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10 THINGS that GAY MEN

By KC Wildmoon

need to know about LESBIANS

Ten things gay men need to know about lesbians. I readily accepted this assignment from my Intrepid Editor, thinking what a breeze it would be. Lesbians are always saying gay men don't understand us, and I would be out to give them that opportunity. This will be so easy, I thought.

Silly me. The first couple of phone calls to normally very talkative lesbians brought long silences. Popping the question in person had no better results—blank stares accompanied by shrugged shoulders. Even a reception for a Famous Lesbian Writer was, for the most part, a dry well.

By week's end, I was reduced to accosting pairs of lesbians having intimate dinners for two at local restaurants—and getting the same response, along with an irritated smile. What's going on here? Have all the collective cats in all the collective lesbian households gotten hold of all the lesbians' collective tongues?

I got the feeling this thing needed to be processed. Lesbians do that, you know. We process. No one's invented a machine to do it yet, so we have to process manually. That means we think a lot. And then we talk about it. Then we think some more, talk some more, maybe even yell at each other a little, until somebody reminds us about sisterhood. Then

we think about that, talk about it and go around the room saying what we all feel.

By then we've probably lost sight of what we were processing to begin with, but unless someone comes up with another issue, we'll get back to it. Issues never go away. They just get chewed up, spit out, and chewed up by somebody else. That's processing.

And, Letterman style, that's item number 10 on the list. Gay men need to understand that **processing happens**. It's the main way we make sure everybody gets heard and no opinion is buried, although a bully in the process can cause that to happen. But not for long.

So the processing on this question of what gay men need to know about lesbians is still going on. We should be able to get back to you on that by next summer.

But that brings us to number 9. **Not all lesbians are alike**. Some of us don't even process. That's how we've gotten items 1 to 8 on this list.

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Project Open Hand cuts services in face of \$500,000 deficit

Asymptomatic HIV-positive people will not receive meals after June 1

by CHRIS CASH

Atlanta—Facing a \$500,000 deficit this year, Project Open Hand has decided to no longer feed HIV-positive people who are not actually ill with AIDS.

By June 1, all existing clients will have to certify that they have one of 42 AIDS-related illnesses and meet the definition of disability used by Social Security, which requires that they have "marked restriction of the activities of daily living or difficulty completing tasks in a timely manner due to deficiencies in concentration, persistence or pace."

The same standards became effective last week for all new clients, although anyone ask-

ing for assistance will begin receiving food immediately and will then be given two weeks to provide certification. While the Social Security definition of disability is being used, clients will not have to be receiving Social Security disability in order to be eligible.

Since its inception six years ago, Project Open Hand has fed anybody who could provide documentation that they were HIV-positive, whether or not they were sick or homebound. A survey of other HIV food service agencies by Project Open Hand officials found that it was the only agency in the country providing food to HIV-positive asymptomatic people, according to the agency's executive director, Ava Diamond Suber.

"It's really been a very, very difficult decision for us," said Suber, who took over as executive director of the agency less than three months ago. But she says without major changes in the agency's financial operations, it may have to close completely and "we can't



Ava Diamond Suber

allow that to happen."

Suber and Project Open Hand officials met with various groups in the HIV community, including activists, prior to announcing the

change.

"Personally, I think it's very tragic that they have to do this, but I understand their rationale," said Jeff Graham of ACT UP/Atlanta. The group has not yet taken an official position on the changes, he said.

But Graham added that he hopes a way can be found to feed low income and homeless people living with AIDS who rely on Project Open Hand for food.

"Those people cannot count on having nutritious meals on a constant basis, and we know that nutrition plays a role in the health of people [living with HIV]," Graham said.

Project Open Hand uses a force of volunteers to cook and deliver meals to 850 clients, and has a 1994 budget of \$2.2 million or about \$6,000 a day. Suber says projections show that fundraising this year will fall \$500,000 short of the budget.

Part of the reason for the gap is that federal funds granted to the agency, including

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Cobb chairman's offer to talk take county activists by surprise

Marietta—Members of the Cobb Citizens Coalition says they were surprised to read in local newspapers last week that Cobb County Commission Chairman Bill Byrne had agreed to meet with them to discuss the county's anti-gay/lesbian resolution.

"I think the commissioners are using the newspaper to say they're interested in talking to us," said coalition co-chair Noel Lytle. "Quite frankly, they hadn't been returning phone calls since last August."

Byrne's apparent willingness to discuss the issue came to light during a recess of last Tuesday's commission meeting, where five coalition members addressed the resolution in light of efforts to remove the Olympic volleyball venue from Cobb County. At the meeting, commissioners approved a previously-released proclamation welcoming all people to Cobb for the Olympics, which gay/lesbian rights supporters say doesn't go far enough.

Speaking to reporters, Byrne said that he had "seen something that opens the door to some optimism."

But so far, Byrne has not returned coalition phone calls accepting his invitation to talk, and co-chair Elaine Hill said she isn't certain this latest development is as promising as it might appear to be on the surface. She noted Byrne's repeated statements that the anti-lesbian/gay resolution will not be rescinded.

"Bill Byrne said there is no one person or group that can get the resolution rescinded," Hill said. "He has repeatedly said there will be no compromise."

But during his talk with reporters, Byrne intimated that some compromise was possible, possibly a substitute resolution that would bar domestic partnership legislation in the county. Commissioner Gordon Wysong, author of the anti-gay/lesbian resolution, said at the time it was passed last summer that it was a reaction to efforts to pass such legislation in Atlanta.

But Byrne also said that he "couldn't imagine" the original resolution would be rescinded, and a substitute resolution may not be acceptable to the coalition, which has been working against the resolution since it was passed last summer.

"We want it clearly rescinded," said Lytle. "We don't want to trade it for another resolution."

Lytle said that the coalition is willing to meet with Byrne and other commissioners willing to discuss the issue.

"We would want to get this series of meetings going as soon as possible because we don't want to drag this out," said Lytle. "[The Olympics issue] is key in bringing them to the table. We don't want to extend the talks [so that] it would be difficult to mount pressure on ACOG [to move the Olympic venue]."

Samaranch Vigil Set

The Olympics Out of Cobb Coalition is sponsoring "Light a Candle for Justice," a candlelight vigil on Tuesday, May 10, during a visit to Atlanta by members of the International Olympic Committee and IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch. The vigil begins at 7:30 p.m. at Woodruff Park, located on Peachtree Street just north of Five Points. Coalition members will have candles on hand but are asking people that people who can bring candles and matches do so. There will be entertainment, but the lineup was not finalized by press time.

At last week's commission meeting, opposition to the resolution came from an unexpected source. After hearing coalition members speak against it, five Boy Scouts attending the meeting told WAGA-TV reporter Sally Sears that the commission should "take back" the resolution.

"The commission...I feel they kind of messed up on what they did," said one of the Scouts, eighth and ninth grades who meet who meet at Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Cobb County. "The [coalition members were] basically correct on what they spoke on tonight."

Sears reported that all five of the Scouts, and their leaders, agreed that the resolution should be rescinded, and that they were considering adopting a resolution of their own to that effect.

KC WILDMOON

Bar closings spark racism charges

Atlanta—Freaknik may be over, but the aftermath continues, including issues of racism brought up when several business in Midtown, including some gay bars, closed their doors rather than face the crowds.

"It just shows the kind of racist attitudes that are keeping our community from coming together around these boundaries," said Brooke Perry, chair of the African American Lesbian Gay Alliance. "I'm disappointed [by the closings], but I can't say I'm surprised."

The Armory, generally one of the city's most racially-mixed gay bars, closed during Freaknik weekend, and Blake's, at the corner of 10th Street and Piedmont Avenue where some of the worst traffic jams occurred, was closed on Saturday night, although it was open on Friday and Sunday.

The closing of The Armory spurred an anonymous leafletting of intown neighborhoods with handwritten flyers with a headline that read: "White Enough for the Armory?"

Attempts to reach the management at The Armory for comment were unsuccessful, and a spokesperson for Blake's would not comment.

One Midtown bar that did stay open was The Metro. But manager Danny Donohoe said that in retrospect, being open was just not worth it and that The Metro may close next year.

"We didn't realize the effect [Freaknik] would have," he said. "Business was very bad. Saturday night was worse than a Monday here." Also, Donohoe said traffic prevented some employees from getting to work.

Contributing to the lack of business may have been the flight of Midtown residents from the area, along with the reluctance of patrons living elsewhere in the city to brave the traffic.

"The main reason we're not having business is because all of us are hightailing it because folks in Atlanta don't want to deal with thousands of young black people," said Perry. "I can't think of another time when there's been a large group that the assumption has just been made that business is going to be bad. It seems clear there was something different about this group."

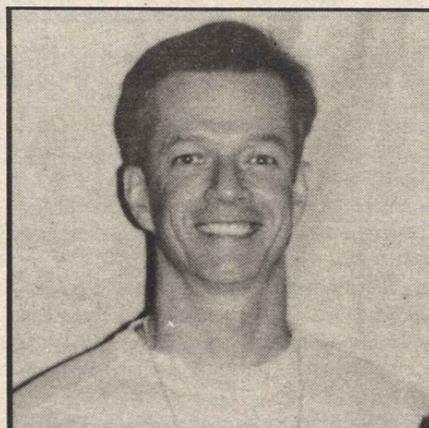
KC WILDMOON

Marshals named for Pride '94

Atlanta—Highlighting the fight to get the Olympics out of Cobb County, the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee has named Pat Hussain and Jon-Ivan Weaver as grand marshals for the 1994 Pride celebration.

Weaver, who with his partner Diego Sans became the first gay couple to register as domestic partners in Atlanta last summer, started the Olympics-out-of-Cobb movement in January after learning that volleyball competition would be held at the Cobb Galleria Centre.

Hussain, a longtime activist from the city's African-American lesbian/gay community, joined Weaver as part of a negotiating team that met with officials of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. She was a member of the steering committee for last year's



Jon-Ivan Weaver

March on Washington.

The Pride celebration will be held this year on June 11 and 12. The parade from the Civic Center to Piedmont Park will be on Sunday.

Atlanta's Pride has traditionally been cel-



Pat Hussain

ebrated on the last weekend of June. But the date has been moved up to prevent conflict with the Stonewall 25 celebration and the 1994 Gay Games, which will be held in New York on the last weekend of the month.

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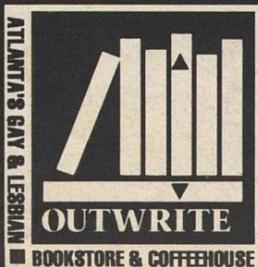


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NC Priest to bless gay union in defiance of his bishop

Raleigh, NC—An Episcopal priest known for past strife with church leadership says he will bless a gay union this month in a public challenge to an existing order forbidding ministers to do so.

The Rev. Jim Lewis has informed the bishop for the Episcopal churches in the eastern half of North Carolina that he will perform the service on May 14.

On April 19, Bishop Robert Estill warned churches not to bless any same-sex relationships because the diocese does not sanction such services.

Estill said "such action would constitute a deliberate and specific violation of one's ordination vows," and the penalty for such disobedience could range from suspension to being stripped of the priesthood. He said the issue that triggered the warning was Lewis' defiance of church authority, not the issue of homosexuality.

Lewis said on April 20 he decided to go public about the blessing to force change instead of waiting years while the church debates an act he said some priests already

are performing privately.

"This is the way change takes place," Lewis said. "The biggest secret is that bishops and clergy have been winking at one another. I've said I'm not going to do this."

The Episcopal Church has been debating the issue of homosexuality for more than a decade. The denomination will meet in August to consider a resolution creating a liturgy for blessing gay relationships, which would in effect give church approval to such unions. Similar resolutions have been defeated in the past.

Lewis said his action will benefit the church by forcing a resolution.

"It's a gift for the church," he said. "It's a prophetic event, an event that expresses the love of God. The church will grow to understand as it lives with it."

He said that the church is hypocritical when it affirms that gays and lesbians deserve God's love and Christian acceptance but refuses to bless committed gay relationships.

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Virginia group attacks United Way for funding gay/lesbian textbooks

Richmond, VA—The president of the United Way of America says a Virginia-based Christian lobbying organization is misrepresenting the United Way's support of gay and lesbian groups to gain publicity.

The Christian Action Network, based near Lynchburg, placed a full-page advertisement April 18 in The Washington Times saying that money from a United Way organization went to support two gay groups in the San Francisco area—GLADD and the Bay Area Network of Gay/Lesbian Educators.

The advertisement said that the "United Way allowed its good name to be used by a homosexual group to distribute 'gay and lesbian' textbooks into the public schools," and that United Way money went to a group that is "promoting homosexuality among teenagers."

Only \$6,000 from the Bay Area United Way went to the two groups mentioned by the network, said United Way of America President Elaine L. Chao. However, the United Way of the Bay Area says it provides \$456,600 to the gay and lesbian community.

The network is "using United Way in an

inflammatory fund-raising method" that is highly irresponsible, Chao said. "They'd like nothing better than to have more and more publicity."

Chao said local United Way chapters raise their own funds and distribute them as they like.

According to Jillian Elliott, the Bay Area United Way's vice president for advertising and communications, community fund allocations have gone to help "underserved populations," including gays and lesbians.

United Way funds were given to two gay groups as grants to provide material and training to educate people about gay issues, she said.

"These homosexual groups are using United Way's name to gain additional funding from other private foundations and to add credibility to their program," said Martin Mawyer, president of the 80,000-member Christian Action Network. He called upon officials of the national United Way to issue a policy statement saying financing gay-related programs is "not within the goals of the United Way."

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NC high-tech company extends benefits to gay/lesbian partners

Research Triangle Park, NC—A Canadian-owned company with a large North Carolina operation has joined a growing number of companies which offer health coverage to unmarried or gay and lesbian partners.

The domestic-partners plan will be provided to Northern Telecom workers at Research Triangle Park beginning July 1, the company said in a letter to its 8,500 employees.

"We're trying to recognize that there is diversity in our work force," said Gary Kilzer, a human resources director for Northern Telecom.

More than 40 private companies across the country—along with a dozen local governments, a handful of nonprofit organizations and 17 colleges and universities—of-

fer benefit packages like Northern Telecom's. High-technology operations have jumped ahead of many other private employers in offering such packages.

George Kronenberger, workplace project coordinator for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said many such companies are afraid they will lose employees to their rivals without the packages.

A gay employee who works for IBM in Research Triangle Park and whose partner is currently unemployed and uninsured, said he would consider working for a competitor if IBM doesn't eventually offer a similar policy.

"Once one company does it, it becomes a point of attraction to someone like myself," said the employee.

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Can Do, Can't Tell In Britain: The British Parliament is considering an interesting twist on gays in the military regulations—the House of Commons has already passed a measure that removes criminal penalties from homosexual acts in the country's military, although it leaves intact regulations that ban gay men and lesbians from serving. British gay rights activists have called the policy, which is expected to pass the House of Lords, "can do, can't tell." "However, it is progress," said Roger Goode of the English group Stonewall, "because it should now mean an end to the cruel and humiliating investigation procedures of gathering bodily evidence to prosecute men on charges of being gay in the forces."



Cammermeyer's case goes to court

Lawyers Argue For Cammermeyer's Reinstatement: Lawyers for a colonel who was kicked out of the National Guard because she is a lesbian have told a federal judge she was dismissed only because of prejudice and unfounded fears of dissension in the ranks. Margarethe Cammermeyer's dismissal violated the constitutional guarantee of equal protection, U.S. District Judge Thomas S. Zilly was told last week at a hearing on Cammermeyer's lawsuit challenging her discharge. Attorneys for the government argued that "the military will be less able to fight and wage wars" if the policy barring gays from service in the military is gutted. Zilly has said he will make a ruling in "a matter of weeks, if not sooner," and both sides have said they will appeal whatever ruling is released.

Stonewall 25 Still Looking For Money: The organizing committee for this summer's Stonewall 25 event say they have raised only \$350,000 so far, about \$1.5 million short of the funds they need to put on the event in New York City. But executive administrator Susan Jester says that the committee is optimistic. "It's not unreal to expect that we'll take in well over a million the week or two prior to Stonewall," she said. But the money has been slow enough in coming that the budget for the event has been reduced from \$4-5 million last summer to its current \$2.6 million. The reduction has included some layoffs of staff, and current staff "have skipped a few paychecks," according to Jester.

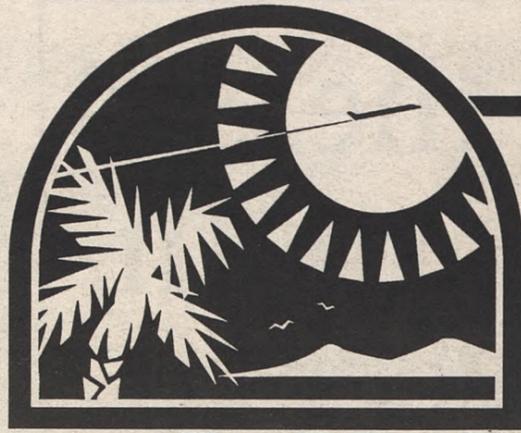
Oregon Voters Oppose Anti-Gay Initiative: A majority of Oregonians oppose an anti-gay initiative that the Oregon Citizens Alliance is trying to get on the November ballot, according to a poll commissioned by The Oregonian and Portland TV station KATU. However, the poll also showed that support for the measure increases when the OCA uses its "no special rights" explanation to clarify the measure. "The OCA is capable of winning," said pollster Tim Hibbits. But first the OCA must reverse a lower court ruling that the measure violates constitutional requirements for initiatives and submit nearly 90,000 valid voter signatures by July 8.

Threatening Calls: Threatening and vicious phone calls to Colorado PTA leaders following a move toward tolerance of gay and lesbian students have prompted them to take their phones off the hook. The calls have been flooding in since February when the PTA board encouraged schools to help stop harassment of gay and lesbian students. And next week, delegates to the annual PTA convention will vote on another resolution that would urge schools to promote tolerance and teach students who have parental consent about homosexuality. On the other side of the coin, a New Hampshire state senator who voted against a gay rights bill asked for police protection when she received threatening phone calls from a gay rights supporter. "Secretaries handed me messages in the Senate chamber from this man," said Sen. Eleanor Podles. "One of them read 'I will cause you serious embarrassment. I will work to defeat you because of your stance on the gay rights bill.'"

Jury Gives Up In Alleged Rape Of Woman By Woman: Massachusetts prosecutors say they will seek a new trial after a hung jury was declared in the case of a woman accused of raping another woman. A jury convicted Kathy Murray of assault and battery last week, but couldn't reach a verdict on a charge that she had raped a 34-year-old woman. The jury acquitted Murray of a third charge, assault with a deadly weapon. Murray, 29, testified that the older woman sexually propositioned her. The jury deliberated 7½ hours over two days.

Dartmouth OKs ROTC But Says Pentagon Should Change Policy: Army ROTC will stay at Dartmouth College, but the school's Board of Trustees says it's not happy with the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy and will try to persuade the government to change it. The board voted last week to keep ROTC but says last year's federal policy on gays in the military places schools in an unacceptable position. "The policy forces Dartmouth, as well as other colleges and universities, to make an unconscionable choice as to which students they wish to disadvantage," a statement said.

And... "Silverlake Life: The View From Here," Mark Massi and Tom Joslin's filmed chronicle of Joslin's last years before he succumbed to AIDS, has been awarded a **Peabody Award** for broadcast journalism...The University of Washington student government association has refused to pay for a performance by ex-porn star **Annie Sprinkle** as part of Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days in May...and Christopher Leach, a **Boy Scout executive board member** in San Diego who spoke out against including gays in the scouts, has denied charges by two men that he frequented gay video stores and had sex with men.



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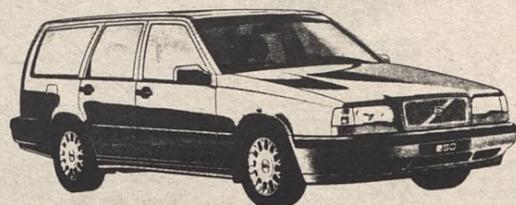
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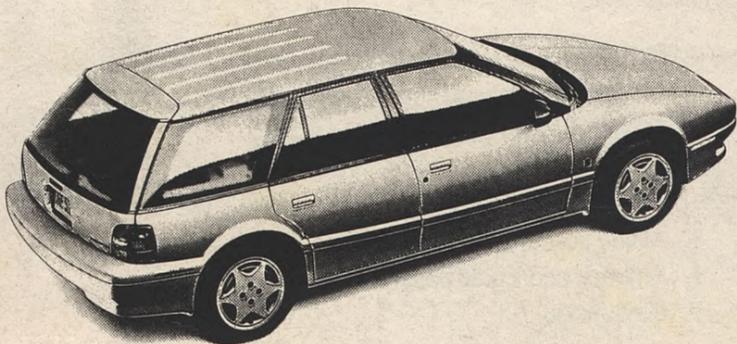
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those from the Ryan White and HOPWA programs, were less than expected this year. In the case of Ryan White funds, Project Open Hand will receive 55 percent of what it anticipated, Suber said.

