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Hoping to counter the rising homophobia of
the GOP, gay conservatives walk a tightrope
between ideology and community

by PHILIP K. CAMPBELL

Gay conservatives are in a difficult, some say untenable position in America's political spectrum. Tired of being dismissed as inconsequential to the gay and lesbian equal rights movement—and equally tired of the homophobic positions of many mainstream conservative groups—they are coming out to challenge what many of them consider to be an out-of-touch liberal gay leadership.

"Future progress requires more of a focus on the vast mainstream of this country," argues Abner Mason, national president of the Log Cabin Club, the largest gay Republican organization in the country, with over 40 active clubs in 30 states. "This is a task most gay leaders have been unwilling or unable to undertake, even though the overwhelming majority of gay Americans, most of whom have yet to be lead into political activism, are part of that vast middle too."

Out of the shadows

The high visibility of gay men and women in the 1992 presidential campaign, and the clear positions of the two major candidates, created a charged environment that split gay men and women who found themselves endorsing most of the Republican platform but deploring the homophobic elements gaining power in the party. The level of vitriol in the 1992 campaign prompted several well-known conservatives to come out, including Marvin Liebman and Mel White, former speechwriter for radical right leaders. In the wake of the failed push to lift the military's ban on gays and lesbians, many found themselves convinced that the movement's gay leadership was out of touch and in need of a mainstream voice, explained one young politically active gay Republican.

"Gay leaders have usually framed the argument for gay equality in terms designed to persuade more liberal Americans, while largely ignoring, and sometimes offending, the more conservative segments of society," says Log Cabin's Mason.

The Log Cabin Club finds itself squarely in the middle of the GOP's fight to reconcile doctrinaire conservatives with the fundamentalist Christian po-

sitions. The proximity to a coalition that most gay men and women equate with the Ku Klux Klan makes for some interesting politics, says Rich Tafel, chief lobbyist for Log Cabin.

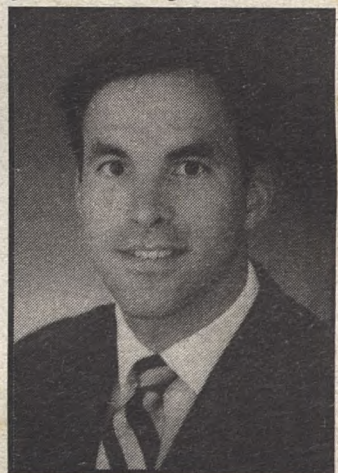
One of Tafel's main purposes is to let gay voters know that the strict adherence to the Democratic Party by gays and lesbians has been a pointless political strategy. He points out that there are many Democrats who are less than supportive of gay rights—even factions within the vaunted "rainbow coalition." According to him, during a recent mark-

up session of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), members of the "traditional values" crowd in the black caucus stormed the Capitol hearing room, shouting their opposition to the inclusion of sexual orientation in the bill's language.

Mason also argues that unconditional support for Democratic candidates is a zero-sum game: "It does us no good if the only people who support us tomorrow are the people who support us today."

"The reality is that there are only two political parties in the United States," Tafel says. "If you're going to be politically active in a movement, then you don't go to where you are comfortable, you go to where you can effect real change."

Sue Hyde, head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's "Fight the Right" program, disagrees



Rich Tafel, chief lobbyist for Log Cabin Republicans, says gay Republicans provide a check on the growing power of the radical right.

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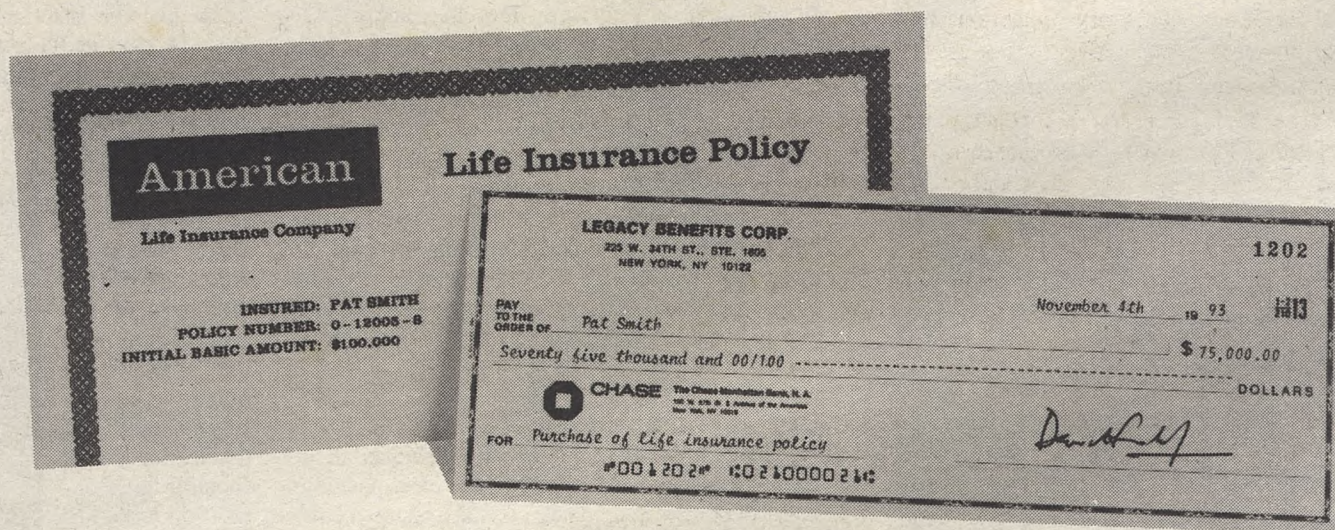
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Firm fired man for fear he had AIDS, lawsuit claims

Atlanta—A lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court against the owners of Azio restaurant in Buckhead alleges that the company fired a gay employee—in order to prevent him from obtaining insurance benefits—because the company feared he had or might contract AIDS.

Ronald K. Kirkland, 40, filed suit in U.S. District Court against Cartel Restaurants, Inc. in October 1993, charging that the company violated the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) when the company fired him one day before he was to be enrolled in the company's health care benefits plan. Under ERISA, it is unlawful to terminate employment for the purpose of denying insurance or other benefits.

"According to ERISA, if an employer fires an employee within such close proximity to the vesting of their benefits, it is presumed the reason for the termination was to prevent the employee from obtaining benefits," said Jeffrey H. Fonseca, Kirkland's attorney. "The burden of proving otherwise rests on the employer."

The proof may be hard to come by for Cartel, which owns several restaurants in the Buckhead area, including Otto's, Peachtree Cafe, East Village Grille, Nickiemoto's, the Raccoon Lodge, and Azio, where Kirkland was employed as a chef from April 1991 until October 31, 1991.

Cartel officials have claimed in court documents that Kirkland was fired because he failed to report to work or notify management of his medical status for four consecutive days after he was injured on the job on October 25, 1991. However, Kirkland claims that he brought notices in to management on two occasions from Piedmont Minor Emergency Clinic, where he was receiving treatment for the hernia suffered on the job.

Cartel's management received notice from the clinic on October 31 that Kirkland would require surgery. Kirkland was present at Azio on that date, but he was not told he had been fired until he arrived at work on Nov. 2 and was met at the door by management. The date on his termination notice was Oct. 31, the day before Kirkland's insurance benefits would have taken effect.

"Quite frankly, I felt they had fired me illegally," Kirkland said. "The reason [Cartel gave] for termination was that I hadn't been to work for four days, but I had."

Kirkland said he was surprised at the

termination, but even more surprised last month when three former employees of Cartel signed affidavits swearing that they had been present at an Oct. 31 informal Cartel management meeting, also attended by then-Cartel general manager Thomas Kuhn and partner Dan Schoolfield. At that meeting, the three said, Cartel management decided to fire Kirkland to avoid adding him to the company's insurance rolls.

Former Azio general manager David Van Buren, former corporate chef and partner Wolfgang Stoffer, and former Azio chef Bill Montgomery all signed statements saying that the termination came from Cartel's belief that Kirkland was HIV-positive or had AIDS, and that his addition to the company benefits plan would escalate insurance costs.

Kirkland, who is not HIV-positive, said he suspected that such a belief might have spurred his termination.

"What cued me in was that [Cartel's] workers' compensation people [who were handling payments for the hernia treatment] ...called my surgeon's office over and over again asking if I had AIDS," he said. "I finally told my surgeon to write and tell them that I wasn't HIV-positive. I am still not."

In deposition, prior to his knowledge of the affidavits of his past co-workers, Kuhn, now Cartel's director of operations, denied the meeting ever took place. But Fonseca and assistant counsel Douglas Soons are investigating allegations that similar firings may have taken place at Cartel restaurants.

But even if those allegations are found to be true, many of those employees may have little recourse.

"If it were not for federal legislation such as the Americans with Disabilities Act and [in this case] the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, an individual who has been discriminated against as Mr. Kirkland has would have no recourse whatsoever," Fonseca said. "And that's due to the lack of statutory protections for lesbians and gay men. ADA is not applicable to this case because the firing arose prior to the effective date of that act, however, this case represents the essence of discriminatory conduct that ADA and other legislation has attempted to address."

The case is scheduled to go to trial with U.S. District Court Judge Marvin Schoob on Sept. 12, but because Cartel's attorneys,



Three former employees of Cartel, Inc. say the restaurant firm fired chef Ronald Kirkland for fear he was HIV positive or had AIDS.

Smith, Gambrell and Russell, withdrew from the case late last month, Schoob has given Cartel until Aug. 19 to retain new attorneys. He also suggested that the parties hold a settlement conference as soon as possible. The lawsuit, filed against Cartel and director of personnel Pamela Charlton, asked for \$1.5 million in total damages.

Kirkland hopes that the outcome of this case will help offset increasing medical bills, which he blames on a delay in getting proper health care when he was injured. He has been in surgery three times to repair the hernia since 1991, and doctors are now saying he needs a fourth operation.

"If I were to have proper care at the proper time, this might not have happened," he said.

But payment for his medical bills is not Kirkland's only reason for pursuing the case. He said that, although he knew he had no employment protections as a gay man, he wanted the truth to be heard.

"I wanted to do it just for the case," he said. "I want them to at least think twice the next time they want to fire somebody just for being gay."

KC WILDMOON

Grand jury frees Columbus man jailed for sodomy

Columbus, GA—A Columbus man, jailed on aggravated sodomy charges in April, was freed August 9 when a grand jury decided that the case did not warrant being turned over to a trial jury.

"I've been in a cage for four months," said James Cannon, a 50-year-old cab driver. "It's strange being out. It felt so good. I walked about 10 miles."

Cannon was in the Columbus jail for 121 days. He was arrested in the early morning of April 9 when a Ft. Benning soldier told police the cab driver had forced him to commit oral and anal sex. Cannon admitted having oral sex with the man, who was not identified, but denied having used any force.

A preliminary hearing on April 11 was the only time Cannon met with his public defender during his incarceration, and an investigator with that office visited him once.

In late July, Muscogee County District Attorney Lou Barrow told Southern Voice that he was unfamiliar with the case and couldn't comment about the unusual length of time Cannon was jailed, nor could he explain why his office had not yet brought the case to the grand jury. Barrow could not be reached for comment after the grand jury's decision.

But Cannon's long wait has ended, and he is trying to put back together a life interrupted by his incarceration.

"I don't think it could ever be the way it was," he said. "But it feels so good to be out."

KC WILDMOON

Police look for leads in slaying of gay man

Atlanta—Police here are searching for leads in the beating death of a gay man in his Buckhead condominium last weekend.

Homicide Capt. Herb Carson said that the body of Michael Jones, 36, was found by a friend in Jones' seventh floor apartment in the Fountain of Peachtree Condominiums around 10 pm on Aug. 6.

"The friend talked to him by phone on Friday afternoon," Carson said. "And he went to the apartment to check on him Saturday when [Jones] didn't call him back as he said he would."

Jones' rental car—a green Chrysler New Yorker—was found last Tuesday night in an apartment complex parking lot on Bankhead Highway.

Jones was found in the living room of his apartment, and Carson said he died of "maybe three blunt-force blows to the head." No murder weapon has been found, and medical examiners have not yet fixed a time of death.

Carson said that investigators are questioning residents in the area where the car was found, and that fingerprints were taken from the vehicle. But so far, police have no leads, and no clue as to where Jones went between Friday afternoon and the time of his death.

"We have evidence that he was gay," Carson said, "and friends have told us he was not too concerned about who he was picking up."

But police have not determined if Jones, who worked at the Bulk Mail Center on James Jackson Parkway Northwest for four years and lived at the Fountain on Peachtree for nearly two years, brought someone to his apartment or if he let someone he knew into the building that is locked to visitors.

"Whether it was somebody he picked up or someone who held a grudge, we just don't know," Carson said.

Jones' apartment had not been ransacked, and there was no sign of a struggle.

Carson asked for anyone with information about Jones' activities on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6, to contact Atlanta Police at 853-3400.

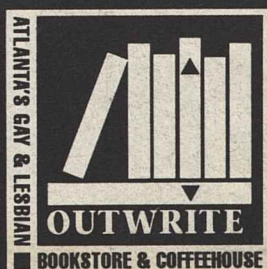
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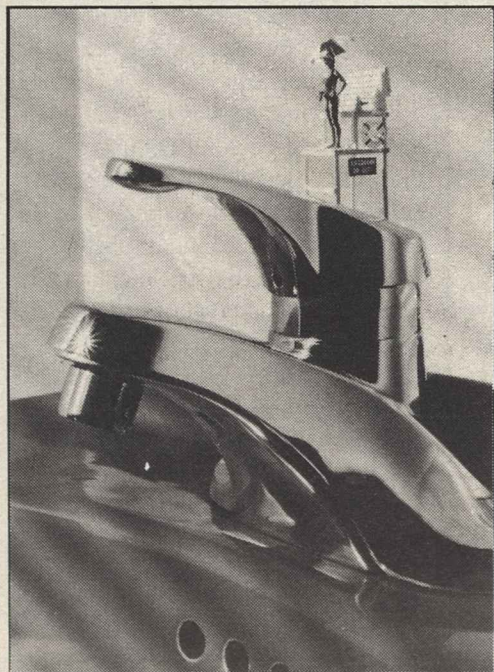


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Lesbian mother's lawyers seek expedited court decision

Richmond, VA—Lawyers for lesbian Sharon Bottoms have asked the Virginia Supreme Court to expedite a decision on whether to hear her mother's appeal in the custody case of Bottoms' son.

Kay Bottoms won custody of her grandson last year, but the Virginia Court of Appeals in June ruled the boy should be returned to his mother. However, 3-year-old Tyler Doustou continues to live with Kay Bottoms while the case is on appeal.

"There is a young, developing child out there who remains confused about the situation," Kent Willis, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Virginia, said Aug. 5. "The faster the Supreme Court acts, the better it will be for the child."

The ACLU, which is representing Sharon Bottoms, asked for an expedited decision in briefs filed Aug. 4 in response to Kay Bottoms' appeal.

There is no deadline for the Supreme Court to decide whether to hear the case, and Willis said he could not predict how

soon such a decision might be made.

Tyler has lived with his grandmother since April 5, 1993, after a juvenile court judge awarded custody to Kay Bottoms. The decision was upheld in September by Henrico County Circuit Judge Buford M. Parsons Jr. before being overturned by the intermediate appeals court.

The appeals court rejected Parsons' finding that Sharon Bottoms' admitted violations of a state law making oral sex a felony made her an unfit mother.

The only new argument in Kay Bottoms' appeal filed last month was attorney Richard Ryder's claim that April Wade, Sharon Bottoms' companion, would be unfit to take care of Tyler because, in part, she "had an illegitimate child which was adopted" in 1987.

In its response, the ACLU said Wade's child was conceived as the result of a rape, and that Wade's courage in carrying the child to term, then giving it up for adoption, "is to be admired, not excoriated."

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NC halts anonymous HIV testing statewide

Durham, NC—North Carolina residents being tested for HIV will be required to give their names and addresses after Sept. 1, the state Commission for Health Services said Aug. 5. Officials say the new information will be kept confidential.

The decision contradicted a recommendation from the state AIDS Advisory Council. Members of North Carolina gay and lesbian organizations said the change would lead some people who are at high risk for the disease to avoid testing.

The decision will allow state workers to contact people who are found to have HIV but who do not inquire about their test results. The state also will contact sexual or needle-sharing partners of those who test positive, said Bill Furney, a spokesman for the state health director's office.

The name and address of the person being tested at state-financed health departments will be protected from release under state law, which makes breaches of

confidentiality a crime, he said.

Derek Livingston of N.C. Pride, a gay-rights political-action committee, questioned whether testing that results in the contacting of partners can be called truly confidential. "People are afraid they'll be tracked, and here the commission is saying they will be tracked. It confirms people's worst fears," he said.

Furney said partners contacted will be given no names and will not be told how it was discovered they were at risk.

North Carolina ended anonymous testing in 83 of its 100 counties in 1991. AIDS activists challenged the decision in Superior Court and a judge found the action unconstitutional because it did not apply equally to all counties.

A study by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention after the 83-county change found no effect on the number of people being tested.

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Plane crash claims four AIDS workers

Charlotte, NC—The crash of USAir Flight 1016 in Charlotte on July 2 took the lives of four AIDS workers from Columbia, SC, according to Q Notes, Charlotte's lesbian and gay newspaper.

Lori Pinette of New Milford, CT, and Ann Sharkey of Chestertown, MD, were second-year students at the University of South Carolina's College of Social Work. Pinette had just completed an internship with the Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS), and Sharkey had just begun an internship with the agency. Two volunteers from the agency were also on

board the flight, but PALSS does not release the names of the organization's volunteer staff.

"Everybody here had the greatest respect for both Lori and Ann," said Mark Fitzpatrick, PALSS office manager.

Of the two volunteers, Cynthia Poindexter, director of services, said that both were "giving of their time and talents. One had been in the buddy program for a bout a year and a half and the other was new, having recently completed training," she said.

NC Pride gives funds to local groups

Charlotte, NC—The North Carolina Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade and Celebration, held in early June in Charlotte, created a modest windfall for North Carolina lesbian and gay organizations. According to Charlotte gay newspaper Q-Notes, Pride's organizers have allocated \$13,500 in excess revenue to nine organizations.

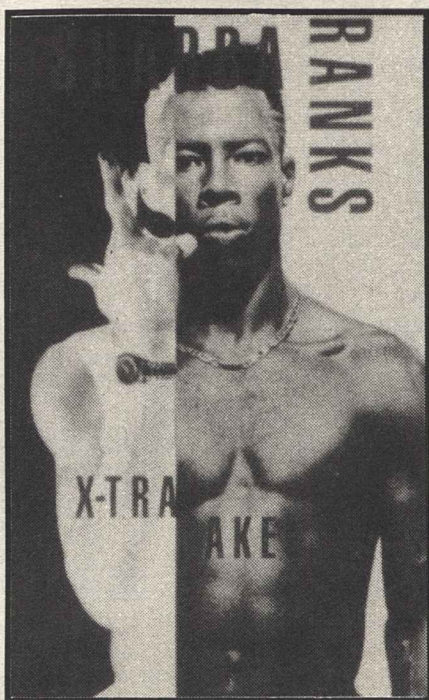
Atlanta's Fund for Southern Communities, a foundation that frequently grants money to lesbian/gay groups, received the largest chunk of the money—\$6,000—with a stipulation that it be granted to North

Carolina lesbian/gay groups. Another \$1,100 went to Charlotte's Gay/Lesbian Switchboard, and \$500 each went to NC Pride PAC and the Charlotte chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Funds also went to the Youth Leadership Council of Time Out Youth; WOW, a Charlotte lesbian organization; and the Charlotte Interfaith Network for Gay and Lesbian Equality.

An additional \$4,000 is being held to fund either a lesbian/gay cultural festival, a leadership conference, or both.

Homophobic Reggae Star Bounced From Woodstock:

Reggae singer Shabba Ranks was pulled from the lineup at last weekend's Woodstock '94 concert after Woodstock Ventures, producer of the event, received thousands of protests because of Ranks' outspoken homophobia. Ranks has said that gay men and lesbians deserve to be crucified because they "forfeit the word of God." Ranks had been booted from a Tonight Show appearance some months ago, after which he apologized but later retracted that apology and continued his attacks on gays. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation spearheaded the protests against Ranks, but had asked only that his "views be balanced with those of the majority of music lovers who oppose anti-gay violence." Donald Suggs, GLAAD director of public affairs, said, "We're delighted that Woodstock has ultimately decided that a festival founded on peace and love should not be associated with a performer who is best known for preaching violence and hatred."



Reggae star Shabba Ranks has said gays "forfeit the word of God."

Seattle Gets Partnership Registry:

Unmarried gay, lesbian and heterosexual couples will be able to register as domestic partners, the Seattle City Council has unanimously voted. The registry will cost qualified couples \$25 and comes with no benefits. Nalani Askov, a spokeswoman for the city's Office for Women's Rights, characterized the ordinance as "merely a means to acknowledge an existing relationship." Seattle has already granted health care benefits to the domestic partners of city employees.

Gay Roommates Find Home Trashed By Vandals: Three gay men from Tacoma, WA, returned from a trip to a Canadian gay pride celebration in late July to find their home damaged to the tune of \$80,000 and hate-filled slogans scrawled on the walls. The three—Eric Sturgis, Lee Brovold, and an unnamed roommate—had trouble getting into the building because of chest-high debris that included toppled appliances and furnishings. Swastikas and slogans such as "kill fags" were spray-painted on the walls. Water pipes were also smashed, flooding the house. The three had been the recipients of numerous harassing phone calls in recent weeks, and 10 days before the vandalism, a rock had been thrown through a window. On it was a black swastika and the words "get out fags." The three men have moved into a hotel, and are looking for a new home.

Killer of Gay Man Sentenced To Die: A Kerr County, TX, jury took 31 minutes to find Donald Aldrich of Tyler guilty in the Nov. 30 slaying of Nicholus West, and sentenced Aldrich to death. Aldrich was accused of killing West after he and a friend abducted and robbed him. Aldrich admitted that he enjoyed robbing and terrorizing gay men, but he said his co-defendant, Henry Dunn, fired the multiple shots that killed West. Prosecutors also contended that Aldrich was the leader of a group, knit loosely around a citizens band radio, that committed several robberies, often against gay victims.

Normal People Can't March In Pride: A San Diego Superior Court judge dismissed a lawsuit on July 15 filed by a group called "The Normal People" who had attempted to gain a spot in San Diego's Lesbian/Gay Pride parade. Judge Charles Wickersham ruled that San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride was within its rights to exclude an organization that sought to express opinions contrary to its own. The judge also noted that the parade includes many heterosexual organizations with supportive messages.

Teacher Charged In Death Of Lover: Debra Ann Cole, a Marion County, IN, schoolteacher, has been charged with murder in the shooting death of Janet Barradaile, who was found shot at least nine times in the rural home the couple shared. Johnson County prosecutor Lance Hamner said, "It appears to be a crime motivated by jealousy between lovers." Cole has entered a plea of innocent, but court documents say that she called friends after the shooting and told them, "I just shot her. She won't be able to hurt me anymore."

Lesbianism Wins Woman New Trial: A former police officer portrayed as a sex-starved "black widow" in her original trial will get a new trial after a U.S. District Court judge said that Sharon DeLuca's defense should have included information that she is a lesbian. DeLuca was accused of killing a fellow police officer in 1992 after the two spent a night drinking and having sex in a van. DeLuca said she was raped but was not allowed by her defense attorney to testify. Judge Robert J. Ward has given prosecutors six months to retry the case. Otherwise DeLuca must be released from prison, where she has served half of a 20-year term for second degree murder.

Pacific Coast News: The Don't Sign On organization in Idaho has selected a new name after the Idaho Citizens Alliance collected enough signatures to put its anti-gay initiative on the November ballot. The No On One Coalition will lead the battle against Proposition 1. In Oregon, the Oregon Citizens Alliance, which garnered enough signatures to put its statewide initiative on November's ballot, failed to do the same for a citywide measure in Klamath Falls. And Washington Secretary of State Ralph Munro has labeled efforts by the Bigot Busters to educate potential signers of that state's anti-gay petition drives "harassment," and says he will seek stronger anti-harassment measure from the state legislature. The Bigot Busters deny the allegations.

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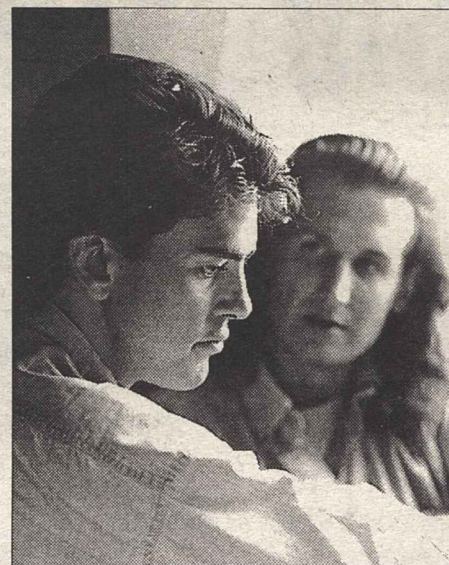
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strongly with many of the platform points of Log Cabin Republicans, but she welcomes them wholeheartedly into the fray. "Just because there are Republicans doesn't make me run screaming from a movement," she says. "The fundamental axiom of gay and lesbian politics is 'Come out wherever you are.' I think gay conservatives show that lesson has resonated, even into the Republican Party."

