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COBB COMMISSION CHAIR'S LESBIAN DAUGHTER COMES OUT



Shannon Byrne, the 24 year old daughter of Bill Byrne, is tired of keeping silent about Cobb County's anti-gay resolution

In a meeting between the Cobb Citizens Coalition and Cobb Commission chair Bill Byrne last fall, Byrne surprised Coalition members when he told them that one of his three daughters is a lesbian. And this spring, he said it again—when the Coalition began an aborted series of meetings with the chairman in an attempt to work out a compromise over Cobb County's anti-gay resolution.

"The very first words out of his mouth were 'you don't have to tell me anything about the gay and lesbian community,'" Coalition member Cherry Spencer-Stark recalled. "After all," he said, "I have a 24-year-old lesbian daughter."

But if Bill Byrne thinks that having a daughter who is a lesbian means understanding the lesbian and gay community, he's dead wrong, says Shannon Byrne.

After watching the controversy simmer and boil for nearly a year, the "24-year-old lesbian daughter" of Cobb County's Commission chair has decided to step into the fray, aligning herself with the Cobb Citizens Coalition in their efforts to have the resolu-

tion rescinded.

"I just thought that maybe I can make a difference," she said during an interview last week. "I'm tired of hearing about family values. They're not speaking about family values at all and I just feel I need to correct that. Obviously, my dad and the commissioners don't know anything about the gay community, so they have absolutely no right to condemn us. If they knew anything about us, there would be no resolution."

The resolution and the continual bantering about family values hurts, she said. And the entire controversy—from the anti-gay resolution, to the cutting of arts funding for the county, to the Olympics Out of Cobb movement—cuts close.

"In every way, this is personal," Byrne said. "For example, the arts funding. I went to college, I'm an art major. I'm a photographer. I went to college to play soccer. I'm an athlete. I played volleyball in high school. The whole family thing. It's extremely personal. This has hit me in every way possible."

And she's concerned about the gay men and lesbians who live in Cobb County, hoping that her public coming out can help.

"I'm sorry for what my dad has done," she said. "That's one of the reasons I'm coming out. I want to do what I can [for Cobb's lesbians and gay men]. I just wasn't at peace with keeping quiet. I felt like I needed to tell these Christian people that they are dead wrong. I don't think they have any idea about how to be Christian."

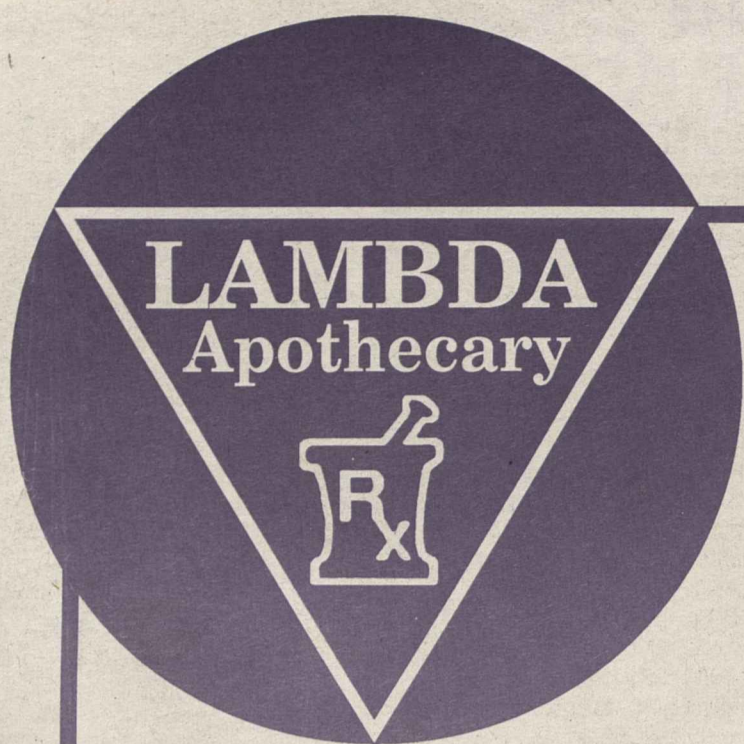
The decision to speak publicly has not come easy. Byrne was at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama, last July when Commissioner Gordon Wysong first introduced his resolution proclaiming the "gay lifestyle" incompatible with Cobb's "community standards." She graduated in late August, and returned to Atlanta with her partner of two years, Cheryl Crowson, to begin looking for an apartment.

"We came into town to look for a place to live after my graduation and just to be in Atlanta for the weekend," she said. "I knew absolutely nothing about the resolution. I came into town, picked up a Southern Voice, and read all about my dad. That was how I found out."

Instead of a planned fun weekend in Atlanta, Byrne and Crowson spent the entire time in their hotel room, with Byrne desperately trying to reach her father by phone.

"I left hundreds of messages for him all weekend long, but he was out of town," she said.

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Botched concert angers both performers and Pride members

Atlanta—Some controversy always seems to touch on Atlanta's Pride celebrations, and this year's festival was no exception. A block party advertised by Three Dollar Bill Productions for Saturday night, featuring four nationally known acts, failed to go off as planned, leaving performers angry and out hundreds of dollars in performance fees and travel expenses.

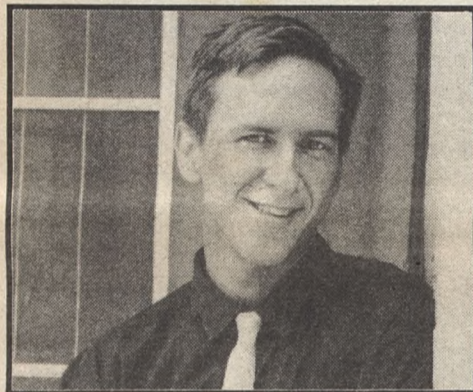
And Pride officials were left with three acts (one, Doug Stevens and the Outband, was already scheduled to perform in the park on Sunday) with no place to play.

"It's one of the strangest experiences we've ever had," said Ron Romanovsky of the duo Romanovsky and Phillips, one of the acts scheduled to play. "Jan Barlow (head of Three Dollar Bill) contacted us about a month ago to tell us that Pride had asked her to produce an event because they weren't paying any local performers. Then it was an on-again, off-again thing, until just before when she called and said it was still on."

Romanovsky said he sent a contract to Barlow about a week before the event, but never received a signed copy, but went ahead with plans to come to Atlanta because she did provide airline tickets.

"But when we got to the airport, nobody was there to pick us up," he said.

The other three acts—BETTY, Lynn Lavner and Doug Stevens and the Outband—tell a similar story. But Barlow denies having



Ron Romanovsky

told any of the performers her event was sanctioned by Pride, although she did say that a Pride organizer approached her with the idea to produce the concert.

"The bottom line is the idea for a national event originated with Pride," she said. "I did the best I could to pull it off."

But Terry McDermond, Pride's director of logistics whom Barlow named as the one who urged her to proceed with the event, denied responsibility.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," he said.

Pride organizers say Barlow approached them with the idea of a second stage, but that the board voted against the proposal in May, citing the lateness of Barlow's entering the picture and the conflicts raised in having one stage with paid performers, while the official Pride stage would not, since organizers had arranged to have all performers donate their time for this year's celebration.

Terry Irons, Pride's entertainment chair, said she had suggested that Barlow help arrange club dates for some of the performers to allay their costs in coming to Atlanta, and Barlow agreed. Doug Stevens was one of those.

"We had asked her to give us a percentage of our fee [up front], but that never came," Stevens said. "That should have been a signal."

Lavner had the same problem. "I spoke to her repeatedly," she said. "She said she couldn't understand why I hadn't gotten the check."

Barlow said that Lavner's check had been mistakenly mailed with a media kit to California, and that she had not agreed to pay a deposit to Stevens.

But aside from the mixups and miscommunications with the performers, the event itself was a case study in confusion, augmented by Barlow's sudden illness and trip to Grady Hospital on Saturday, as performers were arriving and the venue was about to be set up.

Barlow said she had obtained permission to hold the event in the parking lot of a build-

ing on 10th St., just west of the park. But early in the week, she began to worry that rain would interfere with the schedule, and began searching for an indoor location, finally settling on Axys.

"She came in Friday afternoon saying please can I use your building," said Keith Gauthier, manager of the club. "So I said all right."

But Gauthier waited in vain for Barlow's arrival on Saturday, and had to send back a beer delivery and the sound equipment because no one was there to pay for the services. That, said Barlow, is because she collapsed in the Park early Saturday afternoon and was rushed to Grady Hospital.

"I had a Plan A but I did not have a Plan B," she said. "It didn't occur to me that if the owner were not there to sign checks, the bus boy could not."

Barlow said she found out later the performers had not been picked up at the airport as promised. "With big plans come big screwups," she said. "The bottom line is, had Plan A gone, it would have gone nicely. I would do it again. Of course, I would have a Plan B."

Barlow says she is reimbursing the artists for their expenses, but at press time only Stevens had received any money, and only a portion of what he says the two agreed to.

"Jan Barlow still owes us money," said Paul Phillips, the other half of Romanovsky and Phillips. "And we turned down at least one paid gig that would have been sizeable."

The experience—regardless of Barlow's apologies—has left a sour taste in the mouths of those acts who came to Atlanta expecting to perform for Lesbian/Gay Pride.

"This is the first time in 14 years somebody has pulled this kind of scam," said Lavner. "We make our money doing Pride so we can do AIDS benefits in Huntsville, Alabama, some other time. This is a terrible thing to do. It's like stealing from a retailer at Christmas."

But Lavner, Romanovsky & Phillips, and the Outband all hope to return to Atlanta in the



Lynn Lavner

future.

"We don't hold it against Atlanta," Romanovsky said. "We love Atlanta."

"I still have it in my heart to come to Atlanta," Lavner echoed. "And this time for more than dinner."

KC WILDMOON

Byrne offers new resolution

Marietta—Cobb Commission Chair Bill Byrne has released text of a resolution he says is designed to "redefine, clarify, and amend" last summer's anti-gay resolution, but opponents of the original resolution were quick to call it unacceptable.

The new resolution "clarifies" the need to reinforce "traditional family structure" and points out that Atlanta's domestic partnership ordinances have been declared unconstitutional. The resolution declares that protection of human rights is a governmental responsibility and does not mention homosexuality. However, the new document will not rescind the original resolution condemning the "gay lifestyle."

If adopted, the commissioners will be patting themselves on the back for a job well done by the Aug. 10 resolution—the new resolution claims that the original resolution "created meaningful discussion on serious related issues" such as teen pregnancy and promiscuity, drug use, youth crime, dropout rates, and welfare reform.

The ploy didn't work with those who want the original resolution overturned.

"If 'meaningful discussion' translates into dividing the community, it's understandable why there's a large problem here," said Elaine Hill, cochair of the Cobb Citizens Coalition. "This is more smoke and mirrors, more self-aggrandizement."

Shannon Byrne, the commission chair's daughter, agreed. "They think just because they've taken out the word 'homosexual' that it's a better resolution," she said. "But what point is this resolution if they still have the other one? They haven't taken back anything they've said, anything they've done. They've just reworded it. Carefully."

The new resolution will come before the Board of Commissioners at their June 28 meeting. Local newspaper reports indicate that only one of the commissioners—Bill Cooper, who voted against the original resolution—has committed to its support.

KC WILDMOON

Mayor's gay panel discusses new police chief, domestic partnership but meeting is closed to press

Senior advisors to Mayor Bill Campbell on gay and lesbian issues met last Wednesday night with the city's new Chief Operating Officer, Byron Marshall, to discuss the process of hiring a new police chief. That meeting took place, however, behind closed doors.

Phil McDonald, an openly gay member of Campbell's staff who convenes the advisory board, took responsibility for the decision to bar press coverage and cited his reasons.

"It was my decision and my decision alone," said McDonald, who went on to say he chose to close the meeting in order to keep the dialogue between Marshall and the advisory board as candid and open as possible.

"It is important that we be candid and not guarded," he explained. "If Marshall knew [Southern Voice] was there, and it would be my obligation to point that out to him, he might be less likely to speak openly because he would think everything he said might be printed."

McDonald believes after private dialogues take place with city officials, such as the one with Marshall, advisory board members will be better able to address the community's concerns with the city. "I told [the advisory board] you know this person now, and now you can go to him or her with issues. We need to know the players and how to play the game. It's real important that we establish a relationship," he said.

Citing the city's Lesbian and Gay Public Safety Task Force as an example of poor com-

munity involvement, Larry Pellegrini, an ex-officio member of both groups, believes the advisory board should take advantage of the publicity they are receiving. He plans to advise the board to hold open meetings and to call closed sessions only when necessary.

"I'm going to advise them to consider the option of meeting publicly and calling executive sessions if there are confidential issues to be considered, for example if an individual or a public official needs to discuss something confidentially," he said.

Aida Rentas, a senior advisor, also believes more members on the board will increase input from and communication to the community. "I can go back to my groups and tell them what happened. More people will know."

Pellegrini agrees the advisory board is still in its formative stages and needs to learn the best methods of dealing with city officials. "The group has to get its own perspective of what's happening in the community and what are the possibilities. They have to get planted. And they have to learn how to use the resources available to them. We are conduits of the community. We have to know the players," he stated.

"It's such a good opportunity," he added. "I want to see it succeed."

Rentas agrees there will be ample opportunities for success once the group is focused. "I'm excited and proud to be a part of the board. Our first two meetings were getting to

know each other and where we're coming from. Our job is to communicate our community's concerns to the mayor and that's what we will do," she said.

Other topics discussed at Wednesday's meeting include the city's domestic partnership law, for which a docket date has not yet been set. Senior advisor Dave McDonald believes there is confusion about whether couples can still register while the issue is making its way through the legal system. "We need people to come down and register," he said.

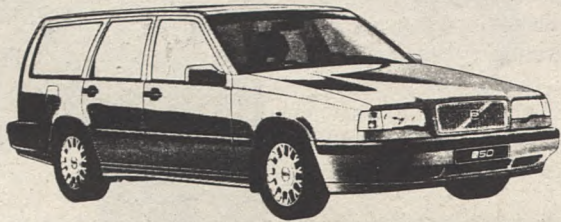
McDonald said the meeting went well and the advisory board was able to voice the gay and lesbian community's concerns. "We were able to have meaningful dialogue with Byron Marshall with regards to the process used in searching for a new police chief. We were assured we would have input and dialogue as that process moves forward. We are hoping to have something done by September."

According to Pellegrini, the advisory board talked specifically about Campbell's commitment to the gay and lesbian community. "Campbell feels it's particularly important to have a city that is inclusive," he said.

Also discussed was the best method of disseminating information from the advisory board to the community. Selecting one or two spokespersons, distributing news releases, and using city television were all cited as possibilities.

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Gay Day at Disney World draws thousands

Thousands of lesbians and gay men attended the 4th Annual Gay & Lesbian Day at Walt Disney World the first weekend in June. Many wore red t-shirts for identification or other gay-themed shirts. The group pictured here at the Magic Kingdom is awaiting the 3 pm parade. Disney posted a sign which said they did not officially sanction the gay event, but they also do not discriminate against anyone. A handful of protestors stood outside the main gate but there were no confrontations.

Sexual orientation no reason to keep gay father from children court says

Frankfort, KY—The Kentucky Court of Appeals has ruled that the sexual orientation of a divorced parent cannot be used to deny visitation with children.

It is believed to be the first time a Kentucky appeals court has considered the issue of homosexuality of parents in a visitation case.

Judge Sara Combs, who wrote the opinion of the unanimous three-judge panel, said divorced parents have a right to visitation unless a judge holds a hearing and determines it would endanger the physical, mental, moral or emotional health of the youngsters, the court said.

"Sexual preference alone, absent a clear showing of harmful impact on children, is not an adequate basis under the statute for termination of visitation," Combs said. "All children deserve the care and companionship of both parents whenever possible."

The case arose from Jessamine County and took some unusual twists. The court granted a request by the attorney for Ralph D. Haffley that the parents be referred to by their initials in the opinion. But the underlying court documents include Haffley's name and that of his ex-wife, Leslie Ann Haffley.

Chief Judge Charles Lester said the

court granted the unusual motion, even though the identities could be easily obtained elsewhere. Lester said there was some sentiment to keep the four children in the case from embarrassment or ostracism.

"There's no effort here to hide anything from anybody," Lester said June 10.

Judge Combs said a domestic relations commissioner cited an improper basis for denying visitation rights and then said the possibility that the father had tested positively for the HIV virus that causes AIDS was grounds for concern about the safety of the children.

The Jessamine Circuit Court decision noted that HIV does not present a danger to the children in the context of parental visitation. But the order still said a danger to the physical safety of the children was the reason for denying visitation.

The appeals judges ordered the Jessamine Circuit Court to hold a hearing to decide if there really are grounds for denial of visitation.

The domestic commissioner also cited Haffley for violating a condition of the separation agreement that said his roommate should not be present during visitation.

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Judge refuses to dismiss lawsuit against Camp Sister Spirit

Rep. Frank calls for hearing

Laurel, MS—A judge did not rule June 7 after hearing arguments on a lawsuit by Jones County residents who want to block a planned retreat by a lesbian-run group.

Camp Sister Spirit officials, who want to build the retreat on property they own near Overtt in the rural part of the county, had filed a motion to have the lawsuit dismissed.

Chancery Judge Shannon Clark granted a motion to drop four of the original 11 residents from the lawsuit, but did not rule on completely dropping the suit.

Meanwhile, Barney Frank (D-Mass.) has scheduled a fact-finding hearing of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights on July 6 in Jackson, Mis-

issippi. Frank said the purpose of the hearing will be to determine what, if any, role the federal government may play to facilitate the dispute between Overtt residents and Wanda and Brenda Henson, owners of Camp Sister Spirit.

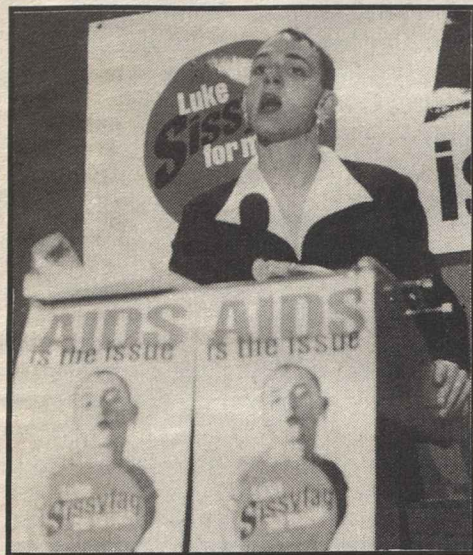
"Do we need an expanded federal role where people are being abused by essentially private citizens, and the local officials won't help them?" Frank asked. "There are not general federal responsibilities to step in and protect people."

Attorney general Janet Reno sent representatives to mediate the dispute in February, but the anti-Sister Spirit forces refused to cooperate and filed a lawsuit against Reno to stop the effort at mediation. That lawsuit has since been thrown out, but the anti-group has refused to cooperate with mediators.

BOB ROEHR

New York, March Organizers Clash Over Route, Liza:

Organizers of Stonewall 25 announced last week that they have reluctantly accepted the city's offer of a parade route from the United Nations into Central Park. They had originally hoped for two routes converging on the park. ACT UP and other activist groups say they plan an unsanctioned march from Greenwich Village. Also, city officials were angry that organizers had announced Liza Minelli would perform at the post-march rally, complaining that a performer of her calibre would draw too large a crowd.



AIDS activist Luke Sissyfag announces his candidacy for mayor of D.C.

Photography showing them snuggling in a limousine in formal clothes en route to their commitment ceremony. The photograph was shot by the limo driver, Kathy Shorr, in 1988. Merriwether said she denied Shorr's request to allow the photo to be published, telling Shorr that she and Ford come from religious families who would be heartsick about their relationship.

Swedish Parliament OK's Gay Marriages: Sweden followed Denmark and Norway on June 7, passing a bill allowing gay men and lesbians to marry. After a lengthy debate, the Swedish parliament voted 171-141 to accept the Registered Partnership law. Elisabeth Persson of the small Leftist Party, a supporter of the law, said it "protects a personal relation. It is a small but important contribution to love." The vote makes Scandinavia a leader in gay rights. In 1989, Denmark became the first country in the world to allow marriages between members of the same sex. Norway adopted similar legislation last year. Sweden's law does not allow gay men and lesbians to adopt or have children through artificial insemination, however.

Gay Couples Exchange Vows In Brazil: In what was billed as Latin America's first collective gay wedding, three gay couples exchanged vows in a ceremony in northeastern Brazil. More than 300 people attending the wedding ceremony in Salvador for two gay male couples and one lesbian couple, said Nilton Dias Ribeiro, vice president of the Salvado Gay Group. The couples were married by evangelical pastor Onaldo Pereira, who belongs to a German based denomination called the Christian Pacifist Community.

City Calls On "Gay Team" To Solve Crimes: The police department in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, uses a "Gay Team" to combat crimes against gays in that city. Gay detective Dick Snaterse and his straight partner Wietse Lantinga make up the team founded this spring after several murders of gay men in a city park. The pair named their team after the TV series "The A-Team," and Snaterse says that Rotterdam's gay underworld has responded favorably to their patrols of Kralingse Forest. "It's a lot easier for me," Snaterse said. "I know the places where they meet and their organizations."

Gay Youths Hope Art Will Raise Lobbying Funds: A Massachusetts group is hoping artwork will lead to the creation of a national commission for gay youth. The Massachusetts Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Rights will hold an exhibition and sale of work by gay youths next month to raise funds to lobby for the commission, which has been proposed by U.S. Rep. Martin Meehan (D-Mass.). The commission's charges would include developing programs in schools to support gay youth, including better training of teachers and counselors.

Man With AIDS Drops Out Of Wisconsin Race: Mike Johnson, who is HIV+ and planned to run for Congress as a Republican candidate, has dropped out of the race. Johnson said he could not put time into a campaign without taking away from his speaking engagements (about AIDS). But before Johnson made his decision, the Wisconsin Republican party passed a resolution calling for AIDS to be acknowledged as a disease subject to public health control. Some delegates opposed the resolution, fearing it could lead to gay bashing. Without mentioning the resolution, Johnson said he was disturbed by actions at the convention of a "vocal minority of the far right wing" of the party.

Good News... While 50 people gathered in Spokane to watch the anti-gay film Gay Rights, Special Rights over 100 protested outside the high school where the film was being shown...200 protestors drowned out the protests of **Rev. Fred Phelps** in Boulder, Colorado, telling the anti-gay activist to "Go Back to Kansas"...The unmarried and gay partners of Portland, Oregon, city employees have won **health benefits** under a plan approved by the Portland City Council...Vermont has become the first state in the union to offer **domestic partnership** benefits to state employees...and Republican Gov. Christine Todd Whitman of **New Jersey** has proclaimed June Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Pride Month in the state.

Sissyfag For Mayor: AIDS activist Luke Sissyfag announced June 7 that he will run for mayor of the District of Columbia. Sissyfag blasted Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly for what he called a grossly ineffective AIDS program, saying "My campaign for mayor is about winning on AIDS." Sissyfag has made headlines in recent months by protesting President Clinton's AIDS policy, including disrupting an Easter service attended by the Clintons.

Lesbian Couple Sues Photography Magazine For Outing: Two lesbians are suing a magazine for \$17 million dollars for publishing a photo they say revealed their relationship without permission. Valerie Merriwether and Rosetta Ford filed suit last week over a photograph in the June issue of Popular

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Split court in Wisconsin rejects lesbian adoption

Madison, WI—A split decision by the Wisconsin Supreme Court has rejected a Green Bay lesbian's attempt to adopt her partner's child.

Social workers and a judge determined the adoption was in the child's best interests.

But the court, in a 4-3 decision June 9, said the 8-year-old child cannot be adopted under state law by anyone other than a stepparent.

The law does not unconstitutionally discriminate against homosexuals or children in homosexual households, the court ruled.

Justice Roland Day, in the majority opinion, ruled that both parents' parental rights must be terminated for a youngster to be adopted in Wisconsin—unless an adoptive parent already is the child's stepparent.

Day said Wisconsin doesn't recognize same-sex marriages, so the wedding-like ceremony the lesbian couple went through in Milwaukee in 1992 had no legal effect on the

proposed adoption.

The mother of the girl, Georgina Grinke, retains parental rights. The girl's father, identified as Terry M., was married to the mother when they originally adopted the child in 1988.

He has terminated his parental rights. Court documents indicate he strongly supports the adoption requested in 1992 by his ex-wife's partner, Annette.

Brown County Circuit Judge Richard J. Dietz concluded that the adoption was in the child's best interests, but said state law tied his hands in approving it.

The child's family argued that state law should be interpreted to allow such adoptions even if both parents have not terminated their rights.

"Annette and Angel have a functional parent-child relationship, but the majority's conclusion that the relationship cannot be accorded legal protection leaves Angel in a vulnerable

position," wrote Chief Justice Nathan Heffernan, who agreed with that position.

"The majority disregards Angel's interests," Heffernan wrote. He dissented along with Justices Shirley S. Abrahamson and William Bablitch.

State law requires that the child's best interests be paramount in adoption and other family-law cases and the Legislature intended that the law be interpreted liberally to make sure that occurred, Heffernan said.

Yet Day, joined by Justices Donald Steinmetz, Jon Wilcox and Janine Geske, refused to do so, Heffernan contended.

Justice Geske wrote that she agreed that current law does not allow adoptions in cases like Angel's, but urged the Legislature to include such non-traditional families in the law.

"Angel lives in a home where she is loved and cared for," Geske wrote. "Many children are not as fortunate as she."

Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, who is openly lesbian and has proposed legislation allowing same-sex marriages and legally recognized domestic partnerships, expressed her disappointment in the ruling.

"This decision is a major setback for children and families," she said. "The court has failed to protect Angel's best interests. It has denied Angel and other families like hers the legal and economic protections that other children have."

Baldwin restated her intention to introduce same-sex marriage and domestic partnership legislation during the Legislature's next session. She and others are currently strategizing on how best to address the legislation, but noted that "we have a lot of community educating to do and a lot of stories to tell."

