

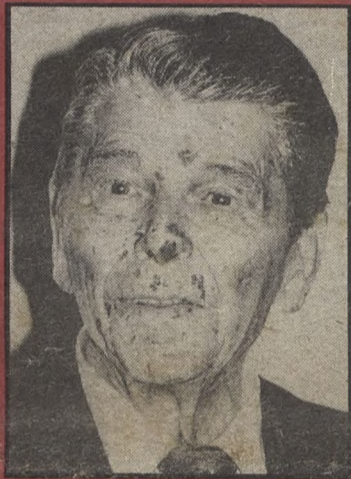
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"Conflict between theory and experience" by Lamar Smith oil on canvas, 48" x 72".

Atlanta's art auction benefit for AIDS, to be held July 23, has grown into a local phenomenon raising more than half a million dollars in the past five years.

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## Anti-gay drive fails in 8 out of 10 states

Experts warn, however, that the radical right will not be discouraged from continuing to push for anti-gay legislation

by KC WILDMOON

The petitions are in—there's nothing left but for voters to go to the polls. But that will happen in only two states out of 10 that were targeted by the radical right for anti-gay ballot initiatives this year. Eight states fell by the wayside—most because state organizers failed to gather enough valid signatures by the cut-off dates to put the measures on November ballots.

It's good news, and bad news, with plenty in between, say lesbian/gay rights advocates.

"We are relieved, but we are not relaxed," said Sue Hyde, coordinator of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Fight the Right Project. "The failure of the radical right to qualify for the ballot in eight states is positive, but it does not send the all-clear signal."

Indeed it doesn't. Most anti-gay organizers have already vowed to return next year, and several are following the lead of the Oregon Citizens Alliance by beginning a city-by-city, county-by-county campaign to ban civil rights protections for lesbians and gay men.

"We're not going to see any lessening of attacks

on gays and lesbians because it works," said Arthur Kropp, director of People for the American Way, a progressive watch-dog organization. "We're seeing it from almost every right-wing group in almost every state."

Oregon is one of two states—Idaho is the other—where the anti-gay ballot measures were successfully qualified. The Oregon Citizens Alliance garnered the necessary number of signatures by July 8 for the third consecutive election. In 1992, Measure 9, a draconian initiative by all accounts that likened homosexuality to bestiality and pedophilia, lost by a narrow margin.

This year, the OCA has softened its approach. Its measure would repeal and block any non-discrimination laws based on sexual orientation, allow employers to use sexual orientation as a consideration in employment, ban same-sex marriage and domestic partnerships, and block discussions of homosexuality in schools or use of public funds to "express acceptance of homosexuality."

Still, the Oregon initiative may be in trouble—a state circuit judge ruled in April that the wording of the measure violated a state law requiring that all ballot initiatives deal with one subject. The OCA has appealed, and vowed to split the measure in two to appease the judge's concerns if the next ruling goes against them. And the OCA will continue its campaign to pass local laws against gay rights—over two dozen cities and counties have already passed such measures.

Next door to Oregon, the Idaho Citizens Alliance, a spin-off of the OCA (which has now gone national, calling itself the U.S. Citizens Alliance), qualified its measure for the November elections, but just barely—the ICA had 6000 more signatures than required. Idaho's measure, virtually identical to

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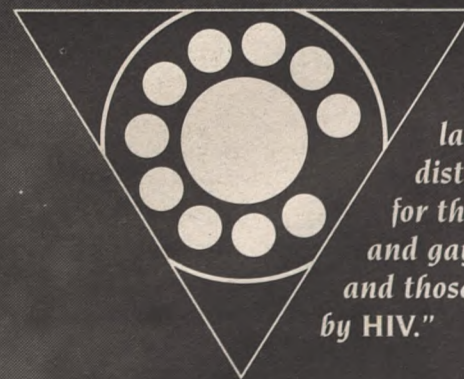
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## NOW, Navratilova join protest against Cobb County

Atlanta—The National Organization for Women and tennis great Martina Navratilova joined the voices against Cobb County's anti-gay resolution last week, with the announcement that NOW had passed a resolution of its own condemning Cobb's, and Navratilova's comments that holding an Olympic event in Cobb County rewards ignorance.

NOW's resolution was passed at the July Fourth weekend national conference in San Antonio, Texas, and urged the Cobb Commission to rescind the resolution, and called upon the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games to pull a proposed volleyball venue from the county if it does not do so. The resolution also called for a boycott of the county.

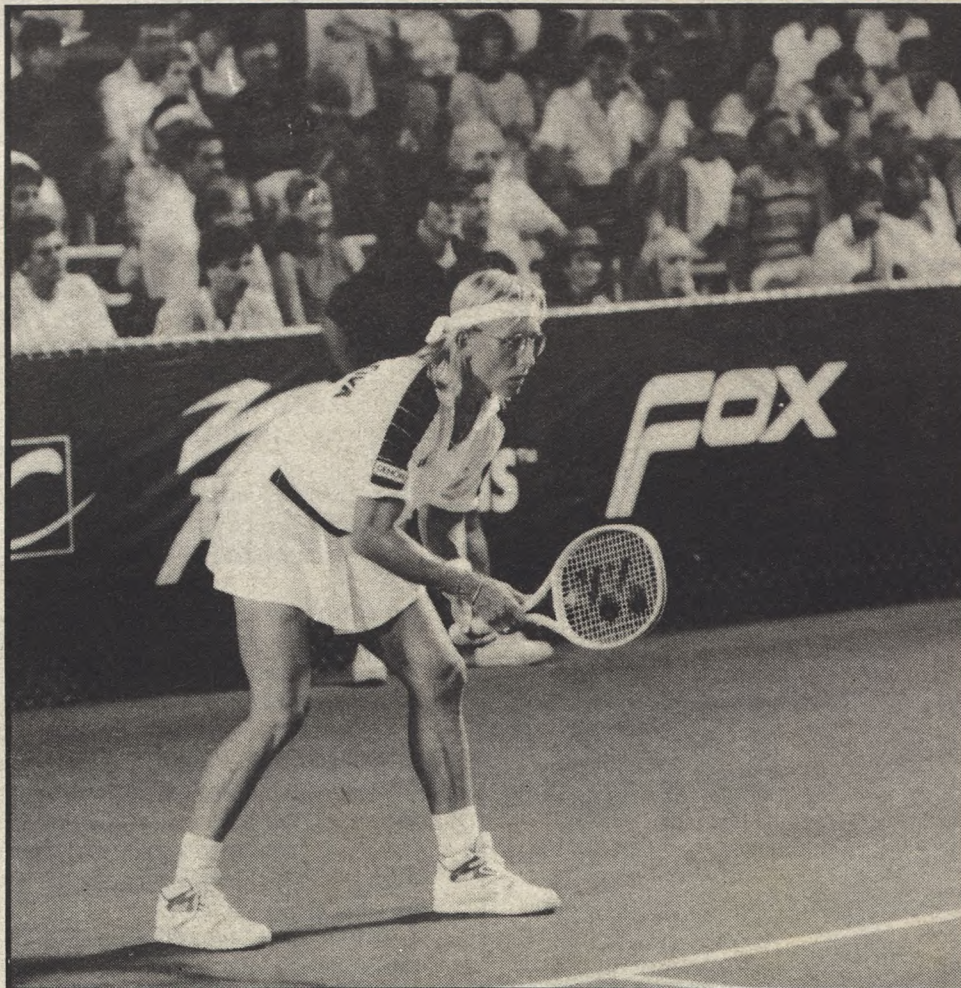
Atlanta NOW member Claudia Schaffler, who attended the conference and presented the resolution for vote, said at a July 13 press conference that NOW's members "were outraged."

"Our national officers were already aware of the situation and we were anxious to have the body, as a whole, address it," she said.

NOW's resolution condemns Cobb's resolution, saying it is "based on untrue and unfounded stereotypes and bigotry," and calling the proposal for the Cobb Galleria Centre to host Olympic volleyball an "international disgrace."

The Georgia chapter of NOW has sent a letter to ACOG president Billy Payne, asking for a meeting to discuss the Olympic volleyball venue.

"We want him to know that there is momentum building in the community," said GA NOW president Vicki McLennan. "You don't invite company over when your house is a wreck, and that's what they've done."



Cobb County is a wreck."

Navratilova weighed in last week as well, telling the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that she would not boycott an upcoming match between the New Jersey World TeamTennis team and the Atlanta Thunder (Navratilova was traded to New Jersey by Atlanta after last season) scheduled for July 26 in Smyrna, but adding that Cobb County should not have been awarded an Olympic venue.

"The [Cobb commissioners] are ignorant, and they're being rewarded for ignorance," she said. "...If I were an athlete playing in the Olympics, I would have a choice [about playing in Cobb County], but I don't have a choice because I signed a [TeamTennis] contract."

Navratilova also said that boycotting the tennis match would be "running away."

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## Flood victims include those with AIDS

*SoVo and Lambda seek donations to help clients of the Rainbow Center in Macon*

Macon—The Lambda Community Center and Southern Voice are joining forces with Atlanta's lesbian/gay and HIV/AIDS communities to help an AIDS service agency in Macon that has been heavily affected by the floods that inundated central and south Georgia earlier this month. The Rainbow Center, a nine-year-old agency that provides direct services to about 300 people in a 32-county middle Georgia area, has been strained by the flood waters that have essentially brought Macon to a standstill.

"It's certainly created a cash crunch on the HIV community and the gay community," said Johnny Fambro, director of the Center. "People normally able to take care of themselves can't now—they can't go to work because their workplaces are closed."

The Center itself is closed temporarily—Fambro said it hopes to reopen this week—although support groups are still meeting.

But many of the services the organization provides are being restrained by the flood damage.

"Only our basement flooded," he said, "but we lost our food bank. We lost a freezer and some furniture items."

The Center's \$59,000 annual budget alone cannot handle the damage and replacement of lost items and maintain its financial assistance program. To help alleviate the problems, the Lambda Center and Southern Voice are sponsoring a donation drive for items the center needs to continue its work.

Most needed, said Fambro, are non-perishable food items that do not need water for cooking—Macon's water supply is completely shut down at present, with drinking water not expected to be restored for at least two weeks, although drinking water is being provided to Macon residents and businesses and is not needed at this time. Other items are cleaning supplies—mops, detergents, etc.—personal items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, over the counter medications such as tylenol and ibuprofen, and rubbing alcohol. Additionally, the Center itself needs office supplies such as copier paper, staples, pens and pencils.

AID Atlanta (1438 W. Peachtree St.) has

agreed to collect donated items Monday-Friday from 8am to 9pm. Items will be accepted until 6pm on Monday, August 1. A truck containing the donated items will arrive at Rainbow Center on August 2.

"Lambda is excited about the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in their need," said Lambda co-chair Lynn Cothren. "That's what the center is all about—community."

Southern Voice publisher Leigh VanderEls said she is more than happy to provide any help she can for those affected by the flood. "A lot of money is being raised and a lot of items are being donated right now for flood victims," VanderEls said. "That's great but I feel it's important to reach out and directly help those people affected by HIV. I feel it's our responsibility."

For more information, call the Lambda Center at 662-9010. If you wish to make a financial donation to the Rainbow Center, mail checks to 530 First St., Macon, GA 31201-2819. Please mark "SoVo/Lambda" on your checks in order to determine how much money was raised for the Rainbow Center by Southern Voice readers. We will announce that total in our August 11 issue.

KC WILDMOON

## Henry Co. man demands gay publications in library

McDonough, GA—A Henry County man has asked the Henry County Library System to include in its offerings four lesbian/gay publications—and the board of the financially-strapped metro system has agreed to include the matter in a survey of the county's residents already planned.

But for Charles Schrader, a former Marine and well-known progressive activist in Henry County, that's not enough.

"They agreed to ask [county residents] if they agreed or disagreed with a gay lifestyle publication in the public library," Schrader said. "That's like taking black civil rights issues and putting them on a public referendum."

But Flora Walker, director of Henry County's library system, said that the board was open to Schrader's suggestion to include *The Advocate*, the *Washington Blade* and *Southern Voice* (Schrader has since added country gay male journal *RFD* to his list) in the library's offerings.

"Again and again board members said at [the July 7] meeting that if our patrons want this, we'll get it," she said. "I don't know about 4 or 5, but if there's a demand, we'll have it."

Creating a demand may be a part of the problem—Schrader said that gay men and lesbians he knows in Henry County are afraid to come forward.

"I have gay friends," he said. "And they're not coming out."

Walker agreed that gay men and lesbians afraid to request gay publications on the survey could be a problem, but she insisted that the library is a safe place for coming out.

But more to the point, Walker said, the Henry County Library System does not have the funds for adding periodical subscriptions, and that is what the planned survey is about.

"We are the poorest library system out of 10 counties in the metro area," she said, "a real distant 10th."

"We don't even have a copy of the Code of Georgia," Walker said, "or a complete subscription to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The weekend edition is donated."

Still, Schrader says he is unmoved by the board's protestations of lack of money.

"How do you handle a nation that is diverse?" he said. "You create something called the United States of America, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and then you say we are a nation of tolerance. We have gay citizens in Henry County and they deserve to see their tax dollars spent on their needs."

Schrader added that he would give the board 30 days to begin including gay publications in the library, "and after 30

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**North renews attacks on gays**

Arlington, VA—Republican Senate candidate Oliver North, after recently toning down anti-gay statements, is back on the attack.

On July 7, speaking at American Legion Post 139 in Arlington, North defended his position on gays in the military by saying his reasoning for banning gay men and lesbians is not analogous to arguments used to exclude blacks from military service a generation ago.

"The United States military has for 218 years excluded people for certain reasons," including height, eyesight and medical conditions, North said. "In this case, homosexuality was deemed for 218 years to be a cause for decreased readiness."

North said readiness was not raised as an argument against racial integration in the ranks.

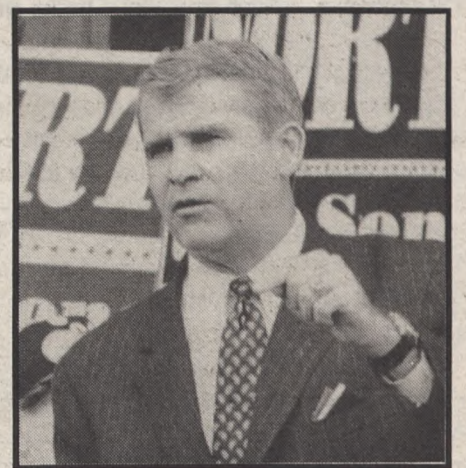
"That argument was not used," North said.

But a historian said worries that blacks would adversely affect readiness for war were at the heart of the military's opposition to integration.

"That is exactly the argument that was used," said Toni-Michelle Travis, who teaches black history at George Mason University in Fairfax. "The concept was that blacks were inferior, so you wouldn't trust your life to someone you thought was inferior."

North said "avowed homosexuals" should never serve in the U.S. military, and that Sen. Charles S. Robb's support for gays will cost him votes among Virginia veterans.

Robb, the first-term Democrat seeking reelection in a four-way race, voted to lift the outright ban on military service for gays. In a statement released in response to North's comments, Robb said he opposes discrimination and believes military personnel should be evaluated on job performance.



Oliver North

North did not define "avowed homosexual." He also would not say exactly how homosexuality affects fighting ability.

He said having gay men and lesbians serve alongside heterosexual soldiers "debilitates the small units that are so effective to fight wars." When pressed, North said he does not think homosexuals are by definition less capable of handling military duties.

Without discussing the Clinton administration "don't ask, don't tell" policy regarding gay men and lesbians, North said he prefers the total ban in force during his military service.

North retired from the Marine Corps as a lieutenant colonel after his testimony before Congress in the Iran-Contra arms-for-hostages affair.

North won the GOP nomination for Senate last month. He faces Robb, also a retired Marine, and two independent candidates, former Democratic governor L. Douglas Wilder and former Republican attorney general J. Marshall Coleman, in November.

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**Council candidate proposes anti-gay resolution**

Columbus, GA—A Columbus City Council candidate has pledged to introduce a Cobb-styled anti-gay resolution if he is elected in that city's July 19 bipartisan election.

Ed Hostilo, Jr. said on a radio program on WRCG-AM on July 1 that gay men and lesbians are asking for "special rights," and he opposes it.

"I will endorse a resolution to deny gays special privileges, Hostilo said. "I think it's an affront to some of our minority groups that they're asking for special privileges, and I will introduce a resolution along that line."

Hostilo was responding to a caller who said, "Cobb County recently passed a resolution condemning homosexuals and more or less just told them homosexuals you wasn't invited here," the caller said.

Later, responding to another caller, Hostilo became more specific about what he would do.

"I think once again that the City Council needs to stand up to the things that are a perversion to the people at large," he said. "We don't need to go into people's bedrooms, but we do deny special rights."

Hostilo added that the current City Council would probably not pass an anti-gay resolution, "mainly because a lot of them don't want to make the hard choices when they have to."

Hostilo is in a four-way race for the Columbus City Council's Post 9, an at-large district. His opponents are 12-year incumbent A.J. McClung, John Ellison, and Billy Watson.

KC WILDMOON

**Savannah mayor proclaims first Gay Pride Week**

Savannah—For the first time, a Savannah mayor has recognized Gay Pride Week, although the official proclamation omitted the words "gay and lesbian," instead naming June 19-25 "Human Rights Pride Week."

"During the week of June 10-25, 1994, men and women of all life styles in Savannah and throughout the nation will share with others the struggle for equal rights in the courts, the legislature and the marketplace," said the proclamation issued by Savannah Mayor Susan S. Weiner. "The City of Savannah...encourages events that

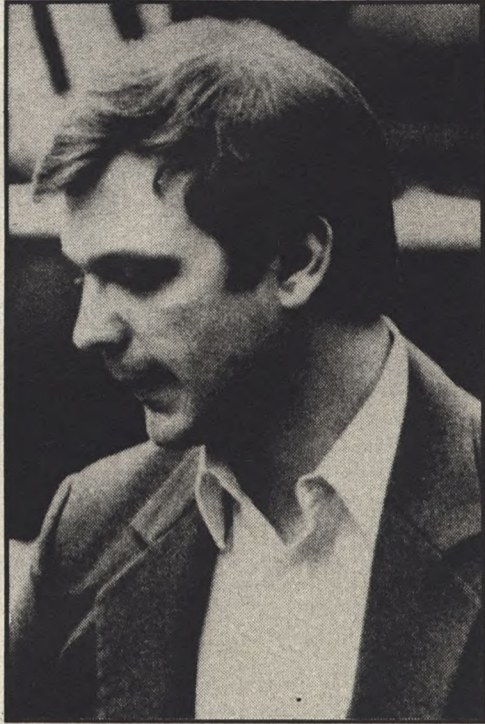
attempt to further our goal of achieving understanding and tolerance among our citizenry, recognizing the positive benefit of pride in ourselves individually, in our culture, and in our cultural diversity."

Savannah's First City Network, a lesbian/gay organization, had requested the proclamation, but Weiner deleted "lesbians and gay men," replacing them with "men and women of all lifestyles," and changed the week's designation from "Gay Pride/Human Rights Week" to "Human Rights Pride Week."

KC WILDMOON

**Gays Aren't Child Molesters:** A new Colorado study shows that gay men and lesbians just aren't the child molesters they're portrayed to be by opponents of gay rights. In the study, published last week in *Pediatrics* and conducted on 269 sexually abused children at Denver Children's Hospital, Dr. Carole Jenny of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center found that 8 in 10 girls and 3 out of 4 boys were molested by males in heterosexual relationships with female relatives. Only 1 in 219 girls was molested by a lesbian and 1 out of 50 boys by a gay man. The findings "show it's very unfair to lump the term 'pedophile' with gay or lesbian," said Jenny.

**Dahmer Attacked By Fellow Inmate:** A prison inmate tried to cut Jeffrey Dahmer's throat during a chapel service, but the convicted serial killer only ended up with a minor scratch when the attacker's razor blade fell off a plastic knife. "He was not cut," said Wisconsin Corrections Department spokesperson Joseph L. Scislowicz. "It was a superficial scratch." Dahmer declined to press charges, but the father of one of Dahmer's victims has filed a lawsuit against the state for negligently failing to monitor Dahmer before Milwaukee police discovered he murdered several young men and boys while on parole. Aaron Weinberger, father of Jeremiah Weinberger, is asking for \$50,000 from law enforcement officials.



Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was attacked by a fellow inmate who tried to cut his throat.

**ILGA Dumps NAMBLA:** The International Lesbian and Gay Association overwhelmingly voted to expel the North American Man/Boy Love Association and two other pedophile organizations from its membership last month. The vote came after often rancorous debate during ILGA's annual conference. The issue came to the forefront after ILGA gained consultative status at the United Nations last year, and members of Congress, led by North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms, pushed to withhold money from the UN if ILGA retained the organizations. The U.S.-based Project Inform/Free Will and the Dutch organization Vereniging Martijn were also ousted.

**Stonewall 25 Megabucks In Debt:** Stonewall 25 has a deficit of more than three hundred thousand dollars, according to a release from the organization last week. Total expenses for the March was 1.2 million dollars. National cochair Franklin Fry said, "I myself am owed \$10,000 by the organization." Stonewall's budget projections took a nose dive at the march when New York Parks Commissioner Henry Stern refused to allow organizers to collect money during the Central Park rally, claiming they had not applied for a permit in time to do so.

**Cammermeyer Returns To Work:** The U.S. Justice Department lost all attempts to prevent Col. Margrethe Cammermeyer from returning to work last week, and on July 9, she returned to her National Guard post south of Tacoma, Washington. Cammermeyer was discharged two years ago for admitting that she is a lesbian, but she has won all court battles to date, and returned to her job as chief of nursing services for the 164th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital.

**Vatican Pans Lesbian Moms:** Reuters news service has reported that the Vatican's official newspaper attacked lesbian mothers on June 22. "No child loves being known as the child of an unmarried mother, even less so of a lesbian mother," the article said. "Every child has the right to be born into a regular family made up of a man and a woman." The article also commented on a recent case in Italy in which a gynecologist inseminated a lesbian with semen from a sperm bank.

**Republican Candidate Wins Gay Favor in DC:** Republican mayoral candidate Carole Schwartz is a political favorite in the capitol's gay community. She has been strong on gay/lesbian issues dating from her time on the school board and city council in the 1970s, and campaigned in gay bars in 1984 and 1986. Current polls in DC show that former mayor Marion Barry is leading, setting the scene for a raucous three way battle between Barry, an independent candidate, the winner of a three-way Democratic primary, and Schwartz.

**Judge Says Boy Scouts Discriminated Against Gay Leader:** A judge in San Diego has awarded \$5000 to a Boy Scouts leader who was expelled after revealing he is gay. Superior Court Judge Anthony Joseph ruled that California's civil rights law prohibits the Scouts from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation, but declined to order the reinstatement of Chuck Merino until the Boy Scouts hold administrative hearings. The Boy Scouts say they will appeal Joseph's ruling.

