

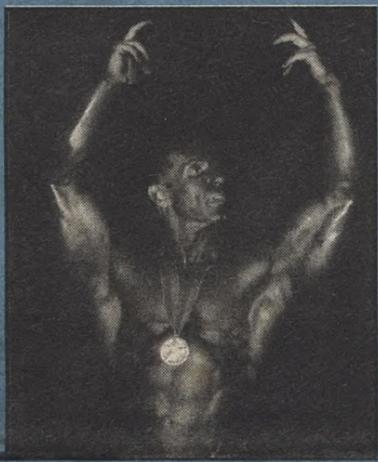
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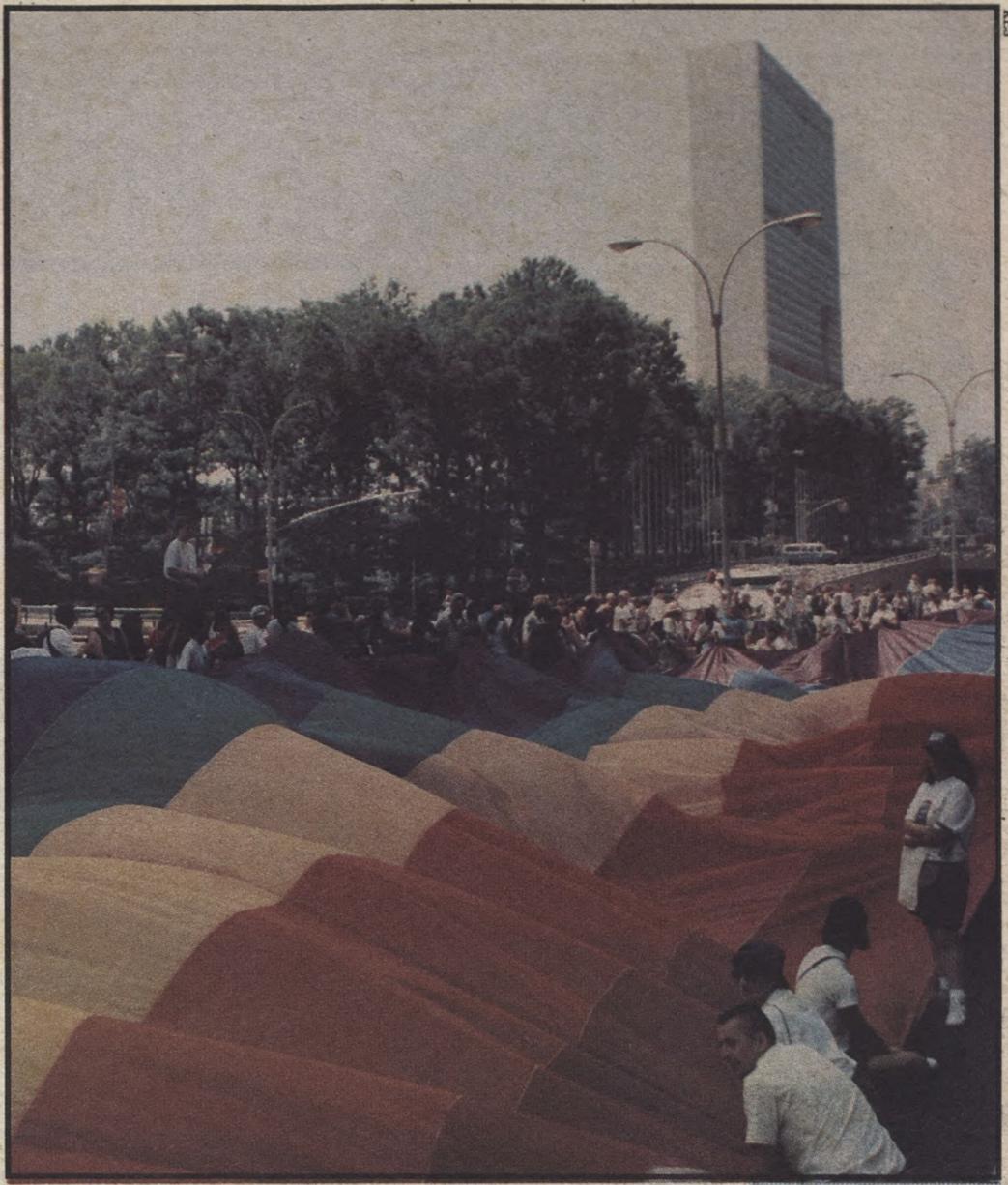
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A mile-long rainbow flag, kept aloft by 2,500 people, led the Stonewall-25 march down First Avenue and past the United Nations.

Radical Right Holds Secret Meeting

Defeat of lesbian and gay rights was sole topic of 3-day conference

Representatives of 35 religious right-wing organizations from all over the country met secretly in Colorado in May to map out a strategy for achieving their top goal of the 1990's: the defeat of gay and lesbian rights in all its forms.

"The gay agenda has all the elements of that which is truly evil," John Eldredge, spokesperson for Focus on the Family, told the gathering. "It is deceptive at every turn. It is destroying the souls and lives of those who embrace it."

Eldredge's statement reflects a shift in priorities for many leaders of the religious right from activism on a broad agenda to making the elimination of gay rights their paramount objective.

"It's extremely important for gay people anywhere to know what's happening," said Skipp Porteous, president of the Institute for First Amendment Studies. "They've really orchestrated an attempt to see that gays don't have rights."

The Institute, an organization that tracks the religious right, secretly obtained tape recordings of the May 16-18 meeting held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The tapes show the 55 participants from 17 states planning an assault on gay rights, and willing to employ aggressive tactics—such as an enemies list of politicians and journalists—to achieve their ends. Many states represented have already been the sites of initiative battles—Oregon, Colorado and Cincinnati for example. Other right-wing leaders came from states that are targeted for anti-gay campaigns in '94 such as Missouri and Alachua County, Florida.

High-tech crusade
Participants designed a sophisticated, high-tech

crusade with a strategy emphasizing pressure on the media, politicians, business and individual supporters of gay rights. They made plans to win policy changes through lawsuits, scientific debate, public education and legislation.

The groups have powerful resources at their disposal. For instance, Focus on the Family, which fielded three of the 39 participants, has grown into the best-funded of all the religious right groups in the country and employs the most people. The organization has 1,200 workers and an annual budget of \$150 million. FOF sends out about 13,000 packets of information daily to people who request it, according to "Freedom Writer," the newsletter of the Institute for First Amendment Studies.

Participants plan another meeting for the fall, and the May meeting was the second one for the group. Following the first meeting in May, 1993 there was a flurry of anti-gay activity across the country.

Attendance quadrupled between the first and second meetings, Will Perkins, chairman of the board for Colorado for Family Values, announced at the conference. CFV's executive director, Kevin Tebedo, organized the conference.

While their political power as a cohesive group has not been tested, individual member organizations have exercised considerable political muscle. One of them, the million-plus member Christian Coalition led by Pat Robertson, played a significant role this month in Virginia in helping ultra-conservative Oliver North gain the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate. (See page 25 for a story on North). The

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Cobb Comm. rejects second resolution

Two green lights "yes"...three red lights "no."

Too many red lights at last Tuesday night's Commission meeting quickly squelched a proposed compromise to Cobb County's anti-gay resolution as three of Cobb's commissioners refused to alter their original stance.

Commissioners voting no to Chairman Bill Byrne's proposed amendment to last year's resolution were Joe Thompson, Freeman Poole, and Gordon Wysong, author of the resolution adopted Aug. 10. Bill Cooper and Byrne voted to pass the amendment.

The audience and a throng of media in the close to capacity auditorium watched closely as the commissioners' votes came across the lighted color display board. Prior to the vote, only Cooper, who voted against the original resolution, had committed to supporting the amendment.

Gay activists appeared shocked as they read the results, some scurrying to rewrite the comments they would make at the end of the public meeting.

"I expected it to go 5 to 0 in favor of the amendment," said Dr. James Stark, Cobb Citizens Coalition member, reacting moments after the vote was announced by Byrne without comment.

Many from both sides of the issue had hoped the amendment, which would not have

rescinded the county's anti-gay stance, would at least have ended much of the divisiveness and controversy that has swirled inside and outside of Cobb County since the resolution was passed.

The Coalition felt passage of the amendment would have indicated the commissioners' willingness to compromise.

But the issue will not end for the commissioners or for Cobb County since gay activists say they are refusing to give up while the resolution is intact.

"Even if (the amendment) had passed, it still would not rescind the original resolution and we would continue to work toward that effort," said co-chair Elaine Hill.

The Coalition, said Hill, plans to re-introduce their own proposed compromise, a resolution delivered to Byrne for the second time on June 24, but which Coalition members believe may never have been seen by the other commissioners. The proposal, which was drafted with the intention "to find a solution acceptable to all parties," would supersede the August resolution.

"This proposal is a positive solution designed to end the controversy. It does not endorse any lifestyle, but it removes the condemnation of gays," said Coalition Cochair Noel Lytle.

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Stonewall Picnic at John Howell Park

Atlanta—While thousands hit the streets in New York, a few dozen took to John Howell Park on Sunday afternoon to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in their own fashion. Passers-by honked their horns in support as they passed the line of rainbow flags on the Virginia Avenue side of the park, saluting the impromptu Queer Family Picnic. Plenty of music, food, good cheer and games abounded—including a no-rules volleyball match that would surely have been banned in Cobb County.

Report links Wysong with religious extremist group

Cobb Commissioner who introduced anti-gay resolution is connected to Christian group that advocates death penalty for gays, report says

Marietta—Commissioner Gordon Wysong, along with several other prominent Cobb Countians, were accused in a report last week of participating in an extremist faction within the religious right. The Christian Reconstructionist Movement (CRM), is a group that is known to advocate the death penalty for homosexuals.

Just hours before Cobb County commissioners were scheduled to vote on a compromise amendment to the anti-gay resolution last Tuesday, Neighbors Network, a non-profit organization that monitors hate group activities throughout Georgia, held a press conference to release "Hidden Agenda: The Influence of Religious Extremism on the Politics of Cobb County, Georgia," a 14 page document that states CRM has played a major role in supporting the Cobb Commission's anti-gay resolution.

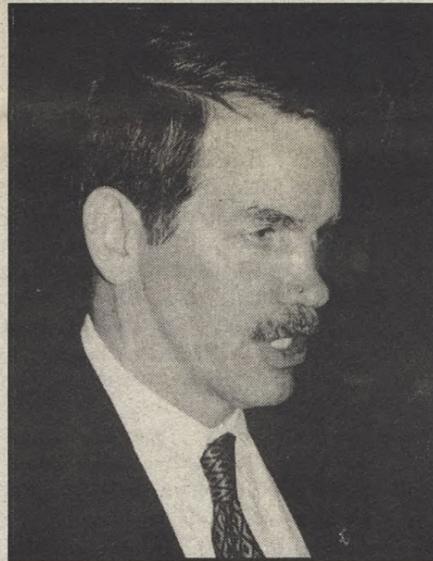
Neighbors Network was asked to compile the report by the Cobb Citizens Coalition, according to Noel Lytle, co-chair.

"(CRM) is the type of group Neighbors Network monitors," said Lytle. "We were lucky when we approached them to do this report that they already knew a great deal about them."

According to Neighbors Network member Walt Reeves, the organization first made contact with the Coalition when activity over the anti-gay resolution heated up.

"Initially, we were monitoring the demonstrations because we were aware at that time of what sort of hate group activity was going on up there," Reeves said. "And we were even more concerned when we saw who was coming out to oppose those who were trying to rescind the resolution."

"We saw a number of people who had been involved in activities that would lead you to presume that there was a possibility of vio-



Gordon Wysong

lence, Klan leaders, Nazi youth, etc. Consequently we contacted the Coalition, as well as other groups who were opposing the resolution, and we said 'Listen, you have these people coming out to your demonstration and you need to be aware of this,' he said.

At the request of the Coalition, Neighbors Network completed their first report, "The Shadows of Hate: Hate Group Activity in Cobb County, Georgia" which concluded that the Cobb Commission's action "encouraged the activities of hate groups based in the county by pandering to the politics of bigotry and intolerance."

While writing that report, Reeves became aware of the influence CRM is having in Cobb County, a "major center of CRM activity," according to the report. He also learned of the activities of two Cobb Countians, Gary DeMar and Ralph Barker, who, he said, are Reconstructionists who have taken public leadership in the dispute over the resolution.

The report places DeMar and Barker at commission meetings and anti-gay rallies where they often spoke in favor of the resolution.

A national publishing house, American Vision, which is operated by DeMar, held a ban-

quet in March of 1994 where Wysong was featured speaker. The event was promoted heavily in publications by DeMar and Barker, including in three issues of Biblical World Magazine.

According to Reeves, a tape recording of Wysong's comments includes remarks by the commissioner attacking "opponents of family values."

In the recording, said Reeves, Wysong tells his audience that gay rights advocates promote a national needle exchange program in order to spread HIV. He further states the same advocates are unable to condemn child molestation.

Also present at the banquet were GOP Congressional Candidate Bob Barr, GOP gubernatorial hopefuls Nimrod McNair and John Knox, State Court Judge Harris Adams, and GOP State Representative primary candidate Bob Franklin.

According to the Reeves report, Reconstructionists believe all of life should be regulated by their interpretation of Biblical law and therefore they are compelled to replace our current government with a theocratic republic. Reeves says this effort is considered biblical warfare by the group and that "absolute victory" is their only goal.

In the report, Reeves quotes Fred Clarkson, a source used throughout the document, who states that CRM would "[E]xtend capital punishment...to include, among other things, blasphemy, heresy, adultery, and homosexuality." Methods of punishment would be biblical in nature such as hanging, burning, and stoning.

The second report, the one released last week, focuses specifically on CRM activities. According to Reeves, most people, even those who consider themselves religiously aware, are likely never to have heard of CRM because of the group's secretive maneuverings.

"The great strength of these groups is their intimidation and terrorism that they practice, and they can only practice that if they remain anonymous. If you expose them and their leadership to public light it immediately begins to erode their ability to intimidate and frighten people," said Reeves.

The intent of the report is to get the word

out. "We mean to educate the population as to the agenda of the Reconstructionists and the fact that they are not being honest about their agenda," said Reeves.

The Coalition believes the report will be coalition building since more than gays are being effected.

"We want to reach out to other groups. This is not just a gay issue," said Lytle.

Also included in the report are connections between CRM and various efforts taking place in the state other than the anti-gay resolution, including the fight to oppose removal of the Confederate Battle standard from the Georgia State Flag.

The Atlanta Journal Constitution published a story last week that could link CRM efforts, Wysong, and Rev. Nelson Price, pastor of the 9,500 member Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta.

In the story, Price discussed plans to give away thousands of copies of the Ten Commandments as a result of the Supreme Court upholding a lower court's ruling requiring the County to remove a plaque of the Commandments from a court building.

According to the AJC, copies being distributed by Price, who Reeves indicates in his report has supported a CRM-inspired initiative in the past, include a tear-off return card addressed to a Chattanooga-based anti-abortion hotline—American Rights Coalition—headed by Wysong's brother.

Reeves said no one mentioned in either report has come forward to dispute the document's accuracy. "They haven't challenged anything we have said of a factual nature yet. They disagree with our conclusion and that's their right. But they have not been able to attack the accuracy of any of our quotes, of any of the things we have stated they have said," he commented.

Neighbors Network stresses that the information presented in the report is not about religion. "We are simply pointing out that these people are hiding behind religion. They are using religion as a cloak for this political agenda they want to push. And they ought to at least be honest about what their goals are," he stated.

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UGA establishes gay lecture series

*\$50,000 donation will provide
funds to highlight works of
gay and lesbian scholars*

Athens, GA—The University of Georgia's Women's Studies Program has received a donation that will allow the program to inaugurate a lesbian and gay lecture series.

Dr. P. Andrew Coley, Jr., has given the program \$50,000 over the next five years, in memory of his daughter, Andrea, who died on Nov. 5, 1993. She was a UGA student pursuing a women's studies certificate.

University officials will use Dr. Coley's gift to establish a lecture series highlighting work conducted by scholars of lesbian and gay studies.

"Gay and lesbian studies has emerged from women's studies scholarship," said Patricia Del Rey, the program director at UGA. "Scholars in women's studies and other disciplines have questions about gender and sexuality as 'natural' phenomena and have explored these concepts as social constructions."

Dr. Coley's gift will endow the lecture series, which will begin this fall.

"Through this lecture series, we hope to create a supportive environment in which to illuminate these issues and provide a forum for dialogue," Del Rey said.

Beyond the lecture series, said associate director Heather Kleiner, the program hopes to establish a research institute, and the series should prove beneficial toward that end.

"The major area we want to move the program into is to get a research institute on campus," she said. "That would bring scholars as well as practitioners here."

Additionally, Kleiner said, the interest generated in the series could mean more classes in lesbian and gay studies for the curriculum. Currently, the program has one gay and lesbian studies class.

Andrea Coley was among the first undergraduates to enroll in the university's women's studies program.

"Andrea was a bright and articulate student of gender issues and was well liked by her classmates and teachers," said Kleiner. "We all appreciate Dr. Coley's generous gift in Andrea's name. ... This will be a very nice tribute to her."

Lesbian's mother appeals custody ruling

Richmond, VA—A decision awarding a lesbian custody of her 2-year-old son was appealed June 23 to the Virginia Supreme Court, perhaps delaying the child's reunion with his mother.

A lawyer for Kay Bottoms, the boy's grandmother, filed the notice of appeal with the Virginia Court of Appeals, which on June 21 had awarded custody of Tyler Doustou to Sharon Bottoms.

The court of appeals order was scheduled to go to Henrico County Circuit Judge Buford Parsons for his signature 14 days after the ruling. Parsons was the judge who upheld a juvenile court decision granting custody of Tyler to Kay Bottoms.

But Richard Ryder, attorney for the grandmother, said "the court of appeals mandate will not be issued until the Supreme Court rules" in the case.

He said he could not predict whether

the Supreme Court would agree to hear the case.

"We do agree that the mandate cannot be issued until the state Supreme Court has decided the petition," said Stephen B. Pershing, legal director of the state American Civil Liberties Union. "But that doesn't mean we might not be able to have a court decide that Tyler should be with Sharon in the interim."

In March 1993, a Henrico County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judge granted custody of Tyler to his grandmother. Parsons upheld the order in September, saying Sharon Bottoms was an unfit mother because she and her live-in lover violated the state's "crimes against nature" law.

The ruling was overturned by the state appeals court, which said illegal sexual conduct alone is insufficient reason to take a child from a parent.

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Gays in Savannah target tasteless joke publication

*First City Network urges businesses
to throw out "The Joker"*

Savannah—Gay men and lesbians in Georgia's First City are launching a campaign against a publication in Savannah called "The Savannah Joker"—and they say the joke's on anyone who picks up a copy.

The paper, published for nearly a year, features little editorial copy, but plenty of "jokes" in very bad taste—homophobic, sexist, and racist jokes. A few examples:

"Do you know the first sign of aids (sic)? Its (sic) when you feel that pounding in your ass!"

"What's a man's idea of a perfect date? A woman who answers the door naked holding a 6-pack."

"Why is homosexuality like cigarette smoking? Either way, too many butts can kill you."

"Do you know what 2 roommate lesbians do when they are both on the rag? They fingerprint."

And that's only a smattering of the "humor" found within The Joker's pages.

Lawrence Marley, of Savannah's First City Network, a lesbian/gay organization, said he was shocked when he picked up a copy at a local restaurant.

"At first I thought it was a joke, that somewhere later on I'd read the punch line, and that it was a one-time thing," he said, "but apparently it's an on-going thing."

First City Network has distributed flyers with examples of The Joker's content, and is encouraging patrons of businesses that display the publication to point out its low-brow humor to managers.

"We've been asking the managers if we can throw out their copies, and we've had good response to that," Marley said.

Marley said that attempts by First City Network to contact the Joker's publisher have been unsuccessful, as have efforts to persuade advertisers to pull out of the paper. So the group has been pointing out that the free paper is too easily accessible to children.

"That argument has been used against [lesbian/gay] publications for a long time," he said. "This time the tables are turned."

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Anti-Gay Measure Fails In Nevada: Backers of a proposal to deny civil rights to lesbians and gay men in Nevada say they have fallen far short of the number of signatures needed to put the measure on the Nov. 8 ballot. "It's a defeat, for the moment," said Daisy Stanley of Nevada Citizens Alliance, adding that the group would try again in 1996. Eddie Anderson, of Nevadans Organized Human Advocacy for Tolerance and Equality (NO HATE), said he was disappointed. "I was rather hopeful they would garner enough signatures so we could have a blowout in November," he said. "According to the state constitution, had they lost, they never could have resurrected that idea again."

Hawaii Governor Signs Same Sex Marriage Ban: Hawaii Gov. John Waihee signed a bill on June 22 banning same-sex marriages, after the state Supreme Court said last year that prohibitions on gay matrimony may be unconstitutional. The court ruled in May 1993 the ban was "presumed to be unconstitutional" because it involves sexual discrimination, unless the state could show a "compelling interest" for retaining it—a very tough legal standard to meet. The case, brought by three gay couples denied marriage licenses, was sent back to a lower court for further examination. A rehearing is scheduled for April 1995. The losing side at the time is expected to appeal to the Supreme Court, and a final ruling is not expected until late 1996 at the earliest.



Genora Dancel (left) and lover Ninia Baehr were one of three couples who sued the state of Hawaii for the right to legally marry.

Girl Claims Anti-Gay Discrimination by Rotary Club: A 17-year-old Wisconsin girl says a foreign exchange stay in Brazil was abruptly cancelled by the Rotary Club, her sponsor, because she is a lesbian. Jamie Melchert said she was returned to the U.S. just 45 days into her yearlong stay in South America after a Rotary district group in Sao Paulo accused her of kissing a girl in a hallway and displaying her underwear in school. Melchert said there was no kiss and the "underwear" was Bermuda shorts. Rotary officials say Melchert was sent home for violating local laws or being unable to adapt to cultural differences.

Foundation Awards \$1.3 Million To Gay Groups: In what is believed to be the largest amount of money ever given for gay issues by an independent foundation, the Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation has announced grants for over \$1.3 million to four gay organizations and a law school. The National Center for Lesbian Rights was awarded \$450,000 for development and outreach; the Hetrick-Martin Institute in New York was awarded \$300,000 to continue its services to gay youth; the Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation received \$400,000 for outreach and development; the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force received \$175,000 to move into new headquarters; and New York University Law School's Hays Fellowship Program was awarded \$100,000 to endow the Tom Stoddard Fellowship for gay civil rights studies.