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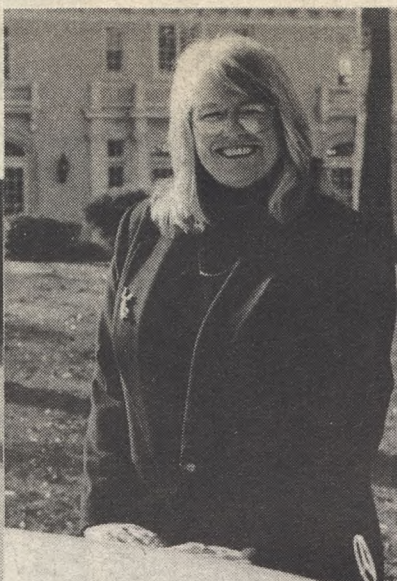
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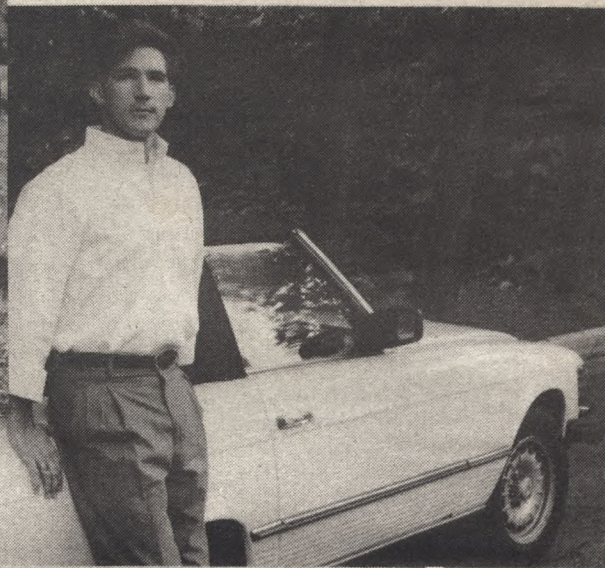
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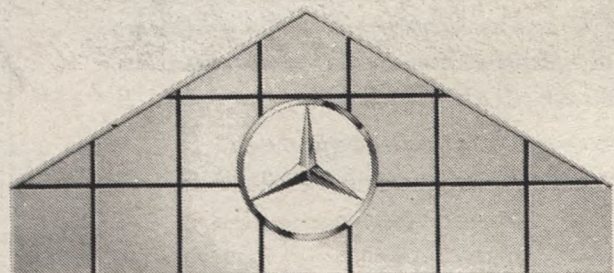


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Bill banning job discrimination against gays introduced this week

Legislation has excellent chance of passage with backing of strongest civil rights group in country and strong support in both houses of Congress

Washington, DC—Supporters of a federal bill to prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation—set to be introduced this week—are hopeful for its passage, following the announcement that 71 Senators have offered written confirmation that they do not discriminate against gay men and lesbians in their own employment practices. 234 House members have also signed statements to that effect.

The long awaited job discrimination bill will be introduced into both houses on June 23. The bill's sponsors, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass), Sen. John Chafee (R-RI), Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry Studds (D-Mass) will be joined by Coretta Scott King, Ralph Neas, Jesse Jackson and Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) at a press conference announcing the introduction on Thursday.

Neas will represent the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (Neas is the executive director), a coalition of 185 civil rights, women's, disabled, elderly and gay/lesbian organizations, at the press conference. The Conference, which has backed every successful civil rights bill in the past, has made the lesbian/gay job discrimination bill a priority.

"The only missing element at this point are gays and lesbians making it a priority to contact their elected officials and let them know how strongly they feel about the passage of this bill," said Doug Hattaway, a Human Rights Campaign Fund spokesman. "Local activity is critical for the passage of the bill because we know the radical right will mobilize quickly and forcefully against it."

The overwhelming majority of Senators signing the nondiscrimination statement circulated by HRCF bodes well for passage of the bill. Twenty-four Republican and 47 Democratic Senators—a majority of both parties—have signed on, including Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-Maine), Minority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan), Georgia Democrat Sam Nunn, Arizona Republican John McCain, and Wyoming Republican Alan Simpson. The signers represented 42 states.

"Lesbian and gay Americans experience job discrimination every day, and no federal law protects them," said HRCF director Tim McFeeley. "We are encouraged that these Senators have voluntarily decided to set an example of fairness in their offices."

"These 71 Senators rarely agree on anything, and they certainly don't all share the same beliefs about gay people," he continued. "But despite all their sincere differences, they are united in the belief that all of their employees should be treated fairly, based on job-related merit, not sexual orientation."

HRCF sought statements from members of Congress, beginning the process last fall when three Oklahoma Congressmen announced they would not knowingly hire gay staffers. The list of non-discriminating members of the House of Representatives, now totalling 234, was released in February.

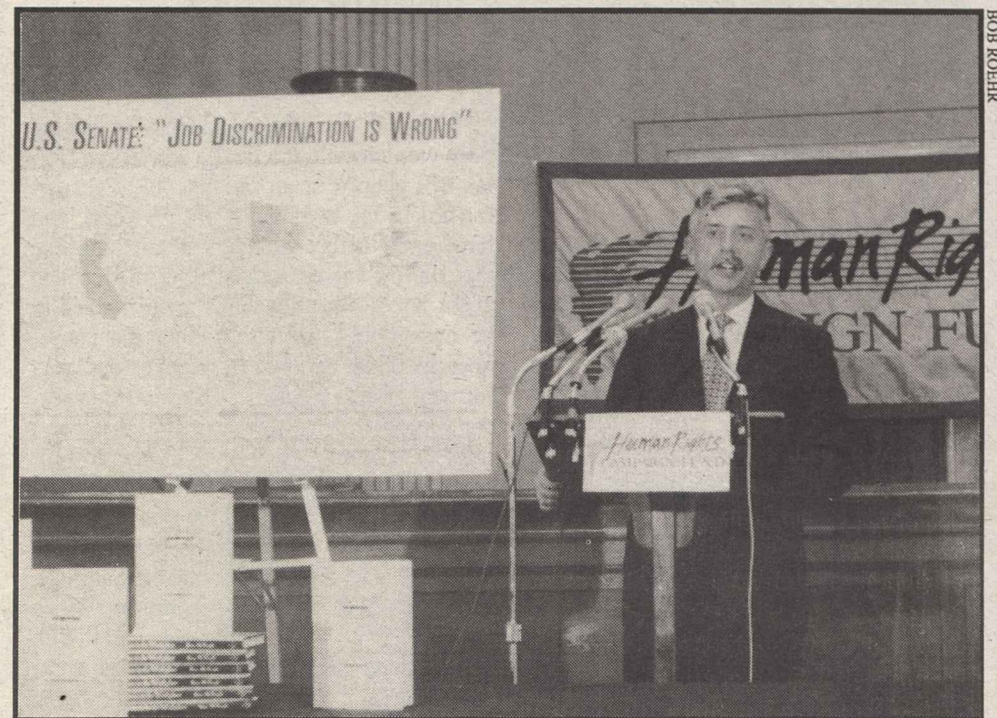
News of the 71 Senators, nearly three-quarters of the body's total membership, pleased the newly formed Lesbian and Gay Congressional Staff Association.

"Lesbian and gay congressional employees are not seeking special consideration," said Mark Agrast, a spokesman for the group. "We ask only to be treated with fairness and respect and be judged as our colleagues are judged."

Carol Grunberg, staff assistant to Patty Murray (D-Wash), agreed, saying she hoped this "unequivocal stand against discrimination" would "set an example for other employers throughout the nation."

That is precisely the hope of HRCF and others backing the federal job discrimination bill. Citing recent studies that show a majority of Americans opposed to job discrimination based on sexual orientation, McFeeley said that part of the problem was education.

"Most Americans oppose job discrimination against gay people, but they don't know that gay people do not have equal rights under current law," he said. "Many Americans mistakenly believe that we are seeking some sort of 'special rights.' We are not. We oppose special rights. We seek only equal rights under the law—nothing more, nothing less. Americans believe that it's wrong to fire



Tim McFeeley, executive director of HRCF, at a June 13 press conference in which the organization released the names of 71 U.S. Senators and 234 Representatives who do not discriminate against gay men and lesbians in their employment.

workers for reasons not relevant to their job-related abilities."

Those polls prompted the push for a federal job discrimination bill. Currently, only eight states—California, Connecticut, Ha-

wai, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Vermont, and Wisconsin—and the District of Columbia prohibit discrimination against lesbian and gay employees.

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Concert scam hurt everyone

You can imagine my dismay at having been victimized in the Jan Barlow/Three Dollar Bill concert scam on June 11. I've performed in the community for 16 years, and have never before experienced anything like this. Barlow misrepresented her affiliation, lied about her financial backing, and arranged to be absent to avoid confronting the consequences of her actions. To deprive "out" performers of an expected fee during Pride season, and to burden us with expenses that aren't reimbursed (mine exceeded \$400), is to seriously jeopardize the charitable and political work that we do the rest of the year.

But I want to express my deepest thanks to the folks who helped me out on Saturday, especially Judy Siff, George Rogan, Eileen Stone, Jill, Paul Turner, and most of all to Bill, who rescued me when I was stranded at the airport. And it was sure good to know that everyone at Pride understood that I had been led to believe that there was no other entertainment or activity with which my performance was to compete.

Will I consult my legal department regarding litigation? Hardly. My colleagues and I understood when we chose our profession that we would fly by the seats of our pants, accept very uncertain financial positions, buy our own insurance or go without it, and encounter some very damaged people.

I trust Atlanta to deal with Jan Barlow. If the Klan and the Nazis haven't knocked me out of what I do, heaven knows she won't. And I'd dearly love to do my show in Atlanta one day soon, leather and all.

A joyous Pride to all,
Lynn Lavner

Don't call me cripple, I won't call you fag

Well, I had a good time at the Pride March. Some of the time.

The times I didn't were when able-bodied people were acting like jackasses.

I get around in an electric wheelchair. Four different people (walking) I'd never met felt free to tell me in a jolly tone that they wished they could trade places with me. White people: I am approximately as impressed with the level of respect, sincerity and intelligence in that statement as a Black stranger might be if you walked up and said you wished you had their dark skin so you wouldn't be getting a sunburn.

For the record: I smiled at these people and replied conventionally.

Two strangers ran up and asked, again in an unnaturally jolly tone, if I was having a good time, and kissed me on the mouth. I felt as gratified by this as anyone else might if a stranger kissed you without permission because they seemingly felt one up to you and needed to help you feel good.

I kissed these men back and told them I was having a fine time.

One woman (drunk) ran to me as I was watching the stage show and jumped right into my lap. Uncomfortable, but smiling, I asked her to get up. She wanted a hug. I gave it to her. She still sat there, intensely telling me how much she loved me. She looked deeply into my eyes and told me she works with Down Syndrome children. Gentiles: I felt about as warmed by this statement, and felt as seen as a person, as a Jewish person might feel if your second sentence after meeting them was that

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your best friend in high school was a Jew. I felt overwhelmed by her invasion and it took me 5 minutes to get her off my lap.

One man told me in a condescending tone, just as another had told me last year, that he was SO GLAD I made it out to the march. I didn't take the effort to tell him that this was about my 10th Atlanta Pride march, my first being in 1975 with only 400 other people, and I didn't ask him if he had been able to make it to that one.

I don't know how to explain how entirely different the above-mentioned tones were from similar statements made in a truly pleased tip-of-the-hat way coming from some people's straightforward delight in variety, or respect for extra effort. Their greetings were equal to equal, such as the greeting or cheering of gay parents with their kids, or a contingent of Asian gays, or Straight but Not Narrow, or Black and White Men Together...or me and other visibly disabled people.

To anyone wanting to learn about the disability liberation movement, one of the most important and zestful movements going on currently in this country, I recommend "No Pity" by Joseph Shapiro (Random House, 1993). It's in stock at Charis Books and available in the Fulton and DeKalb library systems.

Following the path cut by some of my disabled comrades, I'm now beginning to rework the word "cripple" from its painful impact on my childhood. I am about as eager for a non-disabled person to say "cripple" as a gay man might be for a straight man to say "fag."

Yours truly,
Eleanor Smith

Keep sex at home

What a marvelous Pride celebration! There was such affirmation in looking around and seeing all those wonderful gay people. What a kick to see our lesbian moms and gay dads toting our kids around, and to see all of our parents and friends showing support was heartening. "Traditional" family gatherings don't have anything on us.

Well, okay, I admit it. There was one dark cloud on an otherwise perfect day—and I don't mean the thundershowers. Why is it that we must be confronted in public with sexual fetish demonstrations? Although I celebrate and take pride in all the wonderful diversity that comprises our community, I don't see our Pride week as being a forum for such blatant sexual acting out.

Look around! You'll see our children, our parents, our grandparents and our straight friends. Haven't we been fighting for at least 25 years to dispel the myth that being gay is just about sex? How many of us have stood in front of parents and friends and tried to explain that we love a person of the same gender for reasons beyond sexual ones?

What about our children? The parents among us are fighting an uphill battle to give our kids boundaries that have been stripped away by the television, movie and music industry. How do you explain to a child why it's okay for people to be whipping each other in public when you've just explained that hitting his best friend in kindergarten is wrong?

No, I'm not advocating intolerance of the S&M community. We've all heard it said a million times that what happens in the privacy of your home among consenting adults is your own business. But I don't feel that our Pride celebrations are a time to honor all the nuances of human sex.

I encourage those with S&M fetishes to find an avenue to explore them safely—I just don't want to have to watch.

D. S. Rasar

Pride before a fall

I must say that it was beautiful to see 150,000 gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders, drag-queens, and their assorted friends blanketing Piedmont Park on Pride Sunday. We have come a long way in our struggle for acceptance in these past 25 years. Even with our recent military setbacks and the right-wing backlash, our gains far outweigh our losses. It is my fear, however, that with all the excitement, some of us have forgotten that there is still a deadly war being fought.

Recently I have been asking myself a few questions. I am a twenty-six-year-old gay man who wants to know why AIDS no longer seems to be important to the people in my age group. It is as if AIDS is something that happens only to older gay men; something unfortunate but distant. If this were true, why is AIDS now the #1 cause of death in U.S. males age 25 to 44? If this were true, why has there been an increase in HIV infection in men in their early twenties? So many people act as if the danger has passed.

Have we fought the battle against AIDS and won? If it is really over, why do AIDS organizations beg for volunteers to answer phones, to help transport and/or feed the sick, or to just be there for someone in their time of need? If the war is over, is this why only roughly 250 people out of 150,000, took a short candlelit walk Saturday night to honor those lost to AIDS over the years?

The horrible truth is that the war against AIDS is not over. People are being diagnosed every day, and every seven minutes someone dies of AIDS. One life every seven minutes.

If 150,000 people can spend an entire day celebrating, they can take one hour a week to help better the lives of their brothers and sisters. If 150,000 people can come together in celebration, 1,000 can write letters or make phone calls to their governments demanding equal rights. If 150,000 people can fill and line the streets of Atlanta, can't 200 get out and protest unfair quarantines, skyrocketing drug prices, or blatant discrimination?

When we do those things we can truly take pride in ourselves and our lives.

Sincerely,
Eddie Towson
Atlanta

Club Fetish will star in Gay Agenda II

I was one of the 150,000 at the Pride March. I was especially happy to see so many different aspects of the Gay Community represented—every color, nationality, religion, gender. How many other groups in America can claim to be so diverse?

One question, though. How in the world will our cause (Olympics Out of Cobb, job security, legal recognition of our relationships, etc.) be furthered by having some boy flogged down Peachtree Street? Or what about the guy who was showing us he can keep an erection for the entire march? I know that this was only one float out of what seemed like hundreds, but it is the only one that a lot of people will remember.

If anyone out there is thinking that the "family" advocates in Cobb (or anywhere) are quaking in their shoes about the positive things in our community, they are living in a fantasy world.

Any bets as to what will be featured in The Gay Agenda II?

Gunther Wewers

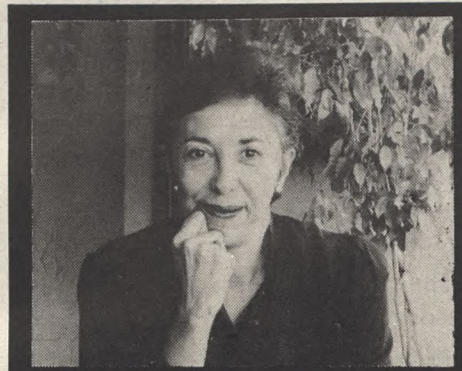
Lesbian fashion: Blah, bland and way too boyish at Lammy's

I must have been in the bathroom when they took the vote. Or maybe I was out of town at the time. Just exactly when was it that we all decided that the national lesbian color was brown?

I hadn't noticed it before, until I went to the Lammy's this year. The Lammy's, for you uninitiated, are our highest literary pinnacle, The Gay and Lesbian Pulitzer Prizes. The Queer Academy awards, only for books, since they don't much let us into the movies unless accompanied by an adult.

The Lammy's are the Lambda Literary Awards, sponsored by the Lambda Book Report, a quarterly magazine underwritten by Lambda Rising, the bookstore in Washington, DC. The magazine takes no advertising, or prisoners. It draws from a literary luminary list of over 400 reviewers, and is the bible that your local bookstore uses to decide what to stock. Once a year, through a series of obscure procedures that winners are convinced are imminently fair and extraordinarily accurate, the best of the book breeds are handed pieces of scrimshawed crystal for their literary efforts. Kate Clinton officiates. A rubber chicken dinner is had by all, and a good time is had by many.

The books, and their authors are feted once a year in whatever city the ABA (American Booksellers Associations)'s annual convention is held. (Be patient, I'll get to the brown part in a minute. After all, if I don't tell you this stuff, who will?) Anyway... ABA is where Random House and Barnes & Noble get together to schmooze and decide just how many millions of copies of Daniel Steele or Tom Clancy you'll find on their shelves. It's also where people who have received the favorite low-fat recipes



Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

of gods in spacesuits hawk the story they've scribed in their laptops. Nearly two thousand companies and individuals vie for whatever dollars are left in bookstore budgets after they've shelled out the big bucks for the latest from Ludlum.

In addition, ABA features an institution, replete with banners and flags, referred to as the Gay-Lesbian-Feminist Aisle. This is where B & N, not to mention, Outwrite, Out & About, and Outbooks go to replenish their g/l stock of reading material. It's where Naiad and Firebrand and Alyson and Paradigm all go to show and sell. It's why I was in LA at the time, and got to attend the Lammy's in the first place. And where I learned that our national lesbian colors are not even on the rainbow spectrum.

Now I have to tell you, I have seen glam-

our in my time. Oh, sure, nothing Presidential, you understand, but do's that had more forks, knives and spoons at one place setting than I have in my entire silverware drawer. So I have a frame of reference for recognizing snazz when I see it. Or when I don't. Besides, I've seen what Bob Mackie can accomplish with some see-through sequins to show of Cher's navel every year at the Oscars.

And, trust me on this, Mr. Mackie was nowhere to be seen at the Lammy's. At least not on the ladies. Our gentlemen were a different story. Peacocks (is that redundant?) every one. But ah, the sapphic sisters. Peahens to the left of me. Dullbirds to the right. Not you of course. Or me either. We weren't afraid to be a bold swatch of style, a confident coloratura.

But, my oh my, the blahs and bland and the borings festooning the rest of us. It was as though, in forsaking all those usual roles, we neglected to get costumes of our own. Boy pants. Boy shirts, Boy vests, Boy, oh boy, the glumeratti. Not a star in the carload.

Maybe the girlie stuff is somehow acting-out. Old roles so we assign it lesser value.

But the boys haven't granted us any more appealing apparel.

Sure chinos and oxford cloth are much more comfortable than the girlie alternative. Cheaper, too. It's just that, in case nobody noticed, we have sticky-outy stuff in places where boys don't. And we don't where they do. So their jockeys and jerseys and jams just make us look like the laundry ate our real clothes, and we're doing the best we can with what we can scrounge from our brothers' drawers.

Isn't it time we found a fashion face of our very own? Dyke duds. Annie Oakley outfits.

Melissa Etheridge ensembles. Kate Clinton clothing. Strong women styles reeking of Eleanor Roosevelt updated. Clothes really in a league of our own.

Let's shed some of those boring beiges and monotonous monotones. Let's turn from our tiresome taupes and tans, cast out cliché cinnamons and chestnuts. Let's opt for cache. Declare our independence, and quit masquerading as mudhens.

Let's let go of the holocostian notion of embracing black triangles as though they didn't advertise reminders to whole generations yet unborn that once, somewhere it was believed that we could be cured by charring.

And, what the hey, let's even consider going clear over to cheery. Oranges or Azures. Limes. Or Grapes. Or, as long as we are ruminating fruity. Cherry is cheery. Ruby red. Capable crimson. Stalwart scarlet. Something to look good in and feel good about. And even something for the symbolically impaired, who would contentedly refer to it as menstrual mandarin and leave the rest of us alone.

I say let's stop dressing for our own funerals. Even on the most gayla occasions. Ballrooms were meant for bugle beads. They weren't meant for browns.

The plain fact is, these are the '90s. We're busy putting our best faces forward. Isn't it time we stopped facing the world in colors designed to go best with sensible shoes?

The next time we have a vote on an identity issue as important as this one, could someone please call me in time to raise my hand? Or...better yet...don't wait till the ballots are printed. Sign me up for the nominating committee.

LETTERS

No reason to riot at Stonewall

I was very disappointed and surprised that Southern Voice chose to publish such a careless and uninformed article such as Bruce Mirken's "Reasons to Riot" (Vol. 7, No.16). Even suggesting that a segment of the more than one million participants next week's Stonewall 25 March and Rally, turn the mayor's office "upside down" and resort to rioting is irresponsible in the most damaging way.

As a member of the Stonewall 25 organizing committee, I can speak with some authority and assurance that AIDS awareness is paramount in the overall message of this historic event. This is not an AIDS march, not a march for Gays in the military. This is a march to bring to the attention of the world the myriad of struggles that Gays and Lesbians face every day, in every community and in every country, and that includes AIDS.

But to say that this event is not focusing on fighting AIDS is simply untrue. A committee of hundreds of some of the most vocal and visible AIDS activists and policy makers has been convening for years to make sure that there is a coherent and constructive message that emanates from the march on June 25th.

There will be direct action, protests, speeches and workshops. Because AIDS is not the only issue being presented during the planning of this event is no reason to suggest violence and certainly no cause to keep the world from coming to New York to celebrate and protest in the ways that they feel most comfortable.

As for the corporate presence in New York, Mr. Mirken fails to point out that proceeds

from the commemorative water will greatly help us to make sure that event can take place, and American Airlines is providing free transportation for hundreds of Gays and Lesbians, some of whom have AIDS, to New York to have their voices heard.

I sincerely hope that Atlanta is well represented in New York, and I also hope that Mr. Mirken chooses to come to New York and see what good millions of gays and lesbians and their supporters can do without violence.

Ric Barrick

Patriarchy and profit

Once again, our patriarchal system has exposed itself, this time in the arrest of three women who were dancing without shirts at Revolution [SoVo, Vol. 7, No.16].

According to the bar owner, the women were "jeopardizing" the safe space her bar offered lesbians even though no one reportedly complained about the women. If the bar owner was so worried above creating safe space, perhaps she should question the system we live under which allows women to dance completely naked for men when the women are paid nude dancers, but not for their own comfort and enjoyment. Wouldn't it be cool if people who complained about real threats, such as women in straight bars who are constantly harassed by male patrons, could get so much support from the bar owners and the cops? I won't even get into rape or domestic violence.

However, the bar owner only seems concerned with profits and calling in the patriar-

chy, as one of the arrested women put it. This was made quite clear when the bar owner stated that "the girls (girls? how old are these women, anyway?) immediately started fighting with them (the police)." Yeah, right. Three women are going to start a fight with six cops. Sounds too much like the mainstream media reports of ACT UP activists "attacking" police at the 1992 Republican Convention in Houston. Or the Stonewall Riots in which the Stonewall patrons "attacked" the cops. Who is really the problem here?

As a feminist political activist, straight

woman and former stripper, I find it very discouraging that one of the few places that a woman could go to be herself and have a good time has turned out not to be a safe place at all. Instead, patriarchy, profits, and censorship prevail at one of these so-called safe spaces. I'm really happy other lesbian bars don't operate this way, or else my friends and I would all be left at home. Hmmm...just what the patriarchy wants, huh?

Sincerely,
Leslie Griffith
Atlanta

STONEWALL RIOTS

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Senate Health Committee votes to ban discrimination against gays

Washington—A key Senate committee drafting health reform legislation voted last week to prohibit discrimination in health care based on sexual orientation. The vote thwarted an attempt by committee Republicans to remove antidiscrimination language from the bill.

The committee voted 11-6 to defeat an amendment by Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kansas) to strike sexual orientation, language, and income from a list of categories to receive protection from discrimination. All 10 committee Democrats and Republican Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont voted against the Kassebaum amendment.

"This victory shows the power of effective lobbying and grassroots action by the lesbian and gay community," said HRCF Executive Director Tim McFeeley. "Our staff and a network of local activists got out the

message that gay people experience discrimination and ought to be covered.

A similar battle may take place in the Senate Finance Committee, which is also considering health reform legislation, and ultimately the full Senate. In the House of Representatives, health reform bills before the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee and the Education and Labor Committee contain antidiscrimination language.

"The Labor and Human Resources Committee recognized that all people deserve equal access to quality health care," said Daniel Zingale, HRCF public policy director. "The Finance Committee and Senate floor debate are going to be tough battles, and we need the full participation of our grassroots supporters to win. Members of Congress will respond when people back home call or write with their views."

