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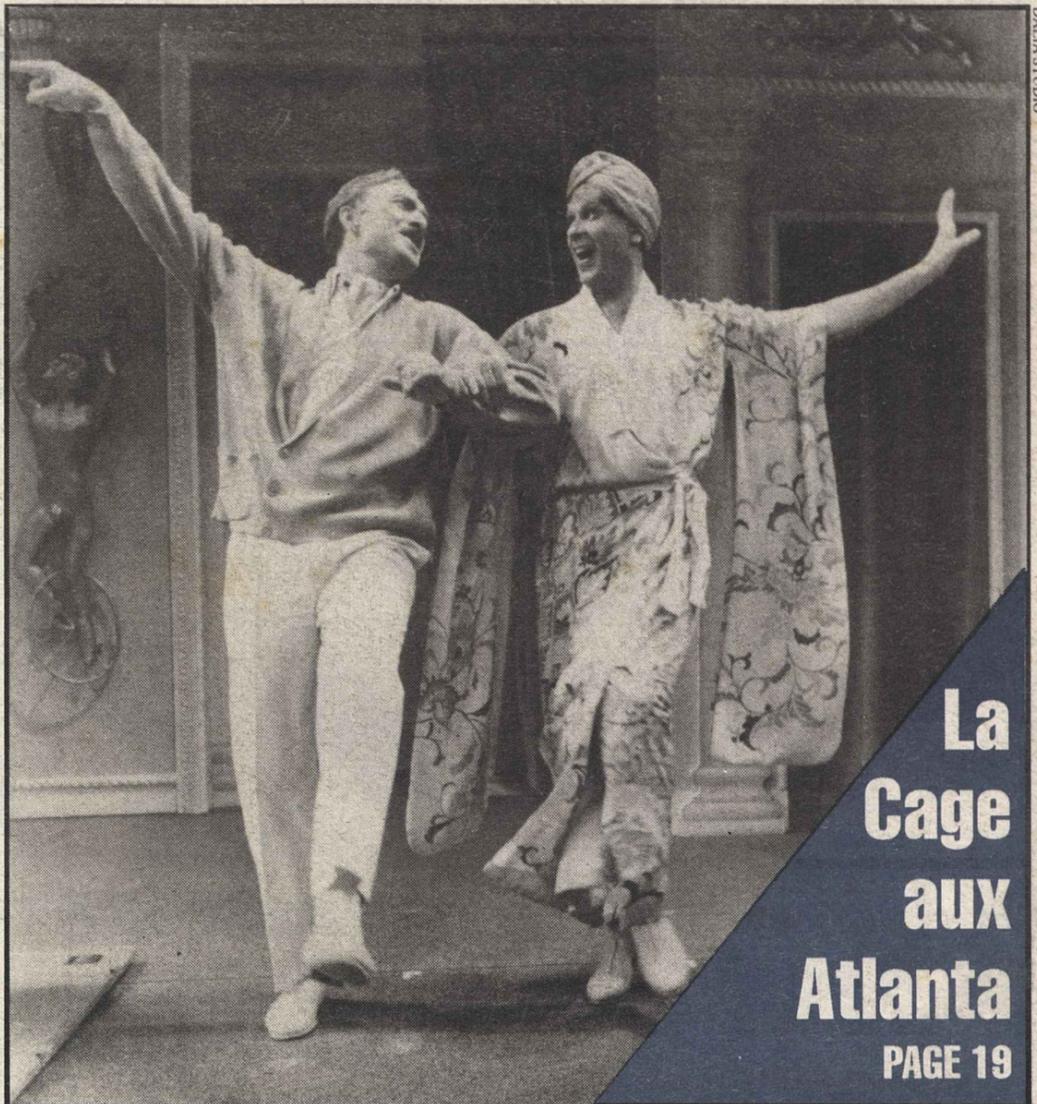
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## New Leader, New Emphasis

*Peri-Jude Radecic, making her first stop in Atlanta since becoming director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, says the organization must organize at the local level to have success nationally.*

by KC WILDMOON

The rights of lesbian and gay people to live their lives are under attack across the country—not just on a national level through such issues as the military ban, but on hundreds of local levels through such tactics as ballot initiative, sex education and opposition to domestic partnership ordinances.

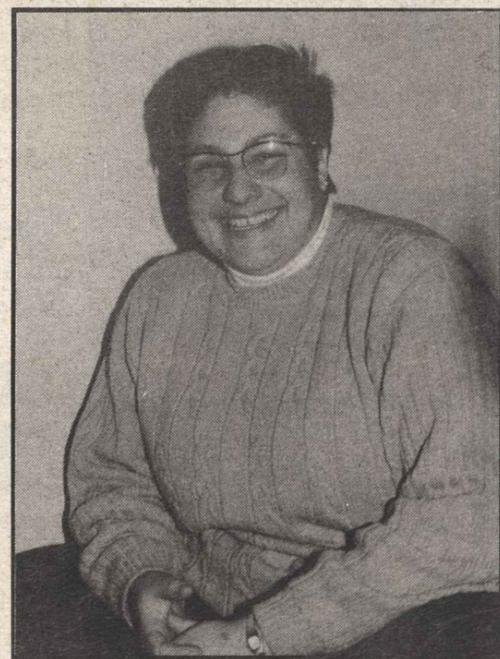
And national gay organizations appear to be getting the message. With the emergence of Gay and Lesbian Americans and the Human Rights Campaign Fund's new Federal Advocacy Network, national gay leadership is bringing the focus home to the millions of lesbians and gay men who are struggling against seemingly insurmountable odds every day.

Peri Jude Radecic, the new executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, is determined to use the Task Force's resources to bolster those struggles as well.

"Our focus is going to be on state and local organizing, and connecting that to a national vision, which will actually come from state and local organizers," Radecic told Southern Voice last week while she was in Atlanta for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration. "I think a lot of our communities are in crises through ballot initiatives, and it's hard to focus on a federal agenda when you're facing a ballot initiative in your state."

Radecic said that such "divide and conquer" tactics of the right wing, which has built a strong grassroots movement across the country, hinder the process of a national agenda.

"I don't believe we're ever going to be able to



Peri Jude Radecic

pass a federal agenda, or federal legislation, or even our federal civil rights bill until we can get communities to stop being in crisis all the time," she said. "And we're not going to be able to do that if we don't build our movement at the state and local level."

To accomplish those ends, NGLTF is attempting to spread its wings into the middle of the country, focusing more energy into those areas, such as the South, that traditionally get a short

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## Straight students upset that lesbians can spend the night

*The same-sex sleepover policy at Abraham Baldwin College unintentionally benefits lesbian couples*

Tifton—Women who live in Chandler Hall, a dorm at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, can have female overnight guests—but men are not allowed to spend the night.

And that has apparently left some straight women in the dorm complaining because they can't spend the night with their significant others while lesbian students can.

Traci Robinson, a sophomore and resident assistant at Chandler Hall, says that visits from her partner, Brandi Leever of Atlanta, have prompted complaints from other dorm residents whose male friends are not allowed to stay overnight.

"There have been some complaints," said Diane Cowart, dean of resident life at the school. "But I'm not exactly sure how to deal with it. The only thing we've done is say there is not a rule against [same-sex overnight visitors]."

Cowart said that overnight guests are required to register with the dormitory director. Robinson, who went to ABAC for the school's golf turf management program, charges that the rules are designed to ferret out lesbian and gay students—and that further rule changes could require the partners of gay students to sign in any time they visit the dorm, as male visitors do now.

"Closeted people wouldn't follow that rule because they don't want anybody to know," she said. "And then they're going to get in trouble later."

Robinson said that she understands the frustrations of heterosexual students, however. "I see the point," she said, "but that's the wrong way to do it. I don't think the guys

should have to sign in, either."

But Cowart says no changes in the rule book are in the works.

"It's certainly not been a major problem," she said, adding that no action would be taken "unless it becomes more of a problem."

Still, the controversy points out the difficulties of being a gay student at a rural school in a small town, where attitudes are usually far less than liberal.

Tifton, located about 200 miles south of

Atlanta, is the location of the first Cracker Barrel restaurant to fire a gay employee when that company issued its anti-gay employment policy. In nearby Willacochee, two gay men were harassed by unknown perpetrators who left a burning cross in their yard last summer.

They finally left the area when their home was burned to the ground.

And Abraham Baldwin has been the focus of at least one other charge of anti-gay harassment. Two years ago a male student was moved from his dorm room because of harassment. School officials fell back on the student's diagnosis of manic-depression when he complained that the administration had not taken all the steps it should have to end the harassment.

Robinson said that the problem stems from being out.

"I'm used to being in Atlanta and being out," she said. "I just can't sit back and pretend to be something I'm not. I'm out, and everybody knows it."

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## Hussain named to NGLTF board

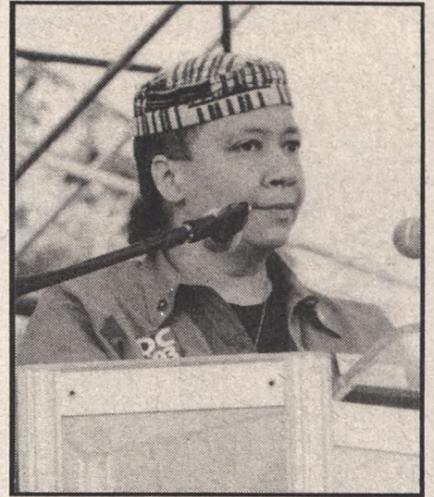
Atlanta—Put another feather in the cap of local activist Pat Hussain—she is the newest member of the board of directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Hussain, who is working at Charis Books while she devotes her activist time to the Southern Alliance Building Project, GLAAD/Atlanta and the Lambda Community Center, said that she is "very pleased" to give the NGLTF board "a Southern flavor."

"I'm very pleased to see the Task Force board is willing to take on a member who is Southern born and certainly not rich," she said. "A lot of time in these national organizations, you've got to have money or live in a certain part of the country, but that's obviously not true here."

Hussain has had a broad local and national visibility on lesbian/gay and related issues, including services on the national executive committee of the 1993 March On Washington, where she was director of outreach. She was also a community organizer for last year's AIDS Walk Atlanta and is a board member at First MCC Church and a Southeastern delegate to Stonewall '94.

An Atlanta native, Hussain and her partner Cherry Hussain are fixtures in the city's political landscape. And she is ready to go



Pat Hussain

on the NGLTF board.

"The fight is going to be no stronger than in the South," she said. "We're in the Bible belt, and the only way to unbuckle the Bible belt is in the South. I don't know if they're ready to have a pissed off black dyke on the board, but they're getting one. I'm looking forward to it."

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## Stonewall 25 ousts NAMBLA

*In its meeting in Atlanta, steering committee votes to ban Groups that advocate sex with minors from June's massive march*

Atlanta—The national steering committee for Stonewall 25 has voted to ban organizations that advocate sexual relations with minors from the massive demonstration it is planning for June in New York City.

The decision—aimed directly at the con-

troversial North American Man Boy Love Alliance—was made by the committee during its meeting in Atlanta over the King Holiday weekend.

"Stonewall 25 is unalterably opposed to sexual exploitation of people under the legal age of consent," said Pat Norman, one of Stonewall 25's three co-chairs. "Under no conditions do we find sex with underage people acceptable. Those who advocate or engage in sexual abuse of young people are not welcome in the family of gay men and lesbians who lead upstanding and honorable lives."

According to a statement issued by Stone  
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## Georgia HIV/AIDS lobbyist keeps an eye out for the unexpected

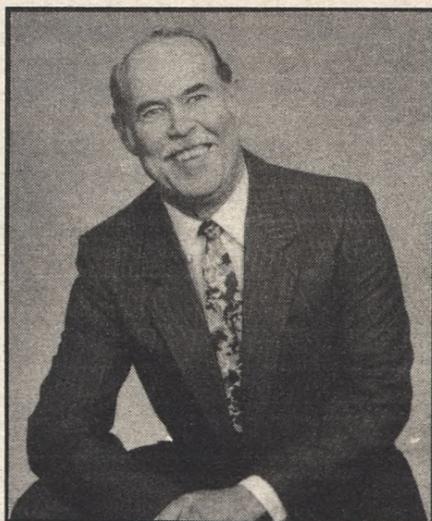
Atlanta—In the first two weeks of the 1994 Georgia General Assembly, only one new bill relating to HIV/AIDS was introduced. But, in anticipation that this session could see the return of some significant, and frightening, pieces of legislation, Len Terrell, the Capitol's HIV/AIDS lobbyist, is keeping his eyes open.

The bill introduced in the first week of the session would give probate court judges more authority in disclosing the HIV status of people their courts handle.

"It has to do with confidentiality of those who are committed to mental health or caregiving institutions and notification of persons coming in contact with those individuals," Terrell said.

Terrell said that probate court judges are currently limited in what they can say and to whom, unlike Superior Court and other judges. The new rules, introduced by Rep. Denmark Groover, D-Macon, grant the probate court judge the discretion to disclose status "if he felt like someone could come in contact" with someone with HIV or AIDS.

"We don't really think it's detrimental," Terrell said. "But we do want to address the



Len Terrell

issue of 'contact,' and more narrowly define what that is."

At Groover's suggestion, Terrell said that he will be speaking with probate court judges about the suggested changes in the bill.

Groover has said he will not change the bill without the approval of the probate judges.

"I don't really feel it's a bill designed to remove any rights, but interpretation does leave some loose ends," he said. "But it's not a bill we need to expend any bullets on."

Those bills may come later. The "arrest and test" bill, which makes it easier for law enforcement officials to require an HIV test for someone who has been arrested, is still in committee after being introduced last year. The bill's sponsors say it was introduced as a protection for police officers, but Terrell says it won't serve that purpose.

"It's an after-the-fact thing and wouldn't protect the officer," he said. "The law would allow substantial abuse because of the groups that would be targeted—the gay community and the black community."

But Terrell said that believes the bill is unlikely to pose a problem this year. "We feel like we've got it in a committee that's sympathetic," he said. "The legislators are open minded and understand the legal ramifications."

A similar situation is in place for a bill

that would require an HIV test for anyone applying for a marriage license, also introduced last year. "It's in a study subcommittee, and we don't think it will come out again," he said. "And if it doesn't come up this year, it's dead."

Still, anything can happen in a legislature that last week began considering a resolution to honor anti-gay ultraconservative talk show magnate Rush Limbaugh.

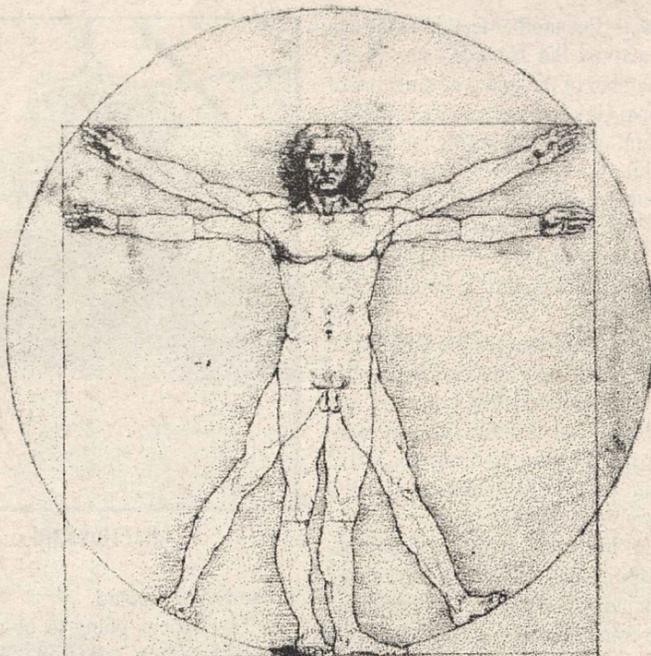
"Expect the unexpected," Terrell said, though he said he doesn't expect an onslaught of controversial bills.

"There's a real push on very visible reelection issues—welfare, crime," he said. "Of course, I can't say what might come out of the woodwork, but I don't think there will be any great push to enact any [detrimental] HIV/AIDS legislation. I would be quite surprised, because this is an election year and they're not looking for negative publicity."

Then again, the Georgia legislature always bears close watching, he said.

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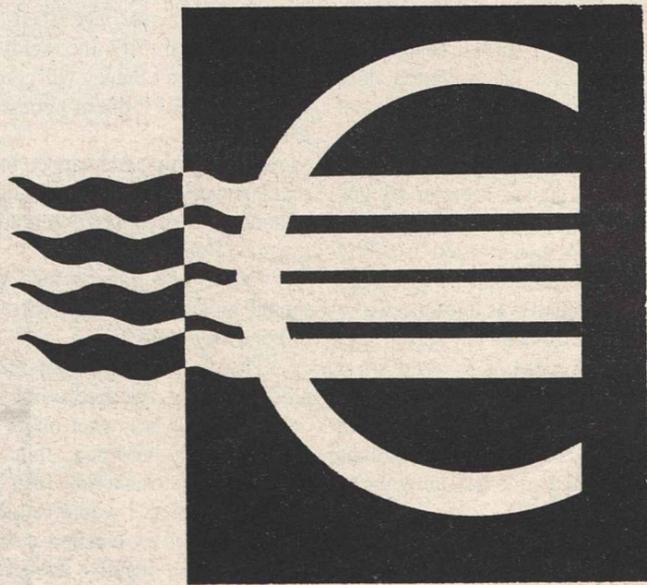
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## "Tales" pulled in Chattanooga

Chattanooga, TN—The same bunch of moralists who tried and failed to keep "Oh, Calcutta" out of town several years ago succeeded in getting "Tales of the City" taken off the air.

Hundreds of viewers called WTCI-TV on the day "Tales of the City," based on Armistead Maupin's look at life in San Francisco during the 1970s, was scheduled to begin its three-night run, complaining about nudity, adult language and positive references to gays and lesbians in the show, as well as its depictions of drug use.

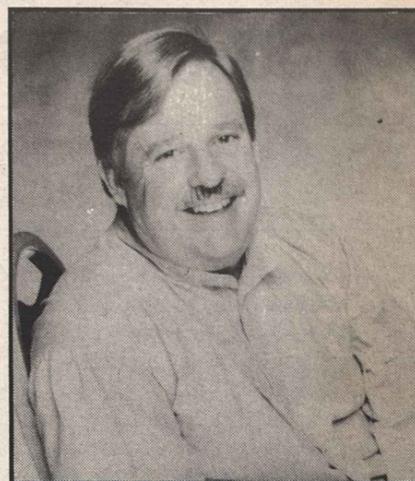
Stories in the local media promoting the program apparently stirred the opposition, which included one anonymous caller who threatened to bomb the station if the program ran. So WTCI-TV pulled the plug on "Tales of the City," saying it didn't meet the community's standards of decency.

"We had calls from people who said they would no longer continue to support this station," said Victor Hogstrom, WTCI-TV president and general manager. The station depends on contributions from the community to stay on the air, he said.

"Many in the community would find this program offensive," he said.

Many of the same objections to "Tales of the City" were raised against "Oh, Calcutta" before it was scheduled to be performed in Chattanooga in the late 1980s. The play was allowed to appear in its original form after a judge ruled against groups who had filed a lawsuit to keep the show out of town.

Public broadcast stations in Nashville, Knoxville and Memphis showed edited versions of the series, using an electronic blurring technique to mask frontal nudity and silent pauses over some of the stronger language. The public television system in North Carolina, where Maupin grew up, and stations in South Carolina also aired the edited version. Georgia's nine-station public television system, which reaches parts of suburban Chattanooga that are in Geor-



PBS stations in author Armistead Maupin's native state, North Carolina, would not run the unedited version of his "Tales of the City."

gia, ran the unedited version.