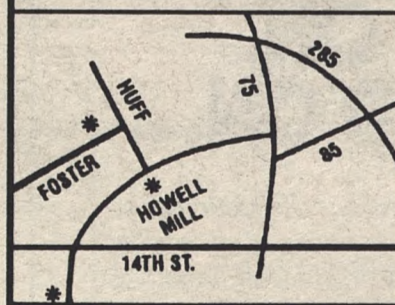
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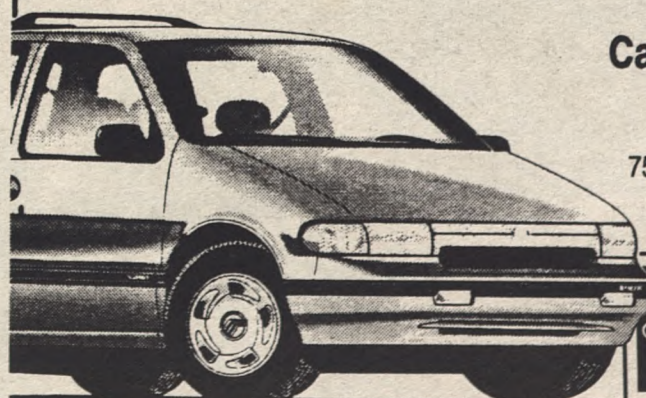


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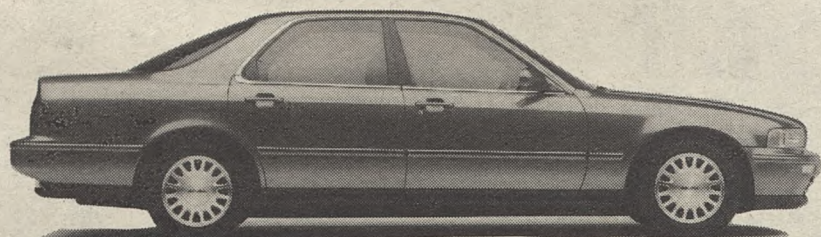


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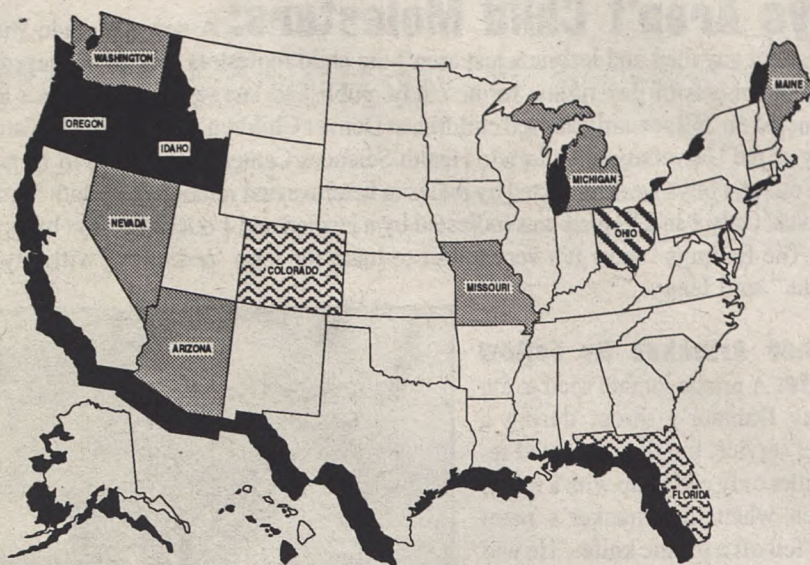
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## Status of anti-gay initiatives

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Oregon's, has come up against some strong opposition—Larry Echohawk, the state attorney general now running for governor, has been vocal in his opposition, as has Republican Congressman Michael Crapo, a prominent member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. And last week, The Most Rev. Tod Brown, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese for Idaho, publicly declared his opposition.

"Civil rights, which are granted by law, belong to every person by virtue of citizenship," he said. The measure, he continued, "would contribute to attitudes of intolerance and hostility in Idaho directed at homosexual citizens and is potentially discriminatory."

Several of the remaining eight states failed to gather enough signatures to put anti-gay measures on the ballot, but Florida was one that did. However, last March the Florida Supreme Court ruled that the American Family Political Committee's measure was unconstitutional because it dealt with more than one subject. The AFPC still has until August 9 to gather signatures for a replacement measure, but no concerted effort is being made to do so. Instead, the AFPC is going the way of Oregon after 1992's Measure 9—local initiatives. Two such measures will be on the ballot in Alachua County (Gainesville) in November.

Other measures in other states also failed to get the required signatures—Concerned Families of Maine fell by the wayside in January, a Nevada group with ties to the OCA in June (gay rights advocates there are now gathering signatures for a statewide non-discrimination measure), the Amendment Coalition in Missouri last week, and two different groups sponsoring two different measures in Washington state.

There, both initiatives 608, sponsored by the Citizens Alliance of Washington (another relative of the OCA), and 610, sponsored by the Washington Committee for Equal Rights Not Special Rights, would have repealed and blocked laws that prohibit discrimination against gay men and lesbians. But 610 went further to ban same-sex marriage and domestic partnerships, restrict public library books on homosexuality to adults only, bar lesbians and gay men from being parents, and allow employers to consider sexual orientation in employment.

That leaves Michigan, Arizona, and Ohio, where the American Family Association PAC of Ohio's threatened petition drive has not materialized, with a signature deadline of August 10. The AFAPAC has, however, put together "Project Spotlight: A Plan for the Nation." Project Spotlight is a blueprint for electing anti-gay candidates.

In Arizona, Frank Meliti, leader of the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona, claimed last week that his group had gathered enough signatures to put an anti-gay initiative on the ballot, but they had decided against that tack.

"We are not willing to take five or six years in court and the expense to defend this action," Meliti said.

Arizonans for Fairness Coalition questioned Meliti's reasoning, and claimed it was nothing more than a smokescreen for a failed campaign against lesbians and gay men.

"He is trying to perpetuate a fraud on the people of Arizona, who should be insulted that he is portraying them as people who do not support the principle of equality under the law," said AFC spokesperson Diane Post.

Meliti said that his group will now focus on repealing Tucson's anti-discrimination law.

Michigan Family Values Committee head George Matousek tried a different approach last week when that state's signature deadline passed. He said the MFVC had put its petition drive on hold until after the fate of Colorado's Amendment 2—which has been declared unconstitutional and is currently in the Colorado Supreme Court for a final ruling—has been settled.

"There's no point in our circulating an identical petition and then have it ruled unconstitutional," Matousek said.

All that said, the battle over gay rights is far from over. Local groups are organizing to compete with rightwing grassroots organizations already in place, and the country's national lesbian/gay organizations are checking in. The NGLTF's Fight the Right Project is coordinating efforts across the country, and last week the Human Rights Campaign Fund announced some heavy hitters ready to go to bat for its Americans Against Discrimination.

Retired Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-AZ) and Gov. Barbara Roberts (D-OR) have agreed to serve as honorary co-chairs of AAD, headed up by Stacie Spector, who most recently ran a successful statewide campaign in 1992 to defeat an anti-choice ballot measure in Maryland.

"I support equality for all Americans and an end to discrimination based on sexual orientation," said Goldwater, considered the father of modern conservatism. "I also oppose the misuse of the initiative process by extremist groups to institutionalize discrimination."

Goldwater was a vocal opponent of the proposed ballot initiative in Arizona. He released a statement after that measure failed to make the ballot calling its supporters "political hooligans."

There's no end in sight to the anti-gay work of those "hooligans," but these recent failures for statewide initiatives, coupled with court decisions in Florida and Colorado show a light, however faint, somewhere near the end of the tunnel.

"The courts continue to tell us that citizens cannot vote lesbians and gay men out of constitutions," said Suzanne Goldberg, a staff attorney for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "Still, the radical right continues to promote these unconstitutional assaults, and we will continue to battle against them."

## Dick Sargent dead at age 64

Los Angeles—Dick Sargent, who played the beleaguered husband on the television series "Bewitched" and later declared his homosexuality with pride, died July 8. He was 64.

Sargent died of prostate cancer at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he was admitted on July 6, said hospital spokesman Ron Wise.

"He was a great friend and I will miss his love, his sense of humor and his remarkable courage," said Elizabeth Montgomery, Sargent's co-star on "Bewitched."

The actor was diagnosed with prostate cancer more than 4 years ago and doctors were initially optimistic he could be treated successfully because it was found early.

But in an interview with The Associated Press in April, a frail Sargent said the disease had spread. He was uncertain how long he had left to live.

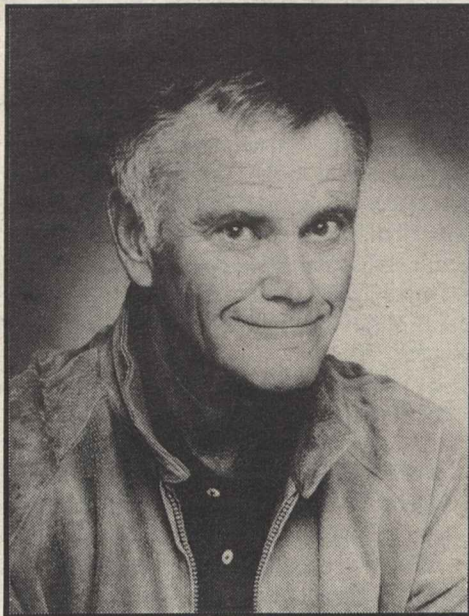
"I can cope with what's happened to me," he said. "It'll get harder, I know, but I can cope with that. I just don't want it to be a long, prolonged deal."

In 1991, on National Coming Out Day, Sargent announced he was gay. The high rate of suicide among young gay men and lesbians was the main reason, he said, jokingly referring to himself as a "retroactive role model."

Sargent was best known for his 1969-72 "Bewitched" role of advertising executive Darrin Stephens, a mortal coping with marriage to a charming witch, Samantha, played by Montgomery.

Sargent was born Richard Cox in Carmel, Calif., on April 19, 1930. As a Stanford University student, Sargent appeared in more than two dozen plays with the Stanford Players Theater.

After graduating, he won a bit part in the



1954 film "Prisoner of War" with Ronald Reagan, and appeared in the films "Bernardine" and "A Touch of Mink," starring Cary Grant.

On television, Sargent performed roles in "Gunsmoke," "Playhouse 90" and "Family Ties." He appeared in four made-for-television movies and was a regular in five series, including the 1961 sitcom "One Happy Family."

Sargent did charitable work for the Special Olympics, World Hunger, AIDS Project Los Angeles and the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Sargent is survived by his companion, Albert Williams, his sister, Edie Normandin, and two nieces and nephews.

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## Gebbie resigns as AIDS czar

Washington, DC—Her clout and competence under attack, Kristine Gebbie is resigning as President Clinton's AIDS coordinator, saying she faced "conflicting expectations of what an AIDS czar could do."

Gebbie said July 8 that her successor in one of the hottest spots in national health policy "must have the tools necessary" to win the confidence of people suffering from the deadly disease.

Many AIDS activists contended she clearly had not accomplished that goal and said they were delighted with her "mutual agreement" with Clinton to leave the job on Aug 2.

A registered nurse, the 50-year-old Gebbie joined the administration in June 1993 after four years as director of the Washington state Health Department. She previously led the Oregon Health Division for 11 years. She ruffled feathers among legislators and AIDS activists in both states.

Washington state Sen. Phil Talmadge, D-Seattle, said when she won the Clinton appointment, "She is a very good bureaucrat in both the positive and negative sense of the word. She can be very imperious."

Although statements from her office referred to her as the AIDS czar, associates said that description had unduly raised expectations in the press and public of what a policy coordinator could accomplish.

In accepting the resignation, Clinton said more needs to be done and "more will be done" to fight AIDS.

And he said Gebbie's service as the nation's first AIDS policy coordinator "gave this vitally important battle a lift when one was desperately needed and long overdue."

But many of Gebbie's detractors in the community of AIDS activists said she had accomplished little and that her departure was welcome and overdue.



Kristine Gebbie

One group immediately began campaigning for Connecticut Gov. Lowell Weicker, who is not seeking re-election this year, to quickly replace her.

In a statement, ACT UP, said that as a member of the Senate from 1971 to 1988, Weicker proved himself a champion in the fight against AIDS in the years after the fatal disease was identified.

"We want a strong and aggressive leader with an AIDS commitment," said Wayne Turner, an ACT UP spokesman.

Weicker's press secretary could not be reached for comment.

Michael Petrelis, spokesman for Gay and Lesbian Americans, called on Clinton to elevate the post to Cabinet level.

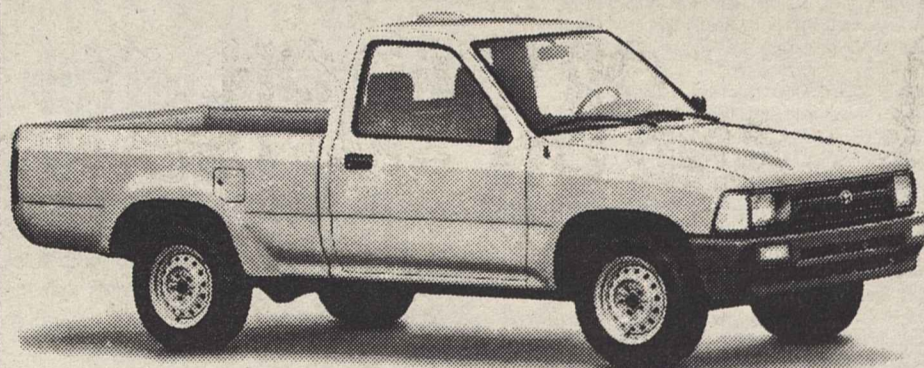
Paul DiDonato, a spokesman for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, said the resignation will clear the way for "the office to be restructured and a much stronger leader to be placed in that position."

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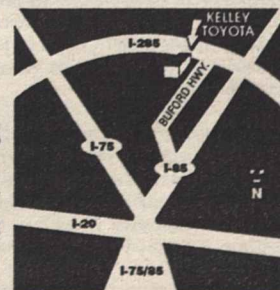
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## GUEST EDITORIAL

## Challenge your country to live up to its ideals

by SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

At all critical stages in the history of a free people, forces of oppression must be confronted in order for the frontiers of justice to be extended. For America, the time has come again. For gay men and lesbians, the time is now.

Just recently, a million Americans gathered to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Stonewall, the first milestone in this long journey on freedom's road. The civil rights movement is on the march again, moving closer to the American ideal of liberty and justice for all.

We have refused to be intimidated by hate. Once again, it is time to challenge our country to live up to its founding ideals.

A great deal of progress has been made in the past quarter century. Although many miles have been traveled, there are many promises yet to keep. They are promises to a cook in Georgia fired for being a lesbian; to a postal worker in Michigan beaten unconscious by co-workers for being gay; and to a truck driver in New Hampshire, a stock broker in Maryland, a social worker in Mississippi, and countless other Americans—all fired because of prejudice despite their productivity and performance. Such flagrant discrimination is wrong, and it is time to fight back.

That is why, along with thirty of my Senate colleagues and 115 House members, I have sponsored the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994. Our bipartisan legislation will extend existing federal protections against job discrimination to gay men and lesbians, and give relief to those living in fear of losing their livelihoods. Our bill will send a strong message to employers and all Americans that homophobia will not be tolerated as employment policy anywhere in the nation.

This is not about granting special rights—it is about righting senseless wrongs. Our case is strong, our cause is just, and we intend to prevail.

Polls show that the vast majority of Ameri-

cans agree with us that lesbians and gay men should not have to face discrimination in the workplace. Many Fortune 500 corporations have already included sexual orientation in their non-discrimination policies. Eight states and more than 100 municipalities have acted to ban discrimination against gay men and lesbians.

By joining Congressmen Barney Frank and Gerry Studds and myself at the press conference introducing this legislation, Coretta Scott King affirmed this action as the next chapter in America's civil rights history. She said: "I support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 because I believe that freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces to suit political convenience. As my husband, Martin Luther King, Jr. said, 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.'"

But the fact remains that in 42 states, qualified lesbians and gay men with excellent records can be fired—with no warning—just for being gay. It happens every day, and it is up to us to stop it.

Let's be clear—the radical right will leave no stone unturned to block the enactment of this essential legislation. Our own commitment must be even stronger. To ensure success, we need your active support and assistance.

Being right is good, but it is not enough. We need to mount a major effort in order to prevail. We must inspire the complacent and convert the skeptical. To make this bill a reality, we need you to take the following action steps now:

1). If you have been discriminated against in employment or know some one who has—make sure we know the facts [Committee on Labor and Human Resources, SD 428, DC 20510]. Send us all the information you think will be useful in making our point. Job discrimination against gay men and lesbians is not a myth—it's a reality that is shattering

lives and denying opportunities daily.

2). Write and call your Senators and Representatives at (202)224-3121 and tell them to co-sponsor the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 (S.2238 and HR 4636). Make sure they know this is important—not just to the gay community—but to all their constituents who believe in the fundamental principles of a democratic society.

Contact your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers, your employers, and your family members and make sure they too make their voices heard for freedom and justice. The phone banks of the radical right will be working overtime—and yours must be too.

There is likely to be a massive misinformation campaign about what our bill does. Form truth squads and make sure your delegation in Congress has the facts to separate truth from malicious fiction.

3). Work closely with others in the civil rights community in your area—people of color, women, disability, religious, and labor organizations—and ask for their support and suggestions. They are veterans in the civil rights movement and can be helpful with coalition-building and strategy. As Harvey Milk said: "None of us are free until all of us are free." We need to join together, not let others divide us.

If we have the courage of our principles, if we appeal to the best in ourselves and our country, we shall overcome, just as others have before.

Together, we can overcome—in the halls of Congress and communities across America, in Oregon and Colorado—and from Washington State to Washington, DC.

For those imprisoned by prejudice and those liberated by pride, let this be a call to action.

Gay and lesbian Americans the time has come—and together we march toward a new dawn.

## LETTERS

## An open letter to the community

It is with much regret that I find myself once again discussing the incidents that occurred Saturday, May 21st at Revolution. However, I do feel that it is important for both sides of this story to be told, and it seems that the Lesbian Avengers have been quite thorough in recounting their version of the events.

Let me say first and foremost that I feel that the entire altercation could, and should, have been avoided if (1) Magik Myers had not broken the law by taking her shirt off on the dance floor at Revolution, (2) Magik had respected my direct requests and had put her shirt back on, or (3) Magik had left Revolution when so asked ONLY because she was unwilling to comply with the law. It is inappropriate to discuss all of the other issues that the Lesbian Avengers want so much to address in relation to these events.

I was concerned that evening because the State of Georgia says that it is against the law for women to be topless in my club and therefore these women were jeopardizing my liquor license. That's it! I never wanted anyone to be arrested, I simply was not willing to risk my entire business because a few women took their shirts off because "it's hot in June" and "it's fun."

I must also stress that NO ONE WAS ARRESTED BECAUSE THEY TOOK THEIR

SHIRTS OFF. I had my security guard (who is an off duty Atlanta Police Department officer) ask Magik to leave the club because my three previous efforts to handle the situation by talking to her were ineffective. If Magik had simply left the club, that would have been the end of it. However, instead of leaving, she chose to resist my security guard thus creating an unnecessary physical altercation. That is why she was arrested.

Furthermore, no one "spent the night in jail for the heinous crime of exposing their breasts." I had no part whatsoever in the arrests of the other two women. The only point I was ever interested in making was that I do not want to lose my license and therefore all women must keep their shirts on in Revolution. This was the only point that I wanted to make and, with that accomplished, I chose to drop the charges against Magik. I had no desire to cause her any problems by prosecuting this charge.

I would be happy to share my copy of the City of Atlanta Police Report to assist my explanation of these events with anyone who wishes to see it. The report very specifically states under the description of "How crime was committed" that "Women fought Police." That is the exact entry. No where is there any mention of these women taking off their shirts

because that fact had nothing to do with their being arrested. I don't know how I can be any clearer about this point.

Now, I must also address the letter to the editor entitled "Shirtless and like it" in the June 2nd edition [of Southern Voice] signed by twelve women and...the Lesbian Avengers. It is interesting to me that not one of the three women who were directly involved in the incident signed the letter. Magik was asked to leave Revolution because she ignored my requests to put her shirt on. It is the policy of Revolution to ask a customer to leave only as a last resort. I simply cannot risk my liquor license for something like this.

Fortunately there have been very few occasions where we have had to ask a customer to leave Revolution. Usually either myself or one of my managers can handle a problem without having to call for security. On the few occasions that we have had someone escorted out of the club, the problem ended there. The incident with Magik is the first and only time that someone has refused to leave the club and had to be arrested. I absolutely hope that it is also the last. (Can anyone explain why these three women called me to post their bonds?) You also refer to this debate as being one over a "safe space" for lesbians. Exactly. I merely

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## Cherry Grove Queen proves she's no drag

This year's homecoming queen at Cherry Grove was (gasp!) a woman.

Now, Cherry Grove, as you may know, is not just, *Anytown, USA*. It's *Our town*. Full of Ferries and Faggots and Dykes, oh my.

Only, it mainly used to be a boys' clubs. No Girls Allowed! Some women tolerated. But only if they were a) rich, b) devoted, and c) willing to share make-up secrets and dish.

Then a good and a bad thing happened. You all know the bad thing. AIDS, so we won't save that for any awful surprise. But the good thing is that baby-booming lesbians grew up and came into some money the old fashioned way...they earned it. Thanks to the Women's Movement lesbians were allowed to become doctors, and lawyers, and merchant chiefs. And if they were very good when they grew up, they could become independently wealthy just like the men, and afford to buy property in the same safe-havens. Partially because they wanted to be where they were normal and Mr. and Mrs. Brady were the exception. And partially because, contrary to popular fiction, some of us actually *do* like men.

Just when the women were coming into mortgage qualifications of their own, and looking to buy available property, unfortunately, the property of a lot of men with no heirs came onto the market.

There aren't a whole lot of middle aged men living in Cherry Grove anymore. Young ones, firm in their belief that accidents happen to other, *older* guys. And monogamous, aging queens whose raging hormones had luckily subsided when their boomer brothers were stretching satyrdom's edges.

Fortunately, as the Cherry Grove gender balanced better, women were there to caretaker. They saw to meals and meds and weeding and, as usual, did what needed doing in bad times. Angels? Hardly. Mostly hard working,



### Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

hard-driving, sometimes hard-drinking dykes who just did what they could—then watched their best friends die.

Now in the list of Roberts' Rules of The Universe "No good deed shall go unpunished" ranks fairly high in instances like these. And that's where we get to the story of our fairy queens, and the 25th annual Homecoming. Well, okay, not quite yet. First you have to know how it all started.

There is an ancient rite in Cherry Grove called Walking To The Pines in Drag. The Pines is the chic neighboring gay community a half-mile sand trudge away. It wasn't unusual in the olden days (or now) for men, freed from necktie bondage, to play dress-up and walk over. So one day Dora Darling in magnificent array arrived in time for cocktails, hid himself to the nearest bar stool, and asked for something cold. She got shoulder. "No one served without shoes, shirts of their own des-

ignated gender," the invisible sign said. She stormed back to the Grove and on the following Fourth, a revolution began.

Every year from then on, a boatload of female impressionists (When on earth did we give them that impression?) invaded the Pines in full regalia. They'd charter a boat to take them from the Grove. They'd prance dockside in ermines and pearls, hats and hairdos, dresses to die for, the plank and peg pier playing havoc with their high heels. The costume party would depart to cheers, and arrive splendidly in the Pines for half an hour of free drinking, courtesy of the apologetic innkeepers. Each year it grew, and drew thousands from the mainland. High summer camp, and good business for both towns. For 25 years the drag-sters elected one of their own as homecoming queen.

Enter Joan Van Ness, attractive, active lesbian who is assistant fire chief, a director of the CG Arts Project, general island booster, good neighbor and personal friend to legions. Joan usually prefers *dyke* drag: chino cutoffs, print shirt and boy's haircut. She doesn't spend a lot of intimate time with Max Factor. But she did spend wonderful days with a dearly departed, playing queen for-a-day. They'd powder and paint, and then he was gone, and it was homecoming election night. Something silly they'd often shared.

"I woke up that morning thinking about Martin. Martin's gone now, but we'd been friends for a long time. Whenever I felt a bit campy I'd go see Martin. He'd paint my face, put me in one of his gowns, and we'd have a good, silly time. I felt like doing something fun and campy to raise my sprits and to celebrate Martin."

Joan, after some urging, entered the contest as Scarlett Oh and by acclaim of a 70-30 male/female crowd, was crowned.

Enter the villain in press clothing, a resi-

dent cross-dresser and columnist for the local rag, who wasn't in attendance. Seems he got his drawers in an uproar and wrote, vitriolically, "First the boys got sick, they died, their houses sold, and now, kicked in the ass and their traditions taken away."

Well, my dears, kaboom. Explosions came a little early to July Cherry Grove. An Alternative Invasion was proposed. A lipstick line drawn through the sands. Newsday sent a reporter. Local TV sent a crew.

It was, as one newspaper put it, a tempest in a C-cup!

In this tiny townlet with no cinema or bowling alley it was chat to dine out on. Would the men defect? Would the camp divide? Would the boys-on-one-side, girls-on-the-other elementary school rules reapply? Letters and responses to the editors flared. The columnist's business boycotted. Supporters surfaced. Pro and con accept-no-substitute posters were appliquéd to fences. It was amusement d' jour.

On the Fourth Scarlet Oh reigned supreme. Many commented on what a fine looking woman she made. 170 wolfs in she's clothing (the largest invading force in history) boycotted the faux forray, did the right thing and paid proper homage to her royalty. The official invasion set splendid sail while only five or six slightly sour supporters sulked on dockside stools.

The storm of integrating protest blew itself into barely a zephyr. The men and women of the Grove proved they could work and play well with others. The Newsday headline read: Cherry Grove Queen Proves She's No Drag.

Cherry Grove is where I spent my summer vacation the week after Stonewall 25. Wish you'd been there. We had a gay old time.

Think of this as your postcard from camp.

## LETTERS

### Open letter, cont'd

want to be sure that it stays that way.

Those critical of my actions need a better understanding of the laws that I must follow in order to keep my license. I understand that many do not feel that women should have to keep their shirts on in public; however, this is not really the issue at hand. I am hardly able to change this law.