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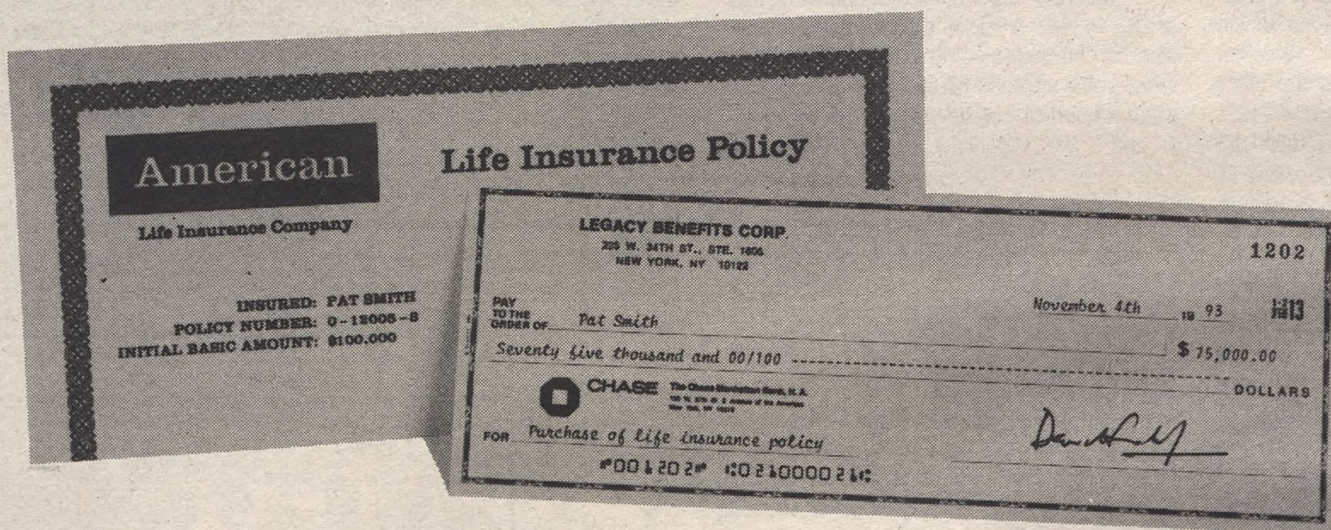
A team of Canadian researchers are calling on scientists to develop a new type of mammography to screen for breast cancer saying that the current method—pressing the breast between two metal plates to take an x-ray—can cause ducts with cancerous cells to rupture.

In a letter published in the British medical journal *Lancet*, the researchers said rupturing of cancerous cells can lead those cells to spread throughout the body and possibly trigger the growth of malignant masses in

other areas. They based their claim on a 1989 study of autopsies on 110 women. The investigation showed that extreme pressure, such as a hard blow or other compression, could cause the ducts containing cancerous cells to burst.

Lesbian health activists say that lesbians may be three times more at risk of developing breast cancer and other gynecological cancers compared to the larger population because they are less likely to give birth and have regular medical examinations.

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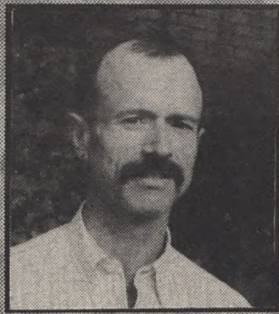
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LONG TERM SURVIVING BY DAVID STANLEY



When I write about the medications I take, I try to make clear that while they have worked for me, they won't necessarily work for everyone else with the same success. When I wrote a few months ago about alpha Interferon, I emphasized that sustained benefit has only been noted in about 5% of those tested.

I've been extremely lucky to be in that 5%, and that I found access to it so early. How does one know if something that works for someone else will work for him or her? In every instance it will be a hit or miss situation. For that reason alone, it seems to me, one should not wait too long into the infection before starting some medications. It may take some time and several misses before an effective drug can be found.

Once I started both AZT and alpha Interferon, it was over a year before we found a dose that I could tolerate. I was lucky here, also, in that the low doses that I tolerated were also effective. If one waits until late into the infection before starting treatments, he or she may not have the luxury of time to play around with different doses or to get a handle on how each drug affects the virus in their body.

When one is deciding on which medication to try, it's important to remember a few things about the daily schedules of doctors. No doctor has the time to read every reliable source of information. When they do read, most read the medical journals first. Many new drugs receive some kind of publicity months or even years before there are papers written on them for medical journals. Often, what appears in medical journals is old news.

One shouldn't assume that their doctor will know about something just because it makes the evening news. During the evening news, most doctors will be returning phone calls or making hospital rounds, which is as it should be. They may, however, have no idea what was on the newscasts.

It should be the responsibility, therefore, of the patient and/or their caregiver to stay current on the latest news on medications or therapies. There are a number of newsletters available that will try to print the latest treatment news. Many of these can be found at the Treatment Library of the AIDS Survival Project, located at 44 Twelfth Street in Midtown Atlanta.

When one finds some information that looks interesting or promising, he or she should get a copy of it and insist that their doctor read it, and then discuss if the therapy may have some benefit for them.

There are other things to remember when researching treatments. Some drugs, such as the Interferon I take, only show benefit when begun early in HIV infection. There are doctors, however, that don't like to begin medi-

cations until opportunistic infections have already begun. One must consider then, if one is willing to risk missing the one drug that may have helped.

Some doctors don't want to try a drug because it only helps small numbers of patients. How do these doctors know that their patient isn't one of those small numbers? This should be carefully discussed before eliminating that choice. Sometimes the only way to know is to try it.

Some doctors may quote statistics that do not apply to everyone. I recently heard a doctor say that AZT only stays effective for about 1 1/2 years. He made it sound like this was true in all cases, and it's not. Some people never benefit from AZT, and there's a few of us who have been benefiting from AZT since 1986. One cannot make blanket statements and remain truthful. Beware of anyone who only makes blanket statements about the efficiency of drugs.

Finally, there are some doctors who try to steer their patients away from alternative or complementary therapies. Sometimes, they think that they're protecting their patients from quacks, which is good. Other times, though, these doctors will just be afraid of losing control over a patient's care, which is bad. Doctors sometimes need to be reminded that they have been hired as advisors and the patient or the designated care giver will be making all the final decisions. As doctors can be hired, so can they be fired, especially if they become troublesome.

When fighting HIV infection, it's important to have faith in one's therapy, and this includes having faith in the doctor, as long as one realizes that doctors are neither omnipotent nor all powerful. The doctor can do his or her best work when assisted by the patient, and when the patient is well informed.

Remember that when you see a list of common characteristics of long term survivors, it never includes being sheeplike. One not only needs to understand what the doctor wants to do, one also needs to approve and have faith in what the doctor wants to do. The usual way this is achieved is by gathering all the information available before making the major decisions.

Surviving takes an effort, but it's worth it.

In my last column I mentioned a local doctor who uses AZT and rollerblading to stay healthy. I also said he had an AIDS-related cancer. That was an error and I want to apologize to him and my readers for the mistake. The doctor has never had any type of AIDS-related infection. Sorry for the error.

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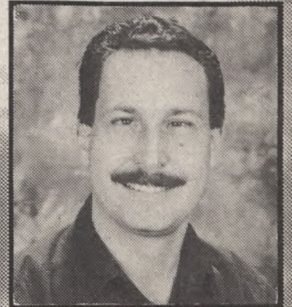
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by Bruce Mirken

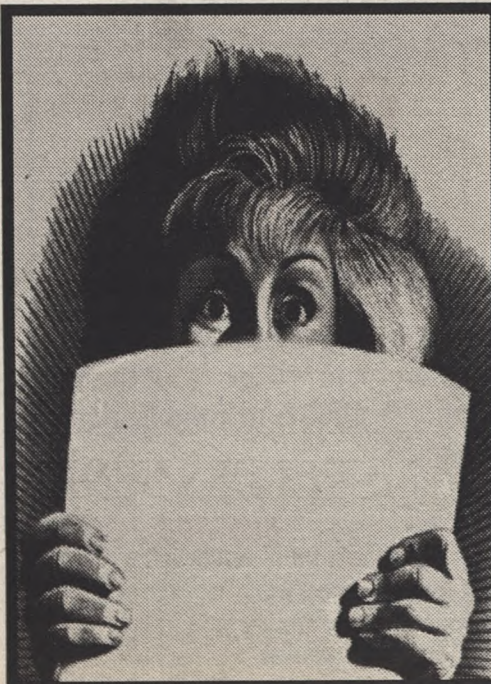


When Good Scientists Go Bad: Scientists try to keep their disagreements polite, gentlemanly, and, whenever possible, out of the public eye. That's why it was so extraordinary to see a catfight over a study of an experimental Kaposi's sarcoma treatment known as sulfated polysaccharide peptidoglycan (SP-PG) played out in the pages of the June 8 Journal of the American Medical Association. Essentially, one major journal has accused another of cooking the books. The dispute stems from a study of SP-PG published in the journal *Science* (published by the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science) on March 13, 1992 indicating that SP-PG blocked growth of KS cells and describing the mechanisms by which the drug appeared to work. The lead author of the study was a Dr. S. Nakamura, but the most well-known member of the research team was Dr. Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute, himself no stranger to controversy. Gallo had previously spoken of SP-PG's potential as a KS treatment. Now Dr. Marlys Witte and a research team from the University of Arizona, Tucson write in the June 8 JAMA that "we were unable to confirm some of the pivotal findings" reported by Nakamura and Gallo. More startling, they suggest that some of Nakamura's findings were the result of a fairly gross lab error involving how a crucial marker dye was injected into mice used in the experiment—and seem to imply that the error may not have been accidental. Witte, et al, say they approached *Science* with their findings but were given the brush-off. What gives the dispute weight far beyond the usefulness or lack thereof of SP-PG is the suggestion that a major journal's peer review process—the procedure by which scientific articles are evaluated before publication to ensure accuracy—is stacked, refusing to seriously consider meaningful criticism of a study. "The original conclusions by Nakamura, et al, are still not only highly dubious," Witte, et al, writes, "but the validity of the peer review process and self-correcting nature of scientific inquiry are also called into question." Stay tuned.

Tacrine to be Studied as Dementia Treatment: Parke-Davis, a drug company which until now hasn't been involved in developing AIDS treatments, says it is preparing to study its Alzheimer's disease drug Cognex (tacrine) as a treatment for AIDS dementia or possibly HIV infection itself. An uncontrolled French study published in 1992 showed increased CD4 counts and reduced p24 antigen levels in a majority of the 70 patients given a generic version of tacrine. Parke-Davis spokeswoman Sandy Horner says the company is "in the getting-ready stage" and hopes to get several small studies underway by the end of the year. The trials will look for effects of the drug on AIDS-related mental impairment as well as for evidence of anti-HIV activity.

The D4T Muddle: AIDS activists came away from the May 20 FDA Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee meeting that voted to recommend early approval of the anti-HIV drug D4T generally pleased that the drug is moving ahead, but distinctly unhappy with the current state of affairs regarding new antiretrovirals. Part of the problem is that the D4T data just isn't very clear-cut: D4T definitely seemed to give some benefit to some patients for a short period of time in terms of things like somewhat-boosted CD4 counts, but many, many questions remain unanswered. Another problem is that, due to the FDA's rules, the agency may end up granting conditional approval for D4T for patients who have failed all the approved antiretrovirals at a dosage that the Data Safety Monitoring Board overseeing the current parallel track program for the drug has decided is too high for essentially the same patient population. If that sounds confusing and odd, it's partly why a representative from one major treatment advocacy group summarized the meeting by saying, "They don't have a clue." For anyone interested in a detailed review of the D4T data and what it means, possibly the clearest explanation can be found in John James' article in the 6/3/94 AIDS Treatment News.

Chinese Medicine and AIDS: For an upcoming magazine article on the use of traditional Chinese medicine in HIV/AIDS, I am interested in hearing from anyone who has been using these therapies. Anyone willing to describe their experiences with Chinese medicine—why they chose it, how they found a practitioner, what the effects have been, etc.—can write to me at P.O. Box 170568, San Francisco, CA 94117.



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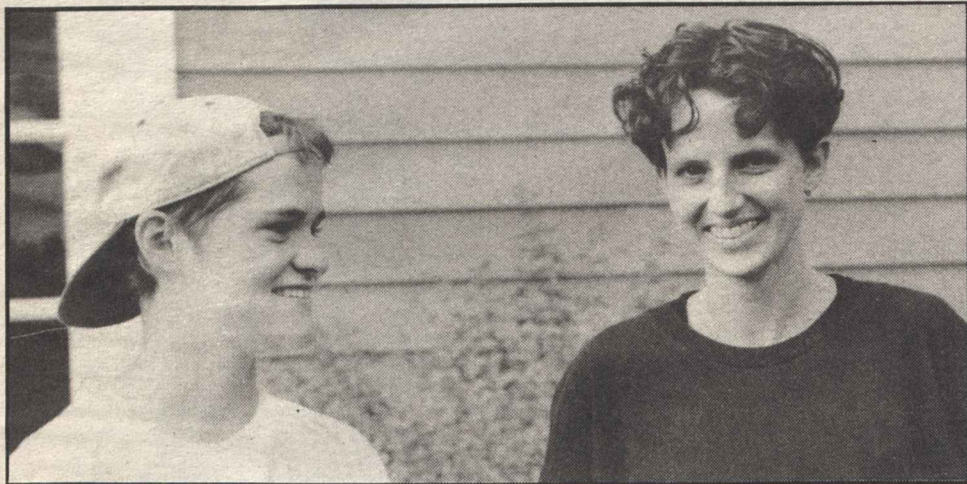
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Shannon Byrne



Shannon Byrne (right) and her lover Cheryl Crowson live in Decatur where ex-mayor Mike Mears extended an official welcome to lesbians and gay men after Cobb passed its anti-gay resolution.

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Byrne, who came out both to herself and her family near the end of her freshman year in college, was shocked. "I didn't know what to think," she said. "I didn't know if the papers were right. I just couldn't believe...that my dad had done that, because he had actually been, out of all my family members, the most supportive. He never came out and said 'Shannon, I support you,' but he never gave me any hard time. He met my ex-girlfriend, he's met Cheryl. That's why I just couldn't understand it."

"I guess it was Sunday I finally got hold of him," she recalled. "By [that time], I was so emotionally wound up that I just started crying. Not a whole lot came out of it. I couldn't make sense of it, and he was defensive."

Byrne and Crowson returned to Alabama, and then moved to Atlanta in October, ironically settling in Decatur, where then-Mayor Mike Mears had officially welcomed gay men and lesbians. And her long wait began.

"I kept quiet for so long because I'm proud of my dad," she said. "I was proud that he's a commissioner."

And she feared that her coming out publicly could ruin her family.

"That's why I kept quiet for so long," she said. "Then [the Cobb Citizens Coalition got] going, and I thought, 'well, I'll see how that goes.' I just took the back seat to see how things would go. And I thought that maybe sooner or later my dad would realize what was going on, realize what he was doing. But it hasn't happened that way. So I just thought I needed to take responsibility."

She took responsibility by having an hour-long chat with her father about the resolution, and lesbians and gay men.

"About a month ago I decided that if I went and talked to him myself that maybe the two of us could sit down, and we could actually have a discussion about his daughter being gay, and I could change his mind," she said. "And we did have a good conversation...because he did let me talk. But we never came to agreement."

At issue, Byrne believes, are her father's beliefs about gay men and lesbians and their "lifestyle."

"From what I gathered, he has very little understanding of the gay community and very little understanding of homosexuals," she said. "For an example...the whole thing about having books in schools with younger kids and trying to educate the kids about who homosexuals are, he thinks that we're recruiting...I argued that that is not what we're doing...we're just trying to stop the hate at an early age and to educate kids. If they grow up knowing who homosexuals are, there won't be so much hate."

"He believes that there are people who are gay, but I think that he doesn't believe there are as many as we say there are," she continued. "He thinks that most of the community are there because they are comfortable. ...He

just kept saying that he thinks there are people who for some reason don't like the opposite sex or can't get along with the opposite sex so they feel comfortable with the same sex."

And what could be wrong with that? Byrne ticked off the answer.

"He says that our relationships are emotionally volatile. He says that we are extremely unstable. He says that our lifespan isn't very long. He says that we're surrounded by disease. So in his eyes, we're extremely threatening to him. And we're threatening to the families in Cobb County."

The elder Byrne explained the objectives of the resolution in language similar to the "clarifying" resolution he put on the table last week (See story on page 3).

"When I talked to him, he told me that the purpose of the resolution was, there's a lot of horrible things going on in this country—the gangs, and teenage pregnancy, and all the crimes going on—and he said that that starts in the family," Shannon Byrne recalled. "I guess that's what he's trying to do. He wants to pull the family together. But I don't see how you can try to pull a family together while you're condemning your own family."

Byrne said that she is angry with her father "because he refuses to see his daughter for who she is. If he took a long look at me—because he knows me. He knows I'm none of what he says. I'm a good person. Everything he says isn't true."

In fact, Byrne said, she sees "more family values in the gay community than I do in any other community."

"I'm from Cobb County," she said. "That's where I grew up. ...They just have no right to say I don't belong there, because it is my home and I never bothered anybody while I was there, and the people who live there now don't bother anybody now. They're productive citizens of Cobb County and they should be treated as such. The commissioners and the people who are against us probably have a lot to learn from us. They could learn a lot about family values from us."

As for the resolution, "it should be burned. [The commissioners] need to think real hard about rescinding it because it's doing more damage than it's doing good. In fact I don't see anything that Cobb County is gaining out of it. ...They are splitting people in two."

Not just people, she said, but families—including hers.

"When I first came out, ...my dad was the last that I told," she said. "He first said 'I think you've chosen the wrong way to go.' He said 'you've chosen a hard lifestyle.' He said 'you're going to be discriminated against.' He said 'you're going to face that in your jobs.' He said 'you're going to face that in society.' He said that 'it's just going to be really hard for you.' That's what he said."

Shannon Byrne paused for a moment and smiled. "Thanks, dad," she said with a hint of sarcasm, "for making it happen."

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PRIDE '94 SCRAPBOOK

by JAMES FITCH

As the sun went down in Piedmont Park last Friday, food and drink vendors were busy setting up their booths. The roller-bladers, pedestrians and cars on the grounds in and around the park buzzed with anticipation for the Pride celebration to come.

Off in the secluded grassy circle beside the dock at Lake Clara Meer, a group gathered for "From the Heart," Pride's traditional **Commitment Ceremony** with Atlanta Couples Together. Most were there to exchange vows and rings with a life partner; many, including straight couples, children and some pets, were there to share in the experience. The Reverend Sally B. Purvis officiated the service.

"We're

here to honor what you have already done," she began, in a short and sweet mass-wedding service. "This love is too big, too important, too real, too affirming to leave alone...may your love be as bright as the stars, as warm as the sun, as accepting as the ocean, and as enduring as the mountains. Go in peace and love, with dignity and Pride."

With that, 82 not-so-nervous couples mingled with their guests, ate cake, drank punch and faded together into the sunset...

...Saturday morning was cool and gray. It didn't look too promising for a day of outdoor Pride events, but at 7:30 a.m. in Grant Park, the sky seemed to be the only thing that was even remotely hazy. The paved area below the Atlanta Cyclorama was pulsating with old disco tunes and swarming with 770 healthy and surprisingly awake bodies, participants in **Front Runners 4th Annual Pride 5k Run/Walk**.

The runners lined up at 8 a.m. "You look absolutely wonderful

this morning," yelled councilwoman Mary Davis, who gave the traditional "ready, set, go." With that, the mass of runners and walkers spilled onto Grant Park's hilly course, some much faster than others. Fifteen minutes and 29 seconds later, Ric Green passed the finish line at least a minute before his closest competitor.

At the awards ceremony after the run, Green took the trophy for Best Overall Male. Tracy Steele, who ran the race in nineteen minutes and 24 seconds, won in the Best Overall Female category.

The run, sponsored again this year by Southern Voice, raised



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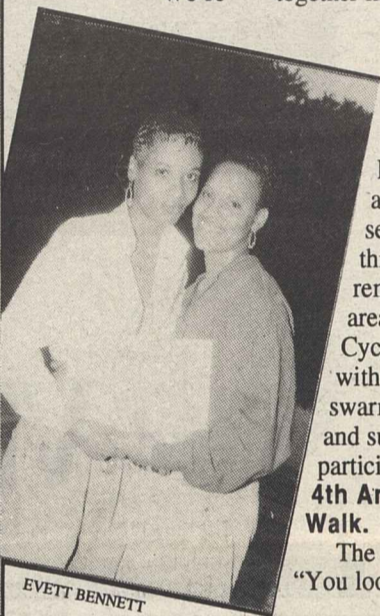


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(Left) Newlyweds James Thomason and Wade Beaver and Sheria and Nicole Smith. (Above from top) Runners help themselves to bananas after the Pride Run. Pride Run winners (left to right) Tracy Steele, Ric Green, Dallas Doctor and Debbie Smith.



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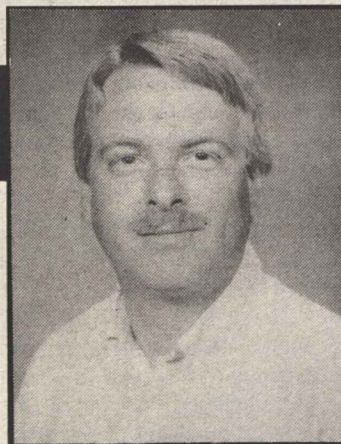
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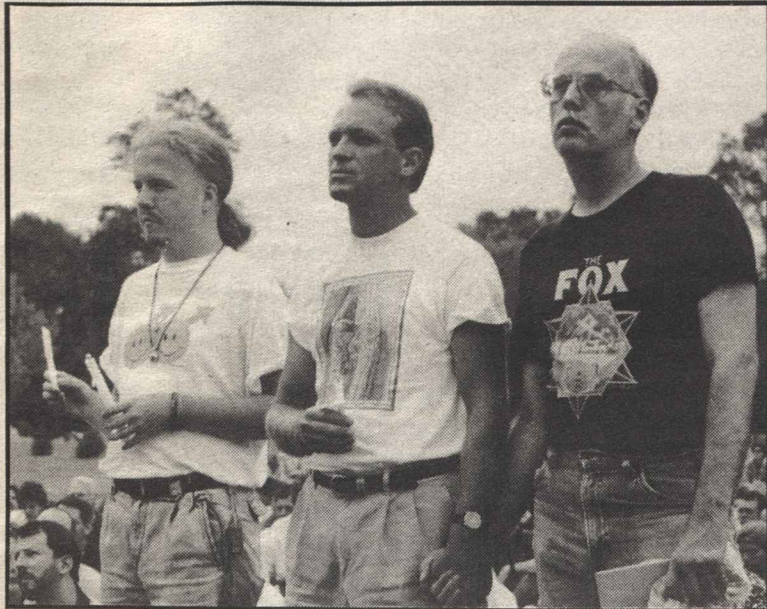
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Common Ground director Lesley Brogan compared the event to the fight against AIDS. "It's about putting one foot ahead of the other," she said...

...The Pride festival kicked off Saturday in Piedmont Park at 10 a.m. Despite the overcast sky, respectable crowds browsed through the booths and took in Saturday's local entertainment on the stage...

... One of the most emotional

and sobering elements of Pride came Saturday evening with AID Atlanta's candlelight vigil, "A Thousand Points of Love." At 7 p.m., about 175 people gathered with candles in John Howell Park. From there they proceeded along Virginia Avenue to a stage in Piedmont Park. Observers in the park increased the crowd to 300. Candles glowed, fresh carnations circulated, and names of lost loved ones were remembered out loud.

Several speakers took the stage: AID Atlanta director Becky Clayton delivered an invocation prayer; Rick Porter of the John Howell Park Project spoke of goals for the John Howell AIDS memorial park; and vocalist Angel Wimmer gave two spiritual performances. The most powerful

deliveries, however, came from PWAs and activists.

PWA Christopher Williams moved the crowd with a poignant speech about living with AIDS. "In 1986, they told me I had two years to live," Williams said. "...Some day I will be remembered with a candle just like this."

In closing, members from all of the city's AIDS organizations were invited to take the stage together. Jeff Graham from ACT UP/Atlanta spoke. "Join us as we turn our rage, our anger, our grief into action," he said, leading the crowd to chant "We'll never be silent again!"...

...The Dyke March, which took place at the same time as the AIDS Vigil, brought 500 lesbians into the streets of Midtown. They came in all shapes, colors, sizes and ages, carrying with them Lesbian Avenger signs, waterguns, and, yes, bare breasts.

Support for the Dyke March was evident on the sidewalks—two men held a banner proudly proclaiming "We love our lesbian sisters," while a quartet sang "When the Dykes Go Marching In."

Back in the park, after a few Lesbian Avengers showed their stuff by eating fire, Lisa Kung introduced Wanda and Brenda Henson, owners of the besieged Camp Sister Spirit in Overt, Mississippi. The Hensons gave an impassioned plea for help for their feminist educational retreat, under fire from some Overt citizens who fear the pair will use the facility to recruit "their" women.



"We've always been in Mississippi doing our work as out, proud lesbians," she said. "And I don't care if they don't like us. The people coming to Camp Sister Spirit for our help—they like us. They want us to be there. And we're not going anywhere."

...Cool Joe & the Funky Soul Symbols then worked the crowd with a sweaty set, one of the last dry sets of the night. The sky opened up with rain just before closing time...

...Sunday morning was something else completely: picture-perfect for a parade. At noon the mile-long rainbow began to snake

(Left) AIDS Vigil Ceremony. (Above) Dyke March.

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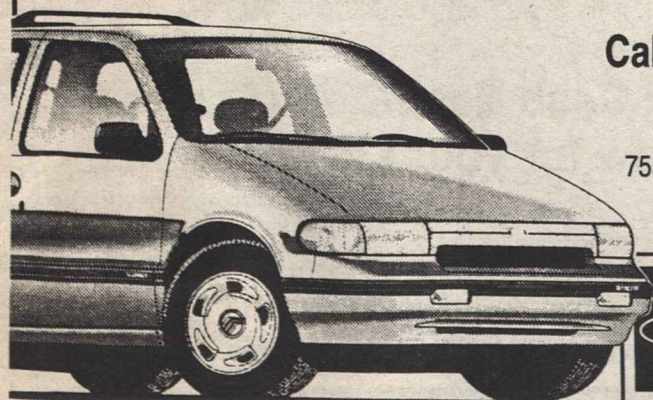
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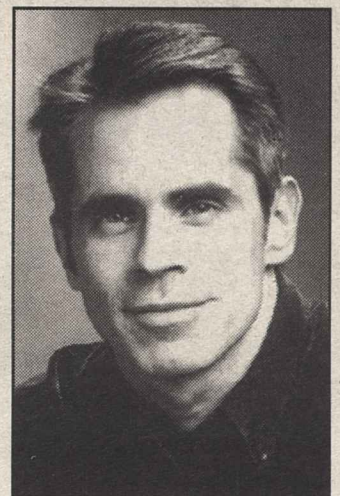


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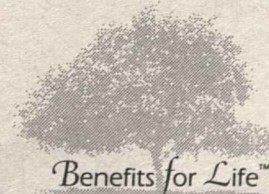
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ever, according to the Pride Committee's figures.

