibility for claims made. Services and
 products are not tested, and appearance of
 advertising does not imply, nor does it constitute,
 endorsement by Southern Voice. Advertising rates
 are available upon request.

Southern Voice accepts unsolicited editorial
 material but cannot take responsibility for its
 return. The editor reserves the right to accept,
 reject or edit any submission. All rights revert to
 authors upon publication. Guidelines for freelance
 contributors are available upon request.

EDITORIAL

VOX controversy shows bankruptcy of homophobia

Jonesboro teenager Candie Stiles' description of the fundies says it better than we ever could:

"I guess they just want to put teenagers in a hole so when we get 50 and our ideas have developed into what they think they should be, then they can drag us out into the world again," she told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Stiles writes for VOX, a newspaper for teenagers distributed throughout metro Atlanta that is now verboten in Clayton County's high schools. School officials, perhaps realizing how foolish and reactionary this decision—and the subsequent media attention—was making them look, now insist the paper was removed because of a policy that doesn't allow any free newspapers in its schools. They insist it just was a coincidence that the policy was enforced after VOX ran an article on lesbian/gay teenagers in September and parents complained. Or so goes the party line.

At first glance, the VOX controversy would seem to be another disheartening episode of homophobia running amok among public officials in suburban Atlanta. But there are a few heartening things here.

First off, the kids who are putting this newspaper together sound pretty cool. Those of us whose teenage years are but a fading memory—and who sometimes despair at the power of the forces arrayed against us—can see hope for the future in the idealism of Stiles and her cohorts. Unlike the educators who are supposedly preparing them for the future, these kids realize that teenagers today don't live in a

Beaver Cleaver world.

VOX has written articles about homeless teens, AIDS and whether cops should be stationed in schools. Controversial, yes, but, as Stiles asks, where is "the utopia where society does not have to deal with controversy of any kind?"

It's not in Clayton County, no matter what the leaders of the school system might believe.

Teenagers who are acknowledging their lesbian or gay identity often find themselves alone, isolated and confused. An article that lets them know that they are not alone, that they are not some kind of freak, could literally have been a lifeline. For straight teenagers who grew up in households where they were taught homophobia or inflicted with religious zealotry, the article might have opened minds.

And that is exactly why anti-lesbian/gay forces are struggling so hard and so mightily against exposing their children to any information that presents lesbians or gays in a positive, or even in a neutral, light. They are afraid their children will become gay or lesbian (refusing to admit, of course, that their kids either already are or they aren't). They are afraid of allowing their children to take an objective, open view of the issues surrounding homosexuality.

Which leads us to ask them this question: Why are you afraid? If you are so sure that God is on your side and that you are right, why not let your children hear our views and your views and then decide for themselves what to think? After all, if your point of view is as

correct and blessed as you insist it is, then you should have nothing to worry about. Your views will triumph. Your children will choose to judge as you judge.

The reason the Christian supremacists can't let that happen is because, if all information is presented objectively, their viewpoint *won't* prevail, and, at some deep level—buried below generations of mind control—they know it. They cannot allow their children to conclude that lesbians and gays don't deserve hate and condemnation because that would usher in a society where diversity is appreciated, not feared. And that would threaten the foundations of their narrow world.

The fundies can't win on a level playing field of reason and ideas—even with the children under their control—so they must try to tilt the field. And that is the surest sign of the moral and logical bankruptcy of homophobia.

Clayton County may have won this battle and stopped the free exchange of ideas (although, given the rebellious nature of teenagers, we would expect and hope that VOX is pretty hot reading material these days). The parents who didn't like VOX and complained about the paper have managed to get it out of the schools.

But while the people who seek ignorance have won this time, they simply don't have enough ammunition to keep winning forever. And that is the most heartening thing of all.

RICHARD SHUMATE

LETTERS

Community should work against Skandalakis' arts attack

The Fulton County Arts Council, which has been crucial to the survival of arts and cultural groups throughout our county, is under attack from the newly elected chairman of the Fulton County Commission, Mitch Skandalakis. The new chairman does not believe in government support of the arts and has clearly expressed interest in abolishing the Fulton County Arts Council entirely, saying "it's an item that this county government just can't afford."

Let the lesbian and gay community put two and two together.

Recent history with National Endowment for the Arts and funding for the arts in Cobb County, along with Skandalakis' complete refusal to address the gay community during his recent campaign, combine to show us that the chairman's aversion to arts funding is as anti-gay as it is anti-tax.

While arts funding makes up less than 1 percent of the county's half-a-billion dollar budget, the arts bring back a return of 13-to-1 in economic impact, from everything from increased business at parking lots to attracting corporate headquarters to locate in Fulton. Arts

funding also keeps alive theater and other arts venues which give our community a voice with which to speak the truth about our lives and dreams. Elimination or severe reduction of the funds allocated to the [arts council] would be a devastating blow to the economic health of Atlanta and Fulton County and a major setback to our political and personal visibility.

For once, let the lesbian and gay community make the first strike. While Skandalakis is still testing the winds with talk about de-funding the arts, let's make it clear in no uncertain terms that he will have a fight on his hands. The sooner we present a strong and unified front with other art-supporting and progressive constituencies, the sooner this single right-wing voice will be drowned out. Let's end the fight before it even gets started.

Please call—or, better yet, write—Chairman Mitch Skandalakis and tell him that you think the arts are a vital part of the fabric of Fulton County life and that you support continued funding of the arts through the Fulton County Arts Council.

James Allen
 Atlanta

STONEWALL RIOTS

BY ANDREA NATALIE



Before Diversity
 Sensitivity Training

Send us a letter

Southern Voice welcomes your point of view. Letters to the editor should be no longer than 200 words and must include your name, address and daytime phone number. Names can be withheld on request, but anonymous letters are not accepted. We reserve the right to edit or reject any submission. Send letters to: Southern Voice, P.O. Box 18215, Atlanta GA 30316. Or fax them to the attention of Richard Shumate at (404) 876-2709.

Ho, ho, homo. Deck your halls with rainbow colors

(Strings swell here. In perfect pitch and harmony...all together now)... "I'm dreaming of a gaaaay Christmas...just like the one's I'm going to know. Where the tri-angles glisten. And pa-rents listen. To hear things...they can't wait to know..." (Full fade of sleigh bells here)

Have you opened your gay and lesbian holiday mail yet?

Oh, I hope so. There's a raft of it.

This year it's possible to deck your halls in rainbow colors, trim the tree with triangles and send friends and family season's greetings in true reflection of the holiday spirits (which ever ones you choose to invoke) and reflection of the actual kinds of family we really have. All courtesy of the virtual gay and lesbian mall in the mail.

I've just come back to South Florida from business in Boston, that grim, gray, brown-brick of a city, where holidays do look and smell like Christmas cards say they're supposed to.

Take Thanksgiving, which I had no choice but to do there, what with business sometimes demanding more of me than I can force through a fax machine. The Northeast fed me full of steamy breath and crunchy grass and blowing on my hands inside the car until the engine warmed the windows enough to see through the intersections. Thanksgiving morning sported perfect flurries—just enough to catch on your tongue and not enough to stick on the ground and send your Toyota careening into moving objects, all at outside temperatures I usually see only on the setting inside my Amana.

Back home again (where winter chill means you wear a sweater with your shorts), I found the season working hard at itself, as it has to every year when you live in a semi-tropical climate. When you're plucking citrus off back-



Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

yard trees in December, and snow persons aren't an option, you really do have to rev up for Christmas, pump the air conditioning up to Permafrost to justify flambe-ing the Yule log, and delude yourself into believing that barbecued Christmas Turkey would have been a holiday tradition if Bethlehem had either turkeys or Weber kettles. The whole region throws itself bodily into the celebration starting about, oh, I'd have to guess conservatively, around, uh, say, Labor Day.

I came home ready to have some holiday, pumped by the New England winter to tackle the tree and trimmings, to slide into the shopping spirit. And what did I come home to find awaiting me in my mailbox? An amazing array of us-oriented home holiday shopping networks. Bookstores address me personally. Lambda Rising, the Washington D.C. book

buyerie, for one, and A Different Light, out of New York and San Francisco, and, of course, my locals all sent invitations to string my tree with lesbian and gay literary lights.

A whole new raft of postcard people delivered themselves with what they imagined were my needs. Saffile came into the mailbox unbeckoned, but not unwelcome. As did a host (or hostess?) of other card carriers with names employing our sacred language: Triangle Corporation, Out Company, Community Partnership, Family Firm, Rainbow Send-Us-Your-Bucks businesses letting us know who was soliciting our disposable incomes, while theoretically keeping the postal person uninformed.

And the catalogs came along in the pouch. Olivia Records and Cruises became O-lesbian Mail Order for the duration. The American Male could, properly, change its name to The Gay Mail. And, of course, all our local community emporia are busy clamoring all over their 29 cent stamps to tell us what they have in store for us. This year, these folks upped their tonnage considerably. And, frankly, I think it's a blessing.

Why should L.L. Bean get a single cent from us? Nor Spiegel or Sears & Roebuck. Not till their white sale sections feature anything His and His in chenille. Not till their wedding sets also come in Hers and Hers sizes. Not while Shocking Gray is an alternative.

Shocking Gray is, if it's not the oldest (a tradition since 19??), it's certainly the snappiest of the queer catalogs. 32 color pages balanced politely between the politically correct...where else are you going to find a first page photo of a black woman in a Santa suit?...and the yupwardly (Oops! make that gupwardly) trendy...hammered silver and bronze champagne flutes, anyone?

This year for Saint Presents Day, you can

order:

Aprons and pillowcases and shower curtains and ironing boards with abs or buns of steel if you're into that sort of thing...or know someone worthy who is.

Queer stamps in money shapes and sizes.

Greeting cards with couples who look like us. (If we happen to be same-gender elves. Or hand-holding gingerbread men.)

We can order rainbows in T's and double-knits. And denim. To go with the rainbow temporary tattoos. Got a gay pet? Of course there are collars for the kitty and the puppy in our favorite primaries.

You can stuff your stocking with lambdas in sterling, freedom rings in crystal or steel, or buttons and bows and beads.

You can send Mapplethorpe calendars to your friends in Sin-cinnatti.

Or, for a slight sum, register your commitment and your union at the Equal Marriage Rights Fund.

It's not too late to get commitment cake toppers in appropriately matched sets for your Yuletide bondings. Try ordering those from your average Italian bakery.

There is everything in this catalog for a Yuletide merry and gay, but maids a-milking and lords a-leaping. Although, it isn't exactly clear whose buns those are on the pillow cases. There is a small shortage of swans a-swimming. But, hey, there are only so many pages, right?

I could go on and on about what great gay and lovely lesbian things you and I can now get to come COD direct to my door with a simple free phone call. Instead, I think I'll just go order something in a Fa-la-la-la-lavender.

What a great way to spend Christmas:

Ho-ho-homo for the holidays.

LETTER

Emory doing research

A front page article in the Dec. 2 Southern Voice made the statement that Atlanta lacks an AIDS clinical trial group (ACTG) site and that the nearest access to ACTG drug trials is in Birmingham, Ala. However, Emory University's Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Immunology and Epidemiology is currently an ACTG site involved in several clinical trials. The division has been actively involved in AIDS research since participating in [a] trial of intravenous gamma globulin in 1988 and has been an ACTG site since 1990.

Due to the commitment of several Emory pediatricians and research nurses, dozens of families in Georgia have had the opportunity to enroll their children in state-of-the-art AIDS treatment trials over the years. Currently, there are children enrolled in five different ACTG drug trials with two trials pending enrollment.

These trials for children and adolescents are administered through the pediatric clinic of the Grady Infectious Disease Program at the new Ponce de Leon Center.

We appreciate NAPWA's advocacy efforts and encourage their continued support of all people with AIDS—including children.

Lynn Meadows
Jacqueline Muther
Dr. Steven Nesheim
Judy Sarver
Vickie Grimes
Atlanta

Editor's note: These letter writers are Emory medical staff members working in pediatric services. The story in question was referring to ACTG programs offering services to adults with HIV/AIDS, which Emory has not initiated until now. The nearest site offering a full-blown adult ACTG program is in Birmingham.



REINDEER GAMES

A time to appreciate life's precious gifts

by JOHN KAPPERS

I sit drinking my morning coffee, even though it irritates the sores in my mouth. It was one of my favorite times of the day that I won't let go of, even though it's no longer enjoyable.

I will find out today whether the chest X-ray is improving, whether I'll survive this episode or if I am getting worse. It was difficult to get much sleep last night.

It was six months ago, which seems like last week, that I had an intact immune system and excellent health. It feels just like the MARTA bus story—like I suddenly got hit one day. I don't know if it would have been easier if it had been a more gradual decline. I think so.

For 10 years after diagnosis with ARC, I remained in good health. After the first couple of years, I lived my life to its fullest potential, experiencing new careers, homes and a truly wonderful lover. And I had believed I was living each day to its fullest potential.

But it is now that my health has slipped away from me that I completely realize what a precious and fragile gift it was. I don't know if it's possible to convey that message to others. I hope and believe that it is. At the top of our

list of gifts this year should be an appreciation of our good health and what we can accomplish for ourselves and our community with this gift.

I continue to believe that despite the horrible losses of this holocaust,

But it is now that my health has slipped away from me that I completely realize what a precious and fragile gift it was.

I don't know if it's possible to convey that message to others. I hope and believe that it is.

we will become a more empowered, loving and stronger community that truly learns the lessons it has brought us.

John Kappers, a registered nurse long active in AIDS/HIV causes, is the president of the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS.

Common Steps:

A Lesbian & Gay Affirming Addictions Program is the first of its kind in Atlanta and the Southeast

Put together and administered by members of the community and their allies, **Common Steps** provides a safe, supportive space where you can address and explore these issues:

- Substance abuse/eating disorders
- Homophobia and internalized heterosexism
- Social and political concerns
- Healthy lesbian/gay support systems
- HIV/AIDS
- The process of coming out
- Family systems
- Lesbian/gay domestic violence

Common Steps brings these issues into recovery through the 12-step process familiar to many.

Call us and meet with us to see how our program works. We're close to home and we're here to help.

For more information, call:
(404) 377-5768 or
1-800-783-7318

ADDICTION
RECOVERY RESOURCES
 OF DECATUR HOSPITAL

450 North Candler Street, Decatur, GA 30030

Studies suggest some T-Cells far more effective than others in combating HIV

Washington, DC—Scientists are trying to determine if some people have very specialized immune cells that recognize the disguises of HIV, and, if so, how to boost that advantage.

Research into how T-cells deal with HIV is in its early stages, but it might explain why a few people infected with HIV have lived healthy lives for more than a decade while others succumb quickly, researchers said.

"How you do depends on whether your T-cell recognizes what your virus shows it," said Dr. Robert Schooley, chairman of a national conference on AIDS and related viruses that convened in Washington last week. "The tricky part is: Can we modify that somehow to boost your response?"

Cytotoxic T-cells are the body's killer cells; they attack disease as soon as they recognize it. In a person infected with HIV, the virus enters a cell and waits until some still unknown mechanism triggers it to replicate, sending various proteins and peptides out of the cell.

Different strains of the virus emit different proteins in different people at different times. If the T-cells don't recognize them as a sign of disease, they won't attack. But new research suggests some people have T-cells that specifically target certain HIV proteins, and thus do better at fighting the disease.

Dr. Thomas Harrer of Harvard Medical School is studying HIV-infected people who have remained healthy for more than 12 years without taking any anti-retroviral drugs. Ten of these people, the first with complete data, have high levels of immune cells that are

HIV-specific in their blood, he said.

Also, some T-cells specifically bind to certain epitopes, the coatings on cells to which peptides cling. Harrer is finding several epitopes in long-term HIV survivors that haven't been described in HIV patients before.

So the question becomes: Do these people have genetically superior T-cells, or do those cells combine with certain epitopes to offer protection against full-blown AIDS?

There's not enough data to begin answering either question, Harrer emphasized. "We haven't even proven that T-cells are the only link to these people's survival. There could be other co-factors we don't know about," he said. "This is the first step in a very long process to find what strategies the immune system is using in these people."

The topic is hot. More than half a dozen papers citing preliminary data on these T-cells were presented at the First National Conference on Human Retrovirus and Related Infections.

"These findings are giving us an impetus to push immune-based therapeutic approaches," Schooley said. "We're trying to demonstrate a cause-and-effect relationship."

Another study showed that these HIV-specific T-cells start appearing in infancy. A study of HIV-infected infants at the University of Colorado found babies with mild AIDS symptoms began developing precursors to these T-cells by age 10 months. But one who died at 18 months never developed any of the killer cells.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Financial Freedom

"a financial alternative"



If you are terminally ill, you may need financial assistance NOW. VAC is here NOW, to help you access your life insurance policy for FINANCIAL FREEDOM. NOW, when you need it. So you can break away from financial worries and stress, and get back to the feeling of FREEDOM.

VIATICAL
 ASSISTANCE
 CORPORATION

Please inquire NOW for free
 and confidential information.
 1-800-892-1282



MARTIN S. LINDE, D.P.M.
 DISEASES, TRAUMA AND SURGERY
 OF THE FOOT AND LEG
 Associate American College of Foot Surgeons

Medical & Surgical Treatments of:
 Ingrown Toenails • Warts • Corns • Calluses • Bunions •
 Hammertoes • Heel Pain • Aching Feet • Bone Spurs •
 Painful Arches

Peachtree St. NE
 Suite 270-C
 525-2739

In office ambulatory
 surgery & hospital based
 surgery

NEXT TO CRAWFORD LONG HOSPITAL



Our Gift To You

Call our office before **Jan. 31, 1994**
 and our gift to you will be
 a complete consultation, exam and
 bitewing x-rays (if needed).

Dr. Robert V. Schmidt welcomes you
 to join his practice of complete
 family dentistry. Our staff will be
 complimented to have you choose our
 office for all your dental needs.

Robert V. Schmidt D.D.S.
 128 North Ave., Ste 200
 (404) 872-2717

Survey drastically lowers estimate of American's infected with HIV

Washington, DC—The first nationwide survey of AIDS infections conservatively estimates that about 550,000 Americans carry the virus, which is considerably less than previous government estimates.

The new figures, released Dec. 13, represent the first attempt to estimate the scope of AIDS infection in the United States by directly testing ordinary Americans. They were based on a randomly chosen sample of 7,992 households and compiled by the National Center for Health Statistics.

The most widely accepted estimate of AIDS infections has been compiled by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It projects that about 1 million Americans are infected, a number that has remained virtually unchanged since the mid-1980s.

In fact, the researchers who conducted the latest survey said theirs is a conservative estimate, because it covered only people who live at home, not prisoners, the homeless or hospitalized patients. In addition, young men in the study were slightly less likely than other participants to allow their blood to be drawn for AIDS testing, and this too could have led to an underestimate of the infections.

NAPWA/Atlanta Executive Director Mark King agrees

that the survey methods were flawed. "The criteria for the survey was a joke," he said. "They did not interview people in prison, or in the hospital, or people already connected to the AIDS support system. It's like looking for Christians among those with Chanukah bushes in their windows."

"The scary part of this is that these numbers will give ammunition to those who want to downsize the crisis," he continued. "Those who oppose increased funding or people who want to limit the public's perception of how large a pandemic this really is."

Dr. Geraldine McQuillan, who presented the new data at a medical meeting, said the CDC figures may have overestimated the extent of the epidemic in the past but they might not be far off now because the new survey has a margin of error. The true number, based on the new survey, could range anywhere from 300,000 to 1.02 million, she said.

The new study, she said, "implies the epidemic is slowly increasing in the general population. It is not exploding."

McQuillan's interpretation suggests that earlier estimates were inflated, and the epidemic is still on the increase. However, others said the research could mean that

more people are dying of AIDS than are catching new infections, so the total number infected is actually falling.

The CDC based its calculation largely on statistical methods that attempt to judge the number of infections by looking at the number of AIDS cases. Only actual AIDS cases are reported to health agencies, not people who are infected with HIV but have not gotten sick. People with HIV often remain outwardly healthy for 10 years or more.

Dr. Scott Holmberg of the CDC said that because of deaths from AIDS, the total number infected has fallen and may now total perhaps 700,000 or 800,000. "Because more than 200,000 people have died of AIDS, we would expect that the current prevalence is below 1 million. It may not be as low as 550,000," he said.

As of Sept. 1, almost 400,000 AIDS cases had been reported to the CDC since the epidemic began in the early '80s, and about 202,000 people have died of the disease.

The new survey was conducted between 1988 and 1991. It was presented at the National Conference on Human Retroviruses and Related Infections, sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology and other organizations.

Of the nearly 8,000 people tested, 29 were found to carry HIV. This works out to just over one-third of 1 percent of all Americans. Blacks were four times more likely than whites and three times more likely than Mexican Americans to be infected, according to the sample. The highest infection rate was among black men between ages 18 and 39. The survey found that 2.5 percent of them carried the virus.

Another survey presented at the meeting suggested that the number of AIDS infections has leveled off. Dr. Susan Davis of the CDC presented data based on routine blood tests performed on more than 2 million newborns annually.

The screening is done primarily to check for metabolic diseases. But the same samples are also tested for AIDS antibodies. Babies get antibodies from their mothers, and the presence of AIDS antibodies suggests that the mother was infected.

In 1989, 1.6 of every 1,000 mothers of newborns in the United States was infected with HIV. By 1992, this had risen to 1.7 of every 1,000. In the Northeast during this period, the infection rate fell slightly, while in the South it increased a bit.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The criteria for the survey was a joke," says NAPWA's Mark King, "...It's like looking for Christians among those with Chanukah bushes in their windows."

*When time's running short
and so is your money. . .*

Discover financial freedom with Funds for Life.

We've helped many people across the country face the financial challenge of living with an incurable illness.

Life Funding Corporation is prepared to confidentially purchase your life insurance policy so that you can have your money now . . . when you really need it. And because we are self-capitalized, funds for life are available immediately.

Together we can realize your dreams of better quality health care and more fulfilling experiences of life.

For information call 1-800-456-8799.
Your call will be confidential.

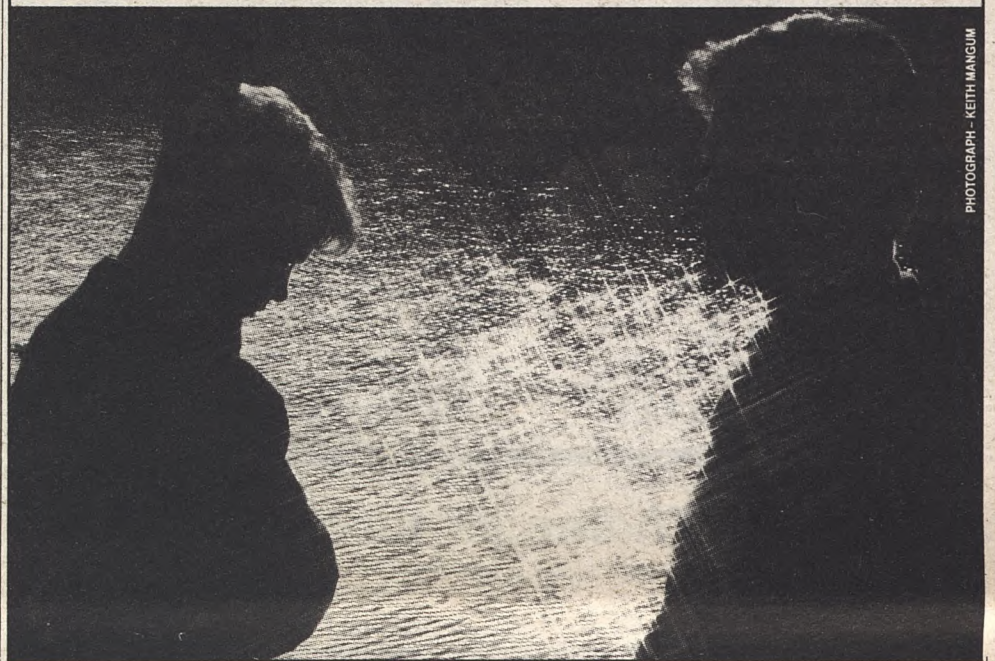


LIFE FUNDING CORPORATION

Funds For Life.

Member of the National Viatical Association (NVA) Member of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA)

8300 DUNWOODY PLACE ▲ SUITE 220 ▲ ATLANTA, GA 30350 (404) 518-8830 ▲ (800) 456-8799 ▲ FAX: (404) 518-9663



PHOTOGRAPH - KEITH MANGUM

Complimentary Dietary Assessments for HIV+ Individuals



Good nutrition is an essential part of maintaining a healthy immune system. In honor of World AIDS Day, December 1, 1993, NMC Homecare is now offering complimentary dietary assessments to HIV+ individuals.

This private assessment with a registered dietician will help you evaluate your current diet and learn ways to improve your nutritional status.

To register for this complimentary service, available throughout December, call your local NMC Homecare office.

nmc HOME CARE

*A leading provider of home infusion
and respiratory therapy services.*

Jeffrey R. Hill • General Manager

120 Interstate North Parkway East, Suite 158 Atlanta, GA 30339

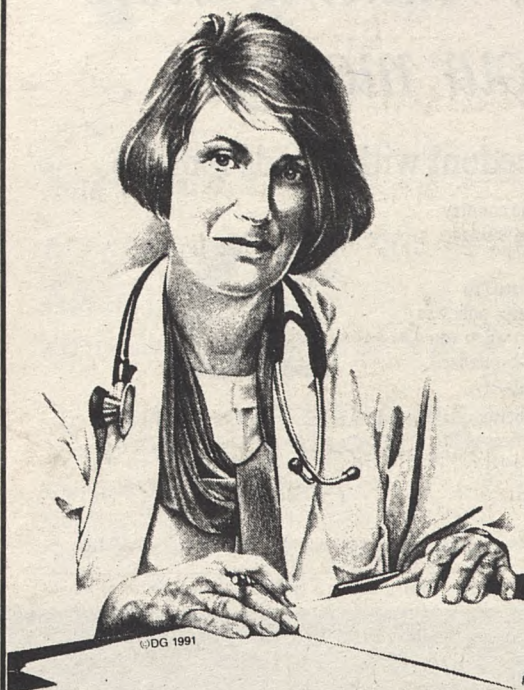
404-953-0899 • 800-829-4442 • FAX 404-933-0224

Quit smoking.

American Heart Association



You have the right to choose.



Home Care Services

It's your right to choose your home care provider. We are concerned about you, rising healthcare costs and your insurance caps.

WE SPECIALIZE IN:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| PERSONALIZED NURSING CARE | Oral HIV Related Medications |
| Home Chemotherapy | Home Parenteral Nutrition |
| I.V. Fluid Therapy | Home Enteral Nutrition |
| Inhalation Therapy | Oral Nutritional Supplements |
| 24 Hour Emergency Service | I.V. Antibiotic Therapy |
| Delivery Service Available | Home Pain Management |

Medical Therapies Incorporated

1579 N. Decatur Rd. Atlanta, GA 30307 • (404) 373-2525

WE ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT

Report on Atlanta NAPWA's Treatment Forum

by DAVID STANLEY

Atlanta NAPWA presented Mark Katz, M.D., of Los Angeles at its treatment forum held December 12 at Colony Square.

Dr. Katz currently serves as Regional HIV/AIDS Physician Coordinator for the Southern California Permanente Medical Group and is the medical advisor to the LA Shanti Foundation and Being Alive LA.

Katz opened his presentation with a discussion of the latest statistics and their meaning. Yearly totals of new full-blown cases in the U.S. and Europe are expected to top out within the next two years. As the numbers become stable, the typical patient profile will continue to change. In Los Angeles, 25 percent of new infections are now women. Among LA's young gay men aged 25 to 29, infections have dropped from 49.5 percent in 1984 to 22 percent in 1992. AIDS is rapidly becoming a heterosexual disease in the US.

Pregnancy is a major concern among HIV infected women, according to Katz. Mother-to-child transmission occurs in about 20-30 percent of pregnancies. Risk factors for transmission include natural deliveries, low CD4 counts, and a positive test of the P24 antigen.

Dr. Katz expressed concern that some patients were seeing shady practitioners who promise that their treatments will result in a negative HIV antibody test. He warned that such claims are ludicrous. Even if a drug comes along that kills every HIV cell in the body, the antibodies would remain, and continue to be detected by antibody tests.

Gathering new interest are small numbers of HIV infected people that appear to have no immune dysfunction. In a study of San Francisco gay men who have been infected for at least 13 years, 7-8 percent show no immune dysfunction at all. About a third

show some dysfunction, but have not yet had any symptoms. Similar results have been reported among African prostitutes. New studies organized to learn why these people survive so well.

