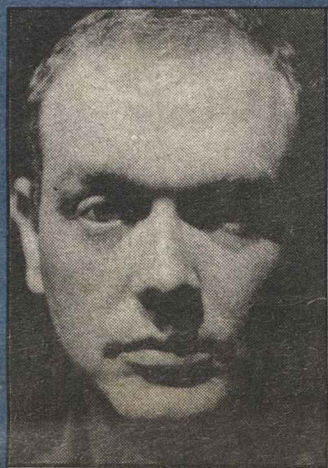


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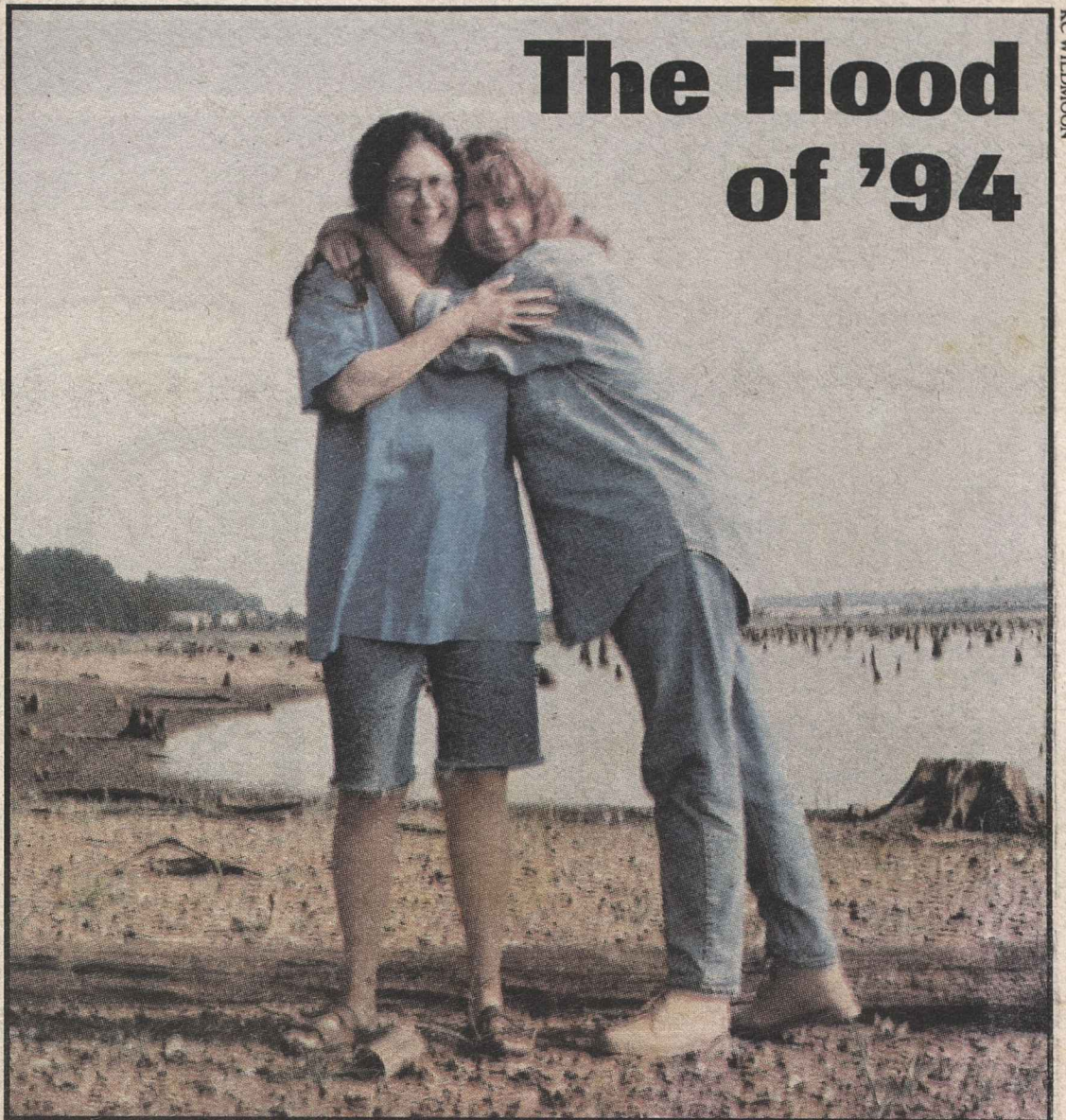
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# The Flood of '94

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## COMMON BOND

*The Flood of '94, the worst in state history, brought calamity to south Georgia residents. But it also brought an unexpected and newfound community to the lives of several rural lesbians*

by KC WILDMOON

There's a joke going around the Sumter County side of Lake Blackshear, the 8,700-acre south Georgia lake that was devastated when a dam broke during July's raging flood. The joke goes like this: Do you know why Ed and Sally's house didn't get flooded? Because there were two dikes in the front yard.

Make that "dykes"—specifically Elizabeth Spilman and Nancy Guthrie, who did not evacuate as the 11-foot waters rose steadily from July 7 to July 10, wrecking docks and houses as if they were built of nothing more than Lincoln logs. Spilman and Guthrie ended up camping in a pontoon boat in the yard of Ed and Sally's house, which was on high enough ground to avoid the flood waters.

Guthrie laughs about the joke. "We just heard it," she says. "But it's been going around for weeks."

Spilman and Guthrie have lived together in Spilman's house on Lake Blackshear for three years. They lived closer to Atlanta for five years before that—sometimes in the city and sometimes in a cabin in Ellijay. But Spilman wanted to be closer to her grandchildren—most of her family lives in nearby Dawson—so the pair packed and moved into the lake house, which Spilman built by adding to a one-room structure that her grandfather floated down the river from Cuthbert in 1935.

The rural setting suited them fine—but the separation from a women's community, or even a gay community, was chilling and isolating. Like other women who leave urban surroundings for a simpler life, Guthrie and Spilman longed for a sense of community with other women living the rural life—if only they could find them. They did, but it took a devastating flood to bring them together in south Georgia.

### From adversity, friendship

On Sunday evening, the day the waters crested at 11 feet above normal, a storm blew in. The trees surrounding the two-story house were blown nearly sideways by the gusting winds. The waters rose steadily higher, but the dam breached, and the waters began to recede. Spilman and Guthrie moved off the boat and into a tent nearer their own home, followed by nearly thirty cats and two dogs.

And then a miracle happened.

"We had been in the tent about a week," Guthrie says. "And they just showed up."

"They" were Karen Kirkland, a 35-year-old designer with an engineering firm in Albany, and Tina Hood, a 32-year-old emergency medical technician, two lesbians who lived just down the road. Kirkland, Hood, Guthrie and Spilman had never met, although they knew about each other. Hood and Kirkland's sudden arrival at their campsite brought a welcome gift.

"Both of them were at the door," Spilman recalls, "saying 'We have this trailer and we'd really like to bring it up.' It was a lifesaver."

Spilman and Guthrie were still living in that trailer in late August. The house, now cleared of mud and debris with the help of 277 gallons of bleach from supply centers set up to aid flood victims, still had no hot water, although the women expected it within a few days. They were waiting for an electrician to replace wires ruined by the waters that filled the house for a week, and the kitchen floor was to be replaced at the end of the week. But meeting Hood and Kirkland brought a shine to an otherwise devastating experience.

"We'd heard about them for years," says Hood, who has been with Kirkland for ten years, the last seven in the trailer down the road.

"We had their phone number, but every time we called we never got an answer," says Kirkland.

As they recount their meeting, the four women are sitting on Spilman and Guthrie's rebuilt deck. Not 30 feet away is the spot where their dock once stood—now a mudhole with a spring trickling fresh water toward the Flint River, several hundred yards away through a field of mussel shells and stumps of a long ago forest. A breeze keeps the weather unseasonably cool in South Georgia, and the four are finishing a catfish dinner from a nearby restaurant.

"The first time I saw y'all I saw the truck," Kirkland says. "It had a sticker on it from some organization I give money to. I thought, 'that must be them.'"

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**Pictured: Nancy Guthrie (left) and Elizabeth Spilman stand on what was the bottom of Lake Blackshear before an earthen dam broke.**

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# Doctors took kickbacks for inflating PWA's bills, suit charges

Atlanta—An Atlanta man has sued a home health care provider, charging that the company paid illegal kickbacks to two Atlanta doctors and a pharmacy.

The lawsuit was filed by Michael Alan Booth of Atlanta against Caremark Inc., based in Northbrook, Ill.

Booth, who was diagnosed with AIDS in 1990, accuses Caremark of paying illegal kickbacks to two Atlanta doctors and a pharmacy, also named as defendants. He says his bills were grossly inflated and that he was prescribed unneeded care. The overcharges eventually brought his total claims to the \$1 million limit on his insurance policy.

Booth said he never saw his bills, which were processed by his insurance company with payment sent to a lockbox in Chicago.

"Patients were very happy because they never got a bill," he told Southern Voice. "But once you reached your cap, [the doctor] sent you to the Grady system."

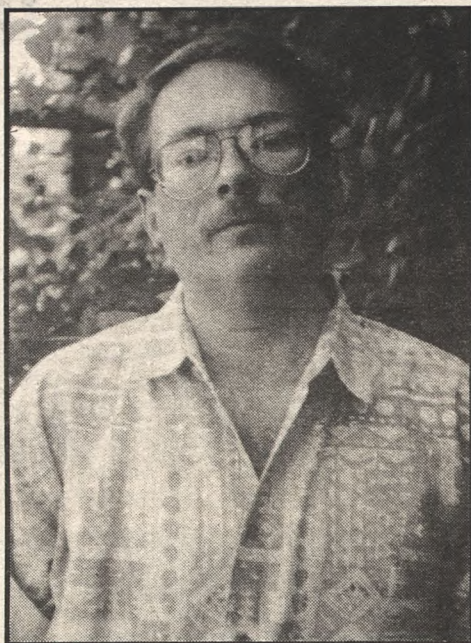
Booth said he discovered the high medical bills when his employer stopped processing his insurance after he left their employment due to his illness.

"I would never have found out if it hadn't been for that," he said. "I saw bills for a 6-8 week period that totalled about \$75,000."

According to the lawsuit, Booth was diagnosed by Dr. Michael D. Rankin. At the time, the lawsuit says, Booth told Rankin he had a health insurance policy through his employer, Hilton Hotels, with a \$1 million limit on benefits.

Rankin referred Booth to Caremark, which provides medical services at patient's homes, and instructed him to use Howell Mill Pharmacy as the exclusive outlet for his prescriptions, the lawsuit says.

Caremark overbilled as much as 500 percent above fair market value for services and added costs such as fees to prepare prescribed



Michael Alan Booth says his insurance was billed three to four times the real cost of treatments and medications.

medicines, according to the lawsuit. Booth estimates the overcharges amounted to between \$200,000 and \$750,000, though his lawsuit says the exact amount has not been determined.

In instances cited in court documents, Booth was billed \$462 for an antibiotic plus a \$289 preparation fee. The same medicine costs \$260 in another drugstore, said John Matteson, Booth's attorney.

The alleged kickbacks to Rankin and his associate, Dr. Mark L. Tanner, totaled about 25 percent of the billings, the lawsuit charges. The defendants denied wrongdoing and filed a motion to have the case dismissed.

Booth's lawsuit, filed in state court in the spring, alleges he was a victim of a widespread racketeering enterprise.

It says AIDS patients are considered "easy marks" because the debilitating nature of their illness and their inability to defend themselves have made them "modern equivalents of Biblical lepers."

"A lot of these patients are going to realize they've been victimized too because of the way the doctors handled their cases," Booth said.

Les Jacobson, a spokesman for Caremark, declined to discuss specific allegations in the lawsuit, as did Kimberly L. Woodland, an Atlanta lawyer representing the doctors. An attorney for the pharmacy did not return a call.

Jacobson said Caremark's relationship with Rankin and Tanner amounted to a subcontracting arrangement. It was legal and proper, and there were no kickbacks or referral fees, he said.

As part of a continuing federal investigation in several cities into its arrangements with physicians, Caremark has also been indicted in Minnesota and Ohio, accused of paying kickbacks to doctors there. In a press release issued Aug. 26, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said it had dispatched a task force to Atlanta to investigate charges here. Booth confirmed that he met with FBI investigators twice last week but said he could not discuss details, although he did say that the investigation was covering additional doctors and not just Rankin and Tanner.

The revelations in Booth's lawsuit cast a pall over health care coverage for AIDS patients.

"The biggest problem is that doctors are the patients' lifeline," said Don George, president of the Georgia Association of Physicians for Human Rights. "As in any profession, there are those who will take advantage where there's money involved. But it's heartless to take advantage of someone already afflicted with a terminal illness."

"I would never have believed it," said Booth, who added that he is now under the care of a doctor he trusts immensely. "Now I would be very selective, very careful, and I would ask to see my bills."

"I bought the best [insurance] policy available," he said, "but that doesn't do any good when you're dealing with people as unscrupulous as these doctors. When they quadruple prices, you get one year of coverage when you should have gotten five years."

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## Schaefer renews anti-gay rhetoric

Atlanta—Radical right activist Nancy Schaefer, the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, last week criticized incumbent Pierre Howard for accepting campaign contributions from gay rights and abortion rights groups.



Schaefer resorts to old tactics in her campaign for Lt. Governor.

Schaefer made the comments at a news conference on Sept. 1, following her appearance on CNN's "Talk Back Live" show.

"To live as domestic partners is not legally and biblically recognized," said Schaefer at the news conference. Schaefer clashed with call-in viewers and audience members during her appearance on the CNN show. To a woman who called to say that she and her boyfriend had lived as a family for nine years, Schaefer replied, "People are happier, healthier and at peace with themselves when they are in a family based on biblical values."

The anti-gay rhetoric is a familiar refrain from Schaefer, who since 1986 has advanced an anti-gay agenda through her Family Concerns Ministries and Citizens for Public Awareness groups. In 1991 Family Concerns successfully lobbied against Georgia's proposed "Hate Crimes" bill, which would have ordered that data be collected on crimes targeted against a minority.

In last week's news conference, Schaefer claimed that Howard had accepted \$7,800 from gay rights groups in 1990. That figure is way off, said Larry Pellegrini, lobbyist with GAPAC. "We only gave \$800," he said. "As usual, her research is faulty. She must be confusing us with Coca-Cola."

Of Schaefer's recent comments, Lewis Massey, campaign manager for Pierre Howard, said, "Once again...she is calling for big government to pass judgment on people's lives."

Pellegrini added, "If gay and lesbian participation in the democratic process is the best issue that Nancy Schaefer has to challenge Pierre Howard on, he's going to have an easier reelection than we anticipated."

DEVON CLAYTON

## Southern Voice hires assistant editor

Addition of former Advocate staffer Devon Clayton brings editorial department to three

Atlanta—Southern Voice has increased its editorial staff, with assistant editor Devon Clayton joining editor Christina Cash and staff writer KC Wildmoon. Clayton was formerly Associate Editor of The Advocate.

Raised in Houston, Clayton, 33, attended the University of California at Los Angeles, where he majored in English and worked for the school's Daily Bruin and edited the campus' s student-run lesbian/gay paper, Ten Percent.

"I was sort of drafted to be the editor," he said. "The previous editor suddenly dropped out of school, and the only person left on staff came to me and said, 'You're it.' That was how I got started in this whole line of work."

After graduation, Clayton worked for an arm of Simon & Schuster editing medical and trade journals, and then took a position as copy editor for The Advocate in early 1987.

"I worked for them during a really interesting period," Clayton says of his years with the Advocate, "when it was going from a very staid, gay-male lifestyle magazine to a much more relevant, modern publication."

But after five years at The Advocate—and 13 years in Los Angeles—Clayton packed his bags for South Carolina, where he lived with his family and began work on a novel.

"I got about a third of the way through,



Devon Clayton

three different times, and always hit a wall," he laughs. "Now it's collecting dust on a computer disk somewhere in my apartment."

The move to Atlanta and the job with Southern Voice, he says, is a natural progression.

"Atlanta is the place to be—the gay capital of the South," he says. "It's a very dynamic place. If I had come directly to Atlanta from

L.A., I might have had a very different attitude. But the experience of spending a year in a town of 8,000 people, and making friends with gays and lesbians who've grown up under those constraints, was humbling and quite eye-opening."

Clayton said he is "very excited" to work for Southern Voice, noting that the region has no other major voice for lesbian and gay issues.

"The Advocate is in L.A., Out is in New York, 10 Percent is in San Francisco," he said. "Southern Voice is in a unique position to be a major publication originating in the South. I'd like to see it reach the next level. With an upcoming redesign and with more staff, it's going to continue to grow, become more professional, a little more slick in its design while maintaining the heart and mission we all have."

It's a new direction for Clayton—coming from the fast world of Los Angeles to the slower pace of the South, but it's a move he relishes.

"There's a sense of community here," he says. "I sort of lost touch with that while I was living in L.A., where people are so disconnected. And after all those years in a city that's all concrete and smog, to be in a place that's green is incredibly refreshing. Except for the beach. If there was a beach here, we'd really be in business."

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## Judge returns children to lesbian mother

Birmingham, AL (AP)—A judge ruled that three children would be better off in the stable lesbian home of their mother than in the troubled and sometimes abusive home of their heterosexual father.

Jefferson County Family Court Judge Sandra Ross, citing the lack of expert evidence on such cases, awarded custody of the children to Gretchen Chateau of Orlando, FL, even though she lost custody six years ago because she physically abused them.

Fred Chateau said he never expected a judge to put the children with his ex-wife since she openly lives with another woman.

"Judge Ross has sent a message to my children that homosexuality is OK," Chateau said. "What is Sandra Ross thinking about? Two young girls going into puberty and putting them with two lesbians in a gay neighborhood. Is that smart?"

Gretchen Chateau said, "My main concern was they are three very bright, intelligent kids who deserve to be cultivated for their adult life, and that's not going to happen with my ex-husband," she told The Birmingham News. "He has trouble with anger and dealing with life in general."

The children—a 9-year-old boy and girls age 12 and 14—had been living in Fred Chateau's home near Columbiana, 20 miles south of Birmingham, until the judge ruled in May.

Ms. Chateau's ex-husband conceded

that other than her lesbianism, which he disapproves of, she has overcome her past problems and become a good and stable person. He also admitted having used harsh discipline in the past, that the house had been disheveled and had little furniture, and that two of the children slept on the floor.

Chateau said he has visited with the children since they moved to Orlando and they "were real happy with their mom."

Judge Ross heard the case because she handled the original divorce in 1988, when the couple lived in Jefferson County and she awarded custody to Chateau. She said court rules prohibit her from commenting on the case, but her ruling mentioned marijuana use by the father and the use of a coaxial cable as a switch.

Elizabeth Graham, a court-appointed attorney for the children, said, "If everything would have been equal, I would have recommended the kids stay with the dad." She said all three testified they wanted to live with their mother.

Jefferson County Circuit Judge Gary Pate, who has more than 20 years' experience in domestic relations cases, said judges have a lack of judicial precedent to go on when handling cases like this. "Until the Supreme Court tells us, any judge is really flying by the seat of his or her pants. We just have to do the best we can."

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## Queer arts fest comes to Tennessee

Dowellton, TN—IDA, a new queer artist community located in Middle Tennessee, just 11 miles from the famed faerieland Short Mountain Sanctuary, is hosting a celebration of queer arts this fall.

Artland '94 will be held Sept. 23-26 on IDA's 243 acres of woods, waterfalls and wonder. Workshops, stage performances, salons, a barn mural painting, exhibits and bonfires are planned, along with hikes and plenty of time to relax in the fall beauty.

Says IDA resident Tim, it's "an opportunity to show more people that what we're doing is a viable way of living."

Registration for Artland is \$65, and work exchanges are available. Contact IDA, 904 Vickers Hollow Rd., Dowelltown, TN 37059, or call (615) 597-4409.



Two IDA residents commune with the Corn Goddess.

## Chapel Hill schools approve plan that protects gay students

Chapel Hill, NC—The Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board has unanimously approved a Multicultural Action Plan for its schools that includes provisions regarding sexual orientation.

According to Charlotte gay newspaper Q-Notes, the plan is designed to create a safe environment for all students and teachers regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, political persuasion or religious affiliation.

The plan will take effect this fall, and will allow the introduction of books, speakers and class discussions on a variety of subjects, including gay and lesbian issues.

Additionally, gay and lesbian students will be able to seek counseling openly.

Gloria Faley, a lesbian mother who led the fight to include sexual orientation in the plan, said, "I am thrilled at their decision...They had the courage to stand up for what is right."

The school board decision flies in the face of attempts by North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms to deny federal funds to schools that show homosexuality in anything but a negative light. Helms' amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act will be challenged in a Congressional conference committee.

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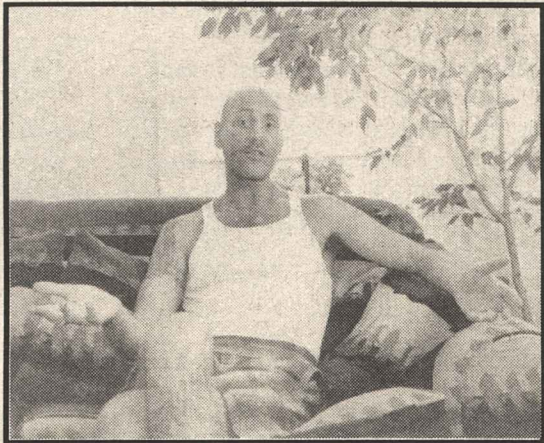
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### Anti-gay Remarks Taint Texas Gubernatorial Race:

Texas State Sen. Bill Ratliff—chair of Republican George W. Bush's East Texas gubernatorial campaign—set off a storm of controversy when he publicly criticized incumbent Gov. Ann Richards' appointments of openly gay people to state posts. "I simply don't agree to appointing avowed homosexual activists...to positions of leadership," Ratliff said. "I think it elevates the lifestyle...to the equivalent of the traditional family." Bush distanced himself from the remarks, saying Ratliff was speaking for himself, but the Richards campaign charged that Ratliff made the remarks with Bush's blessing. "George W. Bush is showing us what his idea of a positive campaign is," said Richards spokesman Chuck McDonald. "The election is 76 days away, and he has stepped up his negative campaign." McDonald added that he resented "any reporter who considers this a legitimate issue."

### Gym Invites Spurned PWA to Rejoin:

A health club accused of revoking an HIV-infected man's membership said Aug. 18 that it would be "honored" to welcome back Irving Silverman, who claims in a lawsuit that the club's owner kicked him out of the facility after learning he had AIDS. According to Silverman, 35, club owner Robert Guzzardi kicked him out of the club after he cut his finger on a gym locker and requested a bandage. "We don't want your kind here," Silverman quoted Guzzardi as saying. "You're careless. You could infect everybody." Gym spokesman Rick Piper said the club has a wide range of members, some of whom have HIV or AIDS, and that all members are given equal access to the exercise machines and treatments. But AIDS Law Project attorney Ronda Goldfein, representing Silverman, commented, "I'm concerned. If they threw him out once for this concern, what says that they wouldn't do it again? One offer does not mean that they will make the changes we feel are necessary."