"We had about a half dozen calls and they were split. Some were disappointed we ran the edited version, the others were disappointed we ran it at all," said Al Curtis, general manager at Knoxville's WSJK-TV. "It's one of those situations where you're damned if you do, damned if you don't."

"We take the attitude that every TV has a switch that can be turned off," Curtis said. "We don't want to offend anybody deliberately, but we don't want to put ourselves in the position of being community censors."

Chattanooga viewers disappointed by the cancellation may see an unedited version of the program at private screenings provided at the station, Hogstrom said.

"It's hard to measure how much we may suffer over this," he said. "I would like to think the viewers are intelligent and would not punish this station over six hours of programming when you look at the thousands of hours of programs we provide, but that's hard to predict."

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## SC House passes anti-gay bills

Columbia, SC—Lesbians and gay men lost twice in the South Carolina House Jan. 13 when lawmakers overwhelmingly endorsed bills to bar them from serving in the National Guard or from adopting children or serving as foster parents.

Gov. Carroll Campbell voiced no opposition. His spokesman, Tucker Eskew, said Campbell opposed letting gays in the U.S. military and supported the restrictions on adoption and foster care.

"It's good public policy. It's good military policy," said state Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-Seneca, a major in the Air National Guard and author of the bill to bar lesbians, gay men and bisexuals from service.

"We have the Confederate flag hanging up there, Shannon Faulkner trying to get into The Citadel—this is just one more evidence of how backward the state is. I'm embarrassed about it," said Harriet D. Hancock, a Columbia attorney and member of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

The House voted 92-20 in favor of Graham's bill, which was designed to continue the ban on lesbians and gays

serving South Carolina's Guard units even if federal policy is changed. By a 92-20 vote, the House also approved a bill that prohibits gays, lesbians and bisexuals from adopting children or serving as foster parents.

"It's a breeding ground for future homosexuals," said Rep. Mike Fair, R-Greenville, the bill's author, said. He dismissed studies provided by gay rights activists last year that said children are no more likely to become gay or lesbian when raised by homosexuals than when raised by heterosexuals.

"I can't defend this with anything but logic," he said.

But opponents said it was irrational fear and politics that motivated lawmakers to pass the bills.

"It's very homophobic. It's relying again on hot-button issues," said state Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, D-Orangeburg, who voted against it.

State Sen. Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston, a member of the Judiciary Committee, said senators would probably approve the bills unless they were convinced they violated constitutional rights.

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**Councilman Apologizes, Sort Of:** When Wilkes-Barre, PA, city councilman Al Boris said of gay men cruising two city parks "You should shoot half of them anyway," the city's lesbian and gay community was angry. When he decried federal AIDS research because gays "are getting what they deserve," they were even angrier. So Boris apologized. Two minutes into his apology at a Jan. 13 council meeting, Boris said the parks in question have been "monopolized by homosexuals," and referred to "semen all over the place." And then he said that gay men recruit retarded people for sex and that the media hides gays' "deadly activities" behind the cloak of civil rights. The city council adjourned the meeting without hearing the rest of Boris' apology.



Texas Rep. Glen Maxey says that state's sodomy law is unconstitutional, but the Supreme Court doesn't agree.

**Is The Texas Sodomy Law Unconstitutional?:** A Texas Supreme Court ruling has apparently let stand the state's 115-year-old sodomy law—the court declared that neither it nor a lower court that found the law unconstitutional had jurisdiction to do so—but the court ignored an Appeals Court ruling in another case that found the law unconstitutional. Ron Dusek of the state attorney general's office said the appeals court ruling does stand, but that doesn't mean a future case couldn't be decided in an appellate court and go to the Supreme Court, which refused to hear an appeal on the second case. Rep. Glen Maxey, the state's only openly gay state legislator, said that he would pursue an appeal of the law in the legislature. "Clearly this issue...was decided in a political manner, and the people of Texas will have an opportunity to respond in a political manner," he said, confirming that he would continue his efforts to repeal "what is now an unconstitutional statute."

**Man Who Killed Mate During Rough Sex Sentenced:** A homeless man was sentenced to 11 years in prison for killing another man during rough sex in Middletown, Conn. John J. Rodriguez asked the family of Dennis J. DiPace for forgiveness last week before he was sentenced for his 1st degree manslaughter conviction. DiPace was found dead June 28 in his condominium. Rodriguez, who at the time of the death was living in a homeless shelter in Hartford, pleaded guilty in November. According to investigators, DiPace and Rodriguez, who were acquainted, were involved in sexual activity that purportedly involved DiPace's having a ligature placed around his neck and duct tape over his mouth. When DiPace turned blue and became unresponsive, Rodriguez panicked and fled, taking DiPace's car and some of his belongings.

**TV Vet Dies Of AIDS At 42:** Dr. Stephen M. Kritsick, who was animal science editor on ABC's "Good Morning America" and a veterinarian in New York City, died Jan. 16 of AIDS-related lymphoma. He was 42. Kritsick had announced on television in October that he had contracted the disease, and reflected on his life and illness on the Dec. 24 "GMA," his last appearance on the program. He had written two books, "Dr. Kritsick's Tender Loving Cat Care" and "Creature Comforts," a novel, and was at work on a book about AIDS at the time of his death. Kritsick is survived by his companion, Art Campbell, his parents, and two sisters.

**Cincinnati Council Delays Vote On Repeal Of Gay Rights Law:** The Cincinnati City Council voted 5-4 last week to postpone action on a proposal that would revoke the city's entire human rights ordinance, which includes protections for lesbians and gay men, and in a separate 9-0 vote, defeated a proposal that would have deleted sexual orientation from the ordinance. The city's ordinance was revoked by a November ballot initiative that barred the city from enacting such legislation, but a federal judge blocked implementation of the new law until a lawsuit brought by gay rights activists could be heard. Meanwhile, a boycott against the city is having some effect—the American Historical Association and the American Library Association have cancelled upcoming conventions that had been scheduled for Cincinnati.

**School Board Votes To Allow Gay Group:** Huntington Beach, Calif., school district trustees have voted to let a high school gay group continue meeting on campus despite protests. The 4-1 vote followed a long and spirited meeting in which nearly 100 residents delivered arguments to the board. "I have a gay child and I just came here to say I understand how scary it is to be in school and have no one to support you," said Natalie Ballard. "Love is big, but homosexuality is wrong," countered Ina Brinkmann, who presented the trustees with 120 signatures of people opposed to the gay group, promising to gather hundreds more.

**KKK Member Ordered To Pay Civil Rights Groups:** A Ku Klux Klan member from Wallingford, CT, accused of punching patrons of a gay bar and harassing Mexican-Americans, has been given a suspended prison sentence, but must donate hundreds of dollars to civil rights groups. Scott Palmer pleaded guilty to charges of breach of peace and threatening and no contest to a charge of intimidation by bigotry or bias. Under terms of the agreement with prosecutors, Palmer was ordered to make 12 monthly payments of \$25 each to the NAACP and Casa Vorcuda de Meriden, a Puerto Rican community center, and \$50 monthly payments to the Meriden Client Fund, an emergency fund for AIDS patients. Palmer may also be ordered to attend counseling sessions, but the Klansman said it would not work. "They feel as though they can change me," he said. "Sure I'll learn something. Maybe it will make me stronger as a Klansman."

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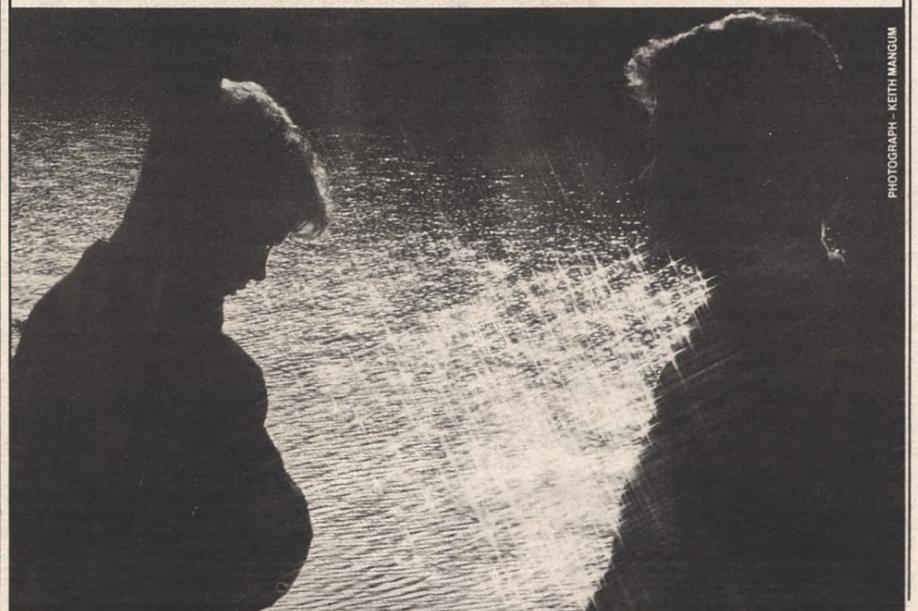


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**Radecic**

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shift from most national organizations. Radecic's trip to Atlanta last week was part of that effort.

"The work that I did at the King Center—our work is going to be about coalition building," she said. "I'll make those connections at the national level so that people here in Georgia can make those connections at the local level. And it won't be just with the King Center. It'll be with the Japanese-American Citizens League and the NAACP, and the Organization of Chinese Americans and the folks in the Native American movement."

Radecic pointed out that NGLTF has had strong ties to the South, particularly Georgia, in recent years.

"We've had board members from Georgia—[HRCF public policy director] Cathy Woolard and Sabrina Sojourner (now an assistant to California U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters)," she said. "And I'm pleased to say that Pat Hussain is now a board member."

Radecic also wants to establish a field office in the South, to compliment the offices already running in Portland, Ore., Boston, Los Angeles (where campuses are being organized), the Silicon Valley (where workplaces are being organized) and San Francisco.

"It was actually in my initial budget that I submitted to the board a couple of months ago," she said. "I want to open a field office here in the South, and one in the Midwest. We're trying to do more to bring [NGLTF programming] into the middle of the country."

Fight the Right summits, to organize efforts against right wing misinformation and initiatives, are part of that strategy. NGLTF held two such summits last year, in Cincinnati and Denver, and plans more this year. Additionally, a workplace organizing conference, which annually draws 600 organizers, will be held in the Midwest this year.

The focus, clearly, is on "helping local and state activists do their job, and do it as best as they can." From that, Radecic said, can come a national effort.

"Out of that comes our federal direction, our federal vision, based on people's needs and concerns at the state and local level," she said.

One strategy is to convene roundtable discussions comprised of the people who

"do the work on a day-to-day basis." By way of example, Radecic pointed to her organization of the recent briefings on Capitol Hill regarding lesbian health care issues—the first such briefings to be held.

"The way I knew what to even talk about was because I convened a group of 18 women—health care providers, dykes with HIV, lesbians with breast cancer, researchers, clinic directors," she explained. "For three months, every two weeks, we talked about what the agenda is around lesbian health care. And that's my blueprint for what I need to do with [Health and Human Services Secretary] Donna Shalala and the health committees on Capitol Hill."

The focus on local organizing is the crux of the difference between NGLTF and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, which is a federal political action committee and a federal lobby.

"We're two very different organizations and both need to exist," Radecic said. "The Task Force is much more focussed on building our movement at the state and local level. That's what we're about."

With one federal lobbyist, Tanya Domi, and a pledge not to hire another until the organization is "stronger and better" at the local level, the Task Force under Radecic is poised to assist in fighting the battles on the front lines and in the back yards of the country's gay and lesbian citizens. An example of that was NGLTF's call for the Justice Department to intervene late last year when residents of Overt, Miss. began harassing a lesbian feminist retreat.

Radecic, in her previous staff position with NGLTF before being named executive director, had already been lobbying the department to include sexual orientation as a criteria for conflicts in which the agency's Community Relations Service could intervene. Camp Sister Spirit's problems with the local community make very clear the necessity of changing that law.

"We're going to keep plugging away," she said. "We're going to do things like help the women in Overt, Mississippi—we're going to change federal law because of Camp Sister Spirit."

But Radecic admits the struggle will be a long and arduous one.

"We're going to get where we need to be, but it's going to be step by step, business by business," she said. "It'll be person to person, coming out of the closet, being visible. One step at a time."

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## Even cold and rain couldn't turn them around

*A lesbian/gay contingent of 70 joins in the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday march*

Atlanta—It wasn't a particularly pretty day for a march. In fact, it was downright ugly. But the cold rain and wicked wind whipping around the corners of downtown Atlanta's tallest buildings could not keep down the spirits of the nearly 1,000 who braved the weather to participate in the ninth federal holiday celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 65th birthday on Jan. 17.

Among that number were about 70 gay men, lesbians and bisexuals—bolstered by nearly 50 participants in the national organizing conference for Stonewall 25 held at the Sheraton Colony Square over the weekend—marching with rainbow flags, banners and signs reflecting various organizations and individual tastes.

The numbers were lower this year than past years, and gone were the throngs of spectators who usually line the route down Peachtree Street and up Auburn Avenue to the King Center. But those from the gay community who participated were proud to be a visible part of this year's King holiday.

"I'm so thrilled," said Ken Johnson, who coordinated the lesbian/gay participation in the march. "I woke up this morning and I was scared, but Rev. [James] Orange (the march committee chairman) said if it's just the march committee, we're marching. This is so exciting."

For Hubert Alexander, there was no question about participating.

"This is a civil rights march, not a parade," he said. "We have to be here."

Tony Vicari, a member of the Cobb Citizens Coalition, made the trip from Marietta, despite treacherous driving conditions Monday morning.

"There is so much hatred in the world," he said. "And this day more than any other—more than Christmas or any holiday—is an occasion to bring black and white together, to bring gay and straight together."

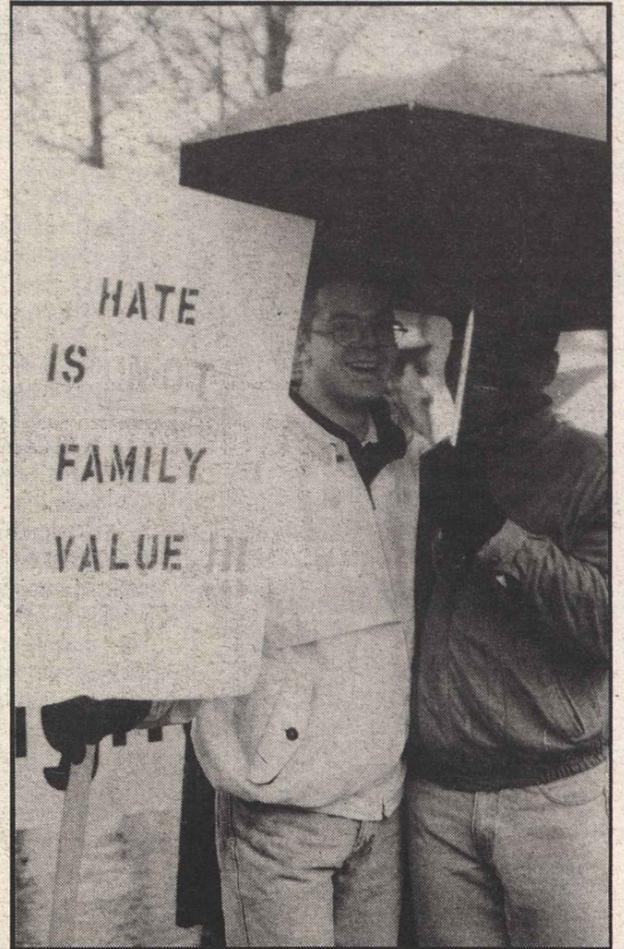
Brenda Howard, a participant in the Stonewall conference from New York City, said that she was "really excited to see so many people in Atlanta who were so interested."

"The civil rights movement was basically an inspiration for our movement," she said.

At the rally following the march, marchers began drifting away, seeking dryer, warmer environs, early on—but not the lesbian/gay contingent. By the time National Lesbian and Gay Task Force executive director Peri Jude Radecic, one of the march's honorary marshals, spoke, the gay and lesbian marchers made up nearly half the audience.

"That's dedication," said Lynn Cothren, an assistant to Coretta Scott King.

"Our gathering here today [is a step toward] breaking down the barriers that separate us," Radecic said, speaking about the importance of building national coalitions. "We will be the bridge, not the wedge."



Tony White (left) and Alfonzo Ford from the Cobb County Citizens Coalition came down for the march

KC WILDMOON



Marchers hold the banner that led the queer contingent.



Archie Freeman (left) and Badili of the African-American Lesbian and Gay Alliance brave the wind and rain to demonstrate their support for King's ideals.

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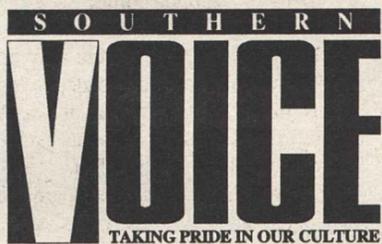
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EDITORIAL

**GPTV needs our support to counter "Tales" backlash**

Anybody who actually sat down and watched PBS's recent airing of "Tales of the City" (which, if the ratings are any guide, was a significant chunk of folks) has to be wondering what in the world all of this fuss is about—and why some politicians have been castigating Georgia Public Television for airing the series.

The "Tales" they describe—chock full of X-rated decadence, filth and obscenity—were not the "Tales" we watched. Then again, those who are complaining loudest about GPTV's decision to air the show admit they never actually saw it.

The optimist in us would like to think that if they had, they wouldn't be engaging in such foolish posturing. The realist in us knows we would probably be wrong. Demagogues are only infrequently swayed by trivial matters such as facts or reason.

Though the characters in the television incarnation of Armistead Maupin's novel talked about sex, there were no graphic displays of carnal activity. Nudity was fleeting, certainly nothing worse than what one could see on a pay cable movie. The language was adult, to be sure, but there was nothing gratuitous about its use. There was substantial drug use, but then this was a period piece about 1970s San Francisco. Cutting out the drug use would have been like filming a Western without the horses.

The series captured the playful innocence of Maupin's tales, which, after all, first appeared as a column in a mainstream daily newspaper. If anything, the book and the TV series probably understated, not overstated, the free-wheeling atmosphere of the times. There were also two advisories before every episode warning viewers of the content of "Tales" and giving them a chance to change the channel.

So why are Georgia politicians really fall-

ing all over themselves to condemn a program that is no more offensive than dozens of others than run every week?

Could it have *everything* to do with the fact that "Tales" presents gay men and lesbians and transsexuals as compelling three-dimensional people with legitimate lives and loves?

Those who attack GPTV either don't know, or don't care, that one of the reasons public television exists is to present a forum for programming that may be considered too risky for the timid confines of commercial television. GPTV's decision to air "Tales" fulfills that mission. The fact that "Tales" drew higher ratings than most public television fare illustrates that there is a legitimate audience for such programming.

We would expect legislators with a right-wing pedigree, such as GOP gubernatorial candidate John Knox, to attack GPTV and, in essence, advocate censorship. We know all too well that there are some people who won't be satisfied until every positive reference to lesbians and gays is eliminated from the media. But Lt. Gov. Pierre Howard, who also offered abuse to GPTV over its airing of "Tales," really ought to know better.