Not just Republicans

While a great deal of press attention has focused on gay Republicans, there are other gay groups espousing conservative positions on issues from abortion to religion. Further proof that "we are everywhere" can be found in groups like Evangelicals Concerned, a gay conservative Christian coalition, and PLAGL, a loose coalition of pro-life gays and lesbians.

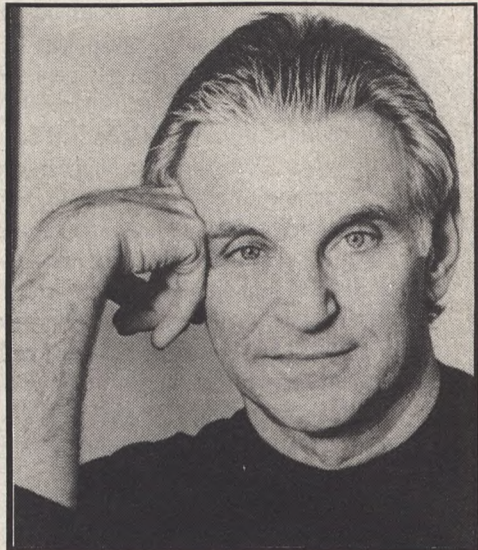
Joe Beard, an official with PLAGL, admits that "disbelief and confusion are the first impression from most people," when his group tries to connect with other pro-life groups. Beard, a Goldwater Republican who worked in the U.S. Department of Education during the Reagan Administration, also points out that calling all pro-life gays and lesbians conservatives is unfair.

"We have members who are all over the political spectrum: McGovern Democrats, very progressive lesbians, you name it," he says. "We are united strictly by being pro-life." Charged abortion issues aside, Beard agrees that the group's presence in the pro-life movement has had a mitigating effect on all but the most strident homophobic voices in the pro-life movement. "We still get people who tell us they disagree with our lifestyles, but they welcome us to their side of the abortion."

Longtime gay activist Martin Duberman, historian and author of the book "Stonewall," is not surprised at the increased visibility of gay conservatives. "America, after all, is a conservative country," he says. Duberman points out that ideological rifts have occurred throughout the gay rights movement. As early as the 1950s, the radicals that formed the Mattachine Society fought with "assimilationist" members. Duberman says a similar disagreement split the short-lived Gay Liberation Front (GLF) when radicals attacked the "bourgeois homophiles" in the movement's leadership.

An image problem

Mason, an African-American, disputes charges that gay Republicans are de facto racists and sexists. He points out that dissonance between leaders, in-the-trenches activists, and members of a minority community are not new; there are simultaneous, similar debates in both the African-American and women's movements over the differences in agendas,



GENE BAGNATO

Historian Martin Duberman says conservatives and radicals have always struggled for control of the gay movement.

issues, and political priorities of the public leaders and the private followers.

The perception of exclusivity may contribute to the paucity of women and people of color in public positions in the gay conservative movement. Susan Jester, frequently cited as a leading conservative lesbian, is public relations director for 10 Percent magazine and an officer with the New York chapter of the Log Cabin club. Jester was a committee member for the Stonewall 25 celebration. But other than Jester and National Review columnist and author Florence King, the conservative men interviewed for this article were hard-pressed to name women or people of color who were in leadership positions in the gay right.

The image of exclusion and middle-income privilege that color many activists' impression of gay conservatives may be only that—images—but that are, arguably, the biggest barriers to be overcome in their bid to legitimize their voice in the gay rights struggle.

Tafel and others argue that gay conservatives are the only people who can effectively dampen, if not defuse, the growing power and presence of the radical right. "For gay rights to get trapped as an agenda of the liberal plank is deadly for us," Tafel says.


Mason is adamant that all gay people's voices be heard, but fundamentally, he believes, gay men and women support social change consistent with "American values." And he echoes Tafel in believing that Log Cabin is uniquely situated to influence the radical right.

"The biggest threat to the radical right is a Gay Republican arguing for family values," he says. "They draw most of their funds based on lies, and they can't fight people who are able to redefine the image of gay Americans."

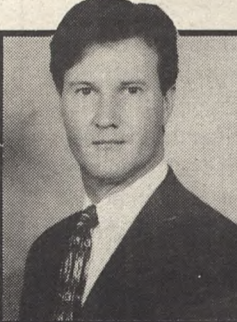
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Judge overturns Cincinnati's ban on gay rights laws

Cincinnati, OH—A federal judge has overturned a voter-approved city charter amendment in Cincinnati that prohibits the city from passing laws protecting the rights of lesbians and gay men.

On Aug. 9, U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel ruled the amendment, approved by city voters in 1993, is unconstitutionally vague and violates the First Amendment rights of gay men and lesbians to participate in the political process.

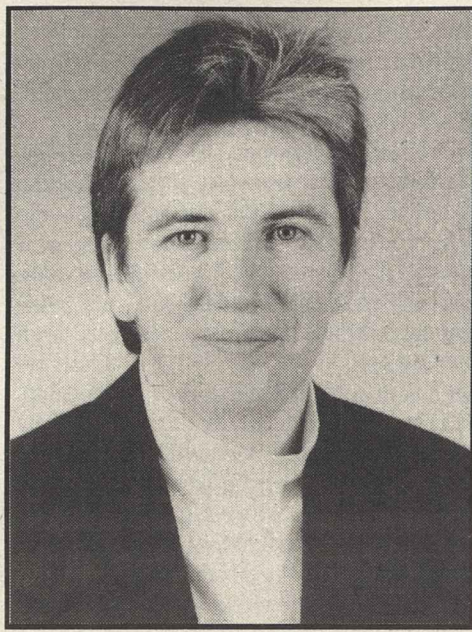
"[The] ruling reinforces the Constitution's promise that private prejudices should not be given public effect," said Patricia Logue, managing attorney for the Midwest Regional office of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which is co-counsel on the case. "The court is sending a clear message that the basic civil rights of gay and lesbian citizens are not subject to a popular vote."

Spiegel on Nov. 16 stopped enforcement of the amendment until he ruled in the case, and attorneys for both sides argued the case in June. Karl Kadon, a deputy city solicitor, said the city, which is legally obligated to defend voter-approved initiatives, will appeal the ruling to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals this week.

Suzanne Goldberg, a Lambda staff attorney, applauded the Aug. 9 ruling in Ohio, noting that because Spiegel is the first federal judge to rule on anti-gay initiatives, it should have impact on other anti-gay measures.

"This ruling provides a critical boost to our challenges to anti-gay measures across the country," she said. "It shores up other court decisions that have found these ballot initiatives to be blatantly discriminatory and offensive to our Constitution."

Attorneys for both sides have predicted the dispute will wind up in the U.S. Supreme Court.



LISA BIRCHETT

Attorney Patricia Logue says the ruling shows civil rights are "not subject to a popular vote."

The voter-approved ban is a city charter amendment that bars Cincinnati from enacting or enforcing laws based on sexual orientation. It also repealed a City Council ordinance enacted in 1992 that banned discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Gay-rights advocates sued after voters approved the amendment, arguing that it infringes on the rights of gays, lesbians and bisexuals to petition city government.

Opponents, including the conservative Citizens for Community Values, argued that existing civil rights laws were adequate to protect lesbians and gay men. CCV was among groups that supported the 1993 ballot question.

JOHN NOLAN

Police increase security for Cobb rally

Marietta police are taking seriously threats posted on the Internet to shoot at attendees at the Aug. 28 Cobb County rally for human rights, and say they will increase security measures around Marietta Square, where the rally will be held.

Gay Internet users found the messages, posted by a man who identified himself as John De Armond of Marietta, and alerted police. The messages, dated from July 28 through Aug. 3, began with a query.

"Are there any nice hills nearby with a clear shot at the demonstrators?" De Armond wrote. "This [sic] cute little pink triangles make SUCH good targets."

De Armond made other references to pink triangles as targets, including one in which he said he was "appalled that those butt-snappers didn't put an aiming dot in the center of that triangle."

Gay, lesbian, and straight supporters responded to De Armond, but their responses served only to inflame his comments, although later he said he would not be doing any shooting himself.

"I won't be doing any shooting, at least not after giving warning," he wrote. "What I am doing is hopefully motivating/inspiring others to do whatever they feel to be appropriate to address the problem, people who are more willing than me to suffer the consequences."

Capt. Tim Fant of the Marietta Police Department said the threats had prompted his department to "beef up" already strong security measures for the "And Justice for All" rally.

"I feel very comfortable [with the measures we're taking] but I've been in this business too long not to know anything can happen," he said. "We are going to go to great lengths to prevent anything from happening."

Fant said the security contingent would include about 180 officers from three agencies (Marietta police, Cobb police, and the Cobb Sheriff's Department), and that he had gotten permission from the Marietta City Council on Aug. 8 to close off Marietta Square to vehicular traffic. Officers will be posted on building rooftops around the square as well.

Fant also said that Marietta police were conducting an investigation of De Armond, with a report due late last week.

Noel Lytle, cochair of the Cobb Citizens Coalition, one of the sponsors of the rally, said he was confident with the measures being taken to protect those who come to the rally.

"If we cannot guarantee people's safety and well-being, we won't hold a rally," he said. "We consider this to be probably somebody filled with hot air, but we're not taking any chances."

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Butch/femme is alive and well

by LESLEA NEWMAN

"Trash, Flash," I say, reminding my beloved that it is Sunday evening, time to put the cans by the curb. "In a second," she grunts as the Starship Enterprise zooms across our TV. Ten minutes later I plant myself in front of the television, blocking Flash's view of Counselor Troi's cleavage to remind her again. "Next commercial," she promises.

Why, you might ask, don't I just take out the garbage myself? After all, the cans aren't that heavy. But rubbish is a butch job.

Yes, Flash and I are a bona fide butch/femme couple. Contrary to popular belief, butch/femme did not disappear with the beehive hairdos of the '50s. No, we have not changed our lifestyles, only our hairstyles (thank God). Yes, butch/femme is alive and well in the '90s, at least in this household. Only in this household, it's femme/butch. Just because Flash wears the pants in this family doesn't mean she's always on top.

So what makes me the femme and Flash the butch? Is it that unlike Flash, I have never been called "Sir" once in my entire life? Is it that unlike me, Flash hasn't worn a skirt since 1967, the year she shed the nun's habit? Is it that whenever any dyke in Lesbianville has a job interview coming up, she runs straight to my closet to pick out a pair of high heels and then has me teach her how to walk in them? Is it because whenever Flash and I go out, she steers me around the dance floor as smoothly as she steers our car through New York City traffic?

All of the above is true, but it's not why I'm a femme and Flash is a butch. It's just something you're born with. According to family legend, my first words were, "Got any mascara?" Baby Flash, on the other hand, was the ultimate tomboy, complete with holes in her jeans and frogs in her pockets. I am thrilled to

have Flash, who truly appreciates the femme that I am, unlike my last girlfriend, who forbade me to wear high heels (except in bed). Flash is the butch of my dreams.

Six years ago, when she was a bachelor, Flash remarked to a buddy, "I'll never find a girlfriend. The only femme left in Lesbianville is Lesléa Newman." When I heard that story, I knew Flash was the girl I would marry. Sure you can be a femme without a butch or a butch without a femme, but it isn't nearly as much fun. As soon as we started dating, Flash cut her hair as short as she had always wanted to, and I started wearing my skirts tighter and my heels higher. And at our wedding, there was never any question as to who would wear a dress and who would wear trousers. As they say in Glamour Dyke magazine, "The femme is the picture, the butch is the frame."

Some lesbians think the whole butch/femme thing is *passé*. I pity those girls who put personals in the Lesbianville Times looking for a woman but, "No butches please." At first I thought they meant, "No bitches please." But then I caught on and I just couldn't believe it. Don't you girls know any butch worth her weight in Brylcreem will do anything to please her femme?

The first time I read a "No butches" personal, I was relieved. At least I could stop worrying that some young lipstick lesbian would pull Flash right out from under me (literally!). After all, I know a good butch is hard to find. But then I got mad. How dare anybody underestimate our darling butches after all they've done for us? Because even though we femmes have to put up with straight men coming on to us all the time (and Flash loves knowing that they want me and can't have me), it's my butch that puts herself in danger just by walking out our front door in her freshly

pressed trousers and black muscle shirt. And when Flash and I go out together, it's obvious that there's something going on between us, though some people aren't quite sure what. Whenever we go out to eat, our servers always stumble. Sometimes they'll say, "What'll it be, ladies?" even though Flash is no lady. Other times they'll say, "What can I get you guys?" even though I am certainly not a guy. If I was asked for advice, I'm not sure what I'd tell them to say. "Two for lunch, lesbians?" doesn't sound quite right. Nor does, "Some dessert for you dykes?"

And so to solve the problem we often eat at home, which means there is a lot of garbage to be taken out. And here it is, 8:30 and Counselor Troi is lying prone in sick bay with the lovely Dr. Crusher about to examine her. It would be cruel to disturb Flash at a time like this. And so I decide, just this once, to take out the garbage myself. No sooner am I back in the house than the phone rings. I pick it up, of course, since I, like most femmes, was born with a Princess phone in my mouth. "Lesléa," my neighbor Karen says, horrified, "was that you taking out the trash?"

"Yes," I admit, reluctantly. "Flash is knee-deep in one of her favorite Star Trek reruns and I let her get away with it. But just this once."

"That's a relief," Karen says. "I saw you out my window, and my whole take on butch/femme was instantly destroyed."

Not to worry, world. Butch and femme are here to stay.

Lesléa Newman writes a monthly syndicated column and is author of "Heather Has Two Mommies."

LETTERS

Many to thank for TBS policy

Thank you for covering TurnOut, the new lesbian/gay/bisexual employees' group, which I helped to found at CNN. There were many people who played important roles in creating both the group and the new nondiscrimination policy on sexual orientation.

Don Stuart and Kathy Rogers of AT&T/LEAGUE Atlanta were instrumental in sharing their wealth of experience, and were kind enough to facilitate the first meeting of gay employees, straight co-workers, and management. Virginia Tanawong, vice-president of CNN Human Resources, met with me and others who would become core group members, and was always willing to educate herself on the issues. Margaret Maree, from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and other NLGJA/Atlanta members also offered support and guidance along the way. Brian McNaught, "Gay Issues in the Workplace" author and group facilitator, offered his advice on several occasions. NLGJA President Roy Aarons was in there from the word "go," and met with CNN management during the recent Unity '94 conference. Lily Eng of the Seattle Times offered moral support. Val Foster-Vaughn, Marsha Needham, and the 40 or so other people involved in creating the "Through the Lens" diversity training video welcomed the gay perspective with open arms. CNN executives Allan DeNiro, Bob Furnad, and Tom Johnson all have worked hard to create an atmosphere of tolerance. And of course, TurnOut spokes-

people Gareth Fenley and David Salyer, for getting out the word.

The people who deserve the most thanks, however, are the group's active members, particularly the closeted ones. Simply by making contact, whether from across the room or across the globe, they are taking a stand for both their

professionalism and their humanity. Also, the late Tom Cassidy, who courageously faced both AIDS and daily deadlines, opened many doors by simply being honest.

Sincerely,
Robin Kemp



Looking backward in New York: A Stonewall 25 recollection

It was 1980, and I was in Greenwich Village, and I was in love.

We'd proved them all wrong and met in a bar. The Duchess. It was grungy, dark, ill-tended, and Mafia-run. Of course, nobody I knew ever knew anybody in the Mafia to confirm this. But we all knew who ran the oldest continuing lesbian bar in New York, which was right in my back yard.

I'd just broken up with the woman I'd brought to town. I stayed home for a few awful weeks eating stomach sandwiches till I said, "Enough!" and determined to find some company at the nearest and only lesbian bar.

I went every night. Since most of my previous lovers had come from groups of people I already knew, I was on a very steep learning curve. At first, dressed to the teeth, I attracted no takers and went home emptier than I'd come. Then one night I had to deliver the piled up mail to my most recent ex and, frankly, my dear, I didn't give a damn. Jeans would do for the occasion. Some T-shirt or another shrugged on in indifference to get the deed done.

"Hey, there, how ya doin'?" (I didn't know her.)

"Good shirt. Very funny." (I can't now remember what it advertised. Me, apparently. I didn't know *her* either.)

My ex showed up two hours late, which was only one of the reasons she became my ex. But in that time lots of friendly folk got through the invisible plastic shield I had been holding in place with perfectly pleated pants and silk shirts. The jeans brought the barriers down, and though I went home that night without any good candidates for my empty bed, I'd learned something.

The next night, without any obligation to



Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

any ex, I repeated the wardrobe and went home with my next.

For the next three years, we dared the environment. We'd stroll the village hand-in-hand, shocking the tourists, unable, really, to distinguish the adrenaline of the dare from the limerence high. But who cared? It was, after all, Greenwich Village. Home of bohemians. Gay people. Lesbians.

That was 11 years after Stonewall, an event nobody ever mentioned. The Stonewall Inn had been replaced several times. Its then current incarnation was a "Bagel And" dairy restaurant, where the specialty of the house came in plain, sesame, garlic, onion or cinnamon raisin, long before your local Safeway learned how to boil bread in flavors. Walking hand-in-hand, even here, was a death-defying

feat. Bad boys still cruised in from Queens to pick off queers.

A decade later, that ever-and-ever romance over, the apartment it had lived in provided a place to come back to. Stonewall 25 was a summer day in June when everybody was holding hands with anybody.

The thing about New York City is that, contrary to popular belief, it's a great place to live, but you wouldn't want to visit there. Because when you're in residence, you know which subways to stay out of after what time. You'd never be caught dead with overweight luggage in Penn Station. A shift of your shoulders can move muggers to the opposite side of the street looking for better victims. Tourists don't enjoy those insiders' privileges. So the only way you'd want to visit a terrifying town like this is, first, if you could bring along a couple of hundred thousand close family and friends for protection. Then, improbably, if there were five or six thousand cops on active duty assigned to protect you while you pulled your wad of bills from your wallet to figure out how much to under- or overtip the cabby. Then...maybe...Manhattan would be a great place to visit.

Welcome to Stonewall 25. It was the largest pride of gay and lesbian people collected in one place ever, outside of DC in '93. I'm not sure what it was exactly. A march? A celebration? Two hundred pages of lectures, symposia, dances, plays, performances. It was a queer extravaganza I'd have retitled "Come Watch Gay People Show Off in the Big Apple!"

From Thursday to Sunday, Christopher Street, behind its blue barricades, looked like all the Anytowns had deposited their Pride Celebrations here. Hundreds of thousands filled

the shielded streets. Men (but no women) shed shirts and showed off buff bodies in the blocks-long prance from Sheridan Square to the West Street Pier and back again. There were no ugly gay men there that weekend. Perhaps the unsightly ones stayed home. (Or perhaps, for that one weekend, there really were no homely homosexuals.)

There was a big Sunday parade, of course. They had a mile-long rainbow flag and made the front page of the New York Times the next day. (That was me in the lower right corner if you looked real close.) They called it a march, but it was really an optional Sunday stroll in the 90-degree sun. Except for the zealots, hardly anybody spent the whole day. Hey, it was the morning after a week-long party, with work on the next day's agenda, and lots of us slept late. Or just stayed home to watch it on TV.

It was hard, going home from Stonewall, to decipher what we'd accomplished. Except, of course, a swell time in the big city where the most important event for the natives seemed to be selling something rainbow for a tidy profit. Where walking hand-in-hand in Greenwich Village, a mere ten years later, no longer shocks anybody. Where thousands of New York's Finest stood three deep on our behalf.

No queers were ever safer in the city than we were that week. And maybe that is where the significance lies. Maybe its importance is in the fact that police protection was as quickly taken for granted by the 1994 throng as police harassment of us was in the Stonewall Inn in 1969.

Imagine what a time we'll have at Stonewall 50!

OPINION

Dispelling the myths of the gay Generation X

by BRANDON DEAN

After creating, defining, berating and trivializing the younger generation that the media has dubbed "X," Newsweek—that bastion of non-news—this summer featured a cover story about the myths of Generation X. Titled "The Seven Great Lies About 20-Somethings," the article "dispelled" all the politically correct (but not very flattering) stereotypes of "13th Gen-ers" (18- to 32 year-olds who are the 13th American generation since the signing of the Declaration of Independence).

While the piece did pander to 20-somethings such as myself, it hardly painted a complete picture of the complex group of young hipsters that is now beginning to replace Baby Boomers as society's trendsetters. And, of course, it totally neglected to mention gays.

What a mistake. Gay and lesbian 20-somethings are probably more out, more open and more vocal than any other generation of queers.

Sure, we had the radical drag queens of Stonewall, the liberated fags and dykes of the '70s and the AIDS activists of the '80s, but '90s queers are more unabashedly gay at home, at work and at school than most of their predecessors could have ever dreamed of being. This new generation is integrating its sexuality into every aspect of life.

There are many common denominators that define this fraction of the queer community. So, rather than offering a Newsweek-like anti-service by telling you how not to consider us, here are seven truths to guide you in understanding the gay Generation X.

No. 1: We aren't twinkies. We used to be the cute young boys that successful yuppie baby boomers and gray-haired, closeted Re-

publicans bought drinks for. But we've grown up. Although we may still look young—I still get carded, though that's happening with alarming infrequency—we are holding down full-time jobs and trying to pay the rent. Oh, we still have our youth. It's the innocence we lack, AIDS, drug use, broken homes and coming-out horror stories have hardened our generation, taking us more cynical and less likely to become truly intimate. And by now, most of us have tried our hand at at least one relationship only to find it scary and disappointing.

No. 2: We aren't practicing safe sex. Recent studies show that among gay males, the rate of HIV infection is growing fast for those between the ages of 18-25. Safe-sex messages seem to be falling on deaf ears. Ask any gay male Generation Xer if he practices safe sex; chances are, he'll respond in the positive. But statistics reveal a different picture.

Not only has HIV infection increased among young people, but so has the incidence of other sexually transmitted diseases. How strange that this generation, which became sexually active well into the AIDS epidemic, would ignore the messages of safe-sex advocates.

No. 3: We aren't activists. ACT UP and Queer Nation are dead and Generation X says good riddance. Not that 20 somethings didn't participate in direct action events and protest marches for human rights. And not that our generation doesn't appreciate the struggle for equal treatment. But this generation has moved beyond that.

For Gay Generation X, there is no more closet. Being gay and being "out" are no longer

two different things. "Openly gay" is not a term that our generation has any use for. We're gay 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year—which may be a radical notion for previous generations, but not to today's young queers.

No. 4: We don't idolize River Phoenix and Kurt Cobain. Yes, Phoenix and Cobain were sexually ambiguous symbols of Generation X who met with tragic ends, but not every young fag or dyke relates to these two media-made martyrs. Sure, we heard the rumors about River's sexual exploration with guys and we hoped he'd make it happen with Keanu Reeves in "My Own Private Idaho." And how could we miss Kurt's Advocate interview or his pro-homo lyrics?

But let's face it. These intense, self-absorbed celebrities don't have much in common with average 20-somethings, much less gay Xers. Their voices will be missed, but our generation is made up of a chorus of different voices, not just those of an unfortunate pair of screwed-up entertainers.

No. 5: We don't blame Boomers. It's a sad fact that our generation is the first in American history that will have lower educational skills, quality of life and economic stability than its predecessor. Natural resources have been depleted, our future has been bankrolled by a huge government deficit, and sex has become equated with death. Thirtysomethings may have bought into the pop psychology that someone else is always to blame: 20-somethings, however, don't have time to blame. Too many problems demand solutions—AIDS, institutional racism, the education system, etc. Blaming Boomers isn't worth the time or effort.

Finding viable solutions is.

No. 6: We are diverse. National demographics are rapidly changing. Within 30 years, non-whites and Hispanics will close the gap, becoming almost half of the population. The gay community, of course, mirrors this diverse face. But for the first time, African-Americans, Latinos/as, Asian Americans and others are stepping to the forefront of national gay organizations to become spokespeople for our generation. Twentysomethings are on the cutting edge of integrating the cultural diversity of the gay community.

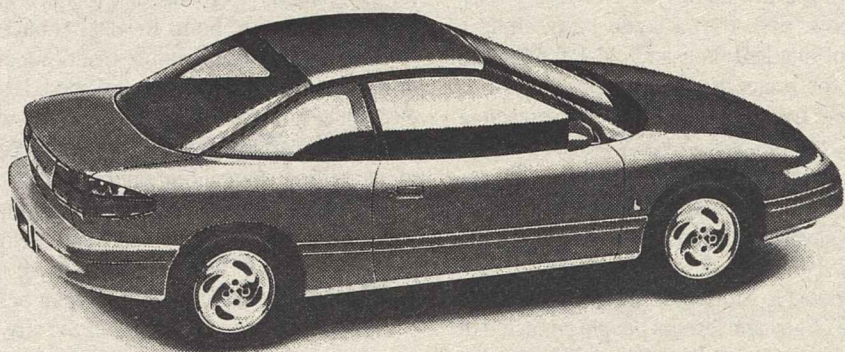
No. 7: We do exist. Some people claim that 20-somethings are too apathetic and diverse to form a distinguishable generational character. Generation X is a media creation that doesn't exist, some argue. Not true.