House Republicans Urge Elders' Ouster: Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders and Republican lawmakers are clashing over her outspoken views, including the political activism of conservative Christians that is her latest target. On June 24, 87 GOP House members called for Elders' resignation, partly because of remarks she made to a gay audience two days before. Elders, according to newspaper accounts, referred to the "un-Christian religious right and added, "We've got to be strong to take on those people who are selling our children out in the name of religion." The letter from the House members did not mention these remarks, but they were often cited at a news conference by Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL), author of the letter, other lawmakers and spokesmen for conservative Christian organizations.

Episcopal Bishops Ask Flock To Embrace Gay Men, Lesbians: After years in the trenches of the sex wars, U.S. Episcopal bishops have drafted a pastoral statement that welcomes gay men and lesbians without repudiating traditional church teaching. In the fourth draft of the proposed document on sexuality, the bishops ask the church to uphold an ideal of lifelong faithful unions for both homosexual and heterosexual couples, and greet gay men and lesbians with hospitality rather than hostility. At the same time, the document also relates traditional church teaching that sex is reserved for heterosexual marriages and stops short of advocating changes in church law on the issues of gay ordinations and blessing of same-sex unions. A fifth draft of the document is expected to be circulated in a few weeks.

San Francisco Freedom Day Parade Draws 400,000: A contingent of female-to-male transvestites marched in San Francisco's annual Stonewall celebration for the first time on June 19, joining drag queens, dykes on bikes, rollerblading Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, elected officials, and everyday gay men and lesbians on the streets of the city. But the North American Man Boy Love Association—NAMBLA—was absent this year, banned by the march committee.

Military News: An Air Force board has recommended an honorable discharge for Capt. Rich Richenberg, a nine year veteran serving at Offut Air Force Base in Nebraska, because he said he is gay. Gay vets were not allowed to march with their banner in the Cantonville, MD, Fourth of July parade. And the head of Australia's top veterans group, retired Maj. Gen. Digger James, has criticized the Australian government for allowing gays to stay in uniform and giving women more active military roles. James cited AIDS as a reason to keep gay men out of the military.

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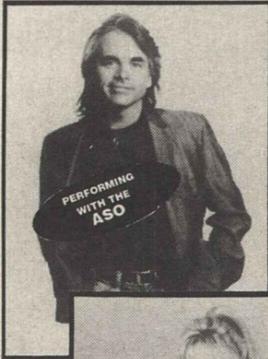
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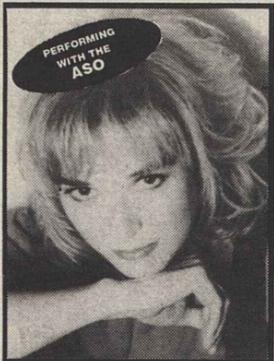


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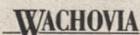
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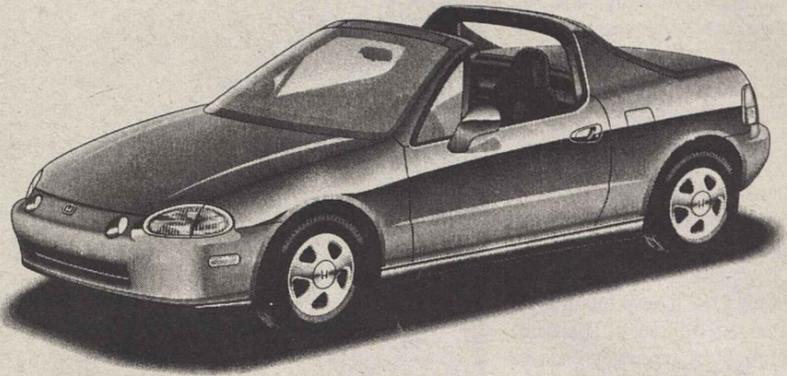
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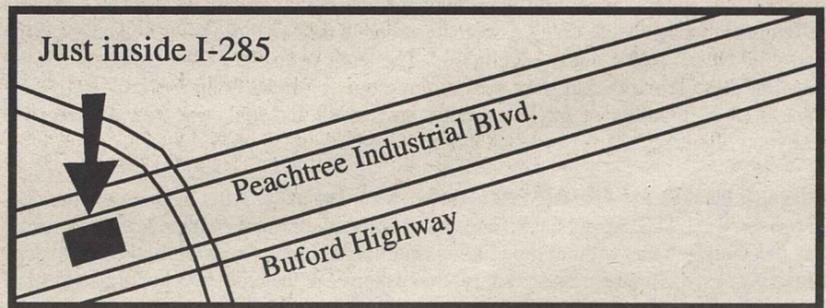
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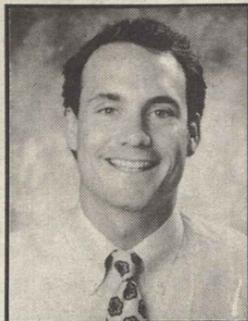
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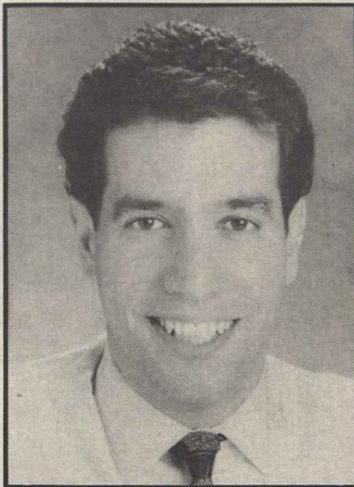
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Some key races in July primary election

Atlanta—Just when the electorate has barely recovered from last year's mayoral and city council elections, the polls are about to open again, this time July 19 for the primaries ahead of November's general election. And while that general election promises some very interesting races for the lesbian and gay community (e.g. Nancy Schaefer vs. Pierre Howard, Newt Gingrich vs. Ben Jones, Michael Bowers vs. Wesley Dunn), the primary has few races of interest.



Ron Slotin is trying to hold on to his seat in the Georgia Senate.



Dean Chronopolous has pegged himself the "only progressive candidate" in the race for Public Service Commission.

But that doesn't mean the lesbian/gay community should skip the summer election, warns GAPAC chair Ed Stansell.

"In several cases the outcome of the entire election will be decided in the primary," he said. "In those races, the winner of the primary will be the person who holds office."

A prime example is the state Senate's 39th district (Democratic primary), where incumbent Ron Slotin faces a challenge from Hildred Shumate—the man he defeated two years ago for the post. There is no Republican challenger for the position.

"We really want people to support Ron because he is such an effective legislator," Stansell said, "not only on our issues, but neighborhood and other progressive issues."

Indeed, Slotin has been one of the few voices of progressive reason in the Senate, which has seen a rapid slide to the right in recent years. Strong on pro-choice issues, environmental issues, and health issues, among others, Slotin introduced a sodomy reform bill into the Senate for the first time earlier this year. Although that bill did not move very far in the legislative process, he told Southern Voice that his goal is to create coalitions with other movements. And that, he says, creates change.

"Going towards the future, I think I'm in the right and time will prove me out," he said. "The radical right is scared of this change, and they're doing everything they can to cling to what's there."

"Everywhere I look I'm getting more and more conservative legislation that I see infringing on people's rights," he added. "But I don't mind slugging it out."

Sometimes, it works. Last session, Slotin's coalition building garnered enough support to pass the home infusion bill that bans physicians from referring patients to home health care services in which they have financial interest.

"We couldn't get it done in the first session (1993)," he said. "We promised to come back and get it done and we did."

Slotin's outspokenness may be a point of contention in the race. Other progressive-leaning legislators may be watching for a hint about how openly they can support issues such as gay and lesbian ones.

"I need support from the gay and lesbian community so that others can know they can speak out and still get re-elected," he said. "If I lose, people will be more tentative about speaking out."

Another race of interest is in the Democratic primary for Public Service Commission, where Dean Chronopolous claims to be the "only progressive candidate."

"[Chronopolous's race] is a chance on a statewide basis that we can show strong support and make a difference," said Stansell. "There's almost certain to be a run-off, and we'd like for Chronopolous to make that. If we can do that, we will have accomplished something."

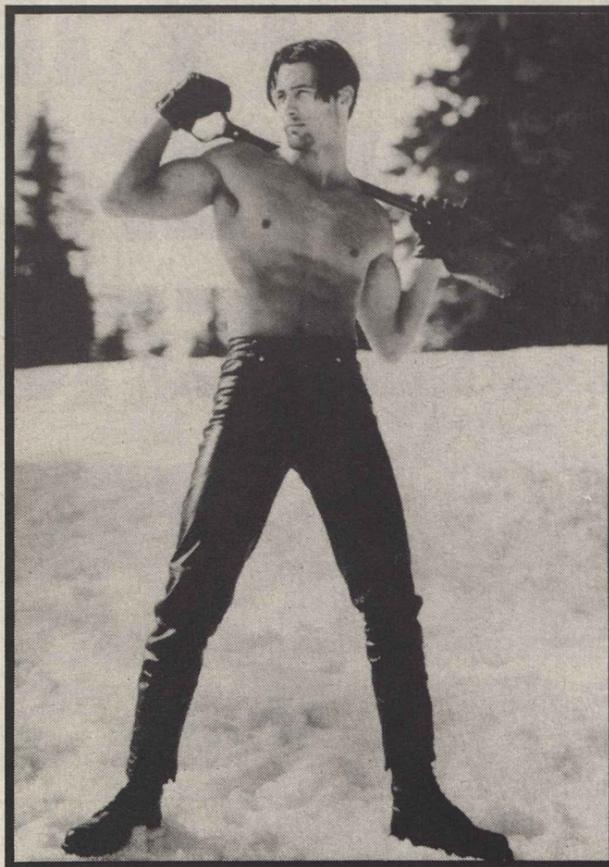
Stansell touts Chronopolous's "strong credentials," including several years on the staff of U.S. Representative John Lewis.

"We think that in itself speaks volumes," said Stansell.

GAPAC has released its endorsements for the primary elections, and they contain no surprises. In addition to Slotin and Chronopolous, Nancy Boxill and Michael Hightower draw the nod in Fulton County Commission races, Jackie Scott in the DeKalb County Commission, Doug Teper and Nan Orrock in State Representative races. Other endorsements will be available in next week's issue of Southern Voice.

"We would like for people to realize they need to look ahead," said Stansell. "There will be some extremely conservative candidates in the general election."

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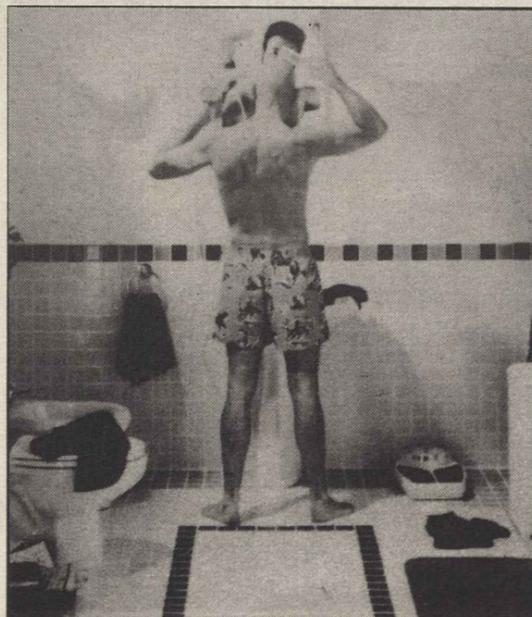
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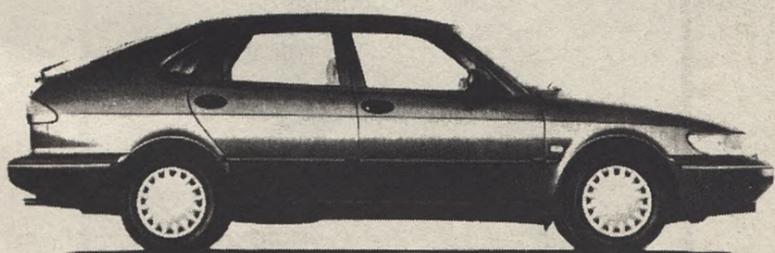
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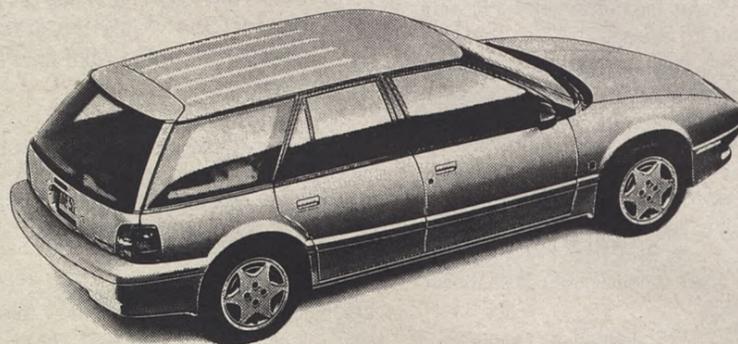
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Virginia joins hunt for killer of gay men

Richmond, Va.—Virginia has joined a national manhunt for an alleged serial killer sought for murders in Florida, Georgia and Maryland, and suspected in homicides in Washington, D.C., Florida and Richmond.

Detectives in Henrico County, a suburb of Richmond, are investigating Gary R. Bowles as a suspect in the recent fatal shooting of antiques dealer Henry W. Weatherford Jr.

First-degree murder warrants have been issued for Bowles in Nassau County, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; and Montgomery County, Md., said Detective Michael Turner of the Montgomery County Police Department.

The FBI also has an interstate warrant accusing Bowles of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, according to an FBI investigator tracking the trail of slayings that apparently began in Florida and continued along the Interstate 95 corridor.

Bowles, 32, is a transient construction worker who was born in Clifton Forge. Police tracking Bowles, who also has used the name Joey Pearson, describe him as a street hustler and confidence man.

"He's not a very nice guy," Turner said.

Investigators said all of the victims have been white men, most of whom Bowles met in gay bars. Bowles befriended the men and apparently moved in with them before killing them, the investigators alleged. In at least two cases, the victims' cars were taken.

"Some of these look (like) mirror cases," said Lt. Harold Ragan of the Savannah, Ga., police department. "Older homosexual, took his car, credit cards. This guy has got it down pat."

Rick Valentine of the Henrico County Division of Police is investigating the slaying of Weatherford.

"We're certainly looking very hard at (Bowles)," Valentine said. "We're looking as hard at him as we are anyone else...being as

he is accused of murdering people up and down I-95."

Weatherford's car, a 1983 Oldsmobile with Virginia license plate ZWT-7320, is missing. So is his wallet. Police said he apparently knew his killer and let his killer into the house.

Investigators said the violence began shortly after Bowles was released last December from a Florida prison, where he served a two-year sentence for robbery and probation violations.

The murders that followed:

— John H. Roberts, 59, Daytona Beach, Fla., found dead at his home March 15 "from a blunt-force trauma to the head," said Al Tolley, a spokesman for the Daytona Beach Police Department.

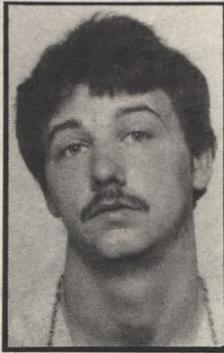
— David A. Jarman, age unavailable, of Montgomery County, Md., found strangled in his apartment April 14.

— Milton Bradley, 72, of Savannah, Ga., found May 5 near a golf course utility shed. He had been beaten and strangled.

— Albert Morris, 37, Nassau County, Fla., found May 19 at home. Morris had been strangled and shot.

— Weatherford, 50, of Richmond, found shot to death June 13 at his home.

Officer Sidney Bennett, a spokesman for District of Columbia police, said detectives are investigating Bowles in connection with at least one homicide there. "He's someone we're looking at most seriously," Bennett said.



The FBI has first-degree murder warrants out for Gary Bowles, a transient construction worker.

Jury pool selected in Texas gay murder case

Kerrville, Texas (AP)—A pool of more than 450 jurors has been selected in the capital murder trial of a man who has admitted killing a Tyler medical clerk because he was gay.

Selection of the prospective panel was completed June 29. Individual questioning of potential jurors is scheduled to begin July 6 in the trial of Donald Aldrich, 29.

Aldrich was identified as the ringleader of a loose-knit gang of more than a dozen people suspected in a string of burglaries, drive-by shootings, robberies, carjackings and arson in the Tyler area.

Also charged with capital murder are David Ray McMillan, 19; and Henry Dunn, Jr., 19. The three men and others met after talking on CB radio.

In a videotaped confession that surprised Smith County sheriff's department, the three men not only admitted killing Nick West last Nov. 30, but boasted of it, saying they frequently sought out homosexuals to rob and beat up.

West's bullet-riddled, half-naked body was found about 10 miles outside Tyler.

In their statements, the defendants said they were out gay-bashing when they came across West at Bergfield Park, a few blocks south of downtown Tyler. The Park was known as an after-dark meeting place for homosexuals.

District Attorney Jack Skeen is seeking the death penalty for all three defendants, who have pleaded innocent and will be tried separately.

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LETTERS

Gay rights or
right gays

I am certain that you will receive many responses to Greg Henry's letter in the June 16 issue. This is another one. Mr. Henry's opinions are quite confused and narrow, yet I fear that they are representative of the opinions of a significant number in the gay and lesbian community—the so-called “neoconservatives” or “gay Republicans. Witness the article by Sara Miles titled “Do the Right Thing” in the July/August issue of Out magazine.

I know that in fact Mr. Henry's opinions are not held by all, or perhaps even most, “Generation X-ers”; however, he asserts that his self-identified generation is being held back from “relax[ing] and be[ing] a part of [straight?] humanity” by the “flamboyant” and “radical” tactics of “the Stonewall generation.” Mr. Henry looks forward to a time when one's sexual orientation will not be a problem for one's heterosexual associates and when homos (oops! too flamboyant!) will be able to live as comfortably in Marietta as in Midtown. Indeed, he seems to believe that the only reason we can't simply get on with that right now is because a few obstinate queers would rather protest, or cruise bars and bathhouses, put on drag shows, than to peacefully assimilate. This is, unfortunately, an extremely naive view and follows the tired tradition of blaming the victim.

Prior to the gay liberation movement, gays and lesbians were not able to live happy and open lives in the midst of the hetero majority. We were (and are) persecuted as perverts, pederasts and subversives. We were fired from jobs, run out of homes and families, and, in some instances, simply killed.

The closet does not simply mean, “Don't ask, don't tell.” The closet is enforced invisibility, which is first cousin to nonexistence. And for those who dared to refuse invisibility, actual nonexistence was the only “logical” penalty. This logic has changed somewhat, due to the incredibly courageous struggles of lesbian and gay people both before and since Stonewall. Indeed, Mr. Henry can be in a position to delude himself as he does only because of the very struggles of those flamboyant activists whom he now disdains.

Being nice and neat and polite has never been enough to convince heterosexuals to like or accept us, and it is not enough now. Our worth as human beings and as citizens of our society does not depend on how heteros see us or whether they accept us. However much we beg and try to please, there is no evidence whatsoever that heteros will give us a “place at the table” just because they spontaneously realize it's the right thing to do.

Frankly, the only reason Mr. Henry can even wrongly imagine that being gay can be unproblematic for him is because of his privileged status as a white middle-class male. In the final analysis, he simply hopes that his race, class and gender privilege will give him sufficient “credit” to overcome the “deficit” of his homosexuality, allowing him to assume his “rightful” place in suburban homogeneity. Perhaps, on an individual basis, he might be lucky enough to more or less achieve his goal, as long as he doesn't want to, say, marry his partner or adopt a child or file a joint income tax return or inherit anything from his partner or get insurance coverage under his partner's policy, etc.

Mr. Henry would establish a privileged class in the lesbian and gay community for himself and those most like him. Not only do opinions such as his divide the lesbian and gay community, but they are complicit in the continued oppression of women (both lesbian and not), ethnic minorities, the working class, etc.

Freedom cannot be divided. If it's not for

everyone, then it's for no one.

Heterosexism and homophobia must be eradicated, not simply held at bay so that the most privileged of us can have a chance of fleeing to the suburbs of their dreams.

Sincerely,
Chelsea H. Snelgrove

Bible babble

At the May 24th meeting of the Cobb Commission, a Mr. Keith Maney reminded us that the Bible sets a death penalty for anyone who even tolerates homosexuals and added that we should study such teachings because we have strayed from “natural relations.” I took his advice and made a quick study of my own, turning up some interesting family values, including these:

1. Daughters can be sold as slaves—but not to foreigners. (Exodus 21:7-8)
2. A child who curses a parent must be put to death. (Leviticus 20:9)
3. Polygamists must treat all their wives and children fairly. (Deuteronomy 21:15-17)
4. A virgin who isn't already betrothed has to marry any man who rapes her, and can never divorce him. (Deuteronomy 22:28-29)
5. A woman who can't prove her virginity on her wedding night has to be stoned to death—at her father's door. (Deuteronomy 22:20-21)
6. It is, however, perfectly all right for a man to steal a woman from a defeated enemy, force her to live as his wife, and then abandon her later if she fails to please him. (Deuteronomy 21:10)

I'll admit, I was naive about some of the things the Bible teaches us to accept as natural. If all of it really is divinely inspired and free of error or contradiction, and if all of it must be obeyed for all time, then we certainly have strayed far.

Many of us believe, however, that we have the right—and the responsibility—to use a little common sense, and our own sources of inspiration and guidance in our lives, rather than slavishly following (or foolishly claiming to follow) any imposed authority, however ancient or revered.

I took another look at the teachings of the New Testament too, and, idealistic as they are, I frankly find them to be more appealing than the old Mosaic Code: Judge no one. Don't be a hypocrite. Give people more than they ask of you. Avoid violence. Return good for evil. Don't pile up material possessions. Give all you have to the poor.

For different reasons, the New Testament is also very hard to live by, but it seems to me that the more Christ-like one actually tried to be, the less one would go around condemning others, whatever their apparent sins. Jesus seems to have taught total forgiveness and love for everybody—Samaritans, prostitutes, lepers, tax collectors, adulteresses, lawyers—fashionable as it was to despise them all.

People like Mr. Maney who call themselves Christians, yet believe they have an obligation to condemn everybody else who appears different or somehow inferior to themselves, are ignoring a lot of their own scripture. The Sermon on the Mount attacks no one. It does condemn anger against one's brother, though, and the habit of overlooking the enormous beam in one's own eye while exaggerating the tiny mote in another's.

I have to confess my own guilt. Long-lost brothers like Mr. Maney anger me a lot, and I would much rather focus on their faults than my own, which are ample. I'll just have to work harder. The meek—not the vicious—are supposed to inherit the earth.