Finally, I cannot resist a response to your comments about the facts that the Avengers feel that they scare some of the "white, middle-class, Christian, Beemer-driving types." Why is it that you feel justified in asking for acceptance for your radical looks and behavior when you cannot accept someone who is comfortable with a more conservative approach? The fact that I am not comfortable with the same things that seem to work for you is nothing more than an example of how diverse we really are as lesbians. If my denim button down shirt and khaki shorts are offensive to you, I think you are the one with the problem. The only thing that scares me about the Avengers is the inability to accept others as they are! I don't judge people by the way they look, perhaps you shouldn't either.

One more thing—somehow you improperly link those of us who fit comfortably into "mainstream culture" with "wanting to live a life of unquestioning conformity." Do you know that you wrote those words to a Jewish lesbian who opened an 11,000 square foot gay bar in the middle of Buckhead? I must also add that it was the complaints of several customers that informed me about the topless women. Your views about nudity are not necessarily held by the entire lesbian community. We are all striving for the right to be accepted

as we are. You're so worried that you're being judged for the wrong reasons that you cannot even see your own prejudices. We are all unique. Some of us simply prefer to make our points without screaming.

I cannot close without also addressing my dissatisfaction with the way Southern Voice reported this incident. First of all, the article entitled "Three women arrested at local lesbian bar" was so subjective that it was inaccurate to place it on a page entitled "News." Allow me the opportunity to assert the following corrections."

1. After the initial confusion about who I was, the group DID NOT put their shirts back on. If they had, none of this discussion would be necessary.

2. I agreed to discuss this incident with Lisa Kung and her attorney because I felt that a calm conversation might alleviate the Avengers misconception as to why I asked Ms. Myers to leave Revolution. I felt that someone as bright as Lisa would surely understand that I simply cannot tolerate ANY behavior that potentially threatens my license. Also, we had one conversation which lasted about 45 minutes—hardly "weekend-long discussions."

3. You fail to explain that I do not have an adult entertainment license and therefore it is against the law for women to be topless at Revolution. If a police officer had come into the club and seen any women topless, I would have lost my license and been shut down immediately. That's it!

I sincerely hope that Southern Voice is more careful about printing tainted accounts of incidents. It is a serious responsibility to objectively report the news. It is a serious

crime to publish subjective accounts, which, by virtue of their inaccuracy, contribute to unjustly harming businesses and all of the people associated with them.

In closing I just want to say that Revolution is a safe space to all who have respect for Revolution. Although we have as our foundation a wonderful clientele of gay women, the past eleven months have allowed us to build

upon that to include a wonderful variety of customers in terms of color, age, sexuality, gender, and religion. We do not discriminate against anyone. We simply ask the same in return.

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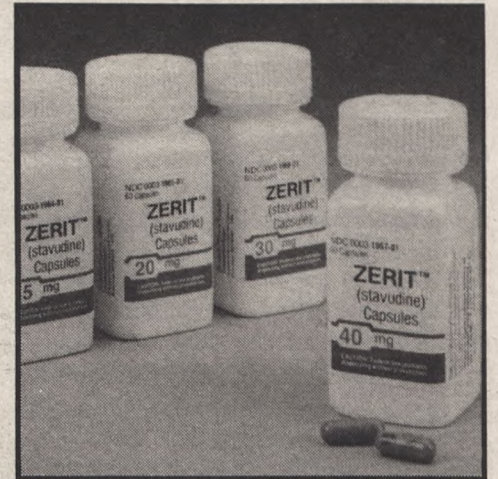
**Atlanta trial site showed effectiveness of new AIDS drug over AZT**

Atlanta, GA—As the sole Georgia site investigating the effectiveness of the fourth drug to combat the AIDS virus, the West Paces Clinical Research Foundation enrolled 24 patients in June 1992 in a randomized, double-blind study to determine the benefits of d4T, or stavudine, as compared to AZT.

Interim data results from West Paces and 44 other clinical trial sites around the U.S. encouraged the FDA's provisional approval of the drug, which sometimes accelerates the process of approval for certain drugs deemed necessary to improve patient care. Stavudine is marketed by Bristol-Myers Squibb under the brand name of ZERIT.

At interim analysis, according to the clinical study's director, Steven I. Marlowe, M.D., patients using stavudine demonstrated a clear trend towards improved quality of life measurements over patients using AZT. These included greater energy, better appetite yielding less weight loss, more restful sleep, improved social functioning and a general sense of well-being. All functions of patients using stavudine appeared equal to or better than those patients using AZT.

"The new drug d4T or stavudine was approved on the FDA's 'compassionate use' program for more than 13,000 patients over a 20 month period when approved medicines weren't helping them," said Dr. Marlowe, who is also chairman of the board of trustees at West Paces Medical center. "Now, since beginning the clinical trial two years ago, we have seen that patients who had been on AZT



for at least 24 weeks, when their medication was switched to stavudine, showed consistent improvement."

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The trial will continue until December 1994 to provide for a complete evaluation of clinical endpoints, such as the incidence of opportunistic infections or survival.

West Paces Clinical Research Foundation has been involved in numerous AIDS studies since it was incorporated in December, 1990.

**Some benign breast growths double the risk of breast cancer**

Boston—Some benign breast growths that are common in young women appear to double the risk of breast cancer later in life, according to a study published in the July 7 New England Journal of Medicine

Dr. William Dupont and others from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., found that women with growths called fibroadenomas face about double the usual risk of breast cancer.

Fibroadenomas are typically diagnosed when women are in their 20s. Many experts believed they were unrelated to later development of cancer.

The Vanderbilt study found the increased

risk was highest in women whose close relatives had been diagnosed with breast cancer. It was also more elevated in those who had a particular variety of growths called complex fibroadenomas.

"Since fibroadenomas are commonly diagnosed before the age of 30, these lesions provide a means of identifying young women who have an increased risk of breast cancer decades before the onset of invasive disease," the researchers wrote.

They suggested that women with both complex fibroadenomas and a family history of breast cancer should begin having regular mammograms at age 35 or 40.

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## First Lady rallies teachers behind health care plan

New Orleans—Hillary Rodham Clinton rallied the nation's teachers behind the administration's health care plan, saying that for millions of Americans universal coverage is "literally a matter of life and death."

Delegates to the National Education Association's annual convention are filling out pre-printed postcards and writing their own letters to members of Congress urging approval of health care for all and employer-funded health insurance.

Speaking July 3 against a backdrop depicting children's faces, Mrs. Clinton appealed to the nearly 10,000 delegates to "take home to every corner of this great country why you personally and why the NEA and why a majority of Americans favor universal coverage."

"Health care is not a political issue," she told the unabashedly supportive audience of teachers and other school employees. "When you look in the eyes of a sick child, you are not looking at a Republican or a Democrat—you are looking at an American who deserves to be taken care of."

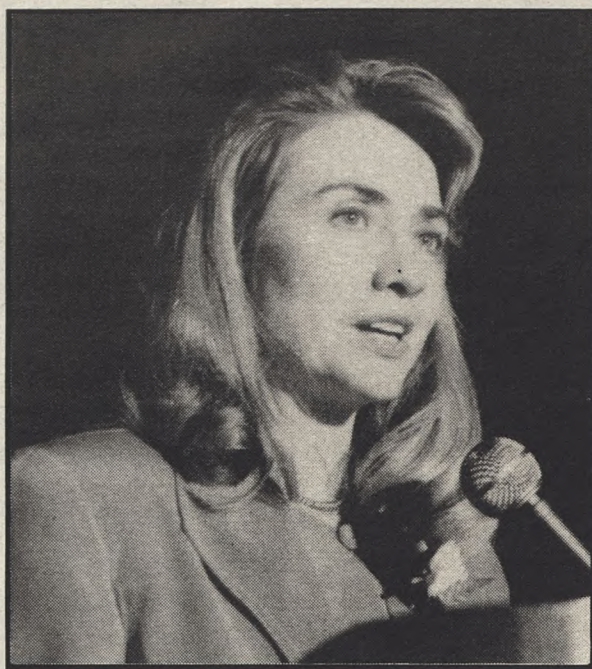
The first lady made no mention of the political setback July 2 in the Senate Finance Committee, which reported a bill that falls short of the Clinton administration's goal of universal health care coverage.

"This debate will come down to whether or not the Congress of the United States is able to hear and see the problems in front of their eyes and extend health insurance coverage to every American, or whether they will hear the well-organized voices of opposition," she said.

Phil Peterson, one of the 2.2 million members of the NEA and a high school science teacher from Evanston, Wyo., pledged to write to Congress to express his support for the Clinton plan and to make it part of his campaign for the state legislature.

"She hit a nerve with a lot of people in this convention," he said. "We see some kids come to school sick with no health care and we have to deal with them in school. They don't learn well when they are sick."

Despite the enthusiastic welcome given



Hillary Rodham Clinton

Mrs. Clinton, some delegates did have reservations about the administration's health care proposals.

"I can't disagree with everyone having available health care; it's how we get there" that is the problem, said Sue Coons, a high school Spanish and French teacher in Minonk, Ill.

The delegates on July 3 approved by voice vote a resolution putting the NEA on record in favor of a single-payer health care plan under which the government would pay most medical bills. The Clinton plan envisioned a system under which people would buy insurance through government-organized alliances, but that proposal died in Congress.

The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee and two House panels have approved legislation designed to provide coverage for all Americans and require businesses to finance coverage for their workers. The Senate Finance Committee's bill does neither.

It's now up to Democratic leaders in the Senate and House to meld the bills into one that can gain support from a majority of both houses. President Clinton has promised to veto any bill that does not provide universal coverage.

CAROLE FELDMAN

## Cow's milk being used to help AIDS patients fight cryptosporidium

Washington, DC—A medicine derived from cow's milk is being developed to help AIDS patients fight the parasite that killed 100 people when it infected Milwaukee's water supply last year.

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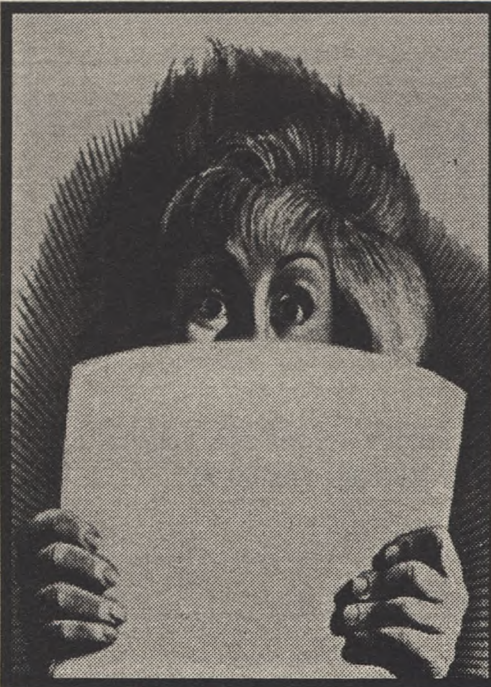
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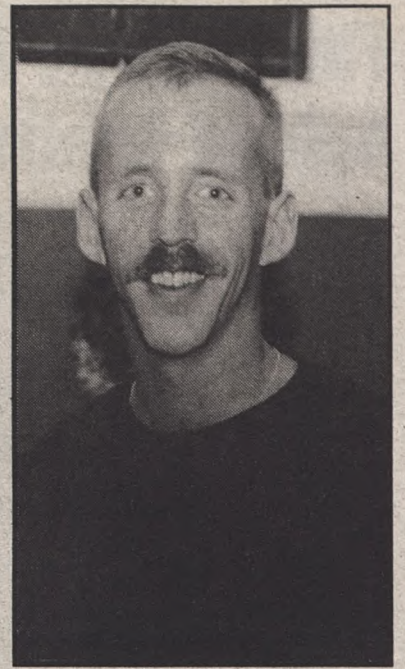
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Tell everyone hello for me, and don't Cha! Cha! the wings off the angels. May god rest your beautiful soul.  
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**Dan Fleming**

Dan Fleming, 38, of Atlanta, died Tuesday, July 5 of AIDS complications. He is survived by his friend, Larry Martin of Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Fleming, Pittsburgh, his siblings, Sheila, Anne and Greg and several nieces and a nephew and a large family of friends in Atlanta.

Dan was an energetic and vocal gay and human rights activist. His volunteer activities include serving as a buddy with the AID Atlanta Buddy Program; a board member of Hotlanta River Expo; a member of the National Organization for Women; and a member of the Lambda Center. Dan participated in demonstrations at the Cracker Barrel and the CDC with Queer Nation and ACT UP. During

the last eight years, he sponsored four children through Children International.

After going on disability, Dan spent most of his time helping others. His friends at his Wednesday night support group remember him for his compassion and dedication to the group even when he was critically ill. Dan was a quiet and persistent force for change in the community.

Memorial services were held Saturday, July 16 at The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to AmFAR (733 Third Ave, 12th Fl., NY, NY 10017) or The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (48 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SW 30303).

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## Benetton gives Reagan AIDS in Colors

by WAYNE HOFFMAN

Colors Magazine is about "cultural biodiversity" says Editor-in-Chief Tibor Kalman. Funded by Benetton to cover social issues of global concern, the Rome-based magazine has taken a characteristically bold stand with its current issue, devoted entirely to AIDS.

With striking photography, clean layouts, and text that is both frank and concise, Colors presents a new approach to AIDS. The issue opens with a disclaimer that Colors is not a science magazine, and that many "facts" about AIDS are subject to change in the future. Colors then goes on to present the basic facts about HIV transmission and prevention in the first half of the issue, followed by features on how to live during the epidemic. Little is particularly new in terms of content; what makes the issue notable is the memorable presentation and the straightforward language.

The most gripping image in the entire issue is a doctored color photograph of Ronald Reagan, his face covered with Kaposi's lesions. The accompanying editorial, entitled 'Hero,' is a bogus obituary, saluting Reagan as a leader in the fight against AIDS before finally succumbing himself to the disease in 1986. More tragic than ironic, the editorial creates a fantasy of what might have been, if only Reagan had been someone else.

Kalman notes that the magazine always includes a 'Hero' column, but finding a suitable candidate for the AIDS issue proved difficult.

"The AIDS epidemic has created very few international figures, so we said, 'Whose fault is it? Is there a person we can hold more responsible than any other person who ever lived?' That was easy to come to," says Kalman.

"If Ronald Reagan had been the opposite human being that he was, if he had been a gay man, or if he had a gay brother, or if he acknowledged that his son was gay, quite the opposite situation would have happened all over

the world, because of the United States' incredible influence on the way the world reacts to things," he says. "If that had happened, probably the 28,000 people that died by the time he said 'AIDS' five or six years later would have died anyway, but maybe four or five million others wouldn't. Globally, maybe ten or fifteen million others wouldn't. Obviously, he couldn't have prevented all those deaths, but I think he could have prevented half those deaths."

The photograph alone is a potent statement, a truly shocking picture of the President with AIDS. Benetton as a corporation is no stranger to using shock in its advertising; AIDS specifically has been used before in advertisements for the clothing manufacturer. But Kalman insists that his photographs are used for their political impact, not their advertising value.

"Shock is necessary in order to get people to pay attention," argues Kalman. "That picture is the equivalent of you and me having a conversation, and me grabbing you by the shirt collar and saying, 'Look, asshole!' The problem today is that AIDS has become really boring to the media, so we have to invent new ways to talk about it to reactivate the discussion. I wouldn't do this just in order to sell sweaters."

Other magazines would balk at the explicit sexual discussions in the issue, and many sponsors would object to the explicit photographs Kalman chooses to include to make his point. Kalman, former Creative Director at Interview, has a great deal of editorial freedom at Colors since Benetton exerts no real creative control, and the magazine is funded enough by the company that it need not worry about offending its few outside advertisers.

"We're a new magazine, and we haven't established an audience yet, and we kind of have nothing to lose," he says. "That's what gives us the ability to do it."

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## Atlanta gets much needed housing facility for people with AIDS

Atlanta—The City Council has overruled one of their own, voting to release a \$40,000 grant to a southside health care program to open a housing facility for people with HIV/AIDS.

The Southside Integrated Care Program (ICP) had been awarded the money from the Ryan White CARE Act to renovate a building that would be used to house 24 men and women with HIV/AIDS in southwest Atlanta. But Councilmember Gloria Tinubu, in whose district the facility would be, successfully amended the council's approval package of the federal funds to eliminate Southside's grant during a committee meeting last month.

But at the July 5 council meeting, Councilmember Debi Starnes "amended the amendment," restoring the funds. All fourteen of the councilmembers present at the time of the vote—Tinubu was not in chambers at the time—voted in favor.

Neither Tinubu nor Starnes could be reached by phone in time for this issue.

Desi Howard, acting coordinator of the ICP, said that Tinubu had been less than receptive during the process.

"We invited her over on numerous occasions," he said. "She accepted once but cancelled."

Representatives from the ICP did speak with Tinubu in her City Council office, but

she would not agree to support the project.

"She opposed the project because she felt like there are too many such projects in the area. And there aren't any."

In fact, housing for people with HIV/AIDS is in short supply across the Atlanta area. At present, there is space for 58 individuals within the city of Atlanta, and 47 additional spaces in the surrounding area—all full with waiting lists. And AID Atlanta alone estimates that 65% of its caseload (now over 1400 people) need housing assistance.

The ICP project will offer fully integrated care—the primary health care facility, a substance abuse clinic and other services offered by the organization are all within 3

miles of the residential facility, and Howard said that ICP will provide transportation for residents needing it.

"This is the first of its kind," Howard said. "I feel like this will relieve a lot of the anxieties and fears people have."

"We need more housing," he continued. "We're hoping we can complete this project and show that it's not something to fear, that it will be an improvement."

Howard added that the ICP hopes to be in operation by December, "but that's too late."

"We'd like to be in operation well before that," he said.

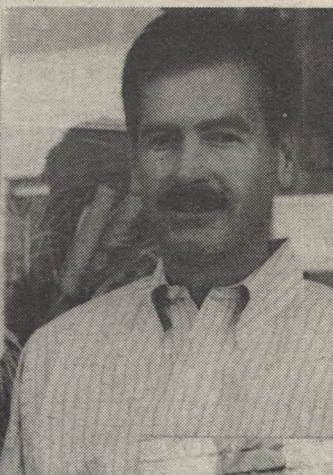
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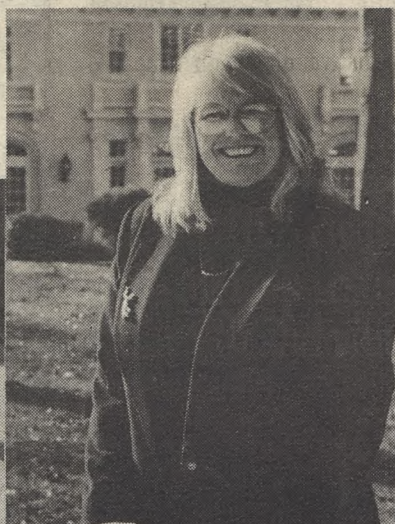
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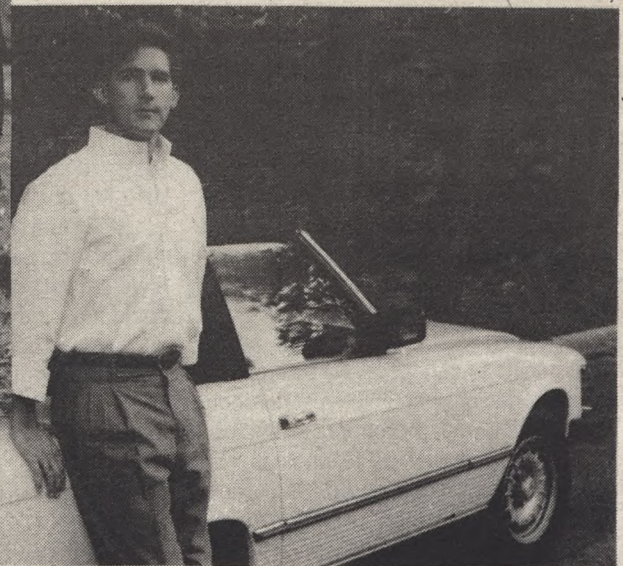
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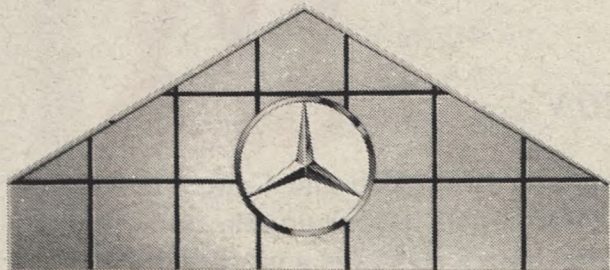
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## Avengers angry at media/GLAAD for sparse coverage of Dyke March

*New York City*—Thousands of lesbians took to the streets during Stonewall 25 activities—and hardly anyone noticed. In all the hoopla about Gay Games and the 25th anniversary Stonewall march, mainstream media barely mentioned the Lesbian Avengers' march on June 25—and the Avengers are not happy.

"While there was some local television and radio coverage of the march, print media coverage was abysmal," Ana Simo, of the Avengers media committee, said in a letter dated June 29 to Donald Suggs of GLAAD/NY. "Apart from a personal piece by Alisa Soloman in *The Village Voice*, the New York print media ignored the International Dyke March. The biggest offenders were *The New York Times* and *Newsday*."

The Avengers were surprised the following day when GLAAD released a report giving *The Times* "top honors for outstanding national coverage of Stonewall history, culture and events," prompting a meeting with Suggs and GLAAD's Ellen Carton demanding that GLAAD take "immediate, practical steps to make its monitoring/evaluation methodology... more accurate." The Avengers stressed that the visibility of lesbians and people of color at the Stonewall events were "abysmal" in all media accounts—including the *Times*.

And the Avengers charged that GLAAD's dual duties as media coordinator for Stonewall and a media monitoring organization constituted a conflict of interest.

Suggs and Carton issued a letter to the Avengers on July 8, disagreeing with the conflict of interest charges and agreeing that they are "acutely aware that lesbians and people of color are... inadequately represented in the media." However, GLAAD's leaders said they "must advocate on behalf of the entire gay, lesbian and bisexual community, rather than one group or event." They did not respond to the Avengers demands.

Media coverage of the Dyke March was minimal at best. The *New York Times* devoted nine lines to the march in a wrap-up article, and *Newsday* didn't mention it. The most extensive coverage came from an article in the *Washington Blade*, which outlined the diversity among the crowd.

New York police estimated 5-6000 people in the march, although the Avengers touted 20,000—numbers consistent with alleged underreporting of attendance throughout the week.

"This goes beyond visibility," said Avenger Marlene Colburn. "We took to the streets because we have a right to them—and a right to live our lives."

Like the alternative march on June 26, Saturday's Dyke March took place without a city permit, and without incident. Avengers from all over the world attended—a German lesbian holding a "We love Dykes" sign, a New Jersey woman carrying a "Philippino lesbian" banner.

"This is the biggest lesbian march I've been in," said Joanne Trapani of Chicago, who told the *Blade* she attended the first New York Gay Pride. "This is amazing. It feels really great."

The Avengers issued a flyer announcing the march, saying the dykes were on the streets to "keep your courts off our children," "to show that our lives count," and "to send a warning to the so-called religious right."

"Lesbians vow to take the lead in organizing resistance to the vicious right wing campaign to take over our schools and pass anti-queer referenda," the flyer read. "And if we're banned from the schoolroom, we'll teach from the streets."

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," said Colburn. "We're witnessing the emergence of a lesbian activist movement in this country and abroad."

KC WILDMOON

## Thorne discharged from Navy

*Washington*—A Navy board recommended July 14 that Lt. Tracy Thorne, who declared his homosexuality on television, be discharged. His attorneys said they will challenge the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy in federal court.

The three-member Navy Board of Inquiry, in a unanimous decision said Thorne should receive an honorable discharge. Capt. Douglas W. Cook, the board's president, said Thorne "failed, in fact made no effort" to dispute a presumption that he engaged in homosexual conduct, which is grounds for a propensity to do so.

Thorne, 27, disclosed his sexual orientation on ABC's "Nightline" in May 1992. At the time he was a flier attached to a bomber

squadron at the Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, Va.

Thorne's case has become a major test of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which took effect last March 1.

The board of inquiry's recommendation will be submitted to a review board and then reviewed by Navy Secretary John Dalton, who is not bound by the recommendation.

Patrick Lee, one of Thorne's attorneys, said that after Dalton acts they will go to federal court to challenge the policy and the discharge.

"I am confident that this policy will eventually be overturned when it's reviewed on its face," Thorne told reporters after the board's courtroom announcement.