This is the same Pierre Howard who, during his many years in the Georgia Senate, represented a DeKalb County district with a substantial lesbian/gay population. This is the same Pierre Howard who relied on a coalition of progressive voters—in which gays and lesbians play an important role—to build his Senate career and win statewide office. His decision to side with the yahoos is a mystifying slap in the face.

But now that he has, GPTV is in a perilous position. As Southern Voice went to press this week, the Georgia Senate, spurred on by Sen.

Pete Robinson, D-Columbus, was considering a resolution ordering GPTV not to rerun "Tales," plunging legislators in programming decisions that they have no business making. Right-wing lawmakers may go after GPTV's state funding as the budget makes its way through the General Assembly—with the prospect that they could be aided and abetted by the powerful Pierre Howard and Robinson, who together hold the Senate's top two offices.

GPTV needs our help. If you enjoyed "Tales," write to GPTV and let them know. If you are able, send money and become a member of GPTV, which will give your letter more bite. Then, write or call your legislators and tell them to keep their hands off GPTV. And let Pierre Howard and Pete Robinson know what you think.

So far, the powers that be at GPTV have stood unflinching in the face of criticism. But if we want Georgia to have a public television system willing to air programs that speak to our lives, such as "Tales," we must give them the support they need to resist the Neanderthals pounding at their doors.

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**Federal law offers protection "Philadelphia" ignored**

We recently saw the movie "Philadelphia" which dramatizes the principal character's (Tom Hanks) legal fight against his former employers as a result of his firing upon their realization that he had AIDS. We, like all others who witnessed it, were moved by the courage and compassion displayed by so many in the film. We have nothing but praise for the actors, director and producers involved in the production.

However, as attorneys, we were disappointed that the movie fails to mention one of the most important legal protections that those with HIV/AIDS can avail themselves of—the Americans with Disabilities Act. The ADA is a federal law which was enacted by Congress

in 1990. The ADA applies to most employers and prohibits employment discrimination against those with disabilities. HIV/AIDS is considered a disability under the ADA. The ADA prohibits discrimination in hiring, firing and promoting. It requires employers to make "reasonable accommodations" to enable disabled employees to remain in the work place.

Congress rightfully realized that those with disabilities, including those with HIV/AIDS, still have much to offer society and that society should not be denied those benefits because of the prejudices of some.

We appreciate this opportunity to further inform your readership. Many people in the HIV/AIDS community are also members of

communities which historically have suffered discrimination under the law. We would be remiss not to point out a law which might be of benefit to them.

Gary Tharp  
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**Headline pessimistic**

As the New Year proceeds, I see that SoVo's Jan. 6 front cover says "Hopes are high for 1994 among members of Atlanta's lesbian and gay community," yet [it] is titled "Wishful Thinking."

What an encouraging way to start the new year, Southern Voice. Poor attitudes, while maybe labelled "realistic," have never gotten anybody anywhere. So much has happened in 1993. Even though we suffered setbacks in some areas, we are on the whole progressing. You ought to see my scrapbooks.

If for one purpose, this letter to the editor is intended to say, "Folks, it's a backlash, so we roll with the punches, strap on our life preservers and do keep our heads above water. And remember, there's so much we don't see or haven't tried, truth is on our side and the fat lady ain't singin' for a hell of a long time. Chin up."

Dong Stickels  
 Atlanta

Stickels is the political chair of Black and White Men Together.



# Best use of Bawer's book is to thaw your pipes

It's winter, and what else is there to do while the water pipes thaw but sit down with a good book? Hip, hip, hooray, therefore, to the fact that gay people in Atlanta have so many places, and especially new places, to find books to read. New, coffee-scented Outwrite in Midtown Promenade; comfortable, principled Charis, soon to be in their own building in L5P; cheap Chapter 11 in Ansley Mall; palatial Barnes & Noble in Buckhead.

The stores are fine; the books, sometimes, are another story. Take the latest effort to explain and justify what I call the "straight-identified" gay viewpoint, Bruce Bawer's "A Place at the Table." Bawer's book is far superior to these previous efforts—Anyone remember "After the Ball"?—And well-enough written to make its contents even more infuriating. I briefly considered thawing my pipes by burning it under the sink. How can someone who writes so well turn out such an unpleasant book?

Bawer's title is a metaphor for what (he says) gay people want—a chance to be heard as valid and valued participants in society. But he thinks that we sabotage this by choosing "outrageous" behavior, trivializing ourselves and forcing us to accept a place at the Little Gay Table instead of the Table of All Society. Bawer dislikes activist disruptiveness, wearing leather or dresses and generally anything that irritates straight society.

But Bawer's own story of why he stopped writing for The American Spectator discredits his argument all by itself. The Spectator is a right-wing publication that runs sleazy stories like Anita Hill's nymphomania and Bill Clinton's state trooper escapades. Bawer even prints the vile things they published about gays while he wrote for them, including arguments for HIV quarantines.

Why did he stay there? His rationale is that he thought writers were free to write what they pleased, so he stayed to maintain a covert gay perspective at the magazine. But when he was censored when trying to say something positive about "Longtime Companion" and "Prelude to a Kiss," he quit.

Bawer misses the entire point of this story. He tried really, really hard to be the kind of gay man the Spectator would publish. It turns out that the only kind of gay writer they wanted was one who would pass as straight. When he stopped doing that, they squashed him. Did that radicalize him? No, it only taught that straight people continue to choose who sits at



## Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

the table. If you want to be there, Straighten Up and Fly Right.

The perspective missing from Bawer's book is an unforgivable one for someone as well-read and scholarly as he. Bawer shows no understanding of gay history. Bawer believes gay people misbehave just to get society's goat—what he doesn't grasp is how our culture grew naturally as a response to the oppression of society.

The first book to which I would refer him for his Gay History 101 remedial reading is Martin Duberman's "Stonewall," a historical account of the riots that led to the foundation of our movement. What this book taught me is how much of our movement grew from seeds planted by Communist party members in the '50s, and '60s and anti-war protesters. These were society's only rebels, the ones who weren't conforming to its rigid lines and rules.

Early protesters tried Bawer's prescription 30 years ago—picketing in suits, ties and dresses so as not to look "threatening." It got them nowhere, because respectability cannot start a revolution. Among the first things thrown at police in June, 1969 were high heels from the drag queens.

Bawer senses no debt to these courageous individuals, implicitly believing he would be able to live a life of integrity, even if this work had never occurred. About this, I find him sadly delusional.

Just exactly what a pre-Stonewall life was like is vividly told in "Jeb and Dash: A Diary of Gay Life, 1918-1945," edited by Ina Russell.

Russell inherited from her uncle "Jeb's" 50 years of diaries and has edited them into a remarkable account of day-to-day gay life in Washington, D.C.

What resonated with me is how much of Jeb's day-by-day agonies in the 1920s and '30s were like mine a decade ago—the loneliness, the aching need to understand the "why me" part, coming out, frustrations with friends who waffle between being gay and getting the family off their backs, the sadness for the people who either failed or settled, either by suicide or forced marriages or the compromises of closeted life.

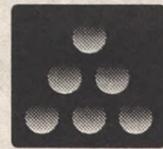
But because of the work done in the '60s, I have reached a point Jeb never attained—a level of integrity with myself, an understanding of the gifts of insight and compassion that I have inherited from being gay, the variety of a life not bound by the structures and limitations of straight society. That gift grew from the actions of some not-very presentable rioters in 1969.

The most telling of Bawer's quotes: "I don't hate seeing people in leather or drag; what I hate is the thought that to some of them, the leather or drag is the cornerstone of their identity... And I hate the fact that such people have succeeded in convincing many heterosexuals that they speak for all gays and that their own less attractive qualities are inherent attributes of homosexuality."

But what concern is it of his what someone chooses to make the cornerstone of their identity? Bawer fears that these people reflect on him, tainting what society thinks about him. His goal is ultimately a selfish one—a gay society that will not embarrass him in front of his friends.

I hear him saying, "Live within the lines drawn by straight America so that you don't scare people into denying you human respect." I, however, feel a stronger need to move the lines drawn by straight America outward, so that more people can live the way their heart points.

My admonition to you is "Go buy some books." Pick up "Stonewall" or "Jeb and Dash" from whichever store you feel supports you best. But leave "A Place at the Table" in its place on the shelves of Charis and Outwrite and any other place where books that tell about our lives are sold. I think it tells you more about Bruce Bawer's circumspect little life than it does about our collective ones.



## GLAAD News

by CARL LANGE

### Tales of Babylon-on-the-Bay

Thanks to the efforts of American Playhouse and KQED-TV in San Francisco, the nation has been treated to a six-hour presentation of Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City." The nostalgic series is set in 1970s San Francisco and includes a healthy dose of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender frolicking (as well as such cultural mysteries as platform shoes and macramé). The series premiered on January 10-14 on Georgia Public Television (GPTV).

Few corporate donors were willing to provide funding for the broadcast. Most donors made the excuse that it was the heavy drug use, and not the gay and lesbian content, that kept them from sponsoring "Tales." Right wing organizations are rallying against the series and its wonderful and honest depiction of Babylon-on-the-Bay.

"Tales" is "exactly the sort of material public TV should be doing," says KQED's senior executive producer Michael Schwarz. "If there ever was a reason for public broadcasting to exist, it's to put on programming other [broadcast networks] might be hesitant to approach."

GPTV aired the original uncensored version and should be commended, particularly since, in some surrounding Southern states, only an edited version aired, and, in Chattanooga, Tenn. "Tales" was pulled completely after right-wing pressure.

"Georgia Public Television's policy is to respect the artist's work and our viewers' intelligence," says GPTV public relations manager Marcia Killingsworth. "We let them know when a program such as this contains adult material, nudity or language, and we let our viewers make up their own minds about whether it's appropriate viewing in their homes." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution]

To ensure that homophobic cards and letters don't outnumber the positive response, send your feedback to Dr. Richard Ottinger, Station Manager, GPTV, 1540 Stewart Avenue SW, Atlanta, GA 30310, or call the station at (404) 756-4700 and ask to speak to broadcast services to make your comments.

Write Keven Harris, Station Manager, KQED-TV, 2601 Mariposa St., San Francisco, CA 94110-1400.

The Atlanta Constitution should also be commended for its January 10th one-and-a-half-page spread on "Tales." Writer Steve Murray successfully described the series, drawing attention to the lesbian and gay content, in a matter-of-fact way. "It's boy-meets-girl-meets-girl-meets-boy-meets-boy." Murray has been a champion in the inclusion of gay and lesbian themed films and movies in his reviews and deserves praise.

Write Steve Murray, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, P.O. Box 4689, Atlanta, GA 30302, or call him at (404) 526-5954.

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## Chemo increases cancer survival

*Philadelphia*—Women with locally advanced breast cancer have a significantly higher survival rate when surgery is preceded by chemotherapy to shrink the tumors, doctors at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital reported.

A study of 189 women since 1979, released in mid-January in the journal *Cancer*, showed the treatment improves disease-free survival after two years to 81 percent, compared to historical levels of 20 percent, the researchers reported.

The doctors use a process called induction chemotherapy, which uses several cycles of drugs to treat a cancer patient prior to radiation or surgery. After that they get radiation and then surgery, if necessary.

"At one time doctors considered women with these large tumors 'incurable' or 'highly likely to be incurable,'" said Dr. Gordon Schwartz, a Jefferson surgeon and specialist in breast cancer who coauthored the study with seven other researchers and physicians. "While this type of disease accounts for 10 percent to 20 percent of the breast cancer population, it leaves women with few options for survival. When we began to change the sequence of treatment and administer the chemotherapy before the surgery, we saw that tumors were melting away."

The study indicated that breast conservation—procedures such as lumpectomy and radiation therapy that do not require removal of the entire breast—can be performed after che-

motherapy with a greater expectation of long-term success than had been traditionally achieved.

After five years the survival rate was 61 percent and for 10 years it was 55 percent, all higher than expected.

"Normally, people think of breast cancer as a disease for which something surgical is done first," said Dr. William Biermann, a Jefferson oncologist, and also a coauthor. "With this study we hope to generate confidence in using a therapy in which surgery is put on hold to permit the body time to respond to chemotherapy."

Dr. Sandra Swain, director of the Comprehensive Breast Center at Georgetown University who has conducted similar induction chemotherapy studies, called the Jefferson data "exciting in that it shows survival among these women to be increased."

"What's especially important is that not every patient had to have a mastectomy," she added.

The first objective, Schwartz said, was to increase survival and the second goal was changing the treatment from massive surgery to induction chemotherapy followed by breast conservation. She said that as more and more women were staying well longer, "we began to convert treatment for about one-third of the women from mastectomy to breast conservation."

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## Experts continue to disagree about when to start mammography

Women under the age of 50 face a dilemma about mammography, X-ray examination for the early detection of breast cancer.

The National Cancer Institute, a federal agency, and the American Cancer Society, a private non-profit organization, are in the unusual position of making almost diametrically opposite recommendations about the value of periodic mammograms for women aged 40 to 50.

The National Cancer Institute recently reversed its longstanding recommendation that women between the ages of 40 and 50 have mammograms every year or two.

To support its stand, the institute cited a large-scale Canadian study in which periodic mammograms for under-50 women produced no apparent reduction in breast cancer deaths.

That study has been widely criticized, however, on both medical and technical grounds. Critics say the mammograms were poorly done and poorly interpreted, and that more high-risk women were in the group that received mammography than in the group that did not.

Another argument used against periodic mammograms for under-50 women is that breast cancer appears to be more malignant and less treatable in younger women, and thus early detection is less useful in this age group.

But the American Cancer Society strenuously objects to the change, and it is supported by other professional groups. For example, the

American College of Radiology has affirmed its recommendation that women under the age of 50 have annual mammograms.

So what should a woman do?

For a woman over 50, the answer is clear. There is solid evidence that annual mammograms for women in this age group can save a significant number of lives by detecting breast cancer in its earliest stage, when treatment is most effective and is less traumatic.

Women under 50 who are in high-risk groups—for example, those with a family history of breast cancer or with suspicious lumps in the breast—are still advised to have mammography every year or two.

My belief—and the belief of many radiologists—is that every woman over the age of 40 should be screened every year.

But the only way the scientific debate can be settled is by a long-term, large scale trial that would have to enroll half a million under-50 women to produce statistically satisfactory evidence.

Meanwhile, women between the ages of 40 and 50 must weigh the evidence, consult their doctors and make their own decisions.

DR. GILLIAN M. NEWSTEAD

*Dr. Gillian M. Newstead is assistant professor of radiology at New York University School Medical Center.*

## Women lawmakers push for breast cancer check-off

*Springfield, IL*—A group of lawmakers urged Illinois taxpayers to help fight breast and cervical cancer by donating a portion of their tax refunds for research.

"Taxpayers can check off a box on their tax returns to donate all or a portion of their refunds to a Breast and Cervical Cancer Research fund within the state treasury. If the fund doesn't garner \$100,000 by October, the

checkoff box will be removed from next year's tax return forms.

Sen. Penny Severns, D-Decatur, said reaching the \$100,000 mark will help Illinois secure federal money to fight the diseases. "Illinois has the opportunity to access as much as \$2.2 million each year for the next five years through the Centers for Disease Control," said Severns, the bill's chief Senate sponsor.

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## D.C. doc reports good results with Interluken 2

Dr. Larry Bruni, a private physician in Washington, DC, spoke at the January treatment forum of the AIDS Survival Project. His topic was his aggressive treatments of HIV infected patients with Interleukin 2.

IL2 is an approved drug for renal cell carcinoma and is being researched by the National Institutes of Health as an immune modulator to raise CD4 counts. It is not a drug that attacks HIV. It is known for its severe, if temporary, side effects, which include temperatures up to 104° F, body aches, edema, and mental status changes. The side effects disappear, usually, within two days after completion of the treatment.

Dr. Bruni started giving his patients IL2 early last year, and has now treated over one hundred HIV-infected people with good results in more than 90 percent of those treated. A couple of his patients' CD4 counts have increased from 20 to over 200. Usually, CD4 counts have at least doubled. Only five patients have stopped treatments because of the side effects.

Researchers at NIH admit their patients to the hospital for five days of treatment, plus a day or two for the side effects to disappear. Bruni treats his patients as outpatients for four days with daily office visits. He does require that his patients have someone with them 24 hours per day to provide care. The usual dose is 18 million IU per day continuously infused thru an IV. Bruni's patients are attached to a portable IV pump, which allows for the office visits.

Patients who start with low CD4 counts (below 100) sometimes require several treatments before any benefit is shown. This is because the IL2 receptors of CD4 cells are few in number. One method of increasing the receptors is to start treatments with low doses (3 MIU) for 14 days, administered subcutaneously. This is thought to reawaken the immune system into supplying more IL2 receptors. This allows the higher dose IV infusion, which brings the major benefit.

Dr. Bruni said he is rethinking this method, however, and prefers to start immediate IV treatments. Either method brings only temporary benefit and needs to be repeated every eight weeks. It is thought by some, however, that after several IV treatments, subcutaneous treatments may be the only maintenance necessary.

The side effects of IL2 treatment tend to increase with each day of infusion. For this reason, Bruni's four day treatments produce less severe side effects than NIH's five day treatments, but the NIH gets slightly better results. Some feel that the better results are not worth the worsened side effects of a fifth day of treatments.

The cost of IL2 treatments is high. The drug itself, plus required equipment and monitoring, bring the cost of each round of treatment to more than \$3000. In addition, patients who work lose a week of work every two months.

Dr. Bruni said that some insurance companies pay for the treatment without any trouble. But because IL2 has not yet been approved by the FDA for treatment of HIV disease, some insurers balk at paying. The IL2 producer, Cetus Corporation, has set up a hotline (1-800-775-7533) to help the patient determine whether their insurance company will cover the cost of treatment.

Because IL2 does not attack HIV itself, Dr. Bruni says he always uses aggressive anti-retroviral treatments, as well as Acyclovir in all patients. He also strongly suggests nutritional supplements as recommended by HIV experienced nutritionists.

The forum was videotaped; copies will be available from the AIDS Survival Project (874-7926) next week.

The next treatment forum will be held February 20 and will feature Dr. Bernard Bihari of New York City, who will discuss "Comprehensive Ambulatory Management of HIV Infection."

BY DAVID STANLEY

## New evidence found that gp 120 damages brain

*New York City*—Scientists have found new evidence that a single HIV protein may damage brain cells and lead to the impaired thinking and movement seen in some infected people.

Strains of mice made to produce the protein in their brains showed brain abnormalities like those in infected humans, researchers said. The mice should be useful in assessing drugs to ward off such damage from HIV, the researchers suggested in the Jan. 13 issue of the journal *Nature*.

The protein, called gp120, is shed from HIV-infected cells in people, researchers said.

For the experiment, mice were given a gene to make them produce the protein without HIV infection.

The work was done by scientists at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif., the University of California, San Diego, and the Boston University School of Medicine.

In a *Nature* commentary, Dr. Stuart Lipton of Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School said several drugs have been claimed to reduce cell damage from gp120, and that tests in humans are in progress.

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## UGA researchers find way to isolate immature pneumocystis

*Athens, GA*—Researchers at the University of Georgia have discovered a method of isolating an immature form of pneumocystis carinii.

The research could lead to more effective treatments for the disease, but a researcher at the National Institutes of Health said the development could be helpful but didn't appear to be a major advance.