Emily Kate Berger

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**Bill Increases Penalties For Anti-gay Hate Crimes:** The \$30.2 billion crime bill passed by the U.S. Senate contains increased penalties for hate crimes committed against lesbians and gay men. The legislation, which is expected to be signed by the President, increases sentences by at least three offense levels for federal crimes motivated by the victim's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, gender or sexual orientation. The stiffer penalties, included in an amendment known as the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act, cover all federal crimes against people and property. Daniel Zingale, public policy director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, said, "The inclusion of disability and gender, along with sexual orientation, sends a message to local law enforcement agencies that the federal government is serious about gay-bashing, as well as hate crimes against women, people with AIDS and people of color."

**Oregon Teacher Cleared of "Promoting Homosexuality":** An investigative report prepared by a Portland law firm has concluded that a Beaverton, OR, teacher did not "encourage students to have homosexual or heterosexual experiences" as part of a May 10 sexual education workshop. Several eighth-grade boys had claimed that Larry Smith—a teacher on leave who was doing volunteer AIDS/HIV educational work for the Oregon Health Division—had encouraged them to have two homosexual experiences. The report indicates that parents had approved of their sons attending the off-campus workshop called "A New Attitude: Promoting Healthy Behaviors in a High Risk Society." The misunderstanding about Smith supposedly "promoting homosexuality" came from Smith's statement that "if a person has two homosexual experiences, it does not necessarily mean that he or she is gay." The report's authors concluded that "it is not difficult to see how an eighth-grade student could interpret this comment as a statement that he should have one or two homosexual experiences in order to determine his sexual preference."

**Canadian Customs Seizes Shipments For Gay Bookstore:** Canadian Customs has seized two more shipments of books to a Vancouver, BC, gay and lesbian bookstore in suspicion that they are obscene, the store manager says. The books includes a children's book called "Belinda's Bouquet," a biography of Noel Coward, and an exchange of letters between poets Byron and Shelley. "This is the fifth time for us that it has been seized," said Janine Fuller, manager of Little Sister's Book and Art Emporium. The bookstore and BC Civil Liberties Association filed suit against the seizures in 1990. They want the Supreme Court of BC to find that Customs is contravening freedom of thought and expression under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The trial has been postponed several times, and is currently scheduled for October.

**Domestic Partnership, USA:** California is poised to become the first state in the nation to offer a statewide domestic partnership registry. The Assembly and Senate each passed the bill last week, and it has gone to Gov. Pete Wilson for his signature. Wilson has not indicated whether he will sign it. The bill would allow gay, elderly and other unmarried couples to pay a fee to register with the state. They would then have hospital visitation rights, be named conservators if one became incapacitated, and more easily bequeath property to one another. Yale University is now offering health care benefits to same sex domestic partners of graduate and professional students, adding them to the faculty members, administrators and managerial staff who already receive the benefits. And the board of regents for the University of Maryland is debating a proposal to extend benefits to unmarried partners of faculty and staff at the College Park campus. The campus senate passed a resolution in May calling for the change, saying the exclusion violated the school's policy banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The board has not scheduled a vote on the matter.

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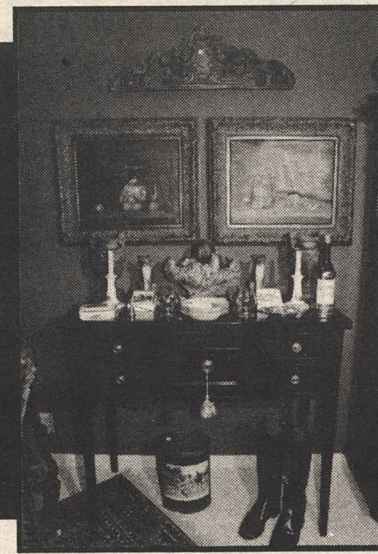


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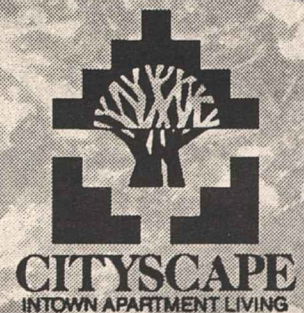
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## Japan holds first Pride parade

Tokyo—Coming out of the closet and into the street, gays and lesbians on Aug. 25 staged the first-ever gay parade in Japan.

Some passersby were surprised as the procession chanted and danced its way from Shinjuku to Shibuya, two commercial areas packed with young couples and families. Others waved and took pictures.

The three-mile route took nearly three hours in scorching 91-degree heat.

While the turnout of more than 1,000 participants was far smaller than similar parades in San Francisco and New York, organizers were pleased since they had originally received only 300 applications.

Teishiro Minami, chairman of the parade committee and publisher of gay literature, said he has wanted to organize a parade for 20 years but had to wait until the time was right.

"Up until now, it was hard to come out and say you're gay," he said. "But changes in our society have made it easier."

Mainstream Japanese magazines have started carrying articles on gays, and sponsors for the parade included companies such as Tower Records.

"This is a landmark day for us," says a 28-year-old lesbian painter who gave her name only as Mizuko. "We were able to prove that we're alive and that we exist in this society."

Yet despite increased awareness of gay issues, organizers said in a statement that homosexuals are still excluded from many aspects of Japanese society. Apart from a handful of transsexual entertainers, most Japanese gays hide their sexual preferences.

There were no reports of protests or harassment.

## Tasmania may lose anti-gay law

Canberra, Australia—The Australian government moved Aug. 22 to overrule a state law banning homosexuality in Tasmania.

The ban has been in force in Tasmania for generations and carries a maximum penalty of 21 years in prison.

While no one has been prosecuted under the law for years, gays consider it a symbol of repression and have called for its repeal. In April the United Nations backed that demand in a ruling by its Human Rights Committee in Geneva.

Tasmania is an island at the south tip of Australia and is the smallest state in population and area.

Michael Lavarch, Australia's attorney general, said the federal government had failed to persuade Tasmania to repeal the law and would soon introduce legislation of its own to overrule the ban.

Under Australia's constitution, federal law takes precedence over a state law, although the federal government has rarely had to invoke its powers to force a state to comply.

Gay activists celebrated the announcement by renouncing their month-old boycott of Tasmanian food exports to the mainland.

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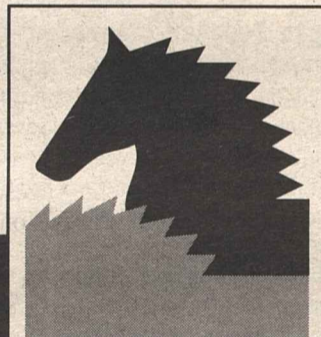
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## Coming out doesn't justify discharge

San Francisco—The armed forces can bar homosexuals for sexual acts but not for merely coming out, a federal appeals court has ruled.

In upholding the reinstatement of a Navy man who revealed his homosexuality on national television, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last week said a declaration of homosexuality was not the same as an intention to engage in homosexual acts during military service.

Only a statement that shows a "concrete, fixed or expressed desire to engage in homosexual acts despite their being prohibited" justifies an involuntary discharge, the court said in a 3-0 ruling.

The court rejected an attempt by a federal judge in the case to impose a nationwide ban on military discrimination based on sexual orientation. That ban raised issues beyond the scope of the discharge of Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, who sued only on his own behalf, the court said.

Meinhold's case was decided under former military regulations, which treated declarations of homosexuality as grounds for discharge.

Under the new "don't ask, don't tell" policy adopted by President Clinton and Congress, service members who declare their homosexuality face discharge unless they can prove they will remain celibate while in the service.

The court said it was not deciding issues raised by the new policy. But the ruling suggested that the court would consider the policy invalid if discharges were based on a presumption that a declared homosexual would engage in conduct prohibited by military rules.

The ruling, by a panel of two Republican appointees and one Democratic appointee, was the latest of several federal court rebuffs to military policy on sexual orientation.

Meinhold, a decorated 14-year veteran who enlisted at age 17, is now an airborne sonar operator at North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego. He praised the ruling.

The court understood "that I am a sailor just like every other sailor in the United States Navy and I will continue to go about doing my job as I always have, and the government cannot assume just because I'm gay, that I'm any different from any other sailor," he told reporters.

Meinhold was discharged in August 1992, three months after telling a television interviewer, "Yes, I am in fact gay."

U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter of Los Angeles ordered his reinstatement in November 1992, saying there was no rational basis for excluding service members solely because of their sexual orientation.

When the Navy balked at promoting or re-enlisting Meinhold, Hatter broadened his ruling last September to forbid all forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation, and



Naval Petty Officer Keith Meinhold is a decorated 14-year veteran.

made it clear that his ban applied nationwide.

The Supreme Court later narrowed Hatter's order to apply only to Meinhold while the case was on appeal. Reinstatement orders in several similar cases are pending before the same appeals court, including the case of Magarethe Cammermeyer, a lesbian colonel in the Washington National Guard.

Last weeks' ruling was worded cautiously. Besides rejecting Hatter's proposed nationwide order, the court disavowed any intention of second-guessing the military.

"We defer to the Navy's judgment that the presence of persons who engage in homosexual conduct, or who demonstrate a propensity to engage in homosexual conduct by their statements, impairs the accomplishment of the military mission," said the opinion by Judge Pamela Rymer.

But to avoid "constitutional tensions," she said, the military policy must be interpreted to apply only to those whose statements show an intention of engaging in prohibited sexual acts. Significantly, Rymer indicated that statements by homosexuals and heterosexuals should be judged by the same standard.

Citing the Navy's claim that Meinhold's declaration of homosexuality showed a likelihood that he would engage in prohibited sexual conduct, Rymer said, "No similar assumption is made with respect to service members who are heterosexual."

She noted that heterosexuals can be discharged for a variety of sexual conduct, including adultery, sexual assault, bigamy and sodomy.

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## Suspected slayer of three gay men surrenders to Dallas police

Irving, TX—An Arkansas parolee wanted in connection with the slayings of three gay men and being investigated in other killings surrendered to police Aug. 26.

Edwin B. Perkins, 33, surrendered to Irving and Dallas police on a warrant accusing him in the Aug. 18 slaying of Larry David Allen, authorities said.

Allen's nude body, stabbed repeatedly, was thrown through the window of a motel room where Perkins was registered.

Police have said Perkins is also a suspect in the deaths of two other men in Irving. All three suffered multiple stab wounds.

The other victims are Larry Allen, and

Leopoldo "Paul" Quintanilla Jr.

Quintanilla's nude body was dumped in an Irving field.

"There was a lot of hate here," said Detective Tom Rowan of the crimes.

Perkins frequented the same area as all three victims, said police Capt. Travis Hall.

Perkins was convicted of aggravated robbery and attempted capital murder in Arkansas and was imprisoned until 1988, when he was paroled to Texas. In 1991, he was convicted on a felony drug charge and sentenced to five years on probation; that probation was revoked earlier this month.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

## The show must go on

by LESLÉA NEWMAN

When I'm away on a book tour, I call home every night. On a recent Thursday, the conversation went like this:

Flash: "I'm so glad you called! Any word from Michael?"

Me: "No, and not a peep out of Liz, either. I'm worried."

Anyone eavesdropping on our conversation would think we were talking about friends of ours. But no, Flash and I are talking about people who really concern us: Michael Jackson and Liz Taylor.

We move on. "I'm so annoyed with Madonna," I say.

"You usually are," Flash reminds me. "Listen, we better go, it's 8:59." There's a slight panic in Flash's voice. "Bye, I love you."

"Love you, too. Bye."

As soon as we hang up, I zap on "Seinfeld." Some couples, forced to be apart, take comfort in knowing that every night the same stars are shining above their heads. Not me. My security lies in knowing that Flash and I, though separated, are both watching the same stars on television. We're laughing at the same jokes. We're muting the same commercials. We are one.

It hasn't always been like this. I went through a long "Kill Your Television" phase, starting when I was 16. Back then, television ruled our household. The television even had its own room, the TV room. There was no toaster room or blender room. I didn't even have my own room. But the TV room was sacred so I refused to enter it. While my family took their places to watch "Flipper," I retreated with a Dostoyevsky novel. "Come watch with us," my parents would plead. "Ed Sullivan's coming on."

When I finally left home, I was proud to be among the 1.7% of the American population who lived sans TV. I lived this way until I met Flash. Luckily, she discovered this flaw early in our relationship, when she was so sleep-deprived she would overlook anything. Pretty soon though, we began spending most of our time at Flash's house so she could watch TV. She'd don her headphones, plug herself into the set and watch something called "Cheers" while I curled beside her with "The Selected Poems of Yevtushenko."

But then something happened. One night



Flash was watching a celebrity benefit and my eyeballs kept catching a red sequined gown on the set across the room. "Who's that?" I asked. "What's she saying?"

"Goldie Hawn. Shh. I can't hear."

"Let me hear." I lunged for Flash's headphones and in an instant I was back among the living. "Ooh, look at Jane Fonda," I crooned. "Oh my God, is that Marilyn Monroe?"

"No, that's Madonna."

"Madonna who?" Obviously I had a lot of catching up to do. I started watching TV with a vengeance, and now the biggest issue in our relationship is who controls the remote. Flash likes the butch shows like "Star Trek" and Discovery Channel specials on spiders. I like the femme shows, those made-for-TV movies based on real life stories with titles like "Seasons of the Heart" and stars like Sally Field. But we do compromise. I have watched a few episodes of "The Next Generation" (mostly to see how Counselor Troi was wearing her hair) and Flash did watch all three Amy Fisher movies with me, though she refused to watch "The Joan and Melissa Rivers Story." Thank God for Raven, who was over in two seconds flat with a bag of Chee-tos and a bottle of Black Cherry Soda.

Over the years, Flash and I have found some common ground. We both love cooking

shows (we get especially turned on by Julia Child slapping a monkfish). We both love women's tennis, especially if Martina's playing. Everyone knows we adore "Roseanne." If the phone rings between 9:00 and 9:30 on a Tuesday night, either someone has died, or Raven is in a particularly obnoxious mood. We like "Murphy Brown" too, and of course the lesbian shows are our favorites: the reruns with couples like Lucy and Ethel, Mary and Rhoda, Laverne and Shirley, Wilma and Betty. Of course they're dykes: they dream together, they scheme together, they laugh together, they cry together, they break up, they process, they make up. And they never have sex. Sounds like half the lesbian couples I know. Including Bert and Ernie.

So Flash and I tune in every week, waiting for the big lesbian moment to happen. That unsatisfying Roseanne Arnold/Mariel Hemingway kiss a while back wasn't it. I'm holding out for that femme/butch couple: Corky Sherwood-Forest and Murphy Brown. Now that would be hot.

But I think it'll be a while before Flash and I see anyone like ourselves on television. The lucky lesbian who's going to direct "As The Dyke Turns" is just cutting her baby teeth. That's okay, though. I'm still working on the screenplay for the made-for-TV movie based on actual events called "Lesléa: My Life As a Lesbian." And we're having a little trouble casting it. Flash thinks Tony Randall should play Raven, but I think it should be Tom Cruise. Flash wants Tom Cruise to play her, and Raven wants to be portrayed by Christian Slater. Raven and I both think Geena Davis would be perfect for me, but Flash thinks she's too tall. I think k.d. lang would be perfect for Flash (if I can't have her in real life, that would be the next best thing) but Flash yearns for a real butch like Joan Crawford or Barbara Stanwyck. Finally I decide to play myself (anything Joan and Melissa Rivers can do, I can do better), but Flash says then there's no way she'll let k.d. lang be my leading lady. If Flash thinks I'm kissing Tom Cruise, she can just forget it. Stay tuned.

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## LETTERS

## Where were we?

Organizers of the August 28 "And Justice For All" human rights rally in Marietta Square put the number at 4,000; the police estimated 1,000 people attended. It makes little difference which is more accurate, for either number is pitifully small.

We stood over 100,000 strong to party in Piedmont Park for Pride just two months ago. Where were we on August 28? While I recognize the importance of Pride, I found the reasons to demonstrate in Cobb County far more compelling.

As a Jew, when I read the Cobb County Resolution, I cannot ignore the haunting echo of the Nuremberg Laws which ushered in the Holocaust.

I must now act with the knowledge history so painfully imparted to me.

Consequently, I have to travel from Decatur to Cobb County to denounce publicly

the hate-filled resolution rather than sit back and shrug it off as an empty statement by a small group of right wing fanatics. Hitler did not start with the gas chambers—nor will the likes of Gordon Wylson stop with empty resolutions.

Susan J. Levy  
Decatur

## STONEWALL RIOTS

BY ANDREA NATALIE





## Angels, angels everywhere

One sign of a city's coming of age, queer-wise, is when you can't keep up with everything queer there is to do there. When I first moved to Atlanta over a decade ago, you always kept a sharp eye out for the occasional movie, fundraiser, etc., that you knew *everyone* would attend. And when you got there, you saw *everyone* that you saw at the last movie, fundraiser, etc. Nowadays, so many events compete that there aren't enough weekends to go around.

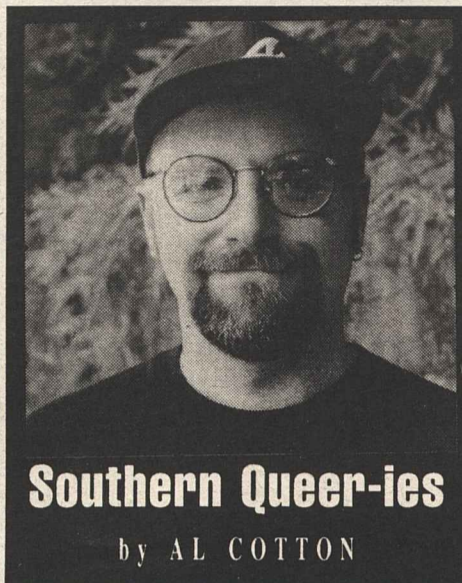
Witness a case in point. On August 28th, there was an almost harmonic convergence of two long-planned events—a demonstration on the Square in Marietta against Cobb County's anti-gay resolution, and the first preview night of the Alliance Theatre's production of "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches." How does it happen that the most celebrated gay play in American history premieres in Atlanta at the exact time a rally against Cobb County's theater-inspired anti-gay resolution ends? That's karma running over dogma if I've ever seen it.

And in many ways, as a native Alabamian, I find that a trip to Cobb County still feels like an express train from Oz back to Kansas. As we passed under—I swear I didn't make this up—the Dick Hunter Memorial Bridge, and parked in the Confectionately Yours parking lot, I had this feeling that we were not yet done with karma for the afternoon.

As a veteran of many such rallies, I found this one fascinating, a sort of gay protest from an alternate universe, with doctors and housewives and Republicans in place of Cathy Woolard and Ron Slotin and Peg. I've never seen such a mainstream crowd assemble to yell at political authority before. Only in suburbia.

At first, I kept noticing how odd it felt for so few of the spotlighted speakers to be gay. "Wait a minute—aren't we the aggrieved party here?" I thought. And then the answer came back, pretty quickly, "No, we're not." So far, this resolution hasn't directly affected my life at all; now that the Olympics have left Cobb, the only thing left for me to do is shop elsewhere.

No, it's the local citizens, whose county's reputation is being ruined by agenda-driven politicians, who've been hurt. And quite rightly, they're the ones who spoke. And once I let go of my proprietary attitude about demonstrations, I began to feel how wonderful it is to not have to carry all the water for once.



**Southern Queer-ies**  
by AL COTTON

There on the stage was a straight woman commencing this gay rally because her best friend is the gay man whose theater produced the play that started this chain reaction. This is her fight only because she has *chosen* to make it hers.

And then there was Rabbi Steven Lebow, who brought this rally to life—he was as passionate, committed, eloquent and electrifying on our behalf as I could only hope to be in the same circumstance. And again, from someone who has asked for a leadership position on this issue with no immediately visible stake in its outcome.

This remarkable group of people is a testament to coalition politics. Here are straight people speaking to our concerns and fears and dreams in a way that, among straight people, I have only seen P-FLAG parents do. These people, who look like people who have been our enemies in the past, very clearly *get it* in a way that, in my cynical moments, I have assumed that no straight person can. If we are to win our fight for legal protection for our lives and relationships, the coalition that will make that happen will look very much like the one we saw in Marietta on August 28.

And then off to the theater, where gay men were descending upon the Arts Center in gaggles, from all directions, at all levels of dress-up, for this preview of the most amazing gay play to hit Broadway, ever. Tonys and Pulitzers galore, and Atlanta was chosen as one of four regional cities to get first crack at producing its own local version. That's a remarkable coup for Alliance artistic director

Kenny Leon, whose fine production of William Finn's "Falsettos" last year underscores a track record with gay theatre that many of us don't properly appreciate.

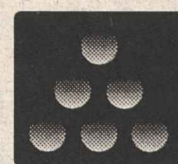
Speaking before the first curtain was Leon himself, talking straight (so to speak) about how important this play is to the mission of the Alliance, how concerned he is that they get this play right. Just as with "Falsettos," Leon is being fearless about putting theater on his stage that might actually mean something to the people paying money to watch it. (That fearlessness didn't keep him from being nervous, however—one friend saw him literally pacing in the lobby shortly after first curtain; I saw him hanging around the door after intermission, trying to overhear what people stopped saying when they saw him listening.)

In many ways, the risk Leon is taking by doing "Angels" is enormous. "Angels" is a very talky philosophical/theoretical/metaphysical/supernatural treatise on life in the '90s, 3-1/2 hours long, and not the type of play that appeals to the typical Alliance season-ticket holder. There are undoubtedly many regional theaters in this country that are glad not to be staging a play that contains casual sex, black drag queens, leathermen, pill-popping housewives, closeted Mormon husbands, imagined trips to Antarctica, and Roy Cohn.

Parts of "Angels" soared, nailing with dead-on accuracy and integrity how AIDS invades our lives, or how lies get told and truths get revealed in washrooms and living rooms and hospital rooms. Other parts were talky, lacking the split-second timing that make a complex scene work. As a survivor of college repertory theater, I can testify that this sort of stuff almost always works itself out as a play's run progresses. I for one would love to see this play again.

The striking commonality between these events is how dialogue in our society is changing. At least in Atlanta, on this festive Sunday afternoon in August, the voices piping up for gay rights are not just gay voices, but also Rabbi Lebow's Jewish voice, Kenny Leon's African-American voice, and Michael Home's best friend's suburban voice, all echoing ours, and in some cases, leading the choir themselves: "If you want to hurt them, you have to go through us as well."

There are indeed, it seems, more Angels in America than we know. Even in Atlanta. Even in *Cobb County*. Go figure.



**GLAAD**  
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by CARL LANGE

### Talk Back Live

What do you get when you combine e-mail, fax, telephone and CNN?—"Talk Back Live." This new CNN show, hosted by the dynamic Susan Rook, former CNN news anchor, has in its first two weeks dealt responsibly with a number of issues that concern gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. Topics have included the Cobb County anti-gay resolution, Georgia's racist state flag, and homophobia in the police force.