We may not be the homogenous culture of generations previous because of the way we are embracing diversity, and thus not as easy for reductionist media to define in headlines and sound bites. But make no mistake about it: Generation X or 13 Gen-ers or 20-somethings are here. We are taking positions of power and authority and will do so in increasing numbers, just as those of every generation before us have.

Get used to it.

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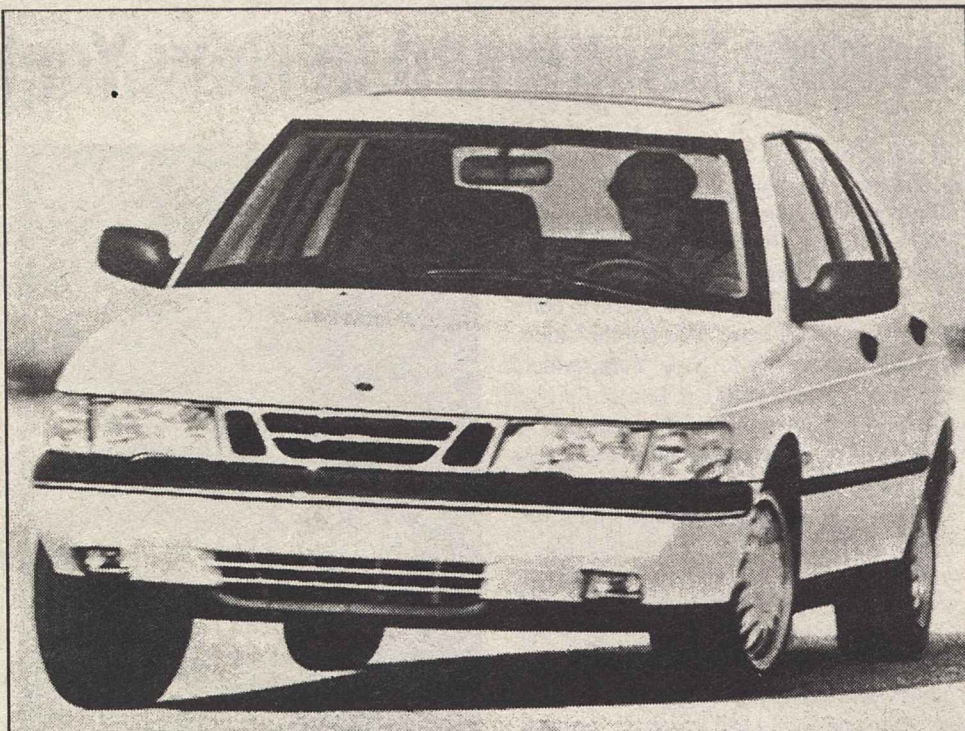


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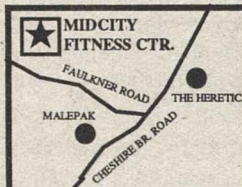
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Dr. Flossie Wong-Staal is pioneering gene therapy treatment for AIDS at the University of California in San Diego. At left is Dr. Mark Wainberg of the McGill University AIDS Centre in Montreal.

AIDS conference ends with little to show

Researchers turn back to basics in fight against HIV infection

Yokohama, Japan—The gist of 3,500 reports last week from the war on AIDS was simple enough: There is no cure, no effective treatment, no vaccine.

Nor will there be anytime soon.

"Anyone with HIV won't find much solace at this meeting," said Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR).

The tone of the 10th International Conference on AIDS, which concluded Aug. 11, was restrained from the start. Organizers warned the 12,000 participants not to expect anything big. They were right.

Even protests were restrained in Japan—only one ACT UP demonstration occurred, on the last day of the conference, when about 50 people crowded the stage to protest discrimination against people with HIV/AIDS worldwide, particularly in Japan.

"Never again. Never again will this international conference be held in a country that does not respect our rights," said ACT UP's Andrew Velez. "Let the [organizers] be on notice: people with HIV and AIDS will not tolerate your hypocrisy."

ACT UP members complained that one activist, who voluntarily admitted his positive HIV status, was detained at Narita International Airport for several hours, despite the Japanese government's official welcome of people with HIV and AIDS.

If any theme emerged from the conference, it was the need to go back to basics. Rather than a scatter-shot scramble for new drugs, many scientists seemed to agree that they need new ideas. And they will get them by exploring the innermost workings of the virus and the body's complex and ultimately futile response to it.

The new head of the U.S. Office of AIDS Research said this will be the focus of the federal government's annual \$1.3 billion AIDS budget.

"The engine that will drive the entire AIDS

research enterprise forward is basic research," Dr. William E. Paul told the meeting.

Long term survivors could hold key

Two of the most talked about subjects at the conference—long-term survivors and gene therapy—build on the encyclopedic store of basic knowledge already assembled about HIV virology and immunology.

While almost everyone who contracts HIV eventually gets sick and dies, about 5 percent are still perfectly healthy 12 years to 15 years after their infection. Researchers believe that if they figure out how these people's immune systems tame HIV, maybe they could turn it into a treatment for those less fortunate.

"This is obviously a hot topic," said Dr. David Ho, head of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City.

His preliminary study, presented at the meeting, offers hints of unique immune system responses in people who carry HIV without harm.

Ho's patients—nine men and one woman—shared no identifiable genetic similarities. They caught their infections in a variety of ways. The only obvious thing they shared is a positive attitude toward their infection.

One early theory about long-term survivors was that their CD4 cells (T cells) were somewhat resistant to infections. However, Ho found that HIV actually infects them easily. But unlike most of those with lengthy infections, these people do not gradually lose their CD4 cells. Instead, the levels remain normal. Some researchers believe the key to this may be another variety of blood cells called CD8 cells.

In one experiment, Ho combined HIV with CD4 cells taken both from normal volunteers and long-term survivors. The virus infected the cells and reproduced rapidly.

Then the researchers added the patients' own CD8 cells to the mix. The survivors' cells promptly stopped making virus, but not the volunteers'. This suggests that people who live with the infection are blessed with CD8 cells that are powerful suppressors of HIV.

"It is a high priority to find any factor associated with these cells" that stops HIV, Ho said.

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Still, other factors may come into play. Ho also discovered that the long-term survivors seem to produce especially potent virus-fighting antibodies, and they seem to carry less aggressive strains of the virus.

New emphasis on gene therapy

Other researchers said their decade of basic research into HIV's origins, structure and life cycle is about to result in human experiments in gene therapy, the most exotic AIDS treatment yet. The idea is to insert HIV-killing genes into people's blood cells so they will be able to protect themselves from the virus.

Among the gene therapy approaches that appear to be closest to actual use is one for newborns developed by Dr. Flossie Wong-Staal and colleagues at the University of California in San Diego. She said she hopes to begin testing it on infected babies within a year and eventually develop a simple AIDS treatment that can be given in a single injection.

"This might seem like an unreachable goal right now, but we should bear in mind that gene therapy is a rapidly developing field," Wong-Staal said.

The treatment must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health before it can be tried, but Wong-Staal said she does not expect a long delay.

No one knows whether this will produce a practical AIDS therapy. Time and again, the virus has proven more clever than the scientists. Its principal tactic is to evolve mutant genes that make it impervious to new drugs.

U.S. pledges to continue vaccine research

U.S. AIDS researchers reiterated their commitment to discovering an AIDS vaccine at last week's meeting, saying it is "our greatest hope" for stopping the epidemic.

"Our collective goal must be to accept nothing less than the complete elimination of AIDS from our world," said Dr. William E. Paul.

U.S. researchers' plans to expand testing of two experimental vaccines were cancelled in June because of doubts about whether they would work, and some researchers say they are unsure a vaccine will ever be found. But Paul remains optimistic.

"Our greatest hope for the eradication of HIV lies in the development of effective preventative vaccines," he said, adding that broad testing of so-called second generation vaccines will begin once there is "a reasonable degree of promise" they will work. He declined to speculate when that might be.

Focus on prevention

During the conference, researchers showed little of the bravura that reigned early in the epidemic, when many were convinced that victory over AIDS was inevitable.

"It has outsmarted us so far, and most of us would predict it will continue to," said Dr. Mark Wainberg of McGill University in Montreal.

For now, many believe that keeping people from contracting HIV, largely through condom use—the World Health Organization estimated 20 billion condoms would be needed to stop the spread of the disease, surely brightening the day of condom manufacturers—is

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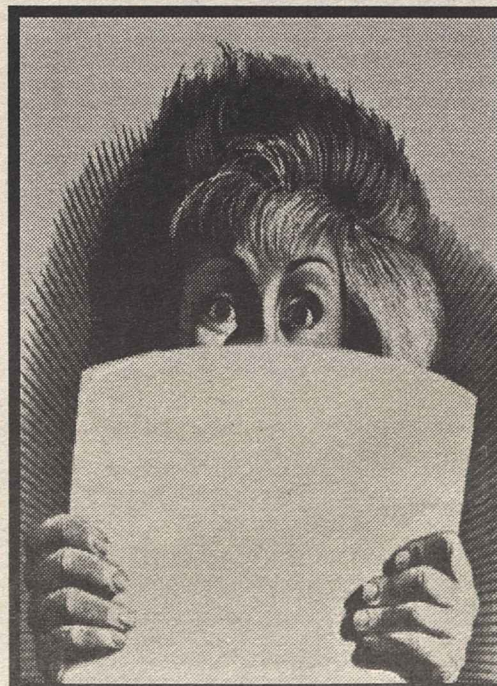


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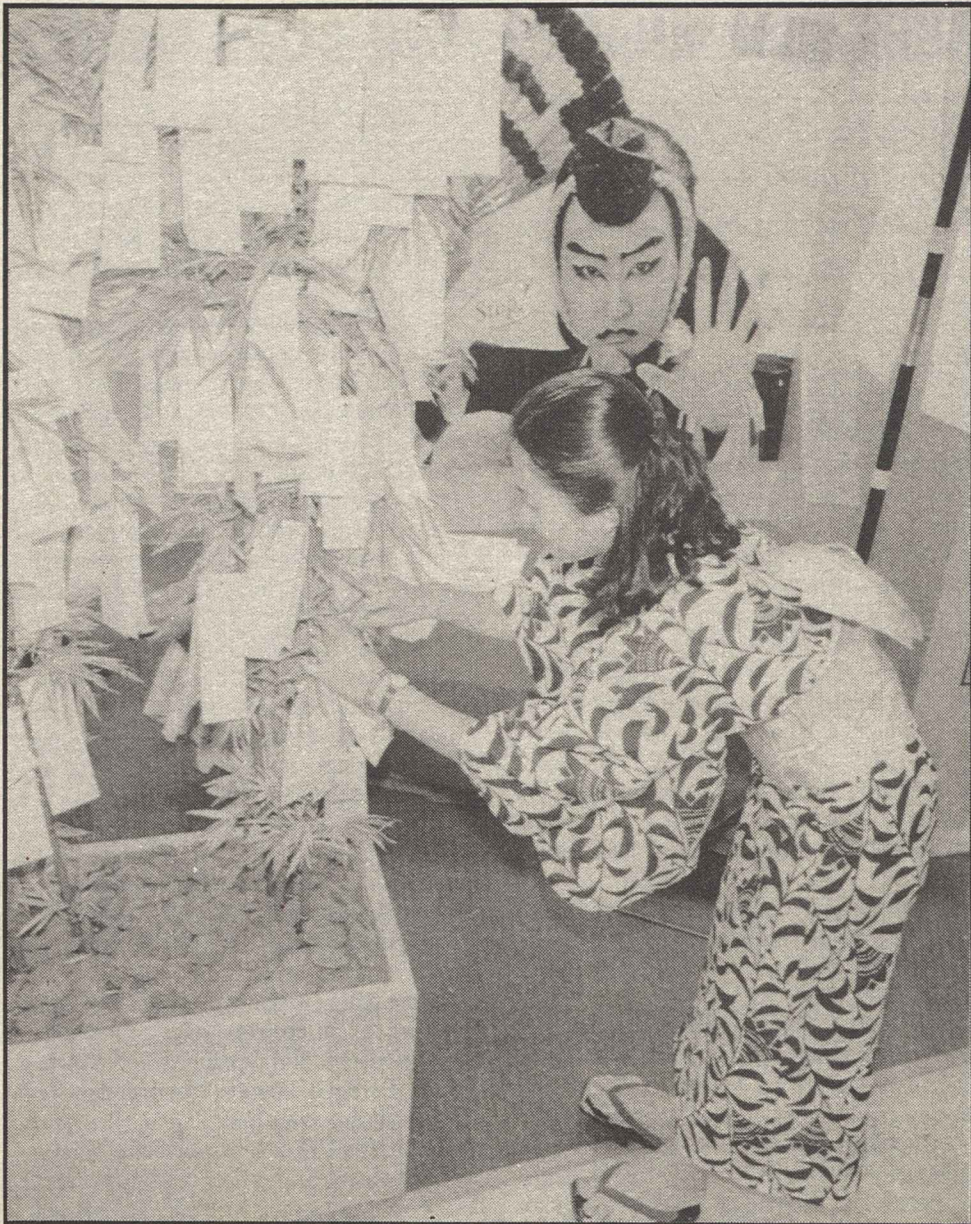
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the only practical way to control the epidemic, which continues to spread with alarming speed.

According to WHO, about 17 million people have been infected with HIV—three million in the last year alone. Africa is the hardest hit, but the virus is starting to spread in Asia, the world's most populous continent.

Ironically, in the conference's Asian host country, the stigma surrounding AIDS is among the strongest in the world.

The Japanese government has almost no programs to prevent or treat AIDS. Patients often have trouble getting medical care. People infected with the virus are often refused restaurant meals and lodging.

The Health Ministry induced hotels in Yokohama to hold AIDS education programs for employees, but the Justice Ministry, fearing "undesirables" would attend the conference, refused to endorse the gathering.

Part of the problem is that Japanese consider AIDS a foreign malady. "Japanese cul-

ture has long had a sense of a 'pure' inside and an 'unclean' outside," said psychiatrist Dr. Tetsuo Kumakura. "Sickness is often blamed on people from the outside."

But AIDS is making its way into Japan—with a population of 125 million, there are only 700 reported cases of AIDS, and officials estimate 13,000 people are infected with HIV. And health officials fear a major epidemic unless steps are taken to head it off.

"It is so urgent to act here in Asia before we get an explosion of infection," said Dr. Michael Merson, head of the WHO's AIDS program. "We are running out of time. There is no excuse."

The news from the International Conference on AIDS shows that AIDS clearly will be a deadly foe for a long time. The International AIDS Society is planning more meetings like this one through the end of the century.

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AIDS czar appointment stirs debate

Activists and advocates try again to influence selection of the Clinton administration's AIDS Policy Coordinator

When Patricia S. (Patsy) Fleming was named interim National AIDS Policy Coordinator at a White House news conference on August 2—the day Kristine Gebbie stepped down as AIDS czar—the announcement did little to quell growing concern about the administration's commitment to forming a national AIDS policy.

Although AIDS activists for the most part lauded Fleming for her experience and knowledge of the issues—ACT UP/Washington's Steve Michael was a notable exception, calling Fleming “an apologist for the administration”—AIDS organizations were unanimous in criticizing the Clinton administration for making an interim appointment and not resolving the issue of restructuring and staffing the office.

“This is bad news, because they still don't understand,” said Cornelius Baker, policy director for the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA). “After months of trouble with Kristine Gebbie, and after they have actually entered into discussion on this in May, here we are in August, and they still have no candidate or mission for the office.”

AIDS organizations have called on the administration to shrink the staff size, to “about ten people,” according to NAPWA director Bill Freeman, and to follow through on his campaign promise to make the post cabinet level. But is the president listening?

The White House was in “fairly regular contact” with the AIDS Action Council in June and early July on these issues of restructuring, said AIDS Action spokesman Lynora Williams, but that hasn't been the case in recent weeks. “I am not sure what that means,” Williams said.

The administration says it hopes to announce the permanent appointment in mid-September, but some possibilities have already taken themselves out of consideration. Fleming said she is not a candidate to stay on, and will return to her position as special assistant to Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala. Lowell Weicker, a favorite of many activists, has announced he will become chairman of a biotech firm when he steps down as governor of Connecticut. Tim Westmoreland, aide to Rep Henry Waxman (D-CA) and respected for his AIDS advocacy, has reportedly turned down an offer of the post.

Baker said he is trying to broker a dialogue between groups on the selection process to avoid “the cat calling and nasty faxes” that marked selection of Gebbie last year.

“There was not even an attempt by the community to meet as a whole and talk about candidates,” he said. “Instead everyone just sent roaring faxes attacking each other's candidates. And we got Kristine Gebbie.”

Some of that is going on now—most notably over AIDS Project Los Angeles public policy director Phill Wilson, whom Michael says ACT UP will oppose “like nobody's business”—but even if a mid-September appointment is made, Baker is pessimistic.

“The person will probably start in November, if we are lucky,” he said. “At that point they will have missed most of the cycle for the budget that will be introduced in February.”

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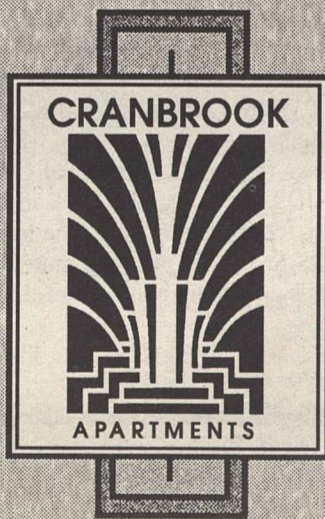
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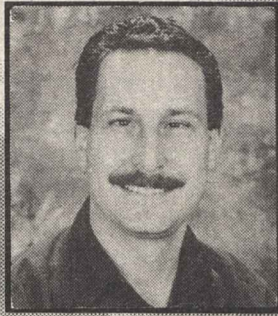
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by Bruce Mirken



Crying

Recently, as I stood at the middle of the Golden Gate Bridge and looked out over San Francisco Bay on a clear, impossibly beautiful summer day, my ex-lover, Tim, did something he hasn't done in a very long time: He made me laugh.

Try as I might to be alone with my thoughts, the constant stream of camera-toting tourists in tacky clothes kept distracting me. I just wanted to tell them all to go the hell away and leave me alone. Suddenly, as if out of nowhere, I heard Tim's voice. In that tinny, mock-midwestern accent he'd put on to make fun of yokels, he shouted, "Oh Myrna, look! It's Alcatraz!" and I burst into giggles.

Tim, you see, died in February 1993. And though I assume the voice I heard came from some corner of my imagination rather than any physical presence, it doesn't matter. It was the first time since he died that I've been able to think of him and laugh.

But grief is a funny thing. Just when you think you're getting over it, just when you think you've pulled yourself back together, it sneaks up and smacks you. Just two days after that moment on the bridge, I unthinkingly popped a cassette into my stereo and was stopped dead by Roy Orbison and k.d. lang singing a duet on a classic old song of Orbison's:

I thought that I was over you
But it's true, so true
I love you even more
Than I did before
But darling, what can I do?

I collapsed on the couch, shaking with sobs and calling—no, howling—Tim's name.

It doesn't go away. It doesn't get better. It doesn't stop hurting, ever. A healing of a sort does take place over time, but what you get is a sort of emotional scar tissue: The wound isn't so obvious anymore, but it's still there under the surface, and you're never, ever the same again.

For the record, Tim didn't die of AIDS; he was unlucky enough to get inoperable cancer of the liver and pancreas at the age of 31, exactly the second non-AIDS death I've experienced in the last dozen years. But on some level it hardly seems to matter: His passing came in the midst of a sea of AIDS deaths, a grim drumbeat that just never stops.

His death would have been devastating all by itself, but the torrent of grief that many of us have endured is an experience

no one who hasn't lived through it can imagine. I missed two friends' funeral because I was too busy arranging Tim's.

The point of this is not to dwell on my own personal pain—in fact, just the opposite. The tide of loss I'm trying feebly to describe here has swamped a whole generation of gay men. It's changed us irrevocably—how we live, how we form relationships, how we organize to try to deal with this continuing plague—and I don't think we've begun to understand how.

Others have compared our experience with AIDS to living in wartime. In terms of sheer volume of loss, the comparison is valid, but in other ways the experience is entirely different. Wartime deaths, after all, may be brutal, but often they're at least quick, with the pain over in minutes rather than dragged out over years. And—at least if he's lucky—a soldier can be comforted by the thought that his fallen buddies died defending their country, defending freedom or struggling for

some sort of worthy end. It's hard to feel that way about watching your friends get eaten away by a virus.

This is the point in the column where, having pointed out some unhappy situation, I usually start drawing clever (some

might say sanctimonious and smug) conclusions, and maybe even begin suggesting solutions. Not this time. I have no answers, only questions. All I know is that America as a society has never been terribly good at dealing with death, and we as a community haven't done much better.

Maybe a starting point is to realize how difficult it is just to live—much less build a movement that's trying to alter the direction of scientific research, government policy and societal mores—with the amount of pain we as a community have endured. It's so easy to criticize, so easy to lay blame (and I've certainly done my share), so easy to lash out in frustration and rage—and so hard to just keep it together.

I don't have any answers this time. I only know we have got to start asking the questions. And even though the stereo is off as I write this, that song keeps running through my head and I can't make it stop. *You said so long and left me standing all alone. Alone and crying.*

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Investigational HIV vaccine shows promise, researchers say

St. Louis, MO—Tests on a new HIV vaccine show promise, researchers say, finding no major side effects and a broader immune response than that found in earlier vaccine studies.

"We saw some very significant new findings," said Dr. Robert B. Belshe, director of the Center for Vaccine Development at Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

"The vaccine (called MN rgp120) stimulated a higher quantity of neutralizing antibody than we've seen before," Belshe said Aug. 5. "In addition, those antibodies could attack and kill not only the laboratory strain of HIV from which the vaccine was made, but also several other lab strains of the virus.

"This is a small but important step forward. There are many strains of HIV in the

real world, and we believe an effective HIV vaccine must be able to kill all or most of those strains."

The study, which involved 57 healthy, HIV-negative adult volunteers who were at low risk for HIV infection, was conducted at AIDS vaccine evaluation units at medical schools at Saint Louis, the University of Rochester in New York and Vanderbilt University. The next phase, which is scheduled to be completed in about six months, involves low-risk and high-risk volunteers.

The research is funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, a component of the National Institutes of Health.

Belshe said other positive advances found with the investigational vaccine was its abil-

ity to stimulate a kind of antibody that can kill infected cells, as opposed to killing only the virus itself, and to prime the exposed immune system to recognize the virus in the future.

But the news is not all good, said Belshe, who notes that further development is needed if MN rgp120 is to be truly effective.

Researchers note that even higher levels of antibodies than the vaccine stimulates may be needed for it to be protective. They also found that while the antibodies were effective against laboratory strains of HIV, they could not kill HIV taken directly out of people infected with the virus. The significance of that finding is not known, they said.

"There are many tasks to be completed

with basic studies such as this one, said Belshe. "Each study gives us more information. These findings represent another small step along the road to developing an AIDS vaccine.

"I am confident that we will be able to develop one. But it's an enormously complex virus and it will take a long time. I don't know if it will be five years or fifteen, but we will have a vaccine."

The results of the study appear in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and were to be presented Aug. 5 at the International Conference on AIDS in Yokohama, Japan.

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For insatiable partiers, River Race weekend offered ample delights

by ADAM J. SANK
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Thursday, August 11, 1994, Colony Square Hotel lobby, 9:00 am.

A curious mix of straitlaced business types and pumped-up partiers mills about the tastefully decorated lobby, each wondering if he is in the right hotel. The businessmen wear dark suits with pressed white shirts and bright summer ties. The partiers wear dark tans with pressed, tight shorts and bright summer highlights. There are as yet no signs indicating where one goes to register for River Expo '94, but a cheerful front desk staff directs those interested to the Habersham Room, where registration will begin in several hours.

Hence, the restless would-be Hotlantans circle the lobby, discreetly cruising one and all. Actually, some of the businessmen do, too.