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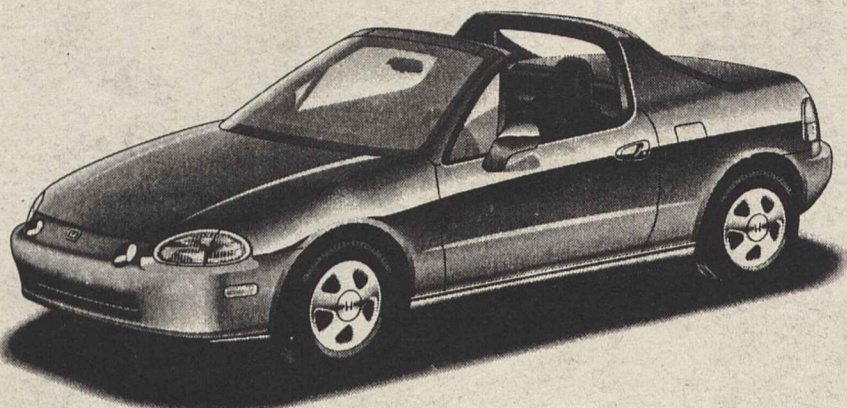
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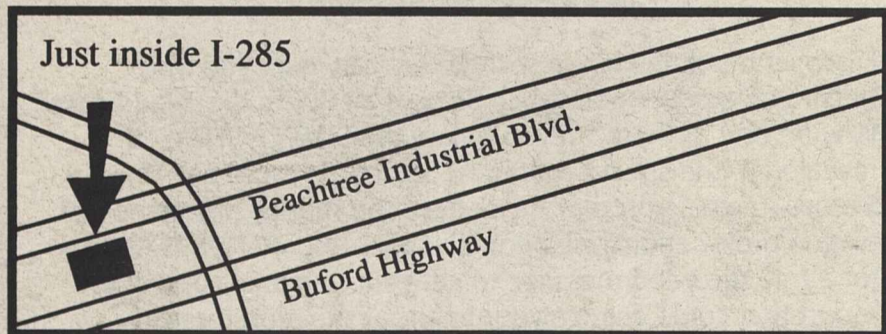
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"That's what these people want," she said. "They want to get rid of us. We're doing them a favor by running away."

The growing pressure to move the volleyball venue appeared to be causing dents in ACOG's resolve to keep it there—last week, Payne told reporters that ACOG is "very close to what we believe would be a verification of affordability, accessibility and acceptability of a substitute venue."

Payne did not identify that venue, and said that the International Volleyball Federation had not been asked to review another site, but added that "It could happen soon." Payne also said he was "disappointed the problem has not been resolved."

The Olympics Out of Cobb Coalition said at a press conference last Thursday that they were "guardedly hopeful" with Payne's statements, but that the announcement is long overdue.

"The ball is in ACOG's court," said OOCB cochair Pat Hussain. "They're moving in the right direction—so now go ahead

and move the venue. We don't need to wait any longer."

And more of Cobb County's highly touted "family values" came to light last week, when the Welcome Grove Baptist Church posted a sign that said "God's answer to AIDS is 1 man and 1 woman together for life." But a Southern Voice reader took umbrage to the statement and "fixed" the sign. For three days, the sign read: "God's answer to AIDS is 1 man and 1 man together for life." It took the church three days before they noticed the change in the sign.

Also, a group of attorneys in Cobb County are asking lawyers there to sign a petition asking the Cobb County Commission to rescind the resolution, and to refrain from further resolutions of this type.

"In addition to the unfavorable press, the resolutions passed on August 10, 1993 have served to polarize and fragment our community, while fostering an atmosphere of distrust and discord," said attorney Ted Reed in his letter asking fellow attorneys to sign the petition.

KC WILDMOON

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days I'm going to start acting up."

"The fat's in the fire," he said.

Walker said that 30 days just wouldn't do it. At last week's board meeting, the board instructed her to continue searching for a consultant to conduct the survey, and then

she expects at least three months before it is completed.

"I'm hoping for a pretty quick turnaround," she said. "But it won't be cheap and dirty. I expect we'll have focus groups, face to face interview, and finish up with a phone survey."

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## Miller case could have major effect on protection of gays on the job

Being fired by a homophobic employer is not an uncommon experience for gays and lesbians. Yet when Dan Miller came out four years ago, he could have scarcely imagined one day having to pay his former employer \$110,000. Nor could Miller have imagined that his legal travails, now on appeal before the Pennsylvania Superior Court, would one day become a cause celebre which is gaining nationwide attention both within and outside the gay community. The New Yorker magazine chronicled the case as the cover story in its June 13, 1994, issue.

At the time Miller came out in September 1990, he was employed by Donald L. DeMuth Professional Management Consultants in Camp Hill Pennsylvania, located across the Susquehanna River from Harrisburg. He was a 34-year old certified public accountant with an M.B.A. from Penn State University. He had been employed by the firm, which specializes in financial matters for the medical and dental professions, for five years.

At the time, there were a rash of gay beatings in Harrisburg, and a perception in the gay community that police were inattentive to the increasing incidents. Because no one else would speak publicly, Miller, who was then chairman of the gay-and-lesbian switchboard, spoke to local television newscasters at a city council meeting to urge greater police protection for gays and lesbians.

Miller's employer, Donald L. DeMuth, did not see the newscasts. But over the next few days, several of DeMuth's clients and friends mentioned having seen Miller on television. Their comments were all very matter of fact, DeMuth admitted to The New Yorker, and no client seemed particularly concerned about Miller's appearance.

DeMuth, however, did not share his clients' nonchalance about the television appearance or his new awareness of Miller's sexual orientation. "Sodomy is what we're talking about," he told The New Yorker. "This is offensive."

DeMuth seemed particularly concerned about what people might think of him. "I thought to have a homosexual in my firm would imply an acquiescence, an acceptance," he continued. DeMuth was also annoyed that several times he had shared a room with Miller to cut costs when traveling to professional conferences. "I was sharing a room with a homosexual who decided to proclaim this to the world," he said. "How did it look?"

Three weeks later DeMuth called Miller into his office and fired him. The only reason he kept Miller the three weeks following the broadcasts was because a number of retirement plan tax returns were due and Miller was indispensable to their completion, DeMuth told the New Yorker.

Miller then set about starting his own consulting practice in Harrisburg, and a number of DeMuth's clients sought to follow him. But DeMuth had included a clause in Miller's employment contract listing homosexuality, along with "moral turpitude, being charged with a felony, use of illicit drugs, intoxication while working, insulting Employer's family and clients, not working, intentionally working slowly, intentionally losing clients, [and] engaging in sexual activities in the office" as cause for dismissal. This same clause provided that if Miller set up his own firm in the area after being fired for one of the listed reasons he would have to pay DeMuth 125 percent of the previous year's billings for any client Miller took with him.

After being advised that the contract clause was unenforceable, Miller not only took on those clients who sought to follow him, but actively solicited other former clients. Because

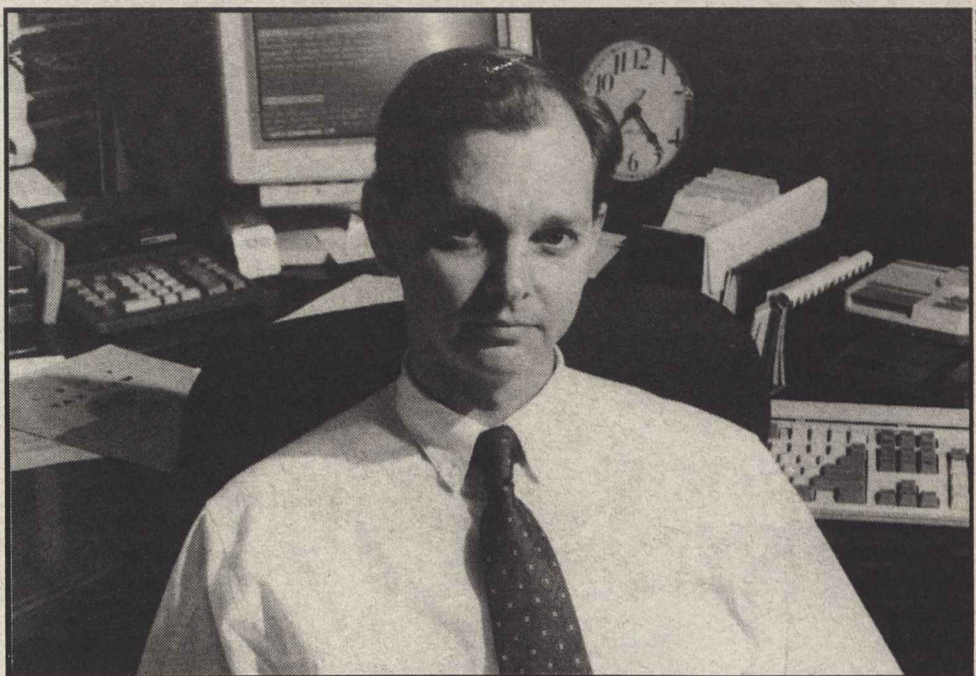
he had worked closely with many of these clients in computerizing their operations, other former clients sent their business to Miller.

DeMuth did not take this loss of business lightly. He sent a letter to clients discussing Miller's departure, which stated, in part, "It's well known that homosexuals are significantly at risk for AIDS. While I have no knowledge of Dan's medical condition, consider getting the results of a blood test from him, if you are considering using his services on a long-term basis."

Ironically, DeMuth's letter had no effect on the flow of clients from DeMuth to Miller. Although most clients who followed Miller did so for professional reasons, the letter served to galvanize the resolve of some clients to leave DeMuth. Miller eventually took a third of DeMuth's business, which represented 90 percent of Miller's business that first year after being fired.

DeMuth's next move was to file suit against Miller under the contract in November 1991. After a number of failed attempts by his attorneys to have the suit dismissed, the case went to trial in the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas on June 21, 1993.

DeMuth made no attempt at trial to cover up his true reasons for firing Miller, admitting on the witness stand that he fired Miller solely because he is gay. Not only was Miller a good employee, but he was on track to become a partner in the firm, DeMuth testified.



Dan Miller, an accountant in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, lost his job because his boss Dan DeMuth did not want a gay employee.

Miller admitted that he had signed the contract voluntarily, although he felt he had little choice. He had not fully dealt with his sexual orientation at the time he was originally presented with the contract, Miller testified. As he gained confidence over time, he came to view the homosexuality clause as demeaning,

and was preparing to ask DeMuth to remove it from his next yearly contract.

Because neither state nor municipal laws protected Miller against employment discrimination based on sexual discrimination, Judge Kevin A. Hess refused to dismiss the case on

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the basis that the contract was against public policy and therefore unenforceable.

Because jurors weren't permitted to consider whether DeMuth was wrong in firing Miller, they were left to consider the narrow issue of whether a valid contract existed. DeMuth admitted that the last yearly contract had expired five months before Miller was fired, and DeMuth could produce no contract covering the year before that—Miller contends none was ever signed. Yet Pennsylvania law provides that if the parties continue to work together after an employment agreement expires, it can be inferred that the contract was extended for another year. The jurors found that a contract existed.

Jurors also found against Miller on his counterclaim for defamation based on the letter DeMuth sent to clients. This was most likely because the letter did not actually state that Miller had AIDS, which he does not.

Some jurors interviewed by the Harrisburg Patriot-News following the trial said they felt the law offered them no other option than to return a verdict for DeMuth. "I know some of us left the courthouse that day feeling we had become part of a grave injustice," a reporter who was on the jury wrote in a later article. "The bad guy won today," she quoted another juror as saying.

Miller was devastated by the loss. Facing nearly \$45,000 in legal fees, he could not afford to pay his attorneys to mount an appeal. He applied to both the A.C.L.U. and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund for pro bono representation, and Lambda agreed to take up his defense.

This is "an ideal case," the kind of "bread and butter employment issue case" that Lambda Legal Defense Fund should take on, commented Beatrice Dohrn, legal director of Lambda and lead counsel on Miller's appeal. "Here's a regular guy who's good at his job and is being penalized for no other reason than his sexual orientation," she said.

The central issue on appeal is whether the state can rightfully use its powers to enforce a contract that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation. Where there are no anti-discrimination laws in place, there is no recourse for private acts of discrimination such as DeMuth's firing of Miller, Dohrn conceded. But it is an entirely different matter when someone seeks to use the courts to enforce his or her bigotry.

"The court is the collecting agent for this man's personal prejudice," Dohrn explained. By enforcing DeMuth's contract penalty, the court is essentially "participating in that discrimination."

Oral arguments on Miller's appeal were heard by the Pennsylvania Superior Court on June 21, exactly one year after the trial's first day. Only one member of the three-judge panel, Judge Justin M. Johnson who was among the majority in a 1992 decision that expanded the rights of lesbian mothers, actively engaged the attorneys for Miller and DeMuth in questioning.

When DeMuth's attorney, Samuel L. Andes, argued that DeMuth was actually dissatisfied with Miller's job performance because Miller "lied to him" about his sexual orientation, Judge Johnson openly laughed. "I was in a law partnership and imagine there were aspects of my partners' private lives that I did not know and had no right to know," the judge said.

Donald Martin, an attorney based near Philadelphia who is assisting Dohrn with the case, guesses the panel will reach a decision in three to six months. "I would be encouraged if it took longer, because it means there's a debate going on," he commented. Martin was part of the team that successfully argued against the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's sodomy laws in 1980.

Even if he should lose in the courts, some legal experts say that Miller's case so clearly highlights the vulnerability of gays and lesbians to workplace discrimination, it could help garner pivotal support for laws providing greater employment protections, such as the bills recently introduced in Congress by Sen. Ted Kennedy and Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry Studds. Miller recently testified at hearings before the House Subcommittee on Select Education and Civil Rights in conjunction with the bill's introduction in the House.

While waiting for a decision from the Superior Court, Miller spends most of his time working to pay back the \$125,000 in debt he has incurred because of the case. In addition to the fees owed to his original attorneys, which were reduced through negotiations, he also had to deposit \$156,000 with the court in order to file his appeal. Most, if not all, of this money, which covers the judgment and interest, would go to DeMuth if Miller loses his appeal.

Still, Miller says he would do nothing different if he could go back to that day in 1990 when he went before the television cameras to speak out against gay bashing. "It's certainly worth it to be an out, open gay person," he said. "It's the difference between living 100 percent or only 50 percent in the closet."

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The Atlanta Rainbeaus placed 9th out of 60 teams during Gay Games IV.

## Hotlanta volleyball sets up for success

by JAMES FITCH

In its tenth year, the Hotlanta Volleyball Association is experiencing a growth spurt. The organization has increased membership by 40 percent over the past six months.

It is appropriate, then, that at the end of this month, HVA will play host to its largest-ever tournament, bringing 58 North American teams together for a weekend of serious play.

While the upcoming tournament will display the competitive side of HVA, perhaps the main reason for all the growth lately has been the addition of a beginner's level. This move changed Hotlanta Volleyball into a social recreational activity for some, while it remained the usual competitive athletic outlet for others. It's just the latest face for a group that plans to continue growing and reaching out. At some point, HVA hopes to incorporate women's volleyball, as well.

"When I was elected, I noticed that we weren't growing at the rate of the gay community," said John Brock, HVA commissioner "I talked to a lot of people, and most of them thought we were only interested in highly skilled players. An organization of that nature will eventually die."

### All levels of play

Currently there are 200 HVA members spread throughout three skill divisions: Rainbow, a non-competitive, beginner level; Lambda, for those who want to develop skills and teamwork and participate in tournament play; and Triangle, for the highly competitive premier players, some of whom are former

NCAA players.

"There's a whole range of people," Brock said. "In general they're people who are health-conscious, a little more open, or out. HVA is a very positive environment. We build teamwork skills, leadership skills. Those kinds of things happen naturally in an organization."

Ages range from 19 to 60-something. In its spring, summer and fall leagues, HVA has up to ten traveling teams that compete in national tournaments. There was a total of 14 teams in this year's spring league—another all-time high.

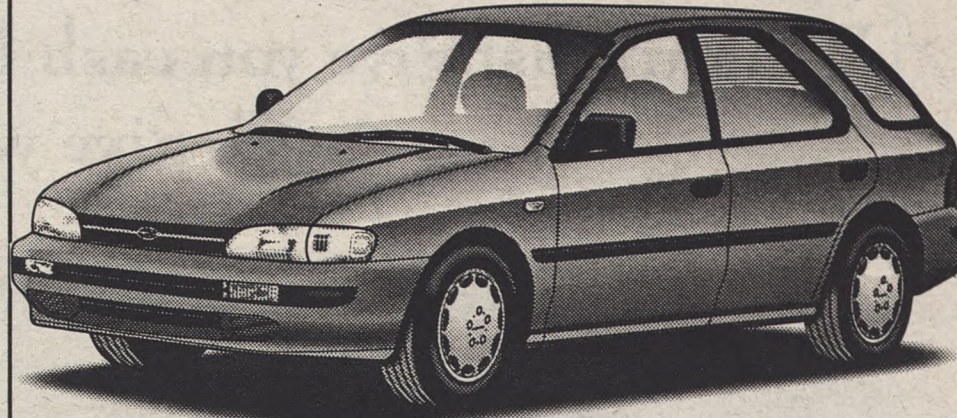
Two Lambda-level HVA teams competed in Gay Games '94 in New York City. Brock's team, the Atlanta Toons, placed seventh out of some 40 teams in its division. The other, Atlanta Golden Rainbeaus, placed ninth out of some 60 teams in its division.

### Looking for some good women — and a gym

As HVA continues to gain in numbers, it also gains in ambition. Up until now, HVA has been a predominantly male-associated organization. According to Brock, however, there is a push to incorporate women's volleyball sometime in the near future.

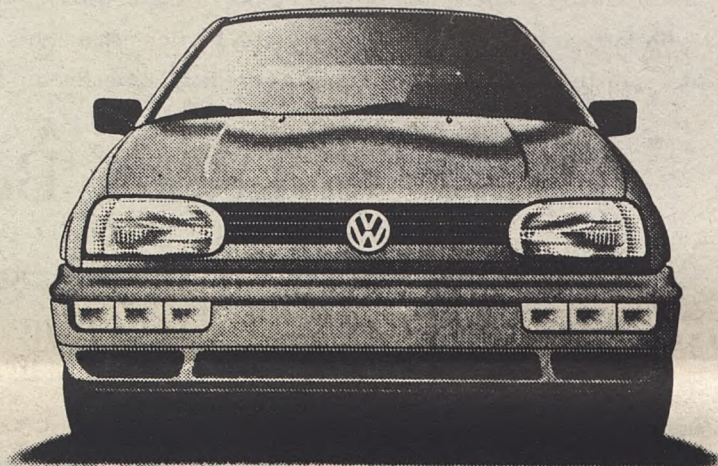
"We have wanted to organize women's volleyball, but we haven't gotten to because we don't have gym space," Brock said. "We have a position on our board for a woman, a co-commissioner, but right now it's an empty position."

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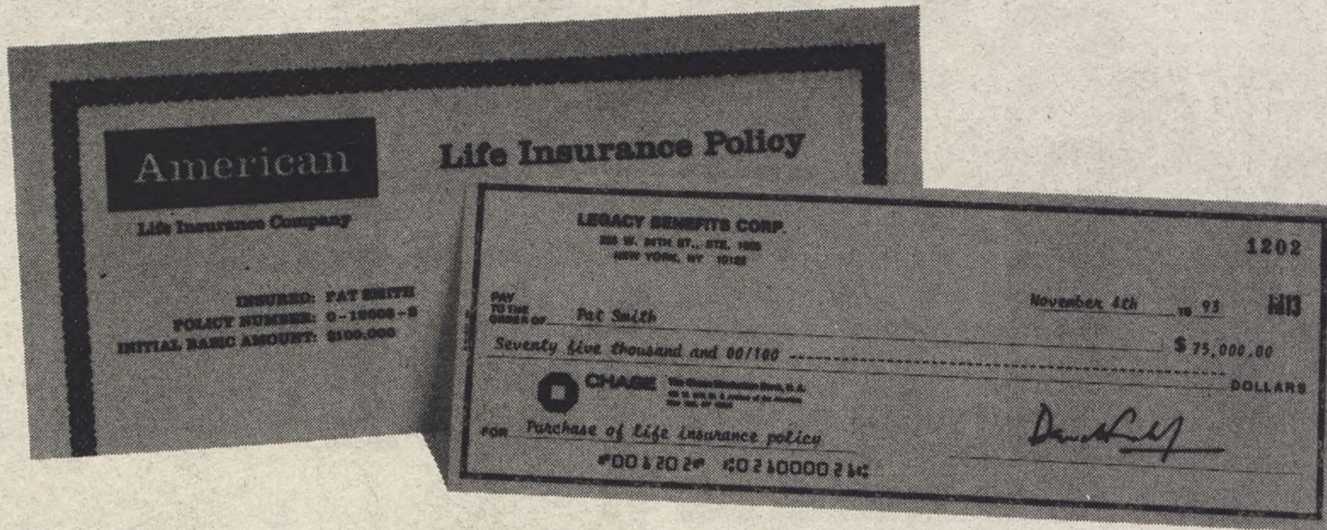
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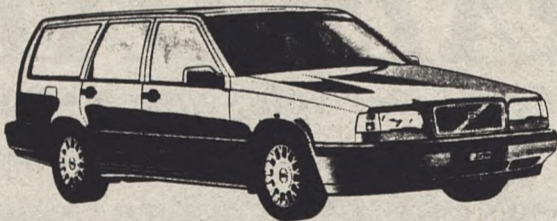
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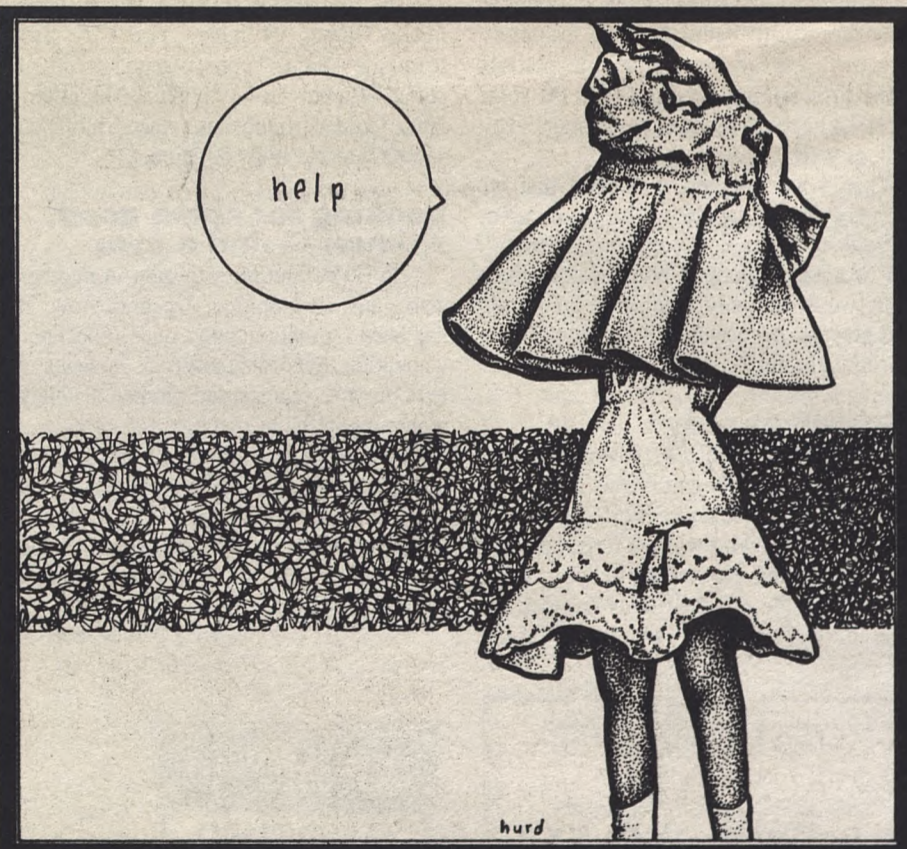
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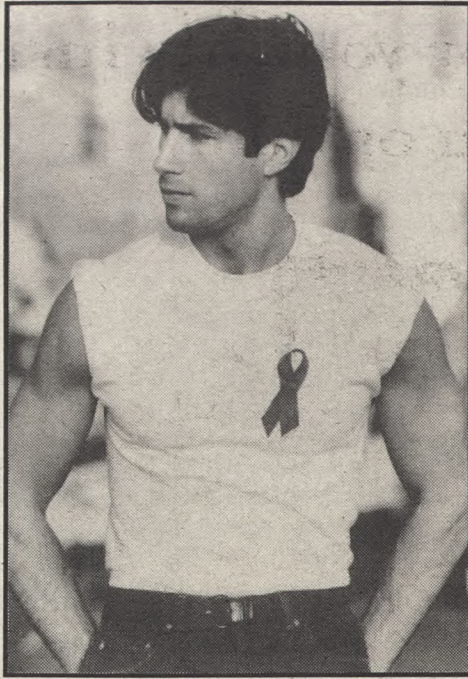
Some would use AIDS to sell anything from teddy bears to mayonnaise, as Daniel Harris reports in the July Harper's Magazine. In his article "Making Kitsch from AIDS," Harris decries the commercialism and sentimentality that now infuse the epidemic, writing that "AIDS may be the first disease to have its own gift shop." The NAMES Project, red ribbons, AIDS literature, and People Magazine are all scrutinized as Harris examines the effects of AIDS kitsch on the public perception of the disease.