On August 31, domestic partnership was the show's topic with guests Jerry Falwell and Rev. Michael Piazza, senior minister of the Cathedral of Hope, MCC, in Dallas, Texas. While Mr. Falwell could be considered an inappropriate guest for such a topic, his homophobic babbling and lies were challenged by Rook, Piazza, members of the audience and statistical information presented throughout the show. Invited guests in the audience included Atlanta homophobe, Nancy Schaefer, president of Family Concerns, an anti-gay radical "Christian" based group, as well as a number of knowledgeable members of the Atlanta gay and lesbian community.

CNN has attempted to make the show as accessible to as many people as possible with an "interactive town-meeting" format connected with the information superhighway. Rook facilitates between the live audience, satellite-hooked guests, and comments arriving by telephone, e-mail, and fax.

CNN has typically failed miserably in its dealings with issues of gay/lesbian/bi communities and should be encouraged for this promising change of attitude. The Turner Broadcasting System, which owns CNN, has also recently introduced a company-wide policy of nondiscrimination based on sexual orientation. Rook should be commended for her responsible handling of the issues, and should be encouraged to continue hosting topics that concern the gay, lesbian and bisexual viewers.

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the Cobb County Commission to rescind their bigoted and hateful resolution, I will not do anything which results in tax revenues for Cobb County.

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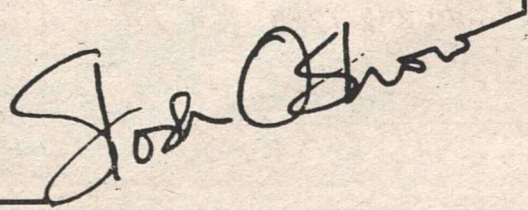
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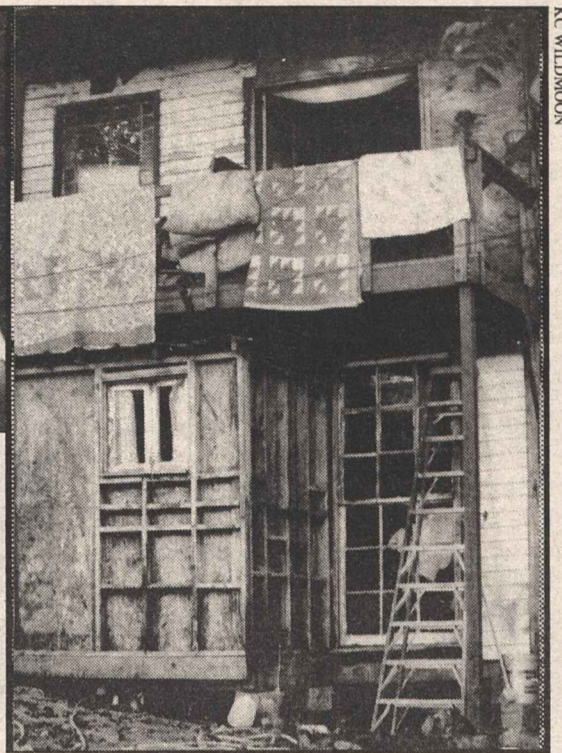
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"If that dam hadn't gone," says Nancy Guthrie, "the house would have."



KC WILDMOON

## The Flood of '94

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"There's another lesbian on the road here somewhere," Hood says. "Our pharmacist told us about her. But we haven't met her yet."

Guthrie laughs. "He told us about her, too," she says. "I think he's trying to network us."

### Fighting the flood

The new friends are quiet for a while, thoughts of the flood heavy in their minds.

"We couldn't make up our minds to go," says Hood. "Karen started getting worried when the houses started coming down the river from Drayton. But the way she got me out was she said that if the dogs got bit by a snake we were going to have to shoot them because we won't be able to take care of them. We loaded up and headed out."

Deciding what to take with them was the hardest part. "Tina said 'this is really unset-

ting' and started crying," says Kirkland. "I said whatever you take is all you'll have left."

"It was a realization. This is real," Hood adds. "It hits you right in the face."

Hood and Kirkland were lucky. The waters came over their dock, up to the trailer, and stopped eight inches below the floor. They had only to restack the blocks the trailer rests on to move back in. But their neighbors weren't so fortunate.

"There were fish jumping in the kitchen," Spilman recalls. "When we were able to go down and look in, I started shaking."

"You have this psychological thing that after it's over you just clean up and go back in," she continues. "You don't think about rotted walls, throwing away cast iron pots, anything that's porous, because of bacteria."

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## Rare bacteria a concern for immune-compromised people

Tacoma, WA—The vibrio vulnificus bacteria has little effect on healthy people but can produce fatal blood poisoning in those with liver ailments, diabetes, AIDS and other conditions that impair the immune system.

About 15 deaths from the bacteria are reported annually, almost all during the months between April and October.

The only reports of oyster-related illness from vibrio vulnificus have been tied to bivalves from the Gulf Coast, although the bacteria is found in marine waters worldwide, FDA scientists said.

David Cook, an FDA vibrio vulnificus researcher, said he had heard of infections in Australia and South Africa among people who had a cut or open sore and made contact with contaminated water.

Seong-Jun Kim, a South Korean fisheries research and development official, said vibrio vulnificus was suspected in an illness linked to improperly handled fermented fish paste in his country about four years ago.

The ailment is insidious and selective,

unlike outbreaks of illness among almost anyone who eats mollusks tainted with paralytic shellfish poisoning, domoic acid or fecal contamination.

Vibrio vulnificus was identified about 15 years ago. However, only in the last decade or so has there been consistent and reliable reporting of severe cases, said William Watkins, an FDA official.

Healthy people rarely feel any effects or, at worst, may experience a bit of stomach pain or diarrhea.

Within one to five days, however, blood poisoning can develop in people with cirrhosis and other liver ailments, diabetes, low stomach acid levels or AIDS and other immune system problems.

The bacteria multiply so rapidly within the blood that capillaries and organs become clogged, a condition that must be treated with heavy doses of antibiotics. Amputation is sometimes required.

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## Elton John teams up with tennis greats for AIDS fundraiser

Brookline, MA—Elton John traded the lights of the stage for a tennis court and his microphone for a tennis racquet at a fundraiser for AIDS. Joined by tennis stars Martina Navratilova and Billie Jean King, John hit the court at the Longwood Cricket Club at the second annual All-Star Smash Hits Benefit for the Elton John AIDS Foundation on Aug. 25.

The two-day tournament raised more than \$150,000 for AIDS-related services and AIDS education. The foundation raised more than \$2 million last year and funded 114 grants in 29 sites across America.

John recently wrapped up a 21-city tour with Billy Joel and will perform four concerts in Los Angeles in September to benefit the foundation.

Another celebrity who turned up at Longwood was John McEnroe, who defeated Murphy Jensen. Navratilova paired up with a local radio personality in a doubles match against King and John.

More than \$30,000 came in on Aug. 24 at an auction for the foundation. Among the



Tennis legend Billie Jean King

items up for grabs was a basketball signed by Michael Jordan, which went for \$650 to tennis player Gigi Fernandez, and the tennis racquet Navratilova used in her last game at Wimbledon.

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## CMV retinitis study begins at Emory

A new study evaluating the ganciclovir implant in combination with oral ganciclovir for the treatment of patients with newly diagnosed CMV retinitis has recently begun at Emory University. The study is sponsored by Syntex and is a phase III, one-year, three-armed, multi-centered, randomized, double-masked study. The principal investigator in Atlanta is Dan Martin, MD. The study is limited to patients with newly diagnosed CMV retinitis in one eye only.

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Study participants who are randomized to IV ganciclovir (which is most likely what a person not participating in this study would receive) should note that if the IV does not successfully treat their retinitis (as defined by two or more progressions), they will be eligible to receive an implant.

For those who are not eligible for this study, there is a compassionate use protocol for patients who have continued progression of retinitis despite intravenous ganciclovir and foscarnet, or who have lost central venous access.

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## Estrogen therapy may be OK for breast cancer survivors

Chicago—Breast cancer survivors who take estrogen in menopause brought on by chemotherapy do not appear to be at greater risk for further tumors, say doctors who reviewed studies on the subject. They want a new study to test whether there is any basis for current objections to using the therapy in such women to ease the symptoms of menopause.

Doctors are now told not to give the therapy to breast cancer survivors because some research suggests it might promote breast tumors.

There is no clinical evidence to support those concerns, said Dr. Melody A. Cobleigh, director of the Comprehensive Breast Center at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical

Center in Chicago. She said some earlier studies may have over-selected people who would get breast cancer.

Hormone replacement not only eases the discomfort of menopause but also reduces the risk of heart disease and osteoporosis because the hormone estrogen protects against the conditions. The therapy's benefits may far outweigh any possible risk of promoting breast cancer, Cobleigh said.

Most women diagnosed with breast cancer get chemotherapy, which hastens menopause, said Cobleigh, who led the review for the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, a consortium of 4,000 physicians who do cancer research.

Giving breast-cancer patients chemo-

therapy and then withholding hormone replacement may be a matter of "trading short-term improvements in survival for long-term losses in survival," she said.

Besides that, "we have a lot of miserable patients walking around. They are miserable because they are having hot flashes, vaginal discomfort, painful intercourse and sleepless nights," Cobleigh said.

Breast cancer is expected to strike 182,000 women this year and kill 46,000.

The review looked at whether there is any evidence that hormone replacement therapy might reactivate dormant cancer cells; promote tumors in women who are known to be prone to them; or make cancer harder to detect on mammograms because it

makes healthy breast tissue denser.

In the more than 30 studies they looked at, the researchers found no evidence to support any of those concerns, they reported in today's issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Dr. Michael Zinaman, an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Loyola University Medical Center, applauded the work and said it was especially significant coming from cancer specialists.

Zinaman, who was not involved in the review, is also director of reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Loyola, in suburban Maywood.

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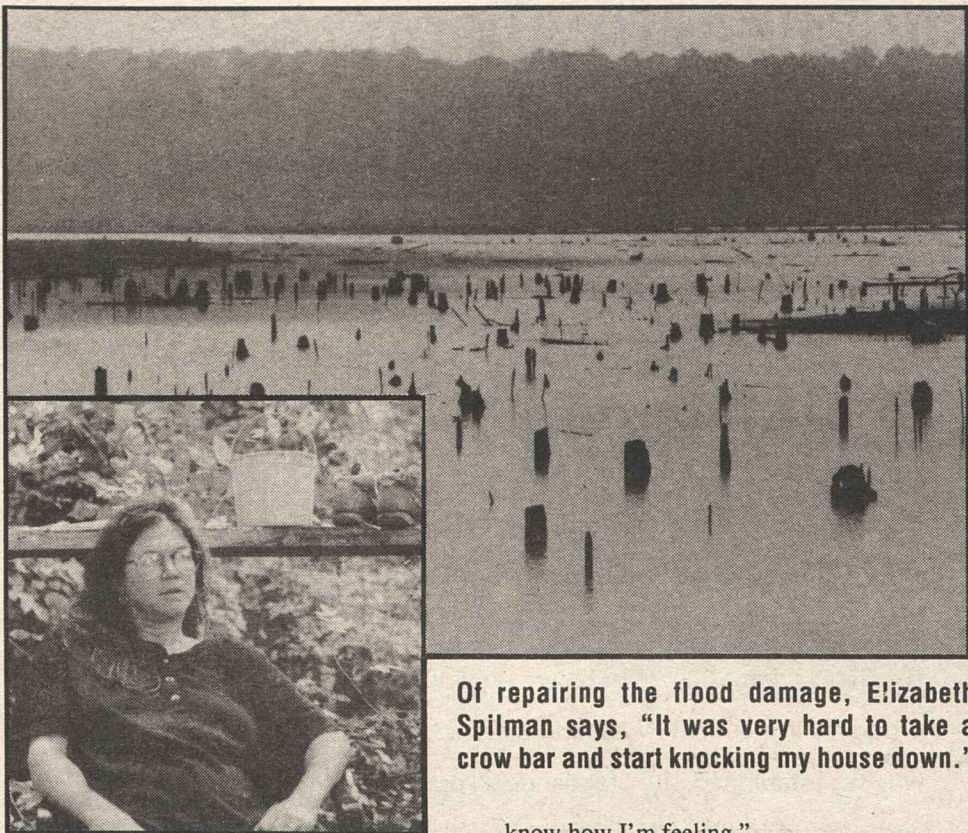
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Of repairing the flood damage, Elizabeth Spilman says, "It was very hard to take a crow bar and start knocking my house down."

The Flood of '94

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And for seven days we had no memory. It's like, if I had this conversation with you, then the phone rang, and I went in to answer the phone and came back—I wouldn't remember any of it. My mind was totally focused on the flood."

But they weren't alone. Along with Hood and Kirkland, friends drove down from the Atlanta area to help with the cleanup. The American Red Cross and the Salvation Army provided needed funds for clothes and new appliances, the supply center provided cleanup materials, and just two days earlier Spilman received a Federal Emergency Management Agency family grant for \$12,200 for repairs and starting-over money. And the check came with its own joke—the money was funneled through the Cobb County Dept. of Family and Children Services.

"I can see the headline now," Spilman laughs. "Cobb County helps out lesbians."

And lesbians helped out lesbians. Spilman and Guthrie talk for a while about the women who streamed down to help out, asking what they could do.

"We were so in the moment," Guthrie says. "We couldn't say."

"In the beginning," Spilman adds, "it was very hard to take a crow bar and start knocking my house down."

"So we'd just go, OK, we'll tear out the bathroom wall," adds Cassandra Daniel, who has arrived late for the deckside dinner. Daniel lives in Americus, and is the manager of the Humane Society there. Her flood stories are different, but no less dramatic.

"We had no idea what was happening," she says. "The dams broke and it was one big tidal wave."

Although her home was spared, Daniel's charge, the Humane Society, did not escape the waters.

"I moved the dogs out of their pens to higher ground the night before," she says. "And I woke up the next morning and the whole shelter was flooded. I lost about 80 animals."

It was devastating, she says. Only one dog and one cat survived. "It's been hard and it's been emotional. But we just had to get in there and get things done. And we're open now."

Healing and rebuilding

For all the women, the flood—and the work required in rebuilding—meant intense work and unsettling emotions. After dividing her time between Americus and Lake Blackshear, Daniel finally took a week off to head for Florida.

"I had to get away," she says. "I just don't

know how I'm feeling."

Spilman nods. "We say that too," she says. "It's like a chant. We just don't know."

"Unless you were actually in it, you really can't get the feel of it," Daniel says.

Spilman and Guthrie both nod in agreement. "The people who evacuated came back to the shit," Spilman says, "but they didn't see the water and feel that fear."

The fear of water constantly rising, not knowing where or when it would stop—it was a pervasive feeling in those early hours of the flood. But so, too, was an eerie feeling of solitude.

"It was such a feeling of freedom," Guthrie says. "Knowing we were the only ones here."

Hood nods now. "I came back after we left to get Karen's computer," she says. "And it was the quietest I'd ever heard it here."

But soon after, the quiet solitude was broken by returning residents and construction crews. "Forest teams" of 30 or so people descended on the homes in the area to haul debris or do whatever needed to be done. Guthrie, Spilman and the others surveyed the damage, and counted their blessings.

"If that dam hadn't gone," says Guthrie, "the house would have."

And for Guthrie and Spilman and Hood and Kirkland—who have had trouble with a neighbor because of their sexual orientation—the flood brought new friends to the isolation of south Georgia. Three weeks ago, Guthrie and Spilman met more rural lesbians when Hood and Kirkland brought four friends for a canoe trip down the Flint River—a business the pair ran before the flood, and hope to continue.

"They're not allowing motor boat traffic for two years," Spilman says, "but we can still take the canoes. I was worried about what it might do, but I think it will be all right."

Their trip was an adventure—shallow water, stumps and a rainstorm slowed progress—but a flock of wood storks perched in trees, and the desolate beauty of the now muddy lake bottom provided a welcome relief from the duties of reclaiming their homes. For years to come, they will remember that July in Georgia when water showed what a force it could be. And they will remember a community they found with each other, unexpectedly drawn together by disaster.

Hood, Kirkland and Daniel are all considering leaving the area—"for some place more gay friendly," says Hood. But Spilman and Guthrie will stay, and perhaps, with the newfound sense of community, the others will as well.

"I built this house," Spilman says. "I've been here 5,000 years. This river has spoken to me since before I was born. Now the deal is to show these women they can be a part of the whole community."

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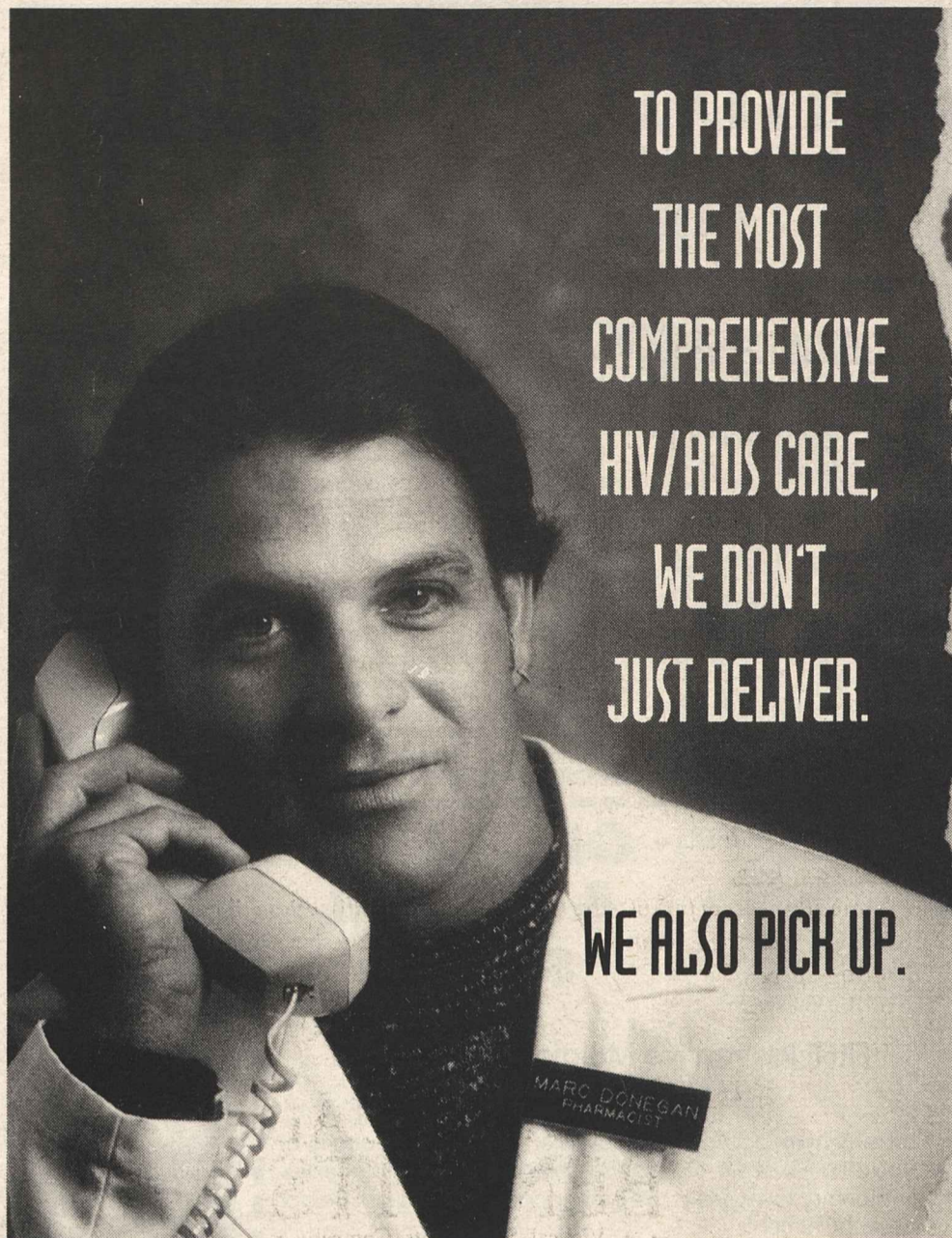
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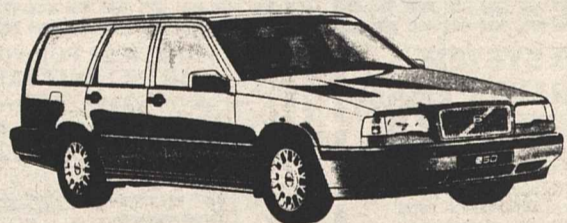
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## Black—and gay—in the White House

*Presidential aide Keith Boykin works within the system to advance community causes*

by SIDNEY BRINKLEY

Presidential aide Keith Boykin stood confidently at the podium and delivered the keynote address at the Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action banquet in San Francisco this past June. Boykin's intelligence and charm captivated 300 of San Francisco's most prominent Democrats, and when he finished, he received a standing ovation.

Impressive, considering that Keith Oliver Boykin is just 28 and only discovered he was gay in April 1991. "I never considered myself gay prior to that time," Boykin says in his first interview since joining the White House staff in January 1993. "I had never even given it a thought."

The turning point in his life occurred when Boykin developed a strong attraction for a classmate at Harvard Law School. "I met a guy that I thought was attractive and I became obsessed with him," he says. "I felt like I was in love at the time, but I know now I wasn't in love. Nothing happened between us, but I longed for him from afar. I concluded there was something deeper that was happening. What was going on in me was a reflection of my identity."

Boykin went to a bookstore and purchased a book on homosexuality. Convinced that he was indeed gay, within a matter of hours he told his mother and, later, his father.

"Both reacted well," he says. "Three weeks later I was dating."

After getting his law degree, Boykin moved to San Francisco, got a job with a law firm, and took the California bar exam, which he failed. In the midst of studying to take it a second time, he received a call from the Clinton campaign.

Boykin, who says he holds "strong political beliefs," got his first taste of politics at age 17, when he worked on the 1982 congressional campaign of Florida state Rep. George Sheldon. After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1987, he joined the Dukakis presidential campaign as a press aide. In 1988 he was the state press secretary for both the Georgia and Ohio primaries.

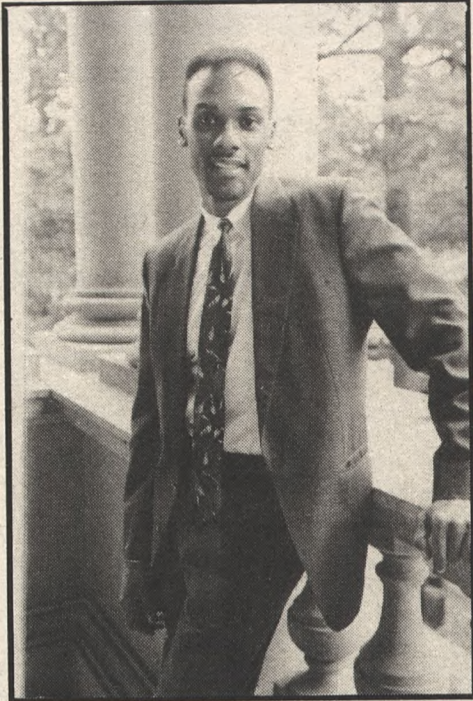
After joining the Clinton-Gore campaign in Little Rock, Ark., as Midwest press director, Boykin was offered a White House post following Clinton's election. He initially joined the administration as director of news analyses. Two months ago he was elevated to Special Assistant to the President and Director of Specialty Press. The latter job calls for dealing with a variety of media, including the environmental press, the ethnic minority press, the gay press, and radio and television.