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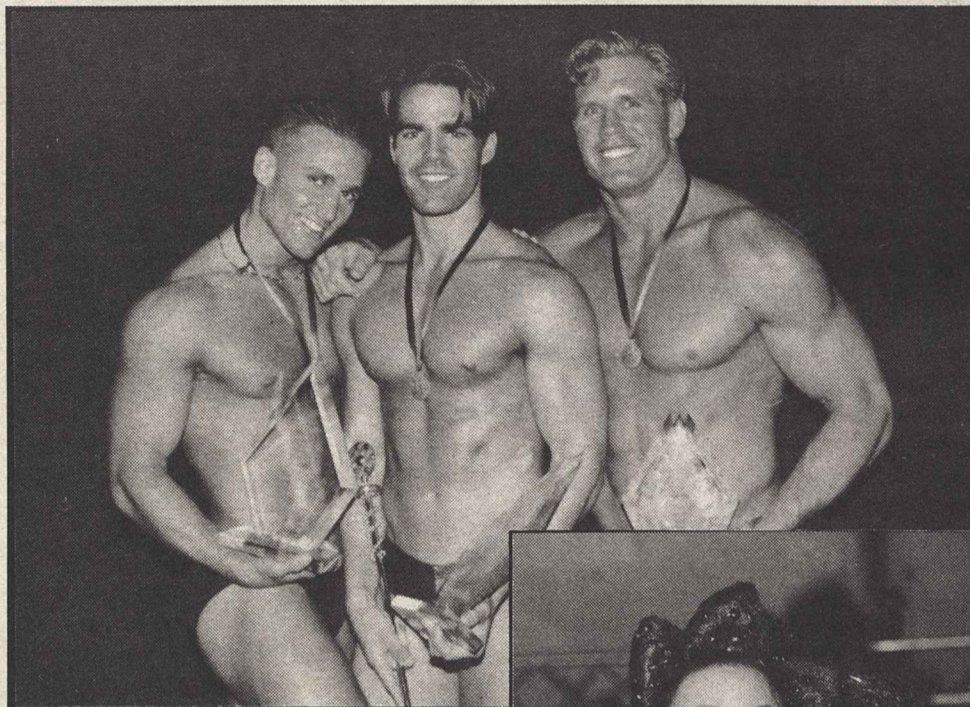
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Backstage, the seven contestants hurriedly touch up mascara, tease and fuss with coiffures, and tuck away needless appendages in the makeshift dressing room. Chattanooga na-

tive Heather Daniels, a leggy blonde with sparkling blue eyes, is rushed but collected as she describes her competition tonight. "Tina Devore and Ashley Cruise are always good," says the former Miss East Tennessee, "but it's really anybody's race tonight."

At 8:00, the Armory's Bubba D. Licious and May Tag come to the stage. As emcees for the evening, the two distinctly unglamorous female impersonators delight the audience with ongoing campy commentary throughout the pageant's two hours and 45 minutes, although the drug jokes wear a bit thin after a while: "Careful going down the river this year, boys," jokes Bubba, "with all the rain, the water's really high. But then again, so are we."

Following the initial presentation, talent competition and evening gown competition, as well as endless "entertainment" breaks featuring the Miss Hotlanta dancers and comedian Danny Williams, the winners are announced. Carol Channing impersonator Lorelie wins \$100 as "Miss Congeniality," so chosen by her fellow contestants for her warmth and charm. Ashley Cruise is named second runner-up and recipient of \$200. First runner-up and \$500 goes to Atlanta's own Leah Stetson, who dazzled the crowd in a stunning turquoise Oscar de La Renta gown. And the new Miss Hotlanta 1994 is the statuesque Tina Devore, a Funky Diva at the Armory whose theme throughout the pageant was "pride."



Above: Mr. Hotlanta first runner-up Anthony Marsh (left), winner Dean Steib, and second runner-up Mark Matthews. Right: Miss Hotlanta Tina Devore, one of the Armory's Funky Divas.



After receiving her crown and a \$1,000 check, Devore exclaims, "I'm ecstatic! You saw the competition! And I won!"

Friday, August 12, 1994, Atlanta Civic Center auditorium, 8:00 pm

"Finally, it's happened to me right in front of my face and my lips can't deny it," belts the fabulous CeCe Peniston to the adoring crowd. She ain't kidding.

For two hours Hotlantans are dazzled by the high-tech multimedia sets, acrobatic dancing, and above all, buffed-up beefcake that is the 1994 Mr. Hotlanta International Finals and Show. As emcees Danny Williams and Ant make sexual innuendos ad nauseam, 16 pectorally-gifted men strut about the stage in three separate competitions, all of which could be entitled, "Let's see how many clothes we can take off."

Not that the audience is complaining. When Michael Stea, a Herculean history teacher from Los Angeles, prances about in a leather thong and helmet, Ant correctly assesses, "I don't think any of us had a history teacher who looked like this." Still, by the end of the "fantasy photo" competition, the audience has become somewhat jaded by all of the raw flesh and is grateful for the opportunity to run to the lobby to purchase drink tickets for the second act.

After CeCe and her agile, hip-hop dancers bring down the house with some much-needed entertainment, the swimsuit competition commences, followed by a raft-race "men on rules"

presentation by Williams and Ant. Finally, it is announced that Dean Steib, a Versace sales associate who seems distinguished chiefly by the fact that he lives in Atlanta, has won the title of Mr. Hotlanta 1994 and will receive \$3,000 and a spot on *Genre* magazine's cover. The title of first runner up and \$1,500 goes to New Zealander Anthony Marsh, a trainer and model now residing in New York. And second runner-up and \$1,000 is claimed by Mark Matthews, another fitness trainer from Orlando, FL.

Sufficiently frustrated, the audience flees to Backstreet trying desperately to block out the images left dancing in their, uh, heads.

Saturday, August 13, 1994, somewhere on the Chattahoochee, 12:00 pm

Perhaps getting continuously squirted in the face with giant Super Soakers would be more fun if not for the many horror stories circulating about the Hooch's bacteria factor. Doubtless, warnings regarding the fetid water seem to have detracted many Hotlantans from attending the festival's namesake, the River Expo.

Those choosing to participate are treated to a mostly pleasant though strangely placid ride through Cobb County, while bystanders in the woods, reportedly moles for John Knox's future campaigns, videotape the boys floating by. However, despite all the hoopla about this

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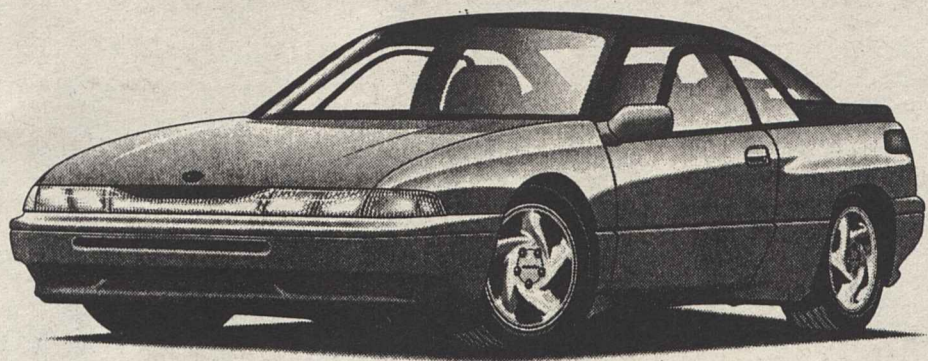
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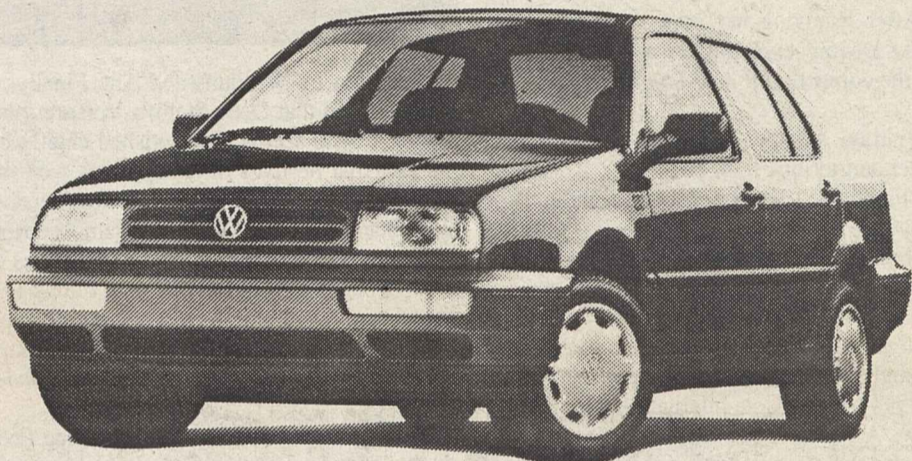
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A Hotlanta diary

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year's emphasis on "theme rafts," there is very little here that would raise a Cobb County commissioner's eyebrow. The only thing truly shocking is that some men actually stand barefoot in the mucky underbelly of the Hooch.

At exactly 2:30, as all of the rafts are deflated and packed up, it begins to pour, proving once again that God loves homosexuals.

Saturday, August 13th, 1994, Atlanta Apparel Mart, 11:00 pm.

Excellent party. Emphasis on the "Ex," as in "expensive."

But seriously, those that can still ponder pondered, is it truly worth \$35 to dance in a humongous but under-decorated arena with all the same people you danced with at Backstreet last night for \$5.00? Despite murmurings of a truly miraculous dance-fest whose "details"

were kept secret until the last minute, the "Graffiti" theme consists of nothing more than a single scaffold in the middle of the mart upon which two artists listlessly spray-paint street art onto canvas.

The boys seem not to be bothered by the minimalist decor, however, and perhaps this is due to an extraordinary amount of chemical enhancement. It seems that among most of the thousands of muscular, sweaty bodies, XTC, cocaine, ethyl, and "K" (a reported cat tranquilizer) have made the rounds. The result is a lovefest of sorts with lots of smiles and hugs, undisturbed by the fact that the stage upon which many of the boys are dancing has collapsed, leaving ominous looking depressions below the shaggy surface.

Around 3:00, most have left for the next party, an after-hours at the Core, although some continue to float gracefully around the mart amidst the pounding disco beat.

And a few, perhaps more than ten, have gone to sleep.



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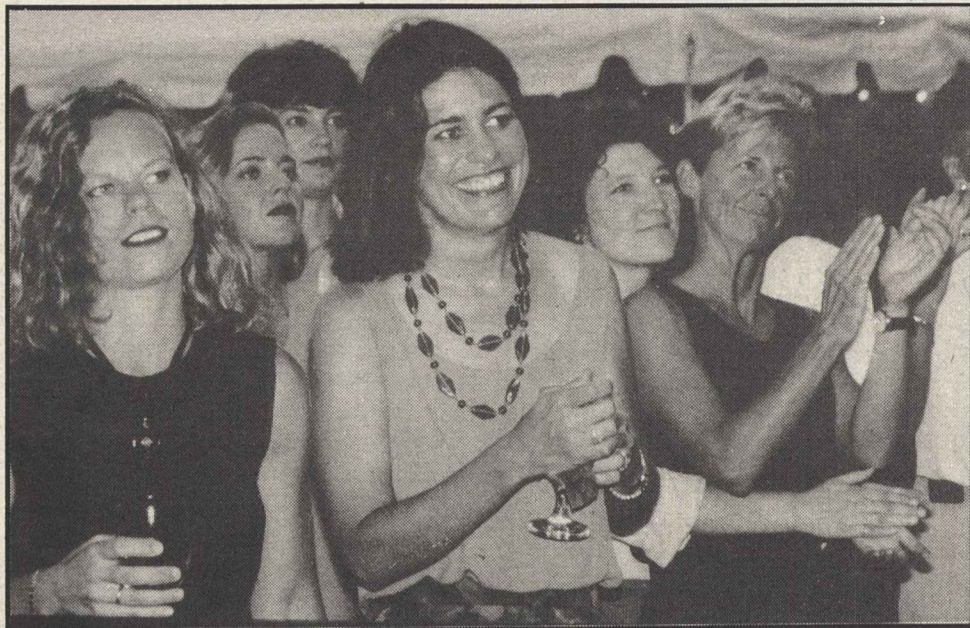
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The audience at this year's Legacy Awards and Garden Party

Foundation honors "uncommon" lesbians

The Uncommon Legacy Foundation, a New York-based group that began as a cocktail party, then grew to provide financial support to the lesbian community, is gaining attention in its fifth year as it attracts more women to its efforts. The foundation's Legacy Awards and Garden Party, held July 30 in Watermill, NY, drew 550 women to honor prominent activists including San Francisco supervisor Carole Migden and attorney couple Paula Ettelbrick and Suzanne Goldberg. Another event in June attracted well-knowns such as Lauren Hutton, who was guest presenter, and honorees such as authors Rita Mae Brown and Kate Millett.

The message of Uncommon Legacy is that women can and should take financial care of their own, just as gay men have been doing for years. And according to Vivian Shapiro, co-chair of the foundation's board of directors, the foundation's message is being met with overwhelming financial support by women from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

"Women want to determine their own destinies," Shapiro says. "What we are finding is that women will come out when asked to support women."

Shapiro says that the increasing interest in Uncommon Legacy means that organizers will begin visiting major cities across the United States to see if they can help found chapters. They will be asking women to support their mission, which, organizers say, is to give money to individuals or groups that aid the health and well-being of lesbians in society. Local chapters would keep 50% of the funds they raise in their cities, designating local recipients through board approval.

Atlanta will not be visited until January 1995, when a free cocktail party is scheduled to be held for women who are interested in hearing about Uncommon Legacy. The

foundation's visit will actually be the organizers' second trip to Atlanta. A visit several years earlier was met with limited interest, perhaps in part because the foundation was still in its infancy, barely more than the original cocktail party where it was born.

It all began, Shapiro explains, when several women who owned second homes in the Hamptons in New York threw a cocktail party to benefit the MS Foundation and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. The event was so successful that Shapiro and others began to think about using their skills to establish a foundation for lesbians.

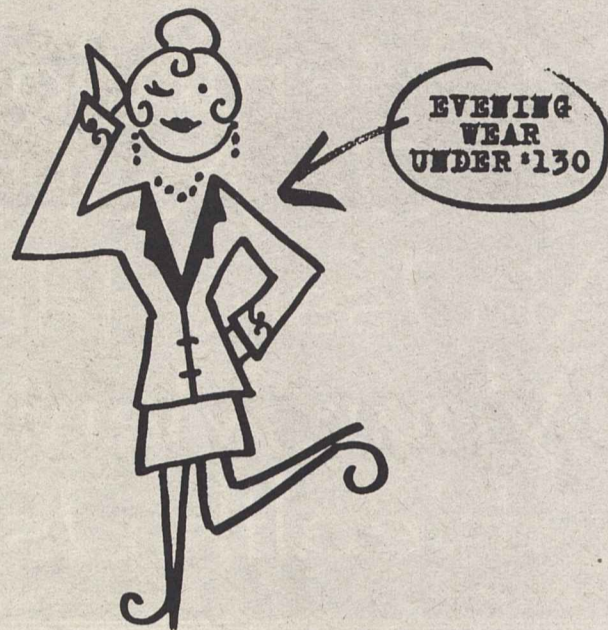
According to Atlanta professional facilitator Elizabeth Marsala, who visited New York to lead one of the foundation's organizational meetings, the women were high energy. "They were beginning to focus and pull together in an organized fashion the whole process of looking at building a legacy for lesbians," she stated. "I thought then, and I think now, that recognizing lesbians and honoring an endowment for that is an excellent idea."

Since its inception, the Legacy board has created a special scholarship fund for openly lesbian students, a Legacy brochure outlining insurance and planned giving programs that support the foundation's endowment fund, and published "The Book of Uncommon Women," which showcases 112 pages of lesbian achievement.

This year's Legacy Awards and Garden Party benefited the Legacy Scholarship Fund; Camp Sister Spirit, founded by Brenda and Wanda Henson in Ovett, MS; and the Lesbian Research Network. And at the fundraiser in June, 30 undergraduate and graduate students from around the country were presented with scholarship money.

PAMELA EVANS

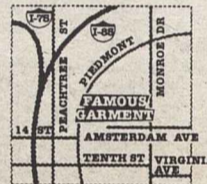
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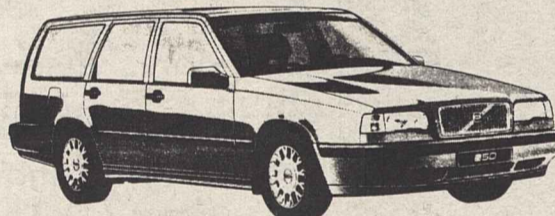
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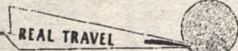
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Cobb County human rights rally set for August 28

To mark the first anniversary of Cobb County's anti-gay resolution, three groups opposing that resolution are sponsoring "And Justice for All...Cobb Rally for Human Rights" on the downtown square in Marietta on Aug. 28.

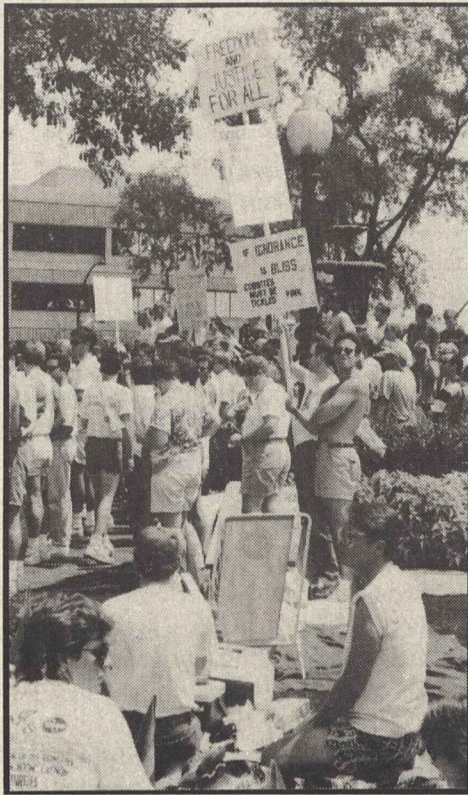
The Marietta Interfaith Alliance, headed by Temple Kol Emeth Rabbi Steven Lebow, the Cobb Citizens Coalition, and the Network for Social Responsibility have called the rally to show support for human rights in Cobb County. Representatives from those organizations will speak at the rally, along with U.S. Congressional candidate Ben Jones, Rev. James Orange from the King Center, NOW vice president Rosemary Dempsey, and Shannon Byrne, daughter of Cobb Commission chair Bill Byrne.

The rally will begin at 4 pm with speeches and will continue until 7:45 with entertainment from Cool Joe, Jupiter Symphony, Ashley & Mark, Angela Motter, Chris Hatcher, Johnnie Eason, S. Faybelle Mahoe, Chris Coleman, the Marc Stowe Group, and the Redefine Faith Gospel Choir.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring a picnic basket, and activities for children will be made available.

Parking near the square is expected to be tight during the rally, said Tony Leonard of the Marietta Interfaith Alliance. "Please let people know that they should carpool as much as possible," he said.

Marietta police will bar vehicular traffic from the immediate square area, but parking



The Queer Family Picnic, held in Marietta Square last August.

is available in the Cobb County administration building parking deck on Cherokee St., and in a city lots between the Square and the North Loop. Those parking areas will be patrolled by security, said Leonard.

For more information, call the Cobb Citizens Coalition at 256-8690.

Atlanta players do well in volleyball tournament

Atlanta, GA—The Hotlanta Volleyball Association (HVA) hosted its annual tournament July 29-31, and Atlanta players were seven of the fifteen teams to win trophies. With 60 teams from coast to coast, the Atlanta tournament became the largest in the nation after Nationals and Gay Games. "We had ten other teams that wanted to come, but we just couldn't accommodate them," says Doug Lalicker, tournament director.

The tournament is divided into five divisions of play: C, B, BB, A and AA (AA being the most difficult). There were several teams from Dallas, Chicago, New Orleans and Washington, DC; for the first time, there was a team from Birmingham, AL, where HVA is trying to assist in forming a league. With eight teams in the C division, 15 in B, 19 in BB, 12 in A, and six in AA, the tournament had to be played at three different facilities: Emory, Georgia State, and Agnes Scott.

"The tournament has grown by ten or so teams over the past few years," says Lalicker. He attributes some of the growth of this year's tournament to an increase in advertising. "There were two other tournaments on the same weekend, but neither had more than 24 teams. Atlanta shows everybody a good time and everybody has fun while they're here," adds Lalicker.

Winning the AA division for the third year in a row was Las Gititas from New

Jersey, followed by the Tallahassee Tiger Sharks (a team of mostly Atlanta players), and Atlanta Total Eclipse took third. In the A division, first place went to the Villa Rica Vixons (formerly the Smyrna Smackers, but they too had to leave Cobb). Second in the A division went to the Dayton Attack and third went to the Atlanta Blitz with the Atlanta Heat coming in fourth. The BB division winner was another team with Atlanta players, the Greensboro Warehouse 29. The BB second place trophy was won by New York Gadivas with the Seattle Outsiders taking third. The Atlanta Boy Skoutz won first in the B division followed by the Nashville 8 for second and the Ft. Lauderdale Screamin Seamen (with Atlanta players) in third. The C-division winner was Chicago Windy City Athletics, with Houston Stampede in second and DC Trouble II in third.

Hotlanta Volleyball will continue to have open play on Thursdays at Mercer (7-10:30) for another month and still has open play on Fridays at North Druid Hills church (Ponce and Briarcliff) from 7-11 pm. The league will be forming teams in September for another year of League play. Atlanta teams are expected to compete in upcoming tournaments in Columbus and Dallas. Also, the HVA is bidding to host the national tournament in 1996 held over Memorial Day Weekend.



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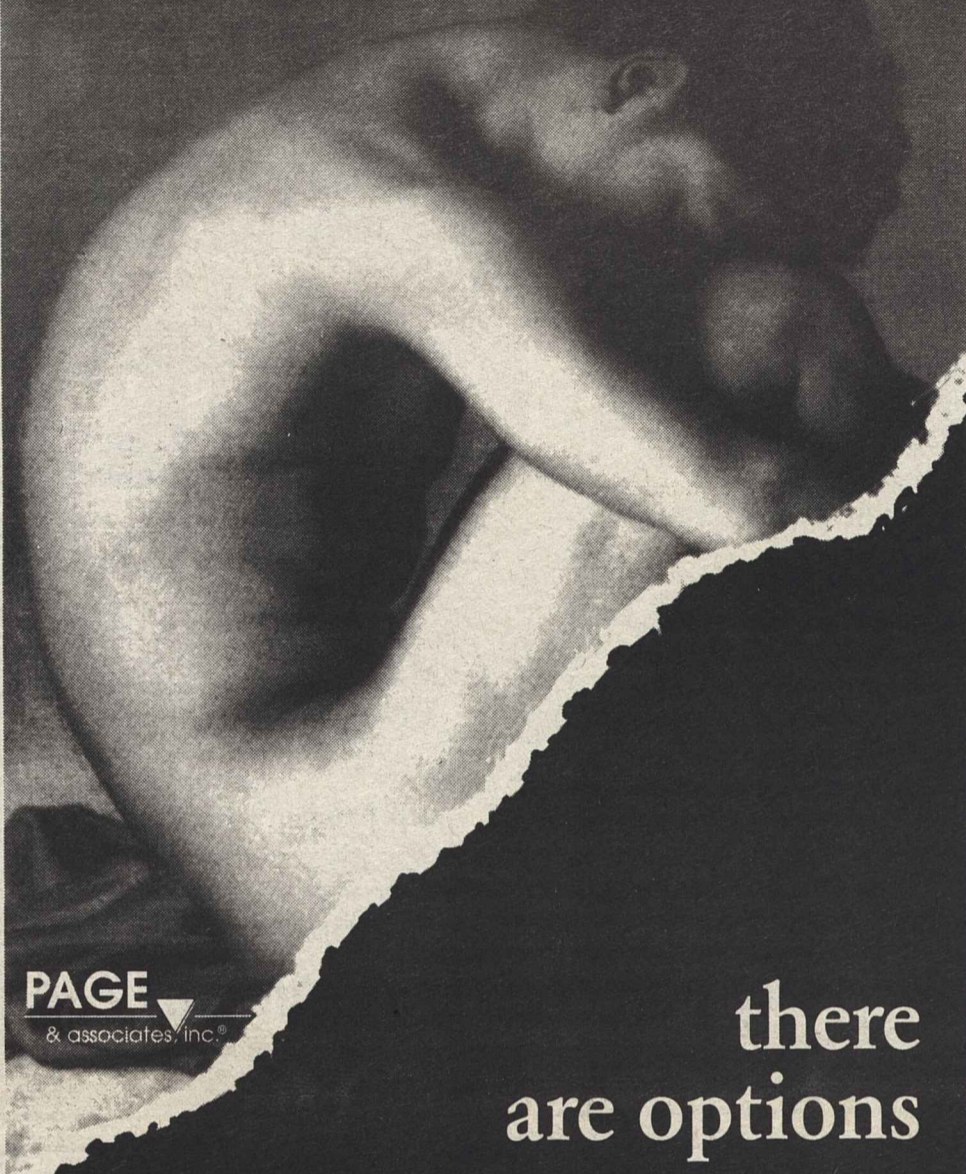
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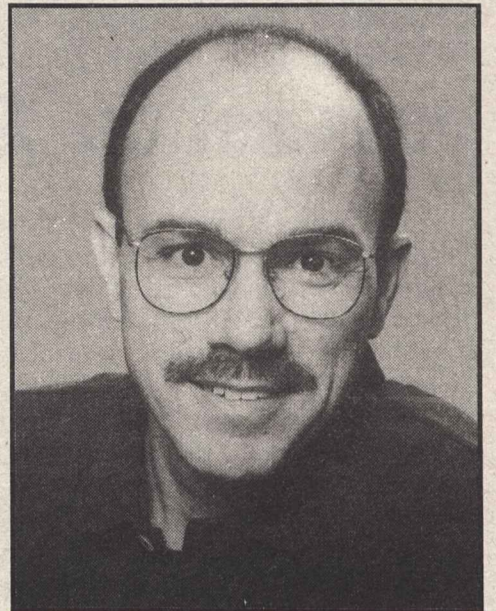
Alan Walter Perreault

May 18, 1953 - July 21, 1994

Alan passed away on July 21 in Boston from complications of AIDS. He grew up in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and moved to Atlanta in 1977. His career in the hospitality industry began with catering sales for the Sheraton Century Center Hotel and the Pierremont Hotel, where he perfected his natural ability to work with people as the consummate host and the meticulous organizer. In the early '80s he initiated what was to be a long period of dedicated service and activism in the gay community.

