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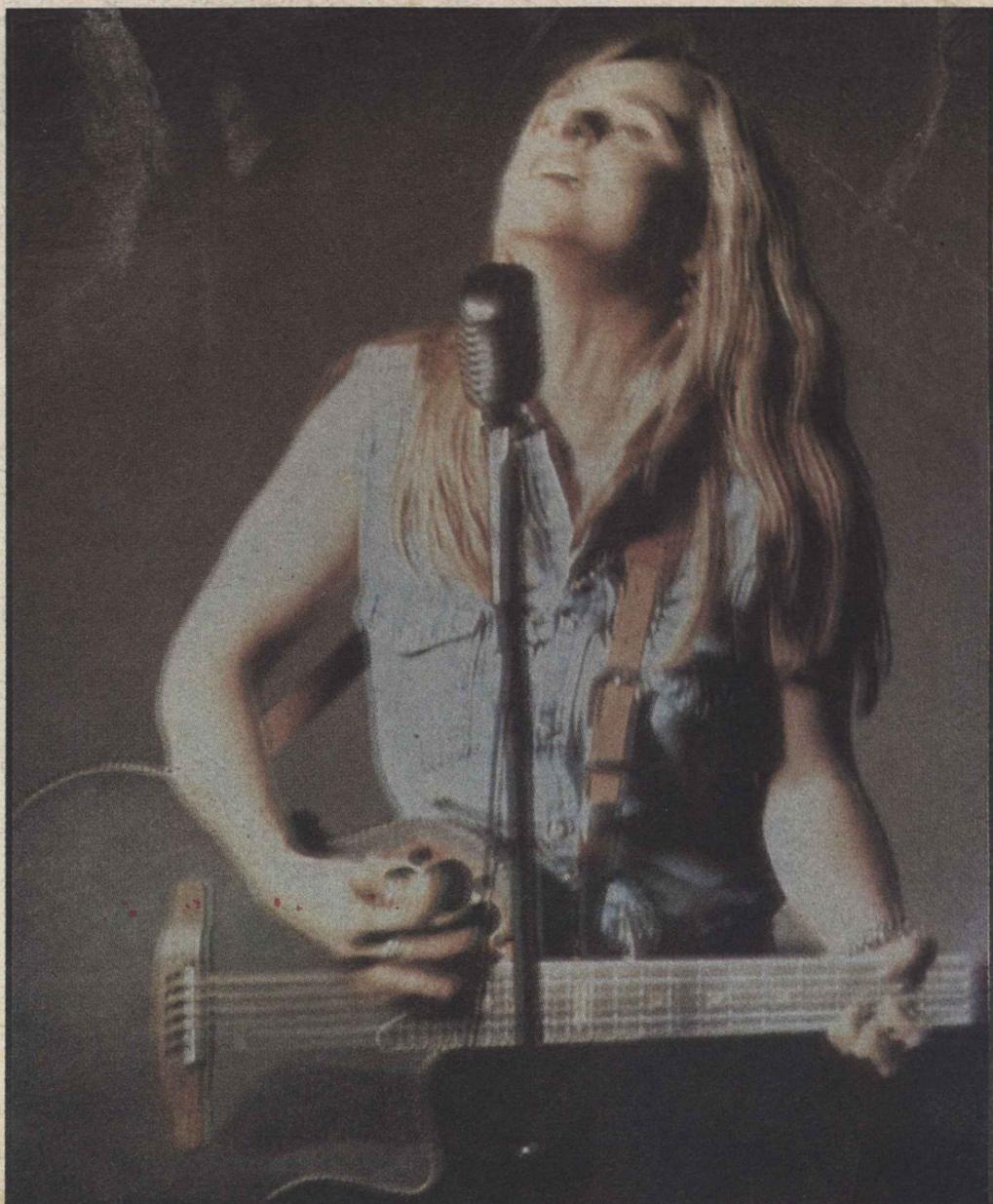
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MELISSA ETHERIDGE

YES SHE IS...

...Rock 'n roll's
lesbian diva talks
to Southern Voice
about coming out,
Cobb County and
commitment to
her music

by KC WILDMOON

The girls—and some of the boys—stand in their seats, singing every lyric, intoxicated by vibrant currents of electricity pouring from speakers at the side of the stage. They scream their delight at the end of every song, waving their hands in the air and reaching to the stage to touch the woman who has touched them with the fierce intensity of her music.

And that was before January 1993, when Melissa Etheridge stood at a microphone at the Triangle Ball—the lesbian/gay inaugural gala for Bill Clinton—and said she was proud to be a lesbian.

"I was there with my friends," she said during an interview last week with Southern Voice. "I just sort of walked into this situation that I didn't really know what was going on, but we were up on this balcony talking. And I just got up and said I was very proud to be a lesbian. I didn't realize there were thousands of people underneath and this was going out...It was a very public announcement. I wouldn't have not done it anyway, but I didn't realize the impact until I stepped aside and went 'ooh, I think I just came out.'"

It was an important step—one the Grammy winner had thought about the year before, and one she'd already decided to make.

"I knew at some point I was going to come out," she said. "I thought I was going to wait until my new

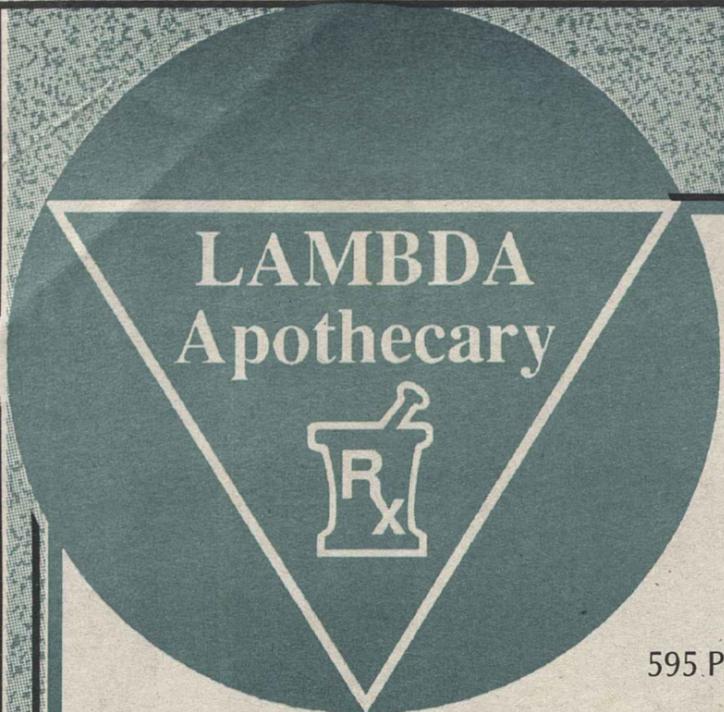
album actually came out ("Yes I Am" was released last fall) and there was a lot of press, that sort of moment. But I was there at the inauguration..."

And she just did it. Prior to that fateful evening, Etheridge had always avoided questions about her personal life, feeling that it should remain so. But Etheridge had never been particularly closeted—she was discovered by Island Records founder Chris Blackwell playing in a Los Angeles lesbian bar, Que Sera, in 1986, and that led to her self-titled debut album in 1988.

"[I've been out] all my life...anyone who knew me more than just being introduced to me," she said. "I was always very open, and it was something that was very important to me. And that's one of the reasons I wanted to come out [publicly], because I felt like, gee, I really am out in every way except totally publicity-wise to the press. I had done as much as everyone has done who just comes out. But we are requested as public figures to take it one step further."

That one step further launched her straight into the hearts of lesbians across the country—although few had doubts about Etheridge before the public announcement. But a rock and roll diva with the power and intensity of Melissa Etheridge is hard to

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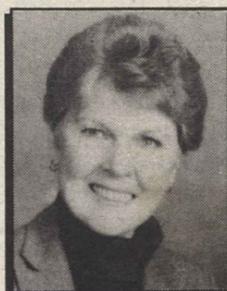
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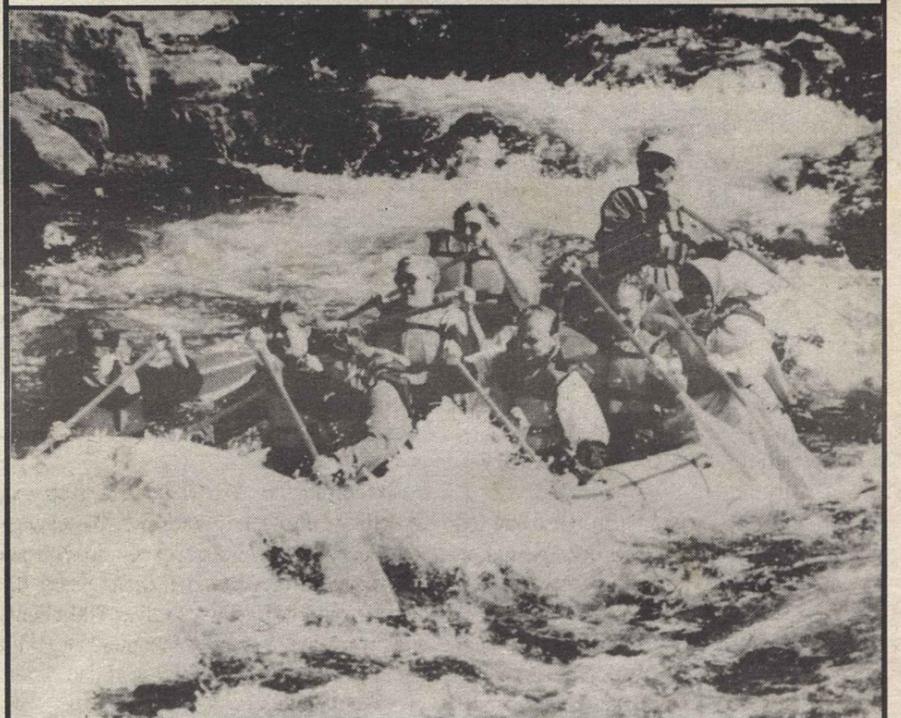
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Louganis says move Olympic volleyball out of Cobb County

Atlanta and St. Louis, MO—Pressure on the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games to move an Olympic venue from Cobb County was turned up a notch last week, when four-time gold medalist Greg Louganis told an awards ceremony audience that the suburban Atlanta county's anti-gay resolution threatens gay athletes.

"I'm concerned about some of the athletes who are scheduled to participate in the volleyball preliminaries at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta," said the diver, who came out publicly last month at the Gay Games in New York City. "...Last year, Cobb County adopted a resolution condemning gay people. So now, in addition to the normal pressures of competition, gay athletes who are participating in the preliminaries will have the added pressure of knowing that they are not welcome in Cobb County."

Louganis stunned the St. Louis audience, where he received the Robert J. Kane Award, given by the United States Olympic Committee to honor an athlete who had success at the U.S. Olympic Festival and continues to give back to their sport. He dedicated his award to the memory of Dr. Tom Waddell, a former Olympic decathlete who founded the Gay Games in 1982. Waddell died of AIDS in 1986.

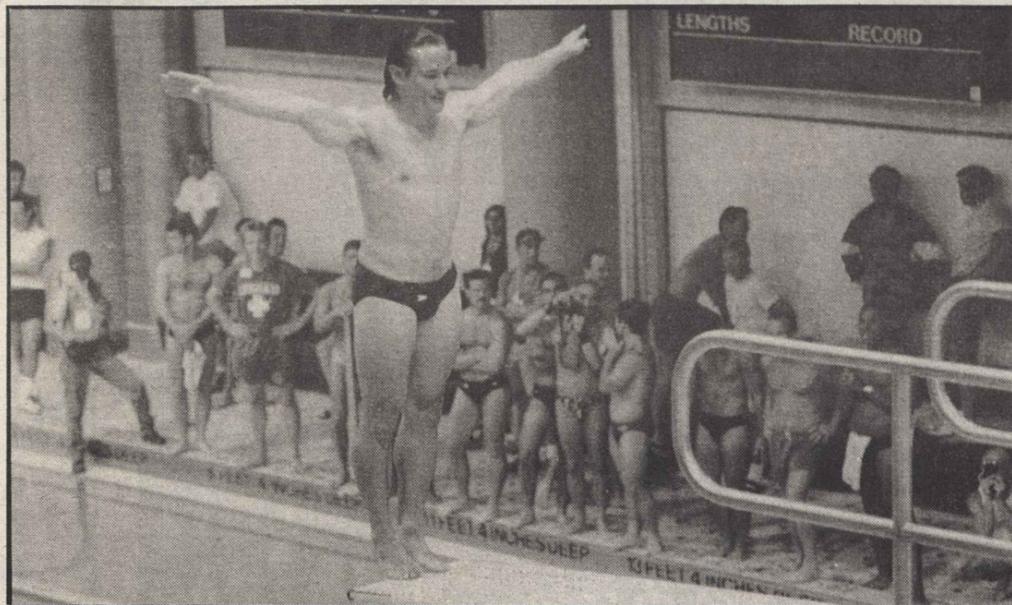
"The U.S. Olympic Committee has already sent a strong message to all Olympic athletes by giving the Robert J. Kane Award to an openly gay athlete," Louganis said. "Now they should reinforce that message by encouraging the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games to move the volleyball preliminaries to a venue that is open to all athletes, including gay and lesbian athletes."

"This is not a political issue," he continued. "It's an issue of fairness. An openly gay athlete should be able to compete without barriers."

Louganis' speech prompted a guarded comments from USOC officials, who are expected to discuss the matter at a board meeting this week.

"It's strictly left up to the local organizing committee,"

said Dr. Leroy Walker, president of the USOC. "But I think there's so much of an impact that they are getting from the ministers, the public in Atlanta—not just the gay and lesbian community—but all individuals



Greg Louganis, pictured here at the Gay Games last month, has come out publicly against Cobb County's anti-gay resolution saying it is harmful to gay athletes who may compete there in volleyball during the 1996 Olympics.

CHRISTINA CZAJKOWSKI

there who consider the rights of individuals to live and do what they want to do."

Walker said he believed that ACOG "will look at that now and do something very quickly, because I don't think this is some-

thing that can simmer."

In Atlanta, ACOG officials reacted with equal restraint.

"Greg Louganis is a terrific athlete, a

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Future is looking better for Project Open Hand

Changes in client criteria and staff size may help insure longevity of the meals-on-wheels program for Atlanta AIDS patients

by PAMELA EVANS

Project Open Hand's potentially controversial move to no longer feed HIV positive people who are not actually ill with AIDS has reduced client numbers from over 800 to 511 and is just one of the changes agency officials hope will impact the organization's longevity.

As of June 1, clients have to certify they have one of 42 AIDS-related illnesses and meet the definition of disability used by Social Security.

Prior to June, Project Open Hand had fed anybody who could provide documentation that they were HIV-positive, whether or not they were sick or homebound.

Community leaders are praising Project Open Hand's new certification criteria. The change, they say, should have been made some time ago.

According to Paul Plate, director of Positive Impact and former Project Open Hand board chair, the issue was considered as long ago as two years.

"At my last board retreat, it was one of the things we talked about then. I brought it up and I thought I was going to be stoned," said Plate.

Board members may have been resistant because of the emotional impact the organization would have to endure when they stopped providing meals to some clients,

but Plate believes both the community and those clients will actually benefit in the long run.

"It's a positive change for the community and for the client, as well, although he may not realize it now," he said.

Plate believes persons who are HIV-positive have a much better quality of life if they are forced to rely on their own initiative and on the support groups they develop. Providing meals when people are able to provide for themselves may do more harm than good.

In addition, said Plate, the change in client criteria will free up some of the money that would have gone to support Project Open Hand, making it available to other equally important organizations in the community.

"It's hard to keep raising that kind of money," he said. "You really drain the community and lessen support to other organizations."

According to Ava Diamond, executive director of Project Open Hand, the change was necessary in order to keep doors open and meals being delivered. In six years, the organization has grown to over 800 clients and projections indicated that number would increase to at least 1,000 by year end.

"We were having serious financial problems. If you looked to the future, it was hard to see how we would stay open," Diamond said.

"I'm surprised they didn't do this sooner," said Mark King, executive director of Aids Survival Project, one of several area organizations who met to research the question of a change in client criteria. "Even with good intentions, it may have been a little cavalier to offer as many meals as they did. No one else in the country does it."

Diamond said most clients seemed to un-

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Midtown group urges Cobb to rescind resolution

Atlanta—The Midtown Neighbors Association (MNA), during its quarterly meeting last month, voted to urge the Cobb County Commission to rescind its anti-gay resolution—but only after a heated debate about whether or not the neighborhood organization should take any political stand at all.

Several elected officials who represent districts in Midtown—City Council member Mary Davis, Fulton County Commissioner Nancy Boxill, and state Rep. Jim Martin—were also on hand, and all three made impassioned pleas for ACOG to abandon the volleyball venue currently set for Cobb County's Galleria Centre.

Davis told the ACOG representatives that service contracts with the city for the Games could have a hard time mustering support in City Council if the organizing committee does not move the venue while Cobb's resolution is on the books.

"I'm hoping it doesn't come to that," Davis said a few days after the meeting. "The Olympics Out of Cobb Coalition and the Cobb Citizens Coalition have done a great job. What I'm trying to do is back that up." Davis said support on City Council is growing as it becomes more evident that the Cobb County Commission is unwilling to compromise their condemnation of the "gay lifestyle." "I take a vow to uphold the constitution and the charter," she said. "I view it as a positive duty of my office, and a moral duty as a person, to stand for human rights."

Members of the MNA in attendance at the meeting said that Boxill also spoke about holding up health permits needed for Fulton County venues for the Games, but the Fulton County Commissioner could not be reached by phone for a comment in

time for this issue.

The June 29 meeting, featuring a presentation by three representatives from ACOG about the impact the 1996 event will have on Midtown, was filled with the largest turnout of area residents ever for a quarterly meeting. Following the presentation, a resolution was proposed urging that the Cobb County venue be dropped, but several members, including Steve Brinkley, president of the Association, tried to block the vote.

"[Brinkley] was obviously stonewalling," said MNA member Monty Harrell. "He didn't want a vote to be taken."

After an intense debate—and the departure of the ACOG representatives—a vote was taken urging that Cobb rescind its resolution. Twenty-two residents at the meeting joined the association in order to vote. But Brinkley refused to announce the results, saying he would do so at the next meeting in three months. Harrell said he learned later that the vote was 49-1.

"I was appalled that the president and a few of the leaders of the Midtown Neighbors Association were...keeping the results under wrap," he said.

Brinkley did not return a phone call to Southern Voice, but others in attendance said that the debate centered on concern that taking a political stand was not part of the Association's responsibilities and that the vote may hurt the neighborhood's relationship with ACOG.

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City Council member Mary Davis



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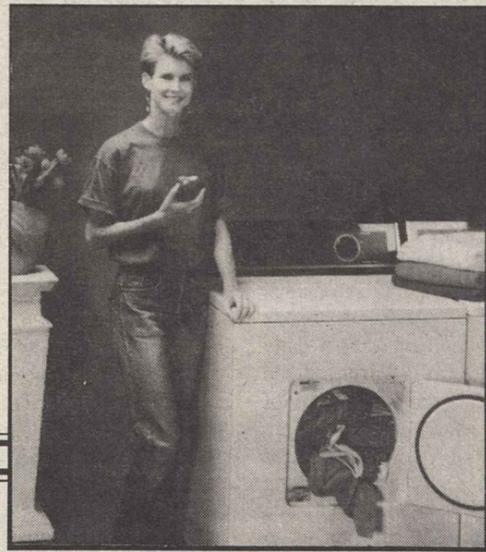
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Kentucky town in uproar over local church welcoming gays

Henderson, KY—Members of the Zion United Church of Christ thought they were worshipping as their beliefs dictate and the Constitution allows when they voted to accept gay and lesbian members.

But their decision to adopt an "open and affirming" policy of accepting members regardless of their sexual orientation has started a clash between protestant denominations that has become part of daily life in Henderson.