Don Perryman
Roswell

Nothing human
disgusts me

For eight years I have attended the Atlanta Pride March, and each time has been a very meaningful and affirming experience for me. However, I have noticed that after each March, many members of our community always say how embarrassed they are by other members of the community.

These “mainstream” lesbians and gays seem to choose a different group each year as the offending parties. Usually, they are offended by drag queens, lesbians who don't wear their tops, S and M groups, radicals, etc. Their reasons for being offended by these people always center around the need to be accepted by straight society.

I would like to point out to these people that one of the assets we seem to be the proudest of is our diversity. Just like straight society, we are a community made up of many different types of people. We should not hold the members of our community to a higher standard than members of straight society.

When I see a man with a huge beer belly and a confederate flag T-shirt, I don't say, “Look what rednecks all those straight people are.” Similarly, the vast majority of straight people would not look at Club Fetish and think all lesbians and gays engage in S and M. If they do, then that is their ignorance and not our problem.

I am not ashamed or embarrassed by any member of our community. These people prove that we really are everywhere. I look forward to the day when we can all say as Tennessee Williams did, “Nothing human disgusts me.”

Randy Fair

Confused in Cobb

The Cobb County Commissioners have just confirmed that they stand by their 10 month old finding that the gay “lifestyle” is contrary to the community's standards. I am a gay citizen of Cobb County and I remain confused as to which aspect of my gay “lifestyle” the Commissioners find incompatible.

Are the Commissioners objecting to the fact that as a typical upwardly mobile gay, I've purchased a Cobb County home and now have the audacity to pay County ad valorem taxes and am thereby contributing tainted money to the County's general fund and school system? Perhaps it is the fact that as a typical free-spending gay, I'm forcing Cobb businesses to accept my money and therefore contributing tainted money to the County's sales tax revenues. Or, could it be that as a typical fastidious gay person, I derive satisfaction in doing yard work and am therefore helping to enhance the character of my neighborhood. I'm not sure which of the above insidious gay lifestyle behaviors has the Commissioners in a dither, but I sure could use some clarification!

I suggest that what the Commissioners really don't approve of in my lifestyle is that I don't worship in the same fashion that they do, I don't choose to show affection in the way they do and I'm most proud to say that I don't share in all of their beliefs and value system. Certainly the Commissioners can't expect homogeneity among Cobb's citizens... or do they?

Dan Lazarus

Sour days can lead to some pretty darn good lemonade

I'm having a bad life day.

Three sets of friends have broken up, and expect me to smile through every ounce of regurgitated agony with them because, after all, what's a friend for anyway?

Now I'm going to, like it or not, end up choosing between them, and the neediest one usually wins, which means my Kleenex budget goes up, and my available time and attention goes way down. Another set, who should definitely be on the casualty list, living happily-ever-after in much nicer lives, are continuing to do their relationship business as usual. So I'm wondering how many more times I'll have to listen to all the reasons why she— a) should leave, or b) couldn't leave, or c) why they all did leave.

And all the community-based business owners I know are in major funks planning to, a) declare bankruptcy or b) leave town because "depending on *this* community is one sure and easy route to Chapter 11." Which is interesting, because *this* community is located in three different towns, and I bet if I did a survey today, no doubt it would be located in every single city or town across America. Maybe Canada, too.

And then there's The Community itself. We seem to have escalated sniping right up into the stratosphere, declaring very personal World Wars over who has the right to say what about whom. Dirty Pool and Playing Nasty should be listed this week along with the other Gay Games, have their own venues in some obscure part of New York and require special shoes. Degree of difficulty? Absolutely none. And that's just the junior games. You want senior competition, we go right into Advanced Vicious 100 and 200 meters.

Even the dog is looking at me like I got her the wrong size chewy toy.

So what do you do on a lemon day like this



Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

one? Well, it's my life, and I have no intention of spending any more of the rest of it sour. So—Shazam!—I hereby invoke the sacred spirit of Saint Pollyanna. (A heavenly no doubt dyke, blessed with eternal optimism.) She's got the ice cubes, the water and the Nutrasweet. Together, we're gonna count our g/l blessings and make some lemonade:

1) With eleven thousand signed participants, ABC-TV actually acknowledged The Gay Games as the largest sporting event in the world.

2) Dan Rather said the G word without requiring a Heimlich maneuver.

3) US Attorney General Janet Reno, a fellow (should that be "gal-low?") South Floridian, signed a 10-day waiver to allow HIV positive foreigners into the country for the games.

4) A Gallop-Newsweek poll (or was it New York Times? Anyway, somebody boring and behemoth) says that the acceptance of our

lifestyle stands at an all time average high of 58%. That's up from 41% in 1978. Which means that soon we can start winning elections 58 to 42 instead of losing them the other way around.

5) Local libraries all across the country are putting out books in glass display cases on the main floor in celebration of National Gay & Lesbian book month, instead of keeping them in locked cabinets way in the back room where you had to ask a librarian for them, while trying not to look like you were asking the teenage boy behind the pharmacy counter for your first box of kotex. (A lesbian reference. Sorry, guys. You fellows probably have something similar about condoms to relate to.)

6) You no longer have to ask anybody behind any counter for a box of condoms either. They're self-serving.

7) Membership in P-FLAG is at an all time high. Maybe not my mom, yet, but, hey, she never was much of a joiner. So I have a whole lot more moms available willing to adopt. And now that I've reached a certain age, maybe there will sometime be a group called P-FLAGS, (Parents & Friends of Lady and Gentlemen STRAIGHTS) and they'll have me for their surrogate mother. By request and appointment only, of course.

8) The P-F'ers added another F to their names to include our friends, (of which there are many more every day) making it P-FFLAG which is just ffine, because who wouldn't want to include all our ffriends?

9) Since Stonewall, The National Gay Task Force came to its census and became The National Gay And Lesbian Task Force.

10) Sodomy laws have disappeared from the books in a majority of states and many foreign countries, which should be a great relief to most of the non-gay "What, you mean *that's* illegal? But we're not even gay!" couples

who were the most frequent flyers.

Oooh. This is beginning to feel better already.

11) The love that dare not speak its name shouted in over 7,000 (that's seven thousand) stories in U.S. newspapers from 1989 to 1994. (Thank you, President Willy. Even if you did give us the most ridiculous don't-ask-don't-tell-don't-be-silly military policy in the universe, at least the papers began to spell our names right.)

12) Lesbian comedienne appeared out on both cable and non-cable TV. This time it was lesbians telling the dyke jokes.

13) An AIDS memoir (On Becoming A Man) won the national book award.

14) We have our own high schools in several states.

15) Apple Computers just said "phooey!" to any place that won't make a place for us.

16) "Nothin' but a damn lesbian" sits in the U.S. cabinet.

17) The U.S. Congress passed legislation that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in a federal program of any type.

18) The FBI became agents provocateur by promising not to discriminate, turning J. Edgar over in his best dress, and invalidating thousands of his best files.

19) Helen Hunt, on NBC's Mad About You, asked Paul Riser the critical '90s question: "Do we have enough gay friends?" (Answer: Never!)

20) And Phil Donahue is bored with us. I know, I know. We still have a long way to go, and I'm not throwing away my bullet proof vest yet. But, once in a while you've got to stop and smell the victories. And today I needed this.

Now the glass is half full.

LETTERS

Baptists need love, too

I am the "Methodist woman" you mentioned who, along with a gentleman, also from St. Mark, offered water to the group on the steps of First Baptist Church during the Pride Parade. While I am flattered you found our actions noteworthy for the Pride Scrapbook article [SoVo, Vol.7, #18], we at St. Mark welcome everyone in the name of the Christ, and to pass out water on a hot day without offering it to everyone would not have been living with integrity.

At St. Mark we embrace each other in fellowship and celebrate our diversity. We attempt to live with integrity and honesty. We stand united and proud with our Senior Minister, Dr. Mike Cordle, who founded the Pride Water Stop and who recently unhesitatingly signed the minister's petition denouncing Cobb County's "family values" resolution.

The ministries of St. Mark are varied and numerous, as diverse as our congregation—vital, healthy and growing. We try our best in a sometimes trying world to follow the real teachings of Jesus—to live in joy and to love one another. To me, these are the noteworthy things.

Next year, perhaps the First Baptists will accept not only water from St. Mark, but also our invitation to join us in the street, welcoming everyone in Christian Love—and offering water, encouragement and hope to those who walk with Pride.

Nedra L. Wick

Wrong White

I enjoyed James Fitch's Pride '94 Scrapbook in SoVo's issue of June 23-29. However, I would like to offer a correction to "she's in the truck!" Fitch stated, "let us not forget Lily White up atop the fire truck." However, it was the incomparable dyke, Carolyn White, atop the fire truck, whooping it up to get the Olympics out of Cobb, not the incomparable drag queen, Lily White.

Patricia Kelly

Editor's Note: We appreciate the correction, it seems that's not the only mistake we made. Our apologies to Christopher Miller who we identified as Christopher Williams in the same Pride Scrapbook article.

Don't judge Jan

As a gay rights activist, I was extremely disheartened by the article "Botched concert angers both performers and Pride members" [SoVo, Vol. 7, #19]. While I have no personal knowledge of any of the actions surrounding the proposed block party by Three Dollar Bill Productions, I do have a personal knowledge of Jan Barlow.

Jan Barlow is a constant and vociferous supporter of a wide variety of gay rights causes. No matter what group requests her help, she always seems to find the time and energy to provide whatever is needed. She has donated her time as entertainer, MC, protester and most

importantly, she has loaned all of us her sound equipment so that our protests can have adequate sound for the speakers and entertainers.

I understand that just because Jan Barlow is a gay rights activist does not mean the facts of the article cannot be true. However, what I do request is that the members of our community take the time to find out what really happened before you judge Jan. She is truly a kind and giving person and I am sure that if she

made mistakes regarding the concert, they were, in fact, mistakes and NOT some type of nefarious scheme. In fact, while this is just a guess, the mistakes were probably caused because she was trying to do too much herself. If more people would simply volunteer a little more of their time to our community causes, events such as this would not have to rely solely on the efforts of one person.

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Writer, performer, AIDS activist, Lubin (a.k.a. Assotto Saint) was born and raised in Haiti. Lubin moved to New York in 1970 and attended Queens College, and became a member of the Martha Graham Dance Company. He became an active member in the Downtown East Village performance scene and an outspoken member of the gay and lesbian community.

Lubin was both founder and artistic director of Metamorphosis Theater. In collaboration with his life-partner Jan Urban Holmgren (April 25, 1939-March 29, 1993), he created theatrical works which dealt with the lives of black gay men: "Risin' to the Love We Need," "New Love Song," "Black Fag," and "Nuclear Lovers." He was also the lead singer of Xotika, an art-rock band which he founded with Holmgren. Their HI-NRG song "Forever Gay" was released on the CD "Feeding the Flame" by Flying Fish Records in 1990.

He was a charter member of the New York gay black writer's collective, Other Countries, which marked the start of a renaissance in

black gay writing. He was poetry editor of their anthology "Other Countries: Black Gay Voices."

He is also the author of two books of poetry: "Stations" (Galiens Press 1989) and the forthcoming "Wishing for Wings."

Founder of Galiens Press, he was the publisher of two seminal anthologies of black gay poetry: "Here to Dare: 10 Gay Black Poets" and "The Road Before Us: 100 Gay Black Poets." In 1991, "The Road Before Us" received a Lambda Literary Book Award.

An impassioned spokesperson and "out" HIV-positive artist, he was featured in Marlon Riggs' film "Je Ne Regrette Rien."

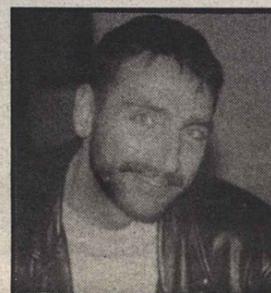
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Arthur "Skip" McBride, Jr.

Skip McBride, 33, of Atlanta, died Monday, May 30 at his parents' home in Anderson, SC. Born in Ringwood, NJ, he was a computer operator with Grady Hospital, Atlanta.

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In-home AIDS test debated

Gaithersburg, MD—A Food and Drug Administration advisory committee has recommended pilot testing a new in-home AIDS test.

The panel ended a meeting June 22 divided over whether the tests would work, but most members agreed that a nationwide pilot test is necessary to answer all the questions.

"The point was made that this technology is inevitable," said Karen Porter, a panel member and bioethicist at Montefiore Medical Center. "I don't think inevitable means we should say yes to it now."

She questioned whether a home collection system "is the way to foster trust in those who feel alienated from health care."

The FDA is considering whether to allow Americans to buy such kits from their corner drugstore. Buyers would prick a finger in the privacy of their own home, send dried blood spots to a lab and get the results by telephone. The proposed home collection system would be available at retail outlets for \$30-\$50. It also would include pre-test counseling materials, an 800 number to call for the results and post-test counseling.

The advisory panel had three major questions:

— Will the people in most need of testing for HIV buy a \$30 kit instead of getting a free test from a public clinic?

— Will average people send in adequate blood samples when trained workers currently have difficulty testing newborns using this method?

— Will people who get counseling by telephone be adequately served by the test and seek appropriate health care?

Dr. Ciro Sumaya, Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) recommended a controlled pilot project in a few cities before granting full approval.

C. Everett Koop, former U.S. Surgeon General, and one time consultant to Direct Access, provided some of the most effective sound bites in favor of approval.

"Despite our best intentions, AIDS has become the all-American disease," Koop said. "Testing is all we have, and therefore testing is what we must do... We can not only triple the volume (of testing) but we can do it with people who have themselves said they are at risk. And we can do it without government budgets and without government bureaucracy."

The one thing all could agree upon was the appalling condition of health care for underserved communities, and the difficulty of successfully dealing with the problems of HIV until those broader issues are resolved.

Left undiscussed in these hearings was the next stage in HIV testing, a true home test kit, divorced from any laboratory. That test would be much like today's home pregnancy test. In it a chemically treated paper will turn color in the presence of HIV antibodies, yielding instant results.

An Irish firm, Trinity Biotech, filed for U.S. patent rights on that process on June 17. It must then gain FDA approval to market the product. That is a process likely to extend this ongoing debate on HIV testing.

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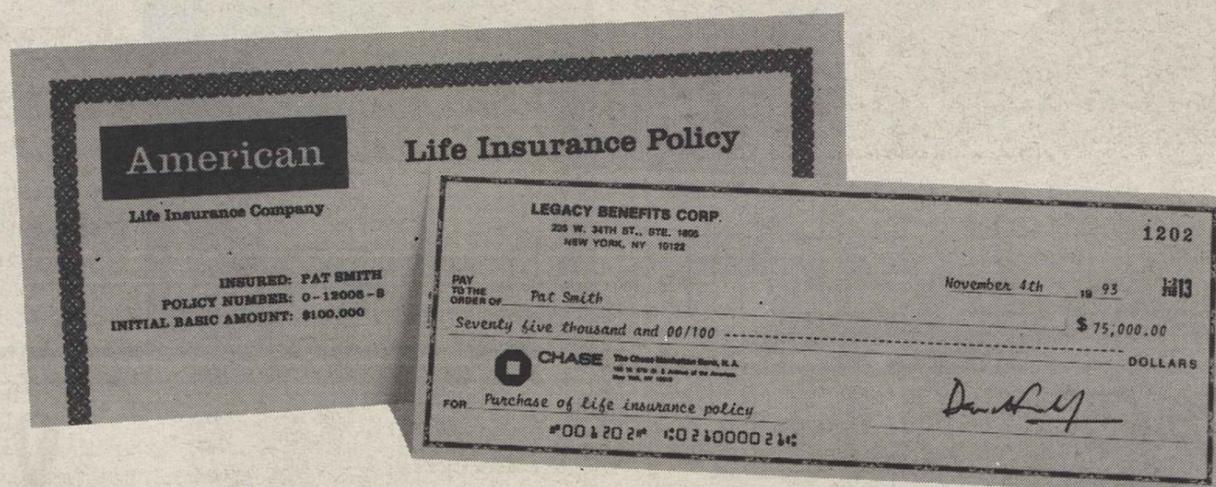
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Five women have contracted HIV via artificial insemination says CDC

Los Angeles—Five women in the United States have contracted HIV through artificial insemination from donor sperm that was tainted with the virus, according to the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). All five were infected by sperm donated before the HIV antibody test became available in 1985.

Two California women received sperm from the same donor during unsuccessful fertility treatments at the Tyler Medical Clinic in West Los Angeles in 1983. A man who provided the tainted sperm was a student at the University of California at Los Angeles and died of an AIDS-related illness last year.

Some 80,000 US women annually use artificial insemination with donor sperm—including a growing number of women who compromise the highly publicized "lesbian baby boom."

The CDC insists, however, that the risk of HIV infection for these women is minimal. Only a handful of states, including New York, California, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan, require AIDS testing of semen donors. There are no federal regulations.

Many health experts said no regulations are needed because of voluntary sperm testing standards set by the industry and the CDC's guidelines on testing issued in 1988.

Those federal guidelines recommend that sperm donors for artificial inseminations be tested twice for the virus at three-month intervals and that donor semen be quarantined by freezing for six months before use. If the second HIV test is also negative, the frozen specimen can be used for artificial insemination.

KEITH CLARK

More AIDS vaccine testing concerns raised

Bangkok, Thailand—Health policy questions and concerns over safety may derail testing in Thailand of an American-made experimental AIDS vaccine.

Laboratory work on the tests should be done inside Thailand, rather than by the American manufacturer, United Biomedical Inc., said Dr. Natth Bhamarapavati, a member of the World Health Organization steering committee on AIDS vaccine development, June 23.

Thailand also must weigh the potential benefits of such testing against the risks in view of recently reported problems with other

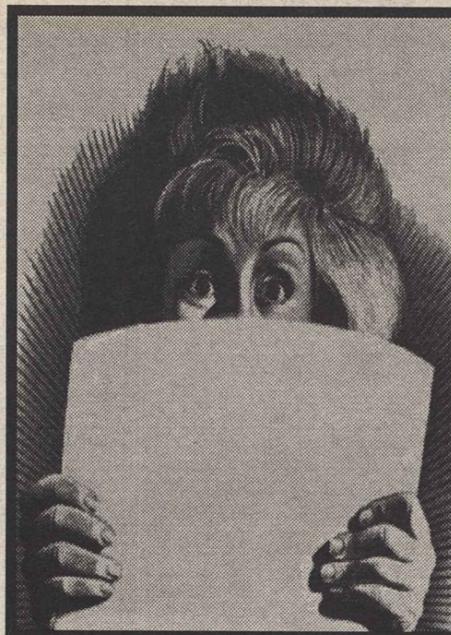
vaccines being tested in the United States, Natth said.

At least five subjects in a limited National Institute of Health test had developed AIDS symptoms over a 10-month period.

The NIH decided to delay general testing of the two vaccines used in their tests, but this caution was not meant to apply to other vaccines, Natth said.

He said that any testing that meets World Health Organization guidelines could be considered prudent.

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HEALTH COMMENTARY

Scientists scratch and claw over HIV*Symposium on whether or not HIV causes AIDS turns nasty*

San Francisco—Anyone who still regards science as a dignified, orderly search for truth should have attended the June 21 symposium, "The Role of HIV in AIDS: Why There is Still a Controversy," held at San Francisco State University. The day-long discussion, a part of the annual meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, featured U.C. Berkeley molecular biologist and well-known "HIV skeptic" Peter Duesberg along with Nobel Prize-winning chemist Kary Mullis, inventor of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test now heavily used in HIV research. And it got about as nasty as it could get.

For the record, I can make little claim to objectivity in this debate, having said in print last fall that Duesberg may be a pathological liar. The AAAS symposium did little to change that conclusion; in fact, some of Duesberg's comments confirmed it. But those defending the standard theories about HIV and AIDS weren't exactly dazzling either.

And through it all there was a tone of intellectual one-upmanship that was bloodcurdling, overwhelming any understanding that something is killing tens of thousands of Americans every year, slowly and painfully. It was an ugly, unenlightening spectacle.

Mullis, who held forth in the July issue of Spin about why he agrees with Duesberg (an interview filled with sweeping assertions but little data) was scheduled to discuss whether or not PCR is a suitable tool to use in determining HIV's role in AIDS. That might have been an interesting presentation: If the guy who invented the test thinks it's being misused, that is indeed news.

Instead, Mullis gave a rambling, sometimes humorous talk on an entirely different subject. With a weaving step and oddly overbroad gestures (at one point I wrote in my notebook, "Is he drunk?"), but others tell me he's always like that), Mullis sketched out a scenario in which the most promiscuous gay men ("the bathhouse guys") and injection drug users may have gotten so many stray viruses into their systems that these organisms set off an immune system-destroying chain reaction. HIV could be one of these viruses, but no more important than any other; and there could be thousands, since retroviruses mutate like crazy.

It's a not-entirely-implausible theory, but just that. There's no data to back it up, and it was frustrating that a man of Mullis' stature chose not to discuss the subject in which he has real expertise.

Mullis' often lighthearted tone set off one of the day's many testy exchanges. Epidemiologist Warren Winklestein, co-author of a Nature paper that claims to discredit Duesberg's drugs-are-the-real-cause-of-AIDS hypothesis, admonished him that, "I think some people here find it very disturbing making jokes about this issue."

"I'm not making jokes about the issue," Mullis shot back. "I'm making jokes about you."

Perhaps the most telling points from the anti-HIV side were made by historian Charles Gesheker. Gesheker, who specializes in African history, argued compellingly that we don't know as much about AIDS in Africa as we think we do. Most African AIDS diagnoses, he explained, are made based on symptoms alone, without HIV testing—symptoms that might well be due to diseases like malaria and tuberculosis that are far more common there than in the west. And these endemic

diseases can sometimes throw off the standard HIV antibody tests when they are done. "I am utterly unpersuaded by what I have heard today and what I have read about AIDS in Africa," Gesheker said, and he seemed to have a point.

Winklestein dueled with graduate student and Duesberg protege Bryan Ellison about the results of the San Francisco Men's Health Study, which has followed over 1,000 men since 1984, tracking their health and questioning them about drug use, sexual activity, medication and other things that might impact their progress. Winklestein and colleagues had stated flatly in the Nature paper that their data shows drug use does not cause AIDS, as Duesberg argues, while HIV does.

But the day's star was clearly Duesberg, warmly applauded by an audience apparently dominated by his supporters. He presented his oft-repeated hypothesis that use of cocaine, poppers, amphetamines and other recreational drugs, as well as the antiretroviral drug AZT, is the actual cause of AIDS in the United States and Europe.