As a new member of the Atlanta Business and Professional Guild, he helped direct the 1985 Midtown Classic and shortly thereafter joined the education team of AID/Atlanta. It was here that Alan's energy and passion thrived as he became a strong advocate of AIDS education and a spokesperson throughout the southeast. He was one of the creators of Campaign '85, a highly successful AIDS risk-reduction program, and literally became a role model for gay men promoting a spirit of health and love. In the spring of 1988 Alan co-chaired the Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men.

That summer he moved to New York to be with his lover, Thos Shipley, and helped manage his music career. He was a natural, bringing his management skills to the entertainment field and often assisting in Thos' performances in New York's jazz clubs. His own career in catering sales flourished as he



brought his style of southern hospitality to the Tower Suites and the Lotus Club. After a long illness in the winter of 1993, Alan moved to Boston and became involved with the Boston Living Center. A year later he fulfilled a personal goal as the first tenant in the newly dedicated Joseph McAllister House, an apartment building in the South End for people living with AIDS.

He is survived by his parents, Lorraine and Norman, aunt Gloria, sisters Chris and Sandy, brothers Richard and Peter Paul all of Holyoke, MA. Alan had many friends in Atlanta, New York and Boston who will miss him dearly. A memorial service was held in Boston on July 30th and plans are being made for a celebration of his life here in Atlanta. To be notified, please leave your name and number at 892-4531.

Jeffrey Bearden

Jeffrey Bearden died July 28, 1994.

He is survived by his parents, Jesse and Sandy Bearden; a brother, Jason Bearden; a grandmother, Mildred Bearden; and a grandfather, Ray Kyler; all of western Kentucky.

Jeff was born June 20, 1963, and grew up on the family farm in Manitou, Kentucky. After studying at Clemson University, he moved to Atlanta in 1985, where he established a career in landscape design and

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Heidi and Kelly are celebrating a year's anniversary on Aug. 20.



Michael Lynch and Robin Davidson celebrate 17 years together.

BIRTHDAYS

A belated happy birthday to Elisabeth Huhn on Aug. 8. Zan says she really is getting younger because the gray is going away.

Happy birthday to Mike in LaGrange on Aug. 15. Mark and Mark report that a fun time was had by all who helped celebrate at Fat Tuesday on Sunday.

Happy birthday to Ray Brown on Aug. 18.

Happy birthday to Joey Nickles, who turned 35 on Aug. 17.

A happy fourth birthday to Tasha Glenn Williams on Aug. 15 from Randy.

Happy birthday to Kelly Reeves, who turned 29 on Aug. 17.

Eddie DeLima celebrates his 33rd birthday on Aug. 19, and reports that the last two have been celebrated with "the one I love most in my life," Claude F. Sloan.



Marsha Mitchiner and Shirley Chancey celebrate their 19th on Aug. 20.

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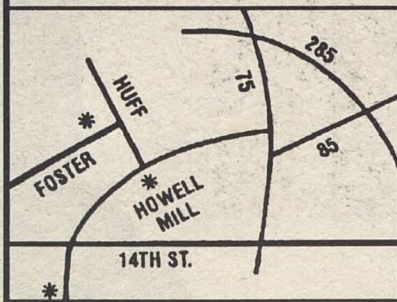
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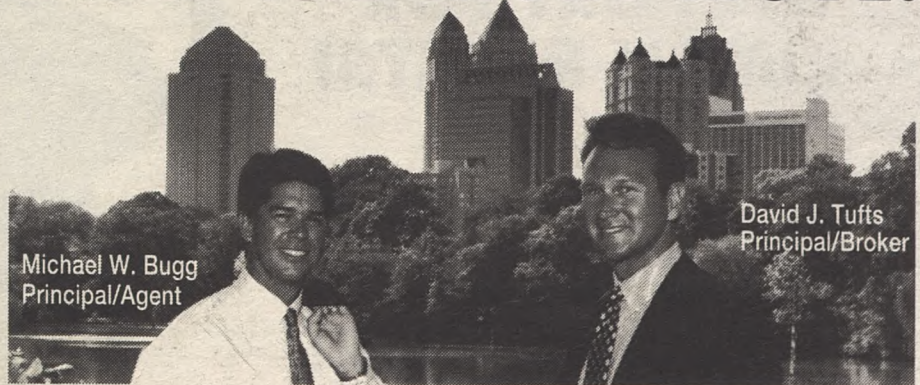
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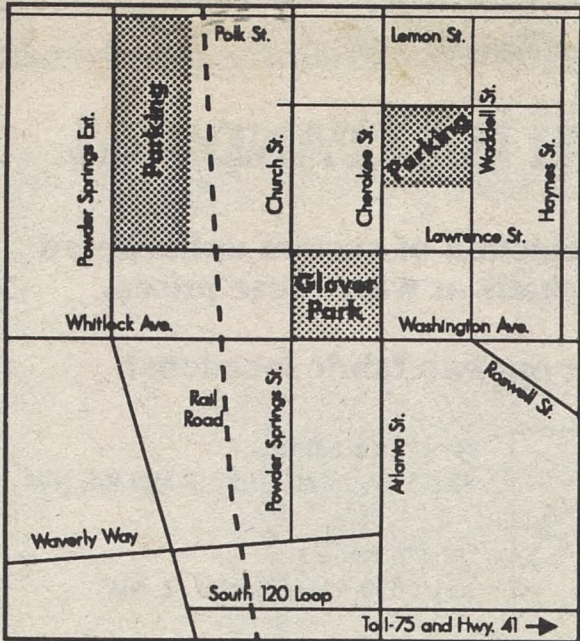
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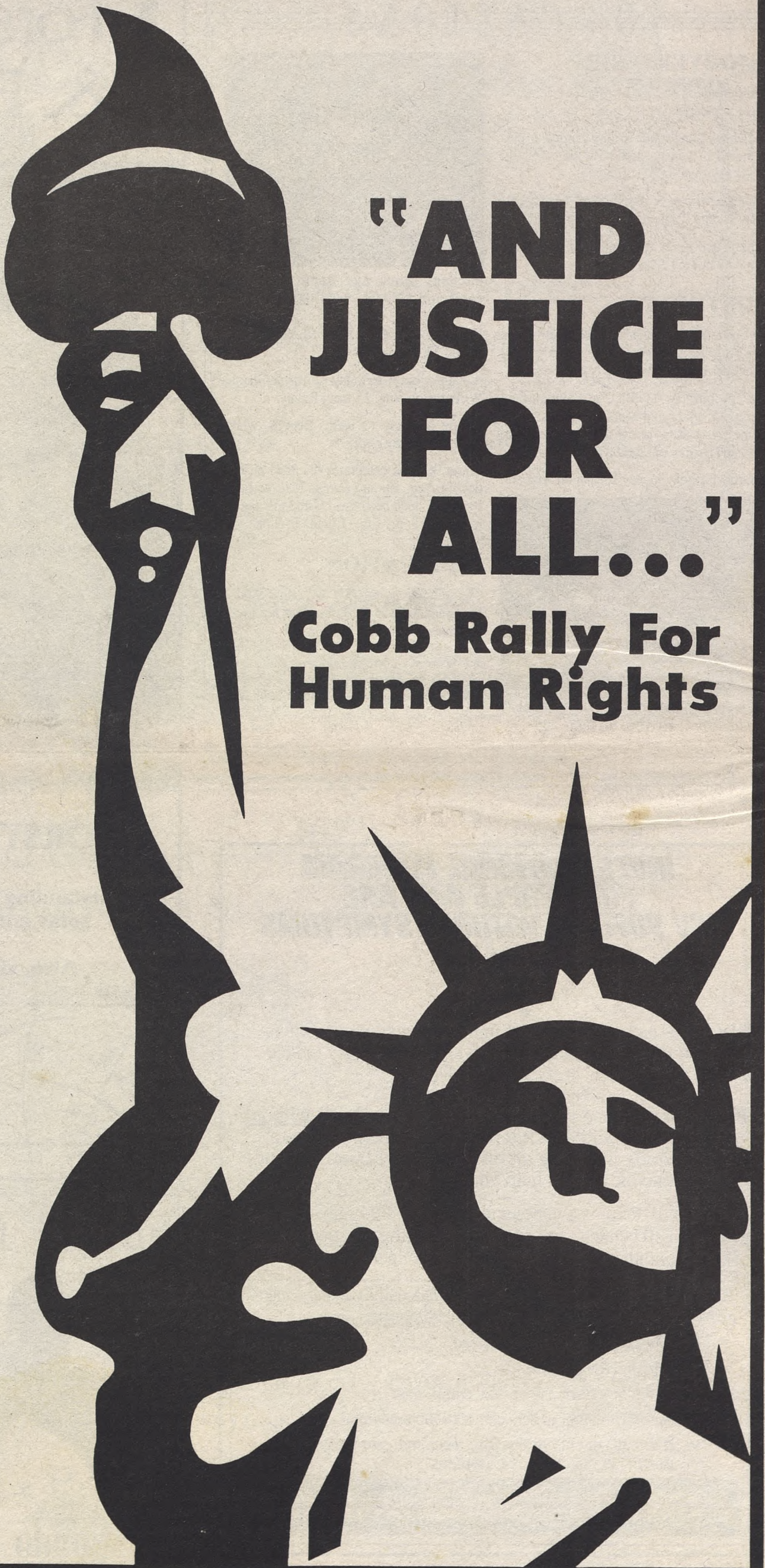
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Dolly will never go away again

Carol Channing returns as match-maker Dolly Levi in "Hello, Dolly!"

by MICHAEL KAPE

To paraphrase a lyric, it's so nice to have Carol Channing back where she belongs. Channing is on the road doing "Hello, Dolly!" one more time. Actually, she's nearing her 4,000th time playing Dolly Gallagher Levi, though the exact number is unknown. "We lost count after 3,000 performances," Channing laughs.

Carol Channing is one of the most widely recognized, most often imitated, and most beloved stars of the American theatre, a performer who expends as much energy raising funds at AIDS benefits as she does doing "Dolly" six days a week. ("On our off day, we travel," she says.)

So why is Channing—who debuted on Broadway in 1948 and first appeared in "Dolly" in 1964—once again doing eight performances a week in the well-known musical? "The Beijing government started the whole thing, actually," she says. "They thought 'Dolly' was the most typically American musical. Of course, that was before things got so iffy between China and the United States. ['Dolly' composer] Jerry Herman, who's acting as our overall artistic director, said, 'Why just go to China? Why build all those sets and costumes for one engagement?' So I said, 'Let's make it a world tour, a 30th anniversary production.' But now we don't even know whether the Beijing government still wants us."

Typical or not, "Hello, Dolly!" had a stormy history before it became one of the biggest hits in American musical theatre, and Channing witnessed all the changes. The original producer, David Merrick, wanted to close the show in Detroit, but director/choreographer Gower Champion and the cast convinced him to keep it going. The book was revised, and several songwriters were brought in anonymously ("Funny Girl" lyricist Bob Merrill wrote the song "Elegance"), and finally it was a hit.

One of the joys Channing had in creating the role was

working with legendary gay playwright Thornton Wilder, who wrote "The Matchmaker" (and its earlier version, "The Merchant of Yonkers"), the basis for "Hello, Dolly!"

"Jerry [Herman] realized he had to find out what Thornton Wilder was really trying to say in his play," Channing recounts. "Jerry figured out that in 'Our Town,' Thornton was saying the same thing he said in 'The Matchmaker'—'Don't go to the grave with your lovely young bride, stay with the living.' In this play, Thornton was saying, 'Dolly Gallagher Levi, stop talking to your dead husband and rejoin the human race!' That's when Jerry wrote 'Before the Parade Passes By.' Thornton came up to us right after he heard that and said, 'How did you know what I was trying to say?'"

In recent years, Channing has been extremely active in AIDS fundraising. She sees it as part of her responsibility as an actress: "We're in the position where we're the only ones who can help. That's part of being a public figure, in that you're in that kind of position to help. And it's your job to do it!"

"I remember being at an AIDS benefit where I was working with Angela Lansbury. They had suddenly put me on ahead of where I was supposed to be, so she rushed up and helped me fix my costume, then she got it on me. I went out there and did my job. Then I rushed backstage and listened to her rehearse her speech—she was trying to memorize it. We were all helping each other. I was lacing Bette Midler up, too."

At one of those benefits, held in 1992 in Los Angeles, not only did Channing appear on stage but so did three Carol Channing drag queens. Channing is one of the most often imitated public figures, and actually not too difficult to do. In fact, in one version of the New York cabaret "Forbidden Broadway," the entire cast did Carol Channing and also taught everyone in the audience how to do her as well.

Channing saw "Forbidden Broadway" several times, but

as for seeing herself imitated, she says, "I don't know who they're doing. None of us has perspective on ourselves. I don't know what they're doing, but everybody laughs and I'm very honored. People don't

imitate you unless they like you a lot."

The actress is equally proud of an honor that was bestowed on her last year—serving as Co-Grand Marshal of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade with longtime friend Jerry Herman.

"It was wonderful," she recalls. "It was like a tremendous healing. Right behind us was Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, the most reactionary mayor the city's ever had. But it was wild, like a Christian Science demonstration. I got to sing with the Gay Men's Chorus. We sang 'Hello, Dolly!' It was the first time I could actually sing with the chorus, because usually I can't sing with the girls and I can't sing with the boys. But we sang gorgeously together!"

"Hello, Dolly!" continues at the Fox Theatre through August 21.



More than "Zero"

John Greyson's "Zero Patience" weaves melody and myth into an AIDS musical.

by STEVE WARREN



Director John Greyson's latest film, "Zero Patience," has the distinction of being the first politically correct musical about AIDS. In terms of dark humor it owes a debt to Rosa Von Praunheim's "A Virus Knows No Morals," which was made so long ago that some viewers weren't ready to laugh at the pandemic, while others hadn't yet learned to take it seriously.

Randy Shilts probably would not have found "Zero Patience" either funny or PC. One goal of the film is to discredit the "Patient Zero" theory of

the spread of AIDS, which Shilts publicized in his book "And the Band Played On." It wasn't intended as the focus of Shilts' book, but it was the first thing the media zeroed in on.

In his new film, as he did in "Urinal," Greyson brings a character from history into the present. This time it's Sir Richard Francis Burton, the 19th century explorer whose "deeply conflicted sexual nature" is indicated for Greyson by the fact that he translated erotic books and seemed obsessed with doing "scientific" studies of penis size.

Having drunk from the fountain of youth, Burton (John Robinson) is alive and well and working as chief taxidermist in Toronto's Museum of Natural History. Reading about Patient Zero inspires him to update the museum's "Hall of Contagion." An ACT UP member (Dianne Heatherington) later criticizes Burton, who obviously represents Shilts, saying his exhibit "perpetuates bigotry and fetishizes blame." Museum head Dr. Placebo is concerned about what kind of role model a "promiscuous, irresponsible, homosexual Canadian" will offer, until Burton points out that Zero is French-Canadian.

In the meantime, Patient Zero (played by Normand Fateux) returns as a ghost, hoping to improve his image. The first song

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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.

26 FRIDAY

FOLK FEST '94. Thru Sun. Here's the show that didn't go to Cobb. Instead this show and sale of self-taught artists is being held at the North Atlanta Trade Center, I-85 and Indian Trail Road. 5:30-9:30 tonight (\$15), 10-7 Sat and 10-5 Sun (\$5 each day). 633-1730.

ZERO PATIENCE. Thru Aug 25. John Greyson's glossy, muckraking AIDS

musical is a singing, dancing indictment of the societal hostility, corporate greed and 4th estate sensationalism that have actively blocked a solution to AIDS. GSU's Cinefest. 12:30, 3, 5:30, 7:45, 9:45. \$2-\$4. 651-2463.

SAVAGE NIGHTS. Thru Aug 25. The Capri Theatre in Montgomery, AL, hosts Cyril Collard's autobiographical film about an HIV-positive bisexual living life recklessly and irresponsibly. 205-262-4858.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BENEFIT. Special concert at Decatur's Freight Room featuring The Warblers, Ottoman Empire, Don Conoscenti and Andy Offutt Irwin. \$5.

27 SATURDAY

CLEAN AND SOBER DANCE. A fundraiser for the Atlanta Roundup complete with live DJ. First

Existential Church, 460 Candler Park Dr. 8-12pm. \$6, or bring in this page of the paper for a buck off. 355-5951.

800 HIGH DAY GLO PROM. The class off 800 East holds an interactive prom. You're guests, but the class is the show. 10pm-2am at 800 East. \$5. 522-8265.

MARK YOUNG. Noted author, lecturer and professor of psychology lectures at Marriott Northwest, sponsored by the Science of Spirituality. 7:15pm. 591-9546.

PET PARADE '94. Kroger and Ralston Purina sponsor a pet show-off to benefit the Atlanta Humane Society. At the picnic grounds of Six Flags Over Georgia. Registration at 8am, parade starts at 9pm. Participants must have at least \$25 in pledges. Brochures available at Kroger stores. 215-4922.

OUTLOOK. Radical talk for revolutionary intellectuals—feminist, Afro-centered and pro-gay radio on AM, with Alicia Banks. New time: 4pm-8pm, WIGO, 1340AM.



29 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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30 TUESDAY

MADDY PRIOR. Former lead singer for Steeleye Span takes the stage at the Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid. \$12 adv/\$14 night of show. 8pm. 524-7354.

THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES. Thru Aug 28. The Donald probably won't be there, but Marla Maples Trump stars in this Broadway hit, brought to the

Fox Theatre by Theatre of the Stars. Tues-Sun 8pm. Sat & Sun 2pm. \$11.50-\$35.50. 249-6400.

31 WEDNESDAY

PICNIC. Tonight, Fri, and Sun. The Alliance Theatre School's Summer rep presents William Inge's classic. 8pm. \$3. 898-1131.

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

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ABOVE: Laughing Matters performs every Saturday night at Manuel's Tavern.

LEFT: Marla Maples Trump is Ziegfeld's Favorite in "The Will Rogers Follies" at the Fox Aug 23-28.

BELOW: This billboard by Carrie Mae Weems is part of the exhibition "Equal Rights and Justice" at the High Museum thru Aug 28.

O N G O I N G A N D U P C O M I N G

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

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

BABY WITH THE BATHWATER. Thru Sat. DramaTech presents Christopher Durang's disturbingly funny look at parenting, sex and neuroses. Thurs-Sat at the Theatre for the Arts Complex. 894-2745.

HELLO, DOLLY! Thru Sun. 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.

ONLY KIDDING. Thru Sun. 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 Sun. 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.

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. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm. \$12-15. 221-0831.

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.

GET YOUR FEET OFF THAT TABLE. Thru Sept 2. Furniture by artists on display at the Marcia Wood Gallery, 1198 N. Highland. 885-1808.

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

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PUPPETRY FESTIVAL. Thru Sept. 3. The Center for Puppetry Arts hosts the summer long festival with performances for adults and children. Thru Sept 3, "African Folktales: More Puppet Suitcase Magic" for children

(11am & 1pm Mon-Sat, 3pm Wed). Aug 24-27, Kiyohime Mandala for adults. 8pm, no one under 18 admitted. 1404 Spring St. 873-3391.

PSYCHOLOGY. Thru Sept. 6. Fernbank Museum of Natural History's 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.

EARTH TOONS. Thru Sept 16. Acrylic paintings by Dan Henderson on display at the American College Gallery of Art & Design, 3330 Peachtree. 422-8369.

OF MICE AND MEN. Thru Sept 24. Theatre in the Square's production of the powerful Steinbeck story. 422-8369.

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.

AN AFFAIR TO DISMEMBER. Thru Nov. 2. Agatha's A Taste of Mystery dinner theatre sets sail on the Love Boat gone mad. \$33-\$38, includes dinner. Tues-Sat 7:30, Sun 7pm. 693 Peachtree. 875-1610.

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.

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.

AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. Aug 28. Cobb County's rally for human rights, on the Square. Cool Joe, Angela Motter and more, along with speakers Ben Jones, Shannon Byrne and others. Rescind the resolution! 4pm. 422-6649.

RHYTHMFEST. Sept 1-5. The fifth annual fest hits the Blue Ridge Mountains Labor Day weekend. Write 957 N. Highland Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call 404 873-1551.

HARRY CONNICK, JR. Sept. 10, 8pm. The crooner himself at Lakewood. 249-6400.

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA. Oct 1-Nov. 5. Tickets are now on sale at the Fox box office and TicketMaster outlets for the Andrew Lloyd Webber play, brought to Atlanta by the Atlanta Broadway Series. Tues-Sun 8pm, Sat & Sun 2pm, special performances Oct 31 8pm and Nov 3 2pm. \$22.50-\$47.50. 249-6400.

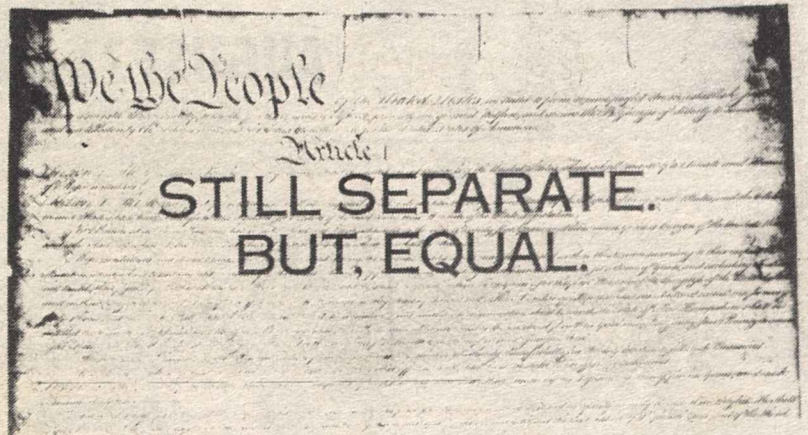
BONNIE RAITT. Oct. 22, 8pm. Bruce Hornsby opens for the R&B great at Lakewood. \$17 & \$26. 249-6400.

28 SUNDAY

VICTORY TEA DANCE. The Olympics won't be held in Cobb, let's celebrate! A fundraiser for the Olympics Out of Cobb Coalition at the Metro, 3pm. 798-7822.

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Folk Fest '94

The growth of folk art into a saleable art form—with pottery and paintings that once went for less than \$10 bringing thousands at market now—will reach a high this month at Folk Fest '94, which opens August 19 at the North Atlanta Trade Center. Folk Fest '94 will showcase the work of folk artists from around the world and across the Southeast.

Folk Fest promoter Steve Slotin says that because of the rapid increase in demand for folk art, many people may unwittingly have treasure troves in their basements or backyards. On a recent jaunt to Hiwassee, GA, Slotin was stunned by what he saw in one shop. "There were, on the floor, Howard Finster paintings, Meaders pottery and other art that was worth thousands of dollars," Slotin recalls. "It was junk to the dealer—he had no idea how much the stuff was worth."

Slotin began collecting only a few years ago, with a piece bought for \$35. The outgrowth of his passion for collecting folk art, Folk Fest '94 has now also become a career for Slotin. In January of this year, he quit his full-time job to become promoter for the event.

Slotin calls Folk Fest '94 "the only show of its kind in the country, and the first time all these different kinds of art have been collected together." No rules restrict the entry of any type of folk artist in this gathering. Slotin also promises that first-time buyers of folk art will not be deterred by too-high prices. Bargains will still be available, with pieces in the \$15-\$20 range, as well as the pieces that fall into the \$100-\$100,000 range, obviously for more seasoned collectors.

One of the most important aspects of this festival, to Slotin, is education about folk art. He has donated space to bookstores and educational services that advance the form. In general terms, folk art is that which has been created by untrained artists, who use innate or passed-down techniques and whatever materials are readily available to them. The expressiveness in folk art is more powerful to its admirers because of its lack of pretensions and sometimes, its coarseness. For example, a folk art that thrives in Haiti is the creation of metal cutouts using old oil barrels as a medium; here in the South, our plentiful red clay is used to create pottery.

"Most folk artists are outside the mainstream in many ways," Slotin explains. "They can be isolated either geographically, economically or emotionally." It is this out-of-the-mainstream status that distinguishes a folk artist from artists who are schooled in technique and may have a more narrow scope because of their formal training. Most folk artists would never call themselves artists; some never intended to sell their work.