Dr. Katz reported that in a study of patients on Bactrim, no new cases of PCP have occurred. Many patients, however, have allergic reactions to this inexpensive oral alternative to pentamidine, but they can frequently be countered by desensitizing methods that have proven to be quite effective.

Many Kaposi's Sarcoma patients are reporting few, if any side, effects from the drug, Doxil. Dr. Katz cautioned, however, that some patients respond better to different treatments.

With CMV treatments, Dr. Katz reported that Ganciclovir is less toxic than Foscarnet but results in lower survival rates. Among anti-retrovirals, Dr. Katz reported that d4T may prove to be the best of the nucleoside analogs, which include AZT, ddI, and ddC. HIV resistance to AZT occurs more slowly if started while CD4 counts are still high. More research confirms that combining two anti-retroviral drugs works better than one drug alone. And combining three drugs may be even more effective than two.

Dr. Katz endorsed making healthy lifestyle changes to improve one's chances of survival. But he added that if a change—such as giving up a special treat that has too much sugar—makes one unhappy, perhaps it's not such a good idea. If drinking Classic Coke brings special meaning, by all means, keep drinking it.

NAPWA's next Treatment Forum will be held January 16 at Colony Square. It will feature Dr. Larry Bruni discussing studies of Interleukin-2, an immune booster.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT



Steve Simon, President

Some companies and brokers are promising you "the most money for your life insurance policy," but they are breaking their promises.

They promise to only represent your interests...they promise to get you the most for your policy...they promise that everything is confidential...they promise you will not have to pay their fee. They promise you will get your money quickly. They promise and they promise and they promise!

And who will these brokers sell your policy to? Not the company that will pay you the most, but someone who will pay the broker

the most. Think about that! And who are these "funding sources" that they are sending your personal and confidential medical records to? Someone you can check out? Someone you can trust? Someone you would want owning your life insurance policy?

And who really pays the broker's fee? You! If you worked directly with a company like American Life

Resources there would be no fee. The extra money it costs to have a middleman shop your policy to investors would go directly to you. And copies of your private and confidential medical records would not be floating around the country like a chain letter.

We don't need to find someone to purchase your policy. We don't have to wait to get you your funds after you have been approved. We have over 50 million dollars of our own money that is solely dedicated to purchasing life insurance policies. You receive the most money possible with no hassles, no excuses and no delays.

Call us for more information. You don't need middlemen and neither do we. We keep our promises

so you can keep yours!

1-800-633-0407

American Life Resources®
A Viatical Settlement Company

American Life Resources is one of the oldest and largest viatical settlement companies in the world. We have helped more PWAs take control of their lives than any other organization.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT



Phoenix Psychological Associates

LINDA MELROSE, Ph.D.

RANDY OVEN, L.C.S.W.

JENNIFER RICHARDSON, L.C.S.W.

PAUL M. KIMMELL, M.D.

SUE SCHRADER, Ph.D.

SARAH LOPEZ, Ph.D.

DAVID D. YEAGER, Ph.D.

DAVID WOODSFELLOW, Ph.D.

1 Corporate Square
Suite 220
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
(404) 321-2990

We offer insurance, regardless!

**HIV+
HIV-
CANCER
MS
DIABETES**

*Life Insurance
Health Insurance
Disability Insurance*

Call
Bryan Freeman



3109 Maple Drive, Suite 404
Atlanta, GA 30305

404-233-5411
800-777-8878

Small study may provide clues to HIV, but experts are critical

London—Researchers say they have found 12 people whose urine tested positive for antibodies to HIV though their blood was negative. They suggested this might be a clue to designing AIDS vaccines.

But other AIDS experts criticized the report as premature and inconclusive, and said the accuracy of the urine test is unproved. The study is published in the Dec. 11 issue of *The Lancet*, a British medical journal.

Dr. Howard Umovitz, the leading investigator and chief science officer at Calypte Biomedical of Berkeley, Calif., said the findings suggest that some people may be able to prevent HIV from spreading in their blood. Finding out how their bodies are fending off the virus could provide clues to making a vaccine, he said.

But other AIDS experts said much more research is needed just to determine whether the urine test is valid. If it is, it's still a long leap to making generalizations about vaccines.

"First you need to know how sensitive this test is before you can answer questions about implications for a vaccine. The thought is intriguing but there's not enough data in the published report to support it," said Dr. Frank Bia, professor of medicine and laboratory medicine at Yale University.

"For those of us interested in vaccine

development, it's very important to be on the lookout for evidence of immune responses in the absence of HIV infection," said Dr. David Schwartz, assistant professor in the department of immunology and infectious diseases at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

"This one paper doesn't solve any of the major issues. I'm not sure it clarifies them either. But it raises some interesting questions that have to be pursued," Schwartz added.

The report includes two studies, one of seven people and the other of five. The participants did not have HIV antibodies in their blood but the new test indicated there were antibodies in their urine.

Scientists involved in the study insisted the results do not suggest the standard blood test is missing infected people. "We are not saying these people are infected even though they have antibodies in their urine. They may have come in contact with just pieces of virus. It doesn't mean we've missed a whole bunch of people" with conventional blood tests, said Dr. Gene Shearer a co-investigator in the study.

The urine test, made by Calypte Biomedical, has not yet received approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

New blood filtering treatment shows promise for reducing AIDS symptoms

Omaha, NE—A blood-filtering device designed to reduce the symptoms of AIDS such as fever has been tested for safety in four patients at a university hospital and was well-tolerated by them, doctors said.

"This is very much pioneering work," said Dr. Howard Gendelman, a scientist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The clinical study was the first performed with a blood-filtering device developed by Dr. Simon Skurkovich of Advanced Biotherapy Concepts Inc. of Rockville, Md.

Plasma from a patient's blood is passed through a column-shaped device and back into the patient. Specially coated beads remove toxic substances that cause such symptoms as fever, chills and weakness. The device which targets toxins rather than HIV is not seen as a potential cure for AIDS.

And it is too early to know whether the device will be an effective way to reduce the symptoms of the disease, said Gendelman, chief of the medical center's laboratory of viral pathogenesis.

During the five days that each patient underwent treatment, levels interferon alpha—which is produced at toxic levels by people with HIV—were reduced in the blood, Gendelman said. The amount of a second substance, tumor necrosis factor, that is responsible for weight loss in HIV infected people also declined. The two substances are related because they stimulate production of one another.

After treatments ended, the levels of both substances rose again, anywhere from hours to weeks later. Additional studies will be done to see whether the device can be used to suppress levels of the two substances for prolonged periods, Gendelman said.

In the course of the research, scientists isolated a type of interferon that is specifically associated with HIV Gendelman said. That interferon has unique properties that may make it possible to develop a test that will predict the onset of AIDS as opposed to just the presence of HIV, he added.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

T-cell changes can predict AZT effectiveness

Changes in a patient's CD4 count can predict whether treatment with the anti-HIV drug AZT will be effective, according to study at Johns Hopkins University.

The scientists followed 747 HIV-infected patients who had taken AZT for an average of two years. They found that patients with rising CD4 cell counts took longer to progress to AIDS than those with falling cell counts. Patients who had rising cell counts also had a longer survival time than patients who had falling cell counts.

Among those with CD4 cell counts of

400 and higher, for instance, the patients whose cell counts rose by about 50 after six months of AZT treatment took 10 months longer to progress to AIDS than the patients whose cell counts dropped by about 50. They also lived an average of five months longer.

"This should help doctors and patients plan when to add new drugs or change treatment, so that patients have the longest period of AIDS-free time and extended life," said Dr. Neil Graham, one of the scientists who conducted the study.

Immediate Cash for the Terminally Ill

As a no-fee advisory service, we will assist you in selling your life insurance policy by:

- ▼ Simplifying this complex process
- ▼ Requiring only one application
- ▼ Requesting only one medical report from your physician
- ▼ Choosing quality viatical companies
- ▼ Negotiating the best offer on your behalf
- ▼ Never charging a service fee to you

Please call for our complimentary brochure:
(415) 380-8880 or 1-800-435-8891

BENEFIT ADVOCATES

A Viatical Settlement Advisory Service

(Offered by NCI Insurance Marketing Services, Inc., a broker)

180 Montgomery Street • Suite 2180 • San Francisco • California • 94104

MEMBER NVA
NATIONAL VIATICAL ASSOCIATION

MEMBER NAPIWA
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS WITH AIDS



Dr. Alan Hymowitz
OPTOMETRIST

Complete Vision Care
Specializing in Contact Lenses
daily wear • extended wear • gas permeable
cosmetic tints • astigmatic • disposable

Ask about our **UNILENS™** bifocal contact lenses

Hard to fit patients welcome

Experience the difference in personalized care!

239-0292

Conveniently located in Lenox Square Mall

Surgical referrals and counseling available • Weekend and evening appts. available

in memoriam of our founder Cecil Ray De Loach 1952-1991



YOU CAN BE
IN CONTROL!

Advance Cash Benefits Program
CASH Now for your Life Insurance

- You submit only one application • We have seven exclusive benefactor groups
- We process any size policy • Our plans allow you to keep your health insurance and disability income • We are the largest and oldest advocate for the insured • You get personal attention • A principle of the company is available 24 hours a day to discuss your needs

The Medical Escrow Society [800.422.1314]

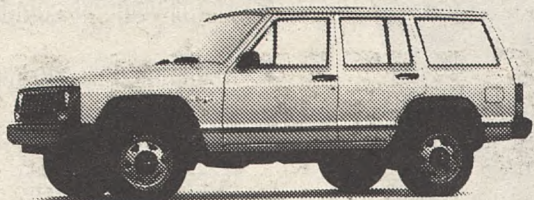
neal POPE
FORD • DODGE • JEEP • EAGLE

Holiday Sell-A-Bration

'94 JEEP CHEROKEES

Save

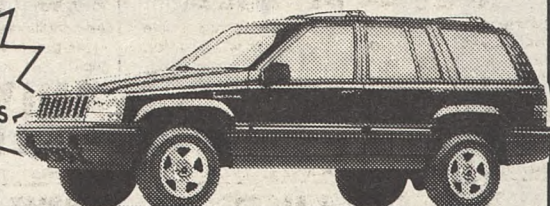
\$3,000



'93 CHEROKEE #414098, LIST \$25,933, SALE PRICE \$22,933. PLUS TAX, TAG, TITLE.

call
Gary Garrand

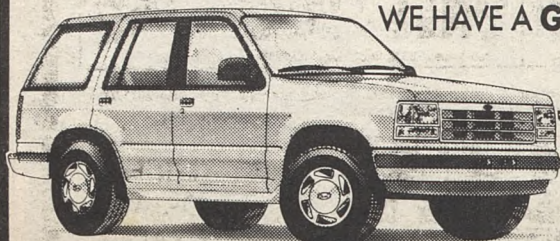
OVER 50
 IN STOCK AT
 SIMILAR SAVINGS



'94 FORD EXPLORER

SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE OF THE YEAR

WE HAVE A GREAT SELECTION OF THESE
HARD-TO-FIND VEHICLES.



26
 IN STOCK
 call
Stan Speck

SELECT YOURS TODAY!

FINANCING
 AS LOW AS
2.9%
 APR

Holiday Bonus!
COMPLIMENTARY
CELLULAR PHONE
 with purchase
 at no additional charge.
 See Stan or Gary

SUBJECT TO SERVICE ACTIVATION & TERMS OF SERVICE CONTRACT.

plus OVER 200 USED CARS
JUST \$99 DOWN

'93 RANGER, #5831, \$3695, 60 MO. 9.9% APR, \$236/MO. DOWN, PLUS TAX, TAG, TITLE, WITH APPROVED CREDIT.

Don't Ask Neal Pope... Just Ask His Customers!

neal POPE
DODGE Jeep Eagle

455-7673



4420 BUFORD HWY, CHAMBLEE

SALE HOURS:
 Mon-Sat 9 AM - 9 PM
 Sunday NOON - 6 PM
SERVICE:
 Mon-Fri 7 AM - 7 PM
 Saturday 8 AM - 1 PM
PARTS:
 Mon-Fri 8 AM - 7 PM
 Saturday 8 AM - 1 PM

OCCASIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy anniversary to Sean and Michael, who celebrated two years together on Dec. 14.

Jon Aiken and Alan Mynatt celebrate their "lucky" 13th year as a couple on Dec. 23.

Outwrite Books impresario Philip Rafshoon and his artist companion Mike Ballacchino celebrate their first anniversary on Dec. 23.

Jackie Bohannon wishes a belated first anniversary (Oct. 31) to his "lover and life long companion," John Nunez, as well as a Merry Christmas and a Happy '94.

Christmas Day marks the fifth anniversary of ACT Upper Mona Bennett's arrival in the Big Peach, in a carload of screaming nephews driven the 750 miles from Louisiana by her brother. Mona says the trip built some character, but probably in all the wrong ways.



Get well, Goldie!

BIRTHDAYS

Sunny and Marty and Pamela and Caroline wish a very special birthday to Britgitte Evertt, who was another year young on Dec. 19.

Traci Robinson turns 21 on Dec. 24.

firmed city girl Carmen, who had just moments before claimed to have "no butch bones," lept into a water moccasin-infested creek to rescue partner Linda, who had fallen in. The two used the moment for a renewal of vows, but there was no word on whether that included a few butch body parts for Carmen.

ENGAGEMENT

Donna Minnich popped the question to Zan Thornton on Dec. 10 (after Zan's gall bladder surgery—she's recovering nicely). The pair exchanged engagement vows and rings—and a commitment ceremony will be announced later.

RECOVERY WISHES

A speedy recovery to Goldie Criscuolo, who was hospitalized with pneumonia, from all her friends.

BAPTISM WITH SNAKES?

A baptism of sorts occurred up in the North Georgia mountains on Dec. 4, when con-

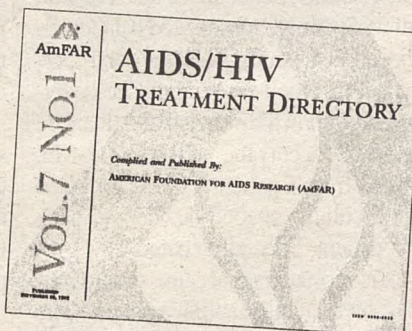
When you have Occasions, let us know. Write Southern Voice/Occasions, PO Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316, call (404) 876-0789, or fax to (404) 876-2709. Please include a phone number for verification.

Required Reading

The most comprehensive source of information on approved and experimental treatments for HIV infection and related disorders. Subscription rates are \$55 for individuals (\$77 outside the U.S.) and \$125 for Physicians/Institutions (\$150 outside the U.S.). To order, call (800) 39-AmFAR.

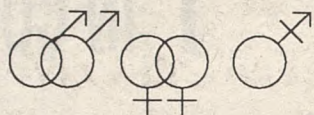


Rates valid thru December 31, 1994. People with HIV disease who cannot afford a paid subscription—call 1-800-458-5231.



JOHN C. GUSTIN, M.D.

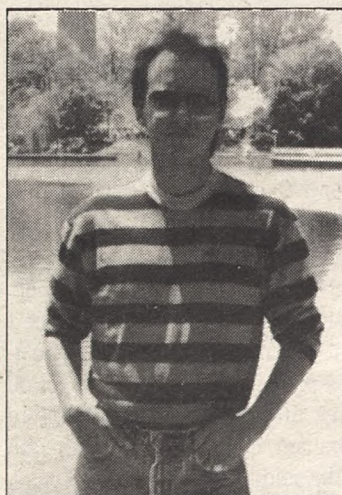
General Psychiatry



*Serving the Bisexual,
 Gay & Lesbian Community*

427 Moreland Ave. NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30307
 681-9823

AT CHRISTMAS TIME



HOWARD W. STREET
 FEB. 19, 1958 - OCT. 15, 1993

Till the 12th of never,
 I'll keep on loving you,
 and I look forward
 to being with you
 for eternity in Heaven.

Your Eternal Companion
 Victor Corasaniti
 325-2230

Struggle for hope and treatment

PWA Jeff Getty's health has improved after receiving white blood cell transfusions—but he got them only over the objections of the bureaucracy

by BRUCE MIRKEN

San Francisco—In early September, it looked like Jeff Getty was going to die. The 36-year-old Oakland resident's immune system was so devastated by AIDS that his CD4 cell count had dropped to the 15-20 range, a number so tiny as to be essentially insignificant. Chronic pseudomonas, a lung infection, was dragging him down slowly but surely, and the antibiotics being used to treat it weren't working. Constant fevers and fatigue left him capable of only the most minimal activity. It looked like the beginning of the end.

But as Christmas approaches, Getty is up and around again, feeling better than he has in months, and the pseudomonas is in full retreat. He credits his survival to an experimental treatment that, he and others involved charge, greed, bureaucracy and medical politics nearly stopped him from getting.

Getty is a longtime member of ACT UP/Golden Gate's treatment issues committee, well connected in AIDS medical and research circles and often in a position to hear news or speculation about new treatment ideas. One of the ideas he heard "being tossed around," he remembers, was the idea of combining intravenous gamma globulin treatments with infusions of white blood cells from a healthy, HIV-negative sibling in hopes of jump-starting an AIDS-depleted immune system.

Two people he knew had some interest in the idea were Dr. Alan Levin, the sometimes controversial physician perhaps best known for his involvement in the 1989 "underground" trial of Compound Q, and Curtis Ponzi, a San Francisco attorney with a long history in AIDS issues and currently a member of Project Inform's board of

directors. "So I called Levin and Ponzi," Getty recalls, and after going over his medical situation in some detail and consulting with his regular physician, Dr. Virginia Cafaro, "we decided to start in on it."

It was, he says, a fortunate combination of a doctor nifty enough to try something relatively new and unproven and a knowledgeable patient without many other options who was willing to say, "let's do it." And at that point, having thoroughly run the course of conventional treatments, Getty's doctors didn't have much else to suggest. "The only other option they were offering me," he remembers, "was, 'Get your affairs in order.'"

The proposed treatment would definitely be an adventure into little-charted territory. Although there are now several published studies documenting the usefulness of gamma globulin infusions in AIDS treatment (reducing the number of opportunistic infections and improving the patient's general health), there is very little such data about white blood cell transfer between siblings.

There have been a few promising tests involving identical twins, but identical twins are, in medical jargon, "HLA (human leukocyte antigen) matched"—that is, when cells from one twin are given to the other, the recipient's body doesn't recognize the new cells as foreign invaders, and vice versa. This means that the po-

tentially dangerous reactions known as "graft versus host disease" (in which the new cells attack the recipient or "host") and "host versus graft disease" (in which host's immune system attacks the new cells, similar to "rejection" of an organ transplant) don't occur.

But when the donor cells come from anyone other than an identical twin—in Getty's case, two sisters were potential donors—the best you can have is a partial HLA match. In such an "allogeneic" cell transfer, some amount of graft versus host/host versus graft reaction is much more likely and could be serious.

But, notes Dr. Levin, the host versus graft reaction can also be "a potent booster of the immune system." What should happen, essentially, is that the host's immune system destroys the new cells and then cannibalizes the components of those cells—"sort of like eating very nutritious food," Levin explains—giving the patient's immune system a boost.

More directly, it was hoped that the new white blood cells, which would include all the basic components of a healthy immune system, would attack the bacteria in Getty's lungs, bringing the pseudomonas under control.

Levin was convinced the dangers were minimal. "There's never been a graft versus host reaction reported in an HIV-positive patient," he explains, except in cases where some other circumstance, such as chemotherapy, has caused additional damage to the patient's immune system. In the early years of high-dose AZT, he points out, thousands of patients got blood transfusions without problems.

Still, there is very little published data on this type of procedure in AIDS patients. That is not to say, however, that no work on allogeneic cell transfer has been done. Dr. Stephen Hauptman of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia did white cell transfers on a number of patients in the mid-1980s, with results that those who have seen his data describe in terms such as "intriguing but not conclusive." Hauptman's work was never published—in part, some speculate, because scientific interest at the time was focused almost entirely on antiviral drugs rather than on immune-based therapies.

Hauptman will say very little on the record about his past work, except to emphasize that "we're not sure if we have anything that's enticing." Still, he remains interested enough in the idea to be doing further work on it, adding that it will be about six months before he has results he can discuss.

Doctors from the Center for Special Immunology, a chain of private AIDS clinics in California, Florida and Chicago, gave a somewhat controversial report at last summer's International AIDS Conference in Berlin about their white cell transfer work. They described their procedure as "safe and well-tolerated" and said it showed some signs of effectiveness—a characterization that drew considerable fire from those who felt that the company had glossed

CONTINUES ON PAGE 16

After four treatments, Jeff Getty is feeling better than he has since last spring and is back to a fairly active schedule. "I feel great," he says. "I'm going to the gym tomorrow." Although his blood work shows only fairly modest improvements in his CD4 and CD8 numbers, what counts, he says, is that he feels back in the world of the living.

CURRY HONDA YOUR LEASING HEADQUARTERS



NEW '94 CIVIC DX COUPE

Sporty w/air conditioning, dual air bags, rear defrost & more AM/FM stereo cassette

ONLY \$15975 PER MONTH

FOR 30 MOS

Residual Value—\$9429 Total of Payments—\$4792⁵⁰ Security deposit—\$200

NEW '94 DEL SOL Si

Loaded, Air conditioning, AM-FM cassette, removable roof, power mirrors, dual air bags, power windows, lots of fun

ONLY \$21529 per month

FOR 30 MOS

Residual Value—\$12,355 Total of Payments—\$6458⁵⁰ Security Deposit \$250

NEW '94 ACCORD LX 4 DR

Air conditioning, AM-FM cassette, power mirrors, power locks, power windows, dual air bags, tilt wheel, cruise & more

ONLY \$21679 per month

FOR 30 MOS

Residual Value—\$11,779 Total of Payments—\$6503⁵⁰ Security Deposit \$250

NEW '94 PRELUDE Si

Loaded, Air conditioning, AM-FM cassette, tilt wheel, dual air bags, power windows, electric sunroof, power mirrors, cruise & more

ONLY \$25718 per month

FOR 30 MOS

Residual Value—\$15,275 Total of Payments—\$7715⁵⁰ Security Deposit \$300

NEW '94 CIVIC DX 4 DR

Air conditioning, AM-FM cassette, dual air bags, rear defrost & more

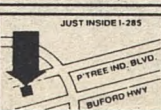
ONLY \$16606 per month

FOR 30 MOS

Residual Value—\$9,800 Total of Payments—\$6981⁵⁰ Security Deposit \$200

Above leases—30 month closed in leases w/1st payment, refundable sec. deposits plus \$1000 cash on due at delivery, 10¢ per mile over 12,000 per year plus tax w/approved credit thru primary lending source

For our customers' convenience, our Service and Parts departments are open Saturday 9-4.



CURRY HONDA

451-2700

CERTIFIED LO-JACK DEALER

5525 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Chamblee

From a letter to Curry Honda...

My salesperson, Julie Ellis, was highly recommended to me by a friend who also enjoyed her dealings with Ms. Ellis. Julie Ellis was professional, courteous, and very respectful of the presence of my female life partner during the sale. Ms. Ellis could relate to me more comfortably than any other car salesperson ever has. I appreciated her availability at Curry Honda.

During my two days of business at your dealership, I was aware of two other same-sex couples making purchases. Thank you once again for your dealership's stance to be gay/lesbian sensitive and for providing quality gay personnel such as Julie Ellis.

Sincerely,
Laine Peek

Professional service for your automotive needs.

Julie Ellis
4 5 1 - 2 7 0 0

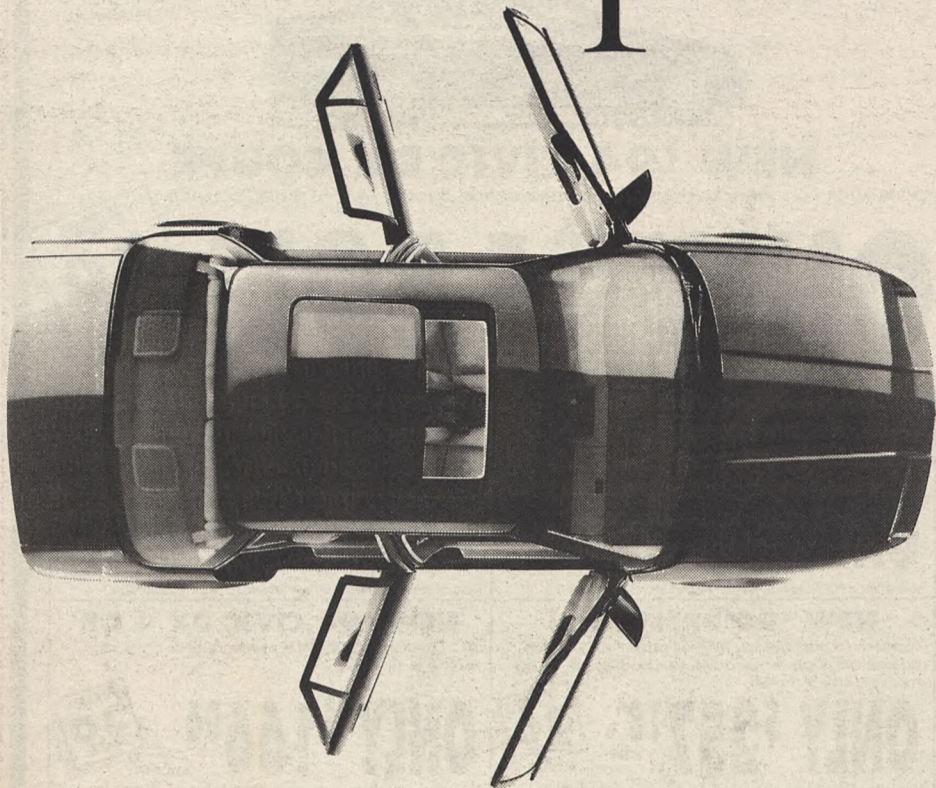
BOERNER & PONDER
CONTRACTORS

CUSTOM HOMES
AND
RENOVATIONS

DESIGN, ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION

982-9121

Now open.



If you've been wanting to get into a new Saturn, we just made things a little easier for you. Rather than have you drive miles and miles to find us, we're happy to announce a brand-new, conveniently located Saturn showroom. So please drop by. We'll leave the door open for you.

M.S.R.P. of the 1994 SL2 is \$12,775 including retailer preparation, transportation and optional sunroof. Tax, license and other options additional. ©1993 Saturn Corporation.



Saturn of Gwinnett
2520 Pleasant Hill Rd. 497-8770
Saturn of Chamblee
5764 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. 451-8188

Part of the Hix Green Family

A Different Kind of Company. A Different Kind of Car.

Struggle

Continued from page 15

over the significance of the deaths of three patients in their study.

The subject of allogeneic white cell transfer has also come up in the series of immune restoration think tank meetings convened by Project Inform over the last 18 months. "We've seen some fairly compelling results," comments Project Inform's Brenda Lein, adding that further research is being done.

Overall, although there wasn't a lot of solid data to go on, Levin was convinced there was good reason to give the idea a try and that the risks were fairly minimal. So, on Sept. 14, Getty was admitted to the University of California-San Francisco/Mount Zion Medical Center, blood was drawn from his sister and the white cells separated out, and final preparations for the first infusion were begun.

That, it seems, is when complications—now of the medical variety—began to arise. Attorney Ponzi, who handled many of the discussions with Mt. Zion, says that at first the hospital had told him and Dr. Levin that the infusions would not need to be reviewed by an institutional review board, or IRB, which is a neutral body set up to monitor the safety and ethics of clinical trials of experimental drugs or medical procedures. The reasoning, he says, was that the procedure was simply "a transfusion of an unaltered blood product," in many ways not unlike a common blood transfusion.

But suddenly, Ponzi says, the tune changed. As Getty was being prepared for the procedure, the administration at the hospital decided the procedure needed IRB approval, a requirement that Ponzi says "was dropped on us at the last minute."

"There was a lot of politics," Levin complains. "We had jumped through the appropriate hoops, and every time we jumped through one hoop, they wanted another hoop." With the patient already set up and ready to go, Levin sim-

ply went ahead. "Eventually," he continues, smiling broadly, "they came up and said, 'You can't do this.' And [Getty] said, 'It's already done.'"

Levin says that there was "absolutely no good scientific or ethical reason" to require IRB approval for the procedure, and that the sudden objections came primarily because he has been an outspoken and sometimes controversial figure. "I'm not politically correct," he says.