Duesberg argued that it makes no sense that, since HIV can reproduce in 24 hours, it

takes ten years or more to cause disease. "All other viruses that replicate within 24 hours cause disease within a few days or weeks," he said. He called it unlikely that the virus can cause disease after the body has produced antibodies to it.

For a while it sounded plausible, but then Duesberg veered off into a series of assertions that can only be characterized as bizarre. He asserted that "in Africa, nobody [with AIDS] is from the risk groups" identified in the U.S. and Europe—gay men, injection drug users, transfusion recipients, etc. Then he presented a slide comparing the rise in U.S. AIDS cases during the early eighties to the rise in the numbers of drug arrests and the amount of cocaine seized by authorities—as if those numbers, generated by massive "War on Drugs" enforcement efforts, actually reflected an increased level of drug use.

Duesberg then asserted that HIV has had no effect on hemophiliacs. "Hemophiliacs," he said, "actually live longer now. They have fewer diseases than they ever had before."

Not quite. An extensive review of death certificate data published earlier this year in the American Journal of Hematology docu-

ments that in 1983—the year AIDS deaths began to seriously mount—the death rate among hemophiliacs started steadily increasing while the median age at death dropped. By 1989 hemophiliacs were dying at almost three times the rate of just six years before, and dying roughly 17 years younger.

I confronted Duesberg with these figures after the session ended. He was familiar with the article, but insisted it showed that "the mortality goes up again as of '87," not 1983, because "virtually all hemophiliacs are now on AZT [approved in 1987]...They're killing them with AZT." When I pressed him again about the death rate having started rising in 1983, he repeated, "No, it did not."

Finally, in exasperation, I asked if he would bet \$10,000 on it. "Great," he said. "I will bet \$10,000." I have it on tape.

If you're reading this, Dr. Duesberg, please refer to the American Journal of Hematology, volume 45, and note the graph on page 115 and the table on page 116. You can send your payment to me in care of this newspaper.

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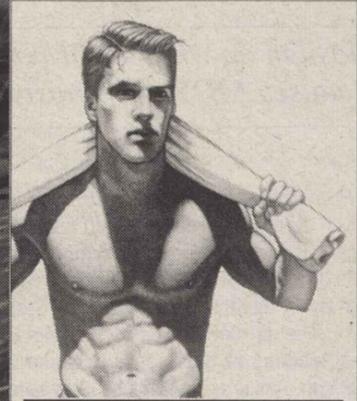
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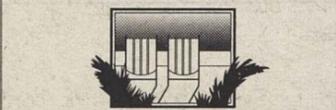
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Mostly, though, the hundreds of thousands of gays and lesbians from across the country gathered June 26 to remember the bloody bar riot of 25 years ago that is considered the spark of the modern gay and lesbian rights movement.

A quarter-century after gays fought police at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, and the anniversary celebration showed just how far the movement has come—and how far it has to go.

Participants pleaded for and demanded tolerance in a world where many gay people still live in fear of violence, of losing their jobs, of being shunned by their families.

"It's time to march on the world" was the theme of Stonewall 25's International March on the United Nations to Affirm Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People. The march proceeded up 1st Avenue, passed the United Nations, culminating in a huge rally in Central Park with participants from over 70 countries.

The center piece of the march was an immense rainbow flag carried by 2,500 people that flowed through New York's streets for a full mile, entering it into the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest flag. Contin-

gents of gay parents, professional organizations, military veterans, occasional topless women, and people carrying photographs of friends and family who have succumbed to AIDS or too sick to walk in the march waved to those gathered on the sidewalks and fire escapes. A number of participants wore medals from the Gay Games, which concluded Saturday.

MOURNING AND RAGE

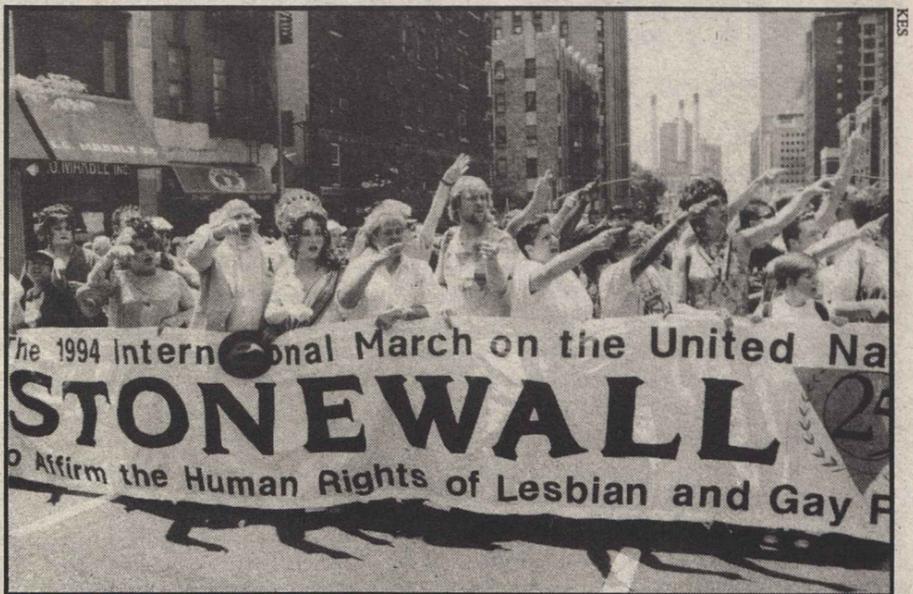
A pall of silence fell on the jubilant masses at 3:00pm for a minute to remember those who have died, followed by a moment of rage that reverberated off the glass and steel of downtown Manhattan.

Dr. William Camerino of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., wore a T-shirt with a picture of a young man. It said "Timothy Gallups 1961-1992."

"I'm keeping his memory alive," Camerino said. "He would have loved this." Then he began to cry.

Another marcher held a sign that asked: "How many of us will be alive for Stonewall 35?"

New York City Councilman Thomas Duane, who is gay and infected with HIV, was cheered loudly when he declared, "There are hundreds of us now in public office. We'll be marching and fighting until there is a cure for AIDS."



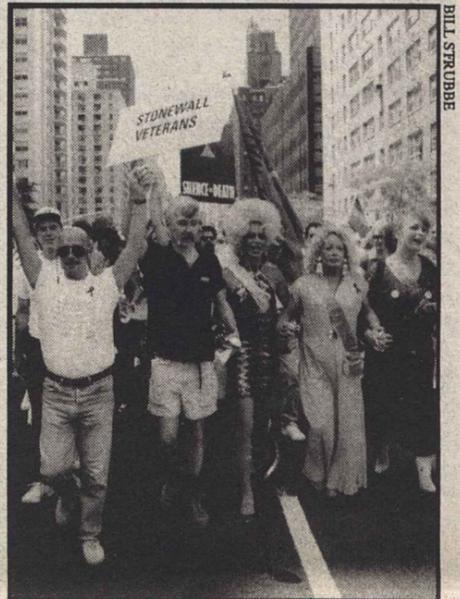
[Above] Marchers shout "shame!" at right-wing protestors lining the streets. [Right] Stonewall veterans led the parade.

At the rally in Central Park, speakers from all seven continents spoke out for human rights of gays and lesbians, and veterans of the Stonewall riots took to the stage and shared moments of that momentous night 25 years ago.

"It's amazing that in 25 years we've come so far, from when you couldn't get out of a gay bar to where you fill the streets proudly," said Jerry Clifford, a parade participant.

Liza Minnelli, introduced by playwright Harvey Fierstein, sang "Someday We'll Be Free," an anti-AIDS anthem. She said the commemoration had special meaning for her

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because the riots began the day the funeral was held for her mother, Judy Garland.

RIVERA LEADS SEPARATE MARCH

As could be expected, there was dissent among the queer ranks. Despite the denial of a permit and threatened arrests, a large contingent of AIDS activists appropriated Fifth Avenue—the traditional route of the Gay Pride Parade—and held an alternative protest march to Central Park.

Keith Cyler, one of the monitors of the march, said, "Every major parade in New York goes down Fifth Avenue, and this is the traditional route of the Gay Pride Parade. We didn't negotiate with the city, we just took it."

When they reached St. Patrick's Cathedral, some marchers shouted "Shame!" Others lay down in remembrance of those who died of AIDS.

The Fifth Avenue march was led by Sylvia Rivera, a transvestite who fought police at the Stonewall. Rivera had dropped out of sight in recent months and was feared dead.

"I'm here to see that we still have the guts to take Fifth Avenue," Rivera said.

Rivera, who is in her 40s, wore black pumps and a gold dress that was decorated with a small rainbow flag and a lavender ribbon. An AIDS ribbon was pinned to her left shoulder.

Rivera was one of the bona fide heroes of Stonewall. She was also a street hustler and heroin addict, "the lowest scum of the earth

at that time," as she once put it.

On the night of June 27, 1969, Sylvia was dancing at the Stonewall Inn, a Mafia-run dive in Greenwich Village, when the police launched one of their periodic raids.

"I was just not in the mood," Sylvia later explained to historian Martin Duberman. "I had got to the point where I didn't want to be bothered anymore." When the rebellion began, she said, "Something lifted off my shoulders."

Virtually every reliable account credits Sylvia with a major role in the riot. Some witnesses even say she threw the first bottle, an honor she declines.

"Sylvia was the one that got everybody going the next day," says Ivan Valentin, another transvestite who was there that night.

The first Gay Pride March was held one year after Stonewall, and Sylvia walked up front. But she dropped out of the movement in 1973 because of an attempt to stop her from speaking at a Gay Pride Day rally and because of what she viewed as the movement's discrimination against transvestites.

She returned to the Village each June for the Gay Pride March, and last year she was one of six people profiled in Duberman's "Stonewall," a history of the events surrounding the riot.

On June 26 she was back in front, waving flamboyantly as she sashayed up Fifth. "I'm the great diva," she laughed. "Happy birthday!"

According to police reports, there were



[Above] A separate march, organized by ACT UP and more serious in tone, walked up Fifth Avenue.

[Right] The Stonewall Inn today, sight of the June 27, 1969 riot with police that sparked the modern gay and lesbian rights movement and the Stonewall 25 march.



no reported gay-bashings during the week. Both marches were as peaceful as Stonewall '69 was violent.

Crowd estimates varied. Organizers of the First Avenue parade estimated 1.1 million marchers and spectators. City Hall estimated 150,000. The police estimated 100,000 at the Central Park rally, 12,000 in the licensed march and 6,500 in the unlicensed one.

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Georgians garner 76 medals at Gay Games IV

Most people have now forgotten the snide remarks by Cobb Commissioner Gordon Wysong last August about the possibility of some of the venues of Gay Games V being held in Cobb County (Atlanta was bidding on the '98 Games at that time). The Atlanta bid was one of his reasons behind the anti-gay resolution he proposed. But his ignorance of the Gay Games can easily be dismissed by looking at the outstanding performance of some of the citizens of his county at Gay Games IV in New York last week.

All total, Georgians brought home 76 medals from the games with 22 gold, 12 silver and 42 bronze.

Phil Raschker of Marietta, competing in the women's heptathlon, broke the Master's World Record in the 200 meter dash portion of the competition with an amazing time of 25.56. She was one of over 10 athletes to break World records in New York. Phil is one of the founders of the Powerball World Elite Track Club which is a club for World

Medalist or World Record holders. She was preparing for the U.S. Track & Field National Master's competition when she received information about a Master's competition at the Gay Games. Deciding that the Gay Games would be a good test for her, she registered in May and now has 5 Gold Medals (Heptathlon, 100M Dash, 200M Dash, Pole Vault, & the 4 x 400M relay). "It was such an exciting meet. The crowd yelled just as loud for the winners as they did for the



Dwade O'Connor (right) brought home two gold medals in the Physique competition.

last person across the line," says Raschker. "I definitely will be in Amsterdam in '98 for Gay Games V."

Another outstanding performance by a Cobb Citizen is Phil Mulkey another founder of the Powerball World Elite Track Club who trains with Raschker. Mulkey was an Olympic Decathlete in 1960 and he competed in the Men's 60 Master's Decathlon. Mulkey also brought back 5 Gold Medals—

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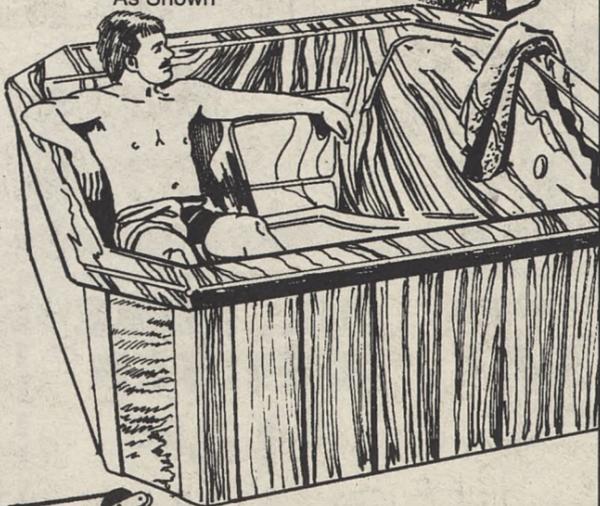
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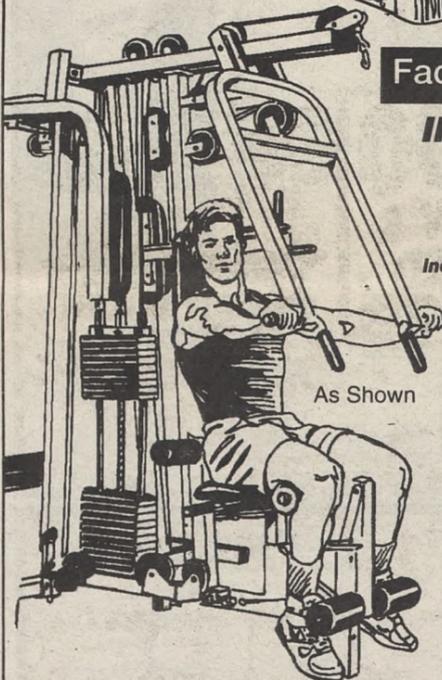
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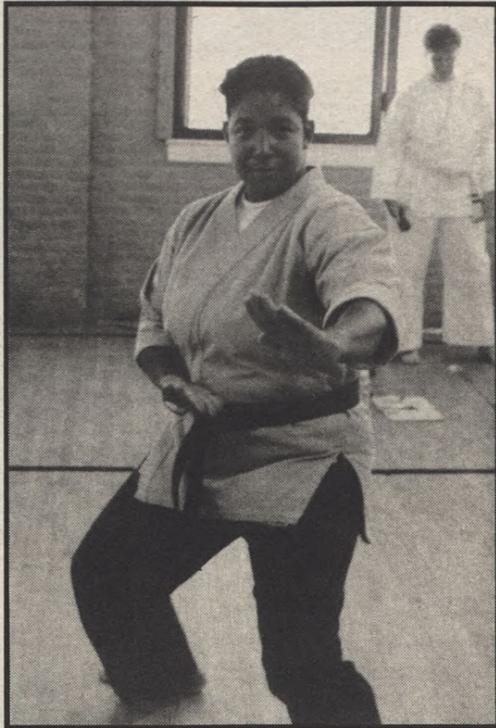
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Decathlon, Pole Vault, Shot, Javelin, and Triple Jump. "The track meet was very well run" says Mulkey. In talking with the officials of the meet Mulkey says, "Gay Games would have no problem in getting them to officiate again. They were very impressed with the sportsmanship of the athletes."

One of the favorite events of the Games is always Physique. And this year it was a man from Atlanta that brought the house down. **Dwade O'Connor** competing in his second Gay Games won a Gold in the Middleweight category and went on to win the Overall Gold defeating the Light Heavyweight and the Heavyweight. "All I wanted to do was my best and it paid off," says O'Connor, a resident of Atlanta for nine years and Operations Supervisor for Sprint.

Most of the routines were performed to high energy music and when O'Connor's routine started (an aria from "Turandot" by Puccini) there was a hush through the crowd. However, by the end of the aria the crowd was on its feet in a frenzy. "I always try to perform for a standing ovation" says O'Connor and that is exactly what he got along with two Gold Medals.

A national competitor in Martial Arts, **Tonya Ayala**, a P.E. instructor and coach at a local private school, was looking to find other competitor's from the national circuit.



Tonya Ayala of Atlanta captured the gold in Martial Arts.

"National meets are mostly men with a few women but the Games were just the opposite which made it a great tournament for me" says Ayala. The Martial Arts has 3 divisions to it: Form, Form with Weapons, & Fighting. Ayala won the gold in fighting. "The performances in Form were extraordinary," Ayala said, "but in the fighting I wasn't very challenged." Ayala, originally from Virginia, has been in Atlanta four years with

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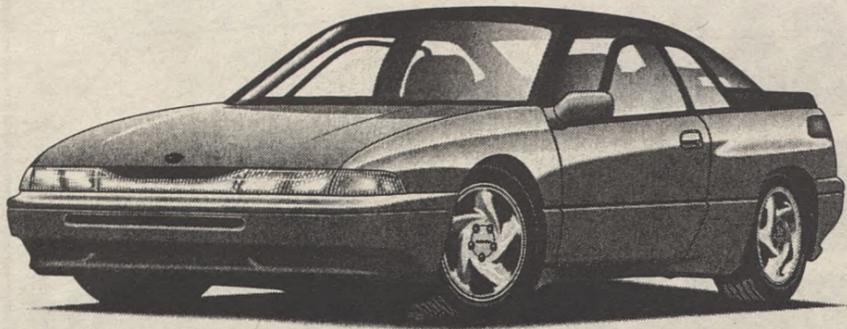
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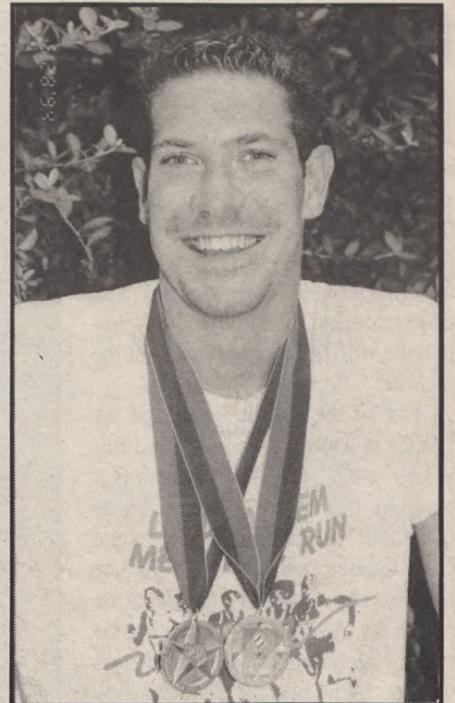
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her partner of seven years, Beth. They have both decided to get more involved with Team Atlanta and help get more women athletes to the Games in Amsterdam where they plan to compete again.

A recent graduate of the University of Buffalo and new resident of Atlanta, **Rob Hermanet** was a welcome addition to Team Atlanta's Swim Team. Competing in his first Gay Games, Rob was the winner of the most medals by an Atlanta athlete with 10 medals. Rob won 5 Gold (400 Free, 200 IM, 100 IM, 400 IM, 100 Butterfly), 3 Silver (100 Free, 2 relays), and 2 Bronze in relays.

"To do one's best is the ultimate goal of human achievement," is engraved on the medals and it was definitely the theme throughout the games. This was evident in the performance of Atlanta's women athletes with 6 Gold and 19 bronze coming from the 25 women who competed on behalf of Atlanta in eight sports. Women's soccer was the first team sport from Atlanta to compete in the Games and will now be the first team sport from Atlanta to get a medal with their bronze finish.

In keeping with the Gay Games philosophy that it's the participation and not the winning that counts, many thousands of the athletes scored personal victories and small achievements even though they may not have won a medal. For people with disabilities, in wheelchairs, infected with the HIV virus, or struggling with AIDS, running around the track or rallying on the court was an accom-



Rob Hermanet is only wearing two of the 10 medals he won in swimming.

plishment in itself. Organizers of the Games estimated that over 30 percent of the athletes registered were HIV positive.

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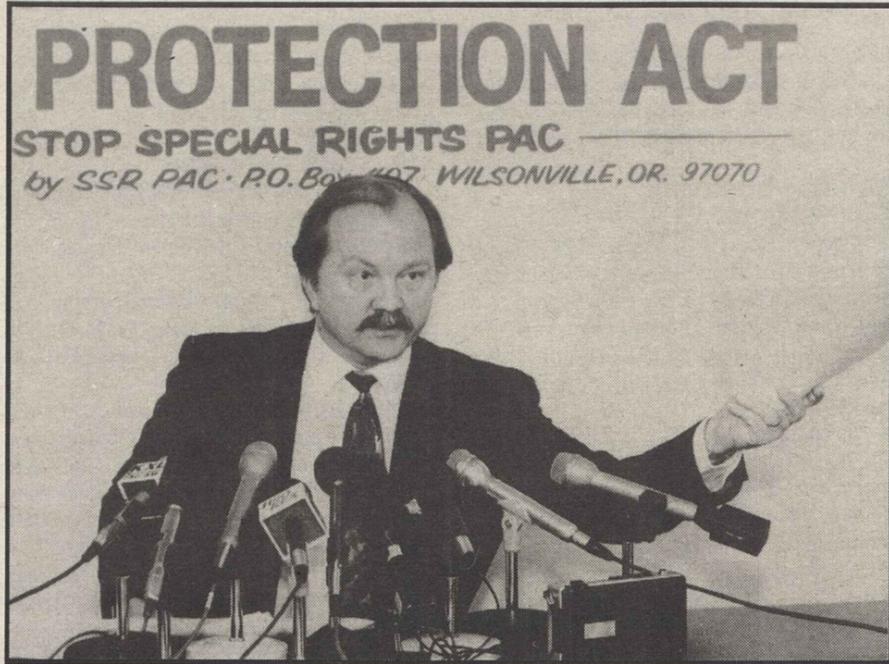
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Radical Right holds secret meeting



Lon Mabon of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, pictured here at a 1993 press conference concerning Measure 9, was one of 55 radical right leaders who met in Colorado Springs May 16-18 to implement new strategies to "roll back the militant gay agenda."

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Coalition also played a pivotal role in helping the religious right take over the Texas Republican party this month. Eldredge declared at the meeting that defeating gay rights was the leading concern of the religious right for this decade. The FOF spokesperson said his organization and its leader, Dr. James Dobson, consider gay rights one of the key issues of our time, according to the taped remarks.

The coordinator of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Fight the Right Project, Sue Hyde, is familiar with the strategy of the religious right, but she found listening to the tapes "frightening."