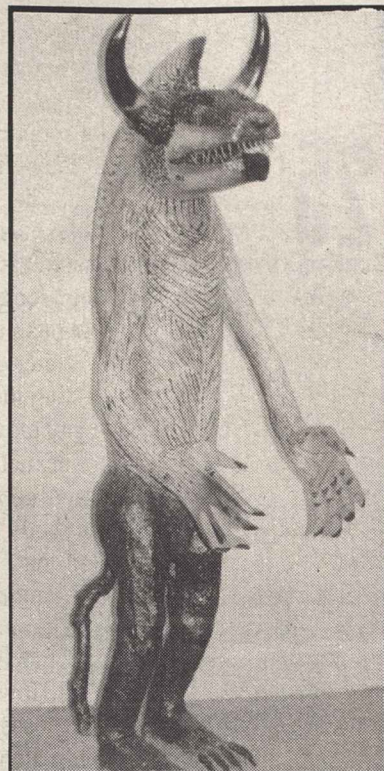
The words used to describe folk artists—naive, childlike, primitive—don't agree with Slotin. "I think these artists are visionary, because most of them start painting without any know-how," he explains. "Their inspiration comes from many places: God, some outside force, a wild dream. Howard Finster is certain that God told him to paint."

Slotin is introducing Southern folk pottery to the Folk Fest '94 catalog, which he says is a first. Perhaps the most famous of all Southern folk potters, Cheever Meaders, was almost forgotten before his son, Lanier, sustained the art form. The most fascinating thing about this family's craft is that the method that the elder Meaders used to create pottery was unchanged from the way it was done 100 years ago.

Since many folk artists are isolated, Slotin has planned a "Meet the Artist" party to open Folk Fest '94. Over 30 folk artists are expected to attend, including the Finsters and the Meaders. The Friday night party will be open to the public, and it will be the first chance for collectors to shop the festival. A catalog will be provided to all attendees that evening.



Works by Lanier Meaders (assorted face jugs, left) and O. L. Samuels ("Saddam Hussein," right) will be featured at Folk Fest '94 August 19-21 at the North Atlanta Trade Center.



Slotin has also planned a silent auction, with proceeds going to several nonprofit organizations, including The Art Program for the Homeless. The pieces up for auction will be some of the more sought-after works at the festival.

The original venue for Folk Fest '94 was the Cobb Galleria, but Slotin says that after conferring with his brother (State Senator Ron Slotin) and others, he decided to move the event. "I didn't think it was appropriate to have a show about out-of-the-mainstream art in a place where everyone would not feel welcome to come," he explains.

Folk Fest '94 will be held August 19-21 at The North Atlanta Trade Center. Tickets to the opening night party are \$15, which includes readmission any time Saturday and Sunday. Regular admission is \$5. For more information, call 633-1730.

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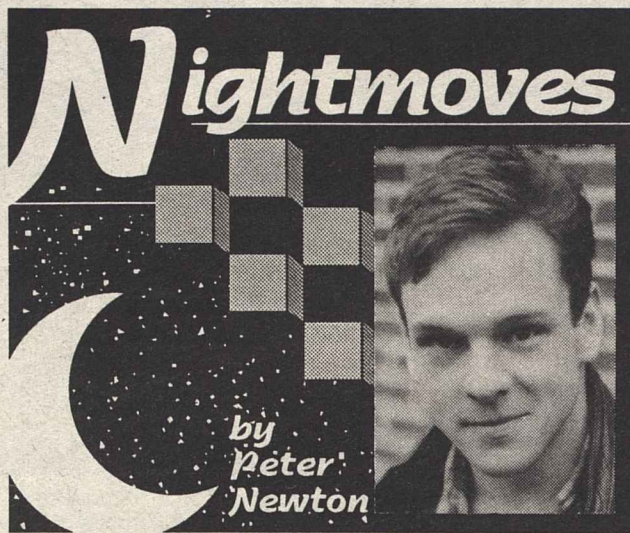
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I've been reading *The Progressive* this summer, quite by accident—the tenant before me never left a forwarding address. This alternative magazine out of Madison, WI, is one of those socially responsible monthly magazines that helps oil the political machine while at the same time exposes its inner workings. I like the direct approach their writers take as if they had no one to answer to. The August '94 issue features an interview with Allen Ginsberg, “the Beat poet, icon of the 1960s counter-culture and gay pioneer” who has been ranting and raving for almost 40 years. In the interview, he calls Bush a “sourpuss,” talks about protesting the Gulf War and shares his hopes for the lesbian and gay movement in this country. Ginsberg says, “Everybody’s sexualized, and everybody’s sex is somewhat repressed, and no one can really do any fingerpointing anymore. Everybody’s a freak, so to speak, and I think people understand that. Certainly the younger generation does. I mean how long can you keep it secret that Cardinal Spellman was a flaming queen? How long can you keep it secret that J. Edgar Hoover was a transvestite blackmailed by the Mafia? How long can you keep it secret that Jesse Helms is overobsessed with homosexuality and is politically addicted to alcohol and tobacco interests? Even the press sooner or later is going to catch up.” And certainly there’s no better time than the present.

This coming week, there are plenty of opportunities to forget your social responsibilities and just cut loose. **Elton John** and **Billy Joel** join forces Thursday, August 18, at the Georgia Dome. Though I have never seen either in concert, I’m sure the combo is a successful one. They probably want an arm and a leg for a ticket, but when else can you see two living legends for the price of one. 223-9200.

The Atlanta Opera opens its second of three operas this week. **The Pearl Fishers** by Georges Bizet is the exotic story of a love triangle between Zurga, king of the fishermen, Nadir, his friend, and the priestess, Leila. The two men fall in love with the same woman, who in turn is sworn to a vow of chastity. Once the vow is broken, accusations fly, death sentences are given, and you know those



opera endings; they’re never quite as happy as you’d like. “The Pearl Fishers” plays August 18, 20 and 22 at Symphony Hall inside the Woodruff Arts Center. It’s not easy to reduce a three-act opera into three sentences, so I recommend seeing Bizet’s work to appreciate the full effect. Call for more information and tickets. 355-3311.

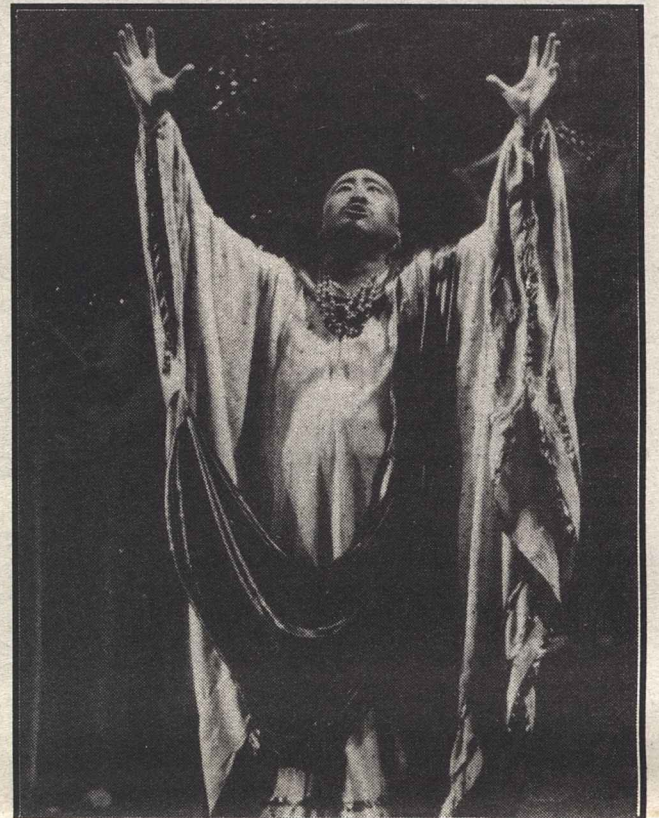
Image Film & Video Center presents Kermit Cole’s documentary **Living Proof: HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness** Friday, August 19, at 8 and 10 pm. The Village Voice called Cole’s film a “marvel of simple filmmaking, compassionate and compelling.” It focuses on a group of beautiful, brave individuals who have learned to cope with being HIV-positive in resourceful, upbeat ways. The interviews and testimonials are from people of varied backgrounds—children and adults, gay and straight. Image Film & Video is located at 75 Bennett St. NW, Suite M-1; 352-4225.

PlainJane, the local acoustic trio, is going strong with two performances this weekend. Friday, August 19, they’ll be at *Homage* (downtown) and Saturday, August 20, they’ll play *The Freight Room* in Decatur. Sissie Lanh, one third of PlainJane is no wallflower. She’s got one of those voices that jumps out in a choir. They’re a hardworking

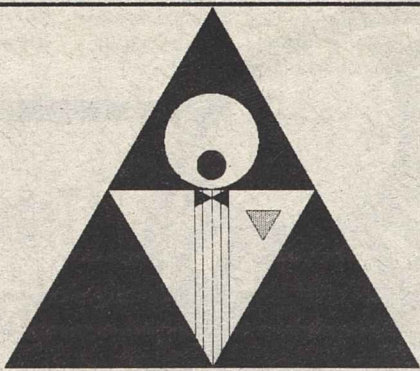
group, well worth a listen.

But if it’s a New York atmosphere you’re after, then head over to **SoHo** this Sunday, August 21. With its lounge, cafe, patio and large dance floor, there’s plenty of reason to check out the latest downtown bar. However, this Sunday it a benefit for Project Open Hand that will include an open bar from 7-8pm. For \$8, how much can you drink in an hour?

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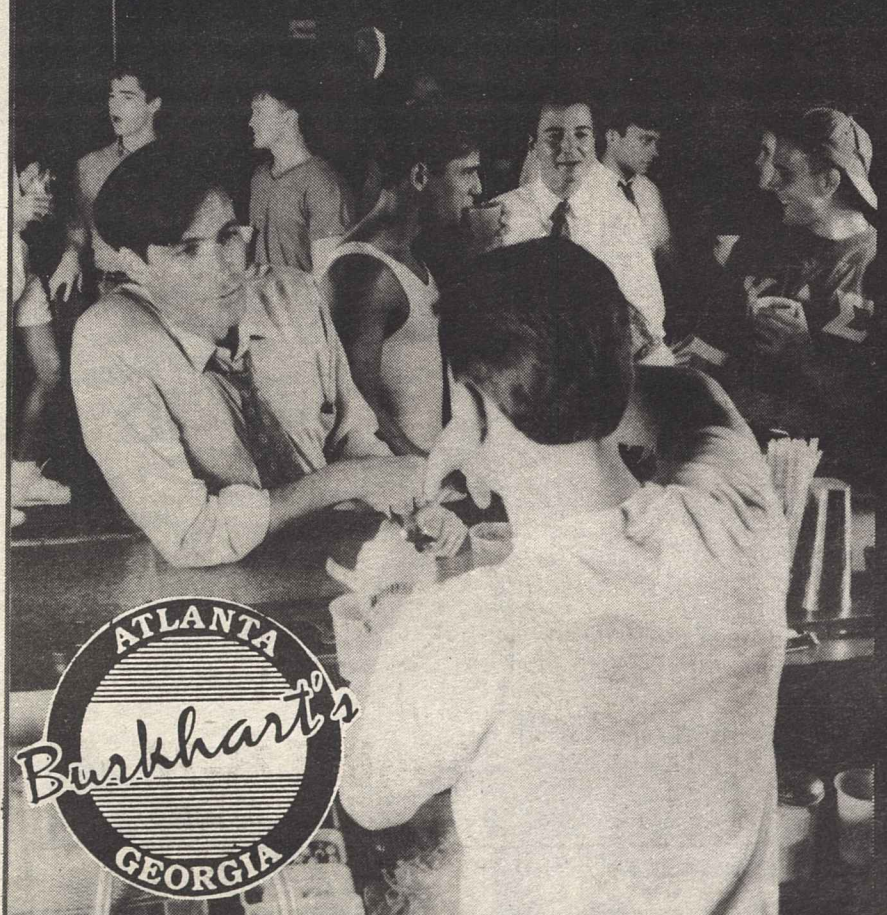
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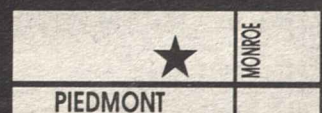


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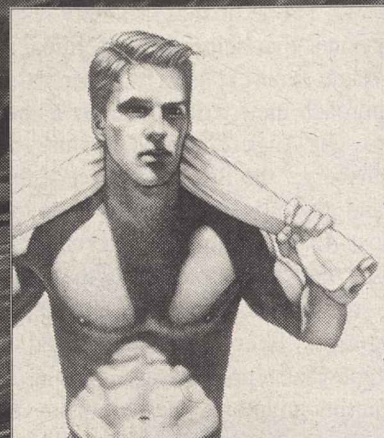


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Round Up '94 two-steps into Atlanta

The gay and lesbian country-western music scene can be summed up by one of its basic tenets: never refuse an offer to dance.

John Jones, co-chairman of Round Up '94, a three-day celebration of the gay country-western scene that unfolds in Atlanta on August 19, explains, "In a disco bar, asking a stranger if they want to dance is tantamount to asking them to go home with you. At Hoedowns, what it's saying is 'Let's dance!' It's meant in a friendly and supportive way."

Jones is treasurer of the Atlanta chapter of Southern Country. Founded in 1988 by gay and lesbian country-western enthusiasts, the organization was intended to provide an outlet for those seeking a friendly two-step in a city where virtually no such outlets existed, save for occasional "country-western nights" or sectioned-off rooms at disco bars like The Armory, Backstreet, and The Cove. (Hoedowns, formerly Deana's One Mo' Time, did not change its format to country-western until January 1993.) Eventually, other Southern Country chapters formed in numerous Southern cities, including Houston, Nashville, Huntsville, Birmingham, Louisville, and Charlotte.

Every year, each Southern Country chapter commemorates its anniversary with a convention of sorts, the largest and grandest of which is the Atlanta Round Up. The sixth annual Round Up '94 will commence at the Terrace Garden Hotel in Buckhead on August 19th and is expected to attract over 700 people. Jones describes a fun-filled, dance-intensive three days.

"Half the people that come will be from Atlanta, and the other half will be from out of town," says Jones. "A lot of people who live here, though, will stay in the hotel just because everything is going on there. We have two major dances Friday and Saturday nights in the hotel ballroom, but then there's activities all day Saturday and Sunday as well." Aside from various hospitality mixers and cocktail parties,

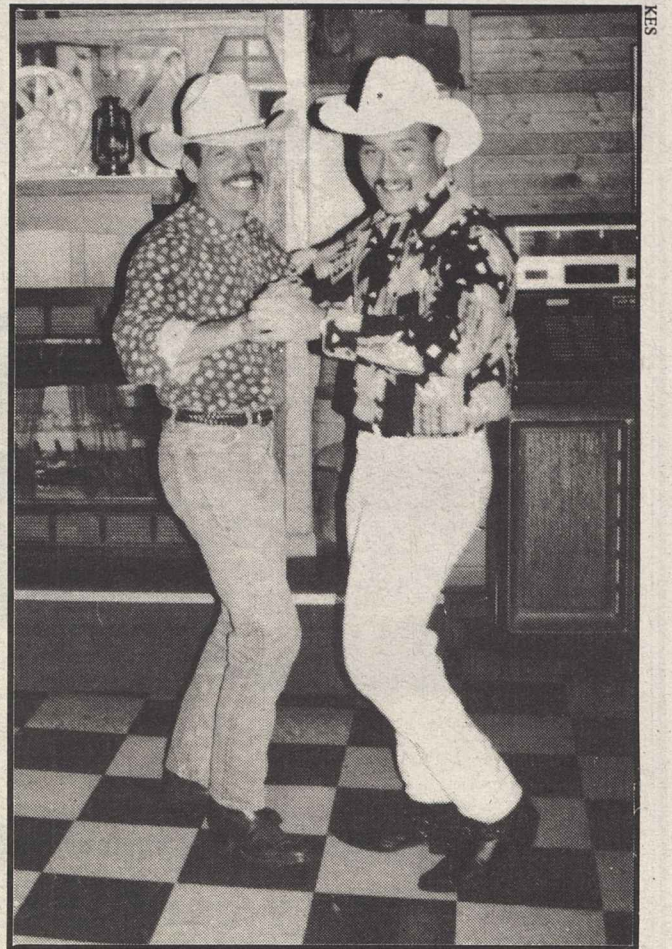
these will include group dance lessons as well as a "dance swap," in which members of the various Southern Country chapters show off their newest and fanciest footwork to other chapters. Western dance expert Tom Laud will teach a master dance class on Saturday afternoon to a small group of the finest hoofers. The weekend will culminate with a barbecue brunch at Hoedown's on Sunday.

Although rumored to be a charity event, Round Up '94 is purely social in nature—a country-western Hotlanta of sorts, Jones explains. "Last year, we tried to expand too fast and we wanted to make this event a fundraiser," he says. "It was a disaster because it was mismanaged, and it turned out that none of us knew what we were doing. We're all committed toward charity, but we have to make our charitable functions separate from the Round Up for them to be successful."

According to Jones, the participants in Round Up '94 will be a diverse and multifaceted group. "In the gay country-western community, we're no more liberal or conservative than any other gay person, and in terms of education we run the gamut as well. You get doctors, attorneys, and car mechanics. And certainly a lot of women participate, although I wish there were more. The nice thing is that women and men actually talk and dance with each other as friends." Jones does concede that the scene is "overwhelmingly white," adding that he'd like to see that change.

Jones pulls no punches when comparing the country-western scene to the disco scene, which he believes suffers from ageism and "lookism." "In disco, you're only going to dance with the hottest guy in the bar. In country-western, it's considered incredibly impolite to ever turn down a dance, so you end up getting to know everyone."

Clearly proud of the country-western community in which he is a member, Jones eagerly awaits the upcoming festivities of Round Up '94. "The thing that's so great about these anniversary parties is that there's about 20 each year that you



Dennis Pedrick and Charlie Larson kick up their heels at Hoedowns.

can go to, and you see the same people again and again. It's especially nice when they come to Atlanta and we get to play host."

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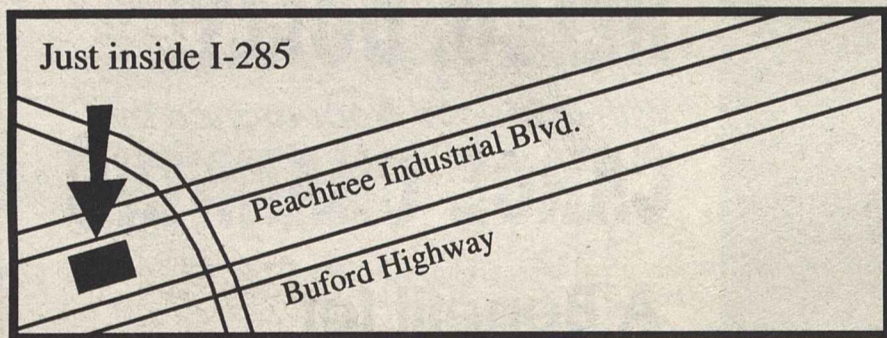
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More than "Zero"

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tries to set up an analogy between Zero, who wants his story told so he can live again, and Scheherazade, who told stories to keep from being killed:

"We were boys who loved our body,
Playing hard and deep;
Boys who thought we'd live forever—
Didn't know we were playing for keeps."

Frustrated at first because no one can see him, Zero finds that Burton can; Burton, in turn, is frustrated because he can't videotape Zero to spice up his exhibit. "Sometimes," he says, "the facts have to be rearranged to get at the real truth."

Putting all his villains in one basket, Greyson has greedy Gilbert-Sullivan Pharmaceuticals, which is making record profits from an overpriced HIV drug, give the museum a grant to help finance the Hall of Contagion.

Among Zero's old friends is George (Richardo Keens-Douglas), a schoolteacher who is losing his eyesight to CMV. George belongs to ACT UP but is less hardcore than the other members, who resist Dr. Placebo's attempt to co-opt them by appointing one to the museum's advisory board.

A serious scientist, Burton is convinced Zero is a serial killer until they spend a night in bed together; there Burton expresses the quaint British theory, "It's an insult to the Empire when I take it up the bum."

While Zero is trying to be stripped of the title of "the man who brought AIDS to North America," another country is heard from when the even more maligned African green monkey in the exhibit turns into a leather dyke to refute the theory that AIDS originated in Af-

rica. More theories are heard when Zero checks a blood sample under a microscope. The late Michael Callen guests as "Miss HIV" and sings a song. He's heard again behind the closing credits on "Scheherazade (Tell a Story)," which will likely be the only listenable track on the soundtrack album (coming soon on the Milan label).

The whole saga points up the absurdity of wasting energy on trying to fix blame rather than find a cure.

"Zero Patience" is a film of ideas. Its entertainment value is undeniable, but Greyson refuses to let the audience relax and have fun for very long. There are several songs, most of which have a rock beat that drowns out some of their lyrics. The low-budget production numbers can't go all out like movies of old, but they ambitiously and imaginatively range from traditional concepts like a water ballet to new ones like a pair of singing assholes, a teasing trio in a bathhouse shower and a nude chorus, their dicks flapping in the breeze.

John Robinson, who plays Burton, is a fair actor and a mediocre singer. Normand Fauteux is a little better as Zero. Perhaps it's the dark humor, perhaps the intellectualism that seems the antithesis of camp, but I found "Zero Patience" somewhat off-putting. It tries to affect the viewer on so many levels that it doesn't really work on any. By the end of its 90 minutes, my patience was worn down to zero, too.

"Zero Patience" plays August 19-25 at Cinefest Film Theater of Georgia State University in Atlanta. For more information call (404) 651-CINE.

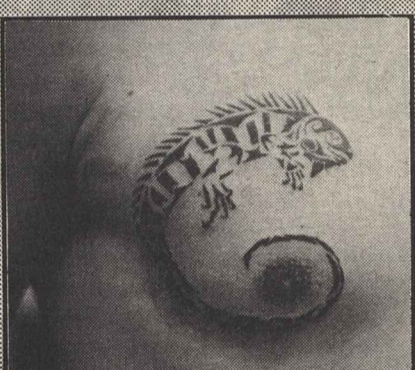
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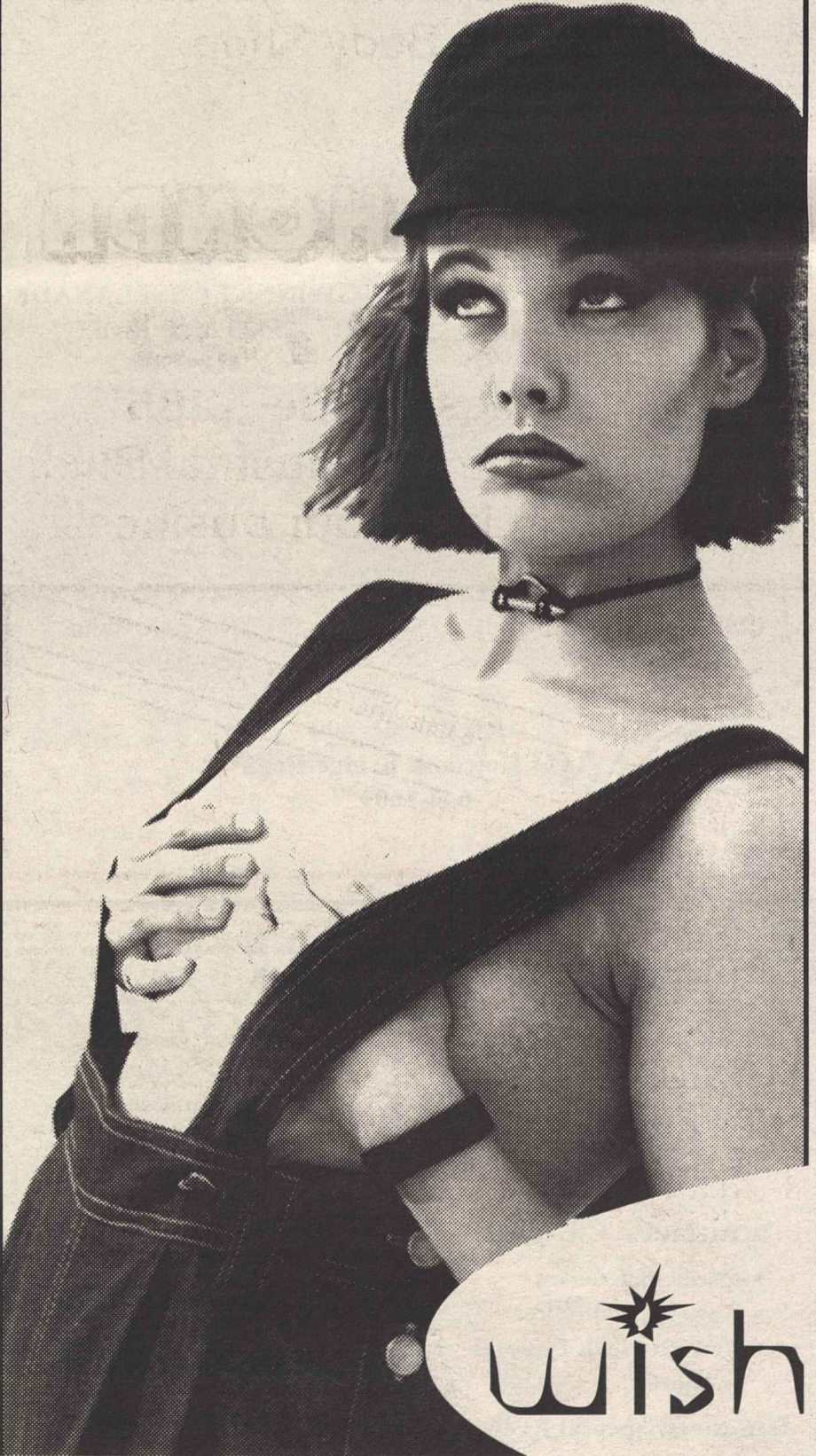
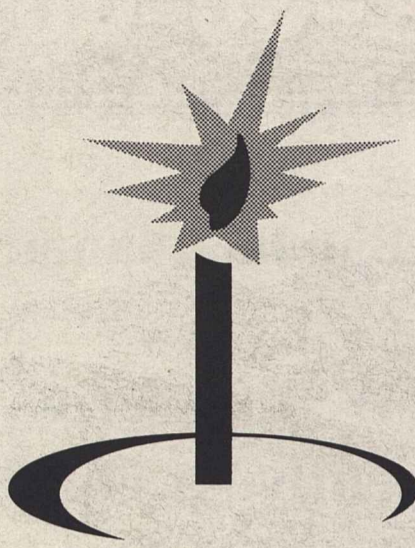
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Regular readers know that my frequent dining friend the Taste Sheriff cuts no slack to the food (no matter how good) in restaurants where the surroundings are displeasing to his eye. Kindly put, the Sheriff's aesthetic tastebuds are even more sensitive than those on his tongue. (This as opposed to my friend He Who Likes to Eat, who was well past 30 before he even knew that "taste" had more than one meaning. Needless to say, the three of us seldom sup together.)