Hospital officials flatly refused any specific comment on the matter. Chief of Medicine Dr. Kenneth Woeber offered only a general statement that "it is normal hospital procedure to have an institutional review board approve any experimental treatment before it is used."

But it wasn't just the hospital administration that seemed to be getting in the way. The day before the procedure was to take place, Levin received a letter from attorney representing Dr. David Senechek, a partner in the medical group in which Levin was formerly a partner. Levin had sold his interest in the group about three years ago, and the buy-out agreement included a "non-competition" clause in which Levin agreed not to practice AIDS medicine in San Francisco for a designated number of years.

"They claim that I'm competing with them, and I signed a no-compete [agreement]," Levin says of the letter. "But [Getty] went to them and they wouldn't do it...So then I did it and they come after me, they wanted me to stop."

Getty was, to put it mildly, upset at what seemed like an attempt to stop his treatment. "I ended up in a fight with them to allow this man to tell me the information that he knew," he bristles, "and to help me with my project. And they basically tried to stop him because he had a non-compete clause."

"That's not right," he continues. "You can't divide patients up into little fiefdoms...When somebody has knowledge and information that could save your life, you don't want to put up with somebody's legal contract trying to censor the person you're dealing with."

For Getty, who had good reason to feel the

PROTECT YOUR LICENSE!



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

988-1724
Michael W. Vogel

Attorney at Law
FREE CONSULTATION

Don't get caught uncovered.

Esquire Insurance Agency

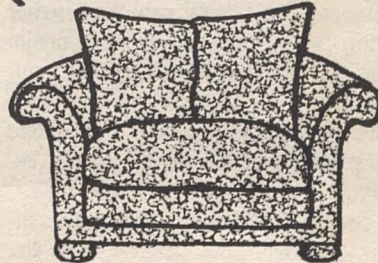
Complete Insurance Protection
Auto - Home - Commercial -
Motorcycle - Life - Health

M-F 9AM-6PM
SAT 10AM-2PM
2000 Cheshire Bridge Rd.
next to Hairanoia

634-6380

houseworks

NEW & USED FURNITURE



We Buy & Sell

1055 PONCE de LEON AVE
(next to plaza drugs)

897-1514

**WE BUILD FAMILIES.
GET THE FACTS ABOUT ADOPTION.**

We have operations on
4 continents, in 10 countries
including the United States.

**FAMILY PARTNERS
WORLD WIDE, INC.**
872-6787
Transforming lives
through adoption

white cell transfer might be his only shot at avoiding imminent death, the swirl of legal and business complications that suddenly engulfed him was a frightening and unsettling experience. "It was like being in the Twilight Zone of medicine," he recalls with a shudder.

Senechek insists that it was never his intent to interfere with Getty's treatment and that the letter was prompted by rumors that Levin was treating other HIV patients.

Despite the procedural complications, that first infusion went fairly smoothly, marred only by an allergic reaction to a new antibiotic Getty was given. Although unpleasant and somewhat nerve wracking, the reaction was "a good sign," explains Levin, an indication that the patient's immune system was showing signs of life.

And once the allergic reaction passed, Getty says, he almost immediately began to feel healthier than he had before the cell transfer.

But the procedure was never intended to be a one-shot deal, since there was little reason to hope that the new white cells would give Getty's immune system more than a temporary boost. It would need to be repeated every few weeks, and before the second infusion could happen the hospital's insistence on IRB approval would have to be dealt with.

But all, it seemed, was not well at Mt. Zion. Attorney Ponzi says he had heard that "some of the doctors were getting cold feet... Supposedly they were thinking of 'investigating' the doctors involved" in the transfusion. The hospital was insisting that its IRB review the procedure.

An unhappy Jeff Getty, by now convinced that the first treatment had indeed helped, went to his colleagues in ACT UP/Golden Gate and explained the situation. The result was a pair of strongly worded letters, one to Woeber and one to Senechek, telling each of them, in essence, to back off. Negotiations continued, somewhat tensely, until the matter was finally resolved. The hospital would accept the opinion of Project Inform's IRB, which has given its approval for the procedure.

The extended haggling had delayed Getty's second treatment by nearly three weeks. Difficult as the struggle was, the story seems—so far, at least—to have a happy ending. After four treatments, Getty is feeling better than he has since last spring and is back to a fairly active schedule. "I feel great," he enthused as this article was being written. "I'm going to the gym tomorrow." Although his blood work shows only fairly modest improvements in his CD4 and CD8 numbers, what counts, he says, is that he feels back in the world of the living.

So is sibling white blood cell transfer the answer for late-stage AIDS patients? No one involved would dare to make such a claim as yet for what Levin himself calls a "chewing gum and bailing wire" approach to patching up a tattered immune system. It is axiomatic in science that one case, no matter how dramatic it may appear, doesn't prove that something works. AIDS and its attendant infections are unpredictable enough that much more experience will be needed before firm conclusions can be drawn. The research now under way may provide answers sometime next year.

But on a broader level, Levin is convinced that a major factor delaying progress against AIDS is a combination of conservatism and petty rivalries that have kept innovative approaches from being tried. "We have all the tools available right now" to fight AIDS, he declares.

Business considerations and turf battles "have been interfering with the care of patients ever since I've been involved," Levin continues, the emotion beginning to rise in his voice. "It's very disheartening to have to deal with this terrible disease—and then the politics, and then the greed. And the thing that's stopping [progress] is greed."

For people who must depend on doctors to help them stay alive, Ponzi says, the unhappy lesson is, "Don't always assume that physicians are always going to act in the best interest of patients. Sometimes there are other considerations."

"The politics of medicine suck."

Mottura Travel Set / Petit Savon



Mottura Shower Gel

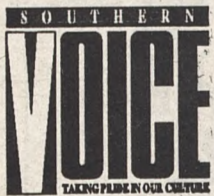


Great Gifts for the Holidays



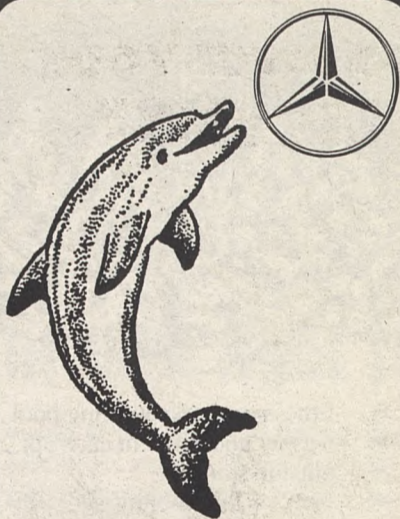
1034 North Highland • 892-9337

Wherever you are...



AL, AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CN, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IO, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY.

Find Southern Voice in your mailbox.



MERCEDES BENZ

You'll Flip For The Deal You'll Get From

ATLANTA CLASSIC CARS

Laura D. Singer Sales and Leasing 297-7221

1655 Church St. • Decatur, GA 30033

CONVENTIONAL TRAVEL presents



Gay Games NYC, Stonewall, Gay Pride June 1994

Round Trip Air \$172.00

1658 Lavista Rd • Atlanta, GA 30329 800-747-7107 • 404-315-0107 Fax: 404-315-0206

"YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'LL FIND"

SALVAGE DEPOT

PAINT \$0.99 GALLON

AREA RUGS \$12.50

4ft. Light Bulbs \$0.79

2x4 SHOP LIGHTS \$15.00

LEADED GLASS DOORS \$299 & UP

HOURS MON.-SAT. 8-6 SUN. 12-5

975 Chattahoochee Avenue Atlanta, GA 30318

355-6811



DOORS • WINDOWS • BUILDING MATERIALS • ANTIQUES

PLUMBING SUPPLIES • HARDWARE • ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES • CONSIGNMENT

**POPE CHEVROLET
STONE MOUNTAIN**
OPEN NEW YEAR'S DAY!
**Christmas
WISH LIST**

'94 CAMARO **GREAT SELECTION IN STOCK**
HOT NEW

From **\$15,995**

'94 S-10 BLAZER **SAVE Up To \$3400**
OVER 20 TO CHOOSE


#41502, LIST \$18,257, REBATE \$1000, POPE DISC. \$2399, PRICE \$14,888.

'94 S-10 PICKUPS **'94 METROS**
From **\$9588** **CHOOSE FROM MANY** From **\$6588** **OVER 20 IN STOCK**

PLUS DAILY SPECIALS ON OVER 200 USED CARS, TRUCKS AND PROGRAM CARS. CALL PAM OR LESLIE 469-7121

Remember... You Have Friends In The Car Business

POPE CHEVROLET GE
STONE MOUNTAIN
469-7121
6130 Memorial Drive
Only 3 miles Outside of I-285

SALES HOURS
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
Sat 9am-5pm
Sun 1pm-5pm

SERVICE HOURS
Mon-Fri 7:30am-5pm
Saturday 8am-5pm

JUST 20 MIN. FROM VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS

Insurance ruling

Continued from page 3

sioner was acting under a 90-day deadline to either approve or reject the extension of partnership benefits, Bowers said he "had to" issue the opinion.

"If the commissioner of insurance [had waited for the court to rule], this would have gone into effect by default," Bowers said. "From my standpoint, I've got to act as a legal advisor. I've got to give advice."

The city's insurance companies had filed a request with Ryles' office to offer the coverage, which was approved by the City Council and Mayor Maynard Jackson this summer. Under state law, changes in insurance coverage have to be submitted to the insurance commissioner's office and, if they are not rejected within 90 days, are automatically approved.

However, according to Teresa Nelson, executive director of the Georgia ACLU, that section of the insurance code is normally used to stop insurance companies from cutting back on the coverage they provide—not prevent them from expanding coverage.

"It was directed at protecting citizens from fraud and abuse," she said. "It is supposed to prevent restrictions of benefits from one group or another. I've never heard it being interpreted as saying you can't give additional benefits."

Nothing in the section of the insurance code dealing with approving proposed changes in coverage required Ryles to seek the attorney general's opinion. But Curtin claimed that Ryles "had to" ask for Bowers opinion in the matter because the issue was "a point of law."

"We have to ask the top constitutional officer in the state to interpret the laws of the state of Georgia," Curtin said.

After a group of conservative partnership opponents sued to overturn the partnership or-

dinances, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Joel Fryer refused to grant an injunction preventing the ordinances from going into effect. Bowers' decision, in practical terms, accomplished what the judge hearing the case refused to do.

Bowers went beyond what Ryles had asked for in his opinion, not only ruling that the benefits ordinance was illegal but that the city's domestic partnership registry was also illegal because it, and the benefits ordinance, "quite clearly create a legal status or relationship" that is not allowed by the Georgia constitution. To make that point, Bowers rejected the argument that, under the constitution's home rule provisions, the city should be allowed to determine how to dispense benefits to its employees.

"They do [have that right], except they don't have the authority to change civil relationships in the process. That's my view," Bowers said.

"Based on what Bowers said, there should be no preferential treatment for veterans, the elderly, disabled," said Nelson. "Only the state would be allowed to do that—and that would include curfews that keep teenagers off the streets at certain times. That's creating a 'legal status.'"

Any decision by Fryer that the ordinances are legal would supersede Bowers' opinion. But until, or if, that happens, the benefits portion of the domestic partnership ordinances will have no practical effect.

Correction

In our story on local musician DeDe Vogt last week, the name of the third member of Vogt's new band was inadvertently left out. Former Gypsy Heart guitarist Kathleen Hatfield joins Vogt and vocalist Berné Poliakoff to form Cowboy Envy.

GOOD FUN IS NEVER OUT OF SEASON



- > fitness center/swimming pool
- > washer and dryer in each apt.
- > outside storage
- > free 24-hour monitored intrusion alarm

TROLLEY SQUARE APARTMENTS



Property professionally managed by Trammell Crow Residential Services.

609 Virginia Avenue (404) 874-5512

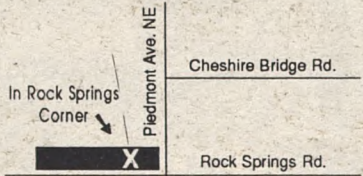


FINE GIFTS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

HOLIDAY SPECIAL
Receive a pair of 24% lead crystal candlesticks **FREE** with any \$25 purchase!

House of Hawley
at Rock Springs Rd. & Piedmont Ave.
1830 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta, GA 30324
404/892-3177

DISCOVER • VISA • MASTER CARD



Financial Alternatives For Your Lifestyle.



An American Express company



You deserve advice that's right for you. At IDS we realize that one-size-fits-all financial planning won't have the answers you are looking for. That's why we've developed financial planning that covers a wide variety of life situations. Sit down with someone who can address your unique needs. Call today for a free consultation.

IDS Financial Services Inc.

Margaret M. Graff
Personal Financial Planner
396-7840

Suite 150, 1200 Ashwood Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30338

© 1993 IDS Financial Corporation.

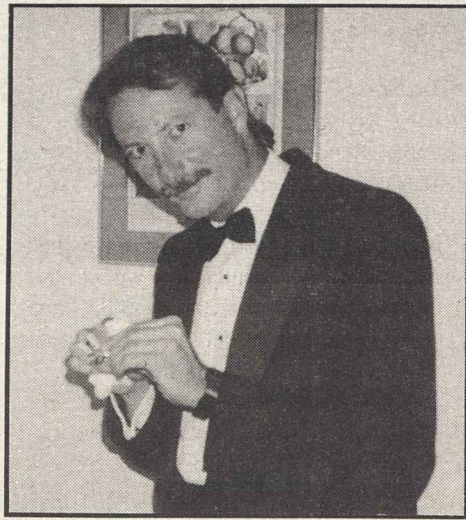
O B I T U A R Y

Bert J. McDowell

AIDS activist Bert McDowell, 39, died on Saturday, Dec. 18 due to complications from AIDS. Bert was surrounded by loving friends, family and his dog Wally when he left us. He had been fighting a courageous battle with AIDS since 1987.

Bert devoted many hours of his time to AIDS activism. He served on the board of the Living AIDS Memorial Project from 1989 to 1990. He was on the board of Atlanta NAPWA since 1990, serving as president for two years. Bert was also a representative of the HIV-affected community on the State AIDS Task Force for the past two years. Bert's empowered response to his diagnosis positively impacted the lives of many people with AIDS. His strength in confronting the challenge of living with AIDS was an inspiration to those with whom he shared his life.

Bert graduated from Wofford College in South Carolina and was a long-time Atlanta resident. He was co-owner of Alligood-McDowell which he founded. Bert enjoyed spending time with his friends James, Keith,



Tim, John and Julie, travel, the beach, music, reading, gardening and his dog Wally.

Graveside services were held on Dec. 20 in Spartanburg, S.C. An Atlanta memorial service will be held in January.

Bert requested contributions to the AIDS Survival Project (formerly Atlanta NAPWA) in lieu of flowers.

Santa's helpers

Continued from page 1

thing positive, with the police department.

She said that she does something—for Toys for Tots or some other group—every year, but this year was different.

"The difference was that we were doing it as the gay and lesbian community for the community at large," she said.

Bevins agreed, adding that the spirit of cooperation from those she contacted was an added plus.

"For all of us to be coming together and not have all the infighting and outfighting was re-

ally neat," she said.

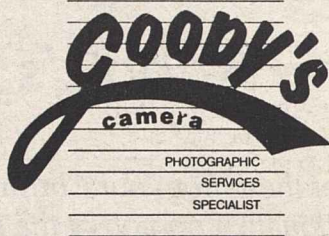
Bevins hopes that the holiday project is only the beginning of a long-term effort with the DeKalb community. With volunteers from her groups already set to participate in Santa's visit to the South DeKalb Community Center, she's already looking to other ways for the lesbian and gay community to participate more fully—and visibly—in the larger community.

"We've been asked if we could help with buying bicycles for the police department, and some clean up work," she said. "This is not just a seasonal thing."



Nothing captures a moment better than film. Let the specialists at Goody's handle your holiday film processing needs.

Happy Holidays!



**1 HOUR
COLOR
FILM
PROCESSING**

- Drop Off
- Mail In

300 Ponce de Leon Ave.
Atlanta, GA 30308
(Catty-cornered from Krispy Kreme)
872-8036

**Don't sell your
life insurance...
Until you talk
with us.**

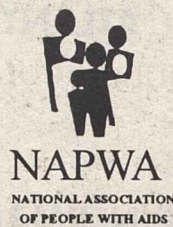
When you or a friend is selling a life insurance policy, it's a sink or swim situation. Today, there are companies popping up like weeds that would love to buy your policy. They say they're "gay-friendly" with their pink triangles. Some of them show you their friendly faces and promise you the most . . . can you really trust them? It's unfortunate, but working with one of these companies can cost you in the end.

Being the only fully funded, gay owned and operated settlement company, we understand your needs. Page & associates, inc. has built its reputation by providing the best personal service the industry has to offer – from computerized client tracking to frequent follow-ups and same day fund transfers. We're dedicated to you. We don't look at our clients as just another investment. With clients nationwide, our Life Program meets the special needs of the gay terminally ill, both financially and personally.

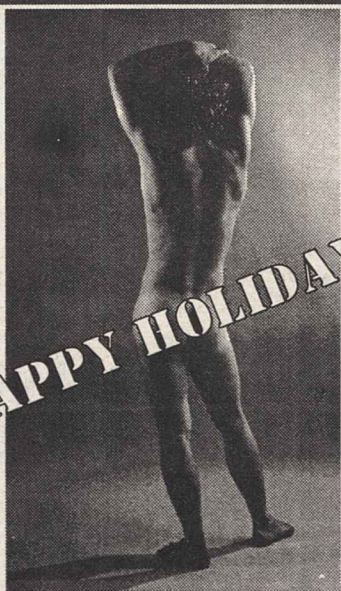
When you want more than selling your policy, call us on *The Lifeline* 1-800-572-4346

PAGE
& associates, inc.®

Los Angeles ▼ Cleveland ▼ New Hope ▼ Miami



As
seen on
Donahue



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

1 Hour Photo Processing

Image Photo

Gay Owned and Operated

985 Monroe Drive • Next to Blockbuster
Atlanta • 875-9334

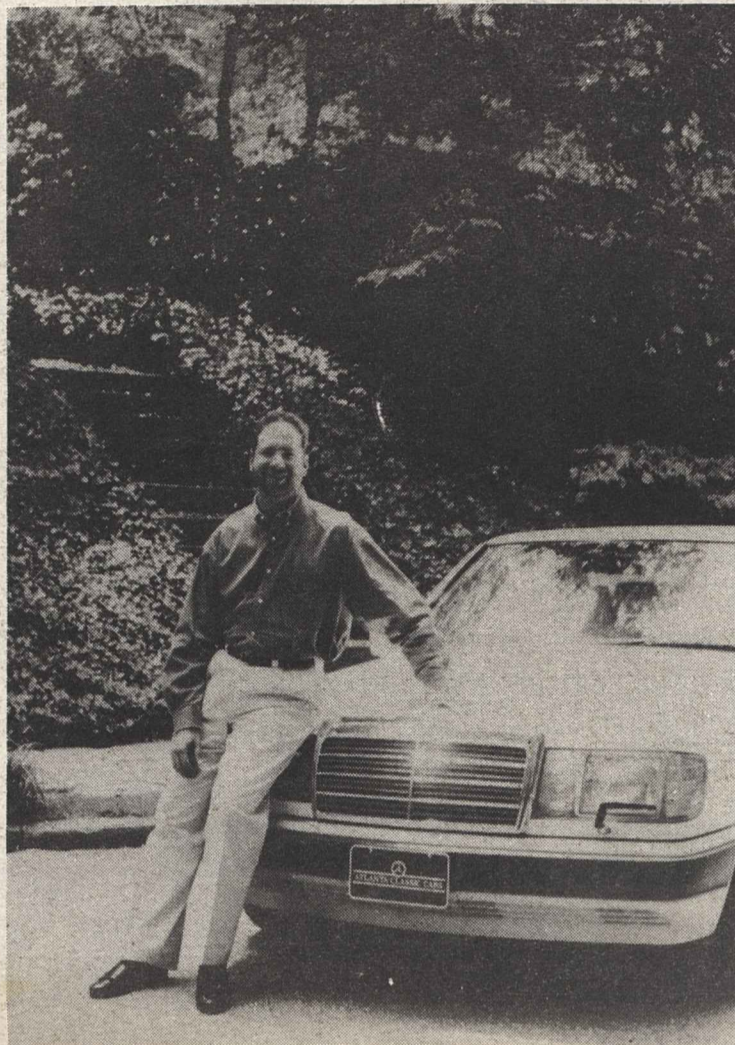
\$3.00 OFF
Processing and Printing
36 Exposure Color Print Film

\$2.00 OFF
Processing and Printing
24 Exposure Color Print Film

Unlimited Rolls
Not valid with other coupons. Expires 1/15/94

OUR CUSTOMERS

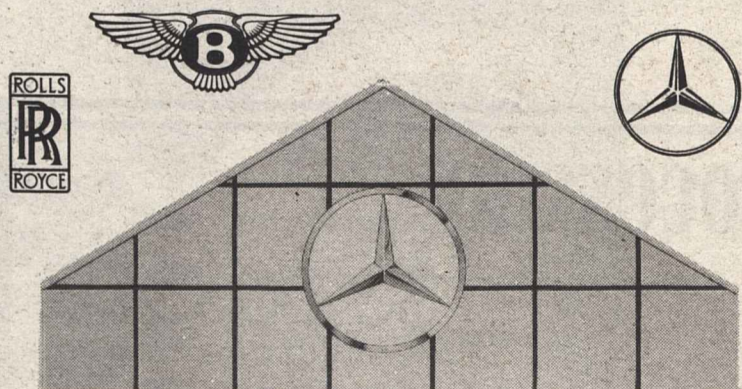
know us best...



"The purchase of my **MERCEDES BENZ** was an important investment.

It represents the success and satisfaction I've found in life. It's something I take pride in and something I feel good in. The friendly and helpful people at **ATLANTA CLASSIC CARS** were a significant part of a very happy memory."

BRIAN DINERMAN



ATLANTA CLASSIC CARS
MERCEDES BENZ

1655 CHURCH STREET DECATUR, GEORGIA 30033
404/296-1313

"The only Mercedes Benz dealer inside the perimeter"



*May you find all your hopes
and dreams this holiday season.*

Happy Holidays from HLM

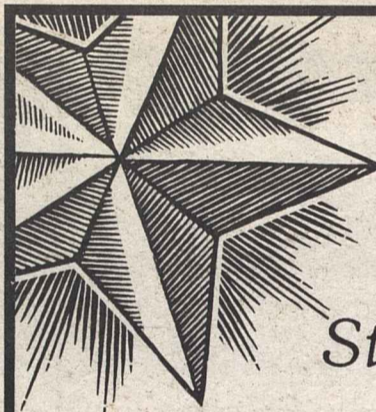
HLM Services, Inc.

Servicing all 50 states for tax preparation (current and prior years),
IRS problems and collections. Accounting for the small business.

Outside Atlanta: 1 ▼ 800 ▼ **GAY ▼ TAXS**
4 2 9 8 2 9 7

Atlanta Metro: 370-0986

9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mon-Fri



ORNAMENTS

Angel of Comfort



Star of Hope



A Shy Rabbit's Heart

*Buy one of these from our Christmas tree
and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds
to AIDS research and AIDS charities.*



Hospitality House

Peachtree Battle Shopping Center
2359 Peachtree Rd.
237-1119

Sandy Springs Plaza, Atlanta
6255 Roswell Rd.
255-0262

OUT & ABOUT

THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE OF SOUTHERN VOICE

Second Coming of Angels

"Perestroika," the concluding installment of Tony Kushner's acclaimed epic "Angels in America," is now open in New York

by MICHAEL KUCHWARA

New York City—When we last left "Angels in America" in May, a feathery white messenger had crashed through the ceiling of a dying gay man's apartment to announce: "The great work begins."

Indeed, it does—brought about by a wondrous display of strong, often vivid writing, memorable characters and a warmer, more effective production.

With the opening Nov. 30 on Broadway of "Perestroika," the second half of Tony Kushner's monumental "Angels in America," a seven-hour odyssey into the psyche of 1980s America reaches an emotionally satisfying, cathartic conclusion.

What Kushner has attempted is nothing less than a clarion call for future generations—both gay and straight—to embrace life, no matter what happens. The excesses of the last decade, defined by the playwright as the greed and moral bankruptcy of the Reagan and Bush years, have been inflicted on two couples, one gay, the other outwardly heterosexual. Both are changed forever.

The moral center of Kushner's play becomes apparent in "Perestroika," which has received a more personal approach from director George C. Wolfe than the initial "Millennium Approaches" did. That center rests in an AIDS-ravaged man named Prior who, in Kushner's opening installment, is abandoned by his lover.

In Part 2, instead of meekly accepting his fate, Prior is energized, particularly by that angelic visit. He's transformed

into a prophet for his own time. As played by Stephen Spinella, who won a Tony Award for his performance in "Millennium," Prior is a mesmerizing presence. Dressed like a spectral monk, he travels throughout the play, affecting everyone he meets.

His most interesting encounter? With Harper, a pill-popping Mormon, whose husband, Joe, has run off to live with Louis, Prior's equivocating ex-helpline. Harper's delusions in "Millennium Approaches" include a visit with an imaginary travel agent to the ozone layer above Antarctica. In the second play, she has taken to gnawing pine trees in Brooklyn's Prospect Park.

Joe, a Republican lawyer, does not find happiness with Louis and seeks solace from his mentor, Roy Cohn. Cohn—played with cadaverous glee by Ron Leibman—is also suffering from AIDS. It's not the disease that bothers him. It's the lack of power he has in fighting it despite his high-placed Washington connections.

Kushner's characters intersect with amazing ingenuity. Prior's confidant, a finger-snapping ex-drag queen named Belize, ends up as Cohn's nurse. Joe's seemingly straight-laced mother sells her house in Salt Lake City, moves to New York and gets a job at the Mormon Visitors Center where she meets Prior.

Much of the criticism of "Perestroika" when it was done last year at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles centered on its heavy-handedness, its didactic underlining of the obvious. Not much is in evidence now, after Kushner furiously rewrote the script up until a few days before the opening.

Kushner's writing exhibits an effortless dexterity and range. He can go from learned philosophical discus-

sion to political satire to campy humor in the space of a few sentences. It's quite a high-wire act, but the playwright never falls.

If Leibman and Spinella have the play's showiest roles, they are nearly matched by several actors in the company. Particularly memorable is Joe Mantello as the cowardly Louis, a man adept at justifying everything he does, no matter how morally reprehensible it is.

David Marshall Grant expertly captures the anguish of a man bolstered by his Mormon and Republican righteousness but who succumbs to his sexual urges. Marcia Gay Harden is heartbreaking as the distraught Harper, valiantly struggling to maintain her self-respect and self-worth after her husband disappears.

If Wolfe's approach to "Millennium Approaches" seemed cold and clinical, he has softened the production's hard edge for "Angels" more hopeful second half. He's helped by Kushner's expert detailing of character which, by the time "Perestroika" is over, puts a half-dozen fully realized people on stage.

Nowhere is that softening more appropriate than in "Perestroika's" final scene, played out in front of the Bethesda Fountain in New York's Central Park—with yet another angel, this time the fountain's statue, standing guard over the proceedings.

Prior, fittingly, gets to deliver Kushner's exhortation for a better life, a new beginning or a perestroika. The speech makes the angel's announcement at the end of "Millennium Approaches" all the more prophetic and moving. An impressive achievement.

Kuchwara is a critic for the Associated Press. "Perestroika" is playing at the Walter Kerr Theatre, 219 West 48th St.



JOAN MARCUS



JOAN MARCUS

Stephen Spinella (right) and Joe Mantello (left) renew their roles as Prior and Louis, lovers whose relationship is challenged by AIDS.

Windstorm Productions Proudly Presents the
Return of Legendary Cabaret Star

JANE OLIVOR



Fri & Sat, Jan 7 & 8



1099 Euclid Ave in
Little 5 Points

TICKETMASTER
SOUTHEAST
AT TURTLE'S, SOUND WAREHOUSE,
COCONUTS AND TOWER RECORDS
CHARGE BY PHONE
(404) 249-6400

For More Info Please
Call 521-1786

**"A SURE
SHOT FOR
AN OSCAR!
Who can resist
Jeanne Moreau?"**

—Caryn James, THE NEW YORK TIMES

**"THIS IS AS GOOD
AS ENSEMBLE
ACTING EVER GETS."**

—Jeffrey Lyons, SNEAK PREVIEWS / CNBC

Jeanne Moreau Joan Plowright Julie Walters

The Summer House

*A place where love grows
and friendship blossoms
right before your eyes.*

Samuel Goldwyn
© 1993 THE SAMUEL GOLDWYN COMPANY

**STARTS CHRISTMAS
DAY EXCLUSIVELY AT**



2581 Piedmont Road • 231-1924

The Most Incredible Party Ever!