Dr. Jamie De Stefano, a researcher at the university's Complex Carbohydrate Research Center, said the team had found a quicker way

to separate the drug-resistant mature form of pneumocystis carinii from its immature forms. She said the latest method also provides a virtually pure form of the organism, making it easier to study its life cycle.

The Georgia researchers said the stages of pneumocystis have different weights, causing them to separate when spun from a centrifugal device. Further purification is carried out through filtration.

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## Form of B-6 blocks new HIV infection

Omaha, NE—A type of vitamin B-6 found in the body and used in test-tube experiments blocked HIV from infecting white blood cells, a researcher reported Jan. 14.

The vitamin did not help cells that had already been infected, said James Salhany, a researcher and biochemist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The test-tube experiments haven't been extended to humans, but the medical center is pursuing funding for human tests. Salhany said researchers have to find out if enough vitamin B-6 can be built up in the body without causing toxic side effects. The only type of B-6 that worked in the experiments is called pyridoxal phosphate, or PLP, and is found in the bloodstream.

Salhany's research, conducted with medical center AIDS virologist Mario Stevenson, found that PLP bonded to white blood cells, forming a barrier that blocked HIV from infecting the cells.

Large doses of the vitamin can cause problems with the nervous system, such as trouble walking and tingling in the feet, Salhany said. There were no toxic side effects on the test

tube cells in Salhany's experiments.

Stephen Coburn, director of biochemistry at the Fort Wayne State Development Center in Fort Wayne, Ind., and a vitamin B-6 researcher, called the findings significant and interesting. Coburn said he hasn't conducted research on vitamin B-6 in reference to AIDS.

"The real key thing is whether it would translate into a live animal," Coburn said. "Lots of preliminary discoveries look good under controlled circumstances, but when you put them into a live organism, they (the results) could be different."

Salhany cautioned people against taking "mega-doses" of vitamin B-6 found in drug and health food stores, which is different than PLP, because of the side effects and the fact that the body will only metabolize it into a certain amount of PLP.

While the research results are promising, they are not a cure, Salhany said. "I don't think there will ever be a cure because we can't cure viruses," he said. "B-6 is not an oral version of the condom."

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## Ryan White's mother pushes ban on condom-equipped trading cards

Indianapolis—Ryan White's mom wants state lawmakers to ban trading cards with her son's picture that include condoms in the packages. "He should be known more for what he taught us about living and to respect those with diseases," Jeanne White-Ginder said.

Eclipse Enterprises of Forestville, Calif., began selling its AIDS Awareness cards last February.

White-Ginder is supporting a bill in Indiana that would prohibit the use of celebrities' likenesses without written consent from them or from their estates. The bill passed an Indiana state Senate committee in mid-January.

Ryan, diagnosed with AIDS at 13, contracted HIV from blood products used to treat his hemophilia. He sued for and won the right to attend school with other children and took part in AIDS education efforts until his April

1990 death.

A painted image of him is included in the set of 110 trading cards, which also include images of Magic Johnson, Rock Hudson and Arthur Ashe. The cards include facts about their lives and information and myths about AIDS. Each foil-wrapped, 12-card pack contains a condom.

Catherine Yronwode, editor in chief at Eclipse, said the series is an attempt to educate the public about a deadly illness. Fifteen percent of profits go to a group helping HIV-infected people, she said.

Eclipse also produced the controversial True Crime trading card series featuring crime-fighters and criminals, including cult leader Charles Manson and body parts-killer Jeffrey Dahmer.

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## Eli Lilly & Co halts AIDS research

Indianapolis—Eli Lilly and Co. has halted in-house research on HIV treatments as part of the pharmaceutical company's continuing restructuring plans, officials said.

The company's AIDS and HIV research was limited, with just one potential drug in the first phase of human tests. That study won't be abandoned, but Lilly will search for a partner to continue work.

"There are other studies that are in the process of being...closed down in order for us to focus those resources in areas where we feel we have a competitive advantage," said Carlos Lopez, executive director of infectious

diseases research for Lilly.

Lopez acknowledged some Lilly scientists were unhappy about the decision. "As you would expect, scientists who have put their heart and soul into trying to discover therapies for what they know is a very, very important medical need are disappointed that the company has to do this," he said. "But they understand why and support it."

The move comes as the Indianapolis-based company tries to shrink its operations and staff to save money.

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## Free eating disorders programs set for February 7-13

The Eating Disorders Awareness, Prevention and Treatment Association of Atlanta will present a series of free programs covering: the warning signs of a eating problems; what you can do to help prevent eating disorders; and what treatment of eating disorders involves.

Highlights from the acclaimed film "The Famine Within" will be shown followed by a discussion with members of EDAPT on the following dates.

• Monday, February 7, 7-8:30pm Peachtree

Presbyterian Church, 3434 Roswell Road, NW.

• Tuesday, February 8, 7-8:30pm, Pace Academy Fine Arts Center, 966 W. Paces Ferry Road, NW.

• Thursday, February 10, 7-8:30pm, Holy Innocents Episcopal School, 805 Mt. Vernon Highway, NW.

• Thursday, February 10, 7-8:30pm, Agnes Scott College Chapel Lounge, 141 E. College Avenue, Decatur.

## Fights over hate initiatives move through Oregon courts

by NEIL HEILPERN

Salem, OR—A constitutional showdown over gay/lesbian rights legislation in Oregon has reached the hands of the courts in two related cases.

Judge Albin W. Norblad, of the Marion County Circuit Court, has been asked to decide whether the legislature or citizens in various communities have the right to enact laws about gay rights.

After failing in 1992 to secure passage of Measure 9, a statewide law outlawing lesbian/gay rights legislation, the Oregon Citizens Alliance changed tactics and initiated numerous anti-gay/lesbian rights initiatives on the city and county level, all of which passed. So the state legislature last August approved a law to prohibit political subdivisions of the state from enacting legislation dealing with lesbian/gay rights.

In January, Mabon and four other plaintiffs asked Judge Norblad to declare the bill unconstitutional.

Not waiting for the outcome of the case, the OCA has started circulating new petitions for a statewide ballot for "The Minority Status and Child Protection Act" in the 1994 election. In January, the ACLU filed suit in an effort to keep that measure of the ballot.

This time around, Mabon and the OCA have changed tactics. While Measure 9 labeled homosexuality as abnormal and perverse and would have required state and local governments to discourage it, the new initiative would simply forbid state and local governments from implementing gay/lesbian rights legislation—what Mabon refers to as "special rights."

The new language is modeled after Amendment 2, an anti-lesbian/gay rights measure that passed in Colorado in 1992. The amendment has subsequently been struck down by a Denver judge.

In its suit against the OCA, the ACLU contends the new ballot measure is overly broad and violates a rule requiring that initiatives pertain to a single subject. The Oregon attorney general's office has given the measure a green light, saying it is not overly broad.

The major constitutional argument in the fight over the law outlawing local initiatives centers around the right of the state to enact pre-emptive legislation, over the wishes and votes of local electors on specific issues.

Mabon argued the law violates free and equal election, free speech, home rule through the initiative and referendum provisions of the Oregon constitution, amends the constitution without a vote of the people and is vague

and overbroad.

In defending the law, the state's brief noted that "some people may feel strongly that local jurisdictions should be able to adopt their own liquor laws, or their own divorce laws, or their own field burning laws, but the legislature has determined that all of those subjects should be governed by uniform laws of statewide application."

The state argued that home rule provisions in the constitution were intended to provide for and safeguard the right of a political subdivision to legislate on purely local affairs germane to the purpose for which the city was incorporated.

"Providing or denying gays and lesbians statewide protection from discrimination is not a matter which is germane to the purposes for which a subdivision was incorporated," the brief said, noting the need for uniform, statewide application without the patchwork quilt approach of passing various local ordinances.

The state also questioned how Mabon could consider himself an injured party, since he lives in the city of Woodburn where no anti-gay/lesbian rights initiative has been passed and subsequently squashed by the new state law.

Mabon has been pointing to the success of the local initiatives as proof the state wants "no special rights" for gays and lesbians. Gay rights advocates have been pointing out that the local votes have only been in areas which had voted in favor of Measure 9 in 1992.

Meanwhile, the Rural Organizing Project is stepping up efforts to coordinate a network of 52 dignity groups in Oregon that deal with a wide array of human rights issues, including lesbian/gay rights.

The group will meet in the city of Keizer Feb. 26 to decide how to integrate each of the groups and individuals in its plans for 1994.

"Gay issues now are pretty high on the agenda which is still being formulated, because there are so many problems with Measure Nine and all those rules being written in the communities in Oregon," said Vieta Helmle, a member of the Salem-based Coalition to End Bigotry, which will host the other groups in the project.

"Of course they are unconstitutional and will be found illegal," said Helmle, director of the Salem Women's Crisis Service. "But, in the meantime, who knows how many years it will take before people will feel safe."

"We will talk about our consensus decision making process, representation for the various groups, membership and fundraising," noted Helmle.

## Stonewall ousts NAMBLA

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wall 25, the ban will apply to any organization that advocates the sexual exploitation of youth or favors repeal of age of consent laws. Three groups—NAMBLA and two groups based outside the United States—will be affected by the decision.

NAMBLA's participation in gay organizations and demonstrations, long controversial, came to the forefront last year when ILGA, an international lesbian/gay group representing various organizations, was threatened with the loss of its observer status at the United Nations because NAMBLA was one of its members. Stonewall 25's decision was seen as a way to discredit the link between homosexual-

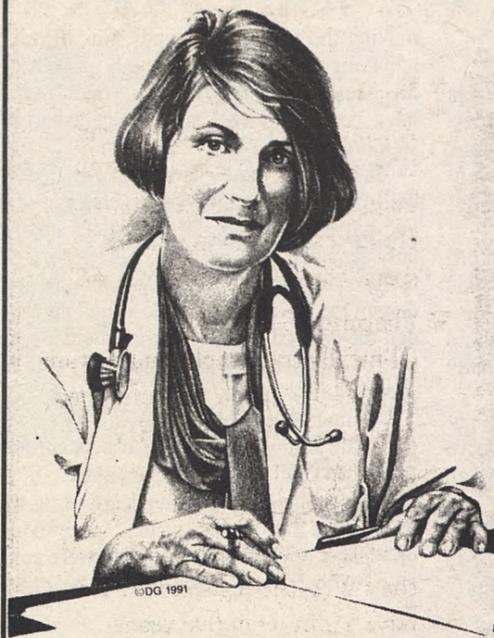
ity and pedophilia made by anti-gay right wingers trying to discredit the movement.

While in Atlanta, the steering committee also voted to ban floats from the march in order to retain the political tone of the event.

"Gandhi didn't ride on a float. Martin Luther King didn't ride on a float. We are continuing in their tradition, so we shouldn't either," said Steve Oxendine, a member of the executive committee who supported the decision.

In other business, Arthur Finn, chair of the march committee, said various routes for the march are under consideration and, because of the large crowds expected, there will likely be multiple routes instead of a single route, as was used in last summer's March on Washington.

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## Fundies attack youth conference by filing obscenity charges

by DELL RICHARDS

*Couer d'Alene, ID*—In yet another attempt to harass anyone connected with gay and lesbian activity, right wing fundamentalists took the law into their own hands and filed obscenity charges during a gay/lesbian youth conference at North Idaho College.

During the conference, an 11-year-old girl picked up a copy of JoAnn Loulan's "Lesbian Sex." Right wing activists attending the conference undercover reported the incident and demanded that charges of supplying obscenity to a minor be filed.

The charges were eventually dropped, but not before conference organizers spent a nerve wracking month waiting for a final decision from the Couer d'Alene prosecutor.

Fundamentalists have been secretly monitoring gay and lesbian events for years. "The Gay Agenda," the anti-gay video currently

making the right-wing rounds, was filmed by attending and photographing gay parades. But this seems to be the first time stealth tactics have been used on the spot against a gay-supportive event.

In this case, fundamentalists, affiliated with the Idaho Citizens Alliance, an offshoot of the anti-gay/lesbian Oregon Citizens Alliance, not only demanded charges be brought against conference organizers but also against the president of the college, which sponsored the event, and the college's public relations person simply for exercising the institution's right to free speech.

"Filing obscenity charges is a new one to me," said Kathy Parrent, spokesperson for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). "But fundamentalists groups have been using a lot of what we call 'stealth tactics' since the Republican Convention, where they were so flagrant in their views. You haven't heard a lot

from them lately, and our feeling is that they are using these kinds of tactics.

"Going to a conference and registering secretly, then creating problems over an adolescent girl strikes me very much in line with this new trend."

Conference organizer Peggy Federico knew they were handling a volatile and explosive topic when they planned the event. As such, she asked Planned Parenthood, one of the sponsors, not to have condoms either at their exhibit or their talk on safe sex. Those precautions did little good in the face of rabid extremism, however.

"We didn't want anything inflammatory," said Federico, professor of sociology and education at NIC. "We felt that condoms might be too upsetting, so we requested Planned Parenthood not to bring them. They agreed and had their session on teen health without anything on display."

Though organizers didn't review the books at the book booth, they had tried to cover their bases by giving a list of books presenters wanted to have on hand. Neither Federico nor the bookstore owners who brought "Lesbian Sex" to the conference, who were from nearby Spokane, Wash., realized the sex manual could be viewed as obscene.

The book probably does *not* fall into the definition of pornography. The crucial factor in the case wasn't the book itself but the fact the parents had given permission for the adolescent to be there. This pulled the rug out from under the fundamentalists' case.

They also used other tactics to cause trouble for the conference, including demanding the names of all sponsors (organizers refused) and getting a spot on the agenda at the NIC Board of Trustees meeting to demand the resignation of conference organizers and make even more outrageous claims. Though Federico refused to get into a debate, she was asked to explain the conference to the board at that meeting.

Fundamentalist groups also passed out sexually explicit literature which had not been at the conference, then claimed it had been. They also used the local media to campaign against gay rights with a constant stream of anti-gay press releases and letters to the editor.

Despite the eventual victory, the use of guerilla warfare by the right is increasing. The Idaho conference shows that fundamentalists now feel themselves strong enough, at least in some parts of the country, to take on institutions as well individuals.

The new tactic also shows how willing they are to suppress free speech and the dissemination of information, under any circumstances, when it comes to gay topics.

"It shows how extremely motivated they are," said Dallas Chase, an Idaho gay-rights activist. "We have seen them lie and twist anything and everything to their own ends. They do not believe in telling the truth and they will do anything to further their own ends."

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## Right wing tries to cut HIV funds

*Atlanta*—In a demonstration of the new boldness of the right wing at the Georgia Capitol, conservative Republicans in the House tried—and failed—to cut state funds for the arts, for HIV testing and for a family planning clinic in Atlanta.

The attempts to cut funding were made in the first week of the legislature's 1994 session, as Gov. Zell Miller's supplemental budget was being considered. Democrats, who hold a sizeable majority of House seats, managed to beat back the amendments, though some conservative Democrats supported some of them.

Planned Parenthood of Atlanta, which serves about 8,000 low-income women in the metro area under a contract with the Georgia Department of Human Resources, was the primary target.

Rep. Ron Crews, R-Tucker, urged House members to "send a signal to DHR that we do not support the policies of this organization" by cutting off funds for the contract. The amendment failed 97-55 after supporters countered that the organization does not perform abortions. It provides testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy testing and birth control information.

Conservatives also tried to slash funding for an experimental school program, HIV testing and the Georgia Council for the Arts. They lost on votes of 140-20, 142-12 and 133-18, respectively.

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# Gay Games draws few local entries

*But women and men who want to be part of Team Atlanta can still sign up during late registration, starting Feb. 1*

Atlanta, GA—The Dec. 31 registration deadline for Gay Games IV in New York has come and gone and the results were less than expected for the largest team in the South.

Team Atlanta had hoped to send 300 athletes to New York for what is being billed as the largest amateur sporting event in north America. However, registration looks very bleak for local athletes who will march in opening ceremonies under the Team Atlanta banner.

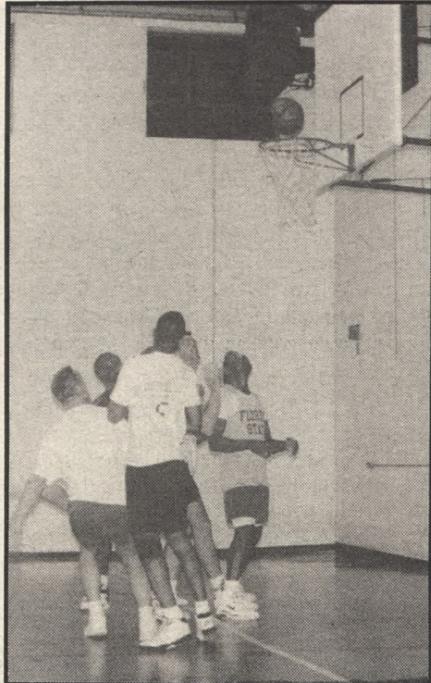
By for the deadline, very few teams or individuals from the Atlanta area had registered for the Games. One possible explanation would be the high registration fee that Unity '94 is charging to individual athletes that plan on participating. The December deadline had a registration fee of \$60 and also required a sports fee of \$35 to \$100, depending on the sport.

Late registration will open Feb. 1 and close March 31. There will be a \$50 late fee added to the registration fee and the sports fee, which will put registration at over \$200 a person.

Another factor that may be affecting registration turnout is the cost of going to New York for a 10-night stay. Most of the hotels in Manhattan are offering special discounts through Pride Tours, but an athlete can expect to pay \$65 to \$150 a night based on an occupancy of four to a room. Airfare to New York is the only reasonable aspect of the Games, thus far. Currently, Continental (sponsor airline to Gay Games) is offering a round trip fare to New York from Atlanta for \$163. Spending about \$30 a day on food would bring the total cost of competing in New York to around \$1,700.

Conventional Travel is the local agent for booking through Pride Tours and according to Lou Haskell, "none of the local athletes or teams have made their travel arrangements." This is of some concern because 65 percent of the hotels in Manhattan that are part of the discount fare are already filled.

Gay Games III in Vancouver was very proud of the 43 percent turnout of women athletes and New York had set a goal of 50 percent participation in '94. Atlanta has never sent a women's team in any sport to the Gay Games and as of the deadline, it appears this will hold true in '94. Several local women athletes had put together partial rosters in vol-



These Atlanta basketball players tune up for Gay Games IV.

leyball, soccer, softball and basketball, but none of these teams have yet to complete their roster.

There has been registration by women in some of the individual sports, and the women's coordinator for Team Atlanta, Robin Grendle, is hoping to recruit enough women to complete the rosters for the team sports by the March deadline.

As for the men, registration has been down as well. Two men's softball teams and two men's volleyball teams are expected to compete, but the status of their registration is still unconfirmed. A men's basketball team and a men's football team have currently filled their rosters, but neither are currently registered. Several of the individual sports have received registrants from Atlanta and hopefully that will continue to happen during late registration.

Due to computer problems, the New York office won't be able to provide statistical results of registration until February. However, its estimate of the number of people who registered before the deadline was 7,000. The 1990 Games in Vancouver had 7,300 athletes. New York was hoping to host over 10,000 for '94, which appears to be a goal still within reach.

Team Atlanta has plenty of registration booklets that contain all of the information currently available on the Games. It meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the Armory (Juniper and 6th Street) at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is on Feb. 8.