And while the agency receives money from numerous fundraisers, Suber says most do not raise the large amounts of money the agency needs.

"People perceive that Project Open Hand is extremely well-funded and rolling in dough. And that is not the case," she said.

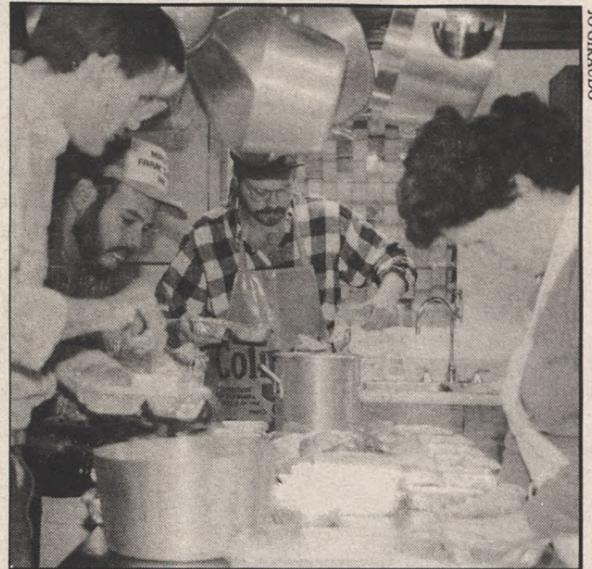
According to Suber, about \$10,000 a week was spent on food in 1993. Suber says there is no margin for cutbacks in the food budget. "One thing we cannot do is cut back on our food quality," she said.

Project Open Hand has 23 employees, including full-time and part-time personnel. In a reorganization shortly before Suber took the reigns, three positions were eliminated, but Suber says "I don't think we can run with any less staff."

Michael Edwards, founder of the organization, said that when he left the organization about two years ago the Project was running with fewer staff members without problems.

"When I left," Edwards said, "we were feeding about 400 people with a staff of five."

According to Chris Bennett, treasurer of the board, Project Open Hand has budgeted \$675,000 in 1994 for salaries and employee



Founder Michael Edwards (center) and others prepare meals during the early days of Open Hand.

benefits. That figure exceeds the amount spent on food last year, and represents roughly 30% of the \$2.2 million budget for this year.

The agency's offices and kitchen facility are located in the old Bass High School, space for which it pays rent and utility costs of \$500 per month to the Atlanta school board. Starting next fall, however, Mary Lin Elementary School is being remodeled and its students will attend classes at Bass.

Suber says the agency cannot afford to move into commercial space. She is optimistic that Project Open Hand can reach an agreement with the school board to stay at Bass, although that may mean that meals will have to be cooked at night.

"I would hate to see it close and not feed anyone," said Edwards. "They have to do what they have to do. I hope everything works out."

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TB task force endorses Kappers' confinement

Atlanta—Metro Atlanta's tuberculosis task force stands behind the decision by DeKalb County health authorities to confine John Kappers to his home.

A meeting was held last week between task force members and Kappers' supporters, who argued to no avail that Kappers is not a threat to public health.

Kappers, a longterm survivor of HIV, has a multiple drug resistant strain of TB. He has been confined to his home by a DeKalb County judge, despite repeated tests showing his TB is not active and testimony from two top TB experts that he is not contagious.

Kathleen Toomey, chief of the Georgia Department of Human Resources' epidemiology division, said she still considers Kappers infectious in spite of 14 negative sputum smears and two negative sputum cultures. She said her belief reflected that of the entire panel.

"The consensus of this task force at our last meeting (on April 6) was that Mr. Kappers is infectious. We talked to experts around the country and examined the literature, and we believe this individual could potentially transmit TB," she said.

Mark King of the AIDS Survival Project and Jeff Graham of ACT UP Atlanta had hoped to convince the panel that confinement was not necessary given current protocols in other parts of the country. Elsewhere, three negative sputum smears are considered adequate to lift respiratory isolation, and cultures are not used to determine infectiousness. The lack of response from panel members left both activists and supporters frustrated.

"Most of them sat like wax figures saying nothing and expressing no opinion," said King. "It was yet another meeting where we came out with no rational plan for dealing with MDR-TB in this state and no plan of action for John

Kappers."

King and Graham provided task force members with Kappers' sputum culture results, of which the latest two are negative.

County health officials who asked the judge to confine Kappers had used an earlier positive culture to argue for the quarantine, arguing that a culture is the definitive test for determining infectiousness. But when presented with Kappers' latest negative culture results, Dr. Lawrence Sanders, acting director of

"Most of them sat like wax figures saying nothing and expressing no opinion," said King. "It was yet another meeting where we came out with no rational plan for dealing with MDR-TB in this state and no plan of action for John Kappers."

DeKalb County's Board of Health, would not say how many negative cultures it would take before Kappers' confinement would be lifted.

One member of the task force, Dr. John McGowan from Grady Hospital, stated that "the pattern of cultures is going in the right direction" and that he would feel comfortable lifting isolation after three negative cultures. However, no other group member stated an opinion and no position was taken.

Toomey said that if Kappers had a positive culture, even after three negatives ones, "we

would be looking at the same scenario of isolation." When pressed by activists for a definitive policy for all MDR-TB patients, Toomey refused to give an answer, saying that all medical data was not in and that each case had to be dealt with individually.

"I am afraid that we are setting a precedent here of locking people up and that will keep people from getting tested for TB because they will fear confinement," said Graham. "This is bad public health policy. The ego and arrogance of the medical community was a block in fighting AIDS, and now you are doing it with TB."

The issue of travel was also raised. Kappers wants to seek treatment at National Jewish Hospital in Denver, which is considered the best facility in the country for MDR-TB patients. DeKalb County has yet to respond to Kappers' request to fly there via commercial airline. Sanders responded that going by car would be the best way, although the trip would take 22 hours.

"That's inhumane," said Alicia Culver of the AIDS Survival Project. "He should not have to endure that kind of trip. Besides if he goes by car, where will he eat and sleep? I thought he was not supposed to be out in the world."

Sanders replied that he felt that could be worked out with Kappers, saying he was a "compliant patient and would be responsible." Activists said Sanders' response was another example of the inconsistent manner in which Kappers has been treated.

A meeting was scheduled this week for King, Sanders and Toomey to discuss Kappers' travel plans. Meanwhile, an appeal has been filed on Kappers' behalf with the Georgia Supreme Court, asking the confinement be lifted.

CHRIS CASH

Bell retires

Atlanta—Atlanta Police Chief Eldrin Bell, long the focus of criticism from within the city's gay and lesbian community, retired last Friday and announced he would run for the chairmanship of the Fulton County Commission.

Friday was the last day to qualify for this year's political races. Bell's decision sets up a race between him and the Republican incumbent, Mitch Skandalakis, who as a state legislator worked to overturn Atlanta's domestic partnership measures.

"Where are the Libertarians when you need them?" quipped GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini, noting that the two not-so-gay-friendly candidates were pitted against each other in the same race.

That same phenomenon has happened in another race as well. Nancy Schaefer, the anti-gay/lesbian rights activist, qualified to run for lieutenant governor as a Republican against the Democratic incumbent, Pierre Howard. Howard drew the community's ire earlier this year when he took on GPTV for airing Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City."

No openly gay candidates had qualified for office as of press time. However, Cobb County Commissioner Gordon Wysong, who sponsored the county's anti-gay resolution, has drawn at least one challenger.

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Midtown missed opportunities Freaknik gave

As the old saying goes, assumptions often make an ass out of you and me.

The assumptions that I'm speaking about here surround the recent Freaknik celebration that sent so many Midtowners fleeing into the sunset. Some were on target, of course. We assumed there would be traffic problems, and there were. We assumed that our normal routines would be upset, and they were. For instance, if you drove anywhere, you either lived by the phrase "alternate route" or you entered traffic hell. The day's activities had to be carefully planned around busy traffic times.

But the assumption I kept hearing over and over in the days preceding the event—more often hinted at than explicitly stated—is that there would be some kind of danger attached to staying in Midtown during Freaknik. From the way some people acted, you would have thought the festival goers were inmates furloughed from San Quentin for the weekend instead of young, well-educated people who attend some of the nation's foremost institutions of higher learning.

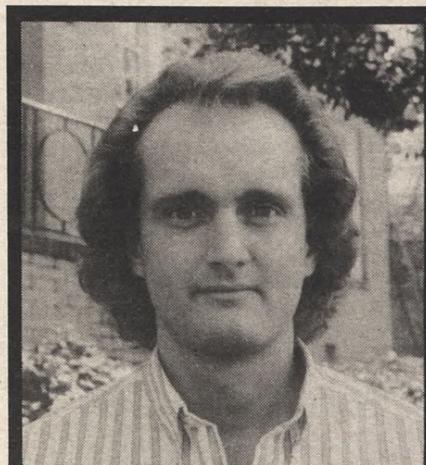
This assumption was based, ostensibly, on what happened at Freaknik last year. I wasn't here last year, so I can't say for sure what happened. From everything I have read and heard, some people behaved inappropriately and didn't show the respect that someone should show when visiting another person's neighborhood. When you get 100,000 people together, it's inevitable that a few people will act out.

However, the thing that kept troubling me in the days preceding this year's Freaknik was that many of the people who were fleeing town had also not been here last year. You will recall that a substantial portion of Midtown's gay and lesbian population was attending the March on Washington during that weekend. So people were basing their decisions to leave based on third-hand accounts twice removed. "Well, so and so told so and so that somebody called him a white boy last year and..."

One person who did endure last year's Freaknik told me that its celebrants had committed the heinous crime of coming to his door to ask for water. Horrors, we can't allow that kind of anti-social behavior.

While Eldrin Bell and his minions in the police hierarchy were caught napping last year, which led to awful traffic jams and property destruction, no injurious mayhem ensued. Nothing happened last year to justify the assumption that there would be physical danger this year. And in Midtown, there wasn't.

I live one block south of Piedmont Park.



Letter from the editor

by RICHARD SHUMATE

And outside of some loud music that I didn't care for, and some people urinating in the alley behind my apartment building, I didn't see anything going on that could be considered anti-social. Were they rowdy? Yes. But this was spring break, not a church social.

When I walked through the park on Sunday, no one hurled epithets at me or attempted to injure me in any way. The streets surrounding my house were sealed off to all but residents, so that traffic wasn't even that bad. It was easier to find a parking place than on a normal weekend.

My experience, of course, was not necessarily typical. People who live to the west of the park and along Monroe Drive and 10th Street had more problems because of traffic and impromptu street parties. One friend who lives as far north as the Cheshire Bridge Road area tells me he spent a good chunk of his weekend sitting in his car.

All in all, however, it was a much calmer weekend than people were assuming it would be. More than anything else, the atmosphere and the energy reminded me of the March on Washington—a group of people with a common heritage coming together to celebrate and enjoy each other's company. True, the atmosphere was a little more wild, but then Freaknik goers were, as a group, much younger than we were.

On Sunday evening, I encountered a group

of Freaknik participants—straight kids from Detroit, both male and female—who had wondered into Blake's to enjoy the Sunday gospel music show. I didn't see anybody in the bar enjoying the festivities more than they. "I'm coming back here," one of the women told me, as she danced to the vocal stylings of Morticia DeVille.

I was forced to stay in Midtown during Freaknik because of a social obligation on Saturday. I have to admit that if I had been free to do so, I, too, would have probably left town. I'm glad I didn't. I would have missed a learning experience.

The lesson we should take from Freaknik is that when people make assumptions based on fear, they lose out as much the people about whom they are making assumptions. We know that when people who dislike us place labels and blame and work to suppress us, they lose out on meeting the goddess' most fabulous creations, namely gays and lesbians. Likewise, when white gays and lesbians clear out of Midtown for Freaknik, we miss out on experiencing a culture and a people that surrounds us but about which we probably know precious little.

How much better it would have been if we had been proactive instead of reactionary. As one friend of mine suggested, we could have stood out on 10th Street handing out condoms and emphasizing the message of safer sex. We could have done what one woman on 12th Street did do and hand out water to those who passed by. Perhaps we could have taken trash bags over to the park to encourage people not to leave their garbage behind.

In essence, what we could have done was show these visitors that we are the accepting and tolerant community that we aspire to be. It was truly a missed opportunity.

There is merit to the argument that Midtown is an inappropriate place to have large festivals—although that argument can only be legitimately made if it applies to all such gatherings, including the Arts Festival, the Pot Festival and, yes, Pride. But let's face reality here. Freaknik, with all of its traffic and inconvenience, is going to be with us for the foreseeable future, as are the Arts Festival, the Pot Festival and Pride.

Midtowners have two choices. We can assume the worst and flee town, or we can work to take something for ourselves from the celebration and try to build bridges.

Here's hoping that next year we make a more constructive choice.

LETTER

"Politics of Drag" shallow, unanalytical

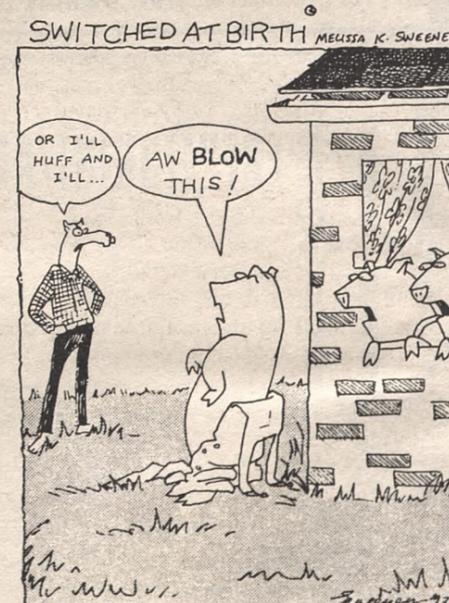
Richard Eldredge's April 14 article on the politics of drag was a non-establishment-threatening, unanalytical, shallow, jaded commentary for our white-bread gay patriarchy that left some questions to be answered.

Of the 35 paragraphs in the article, 14 were dedicated to the many people that defended drag, while only seven discussed one woman's problems with drag. Typical marginalization of women?

Eldredge points out that today's drag tries "to create the illusion of female beauty," to imitate women. So are we supposed to accept the view that female beauty is make up, movement-impairing high heels and tiny dresses—all the things that make women statues for voyeurs? Lena Lust feels that women are angry because drag queens look better. Does she also think that all feminists are ugly? Do gay males who watch this think that women are only beautiful when they obliterate their faces and bodies beyond recognition? Or is this how they truly recognize women?

Women "are presented in such a talented and tasteful way" during drag shows. I guess what this means is that wearing very little and dancing in front of people is a tribute to the many talents of women. So maybe drag is the "ultimate compliment" not to women, but to the grooming imperatives that so painfully hinder women.

Alfred Hilderbrand
Atlanta



Our Freaknik reaction mirrors Cobb's reaction to us

The first week of spring brought an interesting confluence of events to Atlanta. While the Cobb County Commission was trying to avoid a very public removal of the Olympic volleyball competition from its county, the city itself was in the throes of Freaknik, the black colleges' spring break festival.

At first glance, neither event would seem to have much in common with the other. That's why you should look more closely at events that happen simultaneously. The goddess has a knack for scheduling.

Let me admit that I never gave the Olympics Out of Cobb Coalition much of a chance of changing ACOG's venue decisions. Let's face it—the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games is not known for reacting to grassroots politics. But on the issue of Cobb County and its resolution on our unwelcomeness there, something changed while we weren't looking. A set of standards has come to exist that gives an informal veto over the actions of individuals and governments connected to the Olympic movement that have the potential to be too risky to be allowed on the international stage next to Juan Antonio Samaranch.

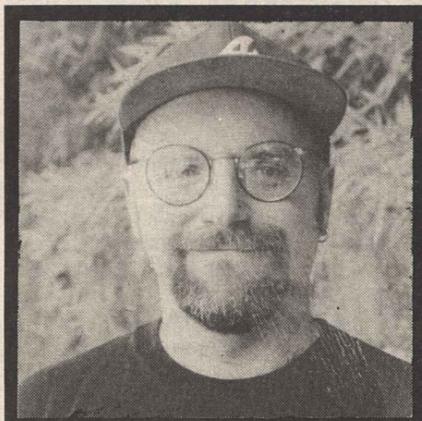
Credit it to Olympics Out of Cobb that we've discovered this. It is they who were able to make the very self-evident connection between being anti-gay and being inhospitable in a way so elegantly simple that even ACOG couldn't ignore it.

They created a situation where Cobb County commissioners just had to keep talking, keep explaining exactly what their resolution meant. For homophobic politicians, talking is an extremely dangerous thing to do.

In this case, deliverance came not from the inimitable Gordon Wysong, but from the heretofore quiet Bill Byrne. "[Gay men and lesbians] are as welcome as people in Cobb County. There are people here who are skinheads, pro-Nazis filled with hate. They have a right to be here, as anyone else does..."

Could it possibly have been made any simpler? When 50,000 gay people show up to protest in Cobb County in July 1996, and Ted Koppel looks for someone to interview, the image of Bill Byrne saying this to a worldwide audience, turning Cobb into the queer equivalent of Birmingham in 1964, bringing howls from around the world to IOC headquarters, would simply not be acceptable.

We owe the Olympics Out of Cobb people a huge debt of gratitude for their skillful and far-sighted work. You can stick a fork in this



Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

one. It's done.

Then, two days later, into town rode Freaknik, and just as quickly out of town rode two-thirds of gay Midtown. Much of this "gay flight" was based on reputation, because most of us were marching in D.C. a year ago. The press' sensational presentation of Freaknik succeeded in convincing many of us that even a weekend in Athens or Chattanooga looked better than Midtown on April 23.

I went to check on the reality of Freaknik myself. Would it really be that bad? Well, at 1 a.m. Friday morning, headed to the Eagle, Ponce was clear as a bell until Mary Mac's. Parking was minimal but findable, and the bar had an average Friday night crowd. At 6 p.m. Saturday, DeKalb Avenue was clear until I crossed over to Boulevard, which was backed up with people headed out of Grant Park. Access to the SoVo Community Awards at Zoo Atlanta was simple.

At 3 p.m. Sunday, a friend and I walked from Virginia-Highland to Midtown Promenade for a movie and felt slightly foolish having done so. Access was clear all the way to Monroe, which was freely moving north, but clogged just south of Tenth Street.

And the reality I saw was about a third of a crowd of 200,000 (remember, they were also down around the Atlanta University Center and Underground) in really nice cars with nowhere particular to go and not being worried about it.

What was disconcerting to me all weekend

was on clear display at Midtown Promenade Sunday, where many businesses had closed. A friend had pointed out to me on Friday that even Cobb County businesses on the square in Marietta didn't close when the Queer Family Picnic happened.

And then a little light bulb lit over my head. How does our reaction to Freaknik differ from Cobb County's reaction to us?

On the surface, there are multiple dissimilarities. Freaknik was a much bigger, all-weekend event where cruising was the prime activity, guaranteeing bad traffic. A closer comparison would be our march in D.C. last year, with Midtown undergoing almost exactly what DuPont Circle endured.

But similar numbers of mixed crowds do not cause us to flee the Arts Festival or the Pot Festival or the Dogwood Festival. And I didn't see any stores in D.C. closed because of us last year. They wanted our business. Ultimately, I came to conclude that the motivating factor leading us to leave Midtown was the exact same discomfort that causes nerves in Cobb County—we're afraid of large groups who don't look and act like us. And at that moment, I caught a telling glimpse of how straight Midtown must feel when we march down the street in June.

True, Freaknik was disruptive and inconvenient for residents and especially for businesses and bars. But part of becoming a city internationally known as a good place to live involves learning how to deal with the people who are going to come and check you out. Yes, it was messy. But no group can compete with our remarkable politeness and neatness during Pride. We can't help it if we haven't escaped our mothers' training not to leave behind a mess.

Traffic and trash can be worked out between the organizers and the city for next year's Freaknik, and for the other festivals that will inevitably crop up in Atlanta as word gets out about how great a city this is.

It always mortifies me when our community doesn't measure up to the standard that we set for straight America. Running from our homes as though Mongol hordes were descending upon Midtown, when in fact what were really coming were well-dressed college kids, is the piece of racism that we must let go of, just as surely as Cobb must surrender its homophobia.