"Although terminal illnesses have often been sentimentalized—who can forget 'Love Story' or 'Brian's Song'?—the AIDS epidemic in particular encourages the production of kitsch," Harris writes, "inviting the abuse of activists, yellow journalists, New Age healers, pop psychologists, holistic chiropractors, and Hollywood producers."

Emotional perceptions of the AIDS epidemic have also muddied the focus of the war on AIDS, argues professor David Kirp in the July 4 issue of The Nation. By concentrating on the political struggle inherent in AIDS, he writes, activists have ignored the fact that science, not politics, remains the greatest obstacle to ending the epidemic.

"Some things would surely have turned out better if Jimmy Carter, not Ronald Reagan, had been in the White House in 1981," he writes, citing actions the government could have taken years earlier. "All this would have saved lives. Yet the biological science would not have changed, and it is these complexities that remain the crucial barrier, locked and so far impenetrable."

Michael Fumento, author of the infamous Myth of Heterosexual AIDS, writes in the July American Spectator that despite news reports and scientific statistics, there is still no heterosexual epidemic, and in fact "the AIDS epi-



"AIDS may be the only disease to have its own gift shop."—Daniel Harris in 'Making Kitsch from AIDS' in the July issue of Harper's magazine decries the commercialism that has infused the epidemic.

demis has peaked." The author does a commendable job of exploring how the media have twisted statistics, and in untwisting them, Fumento succeeds in casting some doubts over their conclusions regarding heterosexual AIDS. True to the reactionary politics of the American Spectator, however, after Fumento untwists a few statistics, he twists them right back up into a conspiracy theory claiming that the incorrect projections and misleading surveys that point toward a rise in heterosexual cases have "the fingerprints of AIDS activists all over [them]." And somewhere in his round of denials and accusations, the author forgets that heterosexual cases of AIDS are indeed rising at a rapid rate, and that their deaths are no "myth."



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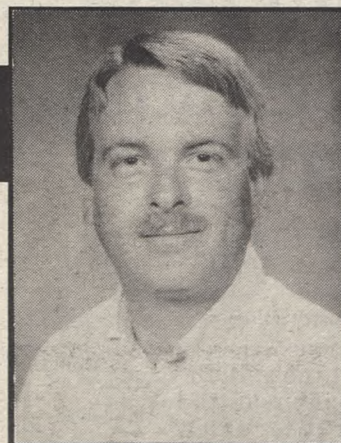
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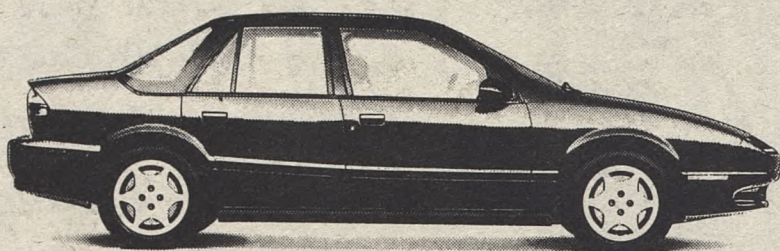


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## Hotlanta volleyball

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Securing the necessary gym space has been a problem for HVA in the past. The organization currently has use of three gyms at Mercer University, and one behind the North Druid Hills Methodist Church. HVA continues to seek another facility.

"We have a lot of trouble getting and keeping courts," Brock said. "Unfortunately it becomes a political issue for other people, not for us. HVA typically does not get involved in political things. We are a social-recreational-athletic organization. But we've been denied gyms, and we've lost a couple of gyms over the years because people have been uncomfortable [with us]."

### Long history in Atlanta

Though HVA was officially organized ten years ago, a loose-knit gay volleyball club in Atlanta has been around for more than 20 years.

Larry Lucas has been a permanent fixture in Atlanta gay volleyball since 1971, when it was just getting started. He actually took charge 15 years ago when things were less serious.

"I am the one who got [gay volleyball in Atlanta] back on its feet again, I guess you could say—along with everyone's help—and put it where it is today. Now it's probably one of the strongest in the United States. And many of the same people are still with us."

A former gold medal-winner, and a member of the Atlanta Golden Rainbeaus, Lucas currently works with HVA beginners on Friday nights at the gym behind North Druid Hills Methodist Church.

"We have around 40 to 50 people every Friday night," Lucas said. "Friday night is just to have a good time, get better if you want to—just enjoy the evening. If you get to the point where you want to come [to open play]

on Thursday night [at Mercer], everyone's welcome."

Doug Nelson moved to Atlanta from Richmond, Va., just weeks ago. He played on a gay volleyball team in Richmond and met some of the HVA men that way. So when he decided to make the move to Atlanta, he had a network of friends in place.

"These guys have been wonderful," Nelson said. "They've been extremely supportive of me as far as the move in, people to meet, places to go. Volleyball's a tremendous amount of fun, and there are some really neat guys involved with this Hotlanta group."

Nelson will play with his old team from Richmond for the last time in the upcoming tournament. After that, he will be a part of Hotlanta Volleyball.

### Tournament time

A total of 58 teams from around the country will compete in the tournament, July 29 through 31. Thirteen of them are from Atlanta.

Tournament games will be held simultaneously at Emory and Georgia State University gyms. Teams are grouped according to skill levels assigned by the North American Gay Volleyball Association: AA, A, BB, B, and C, with C being the lowest level. Saturday competition is full play, where all teams play against each other to determine seating. The playoffs and championships will be held Sunday.

In the past, there haven't been many spectators at HVA-sponsored tournaments, but Brock encourages people to come out and watch this year. There is plenty of seating space, and admission is free.

"You'll see a lot of camaraderie in the BB, B, and C divisions, where it's not nearly so high-intensity," Brock said. "There's a lot of good times, a lot of silliness."

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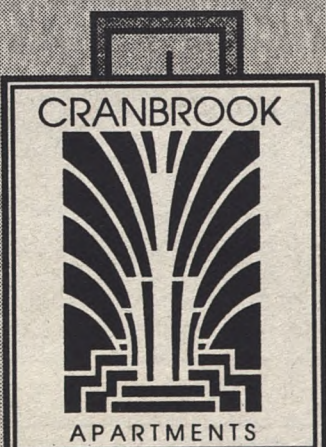


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**BIRTHDAYS**

A happy belated birthday wish goes out to Donna Still on July 2 from her partner Wendy and the whole gang.

A happy birthday to fantastic 40-year-old Julia Strong on July 12. J sends her love and a thanks for sharing her life.

Roger Turley celebrates 38 years of life and 8 years out of the closet on July 23.

Happy 24th birthday to Cary Rutherford on July 25.

A special SoVo birthday greeting goes to our own Joan T. Sherwood turns 29 on July 21. As Production Mgr., Joan makes it possible for these birthday notices to literally make it to print. So relax, Joan. Have a happy.



Julia Strong embraced the big 4-0 on July 12.

**COMMITMENT CEREMONY**

Martin Coles and Jay Beard had a commitment ceremony on the fourth—just before the floods arrived. Fortunately, the rain didn't interfere with those fireworks. The happy couple is now gearing up for a move to central Pennsylvania where one of the grooms has a yearlong internship, after which they plan to high-tail it back to Atlanta for the other to begin med school.

**EMPLOYMENT**

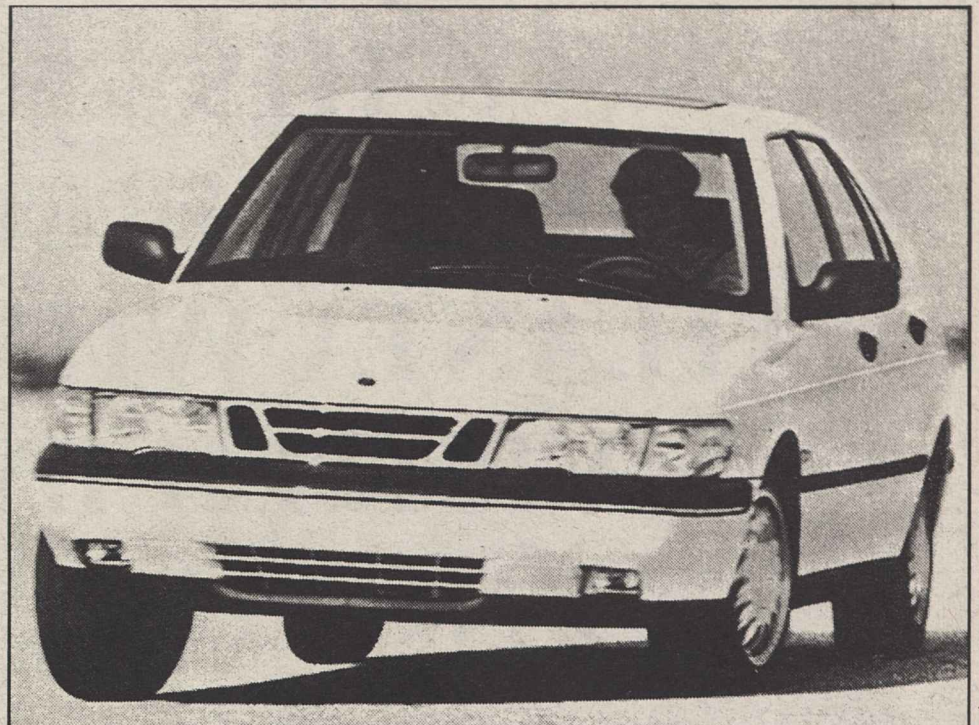
David VanderGrif, formerly of Atlanta, has been named staff coordinator of the Cali-

fornia Medical Association. David is living in San Francisco and having a great time, but misses everyone in Atlanta.

**GRADUATION**

Congratulations to Robert Hargrove, who recently graduated from DeKalb Tech in automotive technology.

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# OUT & ABOUT

THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE OF SOUTHERN VOICE

## ARTCARE '94

by BRIAN COCHRAN

Jackie Stephenson, the outgoing president of ArtCare, doesn't just volunteer for the organization out of a sense of obligation or to give back to the community, although those factors are certainly present in her work. Her involvement is much more personal—it comes as a result of losing so many friends to AIDS.

One of those friends, who has since passed away, was the first person to tell her about the then founding organization. He suggested to her that she offer her services as a secretary, since ArtCare was in need of someone to take minutes at meetings and who had a business background. Five years later, and after two terms as president, Stephenson is retiring, due to the fact that the bylaws of ArtCare require a new board and president every few years.

"ArtCare became more near and dear to me with each passing year," Stephenson remembers, "because with each passing year, I lost more and more friends." And with each passing year, unfortunately, the need for fundraising organizations like ArtCare, and qualified people to run them for no recompense (like Stephenson) becomes more great.

As an outgrowth of the Atlanta artistic community's need to do something about the AIDS crisis, ArtCare's purpose is twofold: to benefit people living with AIDS and to give the artistic community a chance to express their commitment to the cause. Of course, an important side benefit to the artist is that exposure at a benefit like ArtCare creates name recognition. And the benefit is something of a local phenomenon; other than onetime-only benefit art auctions, there is nothing exactly like ArtCare anywhere else in the country.

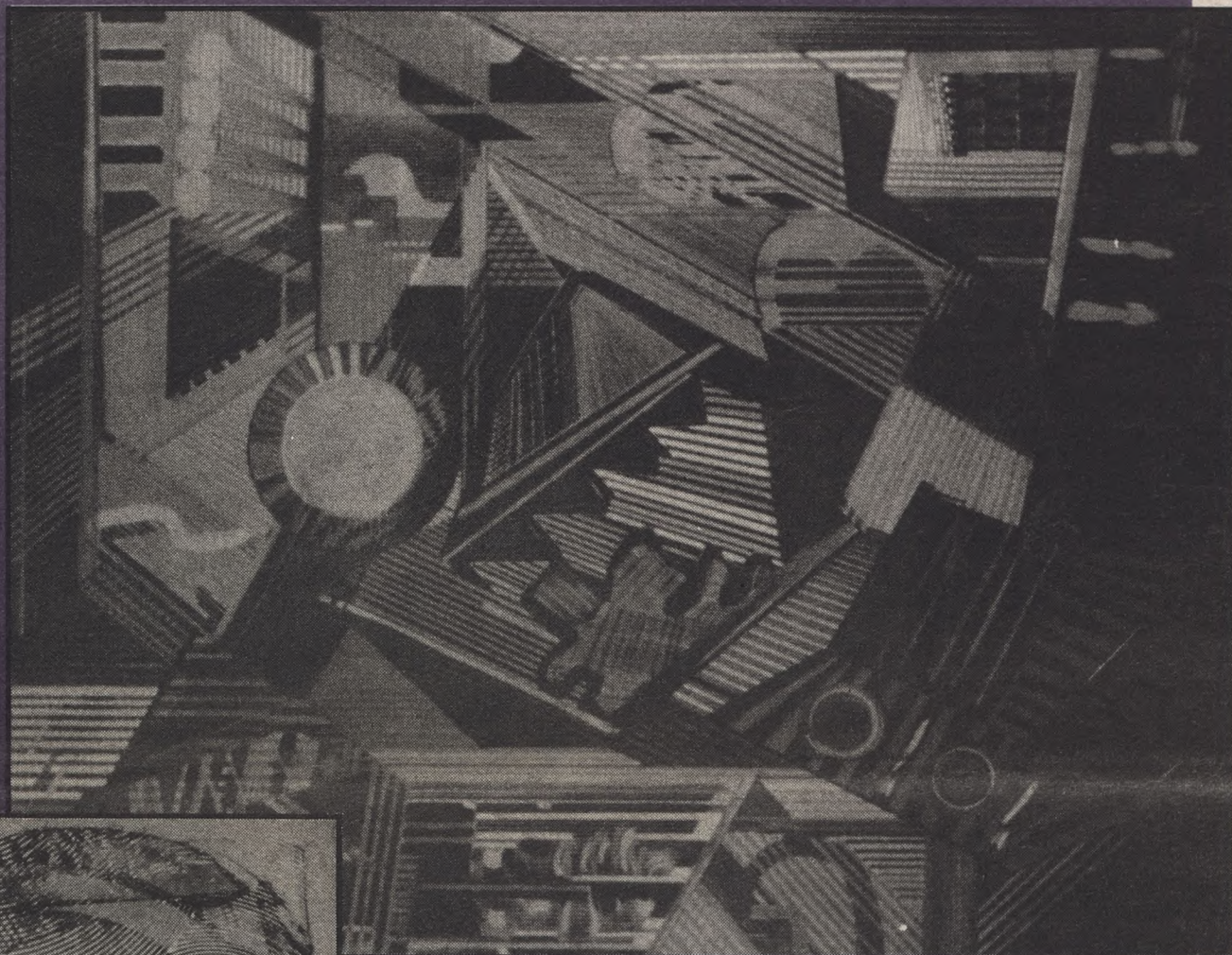
Stephenson's influence on the organization is particularly evident this year. The board of ArtCare, under her direction, has made several changes in how the benefit works. The selection process of the art for auction and the distribution method of funds donated have been completely revamped. And a new way to raise money has been proposed.

All the art for auction this year, for the very first time, has been juried. 700 invitations were sent to all kinds of artists—painters, sculptors, photographers, mixed media—and between 400 and 500 entries were received. Of those, 200 pieces were selected for sale and that number was whittled down to 40 for the live auction. The other 160 pieces will be on display for silent auction the night of the benefit. Special jurist for this show was Carla Olson, manager and curator of the Fine Arts Department at the Coca-Cola Company.

In addition, Ned Rifkin, Director of the High Museum of Art, has selected 12 of the works offered at the live auction for a fine art calendar which will go on sale later this year. This new project was a brainchild of Stephenson's.

Since past ArtCare patrons asked the inevitable question, "Where is this money going, exactly?," the board of the organization also made a change in the distribution method of the funds collected at the event. In the past, the beneficiary of all funds was the Atlanta metropolitan Community Foundation. This year, the ArtCare board accepted seven proposals, all

Atlanta's art auction benefit for AIDS, to be held July 23, has grown into a local phenomenon raising more than half a million dollars in the past five years.



"Interior Tale" by Helen DeRamus  
Oil and acrylic, 60" x 48", 1991



"Untitled" by David Fraley  
Acrylic on canvas, 4' x 4', 1992

from worthy AIDS support organizations, and through a meticulous selection process that involved visitation by board members, careful study and recommendations, managed to select two of those organizations as the recipients of this year's benefit. They are Jerusalem House, the refuge for PWA's who would otherwise be homeless; and Sisterlove Women's AIDS Project, a support organization for women who either have HIV or AIDS or are at great risk

of becoming infected. Sisterlove pays particular attention to the needs of African-American women, considered by many to be one of the highest risk groups today.

Until the auction, Macy's will exhibit some of the works available in the windows of its downtown store. In addition, Macy's employees will tout the benefit to customers, handing out invitations and promoting ArtCare with posters and word-of-mouth.

Stephenson's leadership has also brought some very distinguished people to this year's benefit. Mayor and Mrs. Bill Campbell and Congressman and Mrs. John Lewis have agreed to be honorary chairpersons for the event; and Henry Schimberg, president and chief operating officer of Coca-Cola Enterprises, will serve as Host and Master of Ceremonies.

In addition, the all-important list of corporate sponsors for ArtCare is very intensive. They include BellSouth, Delta Airlines, Macy's and NationsBank. This year, to date, the list of corporate sponsors has contributed over \$300,000 to the cause—a real coup for the board of the organization. Stephenson notes that, from a grassroots movement that was pretty much unknown except in the arts community, ArtCare has grown into a vital source of funds for AIDS support organizations. "Each year has been more successful than the past," she adds. In the past five years, the auction has raised nearly half a million dollars.

But the money couldn't be raised without the talents of the artists who donate their work. The artists represented in this year's auction have contributed some of the best pieces ever seen by Stephenson. "Their work is just incredible," she notes.

Some of the better known names among the Georgia artists are Lee Bomhoff, Robert Pashaian, Randy Chumbley, Hans Frabel and David Fraley. Their contributions carry an emotional gift as well as a monetary one. Fraley explained, "Since AIDS has decimated the community of creative people, it's only appropriate for the surviving body of artists to lend our support through creative means."

Since there are a number of HIV-positive artists in the art community, are there any represented in this year's auction? "I don't know for sure," Stephenson replied, "but I'm sure there are. We don't identify them that way, we never really considered it. But it's a great idea for the incoming president," she adds, sounding a bit like she's going to miss her job. Even though her tenure as board president is over, it's doubtful ArtCare has seen the last of Stephenson. "They'll probably see me back next year as a volunteer," she says.

The ArtCare 1994 auctions take place Saturday, July 23, 1994 at Swissotel Atlanta, beginning at 6pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling 873-4088.



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21 THURSDAY

ATLANTA SYMPHONY. Thru Sat. The Beethoven SummerFest continues with

Symphony Nos. 1 and 9 ("Choral"), Yoel Levi conducting. Symphony Hall, 8pm. \$18-40. 898-2414.

ROBBI SOMMERS. A women-only reading at Charis with the queen of erotic



romance. 7:30pm, 1189 Euclid. Free. 524-0304.

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

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

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23 SATURDAY

ARTCARE '94. Buy some art and benefit Jerusalem House and Sisterlove Women's AIDS Project. Swissotel Atlanta, beginning at 6pm. 873-4088.

MEATLOAF. Paradise by the Lakewood light. Rocky Horror's Eddie rocks out in the moonlight. 8pm. \$15.50 & 22.50. 249-6400.

JOHN GORKA AND SARA HICKMAN. New Folk music at the Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid. \$12 early, \$14 late. 8pm. 524-7354.

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

22 FRIDAY

THE TEMPTATIONS AND THE FOUR TOPS. Thru Sat. Classic Chastain at its Motown best. 8:30pm, \$16-38. 898-2414.

HAITIAN ART: A CELEBRATION OF ITS DIVERSITY. Thru Aug 8. The Haitian Art Foundation presents a timely exhibition at TULA, 75 Bennett St. Reception tonight 7-9pm. 351-3551.

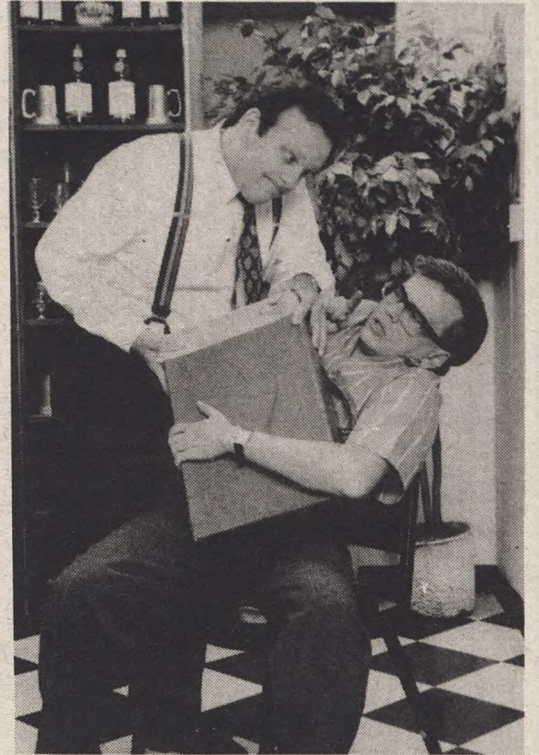
ON THE LIGHT SIDE. Thru Sat. The Capitol City Opera Company presents memorable show tunes and scenes at Callanwolde, 980 Briarcliff. \$10 & \$20. Doors

24 SUNDAY

MAB SEGREST AND SUZANNE PHARR. Southerners on New Ground and ZAMI present two long time activists in a reading and book signing at Charis. 7:30pm (doors open at 7). Free.

PICNIC. Thru Aug 28. Actors Express presents William Inge's tale of the sexual awakening of a 17-year-old girl trapped in the stifling social world of a tiny Kansas town. 887 W. Marietta St. Thru-Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm. \$12-15. 221-0831.

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



25 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.

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26 TUESDAY

JANE HAMILTON. Author of "The Book of Ruth" and "A Map of the World" signs books at Oxford's Pharr Road location, 7-8:30pm.

REALM OF THE ALLIGATOR. National Geographic takes a look at the alligator in its natural habitat, the Okefenokee Swamp. 8pm, GPTV Ch 8. And then at 11, a real lesbian pleaser—Nature presents "Cats."

27 WEDNESDAY

TANYA TUCKER. It's Country Chastain with the singer of "Soon" and "Down to My Last Teardrop." 8:30pm. \$16-38. 898-2414.

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

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GO FISH. Friends try to hook up Max and Ely, two lesbians without dates, in Rose Troche's breakthrough film. The Screening Room, Lindbergh Plaza, 231-1924.

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

SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS. Thru Sun. 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.

TIME IN A BATTLE. Thru Sun. 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 Wed. 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.

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.

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

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

MALCOLM 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. 499-3223.

TOOLS OF THE HUMAN FORM. Thru Aug 13. Sculptures and paintings by Atlanta artist Mark Allen Henderson at TULA. 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.

ONLY KIDDING. Thru Aug 21. Neighborhood Playhouse's Discovery Arena takes on a cabaret look for Jim Geoghan's wildly funny play five stand-up comedians aspiring to make it to the top. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm. 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.

ART IN MOTION. Thru Aug 25. An exhibit honoring athletic excellence at the Richards & Westbrook Gallery in the GA Tech Theatre for the Arts.

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.

ASAFO! FANTE FLAGS FROM AFRICA. Thru Sept 3. Flags from the African nation of Ghana are on display at the High Museum of Art Folk Art and Photography in the Georgia-Pacific Center downtown. 892-HIGH.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PUPPETRY FESTIVAL. Thru Sept. 3. The Center for Puppetry Arts hosts the summer long festival with performances for adults and children. Thru July 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.

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.

NATIONAL BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL. July 29-Aug 7. The biennial festival opens across the city next week. Performances include Nancy Wilson, Amiri Baraka, Sonia Sanchez, and the gay African American troupe Pomo Afro Homos (Aug 4 at the Variety Playhouse).

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.

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

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.

ANGELS IN AMERICA—MILLENNIUM APPROACHES. Aug 28. A benefit performance for AIDS Survival Project, Jerusalem House and Project Open Hand, sponsored by Southern Voice. The Pulitzer Prize winning play opens at the Alliance Aug 31. \$25-\$100. 892-1414.