MASQUERADE
SOUTHERN
VOICE 99X

Masquerade
for Project Open Hand is coming!
This 5th anniversary blowout is
Atlanta's premier event.
Feb. 5, 1994 at the Newly Renovated
King Plow Arts Center.

For Tickets Call 404-249-6400 or stop by any **TICKETMASTER** outlet.
For VIP or Krewe tickets, call 404-525-4737. Order today.

C A L E N D A R

23 THURSDAY
WOMAN FORUM.

Atlanta's original women's radio program, still going strong. 6-7pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.



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

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS.

Theatrical Outfit's holiday offering runs through Dec. 23. 872-0665.

A WONDERFUL LIFE. Thru Dec. 23 at Onstage Atlanta. Musical version of the holiday classic. 897-1802.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL. The Alliance Theatre's annual classic with Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the rest. Directed by Kenny Leon and adapted by Sandra Deer. Through Dec. 26. 892-2414.

ATLANTA BALLET'S NUTCRACKER. The Ballachine holiday classic returns to the Atlanta Civic Center, presented by the Atlanta Ballet through Dec. 26, complete with a live orchestra, flurries of snowfall, and a ferocious duel. Evening shows at 8pm, matinees at 2pm. 817-8700.

GARGOYLES. Pen and ink collection by Michelle Feder, on display at BurnNoff Gallery at Clear Creek Center thru Jan. 29. 875-3475.

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.

LEE BOMHOFF.

Pastels by the Atlanta artist are on display at Anthony Ardavin Gallery at TULA through Jan. 1. 352-8738.

1940s RADIO HOUR.

Theatre in the Square's annual holiday offering runs through Jan. 1. Performances will be held in the larger performing arts space at Southern Tech. The show features music, skits, sound effects, and a 10-min. condensed version of A Christmas Carol. 422-8639 for tickets and information.

ART AT THE EDGE:

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

LOOKING FOR A CITY. Extended thru Jan. 9. Chris Coleman's play addresses real family values, the kind Pat Buchanan et al don't want you to know about. Thur-Sat at 8pm, Sun at 7pm. \$12-\$15. Actor's

GAY GRAFFITI. Out and loud lesbian and gay radio. This week: members of P-FLAG. 7-8pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.

THE WIZARD OF OZ. Dorothy et al come to the Fox in a stage production. Also Saturday and Sunday. 817-8700.

DOMINGO & NORMAN: SYMPHONY FOR THE SPIRE. Placido Domingo and Jessy Norman perform outside, beneath the spire of England's 750-year-old Salisbury Cathedral. 10pm, GPTV Ch 8.

Express, 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

PRINTED LIGHT: TWO DECADES OF COLLECTING PHOTOGRAPHY.

Thru Feb. 4. Exhibit features 140 works from the High Museum's photography collection. The Folk Art and Photography Gallery at Georgia Pacific, 30 Houston St. downtown. 892-HIGH.

AMERICAN PAINTINGS FROM THE MANOOGIAN COLLECTION.

American artists of the 19th century are on exhibit thru Mar. 6, 1994 at the High Museum.

MARY CASSATT.

Paintings of the American Impressionist are on view at the High Museum thru Mar. 27.

NEW WORK: GALLERY ARTISTS.

Heath Gallery opens an exhibition of paintings, drawings and sculpture, through Jan. 15. 262-6407.

ALADDIN.

The Center for Puppetry Arts presents the familiar tale of Aladdin and the magic lamp thru Feb. 16, 1994, as part of the Family Series. 873-3391.

NEW YEAR'S EXTRAVAGANZA.

Pearl Productions with Lou Sims presents a New Year's party at the Swann Building, 205 32nd St. in Birmingham featuring Brave and Crazy. 940-7481 in

24 FRIDAY

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT AT LENOX. Your last chance to shop with the Sounds of the Season. Entertainment in the Neiman Marcus Wing until 7pm.

CARNEGIE HALL CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Featuring opera divas Kathleen Battle and Frederica von Stade and trumpeter Wynton Marsalis. 9:30pm, GPTV Ch 8. Followed by "Christmas at St. Olaf" and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

VEGGIE FUNK.

Delights of the Garden presents a jazz cafe featuring some of Atlanta's top jazz

Birmingham, 250-0774 in Atlanta.

NOW'S NEW YEAR'S DAY BENEFIT CONCERT.

Catbird Seat, Angela Motter and more perform at Eddie's Attic to benefit the National Organization for Women. 8pm.

DAVID COPPERFIELD.

The amazing illusionist returns to the Fox Jan 7-9. \$27.50. 249-6400.

CATS. Theatre of the Stars will present the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical from Jan. 11-16 at the Fox. 249-6400.

NATIONAL BLACK GAY AND LESBIAN CONFERENCE.

Feb. 17-21 at the Meadowlands Hilton in Seacaucus, NJ. This year's theme: "Black Gays and Lesbians: From Silence to Celebration—Beyond the 28 Days." Scholarships will be available. 213-964-7820.

WHO'S DINING WHO? NAPWA

is signing up potential hosts for a February fundraiser. 20 dinner parties will happen concurrently on Feb. 19, and the guests will be chosen by lottery. 876-7926.

HEARTLIGHT AFFAIR.

Mar. 19. An evening of dinner parties to benefit Jerusalem House. To host a dinner, call 527-7627 before Jan 15.

musicians, every Friday starting at midnight. Bring an item of clothing for the Salvation Army and there is no cover. 12th & Juniper, 876-4307.

25 SATURDAY
CHRISTMAS DAY

DECK THE HALLS WITH POSITIVE PEOPLE. Positive People features a holiday party, from 7pm-1am. \$10 for nonmembers (in advance). Tentatively scheduled for the Mainstreet Clubhouse in Stone Mountain. 292-6226.

HALLELUJAH. An American Playhouse special starring James Earl Jones, Phylicia Rashad and Dennis Haysbert. 5:30pm GPTV, ch 8

26 SUNDAY

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.

THE SOUTHERN SEX. A quirky independent film exploring contemporary Southern womanhood. 11:30pm, GPTV ch 8.

**27 MONDAY**

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. 10:30pm and again, Wed 5:30pm. Cable Ch. 12.

29 WEDNESDAY

POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS airs twice every week on People

TV Ch. 12, 2:30pm and again on Sat, 10pm. It also airs on City Ch. 6, Thur 5pm.

ROOKE AND THE MOVIEGOERS. Rock and roll at the Point in Little 5 Points. The Moviegoers start at 10:30pm, with Rooke following around 11:30pm. \$3. 659-3522

PICTURED:

ABOVE: Your last chance to see the Atlanta Ballet's Nutcracker at the Civic Center comes Dec. 26.

LEFT: Dec. 26 is also the last opportunity (for this year) to see Tom Key as Scrooge in the Alliance's "A Christmas Carol."

BELOW: Harry Callahan's "Eleanor, 1948" from the High Museum's Folk Art and Photography Gallery's "Printed Light" exhibit.



December 26 through 31
 1 2 MONTHS
FREE
 FINANCING

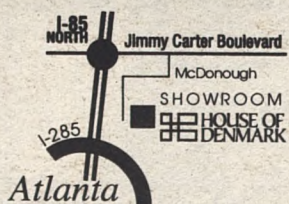


& Store Wide
sale

HOUSE OF DENMARK
 Quality Home and Office Furnishings

449-5740

6248 Dawson Blvd, Norcross Ga 30093
 Store Hours: Mon-Thur, 10-8, Fri-Sat, 10-6, Sun, 12-6



* DOES NOT APPLY TO FINAL MARK DOWNS OR CLEARANCE CENTER ITEMS



CLAN OF THE HANDWAVERS
 and
 THE ATLANTA PRIDE '94 COMMITTEE
 present

New Year's Eve 1994

A FUNDRAISER FOR PRIDE '94

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1993
 9:24 pm ... 3:31 am

THE INFORUM
 250 WILLIAMS STREET
 DOWNTOWN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Music BUC
 Effects ATLANTA SOUND AND LIGHTING
 Dress CREATIVE EVENING WEAR

ADVANCE TICKETS \$20. \$25 AT THE DOOR IF NOT SOLD OUT.

CASH ONLY. AVAILABLE AT

LET THE MUSIC PLAY ... BRUSHSTROKES

THE BOY NEXT DOOR ... OUTWRITE ... PHYSIKOS

ALL PROFITS WILL BENEFIT ATLANTA PRIDE '94

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE PRIDE LINE 404-662-4533

A STEVE BERMAN PRODUCTION



*Backstreet thanks the east and crew of
 Cirque du Soleil & Saltimbanco and you
 for making possible a \$10,000 donation
 Project Open Hand*

New Years Eve

\$10 for Members

\$15 for non-members

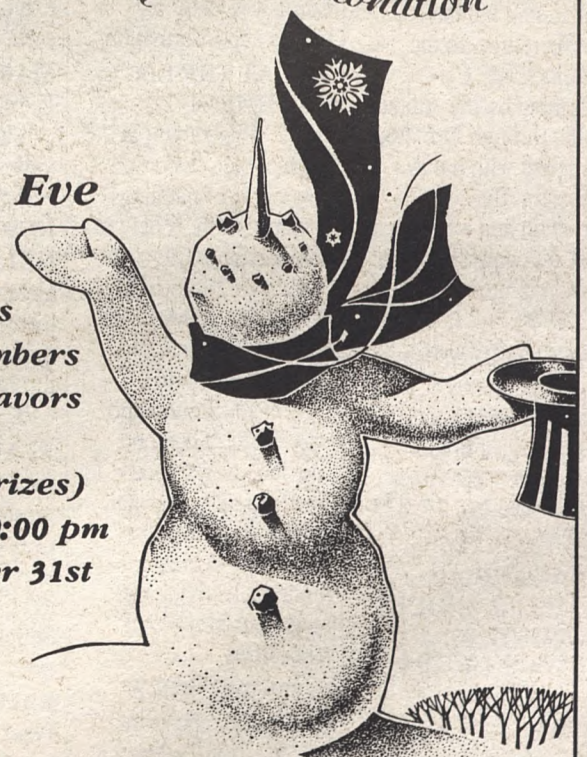
Champagne • Favors

Balloon Drop

(w/ cash and prizes)

Doors open at 9:00 pm

Friday December 31st



BACKSTREET
 ATLANTA

845 Peachtree Street • Since 1975 • 404 873-1986 • Open 24 Hours

Rio heats up heading into New Year's and Carnival

by BILL GEIGER

Everything you've heard about Rio de Janeiro is true. Endless miles of pristine tropical beaches. Handsome, dark men. A population whose passion for music and dance is so fervent that it seems to be in their blood.

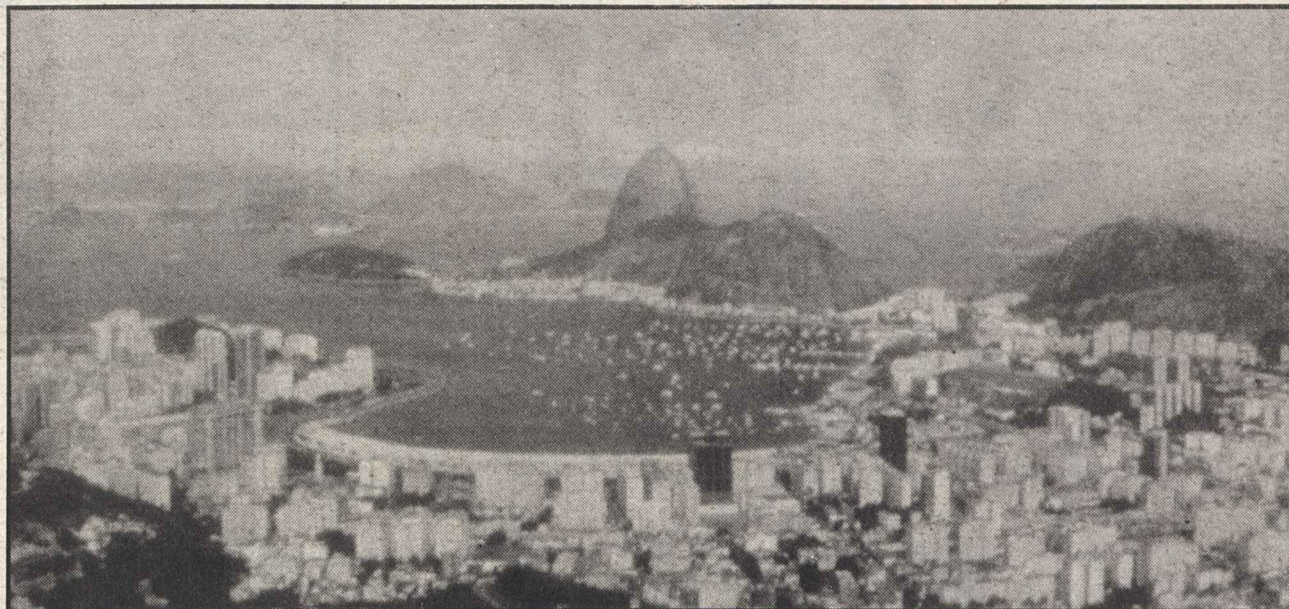
So are images less positive: massive crime and gangs of young thugs, poverty, unemployment and illiteracy; a spectacular rate of inflation; and an HIV-infection rate that rivals New York City.

Despite its drawbacks, the world's 10th largest city at 11.4 million has long been—and still is—a major draw among gay tourists, ever since the international jet-set crowd that made the Copacabana beaches and clubs famous during the '30s and '40s. While its social structure echoes the patriarchal machismo of the rest of South America, Rio is unusually tolerant of sexual diversity, and this almost casual attitude toward sex has attracted and encouraged a large gay and bisexual community.

The first impression of the city is its scenic setting, which sprawls out from the downtown and beach areas, nestled between crystal-blue ocean tropical green cliffs and jagged mountains. Much of the city is squeezed between Guanabara Bay and rocky hills that form the edge of Tijuca National Park, an 8,000-acre tropical forest. But what makes Rio memorable is its people—black, white, brown and all shades in between—all seemingly in pursuit of pleasure. Beaches and bodies beautiful, samba and cerveja, football and cachaca; it is a culture alive and vibrant, influenced by the technology of the West, but retaining its own identity and charm.

The Brazilian summer, which begins in December and runs through March, is highlighted by New Year's and Carnival, for which throngs of tourists, including thousands of neighboring South Americans, converge on the city. For the gay traveler, these grand celebrations, along with prices that remain low, even when the dollar is doing badly overseas, make a trip to South America's largest country one that will long be remembered—and likely repeated.

The best place to start exploring? The beach, which is the choice destination during the hot and often humid summertime. Half of the Brazilian population is under the age of 20 and of



modest economic means, so the beach has become a popular social gathering place—and the crowded atmosphere has a culture all its own. When the sun is at its greatest strength, everyone heads for the water to play in the surf and make conversation. It's a great chance to make new friends and find out where the hot spots for the evening will be.

Wandering down the beach, you can watch the cariocas jogging or playing sports such as volleyball (one type played with hands, another, simply amazing to watch, that requires quick reflexes and coordination because the hands and arms are not allowed) and futebol (not the American variety). Guarana—a soda with a distinct taste made from the berry of an Amazonian plant—can be had from one of the many roving vendors (not as many or as pesky as those at Mexican resorts).

The best of Rio's beaches, formerly the long stretch known as Copacabana but now including the communities of Leblon and Ipanema, are lined with miles of hotels, apartments, restaurants and clubs. This area, known as Zona Sul, is inhabited by the

middle and upper classes (ironically, the poor live on the hill-sides in favelas, shanty towns with remarkable views of the city and bay). The famous curved beach at Copacabana is in a district as narrow as four blocks wide; its population density is one of the highest in the world. Avenida Atlantica runs along the ocean, separated from the beach by a long black-and-white mosaic sidewalk, perfect for strolls, jogging and cruising. Copacabana is home to the majority of tourists, though its popularity has long ago begun to fade. It's also the center of lively theater, and prostitution and sex industry. And besides being pricey, Copacabana is riddled with crime.

Many of the wealthier, older gay tourists still go to the "Bolsa" on Avenida Atlantica, across from the Copacabana Palace on Copacabana Beach. That's where one also finds the hustlers, transvestites and transsexuals, including younger Brazilian boys looking for older tourists who might take them to a better life—if only for the evening. An afternoon at Maxim's, a

CONTINUES ON PAGE 26



AFS
ASPHALT
FLIGHT SCHOOL

Inline Skates
Rental Sales Service

1395 McLendon Ave. NE,
Atlanta, GA 30307



In a concrete jungle
you'd better learn
how to fly

681.5905

Call about excellent gift ideas
and free delivery!

FREE 2ND RENTAL HOUR
WITH THIS AD

BANNER'S
BARGAIN CORNER
AUTOS

Mid to Late
Model Cars
at Great Prices!

2788 Lawrenceville Highway
Decatur, GA 30083
(404) 938-0557

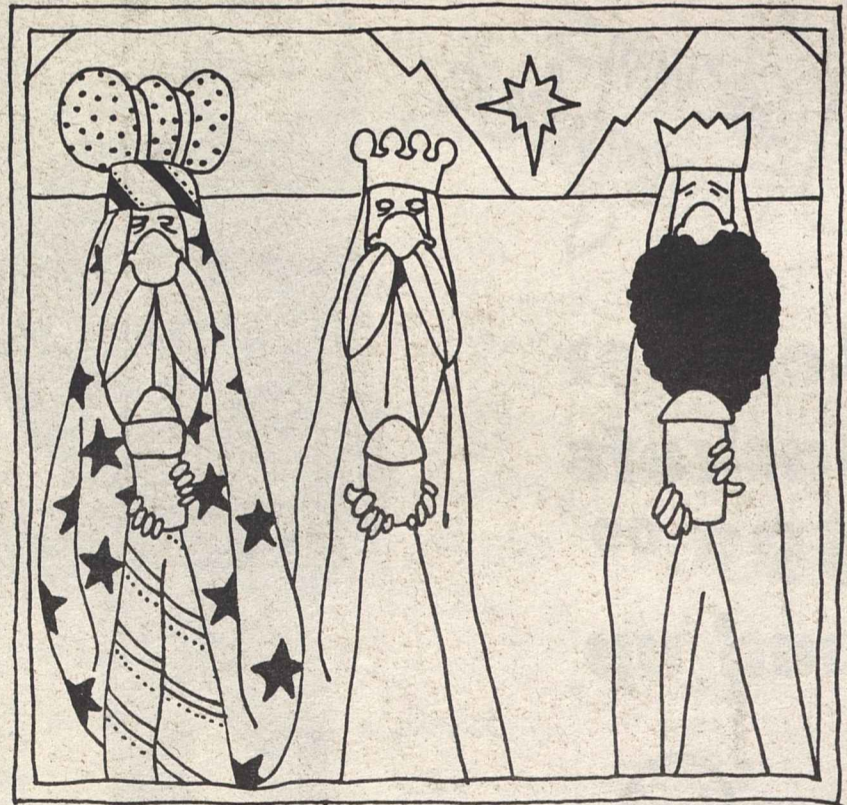
Banner Ford's Bargain Corner
offers financing on fine
quality used automobiles.

*When was the last time
you were able to get
a car repaired on Saturday?*

*We offer excellent, qualified
service on most makes and models.*

*Sales and service department
are available 6 days a week,
Monday through Saturday.*

*Call Scott Grove for assistance.
We appreciate your business.*



Murray

"I Love Your Outfit."

Funny Business
ANSLEY MALL

M-F 10-9, Sat 9:30-9, Sun 12-6 m 876-3747

RECORDS & CDs

LET THE
MUSIC
PLAY

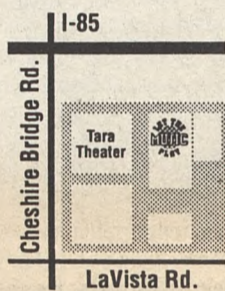
SPECIALIZING IN:

Dance Music • 12" Vinyl • Imports
Special Orders • Hard to Find

2345-3 Cheshire Bridge Rd • Atlanta, GA 30324

(404) 321-7746 • fax (404) 321-3542

Next to the LePont Tara Movie Theater



Rio heats up

Continued from page 25

large sidewalk cafe next to the Palace, is the ideal spot to watch both visitors and natives stroll by.

About two miles south on Avenida Atlantica are the more desirable beaches at Ipanema and Leblon, residential districts that are composed of mostly middle-to upper-income families, with many of the better restaurants, clubs and shops.

When Carnival is in full swing, the late-night singing, dancing and partying lasts four successive nights. Though the event is a cultural gold mine, prices rise a bit and city services tend to grind to a halt.

Carnival consists of three main features; the street scene, the traditional club balls and the world-famous samba parade. The most spontaneous of the events are the daily street parades, which break out in many parts of Rio. In essence, they are colorful marches begun by roving bands of musicians who play non-stop samba music (the quick-paced, wildly energetic Brazilian national music, a composite of European folk influences and African techniques brought by the slaves), while the after-beach crowds—numbering up to the thousands to tens of thousands—follow them through the city streets.

Carnival nights belong to the club balls, which attract both cariocas and tourists. The best of these events is the one atop Sugarloaf mountain, accessible only by cable car, that offers a breathtaking view of the city. Another popular ball is the Scalia Ball, which closes Carnival and overloads all sensory perceptions. The transvestite balls are quite popular as well.

The centerpiece of Carnival is the two-night samba parade down Avenida Marques de Sapucaí, witnessed by 85,000 ticket-holders and millions of television viewers. Introduced in 1928, long after the origins of Carnival, it did not become popular until the 1950s. To the untrained observer, the 20,000 cariocas dressed in lavish costumes and the soaring floats are a glit-

ter chaos, but in reality it is a competition between 14 samba schools in design and music where each school's efforts must be based on a historical event, personality or legend. Thousands of dancers and musicians perform roles in presenting each school's theme, which is reflected visually in the costumes and float.

Though the dark-to-dawn parade has come under criticism for its move toward Las Vegas-style opulence, this is Carnival's most obviously class-oriented event. Samba schools are comprised overwhelmingly of working and poor people from the city's sprawling suburbs, who dress up as royalty and strut before the rich folk in the stands and boxes. Before wildly cheering spectators who are as much a part of the experience, marchers cover the one kilometer route in non-stop dance and song in about 50 minutes. Soaked with sweat and literally exhausted, they are hosed down by municipal water carts.

As it does in Carnival, religion plays an important role in daily life. Brazil has the largest Catholic population in the world, but there are also strong influences from African sects started by black slaves. One example is the New Year's Eve celebration where millions of people in Rio and Bahaia go to the beach to pay homage to Iemanjá by throwing flowers, perfumes, fruit and even jewelry into the seas.

With these Afro-Brazilian religions come multiple gods. Two of them—Logunde, the son of two male gods, and Oxumare, who is male for half the year—are considered bisexual and are often the saints of homosexuals. Cult mythology condones homosexuality, which may partly explain Rio's laid back attitude toward gays—though incidents of anti-gay violence are not uncommon.

Unfortunately, the combination of tourism, machismo, poverty and easy sex has also left the city with a severe AIDS problem. Brazil had the third-highest reported incidence of AIDS after the U.S. and France, and the areas hardest hit are

CONTINUES ON PAGE 28

The Junkman's Daughter

Leather
Jackets
\$99.00
and up

Over 100
Styles
of

Dr. Martens
Boots & Shoes



1130 EUCLID AVENUE • 577-3188 • MON-FRI 11-7, SAT 11-8, SUN 12-7

CAR
Is Your TRUCK A Drag?
VAN

Call

PATTI ATCHESON

633-4005

BANNER FORD
SCOTT BLVD., DECATUR

NEW OR USED

NEW
YEARS
EVE



THE
NEW
ORDER

*Noisemakers
*Hats *Leis
NO COVER!

1544 Piedmont
Ansley Mall - Atlanta

Gosh, Toto, we're not just in the movies any more

Stage production of "The Wizard of Oz" stays faithful to the film classic

We're off to see the Wizard again, only this time he's appearing on stage.

That's right, not the big screen—the stage. More specifically, the Fox Theater. The new touring production of "The Wizard of Oz," based on the Royal Shakespeare Company version, is on a tour that includes the U.S., Canada, South America and Southeast Asia and bows in Atlanta on December 23.

The Wizard of Oz runs Dec. 23, 25 and 26 at the Fox Theater. For more information, call (404) 817-8700.

The production features music we've come to know and quote from the 1939 MGM classic, with the addition of one number that was cut, "The Jitterbug." The director of the film, at least the one who got the credit (there were actually four, including Victor Fleming, who was pulled off the project to work on another classic from 1939, "Gone With The Wind") was King Victor, who cut "The Jitterbug" in order to shorten the film.

"Somewhere Over The Rainbow," which won an Oscar for best song in 1939, "Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are" (which has become an anthem of sorts for the gay community) and "Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead" are all in place, though, so don't worry about director Richard Ericson trying to fix something that isn't broken. Apparently, Musicals America, the producer, knows better than to tamper with a classic, which is more than we can say for Alexandra Ripley ("Scarlett") and her publishers.

When L. Frank Baum first wrote his book "The Wonder-

ful Wizard of Oz" it became an immediate success. It remains one of the best-selling children's books of the 20th Century. Its longevity can perhaps be attributed to the success of the film, which has lived on through reissues and television. So a stage version was probably inevitable.



Dorothy and her friends face a specially-constructed, 15-foot-high Oz head.

"Time" magazine said of the film's reissue in 1949, "...true wizardry, whether in books or on film, is ageless. In the magical land of Oz, nothing ever changes...The whimsical gaiety, the lighthearted song and dance, the lavish Hollywood

sets and costumes are as fresh and beguiling today as they were 10 years ago." The gaiety of the piece, as we all know, is also celebrated.

For the stage version of the musical, set designer Kent Homchick has created a world every bit as strange and charming as the one in the film. The Wicked Witch of the West appears in a blast of smoke, Munchkinland dazzles with brilliant color and The Emerald City glimmers and beckons. To create some of the incredible characters in the story, Musicals America hired The Big Nazo Puppets, a Providence, Rhode Island company, to make creatures as diverse as singing apple trees, flying monkeys, a munchkin chorus and a 15-foot "Oz" head. The incredible task of building the 175 costumes needed for the show fell to designer John Carver, who developed some new and some familiar outfits to amuse audiences.

The show also features some local talent. Alonzo Saunders, a graduate of Avondale High School, will be performing in three supporting roles, as a member of the Lollipop Guild, an Emerald Citizen and as a Winkie. In fact, everyone in the cast does double duty at least, with the exceptions of Dorothy and Toto.

"Flying by Foy," the special effects company that is famous for originating flight patterns for "Peter Pan," handled all the flying sequences in this production. And what would "The Wizard of Oz" be without flying monkeys and Miss Gulch's bicycle zooming through the tornado?

Since the film version of "Oz" has always managed to appear on television during the holidays, it seems appropriate that the stage version arrive at the same time. So put on your ruby slippers and visit the land of Oz—in person, this time.

BRIAN COCHRAN

Showtimes for "The Wizard of Oz" are Thursday, December 23 and Saturday, December 26 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 27 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for all performances at Ticketmaster outlets and the Fox Theater Box Office.



854 HIGHLAND AVE., NE
(404) 874-5619
Mon-Fri 8-8, Sat 8-6, Sun 11-6

Don't Forget Murray's Christmas Shop



HIGHLAND
PET SUPPLY

892-1595

1186 North Highland
In Post Office Parking Lot

"Now you can get the best
for your pet without leaving
the neighborhood"

Mon-Sat 10:30 to 8:00
Sunday 1:00 to 6:00

"Holiday gift baskets
for your favorite furies"

BATH, SKIN, BODY
BASICS at
NATURAL BODY

NB
NATURAL
BODY

NATURAL BODY, FINE PERSONAL
BATH ITEMS & ACCESSORIES
* and DAY SPAS

BUCKHEAD
277 E. Paces Ferry Rd.
MORNINGSIDE
1403 N. Highland Ave.