Given unqualified gushings from yet another friend (She Who Knows Everyone) about the absolutely *fabulous* look of the recently opened **Elena's** (469 N. Highland Ave. 522-9211), I called the T.S. and insisted that he join me there.

The Sheriff was enthusiastic until I told him that the location was none other than that of the late Chile Tree, where the food was usually good (if sometimes a bit challenging) but where the owner's pervasive sense of doom too often became the focus of the meal. The good news is that Elena's feels fine. The greeting is cheerful and the look (courtesy of a huge mural of a fauna-infested garden on the right and back walls) is downright chipper.

The aesthetic verdict? Three people. Three completely different opinions. Is it any wonder that we can't agree on one road to liberation?

Where the three of us do agree is about the neo-Mexicano food.

"Yum," said the Sheriff, "it's the best new restaurant in a long time." That's quite an endorsement from a man who has been known to gripe about really good food because he doesn't like the way the candlelight reflects against the wall.

A shrimp and black bean quesadilla appetizer is tasty and does a better than decent job of tweaking the tastebuds rather than sating them. A side of pico de pina (pineapple) is wonderfully sweet, tart, crunchy and spicy but is chopped way too coarsely to be of any use with the slender slices of quesadilla.

Only with great trepidation did I order a mixed green salad doused with raspberry vinaigrette—it's never been my favorite vinegar flavor and seems too often a trite affectation. But Elena's version is short on oil, packed with garlic and altogether a satisfactory way to dress mixed field greens and some very good Roma tomatoes.

Hunks of pork tenderloin marinated in "margarita sauce" and sautéed with onions are an upscale take on traditional masitas de puerco, the pork less plentiful and far more moist and tender. Accompanied by grilled eggplant and squash as well as some very smoky black beans, it's an altogether satisfactory way to spend \$10.95.

More complex, two grouper fillets perfectly baked in a peppered corn tortilla breading and topped with a very suave pepper and onion concoction is loads of fun even before you add the pico de pina. The slightly gritty texture of the breading takes a bite or two to get used to, but the combination soon seems familiar and exciting all at once. Again, sides of grilled veggies and black beans make for a really satisfying meal.

Other entrees (including some yummy-sounding enchiladas made with spinach, cheese and blue corn tortillas) come with what looks to be really good Spanish rice.

Only a too dense and bland vanilla flan was disappointing.

There's a nice small wine list that is reasonably priced—the slightly spicy Parducci pinot noir at \$4/glass, \$16/bottle seems an especially good accompaniment to much of the menu. The very slight beer list could use some attention, but a friend reports that the (sake) margaritas are very fine.

Check it out soon.

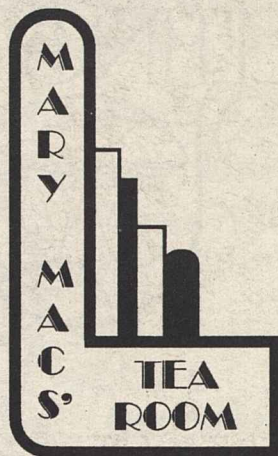


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Confused by the ending of my last column, gentle reader? No more so than I! An unfortunate printing error caused the second-to-last paragraph to be dropped, thus rendering the sense of the final paragraph fairly incomprehensible.

The quote from "Garden Variety Dykes: Lesbian Traditions in Gardening" should have read:

"...when i plant it is an act of faith in a world that has tried and continues to try to take my faith away, minute by minute. to believe that a small seed can become nourishment and beauty is a supreme act of hope. to see and accept life and death and all its cycles in a culture that is so death denying on one hand, and on the other hand does its damndest to try and kill all sorts of people and beings spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically, is an act of revolution."

In response, I wrote: And so it is. And so it is. Withstanding political and natural calamities, gardeners see the life-giving potential hidden within the seed.

Now, I trust that clarifies things. I enjoyed the understated truth contained within that paragraph.

But I fear that we need to revisit the theme of disasters for this column, due to the rains. The positively *unnatural* amount of rainfall this past month has completely skewed plant life (not to mention enlarging mosquito and flea populations in a nightmarishly exponential fashion).

Many plants are suffering from all this excess. The math is pretty simple: Atlanta's average rainfall is in the 50- to 56-inch-per-year range. But we were deluged with 18 inches during July alone! Even moisture lovers such as azaleas have turned brown due to excess water.

For it is, indeed, possible to drown plants. That's what happened to my lovely long and healthy hollyhocks. They simply fell over one day, rotted to the root with all this rain. (More's the pity, as hollyhocks traditionally represent "female ambition." The implications seem a bit ominous, do they not?)

I hastily shoehorned a little verbena and gomphrenia into

their spot, even though the proportions were all wrong, just to prevent a blighted bald patch from staring accusatorially at me.

While we may consider too much of a good thing to be wonderful indeed, the green beings hold fairly fixed ideas about their own needs. Plant roots need oxygen, plain and simple.

In the main, water should constitute only about a third of the soil's composition for most plants to be happy and healthy. When gardeners say that the soil becomes "saturated," that means there is no air space in the soil whatsoever. And normal plant functions, such as the uptake of nutrients, are inhibited because of it.

True, some plants have adapted to these conditions. For example, the carnivorous plants in boggy areas supplement their nutrition with passing insects, because they can't squeeze out enough support from their damp (and generally nutrient-poor) soils. Swamp dwellers and rain forest habitues should be doing fine here now!

Sun lovers, however, are ailing and bemoaning. My watermelons are tiny and inedible due to a lack of sun. My tomatoes are small, cracked, and not as tasty as they might be. Indeed, many have rotted on the vines due to a lack of sun.

You may have noticed some ugly cracks in the skins of tomatoes. Called "catfacing," these are appearing everywhere, except on my tiny dwarf tomatoes. Usually, you only find these marks when the summer has been horribly dry and you haven't been able to water enough. The verdict is always: uneven moisture, which messes with the calcium balance. Hence, the "stop rot" products recommended for this condition usually involve the application of calcium chloride. I haven't bothered applying anything, since I began to despair that things would ever dry out.

This has been an unimaginable ordeal. I've lived in At-

lanta since 1976, and have never witnessed rains on this scale. In fact, I never saw anything comparable in the tropics!

Hell, I attended Girl Scout camp about 30 years ago in the rain forest at El Yunque, in Puerto Rico. Certainly it rained every day there. But after a half hour or so, the rain stopped, and the clouds did not deliver the torrents we've had here.

Of course, we have not been submerged, as people in the real farm belt of Georgia have been. All those peanuts, cotton, watermelons, pumpkins....look for produce prices to rise, and more small farmers to go out of business. A truly terrible thing, that, which shows us that's it's past time for an adopt-a-farmer program.

Now that the floods seemed to have subsided a bit, perhaps there's hope for our backyards and assorted plots. As a preacher, I note where the truth has fallen on deaf ears: for instance, I notice that the well-mulched have tended not to wash away. Native plants on the whole fared a bit better than many imports—although only the strongest have survived this onslaught.

If corn was hilled properly, it probably did not fall down (although ears may be skimpy in terms of kernels). And the necessity for proper plant siting becomes even more evident, as depressions turn into miniature flood plains whose two-fold raison d'être seems to be plant drowning and mosquito breeding.

Not to belabor the obvious; but we usually have it fairly easy in this area for a wide variety of plant life through all the seasons. For the past few years, though, xeriscaping, or landscaping with plants which require less water, has caught on.

With the differing climactic changes predicted, you have to wonder. Should I be going for swamp or desert? Interestingly enough, many of the drought-resistant plants, such as yaupon, are also water-tolerant. So incorporating them is a form of double insurance.

But have I altered my personal planting plans for next year? Not really. Being a gardening optimist, I have to hope that next summer will be a typical Georgian: hot, sunny, humid, hazy, lazy, just right for so many things.

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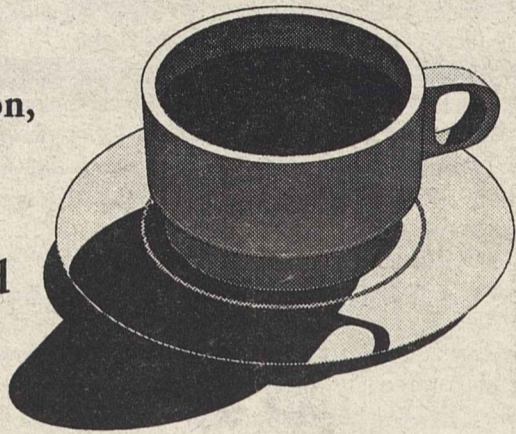
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Codependents Anonymous—239-1657
Consciousness Raising and Support Group for Women in Politics and Grassroots Organizing—636-7435
Delphi—POB 14591, Atlanta, G 30324
Emergence International—876-3997
Emotions Anonymous—925-4825
GAPHR's Support Group for HIV+ Dentists-Physicians—634-0672
Gainesville, Georgia Gay Men's Support Grp—Gary (404)535-5445
Gay Fathers of Atlanta—342-6451
Gay Help Line—6pm-11pm 892-0661
Gay/Lesbian AA & Al-Anon—881-9188
Gay/Lesbian/Bi Teen Group—378-5570
Gay/Lesbian/Bi Vets of America—627-6981 lv. 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
Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085
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
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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
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Southside—(691-4729 or 981-5310
Positive Black Lesbians United (PBLU)—(404) 250-7950
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
Uniformed Svcs Activity—Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
Women In Kahoots—(WINK) 438-1421
Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
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Bi, Lesbian & Gay Student Union of West Ga. College—706-834-3569
Delta Lambda Phi—All Campuses, 365-5357
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Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Comm. College 423-6246
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

JOCELYN J. LYLES

AGE: 38
How long in Atlanta: 16 years
Relationship Status: Involved
Last Book Read: "The Celestine Prophecy" by James Redfield
Pet peeve: Liars



Jocelyn Lyles fell in love with Atlanta the moment she stepped off the plane for a vacation shortly after she graduated from Howard University in Washington, DC.

"I was here for a week and a month and a half passed and I was here for the rest of the time," she says. "There is a certain spiritualism about this town that brought me here and keeps me here. Call it magnetism, romantic mysticism—it's not the concrete jungle. It gives you the opportunity to lay in the grass and watch it grow."

Lyles knows about the concrete jungle—she was born in Washington and grew up in Baltimore—but she also knows about green grass and flowers and trees. For eight years, she spent her summers in a camp in New York's Catskills. There she gained a keen appreciation for the nature of the planet, and of the people she met.

"It gave me a fundamental appreciation for the whole atmosphere, the atmosphere of change," she explains. "From the concrete jungle to the grassy slopes where you could, if it rained hard enough, ride over the wave of the water coming down off the mountain."

"I had a very sheltered upbringing," she says of the experience. "All the things a typical city kid would get involved in, I didn't. I spent eight years riding horses, swimming in lakes, canoe trips, the whole nine yards."

After high school, Lyles says she had "every intention of working"—but as the daughter of a Howard University professor mother, that was not to be.

"The next thing I was supposed to do as her child was to get to college," Lyles says. "So I applied. I had no real interest, but my mother was determined I was going to get to college."

Lyles entered Howard. Was it difficult to attend college where a parent is a respected professor?

"I was advised that she had a reputation and I had better act like I had some sense," she laughs.

She did just that, but says that she could have done better with more specific direction.

"I had no direction as to what I was going

to do once I got in there," she says.

But she graduated with a degree in psychology, and very shortly afterward moved to Atlanta, taking a job as a property manager.

"I was a dorm psychologist," she recalls. "When I was in college, everybody used to come see me and talk about their problems. And I would listen. I got used to that. Pursuing that profession was not desirable."

Lyles also came out in Atlanta, a process she calls "smooth and easy."

"I could not understand why everyone was having such a difficult time with something that was so natural to me," she says.

And on a trip back to Washington, she had an eye-opening experience.

"Washington, DC is the place where I found out there was more than just a few black gay women," she says. "It was where I got introduced to 'The Life.' It was a thrill that kept me pushing."

She's used some of that energy in her work with Hospitality Atlanta, and served on the board of the Lambda Center. But for the past two years, much of her time has been devoted to a new career in real estate.

"I am a confessed workaholic," she says. "And then I guess to get away from the monotony I go to my rose garden. I weed a little, dig a little, and watch them grow."

And she watches the people grow around her. Lyles' most profound wish for her community is to "become more mindful of being involved in productive, nurturing relationships."

"And to separate ourselves from destructive situations," she adds. "This will be the emphasis for living in these days...because we know, from all the friends we are now missing, that life is not promised. Take time to listen to the music and smell the flowers, read a good book and pray and act for peace of mind."

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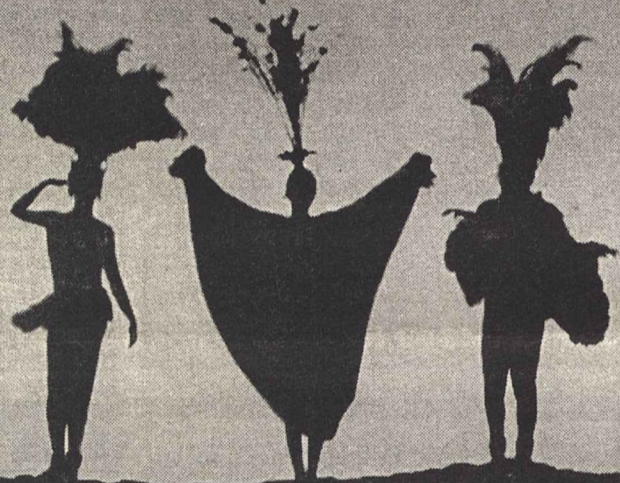
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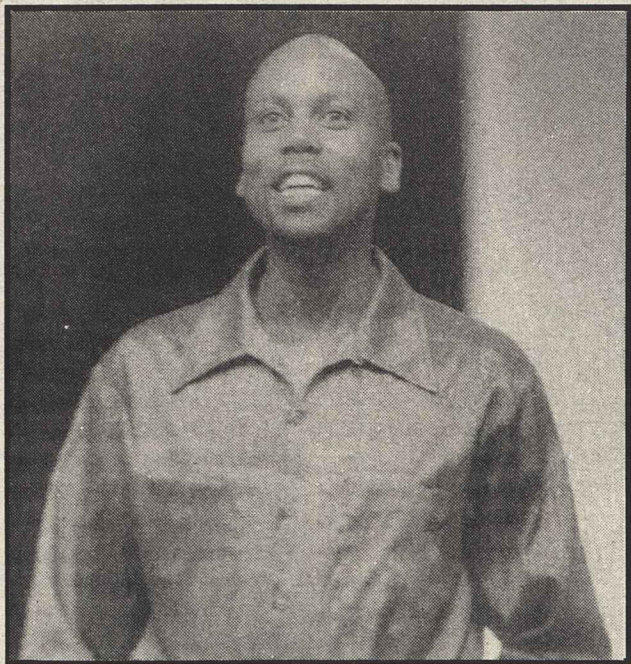
Family Affair: Dish was at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC, recently for the fabulous opening-night party celebrating the showing of the original photographs featured in the book "Family." The first half hour of the party was held exclusively for the subjects of the photos, who were signing each others' copies of the book like mad. Those who forgot to bring their copies ran down to the gallery's gift shop to purchase one. By the end of the evening, after the general public had been let in (including Sen. Ted Kennedy), even the staff at the gallery were buying the book. The show is scheduled to go on the road soon, and Dish encourages our readers to start lobbying now for an Atlanta stop—maybe at the High Museum?

RuPaul Back Into His Closet: Gone are the big blonde wig, the sequined dresses, the spiked heels, the makeup. RuPaul has gone back into his closet and exited wearing men's clothing. "I know. It's kind of like Farrah Fawcett quitting 'Charlie's Angels,'" RuPaul jokes in the August 23 issue of *The Advocate*. "But I'm at a point where I want to explore different parts of myself. In the past I've never felt sexy or appealing as a male. But I do now. And I want to make myself known in the public eye out of drag." Step one for the singer of "Supermodel" was cultivating a goatee and stepping out on the runway modeling men's clothing, which RuPaul did recently at designer Matthew Batanian's show. But Ru—he won't divulge his age—says he will never totally give up his cross-dressing persona. "I've always done drag, and I probably always will," he says.

Movie News From All Over: Dish has heard that out actor Tom Hulce ("Amadeus") is signed to star in a new film based on the lives of two gay Minnesota farmers. The film "Blue Earth" is a "clearly fictionalized" work based on a series of Pulitzer-prize winning articles that first appeared in the St. Paul Pioneer Press/Dispatch. As of yet, no word on release date or co-star for Hulce. The film of British author Hanif Kureishi's novel "The Buddha of Suburbia" has already been produced in England and has aired on the BBC as a four-

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



RuPaul: still a supermodel

hour miniseries, but in true American form, TV executives over here are scared because it has "too much sex" (in other words, some gay sex in addition to het sex). Finally, the new Disney film "The Color of Night" is said to feature a hot love scene between actresses Jane March and Lesley Ann Warren. Dish's readers might have also heard about this film because of the stir it caused at Cannes, where Bruce Willis' full-frontal nude scene had festival tongues wagging. The best

line Dish has heard about the film so far is "Well, now we know why Demi is always pregnant."

Either Those Curtains Go or I Do: Dear old Oscar Wilde, one of Dish's favorite writers and role models, has finally gotten some of the recognition he deserves. On July 20 the famed wit was honored with a new memorial window at Poet's Corner, Westminster Abbey, next to such literary greats as William Shakespeare and John Milton. Dish thinks this is small recompense for the disgrace the famous queer had to suffer during his outrageous life, and we're not so sure he would be happy with the placement of his monument, either. Wilde's monument is next to Alexander Pope's, about whom he once said, "There are two ways of disliking poetry: one is to dislike it, the other is to read Pope."

Now There's a Sermon We Might Sit Through: On a recent drive through enemy territory (you know, Cobb County), a SoVo reader noticed a sign outside a Baptist church that read "God's answer to AIDS: 1 man and 1 woman together for life." Not being the type to just let this sort of thing go by, our reader took it upon himself to "fix" the sign so that it reads, "God's answer to AIDS: 1 man and 1 man together for life." According to him, it was three days before anyone noticed the change, which somehow isn't difficult for Dish to believe about an electorate whose leaders are so short-sighted themselves.

This Week's Penis Story: A newsletter crossed our desk recently from "Penis Power Quarterly" with an article about enlargement. Not that Dish needs more, but we wouldn't complain. This article claims that by taping BB's to pressure points on various parts of your body, the resulting massage will stimulate the nervous system and growth hormone centers, thus eliciting the desired effect. "Noticeable changes will occur," according to the article, "within the first six weeks. In fact, you will grow just like you did when you were between 12 and 18." Actually, Dish would prefer to duplicate the growth between our 11th and 13th years, thank you.

AUGUST 18, AUGUST 24, 1994

This is a Full Moon week occurring on Saturday, the 20th, followed by the Sun moving into the mutable Earth sign of Virgo on Tuesday, the 23rd. Your favorite Virgo might love a carefully planned dinner with a few close friends (not a cast of thousands) and some kind of clever or humorous entertainment. Let them know ahead of time—they don't always appreciate surprises!

ARIES, romance and creativity should definitely be at the top of your priorities for this week. There are probably some very interesting and possibly available people circulating in your area. Keep your eyes open, trust your intuition and stay calm! **TAURUS**, this is a good week for you to relax a bit, go with the flow and trust the Universe to guide and sustain you, even if it means having faith in something you cannot exactly reach out and touch directly. If this sounds too iffy, do the best you can. **GEMINI**, what are your assets, your gifts? Why did you choose to be a Gemini this time around? Still puzzled? Perhaps you are overlooking the obvious. Ask your good friends and they will probably be delighted to tell you how you are so special!

CANCER, well, it's true, you really do need a comfortable area for rest and sanctuary. If you feel you just can't afford

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exactly what you want at this moment, then stay within your price range and consider buying a fixer-upper. Just for the fun of it. Happy Birthday, **LEO!** Have you seen "The Lion King"? It's a great movie, a very Leo sort of movie with lots of courage and lots of heart. Make it part of your celebration if at all possible and continue to celebrate life throughout your solar year! Happy Birthday, **VIRGO!** Mercury moves into your 1st house of personal instincts and self-awareness on the 17th, and the Sun follows on Tuesday, the 23rd, bringing all kinds of interesting and unusual images from the unseen world of the unconscious. Be alert.

LIBRA, you could be having the time of your life right now in one of your most favorite roles, the social butterfly. Have a party, help someone else plan a party or a wedding, birthday or whatever. Don't let your talents go to waste. Let's have fun. **SCORPIO**, Venus is now cruising through your 12th house of dreams and visions, your gateway to the collective

unconscious. Whew! Can you handle more input from the Universe at this point in your life? Good time to start a dream/intuition journal. **SAGITTARIUS**, are you ready for another quantum leap in consciousness? Do you feel like the original beanstalk making huge growth spurts lately? Well, it all is a bit fast, but then the world couldn't take too much more of the old ways, could it?

CAPRICORN, how are you at negotiation and reconciliation? You may need all your peacemaking skills at work for the next week or so. Do your best not to take anything personally, and listen very carefully to determine what people really want. **AQUARIUS**, are you feeling lonely and maybe even unwanted? Well, that's called the blues and it's a great style of music, but not much fun as a permanent residence. Time to get up and out, if you are feeling down. Go help your favorite cause. **PISCES**, this is national health week for you. Good food, lots of purified water, fresh fruits and vegetables, go easy on the alcohol and get regular exercise (that means everyday). You need your body to get you through the world, so please take care.

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Dykes To Watch Out For

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AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR COMING OUT TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL AUTHORS, AND MAKING THIS FIRST EVENT IN OUR "MADWOMAN READ" SERIES A SUCCESS. PLEASE STICK AROUND FOR REFRESHMENTS, AND COME BACK AGAIN NEXT MONTH.

UHM... ME? WRITE BOOK REVIEWS? FOR THE NEWS-PAPER?!

MO, SORRY TO INTERRUPT. I'M FLORA, FROM THE QUEER VEGAN SOCIETY. WHEN YOU GET A CHANCE, LET'S TALK ABOUT SOME NON-ANIMAL PRODUCT ALTERNATIVES TO THE CHEESE YOU'RE SERVING HERE.

UHM... OKAY.

HUH! YOU PULLED IT OFF! NICE WORK, MO. AND LOOK AT ALL THESE PEOPLE! I BETTER GET UP TO THE REGISTER. YOU GO SCHMOOZE.

VERY IMPRESSIVE... NO ONE WOULD EVER SUSPECT YOU WERE A SHY PERSON, THE WAY YOU RAN THE SHOW.

EXCUSE ME. I JUST NEED TO SAY I WAS REALLY SHOCKED THAT YOU LET A MAN READ HERE TONIGHT. MEN HAVE ACCESS TO THE WHOLE WORLD. WHY SHOULD WE SHARE OUR MEAGER RESOURCES WITH THEM?

UH... WELL, FIRST OF ALL, HE'S NOT A MAN, HE'S A LESBIAN. I MEAN, SHE'S A LESBIAN. AND SECOND, I WANT THIS SERIES TO BE INCLUSIVE, AND NOT SOME PRIVATE CLUB. I MEAN, WHO AM I TO QUESTION SOMEONE ELSE'S IDENTITY?