To paraphrase Rodney King, "When can we all start to just get along?"

L E T T E R S

'93 March accomplished more than SoVo showed

Chris Cash's article entitled "We came, we marched, we partied—but what did we really do?" [SoVo, April 21], which addressed the 1993 March on Washington, was accurate in numerous ways, but I believe somewhat short sighted. I agree that the March may have been a life changing experience for those who had never been to a national march, myself included, and that it may have been more of a party experience for those who had. Yet, I would tend to agree with Pat Hussain (co-director of the 1993 March) that that is what national marches are all about. The practical interpretation of the saying "one person can change the world" is that one person changes the world by influencing others to also work for change. The 1993 March did accomplish that, if only through motivating many young people into activism. Last summer I worked with so many gays and lesbians who went to Washington for the March and ended up staying for the summer to volunteer and work for various gay rights organizations.

It is true that much of the activist energy was focused on the gays in the military issue

which many people, including Cash, view as a failure and a "fiasco." That view is simply short sighted. As a legal volunteer for the Campaign for Military Service last summer, I was of course, disappointed with Clinton's policy announcements. It seemed like a great defeat, but it is not. We may have lost a battle, but the war is still waging in the federal courts. In fact, so far, the courts are on our side, ruling the new policy is unconstitutional. For a little legal perspective, my constitutional law professor, himself a former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Brennan and a constitutional scholar in his own right, stated that we should look to these military cases as the next step in the larger lesbian and gay civil rights movement.

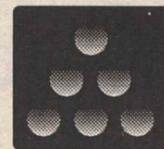
Furthermore, we should not forget that many grass roots gay and lesbian organizations have sprung up since the March on Washington, especially in the South. Also, organizations have developed to fight the anti-gay initiatives in many states, one example being Florida, where no such organizations existed before the March. Other evidence of the 1993

March influence lays in the formation and propagation of groups such as Lesbian Avengers, Dykes and Faggots Bash Back, QUASH, Servicemembers Legal Defense Network and the state level grass roots sections of HRCF and NGLTF.

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GLAAD News

by CARL LANGE

Cobb and Coca-Cola

Coca-Cola, the oldest and principal sponsor of the Olympics, has remained conspicuously quiet over the decision to hold an Olympic event in Cobb County. Last year, Cobb County commissioners condemned gay and lesbian citizens by resolution.

Several GLAAD chapters have asked Coca-Cola, as the largest corporate sponsor of the 1996 Centennial Games, to withdraw its support for holding the volleyball event in Cobb County and to disassociate itself entirely from the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games' (ACOG) decision. Coca-Cola has refused.

Ask Coca-Cola why, as the primary sponsor of the Olympics and most powerful corporation in Atlanta, it has refused to publicly distance itself from either Cobb County's resolution or ACOG's decision to hold the event there. Does Coca-Cola intend to promote Coca-Cola in Cobb, where a major international gay and lesbian protest march has been called for in 1996? Call 1-800-GET-COKE to let them know how you feel.

Irreverent Bigotry

"Homosexuality: A Disease and a Cult," is the title of a new pamphlet which is being distributed to various government officials in at least one Southern state. This heinous propaganda attempts to portray gays and lesbians as a cult of treatable psychotics who have infiltrated all levels of society. "Think about the Gay Movement as a cult: prevaricating, fabricating, truth-be-damned, you-cannot-prove-us-wrong (as if the burden of proof rests on straights), hallelujah-blurt-out proclamations, end-of-the-world scare (AIDS) scenarios, the condemnation of any effort for treatment and the prohibition of leaving the cult." The pamphlet was written by Samuel A. Nigro, M.D. a self-professed "child, adolescent and adult psychiatrist treating patients since 1969." Write Samuel A. Nigro, 2517 Guilford Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118.

This pamphlet is published and distributed, along with other materials, by Rev. John H. Miller of Catholic Central Union of America. Write Rev. John H. Miller, Editor, Social Justice Review, Central Bureau, Catholic Central Union of America, 3835 Westminster Place, St. Louis, MO 63108; phone (314) 371-1653.

Another material included in the mailing is "A Psychological Look at Homosexuality and AIDS" by Melvin Anchell, MD. A self described "expert witness in psychiatry and human sexuality," he states that "the homosexual is the sickest of all perverts....;" "...innumerable children are stolen from parents each year to meet the sexual needs of homosexuals....;" and that homosexuals are incapable of loving relationships and are the product of childhood sexual molestation.

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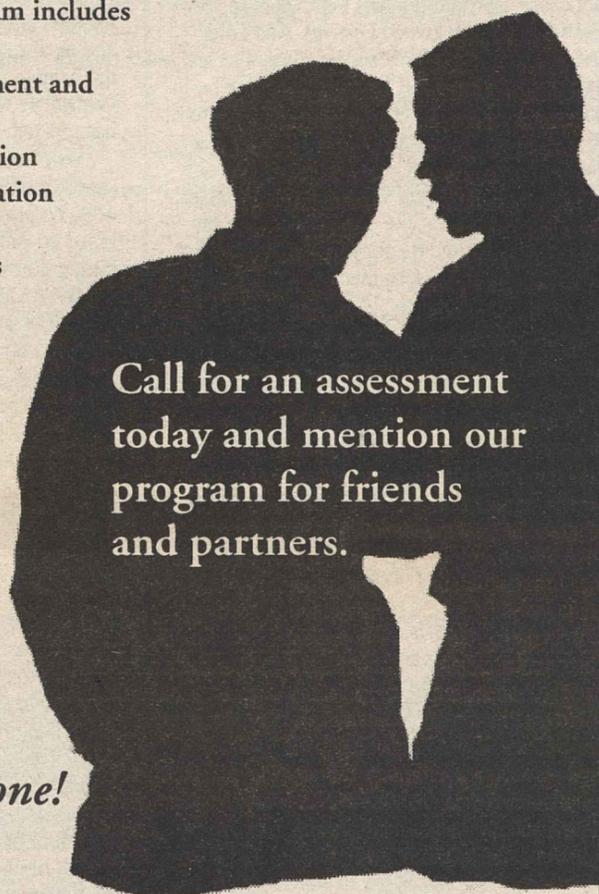
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Report: Drinking water still a health threat for many

Washington, D.C.—Environmentalists and health activists from across the country released a report late last month which warns that drinking water continues to threaten the health of many Americans. "Danger on Tap: Protecting America's Drinking Water" was published one year after a parasite outbreak killed 104 and sickened over 400,000 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"Polluted water is killing us," said Brett Hulsey, Midwest Representative of Sierra Club and coauthor of the report. "Our water isn't safe. Everyone is at risk. Our members of Congress need to reject the pending legislation to weaken our water laws. We are relying on them to strengthen our laws to keep out pollution. Pollution prevention is the way to end the toxic threat."

The report—produced by the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, the Natural Resources Defense Council and Physicians for Social Responsibility—shows that cryptosporidium, which caused the Milwaukee disaster, is widespread in our nation's water systems.

Milwaukee residents are not the only people who are getting sick. Between 1986 and 1992, the Centers for Disease Control reported 102 outbreaks of cryptosporidium sickening 34,155 people in 35 states. Those at highest risk are people with compromised immune systems, pregnant women, children, and the elderly.

The AIDS Action Council endorsed the report saying that it "provides compelling evidence of the need to pass in the strongest form possible of the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act—evidence that includes unnecessarily shortened lives of people with HIV infection."

Polluted runoff—chemicals washed from lawns, cow manure, septic systems, pet waste, and sewer overflow from heavy rains—carries parasites, chemicals and pesticides, sediments, and fertilizers into drinking water supplies.

The CDC estimates that 900,000 Americans fall ill due to contaminated drinking water each year.

"This report is a call to action. An agenda to address a most pressing health care crisis—how safe is our water? Contaminated water can and has killed, and Congress must take concrete, constructive action now to protect our drinking water supplies," said Diane Cameron, an Environmental Engineer for Natural Resources Defense Council and coauthor of the report.

"The problem is millions of people drink unsafe water because it is unprotected and inadequately treated. Our current treatment systems cannot remove all the deadly microorganisms and chemicals that we put in the water. We don't want to continue to threaten pregnant women and children, elderly and those with immune system disorders," said Julia Moore, Executive Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

"Switching to bottled water is not the answer," added Velma Smith, director of Ground Water Project for the Friends of the Earth. "Often bottled water comes from public treatment systems somewhere else that is just as risky as tap water. We have to stop and fight for safe, clean water everywhere."

"Danger on Tap" stresses the two best ways to protect water supplies are to prevent pollution by protecting supply sources and providing adequate levels of treatment.

Death rate from breast cancer jumps sharply in black women

Atlanta—The death rate from breast cancer among black women jumped about 21 percent in the 1980s, despite advances in detection and treatment, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says.

The increase came even as the incidence of the disease among blacks rose just slightly from 1980 to 1991, the CDC said April 21.

In that same period, the death rate for breast cancer among white women remained almost constant, increasing less than 1 percent. But the rate among black women jumped about 21 percent, from about 26 per 100,000 women to nearly 32 per 100,000, the CDC reported.

The rates for other races increased 29 percent, from almost 10 to more than 12 per 100,000 women.

Blacks and other minorities are less likely than whites to develop breast cancer, according to the CDC. About 96 black women among 100,000 will suffer breast cancer this year, compared with 113 whites per 100,000 women.

Researchers say factors that influence the disparity include socioeconomic class, stage of disease at diagnosis, access to health care, childbirth status and age at menopause.

Joyce Guillory, a nursing professor at Morehouse School of Medicine, said her research among black women found that they often felt they could not afford a mammography, which can detect cancerous lumps in the breast.

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Study offers reassurances about lumpectomies

Chicago—Doctors who treat breast cancer can save a woman's life and still spare her breast, according to a study rushed into publication to offer reassurance after disclosures of fraud in earlier research.

The study, which involved the records of more than 5,800 patients, found that women who underwent breast-saving surgery combined with radiation were at least as likely to survive five years as women who had a mastectomy, or complete removal of the cancerous breast.

The effectiveness of the lumpectomy surgery has been accepted by many doctors. But a cloud arose after it was disclosed last month

The results were rushed to publication because of publicity about the research fraud, said Dr. Drummond Rennie, a JAMA deputy editor. The study had been completed and submitted to the journal before the fraud in the earlier study was disclosed.

Besides affirming the value of lumpectomies, the study found that teaching hospitals are more than twice as likely to have women undergo the procedure than community hospitals or hospitals affiliated with health maintenance organizations.

By 1990, 60 percent of patients with localized cancers were undergoing breast-conserving surgery at teaching hospitals, versus less than 25 percent at other hospitals, the researchers said.

"There is an urgent need to encourage more frequent use by physicians of recommended breast-conserving surgery plus radiation in qualified women," the researchers said.

Another important finding was that patients

with localized cancers had better survival rates at large community hospitals and teaching hospitals than those at small community hospitals and HMO hospitals.

The widespread use of breast-conserving surgery has been based largely on data from the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project, a large federally funded project combining research from medical centers on the best ways to treat cancer.

Last month, the Chicago Tribune reported that a principal investigator in the project falsified data. The head of the project, Dr. Bernard Fisher, has said the falsifications were such a small part of the data they did not change the conclusions, but the researchers failed to publish corrected findings.

That led to an uproar and grave doubts by many women who have undergone lumpectomies.

One patient, Elizabeth Niemi, who received a lumpectomy plus radiation and chemotherapy two years ago, said she's glad the value of the procedures were confirmed. She said she had refused to read about the fraudulent research.

"I'm not surprised [about the new findings]," said Niemi, a 49-year-old computer programmer. "I have been very satisfied with the treatment I had."

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The latest study backs the conclusion of the earlier research that removing only the malignant lump rather than the entire breast is a lifesaving procedure.

The findings were published in the April 20 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. The study was led by Anna Lee-Feldstein, an assistant professor of biostatistics at the University of California, Irvine, College of Medicine.

"In spite of what came out [regarding the research fraud]...we should not have a knee-jerk response and go back to mastectomy," said Dr. Gerard Aranha, director of the Breast Care Center at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood. "[Breast] conservation is here to stay, but it has to be done under strict guidelines."

Aranha, who was not involved in the study, estimated that half of women with breast cancer are candidates for breast-conserving surgery. Breast cancer is expected to strike 183,000 Americans this year and cause 46,300 deaths.

Among other things, the study compared survival rates for different therapies among women with cancers that had not yet spread to the lymph nodes. Among women over age 50 who had breast-conserving lumpectomies combined with radiation, 91 percent lived at least five years, compared with 79.7 percent survival for women who had a breast removed, the study found.

Among women under age 50, there was no significant difference in survival rates between the two therapies, the researchers found.

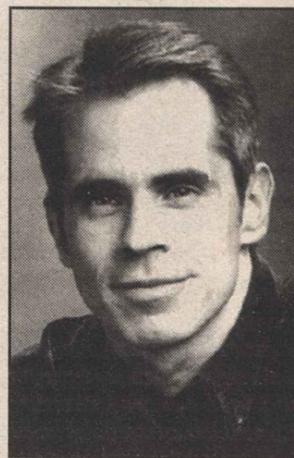
The study involved 5,892 women in Orange County, Calif. They were diagnosed with breast cancer from 1984 to 1990. Some were tracked as late as last year.

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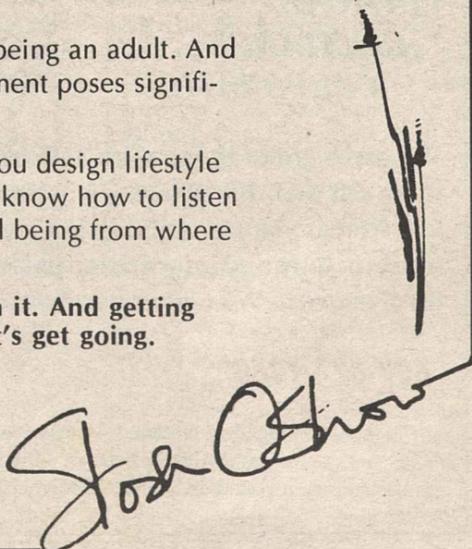
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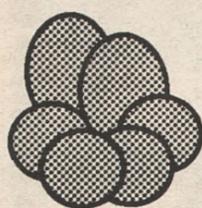
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Study: Job stress may permanently raise blood pressure

Boston—High-stress jobs may cause health problems for men even when they're off work, according to a study.

The study found that men with stressful jobs have higher-than-usual blood pressure even while they sleep. This suggests that the work causes permanent damage to their circulatory systems.

Women were less likely than men to show the ill effects of job stress, the study found. But earlier research has shown their blood pressure is more likely to soar in response to strains at home, especially problems with children.

The studies were among several presented late last month that strengthen the belief that highly demanding jobs in which people have little control are especially bad for health. However, they cautioned that what happens off the job matters, too.

"It would be naive to think that job strain explains everything. It's only part of the day," said Dr. Thomas Pickering of New York Hospital.

To delve into these questions, researchers hooked up volunteers to portable monitors and watched how their blood pressure went up or down in response to the day's challenges. They presented their findings at a meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz and others from the State University of New York at Stony Brook followed 373 men and women who worked in nine different places in New York City.

They found that people in highly demanding jobs with little autonomy had significantly higher blood pressures than did those in less taxing situations, including people with stressful jobs who could make their own decisions

and those in easygoing positions who had little opportunity to think for themselves.

Those in high-stress, low-freedom jobs had blood pressures that averaged 137 over 85, versus about 129 over 83 for the other people. The difference grows progressively greater as people get older. Normal blood pressure is 120 over 80.

Ordinarily, blood pressure fluctuates over the course of the day, depending on a person's activity, and this may be harmless. However, for those in the high-strain positions, blood pressure tended to stay high. Their readings were above those of the other people's while at home in the evening and even as they slept.

"No one can say which came first, the job stress or the high blood pressure," Schwartz said.

For instance, it's possible that people with type A personalities already have a tendency to high blood pressure and are attracted to punishing jobs.

However, he said his data suggest that the "cumulative effect of the exposure to stress over time" permanently raises blood pressure.

Dr. Kathleen Light of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill conducted similar studies on white-collar professionals in their 30s and found that job strain was generally related to blood pressure in men but not women.

However, how hard people work and how seriously they take their jobs may play a role. For instance, she found that women who had fought their way into upper management showed as much ill effect of strain on blood pressure as did men.

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Gender not a factor in high-tech heart care?

Boston—Do women get second-class treatment for heart disease? The latest evidence suggests not.

Several studies have shown that men often get more aggressive treatment, such as bypass operations, to relieve chest pain. Critics have argued sexism is at play: Doctors take heart disease more seriously when the victim is a man.

However, many cardiologists deny this. And a report published April 21 backs them up.

It concludes there is another explanation for why men and women are treated differently: differences in age and severity of the disease. Women are typically 10 to 15 years older than men when they develop heart dis-

ease.

"When men and women are otherwise the same and the only difference is gender, you find that treatments are very similar," said Dr. Daniel B. Mark of Duke University, who reported the findings in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Doctors are often reluctant to recommend invasive tests to frail, elderly patients who have other health problems besides heart disease.

"You have to compare apples and apples," Mark said. "When you just compare men and women, it's apples and oranges," because of the different ages at which they develop heart problems.

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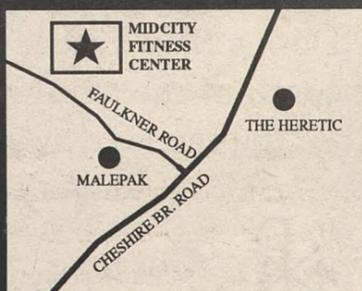
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RUNNING ON



by RAY ZAVACKI

All runners can eat whatever they like and not gain a pound—that's one of the biggest myths in running. Following on the heels of that false belief is the myth that every runner's cholesterol is below average and they don't worry about it.

As someone who runs more than 15 miles a week and is constantly battling the bulge and high cholesterol, I know the reality behind these misconceptions. Diet and genetics do play a major role in health and often are as important as the amount of exercise you get.

If you've never read his book, perhaps you've seen the cover. One of my most enduring (and most erotic) memories from youth are those two well-muscled legs on the cover of Jim Fixx's book on running. Fixx was an accomplished runner and most probably could beat me in a race running backwards, if he was still alive.

That's right, he is no longer with us. And what, you're wondering, did he die of? He died in his 40s of heart disease. How could that be? As lean and in good shape as he was, how could his heart give out?

Jim Fixx was physically fit but not healthy. A key contributor to his health problems was his diet. In his book, Fixx notes one of his best times in a 10K (6.2 miles) race occurred after he ate a burger and a shake. That was in the 1970s, and the science of nutrition has improved significantly since then.

The American Heart Association recommends a diet deriving less than 34 percent of calories from fat. We used to count calories, but now we count fat grams. For most people this is very confusing, and, after numerous nutrition courses, I would be hard-pressed to tell you the amount of fat in a Big Mac or the accompanying fries.

But the point of the Heart Association's warnings is to reduce the fat in your diet. Studies have proven that a radically low diet—with less than 10 percent of calories from fat—can actually reverse heart disease.

In the past few years, running magazines have devoted an increasing amount of space to eating right. Usually there are accompanying recipes emphasizing foods low in fat and high in carbohydrates.

But why carbohydrates and not fat for runners? We used to believe that of the four basic food groups they taught us in grade school, each was proportionately equal to the other.

Despite the best efforts of the meat industry, the new concept being espoused is a pyramid in which meat and dairy products are on top—meaning you eat the least of these.

The bottom consists of breads and grains, of which you eat the most. Before this idea was ever in vogue with mainstream nutritionists, it was becoming increasingly popular in the running community. Not that runners don't eat meat or cheese, but on average they eat less of these foods and more breads and pastas. These old carbo-loading myths that never really improved your race times are actually improving your health instead.

Though carbo loading is normally an excuse to go out for a spaghetti dinner before the Peachtree Road Race, there are times when it actually comes in handy. David (my partner) and I ran the Atlanta Marathon on Thanksgiving Day 1992. David, having a perfect 30-inch waist, doesn't have a lot of extra body fat to spare, and over this long distance (26 miles) he was going to start burning muscle after using up his meager fat reserves.

I, on the other hand, always have enough fat to cover the distance. Being worried about starving during the marathon, David embarked on an ambitious plan of having us get up at 5 a.m. to eat pancakes (high in carbohydrates) before the race. I wasn't thrilled about getting up and playing short-order cook before our four-hour run.

As a runner, I have additional considerations other than maintaining my health. Extra weight is simply carried along for the ride during a run, so losing weight not only makes me look better but in the long run (no pun intended) go faster. The best method to keep the weight off is to reduce the fat in your diet. Does it work? I lost 15 pounds last year and brought my cholesterol level down to 204.