Join us on
New Year's Eve



Gallus
restaurant & bar

Make Your New Year's
Reservations Now! 892-8983

Don't forget
New Year's
Brunch
at the
Gallus
An Atlanta
Tradition
Open 11am



49 SIXTH STREET • ATLANTA • 892-8983 SECURITY PATROLLED PARKING

Happy Holidays
From

Chimney Trace

APARTMENTS



- 3 Bedroom Townhouses
- 1 & 2 Bedroom Garden Apartments
 - Fireplaces
- Washer-Dryer Connections/ Laundry Facilities
 - Lighted Tennis Courts
 - Basketball Court

Stone Mountain, GA

(404) 469-0663

Rio heats up

Continued from page 26

the two largest cities, Sao Paulo and Rio.

When dining in Brazil, one quickly discovers that the best foods are the exotic fruits and delicious meats, though the beef is usually heavily salted. A visit to a rodizio offers all the meat you can consume for a fixed, relatively cheap price. For a quick bite after the beach, try a suco or juice bar. When planning meals, remember that lunch is served late and most restaurants don't begin serving dinner until after 10 p.m.

(Remember to be smart in terms of buying from street vendors. Avoid uncooked shellfish or vegetables, eat only fruit that must be peeled, drink only bottled water and refrain from ice cubes and fresh milk.)

There are a number of after-hours places. Zoom and Inconrus are popular discos, as is Elite, a claustrophobic wood structure that literally bounces vertically as the crowd pogs in rhythm to the beat.

Accommodations in Brazil can be very cheap, though luxury hotels in Ipanema and Copacabana are also quite expensive. Avoid crime-plagued Copacabana for Ipanema or Leblon, beach communities just two miles south. Reasonably priced apart-hotels not only offer clean rooms but include a delicious Brazilian breakfast as well. When booking rooms in advance, some hotels will calculate charge at the "official" exchange rate, which undercuts the value of the dollar by more than 20 percent. Try to avoid paying in advance, and then pay the bill in local currency obtained on the parallel market, which offers a better exchange rate value.

If you are travelling in high season (July or December through February) and planning to stay at a good hotel, get reservations in advance. Most hotels are regulated by Embratur, the state tourism authority which rates the hotels one to five stars. Air conditioning is a must. (Motels are rented by the hour as a solution for overpopulated living conditions, and should not be

confused with hotels.)

Getting around the city is both easy and traumatic. Brazilians are notoriously awful drivers; with one hand on the horn, they have even been known to take to the sidewalks. As a pedestrian, don't expect the right of way. Buses are the primary form of transportation for Brazilians and are incredibly cheap, about 15 cents one way. They are, however, jammed during rush hour. Taxis are reasonably cheap, but make sure the meter is working or agree to a fare beforehand.

Music, crafts and precious gems are among the best purchases, with the best shopping in Ipanema and Copacabana. Street vendors and outdoor flea markets, such as the Sunday hippy fair in Ipanema, offer great prices on Brazilian leather goods, minerals and artwork. Beautiful gemstones and fine jewelry are available at Amsterdam-Sauer or H. Stern.

The final word on Rio, regretfully, must concern crime. According to a Gallup survey, Brazil is the world's second most violent nation, topped only by Colombia. One needn't be paranoid, but common sense is a necessity. Robberies on buses, beaches and in tourist areas are extremely common. Thieves are often teenagers and work in gangs armed with guns or knives. Foreign tourists, especially those with an expensive camera, jewelry and bulging wallet are likely targets. Avoid high-risk areas, especially after sunset, and don't carry anything with you that you can't afford to lose. Carry little cash on public buses. Don't draw attention to yourself by dress or action. Bring only the minimum to the beach—towel, suit, suntan lotion, enough money for lunch and drinks. A disposable camera is cheaper to lose than a 35 mm variety. And finally be wary of anyone you might bring home with you—that's a common way to be ripped off.

One way to avoid attention is to dress like the natives—shorts, tank tops and light T-shirts are all you'll need, even in the evenings.

Merry Christmas From Burkharts



Never a Cover

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| KARAOKE Monday thru Wednesday | Friday - TGIF PARTY with BUFFET and RETRO DISCO with BUGHA KNOWS | Sunday 4-8 THE BEST FREE BUFFET IN TOWN! |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|

ANSLEY SQUARE • ATLANTA • 404 872-4403

PRINCESS PAMELA'S

• A UNIQUE GIFT SHOP •
PRIDE stickers, tags + t-shirts,
Tons of art prints, posters,
cards, postcards, t-shirts,
candles, clocks, neat
toys, frames, things, tchotchkes
used CDs + tapes, tobacco accessories
1141 EUCLID AVE LSP 222-9514

Men's Contemporary Clothing

PORTERS
954 Virginia Ave.
874-7834



Dickens' Victorian morality play still rings true

"A Christmas Carol" still captivates the world 150 years after its debut

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year." — from "A Christmas Carol"

London—As he worked on a new story toward the end of 1843, Charles Dickens said he felt as if Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchit were ever tugging at his coat sleeve, impatient for him to get back to his desk and continue the story of their lives.

Although "A Christmas Carol" didn't immediately sell as well as Dickens had hoped, it came to exert that grip on the whole world.

Now 150 years old, its Victorian mixture of fireside merry-making and spectral gloom and doom followed by triumphant redemption shows no sign of fading.

New editions are in the bookshops and new versions are on theater stages, television and radio.

Once more, the crusty miser Ebenezer Scrooge is reformed and turned into a fairy godfather by Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future who lead him through scenes of happiness, poverty and want.

Dickens had this to say about old Ebenezer:

"Oh, but he was a tightfisted hand at the grindstone. Scrooge! a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner! Hard and sharp as flint, from which no steel had ever struck out generous fire; secret, and self-contained, and solitary as an oyster."

"The current popularity of the story is as astonishing as ever," said Malcolm Andrews, lecturer in English literature at the University of Kent in England and editor of *The Dickensian*, which three times a year brings the latest in studies of the great novelist.

"Nearly 50 separate editions are in print in Britain and there are well over 225 adaptations for stage, screen and radio here and in the United States. It is also on cassette, record and compact disc. It is a ballet, an opera, a musical, several animated cartoons and several movies and its characters are used everywhere in advertising," Andrews said in an interview.

The story survives, he thinks, because of Dickens' "ability to tap a kind of folktale quality."

"Although Dickens set it specifically in the 1840s, his original idea was to give it propaganda power to ease the hardships of the poor, to promote charity and give people a sense of the larger family community. One of the triumphs of the redeemed Scrooge is that he takes a fatherly responsibility for Tiny Tim, the crippled son of his poor clerk, Bob Cratchit," Andrew said.

Dickens got the idea when he visited the northern industrial city of Manchester where he made a speech referring to the necessity of educating very poor children. Cratchit and his family almost duplicate Dickens' own poor childhood, and the Ghost of Christmas Past leads Scrooge through the Medway river landscape of north Kent which Dickens knew from his boyhood in Chatham.

Seven months before he began the story Dickens had thought of Christmas appeals for poor children, hence their prominence in the tale. The Ghost of Christmas Present produces from his robes two object children: a boy called Ignorance, and a girl named Want.

Dickens described them thus:

"Yellow, meager, ragged, scowling, wolfish; but prostrate, too, in their humility. Where graceful youth should have filled their features out, and touched them with its freshest tints, a stale

and shrivelled hand, like that of age, had pinched, and twisted them, and pulled them into shreds."

The story has the feel of snow, cold air, green holly leaves and red berries and blazing hearths. The reader feels the beating of human hearts in good cheer and in dread.

Dickens confessed to being gripped by the story as he wrote it and said he "wept and laughed, and wept again."

He wrote to his American friend, Cornelius Felton, a professor at Harvard University, that it so excited him that he "walked about the black streets of London 15 and 20 miles a night when all sober folks had gone to bed."

To the novelist Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton, Dickens wrote that the subject seized him with strange mastery and that the writing of it so closely preoccupied him that he "never left the house before the owls went out, and led quite a solitary life."

Dickens, then 31, wrote "A Christmas Carol" in about six weeks, from early October to November 1843.

He said he wanted to write a "cheerful, glowing, heart-warming story in which he would appeal to all of people's warmest feelings."

In fact, he needed money. He had a large family whose members constantly pestered him for favors and his latest novel, "Martin Chuzzlewit," was selling much less well than his previous books.

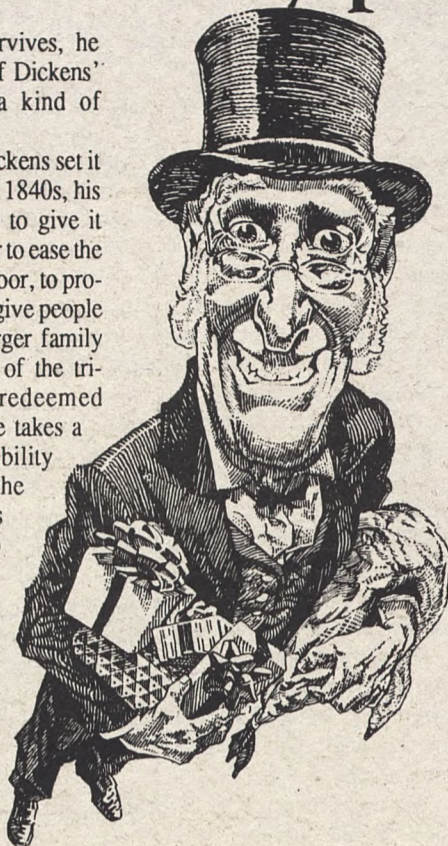
As a result, Dickens was even repaying Chapman and Hall, his publishers, for an advance they had given him, although his works had raised them from nobodies to wealth and fame.

Dickens insisted on a low price of five shillings, just under \$5 in those days, for copies of "A Christmas Carol" as he wanted it widely bought and read. But he also demanded an expensive format, with gilt edges, colored end-papers, a blue and red title page and hand-colored plates by John Leech.

The "Carol" was published on Dec. 17 and by Christmas Eve one week later it had sold 6,000 copies. It went into a seventh edition within four months.

The novelist William Makepeace Thackeray said of it: "It seems to me a national benefit, and to every man or woman who reads it a personal kindness. The last two people I heard speak of it were women; neither knew the other, or the author, and both said by way of criticism, 'God bless him!'...What a feeling is this for a writer to be able to inspire, and what a reward to reap!"

ASSOCIATED PRESS



STEFAN'S INC
VINTAGE CLOTHING
has the
presents of
christmas
past

688-4929
1160 Euclid Ave.
Mon.-Sat. 11-7 Sun. 12-6

JINGLE BELL ROCKS
at
NATURE'S ART
MINERALS - CRYSTALS - FOSSILS
JEWELRY and FUN GIFTS
Visit our holiday shop at
Market Square
404 892 4664
1025 Virginia Avenue @ N. Highland

**Eat, Drink and
be Merry!!**

Happy Holidays
from the Staff of Hairanoia
\$2.00 Off Haircut
(Regular \$18)
with coupon (exp. 12/29/93)
HAIRANOIA
321-5775 2000 CHESHIRE BRIDGE RD.

*Servicio de Noche Buena
en Español y Inglés*

Viernes, 24 Diciembre a las 11:00 p.m.

CHRIST COVENANT

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
778 Rays Road, Suite 101
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30083
(404) 297-0350

*Christmas Eve Service
in Spanish and English*

Friday, December 24th at 11:00 p.m.

MARIA HELENA DOLAN

THIS OLD HOE

EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS

"Certain it is that the winter solstice was celebrated in antiquity as the Birthday of the Sun, and that festal lights or fires were kindled on this joyful occasion. Our Christmas festival is nothing but a continuation of this old solar festivity; for the ecclesiastical authorities saw fit, about the end of the third or beginning of the fourth century, arbitrarily to transfer the nativity of Christ from the sixth of January to the 25th of December, for the purpose of diverting to their Lord the worship which the heathen had hitherto paid on that day to the sun."

—Sir James Frazer, "The Golden Bough"



Symbols hold great resonance, even when their original meanings have been obscured. Perhaps nowhere is this fact clearer than at the Yule, or Wheel, of the year. Despite how far we have in general distanced ourselves from the agrarian roots of our ancestors, a part of ourselves still hears faint snatches of their geocentric harmonies.

Christmas celebrations have existed for about 1,600 years. Solstice celebrations stretch back thousands of years before that. On the shortest day (and longest night) of the year, human aspiration naturally leans towards the return of the light, towards rebirth and renewal.

Long ago, humans believed that we had a very important part to play in ensuring the fulfillment of the sun's/son's return. We conducted rituals and imbued symbols with great power towards that end. Much symbolism presumed a familiarity with and acceptance of ritual sexual practices, because ancients understood the importance of the life force, and believed in the power of the Hieros Gamos, the Sacred Marriage.

For this reason, holly was sacred, as its red berries represented the power of women's blood. "The 'holy' holly was linguistically linked with Hel's yonic 'hole'" (Germanic Hohle, a cave or grave). It was the most sacred of trees. ("The Women's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets," Barbara G. Walker)

The berries are only borne on the female plant. And holly was used in wreaths, for "the circle of the wreath symbolizes the Wheel of the Year, the complete cycle." ("Wheel of the Year," J. Campanelli)

Holly's common use at Christmas is apparently the survival of an ancient Roman custom. While the Romans were holding this feast (Saturnalia), which occurred about the time of the winter solstice, they decked the outsides of their houses with holly; at the same time, the Christians were quietly celebrating the birth of Christ, and to avoid detection, they outwardly followed the custom of their heathen neighbors. ("An Encyclopedia of Occultism," H. Spence)

No less venerated was the tiny but potent mistletoe. Sir James Frazer cites the "Gallas of Africa" and the "Walos of Senegambia" amongst the multitudes who regarded mistletoe as the provender of great luck.

The almost ubiquitous oaks cults in Europe also revered the tiny plant. It is used to bring fertility, for either a child-to-be, or for a personal project of creativity. The berries represent sexual potency, and serve as an aphrodisiac.

An herb of immortality, mistletoe is seen as a symbol of rebirth, its energy containing the secrets of life beyond this, carrying the soul far into the future. It is traditionally hung over a doorway with red thread or cord to bring harmony and protection to the home.

Mistletoe banishes all evil and negative energy, and brings good fortune and joy to the user. ("The Master Book of Herbalism," Paul Beyerl)

Frazer says that mistletoe was known to contain the "seed or germ of the (solstitial) fire, which was elicited from the wood of the oak. (Hence,) the sun's fire was regarded as an emanation of the mistletoe."

Interestingly, sacred oak cults continued throughout the Christian era. As late as 1874, an ancient oak-tree shrine was worshipped by a congregation led by an Orthodox priest. Wax candles were affixed to the tree, and the celebrants prayed "Holy Oak Hallelujah, pray for us." A drunken orgy ensued. Modern customs of kissing under the mistletoe are pale shadows of the sexual orgies that once accompanied the rites of the oak god. (Barbara Walker)

Inevitably, the good church fathers tried for centuries to suppress the carnal solstice rites. The story of St. Winifred, who missioned to 8th century Scandinavians, clearly delineates this.

As he (Winifred) hewed down a great oak tree, a young fir tree miraculously sprung up in its place. Saint Winifred then proclaimed the tree holy, saying it was the symbol of endless life because its leaves are ever green. "Take it up and carry it into the Chieftain's hall. You shall go no more into the shadows of the forest to keep your feast with sacred tires of shame. You shall keep them at home with laughter and songs and rites of love, gathered around the green fir tree to rejoice in the birth night of the Savior." ("The Book of Religious Holidays," Marguerite Ickis)

Consider the evergreen tree for a moment, however. Trees exist in three sacred zones: earth, underworld, heaven. They symbolically embody the power and knowledge of the Great Mother (the earth) and tree worship existed in many cultures. In the midst of spent fields and barren plants, evergreens promised the continuation of life.

No less a personage than Martin Luther brought an evergreen tree into his home in mid-December one year, and decorated it with (astonishingly pagan) candles, to demonstrate to his offspring "how beautiful the stars looked through the high branches of the fir forests as they winked in the sky." (Margaret Ickis)

This quite ancient custom of decorating evergreens was brought to England by the German Prince Albert, husband to Queen Victoria, in 1841. Germanic immigrants to these shores likewise had begun to spread the custom here—and naturally Anglophiles felt that, if the Queen and Prince decorated a tree inside Buckingham Palace, then surely they should do the same within their own homes.

The Christmas tree met with some resistance, however. "A young pastor by the name of Schwan, in Cleveland, Ohio, created a furor in 1851 by bringing a lighted Christmas tree in to his church. The town's decent people would not tolerate such a pagan practice!" (Margaret Ickis) (Schwan pressed his case exhaustively, and the townsfolk finally relented.)

Clearly, the long history of the symbolic employment of these plants signifies that they speak to some of the most basic parts of the human psyche. On some level, we all yearn to unite with the divine, however we conceive of it. The plants remind us that there are forces greater than ourselves, and that we are a part of life's spiral dance, instead of apart from it.

LOCALLY OWNED • NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED
BLOOMING COOKIES
 FLOWERS AND BASKETS

COOKIE FLOUR
 ARRANGEMENTS
 FRESH FLOWERS
 GIFT BASKETS
 CORPORATE GIFTS



CALL FOR OUR "FREE" 16 PAGE CATALOGUE
BLOOMING COOKIES, FLOWERS AND BASKETS
 502 AMSTERDAM AVE. ATLANTA, GA. 30306
 404-876-2200 800-331-9141

WARD'S NURSERY

4961 Peachtree Industrial
 Chamblee, GA 30341
 Phone 458-3224

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FREE, personalized lawn care schedule with the purchase of any lawn products



½ PRICE SALE
 starts Dec. 26th
 Includes All Houseplants

HEARTLAND

Yard Barn Agent

PRE-INVENTORY CLEARANCE!
 STARTS DEC. 26TH

Take 25% OFF every price tag in the store—this includes 25% OFF already marked-down merchandise. Thru Saturday, January 1st. Closed Sunday, January 2nd for inventory.

Mon-Sat 11-7
 Sunday 1-6

874-9276



1062 St. Charles Ave. NE In Virginia-Highland

CHARIS books & more
 419 Moreland Avenue NE
 Atlanta, Ga. 30307 524-0304

Thurs, Dec 23 & 30
 NO PROGRAM

We're expanding our hours on
 Fri. and Sat. till 10 pm

Charis will be moving
 to a larger space
 Sunday, Jan. 23rd
 Call 524-0304 to help

BOOKS

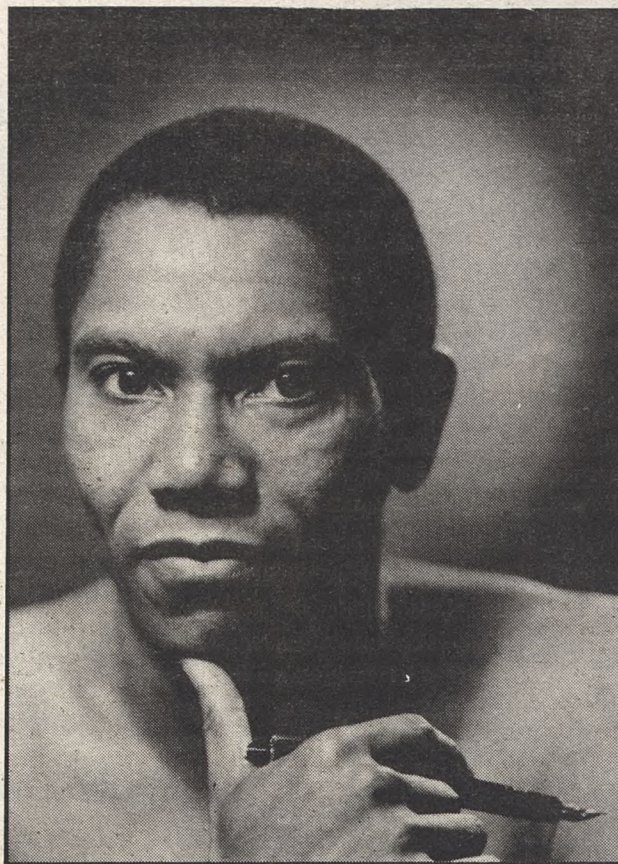
CAPTAIN SWING

Larry Duplechan's "Captain Swing" is indeed a love story, as the cover says, and it is a beautiful one. It is also a story about families rediscovering each other. It is about finding again the capacity to give up one's heart to love, and it is about being gay in a heterosexual family. But it is a love story with a distinct difference. This novel pushes aside more boundaries than the usual gay-man-going-home-to-a-small-town story.

In Duplechan's earlier novel, "Eight Days A Week," struggling young African-American night club singer Johnnie Ray Rousseau met and fell in love with Keith Keller, a blond fantasy *a la* Adonis. In "Captain Swing," Keller has been dead for a year, after sharing a 10 year relationship with Rousseau. Johnnie Ray has not been able to let go of his "widow's" grief, despite therapeutic intervention.

Now Johnnie Ray Rousseau is on his way back to Lake Charles, Louisiana where his father is dying. This is the same father who threw the adolescent Johnnie Ray out of his home for "taking some white man up the butt." This father supposedly asked for a visit from his son in the hospital before his death, and said son is nervously jumping at this last chance for reconciliation. Lured into the visit by a well-meaning aunt ("He's your daddy... I thought you should be here"), Johnnie Ray must again face cruel rejection by his weak and dying, but still mean-spirited, father.

Throughout Johnnie Ray's visits to his father's hospital bed and his re-acquaintance with Aunt Lucille and cousin Athena is the persistent presence of Nigel. The beautiful, chocolate-skinned Nigel with Hershey's-kiss nipples and firm muscles that pull his young smooth skin tight is Johnnie



Author Larry Duplechan continues the saga of Johnny Ray Rousseau in "Captain Swing."

Ray's much younger second cousin and Athena's son.

When Nigel tells his older cousin that he, too, is gay, the younger man begins a dance of seduction that seems sometimes calculated and sometimes innocent. Johnnie Ray is unwilling to cross this sexual boundary, however, and resists the younger man's advances for as long as he is able. But Nigel has more to offer Johnnie Ray than his well-pumped, youthful body, and Johnnie Ray needs the fresh breath of love that he hasn't felt since Keith's death. With this gorgeous and

very sexy love story, Duplechan's novel questions the taboo on intrafamilial sexual relationships. As Nigel says: "Not like one of us was a woman or something and we was gonna make feeble-minded little black babies."

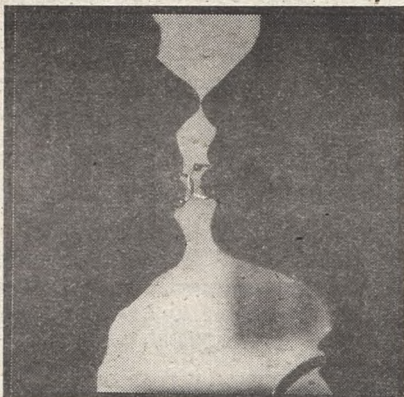
In spite of Johnnie Ray's initial resistance, he and Nigel share a very special (not to mention slick, wet, hot, sexy) intimacy that breaks the older cousin of his grief and reinitiates him to love. The younger, less experienced Nigel acts as stronger, caring confidante and brings his cousin back to reality. Nigel comforts Johnnie Ray when the older man wakes up screaming in the middle of the night over a reoccurring nightmare about his lover's death. He loves Johnnie Ray through the slapping pain of repeated parental rejection. He introduces Johnnie Ray to two senior gay men who live in this back-water Louisiana town, who tell him stories about his family that the family would have never divulged. Nigel also gently prods the older cousin back to the music that left him when Keith died. Nigel's tenderness opens up his cousin's heart and destroys Johnnie Ray's resistance to his seduction.

But, through Nigel's interactions with Athena, the reader, if not Johnnie Ray, begins to realize that Nigel has another agenda in mind as well. Nigel, whether knowingly or not, uses his relationship with Johnnie Ray as a wedge to gain some independence from mom. Unfortunately the wedge also endangers a long and very special relationship between Johnnie Ray and Athena. If Athena were to reject Johnnie Ray because he was gay, or if Nigel's motivation were completely self-indulgent, the sympathetic reader could easily choose sides. But the reader is left with much more challenging considerations about alliance, and the author refuses to offer easy answers.

Duplechan embellishes the elegant sexiness and inherent frustrations of this story with the delightful wit of a clever, articulate queen. His campy sense of humor provides the balance that makes it the kind of book that keeps you up until four in the morning to finish and then lets you fall sleep feeling good about the world.

DEBBIE FRAKER

Gary & Walt's New Location



Tornado **Tattoo**
Precision Body Piercing by Dana

1085 North Ave. Bldg #B
524-6014

**ANSLEY
BEACH**



TANNING SALON

SERVING MIDTOWNS

GAY COMMUNITY
FOR 10 YEARS.

Look Better, Feel Better
One Month \$29

Plus small maintenance fee
(EXP. 1-15-94)

LOCATED IN
ANSLEY MALL **872-7777**



A Personals Newsletter
for Women

Private
Discreet
One to one
New friends
and
Possibly new lovers

For more information write to:

SAPPHO'S SISTERS
P. O. BOX 637
ROSWELL, GA 30077



12.50
each

FAMOUS TUB RETURNS

Our most renowned glass, a shape that started with us years ago, is now available! Perfect for highballs, martinis-on-the-rocks or colas. Deeply cut and polished to sparkle, it stands a comfortable 4 1/4" high, making it ideal for dishwashers and for easy storage.

Set of 4... 50.00 Set of 8... 100.00 Set of 12... 150.00

Visa, Master Card, American Express

Mail orders please add 6% tax & 4.24 UPS per set

Joseph Konrad Antiques

693 Miami Circle, NE
(404) 261-3224

Atlanta, Georgia 30324
Fax (404) 814-1319

NOW MIDTOWN IS WHERE IT'S AT



MAYFAIR ROYAL

181 14th Street • 892-4343

Across from the Sheraton Colony Square

Free Valet Parking • Take-Out & Delivery Available

Hours: Monday - Thursday 11:30 am - 10:00 pm • Friday 11:30 am - 11:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am - 11:00 pm • Sunday 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

ALSO LOCATED AT LENOX SQUARE & PERIMETER

LOCATIONS: California • Arizona • Florida • Georgia • Hawaii • Illinois
Maryland • Massachusetts • Missouri • Nevada • Texas • Virginia



bacchanalia

a new years celebration

friday - december 31st

7:00 & 9:30 seatings

7 courses prix fixe

with complimentary wines

limited seating

3125 piedmont road

atlanta, georgia 30305

(404) 365-0410

Call now for reservations

Restaurant Listings

American Roadhouse From breakfast to blue plates, burgers to fresh vegetables, old fashioned milk shakes to wine. We've got it all! '90s food at '50s prices. 7-11 Sun-Thu, 7-12 Fri & Sat, 11-4 Brunch Sat & Sun.
842 N. Highland Ave • 872-2822

Babette's Country European informal fine dining. Cassoulet to Coqauvin. Entrees \$8-16. Tue-Thur 6-10, Fri-Sat 6-11, Sun 11:30-9.
471 North Highland Ave - 523-9121

Bacchanalia Country European cuisine served in the casually elegant atmosphere of an old house. Extensive wine list and select beers available. Menu changes weekly. 27.50 prix fixe. Tue-Sat 6 until, AE, VISA, MC accepted. No dress restrictions. Reservations accepted. Free pkgng, wheelchair access.
3125 Piedmont Rd • 365-0410

Cafe Diem Local international coffee house serving lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch and a wide variety of desserts, espressos, and cappuccinos.
640 N. Highland • 607-7008

California Pizza Kitchen Offers 26 sensational varieties of wood-fired pizzas including Barbecued Chicken, BLT, Santa Fe and Shrimp Pesto. Also featured are homemade pastas, sandwiches, salads and delicious desserts, all served in a casual con-temporary atmosphere. Take out and delivery. AE, MC, Visa, Disc. Free validated parking in the Mayfair Bldg.
Mayfair Bldg, 181 14th St., NE • 892-4343
Lenox Square Mall • 262-9221

Camille's The closest Atlanta has to Little Italy. Hearty platters of pastas, seafood (fried calamari our specialty), veal and chicken in rich red sauces. Extensive wine list by the glass.
1186 N. Highland Ave • 872-7203

Caramba Café Traditional Mexican cuisine. Mia's famous margaritas a must! Lunch Mon-Fri 11:30-2:30, Dinner Sun-Th 5:30-10:30, Fri & Sat til 11:30.
1409-D N. Highland • 874-1343

Chef's Café A San Francisco style bistro in Atlanta's elite "Top Ten." Serving American cuisine with a California influence. Nightly specials. Wines by the glass.
2115 Piedmont Rd • 872-2284

Chef's Grill Creative American cuisine. Perfect for pre-theatre dining. More intimate dining after 8:00. "Sweetest deal in town"—Christine Lauderbach.
1280 Peachtree St • 881-0652

Chile Tree Atlanta's first and only restaurant featuring the classic cuisine of the Mayans and the Aztecs. Vegetarian specials available. Now serving lunch Tues-Fri 11:30-2. Dinner Sun-Thur 6-10 pm; Fri & Sat 6-10:30 PM. Non-smoking. Resv not accepted.
469 N. Highland • 688-0836

Coco-LoCo Serving the best Cuban/Caribbean food in Atlanta for the past 5 years, in a great tropical atmosphere.
2525 Piedmont Rd B'head Crsg • 364-0212
6301 Roswell Rd Sandy Sprgs Plz • 255-5434

Crab House Full fresh seafood menu featuring world famous garlic & steamed crabs & our fabulous All-U-Can-Eat seafood salad bar. Entrees \$9.95-17.95
Piedmont at North Ave., Rio • 872-0011
Marietta: 2225 Cobb Pkwy • 955-2722

Domibra Vegetarian Palace All dishes contain no meat or dairy products. Soups, appetizers, sandwiches, entrees, daily specials, desserts & more. Open for Lunch & Dinner. Tu-Th 11:30-10pm; Fri, Sat 11:30-11pm; Sun 1:30-10pm.
1129 Euclid Ave • 524-2132

Dr. Rib Great Ribs & Chicken at reasonable prices. Live Blues nightly.
1174 Euclid Ave. L5P • 525-5525

Dusty's Winner of Taste of Atlanta '91, '92. North Carolina-style pork, Brunswick stew, chicken, beef and ribs. Lunch and dinner 7 days. Catering any occasion. Prices \$2.75 & up.