Led in by the cadence of drumbeats from the **Freedom Marching Band**, messages were everywhere, from "transgendered and proud" to visibility for gay and lesbian parents. But despite the official moniker "From Stonewall to Atlanta," the defining theme for Pride '94 came out of the ubiquitous pink signs and warring chants which called for **Olympics Out of Cobb**.

People close to the parade route's midpoint were privy to another drama that played itself out on the sideline: The Gestapo lined up in front of the **First Baptist Church**. That group included a few church-official types, a couple off-duty city policemen, and a state highway patrolman.

Across the street, the Methodists of St. Mark's and the Lutherans of Redeemer were busy serving cups of water to marchers and spectators. At one point, a Methodist woman ventured across the street with a tray of water and offered a drink to the Baptists. They declined, though, and stood firm, cross-armed and lock-kneed.

Perhaps it was the young woman marching with the Lesbian Avengers who best captured the sentiment of the masses in that block when, passing by the First Baptist Church, she howled, "Fuuuuuuuck Yooooouuu!"

Of course, there was also a lot of genuine entertainment...Some of the other defining elements of Pride Parade '94:

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Miss Manners: The Men of Little Five Points' "Lesbian/Gay Waving Instructions: Elbow-Elbow Wrist-Wrist."

True Colors: Southern Element Flag Corps in Rainbowrama; and Bishop Otis Charles in a flaming pink vestment.

Idol-try: Pastel-and-spandex-clad Jan Brady Fan Club with "Marsha, Marsha, Marsha!" mantra; and the shapely white-maned Divine out front on the Poster Hut float.

Ethnic Pride: Latinos en Acci3n and Coco-LoCo with the festive Carnival motif; the gorgeous South Asian Gays and Lesbians of Atlanta; and the flamboyant "Orient Express."



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Ability to Accessorize: Miss Thing with the pink parasol on the "Transgendered and Proud" float; snarly Charlie Brown and her nine-inch nails; Peg and her fan; Digging Dykes of Decatur and their plastic Woolworth Lawnboys...er,



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(Above) Maggie Cassella on stage.

its way toward Piedmont Park from the Atlanta Civic Center. The throngs on the sidelines needed to block out nearly two hours in order to see the parade in its entirety.

From the glow early on of the dignitaries—Peri Jude Radecic, Pat Hussain, and Jon Ivan-Weaver—it was clear that the parade was going to do what great parades should always do: break ground, send messages, and wow the crowd.

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Lawngirls; Ms. Pride Emeritus Neisha Dupree in the stunning oversize swish hat; and Queers Against People Without Jewelry, who graciously threw beads out to the "ornamentally impaired."

Decadent Party Barges: Masquerade's Club Fetish float with dominatrix tanning the hide of whipping-boy; The Heretic float, teeming with leather- and Calvin-clad go-go boys dancing to "I Wouldn't Normally Do This Kind of Thing" (Yeah, right); the indescribable, but oh-so pomo SoHo float; and Club Velvet's enchanted float, which lurched into Piedmont Park with dancers



hanging on for dear life as towers and walls rocked loose from its foundation.

Signs o' the Times: "Don't Blame Me, I Eat Bush;" "This Family Values Its Gay Son;" "Give Us Our Rights or We'll Destroy Your Neighborhood;" "Cobb is the Capitol of Bigoted Bubbas;" "Lesbian Moms Are Cool;" and "I'm like Snow White, looking for Prince Charming but finding Evil Queens instead."

Emily Saliers, of Indigo Girls, as herself: Close enough to touch her.

Recurring overhead embarrassment: The airplane pulling the sign that said "OLYMPICS OUT OF COBB. SPIKE THE VENUE!"

...As she walked into the park grass from the street, one Atlanta woman exclaimed happily, "This morning I told my mom I was going to a contact lens convention. Now she's gonna see me on TV!"

In the parade delta that was Piedmont Park, attendance reached its apex around 2 p.m.

Out on the strips of food, beverage and merchandise that lined the back and sides of the performance stage, gays and lesbians could be seen drinking Budweiser, purchasing rainbow-tinged merchandise (from rainbow-colored shaved ice to rainbow-tongued sneakers), yelling "Hey, bitch!" at each other, or getting removable tattoos, the selection of

which was so vast.

For an MC, the Peg/Hal Gresham characters win hands down for saying things like, "That was the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus. Weren't they just faaaabulous?" But surprisingly, the performers and speakers on the stage really took a back seat to what was happening offstage—people-watching proved to be every bit as provocative.

Just reading the t-shirts was worth the trip to the park (Where other than on the Bi and Beautiful T are you gonna find Oscar Wilde and Madonna used within the same context?).

Up on the stage things heated up with **Maggie Cassella**, the lesbian/lawyer/comic, who manages to inject equal portions of each into her funny act. She launched vicious salvos at, among others, the recently out Camille Paglia ("We don't want her on our side...couldn't we trade her in for

somebody like Sigourney Weaver?").

Cassella turned the stage over to **Brenda and Wanda Hensen of Camp Sister Spirit**, who were delighted about the grand reception and show of support they received in the parade. "We're not getting this kind of support in Mississippi," Wanda said. "Thank you Atlanta." In a bizarre twist of fate, however, a powerful cloudburst erupted the moment the words left her lips, and many in the crowd went scrambling for cover.

Others stayed planted on the hill around the stage and cheered at the sensation of being completely soaked. "It's queer soup!" exclaimed either Peg or Hal Gresham from the mic at the stage.

The rain held strong for 20 minutes. "All the pretty people went home when it rained," one person observed. True, the crowd thinned with the rain,

but Pride was far from rained out. The sky cleared and the musical headliners disappear fear played their powerful set, as did speakers, bands and other performers throughout the afternoon and evening.

And more than one person suggested that perhaps that afternoon shower had been somebody's attempt to make a great big rainbow up in the sky.



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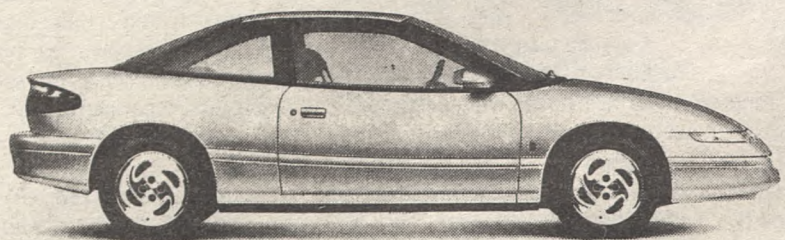
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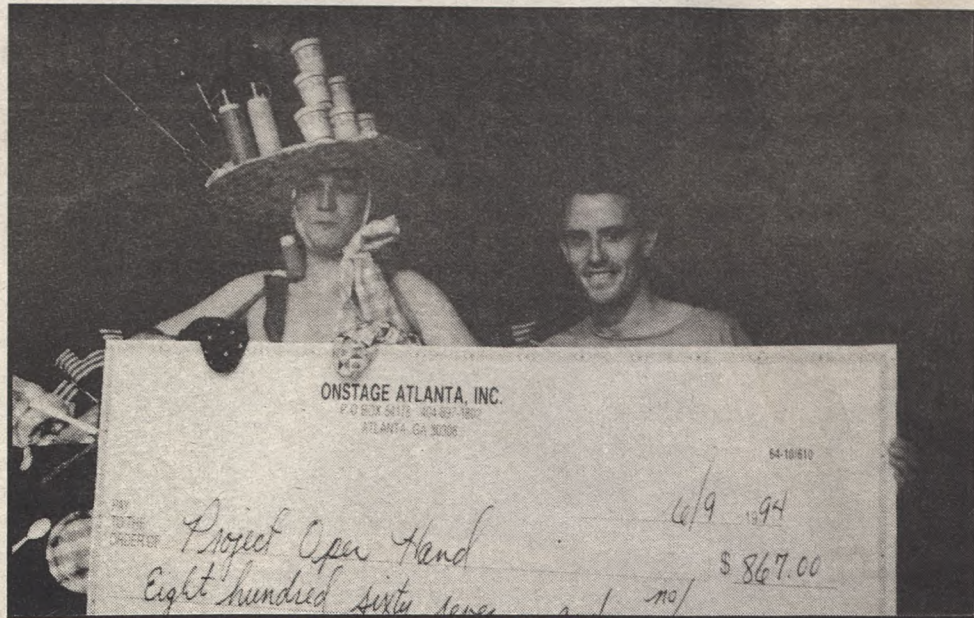


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4th Tuesday names scholarship winner

Jennifer Lynne Keats has been named the 1994 recipient of the 4th Tuesday Pat Hoban Scholarship.

Keats graduated from Georgia State University summa cum laude in 1992 majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies with an area of concentration in Women's Studies. This fall she will attend Emory University's School of Nursing, and plans to practice in the area of

women's health as an openly lesbian health practitioner.

Keats has been guest speaker in classrooms at GSU and Emory University, and she and her parents are active in Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

The award will be officially presented at 4th Tuesday's dinner meeting on June 28.

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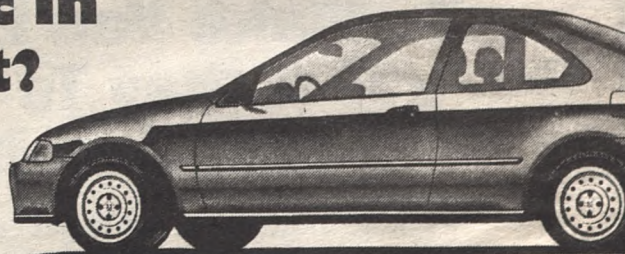
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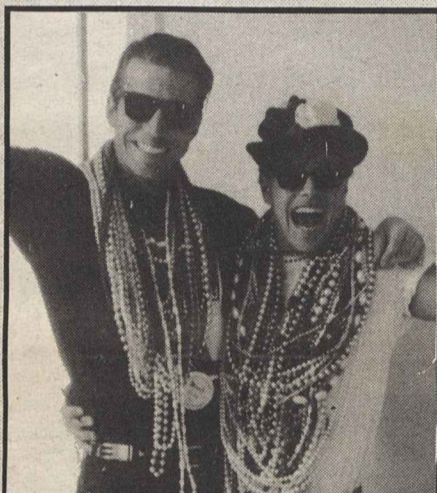
After a long hard day at work on the night of Pride '93, following a year of teasing, bickering and flirting, Bart Clennon and Bob Crean finally took a chance on each other on June 27. Happy 1st anniversary, Bart & Bob.

Happy anniversary to Cheryl and Heidi Forever on June 11.

Micky O'Leary and Carol Chronister celebrate two fabulous years together on June 26. The pair met at a Fourth Tuesday Business Expo.

Lisa Marie Papp and Rita Minn dropped by the SoVo booth at Pride to tell us about their 6 month anniversary on June 25. The pair met on New Year's Eve, but it wasn't until Jan. 25th that "the van went rocking and the fireworks glowed over the city of Atlanta."

Stacy Gardner and Meredith Marchbank celebrate their first anniversary on June 25.



Bart Clennon and Bob Crean celebrate their 1st anniversary June 27.



Lisa Marie Papp and Rita Minn are celebrating 6 months together on June 25.

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Belated birthday wishes to Ricky Hartfree, who turned 36 on June 8.

Happy birthday to Mindy Hill on June 29.

A happy birthday to Mish at Short Mountain, who turned 48 on June 17.

Happy birthday to Mike Nichelson on June 16.

COMING OUT

Sonja Smith took the big step during Pride this year. She says, "I've been in the closet forever. I want to take a stand now and forever more—I'm black, proud and I'm a lesbian. Nothing can and nothing will stop me now."

JOBS

Nancy Palchanis recently left Project Connect, the homelessness program of Jewish Family Services, to become the executive director of Cafe 458, which provides meals, supportive services and a drug and alcohol recovery program for persons who are homeless.

Dolph Goldenburg assumed the duties of Program Coordinator/Case Manager at Project Connect on June 16. He recently graduated summa cum laude from GA State with a Bachelors of Social work and completed a 6 mo. internship with Project Connect.

NAME CHANGE

Patty and Jackie Payne of Lavonia, Georgia are proud to announce that they now legally share the same last name.

OUT ON THE RADIO

Alicia Banks, the openly lesbian host of radio programs on WIGO and WRFG, and Kristen from Dunwoody guest hosted for the notorious Sean Hannity on WGST on June 10. "Radical lesbian sanity in for Sean Hannity," Alicia called it, saying the show was a hit. It was Alicia and Kristen's second appearance together. Their first was as victorious "enemy guests" on a Thursday "Enemy Guest Day."

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.

APOLOGY

Randy Glenn wants to apologize to Ray and staff at the Heretic. "I truly am sorry about what I did Friday, May 13," he says. "I apologize to you and your staff for not showing the respect that you all deserve. I know what I did was wrong and I assure you that it will never happen again. Thank you. I hope you accept my apology."

BIRTHDAYS

Happy belated birthday to Laine Morgan on June 20. She celebrated her big 3-0 and then announced that she is pregnant. Laine and partner Sue Ann are expecting a baby on Feb. 14, which is also their anniversary (Laine—be sure to let us know when the little bundle arrives—Love, SoVo).

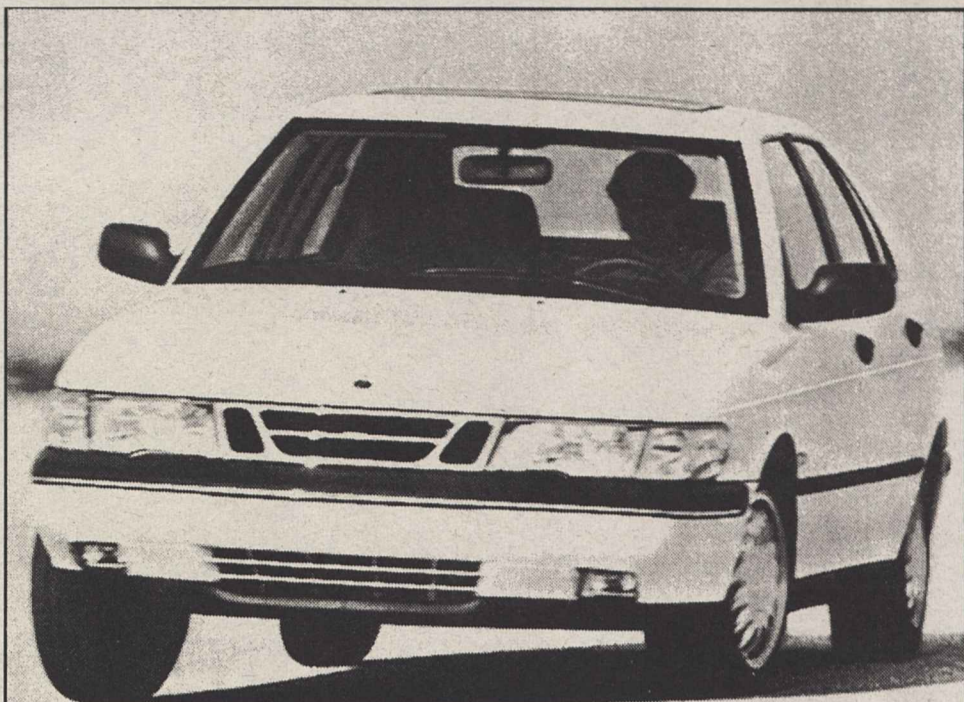
A happy birthday to S.B.A.S. on June 24 from C.O.R.P.

Happy birthday to "Madge-Pad" on June 26 from "Crash" & "Burn."

Happy birthday & anniversary of coming out for Anne on June 18. She came out a year ago, and now she's 22.

Gareth Finley will be celebrating her 33rd birthday on June 23 by travelling to New York to attend Stonewall 25 and take in a play on Broadway. Gareth is also celebrating her 5th year in Atlanta this month, and her 15th year as an out lesbian.

Happy 1st birthday to Tyler, the much-loved son of Nancy and Colleen and a large



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GO FISH



by STEVE WARREN

Nothing takes the sting out of turning 30 like having your first feature film about to open nationwide. Rose Troche hit that milestone on Memorial Day, while "Go Fish" was still playing the festival circuit prior to debuting June 10 in New York and July 1 in 40 other cities, including Atlanta.

One of those little movies that could, "Go Fish" started swimming in the relatively small pond of Chicago, where Troche, her star and co-writer Guinevere Turner, and a number of other lesbians spent most of 1992 and 1993 putting it together. Rose and Guin took advantage of a lull in filming to go end their personal relationship, but work on the film and now its promotion have forced them to remain friends: "If it weren't for the movie, we probably wouldn't be," Troche says.

Conceived as an all-lesbian project, "Go Fish" broadened its parameters without losing its focus. It's still a love story involving hip, young dykes, with women in all the major roles. The oldest character, Kia (T. Wendy McMillan) is no more than 35, Rose says. Her roommate, Max (Turner) is 24. Ely (V. S. Brodie), the woman Max is destined to fall in love with is 32, although "Valerie (Brodie) just turned 30. Most of the actresses are playing their own ages."

Because of the characters' ages and her MTV-influenced style, Troche (rhymes with "crochet") expected audience reaction to break down along generational lines. She's been pleased to find some older people get it, too, and speculates that those who don't are "more what could be termed 'old-school,' although that sounds too negative."

Initially avoiding taking money from men, Troche and Turner financed most of the first two thirds of the movie themselves, shooting on weekends with a volunteer cast and crew. When funds ran out, Rose called New York producer Christine Vachon ("Poison," "Swoon"). Vachon looked at the script and a rough cut and signed on as executive producer, but it took her six months to raise the money to complete the film.

No doubt Vachon's reputation helped "Go Fish" land a

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birth at the Sundance film festival in January, and the rest is herstory. The Samuel Goldwyn Company, which had distributed "Desert Hearts" and "The Wedding Banquet," saw crossover potential in a little film that was made "by, for and about lesbians," and bought the distribution rights, figuring it was cheap enough to show a profit even if only dykes went to see it.

Suddenly Paramount was asking Troche to direct "The Brady Bunch—The Movie" (she declined), and Turner, who only wanted to be a writer, found herself in demand as an actress. "Since January, I've had a lot of attention," she admits, "and I think I'm gonna go for it. Why not?"

Turner's trying to be realistic about it. "How many Hollywood stars can you name who are out lesbians?" she asks.

After the expected silence, my encouragement leads her to think, "Maybe I could be the first." It has to happen, and if an established star won't come out, a rising star who was never in will have to pave the way.

"Go Fish" is essentially a gayforward romantic comedy about well meaning friends trying to bring two women together, but it goes off on interesting tangents. One is a brainstorming session to name famous lesbians.

"Queers spend so much time doing that," Troche says, it was an easy scene to improvise. "Everyone in the movie is pretty much queer, so I just gave everybody a name or two and let them go. They added their own in rehearsal, and I would say, 'Don't forget that one!'"

Missing from the dialogue is Ms. Foster, but if you check the chalkboard in the classroom setting, Troche promises, you'll find "Jodie" up there.

Another digression is a mock trial on PC charges that could be an "Oprah" theme: "Women who don't sleep with women who sleep with men." The scene is mentioned, Rose says, "not in terms of 'how could you?' but women thank me for including it or they complain that there's so much to say. My sole purpose in including the scene is to start a discussion."

Rose seems to have had a purpose for everything, including the casting of the cosmetically challenged Brodie as Max's love interest. "There are so many couples like that," Troche explains. "It would be tilting our hat to Hollywood to have two really beautiful women in the leads." Besides, Valerie "really isn't ugly by the end of the film, once you get to know her."

So why does Max say Ely's "U-G-L-Y" the first time she sees her? "At that point it's about Max being so obnoxious. At that point she's lov-



Director Rose Troche (left) with V.S. Brodie (center), who stars as Ely, and Guinevere Turner who co-wrote "Go Fish" and stars as Max.



Director Rose Troche offers some advice to Max (Guinevere Turner) on the set of "Go Fish."

able but really hateable. For me, the reason I never found it offensive is because it was only Max's opinion."

Like every modern love story, "Go Fish" posed the dilemma of how to handle sex scenes, how to satisfy audiences without exploiting actresses. Rose admits it was difficult. "Beyond both issues," she says, "was the question of what is erotic. If you answer that, the most minimal showing of it is enough. You don't need 'full beave.'"

"The evolution of 'Go Fish' is, it's so typical that I had them naked in the love scene at the beginning, but by the end, they had some clothes on, which I find erotic. I never made anyone work naked if she didn't want to."

The filmmaker was a late-blooming Rose. Raised in Illinois, "I lived with my mom until I was 22," she says. "Once I moved out, it took me no more than six months to come out."

Some of her own adolescence will figure in a future film, the first part of a trilogy that follows a young lesbian through coming out to a big romance and its painful aftermath. "I'm not committed to making depressing work now," she promises, so the trilogy "will be lighthearted" despite its overall seriousness.

In addition to Max and Ely, "Go Fish" features female characters known as "Mel," "Andy" and "Sam." Have lesbians taken to assuming drag names?

"I think it's a funny thing with dykes," replies Troche, who says her drag name is Rose. "You become a dyke, you want to go through this transformation. If your name is Melanie, it's 'Call me Mel.' Max changed her name completely, from Camille."

If it seems strange, it's because until recently, lesbians weren't noted for camp, or any other kind of humor. "We're working towards a lesbian camp," Rose laughed.

If it turns out to be an armed camp, Rose Troche's sense of humor will give her all the ammunition she needs.

Join Southern Voice for a preview showing of "Go Fish" on June 29 at 7:30 pm at Lefont's Screening Room, 2581 Piedmont Rd. Pick up your complimentary pass (1 per person please) at Charis Books & More, Hairanoia, Outwrite Books or Windfaire on Buford Highway.

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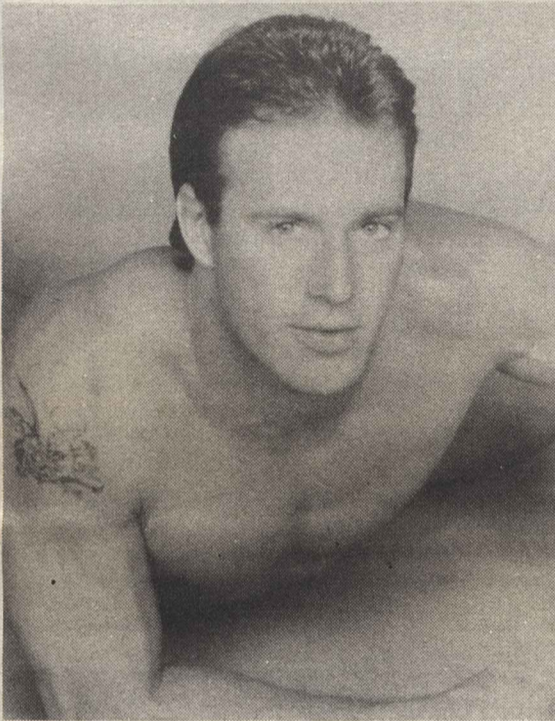
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29 WEDNESDAY

THE CIVIL WAR. The series continues with a look at hospitals, Sherman's Atlanta campaign, and the 1864 victories that sealed the fate of the Confederate forces. 9pm. GPTV Ch 8.

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ABOVE: "Time in a Battle" opens at The Shakespeare Tavern on June 24. Photo by Michael Holland

LEFT: Trent Reed makes an appearance at Velvet on June 27.

BELOW: "Storybook Hour-St. Louis, Missouri" is one of an exhibit of photographs by African American photojournalist Moneta Sleet, Jr., now on display at the High Museum of Art Folk Art and Photography in downtown Atlanta.

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SOAP. Comedy Central has the controversial 70s TV series. 7, 7:30 & 11pm, Mon-Fri.

SINCERITY FOREVER AND THE THEORY OF TOTAL BLAME. Thru Sat. Zoink Productions inaugurates The Laundromat in Cabbagetown with two short plays. "Sincerity" is about white bread Southern kids possessed by the devil and "Theory" is a Karen Finley piece about a family that just keeps getting worse. Fri & Sat at 8pm. 188 Carroll St, 523-6559.

PAT OLESZKO AND BARBAR SCHREIBER. Thru Sat. Work from two women artists are on view at Nexus Gallery, 535 Means St. 688-1970.

A...MY NAME IS STILL ALICE. Thru Sun. The glass ceiling's the limit in this Joan Micklin Silver-Julianne Boyd romp through women's lives and loves in the 90s. Horizon Theatre in LSP. Thu-Fri 8pm, Sat 8:30pm, Sun 5pm. \$8-\$14. 584-7450.

BONFIRE OF LIBERTIES: CENSORSHIP OF THE HUMANITIES. Thru June 30. Exhibit at Emory

University's Schatten Gallery of the Robt. W. Woodruff Library focuses on attempts to censor "dangerous material." Free. 727-6861.

UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS AND THE TRUE NATURE OF LOVE. Thru July 3. Brad Fraser's deeply erotic and terrifying story about the search for love among the ruins of contemporary relationships. Actor's Express, 280 Elizabeth St. Thur-Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm. \$12-15. 221-0831.

GODZILLA VS. CANCER. Thru July 3. Photos by Billy Howard ("Epitaph for the Living: Words and Images in the Time of AIDS) and art therapy by Lisa Murray and the children of Egleston about the illness. Marcia Wood Gallery, 1198 N. Highland. Reception 4-8pm tonight. 885-1808.