The opinion pages of Henderson's daily newspaper, The Gleaner, have fairly seethed with impassioned letters from both sides of the fight. And it has gotten ugly.

The letters filled almost the entire paper on June 18. One cited Bible verses saying homosexuality was "deserving of death" while another likened Christian fundamentalists to the racist White Citizens Councils of the 1950s.

"I've had a couple of threatening phone calls and some anonymous letters that have been very upsetting, very degrading," said the Rev. J. Bennett Guess, pastor of the outspokenly liberal UCC congregation in this conservative Bible Belt town.

"We hear innuendos and remarks that come from other churches' prayer meetings and sermons about us which are untrue and very cruel," the 27-year-old minister said. He estimates his congregation to be about 15% openly lesbian and gay.

The church voted without dissent on May 22 to adopt a position 135 UCC congregations in the United States had adopted since 1985. The denomination's General Synod, its national steering body, urged its congregations

to adopt resolutions welcoming homosexuals and bisexuals.

Zion is the first UCC congregation in Kentucky to openly welcome gays.

The only agreement between Zion and the conservative, evangelical or fundamentalist churches that have condemned accepting homosexuals is that they disagree profoundly in their interpretations of the Bible.

"Those who call themselves Christians and embrace the practice of a gay lifestyle are not genuine Christians, according to the Word of God," the Rev. L.C. Troxler wrote in a letter that was signed by ministers from 12 other Protestant churches in Henderson and published in The Gleaner.

Troxler, pastor of the Central Assembly of God in Henderson, chafes at comparisons between his position and that of whites who fought public school integration in the 1950s and 1960s. He said his church would welcome gay members, too, but only if they repent and abandon their homosexuality.

"The other side always want to make this a red herring issue, that we're like the KKK (Ku Klux Klan), that we're prejudiced against gays like people were prejudiced against blacks," Troxler said.

"That is not the case. What we oppose is a lifestyle that is redefining American society," he said. "If you have a church for gays, do we have to have one for robbers, for liars, for thieves?" he said.

Conservatives say the Bible clearly defines homosexuality as an "abomination before

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SC legislator wants to restrict public TV after seeing gay documentary

Greenville, SC—A state representative here has vowed to propose legislation to restrict the content of programs aired by South Carolina Educational Television after watching an airing of "Before Stonewall," the historical documentary of the gay rights movement prior to the 1969 Stonewall rebellion.

"The whole tenor of the program was to promote homosexuality as a superior lifestyle to the heterosexual lifestyle," Rep. Terry Haskins, a Republican, told The Greenville News. "Some of what was said was just outrageous."

Haskins threatened legislation if the network doesn't impose stricter standards on itself, claiming that SCETV should air only programs accepted by a majority of taxpayers.

"You can't legislate what is morality, but there are standards of decency that ought not be violated by public television," he said.

Kathy Gardner-Jones, SCETV's vice president of communications, said the station aired a disclaimer before the program at 10pm, past



A scene from "Before Stonewall," an Emmy Award-winning documentary on the gay rights movement prior to 1969.

prime time.

"We do believe that programming is a public trust, and I don't think we violated that trust," she said. "I think we've been very careful."

Virginia governor says gays are unnatural

Richmond, VA—Homosexual relationships are illegal and it is "not in the best interests" of children to be raised by gay parents, Gov. George Allen said during his monthly radio call-in show.

A caller June 28 asked Allen about a recent Virginia Court of Appeals decision returning custody of a 2-year-old boy to his lesbian mother. The boy's grandmother convinced a Henrico County judge last year that her daughter's homosexuality hurt the boy and made her an unfit mother.

Allen responded that gay relationships are "unnatural." He said society shouldn't condone homosexual relationships, and he emphasized that under Virginia law homosexual

sex acts are illegal.

The governor also said that it is "not in the best interests of a child to be raised in that environment."

Allen said he was even concerned that his children, Tyler, 6, and Forrest, 3, might hear news reports about the case.

After the Henrico County judge's ruling last year, Sharon Bottoms lost custody of her son. The appeals court sided with Bottoms, but her mother's lawyer has filed notice that the case will be appealed to the Virginia Supreme Court.

While the case is being appealed, Kay Bottoms retains custody of the boy.

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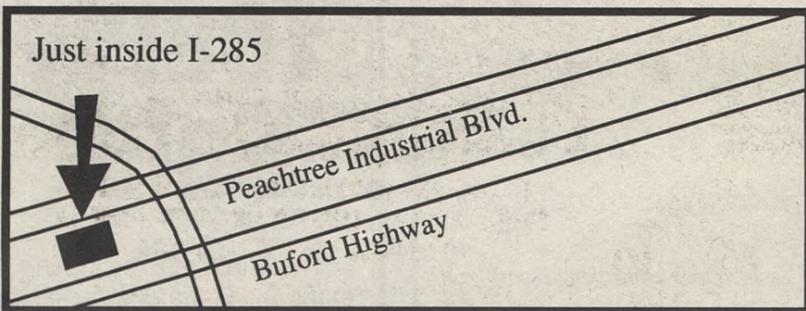
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Idaho Anti-Gay Initiative Will Be Up For Vote: Opponents of an anti-gay initiative in Idaho have conceded the opening round in their battle with the Idaho Citizens Alliance. Brian Bergquist of the Don't Sign On campaign said a survey of all 44 county clerks in the state showed that the alliance has already certified more than the 32,061 registered voter signatures needed to put the proposition on the November ballot—but not by much. "Obviously we're disappointed that Idaho is going to have to fight about this," Bergquist said. "But Don't Sign On has always said we thought it would get on the ballot." The ICA is expected to turn in the petitions later this week.

Ethics Board Rejects Complaint Against Lesbian Lawmaker: A complaint claiming a Wisconsin legislator violated ethics rules with her involvement in formation of a new political coalition for gay men and lesbians was dismissed July 1 by the State Ethics Board. The board said Rep. Tammy Baldwin did not give advance permission for use of her office telephone number on a national computer bulletin board by Action Wisconsin organizers. Baldwin is the first openly lesbian legislator in Wisconsin. The complaint was filed by Charles Lee, a political conservative and host of a call-in television program on an Eau Claire public access channel.



Gay Partners Of State Workers Would Get Benefits Under Cuomo Plan: New York would become the second state, following Vermont, to provide health benefits to the partners of lesbian and gay state workers under a plan announced last week by Gov. Mario Cuomo. "We hope to be offering health coverage to domestic partners by the first of the year," said Cuomo, who is running for a fourth term. Meanwhile, Republicans who control the state Senate killed a gay civil rights bill behind closed doors for the third consecutive year. The Senate GOP refused to allow a public vote on the bill.

Rep. Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin has been cleared of ethics violations that she used government funds to assist a gay political organization.

Lesbian Sues Ex-Partner For Visitation: A lesbian has filed an unprecedented lawsuit in the 3rd District Court in Utah seeking visitation rights with a child conceived through artificial insemination by her ex-partner. Details of the lawsuit were revealed in a copyright story in the July 3 edition of The Salt Lake Tribune. The newspaper guaranteed the women anonymity, identifying them only as Amy and Marsha. Amy filed the lawsuit after Marsha and her two children (one from a previous marriage) moved out of the couple's home. Courts in four states have held that nonbiological parents have no right to custody or visitation after a breakup. "These are some of the most heartbreaking cases we deal with," said Paula Brantner of the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco. "Any further relationship [with the child] becomes wholly dependent on the good will of the biological parent. It may be a long time coming."

McFeeley To Step Down: Tim McFeeley is stepping down as executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. In a news release dated July 1, McFeeley said he would stay on with HRCF until "after the November elections." The HRCF board of directors has formed a search committee and retained the firm of Goodwin & Company to conduct that search. McFeeley began his tenure in 1989. "I am honored to have had this opportunity to serve the lesbian and gay community at a time of remarkable change and progress," McFeeley said. "The Campaign Fund and its members are prepared for the important work that awaits us in this critical election year."

Justice Department Asks Court To Delay Cammermeyer's Reinstatement: After U.S. District Judge Thomas Zilly rejected the Justice Department's arguments that allowing Col. Margrethe Cammermeyer back into uniform will cause irreparable harm to the military, the government's lawyer's went a step further, asking the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to delay the decorated Army nurse's reinstatement. The government wants the reinstatement put on hold until the court can hear their appeal of Zilly's ruling. Regarding the Justice Department's claim that Cammermeyer's presence in uniform could hurt the military, either the military is quite fragile, Cammermeyer said, or "I am extremely powerful."

Scouts Lose Funding Because Of Fired Gay Leader: A New Haven, CT, Boy Scout Council has lost its funding from the United Way because of its decision to fire a Scout leader who is gay. The board of the United Way of Greater New Haven voted 20-4 last week to withhold \$60,000 it planned to give next year to the Quinnipiac Council of Boy Scouts because the council violated the United Way's antidiscrimination policies when it fired 67-year-old David Knapp, a respected volunteer Scout leader who had a 25-year affiliation with the organization. There were no complaints of misconduct against Knapp, a decorated former Eagle Scout who realized he was gay at age 50.

Cincinnati Gay Rights Battle Far From Over: A judge's decision on whether to uphold a voter-approved ban on civil rights protections for gay men and lesbians in Cincinnati will be far from the final word on the merit of such rights. "This is a central issue in our society today for gay people, and for all people," said Suzanne Goldberg, a lawyer with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which has helped Ohio advocates with their lawsuit against the ban. U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel blocked the ban from taking effect last fall until he rules on the lawsuit. His ruling is expected in a few weeks, and the losing side is expected to appeal. "We fully expect the Supreme Court to hear this case," said Phil Burrell, chair of Equal Rights, Not Special Rights.

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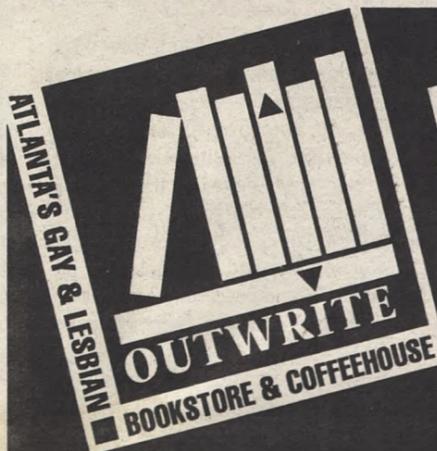
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GUEST EDITORIAL

There's trouble, right here in the Jonquil City

by JONATHAN KIVETT

I've been drafted. They came to my door and insisted that I become an activist. I did not request the position, nor did I actively solicit it. I just put my rainbow flag license plate on my car. That's it. That's all.

Let me back up a little. I live in historic Smyrna, Georgia, also known as the Jonquil City. It's home to Julia Roberts and her much more talented brother Eric, and right smack in Cobb County, also home to Gordon Wysong and the new 90's brand of intolerance.

I live a relatively quiet life, grilling on my patio on occasion, listening to my k.d. lang music on my cheap plastic tape player, working out and watching television. I get along with my neighbors, which is to say that I don't see much of them nor they me. But we smile, or at least refrain from frowning when we pass in the halls or on the sidewalk of my apartment complex.

My landlords like me because I keep the place cleaner than the previous tenant and they've almost forgiven me for painting it to resemble a Howard Johnsons. In short, it's my home and I'm happy here. I write, I sing in the shower, I've even come very close to falling in love here.

As far as The Struggle For Our Rights goes, I was always watching it on television or entering into spirited conversations with my mother (who thinks we should marry, but agrees that finding a man willing to commit is the problem) to my brother (who doesn't understand why we need rights at all) to my friends, some of whom have been the victims of gay bashing, both verbal and physical. But I was safe, I was spared. After all, I kept to myself didn't I? I never played my stereo loudly or had the Hotlanta Rugby Team over for dinner and sex. I was pleasant to people, didn't look or act particularly gay, and was therefore

not involved in the war.

Then I finally got around to putting the rainbow license tag on the front of my car. You know, the one everybody buys at Pride along with the "Nobody Knows I'm Gay" T-Shirts that we wear seven times, all in Midtown except for that Protest At The Square.

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Last night, I turned off my computer and headed to my car to retrieve my Alison Moyet tape. When I opened the door to my apartment, there was the draft notice. Laid out on the carpet in front of my door was my license tag, all ten dollars of it, broken into four pieces and submitted like an offering.

Now I know what it feels like.... not to be bashed, to be assaulted by drunken rednecks on Juniper with three bottles of Magnum and a baseball bat. Not what it feels like to have your employer fire you for "Improper Attitude" when your commitment ceremony makes the paper. Not what it feels like to be languishing in a hospital room with an I.V. in your

arm, fighting off PCP while the nurses tell queer jokes outside your door. No, I would never suggest that I understand that level of pain and betrayal because I don't.

But my home feels different now, somehow less friendly, less of a sanctuary. Now I know that somebody out there, my neighbors for God's sake, don't want me here; don't want any of us here.

I had two choices, standing there with my license tag in my hands. I could gather the pieces up and throw them in the trash, and Leave Things Alone (which several friends, several gay friends, suggested) or I could drive to Brushstrokes and shell out ten more bucks for another tag and firmly affix it to my bumper, knowing that: A) it would most likely be construed as a challenge and torn off again, or B) worse.

So I called the apartment complex and reported it to security. I wrote this essay.

And I sent a piece of the broken license tag to Gordon Wysong, thanking him for his contributions to my oppression, to my suddenly keenly felt oppression. I told him that he owes me, owes all of us, the same respect and consideration he shows for those with whom he agrees and associates.

Someday maybe the rainbow flag will go the way of the stars and stripes, becoming a symbol of a war that's over, of battles fought and liberties won so long ago that we can afford to take them for granted. Until then, though, it goes back on my car. Because these are the days when it needs to be seen, when we need to be seen for who we are. Proud, sometimes angry, and willing to struggle for the right to find our happiness.

Jonathan Kivett is a freelance writer currently at work on a feature-length film about a young man dealing with betrayal and HIV.

LETTERS

Being nice is not enough

I am certain that you have received many responses to Greg Henry's letter in the June 16 issue [of SoVo]. This is yet another one. Mr. Henry's opinions are quite confused and narrow, but worse, I fear that they are representative of the opinions of a significant number of people in the gay and lesbian community—the so-called "neoconservatives" or "new gay right." Witness the article by Sara Miles titled "Do the Right Thing" in the July/August issue of OUT magazine.

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, or put on drag shows, than to peacefully assimilate.

This is, unfortunately, an extremely naive and ahistorical view.

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. 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. Nothing we can do will make us "good enough" to be accepted as a matter of course by heteros. However much we beg and try to please, there is no evidence that heteros will give us a "place at the table" just because they spontaneously realize it's the right thing to do.

Based on all the evidence which we have available to this point, continued struggle is our only option. There's no easy way to achieve equality and respect.

Finally, and most importantly, the "apolitical" pretensions of opinions such as Mr. Henry's are positively harmful to the lesbian and gay struggle. 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. 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.

Chelsea H. Snelgrove

STONEWALL RIOTS

BY ANDREA NATALIE



Nicole Simpson's story is the one that must be remembered

Usually I write about Queer things in this space—gay people, people who like or don't like gay people, things that have or haven't happened to gay people, things we would like to happen to gay people.

So why write about the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman? There's nothing Queer about them—no gay participants, no specifically gay reason to applaud someone's behavior or be more indignant than straight people about. The facts are simple enough. A famous athlete in an interracial relationship with a record of abusive behavior has been accused of killing his wife and a friend, with charges of racism and hero-worship competing for public sympathy. Leave it to the tabloids, my writer's instincts say.

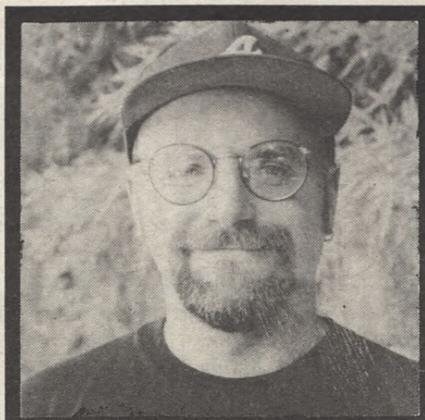
And yet nothing I've seen on TV in ages has bored its way into my soul as this has. I knew Nicole's story the minute "the rest of the story" started coming out, since it was over three years ago, in the third column I ever wrote for this newspaper, that I acknowledged being a gay male battered spouse.

My story goes like this. On St. Patrick's Day 1989 I met the person who would become my first lover—a black man whose winning demeanor was not far different from that of the man Nicole Simpson fell in love with. On Memorial Day, I moved him into Atlanta from the Midwest, bickering all the while. Our relationship, which had been emotionally abusive from the moment we said "I love you," turned physically abusive by July. We broke up Halloween night, to become roommates. It didn't work.

I first called 911 on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The police came and made him leave; thirty minutes later, I let him back in. I had to call 911 twice more that weekend. When he hadn't moved out a month later, I inquired as to his plans; he said, "I'm not moving out until sometime in January, and if you don't like it, you can call 911 and suffer the consequences."

Four nights later, his hands were around my throat. Three days after that, I changed the locks, four days before Christmas. And on January 1, there were four flat tires on my car. During the next three months, three more sets of tires would be slashed, but never any evidence to arrest someone. Finally, I surrendered my apartment and moved to a high-rise, locking the door behind me on St. Patrick's Day, 1990, one year to the day after meeting him.

And even with my history, I was not immediately prepared to believe Nicole



Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

Simpson's story when I first heard it—famous people just don't do that. Reality didn't begin cutting through the fog of celebrity until that surreal TV motorcade. The average fugitive, black or white, wouldn't get a cleared freeway during Friday rush-hour in LA in a thousand years.

And it was about that time when people in my office started "disappearing" Nicole Simpson. "He wouldn't do that," one woman said. "I bet she called 911 at the drop of a hat." Immediately, I thought of the people who didn't believe I had been abused by that "wonderful" man, even after seeing the bruises on my face.

Without that 911 tape, would anyone have believed Nicole Simpson? I haven't had such a flash of "Been There, Done That" in my five years since—an amazing illustration of the bizarre, karmic quality of modern justice, the dead wife's voice speaking to us from the grave about the side of her husband that only she saw. My boss told me she dreamed all night after hearing that call. Personally, I haven't slept well since I started writing this column.

But I had to write about it, because these stories keep happening. A National Public Radio report on battered spouses five years ago still rings in my head: "There are patterns among batterers, but none among battered spouses; they are simply people unlucky enough to fall in love with a violent person."

"So why did I get out, and not Nicole?" my survivors' guilt asks me. The best answer I can come up with is because I'm a white male, better trained in dealing with power. Looking

at my circumstance objectively, I can see that my ex-, as a black man new to town, without a good job or significant parental resources or a support network of longtime friends, had only the power that I had voluntarily given to him. When I started reclaiming my power—calling the police, getting money from my parents, telling my story to common acquaintances—my power as a well-employed white male returned with unsurprising ease.

But Nicole Simpson, power-differential-wise, didn't have a prayer. Ever since age 19, her husband had used his wealth and fame to disempower her. As his ex-wife, dependent on him for child support, forced by the presence of children to allow him regular re-entry into her life, she remained at his mercy, and that of a society that refused to believe her famous husband could treat her that way.

As for the backlash, let's be *real* clear about this—in the relationship in question, ALL the power, from the very beginning, was the husband's. To paint him a victim simply because of his race is a travesty such as could only be created in this "Victim, Victim, Who'll Be the Victim?" society we live in today.

And as Newsweek points out, this is not just a Straight Thing—battering is *more* common in gay and lesbian relationships than in male/female relationships. Perhaps because of the damage inflicted on us by our society, perhaps because two equals in a relationship more easily get into disputes over who wields the relationship's power.

Unfortunately, there really is nothing Queer, or even slightly strange, about this story. It's all too typical a product of a society that raises men exclusively to be warriors and soldiers. And in this instance, as in so many others, our community mirrors society at large far more closely than it should.

How much longer will we raise our children and reward our celebrities on how well they compete and dominate and win? That's how long it will take to truly solve the Nicole Simpson case.