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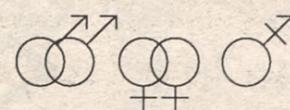
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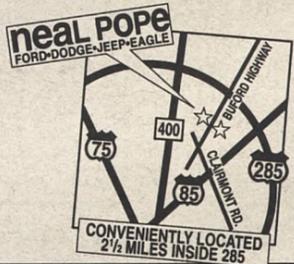
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## OCCASIONS

### ANNIVERSARIES

Christy Simpson and Eileen Savage celebrate their first anniversary together on Feb. 2. They just set up house in Midtown and couldn't be happier. Christy wants to tell Eileen "Thanks for one of the best years of my life, sweetie."

Also on Feb. 2, Jayne Pleasants and Karen Smith celebrate their third anniversary. All is well over in their South DeKalb home, where they await the arrival of Jayne's daughter, Karyn Hegrenes, on Jan. 28. You may recall from these pages that Jayne gave up Karyn for adoption 24 years ago, and last summer Karyn tracked her down. Karyn is now moving to Atlanta for the warmer climes, although lately we're not so sure she'll get them.



E. BENNETT

Gretchen Lee hangs out with Leah Stetson during her visit to Atlanta from St. Louis.

### BIRTHDAYS

Sally Ringo turns 43 on Jan. 28.

A happy belated birthday to Deb Calabria who turned 37 on Jan. 11

Another happy belated birthday to Project Open Hand founder and artist extraordinaire Michael Edwards. He turned 44 on Jan. 20.

Happy 28th birthday to Stephen Wimberly on Jan. 26.

### A VISIT

Gretchen Lee, a Stonewall 25 delegate from St. Louis, Mo., visited Hotlanta during the Stonewall 25 National Steering Committee Conference and says "Hi" to John and Lisa.

*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.*



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## Jerusalem House cited by HUD for innovative homeless service

Atlanta —The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) presented Jerusalem House with the "Award for Innovative Service to the Homeless" its recent regional forum held in Atlanta.

Founded in 1988, Jerusalem House is a home for men and women with AIDS who would otherwise be homeless.

Jerusalem House development director Louisa Basarrate received the award from Ken Williams, HUD's deputy assistant secretary for grant programs, who was in Atlanta representing HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros.

The award states that it is given "in recognition of achievements in creating a continuum of care approach to addressing homelessness."

In attendance at the forum's opening session were Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell, DeKalb CEO Liane Levetan, and Fulton County Commission chairman Mitch Skandalakis, along with representatives of government agencies and nonprofit organiza-

tions serving the homeless throughout the Southeast.

Williams said that Jerusalem House represents how HUD dollars can be spent efficiently for an innovative, community-based solution to homelessness. The HUD award states the "(Jerusalem House's) work exemplifies the commitment of President Clinton and Secretary Cisneros to break the cycle of homelessness and prevent future homelessness through a community based, bottom-up approach."

"We are honored to receive this national recognition," remarked Ann Slaughter, Jerusalem House executive director. "Through a solid partnership with HUD and our local governments, Jerusalem House provides a home and support services for at least 50 homeless people with AIDS each year."

For more information about Jerusalem House, call 527-7627.

## Scholarship competition opens

The annual Fourth Tuesday Scholarship competition has opened for 1994.

The \$1,500 award is offered annually to an Atlanta lesbian who is attending an institution of higher education to further her professional skills. The scholarship is to be used during the fall term 1994. Although Fourth Tuesday membership is not a selection criterion for this scholarship, applicants should indicate their ability to make some contribution to the Atlanta lesbian community, either now or in the future.

The 1994 Fourth Tuesday Scholarship application deadline is April 15, 1994. All information and letters of recommendation should be postmarked by this date. Every effort will be made to notify those with partial applications on file of any missing information at least one week before the deadline. The scholarship recipient will be recognized at the Fourth Tuesday meeting on June 28.

If you have further questions, please contact Dr. Ann McAllister at (404) 231-0751.

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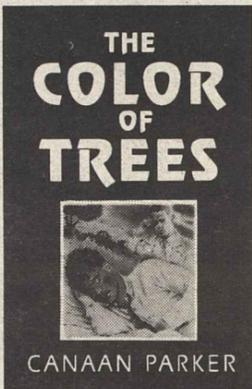
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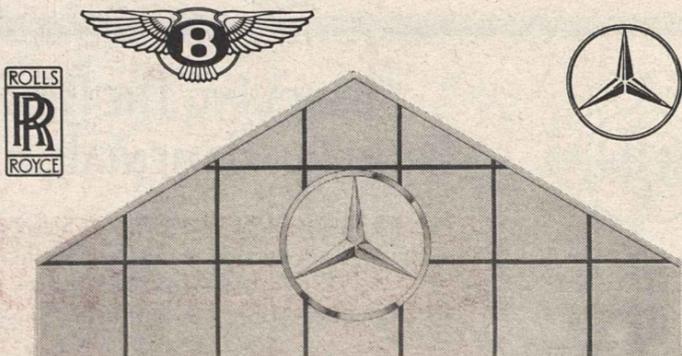
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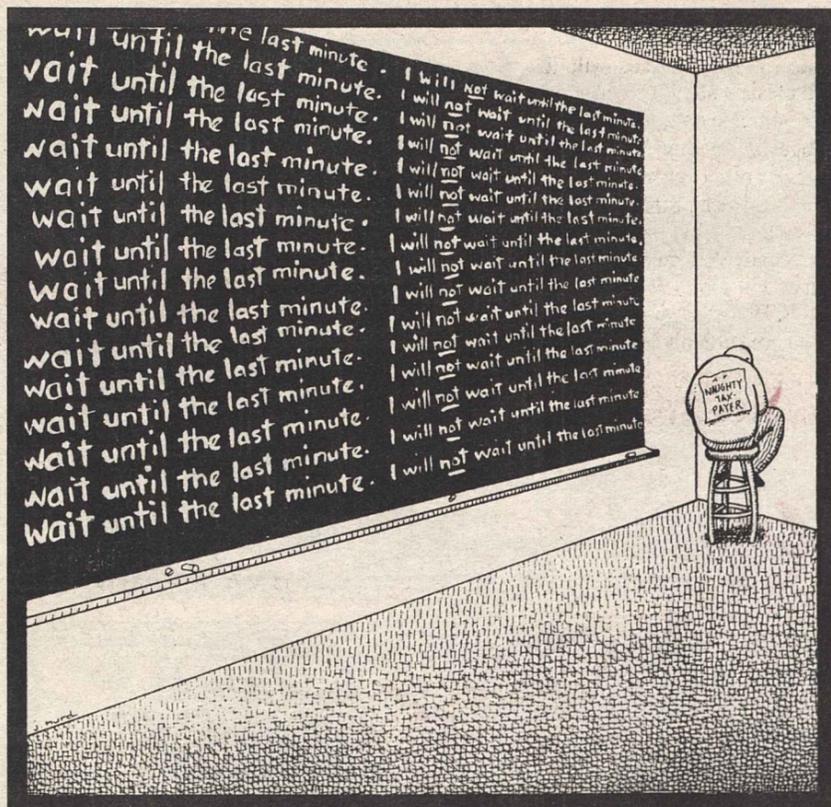
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THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE OF SOUTHERN VOICE

## An Old Favorite Returns

For the leads in the touring company of "La Cage aux Folles," the best of times is now

by BRIAN COCHRAN

As either of its two stars will tell you, "La Cage aux Folles" is a musical about family, a musical that has achieved its longevity through connecting with its audiences' hearts.

"La Cage aux Folles" opened on Broadway in August 1983, broke box office records and won six 1984 Tony awards, including best musical. Since then, the show has had productions almost continually, both on the road and at single locations, and recently celebrated its 2000th performance in Boston, with the same cast that is coming to Atlanta this week.

The leads, Walter Charles (Georges) and Lee Roy Reams (Albin/Zaza) are certainly no strangers to the musical, having

performed together in the same roles at New Jersey's Paper Mill Playhouse, where the show holds the all-time box office record.

Charles, whose theatrical resume reflects his great versatility as an actor (he has played Albin/Zaza as well), says the musical has lasted as long as it has because of its traditional values. He notes particularly the song the Republican party

chose to end their 1992 convention. "When I heard 'The Best of Times Is Now,' I just fell over. I wondered if anyone would tell them," he says wryly. "It is a kind of funny, backhanded way of seeing how the piece has come to be accepted, whether they knew about it or not."

Another benefit to the show's endurance is that it is reach-  
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Walter Charles, Robert L. Day Jr. and Lee Roy Reams in a scene from "La Cage aux Folles."

**La Cage aux Folles** runs Feb. 1-6 at the Fox Theater.

## Krewe-ing up for Masquerade

by JAMES FITCH

For the past four years, Atlanta has celebrated Mardi Gras two weeks before it happens in New Orleans with Masquerade, a blowout to benefit Project Open Hand, the organization dedicated to feeding people living with the HIV virus.

Organizers expect 3,000 at this year's event, which brings a bit of Mardi Gras to Atlanta

And with the 1994 Masquerade just around the corner—Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.—it's time to start forming your last-minute krewe. Or at least time to start pulling together the \$40 admission for the fundraising and social event of the season, sponsored by Southern Voice and 99X.

"Since it's the fifth anniversary, we're trying to put as much emphasis on the 'Wow' factor as possible," said Masquerade co-chair Jay Constantz, who has been organizationally involved with Masquerade for four years.

Wow is right. Along with Masquerade traditions, such as costumes, krewes, Parade of Krewes and the silent auction, there will be a laser-go-go disco/cabaret/circus feel thrown into the mix. Not to mention some major remodeling work done to The King Plow Arts Center, Masquerade's home since last year.

The biggest element is the 10,000-square-foot disco. "Every year we try and add something new to the disco that people will leave and talk about," Constantz said. This year they've added lasers for effects, choreographed go-go dancers clad in outfits from Physiko's for heat and enlisted a local group of jugglers, trapeze artists, clowns, mimes and fire eaters to display their respective talents.

Carrie Heller's Circus Arts, an organization that works with school children and adults to teach self-esteem through circus tricks, will provide the service.

"I think people are going to be thrilled with it," Constantz said. "It's going to really lend itself to the Mardi Gras theme and feel."

Also lending itself to the theme and feel will be the Masquerade cabaret, featuring local and national talent. Actor's Express Company will provide many of the local acts, and the cast of "La Cage aux Folles," in town that night performing at the Fox, is also scheduled to perform. The cabaret will be emceed by engineer-turned-comedian, David Paule.

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**Masquerade**, a benefit for Project Open Hand, Feb. 5, 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. at The King Plow Arts Center, 887 W. Marietta St. NW. Tickets, which include party, free food and drinks, are \$40 and available through Ticketmaster. Anyone interested in creating a krewe can call Raymond Mancey at (404) 529-8617 or Project Open Hand at (404) 525-4737.

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27 THURSDAY

**WOMAN FORUM.** Atlanta's original women's radio program, still going strong. 6-7pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.  
**GAY GRAFITTI.** Out and loud lesbian and gay radio. Tonight: Discussion of extremist groups with Tonya Frazier. 7-8pm, WRFG, 89.3

FM.  
**DYING WITH OSCAR—THE ACADEMY AWARD MURDERS.** Agatha's Mystery Dinner Theatre opens its first production of 1994 tonight with murder during the Academy Awards ceremony. Tu-Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 7pm. \$33-\$38 includes 5 course dinner and the deadly show. 875-1610.

**BEETHOVEN PIANO CONCERTO.** The Atlanta Symphony presents pianist Ivan Moravec, conducted by Eduardo Mata. Also tomorrow and Saturday. 892-2414.

**SOUL SHADOWS: URBAN WARRIOR MYTHS.** New Orleans photographer Dawn Dedeaux lectures at the Art Student Union of Georgia State University, 1pm in the Art Slide Library, Rm 265 Art & Music Bldg.

**ATLANTA IN A NEW LIGHT SALUTE.** The city lights up tonight from 6:50pm to 7pm. Check it out from an overpass near you.

**LAUGHING MATTERS.** Comedy improv troupe performs Thurs & Sat at Manuel's, 8pm. 717-4714.

Man hits the Omni with his River of Dreams Tour. 249-6400.

**THE MACHINE.** A Pink Floyd tribute with lights and sound. The Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid Ave. 8:30pm, \$10. 524-7354.

**HOW SOON IS NOW?** An infodrama on AIDS, presented by Teen Teatro, a performing troupe comprised of metro-area high school students. 1:30pm in the Kennesaw State College Student Center. Free. 423-6022.

comes to the International Ballroom at 9pm. \$18. 249-6400.

**ROGER AND ME.** Michael Moore's acclaimed film about the closing of the General Motors plant in Flint, Michigan, and Moore's tireless attempts to talk to then-GM president Roger Smith about Flint's devastation because of the closing. GPTV Ch 8. 10pm.



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**SOAP.** Comedy Central has the controversial 70s TV series. 2pm & 7:30pm, Mon-Fri.

**PURPLE HEARTS.** Thru Jan 29. An exhibit of photographs by Benita Carr on display at The Gallery at the Arts Exchange Mon.-Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. noon-4pm.. 624-4211.

**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.

**DANCING AT LUGHNASA.** Thru Feb. 6. The Alliance Theatre opens Irish playwright Brian Friel's inspiring drama tonight. The play is a tribute to Friel's mother and her sisters. Shows at 8pm Tu-Sat and 2:30pm & 7:30pm Sun. \$18-\$34. 892-2414.

**ANGELS.** Thru Feb 13. Theatrical Outfit brings back Philip DePoy's gospel musical at the Outfit, 1012 Peachtree. Wed-Sat 8pm, Sun 3pm. \$15. 872-0665.

**THE SUM OF US.** Thru Feb 13. SAME presents David Stevens' comedy of love—between a gay, soccer-playing plumber and his father and their potential partners—set in Melbourne, Australia. \$10 in advance & \$12 at the door. Thurs-Sun at 8pm. OutProud Theatre, 75 Bennett St. Tix available at SAME, Charis, Maddix DeLuxe and E.D.'s Gourmet Records, or call 609-9590.

**ALADDIN.** The Center for Puppetry Arts presents the

familiar tale of Aladdin and the magic lamp thru Feb. 16 as part of the Family Series. 873-3391.

**PRESENT LAUGHTER.** Thru Feb 19. Noel Coward's witty portrayal of matinee idol Garry Esendine is packed with witty repartee. A perfect antidote to January's grey skies. At the Neighborhood Playhouse, 430 W. Trinity Place in Decatur. Thurs.-Sat 8pm, Sun. 2pm. 373-5311.

**JULIUS CAESAR.** Thru Feb 20. Non-traditional casting makes Jomandi's production of the Shakespeare classic unique, at the 14th St. Playhouse. In addition to the "different" cast, the play is set in the 60s. 873-1099.

**THE NEAREST EDGE OF THE WORLD: ART AND CUBA NOW.** Thru Feb 26. Young Cuban artists' work is displayed at Nexus Gallery, along with "Contemporary Parallels with Dante's 'Inferno.'" painting by Larry Edwards and Greely Myatt. Reception from 8-10 pm, exhibit on display. 535 Means St. 688-2500.

**LOVE LETTERS.** Thru Feb. 26. Mariatta's infamous Theatre in the Square offers up A.R. Gurney's touching work about 50 years of correspondence between childhood sweethearts whose lives take different paths. Starring Atlanta legends Mary Nell Santacroce and Frank Wittow in their first ever performance together. Tues.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 3&7pm. 422-8369.

**MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED SINCE HE DIED...AND HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS.** Thru Feb 27. Contemporary

28 FRIDAY

**BOY'S SHORTS: NEW QUEER CINEMA.** A collection of short films from a gay perspective at Georgia State's Cinefest Theatre. Thru Feb 3. 5:30pm, 7:45pm & 9:45 pm. 651-2463.

**BILLY JOEL.** The Piano

Southern Gothic comedy-drama about a wife and secretary who tries for perfection and fails—even after she attends the Living Loving Marriage Weekend. Sounds like a candidate for dykedom to us! At Horizon Theatre, 1083 Austin Ave. Thurs-Fri at 8pm, Sat. at 8:30pm, Sun. 5pm. 584-7450.

**SPEED THE PLOW.** Thru Feb 27. Actor's Express presents David Mamet's wicked comedy about the moral travails of a Hollywood screenwriter. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm. Tickets \$12-15. 221-0831.

**A SALUTE TO AMERICAN BALLET.** Thru Feb 28. The Heath Gallery presents works by photographer George Platt Lynes. 262-6407.

**WITH OUR OWN EYES.** Thru Mar 5. Works from the Atlanta College of Art's Georgia Artists' Registry are on display at the City of Atlanta's City Gallery at Chastain. 257-1747.

**AMERICAN PAINTINGS FROM THE MANOOGIAN COLLECTION.** American artists of the 19th century are on exhibit thru Mar. 6 at the High Museum.

**RUSSELL WHITING: MODERN CLASSICISM IN SCULPTURE.** Thru Mar 19. Works of the Louisiana sculptor are on display at King Plow Arts Center's Human Arts Gallery 887 W. Marietta St, Studio J-103. 724-9141.

**HOWARD COOK: THE AMERICAN SOUTH.** Thru Mar 19. The Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art presents an exhibition of works by Howard Cook, a WPA (New

29 SATURDAY

**OUTLOOK.** Radical talk for revolutionary intellectuals—feminist, Afro-centered and pro-gay radio on AM. 7pm-10pm, WIGO, 1340AM.

**PIGFEST.** A blues spectacular at the Variety Playhouse in Little 5 Pts. Featuring Felix & the Cats, Tony Lee Band, and more, plus food from Fat Matt's Rib Shack. 8:30 pm. \$7. 524-7354.

**TODD RUNDGREN.** The TR-1 World (No Order) Tour

Deal Art Program) and regionalist artist. 424-8142.

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

**TREASURES FROM THE AFRICAN KINGDOM OF BENIN.** Thru Apr 24. Royal treasures of brass, ivory, terracotta and wood from the ancient kingdom are on view today at the High Museum. 898-9284.

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.** Ted Neeley and Carl Anderson, stars of the movie version 20 years ago, reunite as Jesus and Judas at the Fox. Feb 15-Feb 20. \$10-\$37.50. 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?** Feb 19. A benefit for the AIDS Survival Project (formerly Atlanta NAPWA) offers a twist on the usual dinner party benefit. Call now to drop your name into the hat—your dinner location and theme will be chosen by lottery. \$50 includes dinner, drinks and a dessert reception at Nexus Contemporary Arts Center. 876-7926.

**HEARTLIGHT AFFAIR.** Mar. 19. An evening of dinner parties followed by a Desert Extravaganza at NationsBank Plaza's 26th floor to benefit Jerusalem House. To host a dinner, call 527-7627 before Feb 15.

30 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 SUPER BOWL.** Don't know whose playing, but the Falcons aren't and chances are you can't get tickets. But TV is available (no blackout for this game), and the Morehouse College Maroon Tiger Marching Band performs during the pre-game show.

**HIGH TEA.** If the Super Bowl is just too low brow, try high tea at Borders Bookshop, 3655 Roswell Rd. Entertainment by the Emory Chamber Players, all beginning at 5pm thru 7pm. 237-0707.

**JULIUS CAESAR.** Special Audiences presents an audio-described performance for the visually impaired of Jomandi Productions' current run at 3pm. 14th St. Playhouse. 873-1009.

31 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.

**DYKE TV.** Activist television from a dyke perspective. 9:30pm, People TV. Cable Channel 12.

**MALCOLM X: MAKE IT PLAIN.** A special profiling the man who expressed the anger of African Americans so profoundly. Producer Orlando Bagwell spent 2 years collecting interviews—including Malcolm's brothers and sisters, and wife Betty Shabazz. GPTV, Ch 8. 9pm.