LABYRINTHS. Thru July 9. TULA Foundation hosts an exhibit by local sculptor Maria Artemis and New York composer Eleanor Hovda addressing the issue of "dwelling." 75 Bennett St. 351-3551.

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.

LINCOLN AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES. Thru July 31. Photos by Mathew Brady from the National Portrait Gallery hang at the Museum of the Jimmy Carter Library. 331-0296.

JOHN GEORGE BROWN. Thru July 31. Five paintings of the elderly are the focus of "John George Brown: The Dignity of Years," at the High Museum. 892-HIGH.

19TH AND 20TH CENTURY AFRICAN AMERICAN ART. Thru Aug 21. The Harmon and Harriet Kelley Collection

opens at the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory. 727-4282.

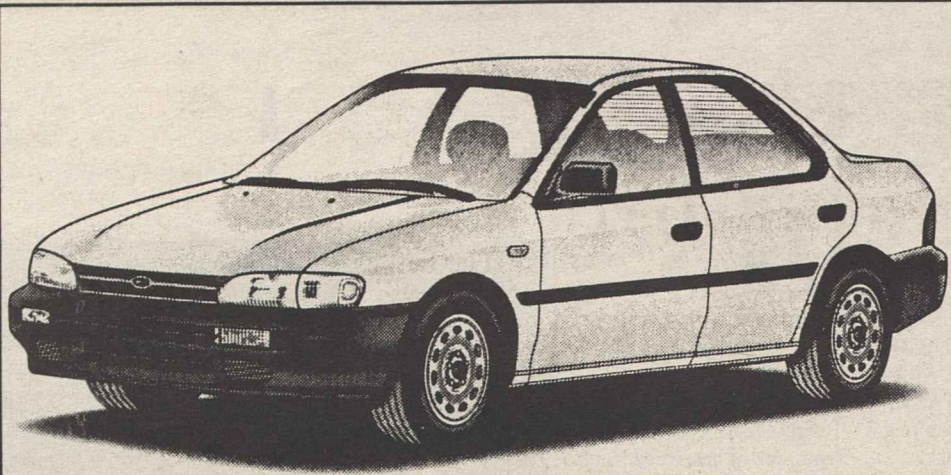
EQUAL RIGHTS AND JUSTICE. Thru Aug. 28. The High Museum marks the 30th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act with this tribute to Atlanta's role in the 60s struggle. Multiple artists, multiple arts. 892-HIGH.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PUPPETRY FESTIVAL. Thru Sept. 3. The Center for Puppetry Arts hosts the summer long festival with performances for adults and children. Thru July 2, "The Old Man in the Moon and Other Fables" for children (11am & 1pm Mon-Sat, 3pm Wed). 1404 Spring St. 873-3391.

PSYCHOLOGY. Thru Sept. 6. Fernbank Museum of Natural History opens a new exhibit about who we are, what we think, and why. 767 Clifton. 370-0960.

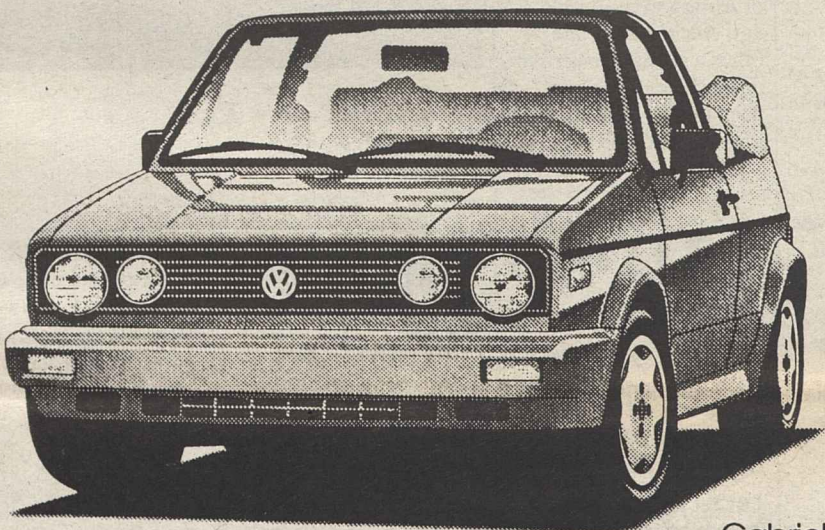
THE KING AND I. July 5-10. Theatre of the Stars brings the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical to the Fox, starring Shirley Jones. \$15.50-\$35.50. 249-6400.





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For Kathy Nijimy, politics is always part of the package

Los Angeles, Calif.—Actress Kathy Nijimy probably is best known for her role as the very funny nun in the hit movies “Sister Act” and “Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit” but she first made her mark doing political theater. Now that she is becoming a household name, her penchant for “telling it like it is” is making her as known for her outspoken politics as her acting ability.

As a strong supporter of gay and lesbian as well as women’s rights, she is not about to give up that tag even though people warn it could “hurt her career.” In fact, Nijimy will be at several events during Stonewall 25, including the “Stonewall Revolution Dance Party” for gay men and “The Girl Ball on Stonewall,” both on Sunday, June 26.

“It’s not a courageous act for me to speak up,” said Nijimy by phone. “I wouldn’t know how to function if I tried to second-guess myself and police my thoughts.”

Nijimy has been an activist since her teens when she first battled school officials over the boys home economics class being called “Bachelor Survival.”

“The boys were taught how to cook and do laundry—until they got married. Then the woman was supposed to do it? I thought, yeah, right!”

After years of political theater, Nijimy’s radical satire hit a high point with the award-winning HBO special “The Kathy and Mo Show: Parallel Lives,” co-written with longtime friend and collaborator Mo Gaffney. For many in the gay community, the peak of the show was the segment “Sister Woman Sister,” a skit that pokes fun at lesbian poetry and women who change their name from “Peterson” to “Petersdaughter,” among other things.

The piece grew out of Nijimy’s involvement with Sisters on Stage, a feminist theater group, during the late 1970s. Nijimy says the group was important to her, not only in providing comic material but, for personal growth as well.

“I’ve always been a minority in that I’ve always been outspoken. But there, I was with very radical, hard-core feminists and I got to be a minority in a different way,” said Nijimy. “It was a great gift.”



Kathy Nijimy

Her TV special scheduled for this fall, “In Search of Dr. Seuss,” will undoubtedly generate controversy during publicity gigs. Nijimy asked for additional lines about Dr. Seuss’s lack of female characters. The lines she wanted were filmed, but ended up on the cutting room floor.

“I thought it was worth noting in the documentary that in 50 books, I could only find two female characters—Mayzie the Lazy Bird who abandons her child, and Cindy/Lou Who of Whoville,” said Nijimy. “I wanted to mention the sexism of the era so that little girls could talk to their moms about it.”

Despite her quibbles with the finished product, Nijimy is excited about the documentary—and the publicity she’ll do for it.

“It’s always been my dream that someone would ask me what I think—about a woman’s right to her body or whatever,” said the 30-something Nijimy. “It was so hard before to get people to listen to me. Now I get to say what I think on talk shows in front of millions of people!”

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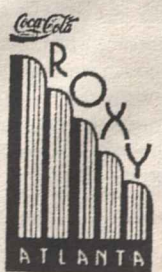
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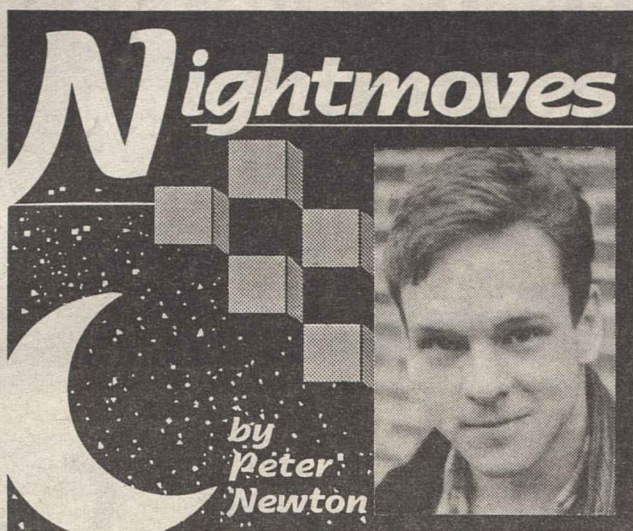
What do you think of that new Alterna-Mall in Little Five Points? You know, the one with the golden winged lavender facade with the spanking new sign: Junkman's Daughter. The once seedy place to buy a whip or pick up a pair of used army boots goes mainstream. The renovated grocery on Moreland will also house a gourmet coffee shop and a tattoo parlor. What's the world coming to when you can get a tattoo in a place that doesn't at least seem a little dangerous. Virginia-Highlands is taking over the world. And I'm worried. If rounding off Atlanta's rough edges is progress I'm holing up in Cabbagetown where despite the recent influx of commercial interest one can experience an alternative side of the city.

Recently, I spoke with Nicole Torre, founder of Zoink Productions, the 4-year old theatre company that brings two plays to **The Laundromat in Cabbagetown**. That's right, a theatre on Carroll Street. "I formed Zoink to bring Atlanta provocative, contemporary American theatre without the white gloves," says Torre. "Sincerity Forever" by Mac Wellman is dedicated to Jesse Helms. In fact, Wellman sent a copy to Helms thanking him for doing such a fine job of destroying civil liberties in this country, a move that may have prompted the letter from the NEA asking Wellman to remove their name from the playbill despite the fact that Wellman did receive a 1990 NEA Playwriting Fellowship.

The Theory of Total Blame by Karen Finley is more along the lines of performance art as it explores the communication or the lack thereof between members of a dysfunctional family. Both short plays will be performed Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25. 8pm at The Laundromat. 188 Carroll Street. 523-6559.

Nexus Contemporary Art Center hosts the final weekend of their "3rd Annual Next Decade of New Performance Festival" with performance artist **Klimchak**. This solo show entitled, "Cooks Notes" combines Klimchak's performance skills with his long-term interest in cooking, music and movement. Who knows, the audience may even get a snack to boot. Cooks Notes will be presented at The Performance Cafe, 535 Means Street. 688-1970.

Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of



Love, or "that frontal nudity play" as I've heard it called several times, is sure to satisfy most sexual appetites. It's not a powerful script. But there are several powerful performances that warrant the sell-out crowds to Actor's Express' current production.

Jill Johnson's portrayal of a sadistic psychic is just the black comic relief one needs in a play with the weight of Peter Ganim's closeted serial killer. Both actors add credibility and the much-claimed eroticism to this sex adventure. The nudity reflects the pared down dirt and boardwalk-type set that in turn reflects the tenuous nature of modern love. The play is about vulnerability and the cast does a good job of stripping away any preconceptions the audience may have regarding who or what one may love in the 90s. If one of the purposes of theatre is to enlighten as well as entertain this production does both. Love is unidentifiable. And its true nature is deadly when denied. Extended through July 3, call 221-0831 for reservations.

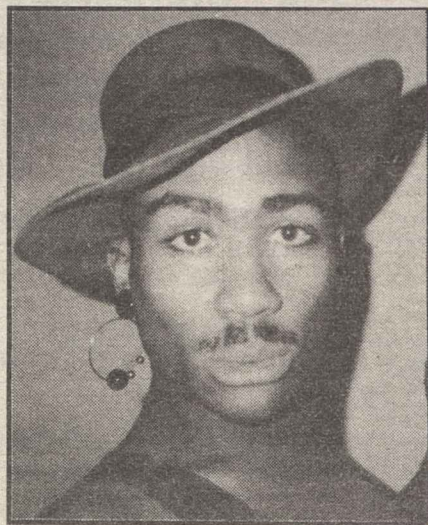
But enough about the theatre, already. If you're not going to New York for the Stonewall Celebrations there's an Atlanta tradition in the making set for Saturday, June 25. **The Fabulous Midsummer Night's Stonewall Cabaret and**

Cakewalk is a celebration of gay men's culture open to all presented by Gay Spirit Visions, which is sort of a distant cousin to the Radical Fairies. Performers include Tre Johnson and The Shockers, a collective of African American gay men who are each entertainers in their own right. The action takes place at the First Existentialist Congregation at 8 pm.

June 24-26 is also designated as **Campaign for Life** weekend in Atlanta. The kick-off banquet will include local and national celebrities and live entertainment by Kriss Kross among others will be held Friday, June 24 at the Marriott Marquis. 399-5581.

The Campaign for Life benefit will support education programs and services for all people of color through the GRANNY program, a pediatric, community-based program for low income mothers and children affected by HIV/AIDS, and the National People of Color Council on AIDS.

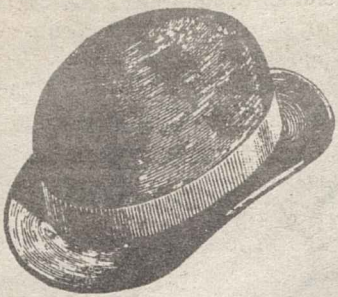
Only one weekend away since Atlanta's largest Pride celebration ever area bars are offering up memorable Stonewall entertainment this weekend. From **Backstreet's** Sunday night talent show, "Beauty and the Bitch" to **The Core's** Core Boy Dancers Wednesday-Saturday, there's plenty to do. Being gay and taking pride in our culture is a full-time job. Personally, I'm worn out after the Pride Parade, all day in Piedmont Park and all night at **Axys**. Let me rest here for a minute. Go on ahead, I'll catch up.



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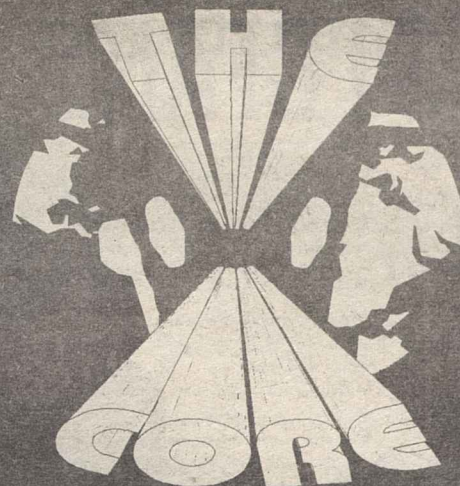
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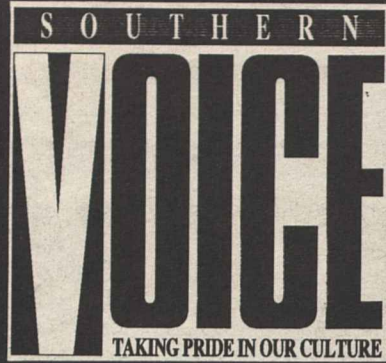
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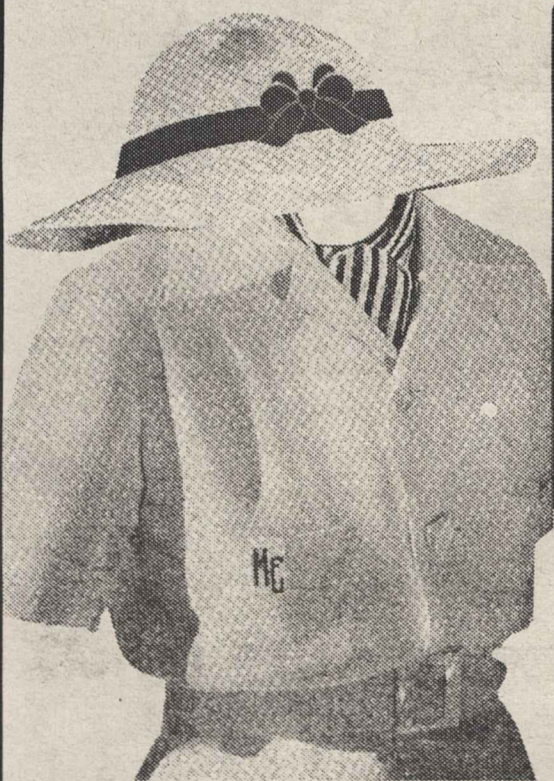
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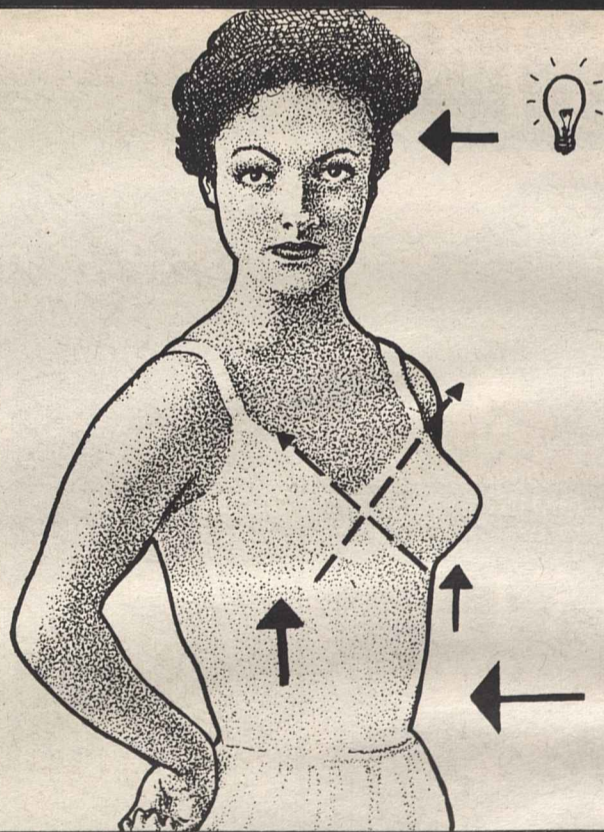
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Angels in America sweeps Tony Awards for second year

Spinella picks up second Tony; play opens in Atlanta in September

For the second year in a row, Tony Kushner's Gay Fantasia on National Themes, "Angels in America," dominated Broadway's Tony Awards, winning once again for Best Actor, Best Featured Actor, and Best New Play. The Tonys were awarded on Sunday, June 12, just as Atlanta's Gay Pride Weekend was winding down.

"Perestroika," the second part of "Angels in America" won the Tony after picking up the Drama Desk award earlier in the week. It is the continuation of the story Kushner began in "Millennium Approaches," following the encompassing and convoluted tale of Prior Walter (Stephen Spinella), a man living with AIDS.

Spinella, who won the Tony last year for Best Featured Actor in a Play, stepped up to Best Actor status this year (last year, the award went to "Angels" as well). And it is the first time an actor has picked up two Tonys for playing the same role.

Jeffrey Wright, who plays Belize, a gay nurse who ministers to the dying Roy Cohn, was awarded the Tony for Best Featured Actor in a Play, beating out castmate David Marshall Grant, who plays a gay, Mormon, conservative lawyer coming to terms with his sexuality.

In his acceptance speech, Kushner acknowledged that the gay and lesbian world was celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, and he publicly dedicated his award to the ongoing struggle for gay rights. Spinella quietly remembered the passing of four friends to AIDS this year. "It was a loss for all of us," he admonished.

In other Tony Award categories, Britain's Royal National Theatre's production of "An Inspector Calls" won four trophies: Best Revival of a Play, Best Featured Actress in a Play, Best Lighting Design, and Best Director of a Play, Stephen

Daldry.

In his acceptance speech, Daldry publicly acknowledged the play's scenic designer, Ian MacNeil, three times. He first thanked him for his brilliant design. Then he thanked him for being his best friend. Finally, Daldry thanked MacNeil for being his lover.

Daldry and MacNeil were the subject of a front page story in the New York Times last month. The article explained how two openly gay lovers can indeed work well together in the theatre. MacNeil is the son of PBS newscaster Robert MacNeil, and his stunning set design for "An Inspector Calls" is one of the major reasons the revival took so many awards. The innovative design was favored to win the Tony by many critics. The award went to the deconstructed new version of "Carousel" which picked up the Tony for Best Revival of a Musical.

Well-known gay composer/lyricist Stephen Sondheim's "Passion" was also well-rewarded at the Tonys. It won for Best Score - Sondheim, Best Book - James Lapine, Best Actress in a Musical - Donna Murphy, and Best Musical, beating out "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," the stage realization of the animated film written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman (who died of AIDS before the movie came out).

Judging from the Tony Awards, it's safe to predict which shows we will be seeing on tour in Atlanta, and which will receive home-grown productions. The revival of "Grease" has already been announced, and you can bank on Disney touring "Beauty and the Beast" before too long. We probably won't see "Carousel" or "She Loves Me" which is a pity since both revivals are stunning and well worth seeing. Some adventurous group in town will probably tackle the brilliant, stark "Passion," but not any time soon (the musical opens with a 10-minute nude scene, not the kind of thing that plays well at the Fox).

We know for sure that "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches" will be in Atlanta soon. The Alliance Theatre



Ellen McLaughlin (the Angel) and Stephen Spinella (Prior Walter) in "Angels in America: Perestroika," the second play of Tony Kushner's two-play epic.

Company is mounting an all-new production of the Pulitzer Prize winning play starting this September, with "Perestroika" expected to arrive in 1995. The Alliance Production will feature a cast made up of New York and Atlanta actors.

Watch future issues of this paper for an announcement of a special preview night in late August for Southern Voice readers.

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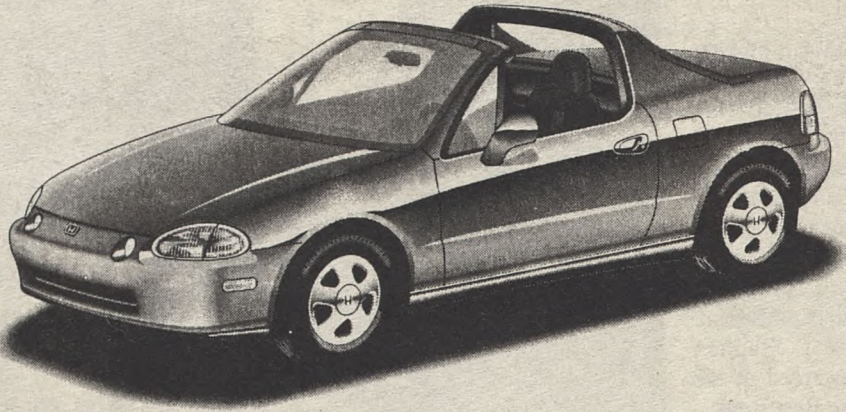
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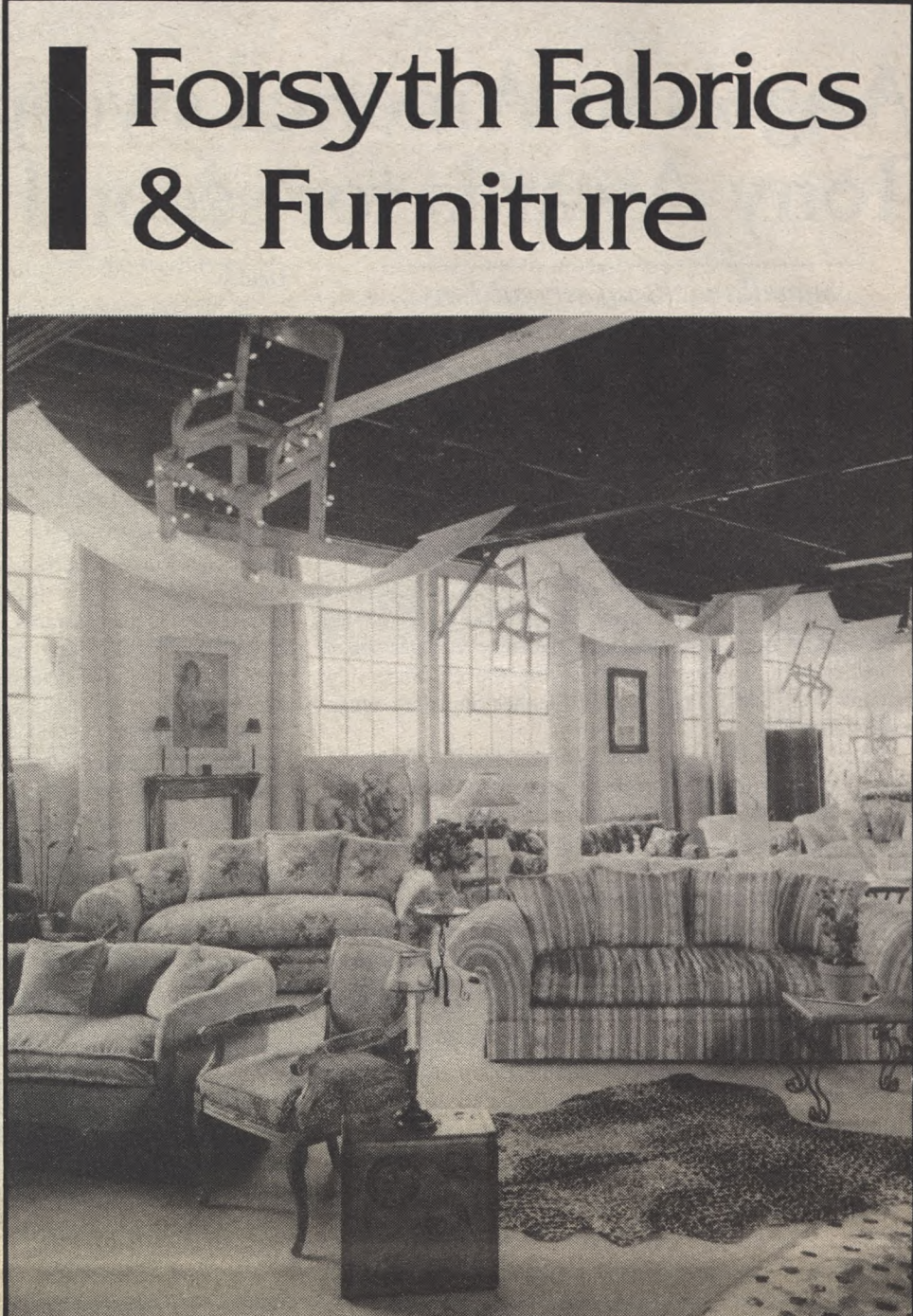
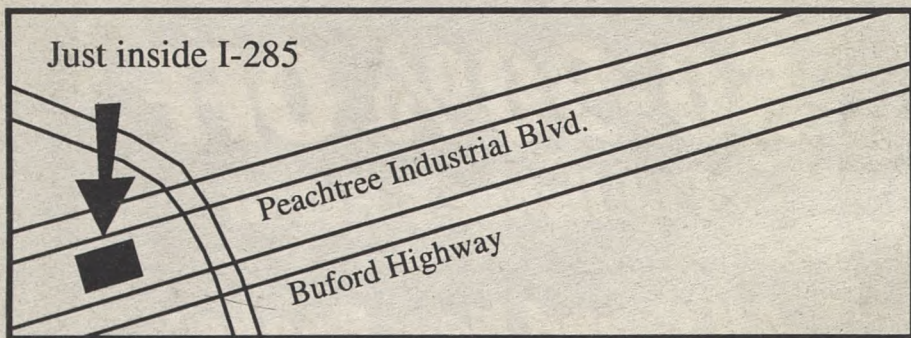
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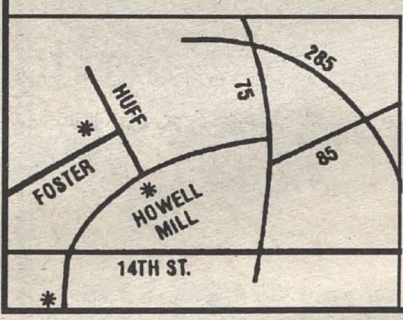


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In the meantime, thanks to the efforts of Streisand and Simon & Schuster Audio, we can enjoy the incendiary play on a new 2-CD set recording, released on June 15.