If you are seriously interested in exercise and nutrition, check out a book dealing with both topics. Being concerned and working on your diet and exercise is one of the best ways to ensure good health in the future.

This is one of a series of columns written by member of Front Runners Atlanta, which meets for runs and walks at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and on Saturdays at 8 a.m. in the parking lot below the tennis courts in Piedmont Park. For more information, call (404) 621-5007.

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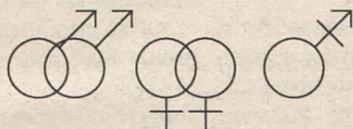
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10 Things

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sistant to Maynard Jackson, told me over the fence in her backyard where she was creating a perennial garden straight out of House and Garden. "You can't lump us into a group. You need to know us as individuals."

Lesbians are individuals? Yes. It's true. Most are even individualists. We pride ourselves on our unique identities. We don't really like being stereotyped, even those of us who *are* stereotypes. The lesson: don't judge a lesbian by the flannel shirt and Birkenstocks.

That brings us to the number 8 on the list of things gay men need to know about lesbians, and it comes from the mouth of Lisa Mount, managing director of 7 Stages theater.

"For some of us, our fashion sense is as good as theirs," she says. "We just don't have the same disposable income."

That means we mix and match a lot more, making do with what we have as much as possible. Of course, sometimes it is absolutely necessary to run out and buy a new outfit. Or at least a new pair of workboots.

Mount, and an interest in clothing, gave us the number 7 item on this list as well: "**We don't all get naked in the woods and dance around at women's festivals,**" she said. "That's not the female coefficient of drag. Or maybe it is. I don't know."

Of course, large numbers of us *do* dance naked in the woods, and many of us don't wait for women's festivals. Back yards will do nicely, thank you.

Speaking of backyards, the state of our households came up during my questioning and produced the number 6 answer to the burning question posed by this article. No, **not every lesbian home is a multiple-cat household.** My own partner in crime has but one of the furry felines, although it is true that Isabella is too ferocious for a little brother or sister.

Still, some of us prefer dogs. Or no pets at all. But cats do have a peculiar place in lesbian lore, perhaps because their distinct lack of co-dependent traits allows more room for our own. Nah. That couldn't be it.

The commonly held view that lesbians are mechanical whizzes gives us the number 5 thing gay men need to know about lesbians. It's a misconception, said Lesbian Avenger Lisa Kung.

"**Not all of us know how to fix our cars,**" she said.

Kung didn't say whether she could change the oil or not, but her answer echoed one heard at the above-mentioned reception for the Famous Lesbian Writer: "Not all of us are adept with power tools. Some of us are downright dangerous with them."

I can attest to that. I've seen the havoc wrought by a lesbian with no mechanical ability. What's more dangerous, though, is a lesbian who has bought into that stereotype and thinks she has mechanical ability. Stay clear of the chainsaw.

Lesbians do have a sense of humor. That's number 4. It probably should have been higher, but we've still got to talk about sex yet. But look at Lea Delaria, Suzanne Westenhoeffer, Marga Gomez, Ellen Degeneres. They're funny. They're lesbians. They're not the only ones. Trust me on this.

OK, since we mentioned sex, let's make it number 3. Oh, where to begin. **Lesbians do have sex,** but only in the first six months. Then lesbian bed death sets in. Well, that's not entirely true. For example, I...never mind. Let's just keep it at lesbians do have sex, and

we like it as hot as men do. And some lesbians are every bit as promiscuous as men. We just don't talk about it. It's still in the processing stage.

Now I'm starting to see why nobody wanted to answer this question. Any answer would have been wrong. And right. And everything in between. There just aren't many absolutes for lesbians. We're everything you've ever heard we are, and none of it. And then some you never ever suspected. So it just doesn't much matter what you know.

But we've still got two more items to go, and dear me, I have three good answers left on my list. What to do? Ah, ha—we'll cheat.

Next Week: 10 Things that Lesbians need to know about Gay Men

Number 2 comes in two parts—one from filmmaker Susan Robinson, and one from Dorothy Allison, the aforementioned Famous Lesbian Writer.

"**We like to scratch our trucks up,**" Robinson said. "Have you ever seen a gay man's truck? You could eat off it. We like to mess ours up."

And from Allison—"You don't have to give us Naiad books for Christmas."

You could, for example, give us a subscription to Popular Mechanics. Or a copy of "Bastard Out of Carolina." But not a bedliner. We like our trucks used. And our books, too.

At last we've come to the number one thing gay men ought to know about lesbians. And it's the most simple, most obvious of all. It comes from one of those couples I interrupted at dinner. They were perhaps in a hurry to get rid of me.

"**We're women,**" attorney Jeri Kagel said simply.

We're women. Sometimes gay men forget that. Sometimes they just don't realize what that means.

"Gay rights are often more inclusive of men than women," said Darlene Drury. "I may be able to include my partner on my insurance policy, but if I can't get a job that includes that benefit, it doesn't help. The issues facing lesbians and gay men—most of the time there's just a world of difference."

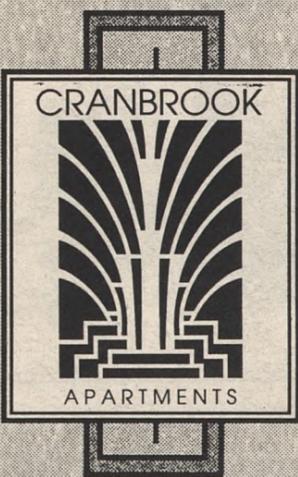
"Pretty much the only link is that we have same-sex partners," said Martha Bailey.

"Gay men just don't get it, like straight people don't always get it about gays," said psychologist Ann McAlister. "We have a struggle as women, but the feminist struggle is also theirs. Gay men don't always realize that."

There you have it. Ten things gay men need to know about lesbians. It was like pulling teeth. Most lesbians just didn't seem to care much about what those things were. As activist Pat Hussain told me, "If they don't know it, they don't know it."

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Pellegrini, Davis to receive top honors at HRCF dinner

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Pellegrini will receive the Dan Bradley Humanitarian Award. Davis will receive the Community Leadership Award. Each will receive awards specially designed for the ceremony by local artist Melissa Haynes.

This year's HRCF dinner is Saturday, May 14 in the Tom Murphy Ballroom of the Georgia World Congress Center in downtown Atlanta. The keynote speaker will be Mel White, dean of the MCC Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, and the headline entertainer will be the vocal trio BETTY.

The Bradley award is named after the late Dan Bradley, a Georgia native who was one of the founders of the HRCF in 1980. Pellegrini serves as lobbyist for GAPAC, Georgia's gay/

lesbian political action committee, and is also president of the Georgia ACLU's Lesbian/Gay Right Chapter. He is on the board of directors of the Georgia ACLU and the Atlanta Lambda Center. He was also recently named to Mayor Bill Campbell's lesbian/gay advisory panel.

The Community Leadership Award is awarded to individuals who, through personal influence, inspiration and leadership, make important contributions to the gay and lesbian community. Councilwoman Davis, currently serving her fourth term on the City Council was selected because of her longtime support of the gay/lesbian issues, including sponsorship of domestic partnership legislation in 1993. A member of P-FLAG, Davis is also on the advisory board of the Atlanta AIDS Interfaith Network and is a member of the Georgia's AIDS Task Force.

Tickets to the HRCF dinner are \$175. For ticket information, call (404) 840-6969.



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Stonewall Award winners named

Chicago—A pioneer in the gay rights movement who fought government discrimination against gays and picketed the White House back in the days before Stonewall has been named one of the recipients of the 1994 Stonewall Awards.

Joining Franklin "Frank" Kameny are Miriam Ben-Shalom, Rick Osborne and Barbara Smith.

Kameny, 68, of Washington, D.C., ousted from the U.S. Army Map Service in 1957 for being gay, founded the Mattachine Society of Washington in 1961 and led the first gay demonstration at the White House in 1965.

Ben-Shalom, 45, is a Milwaukee high school teacher and former U.S. Army drill sergeant whose ouster from the military in 1976 for being a lesbian and subsequent court battles catapulted her into national prominence as an authority and activist on gay rights.

Osborne, 43, of San Diego, opened a nonprofit coffee house catering to people with AIDS and their need for social involvement. He dispenses condoms along with cappuccino, delivers flowers to housebound people with AIDS and gives his profits to HIV/AIDS-related causes.

Smith, 47, a black feminist writer and activist from Albany, N.Y. who initiated black women's studies at the college level 20 years ago, was a political organizer for black lesbian feminists in Boston and co-



Franklin Kameny

founded and is publisher of Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press, the only U.S. publisher for women of color.

The Stonewall Awards, established in 1990 by the Anderson Prize Foundation, honor achievement on behalf of gay and lesbian America. The foundation was set up and funded by the late Paul A. Anderson, a futures trader in Chicago who wanted to promote and recognize outstanding individual service to the gay and lesbian community. Mr. Anderson died of AIDS-related complications in 1992. Each winner receives \$25,000.



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Congress to consider ban on anti-gay job discrimination

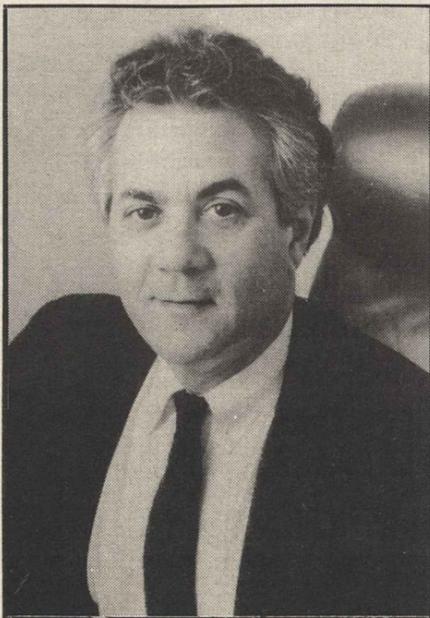
Washington, D.C.—U.S. Reps. Gerry Studds and Barney Frank have announced that they will jointly introduce legislation to ban job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

National lesbian/gay political groups are gearing up a campaign to build grassroots support for the measure, and lesbians and gays who have faced job discrimination are expected to testify in congressional hearings.

While a comprehensive gay/lesbian civil rights bill has stalled in Congress for more than 20 years, polls show that a strong majority of Americans—more than 70 percent in some polls—oppose job discrimination based on sexual orientation. That has given gay rights supporters hope that this more limited measure will clear Congress.

“The workplace seems to be good political ground to move on,” Tanya Domi, legislative director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, told the Washington Blade.

“The right to be secure in one’s livelihood is a bedrock principle with which every American can identify,” said Studds. “Millions came to these shores in search of opportunity—the opportunity to build a decent life through their own hard work and ingenuity. I believe that when our fellow Americans learn how frequently lesbians and gay men are denied that basic promise of the American dream, they will agree that something must be done.”

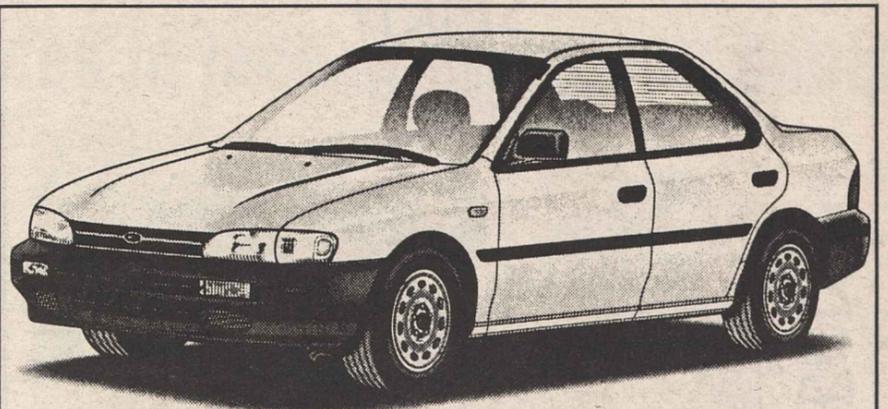


Barney Frank

“Discriminating against honest, hard-working people because they are gay or lesbian makes no sense—morally, socially or economically,” said Frank. “I believe the American people will support appropriately drafted legislation that embodies this principle.”

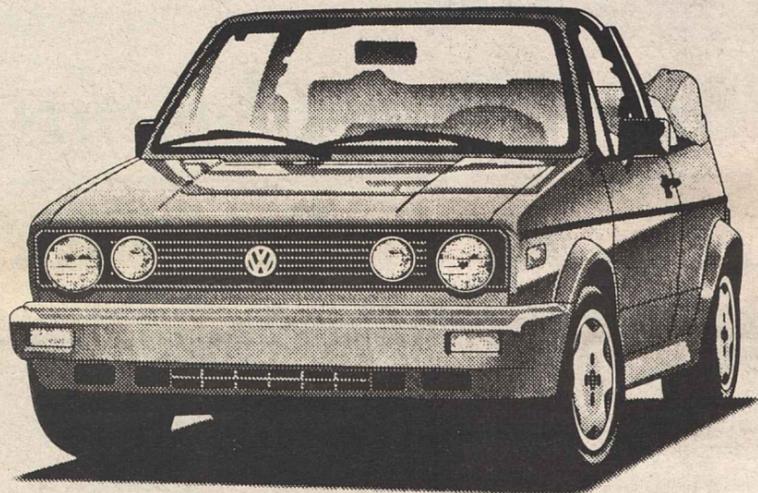
Frank and Studds, both from Massachusetts, are the only two openly gay members of Congress.

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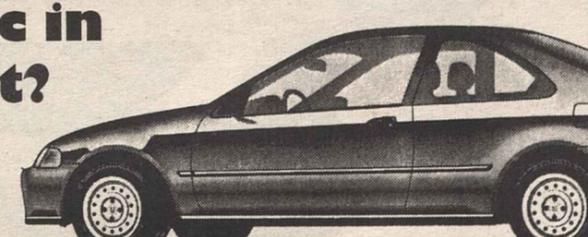
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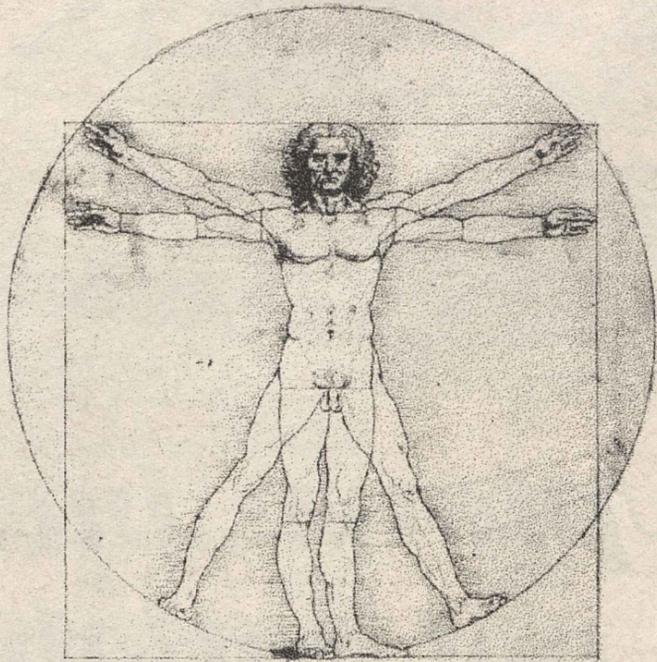


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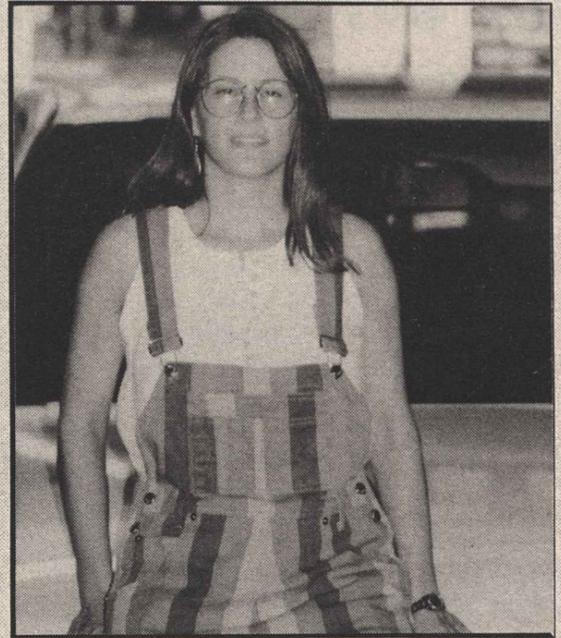
OCCASIONS

BIRTHDAYS

A very happy belated birthday to the very sexy and beguiling Dan Lazarus. Dan celebrated his natal occasion on April 25 with a quiet dinner in Buckhead with his boyfriend Brian.

Eric Van Pelt celebrated his 26th birthday back on IRS day—April 15. Eric is president of the Atlanta chapter of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America.

Filmmaker Susan Robinson reached double digits on April 25. Actually, she turned 33.

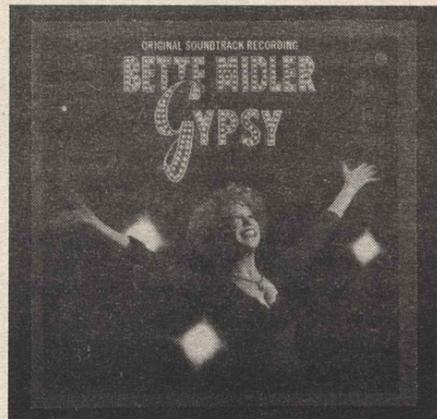


Susie Kezh, (soon to be) attorney at law.

GRADUATION

Not another one. Yes, another lawyer. Former SoVo staffer Susie Kezh flipped the tassel at John Marshall Law School on May 1. Friends held a wake...err, a party the night before, with invitations that came in the form of a summons. Very creative actually. Many congratulations, Susie—we're absolutely sure you're glad it's over. Now, what about the bar?

When you've got a special occasion, send it to 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.



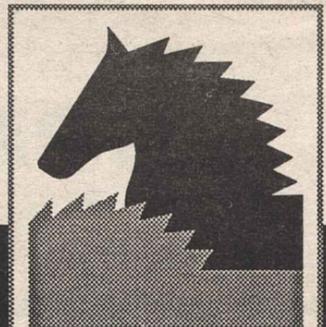
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Lambda campaign raises more than \$50,000

At the recent Founder's Campaign Reception, Atlanta Lambda Center raised more than \$50,000 in gifts and pledges. Donations are still coming in and the campaign has been extended to June 1, with payment possible over the next year.

The Lambda Center is still looking toward a June opening, but the location that

they had hoped to move into on West Peachtree Street has fallen through because the owner did not want social events held there in the evening. The research and design committee is considering other sites that were previously in the running, as well as some new locations that are now available.

HRCF seeks female youth board delegate

Washington, D.C.—The Human Rights Campaign Fund is seeking candidates for the Female Youth position on its Board of Governors. The position is open to all women under the age of 25 who have a history of activism in the lesbian, gay and bisexual community, specifically on youth and student issues. Enthusiasm and a willingness to work with the Campaign Fund are the main requirements of the position. Previous involvement with the Campaign Fund is preferred, but not required.

The term as Female Youth Governor be-

gins this summer and continues for two years. The Campaign Fund's Board of Governors meet twice yearly and help to organize Campaign Fund activities throughout the country. Applications should be sent by May 15 to Doug Ferguson, P.O. Box 307, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Ferguson is the current Male Youth Representative. The Campaign Fund's Nominating Committee will select a candidate who must be confirmed by the full board.

The Campaign Fund has had youth representation on its Board since 1989.

Lutherans host Mother's Day service

A special worship service designed to help reconcile family members will be held Sunday evening May 8, Mother's Day, at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Peachtree at Fourth streets. The worship, which begins at 7 p.m., will feature Rev. Wayne Poupirt, a Lutheran pastor with a gay son, as the guest preacher. This is the first time Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta has sponsored such a service, which arose in response to conversations with parents of gay children.

The service includes a celebration of holy communion and encourages parents, family and friends of gay and lesbian people to worship together in an atmosphere of love and support. As with all Lutherans Concerned events, the service will be conducted with the understanding of Sanctuary, which protects the confidentiality of anyone who attends. For more information, call 636-7109.

BWMT/Atlanta celebrates Cinco de Mayo

The Atlanta chapter of Black and White Men Together will gather for a celebration of the Mexican holiday, Cinco de Mayo on Saturday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. The monthly potluck dinner will be a Mexican-themed fiesta

of food, fun and friends. Admission is an entree or dessert item, preferably in keeping with the Mexican theme. Call 892-BWMT for the location and further details. Everyone is welcome.