1 TUESDAY

**LA CAGE AUX FOLLES.** Theatre of the Stars presents the very gay love story of Georges and Zaza/Albin tonight thru Sun. \$15.50-\$35.50. 249-6400.

**YOUR ARTS DESIRE.** A contemporary collection of the finest in handmade crafts and intriguing gifts, just in time for Valentine's Day, at the City Art Works, 2140 Peachtree Rd. Thru Feb 28. 605-0786.

2 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.

**GEORGIA ARTS DAY.** Arts advocates meet and greet Georgia legislators at the Capitol. Good idea, with the recent attacks on arts in the state. Sponsored by the Georgia Citizens for the Arts. 876-1720.

PICTURED:

ABOVE: Edwin Ashurst and Elizabeth Chambliss star in Neighborhood Playhouse's "Present Laughter" thru Feb 20. Photo by Gil Williams

LEFT: Photographs by Benita Carr are on exhibit at the Arts Exchange thru Jan 29.

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**La Cage**

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ing a new audience. As Charles states, "We are getting a lot of young people in to see this show." "La Cage" is continuing to show that a family's differences don't make it any less a family.

Charles' on-stage experience also includes a short stint in the very short-lived "Anna Karenina" that closed at Circle in the Square on Broadway. He attributes the demise of the show to its spare production values. "You just can't take a show like that and tell it in two and a half hours," he admits. "It just didn't work." He is a lot more enthusiastic about "Martin Guerre," the musical that bowed at the Hartford Stage Company in early 1993. Mark Lamos, the director of that production, earns very high praise from Charles. "He is one of the most gifted directors working in theater today. I expect very big things to happen to him."

Charles' co-star, Lee Roy Reams, also earns high praise from the actor. "It is a pleasure to sit back and watch Lee Roy," he says. "The role is a lot of work. He does all the dancing, which neither George (Hearn) nor I could do. We just sort of stood there while the Cagelles moved all around us, but Lee Roy does it all."

Reams dazzled Broadway with his performances of Billy Lawlor in "42nd Street," earning Tony and Drama Desk nominations. He almost made a career of the role, playing it for nearly seven years. Ironically enough, he left that show to play the dual role of Albin/Zaza in "La Cage." Both shows continue to be good to Reams. In addition to this tour of "La Cage," he holds the record for the second most successful production at the Paper Mill Playhouse — as choreographer of "42nd Street."

Other recent accomplishments include the direction of the recent touring production of "Hello, Dolly!" that came to Atlanta (with

Madeline Kahn) and the upcoming production of the same show, with its legendary original star, Carol Channing.

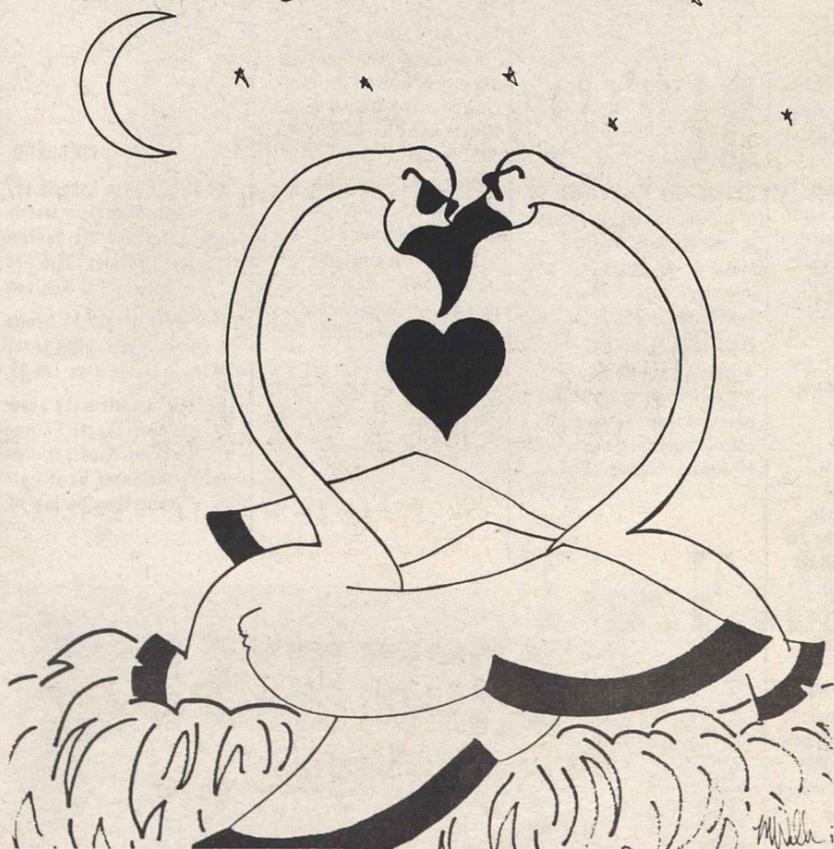
Reams has an interesting take on what "La Cage" is all about. "Homosexuality is almost incidental to the story," he says. "What the show is really about is family values. Homosexuality is the device which makes the comedy happen." Reams' politics are that racism, homophobia and bigotry have no place in a civilized world, though we will probably always have to fight them. "People are brought up to feel these things because everyone wants to be secure in their own little world."

Jerry Herman, the composer/lyricist of "La Cage," is an old friend of Reams' and hand-picked both him and Charles for this production. "Since the relationship between the two men in the show is very important, he picked us because this is the way he sees the show." He does admit that sometimes other people who have seen the show before have their own ideas about how the roles should be played. "Laurence Olivier and Danny Kaye could have come back from the dead to play the roles and you still couldn't please some people," he said.

"When you have been with a lover for 20 years, there is a certain degree of physicality you reach and Walter and I try to show that," he continues. "There is even a certain amount of that with the actor that plays the son." This certainly was not the case in the original production on Broadway, where the two stars (George Hearn and Gene Barry) didn't exactly get along. "But we think it is important to the story," says Reams.

Since antiquing is one of his passions, you might find Reams browsing Bennett Street during the show's Atlanta run. "I always make my money in Atlanta and leave it there," Reams laughs.

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It's a real chore to keep this column a political-free zone. Nobody said it had to be, that's true. But it has been my intention to provide a little levity in our ongoing battle for equal rights. There's a time to rant and there's a time to rave. My job has more to do with raving. Life gets too heavy otherwise. Here are a few places one might find refuge in the week to come.

**Revolution.** It's more than a bar. It's an entertainment complex. You could get lost. There's a country bar, a game room, a huge disco and an upstairs with another bar called Jake's. Stopped by the seven-month-old Pharr Road location for the first time last weekend to hear the debut of a talented new acoustic trio called **PlainJane**. Only recently has Revolution started featuring live music in their newly expanded upstairs bar. It's mostly acoustic, Thursday through Saturday.

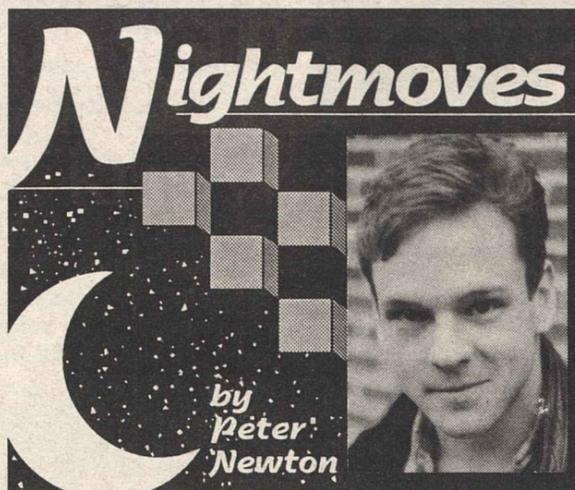


KAY HOLLOWAY

**PlainJane helps kick off live music at Revolution.**

No, not the Beatles Reunion, which is reportedly in the works for next month in New York City, but the **Toolulah's Reunion Party**. Be there. Friday, Jan. 28.

Just around the corner is the fifth annual **Masquer-**



**ade Ball** to benefit Project Open Hand. This year's Feb. 5 gala is being billed as "The Most Incredible Party Ever." Twice as big as last year. The Mardi Gras-style spectacle will be held at the King Plow Arts Center. Tickets are still available. Call 249-6400. There will be a 10,000-square-foot disco complete with laser show. That's four times the size of Backstreet's dance floor. Black tie or costume, which can mean a tux or just about anything you can dream up. Open bar. Food enough to feed an army. So join in the fight against AIDS. Think of it as Mardi Gras two weeks early. And a lot closer than New Orleans.

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It's Super Bowl weekend! One more time, with enthusiasm. It's Super Bowl weekend? It's no use. You couldn't give me tickets to the big game. Now, the four-day party at the Atlanta Apparel Mart might be more fun. Then again, it might be like attending a block party with the whole of Cobb County as your neighbors. Some alternative enter-

tainment could include taking in a play, a concert or a movie. OutProud Theatre presents "**The Sum of Us**" through Feb. 13. Set in Australia, the David Stevens play has more to do with father-son relations than the gay son's relations. This "matter-of-fact" attitude toward one of the two main characters' sexuality is one of this production's many strengths. At TULA.

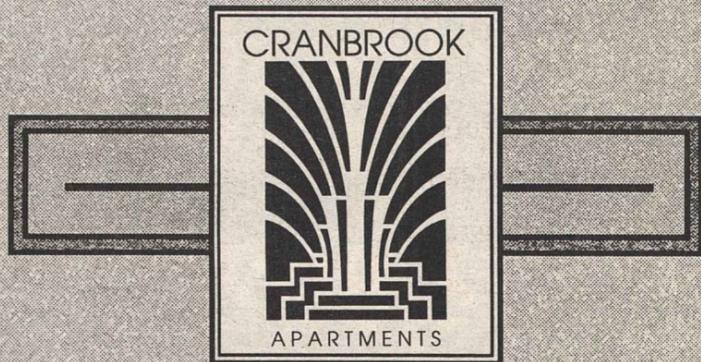
Music of Emory presents a classical piano recital worth the trip to Emoryville. **Grace Eunkyung Oh** is a Korean pianist who will perform works by Beethoven and Mozart. Guaranteed to take you further than a Calgon bath. Sunday, Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. in Cannon Chapel.

Update: Latest word from Colby himself at Blake's. The first annual **Bitter Ball** is gathering steam. Set to explode in an unparalleled tirade this Saturday, Jan. 29. Come prepared. You can always go to the **Existentialist Congregation** on Sunday to forgive yourself for any harsh words uttered. Stopped by the Existentialist Congregation on Sunday to introduce myself and find out what they were all about. Friendly folks who welcome all to their Sunday morning services. This is not a church. I repeat. This is not a church. Had this been an actual church you would have been instructed by local safety officials. Non-denominational. On Sunday, Feb. 30, **Marsha Mitchiner** will give a talk at 11 a.m. entitled, "Frankenstein Returns."

Earlier this week, **Charis Books** made their big move. All in one day. More than 100 volunteers toted thousands of books across Euclid Avenue to their new home. And it is a real home, too. A house. Owners Linda Bryant and Sherry Emory want to invite you over for a Housewarming Party on Saturday, Feb. 5, 1189 Euclid Ave., 5-10 p.m.

February 1 is the opening of the six-day stint of "**La Cage Aux Folles**" at the Fox. You may have already known that. One last thing. "Philadelphia," the movie of "brotherly love." See it. Send a message to the movie makers.

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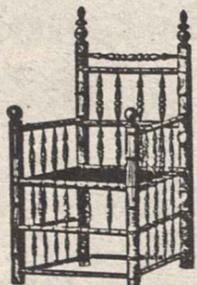
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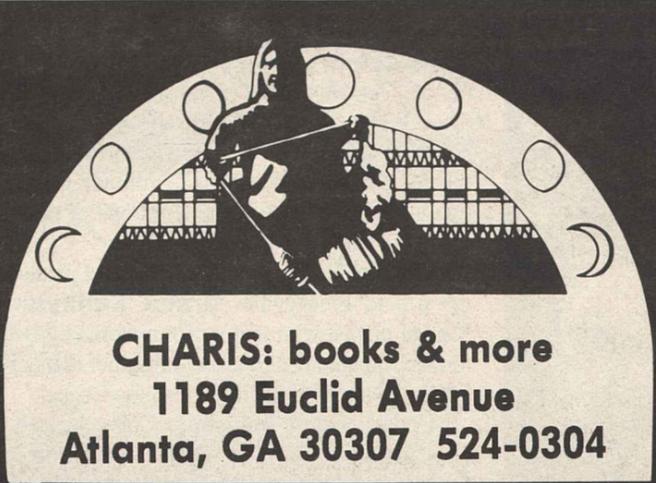
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## Masquerade

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"We're de-emphasizing the decoration of the place, which we emphasized in the past by putting in mannequins in costume, streamers and balloons," Constantz said. "[This year] we're putting most of the emphasis into the technology and the performers."

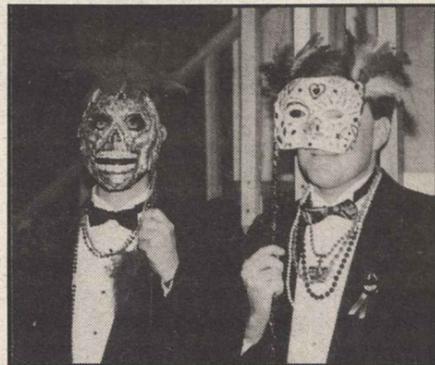
And what about the lack of heat, and the dampness that plagued Masquerade at the King Plow Arts Center last year? Never fear—the center has been upgraded with power, heat, and a new roof.

"It's completely different from the way it looked last year," Constantz said. "Last year it was cold and damp and that was a problem [but] there's no question as to the comfort that we'll experience this year. I was just floored by the improvements that had been made."

As it was last year, the King Plow Arts Center space at 887 W. Marietta St. NW, Atlanta, was donated for the event, whereas, in previous years, Masquerade was held at rented facilities such as TULA Arts Complex, the Georgian Terrace Ballroom and the Fox Theatre. Besides the fact that it is donated space, the King Plow Arts Center is more attractive for Masquerade purposes because, unlike those previous facilities, it adequately accommodates the party's draw, which is steadily increasing each year.

The first year, 400 people came. 1,500 people turned out the following year, and Masquerade has grown in increments of 500 each year since then. This year, as many as 3,000 people are expected to attend.

Masquerade's 1994 goal is to raise \$150,000 between sponsorships and ticket sales, \$50,000 of which has already been raised. Free food and an open bar for guests will be made available by more than 40 area restaurants and caterers, and several bars and liquor



Masquerade will feature numerous masked revelers, like these two from last year.

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Krewes, or costumed theme-groups, play a major part in Masquerade's entertainment and in fundraising for Project Open Hand. Krewes can be as elaborate and as big in number as possible. Some adopt a theme each year and deck out in extravagant costumes. Others wear tuxedos and parade simply to register support for Project Open Hand. Past krewes have ranged in size from 10 to 200.

The Parade of Krewes, where all krewes pass by judges and guests and perform short choreographed routines, is scheduled for 11 p.m. Krewes win prizes for most money raised through ticket sales, most time volunteered for the project and for best show at Masquerade.

And anyone interested can form a krewe. It's easy. Just get 10 or more people, buy tickets (\$35 each for krewe members) and register with Project Open Hand. Project Open Hand encourages krewes to stay together throughout the year and volunteer to cook or deliver food. Constantz said that, so far, nine krewes have signed up.

Masquerade raised more than \$120,000 last year.

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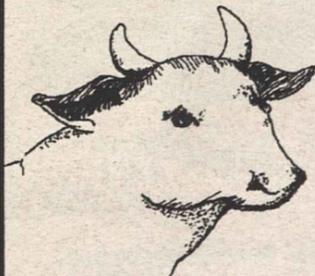
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# Homicidal lesbian terrorism—without guilt or apology

*Diane DiMassa vents her rage at the patriarchy through Hothead Paisan, the comic book character who's become a popular warrior hero*

New Haven, CT—Filled with anger and fighting a long addiction to drugs, Diane DiMassa created a comic book character to vent her rage and put her artistic ability to use.

So was born Hothead Paisan, a/k/a Homicidal Lesbian Terrorist, who uses guns, grenades, guillotines and just about anything else that can be used as a weapon to avenge any and every perceived wrong against gay and heterosexual women.

"The way I operate—it's eat my dust!!! The problem is gone," the wild-eyed, foul-mouthed, caffeine-crazed Hothead tells a friend who urges her to take a more educated approach.

In the three years since the mini-comic book first appeared, Hothead Paisan has become a hit among lesbians across the country. It also has begun attracting a growing number of straight and male readers, judging from the mix of fan mail DiMassa receives each week.

A trade paperback containing enlarged versions of the first nine issues of the quarterly comic book, plus some additional work, just went to a second 5,000-copy run. The first printing sold out in about seven weeks, remarkable for a small press.

"She's totally original. Nobody else is like Hothead Paisan," said Felice Newman, publisher at Cleis Press in Pittsburgh, which went to DiMassa with the idea of doing a book.

Hothead and her comic sidekick, a cat named Chicken, have even been the subject of a scholarly critique, appearing this month in a journal, *New York Folklore*.



"It's a wonderful appropriation of a popular culture form by a marginalized group that really has historically lacked the means of openly communicating [their] frustrations and angers and fears," said Dana Heller, an assistant professor of American literature and gender studies at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., and author of the study.

"It doesn't mean lesbians are all of a sudden going to whip out knives and start mutilating people. It's part of a long tradition of the image of the woman warrior," she said.

For DiMassa, 34, who is much calmer than her comic creation but just as biting in her criticism of a male-dominated world, drawing Hothead Paisan the Homicidal Lesbian Terrorist has been a form of exorcism.

But she said, "I'm not any less angry about the injustices of the world."

Why all the violence?

"I am this upset, and I owe it to myself to get it out," she said. "Otherwise those feelings sit in there and fester. They don't go away."

"The last thing I want women to do is buy a gun and kill whoever is bothering them," DiMassa said.

In Hothead's world, the injustices include a society that pushes women to pursue a single ideal of womanhood and beauty, and TV programming and advertising that reinforce stereotypes.

"Being something other than this specific image that the media is constantly pushing makes you feel invisible," DiMassa said.

Targets of Hothead's wrath include leering men, sneering men, gawking men, men who think they are superior to women, men who commit violence against women, male doctors who complain of "those troublesome female parts."

"I don't know how anybody can stand anything," Hothead shrieks in one episode.

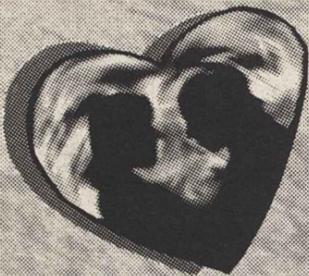
In the first issue, published in 1991, Hothead shoots a woman-hater in the back and uses an axe to chop off the sexual organ of a man who tells her, "You just ain't had da right one yet!!"

And that's all just on the first page.