DUPLICATE

GOING AND DUPLICATE

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ABOVE: Michael Stacio and Richie Mitchell are stand-up comedians in "Only Kidding" at the Neighborhood Playhouse Discovery Arena thru Aug 21. Photo by Gill Williams

LEFT: Tanya Tucker hits the stage at Chastain Park July 27.

BELOW: Kansas City's Paul Meisner Puppets present "The Dinosaur Show" at the Center for Puppetry Arts thru July 23.



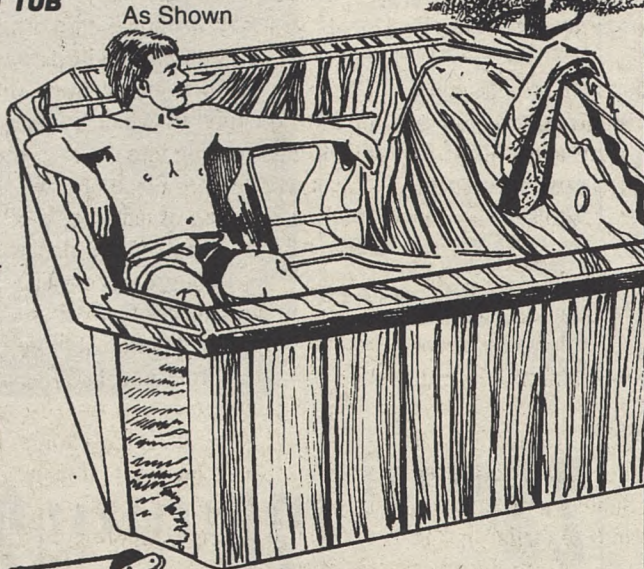
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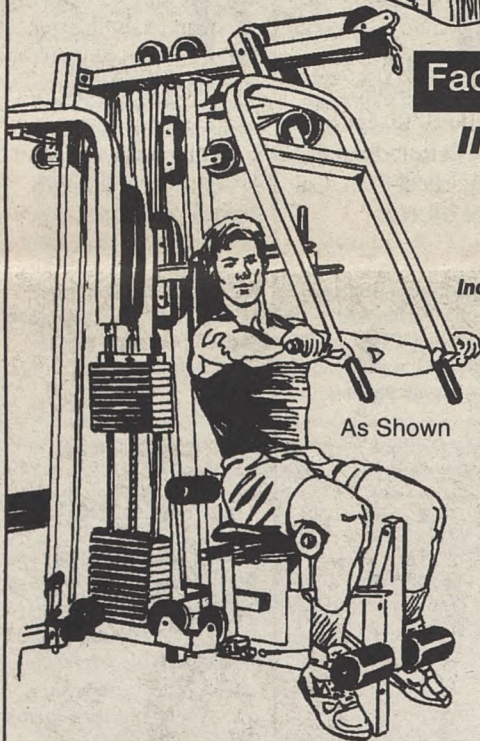
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# Outland DISH

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**Homosexuality: The Final Frontier?** Variety reports that the film version in the works of Paul Rudnick's hit off-Broadway play, "Jeffrey," is collecting some significant star power. Patrick Stewart of "Star Trek: TNG" fame has signed up to play Sterling, the swishy interior decorator, Steven Weber of TV's "Wings" is up for the title character, and Sigourney Weaver will play what Variety called "the small role of a televangelist." Rudnick is also a contender to write the script for the remake of the camp classic, "The Women."

Comedy Central's all-gay comedy special, **Out There**, was so successful (according to New York Newsday, the special garnered ratings 50 percent higher than the network's usual Friday night programming), that they're taping "Out There II" for an October airing. Additionally, comics Bob Smith and Suzanne Westenhoffer, who were both featured in "Out There," each have their own half-hour comedy special on HBO in July.

**Girlfriends** is a new lesbian glossy; the staff is composed mostly of those who recently walked out of On Our Backs magazine. I sat next to Christina Vickory, who sells ads for Girlfriends, at a recent event honoring gay and lesbian entrepreneurs (and hosted, I should mention, since I guzzled and gulped at their expense, by the Nestle Beverage Co.). "It's going to be the dyke Cosmo," she promised. Of course, I said, you're not a real homo mag until you're selling Absolut Vodka on the back cover. "I called Absolut about buying an ad," she said. "As soon as they found out what we



were doing, they said 'just send us the info, and we'll send you the ad and a check.'" And who am I to argue with success?

Having put the last nail in Interview With The Vampire's coffin...er, that is, having put the film in the can, **David Geffen** has turned to his next project: "Barney—The Motion Picture," based on the exploits of everyone's favorite dinosaur. Of course, The Purple One is still dogged by those rumors spread by a fundamentalist minister that he's gay, and he may request script changes so that he doesn't have to sing "I Love You" to any little boys—the image thing, you know. Of course, as **Tom Cruise** and Calvin Klein can tell you, Geffen has no problem doing what it takes to protect someone's public image...

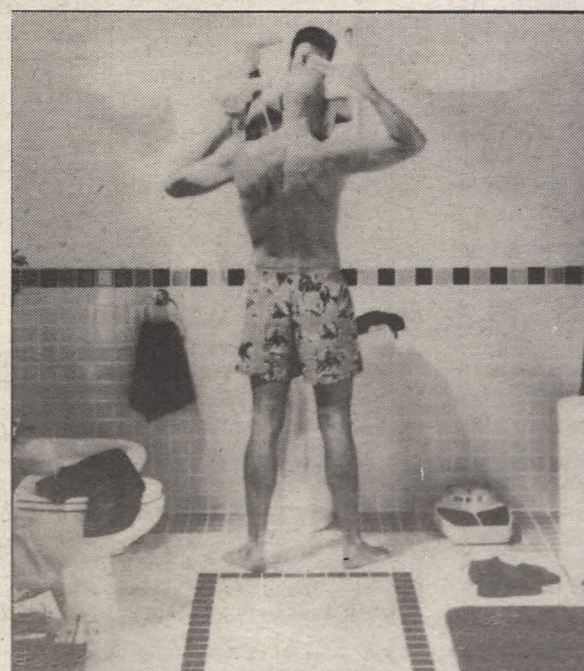
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England's hottest TV comedy is coming to American airwaves. Keep in mind that British cults have a history of catching on in this country. And besides, the British might be the only other country more sexually repressed than good ol' U.S. And that tends to pull out all the stops when it comes to comic relief, i.e. Benny Hill, Monty Python, Tracy Ullman. Comedy Central has acquired the first two seasons "12 episodes" of the award-winning hit British sitcom **Absolutely Fabulous** from BBC Lionheart, the American offshoot of BBC Enterprises.

Better known as "AbFab" by its eight million or so fans in Great Britain, "Absolutely Fabulous" stars Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley as two 40-ish chain-smoking, trend-chasing, boozier/substance abusers who take the London fashion scene by storm. Edina (Saunders), is a twice-married single working mother who tries to combine her professional career as a fashion publicist with her social life, while attending to the needs of her straight laced, virtuous,



teenage daughter Saffron, who is appalled by her mother's lifestyle.

Lumley portrays Edina's glamorous, yet promiscuous, best friend and confidant Patsy, a fashion editor who is never seen without a cigarette in one hand and a glass of champagne in the other. Patsy seldom shows up to work, she has forgotten where her office is but manages to keep her job by sleeping with the publisher.

**Comedy Central** ought to catapult the absurd sensibilities of the Brits in this country by beaming the show to more than 31 million homes nationwide. Look for the debut of "Absolutely Fabulous" as part of "Comedy Central's Fall Season in July" lineup July 24.

Two women who have been the focus of a more local cult success are Amy Ray and Emily Saliers. **Indigo Girls** will play Chastain Park Amphitheater Sunday and Monday, July 24-25. Their latest release, "Swamp Ophelia" is the catchiest of their album titles but I'm still not convinced of its contents. Hey, it's outdoors, the big rains are gone and they're "the girls." We knew them when.

Last week I received a CD in the mail called **Memento Bittersweet**. The album is devoted entirely to music by composers who are, or were, infected with the HIV

virus. I listened to it on a portable Sony Discman while hiking through a national forest. Some music is best heard outdoors. Despite its melancholy title, the compositions of these five young men have a spirited fight to them. From Fred Hersch's "Tango Bittersweet" to Calvin Hampton's "Variations on 'Amazing Grace'" the album has a way of filling up an afternoon with hope. The three other composers are Kevin Oldham, Lee Gannon and Chris DeBlasio. For each album sold, a donation is made to **Classical Action: Performing Arts Against AIDS**.

An invaluable resource to the modern music effort is still the blond(?) bombshell **Madonna**. An old friend of mine, Gary Abdo co-owns (with Doug Angelo) the relatively new club **The Core**. And he invites everyone out on Sunday nights for three hours of non-stop Madonna music. Now, that's classical music.

**Steve Berman** is at it again I see. The mega-party producer is now hosting Saturday nights at **Velvet**. Berman promises his Saturday night parties will be the hottest gay goings-on in town—we believe him, we were there for the premier on July 16 when DJ Susan Morbito spun records that had us dancing into the wee wee hours. Velvet is located downtown on Park Place.

And speaking of dancing, **Latinos En Accion** will hold their 1st anniversary dance on July 23 at the First Existentialist Congregation. The lesbian and gay Latino group, with members from all countries in South America, Central America, Mexico and the U.S., formed last year on the day after Pride and have been very active in Atlanta since. They were one of the best and most colorful contingents in this year's Pride parade. Join them for some true salsa spirit this Saturday at 7 pm. Call 621-5743 for more info on the dance and the group.

For a quieter and more political evening go by **Charis Books** on Sunday, July 24 and hear Mab Segrest and Suzanne Pharr read from their works. Segrest has worked for years in the anti-racist movement and Pharr is known for her contributions to ending violence against women and working against homophobia. The event, sponsored by Zami and SONG, starts at 7:30. Call 524-0304 for more info.



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# Outland DISH

by ORLAND OUTLAND

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**Now It Can Be Sold:** The notion that movies about homosexuals are box office poison can be consigned to the dustbin of history. The final B.O. figures for "Philadelphia" are in, and the flick raked in \$175 million—\$75 million in the U.S., \$100 million worldwide. Our next hurdle: How about a film in which the homos aren't as bland as blancmange? "Philadelphia," the TV flick, "Roommates," "Three of Hearts," "Threesome," etc. have all featured straight-acting, straight-appearing guppies, and I suppose we asked for it: The protesting about negative stereotypes has paid off with an end to tragic suicidal/murderous queens, but now Hollywood avoids controversy by creating "characters" with no character at all. The exception these days of course is **Go Fish**, the true-to-life romantic comedy about young urban lesbians. And although Samuel Goldwyn picked it up and it is burning up the box office at its 59 national locations, it's doubtful we will see Max and Ely competing with The Lion King for a McDonald's endorsement.

You may have seen a magazine on your local supermarket shelf called **The Best of Men's Workout**. And what, you may ask, differentiates this mag from the rest of the workout mags featuring white gymbots with clean-shaven faces and chests? Well, that's gay porn star Marco Rossi on the cover of BOMW, and those who do a lot of video renting tell me that the mag features at least two other porn stars engaged in pumping (wait for it) iron. Swell, but who wants to pay \$3.95 to



see a porn star with his clothes on?

**Please, No Ice Skating In Front Of The Children:** The event that received the most TV coverage during the Gay Games were the performances by the same-sex ice skating pairs. And while all went well at the Games, there was a little incident at Sky Rink in the Big Apple. Seems some tots were treated to the early-morning sight of a man practicing for the Games in costume, which costume consisted of "only a g-string and chains covering the lower half of the man's body," according to the New York Observer. The rink promptly instituted a dress code dictating that skaters must have their lower legs covered, and refused to discuss the change with a reporter from the Observer.

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## Hotlanta drenched in changes this year

Hotlanta River Expo approaches...time again for that (in)famous weekend in August when thousands of gay men from around the globe take over the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel and descend on the Chattahoochee for a day of watery sports. No wonder the river is rising.

This year the organizers are calling it "Watercolours"—to evoke the river itself as well as images of the color and pageantry that take place over the weekend—and they're touting it as new, improved, etc., etc.

The changes are many; notably a new board, a shake-up in the traditional schedule, professionally produced parties, and perhaps even a hint of social consciousness. Suffice it to say that if the organizers have it their way, be prepared for a River Expo that's bigger, better and more debauched than ever.

"We felt like we needed to have changes in order to remain competitive in the market as far as the gay circuit-parties go," said River Expo spokesman Stan Neal. "We felt like change was good."

Change began with a brand new board of directors with a more corporate structure. The board also made necessary changes to enable them to register for nonprofit status.

According to River Expo's new president, Randolph Angel, these are changes long overdue for an event that's grown from a small gathering of river rafters to one of the biggest parties in the United States. The committee expects this year's celebration to draw as many as 10,000 participants.

### New schedule

This year's schedule of events has changed dramatically, too. And most likely for the better. Thursday, August 11 kicks things off with the Miss Hotlanta Contest at Colony Square Hotel, which should be exclusively gay for the entire weekend. Friday night brings the Mr. Hotlanta International Finals at the Atlanta Civic Center (note the "International" addition, to accommodate contestants from Australia and Canada).

For the first time in River Expo's 16-year history, the main event of river rafting on the Chattahoochee will happen on Saturday morning this year. Also new is the "Best Theme

Raft" competition. Creative individuals are encouraged to begin brainstorming now.

Saturday night's big "Graffiti" party this year falls into the hands of professionals. Steve Berman will produce. Berman is the successful producer of the Clan of the Hand Wavers series of parties, including Atlanta's Summer Sorcery and Shock Wave I & II; Washington's Freedom Rings; and Miami's Apres Blanc. The event will be held in the atrium of the Atlanta Apparel Mart. Enlisting Berman this year appears to be a shrewd move on the part of the new committee.

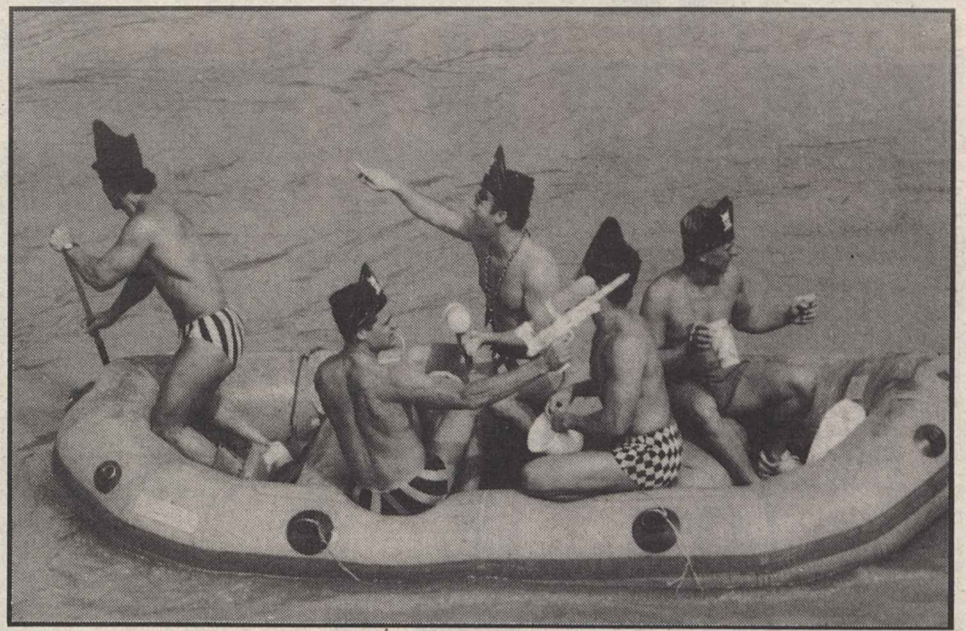
Rather than beating it down to the river on Sunday, the final day of River Expo will provide an opportunity to relax over a civilized brunch at the Colony Square Hotel. An awards ceremony will follow to announce the theme-contest winner, and an afternoon Tea Dance at Axys will cap the weekend.

As always, participants will save money by purchasing the River Expo package deal (\$175 if you don't already have it). The package includes all official Expo events and parties, as well as free admission to several sponsor bars. However, this year it is not necessary to buy the entire package. Those who want to pick and choose events, including the raft race itself, will be allowed to purchase passes selectively.

### Passing on the money

With River Expo's impending nonprofit status, there is a glimmer of social consciousness from the event, as well. With last year's River Expo putting the organization in debt, the committee hopes this year's event will get it back on even keel and prepare it for the leap to nonprofit status.

"We have donated money in the past to charities," Neal said. "By being a nonprofit status we get price breaks on



certain things and we can pass that savings on in the form of a donation to the AIDS charities that need the money."

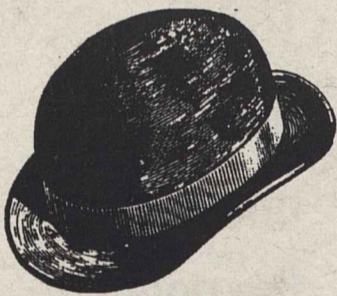
Neal says the board is eager to create some real excitement this year and restore some of the local interest in River Expo that seems to have waned in recent years.

"I think a lot of people in Atlanta take the raft race for granted," Neal said. "Atlanta as a whole does not participate in the raft race as an event. Cities like Los Angeles, New York, San Diego, show a lot more unity when they come to Atlanta than Atlantans do. I've heard people say that raft-race was Atlanta's best-kept secret. I've also heard [local people] say that the bars are crowded and other derogatory things like that. I would like to think that will change this year."

JAMES FITCH

*Southern Voice will carry two separate guides to Hotlanta this year. For intown readers look in our August 4 issue for information on the many ways to enjoy the River Expo. For those readers coming from out of town, our Aug. 11 issue will carry a complete guide to Hotlanta the raft race, and Hotlanta the city. Southern Voice is proud to be the Southeast media sponsor for the 1994 Hotlanta River Expo.*

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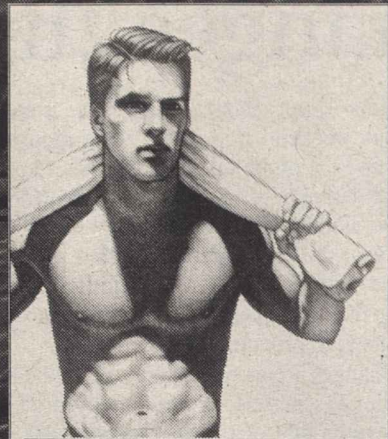


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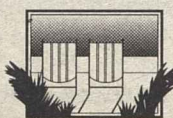
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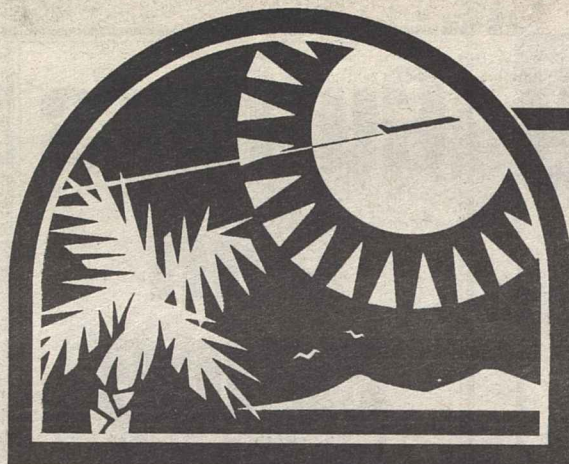
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Timing, timing. Timing is everything, whether it be a missile launch, the start of an affair, or a planting cycle. Hence my mad rush to plant last Saturday. The New Moon in Cancer; one of THE best days in the year for that oh-so-delicate mating of root, stem, and earth.

Of course I plant according to the moon's phases and signs. People have been doing this successfully for millennia; why mess with a perfectly good system, not to mention one which puts you in harmony with the celestial spheres and the planet Herself?

So I hied myself to my work-in-progress plot in Little Five Points, and slipped in some Stokesia aster (a native), Mexican Heather, Blackberry Lily, Bath's Pinks, and Nicotinnia (also native). Lots of composted horse manure and water accompanied the girls into their amply-dug holes. (And I got to admire my really enormous Elephant Ears while working)

Happily, I spent two therapeutic hours out there. True, a small thunderstorm brooded, brewed, and spewed briefly. But growing up in the tropics, I learned how to discern the relative severity as well as brevity of these cloud-creatures, and so knew that it wouldn't rain heavily, or for long.

So when the drops splashed down upon me, I simply kept on with my all-important task of joining plants with the earth. (Certain snide folks will no doubt here insinuate that I do not have enough sense to come in out of the rain...they have no doubt never lived near the Tropic of Cancer)

But precisely how does one go about this task? Naturally, one cannot dislodge a plant from a tight-fitting pot and then just stick her into the ground. No, no; Heavens

forfend! Instead, it is wise to soak the poor pot-bound things to loosen up the root structure.

After all, the roots must spread out in search of nutrients, and they also serve to stabilize the plant structure.

This very active process of moving, seeking, and anchoring cannot take place if the roots are so tightly balled that they cannot break through this form of footbinding.

Dolts who just go from plastic pot to 50 cent hole will be rewarded later when someone goes by and yanks the poor devils out of place, without any expenditure of effort.

Accordingly, I slide the pots off, and dunk the root balls for long minutes in a bucket of not-too hot, not-too-cold water. I work the roots out with my hands, so they have a more natural (as opposed to flower-potty) shape.

And lest we forget... a decent covering of mulch follows, so the roots don't dry out.

Drunk with success, I proceeded to my Sweet Thing's house. She was out with her brother—but the moon waits for no one! So I single-handedly turned over incalculable shovel-fulls of Georgia clay, supplementing it with my trusty manure, her left-over egg/crab/lobster shells, and my own secret liquid concoction.

Ah, yes. Cupid's Darts (traditionally a token of lovers), Pentas, white echinacea (coneflower, a native), Bee Balm (the mildew-resistant "Jacob Cline" variety), gomphrenia, and Butterfly Bush assumed their places in what was formerly a scraggly weed patch bordering the street and walkway. Ah, I revel in the transformation of reality once again!

But everyone knows that mulching *must* follow. In

fact, I am a self-avowed Mulch Queen. Indeed, Liz and I have an ongoing routine about me needing a 12-Step program, "Over-mulchers Anonymous." We enjoy indulging it as we lob forkfuls of the stuff into the now weighted-down vehicle.

Feigning horror, she shrieks, "Here I am, shoveling mulch into the truck with you! I'll have to call your sponsor and declare 'I'm enabling her!'"

I begin to chant "We realized we had no power over mulch in our lives..." but then I desperately segue into, "I'm telling you, we only need a little bit more..." She interrupts with "Look! You said just a little bit more — and there's an entire truckload of the stuff!"

Ooops. A slip... But mulch-teasing aside, IT IS NECESSARY. So on Sunday we took newspapers, folded them over to get an inch or so of thickness, and wetted 'em down well after we'd laid them amongst the plants and over the tilled area. This discourages the weeds that the rains invariably summon so provocatively (not to mention prolifically).

Then, we shoveled mulch out of the truck and onto the paper, concealing the stuff and providing a good protective barrier for the roots. We wetted this down, so those chopped-up tree parts can settle and retain moisture.

The before-and-after contrast is striking. What had the hallmark of an abandoned lot now appears tended, and teeming with vitality. Of course, she'll have to water throughout the ensuing week, in order to get them off to a good start. No, relying on the rains is NOT enough for a good send-off.

It would be a tragic mistake to expend all that effort, do everything correctly, and then let the poor babies wither away from lack of adequate moisture.