Is this really what you want?



I don't think so.

EATING OUT

Your complete guide to restaurants

MAMBO
RESTAURANTE CUBANO
CREATIVE CUBAN DISHES IN A
HOT, TROPICAL ATMOSPHERE!



1402 North Highland in the Morningside/
Virginia-Highland Area 876-2626
OPEN DAILY AT 5:30 P.M.

Happy
Jaladays!
from
Jalapeno's



Jalapeno's

Mexican Cafe

237-0500

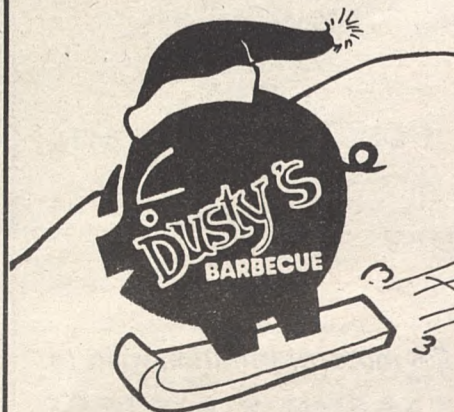
2520 Piedmont Rd.
next to Lindbergh MARTA

The place for Authentic Mexican Food
and the Best Margarita in Buckhead!

Pool Tables

Open every day
11am-11pm

Happy Hogidays!



1815 Briarcliff Road
320-6264

MORE ON PAGE 34

EAT

A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

One of my ideas of pure luxury is a long leisurely lunch with a friend. A meal of several courses, one that includes a glass of wine and is followed by a cup or three of really good coffee. A lunch that lasts at least an hour and a half; two turns of the clock's big hand are even better. The kind of lunch that isn't often available to those of us who toil at 9-5 jobs.

December's holidays are a perfect time for this idealized lunch of mine. Spirits are often high, but even if they're not, feelings are close to the surface. Isn't a soulful lunch as rewarding as an ebullient one? The week between Christmas and New Year's is an especially appealing time for these interludes. But since I have a schedule from hell that week this year, I took some time off last week for this year's take on my annual pilgrimage towards a relaxed lunch.

My foray was to **Bistango** (1100 Peachtree St., 875-7074). This is the space last habited by the meteoric Bice, which flew high when it opened, even higher when bad boy Paul Luna became the chef, and then crashed when Luna left in a huff. The dramatic space was originally done by Gotham design whiz Adam Tihany. I never visited that space, so I'm not sure what local designer William Johnson has done to change it, but the expansive room topped by a dramatic clerestory rotunda is definitely eye-popping. Entry, through the very woody bar and down a columned hall to the dining room is, well, dramatic. But despite the grand scale of all this and the main room's fairly cavernous feel, a reassuring palette of muted gold, green, red, purple and grey ties things together well and give the place a comfortable feel. (Well at least initially—more about those grey walls later.)

Bistango is the brainchild of Tom Coohill, who had a mixed record at City Grill but has gone on to popular and (generally) critical acclaim at the trendy Ciboulette. Early press described the fare here as "Mediterranean," but don't mistake that for lots of tomatoes, garlic and calamari. Lasagna is available, but it's made with roasted veggies. And there's an appetizer of cold smoked salmon (and an entree of the same fish, *hot* and smoked). Crabcakes come with serrano peppers (hardly a Mediterranean duo), but then a side of fennel salad gets us back to the right continent.

Even the fact that something sounds traditional doesn't mean that it will be. Lobster and shrimp minestrone turns out to be a based on a dark transparent broth devoid of vegetables, notably tomatoes. The shrimp and lobster are plentiful, tender and flavorful, but the soup is way salty and completely overwhelmed by the flavor of thyme. No fun, especially at \$5.95 a pop.

There's nothing very traditionally Italian (or Spanish or French) about a bowl of potato soup enriched with goat cheese and lots of fresh basil, either. The strong flavors of the cheese and basil work much better here than the thyme does in the aforementioned minestrone, but this still doesn't strike me as a very amusing way to spend nearly \$6.

Especially not when you can part with an additional \$3 and have either one of the excellent entrees that we tried.

MORE ON PAGE 34

Be a part of la familia at:

Caramba Cafe

Authentic Mexican Cuisine!

Nestled in Virginia-Highland, Caramba Cafe has the tastes, sights, and sounds of traditional Mexican cuisine. Enjoy Mia's freshly squeezed lime Margaritas.

- All food prepared fresh daily
- We use only 100% vegetable oil
- healthy / low-fat
- fresh guacamole
- homemade flan
- cappuccino & espresso

A perfect stop for lunch!

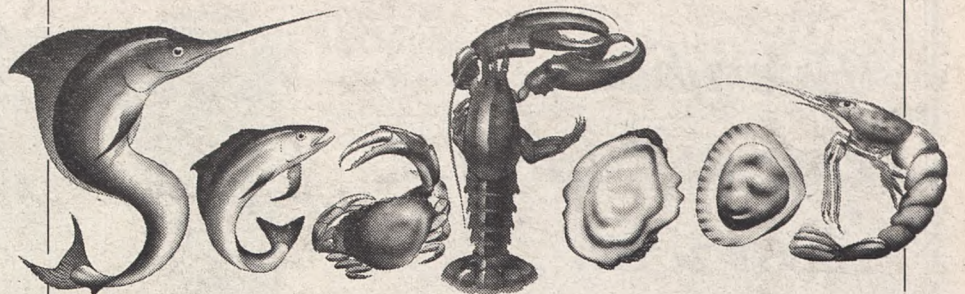
Every Mon-Fri
11:30-2:30

Dinner

5:30-10:30
Sunday-Thursday
Fri.-Sat. til 11:30 pm

1409-D N. Highland Ave., N.E.

874-1343

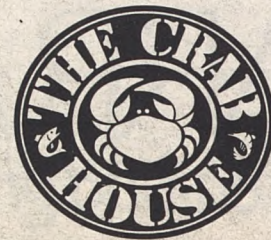


Every Letter Spells Quality.

Mouthwatering ocean fresh fish. World-famous garlic and steamed crabs. Live Maine lobster. And a one-of-a-kind seafood salad bar overflowing with freshly shucked oysters and clams, cold steamed shrimp and crab and a wide variety of tempting salad dishes.

It all spells out one thing.

Come to The Crab House today.



Piedmont at North Ave., Second level Rio, Midtown 872-0011
2175 Cobb Parkway, Marietta 955-2722

OPEN NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY
JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION IN GOOD TASTE



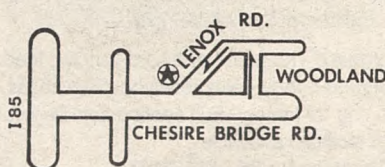
HOT PEPPER

A Different
Thai
Experience

Weekly Chef Specials

Hot & Spicy Thai Cuisine
by Chef Robert Khankiew

Dine In or Take Out



Open Tues-Sun, Closed Mon
320-1532



NOW OPEN

• Espresso • Cappuccinos • Lattes • Whole Beans •

• Gifts • Baskets • Desserts •

GALLETTO



Espresso-oh!

A European Coffee Café

Monroe Drive at 10th Street • Next to Blockbuster • 724-0204

Everybody
eats at Marra's,
most with
their
clothes on.



MARRA'S
seafood grill

This Holiday Season We Would Like To Thank
The SoVo Readers For Your Support.
We Hope You Know You Always Have Ours.

1782 Cheshire Bridge Road, Atlanta

874-7347

OPEN 7 DAYS

Restaurant Listings

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 32

1815 Briarcliff Rd • 320-6264

The Flying Biscuit Cafe Eclectic, healthy, hearty cuisine. From virtuously vegan to downright decadent. Breakfast all day. Lunch and dinner specials. Cappuccinos, espressos, and organic coffees. Closed Mondays. Cash only (for now). Right in the heart of Candler Park. Take-out welcomed.

1655 McLendon Ave. • 687-8888

Gallus Atlanta's first Gay restaurant serving the community since 1974. 2 floors, casual & fine dining. Daily specials, Full service menu and bar. Dinner 7 days a week 6pm-12am, Sun. Brunch 12-4pm. Resv acc. Visa, MC, Amex \$7.95-12.95
49 Sixth Street • 892-8983

Hot Pepper Thai Cuisine Outstanding and authentic flavors, friendly service, casual atmosphere, moderate prices, Hot Pepper Thai has it all waiting for you. Closed Mondays.
2257 Lenox Rd. • 320-1532

Jalepenos Authentic Mexican food with a wide variety of dinner entrees. Great Margaritas. Daily lunch specials. Serving 7 days a week, 11am-11pm.
2520 Piedmont Rd • 237-0500

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

Mambo Voted "Best Cuban Restaurant" by Atlanta Magazine for '92, '93. Specializing in seafood with a Cuban accent.
1402 N. Highland • 876-2626

Marra's Seafood Grill Serving Atlanta's finest seafood for 11 years. This "Best of Atlanta" restaurant offers only the freshest fish and shellfish—grilled to perfection or prepared with eclectic creativity. Lunch M-F 11:30-2:00, Dinner 7 dys a wk. Lunch \$3.-10, Dinner \$8-14
1782 Cheshire Bridge Rd
• 874-7363

Mick's Mick's restaurants have been serving our community for 20 years. Check the hours and menu of the Mick's nearest you. Lunch & Dinner, and don't forget those decadent desserts.

Mid City Fish This casual neighborhood meeting place feature peel-your-own-shrimp, priced right crab cakes and a "we shuck 'em - you suck 'em" oyster bar. Happy hour daily 5-7 p.m. Dinner daily 5-11 p.m.
961 Amsterdam Ave • 872-0114

Milano's Pizza & Subs Complete menu, salads to desserts. Common Market Place.
736 Ponce de Leon
• 874 CALL (2255)

Peasant Restaurant & Bar Casually elegant dining in the heart of Buckhead. The Peasant Restaurant & Bar is the perfect place for a relaxed Sunday Brunch. And now with beautiful weather upon us, lunch or dinner outside on the patio is yet another great reason to visit The Peasant Restaurant & Bar for any occasion.
3402 Piedmont Rd. NE • 231-8740

Petite Auberge Featuring 18 years of family directed qualified service in an elegant atmosphere. Continental French restaurant with a wide range of Food Festivals. German specials on Fri & Sat.
2935 North Druid Hills Rd.
• 634-6268

RJ's Uptown Kitchen and Wine Bar Enjoy Chef Scott's creative menu while dining on the patio or in the cozy dining room. Largest selection of wines by the glass in Atlanta. Great vegetarian selection. Dinner 7 nights. Brunch Sunday.
870 N. Highland Ave • 875-7775

San Gennaro The home of award winning fried calamari and hearty Italian cooking. Two patios allow dining "al fresco." Full service bar. Seperate banquet facilities available.
2196 Cheshire Br Rd • 636-9447

Vivoli Casual Italian Restaurant featuring Northern Italian cuisine with nice casual atmosphere. Full service bar. Entrees \$5.95-9.95. Lunches \$3.50-5.50. All major credit cards.
2770 Lenox Rd. • 261-6280

EAT

A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 33

Wide flat papardelle noodles (in spinach and plain flavors) slathered with piles of beautiful sweet red tomatoes, mounds of exquisitely bitter broccoli rabbe, and not a minor amount of garlic, all in a spicy oil sauce, could hardly be better. The intensely colored dish is a treat to the eye and the heady, strong flavors challenge the tongue. (I should mention that the plates here are might easy on the eye too, some bordered with wide bands of strong solid color, others edged in smaller scallops of the same inviting tones.) For a variation on the theme, try piling some of the sauce on a chunk of the chewy, crusty white bread. Great stuff either way, and the serving is huge.

Equally yummy, though a little more outre, is a half of a roasted free range chicken served on a bed of room temperature veggie salad—yellow squash, potatoes, onions, red and white beans, artichoke bottoms and other goodies. The beautifully browned chicken is packed with flavor, and the fresh tasting salad, dressed with what I assume is a citrus oil, puts the tastebuds in hyper drive. Once again, bits of the chicken and veggies piled on a piece of that rich bread come pretty close to heaven. And again, the serving size is more than generous.

Which is nice because you can happily eat only half (take the rest home in an eco-friendly cardboard box) and have room for dessert. In this case an espresso and vanilla ice cream confection crusted with dark chocolate and presented as a pair of artfully interlaced triangles. A schnibble or two of chewy brownie stuck in the middle of all this adds even more interest, visually and to the tongue. An accompanying cup of decaf is rich, strong and especially clean tasting.

Service is friendly, fast and mighty efficient considering the restaurant's tender age. So, aside from the disastrous minestrone, what's not to like here?

First, I'm struck by the disparity in price/value between a mediocre bowl of \$6 soup and a fabulous serving of \$9 pasta or chicken—not to mention \$6 for a (better than decent) desert. Maybe the answer is to eschew the smaller courses and indulge in the more substantial ones, which are hardly cheap, but are a very good value given the luxe nature of the surroundings.

Then there's the matter of how the space feels. The look is big city, urban and chic. And fabulous as that all is, the cavernous proportions do not for an intimate dining experience make—especially on a cold, grey and rainy day when those somber grey walls add to the sense of gloom. Add to that the fact the temperature isn't exactly toasty and, despite the food, this, I fear, is not the ideal environment for my fantasy holiday lunch.

Bistango is a good place to discuss business, impress your clients, colleagues or relatives, see and be seen or feel like you're on the cutting edge of culinary consciousness in Atlanta, while having a really good meal in the process. Not at all a small set of accomplishments.

the
FLYING BISCUIT
cafe

BREAKFAST ALL DAY!
HEARTY, HEALTHY LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS!

TUES - SUN 9AM-9PM
687-8888 1655 MCLENDON AVE.
IN THE HEART OF CANDLER PARK

#9 Combo Plate?
Couldn't find
any in
Cuernavaca,
Mexico.

Authentic Mexican for
Advanced Students

Try the real thing at
The Chile Tree

469 N. Highland 688-0836
Tu-Th 6-10, Fri & Sat 6-10:30
Sun 5:30-9:30, Closed Monday

Have
a Cool
Cuba
Yule

Coco/Loco
Cuban & Caribbean Cafe

2625 Piedmont Rd.
Buckhead Crossing
Near Cub Foods 364-0212

6301 Roswell Rd.
Sandy Spngs. Plaza 255-5434

Swords into Condoms: We don't hear much any more about the so-called peace dividend that was all the rage a few years ago when it appeared that Communism's demise would vanish our need for the Pentagon and all its nasty little endeavors. What we do hear is that defense contractor Wainwright Industries in St. Peters, Mo. (they supply parts to giant McDonnell Douglas) has retooled (so to speak) part of its production line to make what looks like a digital pager but is actually a condom carrying case. The spiffy little Protecto Pager sells for a mere \$9.95 and allows those who are embarrassed by the sight of a foil package in their pocket or purse to still carry protection at all times. Personally, Dish would be more embarrassed to be seen wearing a pager than carrying a condom, but we're pretty weird.

Fear Into Fun?: Dish had heard about the presence of a Straight Pride group at Emory, which bunch of folks we assumed to be as dour and mirthless as most of their type are. But then a friend brought us the photo of a sign for a meeting of the group early last November. These guys (we assume they are men, with a name like H.U.N.G.) may not be very pro-gay, but at least they have enough perspective on their own hang-ups to make a (little) joke about them. Dish would like to propose a support group for H.U.N.G. members who are able to transcend their fear of fags: UNHUNG-UP.

Stranger than Fiction: Dish thinks that we've not even begun to hear all the weirdness, claims and counterclaims that we're likely to hear in the Michael Jackson case. Folks seem to be lining up on both sides of the fence. One of the strangest demos of support that we've seen is an ad taken out by Maximilian Schell in "The Hollywood Reporter." The full page public letter to Jackson (in Schell's own handwriting) claims that he is "deeply ashamed" of the media's treatment of Jackson and that when he once met Michael he "...looked into

Dish

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

Come Join Emory's New
HETEROSEXUAL
Support Group!

HETEROSEXUALS
UNITED for a
NEW
GENERATION
H.U.N.G.

Will Have Its First Meeting
Thursday, November 11, 7:30
Winship Ballroom

Come Hear Heterosexual Activist
and Best Selling Author
LaTonya Besant Webb
Ph.D. Texas State University
in Moral & Reproductive Sexuality

*If you cannot attend the meeting, walk STRAIGHT to class
on Thursday to support Heterosexuality at Emory!*

These boys at Emory are straight and narrow but not, Dish thinks, completely without a sense of humor.

your eyes—THEY WERE KIND." Whoa, Max. Take it easy fella, grab a Pepsi and chill out.

A Wing and a Prayer: There seems to be more than a little posing and posturing about the U.S. military establishment and extremist politics. First there comes word (in the form of a letter from P-FLAG national president to Bill Clinton) that the Air Force Band Wings of Blue and the Air Force Chorale performed recently at the dedication of the new Colorado Springs headquarters of the rabidly right wing Focus on the Family. Dish is not amused by the fact that our tax dollars contributed to this extravaganza of self-righteous rectitude, but we do think that it would be all right if the same band and chorus would perform, say, at the Stonewall 25 celebration in New York City next June. After all, isn't freedom about equal opportunity?

Rush to Judgement: Then there's the minor stink a few weeks ago about the fact that Armed Forces Radio hasn't been carrying Rush (The Rabid) Limbaugh's daily hatefest disguised as a talk show. Seems that our old friend Rep. Robert Dornan and the charming Sen. John Warner (didn't Liz teach him anything?) have bullied the network into carrying the show even though just .02 percent of those military personnel surveyed wanted to waste their time on this drivel. We hope that Rep. Barney Frank and Sen. Diane Feinstein will now raise hell about the fact that Armed Forces Radio and TV don't carry any lesbian/gay shows. Again, we think that equal opportunity is the operative angle here.

From the Sublime to the Camp: On a slightly more touching note, there's this quote from Boy George on the occasion of the release of his recent greatest hits CD: "I'd like to thank Mum, Dad and the rest of my family for making me the twisted, confused queen that I am."

DECEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 29, 1993

We are now officially into the winter season. Christmas is on Saturday and the full moon follows on the 28th. The sun is in the cardinal earth sign of Capricorn, signifying a time of internal growth and development along with planning and visioning for the near future. A good time to reflect and write down ideas.

ARIES, your job/career may need more of your focus and attention, even during the holidays. Just go with the flow and be as patient as you can be with misunderstandings or difficulties that have fallen into your lap. **TAURUS**, Jupiter is expanding your possibilities with partnerships, close personal relationships and important new friendships. Take your time, get to know people before you jump in with both feet, even if your loneliness is driving you. **GEMINI**, 'tis the season to be jolly. So, you might want to spread your cheer and good humor by participating in some kind of community effort to assist those less fortunate. If some of your friends are in the dumps, then organize a drop-in party for all.

CANCER, the full moon on the 28th is in your birth sign, enhancing your excellent intuitive sense, especially about people and possibly amplifying your dreams. Be sure to get

STARSIGNS

enough rest, regular exercise and good food over the holidays. Have fun. **LEO**, if you are bored with your job or you are now considering a career change, then begin preparations now, but it may be best to wait until spring to take action unless you get a spectacular offer or opportunity. In the meantime, relax. **VIRGO**, this is the perfect time to heal old wounds, especially ones from holidays past. You also have the ability to mend rifts that exist in current relationships and to experience major insights and growth in your own spiritual journey. **LIBRA**, if you find yourself running from one task or appointment to the other and falling into bed at night without any time for yourself, then you definitely need to reschedule a few things so you will have quality personal time this week. **SCORPIO**, how's life in the Big City? If you are feeling the least bit of emotional overwhelm, part of it could be from your sensitivity to the collective thoughts and feelings of all those folks living close together. You may need a short trip. **SAGITTARIUS**,

hopefully you had a wonderful birthday month with lots of fun activities and good times with friends. Well, don't stop now. As you know, this beautiful planet is running a little short on fun, good times and joy. Keep up the good work.

CAPRICORN, happy birthday to you. With the sun and five other planets all moving through your birth sign, you can be very focused, very energetic and accomplish a great deal. However, be sure you have time for friends and activities you really enjoy. **AQUARIUS**, your intuition and dreamtime may be superactive right now, making it difficult to deal with mundane matters and to keep up with things that seem trivial. This won't last too long, but do take advantage of any information coming through. **PISCES**, this is an excellent time for you to play, plan parties, go to movies and just generally have a wonderful time. Compassion and empathy for others are very good qualities, but they do need to be balanced with good times and fun activities.

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

Dykes to Watch Out For

IT TAKES TWO
© 1993 BY ALISON BECHDEL

THIS SUCKS. I WONDER WHAT PEOPLE IN RELATIONSHIPS ARE DOING TONIGHT?

GOOD QUESTION! LET'S GO SEE!

THEY'RE SHARING THE DAY'S EXPERIENCES...

WHEN I SAID IT'S HEALTHY FOR US TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR ATTRACTIONS TO OTHER WOMEN, I MEANT TO EACH OTHER! AT LEAST YOU COULDN'T TOLD ME FIRST!

MAXINE, WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL? SO NO KNOWS I THINK SHE'S CUTE, SO WHAT? IT'S JUST A FUN LITTLE THING TO MAKE MY JOB LESS BORING!

...RELAXING OVER DINNER...

THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT IS CREAMING US WITH ANTI-GAY INITIATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY! WE HAVE TO BUILD COALITIONS WITH OTHER PROGRESSIVES! THESE WHITE, FUNDAMENTALIST FASCISTS ARE WINNING VOTES FROM PEOPLE OF COLOR BY CONVINCING THEM GAYS & LESBIANS WANT "SPECIAL RIGHTS." WE HAVE SO MUCH WORK TO DO!

ELLE!, YOU'VE BEEN GOING ON LIKE THIS FOR DAYS! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE. WILL YOU JUST SHUT UP AND EAT YOUR POT PIE?

...GROWING...

OKAY, I'D LIKE TO BEGIN WITH SOME BASIC QUESTIONS. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TOGETHER?

THREE MONTHS.

AND CHANGING...

BUT YOSHI, IT'S JUST SEX. AND WE'RE ALWAYS SAFE, RIGHT?

I'M SORRY, LOTS. BUT PAULA DOESN'T LIKE IT, AND BESIDES, I WANT TO TRY THIS MONOGAMY THING.

FINE. MAYBE I'LL FINALLY LEARN TO QUIT MESSING AROUND WITH GIRLS WHO HAVEN'T FINISHED EXPERIMENTING YET.

...PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE...

MALIKA, I CAN'T! I'VE GOTTA WORK ON MY DISSERTATION OVER CHRISTMAS. WHY DON'T YOU COME HERE?... WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIT AROUND ALL DAY. BRING ONE OF YOUR "PROJECTS." ... I AM NOT PATRONIZING YOU! JEEZIZ, YOU'RE SO SENSITIVE!

EXPLORING INTIMACY...

GOD, MAOMI! THERE'S FLUORESCENT ORANGE MOLD GROWING ON THE WALLS IN HERE! I'D SAY IT'S TIME TO CLEAN YOUR REFRIGERATOR.

SO WHO'S STOPPING YOU?

ANYTHING THAT MOVES!

AND BONDING AROUND LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES...

TONI, I CAN'T STAND THIS SCREAMING ANY MORE. I'M GONNA GO PICK HIM UP.

WAAAH!

WHAT?

WAAHAAAAAAA

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU CAN'T WEAR EARPLUGS! HOW CAN YOU HEAR HIM IF SOMETHING'S REALLY WRONG?

I CAN STILL HEAR HIM, CLARICE. THEY JUST TAKE THE EDGE OFF. AND SPARE ME THE LECTURE! I WOULDN'T NEED EARPLUGS IF I WAS GETTING TEN HOURS OF PEACE AND QUIET EVERY DAY AT MY OFFICE!

HMMM.

SLURP.

PRRR RRR RRR RRR

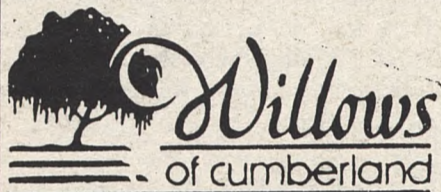
PRRR RRR RRR RRR

WILLOWS OF CUMBERLAND

A Place In Cobb Where Everyone Is Welcome

At Willows of Cumberland, we're making some changes with your security and convenience in mind... We're adding several amenities to what the Willows has always offered — great value in a great location. Our spacious apartment homes in a lush, natural setting are just minutes from I-285, I-75, shopping and entertainment. Come experience a new quality of life and join us for more exciting changes.

**– Newly Renovated –
One, Two, and Three Bedroom
Apartment Homes**



1948 Cobb Parkway
Smyrna, Georgia 30080
(Next to Circuit City)

952-9831

Professionally Managed by Cumberland Apartment Corp.

- Added Amenities:*
- Monitored Security Systems
 - Patrolled by Americorp Security
 - New Clubhouse Facilities
 - Fitness Center
 - Washer/Dryer Connections
 - Upgraded Playgrounds

- Plus:*
- Controlled Access Gate
 - Swimming Pools
 - Tennis Court
 - Laundry Facilities
 - Private Balconies
 - 24-Hour, On-Call Maintenance

*We do not discriminate on
the basis of race, sex, age,
national origin, religion
or sexual orientation.*

ORGANIZATIONS

AIDS Organizations

- AID Atlanta—872-0600
- AIDS Education/Services for Minorities—POB 87277, Atlanta, 30337, 762-6002
- 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
- Sister Love—753-7733

Arts/Entertainment/Culture

- Atlanta Diversity Chorale—607-1146
- Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus—438-5823
- Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—POB 7711, 4 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
- Gay Musician's Meeting Post—SAFE to GMPM, PO Box 250336, Atlanta 30318
- 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
- The Eagle—308 Ponce De Leon. 87EAGLE
- 551 Downstairs—551 Ponce De Leon. 873-4052
- Gallus Bar & Restaurant—49 6th St. 892-8983
- Goodies—64 Third St. 873-3355
- 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
- Out Front—PO Box 12369, Atlanta 30355
- 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—OLOC, 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/LPEN)—POB 580397, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0397
- GA Assoc. of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR)—231-2251
- HomeGirls—622-0105
- LEAGUE, Inc. (Employees of AT&T)—404/872-2359
- Nat'l Gay Pilots Assoc.—PO Box 27542, Washington, D.C. 20038-7542, (703) 660-3852
- Nat'l Lesbian and Gay Journalists Assoc.—634-7429
- Nat'l Federation of Career Women—(404) 659-0315
- OUTstaff (Emory)—727-2787 (Donna)
- Young Women's Brunch Network—Carolyn, 294-4233.