In other issues, Hothead goes on a rampage in a supermarket, using a shotgun to blast away at all the beauty aides and feminine hygiene products. She pushes a giant bill-

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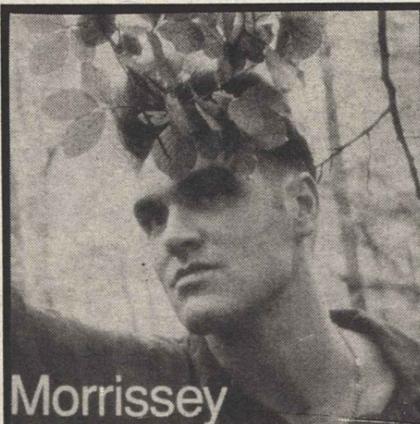
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board featuring a scantily clad woman off a building and onto a group of male advertising executives admiring their work.

Even as Hothead carries out her revenge, DiMassa adds numerous touches of humor in her detailed drawings. Underneath an "Employees Only" sign on the swinging doors at the back of the supermarket is another sign that reads: "Like who wants to go back there anyway."

"I love when you stare at a panel for five minutes and have something to look at," DiMassa said.

DiMassa began doodling as a young girl, drawing her inspiration from Mad magazine. "I was always the kid in school having her cartoons confiscated," she said. At age 13, she began experimenting with marijuana and it was all downhill from there.

"It progressed, just like they said it would," she said. "I know some people create well under the influence, but I was not one of them," she said. She also couldn't keep a job; she figures she went through at least 60 of them.

She stopped abusing alcohol and drugs at the age of 27, and has been sober since. Alcohol, drugs and even cigarettes are banned from the pages of her comics.

DiMassa began drawing Hothead as part of her therapy. At the urging of her partner and fellow recovering addict, Stacy Sheehan, the couple formed their own company to publish the mini-comics. Now, there's also a souvenir line of Hothead T-shirts, buttons, rubber stamps and postcards.



Without Sheehan, Hothead Paisan would have remained in her private journals, DiMassa said.

Operating their company out of their home, where they have converted a walk-in closet into an office, DiMassa and Sheehan are hoping to turn their first profit this year. Most of the business to date has been generated by word of mouth.

"Once more people learn about Hothead, I think she will have a broader appeal than to just gay people," says Heller, of Old Dominion. "It's in the classic tradition of the Western...the wonderful fantasy of the little guy who wins in the end."

Women have always been taught it is ugly for them to express their rage, so they suppress it, DiMassa says. Hothead gives them an outlet, she says.

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# The prince isn't very fresh, but "Six Degrees" still works

*Will Smith's squeamishness about kissing men aside, the film adaptation of John Guare's play features strong performances by Stockard Channing and Donald Sutherland*

by STEVE WARREN

No lesbian/gay publication reviewing "Six Degrees of Separation" can ignore the Will Smith issue, irrelevant as it is to a casual viewing of the film itself. The Fresh Prince has mouthed off about how, even though he was playing a gay character, he couldn't bring himself to kiss a man in front of the camera—I mean, what if the brothers see the movie? Homey don't play that.

Hey, it's called acting, stupid. In the same movie Ian McKellen has to say, "I love this Eddie Murphy." The openly gay actor probably didn't want to endorse a notorious homophobe, but his character does, so he says the lines.

## Six Degrees of Separation

opened in Atlanta last week at Phipps Plaza

Smith had a real problem. Many bigger TV stars have failed to make the transition to feature films, and Smith made a good impression in "Made in America." Now receiving scripts Denzel Washington is too old or too busy for, could he afford to turn down a major role in the screen version of an award-winning play?

Yes, if he couldn't commit to the part as written. As Marlee Matlin would pass on a role that required her to have perfect hearing, as Madonna would turn down a part that called for her to keep her clothes on, the heterosexuality-impaired Smith should have been honest enough to say,



Donald Sutherland and Stockard Channing play an upper crust couple duped by a clever hustler, played by "Fresh Prince" Will Smith.

"Play gay? No way."

Instead, he agreed to play gay halfway, talking the talk but not walking the walk, and director Fred Schepisi caved in to his demand to fake a scripted kiss. Bad calls on both parts.

The funny thing is, as much as there is about it in the film, homosexuality isn't essential to the plot. It's just another degree of separation between Paul, the poor African-American con artist played by Smith, and Ouisa (Stockard Channing) and Flan Kittredge (Donald Sutherland), a rich white couple he scams. Posting as Sidney Poitier's son and saying he attends Harvard with their children and has just been mugged in Central Park, he insinuates his way into their household and cooks dinner for them.

They urge him to stay over and find him in the morning with a hustler he went out and picked up. The hustler (Lou Milione) flashes the old full frontal, while Smith's stays coyly hidden. Two other gay episodes involve Anthony Michael Hall, who met Paul on "a rainy night in Boston," and Eric Thal, a naive youth from Utah whom Paul seduces.

Smith gives Thal a quick peck on the neck; it's the kiss with Hall that's more problematic, shot from behind each of their heads with a sound effect that seems deliberately out of sync.

When they learn that he's pulled the same scam on other parents, Flan and Ouisa try to track Paul down. He comes to mean more to them than their own children, whose attitudes are revealed in some hilarious scenes at college.

John Guare has opened up his play without cutting much. Instead of addressing the audiences, Flan and Ouisa tell their story at elegant cocktail and dinner parties, showing how easily a profound experience can be downgraded to an anecdote. Although most of the dialogue from the wordy play has been retained, it only becomes a problem in the early scene where Paul has such a long speech the restless camera can't distract us from it.

Smith isn't entirely to blame. He's very good with the charming face of this chameleonlike character. He'd even be convincing in the gay scenes if he weren't busy disclaiming them off screen. His weakest moment comes in the Boston flashback where he's supposed to be a street youth who hasn't yet learned to move among the wealthy. He's more afraid to play a homeboy than a homeboysexual.

Channing, one of the best actresses of her generation, gets to repeat her Tony-nominated stage role; Oscar should follow suit. She has the advantage of knowing the character inside and out, but that's less important than the advantage of her enormous talent. Sutherland gives one of his best performances as her less compassionate husband.

"Six Degrees of Separation" is a bit intellectual for a mass audience, but it's got some very funny moments and is loaded with thought-provoking social satire. Guare used a real incident as a jumping off place to explore ideas and social attitudes.

"I believe the imagination is the passport we create to take us into the real world," Paul tells his willing captive audience. It's unfortunate that Will Smith's passport has been revoked, but don't let that keep you from seeing this profoundly entertaining film.

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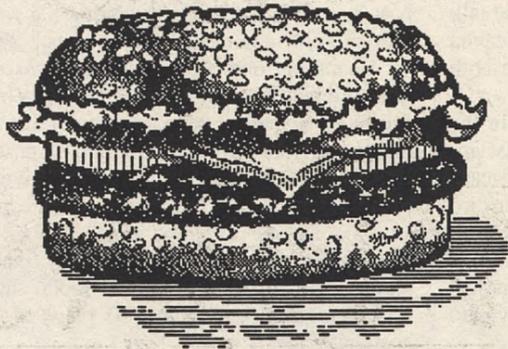
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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

Face it, our tastes in Asian food are changing. Chinese used to be tops. And in terms of sheer volume, it may still be. But when it comes to exciting new flavors and general trendiness, Thai is definitely the hot ticket in town right now.

In Atlanta, one of the problems with Chinese food is that you have to venture to Cambodia to get the good stuff and many of the best restaurants out that way are frequently packed and staffed by folks who seem to think that gracious service is something deserved only by patrons at the Ritz. (Which may be one of the reasons that Thai eateries are doing so well in Atlanta; their service tends to be much more attentive and gentle than most local Chinese restaurants.)

All that said, one cannot live by Panang curry and summer rolls alone. A plate of Kung Pao squid or smoked tea duck is absolutely necessary in a life that aims for culinary balance.

Thus it is that I headed out to the new **Little Szechuan II** (5389-A New Peachtree Rd, 457-0702) in Chamblee's Chinatown Square. You may remember that nearly every critic in Atlanta turned cartwheels over Little Szechuan I in Northwoods Plaza when it opened a year or more ago. The food was consistently fresh, well prepared, reasonable and nicely presented. Not to mention the exotic stuff on the menu, like intestine with pigs blood soup or stir fried baby anchovies with peanuts.

I had fantasies that Little Szechuan II would be different from its older sibling. Not so. The new place is a rather plain square room adorned with a karaoke stage quietly offering the likes of "Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song" along with images of a sad looking woman wandering through a misty wood. If this kind of Sino-camp makes you giggle, this is definitely the place for you. Both restaurants share the same menu, but fortunately the quality at the new location seems to be every bit as excellent as at the original.

The meal here starts with a gratis plate of cool, spicy-sweet radish strips, which is good because the menu is virtually devoid of appetizers—except for a plate of Szechuan pickles that I can't recommend too highly.

Standouts still on the menu include astoundingly good stir fried string beans, shrimp, pork or squid with young chives, sauteed shrimp in white wine sauce, and sizzling tofu in Szechuan sauce.

The eggplant in garlic sauce remains one of the great spicy pleasures that the city has to offer—rich, hot, smooth, oily comfort food guaranteed to take a chill off no matter how cold the weather. Pork and chicken are available in the same sauce, but it's impossible to imagine them as pleasing as the moist, smooth eggplant.

Much of the food here is not spicy. Pork or chicken in hot (not) bean paste is very similar to the more commonly seen Kung Pao, without the peppers and peanuts. The result is a smooth, slightly sweet stir fry studded with chunks of some pleasingly crisp vegetable, bits of green onion and, in the case of the chicken, schnibbles of pork. It tastes great but brings up a point for those who eschew certain foods. Don't assume

that what appears to be a vegetarian dish (like the string beans or the sizzling tofu) will be meat free. Ask first—they'll be happy to prepare any dish sans meat—but an important part of the complex flavoring often disappears when the pork does.

Another mild treasure, a special seafood hot pot, requires a bit of patience if it is to be enjoyed fully. The huge bowl of broth (atop sterno) arrives at the table packed with shrimp, scallops, squid, octopus, sea cucumber, shitake mushrooms, noodles and an assortment of pale Asian veggies. Attractive as it may be, don't eat it immediately. Let it sit and steep for 10-15 minutes while you graze through the rest of the goodies on the table. In that time, the broth makes a miraculous change from thin and characterless to a rich and heady stew that will make any seafood lover swoon. Miraculously, the seafood doesn't get overcooked in the process.

And don't be squeamish about the sea cucumber or octopus; they add a wonderful salty perfume to the broth and come in pieces that are large and easy to avoid.

We sampled only one dish that could be described as ordinary. Stir fried baby sweet bean leaves were lightly scented with garlic and perfectly decent, but lacked the character that a plate of spinach or combo of soy bean greens and mustard greens similarly prepared would have.

Good tea comes gratis with the meal and excellent orange slices (but not fortune cookies) arrive once the dishes have been cleared. Service is fast, attentive and exceptionally friendly. Portions are generous and prices reasonable. You can eat 'til you pop for \$12-15 a head, probably less if you take a crowd and share everything, which is the way this food was meant to be enjoyed.

Little Szechuan II does not yet pour beer or wine and does not yet accept credit cards. It is open until 9:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and until 3:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, when I suspect the karaoke stage must be quite a sight.

**Good News**

Final figures are in from Project Open Hand's Dining Out For Life fundraiser last November. The 97 participating restaurants raised more than \$51,000 and not a little bit of consciousness in the process. A job well done.

It's Girl Scout cookie time again. At \$2.50 a pop (with only vegetable shortening, no preservatives or artificial colors, and they're kosher), buying a box or two is an easy and enjoyable way to support a youth organization that is far from perfect but miles less homophobic than most. For information on how to order, call 527-7532 between January 28 and February 6. My faves are the shortbread Trefoils, but the coconut on the Samoas seems especially nutty, crisp and rich this year.

I've got mixed feelings about Entemann's line of fat and cholesterol free baked goods. The gluten and gums that they use to replace the fat often result in a texture way too reminiscent of glue. But their chocolate brownie cookies are chewy, rich and amazingly full flavored for a fat-free product. Wonderful with the sip or two of red wine that remains in your glass at the end of a meal. Problem is, it's hard to eat one or two, and, at 40 calories for a small cookie, this isn't exactly diet food.

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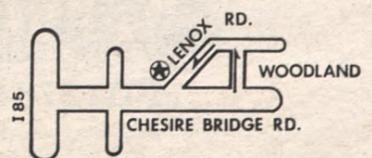


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30 OUT & ABOUT

# Dildonic cops aside, Judy Tenuta says she still loves Atlanta

*On her way out of town, the comedienne stopped to chat with SoVo about Hillary, John-John, grungy models and why she likes queers*

by JOE BIRDSONG

It's no secret that Atlanta often plays hostess to some of the world's most distinguished businessmen, politicians, entertainers and other luminaries. Recently, amid car jackings and airport scandals, our city made room for the return of one of its popular, and most worshipped, guests—comedienne Judy Tenuta, the self-described Blessor of Bunions, Healer of Hermaphrodites and Empress of Elvis Impersonators.

Caught by Southern Voice for a few words on her way out of town after a series of shows at The Punchline in Sandy Springs, Tenuta professed to still love Atlanta, even though a "totally dildonic" cop at the door of a local nightclub would not let her in because she had no ID. He asked if she knew anyone in the bar by name who could vouch for her. "No, but if you bring the bar outside I think that would help." By then, a doorman saw what was happening and quickly remedied the situation.

The self-proclaimed goddess of her own religion, Judyism, was her usual outrageous self, talking about Atlanta, her gay and lesbian following and a little celebrity gossip and fashion.

**SoVo:** What do you like to do for fun when you come to Atlanta?

**Judy:** Well, I want to go to the Vivien Leigh Doll Museum. I like to go to the Hotlanta restaurants. I like to get pampered, get my hair done, my feet blessed by Martina. I got my butt buffed by Ted Turner. He wanted to colorize it, but I wouldn't allow that."

**SoVo:** Didn't you perform at Mr. Hotlanta a couple of years ago?



CAROL BOBOLTS

Tenuta's advice to supermodel Kate Moss: "Put on some makeup and wash your hair."

**Judy:** Oh yes! That was big fun because I love all-gay audiences. They're the most fun because I can be totally uninhibited and then they are, too. Also, I've noticed I'm getting more lesbianer fans.

**SoVo:** Well, you do have a lot of gay fans. So who have you been dating?

**Judy:** John F. Kennedy Jr. and I were seeing each other, but he was driving me nuts because every time a limo would drive by he would salute. And as you know, I had to break up with the Crying Menendez Brothers. I'm going to get them Zsa Zsa Gabor wigs for 1994 so they will no longer have to go

out and shoot their father mercilessly in the head because he gave them bad hair.

**SoVo:** What kind of things are some of our favorite celebrities up to these days?

**Judy:** Now let's talk about who's sleeping with who. You know Barbra Streisand was planking Andre Agassi, but now I heard she's after Jose Can-suck-o. Now, Richard and Cindy, everyone knows about that. He's the gerbil master and she's the carpet muncher. She's busy trimming k.d. lang's bush, OK? As if we don't know that story in a hurry. And Richard Gere, I'm sorry. Since Burt Reynolds' hairpiece looks like one of the furry friends he likes to stick up his crack, now he likes to sit on Burt's head.

**SoVo:** Are you pleased with what our First Lady has been doing since taking office?

**Judy:** Hillary! Hello! As you know she got really upset because she was on her thirteenth hairdo of the day and her health plan didn't cover it. She's a strong woman, in other words, a dyke. I like her. I could see her with Tipper. Horizontal, vertical, upside down, in the shower. You name it honey.

**SoVo:** Let's talk about fashion.

**Judy:** Let's talk about supermodels. Kate Moss, the waif, forget about it. She's fucking floss. Her name is Kate Floss. I'm sick of this grunge. I'm like the gay guys. I want everyone to look in drag. You should be in drag whether you're a guy or a woman. You should be totally made up. Have the hair, have the nails, have the makeup. Kate Moss, hello! You are a model. Put on some makeup and wash your hair. RuPaul is totally cool. She knows how to dress for success.

**SoVo:** What do you make of Rush Limbaugh's success?

**Judy:** I sucked the fat out of him and make him a shelter for the homeless so he could have a purpose. I'm going to make him share a cell with Lorena Bobbitt so he can have a sex change and become a femi-Nazi.

**SoVo:** Is there anything else you would like to say to our readers?

**Judy:** Just remember, I love all the gay men and all the gay women because they know how to color my eggs. And they know how to accessorize. They're givers, not takers.

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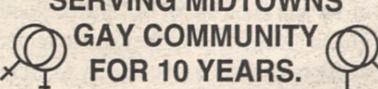
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**M**s. Otis Regrets...: Psychologists doing research into the nature of regret have come up with an interesting factoid. The only place that responses from men and women in their survey differed greatly was on the issue of sex. Men tended to be regretful that they had *not* slept with a particular woman, while women said that they tended to regret having done the deed with a particular man. Predictable enough, but it gets us to wondering how queer women and men would have responded...especially given the recent burgeoning of lesbian sexuality and the effect of the AIDS epidemic on gay men's libidos. Regretfully, unless researchers themselves are queer, they seldom think to ask such questions.

**Homophobia on the Record:** Former Atlanta resident, syndicated writer and contributor to SoVo Steve Warren has penned an angry piece taking Epic records to task for not including songs from the Flirtations and Q Lazzarus (who may be the next RuPaul) which ran in the movie on their "Philadelphia" soundtrack album. The Indigo Girls doing "I Don't Wanna Talk About It" made the cut, but the Flirts doing their very homo-specific take on "Mr. Sandman" are not going to be heard in hundreds of thousands of middle American family rooms. "Philadelphia," its advertising and its soundtrack are getting lots of flak about not being queer enough. Most of the charges are right on. But Dish would like to give the film credit for the controversy and public discussion that it *has* precipitated. Seeing the Flirtations on the big screen and reading Steve Murray's very honest piece last week in the big paper are both very queer steps in the right direction.

# Dish

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



Dish says let the Flirtations sing.

**Fashion Failure:** On a more frivolous note, we thought you would like to know that Billy Ray Cyrus tucked his ponytail into his baseball cap (so he wouldn't be recognized) when he and sweetie Leticia Finley were married a few weeks ago. Cyrus (who gives a whole new meaning to the words "fashion victim") wore jeans, boots and a sweat shirt cut large on the neck and arms. Leticia wore a dress over a cat suit. Thousands of women were said to be in mourning; a deejay in

Catlettsburg, Ky. said that not since Elvis' death had so many women called up crying. Try as we may, we really do not understand some heterosexuals.

**Artificial What?:** The Flag Fairy has sent Dish yet another treat. This time it's a memo from the Medical College of Wisconsin that we find to be humorous but a bit confusing. Said document details how other colleges can order a "Realistic Penis Models" made of wood (quaint, no—and only \$109) in order to "demonstrate condom placement with more realistic models." We suppose that a wooden penis is more realistic than a banana, but what about a plain old latex dildo, perfectly decent ones of which are available for less than \$35? But what we find really kinky here is the fact that for an additional \$6.95, one may buy a supply of artificial semen (with syringe) for "ejaculation demonstration[s]." The prude in us says, "too much." The radical thinks that ejaculation demos would be far more realistic (and fun) in the flesh.

**O' Funny Song...:** Left over from before the holidays, but too fine a gift not to share, is this "Queer Holiday Carol" from sometime SoVo contributor Jamakaya who lives in Milwaukee. Sing "O, Jesse Helms" to the tune of "O, Tannebaum" (and if you prefer some local flavor, substitute the name of Michael Bowers, Sam Nunn or Nancy Schaefer). Ready? "O, Jesse Helms, O, Jesse Helms/you homophobic bigot/O Jesse Helms, O, Jesse Helms/ turn off your hateful spigot/You're getting old, you're fading fast/Please hurry up and breathe your last/ O, Jesse Helms, O, Jesse Helms/you homophobic bigot." OK, neither Michael, Nancy nor Sam is "getting old" (at least not fast enough,) but we can dream can't we?