First MCC announces a "Month of Miracles"

May has been designated as a "Month of Miracles" by the board of directors of the First Metropolitan Community Church, who have established a goal of raising \$150,000 during the month's five Sundays.

The money will be used to fund completion of a new 400-500 seat sanctuary inside the church's new location on North Druid Hills Road.

As part of the "Month of Miracles" program, a 24-hour prayer vigil will be held Friday, May 20 through Saturday, May 21. One-hour time slots will be assigned for people to pray in the now-hollow sanctuary area. The prayer vigil will begin with a short 7:30 p.m. service on Friday and conclude at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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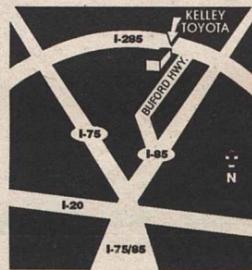
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LIVING PROOF

Nationalism flares up, famine rages and the ozone layer burns. Yet, when history eventually passes judgment on our apocalyptic age, surely the decisive question will be: "What did they do about AIDS? What did the United Nations do? What did the politicians do? And the churches and commerce and the media? What did any of us do?"

— Sir Ian McKellen, from the foreword of "Living Proof: Courage In The Face Of AIDS"

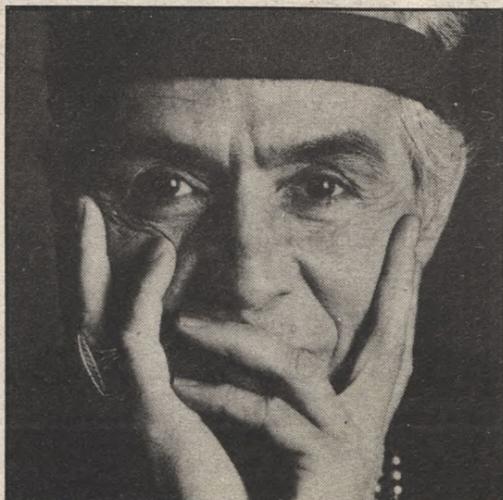
by CHRIS CASH

Look at the faces. Look at the bodies, the eyes—and the smiles. These are people with AIDS. These are people *living* with AIDS.

Photographer Carolyn Jones, a portrait and fashion photographer for such magazines as Interview, Esquire and GQ, has captured the pure essence of her subjects in her recently released photo book "Living Proof: Courage In The Face of AIDS"

Black and white portraits of 73 HIV-positive people grace these pages, along with short vignettes that challenge the viewer to take another look at HIV disease.

Photographer Carolyn Jones catches the faces of HIV



ABOVE The late Georgia DeSipio Jr. with his parents

FAR LEFT Phyllis Marks (right) with her partner Leila

LEFT Richard Maggiong

The faces and stories here are proof that AIDS is more than death, or purple lesions or emaciated bodies. It is also people such as Rob Hadley, a strong gay cop from Chicago; David Tuzo, who says he'll live forever with his son's love; and Pamela Shaw, who says her diagnosis brought her family back together at a time when they were falling apart.

And AIDS is people such as George DeSipio Jr., a younger Paul Newman look alike, who came up with the concept for "Living Proof." Frustrated and angry at the absence of positive images of people with AIDS in the media, DeSipio approached Carolyn Jones with the idea of photographing HIV-positive people to show that AIDS is more, much more, than a death sentence.

Desipio, who died last year, worked in the garment manufacturing industry, and all royalties from Living Proof go to the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA), which has raised over \$19 million for AIDS services since its inception in 1984.

"Carolyn Jones presented DIFFA with a unique opportunity," said Rosemary Kuropat, DIFFA's executive director. "Aside from the money raised, 'Living Proof' is a powerful educational tool. Her pic-

tures shatter stereotypes. They communicate the strength of the human spirit and the hope we all share in conquering this disease."

DeSipio and his lover Michael Liberatore worked with Jones from day one. They put up posters in New York City asking those living positively with HIV-positive to sit for a book of photographs. The shooting began in April 1992.

"We agreed that our best approach would be to do a series of... everyday people, people who were outstanding only in their commitment to making every minute count, in refusing to surrender to AIDS," says Liberatore in the introduction to the book. "Simultaneously, Carolyn and I decided to ask our sitters to pose with whomever or whatever keeps them going strong."

Most people chose family and friends to pose with them. There are men and women with their mother, father, children, grandchildren or siblings, and there are others with lovers and friends. The names of those living with HIV are printed in capital letters, a necessary identifier because distinguishing between those with and without the disease is impossible by simply looking at the images.

In fact, it is the strength and beauty of the people which critics will likely lambast. Jones will probably be accused by some AIDS activists of painting too pretty a picture of the disease, of trying to market the book only to the "mainstream."

Will Guilliams, a member of the committee that helped put "Living Proof" together and a 10-year survivor of AIDS, admits that reaching the mainstream is a goal of the book. "It's important for the book to be accessible to as many people as possible. I got involved because of Carolyn [Jones]. I liked her attitude because she saw the book as an opportunity to educate people about HIV, and to offer hope for those living with HIV, not as her own artistic statement. The majority of people in the book just showed up to be photographed. They were not auditioned for their aesthetic qualities. Carolyn's just a great photographer. She captured their spirit."

Guilliams, in fact, was cut from the book. But he

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WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION. Thru May 29. An Agatha Christie mystery, presented by Stage Door Players at N. DeKalb Cultural Ctr, 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. \$8-10. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 2:30pm. 396-1726.

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8 SUNDAY

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DISTURBING THE PEACE: WOMEN, SUFFRAGE & POLITICS. Thru July 16. An exhibition exploring the battles women fought to win the right to vote. Atlanta History Center Downtown, 140 Peachtree. 814-4150.

CAT ON A HOT TIN STREETCAR. Thru July 27. Agatha's Mystery Dinner Theatre mixes metaphors and murder with a new show Tues-Sun at 7:30pm (7pm on Sun). \$33-\$38 includes five course meal. 875-1610.

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MICHELLE SHOCKED. May 13. At the Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid. \$14 adv/ \$16 door. 524-7354.

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER. May 14. Another lesbian comic! You may remember her from Comedy Central's "Out There." Also at the Variety. \$12 & \$14.

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MAN AND SUPERMAN. Thru May 8. Actor's Express has extended the run of this GB Shaw play. 8pm Sat & 7pm Sun. \$12-\$16. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

TWICE TOLD TALES. Thru May 8. Kennesaw State College presents Nathaniel Hawthorne's tales, adapted for the stage and directed by John Gentile. Of special interest, "The May-Pole of Merry Mount," tale of the clash between the somber, life-denying Puritan outlook at gleeful pagan hedonism. 8pm on Sat, 1pm Sun. \$5. The Studio Theatre in the Performing Arts Bldg. 423-6650.

ARCHIFEST '94. Thru May 8. A weeklong celebration of architecture as art, sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter of the American Institute of Architects at Peachtree Center. Lectures, exhibits, tours, and a ball on May 7. 222-0099.

SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN. Thru June 12. The Actor's Collective presents the gospel musical at 14th St. Playhouse. Tue-Sat 8pm, Sun 3&7pm. 892-2414.

A HIGHER PLACE IN HEAVEN. Thru May 15. Another world premiere from Atlanta playwright Pamela Parker—the touching story of a South Georgia family bridging the gap between old and new South. Neighborhood Playhouse, 430 W. Trinity Pl in Decatur. Thu-Sat 7pm, Sun 3pm. \$9-12. 373-5311.

RICHARD III. Thru May

15. Play Ground Theatre Co. presents Shakespeare's tale of the ultimate arch villain. 7 Stages Backdoor Theatre, Wed-Sun 8pm. \$8-\$10. 250-5016.

LAUGHING WILD. Thru May 15. The Alliance presents Christopher Durang's satirical comedy. Tu-Sat 8pm, Sun 2:30 & 7:30pm. \$20-25. 898-1127.

LOVE OF A PIG. Thru May 29. Art Attack presents Leslie Caveny's tale about a young violinist who falls in love with Mr. Right only to learn he's a pig. Thur-Sat 8pm, Sun 6pm. \$10-12. 881-6304.

CYMBELINE. Thru May 22. The Shakespeare Tavern presents a Shakespeare Romance, the story of two lovers and the perils they endure. 499 Peachtree. Thu-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 5:30pm. \$8-15. 874-5299.

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THE RIGHTS. Thru June 4. A dark, contemporary comedy that skews notions of culture, both high and low, demonstrating just how far members of a comically dysfunctional family will go for the love of art and the love of money. Theatre in the Square in Marietta. Tues-Sat 8pm, Sun 3&7pm. \$13-12. 422-8369.

PROGRESSION: 1974-1994. Thru June 9. 20 years of work from three nationally known local artists at the Spruill Center Gallery, 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. Paintings and drawings by Jennine Hough and Alan Loehle and sculpture by Kerry Moore. Reception tonight, 6:30-8:30pm. 394-3447.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS EXHIBITION. Thru June 11 at ART Station in Stone Mountain. The fourth annual exhibit is curated by photographer Ronnie Phillips. 469-1105.

GERTRUDE KASEBIER PHOTOGRAPHS. Thru June 11. A contemporary of Alfred Steiglitz, Kasebier also photographed American Indians in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. High Museum.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Thru June 12. The annual trek back to the good olde days begins today. Just off I-85 at exit 12, the medieval town is open from 10:30am to 6pm Sat & Sun. Don't miss Steve Hoddy's Birds of Prey show. \$9.95 +tax for adults, \$4.95 + tax for children. 964-8575.

METAPHYSICAL METAPHORS. Thru June 12. An exhibit on the unseen forces of nature at the High Museum.

DON'T ASK DON'T TELL. Thru June 19. A festival of Queer Theater and performance in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Stonewall, presented by Manbites Dog Theater in Durham, NC. Various venues. (919) 220-6779.



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CONNIE MAY FOWLER. Author of "Sugar Cage" brings her new book, "River of Hidden Dreams," to Charis. 7:30 pm.

10 TUESDAY

NOW BREAD & ROSES RECEPTION. The Atlanta Chapter of NOW honors legislators who have demonstrated their commitment to Georgia's women and children. \$25, 6-8pm, Atlanta Friends Meeting House, 701 W. Howard in Decatur. 875-0176.

11 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. Also airs on City Ch. 6, Thur 5pm.

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ABOVE: Connie May Fowler reads from "River of Hidden Dreams" at Charis Monday night.

LEFT: Holland's Stuffed Puppet Theatre performs at 7 Stages Thurs-Sun. Photo by Erwin Olaf

BELOW: Dinner and murder are on the menu for "Cat on a Hot Tin Streetcar," now playing at Agatha's—A Taste of Mystery on Peachtree St.



Managing 27 pets on one runway requires a certain flair

Then again, Todd Graham's role model was Catwoman

by BRIAN COCHRAN

Perhaps it was destiny that Todd Graham would someday reign over a runway where the models are not always standing upright on two legs.

After all, he says Miss Newmar (yes, the Original Catwoman), was his first role model.

"I mean, when you're a little three-year-old gay boy, who do you have to look up to, Ginger Grant?" Graham says. "Although Ginger Grant was probably the reason I went into the theater."

Graham, an Atlantan, is the creative mastermind behind Rubbing Noses, a fashion show featuring pets and people that takes the stage this week to raise money for Pets Are Loving Support. As the creative director, it is his job to coordinate 27

Rubbing Noses, is Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Piedmont Grove, corner of 10th Street and Monroe Drive in Midtown.

I may say or do that day."

A veteran of traveling theater, Graham honed his craft for seven years in places such as Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. His own pet, appropriately named Miss Newmar, is a sleek black feline he acquired the very same day he met Miss Newmar, the human.

Just days after last year's inaugural Rubbing Noses show,



Todd Graham is still looking for an iguana for next year's show.

which he also stage managed, the irrepressible Graham had already picked the theme for this year's show—Rubbing Noses With The Stars, a tribute to Hollywood.

"Each designer took an actor or a movie to work around," says Graham. "One took 'Breakfast at Tiffanys,' one took 'The Addams Family,' and I came up with the beach scene, 'Beach Blanket A-Go-Go,' which comes from a few movie titles I bastardized."

Other movies and movie standards paid homage to in the show include "The Birds," and "Cat on a Hot Night Out" and a Rita Hayworth/Marilyn Monroe number.

Fashion shows traditionally end with a bridal scene, and Rubbing Noses is no different. Well, maybe a little different—it's a tribute to James Bond.

Where's the connection? Was Bond ever married? "Of course," Graham says. "To Mrs. Emma Peel from 'The Avengers'. She did die at the end, though."

Graham promises that "this year's show is going to be bigger. It's more technical, there's more movement and it's lot more involved."

"This is not a typical fashion show with glorified coat-hangers walking down a runway. This is a show that you can have a little fun with because we're going to have animals on stage dressed in costumes made by fashion designers."

Graham would also like it to be known that the animals in the show will not be limited to Pekingese and Persians. Atlanta's pet community is just as diverse as its human community.

"I've got a few surprises up my sleeve," he says mysteriously. Anything he'd like to give away? "Well, you have to come to the show," he insists. "I will say that the pig who was in the show last year is returning, which we're really excited about because she has her own wardrobe, including a tiara. She's a European swine."

His big regret is that he could not get one animal he really wanted—an iguana. If anyone has one, they should let him know in time for next year's show, however.

Glamour aside, Graham truly believes in the cause for which he is volunteering his services. P.A.L.S. provides support services for pets of people living with AIDS, including veterinary care, food, foster homes and adoption assistance when needed.

The importance of owning a pet to PWAs is obvious to Graham. "I mean, how much unconditional love do you get from any person in your life, if you ever get it? With pets, all you have to do is walk in the door. The therapeutic value of having a pet is that you have something to care for, rather than having something or someone to take care of you."

"Of course, the true goal of this is not to have fundraisers like this anymore," Graham says. "I mean, doing the show is fun, and the people we're working with are fun, but when it really gets down to the core of it, we'd really rather not have to do it at all."

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Burkhart's turns into a gallery this weekend for ArtFest '94

More than 50 local artists will display their work to benefit Project Open Hand

by JAMES FITCH

This coming weekend will bring out the "art" in Burkhart's. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Ansley Square pub will host ArtFest '94, its third-annual spring art show and sale to benefit Project Open Hand. The walls and outside patio areas at Burkhart's will be filled with the work of local artists and contributions made by Atlanta galleries. Some artists will man booths to display their work, and pieces will be auctioned off during one of the festival's six art auctions.

Burkhart's covers all of the expenses involved in turning the pub into a makeshift gallery so that Project Open Hand can receive 100 percent of the money raised. Last year's ArtFest raised \$17,169 for Project Open Hand, and organizers have set a goal this year of \$20,000.

According to co-chair Harry Brown, more than 20 major galleries have already donated work totaling \$25,000 in retail value to be auctioned off. More than 50 local artists will display their work from booths, giving 25 percent of their gross income to Project Open Hand, in addition to donating one of their pieces to auction.

Atlanta artist Michael Hammond got involved with ArtFest last year by donating an original painting entitled "Mourning the Loss of a Longtime Companion." Incidentally, that image was chosen to represent ArtFest '94 with promotional materials.

"A lot of my work deals with gay issues, as far as combating problems with society and religion, those kinds of things," Hammond said. He describes his style as "hard-edged and figurative, with abstraction," much like the piece he donated to ArtFest '94, entitled "The Enchantment of Billy Venus," which shows a man with a raven on his shoulder standing in front of an abstracted landscape.



Michael Hammond's "The Enchantment of Billy Venus" is one of the works up for auction. The portrait on the cover of this week's Southern Voice, also for sale, is by Burkhart's owner Mary Marsh.

"I really appreciate the fact that Burkhart's does this," Hammond said. "It gave me a good feeling last year to participate. It's nice to take a piece of your artwork and translate it into a way to help other people."

Acclaimed artists Godo Frabel, Guy Robinson and David

Fraley have also contributed pieces to be auctioned.

For ArtFest, Burkhart's approaches major Atlanta galleries with a request that they donate at least one piece for auction. Although gallery showing was strong at last year's ArtFest, Brown said that interest this year has definitely increased.

"I was fortunate enough to get on the agenda for the Atlanta Gallery Association and do my pitch about ArtFest," Brown said. "It's a prestigious organization. That helped a great deal. I think we've probably doubled the number of major galleries that are participating this year."

Because many galleries have donated art of high retail value, minimum prices are being set for the auction.

"If a piece has a \$300 minimum bid and it doesn't sell on Friday, we'll just hold it over again and try to sell it Saturday and Sunday," Brown said. "It will finally sell for whatever we can sell it for."

The prospects of selling pricey art in a bar can be questionable. Although ArtFest typically brings out some people who don't go to bars, organizers made a concerted effort to bring in even more people likely to spend money on expensive art.

"Each year we try to upgrade the event somehow," Brown said. "That's obviously by trying to get higher-priced art, but the other thing we've done this year is an invitation mailing to about 1,500 people who can afford good art. This is gay community, straight community, it doesn't matter. We're trying to just get different kinds of people here. It does us no good to have a \$1,000 piece of artwork if it sells for \$75."

The cast of celebrity ArtFest auctioneers will also include some new faces. WXIA-TV news anchor Angela Robinson will be paired to auction art with Peg. Paul Ossmann of "Good Day Atlanta," and Jimmy Barons and Freddy Luka of 99X have also signed on as auctioneers.

There's also a strong possibility that a curator from the High Museum of Art will judge a "Curator's Choice" contest on Sunday.

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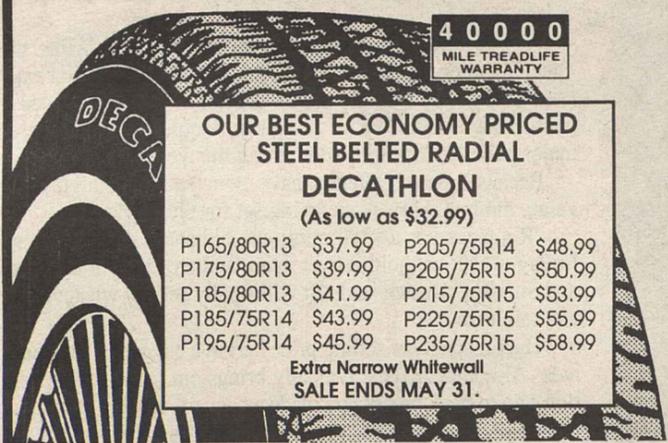
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Gilbert and Sullivan's witty confusion

"The Gondoliers" will close out Savoyards season

by BRIAN COCHRAN

The Savoyards Light Opera Company has chosen one of the most delightfully confusing Gilbert and Sullivan works of all time, "The Gondoliers," to close its 1993-94 season.

And though it may not seem so at first blush, there is method to the madness in this operetta. According to Savoyard resident stage director and choreographer Greg Thompson, the D'Oyly Carte opera company, for which Gilbert and Sullivan were writing at the time, had become so popular it was suffering from a bit of "diva-ism." To counteract this, Gilbert and Sullivan devised an ingenious way to make impossible for the trend to continue—write parts for two of every usual leading role, two sopranos, two basses, two tenors, even two comic characters.

"The company had developed some tremendous attitude problems, so Gilbert and Sullivan devised this twisted plot line, featuring two casts that rarely run into each other," Thompson notes.

The characters in "The Gondoliers" include two gondolier brothers, their fiancées, a penniless duke and duchess (is there any other kind?), their daughter, her lover and a

perpetrator of the Spanish Inquisition. The story involves mistaken identity, lots of artifice and an island kingdom.

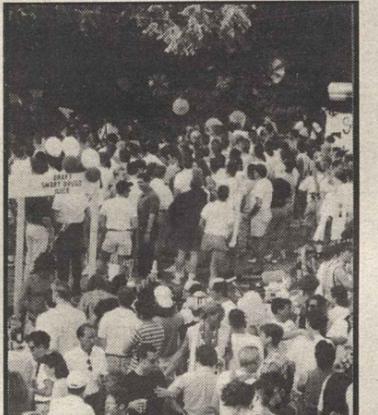
Though that would seem to make the plot line complicated enough, there is more to it than meets the eye. Like most Gilbert and Sullivan works, "The Gondoliers" is rife with political and social send-ups. "It's really very interesting that they could even do it," says Thompson. "It was not popular at the time to satirize the British way of life, but their operetta were so clever and entertaining that the public loved them, and Gilbert and Sullivan got away with it."