The live recording, which took place in April of last year, gathered a wonderful group of theatrical talents at Broadway's Roundabout Theater for a benefit recording. Proceeds from that night, and proceeds from the sale of the CDs, go to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

The result is an unusual listening experience, not unlike a radio play for modern ears.

Streisand introduces the cast and the play, and makes this comment: "The play you are about to hear is one that is very close to my heart. It has been ever since the first time I saw it. It touched me and changed me. For me, 'The Normal Heart' is about everybody's right to love, no matter who they are."

To get the most from the recording, turn the sound up, lower the lights and close your eyes while you listen. If you have earphones, put them on. It's almost as if the actors are seated around you, reading the play in your own living space.

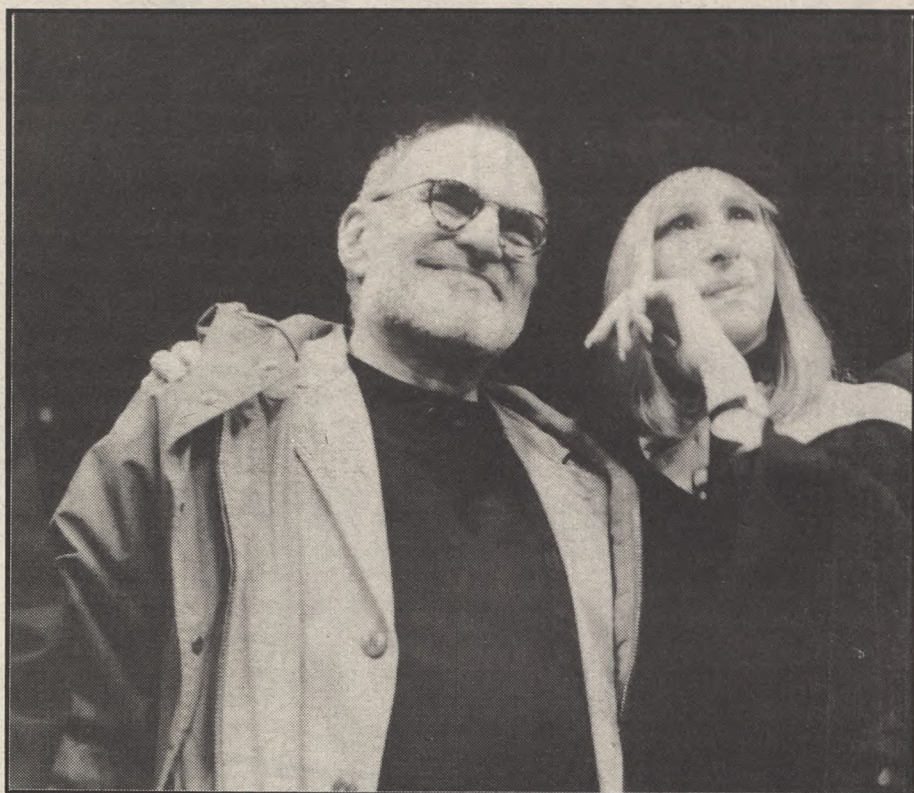
Since it is a live recording, there are errors and mistakes, but these only add to the realism it creates. The voices of Stockard Channing (Six Degrees of Separation), Eric Bogosian (Drinking in America), Harry Hamlin (L.A. Law), John Turturro (Barton Fink), D. W. Moffett (the original cast of "The Normal Heart") and David Drake (The Night Larry

Kramer Kissed Me) and the rest of the cast provide a theatrical environment that is wondrous, considering that this is a play that has a lot of physical action. Yet, on this recording, Kramer's angry words stand alone and are not diminished by the lack of visual stimulation.

"The Normal Heart" reads like a history play. In 1985, there were no television ads that advocated safe sex and the use of condoms; people didn't discuss their HIV status on talk shows. Kramer wrote the play so that his audiences could not turn away, putting his radical politics out in front. Kramer wanted the people who saw "The Normal heart" to know what it feels like. And as we all know now, AIDS is not an easy thing to watch.

Kramer had a long career in the film industry at Columbia and United Artists before becoming one of the loudest and most controversial AIDS activists in this country. He wrote the screenplay adaptation and produced the film version of D. H. Lawrence's "Women in Love," which received four Academy Award nominations. He wrote "Faggots," a novel which angered many upon publication, but has gone on to become one of the best selling gay novels of all time. If not for him, there never would have been ACT UP, and there certainly would never have been Gay Men's Health Crisis, America's largest AIDS service provider.

But, by writing a play like "The Normal Heart," Kramer may have made his biggest political statement ever: it holds the records for being the longest running play at Joseph



Barbra Streisand embraces Larry Kramer after the Broadway benefit reading of Kramer's play about the early days of AIDS, "The Normal Heart."

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Papp's Public Theater in New York, it has had some 600 productions all over the world and its text is used in classroom in many schools and colleges.

As Andrew Holleran writes in the introduction to the play, "It is a play which relies, to an extraordinary degree, on what actually happened and what actually was said. What actually happened and what actually was said were awful—which is why "The Normal Heart" is painful to see and upsetting to read. But then, as the author said to me recently, 'This is not a play about the measles.' It is about something the Africans call 'the Horror.'"

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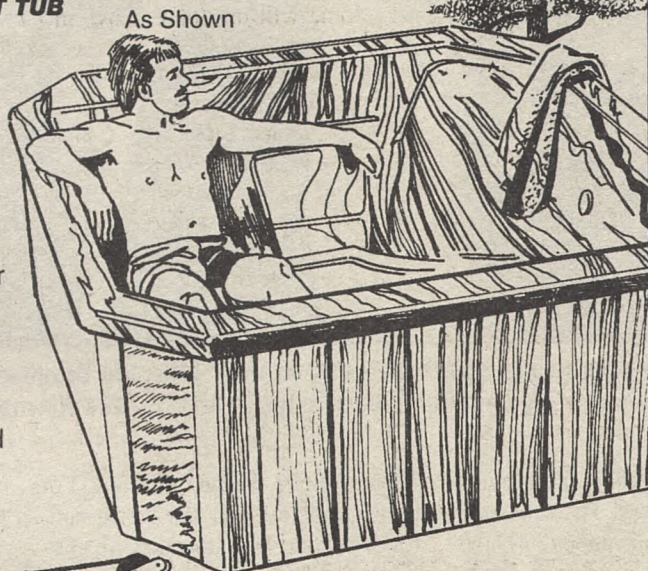
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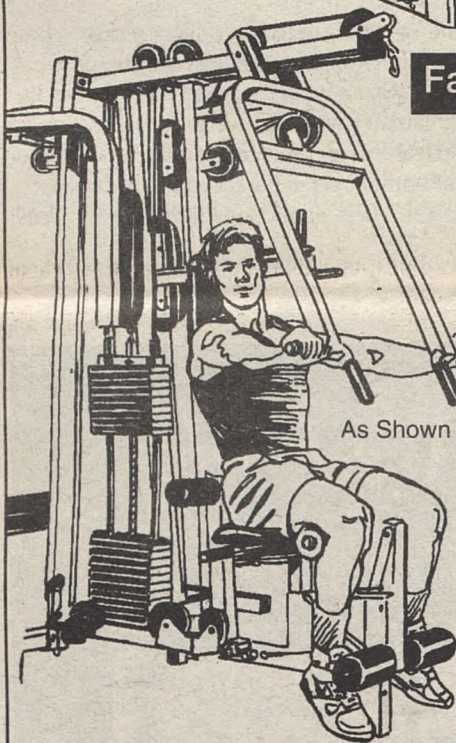
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Did the Pope marry Adam and Steve?

Oh dear, the Pope isn't going to like this at all. It seems, says Yale historian John Boswell in his just published book "Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe" (Villard Books, cloth, \$25), that the church was performing same-sex union ceremonies, from its early days through the Middle Ages. And in a few areas, the practice continued well past the Renaissance.

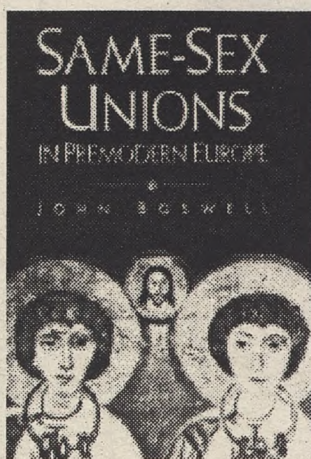
What makes this significant, of course, is that today's Roman Catholic church as well as many other Christian denominations furiously condemn homosexuality and any attempts to legitimize same-sex relationships. The new Catholic catechism calls homosexuals "intrinsically disordered," and in response to a recent European Parliament resolution calling for an end to antigay discrimination, Pope John Paul II issued a letter denouncing same-gender relationships as "a serious threat to the future of the family and society." In California, New York and many other places Catholic and other clergy have led the battle against "domestic partnership" laws designed to give some minimal legal protections to gay and lesbian couples.

This opposition, the Pope and others maintain, stems from immutable moral truths, truths that are divinely ordained and unchangeable. If Boswell is right—and he makes an extremely persuasive case—the emperor has just been shown to be seriously underdressed.

This is electrifying stuff and Boswell—whose 1980 treatise, "Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality" was a landmark examination of Christianity's handling of homosexuality—approaches it carefully.

Building his case slowly, he spends more than half the book examining societal attitudes towards love, marriage and relationships in ancient societies and in the early Christian era.

Boswell reminds readers that the modern western ideal of marriage as a relationship based on love, attraction and affection is a relatively new one. In the ancient world marriages were more business arrangements than love matches, with property considerations paramount; it was common and expected that a husband would get his sexual fulfillment outside of marriage, with partners of either gender. These attitudes continued well into the Christian era, though the new religion brought with it a cult of asceticism and general distrust of sexuality.



After laying out the cultural background and the difficulties involved in translating the manuscripts, Boswell gets to the heart of the matter: Ceremonies, existing in dozens of varying but similar manuscripts from all over Europe, "were obviously the same-sex equivalent of a medieval heterosexual marriage ceremony." The similarities with heterosexual marriage ceremonies are striking, starting with the litany recited at the beginning of the service.

"But the most striking parallels," Boswell writes, "have to do with visual symbolism... a couple standing hand-in-hand at the altar, being joined and blessed by a priest... binding with a stole or veil, the imposition of crowns, the holding of a feast after the ceremony, the making of circles around the altar, the use of a cross, occasionally the use of swords, and—virtually always—the joining of right hands."

Some will no doubt insist, in fact, a few critics already have insisted, that the historian is misinterpreting the nature of these ceremonies, that they are merely rituals solemnizing friendship or brotherhood. But Boswell makes persuasive arguments against these sorts of interpretations. And in an interview with the New Yorker last week he said of his critics, "They're going to lose any arguments they pick with me."

One of the most persuasive arguments regarding the true nature of the same-sex union ceremony comes from the descriptions of writers who disapproved of it. Gerald of Wales, writing in the late twelfth or early thirteenth century, gives a graphic description of the same-sex union ceremony as practiced in Ireland, calling it a "marriage," and describing it as "proof of the iniquity [of the Irish]... among many other examples of their wicked ways."

How could the existence of such a church ceremony have been ignored for centuries? That may be the most disturbing part of Boswell's study. In recent centuries homosexuality became so taboo—starting with draconian anti-homosexual laws enacted in the late Middle Ages—that historians have gone to extraordinary lengths to avoid dealing with it.

"Artful mistranslation and a general unwillingness to recognize something as ostensibly improbable as a same-sex union," Boswell writes, "kept the existence of the ceremony effectively under wraps."

It is possible that historians may someday note the publication of "Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe" as the beginning of the end of immutable Christian doctrines about the sin of homosexuality.

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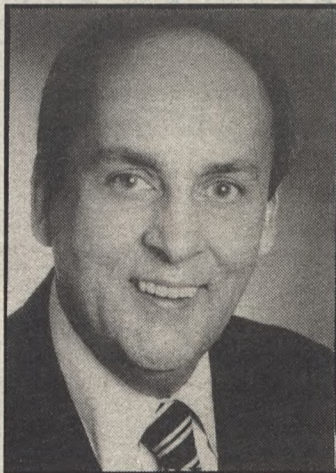
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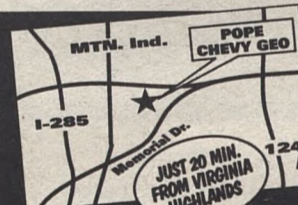
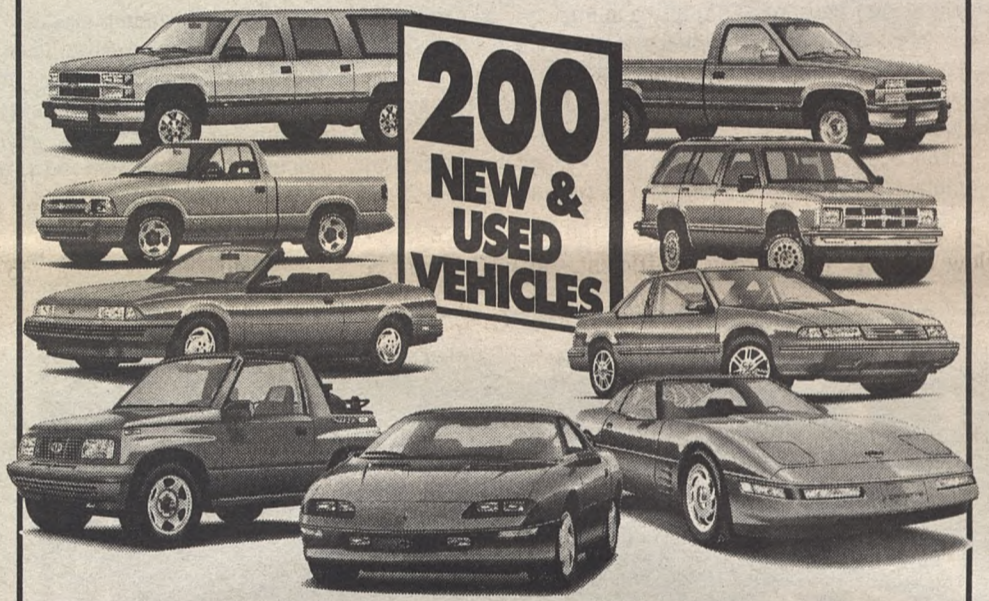
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I really can't complain about the rain during Pride weekend, despite the fact that it caused BETTY's performance to be canceled Saturday, and the incredibly cowardly to precipitously withdraw on Sunday. (We're hardly talking biblical deluge, she sneered.) Instead, we actually experienced a mere drop in the veritable bucket.

Fretfully, I of late find myself wondering if we're headed into another drought. Compared with normal rainfall patterns, we've received 4" less than usual for this month, with little relief in sight. Nightmarish visions of the cruel "Drought of the Century" dance about my internal viewscreen, when I permit them ascendancy. Water is, after all, so critical.

But why worry so about water, sun worshippers ask. Honey, even the most cursory familiarity with soil and plant basics will underscore why those 'two hydrogen/one oxygen' atoms combined constitute such a sine qua non.

Water actually comprises about 30% of soil itself (the other constituent elements being mineral matter at 47.5%; air, 20.4%; organic matter, 2%; and living organisms, about .1%). Interestingly, albeit tragically enough, when a plant wilts, you'll find big air spaces in the soil.

Without water, there is inevitably wilting. And then, if no timely water finds its way to the plant, there will be death. But have you ever stopped to consider why, precisely, that is?

Above all else, water equals the transportation mechanism for nutrients throughout the plant. (Yes, a river does run through it...) Fertilizer and macro and micronutrient ions—ions being the charged particles into which molecules are broken up—can only be assimilated by plants when they are available in water/solution.

According to Georgia's verbose County Extension Service, the ions diffuse from the soil water into the free space (surrounding) the plant roots. Soluble elements present in the soil water as ions are transported to the root surface in the flow of water to the roots. Sufficient soil water must be

present to move freely, or a continuous film of water must be present around the soil particles, so that ions can freely diffuse from the outer soil solution to the plant roots.

Plants require about 400 pounds of water for every pound of matter they produce. A mature tree needs 100+ gallons of water daily to sustain herself. (This is mostly due to the need to replenish losses caused by transpiration, i.e., the loss of water vapor from plant surfaces, akin to sweating.)

Fruit production requires enormous amounts of water, too: consider that an apple is 84% water, and a peach 80%. Indeed, water constitutes about 90% of the fresh weight of most plant tissues. And it is at that elementary level where water is most critical.

Basically, plant cell membranes are very thin and quite elastic, as well as quite permeable to water molecules. As a cell's volume of water increases, an outward pressure is created. This internal hydraulic pressure is the mechanism which allows plants to stand upright and thrust roots through soil.

It is also how they manage to split concrete, invade pipes, etc. In Malcolm Wilkin's scholarly but extremely interesting book "Plantwatching: How Plants Remember, Tell Time, Form Relationships, and More," he states, "In determining the pressure generated in plant cells, values of 10 to 15 Atmospheres are quite common, and these pressures are comparable to those that would be exerted on a body submerged in water to a depth of 90 to 140 meters—the kind of pressure that could crush the hull of a Second World War submarine!"

Water is also essential for chemical reactions, such as photosynthesis—you know, the process whereby plants synthesize certain carbohydrates from carbon dioxide and water. The happy by-product of photosynthesis just happens to be oxygen, which just happens to make life as we know it possible on this planet.

Vital as it is, however, too much water can be detrimen-

tal. Even though we may believe that "Too much of a good thing can be wonderful," we must recall that water can literally drown plant roots by decreasing available oxygen. It can also increase the incidence of soil diseases by providing the moisture they crave, as well as increasing the presence of toxic gases.

Consider plant viruses, infections, and fungi for a moment. Diseases usually require 12-14 hours of continual wetness to take hold. So it is imperative to limit the amount of time water remains on the plant.

Hence, the best time for watering is very late at night/early in the morning, because this harmonizes well with the natural dew cycle which plants are attuned to. If you must engage in day watering, it should be after the morning wetness, but yet be early enough that afternoon and (natural) nighttime wetness do not connect back-to-back.

Consider also the method of getting the water to the plant roots. I prefer the efficiencies of the soaker hose. It puts water onto the ground precisely where it can be used, instead of throwing it out into the air on top of the plants, where it can evaporate. (Or worse, deposit droplets on the plants which can act like little magnifying glasses under the sun, heating up plant parts.)

Where the water is placed makes quite a difference, too. Water will flow out and away from the roots, so you need to put it close to its intended uptake area. We call that area the drip line, where the feeder roots tend to be. (For a tree, you generally take that to mean the circumference area where the leaves overhang; plus, you then extend that imaginary boundary out half again as much in terms of distance from the leaf line to the trunk.)

And you must MULCH. Mulch mulch mulch, so that the soil not only stays cooler, but it is not exposed to direct sun. Both keeping it cooler and keeping it covered retard the tendency towards direct evaporation, which defeats much of the water's would-be benefits. Most outdoor plants require 1-3" of water per week.

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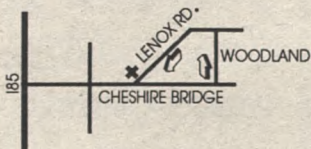
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Nearly brain dead from a week of trying to do what needed to be a ballet in what felt like a Cuisinart, I asked my friend the Opera Queen to take me dinner someplace that: 1. Was quiet. 2. Had good food and gentle service. 3. I had never reviewed. 4. Would serve me a glass of icy cold gin.

O.Q. scratched his head, screwed up his face, and asked if I objected to eating in Cobb County. Given that friends who live in Cobb regularly complain that I never review restaurants there, I snapped, "As long as you drive."

Just the other side of the river that divides us from them, **The Orient at Vinings** (4199 Paces Ferry Rd. 438-8866) is barely in Cobb County. Fact is Vinings (a once quaint little village that has sold its soul to corporate crassness) has an Atlanta address and 303 zip code. Good news for those who fear retribution from the PC police should they be caught contributing to Cobb's coffers.

There's mostly good news about this pleasant little restaurant, too.

Done up in cool shades of blue and gray accented with a bit of neon, some near life-size porcelain statues of Chinese gods (of good fortune, prosperity and longevity) and a few incongruous ostrich plumes sprinkled with glitter, the dining room feels a little like a set from a James Bond movie.

Warm moist towels arrive along with the simple menu—a mercifully short three pages offering "New Cantonese" cuisine. But, the menu also suggests that one may "Challenge the chef [who is also the owner] to create a personalized dish for you with ingredients of your choice." That's a scary concept at a place where you've never eaten before. But given that everything we ate was impeccably fresh and beautifully cooked, it's one that I'd explore next time.

(Vegetarians be warned: there's not much for you on the regular menu, but tofu could no doubt be substituted for flesh in most of the dishes.)

Intrigued as I was by the sound of shrimp sour soup (shrimp, tomatoes, lemon, Chinese parsley and "today's fresh fruit"), a plate of cuttlefish marinated in five spice seemed somehow more appropriate with a gin and tonic in my hand.

I still want to try the soup, but I'll be hard pressed not to order the cuttlefish again. Think of the lightest, most-tender squid you've ever eaten, kissed by five spice, barely battered, barely fried and scattered with a few incendiary peppers. The portion is small, but tastewise it's on a par with the best in the city. Yum.

For fun, try bathing the airy little bites of cuttlefish in the soy-rice wine dip that comes with big, fat shrimp (stuffed with a tiny strip of celery) wrapped in bacon and grilled. It's a little too much like the omnipresent rumaki of the '70s to keep me cheerful, but all the ingredients are top quality, fresh and perfectly cooked.

Other appetizers include shrimp and lobster-chicken rolls, steamed scallops and shrimp, steamed or pan-fried dumplings, chicken wings, and roast pork. Along with wonton and hot and sour soups, there are shark fin, clam, seafood and mushroom combos.

In the entree department, beef with mustard pickle sour turns out to be a satisfying combination of very tender tenderloin, marinated mustard greens and onions in a mild brown sauce. A pleasant enough combination of flavors and textures, but I'd like more bite in the pickle part.

Opera Queen, on the other hand, craves it.

Which is cool because my collection of scallops, water chestnuts, green onions, celery, tomatoes, and wood ear mushrooms in a spicy sweet-sour brown sauce has way too much punch for him, but stands up perfectly to the glass of gin that I'm still nursing.

Neither dish is particularly radical; which pretty much describes the rest of the menu—expect no jellyfish or pigs knuckles here. But, again, the ingredients are first rate, the cooking right on the mark, and the spicing balanced and complex. Even the tea is a treat—stringent, complex and soothing all at once.

Service is easy, informative and paced to your needs, not the kitchen's. Nice. The clientele tends towards moneyed-suburban, but there was also a table of gay men and another that included young and old folks of at least four different races while we were there.

Prices are on the high side for Chinese eateries. Two of us spent \$52 for two courses and two drinks.

The Orient at Vinings reminds me of Mahjong (on Peachtree behind Houston's) which is a lot closer to where most of us live. Mahjong is prettier, the chairs are more comfortable, and the food (the last time I ate there, several years ago) a little more daring.

But if you live closer to Vinings or need to entertain clients/family in that area, this is an altogether pleasing place to do so. There's even a 4-course Sunday brunch (think of it as suburban dim-sum) reasonably priced at \$9.95.

Kismet?

Actually irony is probably a more accurate word to describe the fact that O.Q. and I went to check out the new San Francisco Coffee Roasting Co. (1192 N. Highland Ave. 876-8816) after our trip to Vinings.

It turns out the just-opened coffee house is the offspring of an existing store just a stone's throw from The Orient at Vinings.

Intown Atlanta has gone from virtually no coffee houses to what feels like a glut. I'd be surprised if all of them survive. And with its prime location, SFCRC is likely to be among those that do. But, given its formulaic and homogenized feel, it probably shouldn't.

Don't get me wrong. The espresso was good, the latte acceptable, and a big slice of chocolate mousse cake, sweet and remarkably light.

But the looks (brick walls, 23 shades of coffee brown and plenty of down lights) and feel of the place are strictly suburban chic. An acoustic guitar player strumming "Moon River" at way too high levels of amplification is conducive to neither solitary reading nor quiet conversation. And the staff is entirely too clean-cut, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed to be working in a coffee house—at least one that I want to frequent.



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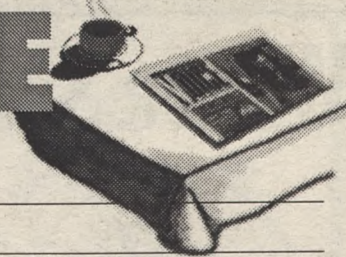
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OUTLINES

KELLY THOMAS

Age: 39
How Long in Atlanta: 8 years
Relationship: committed and passionate
Last Book Read: "A World Waiting to be Born" by Scott Peck
Pet peeve: when people come late to meetings



Kelly Thomas just exudes happiness and contentment, a kind of ardor for life that's contagious.