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
- New Age Gays—434-7338
- 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-GAME
- Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
- Greater Atlanta Naturalist Group—851-2882 (voice mail)
- Holanta Soccer—876-7372
- Holanta Softball League—POB 14582, Atl. 30324, 873-4061
- Holanta Volleyball—621-5062
- Lambda Car Club—POB 11705, Atlanta 30355
- Luring Lesbians (fishing club)—932-5236
- Mountain Catalyist—POB 199, Demorest, GA 30535
- S.E. Gay Rodeo Assn—POB 7881, Atl., 30357, 760-8126
- Wilderness Network of GA—SAFE, 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 Ctr—POB 15180, Atl 30333, 662-9010
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atl 30307, 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
- Gainsville/NE Georgia Gay Men's Support Grp—Gary 404-535-5445
- 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, Lwmc'ville 30246, 871-GAYS
- Hospitality Atlanta—627-0520
- Interact of Atlanta—984-9875
- KO-Existence—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—908-6119
- 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 Svs Activity—Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
- Women In Kaboots—(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
- S.E. Alternative Lifestyles Association—248-9307
- Univ. of Ala. Lesbian/Gay Alumni Assoc.—284-3479

china cabinet. ltd.

Discount Home Accessories, Gifts

*Santa stopped by and was delighted
with our selections—you will be too!
Framed art, crystal, silver,
brass, porcelain and more.
All at fabulous prices!
Come browse, you'll be glad you did!!*

Mon-Sat 10-6
Sun 12:30-5

Northeast Plaza
3363 Buford Hwy. • 634-8091



YOUR ULTIMATE RESOURCE FOR PAPER, PARTIES, WEDDINGS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS

RING IN THE SEASON!

10% OFF
EVERYTHING
IN THE STORE!
Not valid with other offers
Expires 12/31/93

24 HOUR SERVICE ON
personalized gifts
custom baskets
imprinted cards
stationery!

NEW YEAR'S SUPPLIES
hats, noisemakers
balloons and helium
horns, bulk favor kits
catering supplies, everything!

VOTED ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP 100 PARTY STORES!

NORTHEAST PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER 3363 BUFORD HIGHWAY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30329 (404)728-0100 FAX (404)728-0333

OUTLINE

KATIE MAJORS

Age: 16

How long in Atlanta:
Off and on all my life

Last Book Read:
"Catcher in the Rye"
by J.D. Salinger

Favorite Pastime: Sports

Pet Peeve: Uncut salads



Katie Majors is growing up gay. And for her, it's not been difficult so far at all. Of course, having cool parents may help—she lives in a Candler Park home that is part museum and part junk shop with her father, local artist Lou Majors and stepmother, junkman's daughter and tchotchka queen Pam Majors—and her mother, Karen Smith, is a lesbian.

"I figured it out [about my mother] when I was about 12," Majors says. "I thought her lover was my aunt for the longest time. I didn't see them that often, and they were never sexual or anything around me."

Majors' sister set the record straight, so to speak, and two years later, Majors' herself came out.

"My mom was the first person I told," she says. "It was easiest for me to talk to her."

She had already discussed homosexuality with her mother, but the new development changed their relationship.

"We talked a lot more once I came out," Majors says, "because there was some kind of connection."

Majors is growing up gay, all right—in a way most of the lesbian/gay community has always dreamed of.

"For the most part, my family is like, 'do what you want to do, we'll love you no matter what,'" she continues. "And my friends—I didn't lose any friends because of it. I got further away from some friends, but nothing that really negatively impacted me."

Fitting in with fellow teens is a little difficult, she explains, because her interests are different from those of her peers, and many of her friends are older.

"I can notice a difference between me and my schoolmates," she says, "because I hang out with so many different people. Sometimes if I try to go out with my friends from school, it's a lot harder for me because they do a lot of things that I'm just not into. Like I'm not going to go out with a group of girls to cruise for guys."

But she never feels pressured to fit in. "It's really weird," she explains, "because they're all like, 'it's OK because she's Katie.' I'm kind of my own little group—here's teens, here's adults,

and here's Katie. But it is hard to go from the weekends when I'm hanging out with older people back to school days."

Majors attends Horizon School, where she plays soccer and basketball. Sports play a big part in her life these days—she'd like to play on the college level when she graduates high school.

"I'm not really into watching sports, I just like to play," she explains. "I've just been playing team sports lately, but before when I'd be with my friends we would play—basketball, soccer, baseball."

Soccer tops the list—and she will watch that game.

"Over at Candler Park a bunch of Hispanic teams play on Sunday, and I like to watch them."

Horizon is an alternative school, and as such seems an ideal choice for a teenager like Majors. Just last week, the school's students put on a play, "More Than Just a Word," about social justice. It's a presentation the school has done for the past three years, with most of its script written by the students. Majors was one of the student actors.

"It's about what we think is wrong with society and what needs to change," she says.

Majors has a strong focus on social justice issues, which she says has increased since she came out.

"It's just been a part of my life for the past two years," she explains. "And I've been involved with some marches—I went to the March On Washington."

Majors was 15 when she travelled to Washington, and she says it was quite an experience.

"It was so neat," she says. "To see us everywhere, to feel safe at night. And when you got on the Metro, they'd be full of us, and you'd see heterosexual couples [cringing]."

Quite a life, this growing up gay. And Majors keeps a positive outlook on the future—she believes there's nothing she can't do.

"It's not like I haven't ever had a problem," she says with a smile, "but I just want to be happy and stuff. And I created it all for myself."

Make this a
First Holiday Season!



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

December 24, 11:00 pm

A scriptural account of the birth narrative combined with congregational caroling, the First MCC choir, and short meditational message...ending in candlelight

New Year's Eve
Watchnight Service

December 31, 9:00 pm

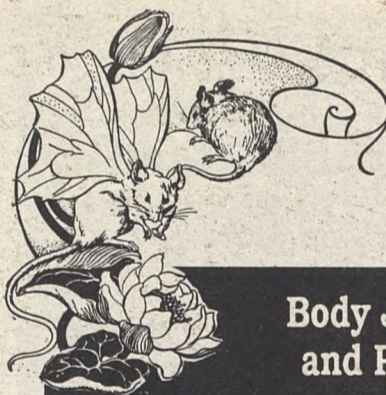
Hose Hall (Rear Entrance)

An evening of food, fun, and fellowship—including making New Year's resolutions—finishing at midnight with a communion service.



First
Metropolitan Community Church
of Atlanta

1379 Tullie Rd. (N. Druid Hills at I-85) • 325-4143



Body
Images
TATTOO

Body Jewelry
and Piercing

KEVIN'S BACK!
Appointments Available

Call for more information

We invite you to see the latest in
PROFESSIONAL TATTOOING

From traditional and fine line, to
bold graphic designs.

- 4 Artists
- Custom Designs
- Cosmetic Enhancements
- All Work Guaranteed
- Free Consultations

Mon-Thur 11 am-9 pm
Fri & Sat 11 am-10 pm, Sunday 2 pm-8 pm
Walk-ins Welcome • 1952 Howell Mill Rd. Suite 4

355-4303

Wrap it up.

A gift subscription keeps those you love informed weekly about the issues and interests that touch their lives, and yours. Mail your check and gift request today. We'll enclose a gift card with the first issue, letting them know who cared.



To:

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

From:

Please Print

- \$40.00/6 mo. 1st Class (3-5 days delivery)
- \$28.00/6 mo. Bulk (5-9 days delivery)
- PWA-Free (confidentiality assured)

Mail to: Southern Voice
P.O. Box 18215
Atlanta, GA 30316

DYER & DYER VOLVO

NEW 1994 VOLVO
940 SEDANS

\$22,892 plus
tax, tag
title

ask for BILL VARELLAS
452-0077

ACCOUNTING

Loose Slips Sink Ships.

Experienced professional accountant brings order to chaos. Small business specialist, my computer or yours.

BRODIE
TAX & ACCOUNTING
404-414-1188

LOOK

to the Southern Voice Directory for services and professionals 876-1831

ATTORNEY

WARREN L. CASADAY
ATTORNEY AT LAW

SIMPLE WILL \$100

My legal fees are reasonable. Call for a free consultation.

875-6960

ATTORNEY

Schildmeyer, Mackinson & Katz
Attorneys at Law

Serving the Lesbian and Gay Community for 12 years.

- Wills & Estates
 - Divorce & Family Law
 - Mediation
 - D.U.I.
 - Criminal Defense
 - Bankruptcy
- Voice/TDD
371-1255

CONTRACTOR

Since 1982
Corasaniti Construction Co.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS REMODELING

- Kitchens
- Baths
- Decks
- General Repairs

For Free Estimates Call Gene



634-5460

CONTRACTOR

RON EBY
General Contractor

Window Ropes to Additions
Small Jobs • Repairs
Electric • Plumbing
Windows/Doors

297-0078

CONTRACTOR

Best Roof Expert

From New Roofs to Old Roofs
100% Guarantee

TRADE MASTER CONSTRUCTION
478-5561

ACCOUNTING

Does your accountant offer suggestions and advice?

Financial Dynamic\$

Accounting & Business Advisory Services

Hazel Edlinger

636-8800

AUTOMOTIVE

MY FAVORITE MECHANIC, INC. IS "FAMILY"



Quality is our specialty!

FULL Service & Repair

ALL Models . . . Foreign & Domestic



(404) 371-9912
1618 DeKalb Ave. (Little 5 Points)

CONTRACTOR

Home Additions & Remodeling



Emmett Construction

371-0398

gene cloud

Free Estimates

Licensed/Insured

ASTROLOGER

AQVARIVS MOON

ASTROLOGICAL COUNSELING

- Relationships
- Business Cycles
- Sexual Issues
- Recovery Issues

TONY HAMMOCK
ASTROLOGER

(404) 798-6845
Licensed & Certified



CONTRACTOR

C.J. Clark

Dependable Remodeling

Specializing in Quality Work

622-4922

10%

of Southern Voice readers go movies 4 times a month.

ATTORNEY

HERMAN R. TUNSIL
Attorney at Law

Serving Our Community

Workman's Compensation • Durable Power of Attorney
Personal Injury • Debt Relief • Mediation • Wills

872-2277

ATTORNEY

Campbell & Hoin, P.C.

JOANNA M. CAMPBELL

PATRICIA A. HOIN

Attorneys At Law

Child Custody
Wills

DUI
Personal Injury

Family Law
Debt Relief

A quality service at a reasonable price.

252-8700

CLEANING

ANN DUCKWORTH
• cleaning services •

Since 1986



- residential
- commercial
- Hardwood
- Floor Waxing

references on request

298-1409

Find it in THE

**DIR
ECT
ORY**

DENTIST

KEEP YOUR BITE BRIGHT!



Nancy M. Stewart
D.D.S., P.C.

General and Cosmetic Dentistry

558 Medlock Road, Suite 7
Decatur, Georgia
(Near Scott/N. Decatur Rds)

Serving Emory-Decatur Areas
(404) 377-2662

ELECTROLYSIS

BUCKHEAD ELECTROLYSIS CLINIC

PERMANENT HAIR REMOVAL
404 • 233 • 9510
375 PHARR RD., NE • SUITE 303

Say you saw it in

SOUTHERN VOICE



Wear your So Vo shirt with pride.

Order yours today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Phone: _____

Check size: SM MED
LG XL

Mail check or money order to Southern Voice
1189 Virginia Ave., NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30306

Mail a completed order form with a check or money order, \$5.00/ea + \$1.50 postage and handling, to Southern Voice, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30306.

THE DIRECTORY

HOME IMPROVEMENT



Odd Jobs:
 • Painting
 • Cleaning
 • Yardwork
 • Pressure washing

Zan's Productions Voice/TTY 373-6673

PETS

Pet's Best Friend
 Petsitting Service
 404-634-0292



Licensed, Bonded and Insured • Serving Intown Atlanta • In-home Care, etc.

SERVICES

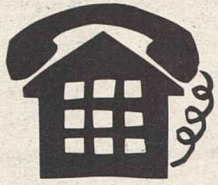
Fresh Air Inc.

Heating and Air Conditioning

• Heating Inspection
 Now \$39.95 (most systems)

10% of total bill donated to AID Atlanta thru Dec. 31, 1993
Don Foster 423-0514

HOME SERVICES



THE CHORE STORE

Your one-call resource for all home repair, remodeling, decorating, general upkeep and personal convenience services. Qualified. Guaranteed. Competitive. Visa/MasterCard.

215-9811

PSYCHOTHERAPIST

Beverly Davidson, MSW
Frances L. Somerville, MSW

Women's Therapy Groups
 Individual Psychotherapy

Survivors of Abuse, Experiential Techniques,
 Dream Work, Codependency Issues

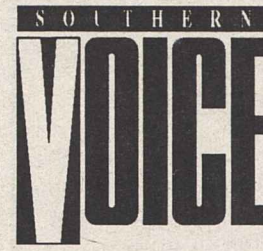
I-75 at Windy Hill • 955-9417 • 955-9411

SERVICES

PC Solutions
 257-1038

- Database Applications
- Spreadsheet Models
- Instruction
- Installation
- Cleaning
- Upgrades

call Alex Isackson



PSYCHOTHERAPIST

Rev. Allyson K. Day

National Certified Addiction Counselor

Addiction • Intervention
 Stage II Recovery

237-7130

PSYCHOTHERAPIST

Susan J. Geddes, M.Ed.
 Counselor

- Individual
- Couples
- Gay & Lesbian Issues
- Abuse Survivor Issues

679-2645

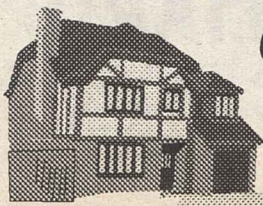
SIGNS



CUSTOM SIGNS & GRAPHICS

Banners • Magnetics • 3-D Letters • Typesetting
 ADA Braille • Screen Printing • Vehicle Lettering
325-5302 FAX 325-9917
 2064 Briarcliff Rd. #103 • Atlanta, GA • 30329

HOME IMPROVEMENT



GREAT AMERICAN REMODELING

HANDLING ALL OF YOUR HOME IMPROVEMENT NEEDS
 Additions, Decks, Doors, Glass Rooms,
 Roofing, Screened Enclosures, Siding,
 Trim & Overhangs, Windows

CALL NOW FOR A FREE DESIGN & ESTIMATE

416-0211

MENTION THIS AD FOR 10 % OFF

PSYCHOTHERAPIST

Edward O. Nix, M.D.
 Board Certified Psychiatrist

Hypnotherapy To Help
 You Stop Smoking

3756 Lavista Rd., Suite 100 • Northlake Commons
 Phone 634-0672

TRAVEL

Carlson Travel Network

TRIPS UNLIMITED
 1004 Virginia Ave NE at N. Highland
 ATLANTA GA 30306

872-8747 (USA-TRIP)

GAY SKI WEEK
PARK CITY UTAH

JANUARY 15-22
 1994

PSYCHOTHERAPIST

Janice Canon, LCSW

Individual, Couples, &
 Group Therapy

Locations in Stone
 Mountain, Atlanta, & Duluth

299-2813

PSYCHOTHERAPIST

Stella Eller, M.Ed., M.A.

Counseling
 • Recovery issues
 • Abuse survivors
 • 12 step focus

874-2373
 sliding scale

TRAVEL

OUR PLACE

A NORTH GEORGIA
 MOUNTAIN
 RETREAT

CABIN RENTAL

Fireplace, deck
 and waterfall.

Beautifully furnished.

(404) 297-9825

TRAVEL

7854

Bed & Breakfast
 Historic Charleston
 803-723-4789

HYPNOSIS

Holiday Blues

Anger, Anxiety, Depression,
 Stress, Fears, Phobias

Faye Reneau, B.A., C.H.T.
 Since 1981
 Call Now
 371-1031

INSURANCE

LOW COST TERM LIFE INSURANCE

- No exam needed for most ages up to \$300,000.
- No blood test up to \$500,000.

DAVIS FINANCIAL GROUP
 (404) 454-6745

PSYCHOTHERAPIST

Claudia Scarbrough, M.S.

National Certified Counselor

- Individual, Couples & Group Therapy • Relationships

GROUPS FORMING

counseling women in transition 404 717-4146



TRAVEL

TRAVEL

Wildflower
 A Campground for Womyn

P.O. Box 762
 Simpsonville, SC 29681
 803-862-7833

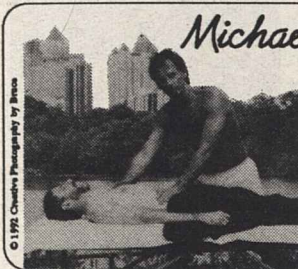
MASSAGE

Michael Brunson

Certified Massage Therapist

Deep Tissue
 Stress Reduction
 Sports Massage

In & Out Calls • 7 Days a Week
 By Appointment 892-2290



PSYCHOTHERAPIST

Julia Strong, MSW, LCSW

Individual & Couples
 Psychotherapy

458-6886

PSYCHOTHERAPIST

ROSE HILL CENTER FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY

Steven L. Barker, M.S.
 Psychotherapist

20% OFF WITH THIS AD

785 Marcus Street SE
 Atlanta, GA 30316
 404-525-2777

Find what you need in
THE DIRECTORY

TRAVEL

CHARLESTON BEACH BED & BREAKFAST

The only gay & lesbian accommodations at the ocean between Ft. Lauderdale & Rehoboth Beach, 10 mi. to Charleston. Deluxe bkfst, 8-person spa & pool.

PO Box 41
 Folly Beach, SC 29439
(803) 588-9443

MOVERS

MOVING!!!
 AS LOW AS
\$70.00

Packing Available
 FAST SERVICE
352-1189
 JAMES

Tell 'em you saw it here.

In Southern Voice.

VETERINARIAN



Janette Friel, DVM
Melissa Rayfield, DVM
Michelle Espeut, DVM

A modern facility with old-fashioned care

INMAN ANIMAL HOSPITAL 584-8761

926 DeKalb Ave. • Inman Park • By appt. only



BUCKHEAD/BROOKHAVEN

Charming Nantucket style 3 bed home on almost an acre with private inground pool, complete renovation, 2 marble baths, new roof, HVAC etc. A fantastic opportunity

\$289,500

Call owner/agent
261-0691 or 262-6636



COLDWELL BANKER



If You're Not Dealing With

LEE SMITH

You're only getting 1/2 the attention you deserve!

No Fee Townhome

2BR/2.5BA roommate plan townhome in quiet, convenient community. Just enough yard for you and your pets to play with. FHA financing is OK. \$64,500.

LEE SMITH

Associate Broker, GRI
(office phone) 874-2262
(24 hr. phone) 362-1865
(residence) 876-1459

CHARLENE COTHRAN



SELLS

Grant Park
Ormewood
Brownwood
Cabbage Town

"Thank you for a wonderful Holiday Season!"

(404) 708-6867

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| 758 Boulevard | \$129,000.00 | SOLD!!! |
| 692 Boulevard | \$114,900.00 | SOLD!!! |
| 637 Delmar Ave | \$91,500.00 | SOLD!!! |
| 575 Brownwood Ave | \$83,000.00 | SOLD!!! |
| 329 Atlanta Ave | \$72,300.00 | SOLD!!! |
| 658 Glenwood Ave | \$107,000.00 | SOLD!!! |
| 187 Estoria | \$78,900.00 | SOLD!!! |
| 1217 Gracewood Ave | \$49,500.00 | SOLD!!! |

Go with the Winning Team!



DIXIE CARD SALLYE PARSONS
377-1166 848-0001

RE/MAX METRO ATLANTA 321-3123



The perfect home meets your budget, personal taste and lifestyle. Call me to help you find it.

JUST LISTED!

Charm galore in this 3 BR home with wrap around porch and four fireplaces. Call me to see this City of Decatur gem —only \$75,000.

CHRIS CARROLL

RE/MAX metro atlanta 321-3123 933-4707



Serving our community for over ten years.

JIM HILLIARD

RE/MAX in TOWN

622-2127/728-8800

Serving first time homebuyers in the \$65,000-\$125,000 range.

Premier

PROPERTY SERVICES

- Property Management
- Leasing
- Maintenance
- Residential/Commercial

Let us take the stress out of owning real estate.

(404) 607-RENT



Mary Swinford, President
Joy L. Self
GA Residential
Mortgage Licensee

Refinance Now Rates Great

- A Wide Spectrum of Mortgage Products
- Competitive Rates
- Free Consultation

RAINBOW FINANCIAL SERVICES

233-9901



EXPERIENCED.

DEPENDABLE.

EFFECTIVE.

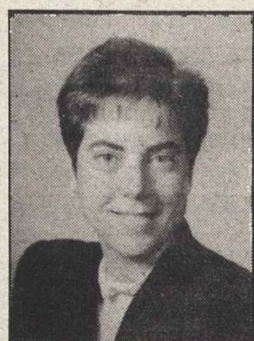


STEVE BLAND

RE/MAX ACHIEVERS

847-0808

Each office is independently owned and operated



Paula Needle, GRI
RE/MAX Metro Atlanta

Residential Real Estate Services

Office: 321-3123
Fax: 321-0051
2205 LaVista Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30329

ART AUERBACH
Associate Broker

WOODLAND HILLS—Updated Bungalow, New Roof, New Paint in & out, Deck, 3 BR PLUS Finished Room in Basement—\$108,900

DECATUR—Townhome (Condo), 3BR/3BA, vaulted living room w/FP, private porch, whirlpool tub and more —only \$104,850

Re/Max Metro Atlanta
Home office 321-1930

Each office independently owned & operated.

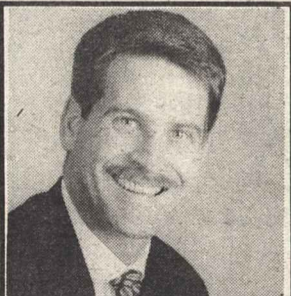


Daniel Ross

Ask me why I offer more than an ordinary realtor!

607-7363

Buyers & Sellers Welcome

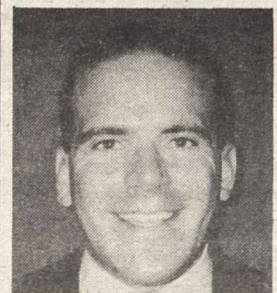


Grant Lundberg
RE/MAX of Buckhead

Unparalleled Attentive Service
Interest rates are down!
It's time to move up!

Off 233-4633 Home 876-2384

Each office independently owned & operated.



ELI

Your In Town Atlanta Realtor

—ELI saleeby—

728-8800

RE/MAX intown ext. 37593



MORTGAGE SHOPPING?

Call JEFFREY HALEY

- Lowest Rates
- FHA & VA Loans
- No Income Verification
- Cash Out Refinances
- 2nd Mortgages



- Fixed & Adjustable
- Condo & Investor
- Commercial Loans
- Rehab Money
- Jumbo Loans

Exceptional Service

Variety & Convenience

AMERICAN FINANCIAL

JEFFREY HALEY

24 Hour Voice Mail/Pager
404-726-1666

Office:
404-394-1264 ex. 134

CLASSIFIEDS

AIDS Services & Education

GAPHR - Support group for physicians and dentists. Contact Dr. Nix 634-0672. (ongoing)

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

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

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

AIDS HOTLINE FOR WOMEN- 888-9991 - a project of the Feminist Women's Health Ctr. 5:30-9:30pm Mon-Fri, 10:30am-2pm Saturdays. Caller anonymity assured.

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

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

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

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

AIDS Information Line / GA Toll-Free AIDS Hotline Free, anonymous information and referral services. In Atlanta: 876-9944; Toll-free: 1-800-551-2728 (voice/TTY)

Announcements

MAGNIFICENT

HIV+? Would you like to be excited about living? Weekly meeting for focusing begins January. 404-266-3443. (6.46)

The Volunteers of Project Open Hand/Atlanta will gift wrap you holiday packages while you wait at Mailboxes Etcetera in Midtown Promenade (Monroe & 8th) from now until Christmas. All proceeds go to help Project Open Hand feed people with AIDS. To help out or for more info call 525-4620. (6.44)

Penpal Network for gay and bisexual guys with long hair: students, thrashers, hippies, rockers, headbangers. There are no fees to join. To join, please send a recent photo, self-description, and International Reply Coupon to cover return postage. Write to: MANE MEN, P.O. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA, K1P6C4. Any ideas or offers to expand this into a business are most welcome. (6.45)

GAINESVILLE

Support Group for Gay Men forming now for '94. Contact Gary at (404) 535-5445. (May leave first name and phone number if not in.) (6.44)

Artwork nominations for the 1994 Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration will be accepted at the Volunteer Kick-off Party, the Tuesday, Jan. 12. 7:00pm at the Colony Square Hotel. To be accepted for consideration, must be camera ready and color separations complete. Voting will occur at the Kick-off Party and the winning artwork will be sent out for print the next day. 1994 theme: "From Stone-wall to Atlanta." (6.46)

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

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

Auto

1985 VW JETTA GL

Low mileage, very clean. Bronze. Air. Priced to sell at \$3295. 373-4253. (6.45)

Employment

Experienced press person needed, must be familiar with Ryobi 2800 w/T-Head. Full time position. Stone Mountain, 297-9000. (6.45)

Receptionist/Administrative Assistant - Southern Voice is seeking a skilled individual to be a receptionist/administrative assistant. Must have excellent phone; interpersonal, typing and clerical skills. Southern Voice is an equal opportunity employer. Resumé to Personnel, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

Health

PERSONAL GROWTH

PEER COUNSELING

Tired, lonely, depressed? Need a sympathetic ear? I've been where you are. Reasonable rates, by appointment only. Digital beeper: 280-4548. (6.45)

Merchandise

Gorgeous, custom-made, Classic contemporary dining table. Oversized, with superb burled-wood surface. A showpiece, created by New York City designer. Paid: \$8500; Now \$1500. Jack Lenor Larson chairs, mahog. finish, blue/cranberry fabric: \$400 pair; black walnut deco dresser: \$250; Sony Trinitron television: \$40; mahog. veneer TV stand: \$40. 237-5551. (6.44)

BARBRA STREISAND TICKET - Fly to Las Vegas Dec. 30, see Barbra perform live Jan. 1 (\$1000 seat), fly back Jan 3 (late night). Hotel, air fare included. One ticket only. \$1700. Ed 607-8448. (6.44)

DESKS - Oak teacher's desks, solid and veneer tops with 4 or 7 drawers. \$30-90. Can deliver. 724-0035. (6.44)

GARAGE SALE

DRUMMERS

Collection of 100 back issues, from 1976 on. Excellent condition. Great gift. \$150.00 (not outrageous). Call 248-1669. (6.44)

Pets

Looking for a great home for your cat/kittens, dog/puppies or any loving animal. Let us help. Place your classified today.