"I would wish that every gay man and lesbian in the U.S. could hear these tapes of this conference," she said. "It's a rude wake-up call when Focus on the Family says their anti-gay work is one of their top priorities."

Campaign strategy

Those in attendance developed a two-pronged attack, one focused on information exchange and the media, the other concentrated on legislative and legal means.

Within the strategy of media and information exchange, according to their printed summary of the meeting, conferees agreed to pursue many tactics. They plan to create a national computer database of gay and pro-gay officeholders, to maintain a list of gay activists, to monitor corporations that advertise in gay magazines and fund gay causes, to track people in the media who are for or against gay rights, to push the idea that organized crime funds the gay rights movement and to "educate the general public about the total homosexual lifestyle—addiction, violence, economic impact..."

On the litigative and legislative front, members adopted a policy agenda that includes efforts to keep laws on the books that criminalize sodomy, repeal all gay rights laws, establish reporting requirements for HIV infection, pass the Hancock Amendment banning federal funds for public school which support gay students, pass a national statute "guaranteeing free speech and association on college campuses," stiffen penalties against "unfounded threats and hate crimes charges against pro-life/pro-family groups," reintroduce the sodomy laws in the District of Columbia, and support preference for heterosexuals in child custody cases.

Well-organized and secretive

One representative of a mainstream reli-

gious organization recently listened to the tapes of the conference.

"What's so chilling is how streamlined their process is," said Rob Gregson, with the Office of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns at the Unitarian Universalist Association. "It was almost like hearing a corporation's board minutes."

In an effort by the conferees to control any information about the meeting, security guards patrolled the gated conference center grounds to prevent any uninvited guests, including the media, from attending. Two of those attending refused to discuss their participation when contacted by a reporter.

"That meeting was confidential and we're not discussing it," said Doug Burman, chairman of the Washington Public Affairs Alliance in a brief telephone interview June 21. "We're not answering any questions."

When contacted about the conference, Eldredge claimed ignorance.

"You know," he said, "I know very little about that because I was only there for an hour."

He refused to comment on his statement equating "the gay agenda" with the "truly evil."

Several other participants did not return phone calls.

New theory of funding

Under the category of information and media, the group members plan to campaign and educate the grass roots that "homosexuality, pornography and organized crime lobbying is one in the same." The connection the religious right make between the three, according to Porteous, is that all pornography is controlled by organized crime, which takes the profits from that endeavor and funnels it into gay organizations. The conference summary prepared for attendees states that one of the tactics to advance the anti-gay legal and legislative agenda will be to "Expose that homosexuality/prostitution are all criminal. Homosexuals are the largest consumers of pornography. Hound-Hound-Hound...Drive it Home!!!"

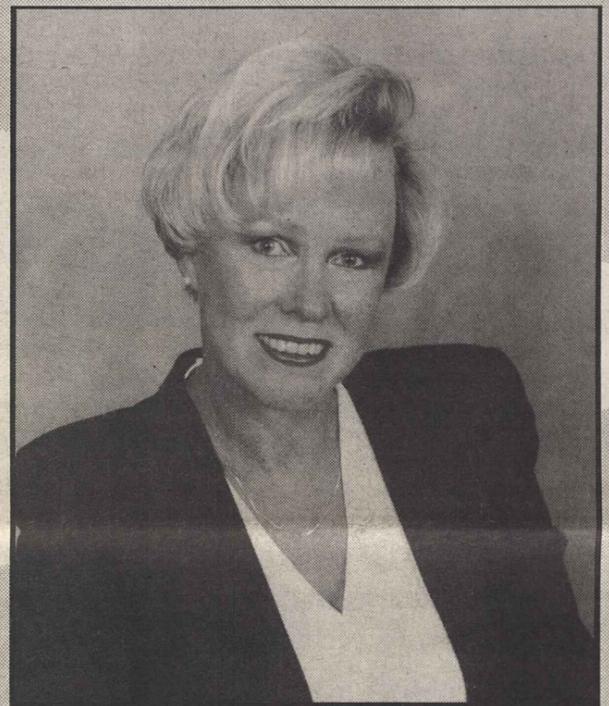
Among the specific tactics discussed, the group agreed to establish an electronic network of anti-gay activists, and link one another together through a computer bulletin board. The group plans to develop a central clearinghouse via the computer network. Various members will have different responsibilities to track 11 different categories. For instance, one organization will keep a database

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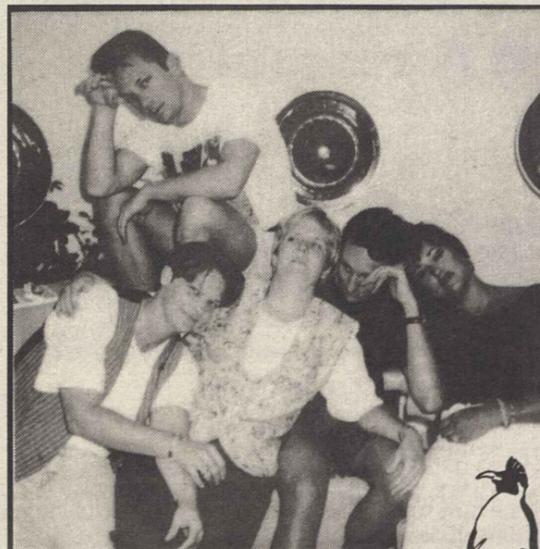


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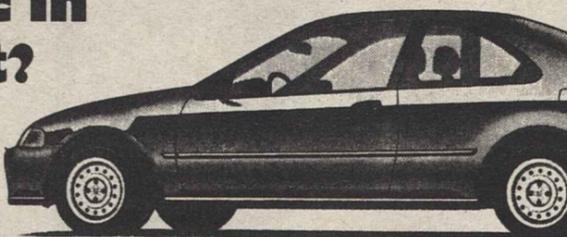
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Radical Right

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of gay office holders and a list of gay activists. Others, in order to learn from political mistakes, will track the successes and failures of the anti-gay rights movement.

Monitor business connections

The religious right leaders also plan to monitor corporations to document which businesses give money to gay rights groups and which ones advertise in gay publications. The conferees also agreed to monitor crimes committed by gay people with the purpose of discrediting gays.

In addition, the group plans to track the gay-related views of people in the media. They intend to identify educators favorable to their point of view and get them involved in letter-writing to publications and appearing as guests on talk shows. The plan also calls for countering criticism by using phrases such as "heterophobia, Christian-phobia, Christian-bashing."

To bolster their message, they are going to track scientific literature and seek to influence research towards a finding that homosexuality is not genetic.

"They feel one of the biggest challenges is to break the idea of dissuade Americans that gays are born that way," said Porteous. "They will try to use science to show that being gay is a choice, not occurring by birth."

Media Blitz

Development of this research, and collection of information on friends and enemies, will enable right-wing activists to conduct a media blitz. In it they will attack the sexuality theories of Dr. Alfred Kinsey. They also plan to buy ads in the media bolstering heterosexuality.

"Develop long-term advertising goals to mold public perception of the issues," states the "Ideas" section of the summary.

They also developed a well-organized plan to pressure the media to cover the issues the way they want. For example, Number 29 in the "Media Ideas" section of the meeting summary states: "Synchronize all pro-family public policy and action groups to fax their own press releases to media outlets on the same topic and on the same day [to force them to cover our perspective]."

Under the other primary strategy, legislative and legal, the participants want to enact legislation rewarding conventional families with tax rewards. Participants also want to pass resolutions in all 50 states to affirm that "the traditional mom-and-dad family is superior or the ideal model."

The religious right wing groups decided to develop a long-term litigation plan reminiscent of a strategy used successfully by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in their fight against segregation and discrimination of African Americans. Working with political experts, constitutional lawyers and public relations experts, the religious right groups plan to formulate the best case to take to the U.S. Supreme Court in their fight to deny civil rights for all gay men and lesbians.

Judges that rule differently from the religious right's agenda are targeted.

"Identify and recall judges," states Idea Number 30.

Political strategy

On the grass roots level, they will continue to write voter guides, do precinct-by-precinct organizing and attempt to influence voters, candidates and schoolboards.

"Survey current elected officials to create friend/enemy list," advises Idea Number 33.

To pull off these strategies, the groups plan a massive fundraising efforts such as selling an anti-gay video and using direct mail to solicit funds.

Some of the ideas presented at the conference appeal to the need for a scapegoat in the face of continuing economic despair among many classes in this country. One such suggestion states, "Reveal true picture of where America came from, why we have been prosperous and why we no longer are."

Ministers criticized

A continuing theme throughout the conference was the conviction the campaign was one of lay people, a movement ministers are afraid to touch.

"Our ministers don't know anything, and most of them are wimps," said Robert Skolrood, head of the National Legal Foundation.

Porteous, however, said practical reasons impel most preachers to avoid the campaign. Many prominent leaders of the religious right have gay children, he noted. He also commented on the musical ramifications such a position would incur.

"Most ministers won't back an anti-gay agenda because they know if gays ever left the church," Porteous said, "they'd lose at least one-half their organists and choir members."

SERINE STEAKELY

LIST OF MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Speakers at the summit meeting of religious right organizations held in Colorado in May represented a number of different groups. Among them were:

- Will Perkins, chairman of the board of Colorado for Family Values and a Colorado Springs car dealer who led fight for Colorado Amendment 2, the campaign to change the state's constitution making laws protecting gay men and lesbians from discrimination unconstitutional.

- Robert Skolrood, executive director of the National Legal Foundation in Virginia, a frequent guest on Christian radio shows and the host of a daily radio program, "Minuteman Alert." NLF assumed the legal defense chores for Colorado's Amendment 2.

- John Eldredge, Frank York and Phil Butler, all of Focus on the Family, the richest and most popular evangelical group in the country.

- Dr. Paul Cameron, Head of the Washington D.C. based Family Research Institute. The Anti-Defamation League in the recently released report on the religious right calls him an "anti-gay propagandist. Cameron's conclusions have included the suggestion that every HIV-positive patient should have his or her forehead stamped and the homosexuals be castrated [sic]." Cameron was expelled from the American Psychological Association in the early 1980's for violating the organization's code of ethics.

- Peter LaBarbera, a former Washington Times reporter and producer of an anti-gay video, "The Gay Agenda." The Marine Corps commandant sent this video to members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Congress in an effort to reinforce support for the military ban against gay men and lesbians. By the end of last summer, more than 80,000 copies of the video were reportedly sold.

- Col. Ronald Ray, retired from the U.S. Marine Corp. He served in the Reagan administration as First Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense.

- Dr. Judith Reisman, a Virginia resident who has worked as an independent researcher for the American Family Association and other religious right organizations. A self-proclaimed sexologist, she researches pornography and is a fervent critic of the research about sex conducted by Dr. Alfred Kinsey.

To obtain a complete set of the documents and all seven of the audiotapes from this conference, contact Skip Porteous at (413) 274-3786 or write to him at Institute for First Amendment Studies, PO Box 589, Great Barrington, MA 02130. IFAS is asking for a \$50 contribution to cover costs of copying, dubbing and shipping.

Senate race in Virginia will likely focus on gay rights

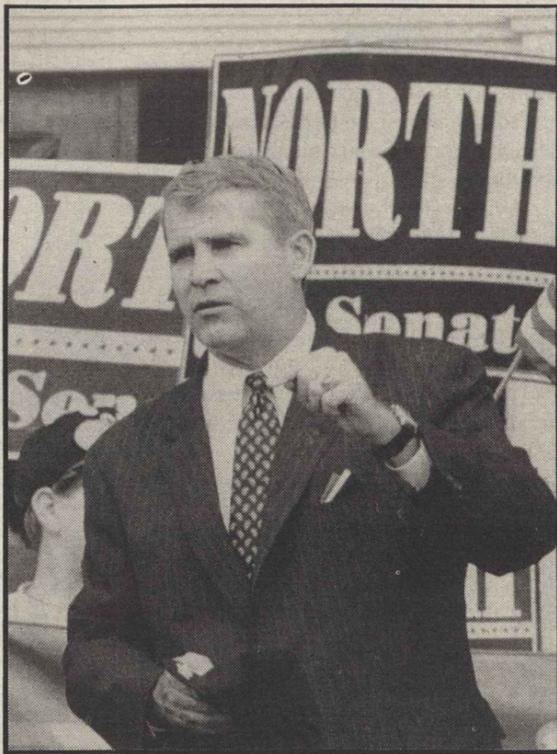
It's shaping up to be a long, hot and in all likelihood a very eventful summer in Virginia where Republican and former National Security Council staffer Oliver L. North is squaring off against incumbent Democrat Charles Robb in the state's Senate race.

The Washington Blade fired the first controversial shot in the race in May when the gay weekly printed a front page expose on North's close working relationship with known homosexuals on the staff of the National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty (NEPL), a non-profit organization that aided North in raising millions of dollars for the Contras. The NEPL was staffed by 30 people, most of whom were conservative gay men. North allegedly knew about the members' sexual orientation and deemed it irrelevant at the time. From 1985 to late 1986, North and NEPL members raised funds that were used for public relations and a media campaign to convince the American voters that U.S. aid to the Contras must be allowed to continue.

North now claims that he had no knowledge of homosexuals being members of the NEPL. "He would have to have been blind not to know almost everybody was gay," Alan Carrier, an openly gay public relations specialist who worked as a consultant to the NEPL in 1986 told The Washington Blade. "Almost everyone who worked in the (NEPL) office was gay. A young gay man worked as secretary and receptionist."

In response to the Blade story, North campaign spokesperson Mark Merritt blasted North's Democratic opponent Charles Robb who has a history of supporting gay, lesbian and human rights in general. Merritt took issue with Robb's speech at a recent Human Rights Campaign Fund leadership conference breakfast, saying in the Washington Post, "You'll never see Ollie North carrying water for liberal special interest groups. Chuck Robb focuses on special rights for homosexuals while Ollie North focuses on the rights of Virginia's families."

Already in his campaign, North has taken many jabs at gays and lesbians, denouncing their lifestyle and their politics. None of this surprises Robb spokesperson Bert Rohrer. "Don't let anyone kid you," Rohrer told Southern Voice on the morning of the campaign's first televised debate. "Gay rights will be a huge issue in this cam-



Republican Oliver North, candidate for a US Senate seat from Virginia, is attacking his opponent, Charles Robb, for supporting gay rights. Ironically, there is evidence that North was helped by a group of conservative gay men to raise millions of dollars to support the Contras in the mid 80's.

paign."

Robb, who actively supported and voted with President Clinton on his first bid to lift the military ban completely in 1993, prior to the "Don't ask, don't tell" compromise, realizes that he went out on a long limb politically.

"The senator knew when he voted for lifting the ban that it was not going to be popular in all voting circles," said Rohrer. "But let's face it—neither were civil rights or women's rights. The Senator was taking

a stand. Also, I'd like to comment on Mr. Merritt's statement in the Post that Senator Robb supports special rights. I'd like to clarify something—the Senator has never advocated special rights for anyone. He does, however, believe in human rights for everyone."

John Atkinson, who works in Oliver North's press office, hedged on answer-

ing questions posed by Southern Voice when he was informed that it was a gay and lesbian weekly. When asked why North was repeatedly launching attacks on gays and lesbians during his campaign, Atkinson replied "I'd rather not speak on that subject." When asked if he would categorize Oliver North as "anti-gay" Atkinson replied, "I don't feel comfortable with that question."

Atkinson referred Southern Voice to

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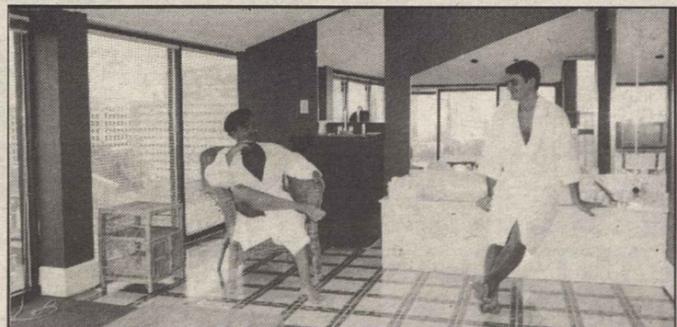
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Virginia Senate race

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Mark Merritt, who did not respond to five phone calls made to his office.

A veteran of the Washington, DC press corps who asked not to be named, told Southern Voice, "You'd have a better shot of hell freezing over than North granting an interview to the gay press. North is desperate to increase and expand his base right now. He knows he's got a lot of negatives against him with the Iran Contra mess and he realizes that picking up new votes is going to be a tricky proposition. Sure, he's got his loyal following that rushed out and bought his book, but it takes more than a rabid right-wing cult following to win a US Senate race and gay bashing isn't going to do very much to help him."

Oliver North's first wave of television commercials points in the directions of a "Gipper-esque" campaign, with 60-second spots featuring his wife and highlighting North's "warm and fuzzy" side.

"Don't let the early TV spots mislead you," says Bert Rohrer. "We fully expect mudslinging at some point. I don't anticipate that North will even mention Senator Robb's support for lifting the (military) ban during tonight's debate. We have every reason to believe however, that it will be brought out at some point, and we'll be ready to defend Senator Robb's human rights record anytime."

DC politicians are already talking about the two lesser known independent candi-

dates, Marshall Coleman and Douglas Wilder, who have just entered the Virginia Senate race and what effect it might have on the North/Robb race.

A Washington Post poll released last Sunday of 1,000 Virginia registered voters gives Robb 36 percent of the vote, North 26 percent of the vote and Coleman and Wilder splitting up the remainder of votes.

"Wilder and Coleman, while not major threats to either Robb or North, will play an interesting role in this race," the veteran DC press corp source told Southern Voice. "Coleman will likely end up attacking North and Wilder will go after Robb."

Evidence of this has already surfaced in the campaign. Last week Wilder weighed

in on Robb's support of lifting the military ban, stating, "What makes the junior senator from Virginia think he's better equipped to make decisions about (gay enlistments) than the Joint Chiefs?" While Coleman has not gone on record on the subject of gay rights, one Virginia political insider said "If you nail Coleman down on it, he'll come out against gay rights. It shouldn't be of grave concern to anyone, however. Either Wilder or Coleman will probably be out of the race by Labor Day, anyway."

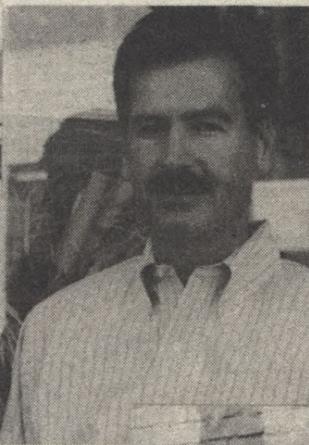
"Any way you look at it," said Bert Rohrer, "it's going to be an incredible race, real white knuckle stuff, This has all the makings of being the biggest Senate race in history."

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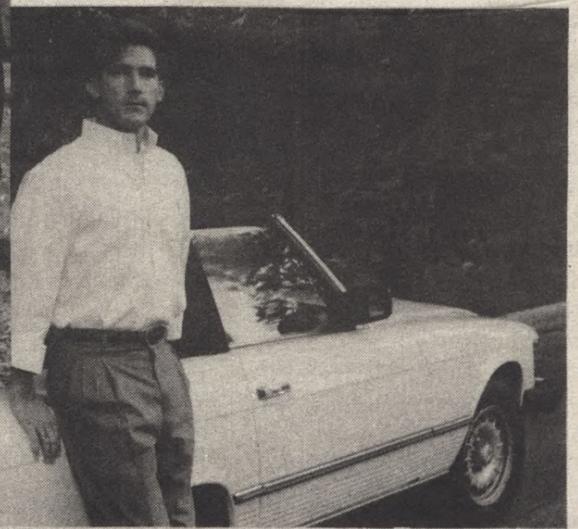
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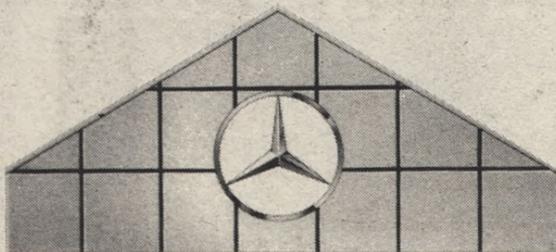


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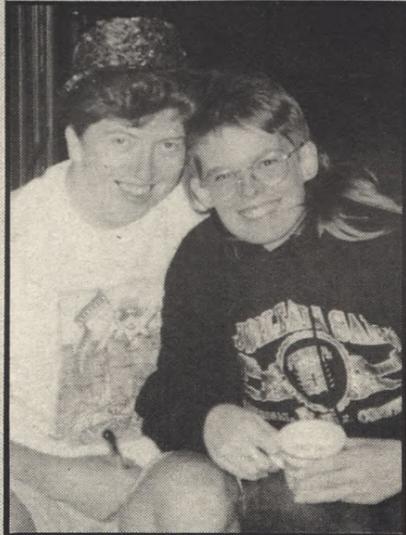
Alana and Sherri celebrated two years together on July 5.

Happy anniversary to Michael and David—their 8th was July 4.

Rebecca Riley and Patricia Kelly celebrated their first anniversary on July 2 with a trip to New Orleans, followed by a 4th of July celebration with Rebecca's immediate family in Mississippi.

A very happy anniversary goes out to Candi Olsen and Barb Wilkens. The couple celebrated their 16th year together on June 14.

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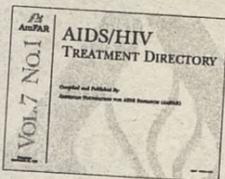
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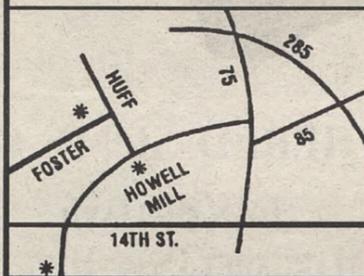
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IN A NEW LIGHT

Special on AIDS brings celebrities and information together to provide a progress report on the epidemic and issues surrounding the disease

by BRIAN COCHRAN

Barbara Walters begins the third annual airing of this month's "In a New Light", the third in a series of AIDS informational specials, with a rather hopeful statement: "These stars and others have come together with one purpose—a commitment to end the AIDS crisis." One of the "others"—President Bill Clinton—delivers a message to young people about prevention of the disease. His appearance serves as a reminder of how far we have come since the silent days of Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

Television, rather uncharacteristically, has been one of the artistic mediums where, for years now, AIDS and AIDS-related subjects have had the opportunity to be dramatized, publicized and discussed. "In a New Light '94" combines all three. In addition to performances by Clint Black, Gloria Estefan and Liza Minnelli, the program includes advice on how to correctly use a condom and stories of individual and group reactions to the crisis. The aim of "In a New Light '94" is to catch the attention of those groups who are most at risk now, or will be in the near future. Whoopi Goldberg makes a particularly impassioned plea to teenagers early on in the program.