But Boykin is best known in the gay and lesbian community for his position as special assistant, and his work has earned him unusually high marks from a range of people.

"A lot of things happened because Keith Boykin brought it to the attention of the important people," says William Waybourn, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. "He has a great deal of access to important people in the administration and makes sure that gay and lesbian issues are kept on the front burner. He's also willing to confront officials when there is a problem."

"I present concerns at times that need to be raised," Boykin says. "If I hear that something is developing, I hasten to write a memo and send it off to the President."

He is also under close scrutiny by many in



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**"The entire atmosphere has changed for gays and lesbians in the government because of President Clinton," asserts aide Keith Boykin.**

the black gay and lesbian community. Says Phill Wilson, former co-chair of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum: "By virtue of his skills and intellect, Keith Boykin is a leader in his own right, but he is also an emerging leader in the black gay community."

"He is committed to lesbians and gays and the African-American community," adds Mandy Carter of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "He is very accessible. He's not just a name in the White House. He comes out to talk."

Though inclined to downplay his role, Boykin is credited with being largely responsible for President Clinton's historic White House meeting with gay and lesbian leaders in April 1993.

"Keith was the one that got everyone in the same room," says Waybourn. "He was the glue that held it together. He did an incredible job of getting that many agendas together."

Boykin is said to have also been "very instrumental" in getting President Clinton to write a letter denouncing anti-gay ballot initiatives earlier this year.

"The importance of that presidential letter cannot be overstated," says Robert Bray of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Fight the Right project. "That letter gave a shot of energy to burnt-out activists in rural areas. Keith played a key role in getting President Clinton to take a strong stand."

While he is an advocate for the gay and lesbian community, Boykin is also an employee of Bill Clinton and does not hesitate to take the president's side. Said to be "outspoken," he is especially so when defending the President and his record. Boykin expresses his unhappiness with what he considers an overly critical gay press, the gay community in general and some gay activists in particular.

"I don't want it to seem that I'm lashing out at the gay press," he says, "but the entire atmosphere has changed for gays and lesbians in the government because of President Clinton, and the gay press lose sight of it. If you read the gay press, you'd think that gays in the military is the only thing the community cares about. The community is interested in a whole range of issues, and there is a lot that hasn't been covered by the gay press about what the President has done."

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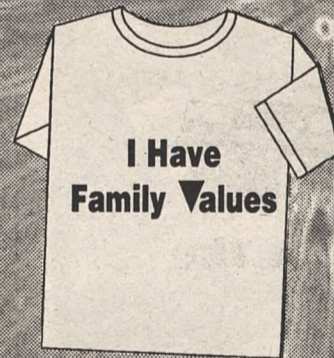
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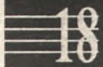
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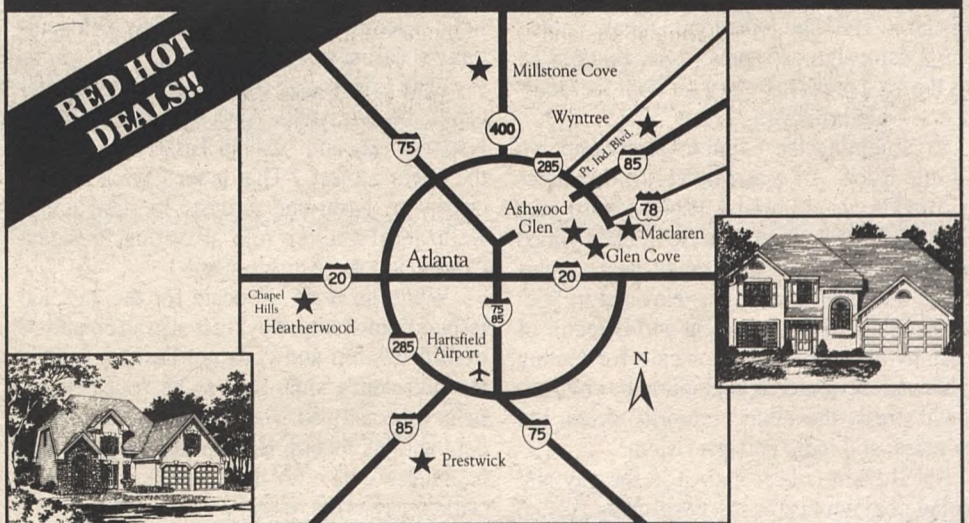
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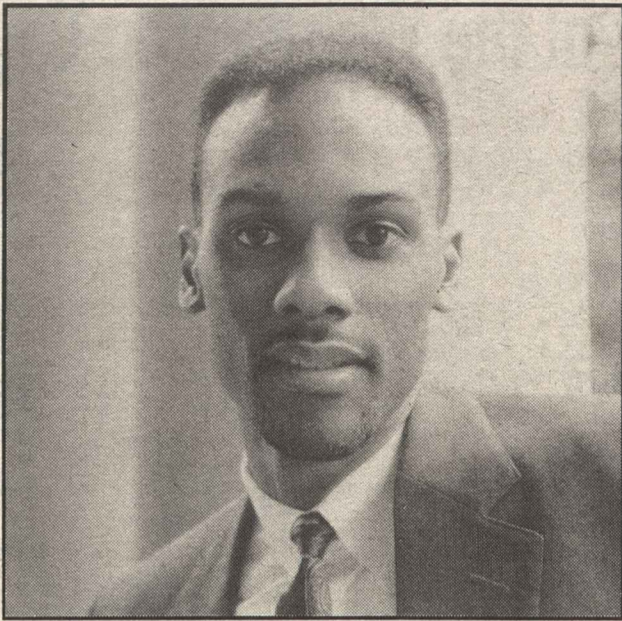
military ban. However, he maintains that if there are any disappointments or dashed hopes, the gay community itself is as responsible as anyone.

"What upsets me is when people ask, 'Why isn't Clinton doing this? Why isn't Clinton doing that?' I ask: 'What have you done? What congressman have you called? What letter did you write?' Then they have nothing to say.

"The gay and lesbian community is incredibly immature politically," he adds. "They are far more interested in partying and socializing. How can you have one million gay people marching in Washington and not generate massive letters to Congress? And they criticize the President? How can they expect Clinton to change the nature of discrimination when they haven't done anything themselves?"

In his graduate thesis, Boykin said the present-day gay and lesbian rights movement was comparable in many ways to the early days of the black civil rights movement. However, he questions the motives of gay rights activists who employ such tactics against the President and other authority figures.

"In the civil rights movement, the end would be achieved by the means," Boykin said. "But many gays organize something and do it for the heck of it. I won't mention any names, but when you stand up in a church and yell at the President, are you doing it because you really expect that to change things, or are you doing it to get attention? When you throw



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condoms at the clergy are you doing it to achieve change or to get attention? The black civil rights movement didn't use civil disobedience for shock value."

While Waybourn quips that Boykin's high profile might make him "the new Bob Hattoy for the religious right," Boykin appears unconcerned about possible attacks from either fundamentalists or the gay community. He's writing a book on racism and homophobia, and he's started a serious relationship. "I am happily involved with someone," he reports.

As for his growing influence, Boykin reluctantly acknowledges the importance of his role and is beginning to accept being thought of as a "leader." "It's for others to say that I am a leader," Boykin says. "I don't want to overstate my importance. Bill Clinton sets the tone, and that type of environment encourages strong leadership, but my role is to serve the President."

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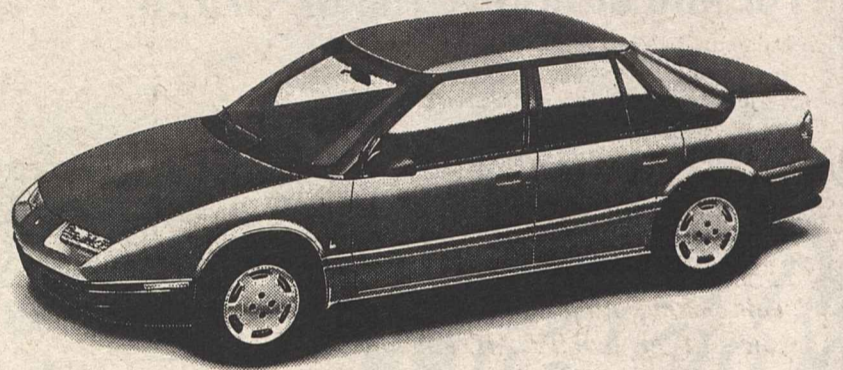
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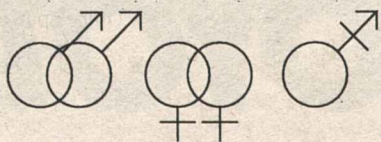
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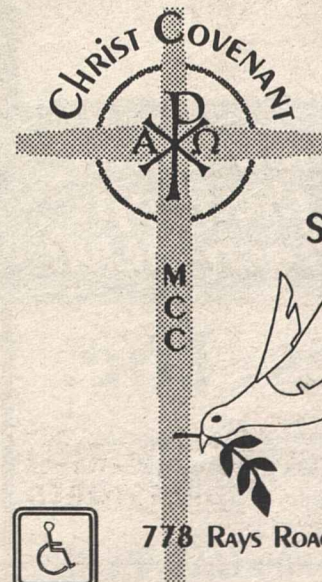
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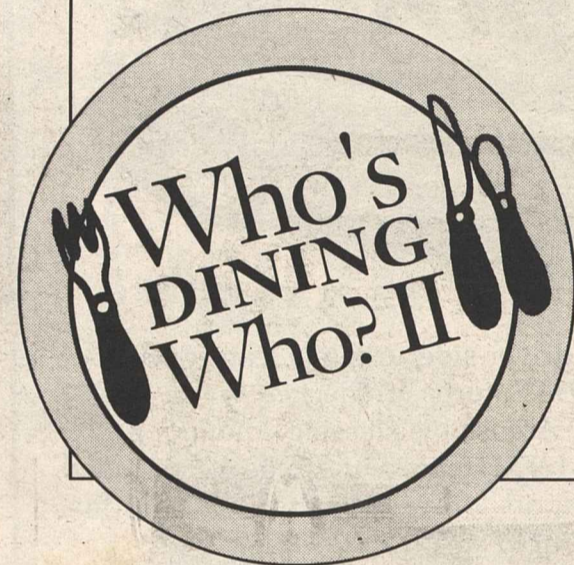
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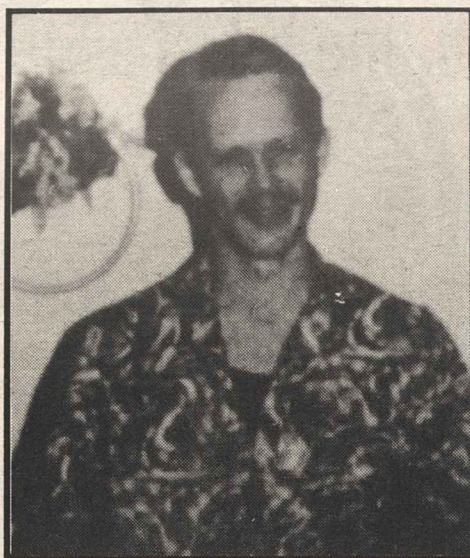
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Robert A. Lambiase

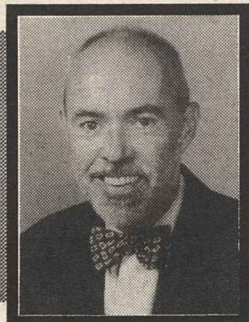
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Bob passed Tuesday, Aug. 16, at Piedmont Hospital after much pain and suffering. He was escorted home to Binghamton, NY, by his partner of 9 years, John McCay, and loving friends, Debbie Sachy and Amy Meinstien. Funeral, Mass and burial were in Binghamton. Bob was a graduate of Mansfield State University, Mansfield, PA, and enjoyed a long and wonderful career in the financial services industry. He had worked for Chase Manhattan Bank in Binghamton, Merrill Lynch in Binghamton, Winter Park, FL, and Atlanta, and completed his career at Robinson Humphrey in Atlanta. Bob was a loved and valued volunteer at Jerusalem House from August '93 to June of this year. Bob is survived by his loving long-term companion, John McCay of Atlanta; parents Laura and John Lambiase of Orlando; brother David Lambiase



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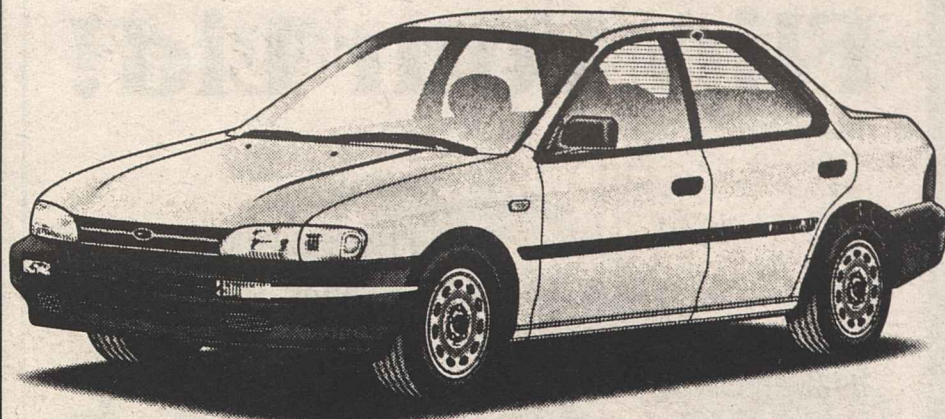
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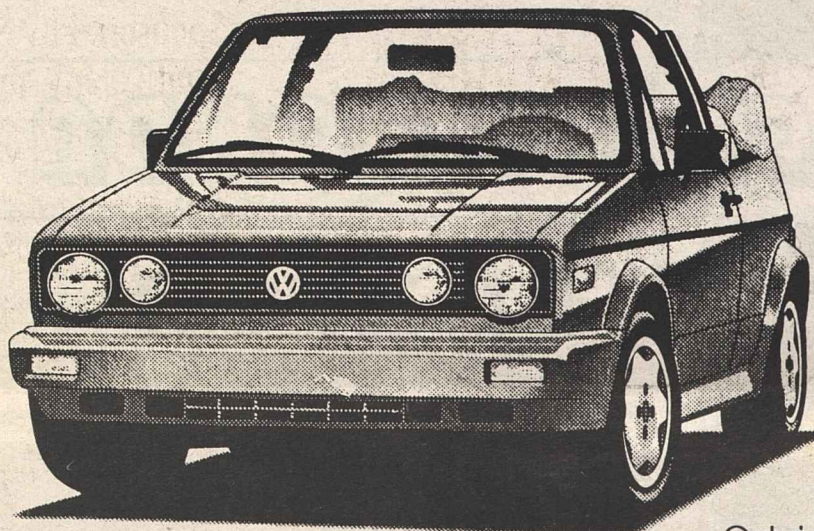
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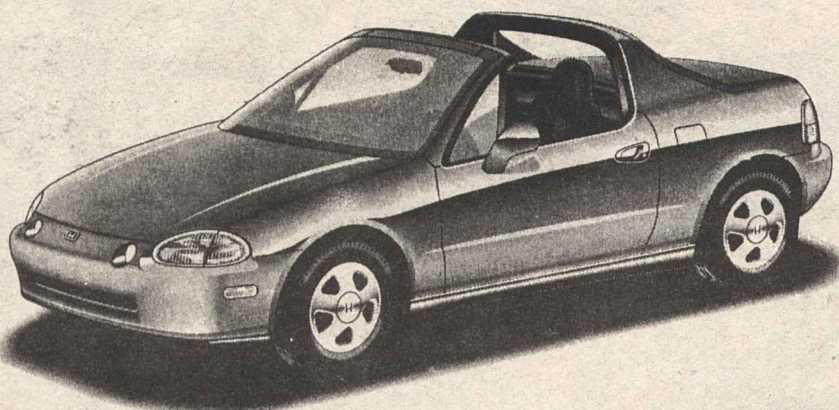
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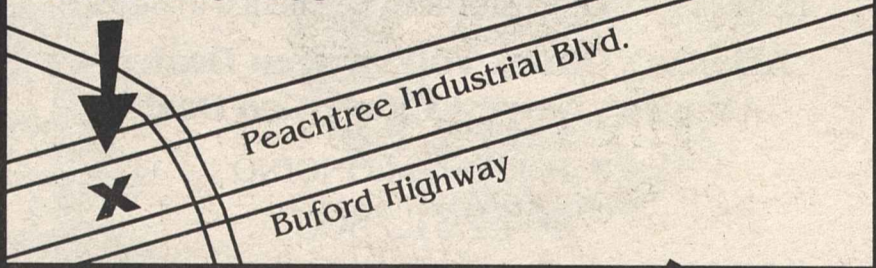
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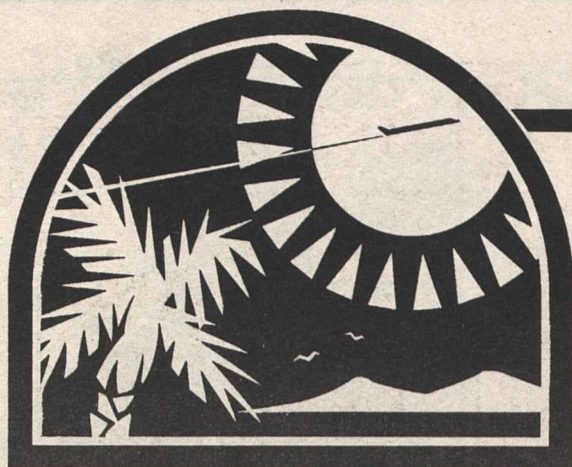
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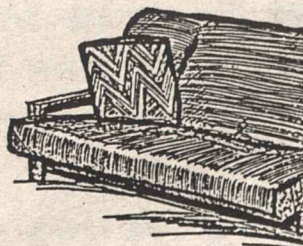
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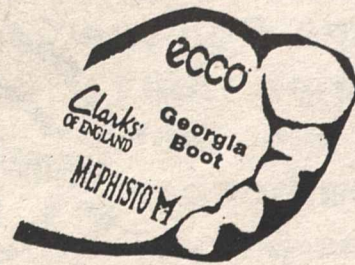
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Happy anniversary to Linda and Elli who celebrated 20 years together on Aug. 27. A wild and crazy party was held in their honor with many, many friends attending.

Alisa and Pam celebrated their 2nd anniversary Sept. 2. The couple met at work.



Scott Gulledge and George Knott took off for San Francisco to celebrate their third anniversary.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Kevin Clark of Backstreet on Sept. 8.



Dixon Taylor, who celebrated a birthday Sept. 4, looked like this 30 years ago.

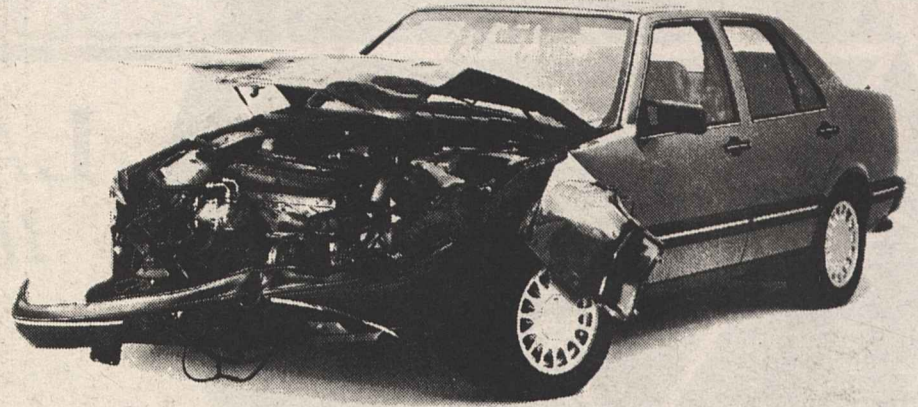
Joel Bond celebrates a birthday on Sept. 10.

Happy birthday to Alberto Gomez-Leon on Sept. 12.

Southern Voice advertising maven Dixon Taylor turned (eek! op! urgh! Stop it, Dixon!) a year older on Sept. 4. She celebrated with a trip to Charleston, SC, where we're sure she swam out to Fort Sumter just to prove she could.

Elliot Mackle's child Max celebrated a birthday on Sept. 5. Elliot reports that his midwife, Gary, was reading "Tails [sic] of the City" during the process.

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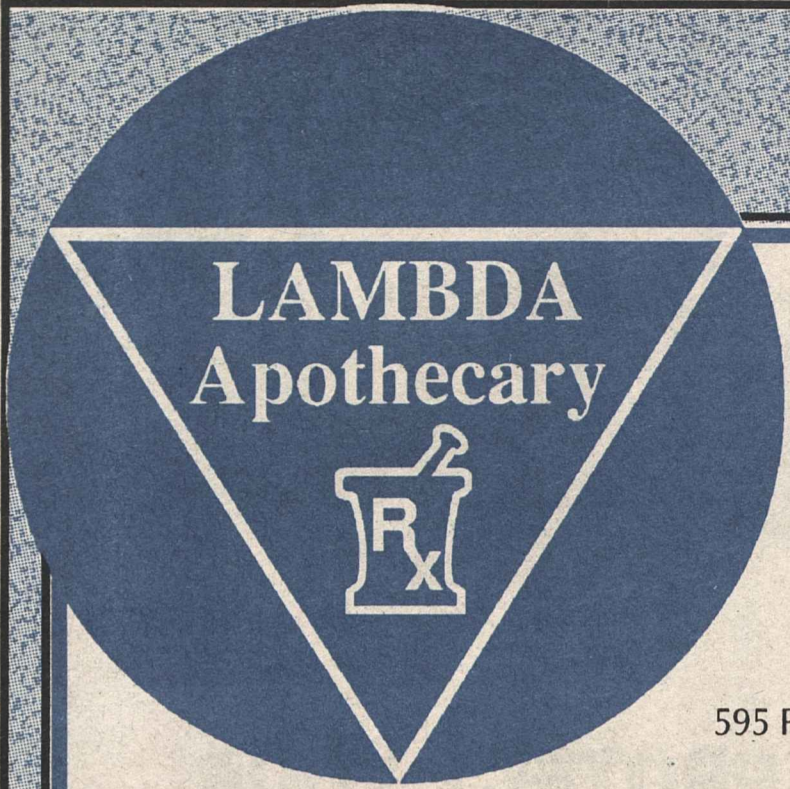
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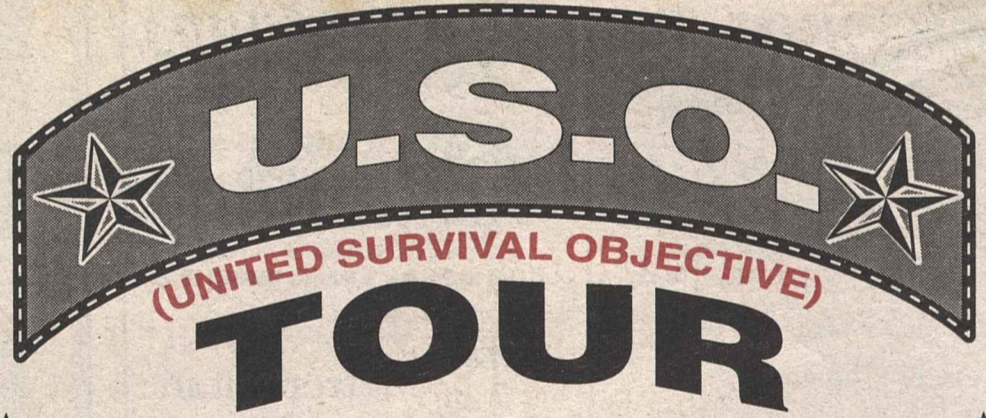
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## Homo harmony

For Classical Music Month, a look at lesbian and gay musical talents through the ages

by ADAM J. SANK

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) enjoyed enormous popularity in his own lifetime. The man who wrote "The Messiah" was also probably gay. As was Tchaikovsky. And, most likely, Schubert. Composers Dame Ethel Smyth, Lili Boulanger, Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein all were lesbian or gay. And as September is Classical Music Month, the time seems right to reflect on the more-than-respectable lineage of gay and lesbian composers through the ages.