Real Estate

FOR RENT

1 BR Piedmont Park. 1 block offstreet parking. \$325 per month. No pets. Security deposit. 659-3331, machine. (6.44)

ASHFORD/DUNWOODY - Single GWM, Large 1 BR daylight basement apartment, private entrance, fireplace, W/D, bath, alarm, kitchen. \$515/mo. utilities included. Christopher - 936-9069. (6.45)

Elegant Victorian - Grant Park, 3 BR, 2 BA, den, LR, DR, W/D, parking. Call 1-800-899-0804. Pets okay. Available immediately. (6.46)

Little Five Points small efficient apt. Great for student. No stove. Private with own bath. Utilities included. \$275, call 581-9782. (6.45)

Buckhead Townhouse, 2 BR, 1 BA, W/D, pool, central A/H, new carpet, great location, \$700. Call 581-9782. (6.45)

KIRKWOOD RENTAL/FIXER UPPER - Are you handy? Reduced rent for responsible individual or couple. Non-smokers, pets OK, central heat, two BR, screened porch, fenced yard. Asking \$325/mo. Page 899-7113 or call 248-1474. (6.44)

FOR SALE

Virginia-Highland: 751 Frederica Street. \$183,000 - Live luxuriously in this 3-story home with 2 master suites and lots of glitz! Denny Addison, Harry Norman Realtors, (H) 371-1202, (Pager) 716-1592. (6.47)

Buckhead "The Barclay" - Two bedrooms with great view overlooking pool. Privacy galore! Reduced \$97,900. Great Buy!!! Sherry Adams-Remax Atl. 847-0808/333-4303. (6.44)

ANSLEY PARK - City Chic, spacious 2 BR, 2 BA, LR/Epic, DR, sunroom, covered parking, \$146,900. By Owner. 872-7899. (6.45)

Roommates

GWM seeks same to share house in Decatur area. 2 BR, 1 BA, fireplace, close to Marta, \$300 + 1/2 util. 377-6259, Steve. (6.45)

GWF needs GWF or GWM to share 4 BR house in Lilburn. \$300 + 1/2 util. 564-0850. (6.46)

Kennesaw - Seeking responsible GWF to share large house in suburbs. Finished basement apartment with private entrance. Reasonable. 427-2454. (6.46)

2 GWFs seek 3rd to share 3 BR home on wooded lot off 85/285. Comfortable home with all amenities. No smoking. No pets. \$350 includes utilities. Call Shelly, 493-3966. (6.47)

Couple in long term relationship looking for stable female or female-friendly male as housemate. Must like animals. In country setting. Non-smoker. 20 minutes to LSP. South of Decatur, 2500 sq. ft. home in quiet neighborhood. Rent \$350 includes utilities/2 month deposit and references required. Call Mo or Cindy at 808-6283 or 388-7568. (6.46)

3rd roommate wanted. GWM to share furnished apt. Non-smoker, no pets, gay complex at Sutton Place. \$275/mo + 1/3 util. Call John at 321-5791. Avail. Jan 1st. (6.45)

GWM, discreet, 2 BR furnished Penthouse. Spectacular Midtown skyline! Bohemian lifestyle. Musician? Artist? Songwriter? Pool. Parking. Gym. MARTA station. \$425. 874-5500. (6.44)

Live well! GWM seeks same to share new Victorian home in Tucker/Stone Mtn. Close-in. Neat, professional, non-smoker, W/D, garage, flpc. Lots of room & storage. Avail. immed. Call for more info. 501-0116, messages returned promptly. (6.46)

GWM/F to share 2 BR garden apt. NE Plaza area. \$260 + 1/2 util. + deposit. Digital Pager 280-4548. (6.44)

GWM or F to share 3 BR, 2 BA apt. on Lenox Rd. \$325 + \$100 deposit. Util. included. 231-5460. (6.44)

Now in Atlanta! Bunk Buddies, Atlanta's premier roommate / relocation service, in and out of Atlanta. Call 622-0380 for details today. (6.45)

GWF, 27, with 2 cats, seeks responsible, stable roommate to share 2 BR, 2 BA apt. in Decatur. Call Carolyn 294-4233. (6.44)

Decatur. Mature GF wanted to share 2 BR, 2

1/2 BA home. \$375/mo includes utilities. Deposit. No drugs or smoking. 292-2791. (6.45)

Services

Looking for a unique gift for your Special Someone? Consider a portrait, the gift that lasts a lifetime. Call Maeve for photos of you, your partner, or your pet; in your home or my studio. Pager # 280-4365. (6.44)

Travel

LESBIAN PARADISE! 20 Lovely rooms, 100 mountain acres, hot tub, cross country ski trails, fireplace, peace, privacy. Highlands Inn, Box 118SV, Bethlehem, NH 03574, (603) 869-3978. Winter Wonderland! (6.51)

THE OLD MILL - Bed, Breakfast & Browsing, Bat Cave, NC! Relax by rushing mountain stream near Asheville. Phone 704-625-4256. (6.47)

Volunteers

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

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

Voice Connection

WOMEN

GB fem seeks an educated, professional, aggressive GB female for friendship, possibly more. No bisexuals or fems. ☎ 1088

I'm a 26 yr. GBF seeking GBF for conversation, outings. I'm not seeking a relationship. I'm looking for GBF who I can confide in and trust. ☎ 1068

Very attractive black lesbian seeks sincere companion—possible live-in. Attractive, well-read, articulate womyn preferred. No

MORE ON PAGE 42

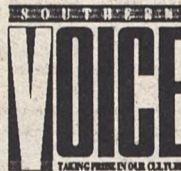
INDEX

- AIDS SERVICES*
ANNOUNCEMENTS*
ACCOUNTING/TAXES
EMPLOYMENT
Part Time
Full Time
Seeking*
HEALTH
Fitness
Personal Growth
Massage
INSURANCE
LEGAL
LOST/FOUND*
MERCHANDISE
Household Goods/
Garage Sales*
Retail
PETS*
PUBLICATIONS
REAL ESTATE
Financing
For Rent
For Sale
ROOMMATES*
SERVICES
Residential
Commercial
TRAVEL
VOLUNTEERS*
FREE VOICE CONNECTION
Men
Women
TV/TS

Ad Policy: Southern Voice reserves the right to edit, reclassify or reject ads not meeting Ryan Publications' standards. No refunds for early cancellation.
Misprints: Southern Voice is not responsible for misprints appearing after first week. Check ads promptly.

CLASSIFIED ORDER FORM

(404) 876-1819
1189 Virginia Avenue, NE



Mailing address:
P.O. Box 18215
Atlanta, GA 30316

TO PLACE AN AD DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5pm for following week's issue.

In Person: Bring completed order form with payment to Southern Voice offices (M-F, 9-5pm) 1189 Virginia Ave. NE.
By Mail: Mail completed order form with payment to SOUTHERN VOICE CLASSIFIEDS P.O. Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316.

Individual Rates: Categories indicated by asterisks (*).
NON-BUSINESS.
20 words \$3.00 minimum
each additional word 50¢
Giant headlines \$3.00
COMPUTE YOUR COST
20 words @ 3.00
addit. words @ 50¢
Giant headline @ 3.00
SUBTOTAL
x # issues
TOTAL COST

Business Ad Rates:
20 words \$12.00 minimum
Giant headlines \$3.00
After 4 issues:
20 words \$11.00 minimum
each additional word \$1.00
COMPUTE YOUR COST
20 words @ 12.00
addit. words @ 1.00
Giant headline @ 3.00
SUBTOTAL
x # issues
TOTAL COST

VOICE CONNECTION 4 weeks
20 words FREE
Telephone VOICEbox FREE
each additional word 50¢
Giant headlines \$3.00
SV forwarding mailbox (optional) 10.00
Other P.O. Box 5.00
COMPUTE YOUR COST
20 words FREE
Telephone VOICEbox FREE
add. words @ 50¢ ea/wk
Giant headline @ 3.00/week
Forwarding box @ 10.00/week
Other P.O. Box @ 5.00/week
SUBTOTAL
(4 weeks minimum) x # weeks
TOTAL COST

Category # of issues
Name
Address
City
State Zip
Phone
Text (Please print):

drugs, alcohol, cigarettes. ☎ 1065

WF, 20, fem. student seeks fem. G/BiWF 18-30's for friendship or more. PO Box 992, Barnesville, GA 30204. (6.46)

GWF, 38, spirited sophisticate, brains, beauty, ready for possibilities with emotionally mature, gentle, honest, "together" woman, 30-40, not on rebound. ☎ 1063

25 vs. 31, Southern Belle vs. Yankee transplant, blonde vs. red, thinks she's funny vs. really is funny, both GWF professionals - you gotta like one of us! ☎ 1062

BiWF, 20, adventurous, attractive femi-female seeks Bi or GWF who enjoys outdoors, music, good conversations. Under 30, no drugs, smoking. Box 2100, 1189 Virginia Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.45)

GWF, 36, attractive, high spirited jovial idealist with inquisitive, progressive mind seeks similar dark haired unchemically altered soulmate with adventurous spirit. ☎ 1059

Attractive, feminine GWF, 26 - interested in sharing friendship, dining, dancing, and simple pleasures. Attractive, affectionate, active, and 24-30? Let's talk! No drugs. ☎ 1045

GWF, simply irresistible. I don't play head games, drink or use drugs. Searching for GWF 25-35 for friendship, fun. ☎ 1046

GBF, 5'8, 158 lbs, successful, attractive, seeks feminine older GF to enjoy fun, food, music and maybe romance. You won't be disappointed. ☎ 1052

GWF, 31, feminine, attractive, professional, humorous and positive attitude. Enjoys dancing, movies, animals, the arts. Seeks same for quality friendship. ☎ 1047

OUT femme 23, knows who's on "Top"! You - 30+, aggressive, butch, chivalrous. Me - intelligent, literate, sensual. NO Bi's/femmes. TRAY ☎ 1050

GWF seeking a dyke for full time love, nurturing, cuddling, friendship and laughter. Likes outdoors, romance, movies and music. ☎ 1051

WANTED! GWF, fem 25+. Looking for that woman who has an untamed personality like myself! Me, aggressive GWF, blond, 25. ☎ 1016

GWF, 32, feminine, fun-loving, adventurous, professional, honest, attractive, seeks similar ladies who have high ideals, are reliable and not promiscuous. ☎ 1020

Attractive, feminine, GBF, early 20's, mature and settled, seeks an aggressive GF who enjoys being pampered for friendship, possibly more. ☎ 1023

GBF seeks same for conversation & friendship. ☎ 1029

Very attractive BiWF, 28, sexy, feminine, long hair. Seeks WF, trim, under 33, for hot times. Local. ☎ 1008

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

I am attractive and loving and searching for Ms. Right - pretty, intelligent, active, stable companion with available time & transportation. ☎ 1848

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

GWF, 38, Lake Dweller, dog lover, convertible driver, free spirit, honest, sincere, direct, 5'7", blonde, hazel eyes, athletic body. ☎ 1845

BiWF, trim, 40's, inexperienced, seeks feminine, trim, attractive, BIF for discreet get togethers. ☎ 1835

Very attractive, educated, feminine. Passions: music, philosophy, politics, travel. Seeking friendship and conversation with attractive, feminine, intelligent woman. ☎ 1825

Wonderful, full-figured Lesbian (40) seeks fun-loving + intelligent Lesbian. Are you honest, warm and stable? Enjoy children? ☎ 1793

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

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 lipstick 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, 4?, 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, independent, spiritual, proportioned, naturally beautiful, socio-politically conscious, intellectual, over-lovers, conversationalist, monogamous - I'm waiting. ☎ 1703

GBF - Attractive, suave 25 yr. old lipstick butch seeks shapely, intelligent, extremely femi 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, independent. Seek 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, 5'1" 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 sensual 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 companion/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

MEN

GBM, 30, tall, slim, light complexion. ISO GWM/Hispanic male for friendship/relationship under 32 y.o. ☎ 1081

Wanna Wrestle? - GWM, 33, seeks hot gym body, swimmer's build masculine male for discreet fun. Let's work up a sweat. ☎ 1011

GWM, 20s, clinically depressed, reclusive, shy. Seeks same for companionship or pen pal. PO Box 7653, Atlanta, GA 30357. (6.47)

Tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, honest, 37; seeks endowed, caring senior male. ☎ 1082

Life is Wonderful! Attractive, athletic GWM, 31, is looking for a masc., stable WM to share the great times. ☎ 1083

Healthy, fit, trim country gentleman seeks clean-cut, versatile young weekend company. Glad to make it worth your while. ☎ 1084

Here in the real world, the boys don't always WANT the girls - Healthy HIV+ GWM, 34, loves cowboy boots, button-downs, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and for too long has missed the Georgia moons. Looking for serious partner to be the final notch on my bedpost - to help me paint life's sunset, but never ride away. What I have to offer isn't found in storybooks... mine is a life yet to be told, but destined to be shared. ☎ 1085

GBM, 30, 5'10", good looking, 185 lbs., HIV-, endowed top, seeks GWM 18-35 for hot safe fun action sessions. ☎ 1086

Nice guy, attractive, 30's, aggressive in bed, safe, playful, romantic. Brown hair, mustache, PO Box 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324 or call ☎ 1087.

W/M, 31, 5'8", 135, HIV+, healthy outdoors guy. Like to make friends in Atlanta. Write T. Ray, 1009 Wesleyville St., Nashville, TN 37217. (6.47)

My Sir says we can play if... I can find a hairy construction worker, trucker, or wrestler type bodybuilder with 30" thighs who enjoys bursting balloons... are you out there? ☎ 1089

Bear GWM, 40's, seeks hairy similar GWM, any size. Husky, no games, no drunks, reliable man desired. ☎ 1090

Goodlooking mid-30's, 6'2", 180, educated professional WM seeks similar. Note & photo to PO Box 183992, Atlanta, GA 30324. ☎ 1066

GWM, attractive, romantic, caring, HIV- professional seeks friendship w/same 25-35, enjoys reading, music, tennis, theatre, movies, travel... long walks, sunsets. Looking for a good friend and more. ☎ 1065

Friends say I'm a great catch. This teddy bear needs second opinion. I'm 32, like affection, romance, long walks, quiet evenings. Seeking love to last a lifetime. ☎ 1069

"Two Guys", GWM couple, 35 brn, brn, 6'0, 175, 29, bl, gm, 5'8", 140, seek new friendships, hot times. ☎ 1070

Boyish-muscle bottom, gdlk, sincere, 30, 5'5", 140#, HIV+, healthy. Sks 25-35, gd shape, gdlkng for love of a lifetime. Serious replies only. ☎ 1071

Fuzzy teddy bear, youthful, sensitive, hopeful romantic, GWM, 41, bald/brn, 5'10", 170 lbs, facial hair, seeks attractive, slender, smooth GWM 25-35, professional, non-smoker, into movies, music, theater, dining out, romantic evenings, cuddling, possible relationship. ☎ 1058

Undoubtedly UNCUT, muscles in development GWM 30's seeks hairy, prof gym 30-45 for casual dates. Masc., honest, good financier sought. ☎ 1060

GWM, 40, non-smoker, masculine, healthy, active, humorous. Seek nurturing relationship w/similar, country life, w/in 1 hour Atlanta. Can you connect? Box 2101, 1189 Virginia Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.45)

"Enchanted," cute deaf GWM, 27, 5'9", 172 lbs. seeks hearing cute GWM for fun/friendship, romantic. Sci-Fic, photography, scenic trips, more. POB 723, Mableton, GA 30059. (6.45)

South Asian, physician, handsome, 28, 5'10", 150, very attractive, recently out, seeks frindship/relationship. ☎ 1061

WM, 31, searching for true romance. Never been in love. Not interested in standard gay lifestyle. Not afraid. ☎ 1064

Dominant top, 36, 175, attractive. Seeks discreet, daytime fun with trim, submissive bottoms or couples. PO Box 80366, Atlanta, 30366. (6.44)

VOICE CONNECTION

TO PLACE FREE AD

Fill out the classified order form in this section. 20 WORD MESSAGE FREE. An SV forwarding mailbox costs \$10.00 or you may use your own PO Box for \$5.00. Mail or drop off your completed order for with payment. A simple instruction sheet will be mailed to you which will enable you to record your spoken message AT NO COST.

TO RESPOND

Check each week's paper for ads which interest you. Choose ad(s) with the symbol ☎ and call 1-900-370-4099. The system will guide you to the recorded message of your choice. Listen to the spoken ad and then leave your response. Cost to you will be \$1.50 per minute charged to your phone bill.

CALL NOW
1-900-370-4099

\$1.50 per minute. Must be 18 or over. Touch tone phones only.
Southern Voice, PO Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316

DIRECTIONS

VERY HAIRY LEGS?

GWM, 43, very handsome, 5'10", slim, masculine, versatile seeks good looking, thin, healthy, safe playmate with very hairy legs for anytime fun. Buckhead. Discreet. ☎ 1048

Very handsome BM, 28, 5'11", 170 lbs, hot gym body, professional, intelligent seeks handsome, masculine, whitebread WM for fun, possible relationship. ☎ 1049

Horny GWM, 32, 5'10", 150#, nudist, lean runner's build, endowed, seeks endowed nice-bodied buddies for no-strings get-togethers. ☎ 1053

GWM - 28, 6'2", 175 lbs. Bottom seeks masculine, endowed top 20-30 year old GWM, GBM for French service. ☎ 1055

GWM, 33, HIV-, brn/blue, 180 lbs, muscular build. Wanted - GWM 40s, HIV-, hairy chest, moustache, endowed top or versatile, relationship oriented. I'm a great catch! No fats or fems. ☎ 1031

Daytimes, good looking GWM, cute bottom, brn/blue, 30, 140 seeks discreet convenient friendship w/TOP BLK male, masculine athletic, in shape, hungry. ☎ 1056

BM, 33, 130, 5'7", masculine bottom seeks very dominant bear type to service; 40-50, heavyset. ☎ 1057

GWM, 29, brn/gm, 150 lbs, wants true romance, enjoys music, 101.5 to 99.5, long walks, dining out, looking for someone who understands waiters' hours. Loves dogs and lesbians. Non-smoker, non-drugs. 1030

Stocky GWM, 29, 5'11" wanting to meet other GWMs who're sincere and honest, who can handle a safe intimate encounter. ☎ 1027

Discreet, professional, HIV-, GWM versatile top, 40, 5'10", 155, wants buddies into exploring mutually satisfying mental/physical desires/fantasies in leather, 3-ways, spankings, etc. Inexperienced/curious OK. ☎ 1026

GWM, goodlooking, 29 yo., 5'11", 150 lbs. Seeks same - 25-35, Hispanic or Latin a plus. Couples welcome. ☎ 1025

GWM tired of maybe!! Looking for yes, ready!! Relationship!! 31, 5'9", 170, bl/bl, varied interests. Seeking 29+, 5'9"+, serious only!! ☎ 1021

Oriental man, fit, clean, 27, 5'9", 145, seeks English teach man GWM up to 38. Will be paid \$XXX. No smoker. ☎ 1019

Wanted: Big, butch WM with muscles, good looks, personality, by sexy BM HIV healthy. For fun, whatever. ☎ 1018

GWM Couple, Hot, Prof., Stable, 34, 5'11", 170#, brn/tzl, & 35, 5'11", 155#, brn/bl, seeks versatile, hot, masculine guys or couples, to 35, for safe fun. ☎ 1017

Hot and Hairy 30 yr. old GWM seeking handsome big brother for fun and more. FFBB. ☎ 1012

GBM, 32, 5'10", 150, athletic, attractive, professional, spiritual, various interests, newly relocated, seeks friendships, possible relationship, 25-40, race unimportant. No drugs, non-smoker. ☎ 1010

GWM, 39, 5'11", 190, bl/bl, healthy HIV top. ISO comrade for hero's journey to new life, workout, gardening, movies, hiking. ☎ 1009

LEGS IN THE AIR?? attractive top, 38, brown hair, blue eyes, Scotch/Irish seeks cute hot bottom for safe fun. ☎ 1007

BM seeks masculine BM for uninhibited times. ☎ 1006

Wanna fight? Like to box with tough men. Dirty talk, leather fights and more. 6', 185 lbs, built. Put 'em up! ☎ 1005

AFRICANIZED USA-born, raised in West Africa, not-your-basic WM seeks BM for friend/relationship. Please be 5'10"+, 30-50 y.o. ☎ 1004

Goodlooking WM, 32, 6', 170#, hot gym body, seeks same for friendship/relationship. Must be masculine, non-smoker, healthy, professional. Do you exist. ☎ 1003

GWM, 30, 6'2", looking for college graduate, masculine, thin, GBM 22-30 to share in building the good life, must be spontaneous & possess a sense of humor. ☎ 1015

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 (same, 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 br/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, Gdlk, 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

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

PERSONALS

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 autoleess 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

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

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

America's #1 GAY DATELINE. All lifestyles. In Your Area. 1-900-860-1333 \$2.50/minute. CCI BOCA, Florida. 18+

SIZZLING HUNKS LIVE!! 1-800-284-2739. \$3.50/minute. Wild Gay Party Line \$2.00/minute or 1-900-745-0833. 18+

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, bi/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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TV/TS

Full figured transvestite would like to have discreet encounters with real men who are honest, sincere to appreciate my company. ☎ 1024

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

CROSS-DRESSER'S GUIDE! A complete information resource. Wonderful Fantasies, InfoGuide, Personals, Catalogs, True Experiences, More! Newest Fantasy: "Maid to Order!" Hear full details (recorded, 24 Hours). Call 333-6455.

BISEXUAL

BM, 40, professional, clean, seeks couple, feminine bi-male or aggressive bi-female for friendship...more. Will reply same day. ☎ 1054

BiWM, HIV+, seeks F or TV. Am healthy. Spend this winter in Florida with me. ☎ 1022

BiWM, 33, adorable, seek Bi, G, S Females for holiday cheer. Let's visit our families, enjoy a play or coffee. Anxiously waiting - Love ☎ 1014

White couple, married, 30's, seeking BiWF to share fun and fantasy from both worlds in an intimate relationship. ☎ 1013

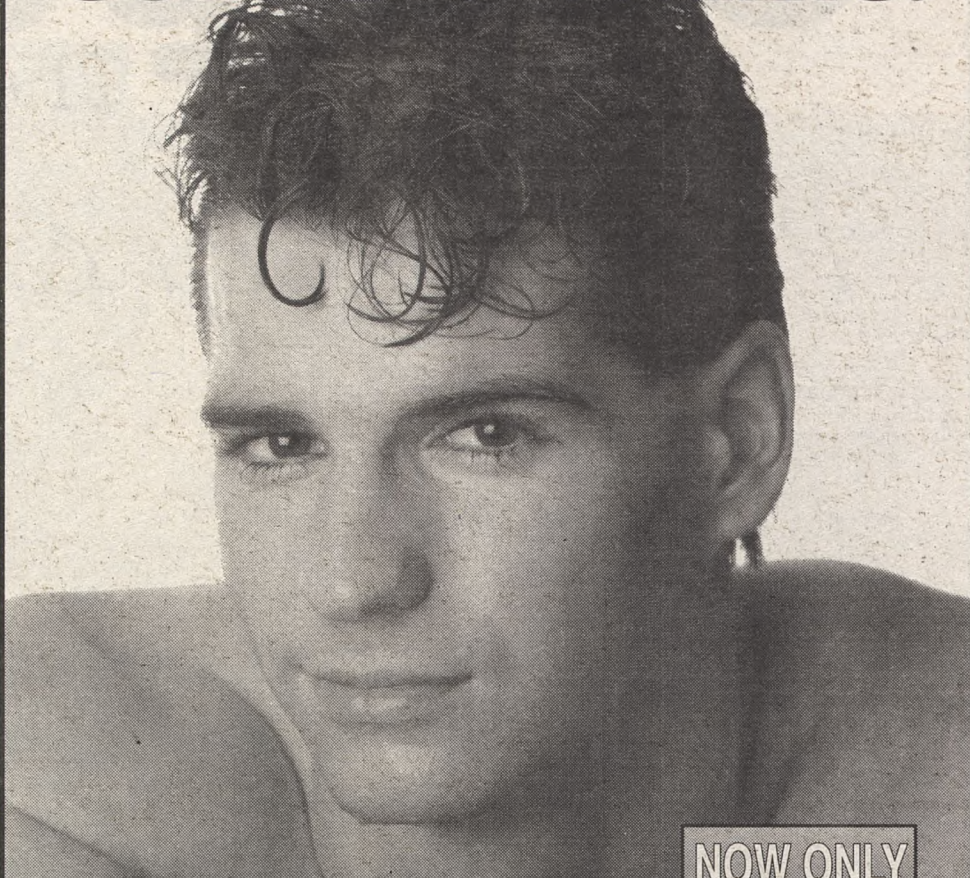
WANTED: fellow traveler(s) to go Dutch with bi guy 65 on land/sea/air jaunts worldwide. Leave your message anytime. ☎ 1844

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

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

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

DIAL NOW GUYS ARE WAITING!



CALL NOW!
TALK LIVE, LOCAL AND NATIONWIDE.
1-900-568-6868

MUST BE 18 OR OVER • TOUCH TONE PHONE
Prices Subject To Change Without Notice.

FREE INFO: 1-800-676-GUYS

NOW ONLY
69¢
Per min.
First min. \$2.99

FREE BONUS FILM!

with Purchase of Film or Catalog

ORDER TODAY ENJOY TOMORROW!!
BIJOU'S SPORN EXPRESS
OVERNIGHT DELIVERY AS LOW AS \$5.50!!
1-800-932-7111
OR FAX 312-337-1270

**BIJOU VIDEO'S
PRICE-
REDUCTION
SALE
CONTINUES!
UP TO
60% OFF!**
BIJOU VIDEO
has lowered its
prices on over 3,500
videotapes in stock!!
Prices currently
range from
\$17⁹⁵ to \$49⁹⁵!!

The World-Renowned
BIJOU VIDEO CATALOG
IS HERE!!
from the Largest Catalog Mail
Order Company in the World!!!
The BIJOU VIDEO Catalog is the
most comprehensive catalog of
gay male erotica in the world
(over 900 pages)!! Features over
3,500 in-depth erotic reviews of
films at great prices from BIJOU's
in-stock inventory!! BIJOU VIDEO,
since 1978. Only \$19.95, plus
\$5.50 for shipping and
handling. **Plus you receive a
\$10 off certificate.** (please
allow 2-3 weeks for delivery)

To order by mail* send check, money
order, or your Visa, MC, or AmEx
number (with expiration date), plus a
signed statement that you are over
21, to: **BIJOU VIDEO, 1363
North Wells, Chicago, IL 60610**
SHIPPING: Express Overnight.
(upon availability of tape)
Add \$5.50 for the first tape, \$1
for each additional. No US Mail
shipments or shipments to P.O.
Boxes. (Allow approximately three
days for delivery of first-time
orders.) We do not ship to MS,
NC, NE, PR, TN, UT, or VI.
*Please include both daytime and
nighttime phone numbers when
placing an order.
**Or call 1-800-932-7111
Or FAX 312-337-1270**

For example, big reductions are available on classic videotapes,
popular best-sellers, and recent blockbuster hits:

ALL CATALINA VIDEO TAPES REDUCED. NOW ONLY \$24.95 TO \$54.95 EACH:

- Big GunsNow only \$32.95
- Hot Rods: The Young & the Hung 2.....Now only \$32.95
- Class ReunionNow only \$32.95
- Brothers Should Do ItNow only \$32.95
- The Young and the Hung.....Now only \$32.95
- Sailor in the Wild.....Now only \$32.95
- The Pizza Boy (He Delivers).....Now only \$32.95

ALL VIVID VIDEO FILMS REDUCED:

- What the Big Boys EatNow only \$22.95
- WindowsNow only \$22.95
- Davey and the Cruisers.....Now only \$22.95
- The Rites of SpringNow only \$22.95
- The RiverNow only \$22.95
- Buddy System 1Now only \$22.95
- Rear WindowNow only \$22.95

★ OTHERS REDUCED TO ONLY \$19.95 EACH!! ★

- The Bigger the Better.....Now only \$19.95
- Two Handfuls.....Now only \$19.95
- Tough Competition.....Now only \$19.95
- Blonds Do It BestNow only \$19.95
- Hot Male Mechanics.....Now only \$19.95
- Lovers and Friends.....Now only \$19.95
- Bulging Jockstraps.....Now only \$19.95
- Boys in the Sand (Wakefield Poole).....Now only \$19.95
- 9 1/2 Inches.....Now only \$19.95
- L.A. Tool & Die (Gage Brothers).....Now only \$19.95
- Rawhide.....Now only \$19.95
- Wanted (Steve Scott).....Now only \$19.95

NEW!!

Hey Tony! What's the Story? Only \$49.95

- Powertool.....Now only \$39.95!!
- The FalconPac Series.....Now only \$49.95 ea.
- All Matt Sterling Films.....Now only \$54.95 ea.
- All Kristen Bjorn Films.....Now only \$54.95 ea.

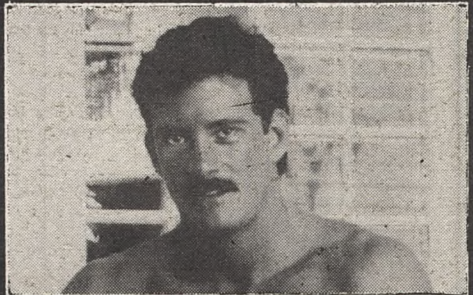
LATINO FAN CLUB FILMS:

- Horse Hung Hispanics.....Now only \$49.95
- Hooked on Hispanics.....Now only \$49.95
- Spanish Harlem Knights 1.....Now only \$49.95



976-4MEN
976-4MEN

Atlanta's Exclusive Gay
24-Hr. Introduction Service.
Messages Change Often.



\$3.00 PER CALL

Plus tolls, if any, to appear on phone bill.

Leave your own message for FREE by calling 365-8158.

Must be 18 years or older.

365-8127

OFFERED BY INTRODUCTIONS, P.O. BOX 52883, ATLANTA, GA 30355

Chapter 11*

The Discount Bookstore.

Promotes Gay & Lesbian Writes



*Hyperion
Books*

Publisher's Price21.95

Chapter 11 Everyday Price19.54

** Prices so low,
you'd think
we were
going bankrupt!*

Emory Commons
North Decatur Rd.
at Clairmont Rd.
325-1505

Sandy Springs Plaza
Roswell Rd.
at Johnson Ferry Rd.
256-5518

Ansley Mall
Piedmont Ave.
at Monroe Dr.
872-7986

Briarcliff Village
Across from
Northlake Mall
414-9288

East Cobb
Shallowford Rd.
at Sandy Plains
971-0744

Snellville Plaza
Hwy. 78 at
Hwy. 124
736-0502