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 2, 1994

The full moon on Jan. 27 could bring very interesting political situations to light, especially newsy items about the personal and private lives of the self-righteous. It is also a very good time to empower and encourage good friends and loved ones.

**ARIES,** Saturn, the planet of orderliness and structure, is moving into your 12th house of dreams and visions on Jan. 28, so be sure to begin making time for honoring and acknowledging whatever comes through the channel of your dreamtime. **TAURUS,** love really does make the world go round, so drop any worries you may have about the end of the world and carry the power of your light out where it is needed the very most. Keep your sense of humor handy at all times. **GEMINI,** you may find, with all the planetary activity in your ninth house of global perspective and your search for meaning in this world of shifting values, that it is very necessary to define your own values and ideals as clearly as possible.

**CANCER,** people from foreign places or unusual backgrounds may be entering your life, so be prepared to hear fascinating stories and eat interesting food. If you find you are somewhat attracted to someone special, enjoy the romance safely. **LEO,**

# STARSIGNS

with the full moon lining up in your first house of personality and your seventh house of close personal relationships on Thursday, you can expect opportunities for expressing your deeper feelings and sentiments to those you love. **VIRGO,** are you getting enough exercise and fresh air, especially with the cooler temperatures? Remember that your body really needs to get out and move around in nature at least once a week. You might even consider getting a pet (not a pet rock).

**LIBRA,** time for good fun, expanding your cultural and social horizons and including exotic experiences into your life. Take a little risk here and there, especially with friends, and plan to do a few things you've always wanted to do but haven't.

**SCORPIO,** you may need to deal with a bit of conflict and maybe some tension in your own home or with one of your parents. Walk softly around family issues and keep your eyes and ears open for the real glitch. Also keep your sense of

humor handy. **SAGITTARIUS,** time to get moving on important personal matters. Do your best not to fall behind schedule on deadlines and absolutely don't take anything too seriously. If life becomes too heavy, try being more encouraging with yourself.

**CAPRICORN,** take time out for yourself and the folks you love. Plan an outing into the great outdoors and let yourself relax and enjoy life for a few days. Head south for the sun. Happy birthday **AQUARIUS.** It's time to play and celebrate. Always have fun whenever you can. Life is too short to be too serious. So, plan ahead for rest and regeneration. Keep a list of things you really like to do in your timer as a reminder. **PISCES,** if you are feeling a little bit anxious these days, it could be related to all the not-so-subtle earth changes that are going on right now. Take a break, do something fun and do your very best not to worry about the entire world.

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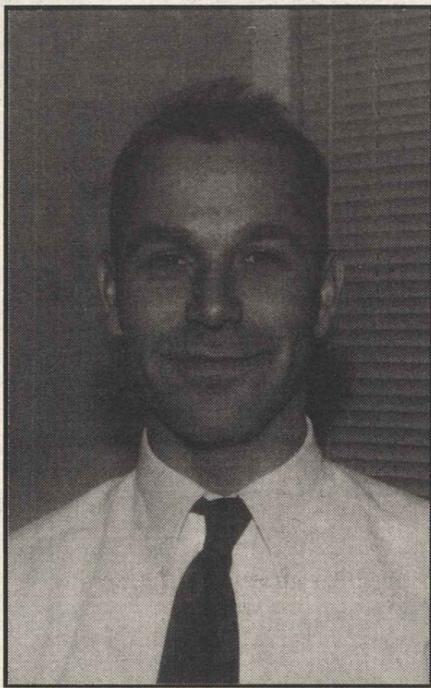
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Pet Peeve: Apoliticalism



"Apoliticalism" is not an unexpected pet peeve from Anthony Ricciardi. He's an ACT UP member, often seen at demonstrations on AIDS and gay/lesbian issues. And he was one of the "Pear Garden Six"—the six activists arrested in front of the Pear Garden last summer while handing out information about Atlanta's domestic partnership ordinances.

"It really bothers me," he says, "when there's a demonstration and it's the same people every time. We're all on a first name basis. We're out there for everybody."

Complaints about the tactics of street activist groups irk him, too, especially when they come from people who do nothing to further any cause.

"I'm not saying everybody needs to be in the streets," he says. "But you can throw a few bucks at the ACT UP table when you see it. You can write letters, make phone calls. Something. We all need to be doing something."

Ricciardi comes to his activism naturally. He grew up in Westchester County, New York—about 45 miles from Manhattan—in a large Italian family ("It's always who's louder than who," he says. "I was raised to speak my mind. If I see somebody doing something wrong, I'm going to say something) and came out in Greenwich Village. But his first forays into activism had nothing to do with AIDS and gay issues—instead, he was first an animal rights activist.

"My aunt and uncle were mostly responsible for that," he says. "We would go to the beach and give out flyers and such."

His aunt was also the first family member he told that he is gay. He'd been spending late nights at the bars, and relations with his parents were strained.

"They wondered how come all these guys called the house and how come no girls called," he explains.

Finally, his aunt asked him what was wrong, and he admitted that he's gay.

"She said 'That's it? That's your big problem?'" he recalls. "Then she told me about an experience she had with a woman, and she told me to go home and everything would be OK. By the time I got home, she had called and told my mother."

His mother took him to the park for a talk. "She told me that it doesn't really bother her that I'm gay," he says, "but she just thought we had a better relationship and that I could tell her anything."

His father, however, took the news harder

and didn't speak to him for two months.

"He blamed himself," Ricciardi explains. "He's very religious, and he thought my being gay was God's punishment for making fun of gay people. I assured him it wasn't, and after a while he broke down, took me out to dinner and told me he loved me no matter what."

A brother and a sister are equally supportive—although before he found out Ricciardi was gay, his brother constantly called him "fag" and "queer."

"When he found out I really was, it stopped," Ricciardi says.

Now, he says, his relationship with his brother is on solid ground. "He named my nephew after me because he didn't think I would have kids of my own," he says, pointing out a framed photo of the handsome young man on the wall of the Midtown apartment he shares with Zsa Zsa and Sandi, his feline companions.

Ricciardi came to ACT UP after an unsatisfying experience as a buddy with AID Atlanta.

"When I first got into [AIDS work], I didn't know about all the politics behind AIDS," he remembers. "I didn't realize all the discrimination issues. Once I started learning about that, that was what really interested me."

His first ACT UP demonstration was in Nashville, Tennessee—a protest at a hospital that refused to treat an AIDS patient.

"We rented a van and all went up together," he says. "We experienced each other. I was nervous all the week before, but then suddenly I was there, holding up signs and screaming at the top of my lungs."

He's been doing that ever since. Throughout last summer, Ricciardi was always on the streets, whether it was a CDC demonstration, Cobb County, domestic partnership, hospice issues, or whatever. But his primary focus remains AIDS, and he is quick to discount the misconception that people interested in such issues are invariably HIV positive themselves. Ricciardi is not, but it doesn't stop him.

"I do it because I care," he said plainly.

And he extends this message to others who care, or who should—"Get involved, people. There's a war going on. Wake up. It's the right wing or us."

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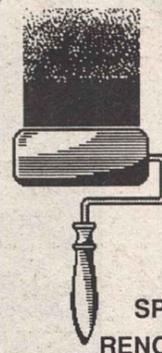
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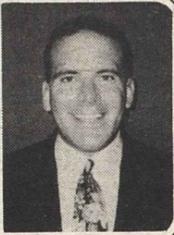
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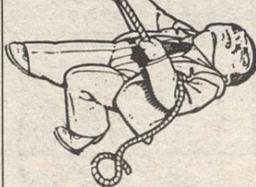
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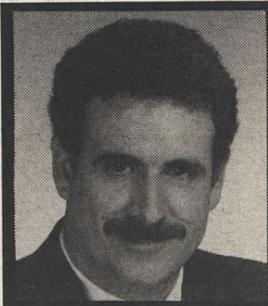
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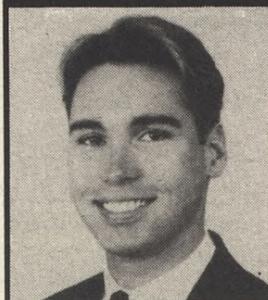
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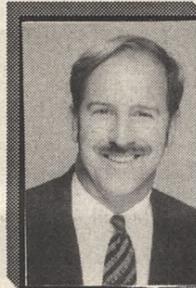
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GWF, 42, feminine, educated, professional, passionate, affectionate, honest and adventurous. Seeks warm heart, intelligent mind, playful spirit for quality relationship. ☎ 1095

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GWF, 36, attractive, high spirited jovial idealist with inquisitive, progressive mind seeks similar dark haired unchemically altered

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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

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GWF, 32, feminine, funloving, 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

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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, 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

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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

MEN

GWM, 6'3", 190 lbs, 40's, a romantic who likes to receive and give affection to that special person who is 28-45, physically & mentally fit and loves life. ☎ 1194

Gay Asian man, 5'10", 145, sincere, clean-cut, hot, seeks WM/AM up to 30. Top, non-smk, trim, safe for relationship. ☎ 1193

Masculine WM, 33, gdlkg, hairy, private, seeks attractive, ultramasculine, private black man for very private, masculine activities. ☎ 1191

GWM, HIV+, very healthy. 5'10", 160, brown, blue, late forties. Successful, trim. Attractive, looking for someone to share life's exciting & unpredictable journey, non-smoker. ☎ 1190

Masculine GWM, 43, 5'9", 150, blond, in Atlanta monthly. Seeking well-endowed masculine party buddy, under 45, who likes to be orally serviced. No reciprocation necessary. PO Box 1867, Bonita Springs, FL 33959. (6.52)

GWM, 50, 5'11", 170, quiet, shy, loves homelife, dining out, movies, walking, seeks GWM, 20-35, slim, who is very sincere for a one-on-one relationship. Pen pal welcome. H. PO Box 703, Dalton, GA 30720 (6.50)

GWM, 33, 6', 178#, Br/Br, above avg., seeks similar BiWM/GWM, 25-39, for discreet daytime encounters. I-75/285 area. Respond to Boxholder, PO Box 723192, Atlanta 31139. (6.52)

Into bodybuilding? Well-built 35yo GWM, 5'10 1/2", solid 190 lbs, seeks similar for friendship, workouts and safe/hot fun. ☎ 1184

'94 Black Accord, S/C plates. NationsBank Ansley. Tag on Piedmont. Saw again at K-Mart/Lindbergh. Interested in talking? Call!! ☎ 1173

Unconventional - Nonconforming. GBM - Bewitchingly Attractive, seeks very masculine GWM or Hispanic top, relationship-minded for romantic and eventual times. ☎ 1178

Third Musketeer wanted. You're sincere, submissive, leather trainable with TLC and ready to make 100% permanent commitment. No fats/fems. ☎ 1097

DAYS OLD TO ATLANTA - Very attractive GWM, 33, 5'10", 150 lbs, good natured, fun loving, confident but fair. Box 2103, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.51)

GWM, 40's, youthful, fun, likes music, gardening, long mornings under heavy quilts, hiking & hot tubs. Seeks sincere, intelligent laughing men. ☎ 1169

Enemas/Water Play turn me on. 35yo attractive white male seeking hot others into same. ☎ 1183

Shy at first, 6'2" bld/blu GWM seeks romantic monogamous relationship with tall/shrt non-fat/fem GWM w/Bk/As/Lat 20-35. "I love strongly, steadfastly, & exclusively." Serious romantics only! ☎ 1181

Masculine, intelligent GWM, 47, bl/br, 165, 5'7", leather bottom seeks masculine endowed HIV-, leather top. No smokers. Monogamy a plus. ☎ 1179

Italian/Greek/Latin 29-40 sought by A#1 handsome Southern GWM 35, 5'10", 170 - into weights, movies, romance! ☎ 1177

WM, 36, blond/blue, mustache, HIV-, 6'4", 230. Attractive professional seeks Mr. Right. Is it you? Will answer all. Call today! ☎ 1176

Looking for another good man. "Married," but little sex. GWM, 39, attractive, muscu-

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Curious? GWM, 40s, attorney, seeks intelligent WM (under 21) for close friendship, possible relationship, growing, caring, sharing, quality friendship. Discretion assured. POB 55006, Atlanta 30308. (6.49)

25 y.o. GWM, hard worker/player, professional, attractive, fit. Brn/blu, 185, 6'3" seeking WM, 23-30 to brighten my day. ☎ 1093

GBM, 42, attractive, professional, outgoing 5'10, 175, HIV+, very healthy seeking men under 44 for friendship, fun and possibly more. No fems please. ☎ 1094

GWM, 39, seeks companionship for theatre, movies, etc.: I am 6'1", 185, bl/bl (balding), professional. Enjoy cooking, gardening, and (of course) theatre. ☎ 1092

BM seeks masculine, persistent and assertive BM. When he wants service, he calls and gets it. Day or night. ☎ 1091

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

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. ☎ 1087

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. ☎ 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, grn, 5'8", 140, seek new friendships, hot times. ☎ 1070

Boyish-muscle bottom, gdlkg, sincere, 30.

5'5", 140#, HIV+, healthy. Sks 25-35, gd shape, gdlkg 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 guy 30-45 for casual dates. Masc., honest, good financier sought. ☎ 1060

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

GWM, 39, 5'11", 190, bl/bl, healthy HIV top. ISO comrade for hero's journey to new life. workout, gardening, movies, hiking. ☎ 1009

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, mustache, endowed top or versatile, relationship oriented. I'm a great catch! No fats or fems. ☎ 1031

Daytimes, good looking GWM, cute bottom, brn/blu, 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, heavysset. ☎ 1057

GWM, 29, bn/grn, 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/hzl, & 35, 5'11", 155#, brn/bl.

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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

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 friendship/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 (sane, sexy, safe) for direct manly maneuvers. ☎ 1852

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

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

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

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

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

Sexy, hairy leatherboy, 33, 5'8" 150 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 boyfriends. 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-stu-

dent. Novice fine. ☎ 1797

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TV/TS

BM, Top, discreet seeks TV/TS/G bottom for special friendship, discretion assured. Race unimportant. Hurry - Hungry ☎ 1164

SBM Athletic, professional, well built seeks slim feminine TV/TS for fun, possible relationship. Race unimportant. ☎ 1104

Texas WM, 40, 5'10", 175 lbs seeks pre-op TS or passable TV 21-45 for relationship/friendship. Will travel. ☎ 1100

Very Pretty pre-op TS, slender, open, kinky and fun loving Lipstick Lesbian seeks pretty people who love living the Magic! ☎ 1099

Full figured transvestite would like to have discreet encounters with real men who are honest, sincere to appreciate my company. ☎ 1024

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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

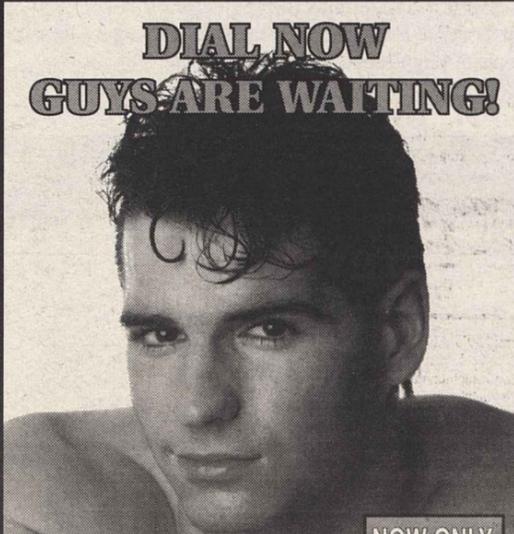
BiWM, 33, adorable, seek Bi, G, S Females for holiday cheer. Let's visit our families, enjoy a play or coffee. Anxiously waiting - Love ☎ 1014

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 WM over 40 for friendship and possible relationship. Sincere only. ☎ 1831

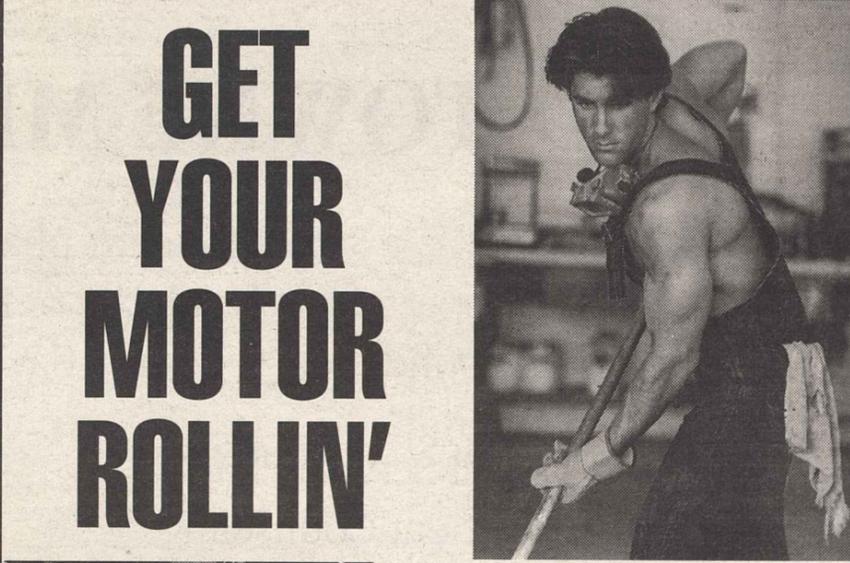
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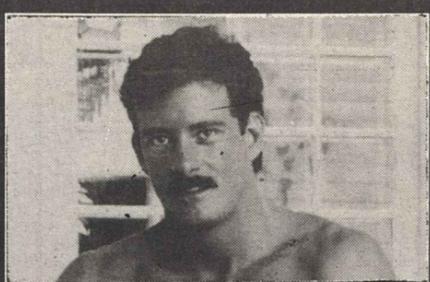
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## Teen Teatro takes its AIDS message to Kennesaw

A group of bilingual teenage actors take their message of AIDS prevention to Kennesaw this week.

Teen Teatro is presenting "How Soon Is Now?," an infodrama coordinated by AID Atlanta that weaves together factually accurate information about AIDS with messages about self-esteem, abstinence, risk reduction and peer pressure. The performance will be held at Kennesaw State College on Friday, Jan. 28.

Teen Teatro is a performing troupe comprised of metro Atlanta high school students. They have been coached in basic acting techniques at the Academy Theatre in Atlanta and are trained peer counselors, according to Maria Rivas, Hispanic outreach coordinator for AID Atlanta.

The project attempts to provide information both in English and Spanish to young people through "believable" dialogue and situ-

ations, Rivas says.

"Teenagers are hard to convince that older people know what their world is like, and [they] are far more likely to turn to their peers for knowledge about the 'real' world," Rivas says. "Our warnings are no match for the arguments of their peers, because we don't live in their world and don't speak their special language. Teen Teatro does."

The performance is scheduled for 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Carmichael Student Center, with a question-and-answer session following. The public is invited and admission is free. Dialogue will be primarily in English, although some of the dialogue will be in Spanish.

Kennesaw State College is located 10 miles north of Marietta off of Interstate 75 at Chastain Road Exit 117. For more information, call (404) 423-6022.



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