In "Queering the Pitch," a collection of essays about lesbian and gay figures in the world of music, Gary C. Thomas argues that Handel's biographers have intentionally glossed over the lifelong bachelor's complete lack of interest in women. Wrote his biographer John Mainwaring, "[Handel] refused the highest... favors from the fairest of sex, only because he would not be cramped or confined by particular attachments." Sir John Hawkins, a later biographer, put it more plainly, stating that Handel had lived his life in a "state of celibacy."

So, was Handel a stoic or a homo? He had several "companions," including John Christopher Smith, Jr., 34 years younger than Handel, and Johann Mattheson, a biographer who knew the composer from the age of 18 and who described him as "broad-shouldered, strapping, and muscular," an assessment which led Thomas to question the actual nature of the relationship between author and subject. Finally, there are reports of Handel's having lived in a fashionable men's residence in London's Piccadilly in the early 1700s, from which one visitor wrote, "Here we are to walk, ride, ramble, dine, drink, and lie together." Doesn't sound very stoic, does it?

Pyotr Ilich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) had the benefit of being born in Russia, arguably a slightly more progressive locale at that time than England or Germany in Handel's time. He nonetheless suffered from massive guilt due his sexual orientation, and some have argued it was that very thing which led to his suicide attempt in the icy waters of the Neva.

Of Tchaikovsky's struggle, A.L. Rowse writes in "Homosexuals in History" that the composer of such orchestral classics as "The Nutcracker," "Swan Lake," and the "1812 Overture" at first battled to repress his sexuality, which ultimately led to several nervous breakdowns. He finally found some happiness in the arms of Vladimir Shilovsky, a 19-year-old pupil with whom the 32-year-old Tchaikovsky traveled to France and Italy. When the wealthy Shilovsky died young of

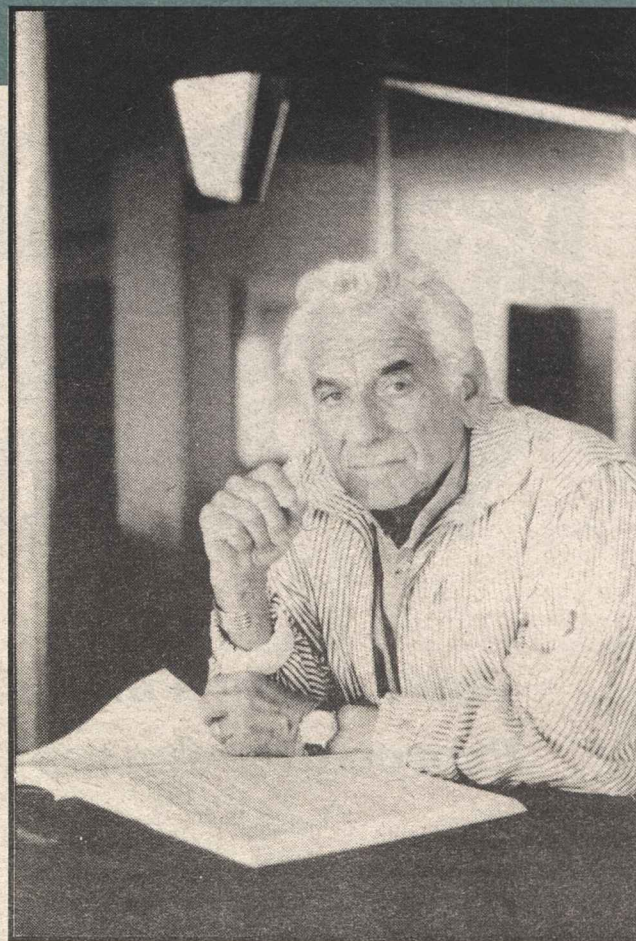
tuberculosis, his affections were replaced by that of the composer's nephew, Bobyk. And though Tchaikovsky did eventually marry a woman (who, unfortunately for Tchaikovsky, was a nymphomaniac), it was to Bobyk that he dedicated the "Pathétique" symphony, his sixth and favorite work.

Seemingly less conflicted was Dame Ethel Smyth (1858-1944), a lesbian composer who wrote both the literary and musical narratives of her operas. A personal friend of Tchaikovsky's, Smyth possessed a voice described as "a whirlwind of passion and feeling," a voice which, biographers have noted, she used to lure women she loved. Such women included opera divas Emma Calvé and Olive Fremstad, who both vied for the lead roles in such Smyth operas as "Les Nafageurs" and "Fantasia," despite the fact that they were huge stars and Smyth was a comparatively obscure composer. As for Smyth herself, whose 1902 opera "Der Wald" remains the only woman's opera ever to have been produced at the New York Metropolitan Opera, she wrote in her memoirs, "There can never be a question of competing with men, but an everlasting one of creating something different—something yet unnoticed [that] lies at the bottom of the sea, where we are at home." Rather New Age for the time, no?

Another probable lesbian composer was Lili Boulanger (1893-1917). The first woman ever to be awarded the Prix de Rome, Boulanger was the sister of the better-known composer Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979) whose school for musicians in France influenced such celebrated (and gay) artists as Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein. Lili Boulanger's works were primarily vocal pieces, the most famous being "Pour les Funeraillles d'un Soldat." Unfortunately, Boulanger died of intestinal tuberculosis at the age of 24, leaving most of her works either incomplete or partially missing.

Much more is known about the personal life of American legend Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990), the charismatic composer of such orchestral pieces as "Jeremiah" and such Broadway classics as "West Side Story" and "On the Town." Joan Peyser writes in "Bernstein: A Biography" that the musician was "torn between composing and conducting, between artistic and popular music, between hetero- and homosexuality."

Serge Koussevitzky, a Russian composer who saw Bernstein as a protégé, was deeply disgusted by homosexual-



Composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein was "torn between hetero- and homosexuality."

ity and often let Bernstein know this, urging the composer to marry a woman. There was also the problem of professional advancement. While some composers like Aaron Copland and Benjamin Britten had managed successful careers while being openly gay, Bernstein found that his sexual orientation at times obstructed his career advancement. So, in 1947, Bernstein became engaged to socialite-actress Felicia Montealegre.

He later broke off the engagement and continued dating men, although Montealegre was persistent. The couple was finally married in 1951, and their union lasted until Felicia's death from lung cancer in 1978. Though Bernstein slept with men throughout his marriage to her, his official status as a heterosexual man gained him repeated entrance to the Kennedy White House as well as monumental success as the most popular American composer of the 20th century.

## From stage to page

Atlanta playwright Jim Grimsley is hailed for his first novel, "Winter Birds"

by JAMES FITCH

Happiness is not an emotion that is typically ascribed to Jim Grimsley, but today is extraordinary. The Atlanta-based writer has just received an advance copy of "Winter Birds," his first novel to be published in this country.

Despite years as a successful playwright, and recent international acclaim for his fiction, Grimsley finds particular joy in this arrival from Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill. Printed in black and white, bound in hardback and sitting in front of him on the coffee table is his childhood, wrapped in a handsome dustcover.

"My life has been bound up in writing this book and getting it published for 20 years," Grimsley says. "It's the piece of writing that's mattered the most to me, that I've lived with the longest."

"Winter Birds" tells the story of 8-year-old Danny Crell—based on Grimsley himself—who has more than a few strikes against him. For starters, he's hemophiliac. Then he's growing up in a poverty-stricken North Carolina family of seven which struggles from one bad blow to the next, led mostly by the dumb luck of his brooding, abusive father and held together by his strong-willed and sensitive mother. (Grimsley

dedicates the book to his own mother, Mary Brantham.) And, like Grimsley, Danny is also gay, although that aspect of his life is explored more in a semi-autobiographical sequel, "Comfort and Joy," which the author hopes Algonquin will eventually publish as well.

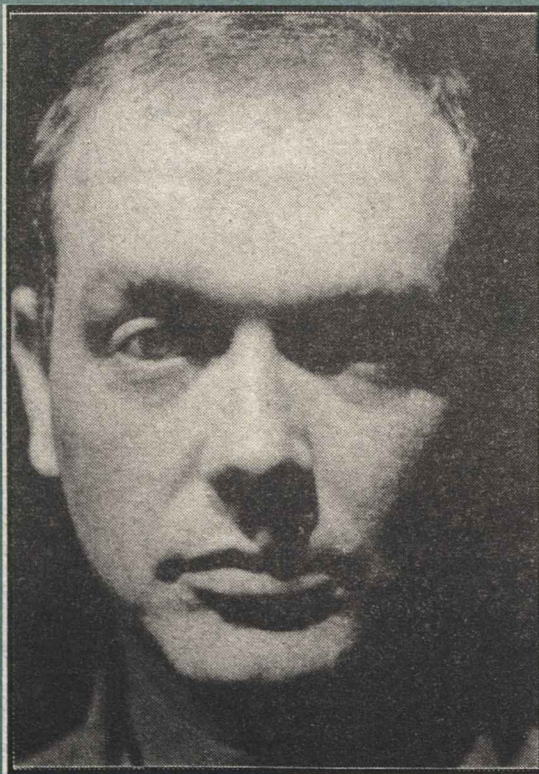
In constant fear of spilling his "special blood," Danny finds himself more often in a pestilent world riddled with snakes, broken glass and domestic violence than in the soft bed of honeysuckle by the riverbank, where he goes to escape into exotic daydreams. His is a world where good things just don't happen, and that makes for a brutal read.

Many, however, will find a revelation in each page of this beautifully written, if painful, story. In the words of acclaimed Southern writer Dorothy Allison, who is outspoken in her praise for "Winter Birds," Grimsley's novel "makes you both hurt and happy, makes you cry out loud and sing praises simply that we are human."

In the realm of Southern fiction, Allison's praise carries clout. But it took nearly 10 years for an American publisher to get over the perception that "Winter Birds" is too disturbing for print.

"'Disturbing' is a word that's been used a lot," Grimsley

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**CARRIE JAFFE.** Learn about what makes relationships successful from a local therapist specializing in intimacy issues. Charis, 1189 Euclid. 7:30 pm. Free. 524-0304.

**FRIED GREEN TOMATOES.** Iddie and Tawanda live at the Goethe-Institut at Colony Square. 7 pm. Free. 892-2388.

**BLUE WINDOW.** Thru Oct 1. George Lucas' slightly disturbing look into the lives of dinner party guests, presented by Art Attack at 14th St. Playhouse. 881-6304.

**ATLANTA SYMPHONY.** Thru Sat. The Symphony begins its 50th season with Yoel Levi conducting works by Michael Torke ("Javelin," commissioned by the Symphony) and Brahms, along with Mozart's Jupiter Symphony. 8 pm, \$18.50-\$45. On Thurs, a special concert preview with Torke at 7 pm. 733-5000.

**CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF.** Thru Oct 9. Neighborhood Playhouse presents Tennessee Williams' sexiest drama. \$7-\$12. 430 Trinity Pl. Decatur, Thur-Sat 8 pm, Sun 2 pm. 373-5311.

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

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

**9 FRIDAY**

**BETWEEN FANTASY AND REALITY.** Paintings by Ling Y. Zhang on exhibit at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center thru Oct 7. Reception tonight, 7-10 pm. 872-5338.

**RUTH ALLISON.** Thru Oct 16. Three dimensional paintings on view at 1st Existentialist Church. Opening reception tonight, 7-10 pm, with DeDe Vogt, Angela Motter, Scott & Janna, and Jan Riley.

**COUPLES, PARTNERS, PAIRS AND DUETS.** Tonight and tomorrow. The Emory Dance program begins its season with works by faculty member Anna Leo. 8 pm, Mary Gray Munroe Theater. \$5 & \$6. 727-6187.

**10 SATURDAY**

**HOLLYWOOD HOTS.** The 1994 U.S.O. (Universal Survival Objective) Tour benefits Jerusalem House and the AIDS Survival Project. The Heretic.

**GAY AND LESBIAN PHILANTHROPY: GIVING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE.** A seminar sponsored by the Southern Outlook Fund, 1 am-4 pm, First Union Bldg, 999

Peachtree. \$35 includes lunch. 577-3178.

**CLEAN AND SOBER DANCE.** A benefit for the upcoming Hotlanta Roundup. 1st Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Dr. 8-12 pm. \$5. 355-5951.

**CHARLOTTE'S WEB.** Thru Oct 22. The classic children's tale at Onstage Atlanta's Children's Theatre, 420 Courtland. Sats 10:30 & 1:30. \$6. 897-1802.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM.** Charis presents a special day for children with storytellers, face painting and a book sale. 10 am-noon. 1189 Euclid. 524-0304.

**MINNIE EVANS: ARTIST.** Thru Dec 31. Works by the self-taught African-American artist on display at the High Museum's Folk Art and Photography Galleries, Georgia Pacific Center downtown. 577-6940.

**GRATEFUL DREAD.** Decatur's Concerts on the Square continue with reggae/soca/calypso. 7 pm.

**ARTPARTY.** Nexus's annual happening, combined with the opening of "Local Sex, Love & Death," an exhibition of Atlanta area artists. \$5 members; \$19.99-\$24.99. 688-1970.

**MANIFESTED DREAMS.** Thru Oct 1. Dream related surrealist oil paintings by Ron DeNardo at Inner Space Gallery, 310 Hammond Drive. Reception tonight, 5:30 pm-8 pm. 252-4540.

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

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

**11 SUNDAY**

**SET SAIL FOR OPEN HAND.** A model yacht regatta benefiting Project Open Hand. \$60, \$1,000 to sponsor boat. On the lake at Villa Masseli. 10 am. 525-4737.

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

**12 MONDAY**

**THE VERY INSIDE.** Amy Mattison and Svati Shah read from the first major collection of writing by Asian and Pacific Islander lesbian and bisexual women. Charis, 1189 Euclid. 7:30 pm. Free. 524-0304.

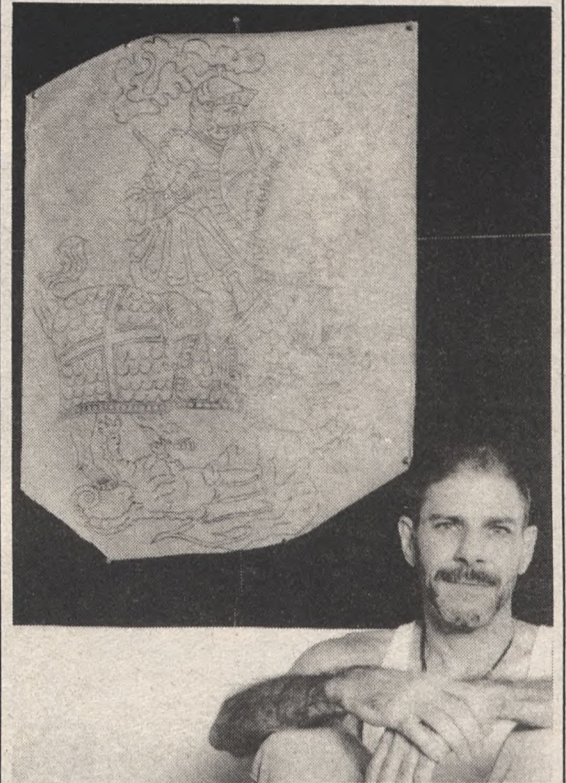
**ATLANTA RAINBOW ENSEMBLE.** The lesbian/gay concert band opens its fifth season with a reception at 7:30 pm. St. Bartholomew's Church on LaVista Rd. Wanna join? Come on over. 633-9419.

**SHERRY ROBERTS.** Author reads from her first book, "Maud's House," at Oxford, 360 Pharr Rd. 7pm.

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

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

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**13 TUESDAY**

**WILLEM DE KOONING.** Thru Nov 27. A collection of works by the Dutch born American artist, in celebration of his 90th birthday, at the High Museum. 733-4444.

**THE INFORMED LISTENER.** Learn how to listen to music with Symphony associate conductor Daryl One. Woodruff Circle Room, Woodruff Arts Center, 6-8 pm. Free. 733-4880.

**KIM & KELLY.** Decatur's Blue Sky concerts continue on the square with two hometown sisters. Noon-1 pm.

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

**14 WEDNESDAY**

**CLOUD NINE.** Actor's Express presents Caryl Churchill's wild gender-bending comedy, which toys with time, place and social roles in recounting the journeys of Betty, a woman in search of herself. Tonight's preview performance benefits P-FLAG; the official opening is Sept. 17. At King Plow Arts Center, 887 W. Marietta St. 607-7469.

**KOL NIDRE.** Bet Haverim's holiday services continue tonight at 8 pm. 642-3467.

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ABOVE: Ron DeNardo's art is on exhibit at the Inner Space Gallery, Sept 10-Oct 1.

LEFT: Sherry Roberts reads from "Maud's House" at Oxford Sept 12.

BELOW: Anna Burrell is the "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," with Thom Gillot, at Neighborhood Playhouse Sept 8-Oct 9. Photo by Gil Williams

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

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

**GO FISH.** The lesbian film is now at Tower Place in Buckhead.

**19TH & 20TH CENTURY EUROPEAN DRAWINGS AND SCULPTURE.** Thru Sat. 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.

**PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COME.** Thru Sept 18. Theatre Gael opens its season with Brian Friel's tale of a young Irish man bound for America. \$10 Thur & Sun, \$12 Fri & Sat. 8 pm Thur-Sat, 5 pm Sun. Dana Fine Arts Bldg at Agnes Scott. 876-9762.

**PLANET EARTH, INC.** Thru Sept 24. The Center for Puppetry Arts kicks off the 1994-95 Family Series with Lee Bryan's lively romp through conservation. Mon-Fri 10 am & 11:30 am; Wed also

1 pm; Sat 11 am & 1 pm. \$4.75 & \$5.75. 873-3391.

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

**WARREN.** Thru Sept 25. SAME's OutProud Theater reprises Rebecca Ranson's true story of a friend who died of AIDS in the early years of the epidemic. \$10/adv at Maddix DeLuxe, Charis, ED's Gourmet Records, and Outwrite. \$12/door. Singles night, Sept 4 \$8. 609-9590.

**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.

**ANGELS IN AMERICA.** Thru Oct 2. Official opening of the Tony-winning play at the Alliance Theatre. \$18-\$34.75. 892-1414.

**RUSSIAN JEWELS.** Thru Oct 30. A collection of miniature watercolors by St. Petersburg, Russia artists Anna Resnick and Anna Kozhina at BurnNoff Gallery, 1529 Piedmont, Suite G. 875-3475.

**TRADITIONS AND VISIONS.** Thru Oct 15. Spruill Center for the Arts (5339 Chamblee Dunwoody

Rd) sponsors six weeks of events and exhibits highlighting the culture and arts of Native Americans. 394-3447.

**TWELFTH NIGHT.** Thru Oct 16. Shakespeare's romantic comedy features a bit of gender-bending when a countess falls in love with Viola, who happens to be dressed as a boy at the time. Thur-Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 6:30 pm. Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern, 499 Peachtree. \$10 & \$15. Tavern opens an hour early for food and beverage service. 874-5299.

**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 7 pm. 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.

**DIDO AND AENEAS.** Sept 17 & 18. A benefit of the Purcell Opera for Montgomery (AL) AIDS Outreach. 8 pm Sat & 4 pm Sun. \$15. Montgomery Academy. 269-1432.

**FACES OF OUR TRIBE.**

Sept 22-25. The Celebrating Gay Spirit Visions Conference on The Mountain. \$200 until Aug 31, \$230 after. Early arrivals, \$255 by Aug 31, \$285 after. Scholarships available—292-8567.

**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 8 pm, Sat & Sun 2 pm, special performances Oct 31 8 pm and Nov 3 2pm. \$22.50-\$47.50. 249-6400.

**BLACK AND FEMALE: WHAT IS THE REALITY?** Sept 30-Oct 2. Be Present, Inc., sponsors this retreat for African American women and girls. \$250 per person; \$175 low income; \$125 17 and younger. 624-9509.

**GAY ISSUES IN THE WORKPLACE.** Oct. 7. A half-day workshop with author Brian McNaught, sponsored by AT&T's LEAGUE. Atlanta Church of Religious Science, 52 Executive Park So. \$30 before Sept 10, \$40 after, \$45 at door. 516-1917.

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



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says. "It's not something that I've done deliberately. It's not a gimmick. This is what's happened to me, this is what I've thought about. These things that I write about are important to me. They're not sensational. The things are very much more disturbing to people than I think they will be, which tells me a lot about myself."

Grimsley disappears into a back room, producing two more crisp, shiny books that also bear his name: "Wintervögel" and "Les oiseaux de l'hiver"—the German and French editions of "Winter Birds." Ironically, this tale of poverty and abuse in the rural South found its initial printings and successes overseas. Both "Winter Birds" and the sequel, "Comfort and Joy," are enjoying success in Europe and Australia, and both titles have become gay bestsellers in Australia.

"Comfort and Joy," which chronicles the early adult years of Danny Crell, adds a non-autobiographical dimension. It finds Danny, at the age of 30, bringing a lover home for the first time.

"When I wrote 'Comfort and Joy,' my object was to separate myself from this character that I had made up," Grimsley explains. "So I set out to have something happen to Danny that had never really happened to me, which was to have him fall in love and try for a really stable, long-term, committed relationship. The Danny in 'Comfort and Joy' is very different from me."

As his career as a novelist takes off, Grimsley continues to create work in the area that has earned him the most success and acclaim domestically, that of playwright-in-residence with Atlanta's 7 Stages Theatre. Full-length Grimsley plays produced by 7 Stages include "The Earthlings," "Math and After-


math," "White People," "The Lizard of Tarsus," and the nationally acclaimed "Mr. Universe," which premiered in Atlanta in the summer of 1987. That play was performed the following year off Broadway and earned Grimsley the 1988 George Oppenheimer/Newsday Playwriting Award.