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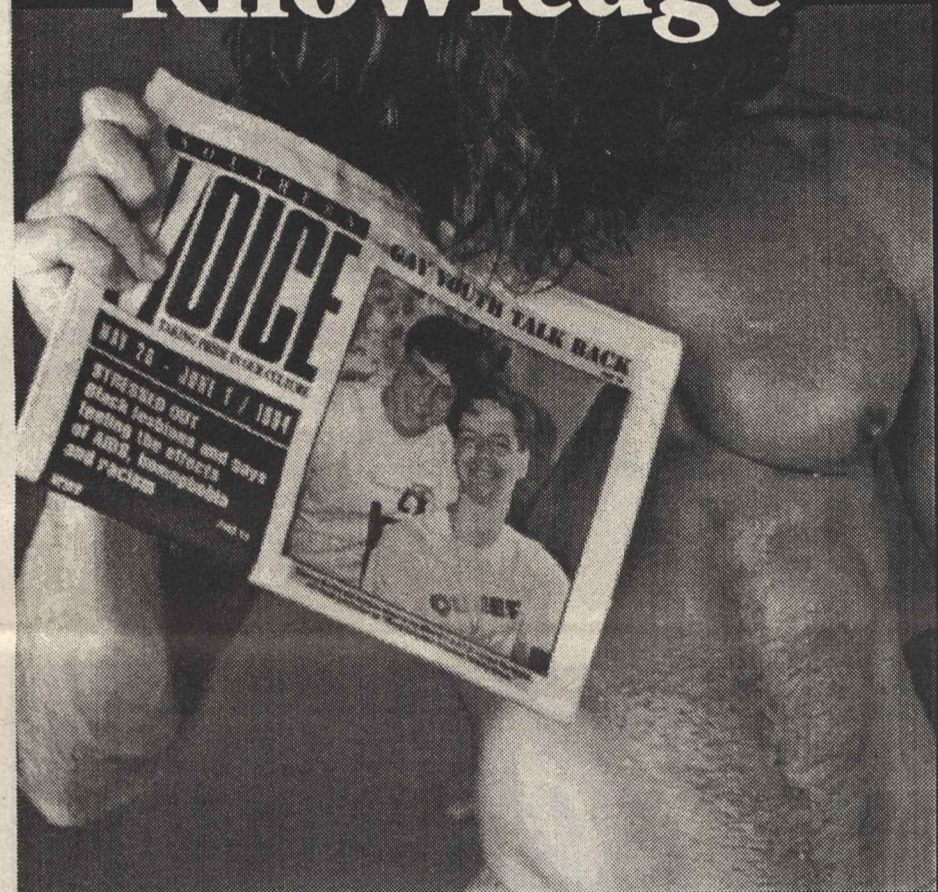
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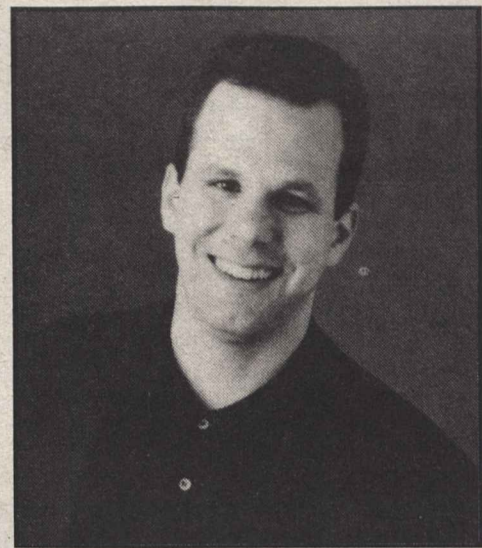
Like most talented people, novelist Robert Rodi probably hates the word "potential." It's hard enough competing against other people; it is, of course, impossible to compete against an idealized version of yourself. But "potential" is what I kept thinking as I read "What They Did to Princess Paragon," (Dutton, 281pp., \$19.95) Rodi's latest clever idea for a novel.

Ever since his audacious debut novel, "Fag Hag," it's been clear that he has potential. Now if he'd only live up to it. First, last year's disappointing "Closet Case." Now this.

Princess Paragon is the story of what happens when Brian Parrish, a gifted and egocentric comic book writer, decides to spice up the sales of a well-known, but stuffy superhero—the oh-so-virtuous Wonder Woman-like Princess Paragon—by turning her into a lesbian. But the change doesn't suit homophobic misfit Jerome Kornacker, Princess Paragon's number one fan, very well at all. He decides to confront the cartoonist and take matters into his own hands. Misery-like misadventures ensue.

It's a great idea. Comic books are often bad, but they're bad in a great way. I could see the camp potential of an industry that sells images of muscle-bound men and women flying around in spandex, saying, "I didn't ask to be born a mutant!"

What They Did to Princess Paragon, however, doesn't satisfy. One of Rodi's big problems is two completely uninteresting main characters: a walking, comic-book-reading stereotype on one hand, and a pouting, cynical self-absorbed jerk on the other. And while a farce about comic books seems to demand an all-out, over-the-top conclusion, the threads of Rodi's plot never quite connect, leaving the reader vaguely dissatisfied—and more than a



Robert Rodi

MARC HARRIS

little confused. What exactly is the point of this book anyway? Princess Paragon is a morality tale with no moral.

Rodi's greatest strength as a novelist is his penchant for unique minor characters. In Princess Paragon, one standout is Nigel Cardew, the upstart Brit comic book writer who begins the wave of controversial comic book storylines by having the Robin-like side-kick of one superhero killed by pedophiles filming a "snuff" film. Also funny are Perpetrial, Brian's terminally PC lesbian editor, and her girlfriend Regina, a couple with very incompatible ideas of what it means to be a feminist.

It's these occasional bursts of genius in Princess Paragon that make it so darn frustrating—but they're also the reason I'll probably read his next novel.

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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

My friend the Taste Sheriff—newly single and just moved to a fabulous new intown apartment from a low-ceilinged Cobb ranch—was celebrating both changes in his life with a bottle of bubbly and our mutual pal the Urban Shaman. But fermented fruit goes only so far when it comes to fulfilling the needs of body and spirit so we determined to drive to Buckhead and find food.

(I've noticed a pattern that may explain why there are so many mediocre restaurants in Buckhead: if I indulge in alcohol before I pick a place to eat, I usually wind up aimed towards the intersection of Peachtree and Roswell. When I choose a restaurant without the benefit of fermented spirits, it's usually anywhere but Buckhead.)

Our first choice was the kicky (decorated with many tanks of odd and exotic tropical fish) Tropics just across from Cafe Tu Tu Tango and a stone's throw from the Atlanta Fish Market. Well, Pano's and Paul's fabulous new fish house appears to have been too much for poor Tropics to bear. The ex-Bavarian Alpine Inn (become multiple car dealerships) that was its home now sports a large "For Lease" sign.

Improvising a discordant verse of "Another One Bites the Dust" we scampered across the street and up the steps to Azio (220 Pharr Rd. 233-7626.)

Surely you know Azio. George Roehrig's pizza/pasta/cruise palace on the top floor of a three-story Quonset hut looms over Buckhead like a large gray Borg, numerous shops and other restaurants housed in its belly. The talented Wolfgang Stouffer was chef when the place first opened in the late '80s, but Mr. R's emphasis on homogeneity disguised as style soon prevailed over Mr. S's willingness to do his best work. I have no idea who's in charge of the kitchen now, but he/she tows the Cartel corporate line well. (Other yup-scale watering holes in Mr. R's inventory include the East Village Grille, Buckhead Cafe, Otto's and Nikemoto's. Got the picture?)

A large Caesar salad is neither particularly large nor very Caesarish. Give it points for crisp lettuce, tasty crouton's and little else. Two of the three breads offered are moist, flavorful and much fun to eat—until you dip them in the house's herbed olive oil. Suffice to say, extra virgin it isn't.

Pizza's come on a decent, thin whole wheat crust or "rosemary honey dough." Cutting edge as we may have felt, the latter sounded way too scary. The former, topped with plenty of cheese, lots of fat sundried tomatoes and a few shrimp is OK, but overwhelmed by the not unpleasant flavor of the dried tomatoes.

Orecchiete pasta mixed with grilled portobello (and much cheaper cremini) mushrooms, broccoli and parmesan cheese is pretty, but its taste is culinary equivalent of watching paint dry. Ask for some gorgonzola on the side and you'll have more fun.

Angel hair pasta with clams, leeks, parsley, white wine and garlic is even less amusing. The clams (mostly canned with a few fresh ones added for garnish) are tough as steel belted tires and the advertised garlic

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nowhere in evidence. Give credit to whoever dreamt up the idea of adding shredded leeks. They taste great; would there were more.

Only a good sized wedge of New York style cheese cake manages to rise above all this dreariness. Drizzled with a bit of chocolate and garnished with multiple varieties of berries, this is well nigh the equal of the fabulous Oreo version served down the street at the Fish Market.

You can get better pizza or pasta for less money plenty of places in town—some of them in Buckhead. And the main dining room at Azio feels like a showroom display of hets-in-heat.

So I'd say "skip Azio" in a heartbeat were it not for three things.

- The small patio in the sky (looking south over the Mid/Downtown) skyline is pure pleasure, especially as the sun sets, clouds build and thunderstorms roll across the landscape. It's nothing short of fabulous and there are no exhaust fumes.

- Our waitron (once she got over her attempts to sell us the most expensive things on the menu) was attentive, efficient, and fun—she'd fit right in at the Flying Biscuit.

- There's plenty of eye candy for gay men here. Most of the guys are straight, but not all. The majority of the women were nowhere near as appealing, but given that I'm a Kinsey 5.9, my perceptions in this area may not be particularly reliable.

### Point-Counterpoint

I spent most of the day following our visit to Azio haunting outlet stores shopping for bargain priced objets d'pretty with the Taste Sheriff. But convincing him to take lunch at the **Catch of the Day** (1193 Collier Rd. 355-7075) was no easy sell.

I should have paid attention to his protests.

Two recent reviews have praised this hole-in-the-wall cafe (in the front of a wholesale seafood operation) for the freshness of its product and the economy of its prices. Well, if all-you-can-eat blue crabs or crawfish (for \$13.99) served in the atmosphere of a distinctly downscale South Carolina fish shack is you're idea of gustatory Nirvana, their evaluations may be true.

But my fried oyster Poor Boy (and the Sheriff's shrimp oyster) sported little seafood. And what was present was neither especially fresh or nor particularly tasty. Scrap the seafood and you've got a decent combo of lettuce, tomato and remoulade on an OK baguette with a tiny side of excellent sausage-spiked red beans. But \$7 is no bargain price for food of this quality even in posh surrounds, much less one where your food is served on paper, the silverware is plastic and the air smells like a swamp.

The clientele is an egalitarian mix of red-faced men in madras shirts and working class folks of all races. And the harried lady operating the dining area is sweet as she can be, but next time the Catch of the Day shows up on the end of my line, I think I'll throw it back into the waters where it was spawned.

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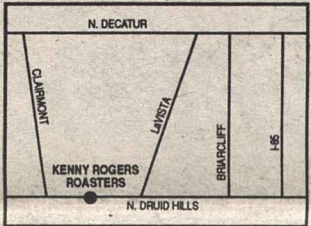
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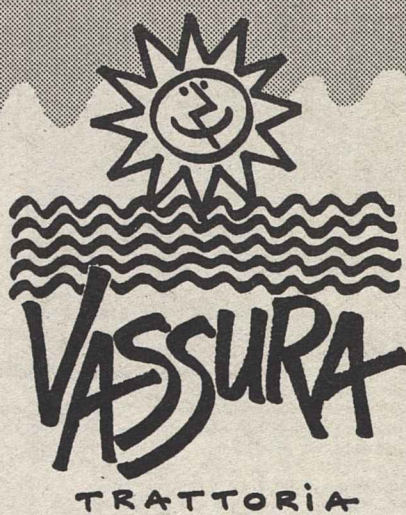
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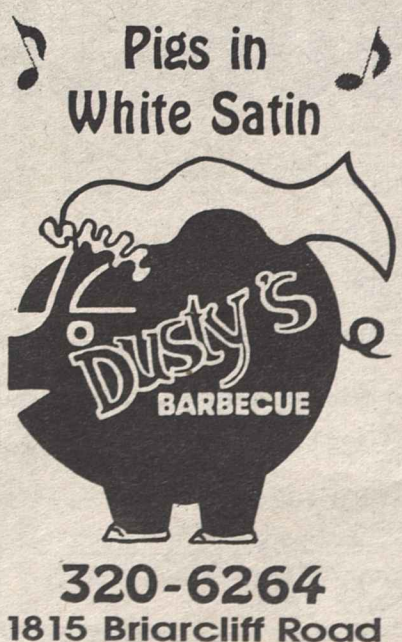
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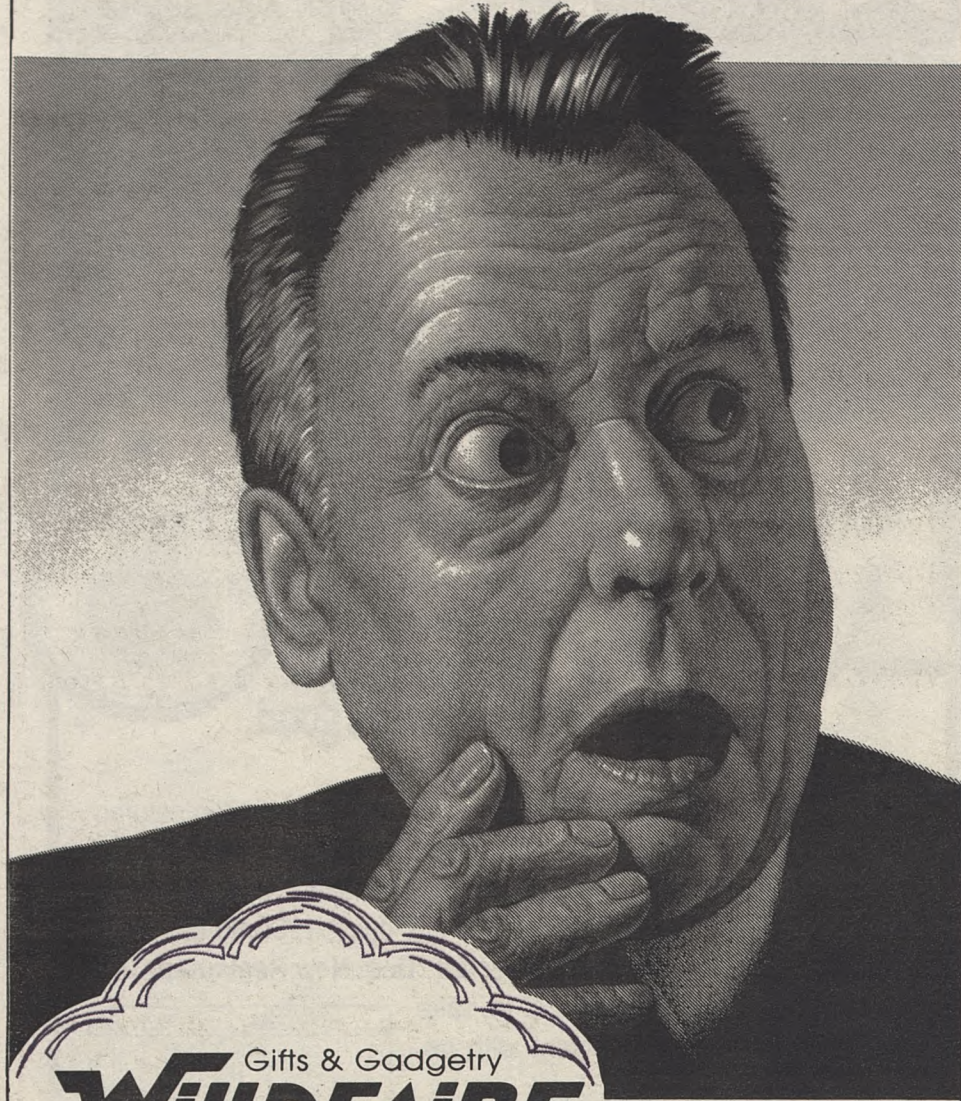


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- Old Lesbians Organizing for Change—OLO, PO Box 980422, Houston, TX 77098
- Stonewall 25/Internat'l March—662-6753

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- Atlanta Entrepreneurs' Club—Dr. Bravy 457-6347
- Bar Owner's Assn—POB 15114, Atlanta 30333-0114
- Community Network for Counseling Psychology and Social Work—315-8945
- Fourth Tuesday—662-4353
- Gay/Lesbian Postal Employees Network (GL PEN)—POB 580397, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0397
- GA Assoc. of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR)—231-2251
- LEAGUE ATLANTA, Inc. (Employees of AT&T)—404/351-8322
- Nat'l Gay Pilots Assoc.—PO Box 27542, Washington, D.C. 20038-7542, (703) 660-3852
- Nat'l Lesbian and Gay Journalists Assoc.—634-7429
- Nat'l Federation of Career Women—(404) 659-0315
- OUTstaff (Emory)—727-2787 (Donna)
- Voices Out Front (Media Networking Assoc.)—2103 N. Decatur Rd. Ste. 185, Decatur 30033

### Spiritual

- All Saints Metropolitan Community Church—622-1154
- Atlanta Church of Religious Science—636-4567
- Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—310-1529
- The Catholic Group—POB 243, Austell, GA 30001, 310-1529
- Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain—297-0350
- Congregation Bet Haverim (Jewish)—642-3467
- Emergence/Atlanta (Christian Scientists)—565-2126
- Fellowship of Love Christian Church—(706)660-0101
- First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta—378-5570
- First Metropolitan Community Church of Atl—325-4143
- Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns (Quakers)—370-1340
- Gay & Lesbian Mormons—570-2561 (dig. page)
- Gay Spirit Visions—292-8567
- Grant Park Aldersgate United Methodist Church—627-6221; 575 Boulevard SE
- Integrity (Episcopal)—642-3183
- Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—636-7109
- New Age Gays—434-7338
- Oakhurst Presbyterian Church—378-6284
- Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—373-5830
- Redefined Faith Worship Center—388-4624
- Unitarian Universalists—634-5134, George at 688-2242

### Sports/Outdoor/Hobbies

- Atlanta Team Tennis Assn—621-2699
- Atlanta Venture Sports—242-4899
- Atlanta Women's Lacrosse Club—303-1160, 888-6738
- Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
- Greater Atlanta Naturist Group—851-2882 (voice mail)
- Hotlanta Softball League—POB 14582, Atl. 30324, 873-4061
- Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062
- Lambda Car Club—POB 11705, Atlanta 30355
- Mountain Catalyst—POB 199, Demorest, GA 30535
- OUT in Nature—619-9185
- S.E. Gay Rodeo Assn—POB 7881, Atl., 30357, 760-8126
- Wilderness Network of GA—SASE, POB 55156, Atlanta 30308
- Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
- Women's Rugby—237-2752
- TRICKS/Bridge Club—1202 Summit North Atlanta, GA 30324

### Service/Support/Social

- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—239-8184 (voice mail)
- All Fun No Games Lesbian Social Group—934-5741
- Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—321-5678
- American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033, (404) 939-0244 (eve)
- Asians & Friends—Atlanta—876-0090 (fax)
- Athens Lesbian Information—LSG, POB 7864, Athens, 30604
- Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club—Box 11863, Atlanta 30355
- Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
- Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
- Atlanta Gender Exploration—435-4203
- Atlanta Lambda Community Ctr—POB 15180, Atl 30333, 662-9010
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
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- Atlanta Prime Timers—For Information Call 734-2490
- Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
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- Bisexuals of Atlanta Resource Network—908-3413
- Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
- Black Lesbians with Children 498-3815
- Caregivers to PWAs Support Group—874-1109 or 875-6109
- Codependents Anonymous—239-1657
- Consciousness Raising and Support Group for Women in Politics and Grassroots Organizing—636-7435
- Delphi—POB 14591, Atlanta, G 30324
- Emergence International—876-3997
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- GAPHR's Support Group for HIV+ Dentists-Physicians—634-0672
- Gainesville, Georgia Gay Men's Support Grp—Gary (404)535-5445
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- Gay Help Line—6pm-11pm 892-0661
- Gay/Lesbian AA & AI-Anon—881-9188
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi Teen Group—378-5570
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi Vets of America—627-6981 iv. msg.
- Gay/Lesbian Task Force to the Public Safety Comm. of City Council—330-6504
- Georgia Girth & Mirth—POB 9678, Atl. 30319, (404) 621-5710
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- Gwinnett Lambda—POB 464848, Lwmc'ville 30246, 871-GAYS
- Hospitality Atlanta—627-1630, 708-6866
- Interact of Atlanta—633-9466
- John Howell Park Project—876-0105
- Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous—237-6262
- Latinos En Accion—621-5743
- Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous—378-6935
- Lesbian Narcotics Anonymous—703-3897
- Lesbian Support Group—627-7387
- Lesbians Considering Parenthood—767-6173
- Lesbians Over 50—908-6119
- Lesbians With Children—641-0870
- Men of Little 5 Points—POB 5425, Atlanta 31107, 523-5804
- Name the Violence Support Group for Battered Lesbians—822-9570; Crisis Hotline—688-9436
- Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—296-0830 or 875-9440
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Chattanooga—(615) 875-5750, (615) 622-3813
- Positive Black Lesbians United (PBLU)—298-9614
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous—239-8048
- Southern Bears, Inc.—PO Box 13964, Atlanta, GA 30324 (404) 908-3381
- Support Group for Battered Gay Partners—(404) 350-0456
- Survivors of Incest Anonymous—POB 2502, Decatur, GA 30031; 239-8018
- Trikone—South Asian Gay and Lesbian Org.—607-1766
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- Zami—370-1392

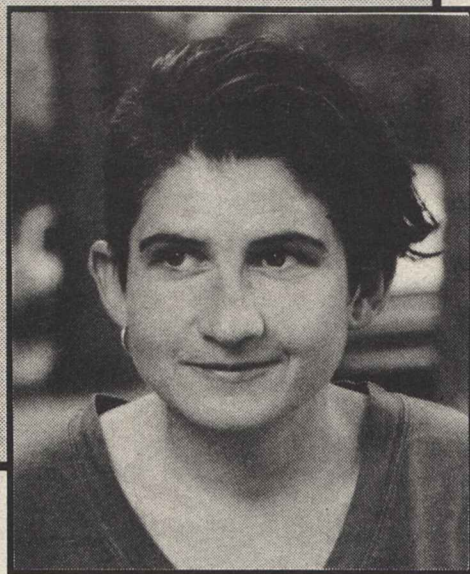
### Students/Alumni

- Agnes Scott Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance—Box 501, Decatur 30030; 373-1632
- Alliance of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students of GA State—605-7681
- Bi, Lesbian & Gay Student Union of West Ga' College—706-834-3569
- Delta Lambda Phi—All Campuses, 365-5357
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- Georgia Tech Gay Alumni Group—POB 50291, GA Tech Sta., Atl 30332
- Georgia Tech Gay & Lesbian Alliance—497-0684
- Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Student Union of the Univ. of Ga.—404/549-9368
- Spelman College Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance—681-2161
- Univ. of Ala. Lesbian/Gay Alumni Assoc.—284-3479

OUTLINES

**JACKIE HURD**

**Age:** 33  
**How long in Atlanta:** 1 1/2 years  
**Relationship:** Single  
**Last Book Read:** "The Man Who Fell in Love with the Moon" by Tom Spanbauer  
**Pet peeve:** Being lied to—zero tolerance



Not many women can say Martina Navratilova brought them out, but Jackie Hurd can, although Martina probably doesn't know it.

"It was 1985—I can remember the moment," Hurd says. "I was sitting in [Boston's] Copley Square eating lunch and it was like ding! That's it!"

Hurd was reading the tennis star's biography over lunch. "[Navratilova] was talking about having crushes on teachers and I went 'wait a minute.'"

"I just never could figure it out until that moment," she continues. "You know something's wrong, something's not flying. Is it me? I had gone out with guys, but there was no spark."

Navratilova's biography made it clear—all those hockey girls and softball girls while Hurd was growing up.

"That's what was going on," she says, "but I was too dopey to figure it out. Until then."

"Dopey" is not a word to describe Hurd now. Of course, a crash course in lesbiana as dyke comic Lea Delaria's manager didn't hurt.

The 33-year-old artist lived most of her life in Boston, attending art school, and then holding down various jobs as an illustrator and publication production manager. But the pressures reached the burnout level, and Hurd headed for Europe.

"When I came back I went to Provincetown and became a cook," she says. "Until I met Lea Delaria trying to pick me up on a bus on the way to Provincetown. I didn't know who she was, but she needed a manager and I hated my job."

After three years of "trying" to manage Delaria—"It was a handful," she says with a laugh—Hurd packed up and moved to Atlanta.

"I'd been here before when Lea did shows here," she says, "and I liked it. I like the people. It was easy here, especially compared to Boston where the front door is open but the screen door is locked."

She took a job with a local accounting company—friends who gave her not only the

job but a place to live.

"Now I'm their nanny," she says, adding with a distinctly Julie Andrews flavor, "Their Mary Poppins, I am. And I'm the office diva at Rhythm Fest."

An artist who once did illustrations for geophysical manuals is now a nanny for a 20-month old boy?

"It's tiring," she says. "I never thought I'd be taking care of a child, because I never wanted one of my own. But I get to teach him all his bad habits and then hand him back over."

Hurd gets bored too quickly to do the same job over and over. "It's not that I'm unfocused," she says. "I just learn everything I can about a subject and exhaust it. Then I'm ready to go on. My mom's worked at the same place for longer than I've been alive. I can't imagine doing that."

"Sometimes I say 'I'm 33 years old. I should have a career like other grownups,'" she adds. "But I don't really feel like a grownup."