In fact, Gilbert and Sullivan were one of the most successful artistic partnerships in history, collaborating in 14 Savoy (named for the theater in which they were originally produced) operas. Their match was ideal: Sir William Gilbert created the pithy dialogue, patter songs (their trademark) and witty lyrics that kept audiences laughing, and Sir Arthur Sullivan gave the songs their cleverness, sparkle and zest with his music and orchestrations, especially for woodwinds.

Thompson thinks the energetic music is most effective if it is not lingered over. "The

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The cast of the Savoyards Light Opera production of "The Gondoliers"

To their credit, the Savoyards have always believed in using local talent as much as possible when producing their shows. For 15 years now, the spotlight has been given to talent in the Atlanta area rather than bringing in artists from New York or other major cities, as most professional companies do. The idea, according to Greg Thompson, is to nurture an Atlanta community of artists who have too few chances to shine in other local productions. "If we support them, then there is also a better chance that Atlanta will attract more talent," he adds.

wittiness of the lyrics works best if the music sort of speeds by," he says. In "The Gondoliers," this is especially important since the opening number is half an hour long. Thompson calls this number "interesting to stage," but says that the Savoyards are "partying in Venice to the end."

Keeping the tempo up to par will be Thompson's brother, the talented conductor E. Lynn Thompson, who has led the Savoyards for so many years now it is hard to imagine a production without him. In his tenure with the company, he has managed to attract accomplished musicians and singers to appear in their productions through his reputation as a light opera expert.

The 1993-94 season is also the last that the company will be a "Gilbert & Sullivan only" organization. In past years, the Savoyards have limited themselves to only a few forays into other light operas. As of next year, however, that will change dramatically. In addition, the Gilbert & Sullivan pieces will probably not always come from the big three—"The Mikado," "Pirates of Penzance" or "H.M.S. Pinafore."

The rest of the season will be filled with a Christmas program, one European light opera (other than Gilbert & Sullivan) and one Broadway musical. The Savoyards hope that this new variety will not only expand their horizons, but add audience members as well.

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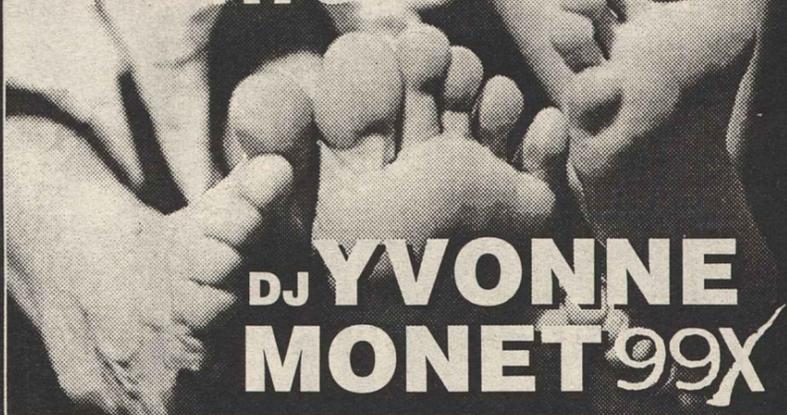
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"Second Samuel" displayed the

playwright's uncanny ability to capture the way people really think and talk (so much so the play was a candidate for the Pulitzer Prize). Now Parker is revisiting this town in her latest work, "A Higher Place in Heaven," a sort of pre-quel to the first play.

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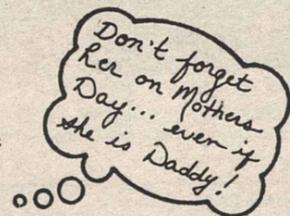
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Into their tranquil lives comes a tempest in the form of Miss Madison's eldest child, named Son (Patrick Cusick), who is a lawyer down from Atlanta on a visit with his wife, Billie Augusta (Johanna Linden). By accident, Son discovers his mother's will (remember, Freud told us there are no accidents), which

A Higher Place in Heaven

runs through May 15 at the Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur. For information, call 373-5311.

leaves New Hope to Miss Simpson. This is a thought the very racist Son cannot stand. The thought of his family mansion going to an old black woman is more than his narrow mind can comprehend, and it stirs up all his internalized bigotry and whips him into a drunken frenzy. Son tries to enlist the help of his young brother, Frisky (Chris Genebach), but to no avail; Frisky's best friend is Ulysses (Deji Olasimbo), Miss Simpson's son.

It is finally up to Miss Madison and Miss Simpson to stop Son from having his mother declared incompetent. They do so with the revelation of the Madison family's deepest secret.

Parker once again shows her uncanny ear for dialogue. The cantankerous Miss

Simpson, often heard commenting on the irritating habits of her neighbors ("they're mouthy"), is drawn perfectly—irritating yet ultimately lovable. Her writing of Son is also on target, capturing the old-time Southern bigotry clothed in lawyerly verbiage. However, she chooses 16-year-old Frisky to be her mouthpiece in the play, and from this child's mouth come pearls of wisdom far beyond his years (there are 80-year-olds who don't have that much insight).

The cast of "A Higher Place in Heaven" turns in exciting and well-tuned performances. Sally Bondi and Valerie Payton have a special chemistry between them as two women who share a symbiotic, loving relationship which far transcends what it might appear to be to outsiders (like Son). Payton underplays her role for most of the play, but she comes into her own at the very end (her dressing down of Son is priceless). Patrick Cusick has the toughest job of anyone in the play—making Son be a sympathetic villain. Indeed, he is mean and hateful, but he manages to evoke a lost little boy image and we do feel sorry for him in the end.

Director Barbara Hawkins shoots for all the laughs she can find in "Heaven," and she hits her targets more often than not. She really doesn't choose to explore the bigotry themes in the play too heavily, opting instead to keep the comedy moving at a brisk pace.

If there is one flaw to the proceedings at Neighborhood Playhouse, it's that Parker seems to have imposed a decidedly '90s look at the '20s South. Miss Madison is very much an exceptional character, one who speaks with attitudes not usually found in that time period. Her wisdom comes more from the playwright's hindsight than the character's experiences.

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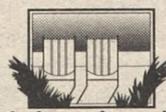
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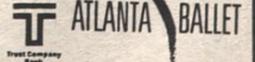
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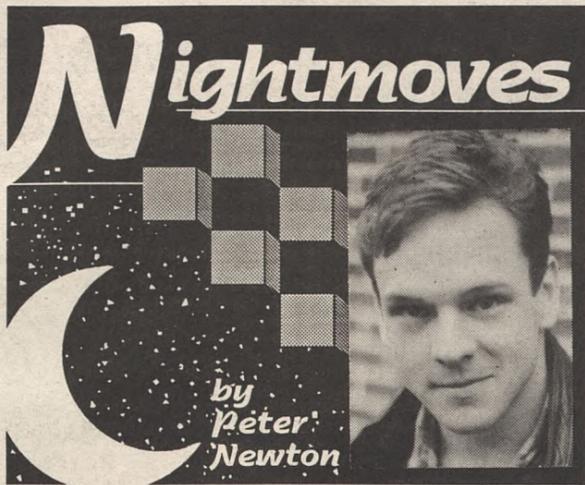


The best live concert I ever saw was in Burlington, Vermont about five years ago. Joan Armatrading played a hall not much bigger than Variety Playhouse. It was early August. I never paid much attention to Armatrading before, and I ended up going to this concert for something to do. Well, she blew us all away. As far as I know, she's not planning a trip to Atlanta, but **Aretha Franklin** is. No doubt, a close second on my list of all-time greatest live shows. The Queen of Soul will play Chastain Park, Friday, May 6.

That very same weekend is the long-awaited **ArtFest '94** at **Burkhart's**. The 3-day event will offer a variety of goods and services all in the name of art. While you're



Queen of Soul at Chastain



enjoying the sights and sounds, keep in mind that it is a fundraiser for Project Open Hand. With Mother's Day just on the horizon—that's right, it's not too late to send flowers now—why not pick something up for Mom.

Burkhart's isn't a bar I go to very often, but I do appreciate reading their newest advertising pitch on the back covers of a local magazine. You know, the "It started at Burkhart's" ads where people tell fantastic stories of meeting their dream dates who proceed to help them in some way to achieve lifetime personal goals. I don't know whether to believe them or not, but they are fun. Be warned—meeting the person of your dreams can lead to hopeless monogamy.

Crazy Ray'z, just down the sidewalk from Burkhart's, is getting a jump on summer. They will host the Crazy Ray'z Miss Summer Contest, Monday, May 9. This year's theme is "Sum are and Sum are Not." There will be both serious and camp drag performances. Come see for yourself.

Two things going on over at 7 Stages Backdoor Theatre seem to me worth the time attending. First, there is **Ground Works**, an ensemble-based writing program that focuses on the development of new, socially-relevant works. Saturday, May 7 at midnight or Sunday, May 8 at 4 p.m., you can

experience **Heidi Cline's** irreverent lampoon of the media. Call The Play Ground Theatre Company for more dates and information. 250-5016. Second, **Alternative Ground** is in that same comic vein. Again, Play Ground Theatre showcases Atlanta actors performing stand-up comedy. Monday, May 9 at 8 p.m. Admission is free for both. All that's required is a healthy curiosity.

Talented and funny lesbian comedian **Suzanne Westenhofer** will make her Atlanta debut Saturday, May 14 at Variety Playhouse. She was great on cable's Comedy Central. It ought to be a sellout, so get your tickets early. 524-7354.

This week, my jalopy '75 Corvair and I turn 29. How does one celebrate the last year of being a twentysomething? Fleeting youth rhetoric aside, I have been spending more than my usual time at Rio Mall's Australian Body Works in a vain attempt to stave off the inevitable. Last year, I partied with friends at Einstein's before touring local watering holes until the small hours of the morning. This year, I'm in the mood for something slightly less taxing on my body. The **Renaissance Festival** has been something I've been meaning to check out for years now. **Steve Hoddy's Birds of Prey** show boasts a spectacle to behold. A volunteer is chosen to spread his or her legs. Then, on cue, a trained professional falcon nose-dives at 50 mph right between the unsuspecting volunteer's knees. Now this is a variation of jumping through the hoop I'd definitely like to see for myself. The 9th Annual Georgia Renaissance Festival will dazzle the common man through June 12.

On a political note, an important visitor comes to Atlanta this week. President of the International Olympic Committee, **Juan Antonio Samaranch** will be in town Tuesday, May 10. He is expected to address the controversy over the preliminary volleyball competition scheduled in Cobb County. We need to make a lot of noise on this issue, especially on May 10. Media coverage will be high, and so will our chances of gaining powerful support for human rights. I'm not the flag-waving, slogan-shouting type, but this is worth the extra push. Find out where you can be seen and heard. Call the Olympics Out of Cobb Committee.

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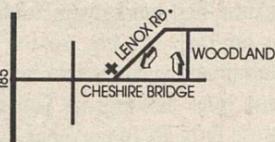


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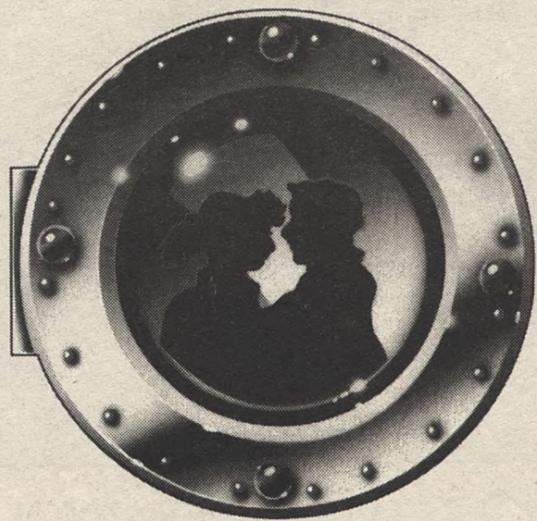


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The original La Strada is one of my favorite restaurants in Atlanta. Except it isn't in Atlanta; it's about seven miles north of nowhere, and driving that far to wait in line for an hour and a half is not my idea of a party.

In fact I wouldn't even consider the journey, were it not for the fabulous calamalone and gutsy, rustic pastas that come from Hald's kitchen.

In addition to its intown address, the new location has some distinct advantages over the original. It's big, so the likelihood of interminable waits is minimal. There's efficient valet parking, so you don't have to traipse through 14 unconnected parking lots to find your car. And there is a rotisserie from whence come some mighty attractive servings of chicken, duck and lamb.

But there's also a downside.

The crowded original La Strada has the look and feel of genuine neighborhood hang-out—much like Partners or Indigo. Even version number two, with its compact seating plan and chockablock with Italian chotzkes, feels pleasantly cramped, crowded and convivial.

The new space (in a new tan stucco building) is way larger than either of its predecessors. And despite the fact that it's divided into several areas by parti-walls and a fireplace or two, only the smoking area, well hidden in back, offers any sense of physical intimacy.

In fact, the main dining room feels just this side of cavernous, but its volume isn't sufficient to give it a sense of grandness, like, say, the main room at Sfuzzi or the Atlanta Fish Company. And the chotzkes scattered about the space seem almost gratuitous—sort of like a Tuscan Po' Folks.

(All this kvetching notwithstanding, I managed to sit quite comfortably in the room for a leisurely, enjoyable and fairly intimate two-and-a-half hour meal. But if you're planning dinner with the Taste Sheriff, consider Pricci instead.)

Consider, also, not ordering the featured appetizer, "Scoozi," which is described as "gorgonzola flatbread with green onions, tomato and fresh garlic." Problem is that the gorgonzola (along with the other goodies) is on top of the (very good) flat bread, not in it. The net result is a chopped salad on a piece of bread for \$5.95—no bargain when you get (gratis) a very nice mixed green salad scattered with gorgonzola with your meal. Besides, the calmata olive and garlic spread that comes to the table with loads of warm, soft bread (also gratis) is way more fun on the tongue.

Hald and Venturi were the first folks in town to serve the fat, tender squid steaks that they refer to as calamalone because they resemble abalone. They made quite a name for themselves with the egg battered squid drenched in lemon butter. It sure made me swoon the first time I ate it.

The problem is that the formerly light lemon-butter sauce has become thick, almost brown, and tastes vaguely of some kind of stock base. Not bad, but more like a puff on a pipe than a breath of spring air. Happily, the accompanying side of angel hair pasta with fresh tomatoes, garlic and basil is good as ever.

Given that all the menu's pastas are available as appetizers, maybe that's the way to start a meal here.

That or an antipasto platter—which is what I had for an entree.

Everything on the beautifully presented plate was good, but special hosannas go to the combination of mussels and lobster moistened with vinegar and similar combination of tender squid and fat shrimp. Tomatoes, buffalo mozzarella and basil are properly spring-like. White beans, portobello mushrooms and curls of Parmesan cheese make for an incredibly earthy combination of flavors and grilled whole peppers (red, yellow and green) couldn't be much better. At \$11.95 (with a nice Caesar salad), this is totally pleasing way to fill your tummy—and plenty for two if you order dessert or an appetizer.

A big chicken breast sauced with mushrooms, peppers, eggplant, sundried tomatoes and loads of garlic is also mighty fine stuff. The sauce manages to be complex and loaded with flavors without being at all overwhelming. The chicken is tender and well cooked. Two yellow squash filled with carrots and tarragon-scented stuffing were mighty yummy too. Again, split an appetizer and a dessert, and two could easily share this as an entree.

The two of us were entirely too well fed to manage dessert, though my memories of La Strada's zuppa inglese and creme brûlée are fond ones. Decaf and coffee are both good.

Service is attentive, appropriate and efficient. Venturi, an extremely gracious and affable host, is much in evidence and he listens with genuine interest to suggestions.

There is a decent wine list, but the prices—about three times retail—are no bargain.

Most of the food, however, is quite reasonable given the size of the portions. Without alcohol, you can eat here for \$15 a head. It's also possible to drop \$25-30, but prepare for a mighty full belly if you do.

No Thanks

I finally wandered through the DeKalb Farmers Market when the cafeteria line was not jammed, so I dove in and tried the \$3.50-for-five-veggie-plate that I've heard so many raves about.

I've got to admit that shredded carrots studded with cranberries were both innovative and enjoyable. And the steamed new potatoes drizzled with butter couldn't have been better.

But the place and the process are too assaultive for my delicate sensibilities. The lighting is harsh, the seats icy cold (especially if you are wearing shorts), and the service folks are about as personable as distracted toads.

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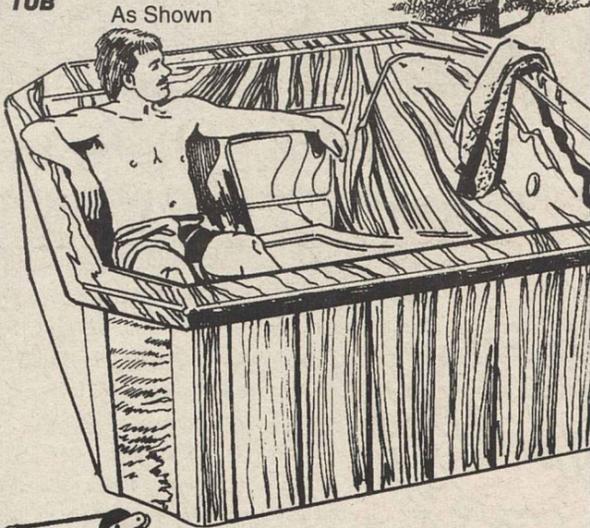
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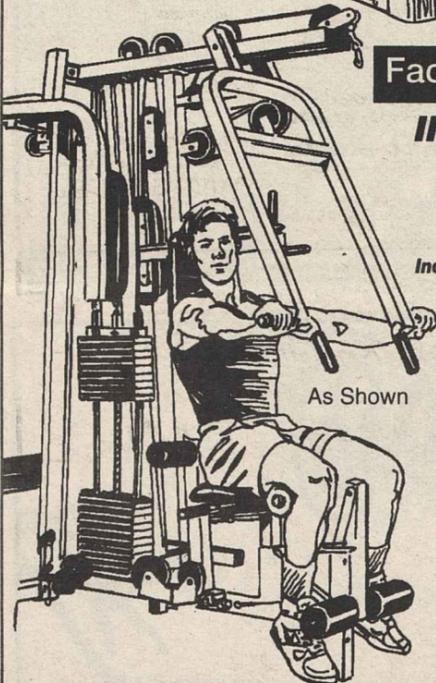
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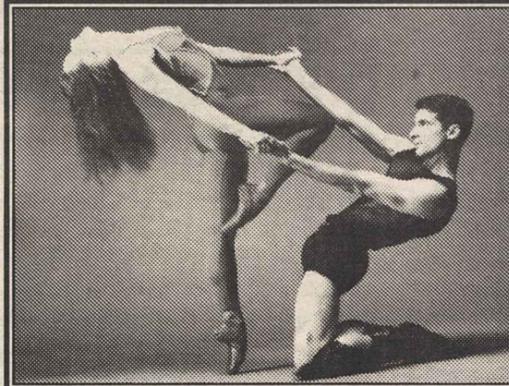
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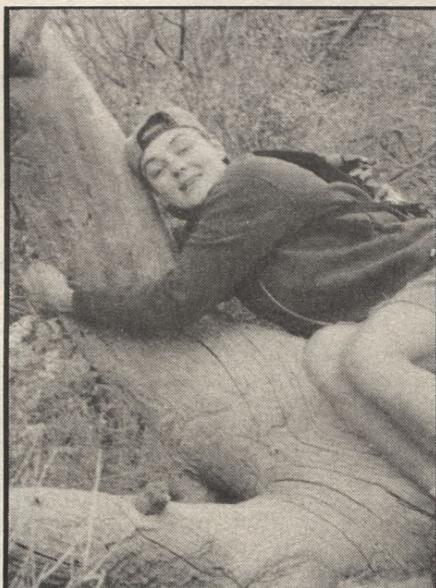
Age: 29

Hometown: Aiken, SC

How Long in Atlanta: 5 years

Relationship: Six months and happy

Last Book Read: "The Ship That Sailed Into the Living Room"



Sarah Smyrl's perfect day goes something like this. "I wake up in a cabin in the North Georgia mountains, eat a huge breakfast, then do anything outside—hike, ride my mountain bike, something that requires some energy. Then I eat again, take a nap and spend time with people who love me and whom I love."

Sounds wonderful and simple. No pressure, no appointments to keep—no work, which is something Sarah believes we all do too much. Her sentiment is one that is heard from a lot of people these days.

"I work too much and don't get to play enough. That's my biggest complaint about America, I think. We work and work but we don't live. I feel drained most of the time, and I think most other people do too. If they say they don't feel that way, then they're pretending."