Set in New Orleans, "Mr. Universe" is a story of two female impersonators who, on the way home from a bar one night, come across a bloodied, naked, mute muscle-man on the street. In Grimsley's words, "this kind of mute muscle-angel comes into their lives and tears them up by offering each of them, in his silent way, exactly what they want. It's a very dreamy play."

Grimsley's latest play, "The Borderland," will open in New York City next month. It's about an urban couple who buy their dream house a little too far out in the country. This one again deals with the subject of domestic violence. As for novels, Algonquin is next expected to publish his "The Love of the Perfect Form," an adolescent love story between two boys, with a ghost story mixed in. Grimsley is currently at work on a novel about a poor Southern woman, set during the Depression.

"I want to take you out of your world and into mine, and I want to compel you with my world," Grimsley says of his creative drive. "I don't want something that's simple. I want my writing to make you read it, so that when you start it you don't want to put it down if it's a book. Or so that five minutes into the play, you're relaxed, and it's not one of those plays where you're twiddling your thumbs, waiting for the next domestic revelation."

*Jim Grimsley will read from "Winter Birds" on September 19 at 8 p.m. in the Main Stage Theatre at 7 Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. A brief ceremony and champagne reception will follow. Admission is free.*



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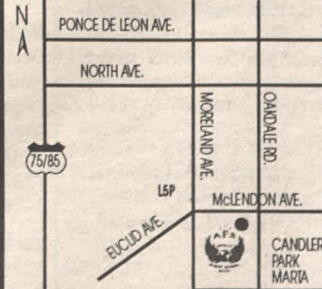
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Some of you may have noticed by now the dilapidated house on the corner of 10th and Peachtree where **Margaret Mitchell** once lived is now draped in inflated rubber surgical gloves. If you have no idea what I'm talking about, drive by. It's a sight. And I guess that's the idea. Ritsuko Taho is the artist behind the glove concept. The Boston-based artist was commissioned to take part in the on-site exhibits of the 41st Arts Festival of Atlanta, which runs Sept. 17 - 25. Inside each of the 40,000 gloves is a dream written on slips of paper that were gathered and stuffed locally by scores of volunteers. And not just in English but 26 other languages. All in the name of art. And dreams. Mine's up there waving somewhere.

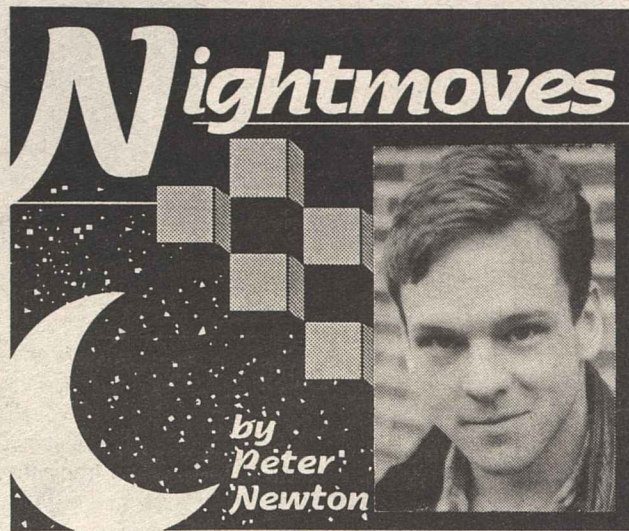
Margaret Mitchell sure does get around. One of the oldest houses in Atlanta, the Lemuel Pratt Grant Mansion (1854), was once owned by Mitchell. She bought it in 1941 and never got around to sprucing the place up. Well, now some 50 years later the Grant Park dinosaur is in need of a total overhaul. That's where we come in. The new owner of the Italianate block-style mansion, **Woodrow Mankins**, is having a 19th Century Tea Party, period costume optional, to help defray the cost of restoring this historic landmark at 777 St. Paul Avenue. Sunday, September 11 from 1-4 p.m. With a few hundred people expected to attend this ante-bellum event you'd better call for reservations. 681-3333.

But there was no saving **Crazy Ray'z**. The Ansley Square bar is no longer. The last night of business for the 'ole Rayster was August 28th. For reasons he would rather not discuss, Crazy Ray himself told me the place was "gone for good." End of story.

There are other places to drown your sorrows, though. A reliable source revealed to me the location of the best B-52 in Atlanta: **The Eagle**. Get your triple layer of Kahlua, Bailey's and vodka and bring new meaning to the term "bombed."

Which might just put you in the mood to put on your bathing suit and head over to **Velvet**. There you will be rewarded for your boldness with free admission and a complimentary cocktail. The organizers of this end-of-summer fling call it "Gaywatch." Monday, September 12.

Balletomanes should welcome the arrival of Pointe Proud, a gay/lesbian social organization formed to further apprecia-



tion of ballet in the community. Southern Voice will co-sponsor the Friday, September 16, performance of the Ballet's season opener, "Dance Dynamics." The program features a mix of contemporary and passionate pieces including the Atlanta premiere of Antony Tudor's "Lilac Garden," Donald Byrd's "Drastic Cuts" and a reprise of Toni Pimble's "Common Ground." SoVo readers are offered 2-for-1 tickets for this performance through TicketMaster (ask for code L). Those wishing to learn more about Pointe Proud can meet at 6:30 pm at RX's Uptown Kitchen and Wine Bar (870 N. Highland Ave.) for socializing, drinks and appetizers prior to the performance. Then, following the show, all are invited to join B98.5's Jordan Graye as she hosts "Friday Night Fever" upstairs at the Atlanta Civic Center. The party will feature favorite dance tunes from the '70s, as well as an opportunity to meet and dance with the Atlanta Ballet dancers. Watch for more information on Pointe Proud in next week's issue.

**Iris DeMent**. She's got a name that sounds familiar. But it's her singing voice that will hook you. One album reviewer put it this way, "You can scan the contemporary music horizon for a week and still not come up with anything quite like Iris DeMent's voice, a full-bodied soprano that bursts with yearning, a voice at once innocent and knowing. It has the resonance and timeless authority of a Loretta Lynn

or even a Maybelle Carter, yet it's somehow fresh, contemporary. It speaks to today." Sunday, September 11 at 8 p.m. Variety Playhouse.

And just to give equal space to another rising star, **It's Pat: The Movie** is coming soon to a theater near you. The sexually perplexed celeb of Saturday Night Live fame makes his/her way to the big screen under the heading: "Love is a Many Gendered Thing." The sex symbol of the '90s? Oh, brother. I mean, sister. Whatever.



Iris DeMent will be crooning Sept. 11 at Variety Playhouse.

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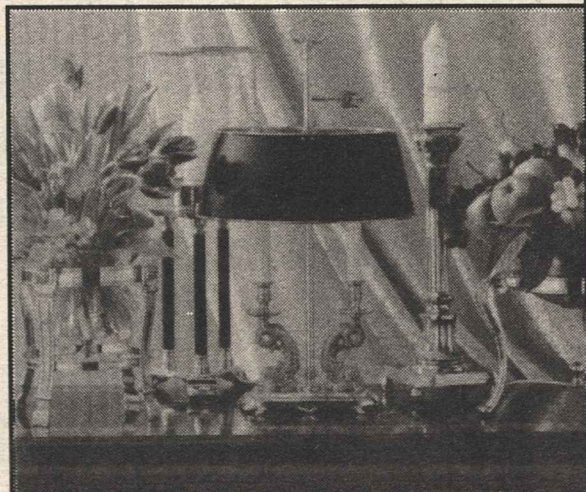
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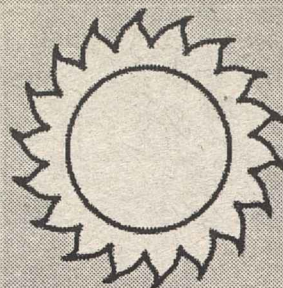
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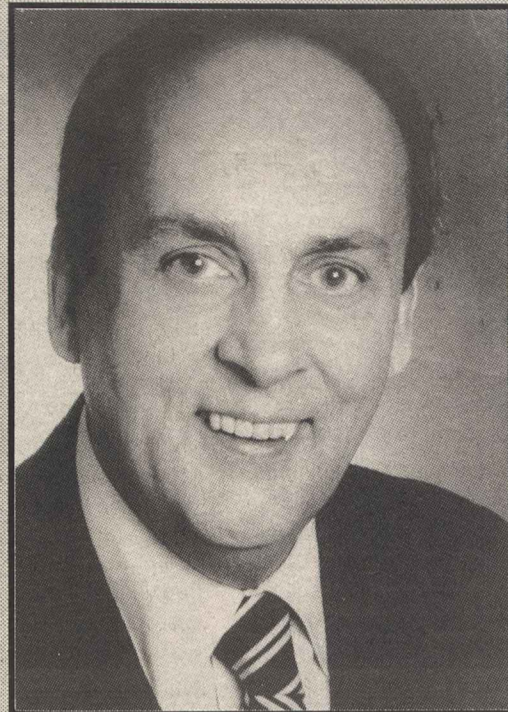


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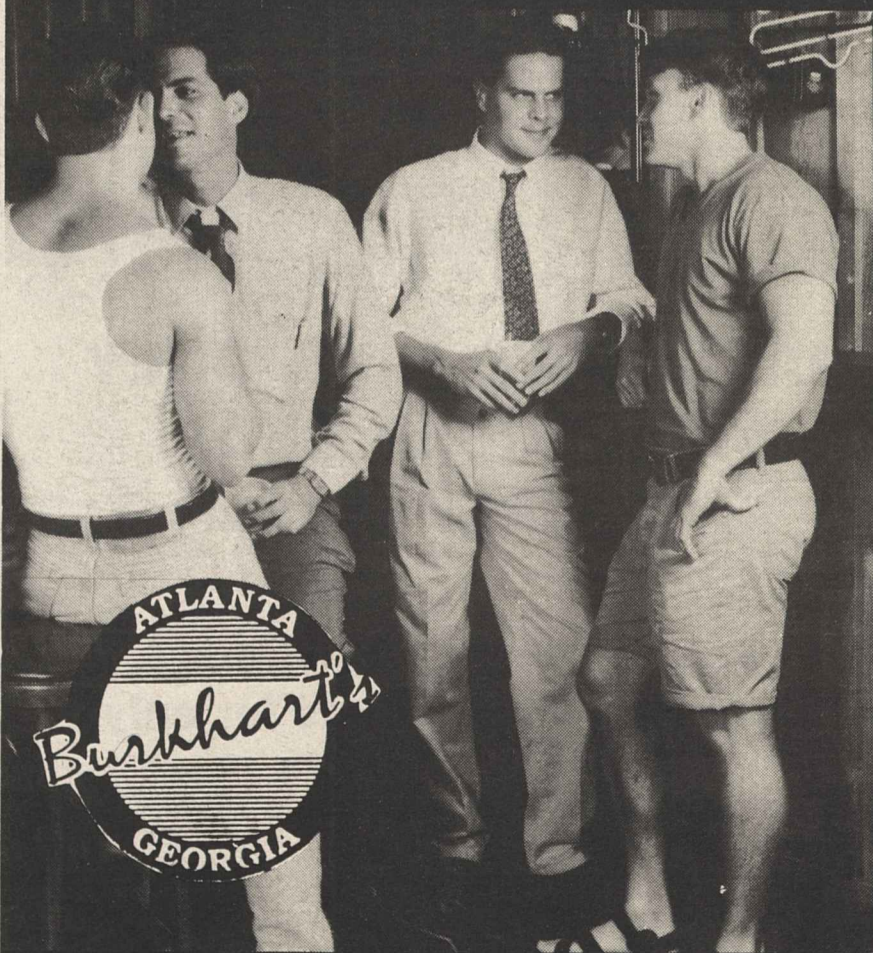
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# Atlanta Symphony opens 50th anniversary season

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Yoel Levi will lead the 91-member orchestra in a season filled with popular masterworks, commissions, guest artists, debuts, and a slate of innovative programming designed to enhance the musical experience for the whole community. Levi, along with Robert Shaw, who was Music Director from 1966-1988 can be credited with helping shape the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra into one of America's youngest symphonies to achieve worldwide prominence.

With numerous awards and recordings to its credit, the ASO embarks on their 50th Anniversary Season Thursday, September 8 with a gala celebration at the Woodruff Arts Center that's sure to entice everyone from the casual classical music buff to the seasoned subscriber. From the looks of the season's schedule of performers and performances they're showing no signs of slowing down—and also putting into action their commitment for more diversity.

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games Cultural Olympiad has commissioned two American composers, Michael Torke and Anthony Davis for world premieres. Torke's composition opens the season on Sept. 8 and Davis's closes the season on May 25. Torke, whose work has been performed by the New York Philharmonic and the London Sinfonietta among others, is currently working on an opera for BBC television. Davis is perhaps best known by the gay community for composing the original music for "Angels in America." He is also the composer of the opera, "X, The Life and Times of Malcolm X."

John Corigliano's Symphony No. 1 will be performed Feb. 16-18 in what is sure to evoke a strong community-based response. Written while he was composer in residence at the Chicago Symphony in the late '80s, the symphony was written in response to the AIDS epidemic. Corigliano composed

the piece as a tribute to those who have died of AIDS. Names of the composer's friends and colleagues who have died of AIDS appear on the symphony score.

In a 1990 interview in the Advocate, the 55-year old Corigliano said, "the first movement of the symphony is called 'Apologue,' an apologue being a metaphor with a moral. And there is a great moral issue here. And the moral issue is, 'Who are the moral people?' I know people whose families will have nothing to do with them because they have AIDS. It's outrageous, but it's true. These people have a judgement morality, very often because of religious reasons that are very narrow-minded. And I find that unforgivable."

Corigliano was referred to by the great American composer Aaron Copland as "the real thing—one of the most talented composers on the scene today." And the Atlanta Symphony orchestra agrees.

The ASO is honoring its innovative and creative nature with its introduction of nearly two dozen new works without disregarding their classical roots. Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Vivaldi make way for Torke, Davis and Corigliano. There's Gershwin and the ever-popular Broadway hits that are just a few of the works to be heard at the ASO champagne/coffee series as well as a new Saturday matinee concert series.

In addition, world-class soloists like Andre Watts, Emanuel Ax and Yo-Yo Ma will perform. And 13-year old Sarah Chang will make her ASO debut when she performs Sibelius' virtuosic violin Concerto Sept. 16-18.

One performance that is will definitely be a sell-out is the uniting of Yoel Levi and Robert Shaw on the same stage. In an historic 50th Anniversary Concert on Feb. 4 this unprecedented event will feature each of them conducting works with the ASO and culminates in a grand finale where Mr. Levi conducts while Mr. Shaw narrates one of the most beloved American works of the 20th century, Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait."

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But it is a good idea to keep the new logo in mind. A lot of hard work went into developing just the right mix of shape and color. The red/brown suggest the wood tones of the instruments, Georgia's clay and the warmth of community support.

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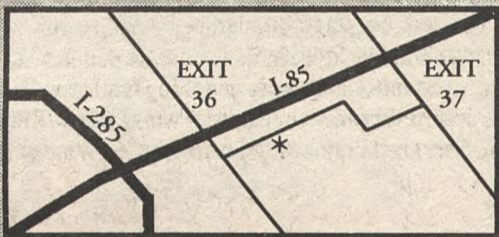
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## "Warren," ten years later, withstands the test of time

The most disturbing thing about seeing the all-new production of Rebecca Ranson's 1984 play "Warren" is the realization that in the 10 years since the piece launched SAME (Southeast Arts, Media & Education Project), nothing has really changed.

"Warren" was one of the first plays to directly deal with the subject of AIDS (at the time, the terms "HIV status" or "safe sex" had yet to be coined), and not many people knew the cause or how to avoid the disease, but we did know it was taking the lives of some of our friends and lovers. One of the early casualties of AIDS was artist Warren Johnston, who died on April 13, 1984.

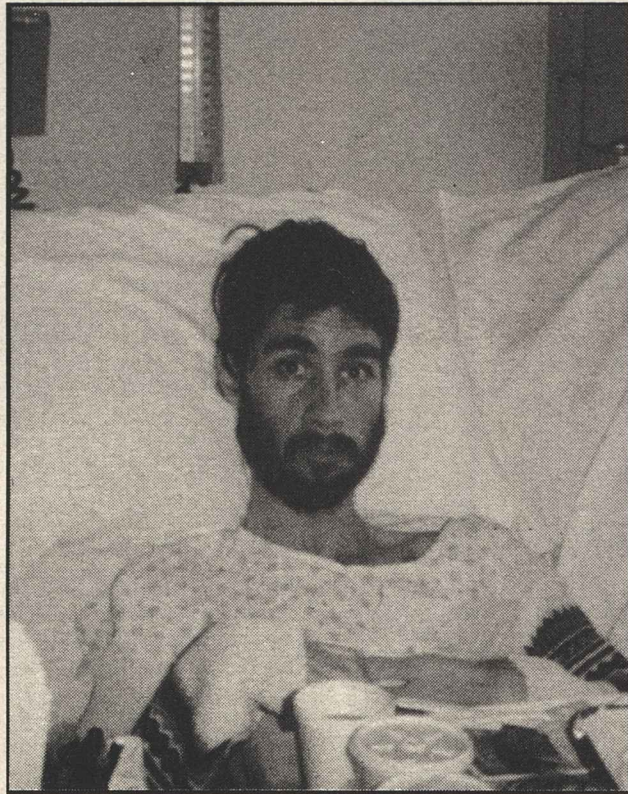
Ms. Ranson quickly penned "Warren" as a tribute to her friend and colleague, lavishing a great deal of love and attention on both the title character and the people surrounding him. In the intervening years, the play has attracted a great deal of attention, been performed across the country, and is the launch for SAME/OutProud's Tenth Year Anniversary celebration.

It is oddly frustrating (and a testament to the writing) that "Warren" seems not at all dated. People remain upset and helpless at the appearance of AIDS. Those with the disease are neither noble or horrible—they just struggle to survive from day to day. (At one point a character asks, "Do you think they're doing everything they can to find a cure?") Warren's story ten years ago remains fully resonant today.

In Warren, Ms. Ranson tells the story of one gay man who liked to "dilly-dally in the arts" by illustrating, composing, even producing a hilarious "vegetable soap opera." In short, he was enjoying life, possibly finding a not-so-ideal lover, surrounded by loving friends and supportive parents. Then he gets sick.

We watch in agony as this once-vibrant young man slowly wastes away, grows sicker, and dies. In the end, he's enveloped by the love of his friends and family, tended by a man who loves him and a nurse who really cares, but all for naught. He dies alone, staring out of a hospital window.

At one point, Warren complains, "I don't have a legacy,"



Warren Johnston, who died of AIDS in 1984, inspired Rebecca Ranson's play early on in the epidemic.

but that's not quite true, because this play is his legacy, and much of it is a beautifully penned, moving tribute to the young man. It would have been even better if the production had matched the material.

Carol Mitchell-Leon (who played Rebecca in the original production) has directed "Warren" with no sense of timing or movement. It plods slowly from one scene to the next, with no regard whatsoever to the internal flow of the writing. Indeed, the only movement on the stage is when the lights shift from one set of stationary characters to another,

since the actors seem to have been instructed to stand or sit perfectly still. As a result, most of the supporting cast seems rather dull.

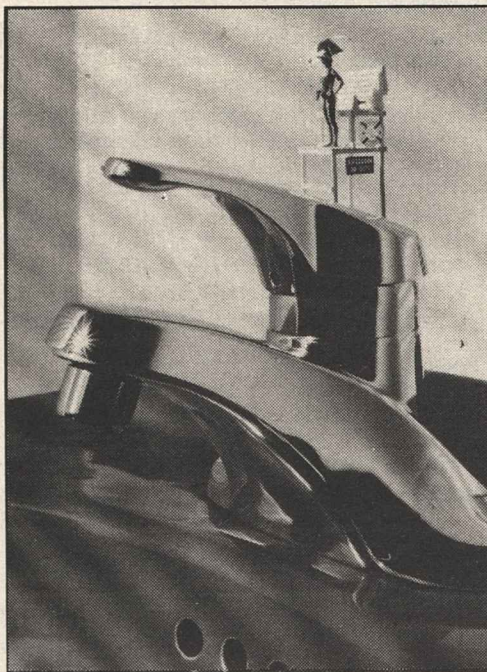
Fortunately, at the center of "Warren" is Larry Davis playing the title character. The actor, who I've only seen perform at OutProud, is finally given the breakthrough role he deserves. In his two previous outings here, he's always given a performance better than those around him (he was heartbreaking in "Bent," and he was the one exceptional thing about "Faggots of the Coronado"). In Warren, he shows just how versatile he is. He deftly handles the comedy (though he'll never get cast in a musical), and expertly conveys the inner feelings of fright at the end of the play. He invests his words with thick and careful meaning, measuring the effect every syllable should have. It is a wonderful performance, one which makes the production worth seeing.

Only R. Leigh (Tré Johnson) as Warren's campy nurse/caretaker shows any life or zest among the rest of the cast. He plays the role strictly for laughs (as intended), but gets to deliver a powerful though quick dramatic turn at the end. Jayne Pleasants as Helen (a character too good to be true, except we're told she really is as saintly as she appears) does a good job with her character also. When she's finally allowed a scene away from her husband (flatly played but beautifully sung by Gil Roper), she shows some extra appeal which has been otherwise hidden—again a victim of Ms. Mitchell-Leon's static direction.

It's not mentioned in the program, but one of the quilt pieces exhibited on stage (remember, this is pre-"Quilt" 1984) is from Warren Johnston's hospital room. It is always there, like a reminder that he is watching his legacy as new audiences come to appreciate his life. Thanks to Ms. Ranson's words and Mr. Davis' stunning performance, Warren is still very much with us.

MICHAEL KAPE

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And the seafood! Halibut cheeks so moist and rich that they cannot be more than six hours out of the sea. Mussels so plump and sweet that you know they have not missed a meal before they became your meal.

With these memories fresh in mind, I approached the **Ocean Club** (231 Peachtree, but the entrance is on International Blvd., 688-9330) with some trepidation. Other critics have been less than amused by the food. In its previous incarnation (as a characterless Italian place whose name began with B) the half-basement space felt cramped and gloomy. And downtown Atlanta on Friday night can be a mighty desolate place.

But the Ocean Club is owned by the same folks who run Chef's Cafe—one of my fave restaurants. And the executive chef is Justin Ward, whose culinary magic has often been cause for celebration at Chef's.

My fears soon turned to joy. We were greeted by an exotic looking woman of indeterminate race, escorted to our table by a pale white man whose punkish hair would fit right in at Fellini's in L5P, and offered menus by a African-American man whose head was decked out in dreads—all of them cheerful and efficient.

The L-shaped space has been done up in bright, beachlike colors, the walls spattered with equally bright naive art. There are corrugated metal counter fronts, broken-tile countertops, diner-like booths and enough low-voltage lighting to make the Taste Sheriff turn cartwheels of aesthetic joy. Kind of an upscale Indigo with slightly lower prices.