For more information, get Naming the Violence by Kerry Lobel, or Men Who Beat the Men Who Love Them by David Island and Patrick Letellier at your local community bookstore. I also owe a large debt to the Council for Battered Women, which didn't bat an eye at helping a gay man in need when I needed it five years ago.

LETTERS

Juicy story

Recently I wrote the Florida Citrus Commission in Lakeland, Florida, thanking them for helping me to broaden my beverage appreciation. Up until they decided to use Rush Limbaugh to express their contempt for over a hundred million Americans, I was stuck in a rut. I stopped at quick stop groceries and bought Florida orange juice or grapefruit juice two or three times a day. I also kept a jug of each in my frig for the pleasure of my friends as well as myself.

At the bars, two of my favorite drinks were "greyhound" and the "screwdriver."

Some months ago, when I read that the same folks who brought us Anita Bryant had committed a million bucks or so to an arch conservative who can only spout venom when referring to the president of the United States, his wife, and Democrats in general, a man who also maligns women, non-whites and homosexuals of all colors and creeds, I knew my conscience would require me to change my diet.

Being a creature of habit, as most people

are, I thought I was making a sacrifice by giving up Florida citrus. But from that day to this if the product says "Florida" or "Indian River," I treat it like a skull and cross bones.

Thanks to the Florida Citrus Commission, I have rediscovered how sweet California oranges are, how delicious V-8 juice is with vodka, not to mention grapes, apples, fresh pineapples, and Georgia peaches. I have also discovered that a tall glass of ice water is more refreshing than a quart of Florida grapefruit juice, and does not cause heartburn.

I understand that untold thousands of people have responded the same way I have, and, although the Florida Citrus Commission has been too modest to admit it, they cannot ignore the fact that they have successfully reduced the consumption of Florida citrus by alienating millions of consumers. That is their job, isn't it?

For your readers who might like to thank the Florida Citrus Commission for letting everyone know their feelings toward us, the address is: P.O. Box 148, Lakeland, FL 33802.

Ray Harris
Atlanta

Bob it for Pride

Am I gay? Yes. Am I proud of who I am? Yes. Was I proud and supportive of the lesbian that strutted through Piedmont Park with her strap-on dildo on Gay Pride Day? No! Where was Lorena Bobbitt when we needed her?

I support freedom of expression for all Americans. I do not support obscenity. Children, parents, neighbors were all witness to this outrageous behavior. Some fine homosexual role model she was.

We do not allow or accept men to walk around with their penises hanging out, nor should we accept this woman's behavior.

We as gay citizens demand equal rights, freedoms and respect. But we must first gain the respect of society to guarantee these liberties.

Next year, leave your dildo at home where it belongs and instead bring with you a little bit more integrity and less showmanship.

Sincerely,
S. J. Smith
Atlanta



GLAAD
News

by CARL LANGE

A TEXAS-SIZED COMMITMENT

The El Paso Times, a member of the Gannett Group, has begun including same-gender commitment ceremony announcements alongside heterosexual wedding announcements. The first was of Alex Herrera, 23, and Rob Knight, 28, published on Sunday, June 26, 1994. The Times is one of at least a dozen mainstream papers, including The Atlanta Journal & Constitution, to recognize the relationships of its gay and lesbian readers.

The others are The Miami Herald (FL), The San Jose Mercury News (CA), The Star-Tribune (Minneapolis, MN), The Austin American-Statesman (TX), The Keene Sentinel (NH), The Greenfield Recorder (MA), The Marin Independent Journal (CA), The Brattleboro Reformer (VT), The Daily Hampshire Gazette (MA), The Herald (Everet, WA) and The Philadelphia Inquirer (PA).

Concurrent with the announcement in the El Paso Times was a statement by Dionicio "Don" Flores, editor and publisher, stating that while the announcements might not be popular with all, the decision to publish them was based on the paper's views on individual rights and "the principle that we are all equal, and we should all enjoy the same privileges."

Mr. Flores and the El Paso Times deserves your praise and support. Contact Dionicio "Don" Flores by calling (800) 351-1677 or (915) 546-6149. Write: Letters to the editor, El Paso Times, P.O. Box 20, El Paso, Texas 79999. fax: (915) 546-6415.

NATIONAL STONEWALL COVERAGE

For the most part, the major television networks offered competent coverage of Stonewall 25 March and related events. The Gay Games, despite their ranking as among the largest sporting events of the year, were given relatively less coverage.

CBS Evening News coverage featured diverse spokespersons for the community, including an African-American lesbian activist. CBS also pointed out that, despite the success of the June events, the international struggle for queer equal rights is "only in its early stages."

The NBC Nightly News focused on the increased visibility of lesbians, gays and bisexuals at many levels of society. Significantly, NBC also featured an interview with an older drag queen, acknowledging the fundamental role that the drag and transgendered communities played in the Stonewall Riots.

ABC World News offered a lengthy piece on the history of lesbian and gay activism.

Send your feedback to Eric Ober, Pres., CBS News, 51 W. 52nd St./NY, NY 10019, tel. 212-975-4321; Andrew Lack, Pres., NBC Nightly News, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NY, NY 10021, tel. 212-664-4444; Boone Arledge, Pres., ABC News, 47 W. 66th St., NY, NY 10023, tel. 212-456-7777.

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Frank convenes congressional hearing on Camp Sister Spirit

Jackson, MS—The lesbian founders of a retreat for battered women told a congressional panel July 6 of finding a dead dog draped over their mailbox and other harassment they claim authorities mostly ignored.

Reps. Barney Frank, D-Mass., and Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., convened a hearing into how authorities responded to problems at Camp Sister Spirit, which opened last August near Overt in southern Mississippi.

Brenda and Wanda Henson claim police, the local courts and FBI agents have ignored their complaints and contributed to the harassment.

Residents packed a courtroom for the three-hour hearing, some wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the words "Mississippi for Family Values," the group organized last winter to oppose the Hensons' Camp Sister Spirit.

The U.S. Congress can't change how residents feel about the camp, Frank said—but it does have a responsibility to ensure that local law enforcement does not act unconstitutionally.

"This is not a question of name-calling," said Frank, chairman of the civil and constitutional rights subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. "The right to dislike and disagree with one another is one right that many Americans take advantage of regularly."

The Hensons recounted shots being fired at their property, mail and telephone death threats, a high speed vehicle chase involving



Openly gay Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) called for the hearing to determine if local officials were responding adequately to the problems surrounding the lesbian-run retreat.

Brenda Henson and an unknown perpetrator, and being bothered by trespassers.

"When a dead dog with bullet holes was placed on our mailbox, the police report reflected that the dog was found in a ditch near our mailbox," Wanda Henson testified. "Some deputy sheriffs have also been openly hostile to us and refused to investigate many of the offenses that occurred."

"We do not seek tolerance and acceptance,"

she continued. "We seek equality under the law and freedom from oppression, intimidation and harassment. We seek justice and a legal system that is capable and willing to defend our rights."

James Hendry, president of Mississippi for Family Values, denied that his group harassed the Hensons.

"We are trying to seek a peaceful, legal resolution to this problem," Hendry said. "This is not a bigoted witch hunt."

Hendry told the Congressmen that the Hensons' claims of harassment have been overstated, and contradicted earlier statements when he said he was opposed only to the "commercial" aspect of the camp and did not want the Hensons to leave Overt.

"The only solution I can think of is to come together as a community, pool our resources and buy back our land," Hendry told the Hattiesburg American on Nov. 28, 1993. "...Let's encourage them to keep heading north to New York or west to California. If they would relocate to a major metropolitan area, I am sure they would be happier."

Hendry also said he has received death threats by mail and phone.

Also testifying at the hearing was Rickey Cole, chairman of the Jones County (Miss.) Democratic Executive Committee. Cole said that "a community has a right to self-determination... (and) has a right to control commercial and political advocacy," prompt-

ing Rep. Frank to remark that he hopes Cole finds "a country to live in, because it's not the United States."

"I think you just confirmed to me that you think people's rights depend on your tolerance," Frank said.

Robin Kane, public information manager at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, attended the hearing and submitted a written statement to the Congressional panel, saying that the Overt case "has demonstrated how the lack of federal protection based on sexual orientation actually hinders the federal government from intervening on behalf of its own citizens."

"Without specific inclusion in legislation, gay lesbian and bisexual people across the country lack basic civil rights that are taken for granted by most citizens," Kane's statement read.

Following the hearing, Kane said she hoped that Hendry and Mississippi for Family Values would now agree to mediation, something they have blocked for months.

"Given the testimony of representatives of both Camp Sister Spirit and Mississippi for Family Values, mediation is urgently needed in this community," she said.

The subcommittee will review evidence before submitting its report to the full Judiciary Committee and the House of Representatives.

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Kentucky church

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God," and bristle at any other interpretation. Evangelicals think that because members of Guess' congregation believe differently they are not really Christians. Guess finds that assertion supremely insulting.

"We very much resent it when people assume the Bible is their book and their book only and not ours as well," Guess said. "The Bible is very much a book of stories of personal faith."

"One of the things we say in our church is that we take the Bible far too seriously to take it literally."

Traditional churches often speak out vehemently in times of great social change, said Joseph Hough, a professor of ethics and dean of the Vanderbilt University School of Divinity.

"People are fearful of change to the old patterns of morality and religion, so there is a kind of circling-of-the-wagons effect," Hough said.

"But the real challenge to conservative religions is not liberal religions," Hough added. "The real challenge is secularism, the feeling that religion is not all that significant. I think it's misplaced for them to attack each other."

But attack they have. The Gleaner's editor, Ron Jenkins, compared it to community rifts over such moral issues as closing illegal gambling houses and banning topless nightclubs in Henderson.

"There is no passion like one's passion for his God or his faith. This is one of those fights where there is just no middle ground. Neither side is going to compromise over their beliefs," Jenkins said.

Exactly one month after the church took its controversial step, the letters kept on coming in to Jenkins, and he worried about the effects of lingering rancor.

"It's not healthy for any kind of debate to rage on indefinitely. Good honest debate is good, but the letters are starting to say the same things over and over," he said.

"I hope it will fade away. I don't see it as an overriding issue and I think it'll eventually play itself out."

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Non-discrimination provision passes key House committee

Washington, D.C.—The House Ways and Means Committee has approved legislation prohibiting discrimination in health care based on sexual orientation or health status. The tax-writing committee is the third Congressional committee working on the health reform bill to include a nondiscrimination clause covering lesbian and gay Americans. The conservative Senate Finance Committee is the provision's final hurdle before reaching a final vote in both houses of Congress.

To arm lesbian and gay Americans with the information they need to support national health care reform, the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has released its latest policy publication, "What Every Lesbian and

Gay American Needs to Know About Health Care Reform."

"This publication sheds light on the relationship between anti-gay discrimination and critical health care issues like AIDS. Discrimination is a major obstacle to equal health care for lesbian and gay Americans," said Daniel Zingale, HRCF's public policy director. "The report directly relates our community's health needs to specific health reform proposals being considered by Congress. Our challenge now is to use this information to create change in health care at the federal and state levels."

For more information about the health report, or to obtain a copy of the publication, contact the HRCF at 202-628-4160.

Estrogen may make you smarter

Washington, DC—Estrogen, the female hormone that can protect older women from brittle bones and heart disease, may also help make the mind keener and the memory sharper, a researcher says.

Though estrogen does not create sudden genius, Dr. Uriel Halbreich of the State University of New York at Buffalo said there is a clear and significant improvement in mental tests among older women who take the hormone.

"We showed that estrogen replacement therapy is not only good for osteoporosis and cardiovascular disease prevention, but also it can improve the cognitive function," Halbreich said June 30.

The scientist presented a paper on his research this week at a national meeting of the

American College of Neuropsychopharmacology.

Halbreich said he tested 36 postmenopausal women before and after they started the estrogen therapy, giving each one a battery of tests that measured such things as memory, eye-hand coordination, reflexes and the ability to learn new information and apply it to a problem.

After therapy began, he said, there was a subtle but statistically significant increase in the mental scores of the patients.

"The more complex the task, the more it is likely to be influenced by estrogen," said Halbreich.

He said a larger study of the intellectual effects of estrogen is being organized now.

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FDA approves d4T

Washington, DC— The Food and Drug Administration on June 27 approved stavudine, or d4T, as an alternative to the three other antiviral drugs used to treat AIDS.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., which developed and tested stavudine, said the drug will be sold under the name Zerit. The company said it will be shipped to distributors on July 8 and should be available for prescription use shortly after that.

Stavudine joins three other products—zidovudine (AZT), didanosine (ddI) and zalcitabine (ddC)—in a class of AIDS drugs called nucleoside analogs. All slow the spread of HIV by blocking the action of an enzyme

essential to making new viral particles.

The new drug is to be prescribed for patients who have shown no benefit or who have developed a toxic reaction to the other drugs.

The major side effect of stavudine is pain, tingling and numbness in the hands and feet, a symptom experienced by 15 to 21 percent of patients in the trials, officials said.

Stavudine is taken every 12 hours. The wholesale price of the drug will be \$186.72 for a bottle of 60 capsules of 40 mg strength, giving a daily wholesale cost of \$6.22. Price to the consumer will be higher.

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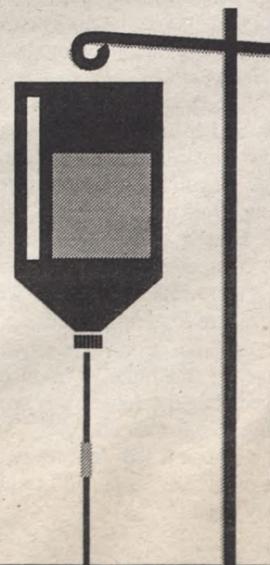
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AT THE CROSSROADS

by Bruce Mirken



A tale of incompetence — or worse

No less a news organization than CBS News has demonstrated beyond much doubt that something I wrote three years ago was right on the money, while the mass media were overwhelmingly, utterly wrong. I guess I should be happy, but it's hard to smile over this one.

In case you missed it, on June 19 CBS's "60 Minutes" blasted to smithereens the investigation by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that supposedly "proved" that Florida dentist David Acer infected six patients, including national media martyr Kimberly Bergalis, with HIV before dying of AIDS himself. The CDC just plain got it wrong—spectacularly so.

For some of us that was no surprise. Almost exactly three years ago I reported in a southern California weekly, that there was good reason to think the CDC's AIDS-from-the dentist theory was a crock. Many in the gay press were equally skeptical (The Advocate, then in its heyday under Richard Rouillard, did a particularly good story). But the mainstream media were too busy making an angel out of Kimberly Bergalis and demonizing her dead dentist to notice.

Now, finally, "60 Minutes" has found gaping holes in the CDC's inquiry. Although the government's investigators claimed that the infected patients had no risk factors for HIV exposure other than having been treated by Acer, they in fact all had significant risks that the CDC either missed or ignored. For example, a physical exam of Bergalis, a self-proclaimed "virgin," was not only "consistent with prior intercourse," but also showed she'd been infected with human papilloma virus, a sexually-transmitted disease. Several friends had the impression she was sexually active, and she herself admitted having oral sex in a court deposition. Additionally, the DNA sequencing test that allegedly connected Acer's particular strain of HIV with Bergalis and the other patients also turns out to be a bust: Further investigations have shown a number of people in the vicinity to be infected with the same strain, meaning Acer's patients could easily have gotten infected by somebody other than the dentist.

Time flies, but some things don't change. Three years ago I quoted an L.A. AIDS expert, Dr. Bernard McNamara, saying the DNA sequencing test was too new for scientists to have a firm handle on what it might or might not prove. And I pointed out that the newsletter "AIDS Alert" had already found yawning holes in the CDC's investigation: The fact that they hadn't bothered to include a dentist in their investigating team, for example, and had apparently ignored reports that Acer didn't follow proper infection control techniques and

that he had treated a number of other HIV infected patients besides the six he allegedly infected.

What all of it seemed to point to was cross contamination between patients due to sloppy sterile procedures. Neither I nor most of my colleagues in the gay press had the budget or resources to do the kind of investigation that "60 Minutes" finally did, turning up the real possibility that Bergalis and company got infected before they even set foot in Acer's office.

Interestingly, the media were fully aware of the AIDS Alert report. An Associated Press story carried by many outlets played up one of its more tangential points: That Acer may have

failed to disclose his HIV status for fear of diminishing the value of his practice. But the newsletter's examination of the holes in the CDC's story was almost universally ignored.

The CDC's ineptitude (or worse) and the media's failure to question the "experts" has had disastrous consequences. Panic over the Bergalis case led to a rash of moves to forcibly test health care workers for HIV, some of which were successful. As the

American Association of Physicians for Human Rights has amply documented, careers have been ruined and thousands of patients talented and dedicated doctors, dentists, nurses and other health care professionals—a trail of waste that must be laid directly at the feet of the CDC and the media.

When you reread the 1991 AIDS Alert article in light of the "60 Minutes" report, the CDC's handling of the Acer case is just stunning. You don't have to be a conspiracy nut to wonder if they were really that inept, or whether they found just what they wanted to find and ignored any evidence to the contrary.

But as inexcusable as the CDC's behavior was, the mass media are at least as much to blame. I can still remember the hideously sensational Newsweek story, complete with a full-page photo of the dying Bergalis, lit so that she appeared to have an angelic halo around her head. Most TV and newspaper coverage was just as bad.

How come nobody in the mainstream press asked any hard questions? How could so many alleged professionals approach such an important story without even a trace of skepticism or journalistic initiative? Didn't anybody teach them in journalism school that there's a difference between being a reporter and a transcriber?

Heads should roll in the CDC over this. They should also roll in almost every major news organization in the country.

But nothing can undo the damage already done.

As the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights has amply documented, careers have been ruined and thousands of patients have been deprived of the care of a great many talented and dedicated doctors, dentists, nurses and other health care professionals—a trail of waste that must be laid directly at the feet of the CDC and the media.

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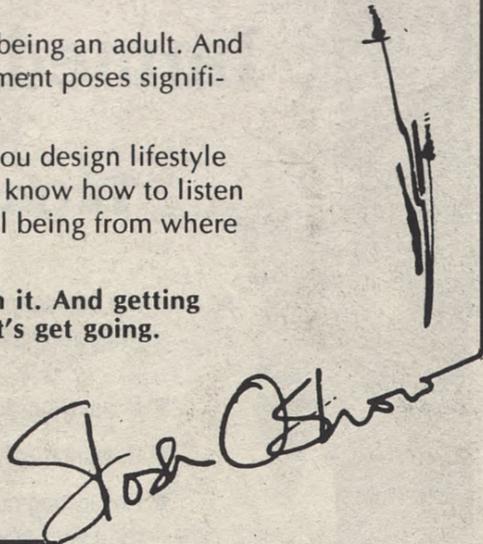
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Robin Williams cuts ribbon for Shanti's new offices

San Francisco— Actor and comedian Robin Williams brought his zany humor to promote a serious cause—the Shanti Project, one of the country's oldest AIDS service organizations.

Williams wielded a huge pair of scissors that he claimed said "Property of Congress" as he presided over a ribbon cutting ceremony June 26 for Shanti's new offices.

Williams has lived in San Francisco since he was 16 and has lost many friends to AIDS, he said. He urged the packed audience to give its support to Shanti, named after a Sanskrit word meaning "inner peace."

"So please help, whether it's with your actual service, whether it's with your heart or whether—a check would be really nice," Williams deadpanned. "Money, anything. You're open 24 hours, right? There's a number flashing at the bottom of the screen right now."

Governmental and private funding make up nearly equal portions of Shanti's annual \$3 million budget to help people with AIDS and HIV. But private donations to the organization dropped by \$500,000 in 1993.

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Judi Parks

organization's new offices will allow it to save \$180,000 a year in rent. Shanti is working to make up the remainder with a campaign called "Task Force 20," in honor of the organization's 20th anniversary.