Sarah works as a bicycle mechanic at a shop in Buckhead, a line of work she has been in on and off for the last nine years. Although she loves it—"I like to work with my hands"—she finds the pressure too much at times.

"I work nonstop all day, and it's hard to take care of myself. Atlanta overwhelms me sometimes, too. Nothing is easy. It's a production at times just to get to the grocery store. I need peace and quiet," she laughed.

To get that peace and quiet, Sarah spends as much time as she can outdoors. Her favorite thing is off-street biking, and lately she has begun to compete in the sport.

"I used to race a few years back, but I needed to take a break and now I'm back into it. In 1987 I was the champion racer in Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina in the women's beginner class. It takes a lot of work and time. You have to ride almost every day because the more you put into it, the more you get out."

A lot of Sarah's life revolves around bikes. Not only does she work as a mechanic and

compete, but she also works on-street races to keep the bikes going around the track. She is one of only 200 certified race mechanics in the country, and few of those are women. "I'm a wrench wench," she confessed.

But there is more to Sarah's life than spokes and grease. She is in love and about to move in with her lover of six months.

"I have love now like I have never had. It's hard to describe what you have with someone. I never wanted to live with anyone before, but I see her as healthy and that's what I want to be around. She is so many things that have crossed my heart during my life but [that] I haven't been able to find—honesty, health, love, sex, play, all of it. I'm bitten."

Sarah and her lover, local musician Angela Motter, will soon move to Decatur, like so many lesbians and gay men are doing these days. There Sarah hopes to find some peace and quiet and a place for their relationship to grow.

"I have faith in our relationship, and I don't have that feeling very often. I see it growing and me growing in it. I don't want anything less than that."

Sarah is out to her family and is particularly close to her mother, who now lives in England. Her parents divorced when she was seven, and Sarah just recently told her father and "that side of the family" that she is a lesbian.

"It was weird telling them. It was like saying 'I need to tell you that I have brown eyes,' because it's so much a part of me. But I wanted to be clear about it. I'm starting a life with someone, and I did not want it to be a secret."

Sarah also hopes to find the work she really wants to do. "I just haven't found it," she said. "I keep looking, but it alludes me. Working on bikes is great, but I know I want to do more than that. I'll just keep at it until it shows itself."



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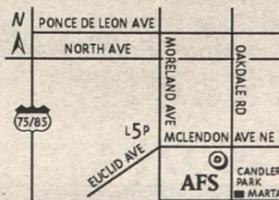
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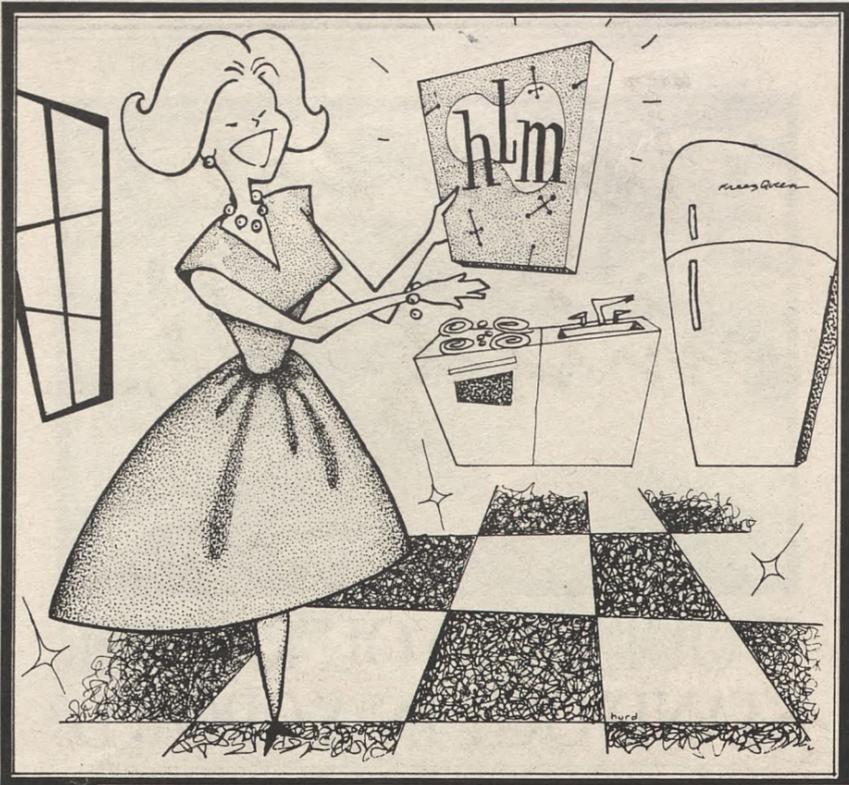
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- Lesbian Support Group—627-7387
- Lesbians Considering Parenthood—767-6173
- Lesbians Over 50—908-6119
- Lesbians With Children—740-1729
- Men of Little 5 Points—POB 5425, Atlanta 31107, 523-5804
- Name the Violence Support Group for Battered Lesbians—822-9570; Crisis Hotline—688-9436
- Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
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- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692
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Stonewall benefit features McCalla and duo Romanovsky and Phillips

Birmingham's Stonewall 25 Planning Committee is bringing the singing duo of Romanovsky & Phillips and singer/songwriter Deidre McCalla to Sloss Furnaces in Birmingham, on Saturday, May 14 at 8:00 p.m.

"These are artists of the highest caliber, and we are proud to introduce their original brand of fun and inspiration to the Birmingham area," said David White, the concert organizer and co-chair of Birmingham's Stonewall 25 group.

Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips, who bill themselves as "professional homosexuals," have toured 150 cities in 42 states and Canada and Australia. McCalla, a recording artist for Olivia Records, has performed nationwide at music theatres such as Carnegie Hall in New York and at clubs, festivals and universities.

Tickets are \$17 (\$20 day of show) and can



Vocal duo Romanovsky & Phillips coming to Alabama

be purchased at Lodestar and Planet Muzica in Birmingham, Illusions and Michaels in Tuscaloosa, Cindy's Cafe and Capri Theatre in Montgomery, Earth Friendly in Huntsville, and Etc. in Auburn.

Living Proof

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says his involvement gave him something he desperately needed—to be around others living with HIV.

"I needed to work on something like this because I like to think that I'm still around after 10 years because I have a desire to live my life to the fullest," Williams said. "And sometimes I feel like I'm the only one left. My contemporaries—those I knew who were diagnosed at the same time I was—are all dead. I felt part of a community again working on this project. There were people I could share

experiences with."

Living Proof was released in April and an exhibit of the photographs is now touring the country. Currently, the exhibit is in Cleveland, Ohio and will move to Chicago in June. The tour is slated for the 20 cities and is expected to be in Atlanta sometime next summer.

One of the founders of DIFFA, Russ Radley, is found in the book. His words embody the spirit of Living Proof:

"Living with AIDS is an experience filled with immense irony, the loss, hurt, sadness and anger of it all. At the same time, you find countless examples of boundless human will, spirit and compassion at their most brilliant."

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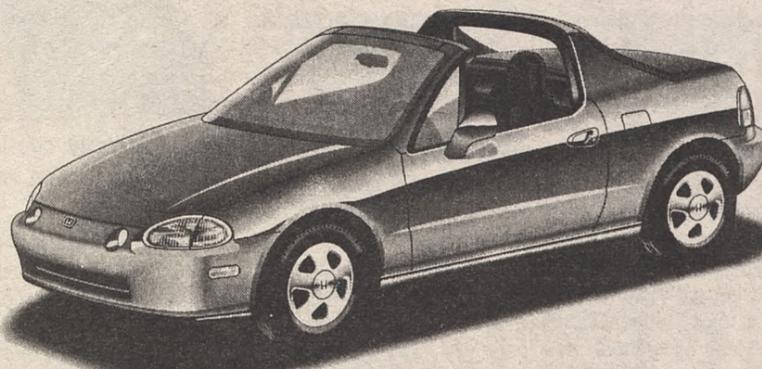


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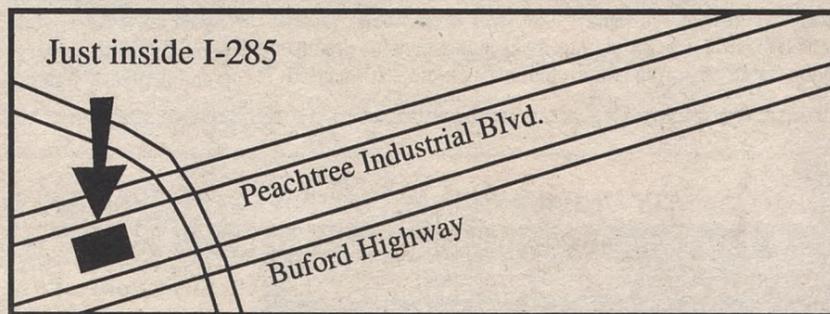
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Great Headline: We mentioned some time ago that Domino's Pizza had given its annual humanitarian award to none other than homo hater extraordinaire James Dobson of Focus on the Family. We don't remember what headline we used, but it was nowhere near as tasty as the words that GLAAD/New York used on theirs: Deliver Us From Evil (Pizza). In case you missed it at the time, the name of the dude who needs to know that you ain't gonna order no more Domino's is Tim McIntyre, director of public relations, Domino's Pizza, P.O. Box 997, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

Words of Wisdom I: Dish recently got a new computer spellchecker, and we've been chuckling over some of its versions of reality. Oliver North predictably becomes Olive...which is frequently a source of oil. Jerry Falwell transmogrifies to Felafel, a good American dish. Nancy Schaefer is Nancy Schemer. Billy Payne...well you guessed it. And our very favorite so far—Lon Mabon is Loon Baboon...coming soon to Zoo Atlanta?

Dolly Dunwoody Gets an Education: While Dish was awaiting the appearance of well-known queer author Martin Duberman at his After Stonewall reception a few weeks ago, we took a side trip to the ladies' powder room. There we met a Dunwoody woman who asked if we were there for the reception. We assured her that we were, and she beseeched us to be so kind as to explain what Duberman had to do with Stonewall Jackson. Had he written the Confederate General's biography? Was he related? (With a name like Duberman?) When we explained the origin of the Stonewall in question, Dolly D. gasped, clutched her bosom as only a true Southern white woman can and fled to the safety of her BMW. We can but hope that none of her kids turns out to be queer.

Dish

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



Dish's crafty spellchecker turns Oregon's hate primate Lon Mabon into Loon Baboon.

Words of Wisdom II: We just love Anna Quindlen. Especially after reading her piece entitled "Happy and Gay" in the New York Times a couple of weeks ago. There's much that is touching and observant in the article, but our fave is, "The time has come. You can feel it in a hundred little ways year after year. It is so certain and inevitable that the next century will be a time in which it is not simply safe, but commonplace, to be openly gay." Amen, Anna.

Switched at Birth?: Annie Leibovitz' photo of world-class

sprinter Carl Lewis decked out in bright red heels (it's an ad for Pirelli Tire Co. that's being used only in Europe) has been getting all kinds of press. But one comment we've not heard about the stunning image is how much Lewis looks like Grace Jones when he dons those heels. Could they actually be one in the same?

Allison and the Avengers: During the same time that the aforementioned Mr. Duberman was in town, dyke author Dorothy Allison ("Trash" and "Bastard Out Of Carolina") was also doing the rounds. Dish caught up with her (and a passle of local Lesbian Avenger types) at Cafe Diem. Ms. A said that she enjoyed the fresh faces and ideas proffered by Atlanta's Avengers. She also dispensed some advice, such as how to get a major turnout at a safe sex demonstration. Even better, we liked the idea of a Lesbian Avenger charity car wash—with stripped down Avengers doing the rubbing and scrubbing. Your girls won't need a garden hose to get Dish wet.

Sticky Wicket: At the other end of the feminine spectrum, the Junior League of Gwinnett and North Fulton Counties is sponsoring a Round Robin Novice Croquet Tournament at the Technology Park in the John's Creek Recreation Area on Saturday May 7 at 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$50 a head. Given the preeminence of lesbians in the game of golf, we'd assume that they'd also be pretty good at croquet. Is this an opportunity for the Lesbian Avengers to do some suburban outreach? Call Ann Day at 642-2485 for particulars.

Location, Location, Location: The Georgia Public Policy Foundation (who is helping to fund the suit to overturn Atlanta's Domestic Partnership legislation) is holding it's annual Freedom Award Dinner on May 12. And guess where? The Cobb Galleria Center.

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This is a big week, with Mother's Day on Sunday May 8 and a solar eclipse with the new moon on May 10. If your mother isn't here anymore, consider taking someone motherly out to lunch. And remember that an eclipse can intensify emotions. **ARIES**, Mars in your first house of personality and physical appearance may be urging you toward regular exercise or at least more physical activity. Take the hint, get yourself outside more often and even consider finding a just-for-fun team sport. Happy birthday, **TAURUS!** This is your month to celebrate and do the things you enjoy most of all. You might consider a massage or two, quality time with your favorite people and treating yourself to new clothing or something you really want. **GEMINI**, Venus, the planet of love, beauty and art is now moving through your first house of personality and physical appearance, making this an excellent time to be social, spend time with those you love and possibly update your wardrobe. **CANCER**, with Mercury joining Venus in your 12th house of dreams and visions, you may find your dream time much more active. It is a good idea to make notes of your dreams and look for an emerging pattern that may develop. It's a good

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way to look inside. **LEO**, you may find that a short vacation could help balance out some of the intensity that is circulating right now. Don't wait until you are really worn out or frazzled to rest and relax. It is very important to take excellent care of yourself now. **VIRGO**, this is a perfect week to dust off your dreams and aspirations so that you can have a very clear sense of direction about your life. If your life has become cluttered up with too many details, then you need to get back to the basics. **LIBRA**, are you feeling a little bit fragile or emotionally vulnerable right now? If so, then you may have some wounds from the past that are trying to heal. It's a good week to do things that are healing and nourishing. Talk to someone you trust. **SCORPIO**, if your life is a bit intense right now, then you may need to be very creative about finding ways to have fun and generally lighten things up for yourself and others. If

you have lost your sense of humor, go find it right this very minute. **SAGITTARIUS**, love and romance is in the air with Venus moving into your seventh house of close personal relationships. Make time for good friends and people that you really care about. It's also a good time for the arts, music, movies and good food. **CAPRICORN**, are we having fun yet? If so, then good for you and keep it up, you'll live much longer. However, if life is too serious or intense right now, then do find some ways to lighten up. Off-load those worries and take very good care of yourself. **AQUARIUS**, Mercury and Venus are in your fifth house of passion, play and creative expression. So this is a good time to let your inner child out and have some fun. Treat yourself to ice cream, a day at the zoo, movies, anything that pleases. **PISCES**, having Saturn, the planet of structure and organization moving through your first house may not feel exactly fun and exciting, but it can be very useful for getting things done and establishing priorities. It's a great time to clean out closets. *Mary Bailey Rule is a professional astrologer who specializes in personal and relationship chart interpretation as well as crisis management. She can be reached in Santa Fe at (505) 982-3104 to order charts or arrange a chart interpretation.*

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*WELL, MOSTLY.

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YOU TELL YOURSELF HOW MUCH YOU ABHOR THE PECKING ORDER ASPECT OF THIS. YOU IGNORE A SKINNY GUY AND BEGIN KISSING A HANDSOME KID. FEELING GUILTY, YOU MAKE AN ABSURD ATTEMPT AT CONVERSING WITH SKINNY. HANDSOME DUMPS YOU FOR SOMEONE BETTER.

IT'S WARM. YOU'RE WEARING ONLY A TOWEL & FEELING VERY AROUSED. NOW YOU'RE GOING DOWN ON A BIG GUY. NOW YOU'RE GETTING IN A LITTLE TOO DEEP.

HOURS LATER, YOU'RE LEAVING. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS.

WELL WELL WELL, I JUST LOOK WHAT THE TOMCAT PRAGGED IN!

AND HERE WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE IN DES MOINES!

BEND OVER.

WHAT?..OH..HEH..LISTEN..UM THAT'S VERY GOOD LOOKING.. BUT UM.. HE'S A LITTLE... GIRTHY... FOR A MEDIUM SIZED GUY LIKE ME.. UM.. MAYBE WE COULD TAKE A RAIN CHECK YEA.. & I COULD PRACTICE A BIT... WITH A BUTTERNUT SQUASH MAYBE OR THE CANNON OUT IN FRONT OF THE V.F.W... SURE THAT'D DO IT RONCHA THINK.. YEAH.. I'D SAY SO.. WELL, GEE... LOOK AT THE TIME...

UNACCEPTABLE: I REALLY WANNA DO A REPHEA.. I DO.. I REALLY REALLY DO.

ACCEPTABLE: I'M JUST HERE TO BUY SUBWAY TOKENS

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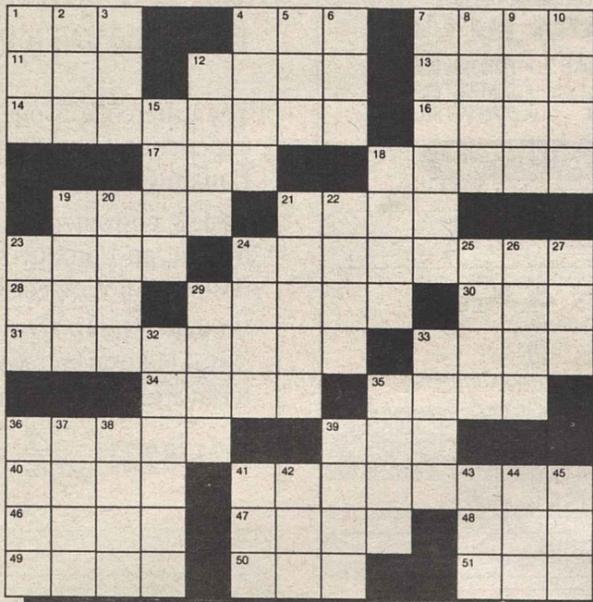
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 - Verbal
 - Calamitous
 - Chatters
 - Singer Elton or Olivia Newton-_____
 - Gay activist, Urvashi _____
 - Had debts
 - Number indicating speed
 - Locale
 - Del Richards' Lesbian _____
 - Comply with
 - Miriam ben-Shalom, once
 - Amanda Donohoe film, _____ of the White Worm
 - Greek warrior
 - Tales of the _____
 - Editor's dashes
 - Airport times
 - Bee "bites"
 - Jim Holobough's grp, once
 - Soft cheese
 - Gloomy atmosphere
 - Jai _____
 - South African coin
 - Exclusively
 - Wolf's _____ Dalloway
 - Tabby
 - With it
 - Raw metal
 - Allow

ACROSS

- Actor Selleck
- Herd of whales
- Actress Foster
- Auto club
- Akbar's brother
- Song for Peter Pears
- Grease star, John _____
- The World According to _____
- Sigh sounds
- Stares at
- Principal
- Life Goes On actor, Chad _____
- Dick Grayson to Bruce Wayne
- Hollywood Confidential said this star's theme song should be "Mad About the Boy"
- High card
- Assuaged

ACROSS (Cont'd)

- Actor/singer Nabors
- Cher's daughter
- Dam!
- Sailors
- Squarish
- Documentary, _____ is Burning
- Leftover
- Photographer Bonicatti
- Actress Kristy _____
- Salmonberries actress/singer, k. d. _____
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and wants to share some fun. No drugs/
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plished, attractive, athletic, adventuresome,
idealistic, passionate, assertive, affec-
tionate, tender, horse-lover/owner, scuba diver,
outdoorsy, cultural and humbly spiritual,
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sance adventurer, with abundant humor
and kindness, to share the dream. ☎ 1272

Chivalry isn't dead. GWF, 23, chivalrous
with Southern charm and quick wits seeks
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GBF seeks intelligent feminine female who
loves: life, outdoors, animals, travel, ro-
mance. Non-smokers, race unimportant,
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GWF, 38, enjoy life & laugh, snorkel, cy-
cling, fishing, camping, golf, music &
travel...etc! ☎ 1361

GWF, 30, Musician, intellectual and fun!
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ing, music (Renaissance to Rock, espe-
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1366

GWF, 42, trim, feminine, enjoys skating,
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GWF, 23, 5'1", cute seeks attractive GWF
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GWF Professional seeks feminine com-

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GWF - 40's feminine, attractive profes-
sional, secure, sensitive, passionate, loves
laughing, movies and dining out, looking
for same - friendship first relationship. ☎
1342

GWF, 27, a kid at heart, passionate, adven-
turous seeks same for friendship and
love. Can you come out and play? ☎ 1313

GWF, 32, heavy semi-butche seeks femi-
nine to semi-butche woman, fun loving,
adventurous for friendship, more. Non-
smoker, no drugs. ☎ 1314

GWF, 40, eclectic approach to life. Pas-
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tion. Seeking energetic womyn with cen-
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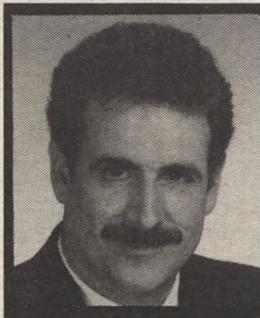
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GWF, 27, seeks an alternative to smoky bars in the form of lesbian(s) yearning for fun and frolic while seeking to avoid the usual games. Unafraid to be yourself? Call me! ☎ 1285

Lesbian, no experience, seeking mentor - high quality minded, sensitive personality for partnership. ☎ 1297

GBF, mother of 2, in committed relationship, is seeking other gay mothers for out-ing with children. Interested? Please call ☎ 1267

GWF, 24, seeking 30-up, very attractive, petite, classy, romantic GF, any race, for lasting relationship, no games, bi's, butches. ☎ 1264

GWF, 25, looking for friends and a lover who are honest, loving, passionate, adventurous and funny. Likes: movies, laughter, music, the arts, conversation, candlelight. No smokers, no drugs. ☎ 1263

BiWF, 25, feminine, college student, cute, seeks feminine G/BiF, 21-30, into dancing, movies, conversation, for friendship, maybe more. Please no smokers, drugs, heavy drinkers. ☎ 1250

Attractive White lesbian, 40's. Seeking school teacher who is honest, sincere. Do you like camping, fishing? Nature lover? No drugs. ☎ 1644

GWF, 36, wants to meet others to go 2-stepping. Enthusiasm more important than experience. ☎ 1646

Marriage Minded? Handsome French GWM, 38, seeks GF for non-sexual marriage. You get French Citizenship, he gets the night to live here. Some fluency in French desirable. ☎ 1632

GWF, 30, 5'10", 130 lbs, fit & healthy. I'm looking for a playmate, best friend and partner. I enjoy life, the outdoors, traveling, sports, animals, movies, dining out, reading and people with a positive attitude. Call me, it'll be fun! ☎ 1591

GWF, very attractive, fun, seeks F 18-30, preferably petite, for friendship, fun, and more. ☎ 1598

MEN

SoVo Pick of the Week

Hot, horny, attractive full leather Daddy Top, 42, 5'10", 160 lbs, HIV- seeks submissive cocky bottom for safe mutually satisfying explorations. ☎ 1404

GWM, 22, college student seeking ambitious, intelligent, eclectic, adjusted, sensitive guys 19-30 for friendship maybe more. ☎ 1410

Wanted: Abv avg WM, 30's, needing reg daytime oral satisfaction by WM, 33, 6', 180#. You provide place, I provide relief. I-75/285 area, no strings. ☎ 1407

Dominant Daddy/Coach, 37, 6'3", average build, moderately hairy, thick equipment, seeks submissive, trim, muscular son/player for discreet, no strings daytime sessions at your place. PO Box 80366, Atlanta 30366.