But can she really be that far away with the serious news-junkie habit she's worked up?

"Since high school, people always give me a hard time because I would walk around with the Sunday paper," she says. "News is more interesting than fiction because you couldn't make up some of this stuff. Like what the Right is doing—it's like a horror movie, but it's really going on. I don't know how people function without knowing what's going on."

News junkie, nanny, artist—what more could a girl want? Easy. Hurd says that she'd really like to be a cowgirl.

"I want to go out and rope doggies," she laughs. "I'm an American. I could do that. Or I could go to Argentina and do it on the pampas and wear a big flat hat."

As long as there's a New York Times newsstand out there, Jackie Hurd will do just fine.

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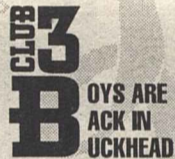
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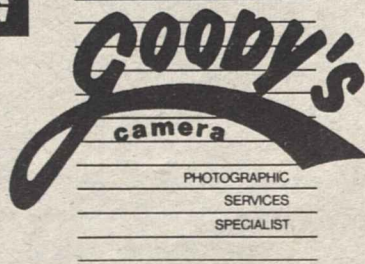


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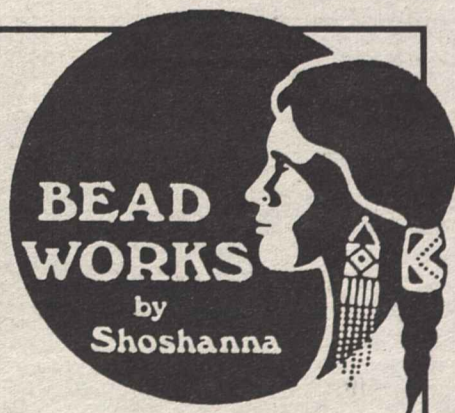
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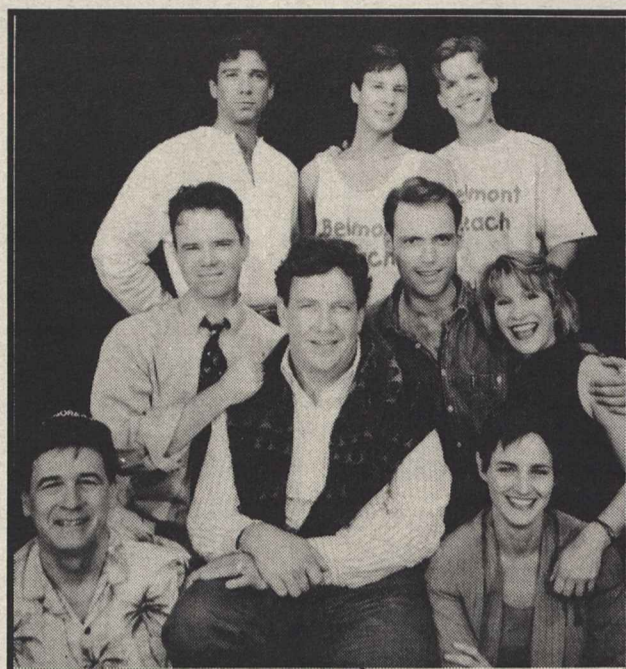
**Girls On Film:** Dish just loves being caught in the right place at the right time. Last Saturday, we found ourselves in the parking lot of Lindbergh Plaza on an errand just as the matinee showing of the lesbian love-fest "Go Fish" let out. Dish was more than happy to delay our errand while we waited and watched as women of all sizes, shapes and colors hugged, laughed, kissed and held hands on the way to their respective vehicles. The sight of all these magnificent women openly expressing their affection for one another, in plain view of quite a few gaping straight people, just did Dish's heart (and libido) a world of good.

**The Simpsons:** Just when we think that no story can top the last, someone manages to find a new angle in the O.J. Simpson case. The latest example appeared in last week's Globe, which featured a headline screaming "O.J.'s Dad Was a Drag Queen Who Died Of AIDS!" Now, don't get the wrong idea, Dish wouldn't dream of buying this kind of paper—we just read them in the checkout line like everybody else. The story claimed that Simpson's upbringing had a lot to do with the fact that he is now about to stand trial for double murder and that his dad, AKA "Sweet Jimmy," deserted his family in favor of young, butch, white boyfriends. O.J.'s dad was also supposedly active in San Francisco's gay community and helped out a number of young performers on the theater circuit. Although the headline implies that "Sweet Jimmy" died of AIDS, his actual cause of death was listed as stomach cancer. The story reveals that, even though O.J. was ashamed of his father and rejected him for many years, he later relented, saying "it's better to have a gay father than no father at all." Gee, O.J., we're sure if "Sweet Jimmy" were alive today, he'd be proud of you, too.

**No Meat Jokes, Please:** You can add the United States Department of Agriculture to the growing list of employers that has a gay and lesbian anti-discrimination group organized within its ranks. The group, called GLOBE (for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Employees) holds its meetings in

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



Belmont Beach, a lesbian and gay Melrose Place wannabe set on the California coast, is looking for funding.

USDA headquarters in Washington, DC, and has, among its other services, offered itself as a resource group to the Secretary of Agriculture on issues of a gay, lesbian or bisexual nature. Dish also noticed, with one eyebrow raised, that the vice-president of GLOBE is named Reagan. Now that's progress.

**Melrose Place It Ain't:** Dish has always said our life is like a soap opera, and we also like watching them on television; in fact, it's one of our guiltiest pleasures. But we aren't exactly looking forward to a new gay and lesbian-themed show called "Belmont Beach." Set in California, the story is all about the "eclectic mix of the lifestyles of the diverse residents of The Stonewall (clever, no?) condominiums as they live and work in the sunny seaside community." Characters in the show are described as "professional but feminine" (whatever that means) and "crusty but lovable." Two of the main characters are a drag queen and a young Midwestern college freshman who struggles to understand his feelings for his best friend and the best friend's girlfriend. We'd like to believe that the producer's intentions are good, but this feels way too much like an attempt to cash in on a market that is woefully empty of quality material. We think gay men and lesbians deserve better. The discussion may be moot, however. The producers of the show are having trouble finding the funds to film and distribute the pilot.

**Insane = Conservative?** It took us a while to interpret it, but Dish heartily agrees with the recent quote in Newsweek from "Angels In America" playwright Tony Kushner on the state of American politics since the McCarthy era. Follow along carefully now. Citing revisionism as the culprit, Kushner says that the progressive and radical movements in this country have been shunted to the side and that the terms of the national debate have subtly shifted. "What used to be called liberal is now called radical, what used to be called radical is now called moderate, and what used to be called insane is now called solid conservative thinking," Kushner writes. Solid conservative thinking—hmmm, isn't that how Dish has heard people like the Cobb County Commissioners justify their recent decisions? And if this keeps up, Dish hopes we're long gone before liberal equals reactionary.

JULY 21 - JULY 27, 1994

While fragments of Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 are hurtling into the atmosphere of Jupiter, the Sun is moving into the fixed and sometimes flamboyant fire sign of Leo. This occurs on the 22nd along with the Full Moon, so be sure to tell all your Leo friends how special and wonderful they are and how much you love them!

**ARIES**, with the Sun moving into your 5th house, ruled by Leo, your passionate and creative energy could be very abundant. Use this gift by being more expressive of your feelings and creative ideas, even if you feel a little awkward at first. **TAURUS**, this is the perfect week to put your time and attention into your home and family. Have a few friends over for a picnic and don't think you have to redecorate before they come. If your shyness starts to take over, do it anyway, just for fun. **GEMINI**, how are you doing with your emotions? Are you really feeling what is going on around you or do you "think" about what you are feeling. Here's one way to conserve your energy, feel your feelings and observe your thoughts going by.

Dear **CANCER**, did you have a wonderful month celebrating your birth and your life with those you love? If you did, then

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good for you and keep it up. If you didn't have the best month possible, then firmly resolve to have a much better time now. Happy Birthday, **LEO!** Are you ready for a month of celebrating with friends and sharing good times with those you love? Let your positive, uplifting energy spill over as you move through this month and you'll find great satisfaction. **VIRGO**, now that you're getting into being a social butterfly, for the time being at least, you may need a little more personal time to record the images from your active dream time. The test is to learn how to trust your inner self. **LIBRA**, with Mars active in your 9th house, you could definitely expand your metaphysical horizons and broaden your perception of the world. If you have been feeling the need for an adventure, then collect your thoughts and plan an outing. **SCORPIO**, with the Sun illuminating your 10th house of career and vocation, this is an excellent time to focus a little more

time and energy in that direction. Are you doing what you love or are you stuck with a position you don't like? Why? **SAGITTARIUS**, it's time for a little adventure now that the Sun is in your 9th house of travel and world experience. Take advantage of this wonderful energy. Expand your metaphysical horizons or open yourself to different cultural experiences. **CAPRICORN**, do try to remember, this world is not the ultimate reality. At least not the world we think we see everyday. You have some glorious opportunities to move beyond your own limitations, so go for it. Nothing here is permanent. **AQUARIUS**, with the Sun now in your 7th house of close personal relationships, you can have an absolutely wonderful social week, spending quality time with dear friends. Let your friends in a little closer and you'll feel more nourished. **PISCES**, with Mercury moving forward in Cancer and Jupiter doing the same in Scorpio, you could be on a definite energy swing upward. An excellent time for regular exercise, good food and quality time with your best friends.

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### Dykes To Watch Out For

**Lost in Paradise**  
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AFTER SPENDING THE DAY APART IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A WIDER SAMPLING OF NEW YORK CITY'S DIZZYLING GLUT OF QUEER CULTURAL AND ATHLETIC EVENTS, GINGER, LOIS, SPARROW AND JUNE HAVE PLANNED TO RENDEZVOUS AT THE INTERNATIONAL DYKE MARCH.

HUH... MAYBE WE SHOULD PICKED A PARTICULAR CORNER.  
HEY, MATTIE!  
REMEMBER ME? THE BGLLF CONFERENCE? WE, UM... ORDERED ROOM SERVICE TOGETHER!  
OH, ER... HI, GINGER, RIGHT? THIS IS MY LOVER, PRISCILLA.  
GINGER, HUH? I HOPE YOU STAYED AWAY FROM THE SEAFOOD.  
MAMA WAS A FEMME  
MEANWHILE, SPARROW GROWS ANXIOUS...  
WHERE ARE THOSE GIRLS? THE MARCH IS STARTING!  
EXCUSE ME... YOUR NAME ISN'T PRUDENCE, IS IT?  
UH... IT USED TO BE. WHO ARE YOU?  
OH MY GOD! SISTER MARY MAGDALEN?  
IT'S FRANKIE NOW, DEAR. I LEFT THE ORDER YEARS AGO. ARE YOU STILL DRAWING NAKED LADIES IN YOUR CATECHISM?

AT 35th ST... LOIS?! OMIGOD! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOR YEARS! IT'S ME, MELISSA, YOUR FRESHMAN ROOMMATE! REMEMBER? I WAS SECRETARY OF THE CAMPUS CHAPTER OF YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM?

AT 23rd ST... WHERE THE HELL IS MY GIRLFRIEND?  
PILIPIPI!  
NOOO! GET IT, GIRLS!

IN NEW JERSEY, LET'S HOPE...  
MMM! JUNE, I FORGOT WHAT WE WERE!

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GREAT! STILL NO SIGN OF THEM AND THE MARCH IS OVER. THIS IS THE LAST TIME I MAKE PLANS WITH THOSE DITZES.  
SO WHERE'S THIS 'GIRLFRIEND' YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET? IF YOU DIDN'T WANT TO COME TO THE DANCE WITH ME, JUNE, YOU COULD'VE JUST SAID SO.  
I AM SAFE, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, AND MY FRIENDS HAVE NOT ABANDONED ME. I AM SAFE, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MY...  
SO LOIS, YOU WANNA COME WATCH BABETTE GET HER TONGUE PIERCED?  
YEAH, SURE. LOOKS LIKE MY FRIENDS BAILED ON ME. WHICH ONE'S BABETTE?



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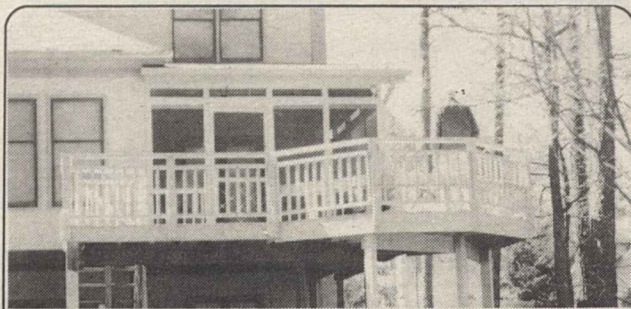
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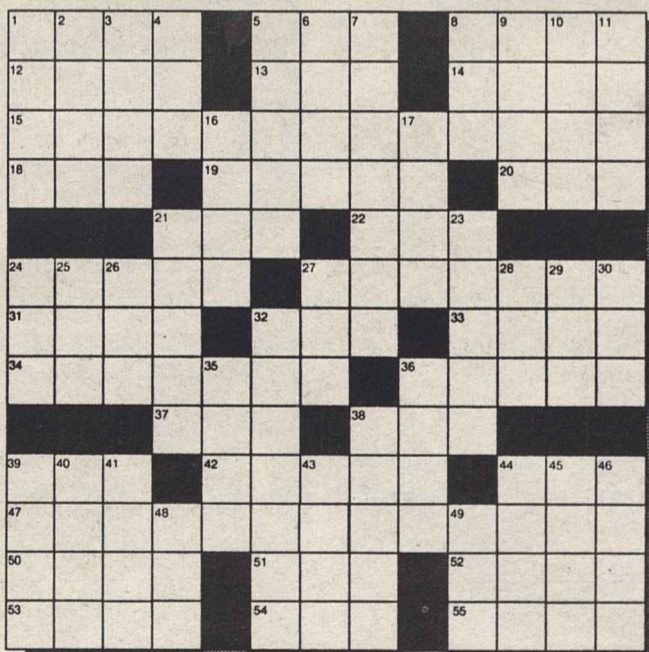
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2. Land measure
3. Dole out
4. Bat material
5. Wild binge
6. Surrounding glow
7. Nuclear submarine
8. Lesbian photographer
9. Joy
10. Where Santa goes down
11. Lose color
16. Diamond judges
17. Note
21. Make up for
23. Razor adjunct
24. Tea \_\_\_ two
25. Vein find
26. Diarist Rorem
27. Pose a question
28. Gay activist, Harry \_\_\_
29. Supplement
30. Valentine color
32. Ian McKellen film
35. Sword
36. South African bishop
38. Guys from Glasgow
39. Plugs up
40. Mix
41. Newts
43. Cutting tool
44. David Lynch film, \_\_\_ Velvet
45. Appropriate
46. Employs
48. \_\_\_ Speedwagon
49. Economic indicator

ACROSS

1. John Van Druten play, *I Remember* \_\_\_
5. College entry exam
8. Gay porn star Stryker
12. Decorates a cake
13. Colette work, *Le \_\_\_ et L'Impur*
14. Singer Fitzgerald
15. Paul Verlaine's fatal attraction
18. Observe
19. Civil War general
20. Born
21. Monkey's uncle?
22. Dorothy's auntie, et al.
24. Type styles
27. James Baldwin novel, \_\_\_ Country
31. Cookie type
32. Only Air France and British Airways have one

ACROSS (Cont'd)

33. Garden tool
34. Stereotypical bigot
36. Played
37. Govt agency
38. Dine
39. *Putting on the Ritz* author Keenan
42. Put into law
44. Heat unit
47. Oscar Wilde's fatal attraction
50. Tiny pest
51. AIDS drug
52. Drop a bomb on
53. Mediocre
54. \_\_\_ *Miserables*
55. After oh's

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

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THE ATLANTA BUYERS CLUB—ABC provides access to optional treatments for the HIV community in the Southeast. Hours are 12-5 PM, Tuesday through Fri-

day. We are located at 44 Twelfth St., NE, with parking in the rear. For more information phone (404) 874-4845, fax (404) 874-9320, or write P.O. Box 77003, Atlanta, GA 30357-7003.

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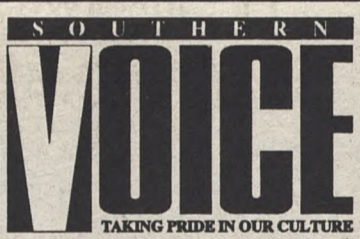
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Curious gdlkg 5'5", 114#, bl/br, 36, feminine seeks same for friendship. D/D-free. New to lifestyle. No butches. ☎ 1502

Attractive GBF educated, career oriented, feminine. Enjoys jazz, dining out, weekend rendezvous, and more. Seeks GBF for friendship/more. ☎ 1503

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### UNFULFILLED?

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

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

Angela Lansbury lookalike seeks Linda Evans lookalike 40-50 something. I: cat lover, smoker, buxom, blonde/bluc. U: similar. ☎ 1549

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kayaker, trained beginner, seeks older lesbian kayakers for platonic paddling down Hooch, etc. Humor more important than roll. ☎ 1553

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWF, 45, professional, intelligent, accomplished, attractive, athletic, adventuresome, idealistic, passionate, assertive, affectionate, tender, horse-lover/owner, scuba diver, outdoorsy, cultural and humbly spiritual, seeking non-smoking, non-drinking Renaissance adventurer, with abundant humor and

kindness, to share the dream. ☎ 1272

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

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

### MEN

#### SoVo Pick of the Week

Muscular GWM, 40, 6ft, 189lbs, HIV+, vgdkg, in relationship, needs more. Seeking submissive boy, 25-30, for role playing, B/D. Discreet. ☎ 1504

GWM, 36, 6'3", 195, blue collar professional, OK bod, avg looks, hard working, stable, w/varied interests. Would like to meet similar guy 28-38, establish friendship. Goal: monogamous. Write Box 6501, 1189 Virginia Ave., Atlanta, GA 30306

GWPM, 44, new in Atlanta, seeks GWM 18-30 for friendship, fun. Prefer slim swimmer's build, active top, endowed, cleanhaven, non-smoker w/discretion assured. No fats, fems, bears, barflies please! ☎ 1506

GWM young 48, 5'11", 158, I want it all! Passion, romance, sex—all is possible in a committed relationship. I am a sales executive with an outgoing personality, in shape, healthy, non-smoker/drinker. Looking for fun, adventure, and quiet times. ☎ 1507

Attractive BM sought by tall, slim WM. Safe, discreet, good times only. No strings. ☎ 1508

#### BUTCH BOTTOM

6'2", 180, blk/blu, moustache. Smooth, hairless build. Visit Atlanta often. Seek similar tops. Singles/couples/groups. Butch only, no wannabes. ☎ 1509

GWM 33, 6'1", 152, blue eyes, dark brown hair, moustache. Seeks romantic GWM 30-40s with moustache, into lots of cuddling, kissing, dating, quiet times, maybe more. No fats or fems. Box 77, 1544 Piedmont Ave, Atlanta, GA 30324

#### CUTE 28 GWM

HIV- brn/haz 160. Not N-2 bars. ISO GWM 25-35 N-2 gym, movies. No drugs/alcohol/fems. Buckhead Roswell area. ☎ 1511

Romantic North Georgia bottom, chubby, seeks average top with above average endowment. Like movies, music, sci-fi, ethnic men. Ready for Mr. Right. Hi-tops/workboots A+. Box 1512, 1189 Virginia Ave, Atlanta, GA 30306. ☎ 1512

Oriental male fit/safe cleancut seeks quality full body massage once a week. Please non-smoker. ☎ 1513

GWM, approaching 40, OK looks, HIV neg, seeks similar for movies, walks, home life, some going out. ☎ 1514

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GWM, 34, gentle, kind professional seeks same. Handsome, articulate, creative. Likes classic films, theatre, dining and soft music. HIV+. ☎ 1516

BM, 30, sexy, attractive, 5'8", bottom seeks a hung masculine, aggressive, BM top for fun sessions. Any age okay. ☎ 1517

ISO Peter Brady. GWM 5:11, 170 lbs, looking for AVERAGE looking, acting stable (intelligent if possible) GWM. ☎ 1518

Writer seeks correspondence with male prison inmates, gay or non-gay, reference gay sponsors, penpals. Gaddis, P.O. Box 40, Marblehill, GA 30148

Some day we'll be together...German, blond, tall, slim, 43, HIV- wishes correspondence with GBM, attractive, 20-35, no fats/fems/HIV. Come here for vacation, I can come in fall. Send explicit letter/photo: Dietmar, postlagernd 50823, Cologne 30, Germany

WM with 300+ videos, looking for others wanting to trade; possibly more with right person. Midtown area. ☎ 1488

GWM, 24, 5'10", 165, bl/bl, likes hiking, camping, mountain biking, movies. Sincere, honest, ISO same. No fat/fems. ☎ 1482

GWM, 37, 5'11", 150, MASCULINE, dominate, aggressive, Romantic, HIV-, into light S/M, B/D. Seeking younger counterpart, long term. ☎ 1483

Hairy Italian extremely goodlooking, ex-model, 29, 6'3", 188, sexy, dark skin, masculine, seeks Black or Latin masculine top in great shape w/9" or more. ☎ 1443

Are you HIV+, horny and in need of sexual fun? Me 20's slim submissive bottom. Large endowments get an A+. No one over 35 or out of shape. ☎ 1484

GWM, above average looks, trim, hung, seeks similar for safe oral encounters. ☎ 1485

Elder GWM Mystic (60's) in Western NC seeks younger man (30's) with psychic awareness to explore live-together relationship. ☎ 1486

WM Masculine 6'4", 150, looking for masculine Black male top. Dis-

cretion assured. Can handle business. ☎ 1487

Race unimportant. Early 40s, nice looking, 5'10", solid 180, dedicated, professional, HIV+, GBM, seeks sincere GM for dating/relationship. ☎ 1489

GM couple, 27 and 33, down to earth, masculine, likes outdoors, seeks similar GM couple for fun and friendship. ☎ 1490

Sexy, passionate, Italian, GWM, 32, swimmer's build, 6'0", 160, seeking hot, gym-boy couples for mutual satisfaction. ☎ 1491

BOTTOM WANTED by attractive playful safe top, late 30's, Australian heritage for safe discreet fun-day/night. ☎ 1492

Homosexual Algebra 1+1=the R word. GWM 30's athletic, tall, smooth seeks heavy pec'd masc. GWM 28-40 who can equate! ☎ 1493

GWM, 32, 155, 5'7", seeks intelligent GM, any race. I'm into running, weightlifting, wrestling, outdoors, dining out or ??? ☎ 1494

### SPREAD & SMILE!

Love your butt played with? 39, hairy HIV- top, 5'10", 170, seeks healthy bottoms, 20-45 for rear action. NO MARRIEDS! ☎ 1495

Childlike GWM 30, seeks gay Asian or Latino "playmate". Looking for a happy ending. ☎ 1496

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

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

Hot, Competent, Endowed, butch toman. Short humpy attractive adult requires masculine able-bodied stud bud for occasional mutual satisfaction sessions. ☎ 1583

Attractive and tan, horny, hot, versatile, GWM 6', 175#, brown, blue wants slim GWM under 35 for fun times nights/weekends. ☎ 1584

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 5'7", 165, br/br, mod. hairy, seeks GMs under 5'6" w/equipment over 8.5. Uncut a plus. Also into body worship for bodybuilders under 5'6" w/same equipment re-

## PERSONALS

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quirements. Let's play! ☎ 1580

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

## CLOSETED WM

Seeks same, cute 25 Christian, alternative music, hiking, dancing, Trekker, very discreet, have car will travel greater Atlanta. Peace, love, happiness. ☎ 1547

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

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

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

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

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

## LIFEMATE

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

Successful, stable, well-educated GWM, 40s, seeks quality friendship WM 20s. Prefer wholesome college or graduate student, career oriented. Non-smoking, no drugs. I enjoy outdoors, gardening, convertibles, travel & theatre. Novice or

curious okay. POB 5416, Atlanta 31107.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Asheville Teddy looking for other WNC teddies for some summer-

time fun. What about a teddy bear picnic? ☎ 1478

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM seeks GBM-GWM, prof., 36, BI/BI, 5'11", 170, would like to

meet gdlkg, masculine, professional GBM, 26-40. ☎ 1464

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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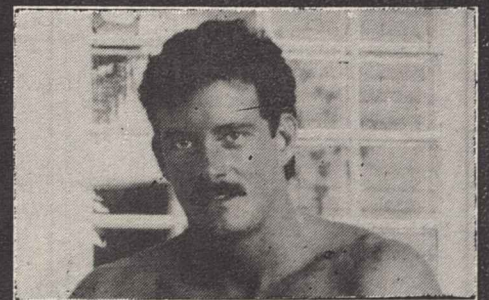
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