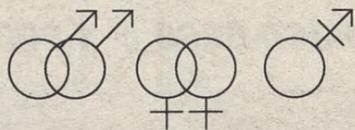
Shanti was founded in Berkeley in 1974 and provided support for people with terminal illnesses. By 1984, the group moved to new offices in San Francisco and AIDS and HIV infection replaced other terminal illnesses as Shanti's focus.

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champion in every way," said ACOG spokesperson Lyn May. "We respect his opinion, and we, too, hope for a solution."

But May refused to confirm or deny growing rumors that the Cobb venue will be moved, saying that for now, at least, the volleyball preliminaries are scheduled to be held at the Cobb Galleria Centre.

"We are very disappointed in recent events in Cobb County," she said, referring to last month's Cobb Commission vote against an attempted "compromise" resolution. "We are continuing to look at other options."

But opponents of the resolution now feel that the tide has turned.

"We have to be closer to the end now," said Jon-Ivan Weaver, cochair of Olympics Out of Cobb. "But who knows what ACOG

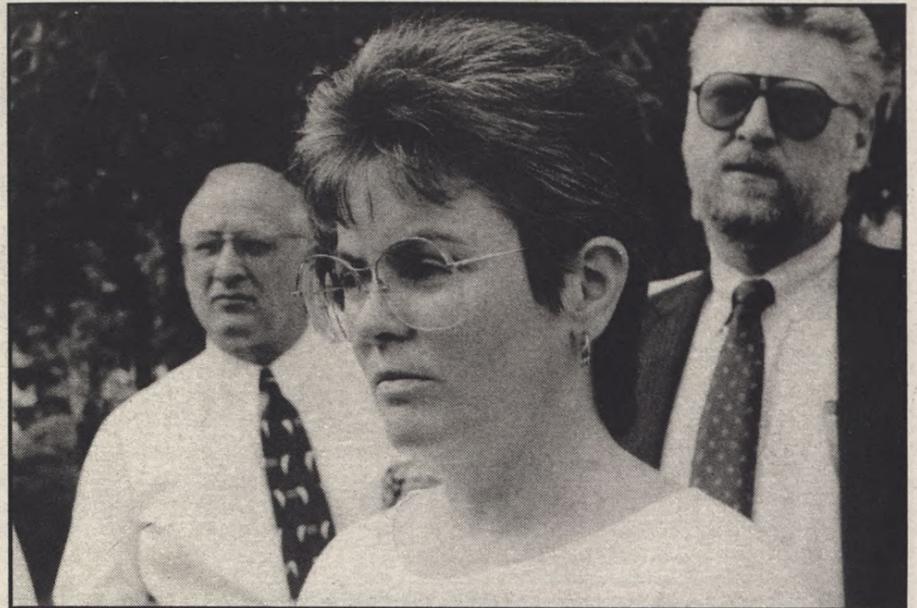
is going to do? Billy Payne needs to do what he's been preaching—what's best for the athletes. Cobb County is not good for gay athletes."

Elaine Hill, cochair of the Cobb Citizens Coalition, agreed with Louganis and Weaver that the current climate in Cobb County is hostile to gay men and lesbians.

"It's a shame that the Cobb citizens who genuinely want the Olympics to come here—including the gay community—has to suffer," she said. "We don't feel it's a safe environment for gay athletes or spectators. If it's not a healthy, safe climate for the county's gay citizens, it's impossible for it to be a healthy climate for visitors."

"If Cobb County has a resolution on its books that discriminates against any of its citizens," she added, "then they do not deserve an Olympic venue."

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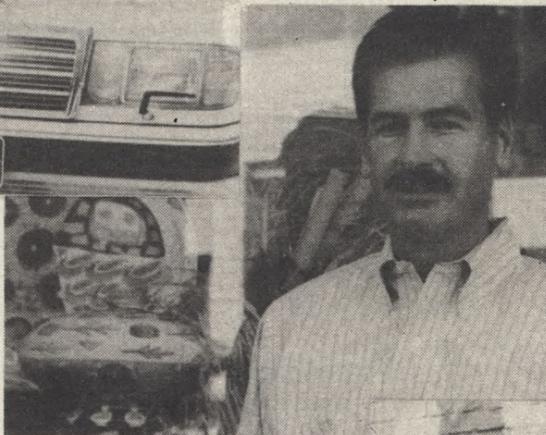
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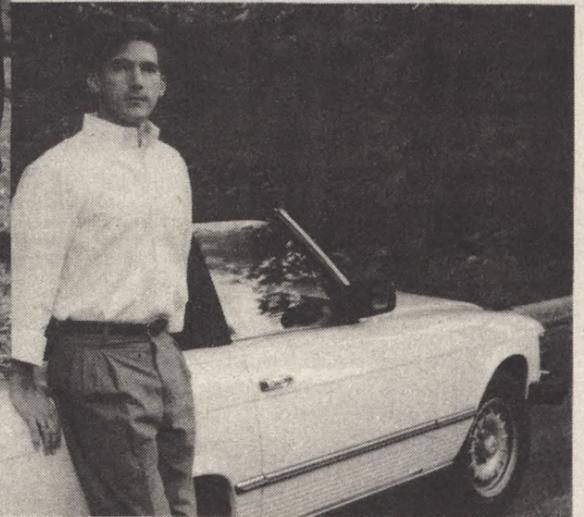
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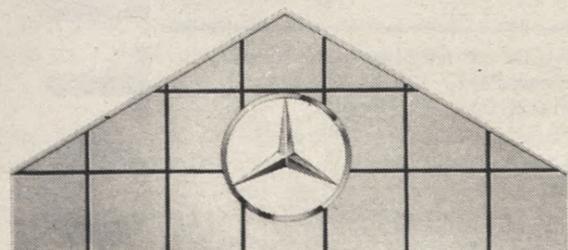
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1 *Joseph R. Hudson(D)	A
1 Joseph M Michaels(D)	A
1 William L Roberts(D)	A
6 Nancy A Boxill(D)	R
7 Michael Hightower(D)	R
Superior Court	
Frank Eldridge	W
Isaac Jenrette	W
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69 Barbara J Mobley(D)		R
71 Vernon Jones(D)		A
71 Tish Glover(D)		A
73 Henrietta E Turnquest(D)		R

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10 Nadine Thomas(D)		R
43 Herbert Adams(D)		U
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100 Ron Dollar(R)		U
100 Phil Friduss(R)		U

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President's stand on gay rights is on shaky ground



Clinton's stand on gay rights is being severely compromised by the Justice Department's efforts to oust lesbian nurse, Col. Margaret Cammermeyer, from the military after she was reinstated by a federal judge.

Washington, DC—The “don't ask, don't tell” bargain President Clinton struck last year under pressure from Congress and the military has come to this: His principles on gay rights issues are under continuing attack by his own administration.

The arguments a federal judge made recently in ordering the reinstatement of a gay military nurse sounded eerily like the eloquent anti-discrimination declarations of candidate Clinton.

But two weeks ago, Clinton's Justice Department appealed the judge's decision and asked that the highly decorated nurse—Col. Margaret Cammermeyer—be permanently ousted from the National Guard.

“It's got to be an embarrassment for the administration,” says Doug Hattaway, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. “We can only hope the courts in the end take care of it.”

The gay community responded to Clinton's presidential candidacy with outpourings of emotional and financial support—nearly \$6 million from HRCF alone.

Gay Clinton supporters hardly expected to find his administration arguing, as it did two weeks ago, that restoring Cammermeyer to duty “is likely to have adverse effects on the ability of the military to maintain morale, efficiency and mission focus.”

Equally chagrined are Clinton backers who ended up with jobs at the White House and Justice Department. “There's been a lot of grinning and bearing it,” said one department official. “It hasn't been easy.”

Clinton had pledged during his campaign to end the military's ban on gay service members. While activists are distressed about the current state of affairs, some say it's the only blemish on Clinton's record.

In fact, within days of appealing the Cammermeyer decision, the Justice Department issued a broad policy permitting gay men and lesbians persecuted in other countries for their sexual orientation to seek asylum in the United States.

“Bill Clinton isn't prejudiced against gay people. He's the most supportive president we've ever had,” said Hattaway.

The current awkward course was set last summer when Clinton settled for a military policy under which officers were not supposed to ask anyone's sexual orientation or search out people they thought might be gay. Gay troops were not supposed to disclose their orientation.

But as judges have declared it unconstitu-

tional or discriminatory to dismiss gay personnel, the Clinton administration has found it difficult to draw a line between the old ban and the new compromise.

Officials concluded attacks on the old system were bound to undermine the new. Thus people who thought they would be fighting discrimination instead are fighting its alleged victims in no less than 10 cases dating from the days of the ban, plus another four filed since it was modified.

Administration officials “understand they basically lost the issue,” said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., one of two publicly gay members of Congress. In his own view, “the way it's worked out has been a total loss.”

The rate of discharge has not changed under the new policy and officials are still hunting for gays, said Dixon Osburn of the Service Members Legal Defense Network. Personal diaries and computer files have been read, he said, and military officers recently claimed a pair of 1970s style platform shoes was evidence of homosexual conduct.

Cammermeyer, a 26-year veteran who earned a Bronze Star in Vietnam, revealed her lesbianism two years ago under questioning during a security clearance.

Frank said he tried and failed to discourage a White House challenge to the order to reinstate Cammermeyer and to clear her record. However, he said he accepted the need to appeal part of the order banning future action against Cammermeyer.

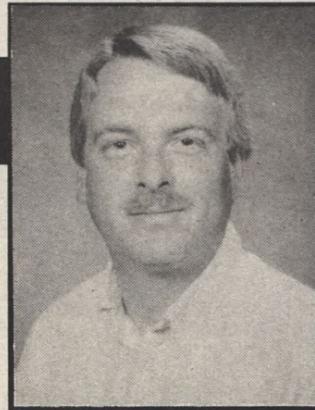
His reasoning: “She's made it very clear she doesn't intend to hide.” That's grounds for discharge under current policy, and Frank contends the Justice Department has no choice but to defend current policy.

However, others in the gay community say they see no reason the administration must defend a flawed policy.

“There's no way that anyone can justify appealing these cases, either legally or morally,” said Los Angeles business consultant David Mixner, a Clinton fundraiser and college friend. “If the appeal is upheld, it will have historical ramifications for gays and lesbians who wish to serve their country. It is a very serious game that they are playing.”

Last week Frank and others introduced a bill outlawing job discrimination against lesbians and gay men. Clinton's choice will be clear: sit out the inevitable bitter battle or stick to the principles he talked about when he ran for president.

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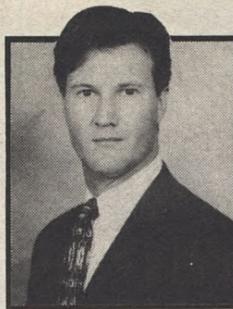


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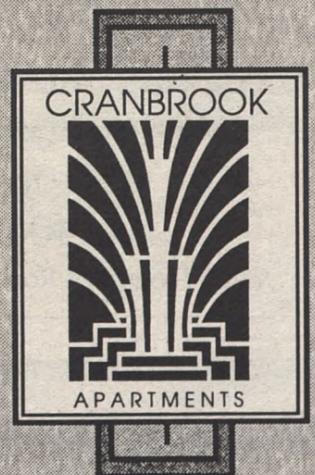
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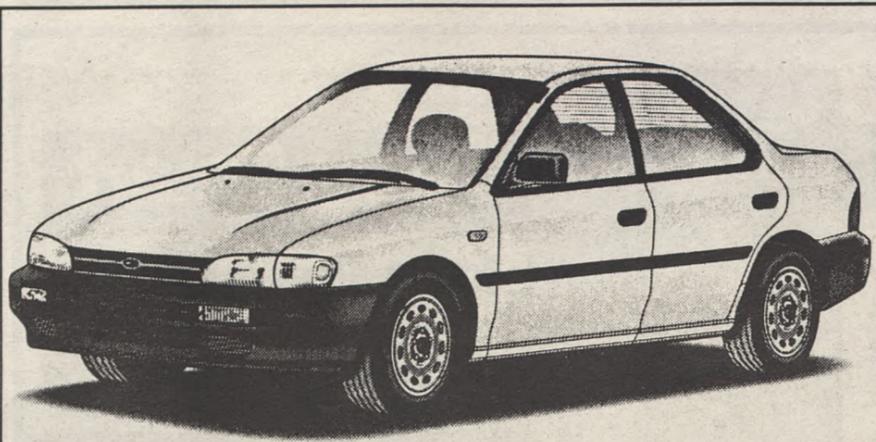
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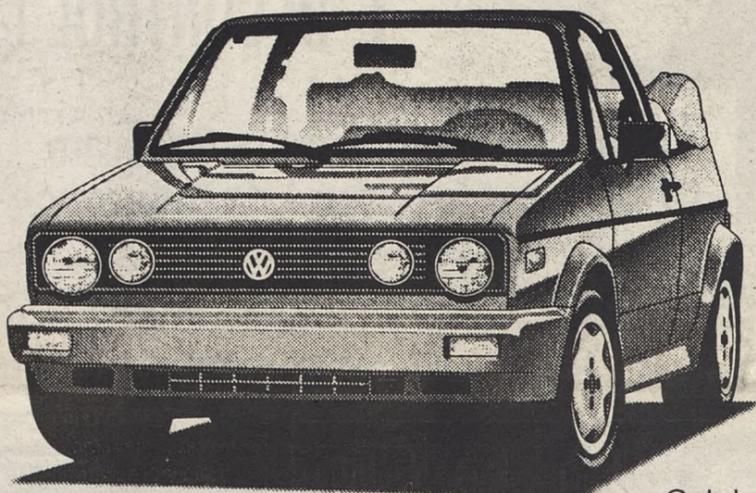
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come by—and an openly lesbian one is rarer still.

But role model status is not a position Etheridge relishes, whether for lesbians or for women in general.

"That's kind of difficult because I'm just going along this journey myself," she said. "I'm going to make mistakes, and I don't know all the answers. ... If that's a role model, great. If everyone realizes I'm just trying to do the best I can, and everyone else just does the best they can, then maybe that's great."

The Kansas-born rocker has had plenty of time to warm into that place. She began playing guitar at 8, and singing and writing came two years later. But from the time she first picked up a guitar, she knew what she wanted to do.

"You'd ask me as a little kid and I'd tell you I wanted to sing," she says. "I first got up in front of people when I was 11 at a talent show. ... I was one of the semi-finalists."

Early tapes of Etheridge reveal "a young me," she says. "I certainly wasn't as confident. And I wasn't as powerful. It took years and years of singing to get the confidence and strength in my voice."

Throughout her teenaged years, Etheridge played in bands, and even performed at the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, her home town. But Kansas is no place to realize the dreams she had.

"I knew I wasn't going to make it in Kansas," she said. "I knew I had to go somewhere else."

That somewhere else was Los Angeles—but not right away. After her high school gradu-

ation, Etheridge headed to Boston and the Berklee College of Music, where she studied for a year, but dropped out because she wanted to perform, not study. She went back to Kansas, and then left for L.A. in 1982.

There, the voice strengthened, and the uniquely Etheridge guitar style developed.

"When I started playing solo by myself, I wanted the guitar to take up all the parts," she says. "I wanted it to be big like a band, and so I started playing this very rhythmic 12-string, a big sound. And it sort of grew night after night of just playing like that."

And just a few years later, her dreams were realized. Her first album brought a Grammy nomination for "Bring Me Some Water," and her second and third, "Brave and Crazy" and "Never Enough" brought more fans to her often sold-out concerts. And that, she says, is what she works for.

"It's the audience," she said. "It's however many people are out there taking and giving energy back."

Hearing her lyrics sung from a capacity auditorium is at times "overwhelming," but Etheridge says she doesn't take the adulation for granted.

"I try to be responsible with it," she says. "To be a rock and roll singer/songwriter. That's what I want."

The work paid off in statutory last year, when Etheridge won a Grammy award for best female rock performance for "Never Enough's" "Ain't It Heavy." And she wasn't disappointed this year when Grammy officials didn't offer the category, leaving "Yes I Am" out of the running.

"Not enough record companies entered

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wrong or the obsessive pangs of desire have now been aimed in a more political manner—"Silent Legacy," for example, on the latest album, is a powerful paean to sex-ed reform.

"That's just been a personal growth," she says. "I have seen the world more, done more, understood more, so it's gone into my writing. It's part of what I think and feel."

While Etheridge's concerts are no political rally—she prefers that the music speak for itself—off stage she speaks forcefully about the issues that concern her—women's issues, gay and lesbian issues, AIDS, "tolerance in general."

"That's happening in so many places across America," she explains, referring to the battle in Cobb County over a resolution that condemns the "gay lifestyle." "It's frightening. It fills me with sorrow, and it's very hard."

"It's frightening what the Christian right is doing, how they're going into the grassroots," she continued. "These people are saying that 'yes, this agenda of hate is fine.' It's what they want. It just freaks me out."

Etheridge said she does what she can to fight these kind of attacks—cancelling an appearance in Colorado after the passage of Amendment 2, donating items for fundraising auctions, and performing at benefits when she can. But her best weapon in these battles, she believes, is to be who she is.

"I do believe that we will win ultimately, that...hate will not last," she said. "And more and more people will see that there's nothing to fear about homosexuality. I'm trying to be an example of that. I'm trying to be real straight forward, maybe sink into the country's consciousness."

their women in the rock category," she said. "They tried to enter them more in the alternative category. I don't blame anybody."

When Etheridge hits the stage at Lake-wood Amphitheatre on July 29, she'll do so in front of a new band—long time band mates Kevin McCormick and Fritz Lewak left to tour with Jackson Browne, but Etheridge says she's happy with the new line up.

"I love the new band," she says. "I know the fans have been going 'oh, Kevin and Fritz,' but once they see the band...we actually rock harder than we have before. It's very tight."

Very tight, and still as rocking as ever. But both "Yes I Am" and "Never Enough"—her third and fourth albums—mark a new direction for Etheridge lyrically—the angst and intensity she'd previously reserved for love gone

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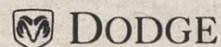
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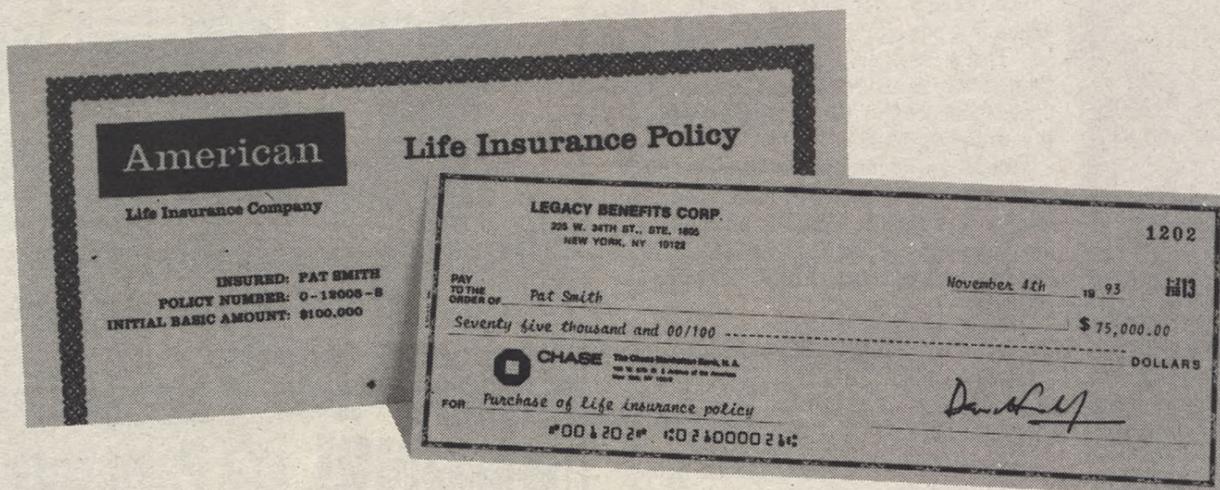
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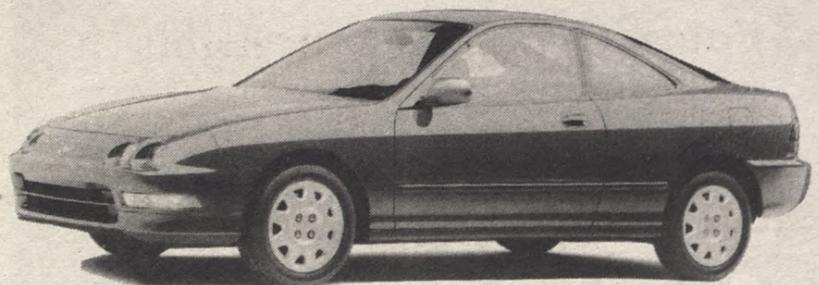
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derstand the change. "We really got more questions about why we had not done it sooner. I think our clients understood the reasons behind what we were doing."