Using sections of the National AIDS memorial Quilt as an effective set piece, the performers dispense frank advice about avoiding the risky behaviors that can cause HIV infection.

Walters call AIDS "the backdrop of our lives," and describes the emotional reactions the performers had when seeing the quilt (for the first time, in many cases). She compares the quilt to the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial, and observes the power that both have to create strong emotional responses.

Singer Kathy Mattea, one of the strongest supporters of AIDS causes in the entertainment industry, was overwhelmed by the experience. "I was told to prepare for the quilt, but there's no way you really can," she says. "Every stitch was sewn by someone in grief over a person they've lost to AIDS. It was deeply moving to see it for the first time."

Chaka Kahn, who also performs for the special, adds, "There's love and sadness in the quilt, but also a will to see this thing through. Every panel carries a message of hope."

In addition to some really fine musical performances, "In a New Light '94" gets its message across via a series of compelling mini-documentaries that show how the AIDS crisis has affected people and how they have managed to carry on despite their adverse circumstances. One of the most inspiring of these is the story of Nita Pippins, a woman from Pensacola, Florida who moved to New York to take care of her son when he became seriously ill with the disease. She stayed on after his death, even



Barbara Walters on the set of "In A New Light," an information special about AIDS showcasing leading actors and celebrities. Behind Walters is a portion of the NAMES Project quilt.



though in her words, she "hated every minute of it at first" to volunteer at Miracle House, an affordable place for out-of-town parents and families of HIV patients to stay while they take care of their loved ones.

Pippin's mission now is to help other parents get through the trauma of losing their children. But she didn't always deal so rationally with her own loss. "I had one child and God was taking him away from me, so I hated God," she says in the special. Now, she feels she can make a difference in other parents' lives and knows she is where she needs to be. The program concludes her story by noting that, in the last ten years, over 200,000 mothers have lost a child to AIDS.

Since the fastest growing group of new HIV infections each year is among heterosexual teenagers, "In a New Light '94" focuses heavily on the importance of getting educational materials to high schools and by teaching abstinence and prevention.

Rosie O'Donnell ends and begins segments of the show with umpteen different ways to say no to your partner if he refuses to wear a condom ("What part of no don't you understand?" "I don't THINK so," etc., etc.). Dr. Ruth Westheimer even holds up a colored condom and says "It matches my dress!"

To get the message across more seriously, another of the mini-documentaries features the AIDS education group Youthwave, a collection of teenagers who have firsthand knowledge of the disease—four of them were infected with HIV as teenagers. Youthwave's weapon is one of recognition—they are their audience, so to speak. School administrators and teachers who have sponsored the program find that the group is much more powerful than, as one administrator put it, "a white-haired doctor lecturing them."

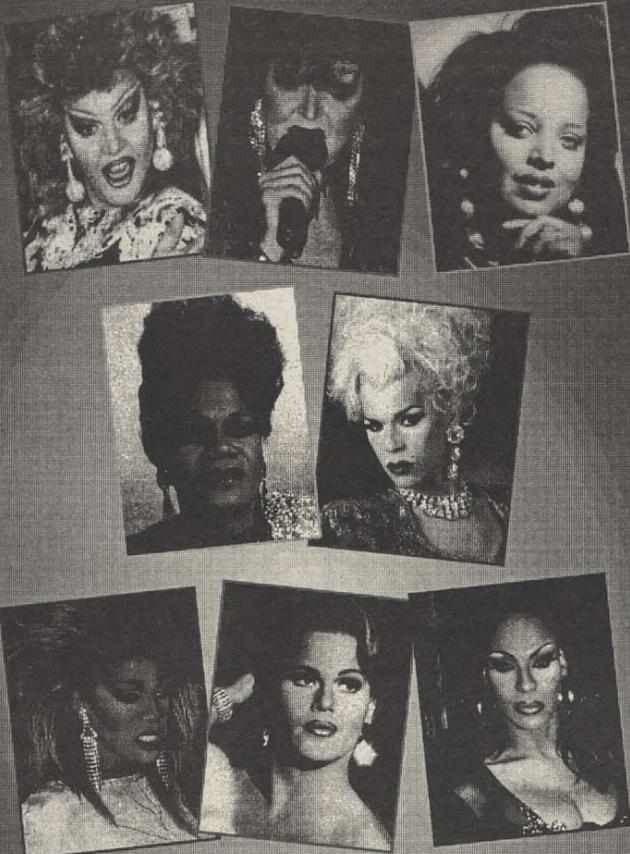
Other mini-documentaries include: The negative effect of Bible Belt morals on AIDS education and its contribution to the South having the fastest growing rate of new infection between men and women (focusing on Macon, Georgia); a man whose straight friends included him in the birth of their son and continue to involve him in their child's life, hoping to counteract the sadness of enduring the loss of so many friends to AIDS; and a piece on the late James Raitt, a musical conductor who raced against time in order to fulfill a lifelong dream of conducting a smash hit (the current revival of "Damn Yankees") on Broadway.

"In a New Light '94" is the baby of Joseph Lovett, an openly gay television producer who is credited with producing the first in-depth reports on AIDS for network television. Lovett began his career at CBS News, the move on the ABC's 20/20. When he left that job in 1989, he committed himself full-time to spreading the word about HIV-infection by starting Lovett Productions and Heartlove Productions, which produce the "In a New Light" series.

In addition, his company has produced "Heart Strings: On The Road," a documentary for PBS about volunteerism in the fight against AIDS. Lovett explains his involvement this way: "We know that millions of people tune in to our show every year. This gives us a tremendous responsibility on us and our efforts. This is our chance to inspire the American people, to ask them to become directly involved in the fight against AIDS, and to stay involved until that fight is over."

Country star Kathy Mattea and Michael Feinstein are just a few who appear on "In A New Light" airing Saturday, July 9 from 8 to 10pm on ABC.

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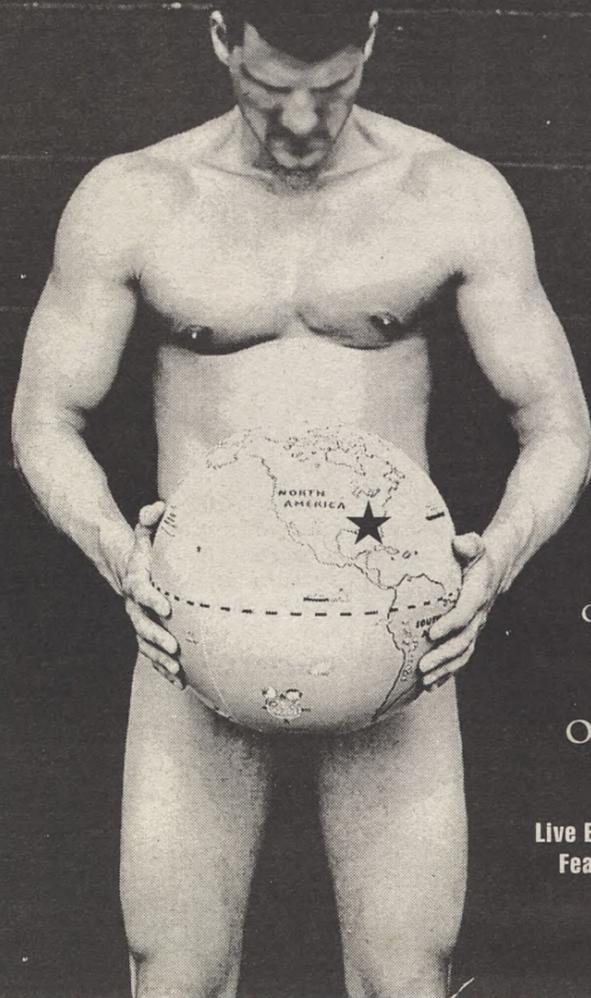
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7 THURSDAY

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CITY OF ANGELS. Thru Aug. 14. Hollywood vs. the

Real World, entwined with a fictional detective story, in this musical by Larry Gelbart at Neighborhood Playhouse. \$10-\$16. Thur-Sat 8pm; Sun 2pm. 373-5311.

AGYEWAAH ANAN. African dancer/writer presents Poetry-N-Motion at Charis Books. Free. 7:30pm. 524-0304.

THE NUDES. The tallest and thinnest band in New York City perform, clothed, at Smith's Old Bar Theatre, 1578 Piedmont Rd. \$10pm. 875-1522.

SISTER'S TIME. An audio magazine featuring the rhythms of African women's health. 6-7pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.

GAY GRAFFITI. Out and loud lesbian and gay radio. 7-8pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.

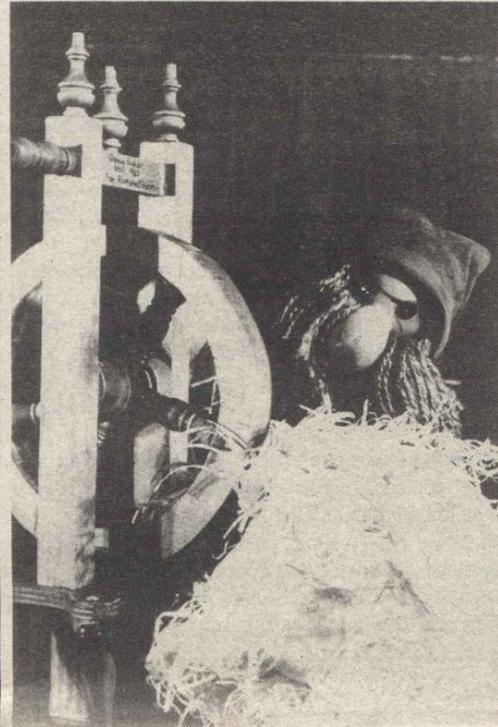
WORKS ON PAPER. Thru Aug 31. 68 African American artists are on exhibit at the Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art. 424-8142.

IRELAND. Thru Aug 31. Photographs of Ireland and the Irish at the First Existentialist Congregation. Reception 7-10 tonight. 378-5570.

TRISHA YEARWOOD. Country Chastain concert with the Georgia native. 8:30 pm. \$16-\$38. 892-2414.

CHOICE DESSERTS. Join ETC's Hal Gresham, Creative Loafing's Cliff Bostock and 99X's Yvonne Monet for a dessert tasting to benefit the GA Abortion Rights Action League at Nexus Contemporary Art Center. 7:30-10pm. 875-6338.

MARSHA STEVENS. All Saints MCC presents the contemporary gospel singer at the Wyndham Hotel in Midtown. \$25 includes dinner and parking. 7pm. Tomorrow, Stevens will sing at All Saints' evening worship, 7pm, 575 Boulevard in Grant Park. 622-1154.



8 FRIDAY

DO THE RIGHT THING. Spike Lee's story of erupting racial tensions on a hot summer day in Brooklyn. High Museum. 8pm.

MALCOM X: MAN IDEAL ICON. Thru Aug. 7. An exhibit detailing the life of the charismatic leader. Reception tonight at 8pm. Nexus Contemporary Art Center. 688-1970.

THE LITTLE FOXES. The Alliance Theatre School performs the Lillian Hellman play in the Alliance Studio tonight and Sun, 8pm. \$3.

TARTS. Thru July 31. Art Attack presents Stephanie Correa's story of five actresses in a dressing room during a 60s production of "Troilus and Cressida." 14th St. Playhouse. 881-6304.

ART GARFUNKEL. Classic Chastain with veteran folkster. 8:30pm. \$16-\$38. 898-2124.

OUTLOOK. Radical talk for revolutionary intellectuals—feminist, Afro-centered and pro-gay radio on AM, with Alicia Banks. New time: 5pm-8pm, WIGO, 1340AM.

11 MONDAY

MELODY BEATTIE. Author of "Codependent No More" signs her works at Charis Books, 5-6pm. 524-0304.

OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program featuring interviews, news, arts & entertainment and more. 10:30pm and again, Wed 5:30pm. Cable Ch. 12.

Valley Way. 8pm.

SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN. Thru July 31. Theatre in the Square reprises the gospel hit, with performances at Southern Tech Center Theatre. 422-8369.

PUPPETRY OF AFRICAN DESCENT. Thru Dec 17. A special exhibit showcasing the works of African-American puppeteers. Center for Puppetry Arts, 1404 Spring. Reception 7:30-9:30 tonight. 873-3089.

9 SATURDAY

THE COUPLE IN THE CAGE. Paula Heredia's provocative video about the objectification of a people. Also: films by Ngozi Onwurah, Linda Gibson, and Cauleen Smith. High Museum. 8pm.

Thru July 9, "Rumplestiltskin" and July 11-16, "The Reluctant Dragon" for children (11am & 1pm Mon-Sat, 3pm Wed). 1404 Spring St. 873-3391.

10 SUNDAY

AIDS HEALING SERVICE. All Saints' Episcopal Church, 634 West Peachtree. 4pm.

MOVING IN THE SPIRIT EXPLOSION '94. Local dance company prepares for a multi-city tour. Fernbank Museum on Clifton. 1:30pm.

IT'S WET. A fashion show, benefit for AIDS Survival Project and Interact of Atlanta. Axys, 1150 P'tree. Doors open 5, show begins 5:30pm. \$5.

LES CHANTEUSES AFRICAINES. The musical and literary voices of African women, with host Alicia Banks, who offers a unique perspective that includes the lesbian point of view. 1-4am. WRFG, 89.3 FM.

DYKE TV. Activist television from a dyke perspective. 9:30pm, People TV. Cable Channel 12. Also airs Tues, 5:30pm.

STILL AIN'T SATISFIED. Music and interviews from a lesbian perspective. Cool music for any queer or interested other. 7-9pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.

13 WEDNESDAY

CHUCK MANGIONE. Another Classic Chastain concert with the fusion jazz performer and his quartet. \$16-\$38. 8:30pm. 898-2414.

POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS airs twice every week on People TV Ch. 12, 2:30pm and again on Sat, 10pm. Also airs on City Ch. 6, Thur 5pm.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

PENELOPE WILLIAMS TRIO. Performing Fri & Sat 9pm-1am at the Hotel Nikko. 687-8866.

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

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

LABYRINTHS. Thru Sat. 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.

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 L5P. Thu-Fri 8pm, Sat 8:30pm, Sun 5pm. \$8-\$14. 584-7450.

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.

TIME IN A BATTLE. Thru July 24. The

Shakespeare Tavern presents the world premiere of this science fiction, fantasy sword play. 499 Peachtree. Fri & Sat 8pm, Sun 6pm. \$10. 874-5299.

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.

IMAGES IN SPORT. Thru Aug. 11. Photographs and sculpture capturing the excitement of amateur athletic competition on view at the Spruill Center Gallery and History Home, 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. 394-3447.

PRIMAL IMAGES/ UNIVERSAL REALITIES. Thru Aug 12. The works of five contemporary women artists are on

display at Kennesaw State College in the Fine Arts Gallery. Reception 7-9 tonight. 499-3223.

TOOLS OF THE HUMAN FORM. Thru Aug 13. Sculptures and paintings by Atlanta artist Mark Allen Henderson at TULA. Reception tonight 6-9pm. 352-5753.

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.

ASAFO! FANTE FLAGS FROM AFRICA. Thru Sept. 3. Flags from the African nation of Ghana are on display at the High Museum of Art Folk Art and Photography in the Georgia-Pacific Center downtown. 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 Sept. 6. Fernbank Museum of Natural History opens a new exhibit about who we are, what we think, and why. 767 Clifton. 370-0960.

19TH & 20TH CENTURY EUROPEAN DRAWINGS AND SCULPTURE. Thru Sept. 11. A wide range of great European artists are presented in works from the Schlossberg Collection at the High Museum. 892-HIGH.

MY POINT OF VIEW. Thru Oct. 1. Photographs by African American photojournalist Moneta Sleet, Jr. at the High Museum of Art, Folk Art and Photography in the GA Pacific Center. 898-9286.

MELISSA ETHERIDGE. July 29. Yes, she is, and she'll be at the Lakewood Amphitheatre at 8pm with Billy Pilgrim opening. \$16-\$33.50. 249-6400.

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12 TUESDAY

WOMAD '94. Peter Gabriel, Midnight Oil, Arrested Development, and 13 other acts perform at Lakewood. 249-6400.

ATLANTA WINDS. Chamber group benefits the Atlanta Food Bank at Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1991 Cliff

PICTURED:
ABOVE: The Nudes perform at Smith's Old Bar, July 7.
LEFT: Puppet Showplace presents "Rumplestiltskin" at the Center for Puppetry Arts thru July 9. Photo by D. Zeiger
BELOW: Paula Heredia's "The Couple in the Cage" plays at the High Museum on July 9.



It's paradise for women in Key West ...at least for next week

Imagine. Three thousand women on one tiny stretch of island key.

I know, I know. It sounded a little scary to me, too. If Spouse Caroline were in the midst of that PMS thing...ain't no way. It'd be them or her.

But, hey, after reading the literature...well, maybe.

Think about it. So, there's a few hormonal rushes raging around the island (well, more than a few if we're talking about Spouse Caroline, but let's pretend she's in her four day window—you know, the one where even when Puppy Bailey jumps on her newly laundered crisp white pants she smiles sweetly).

Anyway. My point is that all 3,000 women—that's how many Vicki Weeks, producer of Key West's 8th annual women's week, told me will likely be there—all 3,000 women are on vacation. And we all know everyone feels good, looks great, and is big time happy when they are on vacation.

Right?

So let's revisit our picture. Now imagine 3000 women, all sunning, sailing, and swimming under the sultry southern Florida sun. Hot days and probably even hotter nights.

This is sounding better.

And this year's event, July 11-July 17, offers much that is different from previous women's weeks in Key West.

For one thing, the event has always been held in September, but there were a few things wrong with that month. First of all, it's smack in the middle of hurricane season. According to Weeks, tropical storms were getting in the way of the area's famous sunsets, so July's weather forecast was opted for instead, a month more closely resembling Hemingway's paradise.

Another reason for the change is because September is a school month for those who have children and Weeks believes summertime suits families better.

An impressive change that actually began at last year's event is an effort by producers to make Women's Week something more than one big party. Not that there's a thing wrong with only going to Key West for some seriously un-serious

fun, but this way visitors also have an opportunity to throw in some "P.C." women's issues should they so choose.

The Women Empowered Speaker Series is July 14 at the Pier House Resort. This year's speakers include Nadine Smith, co-chair of the 1993 March on Washington, executive editor of Out Magazine, Sarah Pettit, and Eleanor Smeal, president of Feminist Majority and past President of NOW.

Another less serious event, but one that will benefit an organization dealing with serious gay rights efforts in Florida, the Human Rights Task Force, is the "Just Say No To Hate" concert on Saturday, July 16. Headliners are Fem 2 Fem, the guess which one's a lesbian rock band, and the Fabulous Spectrelles, a popular local group.

So, to wrap this up, let me give you an idea how your week in Key West might go:

On Monday, you do a day sail and a little snorkeling with Women on the Water. That evening, mega sunburned, you attend the opening performance of Women's Theater at the Red Barn.

The next day, you walk through the Island Arts Co-op featuring local women artists, purchasing a few Christmas gifts with tropical themes. At noon, you rush over to Little John's Beachside Restaurant to eat barbecue and play a short game of volleyball before you have to get over to the open mike poetry readings at Blue Heavens where you read the poetry someone back in college told you was really pretty good.

You can't miss a tropical night dinner under the stars at the Rooftop Cafe, after which you go to the Red Barn Theater's cast and crew party (remember, you saw the play last night) where you may get to meet local celeb Kelly McGillis.

As you stir into consciousness on Wednesday morning, you are thankful to realize it's only the middle of the week.



Today, you attend a rollerblade clinic and a fashion show at Mangoes where you will likely buy your partner something to wear to the Applerouth Grill to hear women's music later in the evening.

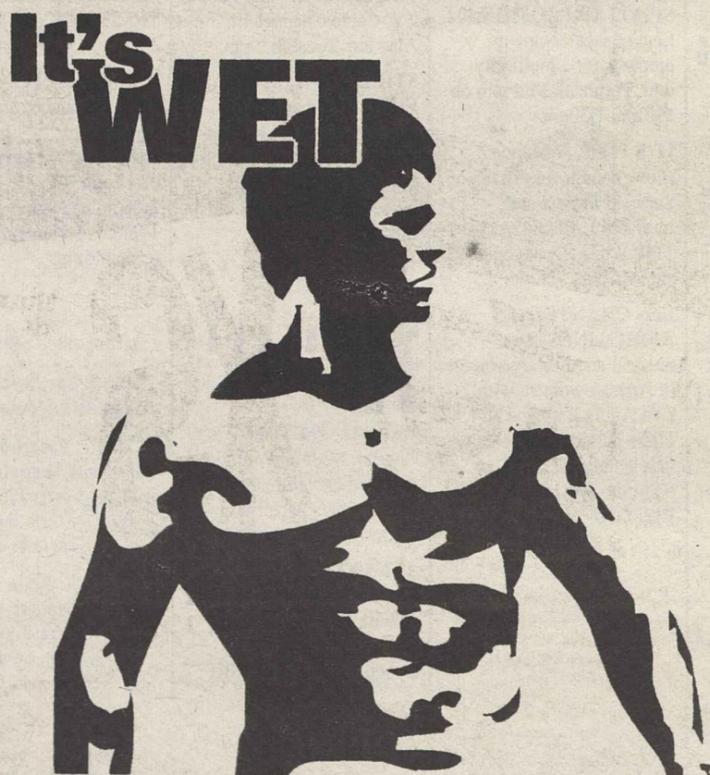
On Thursday, there's the Women Speaker Series during the day and "An Evening With Comedy with Suzanne Westenhofer" at night. The next day, Friday, you may want to crash on a beach somewhere (all this fun is getting a little exhausting), but you also might consider exploring historic Key West on a guided bike tour. Later, you enjoy feasting at Sappho's Supper (reservations are a must, I'm told) and then on to the Voodoo Dance Club where you dance into the dawn.

Saturday includes an afternoon (you'll probably be sleeping in) of sailing and picnicking before you have to get ready for the "Just Say No To Hate" concert. And on Sunday, you absolutely must attend the tea dance at Ocean Key House where you will end your week in Key West rocking to island girl rhythms and toasting the setting sun.