(The music is eclectic jazz—a mite too discordant to make me happy, but then I am very white and very middle aged.)

The menu is simple: chowder, fried calamari, crab cakes, half orders of various fried or steamed seafoods for appetizers. There are a couple of sandwiches and a burger, a trio of pastas and a small assortment of "specialties." The fishes of the day (sea bass, salmon, and bluenose on the day we visited) can be had grilled and topped with a number of options—from jalapeño tartar sauce to grilled pineapple salsa. The daily specials card lists a half dozen varieties of oysters and clams on the halfshell, a couple of entree specials and an appetizer special.

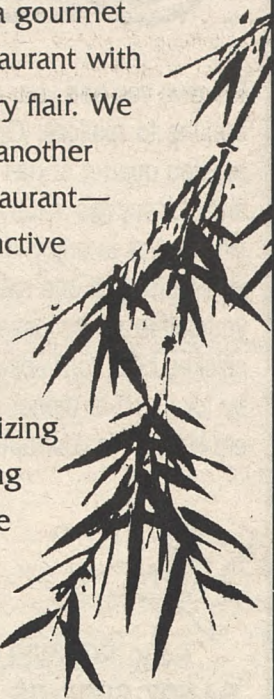
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heaven. Not exactly a bargain bite at \$7.50, it's worth every penny.

The kitchen here also does a bang-up job with fried food; a big plate of battered white-fish, scallops, shrimp and oysters is as good as or better than any in the city. The batter is crisp and light, just a mite spicy and nary a trace of grease. The seafood inside the batter is moist and full of flavor. The jalapeño tartar sauce is good, the cocktail sauce is fabulous—hot, complex, light and perfectly balanced, it enhances the flavor of the fish rather than masking it. In a more perfect world, the owners of the Ocean Club would be bottling the stuff and selling it.

After those two raves, a fat piece of pan roasted redfish slathered in a sauce of yellow tomatoes, rock shrimp, basil, calamata olives and yellow finn potatoes seems almost a letdown. But the fact is that solid fish is perfectly cooked and the sauce beautifully balanced. I'd like a more assertive result of all these potentially potent flavors, but the T.S. finished off the plate with a smile.

Little details make me smile, too. The fried fish platter comes with a very good baked potato (the fries really are too much unless you're consciously trying to gain weight) and a side of exquisitely flavored sliced and diced veggies that have been wokked in bit of sesame oil. The wine list is complete and reasonable with much attention paid to reds that pair well with fish.

Dessert? Peanut butter mousse torte is a

notch above the usual variation on a Reese's, but key lime pie is probably a better choice with seafood.

Expect to spend \$20-30 a head, depending on how much you drink and eat—right in line with Indigo and the Atlanta Fish Market. And, if you're tired of dealing with interminable waits at those establishments, note that the Ocean Club is seldom packed at dinner and it accepts reservations. Get thee there soon.

### Slick City

The Taste Sheriff has had his eye on the Piedmont Road space just north of the park at Westminster that is soon to be the Urban Coffee Bungalow. It should be open by the time you read this.

The tiny walk-in shop (done up with enough turned metal and super-hip graphics to cause any design queen major palpitations) will sell coffee, bread, fresh juices and brewed teas to go. That's because there's hardly any parking.

But (courtesy of a vagary in the Atlanta Code) there is a big deck out back packed with tables where scores can sit and sip their java whilst they nibble bagel or toast, since restaurants here do not have to provide parking for outdoor dining spaces. Which finally explains to me how Indigo was able to add more than a dozen tables to its repertoire in a neighborhood where the intrusion of commercial parking into residential areas is more of an issue than healthcare, crime, and racial justice combined. The UCB is owned by the folks who brought us South City Kitchen. More soon.

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- Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—876-1398
- Georgia Advocates for Battered Women & Children/Lesbian Task Force—524-3847, 250 Georgia Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atl. 30312
- GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
- Human Rights Campaign Fund—Federal Advocacy Network, 231-5751
- HRCF Event Hotline—840-6969
- LEGAL—605-7476
- Lesbian Avengers—798-7742
- National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
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- Out Front—PO Box 12369, Atlanta 30355
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- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous—239-8048
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- 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
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- Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
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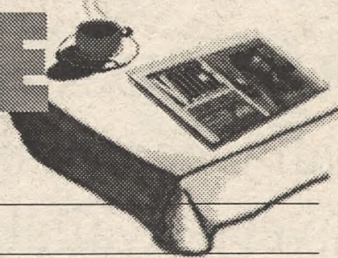
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**KAREN DELORIA**

**AGE:** 36 years

**How long in Atlanta:** Since 1990

**Relationship Status:** Married for 9 years

**Last Book Read:** "Temple of my Familiar" by Alice Walker

**Pet peeve:** Intolerance



Karen DeLoria is something of a suburban mother. Living in northwest Cobb County with two children (both girls, 12 and 14) and her partner of 9 years, she divides her time between work, school activities, her partner, and gardening, with what's left over devoted to the Cobb Citizens Coalition, where she serves as secretary and archivist.

"Whenever I have free time I'm going to a meeting of some sort," she says. "I'm a member of the PTA, but I'm a band parent, actually. It's a lot more strenuous."

"But I got rid of the van," she adds with a laugh.

DeLoria and her partner chose this particular spot of the metro area "because it reminded me of home."

Home was southeastern Massachusetts, where DeLoria grew up, and left immediately after high school.

"I had a real self-esteem problem," she says of her teen years. "I had two older brothers who were good at everything. I was constantly comparing myself to them and I felt like I was stupid."

DeLoria had a scholarship ready for Hart College of Music—but she turned it down.

"I knew I had to work or go to college," she says, "I wasn't ready for college."

So what did she do? She took the entrance exam for the U.S. Army.

"They told me I could do anything I wanted except be a mechanic," she says. "I figured I'd get three meals a day. I've always been a long-range planner, not a risk-taker. I've got to know where my next meal is coming from."

After three years as an enlisted woman working in military intelligence ("It is an oxymoron," she says), DeLoria left the service with a husband "and a couple of kids."

"I dumped the husband, came out, went back to school and then went back into the Army as an officer," she says.

DeLoria says that her experiences with coming out to friends and family have been on the positive side. "I haven't lost any friends," she says. "And my parents accept [my partner], although they don't use the 'L' word. But that's OK. They don't have to use the 'L' word if they're decent about it."

Even going back into the Army in 1986 was not the strain many lesbians and gay men experience in the armed services.

"I knew I wasn't supposed to be in there, but I also knew a lot of queers who were in the Army," she says. "I was real naive about what happens to us in the military—the witch hunts. I was very fortunate none of that happened to me."

But DeLoria says that her work—she was a nurse working in medical units—may have been more tolerant. "I wasn't out at all, not until just before I was discharged," she says.

And while she was in the Army, DeLoria found the time for a little lesbian recreation, attending the Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival and eventually becoming the medical coordinator. The friends she met there proved influential—another coordinator talked her into moving to the Atlanta area after she left the service, and that friend is now among a group of eleven DeLoria considers her immediate family.

"It's nice to select who your family is," she says. "We recently lost one of these people from AIDS, but before he died his namesake was born [to two women in the group]. He got to see him before he died."

DeLoria says she's happy with the home she and her partner recently bought in Powder Springs, but that the Cobb County resolution is a sore point.

"We were blown away by the whole thing," she says. "We had just bought a house in a real diverse neighborhood that we picked for that purpose. My kids go to school here. I don't want them to be taught that kind of stuff. And I promised them we wouldn't move until they're out of high school."

So DeLoria will be in Cobb County for a while. But there's plenty of gardening to do.

"We've got \$260 worth of perennials on order and we're hoping it will fill in what we have, and we won't do anything more until next year," she says. "We do have the best looking yard in the neighborhood."

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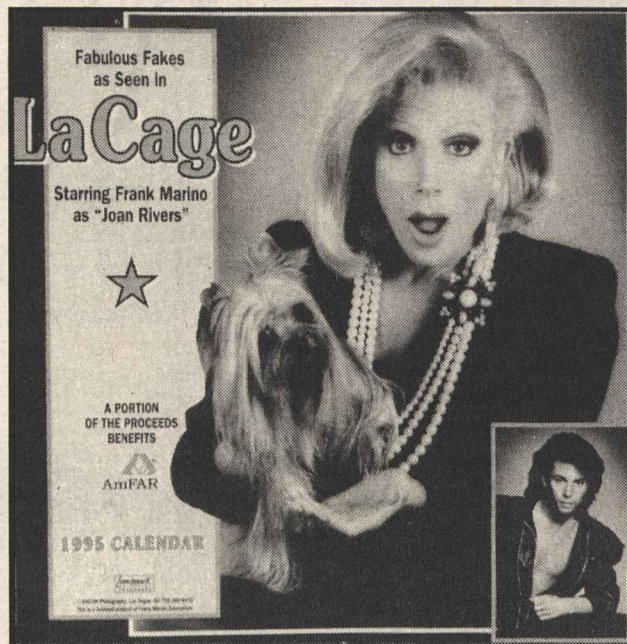
**You've Seen the Musical, Now Read the Composer:** Since the original cast recording of Stephen Sondheim's new musical "Passion" was just released last week, this seems like the perfect time to let you know that the multiple Tony-winning composer has just become the subject of a new journal. "The Sondheim Review" will feature all the information you always wanted to know about American musical theater's foremost composer and lyricist, with the likely exception of who he's dating right now (you'll have to rely on your New York connections for that). The first issue has articles on "Passion" as well as the recent revival of "Merrily We Roll Along"; updates on the "Into The Woods" movie and international Sondheim shows; and an interview with Sondheim himself. Subscriptions are available by writing Dept. GL 9407, P.O. Box 11213, Chicago, IL 60611-0213.

**Bizarre Love Triangle:** A new book about Greta Garbo makes hay out of the connection between the movie queen, photographer Cecil Beaton and social dragon Mercedes de Acosta. "Loving Garbo" purports that Garbo had flings simultaneously with Beaton and de Acosta—and that when she was inaccessible to either of them, they consoled each other with gossip about her. Besides Garbo, de Acosta counted among her many paramours Marlene Dietrich, Isadora Duncan and Eva Le Gallienne. After de Acosta published her memoirs in 1960, in which she detailed their romance, Garbo never spoke to her again. "Loving Garbo" which is based on Beaton's memoirs, should make for pretty interesting reading.

**Can We Date?** If you haven't yet purchased your pinup calendar for next year, Dish thinks you should consider ditching the beefcake or cheesecake variety for the new "Fabulous Fakes" version available from Landmark. The calendar features some of the most incredible female impersonators in the

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world, one of which is Frank Marino, who in the past has been crowned "Showgirl of the Year" in Las Vegas, where he says he "beat out 5,000 real women." In addition to producing calendars in his spare time, Marino does a dynamite Joan Rivers at the "Evening at La Cage" show, and as you can see

from his photograph, he doesn't look too shabby out of drag, either. Marino promises that a sizable portion of the profits from the calendar will go to AmFAR.

**T-Shirt Contest:** Teenage girls at Ames Middle School in Ames, Iowa, apparently stepped on a few toes—to say nothing of other sensitive body parts—when they launched a protest against their male peers' wearing of "Hooters" T-shirts. According to this month's issue of Sojourner, the young women were fed up with the owl-design shirts mocking women's breasts, so they designed some "rooster" T-shirts of their own—with the slogan "Cocks. Nothing to Crow About." The school principal denied the girls permission to wear the shirts, however, and suspended four of the students who wore them anyway. During a public forum, the principal conceded that he might have been wrong. Said student Erin Rollenhagen, who helped to design the "Cocks" shirt, "They should be respectful enough of our feelings not to wear those [Hooters] shirts and to think about how their actions affect other people."

**Children Will Listen:** Dish's older brother, the unreconstructed homophobe, somehow managed to get himself married off to a totally cool woman, who definitely doesn't share his views on the subject. Their son, Dish's nephew, thinks Dish is fun, kind of like a younger, butcher Auntie Mame in Levi's 501s and Raymond Dragon T-shirts. While the three of them were parked in front of their TV set the other night, the queer thing came up in an impossible-to-ignore manner. Big Brother muttered something about fags being useless and how they should all be gassed. Sister-In-Law, without missing a beat, arched her eyebrow and asked: "Does that include your brother?" But the most pointed question of all came from Little Nephew, who ventured, in a wobbly but serious voice, "But what if I grow up to be gay?" According to Sister-In-Law, Big Brother got very little sleep that night.

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Astrologically it is a relatively quiet week. There are only 3 planets in retrograde (an apparent motion), which means we have energy to move personal projects forward. However, there are some very touchy issues being worked out between countries, and clean-up projects are still going on within the collective unconscious.

**ARIES**, if you are working on a major project and it just doesn't seem to be going anywhere at the moment, don't give up. Your idea could be just a little bit ahead of its time. Step back, get more input from others and simplify everything. **TAURUS**, how is your love life? Is it a little wilted or in full bloom? Are you still looking for that Perfect Person? Remember we are all perfectly imperfect, most of us wanting a safer and saner world. Your internal sense of stability is a gift. **GEMINI**, money could be an issue this month or a pleasant surprise, depending on how well you are using your personal assets. If you are still in doubt about your talents and abilities, then you need help with your inventory and assessment. **CANCER**, still looking for the perfect place to nest and set up your home? With Mars in your 1st house of personality and desire, you have the energy to look for what you want in a

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very focused-way. Be clear about the way your home should "feel." **LEO**, now that Venus has moved into your 4th house of home and family relationships, you may find communicating with parents, significant others and even housemates is easier and more gentle than usual. Also a good time to clean up and fix up. Happy Birthday, **VIRGO**. The Sun in your 1st house of personality and self-awareness could really light up your life and give you lots of sparkle. Throw out those old habits of fussing at yourself and see yourself in a new light. Have fun. **LIBRA**, Mercury is in your 1st house of personality, making it easier for you to express your thoughts and feelings. Do your best to speak with simplicity and clarity for amazing results. Keeping a personal journal would also be very fruitful for you. **SCORPIO**, Venus, the planet ruling love, music, art and beauty, has joined Jupiter and Pluto in your 1st house.

Sweeten your life with whatever brings you joy and happiness. Share your unique creativity in simple ways. Contentment is possible. **SAGITTARIUS**, as our beautiful little planet becomes lighter and more expansive, you may feel more comfortable and at ease. When you encounter other people who aren't quite ready to let go and soar, be as patient as possible and wish them well.

**CAPRICORN**, it is very important to support your physical body with rest, good food, supplements if necessary, and regular exercise. If emotional issues are draining your energy, then get help to clarify, release and move on with your life. **AQUARIUS**, if you find a particular social issue is really bugging you, then you may be the one with the solution. Get involved, share your ideas, talents and abilities. You are needed and you might find yourself among like-minded people. **PISCES**, with the Sun shining through your 7th house of close personal relationships and partnerships, you could have a very social month. Spend time with people that you love and enjoy. Also a good time to enjoy nature and the changing season. *Mary Bailey Rule is a professional astrologer who specializes in personal and relationship chart interpretation as well as crisis management. She can be reached in Santa Fe at (505) 473-0095 to order charts or arrange a chart interpretation.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Announcements

A therapy group for gay men and lesbians in their twenties is now being formed. Please contact Julia Strong, LCSW (404) 458-6886 or John Barrow, LCSW (404) 453-7445 for more information. (7.32)

"GAY ISSUES IN THE WORKPLACE" Four hour workshop given by award winning writer, sexuality educator and trainer, BRIAN McNAUGHT. October 7, \$30 before 9/10. Call LEAGUE Atlanta at (404) 516-1917 for information.

The Atlanta Freedom Marching Band is back in rehearsal! Join now to participate in upcoming performances. All instruments needed. All interested persons call/leave message at (404) 872-9763. (7.30)

The Atlanta Freedom Marching Band is looking for Auxiliary Corps personnel. Batons, flags and rifles. All interested persons call/leave message at (404) 872-9763. (7.30)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Fun-loving, women's soccer team needs players with some experience. Practice weekly; games on Sunday. Must be 30. (404) 370-0040. (7.29)

ATLANTA LAMBDA CENTER—Get Involved! Volunteer with the 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. (7.32)

out the BellSouth region. (7.32)

"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)

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

Auditions

Now Casting for Paid Extras for a civil war mini-series. Need all types of people, especially thin white males between the ages of 18 & 30 years old. Mail current photo and application to: Extras Casting, P.O. Box 2666, Peachtree City, GA 30269, Attn: Dawn (7.30)

Open Auditions for Crossing Delancy will be held September 18 & 19 at 7pm at Neighborhood Playhouse. Needed are 2 men ages 25-45 and 3 women ages 25-70. Cold readings from the script will be held during audition. Please bring photo and resumé. Call Neighborhood Playhouse for more info at (404) 373-3904. No appointment is necessary. (7.30)

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)

Auto

Can't find a car you can afford? Hundreds of vehicles sold at bargain prices everyday! For more info call toll free! (800) 436-6867 x.A-2364. (7.30)

Business

Employment

PART TIME

Leasing Agent needed for apartment management company. Weekend hours only. Enthusiasm and experience necessary. Fax cover letter/resumé to (404) 898-2874 or apply in person. 615 Peachtree Street, Room 1100, Atlanta. E.O.E. (7.29)

Contemporary Hair Studio needs part time hair dresser. Clientele preferred but not required. Nonsmoker please. Bring resumé to 1177 Virginia Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306. (7.29)

Secretary/Office Manager for established Morningside office of Psychologists: organization, precision, flexibility, tact, reliability. Skills: office management, Windows, WordPerfect. Hours 8:30-5:00, M-Th, with 1.5 hr.

lunch (flexible). Wages negotiable (no benefits). (404) 873-5503, ext. 12. (7.29)

Secy/Word Pro; for small Buckhead ad agency. Mon & Wed 12-2pm, Fri 12-5. Start \$8/hour. Good; phone, typing, computer skills. FAX to (404) 841-9077. (7.29)

Southern Voice needs Decatur delivery person for Wednesday afternoons. Must have own transportation, insurance and great personality. Please call Shane (404) 876-1819. (7.32)

FULL TIME

Contemporary Hair Studio needs Massage Therapist. Nonsmoker. Flexible schedule. Please bring resumé to 1177 Virginia Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306. (7.29)

FUNDRAISING

Politically active well-spoken people sought for grassroots fundraising drive. Make a difference while making a nice guaranteed hourly wage. Pleasant highrise right across from Lenox. Call Chuck Davenport at (404) 816-2722. (7.30)

SPECIAL PROGRAM OFFICER—Unclassified, set salary, \$32,328. Assist in the administration of Fulton County's Ryan White C.A.R.E. Act and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. Monitor agencies for compliance with Federal and local regulations, including fiscal overview and site visits. B.A. in Business, Urban Planning, Public Admin or Public Health and minimum 2 years in business/program mgmt, housing, urban planning or related field. Forward resumé by 9/9/94 to Fulton County Personnel Department, 141 Pryor Street, Room 4035, Atlanta, GA 30303. (404) 730-6700. EOE/D/Sexual Orientation. (7.29)

Attention Hairstylists! Exciting opportunity! Booth available for rent at gorgeous Midtown salon in the fabulous Georgian Terrace across from the Fox Theatre. All inquiries welcome. Call Christopher at Epic Hair Design (404) 872-6487. (7.30)

Desperately seeking Hairstylist! We need you now!! Preferably yesterday. Call (404) 321-5775. Hairanoia. (7.29)

Buckhead Kroger is currently seeking friendly, energetic, people for our front-end operations. Cashier/Customer Service experience a plus! On MARTA route #5. Apply in person 3330 Piedmont Avenue, N.E., (404) 237-8022. (7.30)

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Massage Therapy, Reflexology, and Reiki. Call for an appointment with Alix Shyne, certified massage therapist (404) 619-9185. Evening and weekend appointments available. (7.29)

Rick Johnson: Soothing, restful massage in the convenience of your home. Unwind. Feel revived. Don't you deserve the best? (404) 622-7444. (7.31)

Enjoy an hour and a half of full body Swedish massage, Amma and Accupressure followed by the warm relaxation of a spa. Please call Dave Fisher, M.S., C.M.T. at (404) 987-1890. (7.33)

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Take it on hikes, play in church, serenade a special person... The recorder is a versatile instrument. For lessons, call (404) 658-1357. (7.30)

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I can help you develop a strong, healthy, classical/musical theatre/sacred technique. Masters of Music, Indiana Univ.; Bachelor of music/Oberlin Conservatory. John (404) 288-6542 in Avondale. (7.29)

Insurance

Legal

Merchandise

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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD: THE BUNNY TRAIL

Crossword puzzle grid with filled-in words: E L A L P B S V E T, D A V E O U T I R E, A R E A A R L O E O N, M A R S H M E L L O W S, T U B S E X, P G A G E M E A S E, E A S T E R B U N N I E S, T Y P O A N E R A P, G A L C A B, C H O C O L A T E E G G, H O E T R A P A R I A, A P T O D D K I L L, Y E S R E D S E A L

**Pets**

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

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**Real Estate**

**FINANCING**

**FOR RENT**

**LUXURY HIRISE 1 BEDROOM**

Corner unit on 21st floor. New carpet, great view, sun room, small ofc, pool, 24 hr security. Safe intown area. \$750/mo includes utilities. Call (404) 659-9040. (7.31)

Charming Candler Park home. Master bdr w/sitting room, bath, walk-in closet, 2nd bdr/den, new appliances, w/d hookup, offstreet parking, beautifully landscaped. \$1,200/mo. (404) 377-5926. (7.30)

Decatur/Market Square. 3BR, 1.5BA, clean, cute bungalow with fenced yard. \$650/deposit/credit check/references required. Oct 1. (404) 292-6940. (7.30)

**GRANT PARK**

Charming, spacious Victorian Bungalow, 3BR, 2BA, bonus room, laundry, modern kitchen, hardwood floors, off-street parking, quiet, \$1,275/mo. Call Randal at (404) 223-6584. (7.30)

Candler Park—large, sunny, upstairs, 2BR, 1BA, study, deck, wood floors, central A/C. \$650/mo+utilities. Available Oct. 1. (404) 584-6249. (7.31)

Decatur—huge 2 story, 2.5BA, deck, wash/dry, CHA, security, block to train. \$650/mo, no pets. Refs/Credit (404) 373-2219. (7.29)

Grant Park—New 2 BR/1BA apts. in side by side duplex. \$550/ea + dep. Chuck Daily, ReMax Buckhead, (404) 233-4633. (7.29)

**SEEKING TO RENT**

**FOR SALE**

3/2 2 years new, Olympic location, large bedrooms, fireplace, CH/A, garage, fenced, 2 porches, ceiling fans, \$117,000. (404) 609-9106. (7.30)

**SALE BY OWNER**

City of Decatur. Pinetree Drive. Ranch style, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, den, living room with fireplace, dining room, screened porch, walkup attic, two car garage, workshop. \$195,000. Mark Joyner (404) 373-7902, (404) 377-1200. (7.29)