HMPH. I SUPPOSE YOU THINK "LESBIANS" WHO SLEEP WITH MEN ARE DYKES TOO.

UH... WELL...

EXCUSE ME, MO. I'M MJ, THE ARTS EDITOR AT THE TEN PERCENT TRIBUNE. GREAT EVENT YOU PUT TOGETHER TONIGHT. LISTEN, WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW BOOK REVIEWER, AND I WONDER IF YOU'D BE AT ALL INTERESTED?

MO, THIS WAS WONDERFUL. THANKS A LOT FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN. I NEVER READ IN PUBLIC BEFORE. COULD YOU TELL HOW NERVOUS I WAS?!

UH... NOT AT ALL, DEIRDRE. YOU WERE GREAT. I DON'T THINK ANYONE NOTICED YOU READ THAT ONE PAGE TWICE.

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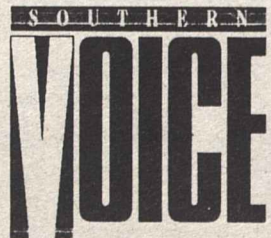
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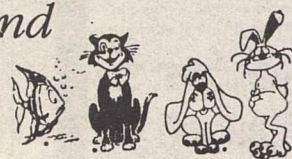
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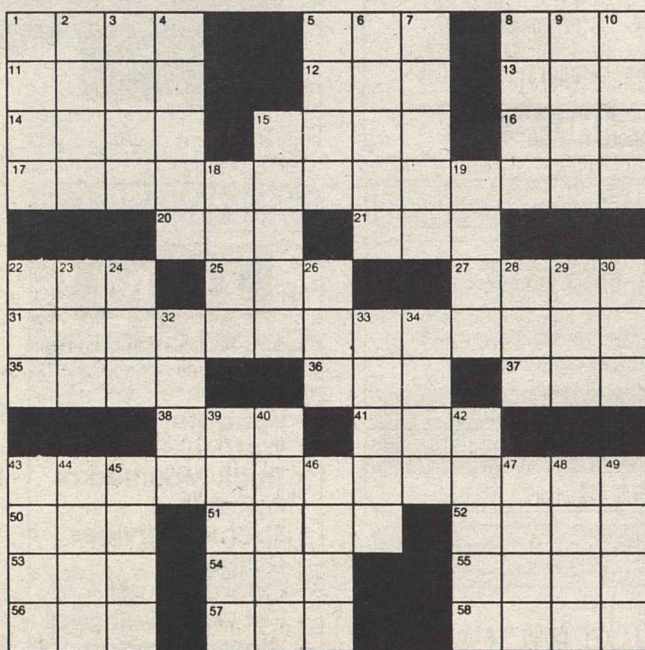
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28. Assents
29. Parakeet, for one
30. Endings for sex and quart
32. Recounted
33. Ulysses author James ___
34. Flying prefix
39. Summed
40. Use a loom
42. L&L gear
43. Pig's supper
44. Wagging unit
45. Andersen classic, *The ___ Duckling*
46. A Barrymore
47. Crazy bird?
48. Architectural pier
49. Rita Mae Brown mystery, ___ *In Pieces*

ACROSS

1. L.A. flaw
5. ___ judicata
8. Which person?
11. Cord
12. ___ Peron
13. Press tightly in the arms
14. Native Peruvian
15. Encounter
16. Intense anger
17. L&L ring holder
20. Actor Mineo
21. ___ and Sympathy
22. Lesbian classic, ___ *Girl Out*
25. Body of water
27. L&L gear
31. L&L gear

ACROSS (Cont'd)

35. Floor model
36. Adversary
37. Roads (abbr)
38. NBC show, ___ and Order
41. Many mos.
43. L&L gear
50. Fall behind
51. Defy
52. Actress Skye
53. Greasy stuff
54. ___ of Destruction
55. Words of negation
56. Layer of a papertowel
57. Moring moisture
58. Little buzzer

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financial assistance, social assistance, someone to talk to, or just in need of a friend, call us. We're here for you. AIDS Education/Services for Minorities, 753-2900, 24 hours a day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ALC and the opening of Atlanta's Center for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Community, Huge Halloween Bash coming soon. Call today! 662-9010. (7.30)

Attention BellSouth employees. Did you know there is now an organized group of your gay/lesbian/bisexual coworkers? Associates Networking for Gay & Lesbian Equality (ANGLE) meets monthly and is open to all active and retired employees of BellSouth Corporation, its subsidiaries and affiliates. For more information, call the ANGLE Hotline at (404) 723-6540. We have or will start chapters throughout the BellSouth region. (7.28)

RED DRAGONS

New fisting club forming! For info call voice-mail (404) 333-3127. No pain or drugs, complete discretion, safe sex. Leave message for Mike Heart. (7.26)

"Gay and Lesbian Philanthropy: Giving for Social Change", Saturday, September 10, 1994, 10-4. \$35.00. To register call Fund for Southern Communities (404) 577-3178. (7.29)

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Auditions

ATLANTA SINGS — Co-ed chorus seeking all voice parts, especially tenor and bass. Ability to read music preferred Thursday nights in Midtown. Details: 438-2154. (7.29)

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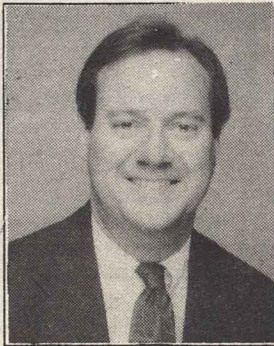
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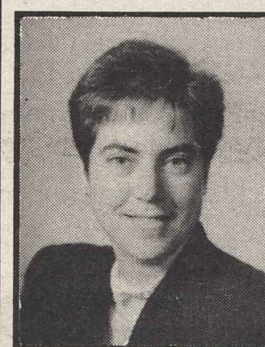
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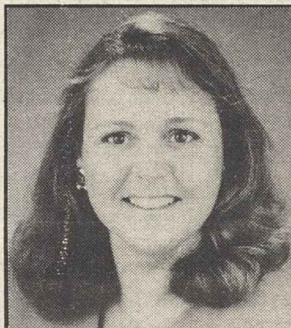
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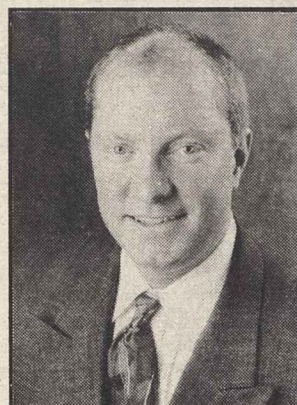
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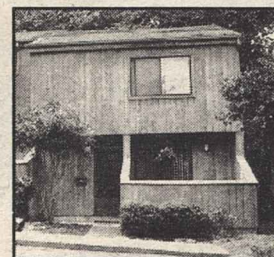
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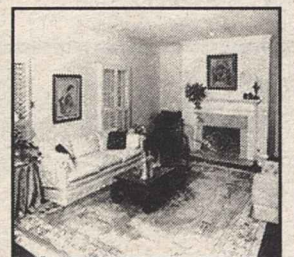
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AIDS Walk Atlanta needs volunteers to help produce the annual event that benefits AID Atlanta, Project Open Hand, and other AIDS Service and Education providers. Volunteers needed NOW through November, day and evening. Join the fight against AIDS. Please call Jamie at (404) 876-9255. (7.28)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to participate in GSU Psychology Research on childhood experiences of gay and bisexual men. Involves completing questionnaire by mail. All responses kept strictly confidential. Study results available to participants. (404) 288-6821 for information or to participate.

Volunteers needed for sponsor sign-up on 5K Walk and Run against domestic violence. Help get your friends in gear. Call now at Crisis Resource Center (404) 221-0252.

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

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Stable, professional, GWF, 37, who enjoys movies, reading, walks in the mountains and along the beach, eating out, travel and romance. Seeking somewhat feminine, non-smoke with similar interests. 35-45 yrs. ☎ 1981

GWF, 43, feminine, educated, professional, passionate, affectionate, honest and adventurous. Seeks warm heart, intelligent mind, playful spirit for quality relationship. ☎ 1982

GWF, 29, attractive, fit, non-smoker, settled, honest, caring, affectionate. Seeking spiritual growth. Loves music, sports, animals. Desires mature relationship. ☎ 1983

Attractive, feminine, GBF artisan, 30's (laid-back, nature-loving, spiritually-expressive) sks GF for conversation, friendship & intimacy. ☎ 1984

GWF, 40's, trim, petite, shy, mature, stable, just coming out. Seeking serious relationship with butch woman. ☎ 1985

KEY TO MY HEART

Cute GWF, 29, semi-but, open minded, brn/grn, fin. secure, loves to laugh, dance & romance. ISO: similar semi-fem, 26 and up GWF, "over Ex." Come try your key! ☎

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GWF, 25, blonde, blue-eyed, slim, addicted to coffee and music, enjoys traveling, writing, movies, psychology, seeks attractive, intelligent, creative woman. Let's talk. ☎ 1713

Quiet GWF, 42 seeking warm, healthy, stable GWF over 35 who likes sports. I like sunbathing in summer and fireside talks in winter. No smokers/druggies. ☎ 1714

SEE THE HUMOR in Newt Gingrich donating snake to zoo? GWF, 31, professional, politically aware, physically fit seeks self-assured GWF, 27-37, with eclectic musical tastes, diverse interests, liberal philosophies. Must possess passion for life, sense of humor. No smokers, emotional vampires, additions. Write Les Bian, P.O. Box 2554, Beaufort, SC 29901.

WF wants serious relationship with tall, slim, feminine woman. Prefer long hair. Must love animals, and fun. Outgoing, trustworthy and honesty a must. No butches or Bi's. Age 23-35. ☎ 1619

GWF, 25, attractive professional. Love golf, all sports, quiet evenings. ISO feminine women age 30-38 w/similar interest for dating. ☎ 1620

GWF, 37, tall, attractive, blonde/blue, fit, feminine, professional. Appreciate: humor, honesty, spirituality. Interest: music, sports, movies. ISO similar traits, appreciation/interests. Age 32-42, for friend-

ship/dating. No smoking/drugs. ☎ 1621

38 y/o GWF in committed relationship seeking Butch Buddy for friendship/pal. I'm honest, hardworking, nature lover, in recovery. Alcohol/drug-free. ☎ 1622

Lesbian artist, 31, attractive, professional, ISO woman with similar interests between 29 and 35 for friendship possibly more. No smokers. ☎ 1614

GF Any Age. All fun! No games. Happy Shiny People seek same. LET'S DO LUNCH. ☎ 1616

N/E Coast GWF-28 intelligent, very good looking, great sense of humor, well-travelled, studying law. ISO similar friends, but would enjoy dating if mutual attraction. Tell me about yourself. ☎ 1497

GWF, attractive, blue-eyed, long-maned guitar goddess looking for GWF, hippy-type, 26+ for friendship, possible relationship. No drugs. No smokers. Call now... ☎ 1498

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GWF seeks "Better-Half", petite, femme, GWF 35-45. Be center of my amorous attention/sexual energy. Let's talk. No drugs/bisexuals/alcoholics. ☎ 1500

GWF-fem/attractive/35 educated/physically fit/new age/non-drinker seeks similar GW-Fem for companionship. No alkies/druggies. ☎

1501

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

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

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

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

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

MEN

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COMPLETE THE FANTASY... Hot, masculine blue-collar/leather top wanted to discipline exotic, muscular bottom boy while hairy Italian lover watches. ☎ 1987

HIV+ - Brains, eyes, heart, tan, 5'10", 155#, healthy, ready for love maybe. ☎ 1988

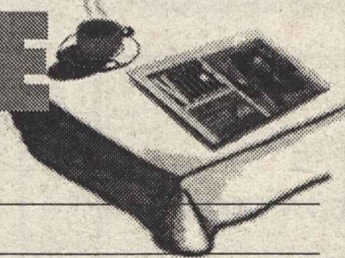
GWM, 34, 6', 190, hairy, hot, versatile, looking for GBM for private parties. Age/looks unimportant. Discretion assured. ☎ 1989

GWM, 29, brn/blu, very attractive seeks similar in West Metro Area. ☎ 1990

GWM, 32, affectionate, professional, non-smoker/drinker, non-stereotypical, seeks similar eclectic partner. ☎ 1991

Attractive GWM, 30, bl/bl, 5'10", 155#, healthy HIV+, seeks friendship (not relationship) for hiking.

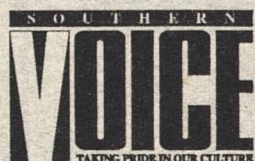
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PERSONALS

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scuba diving, motorcycling, boat-ing, movies, etc. ☎ 1715

Hairy, short, stocky, 40something tiddy bear workaholic tired of looking in all the wrong places for quality companion. ☎ 1716

GWM, 24, 6'3", 250#, brown/green. You GWM under 40 masculine NO ATTITUDE for friendship/relationship NO drugs, NO fems. ☎ 1717

GWM 30something 6', 155#, bl/bl, sensitive, good conversation, professional, relationship oriented. ISO younger, 25-35, easygoing slender guy who's not into games. ☎ 1718

Personable, witty GWM, 6'4", 37. ISO a mature GWM who never fears spontaneity and enjoys the art of conversation. ☎ 1719

GWM student seeking a generous male to satisfy my wants. I will satisfy his needs. ☎ 1720

Gay BM 38, HIV+, seeks GBM sincere, honest, masculine top, for friendship/possibly more, reoccurring addict. ☎ 1721

WM, 50, slim. Loves pets, motor-cycles, beaches seeks very masculine lifemate. TLC, P.O. Box 2095, Atlanta, GA 30301

GWM, 23, tall, fit, into 99X, outdoors. ISO same 21-30. Dark hair, blue/green eyes a +! Real people only! ☎ 722

Dominant GWM 47, 6', 165, seeking masculine GWM bottom with muscular sensitive pecs into B/D, TT, CBT. ☎ 1723

Versatile leather man 41, 5'7", 140, into being serviced and submissive, cock and butt play of all kinds. Safe action seeking same. ☎ 1724

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

Any hot-looking Queer Nation left-overs out there wanna have some fun??? Kick ass/move society and laugh. ☎ 1702

Cute, BM, athlete, 22, 5'8", smooth body, great personality. Seeks interesting WM 25-35 for fun Friendship/Relationship. ☎ 1624

GWM, 47, responsible, attractive, masculine, professional, no smoke/drugs/drink seeks GWM son, under 30, for long-lasting monogamous relationship. ☎ 1700

Hairy? Horny? 34 year old cub seeks aggressive nonsmoking sexy kinky Dad (30-45) for intense relationship. ☎ 1701

Hot GWM wants hot OUT friend. No cowards. Sex maybe. Fun. Adventure. Any race. Change world. No fats/fems. ☎ 1703

Hunting for bear! Attractive, hairy, athletic, GWM, 31 looking for a beefy, stable WM into sports, movies and travel. ☎ 1704

Two attractive, HIV-, discreet, GWM, versatile tops, 37-40 seeking mutually satisfying ongoing explorations. Anything SAFE/kinky. Bottoms preferred, versatile okay. ☎ 1705

GWM 30, 5'8", brn/hzl, 170lbs. Bottom. Enjoys books movies and adventurous sex. Seeks top for good times possible relationship. ☎ 1706

WM, 23, 5'7", 138, seeks W/B/Muscular males 18-30 for honest friendship and adventures. Endowed and tanned are plus! ☎ 1707

GBM, 34, 5'7", 135 healthy, interesting. Seeks tall, heavyset, country type Dominant Top 40-50, 200-300 lbs. ☎ 1708

Attractive, masculine, caramel Southern Virginian male, 36, healthy, screenwriter desires goodlooking, muscular, blonde beau, hairy, creative professional into romance. ☎ 1710

GWM seeks GBM professional, mature and sincere wanting to improve the Quality of his Life with massage. Erotic and Safe. ☎ 1711

GBM 38, professional. Dislike club scene. Very masculine seeking same. Financially independent. Would like to enjoy life. HIV+. 1600

Want to work up a sweat? GWM, 34, seeks muscular, tanned GWM 20-40 for hot workout. Let's get together. ☎ 1519

EX SOLDIER BOY

Attractive, hot, clean shaven BM 24 y/o, 5'10", 155, seeks versatile, attractive GWM 18-30. ☎ 1602

Classical musician, GWM 24, 6', 150, br/br, educated, attractive, romantic non-smoker seeks similar WM 22-32 to "make our garden grow". ☎ 1603

GWM thirtysomething from North-west S.C. Honest, drug-free. ISO similar 28-38 possible relationship. ☎ 1604

BM, attractive, sexy, seek dominant BM top who's into FF. Remeber the song "I'm looking for a two-fisted love". ☎ 1605

Dig this. Landscaper, 36, 5'10", 155 all muscle, 30" waist. Handsome, overeducated corporate drop out. Similar? Call for stress reduction. ☎ 1606

WNC Teddy Bear looking for another teddy bear to get into some mischief in the afternoon or early evening. ☎ 1607

Healthy Wealthy Wise MBiWM 45, burly, hairy, ISO young smooth, endowed submissive GBiWM available daytime for li mentoring loving. ☎ 1608

Genuine, masculine, GBM, 24 seeks sincere romantic, masculine, open-minded GMs of any race for exploring stimulating new friendship/relationship. ☎ 1609

GWM, early 30s, 180, 5'11", brown hair seeks daytime fun. Box D-498, 2221 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30309

Buff jock 18-35? WM football player 6'1", 230, muscular goodlooking 40 gives rubdown and service after workout. ☎ 1610

Landscaper, 30s, 5'10", 155, 30" waist, masculine, muscular, hot, handsome. Similar in Smyrna, Vinings, Austell? Discreet! Regular buddy for shower days. ☎ 1611

Goodlooking maculine WM seeks ONLY very masculine BM for safe, discreet encounters. No fats/fems. Discretion assured. ☎ 1612

Muscular GWM, 40, 6ft, 180lbs, HIV+, vgd/kg, 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, clean shaven, 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

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

Horny In Alabama. GWM Professional 30ish, 170, blond hair. Got small town blues because I'm not with you...an intelligent, in shape, stable GWM 30/40ish. Relationship minded. Save me! ☎ 1515

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 seeking average GWM. Prefer stable Plymouth-Rock-type person (not financially but Spiritually) for breezy relationship. ☎ 1518

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

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. Discretion 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

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

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

RU SHORT & LONG?

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 requirements. Let's play! ☎ 1580

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

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BISEXUAL

BiBM, 6'2", Carl Weathers look alike seeks young men for no strings attached fun. ☎ 1613

GBiSWF sought by fun safe gdlk w/\$ WM for marriage of convenience w/o strings. 1544 Piedmont Ave, Ste 37, Atlanta, Ga 30324

WM 48 slightly submissive oral devoted and enthusiast ISO G/Bi/S female attractive requiring daytime stress relief, reciprocation not required. ☎ 1615

BM, 42, 5'8", 175#, seeks feminine BiM for ongoing relationship. ☎ 1630

BiWF, 20, 5'5", br/gr, feminine, sexy, intelligent, seeks taller feminine woman for exciting companionship. Long hair preferred. No butches. ☎ 1631

I'm a fun guy, 30, into sci-fi, classical rock and roll, seeking male or bi female, 20-40, any race. ☎ 1577

BiWM, 25, student, hot looks, body, endowment, seeks man for discreet, no-strings visits. All answered. ☎ 1551

GWM submissive seeks leather Master or dominant, 25-45, for daytime discipline and service. ☎ 1470

CURIOUS VIRGIN-VGDLKING, shy, quiet, kind, smooth, diseaseless 32' 175, WM, ISO younger smooth patient understanding tender top for discreet sensual pleasurable explorations. ☎ 1452

BM, married, 55, in great shape. Seeks mature Bi female for safe discreet encounters. ☎ 1304

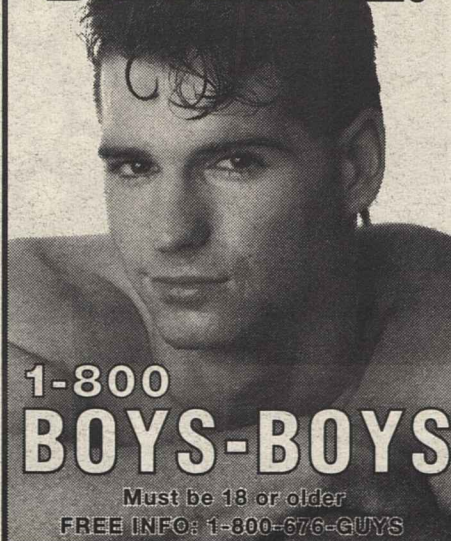
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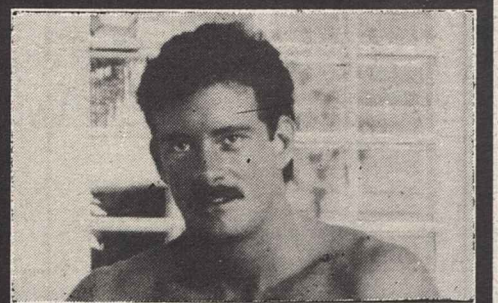
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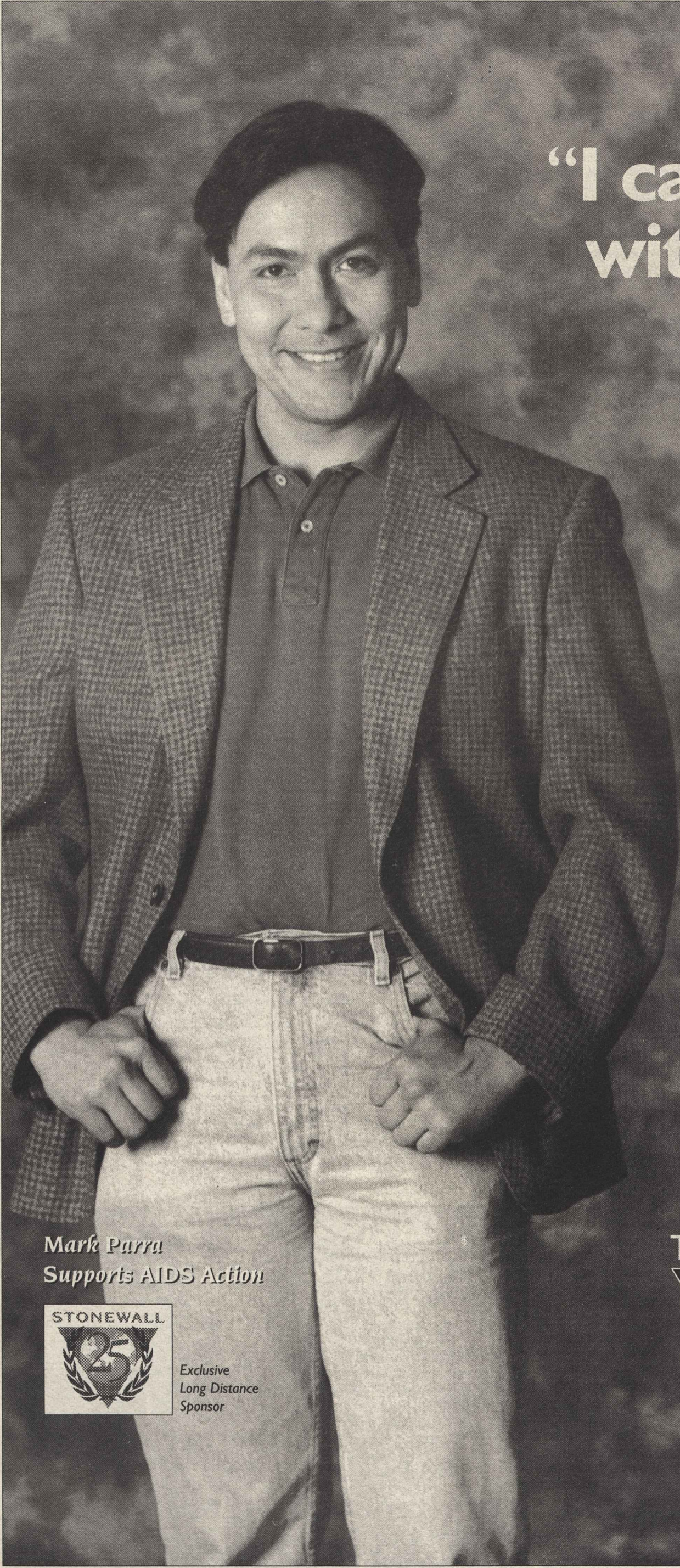
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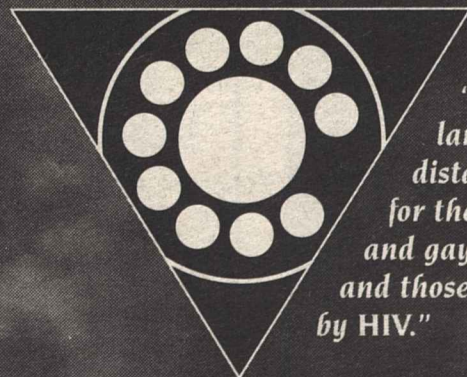
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