"There are three things that capture my passion," she says, sitting in the living room of her home off Buford Highway. "My lover Ann, my association with the Atlanta Church of Religious Science, and my membership in LEAGUE (AT&T's lesbian, gay and bisexual organization)."

Thomas launches into an animated explanation of each, beginning with the Church of Religious Science.

"When you talk about who I am, that's a big part of me, obviously," she says. So much so that she is just completing her ministerial studies, and hopes to start her own church "in the near future."

"I was wandering around in a spiritual desert for along time," she explains, "especially as a lesbian. The traditional church's rituals and liturgy strike me as archaic. They don't say anything anymore."

Thomas found the Atlanta church soon after arriving in Atlanta from Cleveland, Ohio, eight years ago. Born in what was once known as "the mistake on the lake" (Erie), she spent her high school years in Vero Beach, Florida before returning to Ohio after graduation, where she immediately came out.

"I was lucky," she says. "Cleveland is small enough that it has a close knit kind of community. And it was shortly after Stonewall—in '72—and there was a lot of gay pride. I lived on a block with 16 other lesbians."

Sixteen? It's true, says Thomas. "We lived in an old section of Cleveland Heights," she says. "There was a bunch of duplexes, and I counted once and there were sixteen. We just were wild. We had parties all the time."

Thomas' parents (who were divorced—her mother and step-father in Vero Beach, her father in Cleveland) took to their daughter's lesbianism better than many parents.

"They went through their initial thing," she says, "but now it's wonderful having them participate in all of my life. My mother is particularly pretty terrific. She tells me stories about how she straightened out so-and-so about

lesbians and gays."

While in Cleveland, Thomas went to electronics school, and eventually took a job with AT&T. That was 15 years ago, and she's been with the company ever since, including the transfer to Atlanta. But she wasn't always out at work.

"I became aware of my sexual orientation at 18, and I was pretty nonchalant about it," she explains. "And at the job I had at the time, people called me names. It drove me into the closet at work."

That corporate closetedness ended in Atlanta just a couple of years ago. It was a series of events, happening at once, that opened the door for Thomas.

"My spirituality—I was trying to live in integrity all the time," she says. "To do that, you must come out, everywhere. And another thing was that I was ending a 16-year relationship, and I started coming out one by one with friends at work about what was going on, which was very painful."

And then LEAGUE came along, offering homophobia workshops and networking and support for the company's gay and lesbian employees.

"I slowly started getting involved," she says. "Then they invited me to be a cochair. It's been one of the best things ever. I had to face the last vestiges of homophobia in myself—and I never thought I had any."

Thomas now speaks on gay and lesbian issues for LEAGUE—a challenge she says is rewarding.

"I've done a lot of speaking before," she says, "but none as personally challenging as this. But it is rewarding with people coming up to me after saying 'Thank you for doing this. Now I'm going to come out.'"

Whew. Thomas is a busy woman. But in her spare time, there's always her lover Ann, with whom she shares a home along with two dogs—Ava and Lilly—and a cat, Pearl.

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Signs of the Times: Dish just now got around to seeing "The Fugitive" (on videotape, don't you know, murder mysteries make us nervous but we have a penchant for handsome doctor types.) Anyway, we were pleased to note that in one scene, in a hospital, the woman that the luscious Mr. Ford is speaking with is wearing a "Hate is Not a Family Value" button. We're sure that "The Fugitive" did well in Cobb Country, we just wish that the Commissioners there had watched it a little more closely.

Reason # 793: It's been a while since we've offered one of our "Reasons to Move to San Francisco," but we're more than a little impressed by the fact that the SF Giants (in a home game with Colorado) are planning a first in major league sports: an AIDS awareness night. The date is July 31. A buck from each ticket sold will go to prevention efforts, there will be souvenir goodies (priced from \$20-\$500) with proceeds going to research and companies that buy 100 tickets will get their names inscribed in the wall of the ball park. Tom Selleck, Cindy Crawford and some of the Giants' players will do PSA's for the event. We're impressed. Surely the ultra progressive Ted Turner will want to follow suit.

Betty & Pansy do Gotham: Speaking of other cities with bigtime queer events, if you are going to Gotham for Stonewall 25 or the Gay Games, make sure that you score a copy of Betty & Pansy's Severe Queer Review of New York. Betty & Pansy are two bigtime trash queens—think of them as San Francisco's Deandra Peek—who write sometimes funny, sometimes scathing, always on the money reviews of queer hotspots in major cities—so far San Francisco, DC and NYC. From she-male stripping to long coke snorting bathroom lines to the endless search for glory holes, this pair will tell you where the action is (and isn't) with a sense of queer style guaranteed to have you laughing your gym-toned tush off. Catch this description of the Townhouse on E. 58th St. "The stretch limo in front should have been our big clue. WASPy,

Dish

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



Betty & Pansy's Queer Review of New York is essential reading for your trip to Stonewall and the Big Apple.

WASPy, WASPy. This place looked like a Brooks Brothers store that served drinks. Guys were still in three-piece suits and ties with briefcases although it was 2 am....the only women there bore a striking resemblance to Juliet Prowse."

Out of the Office and Into the Streets: Dish, as you might imagine, is not trekking to NYC this weekend. (We are going to the completely fabulous Midsummer Night's Stonewall Cabaret and Cakewalk at the First E. Cong.) But if we were going to the Big Apple, you can be sure that we would

attend The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's "Recognizing Our Own" fundraiser, where "over 100 of the nation's 150 gay government officials gather in one place to publicly acknowledge their sexual orientation—many for the first time. What Dish hopes is that those wily folks at the Victory Fund have found a US Senator or mayhaps a Governor who is willing to take their next big step. And lest you think that the Victory Fund is all politics and no play, they are also sponsoring a major dance party where Falcon Video stars will be "modeling beachwear." Wanna' bet they'll be some skinny dipping, too?

Speaking of Swimwear: The other reason that we really would like to have been in NYC this week is that heartthrob and Olympic Gold Medalist Greg Louganis participated in a diving exhibition at the Gay Games. Everyone, of course, has always known that Greg was gay, but he hasn't been very public about his attraction to men. So we're thrilled about his presence at the Games. But the cynic in us wonders if it's just a promotional stunt for his soon-to-be-published biography. Let's hope Greg's not destined to become this season's Bob & Rod.

Pictures of Pride: Dish was well nigh on to faint after spending a few hours cruising the crowd at Atlanta's Pride this year; talk about something for everybody—if you had a type it was there in abundance. Our three favorite images: Two young, tanned, (over)pumped and buffed men marching along with one of the skinniest saluki's (a naturally svelte breed anyway) we have ever seen. A middle-aged black man (wearing Park's Department duds) eagerly listening to information about the new lesbian flick, "Go Fish" and grabbing a handful of temporary tattoos promoting the girl meets girl film. A leatherman standing next to a tent after the rainstorm, bellowing out "Thank you sir, but I'm not into that" when the tent dribbled a stream of warm water on his chest.

JUNE 23 - JUNE 29, 1994

We officially entered Summer on June 21, the Solstice, as the Sun went into the cardinal water sign of Cancer. Cancer natives usually place a high value on home, family and close personal friendships. They will do a great deal to help and support others, and also need a very definite amount of personal time.

ARIES, now that the Sun has joined Mercury in your 4th house of home and family relationships, you may find confusing or difficult issues are easier to understand. However, all the important information may not have surfaced yet, so be patient. **TAURUS,** are you ready for more change in your life or would you like to feel more stable? Well, more change is definitely on the way and here's the good news, you can deal with it. In fact, if you really put your mind to it, you could be quite creative! Dear **GEMINI,** did you have a wonderful birthday month, doing lots of fun and exciting things with all your close friends? If you did, then good for you and keep moving in the flow of life giving energy. If you got off to a slow start, keep going. Happy Birthday, **CANCER!** Are you ready for a month of celebration and good ol' fashion fun? Have you forgotten how

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to have fun? If so, find a fun-loving Gemini, Leo or Sag, and start planning the festivities. "Too much of a good thing is wonderful!" **LEO,** Venus, the beautiful diamond planet now visible in the evening sky is also radiating in your 1st house of personality and self-awareness. An excellent time to inventory your personal values, abilities, gifts and life time dreams. **VIRGO,** how is life in the fast lane? Guess what, you may have to move over to the pokey driver lane for a few weeks. The Sun and Mercury are moving through your 12th house of dreams and visions, possibly giving you important messages to integrate. **LIBRA,** with Saturn in your 6th house of health issues and physical well-being, you would do yourself an enormous favor by taking excellent care of your body basics, every day. Make this a priority and you'll be amazed at the overall effect. **SCORPIO,** with Jupiter and Pluto both circulating through your 1st house, it is important to be mindful of the patterns or

themes that your thoughts and emotions are taking. Be aware of the general drift and shift direction if things become murky. **SAGITTARIUS,** do you feel that you are living in the fast lane of life? Or do you feel that you are pretty much stalled on the shoulder? Either one is polarity and often indicates a need to be balanced and centered within yourself. Try it. **CAPRICORN,** how are your personal plans working out? Do you feel you are progressing or that you are just moving from one crisis to another? We are actually living in an era of intense and unrelenting change, so use your creativity to work with it. **AQUARIUS,** if you feel you are living in a pressure cooker, it is a sure sign you are being asked to change and grow much faster than you like. Take advantage of this special energy by letting go and trusting a bit more in the Universal Intelligence. **PISCES,** are you honoring your amazing sensitivity and your on-all-the-time intuition? Or, do you feel burdened with gifts you hardly know how to use? Being as sensitive as you are means you have to go numb or learn how to use your talents. Be gentle.

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Dykes To Watch Out For

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FFF BO N-DWEE YA GAH!
REALLY! I HAD NO IDEA!
ISN'T HIS BARBLING EXPRESSIVE? IT'S LIKE HE'S ACTUALLY SAYING SOMETHING!
WATCH OUT. HE MIGHT GET ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE.
... AND WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH PUBLIC OFFICE, HARRIET?
I DIDN'T MEAN YOU AND THE CITY COUNCIL, ELLEN. I'M JUST DEPRESSED ABOUT THE STATE OF AMERICAN POLITICS IN GENERAL.
YEAH. CLINTON'S TURNING OUT TO BE A REAL DISAPPOINTMENT.
HEY, I'D RATHER BE DISAPPOINTED THAN FEARFUL FOR MY LIFE, LIKE I WAS UNDER REAGAN AND BUSH—WHAT GETS ME IS THE WAY THESE OBSESSIVE CONSERVATIVES KEEP TRYING TO TRIP CLINTON UP. I MEAN, LET THE GUY DO HIS JOB!
I THINK THEIR LITTLE TRICKS ARE BACKFIRING. TO MOST PEOPLE, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE WHITWATER ALLEGATIONS AND THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT SUIT ARE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. AND EVERYONE ELSE IS TOO JADED TO CARE IF BILL FUCKS HIS CAT.
DO YOU WANT THE HONOR OF RECORDING THAT UNDER "BABY'S FIRST WORD," OR SHALL I?
MEANWHILE, MALIKA'S VISIT DRAWS TO A CLOSE...
HERE'S A NEWS FLASH. "A RECENT STUDY SHOWS AFRICAN AMERICAN GAY MEN AND WOMEN HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER LEVELS OF CHRONIC STRESS THAN HETEROSEXUAL BLACKS AND WHITES, AND LESBIAN AFRICAN AMERICANS SUFFER FROM MORE STRESS THAN THEIR GAY COUNTERPARTS."
I GUESS PEOPLE CAN GRASP THE CONCEPT BETTER IF YOU CALL IT 'STRESS' INSTEAD OF 'OPPRESSION.'
GINGER, WILL YOU STOP CHANGING THE SUBJECT? MY FLIGHT'S LEAVING SOON AND I WANT TO KNOW: ARE YOU COMMITTED TO THIS RELATIONSHIP OR NOT?
MALIKA, THAT WOMAN MEANT NOTHING TO ME, OKAY? IT WAS A STUPID LITTLE FLING, AND I'M SORRY!
FINE! FORGET ABOUT HER! WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS, I LOVE YOU AND I WANT US TO LIVE TOGETHER. IF YOU DON'T FEEL THE SAME, I'VE GOTTA RETHINK MY PLANS.
LIVE TOGETHER? JEEZ, BABE... YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT MY WORK IS TO ME RIGHT NOW. I'M TOTALLY WRAPPED UP IN MY DISSERTATION! COULDN'T WE TALK ABOUT THIS LATER?
WE DON'T HAVE TO. THAT'S ALL I NEEDED TO HEAR.
SWEETIE, ALL I MEANT WAS, I CAN'T MOVE TO SAN FRANCISCO BECAUSE OF SCHOOL. AND YOU CAN'T MOVE HERE BECAUSE, UM, LIKE, THERE'S NO ROOM FOR ANY OF YOUR STUFF!
THAT'S FOR DAMN SURE. WILL DRIVING ME TO THE AIRPORT BE TOO MUCH STRESS FOR YOU OR SHOULD I TAKE THE BUS?

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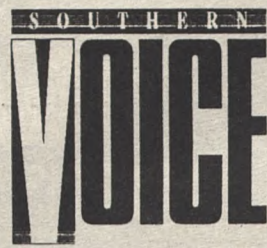
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- Larry Mitchell's *My ____ as a Mole*
- Title for Troy Perry
- Metal stand with short feet
- Joe Orton play, *Entertaining Mr. ____*

ACROSS (Cont'd)

- Eugene O'Neill's daughter
- Golden calf, e.g.
- John Sayles' lesbian movie
- 1,607 to Nero
- French salt
- Sandwich cookie
- Words of disappointment
- Edmund White novel, *Forgetting ____*
- Univ scholarship org
- Midwest paper, *The Lesbian and Gay ____*
- Groovy
- Slave rebellion leader Turner
- "... suits me to ____"
- Terrier island
- Embattled institutions (with &)
- Boston paper, *Gay Community ____*

Answers to last week's puzzle on next page

THE DIRECTORY

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AIDS Services & Education

Social/Discussion Group—16 to 24 year old HIV positive Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian social/discussion group now forming!! Safe non-threatening environment. For more information, call Kris at 616-9759. (7.22)

What You Don't Know Will Kill You—Anonymous HIV Screening Available at Dekalb County Health Department, Atlanta Gay Center, Southside Healthcare, Fulton County Health Department, Outreach, Inc. If you've tested positive for HIV and are in need of housing, financial assistance, social assistance, someone to talk to, or just in need of a friend, call us. We're here for you. AIDS Education/Services for Minorities, 753-2900, 24 hours a day. (7.19)

Good Samaritan Project offers support for persons with HIV/AIDS. Buddy program, support group, food/clothing, practical support. 873-4589. (7.40)

AIDS Survival Project offers free services for people living with HIV, by people living with HIV. Peer counseling (by HIV+ volunteers), advocacy, HIV education, the best HIV treatment library in the South. Mon-Fri, 874-7926. For 24hr. recorded info 874-0384.

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

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

AIDS HOTLINE FOR WOMEN—888-9991 — a project of the Feminist Women's Health Ctr. 5:30-9:30pm Mon-Fri, 10:30am-2pm Saturdays.

Caller anonymity assured.

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

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

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

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

AIDS Information Line / GA Toll-Free AIDS Hotline Free, anonymous information and referral services. In Atlanta: 876-9944; Toll-free: 1-800-551-2728 (voice/TTY)

Announcements

Have you been charged or convicted of sodomy or solicitation of sodomy? Please contact the Sodomy Reform Task Force. Join in the fight to reform Georgia's oppressive sodomy statute. Call 523-5398.

Auditions

Auto

Business

Employment

PART TIME

HEALTH WRITER

Southern Voice, the South's leading gay and lesbian newspaper, seeks a free-lance writer to cover local and national health issues. Writing experience required; health background a plus. Submit cover letter, resume & clippings to: Editor, Southern Voice 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (7.20)

MADDIX DE LUXE

is looking for a few good people to join our unique, energetic, self-motivated sales staff. Good benefits, great working environment, flexible schedule. If you qualify, apply in person. 1034 N. Highland Ave. (7.19)

SALES CLOSERS

Remodeling company looking for serious self-starting, self-motivated people. Requires neat appearance, outgoing personality, ability to learn quickly, reliable vehicle. Construction knowledge helpful. Serious inquiries only, call Ken, 416-0211. (7.19)

EXPERIENCED landscape help

for maintenance of high quality residential work. Excellent opportunity—Good pay & working conditions. Alpharetta, 621-7929. (7.18)

Attractive Gay & Lesbian models for beach attire and under attire shows in clubs. Good pay. (404) 717-5044. (7.18)

FULL TIME

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SEEKING

LIVE-IN POSITION

25, WM seeks live-in or non live-in housekeeping position in town. Ten years experience and excellent references. Call 577-8098. (7.19)

Finance

Health

FITNESS

FEMALE TRAINER

Certified Personal Trainer seeks motivated individuals who are serious about making a change. Evening hours available. Robin 888-9032. (7.18)

MASSAGE

Relax your body, mind and spirit through a holistic approach to massage therapy. Call David & Sher, M.S., C.M.T. at (404) 987-1890. (7.20)

NEW THERAPIST

Many techniques. Feel the stress leave your body. Call Marc C.M.T. at 404-607-0430. (7.19)

PAIN!

Eliminate chronic muscle pain through Neuro Muscular Massage. Call Barry at 294-7947; beeper 726-9275. Decatur/Stn. Mtn. (7.18)

PERSONAL GROWTH

Instruction

Insurance

Legal

Merchandise

EMERGENCY

Emergency tool kit, includes 2 booster cables, slip joint pliers, slotted screwdriver, 9 pc. socket wrench, first aid bandages and more. \$39.95, check/m.o., WHITEHAWK Inc., PO Box 546341, Surfside, FL. 33154 (7.39)

Pets

Calico Cat-Free to Wonderful home. Spayed, very sweet, loves to cuddle. 872-4346. (7.19)

Two eight month old tabby sisters looking for long term gay or lesbian household. Spayed & all shots. 873-4462 or 523-1406. (7.18)

There aren't enough homes for them all...PREVENT A LITTER. SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET. The Humane Society of the United States, Washington, DC 20037.

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SERVING PROFESSIONALLY 27 YEARS — Natural Psychic, Certified Medium, Humanist Parapsychologist. Psychic Readings, Past Life Regressions, Reiki, Ro-Hun Therapy. Jack Bernard Moon, 404-333-0166. (7.20)

Publications

ON OUR BACKS. The most intelligent sex magazine just happens to be lesbian. Offers you bimonthly award-winning fiction, sexy pictorials, sassy columns, humorous reviews, and thought provoking features. \$34.95/yr. (6 issues). SASE Catalog. On Our Backs, 526 Castro Street, Suite SV, San Francisco, CA 94114. Send ck, MO, or VI/MC. 1-800-845-4617. (7.45)

National Gay Pilot's Assoc., Newsletter, chapters' events, P.O. Box 27542,

Washington, D.C. 20038. (703) 660-3852. Totally Discreet. (7.19)

Real Estate

FINANCING

FOR RENT

Decatur/Agnes Scott area — Adorable bungalow 3 BR, 1 BA, fenced yd. Available July 1. \$675/month. 619-1903, 252-6316. (7.18)

Downtown 1 BR condo. Doorman bldg. Screen terrace 12 flrs above Peachtree St. Hardwood floors. One yr. lease. \$625/mo. Util. incl. Refs/ deposit. Avail July 1. 584-9080. (7.18)

Delightful Ormewood Park Bungalow—3BR/2BA, Sunroom/Deck/CH/A, W/D Hookups, Shaded Street, Sec. system. \$725/mo. \$500 deposit+utilities. Avail 6-1-94. call 816-7208. (7.19)

SEEKING TO RENT

FOR SALE

Decatur — 3 BR, 2.5 BA, stucco, like new! Sep. LR, DR, huge kitchen, fireplace, skylights, hardwood floors, fenced backyard. \$128,900. Donna Godsey, 284-4090, 840-9933 Res. Mkt. Rlty. (7.19)

2 BR/BA Condo. Midtown skyline view. Excellent condition. Decorator Paint. Easy 75/85 access. Minutes to Buckhead, Virginia Highlands, Airport. \$98,500. 525-2234. (7.19)

Budget-minded perfection in Historic Cabbagetown. Impeccable renovation of this 2 BR, 1 BA bungalow: LR & master BR have vaulted ceilings w/ exposed beams, stylish kitchen opens to dining area, master bath w/garden tub & sep. shower, palladian window — only \$62,000. Call Greta or Shea at RE/MAX Metro Atlanta. 321-3123. (7.21)

AVONDALE ESTATES — On the Lake, 93 Berkeley Road, Open House Sunday. 3 BR, 3 BA, Total Renovation. LR, DR, Den, 2 FP. Custom Kitchen with Jenn Air Range. Huge Master with Bay Window. By Owner. \$179,599. Call (O) 727-6857; (H) 288-2709. (7.18)

SKYLINE VIEW!!

Last of 3 custom homes available! 3 BR, 2.5 BA, hardwood floors, 9' ceiling w/crown mold. Secluded yet convenient. Good Cents; HOW Warranty, Agents protected; builder pays closing costs. \$120's. Call 525-8386 for directions/info. (7.18)

Roommates

GWM, 25, seeks room-mate for Park/ L. 1/2 util. Non-sm. 377-7498. (7.20)

Norcross GWM couple seeks stable roommate for 3 BR, 2 BA home. No smoking, drugs, or pets. 729-1311. (7.20)

Female housemate wanted to share Candler Park home. No smoking indoors. \$300/mo. + 1/3 util. Avail July 1 w/\$300 deposit. Call (404) 525-1824. (7.19)

GWM Executive, 30yo, non-smoker seeks temp (6-12 mo) living space during job transition. I travel 10-15 days/mo. Neat/tidy. Require private bed/bath. Study/den a plus. Prefer house, lg condo. Midtn/VA Hnds/ Morningsd pref. Numerous references. Call (404) 873-4376. (7.18)

Large 2BR apt Candler Park, fully furnished except for bedroom. Approx \$350 includes utilities. Must like cats. Smoker. (404) 653-0321 (7.20)

GWF Stone Mtn, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath house. Clean Professional GM or GF \$275/month, 1/3 utilities. No drugs or smoker. (404) 498-6068 (7.19)

Grant Park - Share spacious 4BR, 2 BA home w/3. W/D. \$300/mo. includes utilities except phone + \$100 dep. (404) 622-0384. (7.19)

GWM nonsmoker seeks same for 2BR/BA Dunwoody apt. Starting July 1. \$270+1/2 utilities. call Corey at 393-2544. (7.18)

GF wanted for semi-furnished room, Private phone line, Central Air, Washer & Dryer. No pets or Smokers. Must like cats. \$385 mo includes utilities & maid service. 373-3619 (7.19)

Riverdale Area — GF seeks same to share 2 BR, 2 BA. W/D, Pool. \$260 + 1/2 util. 907-4932. (7.18)

GWF seeks same to share duplex in Decatur. Must be clean, neat, sane, responsible. \$250/month pays all. Lisa 288-8508. (7.18)

BEST IN DECATUR

2 GWFs seek 3rd to share 3 BR home on wooded lot off 85/285. Comfortable home with all amenities. No smoking. No pets. \$350 includes utilities. Call Shelly, 493-3966. (7.19)

Service

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First Impressions, A Professional Resume Service. Content Analysis and Revision. Cover Letters and Personalized Envelopes. Laser Jet Printing. 320-9664. (7.24-E)

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Hilton Head. Beautiful ocean-front 1.5 bed condo. Great beach. 2 pools, lighted tennis courts, cable, VCR, \$500/wk. Call (404) 304-9339. (7.24)

ATLANTA—Get away to the city. 4-room inn (c.1911). All private baths. Near Little 5 Points. Restful hospitality. 404-521-9320 (7.21)

GULF VIEW! Studio, sleeps 5, pool side. Near Seagrave, 20 min. from **MORE ON PAGE 44**

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD:
OUT AT THE THEATER

WORD GAME # 18: ANSWERS

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Panama City. Clean, peaceful, secluded. \$65 daily & weekly specials. 923-6442. (7.18)

THE OLD MILL - Bat Cave, NC. B&B on banks of rushing mountain stream near Asheville. Call (704) 625-4256. (7.23)

Stillwell House B&B, Hendersonville, NC. (704) 693-6475. Queen size bed. Private baths, mixed. European style home architecturally, built 1920. MC & Visa welcomed. (7.34)

LESBIAN PARADISE! 20 rooms, 100 acres, pool, hot tub, hiking trails. HIGHLANDS INN, Box 1185V, Bethlehem, NH 03574, (603) 869-3978. (7.22)

Volunteers

HELP A CHILD

AID Atlanta is looking for volunteers who are willing to work one morning a week from 9-12 or 10-1 in the pediatric nursery at the IDC. Responsibilities include interacting and playing with young children while their parents see the doctor. This is one of the most rewarding yet least stressful services available. Responsible men & women are urged to participate. Ask about our new babysitting program. If interested, please contact Jack Schiffman, Pediatric Coordinator, AID Atlanta. 874-6517. (7.20)

WE NEED YOU! Good Samaritan Project provides support & community for persons with AIDS. 873-4589. This includes all Disability Divas. (7.40)

AIDS Survival Project is a volunteer-driven agency for people living with HIV/AIDS, and we need YOU as a driver. Office/clerical, special events, peer counselors are special needs. No experience needed - just come ready to make a difference! Find out how to

offer your time and talents by calling 874-7926.