**Roommates**

GWM seeks male roommate for 2BR, 1BA apt on Buford Highway. Fully equipped kitchen, nice private patio. Laundry facility on property. Could stand living room furniture if you have any. \$350/mo includes utilities except long distance. Deposit and references required. No smoking. No drugs. No pets. Leave message for appointment (404) 325-7600. (7.32)

Roommate wanted. GWM to share nice house near Brookhaven & Lenox. 2 blocks from MARTA station. \$350/mo including utilities. Fenced yard. Serious calls only! (404) 266-9444. (7.30)

GWF—mature, fun, N.S. seeks N.S. housemates for 3BR Decatur/Emory home. \$390 incl. phone & utilities. (404) 377-1349. (7.30)

Smyrna GWM share 3BR house. Fenced yard, washer/dryer, den, \$270 + deposit + 1/2 utilities, (404) 436-3960. (7.31)

Candler Park—GF to share 2BR, 2BA house. Loft BR w/deck, skylights, w/d, jacuzzi. \$400/mo incl. utilities. (404) 371-1834. (7.29)

East Point—GWM seeks same. Lovely 3BR home, quiet neighborhood. Close

to expressways, downtown, airport, Midtown. \$300 plus 1/2 utilities. Message: (404) 565-8756. (7.30)

Housemate wanted. Semi-furnished room. Air, washer/dryer, private phone line. Convenient to Emory, GSU, and Agnes Scott. (404) 373-3619. (7.31)

Nonsmoking/drug-free woman to share house in woods of North Cherokee County. 2 private rooms and personal bath. Gentle pets, okay. \$300 monthly + 1/2 utilities. Leave message 1-(404) 479-9339: Linda. (7.31)

GWF, 35, seeks housemate. 2BR, 1BA house. Pine Lake. \$325 + phone line. (404) 296-7835. (7.30)

Tucker/Pleasantdale/I-85 area. GWM to share 3BR, 2.5BA home. No smoking, drugs, or pets. Must be neat. \$350/mo. + 1/2 util. (404) 938-9922. (7.30)

**WOODLAND HILLS/EMORY**

Lesbian seeks same to share home. Avail: Sept./Oct. 3BR, A/C, W/D, Great Rm, private deck, on bus route, safe, prefer non-smoker, no kids/pets. \$450/mo incl. utilities. Call Dennie 325-2630 home, or (404) 252-4843 work. (7.29)

Custom house on 11 acres in the woods in Canton. 18 min from Kennesaw College. Private room, bath, gourmet kitchen, CATV, phone, all utilities. \$550/mo. Call (404) 928-1425. (7.30)

GWM, 31, seeks clean responsible roommate to share spacious 2 BR, 1 BA apt. in Lenox/Emory area. W/D, CATV, pool. No smoke or pets. \$400 includes all. 325-8276. (7.29)

Grant Park—Share spacious 4BR, 2BA home w/3. W/D. \$300/mo includes utilities except phone +\$100 dep. (404) 622-0384. (7.30)

**Service**

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PERSONAL COMPUTER SERVICES Software/Hardware acquisitions, delivery, setup; Training (DOS/Windows/WordPerfect, etc.); Repair service, consulting, multimedia. Call "Kate" (404) 242-0221. (7.31)

Pet Portraits. Framable art of your favorite family member. Canvas or pen & ink. Reasonable. Pawprints (404) 688-9142. (7.30)

Residential cleaning service. Looking to establish small clientele for weekly or biweekly service. I'm flexible, dependable, thorough. Willing to do lawn work. (404) 352-0106. (7.29)

**Travel**

Mountain Ridge Farm Bed & Breakfast. Lake, canoeing, swimming, fishing, boat dock, bikes, jacuzzi, massages, more! Great space/rates! Blairsville, Georgia (706) 745-7772. (7.30)

OCEAN VIEW! Condo, sleeps four, poolside patio. Seagrave, Florida (near Panama City). Clean, peaceful, secluded. \$55/daily. Affordable weekly specials. (404) 923-6442. (7.33)

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THE OLD MILL - Bat Cave, NC. B&B on banks of rushing mountain stream near Asheville. Call (704) 625-4256. (7.40)

Stillwell House B&B, Hendersonville, NC. (704) 693-6475. Queen size bed.

Private baths, mixed, European style home architecturally, built 1920. MC & Visa welcomed. (7.34)

**Volunteers**

WHO'S DINING WHO, an Atlanta AIDS Survival Project benefit needs volunteers to help with the event. Event will be held September 24, 1994. Please contact Dana at (404) 798-6913 and leave message. (7.29)

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.

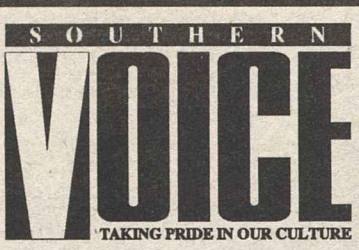
WE NEED YOU! Good Samaritan Project provides support & community for persons with AIDS. 873-4589. This includes all Disability Divas. (7.40)

AIDS Survival Project is a volunteer-driven agency for people living with HIV/AIDS, and we need YOU as a driver. Office/clerical, special events, peer counselors are special needs. No experience needed - just come ready to make a difference! Find out how to offer your time and talents by calling 874-7926.

**HOLLYWOOD HOTS!**

Volunteers are needed NOW through September for this year's event. Earn free tickets to the show. Please call (404) 876-0954

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**CLASSIFIED ORDER FORM**

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- Employment—Full Time
- Finance
- Health—Fitness
- Health—Massage
- Health—Personal Growth
- Insurance
- Legal
- Merchandise
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**VOICE CONNECTION**

- VOICEbox
- Written Response

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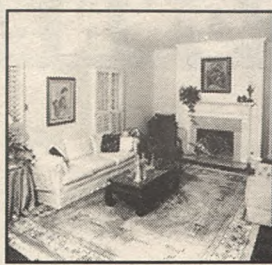
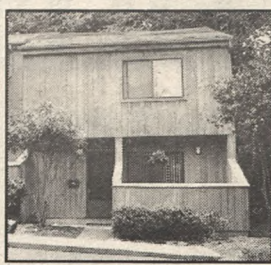
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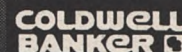
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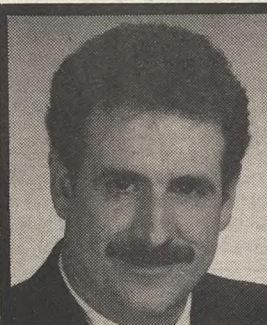
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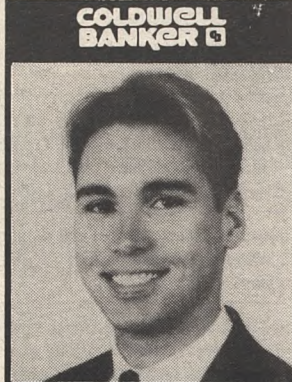
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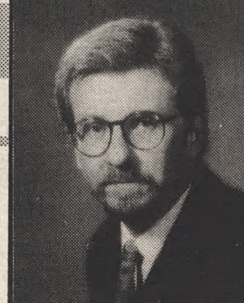
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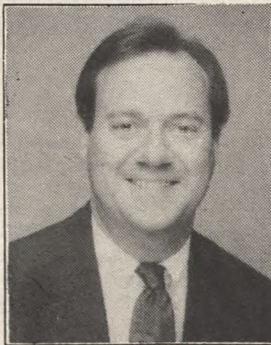
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WOMEN

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ISO GWF, highly manipulative, addictive personality, to be the next woman in my life, matching all the others. I'll understand if you can't respond. ☎ 2101

I SAW YOU AT

the Cobb/Marietta rally. Your sht. blonde hair & glasses/jeans. Would love to hear from you! Me: blonde, black shirt/shorts hair wraps & captivated by you! You were next to a lady selling bumper stickers. ☎ 2102

GWF, 38, feminine, attractive, fun-loving professional seeks same. Enjoys conversation, golf, tennis, beach, adventure, cuddling, romance and more. No dykes, bis, druggies. 35+. ☎ 2103

GWF, 40, hopeless romantic. ISO GWF 35-50 with intelligence, humor and romantic nature. Looks are immaterial. Personality is the key. Smokers okay. Write Box 6513, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306

GWF, 34, 5'4", 130, br/br, attractive, feminine, professional. Enjoys watersports, walking, reading, good times, with friends. ISO feminine GWF 28-40. ☎ 2018

GWF, 25, short brown hair, blue eyes, seeks GBF 24-30 for dinners, movies and long talks, etc... No drugs/smoking. ☎ 2019

Insightful, sensual, humorous, sweet, aesthetic, passionate, spiritual GWF, 43, ISO mutuality, good conversation, quiet fun. NS, please. ☎ 2020

GWF, 28, professional 5'3", 110, blonde/blue, feminine, attractive, non-smoker, spiritual, affectionate, passionate. Loves animals, music, quiet romantic evenings. ISO feminine woman 25-35 for friendship, hopefully more. ☎ 2021

Sincere, caring, GBF 28 seeking GBF for good times friendship or relationship. Must be drug free over EX. No Bi's. ☎ 2022

GWF-very goodlooking, alternative, petite, professional, fun and physically fit. Seeks: same or a gorgeous hippie-chick. ☎ 1993

Gorgeous and outrageously daring GWF ISO androgenous and sensual GWF. 35-45 in relationship but seeking quality time with discreet partner. ☎ 1994

Our life is dull! GBF (couple) seeks other couples to befriend. Nothing sexual. Just lunch - movies or 2 hang-out with. Give us a call - Let's do lunch! ☎ 1980

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 seri-

ous 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! ☎ 1986

Relationship oriented, professional GBF seeks same. Must be emotionally stable, disease free, and over your X lover. ☎ 1712

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 fire-side 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 friendship/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

NE Ga. GWF 35, wks nights/weekends, smoker seeks sincere, monogamous relationship-oriented GWF. No drugs, bar scenes, games, butches. I am seeking soulmate. P.O.Box 1115, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

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 gdlg 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 (7.40)

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

SoVo Pick of the Week

Shiny Vinyl. Black leather fashion GWM, 36, slim, masculine. ISO wannabe. 27-29 waist. No smoke. Southsider. Box 90356, Atlanta, GA 30364-0357.

Hairy GWM sought by 40s hirsute GWM medium, trim build. Prefer warm bear of professional nature. ☎ 2104

CRUISE BUDDIES

Anyone going on RSVP Mardi Gras Cruise February '95? Going alone? Meet/talk before? Why not? ☎ 2105

GWM, 36, 185 (workout), goodlooking, man's man. Looking for jfo partner(s), single, group? Large? Yes. You? Let's Talk! ☎ 2106

GWM-35 masculine, sincere, attr. seeks heavysset mature cuddly GWM for sharing life's pleasures, enjoy seasons & outdoors. ☎ 2107

GWM, 26, skinny, tall, boyish, clean-cut, funny, somewhat quiet and homebodyish, HIV-, seeks similar for possible relationship. Write SoVo Box 6520, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306.

MUSCULAR bodybuilder or job sought by GWM 24, 6', 185 brn/grn student, for appreciation. Will service. Call for fun! NO strings! ☎ 2108

New to Auburn, AL area and wanting to make friends. 35 yr. old, 6'1", etc. Please call! ☎ 2004

INTELLIGENT Professional GWM 5'10" I love bodybuilding, long walks, swimming & cuddling. "NO Games", I seek same for friendship/possible relationship. "TOP" ☎ 2006

WNC Teddy Bear looking for another teddy bear to kick up his heels with or get into mischief with. ☎ 2007

FIRST CLASS MENTOR

GWM, 40s, well-educated. Traditional values, nonsmoking/drugs. Enjoy outdoors, boats, quality conversation. Seeking clean-cut WM student or young professional, 18-28. NOVICE FINE. Write to Box 6510, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306.

BLUE EYED TOP

GWM, 39, moustache, 5'11", 165, enjoy tennis, movies, safe sex. Seeking cute passive boyfriend. ☎ 2008

Home Depot employee, former Boot Camper about 5'9", receding hairline, handsome. If this is you, please call! ☎ 2009

Tall Dark Handsome GWM 28, 6'4", 195, artistic, romantic, healthy, happy but still searching for that special man. ☎ 2010

Think family planning/future kids? GWM, 28, thinking similar <35 commits "joint daddies". Enjoys sharing memories, travel, rising our future gen-

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DIRECTIONS

erations. Write Box 6511, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306

WM, 36, 5'11", 165, seeks dominant, well-equipped, older BM for oral and FF action. ☎ 2012

GWM, 41. Let's do country! Work downtown, will commute within 1 hour. Healthy, masculine, nonsmoker seeking nurturing monogamy. All answered. ☎ 2013

Masculine GWM, 27, 5'10", 155, hairy, with B/D interests seeks dominant daddy/coach (30-40) to show me the ropes. ☎ 2014

Good looking, muscular, HIV-, 34 yr old. ISO same between 30 and 40. Must enjoy life, affection, and quiet time. I'm looking for magic. Write Box 6512, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306

Sincere GWM, HIV+, bld/blue, 5'11", 140, 30, endowed and versatile. Seeks WM, teens thru twenties for fun, friendship, possibly more. ☎ 2015

GWM couple 38, 40, good looking, masculine professionals, in shape. Seek similar for no strings weekend sex. ☎ 2016

Black male seeks masculine black male for uninhibited adventurous mouth watering fun. ☎ 1995

BM, 30s, 155 lbs, 5'8", masculine, trim, hung, versatile, seeks butch brother with same qualities. No fats or fems. ☎ 1996

Boy-next-door, shy, masculine suburbanite, clean-cut, handsome, healthy, horny, good body and endowment seeking sugardad with good skills. ☎ 1997

Submissive, responsive, WM bottom seeking dominant, endowed top over 35 for pleasure sessions. ☎ 1998

BOY! NEED DISCIPLINE? gwm, 37 masculine, top. Romantic, HIV negative, into safe, sane S/M, B/D, seeks boyish but mature comrade. ☎ 1999

GWM, 34, 5'9", 165, br/grn, smoker, masculine seeks masculine Latino or Black 25-35 to share time. ☎ 2000

Handsome North Georgia Mountains WM, 38, 5'8" 148, healthy, fit, HIV-, endowed, seeks eager French active WM for regular service. ☎ 2001

HOT TOP seeks hot bottom. Me: 30s, 5'11", 165, moustache, HIV-, dominant. You: submissive, attractive, safe, 20s-30s. Afternoons or evenings. ☎ 2002

GWM-Looking for real soldier boy(s). Men in uniform. Let's create our own maneuvers. Fulfill our fantasies. Write first. Then... P.O.Box 18875, Atlanta, GA 31126

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, blk/bl, 5'10", 155#, healthy HIV+, seeks friendship in all the wrong places for quality companion. ☎ 1716

Hairy, short, stocky, 40something teddy 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, motorcycles, 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! ☎ 1722

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 sexplorations. 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, heavysset, 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 Northwest S.C. Honest, drug-free. ISO similar 28-38 possible relationship. ☎ 1604

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

Dig this. Landscaper, 36, 5'10", 155

all muscle, 30" waist. Handsome, over-educated 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 it 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+, vgdkg, in relationship, needs more. Seeking submissive boy, 25-30, for role playing, B/D. Discreet. ☎ 1504

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

GWPM, 44, new in Atlanta, seeks GWM 18-30 for friendship, fun. Pre-

fer 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 35-55 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 submissive seeks leather Master or dominant, 25-45, for daytime discipline and service. ☎ 1470

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

**TV/TS**

**LONELY ONE**

BM-Top; mid 40s, HIV-, seeking feminine, pleasant, HIV-, TV/TS bottom for fulfilling relationship. It has been a very long time. Please respond. ☎ 2011

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BiBM, 35, stocky build seeks BiBM for safe encounters. No pain. ☎ 2109

WF sought by gdlkg. WM. Safe, adventurous, marriage of convenience. No strings. Write Box 37, 1544 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta, GA 30324

Bi-Female: Sensual, health conscious, responsible, youthful, playful companion for couple: male is straight, athletic (6-1, 180), international entrepreneur; fem is bi-curious, fit (5-7, 125), adventuresome, into native American spirituality. Let's meet, talk, then proceed if there's mutual interest. ☎ 2003

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

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

WM 48 slightly submissive oral devotee 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

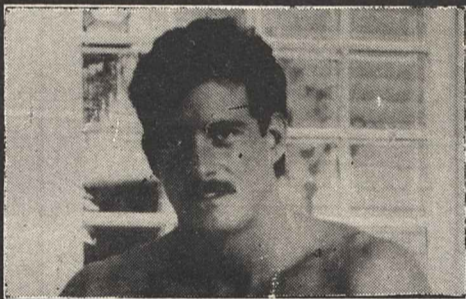
BiWM, 25, student, hot looks, body, endowment, seeks man for discreet, no-strings visits. All answered. ☎ 1551

CURIOUS VIRGIN-VGDLKING, shy, quiet, kind, smooth, diseaseless 32 6' 175, WM, ISO younger smooth patient understanding tender top for discreet sensual pleasureable explorations. ☎ 1452

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

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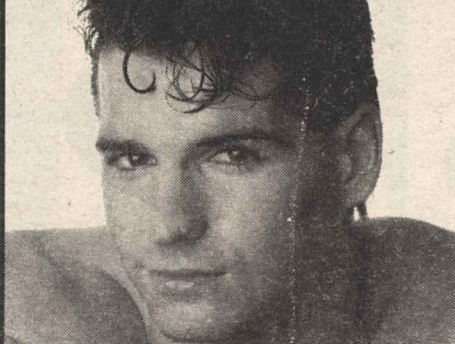
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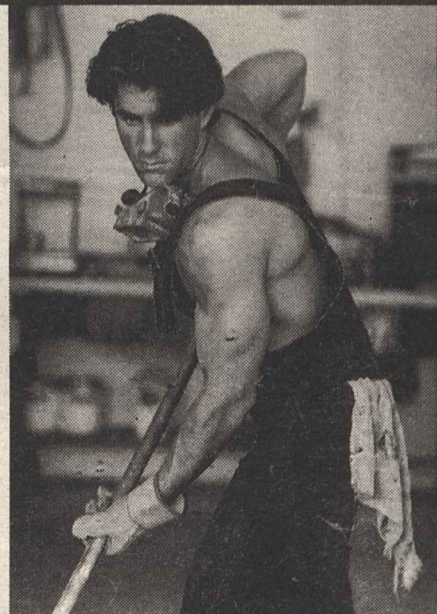
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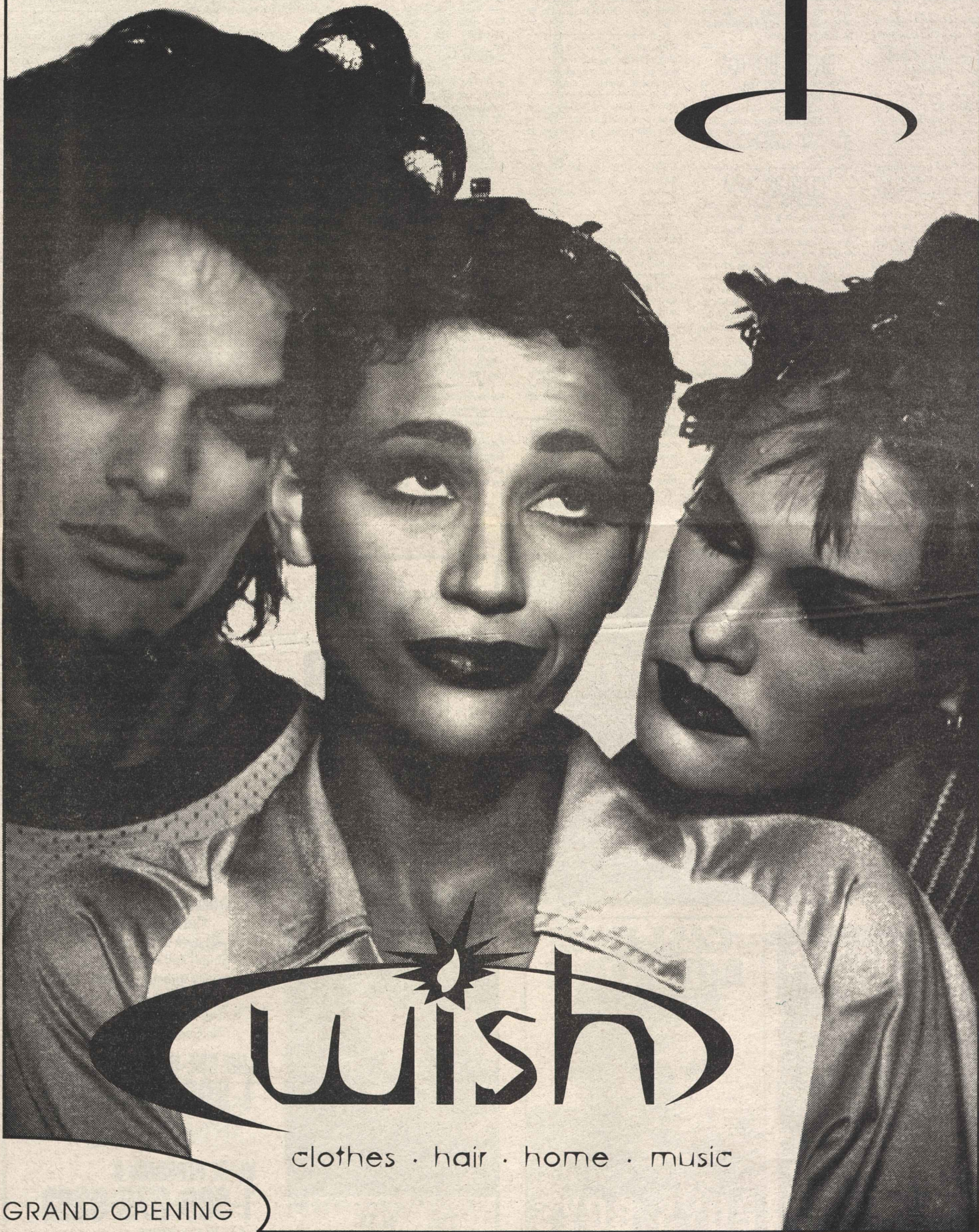
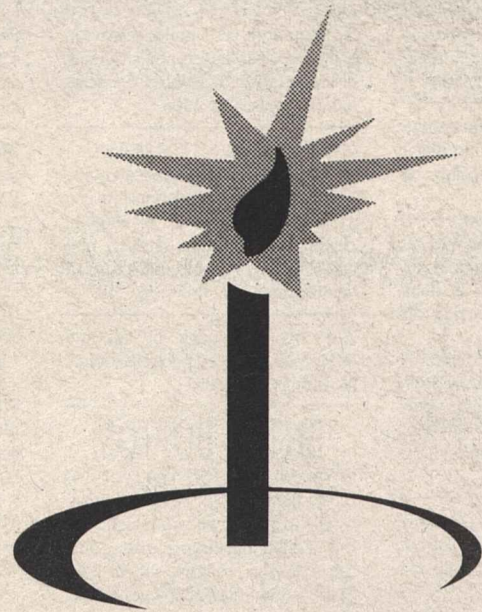
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