Danny Bohlman, a new client of Project Open Hand, fell under the revised criteria. At the time he called the agency, Bohlman was concerned he might have to wait until he qualified to begin receiving meals.

"I called because I really had a need. I was calling out of desperation," said Bohlman who suddenly had become unable to walk, making cooking impossible. "They said I had to fill out this form and I said what do I do today or tomorrow?"

Bohlman was grateful when meals started coming the following day. Forms were mailed to him and could be turned in within the next two weeks.

Although he has some concerns for people who may not have a network of friends to help get the forms filled out and back to the agency or who may not have a regular doctor to fill out the forms, Bohlman believes volunteers at Project Open Hand will handle problems as they arise.

"I am just so grateful. Everyone over there really cares," he said.

Diamond admits there are also concerns about clients being mistakenly dropped. Drivers are being interviewed to ask if they know of anyone who has been dropped off their delivery routes who they believe should receive meals.

"We don't want anyone to drop through the cracks. We want to reach anyone who may have been too sick to get their forms in," she said. "We are calling, sending notes, and talking to AID Atlanta and Grady."

Other changes by the organization include the elimination of four staff positions.

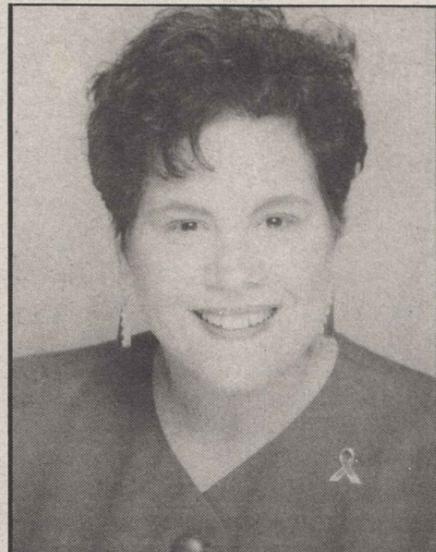
According to Diamond, the remaining 18 positions will also be evaluated as the budget is revised based on new client numbers.

"We are asking ourselves whether we are sized right," said Diamond.

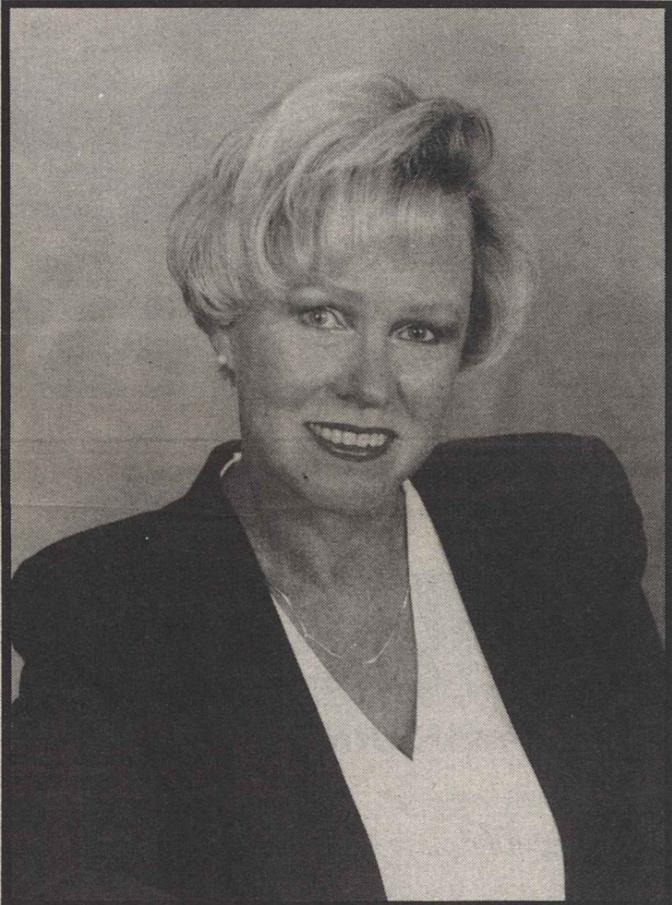
Future plans for the agency also include a move from Bass High School to Atlanta City Hall East at 675 Ponce de Leon Ave. The lease with the City is currently being written, although the plan has already met with City Council approval.

A capital campaign is being organized to raise the \$300,000 necessary to pay for space build out and for relocation expenses. According to John Fritchie, acting development director for Project Open Hand, 80% to 85% of the funds will be raised from foundations and a small group of individuals rather than from the community.

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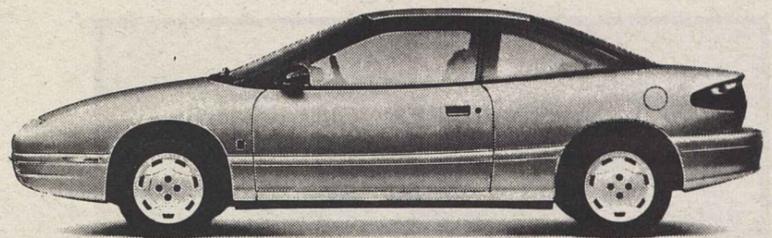
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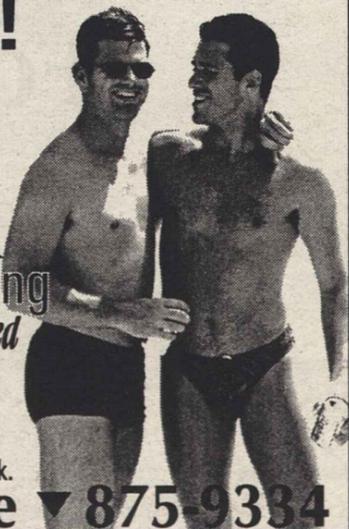
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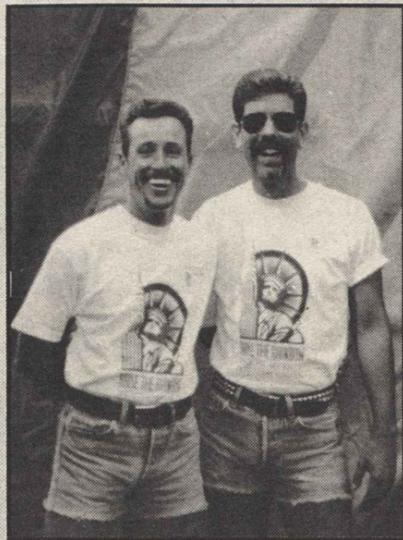
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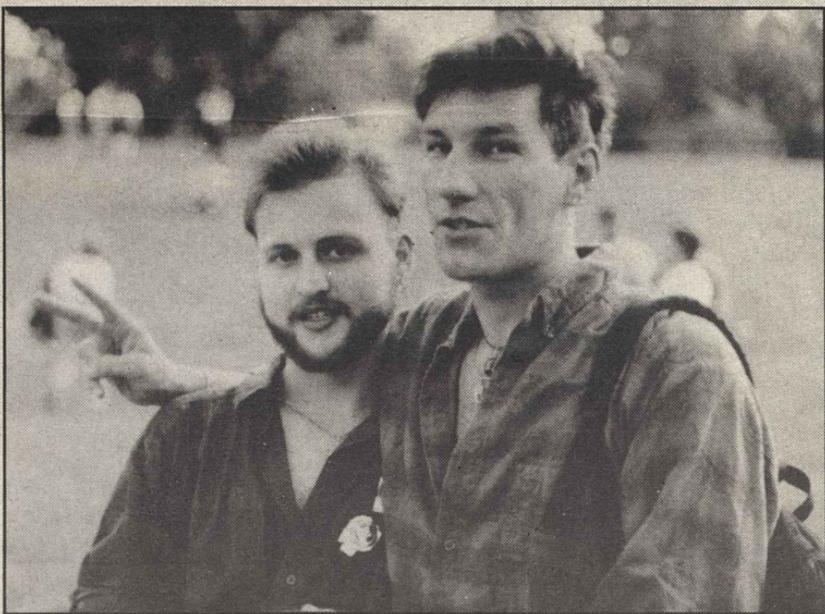
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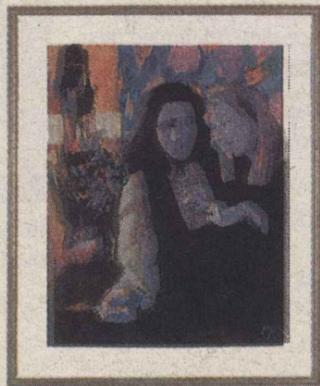
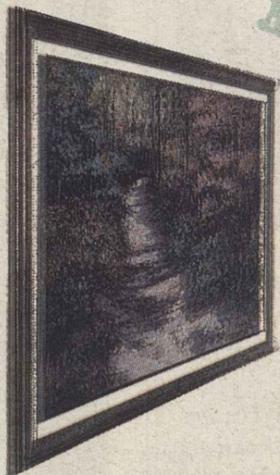
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BOB SMITH

The funny boy from Buffalo is the first openly gay comic to appear on the Tonight Show

by MICHAEL KAPE

Comedian Bob Smith on coming out: "I outed myself to my family in a carefully worded Thanksgiving dinner. I said, 'Mom, would you please pass the gravy to a homosexual,' and she passed it to my father. A terrible scene followed."

That story (not true, by the way) is an important part of Buffalo NY-born Bob Smith's act. And it's part of the routine he's fashioned for his debut on The Tonight Show With Jay Leno on July 13. Smith is the first openly gay comedian to

earn a spot on the show.

"One time," notes Smith, "this comedy manager said to me, 'You know, you should do your act about being Bob Smith from Buffalo, and not talk about being gay. You'll never get on The Tonight Show or anything talking about being gay.' And my first thought was I'm not embarrassed to tell people I'm gay, but I am embarrassed to tell people I'm from Buffalo."

Actually, being gay and being from Buffalo both play important parts in Smith's act. You might have caught him last fall on Comedy Central's special, *Out There*, which featured several gay and lesbian comics. If no, you'll be able to catch his stand-up act this month on HBO in his first special for the cable network.

"Madonna's production company thought it would be a great idea to do a gay and lesbian comedy special last summer. But they didn't know that Comedy Central was already working on that. By the time Madonna's company flew us to L.A., I had already been asked to the Comedy Central show. So they had already been beaten to the punch, but they still did the auditions anyway. They had about ten or eleven comics out in San Francisco, and I just happened to do the best 10 minutes I've ever done in my life! They did it on a really horrible night, too. They didn't fill the house completely, which they easily could have done by calling some gay organizations and saying, 'We're doing this audition for HBO.' Still, I did the best 10 minutes I've ever done. The next day, they said,

'We might do the special, but we'd like to give Bob a bigger chunk.'

Finally, they decided they weren't going to do the special, but they were going to do these HBO Comedy Half Hours, and they gave me one."

A good portion of Bob's act centers on growing up gay in Buffalo. His mother saved all his report cards from when he was growing up, and he now reads the actual comments his teachers made about him in elementary school. "In first, second, and third grades, my teachers, all women, said things like, 'Bob is too talkative in class,' or 'He's uncooperative.' I get to the fourth grade, and I have the only gay teacher at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School. Now there's green stars on my report card, and his only comment is, 'Bob is a joy to have in class.' Well no wonder—we were sisters!"

Joan Rivers has called Bob Smith "a comic pioneer," and there's a lot to be said for that. Certainly his appearance with Jay Leno is groundbreaking, but it happened in a relatively easy way. "After I did the HBO special," he says, "my manager sent over a copy of the tape to The Tonight Show. The comedy guy there, Jimmy Brogan, showed it to Jay Leno. They called back the next day saying they were interested. Two days

later they said, 'We want to book him on the show.'"

In addition to the Tonight appearance and the HBO special, Smith is also working on a screenplay for Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment and a comedy book about growing up gay for Disney's Hyperion Publishing.

"The screenplay came about again because of my manager," notes Smith. "He heard at a party that they were working on this movie about a gay standup comic. It was actually based on Paul Monette's book 'Halfway Home' which is about a performance artist. But they wanted him to be a standup comic. My manager sent over this videotape he had of me. The producer saw it and liked it. Then they showed it to Steven Spielberg and he thought it was really funny. They hired me to write the monologues for the movie. I wrote them but then there was this whole other story for which I gave them ideas. After all if the guy's going to be a standup comic she should be a standup comic all the way through the movie. I gave them ten pages of ideas to punch up the script, and they used a lot of them, so that was really nice."

The movie is still in pre-production, and no one has been cast in the lead role. It will be directed by Bruce Cohen, who is the producer of "The Flintstones."

"I'm hoping I can get a little cameo in the movie," says Smith. "They do have a scene where [the lead character] is performing in a comedy club, and I think it would be nice if they had other comics there."

The new book is an adult's look at a children's guide to being gay. "We've put together what every gay kid ever thought about. We have some really funny sections: a gay kid's guide to TV; we do a whole thing on children's literature like if Dr. Seuss had written a gay book called 'What I Saw on Christopher Street'; there's a gay Ripley's Believe It or Not; and we came up with our own breakfast cereals, like Queerios, Quentin Crisps, and Jacki O's for drag queens..."

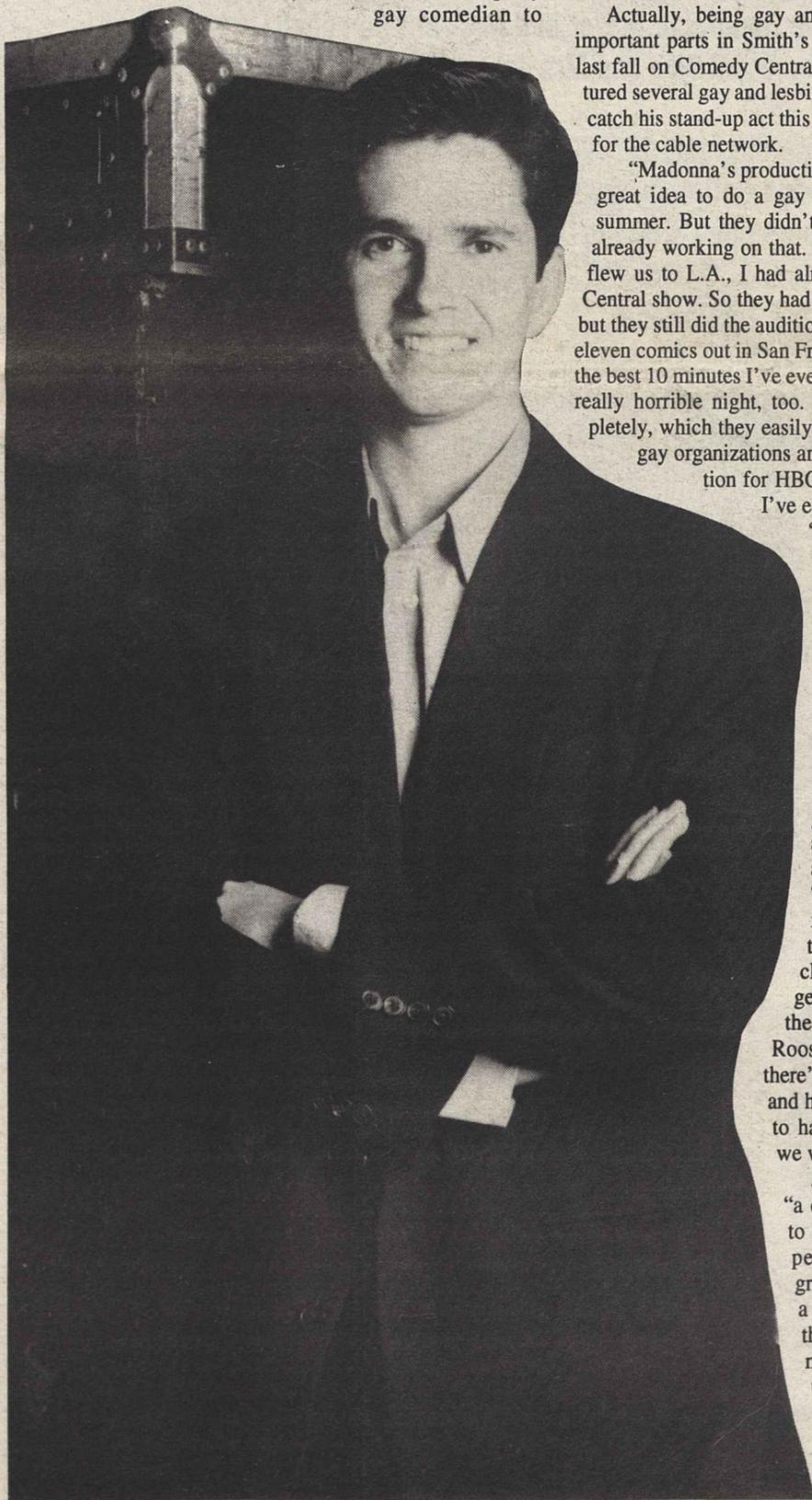
"It's going to be really funny, but there's an underlying seriousness too. At one point, we note that all kids are raised with the assumption they are heterosexual, which is not right. Not that you have to raise your kid to be a gay kid but it would be good if parents considered the alternative. Most people we've talked to have said they knew they were different. Maybe they didn't know they were gay, but they knew something from an early age. We've tried to bring that out and have fun with it."

Being an openly gay comic has enabled Bob to avoid a lot of possible homophobia. "When you're billed as a gay comic, it weeds out 'those' people. If you're going to pay \$15 to see a gay comic and you hate gay people, you're an idiot. We get straight people coming to the show, but they are very receptive. I've done shows where people didn't know they were going to see a gay standup comic and it's gone very well. There have been a couple of times when they didn't know what they were going to get and it's been homophobic—but just a small part of the audience. That can be a rough show but that's show biz."

"Standup comedy has always been a lot of outsiders. It's been Jewish comedians. Black comedians. Women comedians. Latino comedians. And we're the last group—gay and lesbian comedians. We're bringing our point of view to the mainstream. I think it would be great in five years if people were saying 'Oh, that gay comic is hilarious' or better 'that comic is hilarious.' And it's not a big deal. I think that will happen."

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OUTLOOK. Radical talk for revolutionary intellectuals—feminist, Afro-centered and pro-gay radio on AM, with Alicia Banks. New time: 5pm-8pm, WIGO, 4340AM.



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. Tonight: Terry Irons and guest performances by several entertainers at this weekend's Pride celebration. 7-8pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.

16 SATURDAY

LESBIAN & GAY ROLLER SKATE NIGHT. Christ Covenant MCC sponsors a fun night at All American Skating Rink in Stone Mountain, 5-7pm. \$5 includes skate rental. 297-0350.

ATLANTA SYMPHONY. The Beethoven SummerFest continues at Symphony Hall with Piano Concerto Nos. 1 & 2 and Overture and Incidental Music to "Egmont." Yoel Levi conducts, with Misha Dichter on piano, Werner Klemperer (Capt. Klink from "Hogan's Heroes") narrates "Egmont" with soprano Elissa Johnston. 8pm. \$18-\$40. 898-2414.

17 SUNDAY

THE HEART OF THE MATTER. The PBS series "P.O.V." presents the gripping story of one HIV+ African American woman, echoed by mothers, daughters, social workers and clerics. 11pm. GPTV Ch 8.