Voice Connection

WOMEN

SoVo Pick of the Week

Angela Lansbury look-a-like seeks Linda Evans look-a-like, 40-50 something. I: cat lover, smoker, buxom, blonde/blue. U: similar. ☎ 1549

South GA Queen size Gay Female would like to meet same fun, friendship & possible relationship. ☎ 1545

Single and need a female lover, no older than 35 years old and no younger than 25 years old. ☎ 1544

Lesbian interested in meeting other lesbians; radical, progressive, fun loving, open minded - let's talk, play but not compete. ☎ 1543

Lesbians who like to hike or camp, call me. ☎ 1542

GBF, 36, attractive, professional, searching GF (35-40) sensitive, good conversation, adventurous, love good food, jazz. Over ex. ☎ 1567

GBF interested in meeting a slim, attractive, professional to share a committed relationship with. NO GAMES PLEASE. ☎ 1552

Kayaker, trained beginner, seeks older lesbian kayakers for platonic paddling down Hooch, etc. Humor more impor-

tant than roll. ☎ 1553

GWF, Buckhead-looking—not politically correct—desire attractive, intelligent, travelled, spiritual, communicative, affectionate GWF, 28+. No Yankee-haters, butches, smokers, drugs. ☎ 1554

GWF, 38, professional recently relocated to Atlanta. ISO tall, beautiful GWF to share walks, motorcycle rides and 3 cats. Desire sincere, honest, secure person because beauty is only skin deep. NS/ND/NBi. Box 1558, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306

GWF, attractive, sane. Seeking same into romance, fine arts, sensitivity. No Games. Late 20's early 30's. ☎ 1532

GWF, 35, attractive, professional, intelligent, witty, seeks same. Likes theater, arts, movies, music, dancing. Honesty, sensitivity, humor required. Express yourself! ☎ 1539

Attractive GWF enjoys romance, outdoors, pool, music, scuba. Seeking friend, possible relationship with attractive, physically fit, emotionally sound GWF, late 20's early 30's. ☎ 1533

GWF, 27, Attractive, fit, non-smoker, funny, honest, affectionate, caring, independent. Loves music, animals, sports, outdoors. Seeks similar for mature relationship. ☎ 1477

GWF, 28, in NE Ga., Shynovice needs firm but gentle tutor of love. Discretion please. Box 1408, 1189 Virginia Ave., Atlanta, GA., 30306

GWF 48 - Educated, love outdoors, enjoy cats - 2 Real vices: cigarettes/caffeine. I am bright, articulate, fun-loving, work 11pm-7:30am. I like to think of myself as big & beautiful. Meeting me is to appreciate a truly unique woman. Write POB 5582, At-

lanta, GA 31107.

Matthew Sweet, sharing beers and your fingers in my hand during the video. You called once but didn't leave your number. Please call again...let's hook up! ☎ 1466

GWF, 30, kid at heart, semi-butch, dreaming about a romantic playmate to keep me on my toes. I'm in a rut—come ruin my life! ☎ 1468

GWF, 44, 5'2, 110. Enjoys tennis, movies, quiet evenings. Seeks stable, mature GWF 38-48 for serious relationship. No drugs. ☎ 1469

GWF, 33, little shy, romantic, honest, spontaneous, genuine, enjoys outdoors - travel, camping, biking, etc., learning to let inner child come out and play. Seeks same for friendship, possibly more. Must like cats. No smoking alcohol, drugs or Bi's. Picture if possible. 666 Wimpy Mill Rd., Dahlonga, GA 30533.

NORTHERN FEMME-seeks southern gentlewoman for romantic correspondence and friendship-maybe more if opposites really do attract! Respond to all. ☎ 1463

GWF, attractive seeks Gay Fem for fun and friendship. ☎ 1462

GWF, 40, seeking 40-50 yo companion who enjoys life; outdoor/indoor. Where art thou Baby-Boomer-Butch? ☎ 1461

27-yr-old, attractive, sensitive, sincere GWF who is peeking out the closet door ISO supportive, understanding women for friendship, possibly more. ☎ 1458

GWF, professional, loves the Arts, Concerts, Tennis, Biking, Walks & Picnics in the Park. ISO same (no butch) 35-45. ☎ 1459

Reasonably normal, aesthetically pleasant, refined romantic envisions friendship/more with same: GWF38+. Introspective, compassionate, calm, creative, honorable, college+. Abundant reservoir of passionate intellectual/loving/sexual energy. Loves learning, wit, music, art, slow dancing, fitness, fidelity, unattached to ex's. No substance users. Call Lana ☎ 1460

GWF, 33, professional, good sense of humor, enjoys travel, good friends and spiritual growth. Prefer non-smoker seeking loving, intimate relationship. ☎ 1448

EARTH JAM: Shyness stopped me from getting your name & number. Teaching, Mary-Chapin (& Charles Kuralt) fans...imagine what else we may have in common? ☎ 1439

GWF, 36, upbeat, romantic, feminine, attractive, brn/brn, full-figured, professional, honest seeks similar. Atlanta, Floyd, Bartow. No butch, smokers, drugs. ☎ 1435

GWF, 28, petite, seeks GWF 28-35 for relationship. I love early morning walks, sunset picnic dinners, quiet romantic evenings. ☎ 1417

GWF, 32, attractive non-smoker ISO honest smiles, a free heart, a warm embrace. Seeking/offering openness, sincerity, laughter—majic! ☎ 1408

Attractive, feminine, funny, GWF, 32, looking for similar GWF for weekend fun, friendship or romance. Be adventurous, call me. ☎ 1409

GWF, 40, attractive, professional, sincere, passionate, romantic, honest, trusting, secure person who loves animals especially cats, sports, beach. Looking for same 30-45 GWF to share friendship & maybe more. No drugs. ☎ 1415

GWF, 44, 5'1", 140 lbs. Educated,

nature lover, attractive, seeks same. Cat lovers welcome. Partial to semi-butch women for dinner and possibly more. No super-heavies. No druggies. Smokers welcome. ☎ 1397

GWF on the edge of partner split - seeks same or similar 40-50 who cares for true romance & good sex. ☎ 1396

REALITY BITES...but that's not all: GBF 29, 5'9", attractive, natural, romantic, sensitive, sensual, health-conscious, focused, spiritually-centered, humorous, honest, positive, & MORE - All conveniently packaged for your perusal. If you believe that you are a woman who can handle the reality, call ☎ 1381

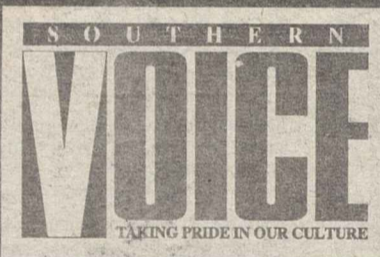
GWF seeks company of GWF, very feminine 40-55, multi-dimensional, professionally successful, mentally/physically healthy and active, non-smoking, intellectual and hedonistic, balanced spiritualism / materialism, humorous, sociable. ☎ 1389

GWF, 43, professional, candid, humorous, gentle, adventuresome, romantic enjoys music, outdoor, laughing, people, animals, diversity. Seeks professional GWF 37-50 emotional / sexually secure who enjoys life and wants to share some fun. No drugs/smoking. ☎ 1390

GWF, 45, professional, intelligent, accomplished, attractive, athletic, adventuresome, idealistic, passionate, assertive, affectionate, tender, horse-lover/owner, scuba diver, outdoorsy, cultural and humbly spiritual, seeking non-smoking, non-drinking Renaissance 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 GWF to shower with affection. Age unimportant. ☎ 1367

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CLASSIFIED ORDER FORM

(404) 876-1819

TO PLACE AN AD:

In PERSON: Bring completed order form with payment to Southern Voice offices (M-F, 9-5pm) 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta.

By MAIL: Mail completed order form with payment to Southern Voice Classifieds, P.O. Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316.

By PHONE: Call in with completed order form to (404) 876-1819.

By FAX: Fax completed order form and credit card information to Classifieds (404) 876-2709.

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MISPRINTS: Southern Voice is not responsible for misprints appearing after first week. Check ads promptly.

ADS MUST BE SUBMITTED by Tuesday, 5pm to appear in the following week's issue.

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INDIVIDUAL

- AIDS Services
- Announcements
- Employment-Seeking
- Pets-Free or Lost & Found
- Roommates
- Volunteers

BUSINESS

- Autos
- Employment-Part Time
- Employment-Full Time
- Finance
- Health-Fitness
- Health-Massage
- Health-Personal Growth
- Insurance
- Legal
- Merchandise
- Pets (For Sale/Training)
- Publications
- Real Estate-Financing
- Real Estate-For Rent
- Real Estate-For Sale
- Services
- Travel

VOICE CONNECTION

- VOICEbox
- Written Response

2 WRITE YOUR AD

Category _____ # of Issues _____

Giant Headline (optional)—not to exceed 14 characters/spaces

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Up to 20 words \$12.00

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TOTAL =

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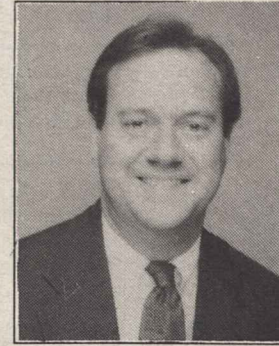
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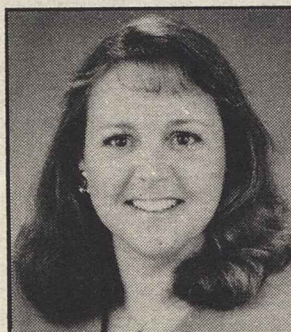
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GBF seeks intelligent feminine female who loves: life, outdoors, animals, travel, romance. Non-smokers, race unimportant, novice O.K. ☎ 1365

GWF, 38, enjoy life & laugh, snorkel, cycling, fishing, camping, golf, music & travel...etc! ☎ 1361

GWF, 30, Musician, intellectual and fun! Interests include: nature (zoo, pets, plants and escaping to the mountains/beach), reading, music (Renaissance to Rock, especially Baroque) and cooking. Seeking musical or artistic GWF 25-40. No smokers or drugs. Cat lovers only need respond. ☎ 1366

GWF, 23, 5'11", cute seeks attractive GWF20's. Enjoys laughing, good conversation, romantic evenings and much more. Let's meet! ☎ 1301

Attractive GWF, 42, with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, feminist, kind, loves women, animals, birds, books, women's festivals, laughs. Seeks patient friends for community functions and talks. ☎ 1341

Me Jane - you Tarzana. Hear the drum beat of life and dance with me in the moonlight. GWF, 33, fem, tall blond, green eyes. ☎ 1340

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

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

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

GWF, 40, eclectic approach to life. Passionate about mountains, music and fiction. Seeking energetic woman with centered psyche and adventurous spirit. ☎ 1310

I watched you in your tragic beauty walk beneath my window eyes aimed high, but unfocused...you never noticed me. ☎ 1317

GWF dark, piercing eyes, mysterious, sensual. I'm sweet and gentle, or rough and cruel. Will make you come back for more... ☎ 1321

GWF30's, attractive professional, 5'4" blondish, blue-eyed, feminine Scorpio. Works out, participates in sports. Loves humor, music, travel, spontaneity & living life to its fullest! No bi's or smokers, instead feminine, active, mature & sexy professional. ☎ 1635

Single Black Female seeks fem Single Black Female for conversation, friendship. ☎ 1300

GWF, 39, 5'7", 140 pounds, feminine, attractive, professional, interested in same. No smokers. ☎ 1283

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

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

MEN

GWM - Passive, 5'7", 125#, BR/BR - Dark & mysterious, seeks total opposite with adventure and excitement in mind. ☎ 1548

CLOSETED WM

Seeks same, cute 25 Christian, alternative music, hiking, dancing, Trekker, very discreet, have car will travel

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GWM, 38, B1/B1, 5'10", Attractive, athletic, creative, versatile, playful & romantic. ISO Young man, lean, smooth, toned, any race for hot, safe fun... maybe more. Long hair, tattoos, piercings, muscles, endowed a plus. Inexperienced OK. Breakfast included. You won't be disappointed! Phone/Photo P.O. Box 7835, Midtown Station, Atlanta 30357-0835.

greater Atlanta. Peace, love, happiness. ☎ 1547

Gay Englishman 35, out, seeks friend/partner for fun, and adventures. Race, Colour unimportant. ☎ 1546

SGWM 29, 6'1" Brn/Brn, Professional seeks masc. Versatile GWM, 20 to 35 for running buddy, possibly more. Interests are movies, theatre, art, antiques, cars, club jumping twice a month, versatile type of guy. New to Atlanta. ☎ 1569

Black Stud 25, dominant top will grant infinite love. Bobby Brown #108255, Florida State Prison, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091

Discreet, safe, romantic, serious, GWM seeks same who will appreciate me! PO Box 7161, Chestnut Mountain, Georgia. 30502. Or call ☎ 1568

Well-built, brainy 36yo GWM (5'10", solid 200 lbs) seeks athletic GM life partner to share interests in wts, bodybuilding, & cozy domesticity. Let's grow together, ok? ☎ 1555

ME: 42, 5'10", 165, smooth, suburban lifestyle, professional, cultured, safe, sane, discreet, healthy. You: aggressive, muscular, hairy, top, brunette dream man. US: Discreet, safe, hot dalliance/friendship. Box 1556, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306

A great catch - BM boyish 32, professional, 6'5", 230# seeks attractive HIV-WM or Hispanic 18-40. ☎ 1557

LIFEMATE

Attractive, professional, GWM, 43, 5'12", 155 lbs, s/p hair, blue, moustache, HIV-, educated, smoker, laid back, sincere, understanding, open-minded, workout, adventurous versatile top, previous long-term relationship. Seeks HIV-, romantic, GWM 30-50 into cooking, dining in/out, picnics, friends, walks, beaches, movies, theatre, travel, cuddling, kissing, exploring our sexuality, for dating, hopefully more. No fats or bar flies. ☎ 1560

ARE YOU Black, Built, Hung & Horny? Attractive, Vers. GWM, Mid 30's, Tan. 5'10". B1/B1, Hairy, Musc. Looking for hot, sweaty, kinky, safe fun. Note with photo and phone to P.O. Box 7835, Atlanta, GA 30357.

Successful, stable, well-educated GWM, 40s, seeks quality friendship WM 20s. Prefer wholesome college or graduate student, career oriented. Non-

smoking, no drugs. I enjoy outdoors, gardening, convertibles, travel & theatre. Novice or curious okay. POB 5416, Atlanta 31107. Rural GA, AL, MISS, W/M, moustache, friendships sought for WM, 5'8", moustache, slim, blond, HIV-, tired of city. ☎ 1541

Professional goodlooking WM, mid 30s, 6'2", 180, runner's build, brown hair, eyes, moustache, seeks similar. P.O. Box 13992, Atlanta 30324.

Masculine BM, 30yo seeks masculine white male 23-30 for friendship/more. No fats/no fems. Live in Cobb. ☎ 1540

GWM, 48, 6'6", medium build, blue/sandy, above average looks, wishes to meet Gay Black or Asian male for relationship. ☎ 1538

Me: GWM, 31, 6', 175#, handsome, rugged, professionally employed, senior engineering student; physically fit, stable. Likes skiing, boating, movies, and quiet evenings. Quality, sincerity, versatility. You: GWM, 23-29, under 6'; no facial hair, good looks and personality, no fats, no games, no bis. For: Friendship, potentially more. ☎ 1537

BLONDE & BLUE - Friendly GWM top, 39, seeks young slim Asian or smooth GWM for water skiing, movies, dating. ☎ 1536

Goodlooking, masculine GWM, 23, 5'11", 165 lbs, seeking same, 20s. I'm new to Atlanta and tired of the games and love handles that go along with settling for second best. ☎ 1534

GL, WM, 6'1", 185#, masculine, 47, healthy, professional, educated, seeks GL, healthy, intelligent WM for fun, romance. No fats, fems. ☎ 1476

Dominant Daddy/Coach, 37, 6'3", average build, thick equipment, seeks submissive, trim, muscular son/player for discreet, no strings daytime sessions at your place. PO Box 80366, Atlanta, GA 30366 ☎ 1475

GWM COUPLE, 27 & 38, attractive, seeking other couples, singles, 18-40, for hot, safe j/o sessions. No strings. PO Box 610292, Birmingham, AL 35261

Bears A MUST! Light skinned GBM, 34, 5'8", 170lbs., seeks GWM 25-38, masculine with husky build. No drugs. ☎ 1474

Asheville Teddy looking for other WNC teddies for some summertime fun. What about a teddy bear picnic? ☎ 1478

Wall Street Shark, 42, 6', 190#, Masculine. Into vanilla, business, politics, single malts, VSOP, and the humanities. All in moderation. ☎ 1479

PROF GWM 30's looking to relate mind/heart/soul-before below the waist! Truly believe I'm honest, kind, loving, hardworking, strong faith, romantic, affectionate. Varied interests; enjoy good company for dating/rel. POB 467385, Atlanta, GA 31146.

No limits... Tall, extremely handsome, athletic BM, 21, seeking sexually compatible, masculine, versatile, in-shape, attractive WM 25-45 for non-conforming friendship. ☎ 1465

Hot masculine leather bottom, 40's, muscular, HIV-, 165, 5'7", seeks hot masculine top, HIV-, preferably into leather. All calls answered. ☎ 1467

Headstrong Ivy kid, 25, political, social, outdoorsy, low brow tastes, involved, sex-positive, moving to Atlanta, seeks friends all types, ages. ☎ 1471

GWM, clean, HIV-, versatile, available during day. ☎ 1472

DGWM, Masculine, Handsome, Versatile, PHD, 40's, HIV-POS, 6'1", 180, Brn/Gm, Mustache, Eclectic taste Bach to Merchant. Seeks same 25-50. ☎ 1451

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HOMEBOYS ONLY-BM, 27, tall, baldhead, stocky, masculine, will be in Atlanta in July, seeks homeboys to show me around. POB 231966, Hartford, CT, 06123-1966. ☎ 1445

Eclectic 26yo looking for friends/lover. Likes: roller coasters, sports, Broadway musicals, movies, music, books, theater, dancing, romance, computers, etc. ☎ 1453

GWM, Attractive professional, Educated, kind & fun. 6ft 170 Blond hair, Blue eyes, YOUNG 40's. ISO Educated GAM (Student ok) for physical and spiritual exploration. ☎ 1454

26yo, 5'3", 130#, brown hair, blue eyes. Big surprises come in small packages! Unwrap your special gift today! ☎ 1455

Hot Horny Men 25-40 wanted by 34, Blonde-Green. Into movies, toys, W/S, couples welcome. Hairy A plus. ☎ 1456

GWM 40's, Husky, Hairy, HIV+, 5'6", Brn/Haz, mustache, goatee, down to earth nice guy. Sexually versatile and open minded within safe limits, non-smoker, occasional drink, likes movies, reading (sci-fi, advent., horror), fleamarkets, dogs, plants, picnics, quiet home life, occasional night out. Seeks GWM or GLM, 30-45, masculine, down to earth, with similar interests, prefer HIV+, slim to med. build, some chest hair, sexually versatile, for friendship and possible life time relationship. Lives to short to go it alone, take a chance. ☎ 1457

GWM seeks GBM-GWM, prof., 36, B1/B1, 5'11", 170, would like to meet gdlkg, masculine, professional GBM, 26-40. ☎ 1464

Non-smoker, cleancut male 20-35 need full body massaging, bun spanking, toe fetishing with skillful hands 'n' hot tongue. Me 29yo. ☎ 1438

GM, 35, 6'2", 175, attractive, fit, educated, endowed. Seeking GM 25-40 who's 5'10" plus, non-smoker, HIV-, versatile, romantic. ☎ 1440

Monogamous GWM, homebody, 36, 5'7", 135, beard, seeks bottom GWM for relationship. Movies, weekend travel, Box 956222, Duluth. No barflies. ☎ 1441

Tall VGL GWM seeks hot, fit masc. couple for safe, very discreet encounter. Call and tell me about yourselves! ☎ 1442

HAIRY ITALIAN Extremely goodlooking ex-model. 29, 6'3", 185 lbs, sexy, dark skin, masculine. Seeks 18-45, professional Black or Latin, masculine, very endowed, top in great shape. ☎ 1443

BM, 5'9", 160 lbs, trim, masculine, hung, versatile seeks similar brother for no strings sessions. ☎ 1444

GWM, 30, 6'6", 190, br/blue. Hits: Intelligence, masculinity, respect, fur/beard. Receeding? Misses: Ignorance, attitudes, bitches! Under 45/200 lbs. ☎ 1449

Hard body, GWM, goodlooking, 5/6, 135, br/br, tanned. Working out, roller blade, beach trips. Looking for someone HIV+ to share life with. A pretty face and charming personality gets my vote. ☎ 1450

GWM, 33, 6'3", laid back professional with eclectic interests; animation, LSP, movies, 99x, Braves... You, 25-40ish, sense of humor. ☎ 1416

Handsome NO. GA MOUNTAINS WM 37, 5'8", 145, healthy, fit, enjoys life, outdoors, exercise, seeks GDLKG. eager French active WM. ☎ 1418

Carolina Daddy Bear seeking Warm Cub. GWM, 6'3", 250, sincere, intelligent, travelling, professional. ISO smooth, lithe guy (21+). Quality. ☎ 1430

GWM seeks hot GBM 18-30 for discreet encounters. Must be safe & attractive. Let's get together. ☎ 1431

ISO very hung, masc., faithful, muscular BM for fun weekends with WM, masc. muscular, handsome. No headaches! ☎ 1432

WM, 24, very cute, good body, submissive, wants to service endowed, in-shape, masculine, healthy man. Leave message. ☎ 1433

LOVER WANTED-BiWM, 40s, 150, Br/B1 in central AL seeks GWM 30s-50s for lover. HIV+ AIDS - contact me. Need someone badly. ☎ 1434

Artist type, B/M, 30's, 6", 175, healthy, works out, seeking average masculine top for exploring life + each other, race not important. ☎ 1436

SHOOT THE MOON! Back from Florida! GWM, hairy, 5'10", 170#, HIV-, 38, seeks men 20-45, bottoms, for spankings & butt play. Discretion, limits. ☎ 1437

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

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

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

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. Receeders 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

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/M ISO musc, vers BM(s) for "cookie" type "sandwich." 3' sor 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

PERSONALS

top in midtown 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

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

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. masc dominant top any race for discreet, safe fun. ☎ 1359

Playful GWM, 37, 155, 5'11", moustache, brn/brn, 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

Just someone to enjoy movies, dinner, walks and conversation with. Simple things are the best! Top, GWM, br/br, beard, 5'7". ☎ 1354

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

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

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Butch GWM, 38, 6'3", 210 lbs., brn/bl, handsome, cigar smoker, seeks BM 30-45, endowed top for no strings daytime fun. ☎ 1353

GBM, medium complexion in late twenties with doctorate level education, and athletically inclined seeks light skinned black, hispanic, educated man. ☎ 1352

GWM, 32, bl/bl, 5'9", 170, looking for "true love" not "tricks" or "flings." Must be friends first. ☎ 1351

Big, beautiful, thick, 10" dick, sexy stud 2 hours north, loves safe, handsome, anal action, top, bottom, hairy a plus. ☎ 1350

Slender, masculine, blond, moustache, attractive, 5'8", 43, versatile. Seeks slender, white, tall, moustache, masculine 40-45 (Buddy, No-Strings). ☎ 1349

Big Bold Bear, Bearded GWM, 38 yr, 5'10", 290 lb, seeks in shape GWM into art, animals, books, for adventurous safe sex. ☎ 1347

GWM, 31, HIV+, very healthy and fit. I'm nice looking and interested in meeting another sane guy. ☎ 1346

Horny, hot, aggressive, totally versatile very experienced GWM is seeking slim/medium build GWM 18-35 for hot fun times nights & weekends. ☎ 1345

GWM, bear, 39, 5'11", stocky, brown/balding, blue, beard, healthy HIV+, successful, stable, versatile, seeking someone to share life's ups and downs. ☎ 1344

GWM, tall, dark, very handsome, 30, built. Seeking built, endowed white male needing oral service. Call soon - let's play! ☎ 1343

Romantic Hardworking, relationship oriented GWM 28, red/bl looking for similar GBM or GLM 21-35. ☎ 1312

GWM, 30, handsome, bl/bl, beard, dark body hair, versatile, sensual, lean. ☎ 1322

GWM, amateur photographer. Seeks very attractive GWM/GAM under 24 for fun. ☎ 1320

GWM 31, moustache, non-smoker, healthy HIV+, romantic, enjoying life, seeking GWM to share life and enjoy

it to the fullest. ☎ 1319

OVERLY ATTRACTIVE - Br/Br, 5'6", 135 lbs., 30, muscular. Seeking attractive partner for friendship or other. Workout, outdoors, rollerblade. Series Reply. HIV. ☎ 1318

Daddy/Husband requested (WM under 50) by an intelligent, extremely curious, inexperienced BM, 24, for life-long love, support, and enlightenment. I can be shaped and molded. Serious only please. ☎ 1316

Hairy, attractive, GWM, very athletic, 31, looking for a masc. beefy, stable WM for friendship, fun or ?? ☎ 1315

GWM, 41, 6 ft., 175 lbs., fit, masculine, HIV negative, good looking, seeks friendship leading to monogamous relationship. ☎ 1311

Into wrestling, body building, physical contact, jazz music, working out, touching and feeling. This is me, if it's you too call. I'm GWM 5'8", 165, br/br. ☎ 1307

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

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

Brushstrokes Magazine Rack Wed. 3/1. Laughed at Playgirl. Both bought Feb. 94 Freshmen. You Br/Bl nice smile. Me Bl/Bl smiled back. ☎ 1280

GWM COUPLE; 31, 5'9", 155 and 40, 5'10", 190 seek other couples, singles for fun, safe, no strings sex. ☎ 1281

WM, 5'10", 185, masc, vers, horny; sks BM, masc, 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 some-

thing, "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, moustache, 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

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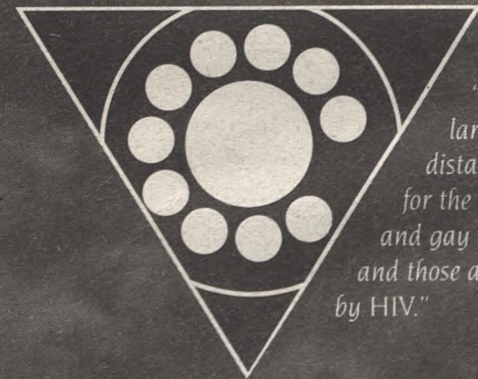
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