GWM, 34, HIV-, Big 6', 200#, handsome, honest, goal oriented, versatile. Enjoys old homes, gardening, travel, music, family and friends. ISO similar GBM 30-45 for possible relationship. ☎ 1406

Bachelors: Tripping over your hormones? Masculine, clean-cut WM, 36, physically fit, healthy, seeking same 21-45 for j/o sessions. ☎ 1405

ISO LOVE

GWM, 29, 5'6", 180, hairy, red head, top. Looking for muscle man bottom, under 40 to share life with. ☎ 1411

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Seeks Ivory Hune, broad shouldered worshippers for humorous, artist, spiritual sharing, experience on a path of total fulfillment. ☎ 1412

GBM, 33, HIV neg., dominant, handsome, seeking GWM with boyish looks. Monogamous, honest, enjoys cooking, cuddling, nice things. Non-smoker. Include photo & phone. Box 1406, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

GWM Preppy, outgoing, attractive, 32, 5'10", 175 seeks Gay/BiWM 20-40 chunky/tall football player types for friendship. ☎ 1413

Anyone wishing to swap massage while discussing possibility of relocating to Costa Rica, please call. ☎ 1414

If you're a GWM, HIV+, better looking than average, healthy, fit, clean cut, 35-45 and boyfriend-minded, we should talk. ☎ 1403

Soon pictured in BEAR, 27, this GWM, tall, toned, smooth, late 30's seeks fidelity, affectionate, muscular, hairy GWM 25-40 boyfriend. Interest include the norm, some nightlife, Fr.A/P. Go for it! Smoker OK. Receders welcome! ☎ 1402

GWM 24. Interests - music, movies, reading, theater, conversation. Not into bar culture. Seeking GWM 24-34 with brain and sense of humor. No smokers/drugs. ☎ 1401

GWM 5'6", 125, br/br, masculine enough, attractive, real. Enjoy most music. Seeking masculine, attractive, humorous GWM 30-45 fun maybe more. Box 1403, 1189 Virginia Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

VGL GWM 39, FIT, 6'1", 185, HIV neg., br/bl, versatile. Like gym, Broadway, books, TV, piano, French, AIDS volunteer work. Have cocker (hate cats). Educated, ex-smoker, don't drink, ISO similar, serious only, for monogamous relationship (after much dating). ☎ 1399

Attractive, masculine, GBM, 23, seeks open minded masculine, fun loving, romantic, men of any race for exciting and unconventional friendship or relationship. ☎ 1398

Attractive, hairy, 31, GWM accepting applications from GWMs, 30 something,

handsome, witty, mature who are ready to settle down. ☎ 1395

GWM, 27, 6'4", 195, healthy, handsome, happy, into swimming, art, outdoors, romantic and versatile, searching for that special person. ☎ 1394

OREOS? Masc, vers, W/MISO music, vers BM(s) for "cookie" type "sandwich." 3's or more. HOT, DISCREET. Horny!! Curious?? ☎ 1380

GWM, 30, 6'3", 200, blond/blue, conservative, nice guy, dinner, movies, outdoors. Seeks GWM masculine guy, 30-45, for friendship, maybe more. ☎ 1383

Yankee Mixed-Breed - 30's - Handsome, hung, masculine solid compact top in mid-town seeks discreet humpy macho Latin/Mediterranean bottom buddy. ☎ 1382

Sharp GWM 56 into writing music, movies, psychology, gardening, self growth, slight kinks seeks partner any age. ☎ 1387

Attractive, masculine, HIV-, GWM, 31, 5'11", 155, blue/brown, moustache. Enjoy baseball, camping, dancing, movies, travel. Seek 32-45, masculine, in shape moustached guy for monogamous relationship. ☎ 1385

GWM, 32, 5'10", 185 lbs, professional, into tennis, music, reading, travel, cooking. Looking for mature GWM 28-45 with similar interests for dating, possible relationship. No smokers / drugs / barflies one nighters. ☎ 1384

GAM intelligent, attractive, tasteful, cultured. 25, 5'11", 145#, interested in romantic affairs with educated attractive GWM, 20's, non-smokers. ☎ 1392

GT FRAT BOY sought by big brother. WM, 27, 5'10", 170# seeks strong body and mind for fun, dating, etc. ☎ 1391

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GWM, 29, seeks huskey, preppy, boyish GWM between 25 and 33. Must be masculine, discreet and HIV negative. Dimples+! ☎ 1393

White Collar Asian/Latino man, 29. Romantic, physically fit, intelligent. Seeks non-smoker GWM 20-35 for honest relationship. ☎ 1364

BM, 28, 5'8", athletic build, verbal aggressive seeks WM passive, discreet, french active experienced. Must be serious submissive. ☎ 1363

Italian, 42, male wants a Black male, 18-28. Come to Italy for a vacation! Ticket and accommodation in exchange for English lessons. Write explicit letter with nude photo, if possible. N. Guglielmi, Casella Postale 1, 37010 Calmesino/Verna ITALIA.

Ansley Cleaners March 31, a.m., you salt pepper hair, beard, moustache. I came back for sun glasses and your smile! ☎ 1360

VGL GWM 33, 5'8" 145, tight gym body desires masc. musc dominant top any race for discreet, safe fun. ☎ 1359

Playful GWM, 37, 155, 5'11", moustache, brn/bm, non-smoker, seeks same. Wanna play drop-the-soap? Let's frolic. ☎ 1358

GWM, 33, 5'9", 180, masculine, attractive seeks GWM 21-39 for giving and receiving massages and/or playing tennis. ☎ 1357

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GBM - Creative, sensual Gemini seeking young black brother for coffee house talks with a mellow vibe, considerate of others. ☎ 1355

GWM, attractive, masculine, monogamous, sane, fun, 36, 5'9", 175, bld/blu, hairy, seeks stable sane G/W/As/Lat/M slim, smooth, younger a plus. ☎ 1356

Visiting Atlanta in May for 3 days from New York City for job interview. GWM, 32, 5.6, 130, dirty blonde, hazel, moustache. Would like a guy/guys to show me anything of "Gay" Atlanta, bars, music, restaurants, men, Latin, soccer, skeet and more or less. No escorts, country/western stuff, theatre, operas, room, board or transportation required. Must be under 35. Send picture, stats & letter to: J.B., POB 20070, New York, NY 10025.

GWM, 36, HIV-, looking for hairy GWM 51 & over for companionship. ☎ 1362

I'll show you mine, if... GWM, 33, seeks masculine jock with tan line for discreet encounter. Into physical contact, sweat. ☎ 1224

Amateur photographer, WM, seeks built, exhibitionist BM for fun nude/semi-nude photo sessions. Discretion assured. No strings. ☎ 1204

GWM, 30, 6'2", 180, blonde/blue, HIV-, attractive, Episcopalian, native Atlantan seeks quality GWM 25-35 for romantic relationship. ☎ 1202

Tired of being alone. Handsome, romantic, well-groomed BGM 30ish, 5'10" seeks BM 30-40 with varied interests to share quality time. ☎ 1201

Light-skinned GBM 34, with stocky build seeks GWM 25-40 masculine with stocky build for friendship/relationship. ☎ 1200

Good-looking, masculine GWM, 32, 6'2", 185 lbs, br/gr, bodybuilder, bottom, HIV+, healthy. ENJOYS movies, working out, quiet time and being in good company. ISO similar gdlkg, masculine, relationship-oriented top guy between ages 28-38. No

heavy drinkers, drug users, bar flies. Serious replies only. ☎ 1199

Horny, hairy cowboy/bearcub, 34, 5'8", affectionate, intelligent, sexy, seeks hairy nonsmoking dominant cowboy/bear w/ brains, libido, facial hair. ☎ 1197

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

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Seeking lunchtime encounter. I'll bring sandwiches and drinks to your place. ☎ 1308

HORNY TOP, cleancut, boyish, 38, brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, discreet, safe. Seeks hot bottom for exciting fun! ☎ 1306

BM, 32, nice physique, gdlkg, bottom, seeks sexy BM top with nice assets. No strings, just fun. Darker men preferred. ☎ 1305

GWM, 39, attractive, muscular, masculine, trim, hairy, healthy, bottom, long "married". Needs regular attention lunchtimes, occasional evenings. No strings. ☎ 1302

Goodlooking BM, student, 21, 5'8", with smooth body and great personality. Seeks WM, 21-35 for friendship/relationship. ☎ 1303

33, GWM bottom wanting to meet fun loving 30-45 GM tops for fun/friendship/possible relationship, hairy+. ☎ 1309

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GWM, single, soon-to-be dad, 52, 5'9", 180, caring, affectionate, genuine, healthy, kind, (Jewish), seeks similarly unattached warm, lovely Southern home-oriented GWM (to 45) with deep nurturing instincts and lifetime mate possibilities with no substance addictions. You're deeply desirous of sharing in parenting, yearn for family and stability and truly want an older fellow. Write POB 194, NY, NY 10272-0194. (I'm also open to eventually relocating).

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WM, 5'10", 185, masc, vers, horny; sks BM, musc, masc, vers, for hot sessions. Mil, jox, face sitters, big feet, A+. ☎ 1299

I want you to hurt me. WM, 20s, good looking, needs bare butt spankings from same. ☎ 1284

GWM Couple looking for 3rd guy for hot fun and games. Us: 40 and 33, both 5'9", 185, brown/green, blue/blonde. Contact Stephen ☎ 1293

Huggable Hairy Chested Short Stocky Teddy Bear, professional, 40 something, "oral friendly," seeking 30 something weekend masculine companion, playmate. ☎ 1294

WM senior seeks a healthy attractive daytime friend 25-40 to pamper. ☎ 1295

Attractive GWM, 30, blk/bl, 5'10", 155#, healthy HIV+, seeks friendship (not relationship) for hiking, scuba diving, motocycling, movies, etc. ☎ 1296

*DSS-N (*Desperately Seeking Susan—NOT!) Me: GWM, 34, attractive, 6', br/br, 135#, HIV-, educated, funloving, caring, Midtown, Mozart to John Waters. You: same. ☎ 1298

ISO Muscular build, non-clockable, masculine, attractive, witty, honest, altruistic, GAY MAN. Me: Tall, slim, GBM. Workouts in Romance and Gym. ☎ 1270

Avg. WM - HIV+ seeking horny top men 30+ for monthly date - me 47, 150 lbs, Bln/Blu, mustache, uncomplicated. ☎ 1271

Sexy, handsome, 24, nice body, endowment, and butt, HIV negative, seeks real massage therapy with complete oral service. Leave message. ☎ 1279

Handsome, intelligent professional, young 40. Blond, 6', 165. Seeks lean, masculine, outgoing man, 32-46, with sharp mind and warm heart. ☎ 1278

GWM, 46, romantic, warm, loving nature. Not into bar scene or casual sex seeks masculine, sincere versatile GBM for companionship, possible relationship. ☎ 1277

Handsome, caring, professional GWM, HIV-, seeking Asian-American friend, 25-35. Enjoy the arts, theatre, music, tennis, rollerblading and making friends. ☎ 1276.

HIV+ SEEKS GBM-GWM, 34, 5'7", 155, very healthy seeks GBM, masculine, top for friendship, sensual experience and possibly more. I'm an honest, sincere person, reasonably good-looking seeking similar. Please respond. ☎ 1275

Cautiously ISO GM who enjoys travel, music, exercise, cozy evenings and more! Dating possibly more with attractive healthy HIV+ GBM. ☎ 1274

Tall, slim WM, 37 spiritual, laid-back, seeks handsome, tall, slim, intelligent, educated BM, 30-38 into jeans and alternative music. ☎ 1269

Goodlooking 29, 6, 175 BM, athletic build, searching for my healthy, masculine, sexy WM companion 25 to 40. No fats/fems. ☎ 1268

Bald & Beautiful GWM 40+, 5'10", 175. Tennis nut. Enjoys exercise and outdoors. Likes to cuddle. Seeking monogamous relationship. ☎ 1266

Model, 22, blonde, 6', new to East Tennessee. Looking to meet friends, possibly Mr. Right. Interested? ☎ 1265

GWM, 30, 5'8", 160 lbs. Top who knows how to take control. Call, let's connect. ☎ 1262

GWM, 6'2", 180 lbs, bl/br, extremely handsome. A sweetheart outside the bedroom. Demands 18-25 yo blond muscular slave. I'll make you love it. Leave message. ☎ 1261

GBM, 42 - Professional, varied interests, versatile, healthy HIV+, seeks stable masculine GM over 35, race unimportant. I enjoy a sense of humor, sincerity and versatility. ☎ 1259

Attractive, healthy, horny WM, football physique, 30s, 6'1", 190. Seeks a hot, regular sexual relationship, no strings. Just fun. ☎ 1258

WM, 39, seeks WM 35+. Let's have dinner, see a movie, ride through the mountains. ☎ 1257

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Horny Midtown Professional involved GWM, 42, 5'10", 160, HIV- with place seeks discreet, adventurous, creative safe fun after 5pm. ☎ 1255

GWM, 43, 5'10", 155, attractive, midtown professional, HIV-, smoker, seeks relationship oriented, non-barfly, HIV- GWM for movies, dining in/out, more. ☎ 1254

GWM, 38, 6'2", 165#, smooth. Professional, non-smoker, avoids bars, seeks hairy professional 30-45 to enjoy movies, theater, dining out, travel, each other. ☎ 1253

WM, 44, 6'1/2", 185, good looking, professional, muscular, quality, closeted, conservative life-style. Seeks quality (non drugs/bar) WM/AM bottom, (18-28), small frame/smooth. ☎ 1252

PAGAN w/m, 35, 5'8", 150, blond moustache, average looks, shy wants to meet other PAGAN good-folk. ☎ 1251

GWM, good looking, intelligent, HIV-, well-travelled ISO same 30-42, in-shape, who've lived with lover and understand compromise. Object: relationship. ☎ 1249

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GWM seeks masculine companion 30-45 for companionship with romantic possibilities. Interests should include movies, dining, 104.1, cuddling and passion. ☎ 1246

VGL GWM 35, 6'1", 190, br/br, smooth, masculine, work-out, swim/gymbody, prof. romantic, healthy, non-smoke, seeks same for dating/relationship. ☎ 1260

GWM, 26, br/br, 170 lbs, handsome swimmer's build type. Seeking discreet encounters with someone who needs their back scratched...If you'll scratch mine! ☎ 1650

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Hot NY Latino GM, 31, seeks GBM 25-40 for friendship plus. Non drinker preferred. ☎ 1641

GBM, HIV+, seeks totally masculine GBM male 25-40. Versatility a plus. Must be ready for whatever happens. No fats or fems. ☎ 1642

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GWM, 25, 6'1", 180 lbs. bottom seeks sexy top GWM for hot oral service - no age requirement - all answered. ☎ 1647

GWM couple, hot, handsome, muscular,

ended 5'10", 155, 6'2", 185 seek same in bad boy(s) for fun, safe, no-strings sex-capades. ☎ 1648

GWM, 24, 6 ft. 180 lbs needs GBM, 25-40, for hot french service. Me: bottom, You: hot top man. ☎ 1649

Is there a GWM in this city, 25-40, hairy, good body seeking love? I'm 39, 6'2, 200, smooth, UC. ☎ 1637

LATINOS WANTED: Me; WM, 35, blond, moustache, 150, 5'8". You; moustache, not fat, masculine. For friendship, fun. ☎ 1643

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GWM, 32, 5'8", 145, goodlooking, muscular, safe, wants to be manhandled by hunky man. Make me serve. Leave message ☎ 1594

Like me you're 30+, tall, fit, handsome, bright, passionate and versatile. You enjoy travel, stimulation and companionship. We deserve bliss. ☎ 1592

VGL, GWM 5'11", 170, sincere seeks same 25-40, prefer slender, smooth, clean shaven college type for friendship, safe/hot fun. ☎ 1590

GWM Professional would like to meet a gorgeous young (20's) gentleman to share "honeymoon" in Hawaii. ☎ 1630

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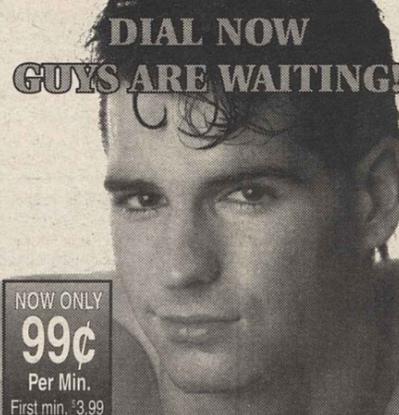
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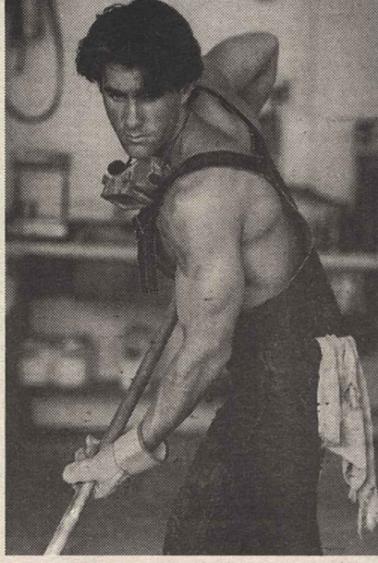
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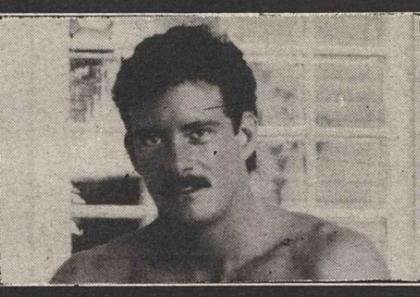
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