ATLANTA SYMPHONY. Daryl One directs a diverse program in a free concert in Piedmont Park. 7:30pm.

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19 TUESDAY

SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS. Thru July 24. Victoria Mallory stars in the Broadway version of this classic at the Fox. Tues-Sun 8pm, Sat & Sun 2pm. \$11.50-\$35.50. 817-8700.

GYPSIES, SORCERERS AND THIEVES. Capitol City Opera presents the mysterious side of opera at San Gennaro Italian Restaurant. Reception at 6:30pm. \$45 includes dinner and wines. 633-2848.

20 WEDNESDAY

MALIDOMA PATRICE SOME. The African Shaman reads from "Of Water and the Spirit: Ritual, Magic and Initiation in the Life of an African Shaman" at Charis. 7:30pm. Free. 1189 Euclid.

PETER, PAUL AND MARY. A definitely Classic Chastain concert. 8:30pm. \$21-\$40.50. 898-2414.

MISSIONS TO THE MOON. GPTV presents several shows about the Apollo missions on the 25th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon. Beginning at 8pm. Ch 8.

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

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ABOVE: Anna Deavre Smith portrays Rev. Al Sharpton and 18 others in "Fires in the Mirror" at the High Museum July 15 & 16.

LEFT: "The Samari" by Carol Harless is part of Art in Motion '94 at the Richards & Westbrook Galleries at Georgia Tech July 15-Aug 25.

BELOW: Moving in the Spirit's Apprentice Corporation explodes on the scene with a benefit ahead of their tour on July 16.

18 MONDAY

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

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

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.

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

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.

DREAMGIRLS. Aug 2-7. Jennifer Holiday reprises the role that made her a star in this Theater of the Stars production at the Fox. Tues-Sun 8pm; Sat & Sun 2pm. \$11.50-\$35.50. 881-2100.

HELLO, DOLLY! Aug 16-21. Carol Channing is back where she belongs as matchmaker extraordinaire Dolly Levi. The Atlanta Broadway Series brings the show to the Fox. Tues-Sat 8pm, Sat 2pm; Sun 2pm & 7:30pm. \$10-\$37.50. 817-8700.

MICHIGAN WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL. Aug 9-14. Tickets available now—616-757-4766.

15 FRIDAY

CHAKA KHAN. R&B legend heats up Chastain Amphitheatre, with opening at The Spinners. 8:30pm. \$16-\$38. 898-2414.

FRONT & CENTER: MALCOLM X AND SOCIAL CHANGE. Video at Nexus Contemporary Art Center. Free. 11am-5pm. 688-1970.

FIRES IN THE MIRROR. Anna Deavre Smith portrays

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

AFRICAN AMERICAN 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. 378-5570.

ASAFU! 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 July 6, "The Reluctant Dragon" and July 18-23 "The Dinosaur Show" for children (11am & 1pm Mon-Sat, 3pm Wed). 1404 Spring St. 873-3391.

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

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

DISTURBING THE PEACE: WOMEN, SUFFRAGE & POLITICS. Thru Sat. 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.

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

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.

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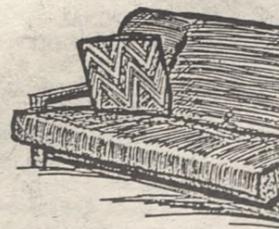
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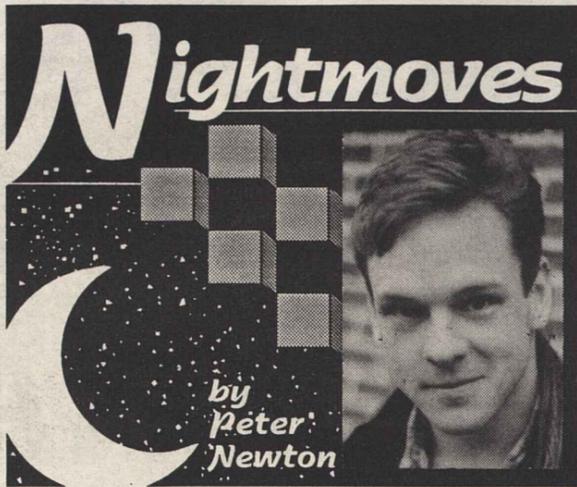
David Byrne made a name for himself a long time ago as the quirky lead singer for the punk-era band Talking Heads. Blank-faced and intentionally monotoned, Byrne set an eerie stage for some of his best-loved songs like "Psycho Killer." Fifteen years can change a lot about a person. Now, we have a kinder, gentler talking head who's recently released solo album, 'David Byrne' (Luaka Bop/Sire/Warner Brothers) is an unabashed self-revelation of warm sentiments.

Critic at large, Ken Tucker who reviewed Byrne's album a few weeks ago in The New York Times says, "[Byrne] used to be one of those people who sang because he wrote the words and had a microphone in front of him; these days, he has become a wittily dexterous vocalist...In the past, he created musical drama by being a terribly self-conscious artist always struggling to loosen up; on 'David Byrne,' the struggle is over, but the drama remains." You may not burn down the house with Byrne this time around but you're sure to see another side of this modern music man. Byrne plays Friday, July 15 at the Roxy.

David Byrne may be recognized easiest as the little guy in the big clothes. This week at **Velvet** there's a big guy in little clothes. In his first ever Georgia appearance is Colt model Scott Sloan. Monday, July 18. Doors open at 10 pm. Showtime at Midnight.

Also in the bar circuit these days is a talented acoustic duo by the name of, **Linda & Lisa**. You may have heard them at the Pride celebration in Piedmont Park last month. They've been playing strong ever since with their recent popularity. Look for the two at Revolution, Friday, July 15 at 10:30 pm.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's Summerfest 1994 Series, **Basically Beethoven** runs July 14-30. New York's Summer series is called "Mostly Mozart" so who copied who? Here's a quick Top 10 List of Future ASO Summer Series Titles: 10. Wholly Handel 9. Some Shostakovich 8. Primarily Prokofiev 7. Reams of Rachmaninoff 6. The Majority of Mendelssohn 5. Largely Listz 4. Guaranteed Gershwin 3. Tchikovsky Does Chop-Stix 2. Dvorzak's Dead and No. 1 on The Top 10 List of Future ASO Summer Series

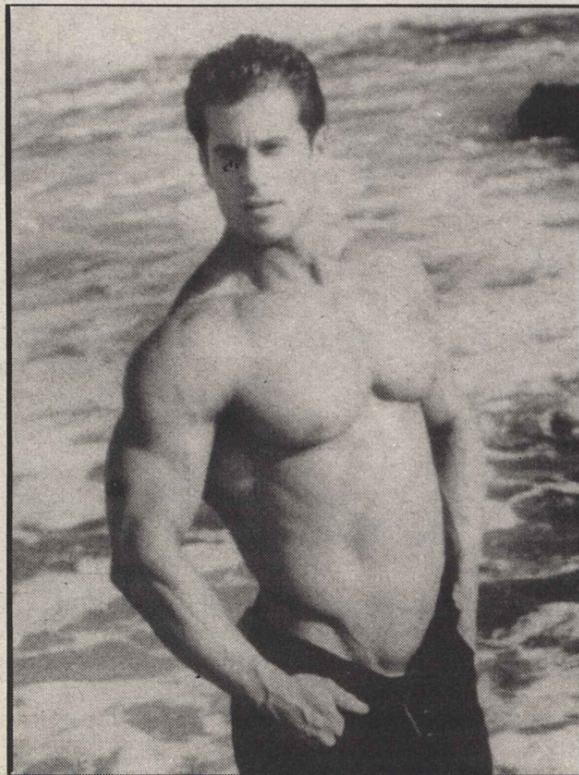


Titles: Basically Beethoven; Part Dieux. Maybe I've been watching too much Letterman? Call for details on this cool classical music. 892-2414. If you'd rather be outside, the Symphony is giving a free concert in Piedmont Park Sunday, July 17 at 7:30 pm. Raindate is August 11.

Since I've already degenerated, the **Terry Gilliam Week** coming up at Cinefest seems appropriate to mention. The Monty Python man himself, actually a title he must share with John Cleese, Gilliam is worthy of a mini-movie fest of his own. Leave it up to the 4-person booking committee at Cinefest to heap praise where praise is due. "From the surrealist nightmare vision of a perfect world, to the adventurous romp through a visually stunning universe, 'Brazil' and 'The Adventures of Baron Munchausen' represent the best of fantastical filmmaking around," says the unnamed blurb writer on Cinefest's schedule. "Brazil" has to be one of the most disturbingly engaging films I've ever seen. If Robert DeNiro's in it, you know it's good. It's rentable but it was made for the big screen. Terry Gilliam Week runs July 18-24. Call for times. 651-2463.

And you don't want to miss the goings on at Nexus

Contemporary Arts Center this month in conjunction with the upcoming **National Black Arts Festival**. Opening on Friday, July 8 is "Malcolm X: Man Ideal Icon," an exhibition of photos, speeches, fine art and pop culture which illuminates the man who continues to be such an important figure in American consciousness. And on July 15 is "Front and Center: Malcolm X and Social Change," a video co-sponsored by the African-American Film Society. Call Nexus at 688-1970 for more info. And look for detailed information on the National Black Arts Festival in next week's SoVo.



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Angels in America will soon descend on Atlanta

It is already shaping up to be the most important theatrical event of the 1994-95 season, and it's the first show out of the gate. The Alliance Theatre Company's production of Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Angels in America—Millennium Approaches" is the most widely-anticipated play to be announced, and it will receive its first public showing at a special benefit performance on August 28.

Southern Voice is the media sponsor for the entire run of "Angels," and co-sponsors the benefit performance, which will raise funds for three local charities serving people with HIV/AIDS: AIDS Survival Project, Jerusalem House, and Project Open Hand/Atlanta. The three agencies will benefit equally from 100% of the proceeds raised by the performance.

The benefit performance is priced at \$25, \$50 and VIP seating for \$100. The VIP seating includes a reception prior to the show hosted by "Angels" director Kenny Leon and the Alliance's Playwright-in-Residence Sandra Deer.

"Millennium Approaches" has been rightfully hailed as the best new American drama in the last 30 years. In fact, the only play to receive any reviews comparable to it is the second part, "Angels in America—Perestroika," which most likely will be coming to the Alliance in 1995.

The play is an extravagant, comprehensive look at AIDS, religion, sexuality, politics and spirituality. Subtitled "A Gay Fantasia on National Themes," the play follows the travails of Prior Walter, who is HIV positive, his (soon to be ex-) lover Louis, Joe Pitt, a Mormon attorney who is befriended by the infamous Roy Cohn, Joe's wife Harper, who may or may not be a space cadet, Joe's mother Hannah, a hospital orderly named Belize, and various other people who populate the show.

Using a decidedly non-linear form, the play boldly explores the topic of HIV and how it changes the lives of those people it touches. It is also a play which forcibly examines religion and questions where spirituality leads us. And ultimately, it is about relationships, both homosexual and heterosexual, and the inherent problems therein.

No other play has ever tackled such topics and explored



JOAN MARCUS

The Alliance Theatre's production of "Angels in America—Millennium Approaches" gets its first Atlanta showing on Aug. 28, a benefit performance for three local AIDS groups.

them in such depth—or with so much humor. Indeed, one thing which surprises people about "Angels in America" is that the play is extremely funny at times.

"Millennium Approaches" will begin regular previews at the Alliance beginning August 31, with an official opening on September 7. It will run through October 2.

"Angels in America" marks the second year in a row that

the Alliance has launched a season with a decidedly gay-themed play. Last year, "Falsettos" set attendance records for the company, and the theatre is hoping "Angels" will top that show. In an interview with Southern Voice last Spring, Kenny Leon, who is the Alliance Artistic Director, made it very clear he intends to broaden the scope of the theatre's audience: "I hope [the gay community] realizes we are a theatre for everybody. We're defined only by the audience of the whole region. Half our audience is not here yet."

To supplement the playgoing experience of "Angels in America," the Alliance is running several supplemental programs. On August 23, "Lunchtime with Kenny" will offer a behind-the-scenes look at the production. The actors, designers, and Leon will be on hand, and attendees will see a brief scene from the show.

On August 29, WSB reporter Bill Nigut will host a panel discussion in conjunction with the show called, "Never Before on the Alliance Stage—Why Now?" The discussion will cover spirituality, homosexuality and nudity within the context of "Angels in America." Nigut will then host a second panel discussion on September 19 called "Angels in America: Honest Reactions." Patrons will be allowed to "talk back" to the Alliance about their views of the show. Both discussions are set for 7:30 pm in the Alliance Theatre.

On September 7, the Alliance is sponsoring "Lunchtime with Tony Kushner" at noon in the studio theatre. The one-hour question and answer session is an informal opportunity to learn more about the playwright and the play.

"Angels in America—Millennium Approaches" runs just over three hours, so the Alliance has set the curtain time at 7:00 pm (1:00 pm for matinees). Due to the early curtain, dinners will be available at the theatre every night, beginning at 5:45 pm.

MICHAEL KAPE

Tickets for the Aug. 28 benefit performance of *Angels in America* are now on sale and can be purchased by calling 892-2414. Tickets for the regular run of the play go on sale Aug. 14.

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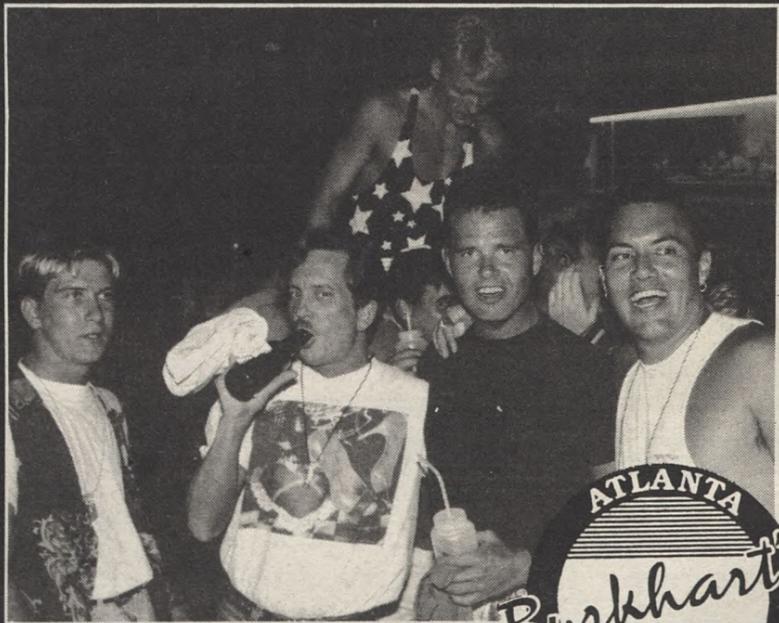
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"If I wanted to," sings Melissa Etheridge, "I could turn mountains to sand/ Have political leaders in the palm of my hand." Her fourth and latest album, "Yes I Am" (Island), seems to prove that. Indeed, Etheridge has become something of a political leader herself since coming out at Bill Clinton's inaugural Triangle Ball last January, and the press regarding Yes I Am has been as much about her sexual orientation as it has about the album's worth. Media hoopla aside, however, Yes I Am showcases the 32-year-old gal from Leavenworth, Kans., singing ten songs that resonate—and rock—with passion and yearning.

The songs that make up Yes I Am speak of a woman obsessed, thirsting to realize her romantic fantasies. "You don't know how much I'd give... just to reach you," she cries on the radio-friendly "Come To My Window." Similarly, on "Ruins," the rhythm guitar's ceaseless riff paints an image of a woman who cannot sleep, a single thought permeating her brain.

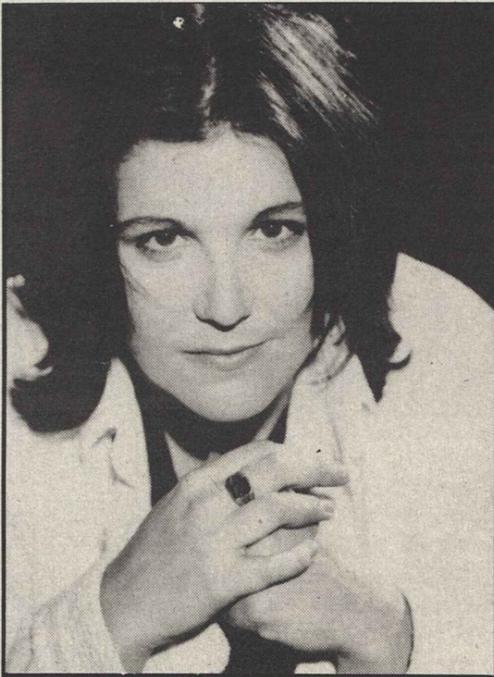
If love ballads like these throb with the pain of love, "Resist" and the irresistible "American Girl" pulse with the energy of pure rock and roll. And "Silent Legacy," could be the quintessential coming out song for lesbian and gay youth.

Etheridge's critics have made much of her so-called "gender neutral" lyrics, which she defends as having universal appeal. Most likely the media have applied a double-standard. How many songs by Springsteen or Bon Jovi, singers to whom Etheridge has been compared, identify their love objects by gender? Regardless, lyrics like "What do they know about this love anyway?" leave a distinct flavor which is anything but neutral.

Etheridge is a rare artist who is a joy to hear whether she's rasping contralto-style in "I'm The Only One" or singing dulcet tones in "I Will Never Be The Same." Rest assured that when Etheridge plays Lakewood on July 29, die-hard fans and newcomers alike will flock to see her. Yes they will.

Has Kristen Hall Got What She Wished For?

Atlanta dweller Kristen Hall's third and latest assortment of folksy ballads, "Be Careful What You Wish For" (High Street), is pleasing, if not particularly spectacular. An opening act for fellow Atlantans the Indigo Girls, Hall seems to have modeled her vocal stylings



Kristem Hall

after the duo. Indeed, the best tracks on the album, "Following My Compass" and "Just So You Know," most closely resemble the acoustic sweetness of songs like "Closer to Fine" and "Hammer and a Nail." In other moments, Hall sounds like a less pointed Carole King, especially on the pop ballad "Open Arms."

Unfortunately, comparisons to these other artists don't lend themselves well when it comes to Hall's lyrics. Whereas the Indigo Girls' voyages to self-discovery and love come across as realistically gut-wrenching, Hall's journeys sound like a walk in the park—literally. "You said in Piedmont Park that you'd be there," she sings in "Prey To You." Even more interesting lines like "All this must be some sick tribute to our trust" are hurt by awkward phrasing that makes the meaning difficult to discern.

Hall's background singers, among them Matthew Sweet and Emily Saliers, add richness to the songs, as do lovely violins in "Cry Tomorrow" and "Open Arms" and something called a guitorgan in "Heaven Knows." In addition, Hall and her band attempt one rock song, "Don't Tell Me," with quite successful results.