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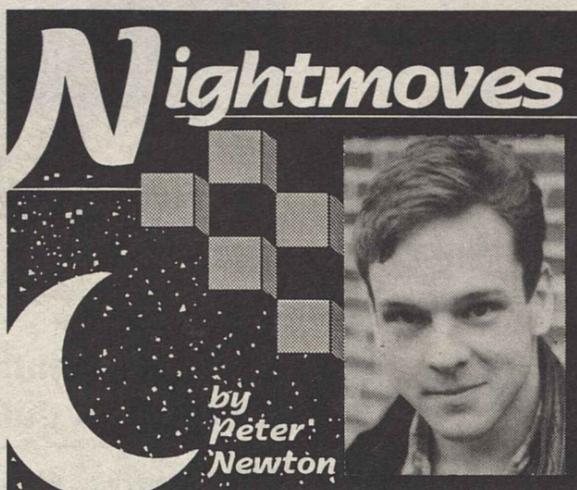
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Sugarbush, Vermont may be known as a cool place to ski during long New England winters but the resort is also the sight of the Annual Ben & Jerry's One World, One Heart Festival each summer. Earlier today I was there, sitting on a grassy slope listening to Michelle Shocked, Pete Seeger, Maura O'Connell and others. Now Vermont's a ways from Atlanta and I just happened to be in the area. Closer to home, there is a similar kind of outdoor musician gathering going on out at Lakewood Amphitheatre. **Peter Gabriel**, **Midnight Oil**, **Arrested Development** and over half a dozen other bands from around the world will take part in WOMAD, or World of Music and Dance, an All-day Global Music Festival.

This Music Festival will probably be more of a multi-cultural event than the B&J Fest which, although fun and free, is more of a glorified company picnic. Living in the South has made me more aware of just how glaringly white a state like Vermont is. And if I was closer to home I wouldn't miss the chance to see musicians from Uganda, China, Zimbabwe, Ghana, and Native America to name a few. Call TicketMaster at (404) 249-6400 for the July 12th event.

Spike Lee appears on a national print campaign pushing Ben & Jerry's ice cream just to keep with this ice cream theme I've gotten myself into. The filmmaker's 1989 modern classic, "Do The Right Thing" will play at Hill Auditorium this week as part of the High Museum of Art's film series. Lee captures the racial tensions and hostilities that erupt in a Brooklyn neighborhood over the course of one hot summer day. Friday, July 8 at 8:00 p.m. (404) 892-HIGH.

I saw Fantasia at The Fox Theatre a few years ago as part of their summer film series. And man was it great. Try an old-time classic there sometime. The kind that were made for the larger than life screen. **20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** ought to be great. Giant squid eats submarine. They don't make 'em like they used to. Monday, July 11 at 8:00 p.m.



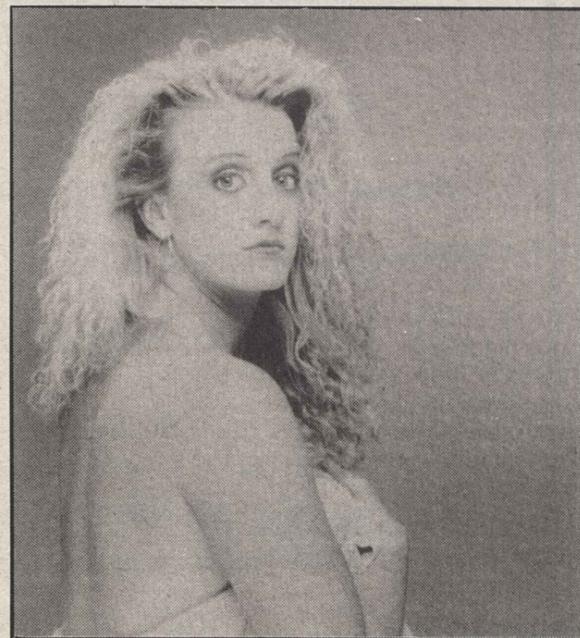
I spoke with Jodi Hersh of **Revolution** the other day. It's her job to chart the drinking habits of the unpredictable gay male indigenous to these parts. Often sighted in packs on Sunday afternoons at Fat Tuesday's in Buckhead, the gay male is known to have bar-hopping instincts. All this is good news to nearby Revolution who will be sponsoring a series of Sunday night benefits at CLUB3B to help lure the men into a great time.

The party starts at 4:00 p.m on the Revolution deck, featuring live bands every week. Names to watch out for include, Jupiter Symphony, PlainJane and a new band called On Four. This Sunday, July 10 there will be a Greek Party that will offer guys the chance to "Get Initiated at CLUB3B." A portion of the proceeds will go to Jerusalem House. Last week, proceeds went to Project Open Hand.

Hats off to HBO who will feature not one but two gay comics this month in half-hour specials. **Bob Smith**, one of the Funny Gay Males, who will also appear on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno on July 13, is also writing for Spielberg's current film-in-progress of Paul Monette's book, *Halfway Home*. Busy guy that Bob. Then there's the no-

punches-barred comedy of lesbian comic **Suzanne Westenhoeffer** who graced Atlanta with a visit in May. Both HBO shows run on July 14, 16, 18 and 19. Time slot is likely to be 11:00 and 11:30 but check your TV Guide or Tweek to be sure.

The festivities commemorating Stonewall in the Big Apple were well-publicized by The New York Times' front pages over the past few weeks. One story in particular was especially well-written by Janny Scott in which she, dare I assume that Janny is a she, who described the parade beneath a photo of the mile-long rainbow flag that was carried by tens of thousands as "a vast river of humanity that continued to pour up the Avenue of the Americas." I had to read that twice. What a beautiful and polite way of saying: Look out! This movement's coming through.



Lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhoeffer has her own half-hour special on HBO this month.

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Told you so. A couple of months ago when I first went to **Brasserie Le Coze** (In Lenox Square, next to Neiman's, 3393 Peachtree Rd. 266-1440) I wondered if a restaurant this toney, this *luxe*, this expensive could find happiness in an Atlanta mall. Le tout Buckhead may deign to drop its clothing dollars in places with 10,000 car parking places, but these folks are neither accustomed to—nor amused by—breaking bread with commoners. Unless, of course it's in their car, at the Varsity.

A trip to Lenox to fetch an airplane ticket last week gave me the opportunity to check out what's happening at Brasserie Le Coze.

Sadly, the answer is "not much."

OK, it was a Monday night and you could have driven a stretch limo through the mall without disturbing a soul. And Monday is not exactly Atlanta's fave night to dine out. But very few folks were availing themselves of Ms. Le Coze's tasty food. And those who were, like my friend the Therapist-in-Training and I, were clad in duds by The Gap, not Gucci.

Brasserie Le Coze has a new small patio area that is amazingly attractive and intimate given that it's located on the edge of one of Lenox's numerous parking lots. In more temperate times it's where I would have chosen to eat, but not while the outdoor air resembles the interior of a giant pressure cooker. The restaurant's cool dark bar feels perfect for such times—dark wood, dark leather, minimal mirrors and no windows make it the apotheosis of the form. Small marble tables are dressed up with placemats made from napkins folded into triangles. Silverware is the same heavy stuff you'll find in the main dining room.

Smoking is allowed, but is an issue only if the long leather banquette is crowded. And you can order from the abbreviated bar menu (which offers sandwiches) as well as from the substantially more expensive dinner menu.

We passed on a trio of traditional fillings (pate, rilette of duck, smoked ham) on a baguette and opted for two more aggressive examples of the art.

Rare filet of lamb, slathered with good roast garlic mayo and presented on especially tasty black olive bread is the ultimate in earthy yumminess. The lamb tastes like lamb, not goat or turkey, and the garlic in the mayo and olives in the bread do a dance with each other that's nigh on to wonderful. A side salad of field greens dressed up with roasted shallots, roasted baby fennel, peppers, onions and goat cheese is equally pleasing and a perfect, slightly tart, counterpoint to the earthy sandwich.

Add a glass of red wine and you've got my idea of heaven.

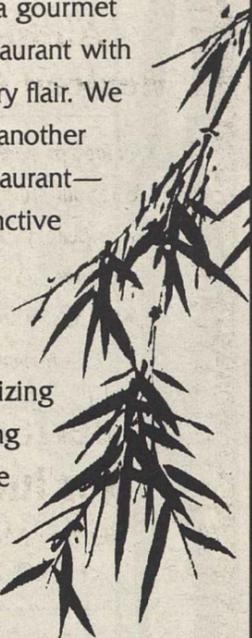
Good, but less successful, a combo of moist pork loin, mild sauerkraut, and melted gruyere cheese on superb sourdough bread is almost overwhelmed by tangy mustard. Really good mustard, mind you, but also really strong. On the other hand, a side of potato salad spiked with bits of smoky ham

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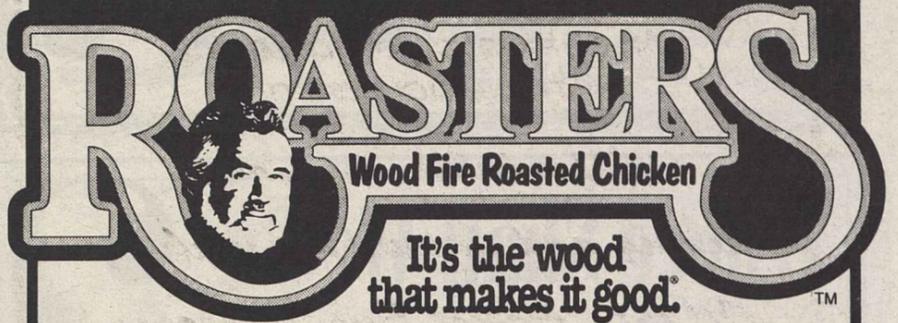


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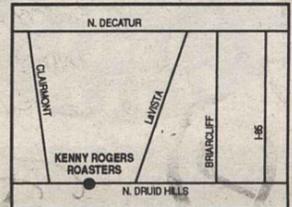
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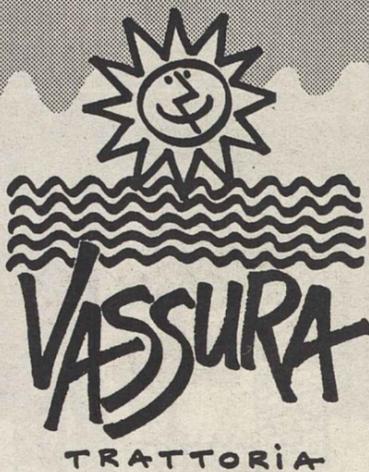
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Continued from page 35 and suffused with the flavor of tarragon is packed with flavor and the epitome of balance and restraint all at once.

You might be able to order creme brulee or chocolate mousse for desert, but you might imagine that I was drawn to the "fresh fruit tulip." Imagine the thinnest of pastry crusts formed into a (somewhat relaxed) tulip shape, filled with tiny bits of berry and passion fruit atop a bed of creme Anglaise, and drizzled with a heady passion fruit syrup. I have a friend who swears that the vanilla vacherin with raspberry sauce and vanilla ice cream here is the best dessert in the Western world, but surely he has not tried the fruit tulip.

The only downside to all this culinary joy is that Atlantan's are not much accustomed to spending \$20 for a sandwich, a glass of wine and half a desert. But given the quality of the food, service and surroundings at Brasserie Le Coze, maybe it's a skill we should develop.



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—Kuo Hsi, Sung landscape painter, 11th Century ACE

I hold that UK, dead these long centuries, yet speaks directly to us today. Verily, there are few spaces more "confined" than Manhattan—especially when you add about a million Queers to the already boiling cauldron.

It is true that I'm a modern gal, and did indeed sojourn to New York for Stonewall 25; yet I also felt the call of the spirits. As such, I naturally gravitated towards such gritty, pack-'em-in-'til-they-holler-for-mercy venues as the Clit Club, and the spectacularly jammed open-air bazaar that was Christopher Street/Sheridan Square/Crazy Nanny's the night before the march.

But in between, I desired a little haze, some small measure of balance. So I took the red line to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. My only complaint was in having a mere afternoon to wander in wonderment. The Garden itself most certainly did not disappoint.

We are talking about free admission to the 50 acres of wildly varied gardens-within-the-Garden, including a conservatory with tropical, temperate, and desert pavilions; knot beds and herbariums; the Cranford Rose Garden; educational displays; a neat gift shop; a children's garden; an orchard; a fragrance garden for the blind; a Japanese garden; and a two-acre natural, local flora habitat; as well as vined pergolas, espaliers, many winding walkways, terraces, etc.

New Yorkers and visitors from all over the globe (you can hear 20 languages in as many minutes from passersby) have enjoyed this site for an incredible length of time. Actually, when Central Park was in the works by 1859, the (then independent) City of Brooklyn, not to be outdone, decided she needed a Great Park and Gardens, too. (At the time, Brooklyn housed the third largest population in the U.S.)

Hence, the public was eventually presented with Prospect Park and the adjoining Garden, which actually opened to the public in 1910. The Garden is city-owned, and privately operated.

She amazed me. Space allows me to just mention a few of the highlights here. First, the fragrance garden for the blind, while small, was beautifully realized. Brick terraces about hip-high gracefully undulate through a part-shaded, part-sunny area. The plants are spaced rather widely, and identified on large, very durable, and attractive bronze markers with the common name, Latin name, and country of origin.

This information appears in English, below the Braille dots which reveal the same details. Scented geraniums, rosemary, chives, basil, etc. comprise this well-considered if not gigantic garden. The blind now have an added attraction for coming to the Garden, and even the sighted enjoy the various plant perfumes.

One of the educational displays concerns composting and mulching. 20 different types of mulch, including finished compost, are serpentine lined up in discrete, flat, 1 foot square frames lying nestled next to each other in a path, with each item identified. From the common (pine bark) to the more exotic (coco fiber), you can see and feel what each type is like, as well as learn about composting and mulching. (Regular readers know what a total mulch Queen and composter I am.)

The most spectacular vista, though, has to be the world-

famous and justifiably-celebrated Japanese Garden. According to document #41, "Japanese Gardens," in the "Plants and Gardens" book series published by the Garden (and available at our own Botanic Garden), it was "designed and constructed in 1914-1915 by Mr. Takeo Shiota. It was his ambition to make the most beautiful garden in the world."

Of the very traditional hill-and-pond variety, "this garden centers upon a small lake, the outlines of which describe the strokes of the Chinese character *shin*, meaning 'heart' or 'mind.' The lake is fed by a cascade of waterfalls. A small turtle-shaped island is reached by a Drum Bridge. A roofed Waiting-Pavilion faces the lake, and hanging out over the water is a modified Tea House with adjacent open pavilion.

"In the largest section of the lake stands a *torii* or 'gateway to heaven.' The Shrine on the hill beyond is dedicated to Inari, the Shinto God of Harvest.

"There is a tall pedestal-type stone lantern near the waterfall and a low, broad-roofed 'snow viewing' lantern on the island.

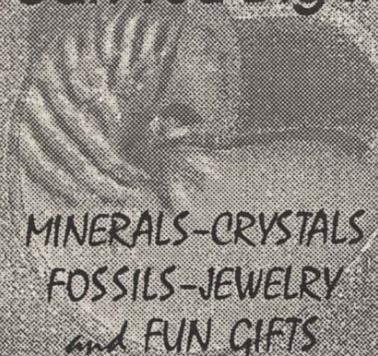
"The principal plants of Japanese origin that are included in this garden are Japanese maples, flowering cherries, azaleas, barberry and flowering quince. Restrained use is made of Japanese irises in small clumps around the lake. Flowering plants are used with restraint."

This account fails, however, to mention the wonderful weeping forms of the cypresses along the water's edge, or the espaliered hawthorn climbing the bamboo fence which completely encloses the garden (admission is a hefty 25¢), or the marvelous and varied types of Japanese pines, nor the lovely small footbridges which curve upwards in the middle, to be delicately reflected in the water.

I must say, the ducks and the turtles who call the lake home certainly seem well contented. And in a rock pool, one of the largest koi I've ever seen hovered in finny contemplation.

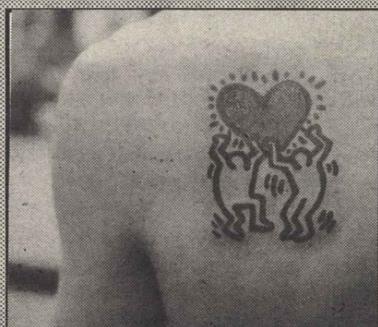
I do not exaggerate when I say that, everywhere you turn, there is something else to behold. And the effect on native New Yorkers is startling. They seem to calm down, go a little slower, remove a bit of armor, and finally shed the din of the dusty world and its close confinement. This Garden is highly recommended!

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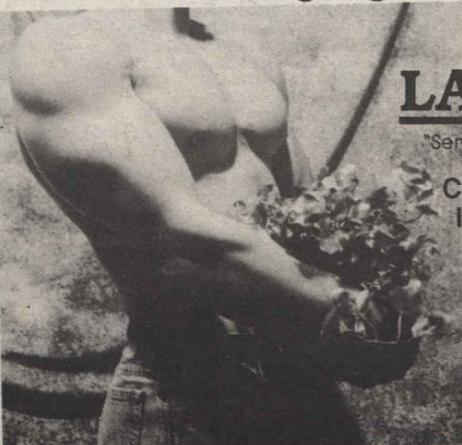
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OUTLINES

GWENDOLYN DEAN

Age: 33
How long in Atlanta: 4 years
Relationship: Passionately in love with the most beautiful woman in the world
Last Book Read: "The Apparitional Lesbian" by Terry Castle
Pet peeve: People with no sense of humor



From kindergarten teacher to Lesbian Avenger. Quite a leap—but not for Gwendolyn Dean.

She did her teaching in East Los Angeles, and before that in Watts—areas where poverty and racism are a way of life.

"I spent the first month I was in Watts getting my kids out the door at 3:30 and then running up to the teacher's lounge to cry for thirty minutes before I could go down and get ready for the next day," she says. "After Watts and East Los Angeles, you can teach anywhere."

And while she was teaching, she lived in South Central L.A.—where the riots following the first Rodney King verdict centered.

In a sense, Dean was at least minimally prepared for those years—she grew up in Orange County with an African American stepfather.

"There were some object lessons in that," she explains, "but there were also experiences that took me a longer time to understand, to realize what they meant and how they could be addressed."

Some of that came in her (then) chosen career. A theatre major at the University of California at Irvine with a graduate degree in performance art, Dean's earliest work centered on feminist themes. But after she finished graduate school, her performance art partner was a black gay man.

"We were dealing with racism, gender and sexuality in our pieces," she says.

But performance art, for Dean, seemed somehow too elitist—"It's mostly politically based," she says, but it doesn't matter because the audience is so tiny. It's not even preaching to the converted."

So she moved toward education—a field she had become interested in while teaching during graduate school. But she turned her focus not to college level education, but to elementary education.

"Teaching college, I was on the receiving end of bad policies and mistakes made before students even get to college," she says.

But making changes on the bureaucratic end is difficult.

"The school system's biggest problems aren't with lack of money—in fact the tendency is to throw money at things without thinking. The real problem in school systems have everything to do with racism and classism, and all the money in the world won't make a whole lot of difference. But I loved teaching. It was great work."

After five years teaching in Los Angeles, Dean decided to pursue a PhD, and chose Emory.

"Then I came to Atlanta and then I came out," she says with a laugh. "All my friends think it's really funny because people who grew up in rural areas usually go somewhere bigger to be gay, but I grew up in L.A. and came to Atlanta to be gay. It was a kind of reverse journey."

Dean describes herself as a "circumstantial lesbian." "Long before I came here I always had women I was interested in and women who were interested in me, but they were never the same," she explains. "So I just kept doing men."

It worked in Atlanta, and Dean came right on out. And quickly became a Lesbian Avenger.

"I was a Lesbian Avenger as soon as that was a possibility," she says. "The name was great from the very beginning. It seems we wear big capes and swoop around smiting the evildoers. And my performance art background has been very useful."

When Dean isn't wearing that cape and doing a lot of swooping, she's still working toward that PhD—she's at the dissertation level now, writing about representations of lesbians in 19th century French art and literature—and she shares parenting responsibilities of a five-year-old son "with the het father."

"My kid is neat," she says, "and he's real happy with the queer stuff. He knows the difference between lesbians, straight people and gay men. He loves to sort. And he's very upset with how mean the people in Cobb County are."

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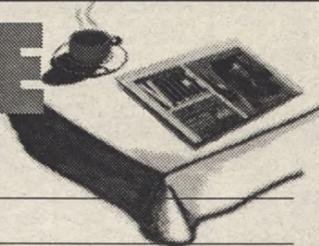
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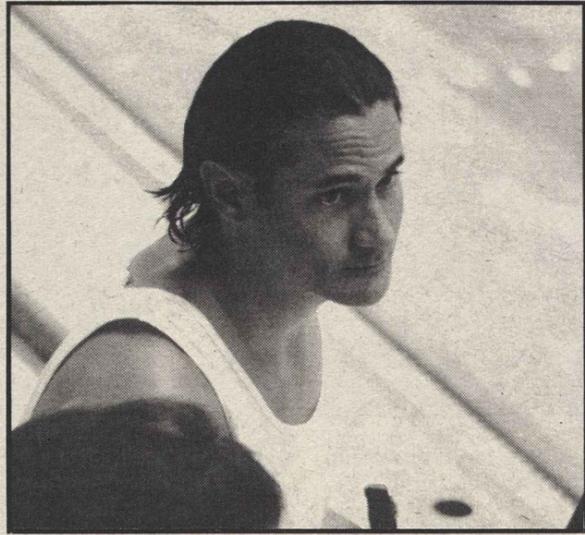
Reason #1 to More to Boaz, AL: Dish was bargain hunting the other day in the outlet capital of the South, Boaz, Alabama and decided to peruse the selections available at a discount bookstore. Feeling slightly fractious, we approached the clerk and asked to be directed to the gay and lesbian section. The clerk, undaunted, advised that while there was no gay and lesbian section, per se, that there were several titles in fiction that were related to gay and lesbian themes. Unfortunately, Dish is a voracious reader and had already managed to check out all the titles offered. Still, we were impressed at the availability of our kind of books (and more than a little intrigued by the clerk's extensive knowledge of the store's stock) in such a seemingly distant place as Boaz.

Not Yet Available in Boaz, But Soon, Part I: Lots of books have crossed Dish's desk lately, but none have managed to irk Dish quite so much as "The Gay Guy's Guide to Life." Though Dish is always receptive to good, constructive advice, (well, sometimes) the tone of this tome leans a bit too much towards self-deprecation for our taste. Among the abundant numbered pointers offered are #227, "Try not to fear romance," and #134, "Try saying hello to a cute guy without checking out his basket. Just once." First of all, Dish would like to know, how can you fear something that is in such short supply these days? Most gay men we know would welcome the opportunity for a little romance. And as far as #134 goes, well, cute guys aren't the only ones with baskets.