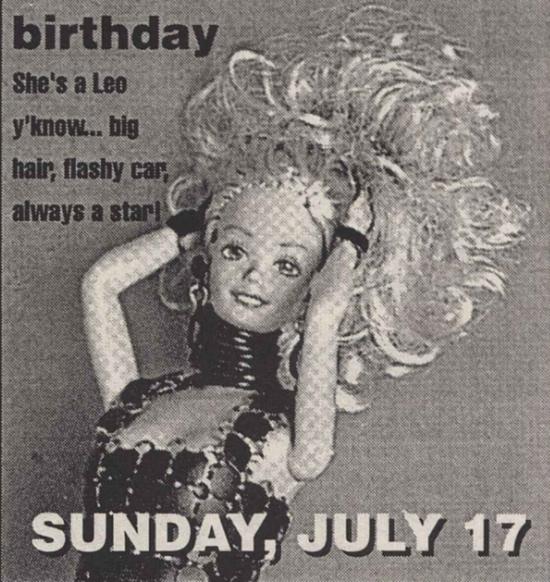
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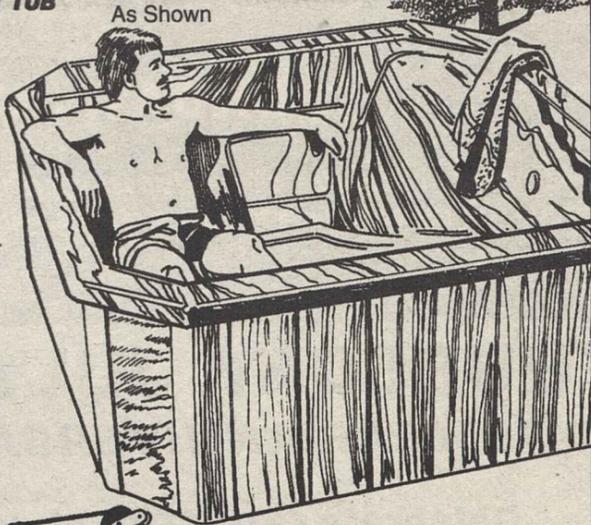
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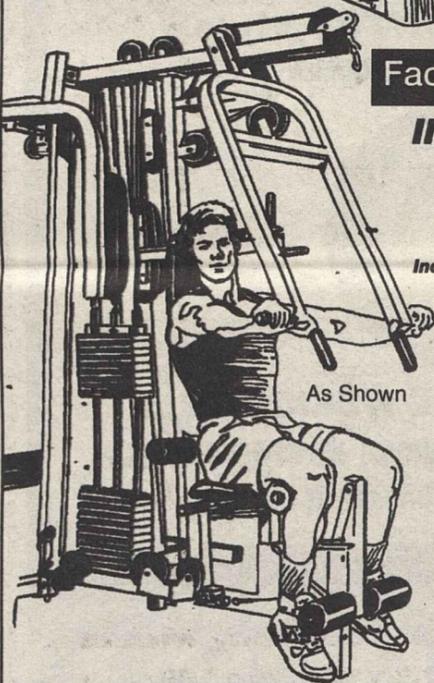
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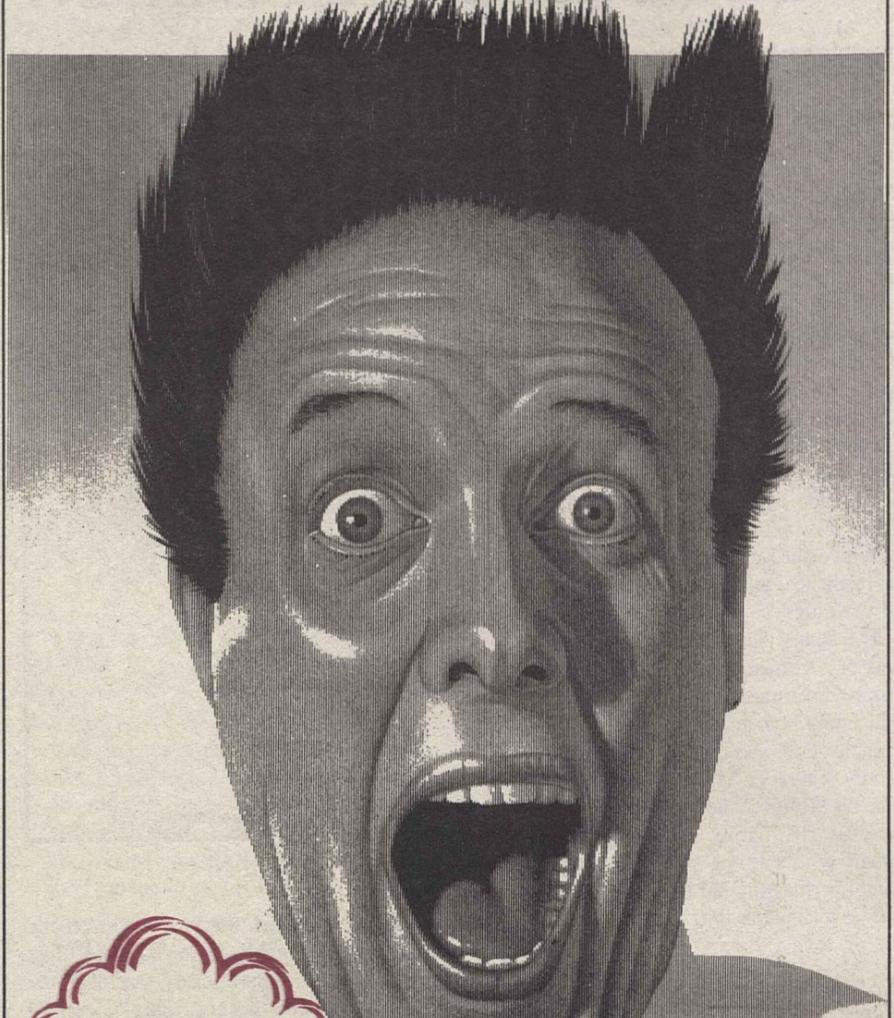


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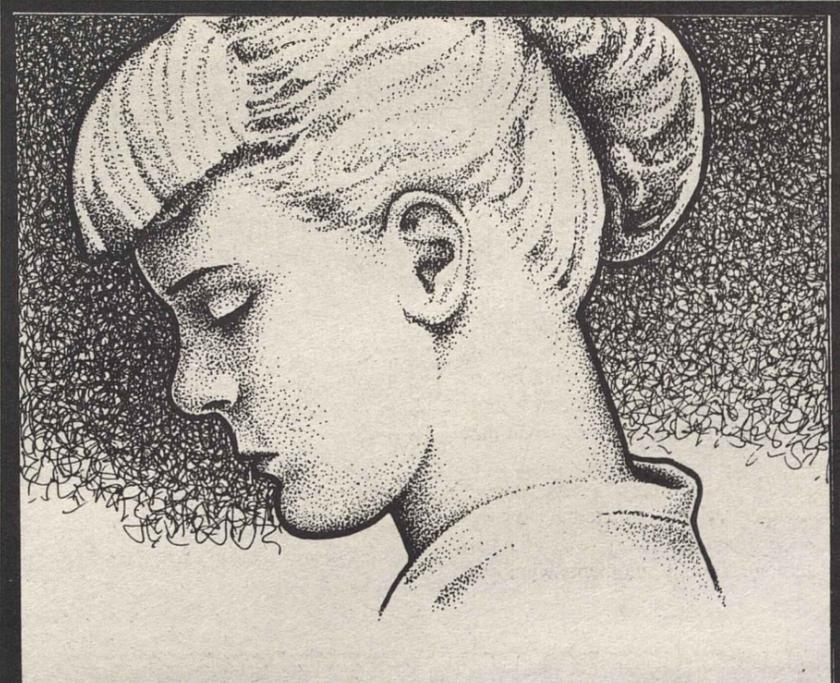


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Of all the summer movies, "Forrest Gump" is the one most likely still to be playing at Christmas. But don't wait that long to see it.

Tom Hanks has already won the "William Hurt Oscar" for playing gay. In *Forrest Gump* he makes a credible bid for the "Dustin Hoffman Oscar" for playing developmentally disabled. If this works, what's next? The "Sidney Poitier Oscar" for playing black? Ted Danson will tell you that's not easy to get.

Forrest Gump looks at three decades of American history from the perspective of a slow-witted man who played surprising roles in it, from teaching moves to a young guitar player named Elvis, to burying one of the first casualties of a mysterious virus. Special effects give Gump (Hanks) his proper place in history, including meeting three presidents.

Named by his mother (Sally Field) for an ancestor who founded the Ku Klux Klan, Forrest makes few real friends in his life. The first is Jenny (played as an adult by Robin Wright), the only woman this largely asexual man will ever love. She brings out his hidden talent—running, which puts him through college on a football scholarship.

In the army he meets two men who will be his pals sooner or later: the shrimp-obsessed "Bubba" (Mykelti Williamson) and the bitter "Lt. Dan" (Gary Sinise). Stupid enough to be a perfect soldier, Gump returns from Vietnam a hero. The army scenes reinforce the similarity between Forrest Gump and Will Stockdale, the character Andy Griffith played in "No Time for Sergeants." The other obvious comparison is Peter Sellers' Chance the Gardener in "Being There." The mood is nearer the sophistication of "Being There" than the hillbilly hijinks of "...Sergeants," even though Forrest and Jenny are from Alabama and the more intelligent characters only seem so when they get too close to Forrest.

Because Forrest Gump is pretty much a one-note character, Hanks has a tough job keeping him interesting over nearly two and a half hours. There are, frankly, moments when you



Hip heterosexual Tom Hanks shines again as Forrest Gump

may get tired of him, but Hanks does a tremendous job of making you believe and care about him in the first place. Sinise's intense performance is definitely Oscar-worthy, and a mention is likely for Wright, whose Jenny changes as much as Forrest stays the same.

Eric Roth has fashioned a beautiful screenplay from a novel by Winston Groom, paying as much attention to the smallest detail as to the big picture.

Director Robert Zemeckis has been largely overlooked until now because the effects have overshadowed the people in such films as "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" and "Back to the Future." The effects in "Forrest Gump" are there to serve the story, and while they may be what you leave the theater talking about, I doubt they'll be what lingers in your memory longest.

Forrest's mama always told him, "Stupid is as stupid does." The makers of *Forrest Gump* ain't done nothin' stupid.

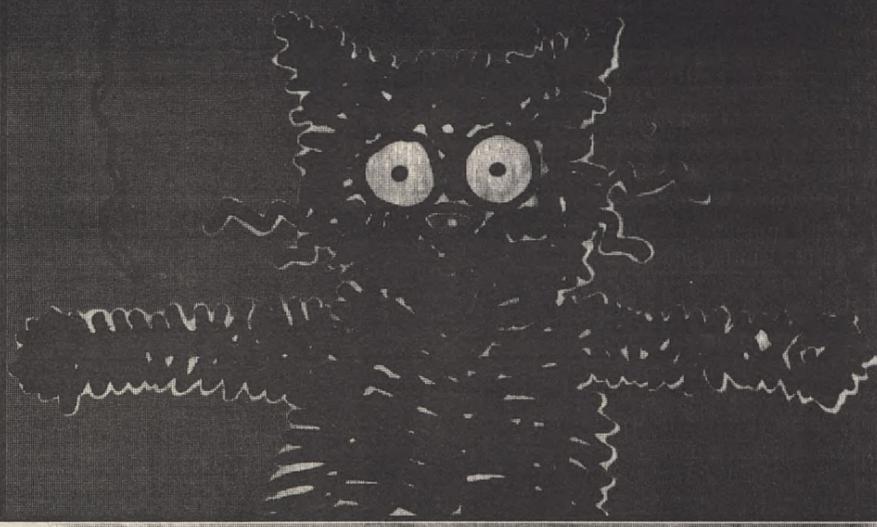
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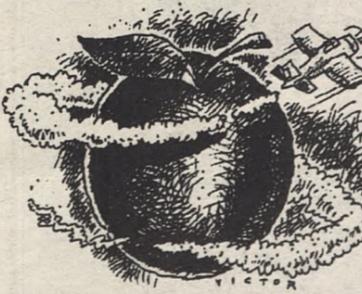


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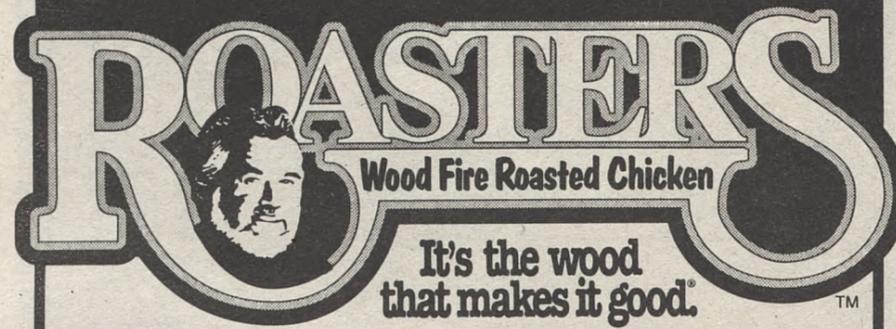
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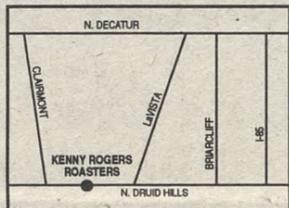
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A dozen or so of us took a recent Saturday to tour Pasaquan, the eye popping home and grounds of the late mystic/psychic/artist Eddie Owens Martin, or Saint EOM as he preferred to be called.

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A table full of out queers is not an everyday experience at Sprayberry's, but most everybody was at least courteous. One young waiter looked me straight in the eye and smiled. I don't know his name, but I expect you'll meet him at Backstreet on the very day he turns 21.

Another Georgia BBQ institution **Johnny Harris' Restaurant** (of Savannah) has opened a store on N. Decatur Road in the space formerly occupied by the Lullwater Tavern.

This is the kind of restaurant that feels as if you *must* have a cocktail as soon as you sit down. Not beer, not wine, and certainly not Perrier, but a big, strong cocktail made from some brand of booze also named for a Southern man—Evan Williams, Jim Beam, Jack Daniels.

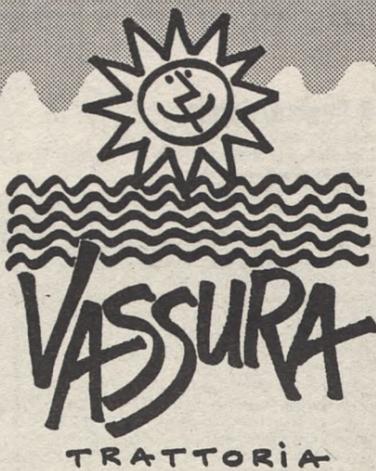
Much as I may like the spirits named for these gentlemen, the feeling I've described seldom presages the appearance of good food.

I won't weary your eyes with adjectives describing the disappointing food here. Suffice it to say that the restaurant's big, strong drinks are its most appealing product and its most fairly priced—\$6.95 for a mediocre barbecue lamb sandwich and a side of decent fries is not my idea of fun. The aforementioned \$10.50 lamb sandwich at Brasserie Le Coze is a bigtime bargain by comparison.

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- Atlanta Greens, Green Party USA, Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Queer Caucus—368-7137
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- Cobb Citizens Coalition—POB 965336, Marietta 30066, 256-8690
- Dykes & Faggots Bash Back—POB 14531, Atl 30324, voice mail 908-5369
- Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—876-1398
- Georgia Advocates for Battered Women & Children/Lesbian Task Force—524-3847; 250 Georgia Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atl. 30312
- GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
- Human Rights Campaign Fund—Federal Advocacy Network, 231-5751
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- Lesbian Avengers—798-7742
- National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
- National Org. for Women, Gay & Lesbian Rights Task Force—636-7435
- Neighbors Network—816-8348
- Olympics Out of Cobb Coalition—POB 77341 Atlanta, GA 30357-1341—798-7822
- Out Front—PO Box 12369, Atlanta 30355
- Republicans for Individual Freedoms—PO 13162, Atl, GA 30324, 239-1679
- Straight But Not Narrow—242-2256 (voice mail)
- STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

National

- Human Rights Campaign Fund—1012 14th St. NW, Suite 607, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 628-4160
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- Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
- Women's Rugby—237-2752
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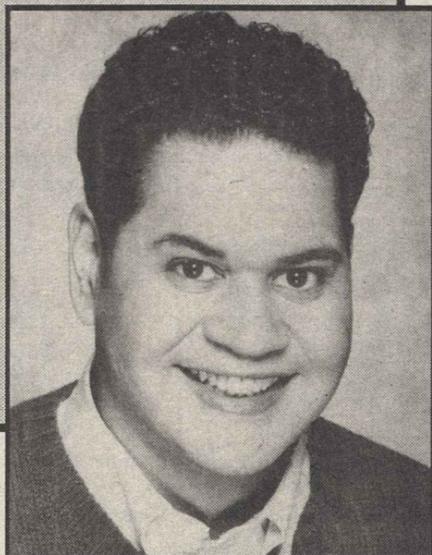
EMILIO PERÉY

How long in Atlanta: 10 years

Relationship: "I'm having close relationship with a down pillow right now."

Last Book Read: "The Prince of Tides" by Pat Conroy

Pet peeve: People who say, "I'm not prejudiced, but..."



Talking to Emilio Peréy is a lot like going on a ride at Six Flags—you aren't quite sure how you got there, but at the end you know it was a lot of fun. Emilio's gift for gab isn't an accident, it's a skill. Among his many other irons in the fire, he's been teaching an improvisation class at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center for four years now.

"My students run the gamut from dental hygienists to state legislators," Emilio explains, "and it has become more and more popular lately with trial lawyers."

Trial lawyers in an improv class? Isn't that kind of unusual?

"Not really," says Emilio, "they have to be really quick on their feet with judges and other lawyers. Besides, they need to do something to relax, they're so anal. In my class I give them a chance to be something they're not—women, gays, blacks they love it."

The state legislator Emilio refers to took the class in order not to lose the attention of other legislators. After she took the class, she was in a session and used what she had learned. "I looked up at them and they were yawning. I knew I was losing them. I added some one-liners, and I had 'em!," she told him.

Emilio could give politicians more than just lessons in improvisation; he has some definite ideas of his own about what's good and bad in the system. "I was born and raised in Charleston, S.C.," he says, "so I had a lot of exposure to the huntin' and fishin' crowd. They would tell racist jokes and look at me as if I might knife them afterwards. But I couldn't do it, I was outnumbered," he jokes.

He also doesn't think the Cobb County issue makes sense. "How can you be a good Christian and go out of your way to discriminate and offend someone?," he asks pointedly. "It just all goes back to whether

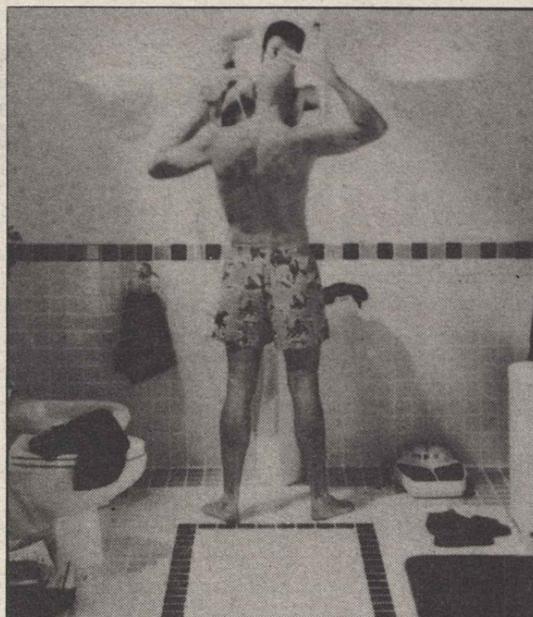
you've had good home training," he adds.

Emilio's humor and vivacity had a perfect outlet until just recently: For about one year he had his own talk show, "It's Emilio," on cable channel 12. He calls it "The great Citizen Kane entry into the TV world." His guests included local talents like Megan McFarland, Glenn Rainey and Philip DePoy. "I learned that when you have a show like this, you do a little bit of everything, including using furniture from your own living room for the set," Emilio says.

Now, Emilio devotes his talents to "Laughing Matters," an improv group which performs Thursdays and Saturdays at Manuel's Tavern. In fact, Emilio was one of the founding members of the group, which has had many different homes but seems to have settled comfortably into Manuel's after a year. "We did do a test show at Dave 'n Busters (in Cobb County), but we found the level of the room changed dramatically up there," he says.

Most of all, Emilio believes in the power of humor. "It's been real bad times lately," he says. "I've lost some people (to AIDS). And we know it has a tendency to get worse before it gets better. But I believe, with insight and understanding, laughter can heal. We all need to listen more and to love any kind of relationship. I hope we never lose our gay sensibility, our sense of camp, of humor."

Any parting words of advice? "Yes. Stick with your grandmother's devilled-egg tray and you'll never go wrong," he laughs.



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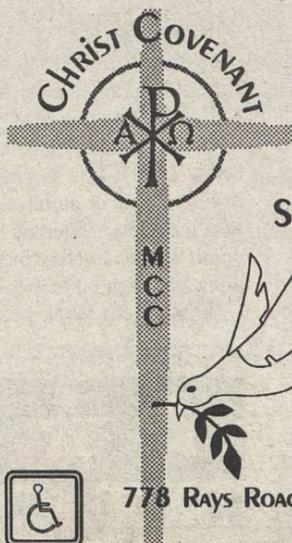
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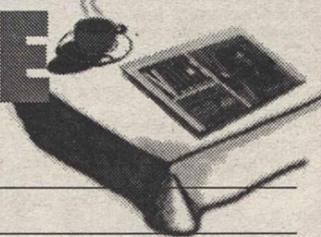
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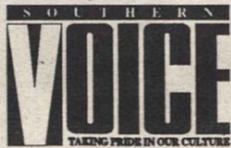
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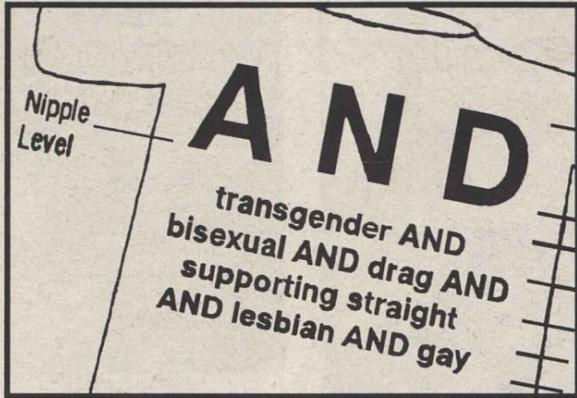
Puzzling partners: Inspired by the proliferation of bodacious pectoralis major muscles at this year's Pride march, Dish has finally gotten off our butt and joined a gym. Though new to this milieu, Dish has a finely honed sense of observation and has noticed some rather strange goings-on at our gym of choice, which has a mixed clientele of gay and straight folks. The gay and lesbian workout partners, of course, are just as cute as a bunch of buttons. The straight people, however, have us puzzled. Is it normal for a man to work himself into a frenzy at bench presses while his girlfriend or wife looks on and smiles at him approvingly after every set? Did we mention that most of these straight women are fully made up, with whooshed hair, wearing street clothes and way too much perfume? Dish wonders if these straight couples are planning on heading to a party immediately following the workout or whether this is some bizarre new straight dating ritual. Either way, it annoys the hell out of us.

What goes around: Dish cackled gleefully when Rheta Grimsley Johnson (Lewis Grizzard's replacement at the AJC) devoted her second column to the story of gay and HIV-positive singer Doug Stevens (of Doug Stevens and the Outband). Though Johnson began her stint at the paper with a very Grizzard-like column (all gosh and shucks and sounding like home) she hauled out the heavy artillery the very next day, tackling a subject that Grizzard never would have dared write about. Though the AJC has years of bad karma to pay back due to the sexiest, homophobic and racist comments Grizzard made in his column, Dish definitely thinks hiring Ms. Johnson is a great way to start.

And Enough Already: Dish is all for being politically correct and everything, but this is getting ridiculous. Recently,

Dish

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



The t-shirt police say this is what you should have worn at Stonewall 25.

Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy (ICTLEP). The group's main beef is that they think all organizations with the words "gay and lesbian" in its name should add "transgender, bisexual, drag and supportive straight" to the wording. Just in case that's too many words for your business card or storefront window, the thought police suggest the shorter alternative GAY* (the asterisk, in case you didn't know, implies inclusivity). Further exacting instructions are given on how to prepare t-shirts to the point of what to put at nipple level, which varies from person to person, in

Dish's not-so-limited experience. All of this was to be done for the ICTLEP protest of non-inclusion scheduled to take place during the Stonewall 25 celebration. Dish longs for the days when a protest was a less hidebound undertaking and wonders when the lawyers got involved in all of this.

Take me out to the opera: Dish heard about the incredible popularity of The Atlanta Opera's most recent production, Turandot, and really loved the ad campaign with the words "Princess Die!" in 2 inch headlines. But we were non-plussed (just like many other opera queens) by the ticket scalpers we saw outside the Arts Center at the final performance of the opera. It was like a Braves game: there they were, in plain view of all the prissy Buckhead matrons and back-slapping, pretentious business people (who go to the opera to network, not because they like the music). One of the scalpers Dish saw was wearing a tuxedo, so at least they were classy. But, Dish wonders—what's next? Tossing beer bottles at the conductor if the temp is too slow? Or maybe the nice folks at the Atlanta Opera will consider adding a third act stretch?

Gaymesmanship: Though Dish was not able to attend the Gay Games, several of our friends competed and some, we're happy to report, even brought home medals. To them, and all of Atlanta's participants in the Games, Dish would like to offer our heartiest congratulations, and share our favorite story of the week: A friend of Dish's who was a competitor and winner in a racquet sport, was at the pool venue looking for his partner, who competed in the swimming event. Unfortunately, Dish's friend was in a "No-Visitors Allowed" area and was asked to leave by an alert security guard. "But I'm looking for a swimmer," Dish's friend implored. "Aren't we all honey?," the unflappable guard replied.

July 14 - July 20, 1994

A major event in our Solar System begins on July 16 and goes through the 22nd. Jupiter, the largest planet in our little family, will be impacted by mountain size pieces of a disintegrating comet. Astronomers around the world are speculating about the outcome, but no one is sure. High energy for that week is predictable!

ARIES, the winds of change are upon us, so your cardinal fire energy may be more restless than usual to get out there and do something! Do your best to pace yourself and to trust your deep intuitive sense for the most beneficial times to act. **TAURUS**, with Mars cruising through your 2nd house of material resources (stuff you own or want to own) and your financial income and outgo, you may be tempted by investments that sound too good to be true. Trust your gut instinct. **GEMINI**, assertive and forceful Mars energy moving through your 1st house of physicalness, self-awareness and personality could be igniting your self-confidence and turning you into a human dynamo. Remember to sleep and eat good food. Happy Birthday, **CANCER!**, are we having fun yet? If not, why not? Don't let the world get to you. Sometimes we have to be very determined about having a wonderful, loving life,

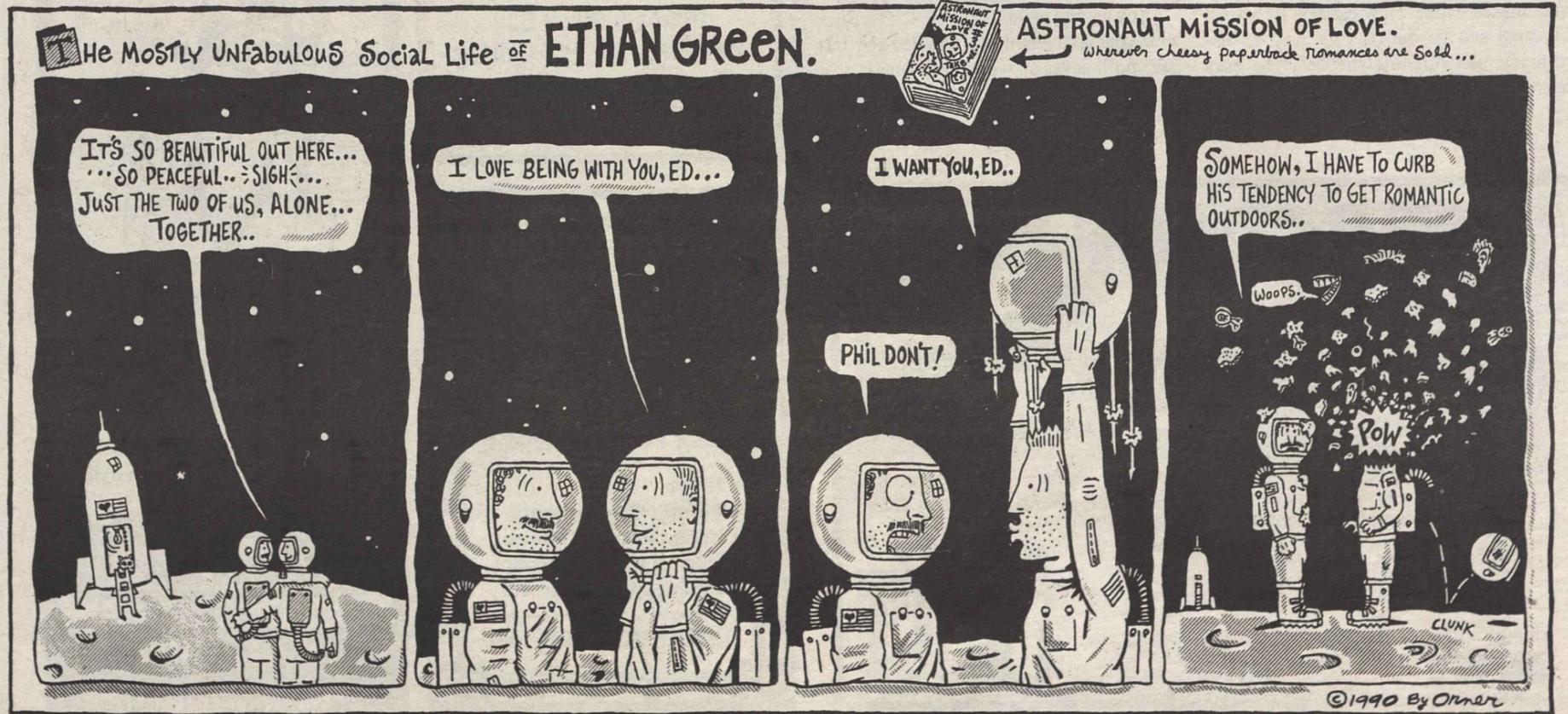
STAR SIGNS

so get determined, make a list of things you love to do and go for it. **LEO**, there's fire on the mountain and fire in your Soul (or you wouldn't be a proper Leo). Because of its intensity, Fire can be difficult to live with, especially with internal changes. Your capacity to change and grow can be an inspiration to all. **VIRGO**, with Venus arriving in your 1st house of personality and self awareness, you may begin to sparkle like a diamond, especially in social settings. Take advantage and let yourself enjoy being a social butterfly for a few weeks. **LIBRA**, with Venus in your 12th house of dreams and visions, your dreamtime could be very active, spilling vivid images into your subconscious. All this non-linear information will filter into your conscious mind creating a new perspective. **SCORPIO**, Jupiter, with its approaching comet, is moving forward again in your 1st house of self awareness. Expect an influx of expansive energy as Jupiter responds to

this new circumstance in its personality. Go gently with the flow. **SAGITTARIUS**, keep your antennae tuned to your expansive ruling planet, Jupiter. With the "impact" of this comet, there may be specific shifts in the way Jupiter accommodates this unique experience. Pay attention to your own energy adjustments.

CAPRICORN, with the Sun in your 7th house of close friends and intimate relationships, you could allow yourself to be nurtured and supported emotionally by intimacy and quality time. In other words, make time to be with the folks you care about. **AQUARIUS**, as you look around, you may notice certain social situations that you feel absolutely must change and you may be growing more and more impatient. Do remember that the most irritating social wrinkles are often in our personalities. **PISCES**, with all this activity in your sister water signs, your own sensitivity could be edging off the chart. Be sure to drink lots of good water, cut fresh fruits and veggies to keep your feet on the ground and nurture your wonderful faith in life.

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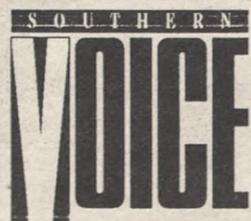
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- DOWN
- Queen Latifah's music
 - Hockey great Bobby
 - Ball holder
 - Louisiana native
 - Load with cargo
 - Mix up
 - "What's up, ___?"
 - Solo vocal piece
 - Campus housing
 - Gait
 - Culture dish
 - Exploited
 - Legendary bird
 - Jai
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 - Exposed
 - Nations united
 - Mountain range dividing Europe and Asia
 - Bowler's target
 - Persia
 - Exam
 - Jaws
 - "Stop ___ dime."
 - Proper
 - Heroic
 - Spring month
 - Rita Mae Brown mystery, ___ in Pieces
 - Great lake
 - Farm building
 - Practice boxing
 - Paul Monette work, Halfway ___
 - Slangy yes
 - Foxy
 - Judith McDaniel novel, Just Say ___

- ACROSS
- Jim Holobaugh's org, once
 - Hallucinogenic
 - Classifieds
 - Region
 - Upon
 - Balderdash
 - Right-wing characteristic
 - Anger
 - Drug addict
 - Hobo
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 - Cut off
 - Right-wing characteristic
 - Chemical suffix
 - Brazilian city
- ACROSS (Cont'd)
- Cheers star Perlman
 - Right wing characteristic
 - Deadly snake
 - Zero
 - Slacks
 - Put back in the sack
 - Schooner
 - Baseball stat
 - Right wing characteristic
 - Cecil Beaton, e.g.
 - Softball group
 - Lesbos, for one
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AIDS Survival Project offers free services for people living with HIV, by people living with HIV. Peer counseling (by HIV+ volunteers), advocacy, HIV education, the best HIV treatment library in the South. Mon-Fri, 874-7926. For 24hr. recorded info 874-0384.

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

AID Atlanta—Services include education, case management,

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

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

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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

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GWF - 39 in unsatisfying rela-

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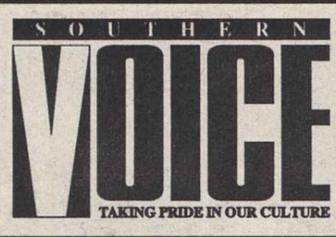
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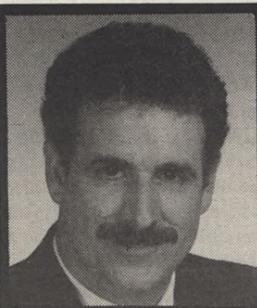


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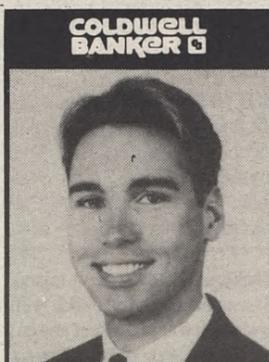
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Rural GA, AL, MISS, W/M, moustache, friendships sought for W/M, 5'8", moustache, slim, blond, HIV-, tired of city. ☎ 1541

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

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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

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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

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

GM, 35, 6'2", 175, attractive, fit, educated, endowed. Seeking GM

25-40 who's 5'10" plus, non-smoker, HIV-, versatile, romantic. ☎ 1440

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

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

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

GWM, 33, 6'3", laid back professional with eclectic interests; animation, L5P, movies, 99x, Braves... You, 25-40ish, sense of humor. ☎ 1416

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

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

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

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

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GWM, 43, 5'10", 155, attractive, midtown professional, HIV-, smoker, seeks relationship oriented, non-barfly, HIV- GWM

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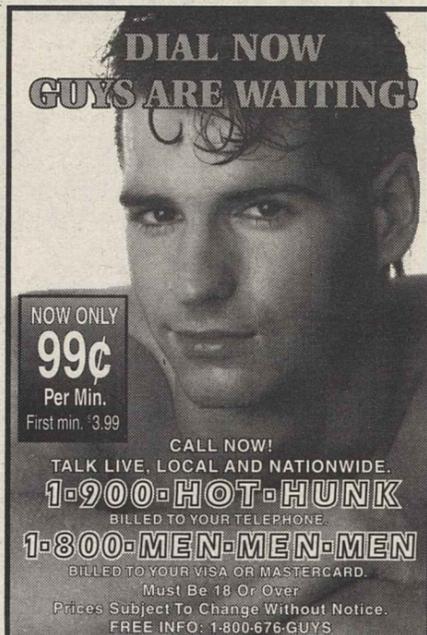
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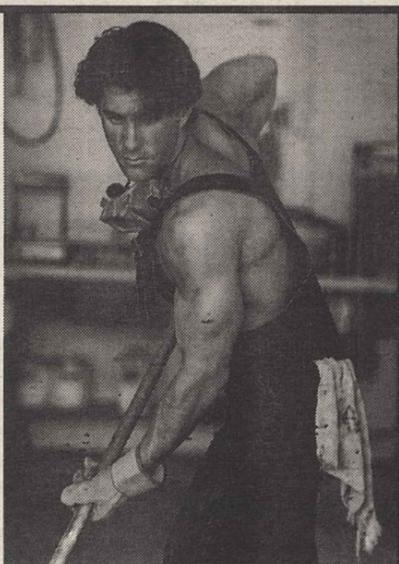
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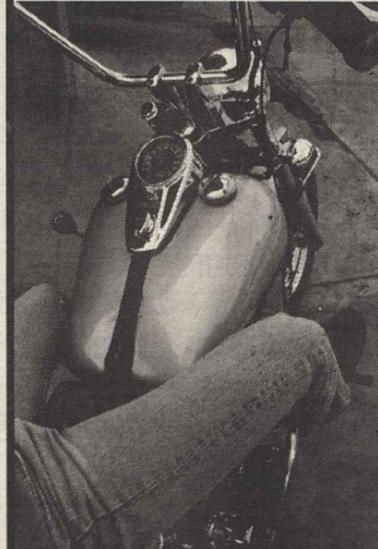


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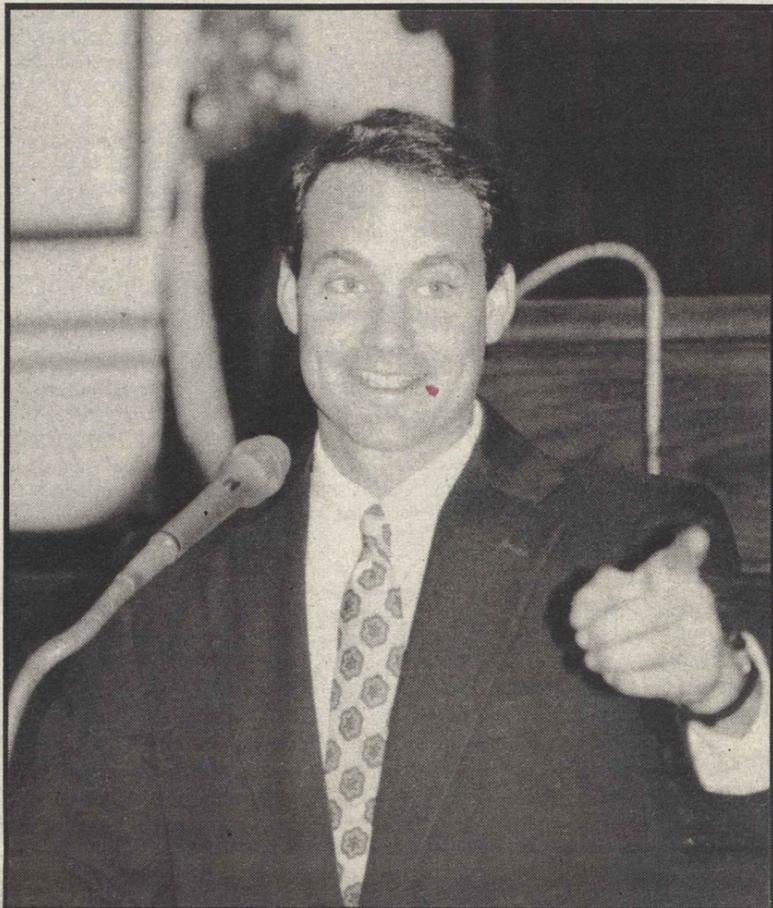
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- introduced legislation which would reform Georgia's sodomy law by allowing private consensual sexual behavior among adults.
- passed Senate Bill 565 which outlaws doctors from receiving kick-backs from home infusion companies which were taking advantage of people with AIDS.
- continues to lead the fight to protect a woman's right to choose.
- for three consecutive years, participated in Pride Weekend activities.
- wrote official letters of support for moving the Olympic volleyball venue out of Cobb County and bringing the 1998 Gay Games to Atlanta.

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