Dear Bill, Don't Blame Yourself: And, while we're on the subject, Dish heard that the staff at Outwrite Books sent a copy of "Now That You Know," the 'Oh my God, my child is gay, what did I do wrong?' coping manual, to Cobb County Commissioner Bill Byrne. The tasteful (and timely) gift included a note that read, simply, "To Help You Get Your Family Back Together." Dish would like to suggest that Byrne carefully study the parts about divorced parents.

Dish

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



Dish would like to encourage Olympic champion and all-around hunk Greg Louganis to dive into the Cobb County fracas.

And Don't Blame Me: For a long time now Dish has taken notice of all the "Don't Blame Me, I Voted for Bush" bumper stickers that grace the expensive backsides of luxury vehicles driving around town. Dish believes in everyone's right to their own political agenda, but finds all this blame stuff just a tiny bit juvenile. After all, no matter who's in office, we all have to live with their decisions, right or wrong—and most of our

country's former leaders have made their share of big mistakes. Blaming is a waste of time, and reminds Dish of those smarmy little tattletales in elementary school. To retaliate, how about some alternate bumper stickers like "Who's Blaming Anybody?" or "I Voted for Clinton, So What?" or, our favorite, "Blame Me You Big Baby."

Lipstick Lesbian Shock: Now that gay men and lesbians are being courted by lots and lots of big-time companies, like AT&T for example, Dish supposes it was inevitable that we would come under the scrutiny of all those annoying market surveys, which ask everything from the amount of your household income to your favorite brand of condom or dental dam. One, recently published in the New York Times, featured rather predictable results in categories like graduate school (twice as many lesbians and gay men than heterosexuals have attended or graduated) and looking for new department stores (29% of lesbians and gay men do, 18% of straights). Less predictable, perhaps, were the answers to the "lipstick usage" question. It seems 56% of lesbians responded say they use lipstick regularly, while only 46% of straight women say they do. 10% of gay men admit to regular lipstick usage (no surprises there, Dish would have guessed much higher) and even 3% of straight men admit they do. Dish can see the new Revlon TV commercial now: in with kd and Martina, out with Christy and Cindy.

Diving Into Cobb: Dish almost choked on our Cheerios the other morning when our favorite local news program announced that five-time Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis had at long last come out of the (water?) closet. Louganis could make up the delay to Dish by using his considerable talents to dive into the Cobb County anti-gay resolution fracas. We can't think of anyone better than a gay Olympic champion to lead the fight to get Olympic volleyball out of Cobb—and it would show that Louganis has his heart in the right place, in addition to all the other cute little things he has in the right places.

JULY 7 - JULY 13, 1994

With Jupiter and Mercury in direct motion again, life should settle now, but life doesn't always listen to shoulds. The New Moon is at 16 Cancer (focused feelings) on the 8th and much attention will be on Jupiter (5 Scorpio) due to the impending impact of Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 on July 16th. We do live in fascinating times.

ARIES, are you listening to and working with your intuition? With the Sun and Mercury moving through Cancer in your 4th house of home, you could really benefit by paying attention to your deeper feelings and the wisdom of your soul. **TAURUS**, you are a fixed earth sign, meaning you can be grounded, practical and determined. You can also become fixated on certain points of view which may or may not be helpful to you or to others. Stay in forward motion, rather than digging in. **GEMINI**, how is your tension level? Are you feeling a little bit wound up these days? If so, you may need a few days by the pool or at the shore with your feet propped up and a good book. Trust your body, it knows when it needs to relax. Happy Birthday, **CANCER!** How is your special month going? Is everything going the way you planned? If not, then just go with the flow and develop the fine art of creating fun and enjoyment out of difficult situations. Keep your life simple.

STARSIGNS

LEO, with the Sun in your 12th house of dreams and visions you could be having very illuminating experiences in other areas of your consciousness, especially when you are asleep or in a slightly altered state. Good time to pay attention to intuition. **VIRGO**, if you are feeling a little frustrated with life in general right now, you could blame everything on Neptune and Uranus in your sister earth sign, Capricorn. However, both planets are way out there in the Solar System, so just relax.

LIBRA, are you frustrated at work? Do you feel your chosen career is moving along? Are you really able to use your creativity on a daily basis? If not, then you might want to look at other options for your talents and abilities. They do exist. **SCORPIO**, how is your Love Life? Are you involved, playing the field (safely, of course) or still shopping around? If your intimate life is a bit sparse right now, then you may be a touch deprived, so take a bubble bath or a gentle and thorough

massage. **SAGITTARIUS**, are you feeling at home with yourself or just a bit restless these days? It may be time for you to take off on a short adventure to do something you've always wanted. Take a pet, take a friend, take a lover, just be sure you go and have fun.

Dear **CAPRICORN**, are you worrying about life again? Is it everything in general or something in particular? You may be feeling the collective anxiety over all the change that is going on within us and around us. Just remember to breathe and relax. **AQUARIUS**, are you taking good care of your body and your emotions or are you pushing everything to the limit. Stress and "modern day life" can really effect our immune systems, so give it the best support you can and find fun things to do each day. **PISCES**, with all the water signs activated by the Sun and other planets, you could feel empowered with all this energy or somewhat overwhelmed. Empowerment comes from deep within personal resources which you have in abundance. Use them well.

Mary Bailey Rule is a professional astrologer who specializes in personal and relationship chart interpretation as well as crisis management. She can be reached in Santa Fe at (505) 473-0095 to order charts or arrange a chart interpretation.

Dykes To Watch Out For

Ginger snaps
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Mo VISITS OUR HARRIED HOUSEMATES ON THE EVE OF THEIR JOURNEY TO THE GAY GAMES AND STONEWALL 25.

... THEN SHE FLEW BACK TO FRISCO AND TOLD ME NOT TO BOTHER CALLING UNTIL I KNEW WHAT I WANTED.

JEEZ!

OKAY, SO YOU JUST FILL THE BOWL TO THE TOP WITH CHOW ONCE A DAY AFTER THE EVENING WALK.

GOT IT. I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER. SO GINGER, WHAT DO YOU WANT?

IF I KNEW THAT, I WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM, WOULD I?

THE WASHER'S ALL YOURS, GINGER. MO, COME UP- STAIRS AND HELP ME PACK.

WHAT'S YOUR GOAL THIS TIME? YOU GONNA TRY AND KISS A WOMAN FROM EVERY COMPETING COUNTRY AT THE GAMES?

NAH. I'M TAKING A MORE THEMATIC APPROACH TO THIS EVENT. I HOPE TO GROPE AN ATHLETE FROM EACH SPORT...

AND GO FOR THE GOLD WITH A MARATHON RUNNER, A WATERPOLO PLAYER, A DIVER, AND A WRESTLER.

I GUESS SONJA'S NOT GOING WITH YOU THEN.

OH, SHE'S COMING! SHE'S COVERING BODYBUILDERS, CYCLISTS, AND IN-LINE SKATERS. SHE HAS A THIGH THING.

HEY, HOW DO WE LOOK?

WHOA! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU TWO WERE INTO CROSS-DRESSING! JUNE, YOU MAKE A SURPRISINGLY HOT FEAME.

DON'T I? ADAM LENT ME THE DRESS, AND I LENT MY TUX TO SPARROW.

WHAT'S THE OCCASION?

THE ASIAN LESBIAN NETWORK GALA IN NEW YORK. WILL WE BE ABLE TO HANG THIS STUFF UP IN YOUR CAR SO IT DOESN'T WRINKLE, LOIS?

WITH FIVE OF US CRAMMED IN THAT CREPT BUG? BRING AN IRON.

GINGER, I HOPE YOU LOSE THE ATTITUDE BEFORE IT'S TIME TO GO. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? MALIKA'S OFF YOUR BACK, AND SOON YOU'LL BE CAUSING THOUSANDS OF PRIME PHYSICAL SPECIMENS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE!

LOIS, GIVE HER A LITTLE SUPPORT! SHE'S SUFFERING FROM A DEEP, INTERNAL CONFLICT BETWEEN HER INTENSE LONGING FOR INTIMACY, AND THE BELIEF THAT SHE'S BASICALLY UNWORTHY OF IT.

SPARROW?

SHOVE IT UP YOUR CUMMERBUND.

IT'S HARD TO SEE SOMEONE SO OUT OF TOUCH WITH HER TRUE FEELINGS. MAYBE WE CAN GET HER TO TALK ABOUT IT DURING THE DRIVE TOMORROW.

OH, I'D LIKE THAT. LET'S ALL EAT LOTS OF BEANS FOR BREAKFAST, TOO.

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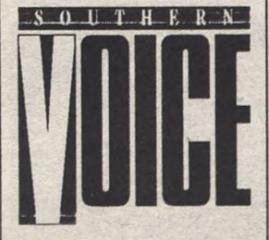
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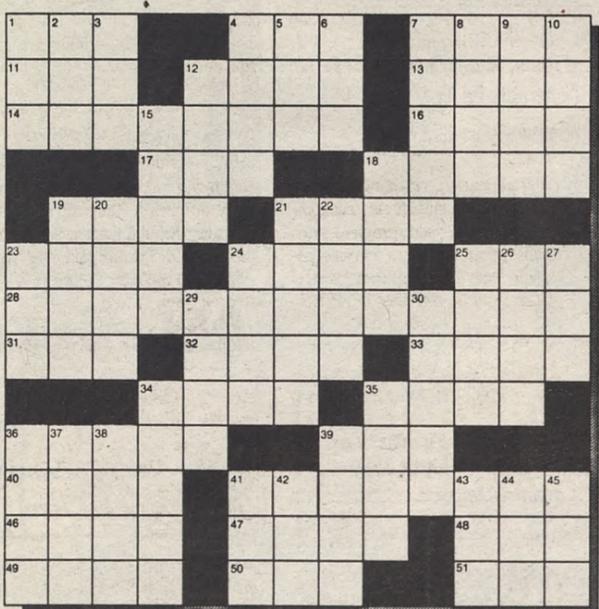
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- Mediocre
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- Oscar Wilde's "Ballad of Reading _____"

ACROSS (Cont'd)

- Finishes
- Tennessee Williams' *Desire Under the _____*
- A Warm December* publisher
- Pious
- Small amount
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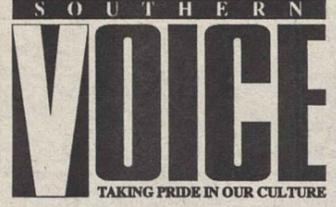
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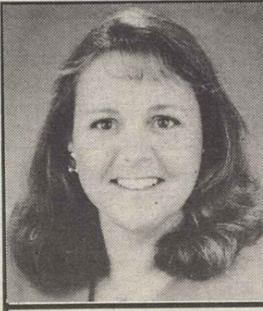


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WOMEN

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Help!! GWF, 26, intelligent, witty, professional, loves dancing at the smokey bars, but looking for a mature, honest, passionate relationship!! Also loves travel and the arts. No wall-flowers, please. ☎ 1592

BiWF, 27, 5'4", 119#, married, seeks single, attractive BiF's 18-35. Live-in lover relationship possible. No Men/Couples. ☎ 1593 (7.31)

MARRIAGE of convenience sought by resourceful GWM, 29. Write P.O. Box 77152, Atlanta, GA 30357.

GWF, physically fit and attractive seeking sensual and passionate GWF lover 35-45 for erotic encounters and more. ☎ 1595

fortysomething GWF, thoughtful, bright, witty & unpretentious would really like to meet new women who are adventurous, spontaneous & mentally stable. Enjoy travel, cats, sports, stimulating conversation and more. Prefer non-political fellow smokers. No drugs, plus sizes, Bi's, butches or Virgos please. Make my move to Atlanta special. ☎ 1596

BF, 21. Petite, shapely lesbian, recently out, seeks cute funky queer girl. Movies, coffeeshops, dancing, thrifting, long talks, summer romance? ☎ 1597

GWF Professional, ISO mature; financially secure 35ish, blonde hair, very feminine, friendly professional (degreed) - No butch, smokers, drugs or bis. ☎ 1579

Terri, I walked with you alongside the dyke march until you turned around. I enjoyed meeting you & would like to talk some more. It's hard to do that without a phone number. Hope to hear from you. Susan ☎ 1575

G/BiWF, 45, ISO GWF/N/S, N/D, hear/read poetry, hang-out, drink coffee, talk life. ☎ 1576

UNFULFILLED?

GWF - 39 in unsatisfying relationship seeking GWF 35-45 in similar or same situation for friendship & more. ☎ 1574

Attractive, feminine, 33, GWF, friendly, idealistic, gentle, professional (out of town weekly) looking for platonic friendship or old fashioned romance. ☎ 1564

Angela Lashbury lookalike seeks Linda Evans lookalike 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 les-

bians; 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 important 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., Shy novice needs firm but gentle tutor of love. Discretion please. Box 1408, 1189 Virginia Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA., 30306

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

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: GWF 38+. Intropective, 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, 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

GWF, 23, 5'1", cute seeks attractive GWF 20's. Enjoys laughing, good conversation, romantic evenings and much more. Let's meet! ☎ 1301

GWF, 32, heavy semi-butch seeks feminine to semi-butch 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

Single Black Female seeks fem Single Black Male 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 smokey 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

No strings! 31 GWM handsome/versatile, seeks handsome under 30 partner for save discreet encounters, my home, mornings, afternoons. NO FATS. ☎ 1581

Dominate leather GWM, 31, 42" hairy chest, 30" waist. ISO submissive boy 18-25. ☎ 1582

Attractive and tan, horny, hot, versatile, GWM 6', 175#, brown, blue wants

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slim GWM under 35 for fun times nights/weekends. ☎ 1584

Othello where are you? Tall light and handsome seeks tall dark and handsome for multi-dimensional relationship. Dreds a plus. Consciousness a must. ☎ 1585

GWM, 35, seekend other GWMs 35 or older for friendship and companionship. ☎ 1586

Sugardad, retired seeks son 25-40 for daytime relations. ☎ 1587

HELIUMHEELS?? Attractive top, 38, safe, brown/blue, looking for bottom who likes his legs in the air!! ☎ 1588

GBM 31, 5'10", 190#, goodlooking, endowed HIV- seeks 2 white buys 18-35 that want Black third for safe fun. ☎ 1589

GWM, 31, HIV+, very healthy and fit. I'm nice looking and interested in meeting another sane guy. 1590

ROMANTIC, EASY GOING, KID AT HEART, 31, GWM, brn/hzl, 180#, 5'7", moustache, healthy HIV+, seeks friends/relationship. It's Easy—CALL! ☎ 1591

HOT CHOCOLATE. If you like hot young homeboys with milk chocolate bodies, call us. Two roommates, 21ish, 5'8", 160-165lb looking for playmate. Call the Onyx Boys ☎ 1561

Gook looking top, racially mixed, 30's, solid compact build, well equipped, wants discreet masculine bottom in good shape, Latino, PR? ☎ 1570

Attractive GWM, HIV+, 29, 6', 175lbs, Non-smoker. Seeks GWM under 40 for friendship/relationship. Enjoy camping/traveling, music & movies. Greenville, SC. ☎ 1566

ROMAN CATHOLIC GWM, 5'10, 168, 39, Hairy, degreed, sane, sensitive, non-pretentious, HIV-, stable, sincere seeks guys 20-45 for friendship. ☎ 1565

GWM, 25, Christian, 5'11", 190 lbs, professional, high morals, honest, hairy. ISO BM/W/M, hung, morals, professional, traveller, active, HIV-, gdlooks/built. ☎ 1562

MBiWM, 48, looking to join a J.O. club that meets daytimes or individuals with mutual interest or more. ☎ 1573

BOYFRIEND MATERIAL: romantic, playful, boyish 38, blue eyes, moustache, safe top seeks "other half." Photo/ tel: POB 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324.

GWM, 40, 6', 210, br/blu, into 99X, sports, travel, poetry, seeks GWM 35-45 for dating and possible relationship. ☎ 1578

GWM, 5'7", 165, br/br, mod. hairy, seeks GMs under 5'6" w/equipment over 8.5. Let's play! ☎ 1580

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 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

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

GWM, 38, Bi/Bi, 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.

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

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 W/M, 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.

PERSONALS

☎ 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

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/Grn, Mustache, Eclectic taste Bach to Merchant. Seeks same 25-50. ☎ 1451

HOMEBOYS ONLY-BM, 27, tall, baldhead, stocky, masculine, will be in Atlanta in July, seeks homeboys to show me around. ☎ 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 too short to go it alone, take a chance. ☎ 1457

GWM seeks GBM-GWM, prof., 36, BI/BI, 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. 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. Receiving? 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, L5P, movies, 99x, Braves... You, 25-40ish, sense of humor. ☎ 1416

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 headcases! ☎ 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/Bl 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

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

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

Attractive, hairy, 31, GWM accepting applications from GWMs, 30 something, handsome, witty, mature who are ready to settle down. ☎ 1395

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

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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 lifelong 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/BI nice

smile. Me BI/BI 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, musc, masc, vers, for hot sessions. Mil, jox, face sitters, big feet, A+. ☎ 1299

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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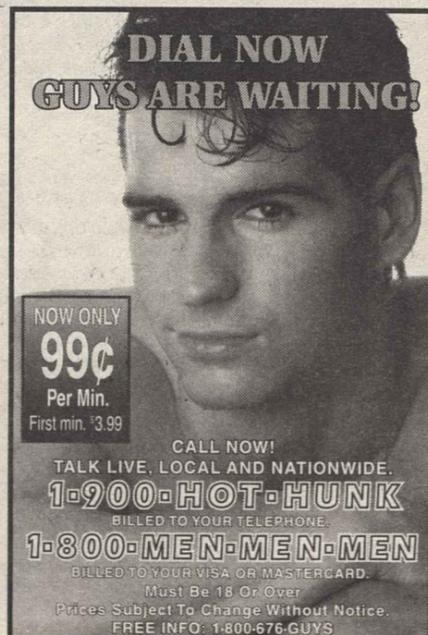
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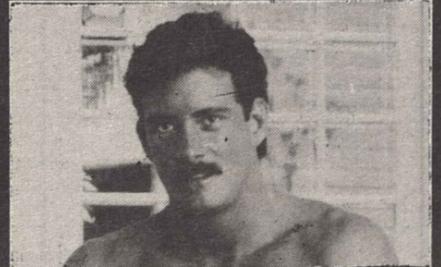


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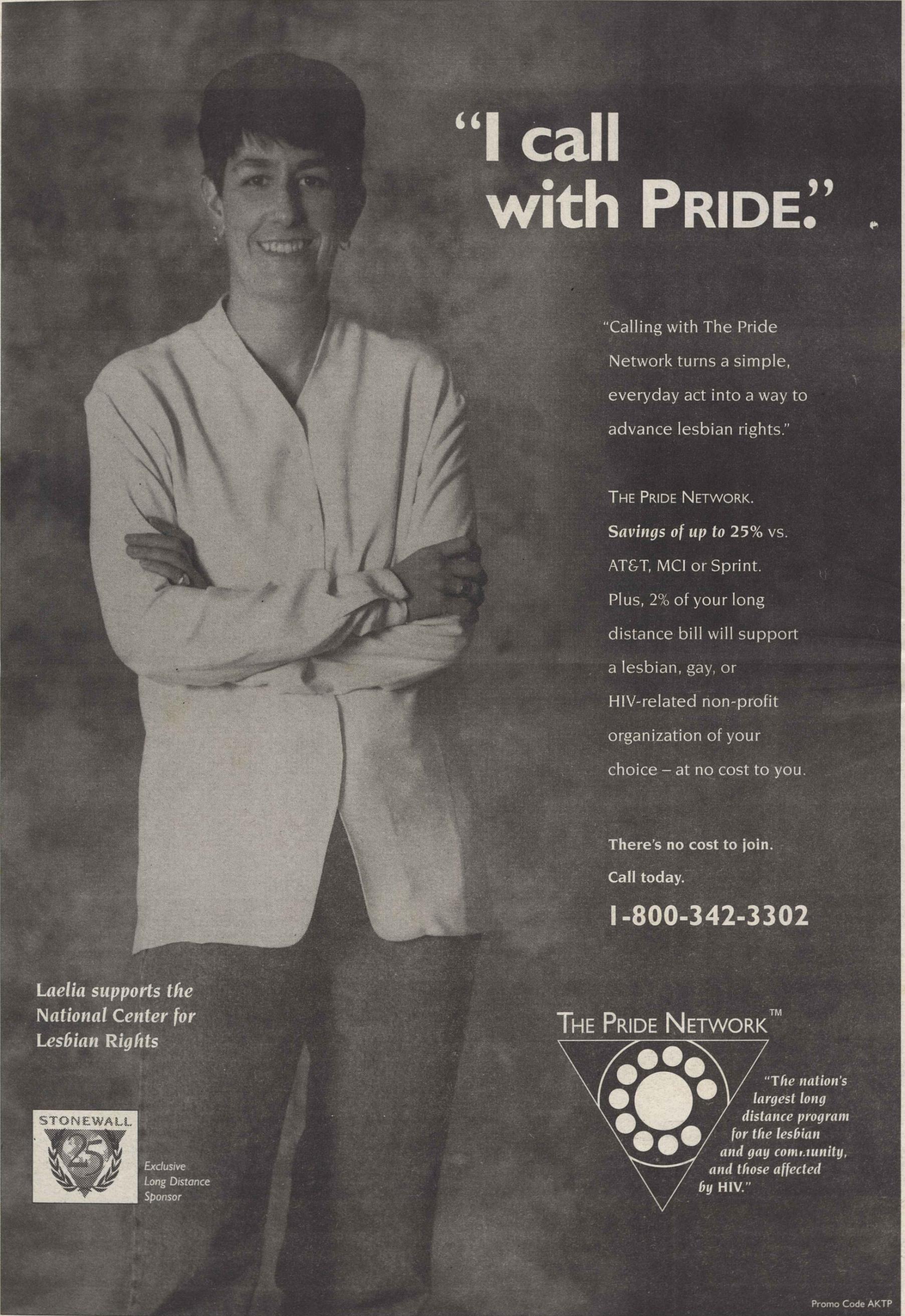


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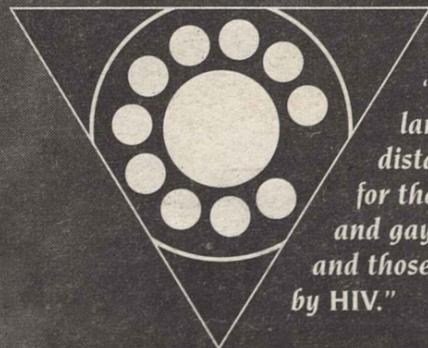
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