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Gelebration of Dreams

This year's Arts Festival has a spirit of diversity unlike that of past celebrations. And the yearly celebration of the arts has grown so large it has spilled over the confines of Piedmont Park into the streets of Midtown—even to the roof of the Margaret Mitchell house where dream-filled latex gloves blow in the wind, symbolizing the hands of people reaching out to others.

by PETER NEWTON

Artists, architects, dancers. Gay, straight, black, white, old and young. You name it. Chances are the 41st Arts Festival of Atlanta will have it. The visibility of the Arts Festival is higher than ever this year. And attractions of particular interest to the gay and lesbian community are more pronounced than they have ever been in the past.

Over two million people are expected to visit Piedmont Park and the surrounding area Sept. 17-25 looking to buy that special something or just browse through the miles of creative wares that are the heart of the Festival.

In past years, Piedmont Park has contained the entire Arts Festival of Atlanta. New this year to the Festival, in response to the demand for more of a good thing, organizers have expanded the City Site Works program to include art installations outside the Park. Nationally-recognized since its beginning in 1981, the site projects will grace various public structures and spaces as they address the social and historical context of urban Atlanta.

One such exhibit has already been on view for several weeks. The house on the corner of 10th Street and Peachtree Street where Margaret Mitchell once lived and wrote sections of "Gone With the Wind" is where Ritsuko Taho, the Boston-based artist, along with the help of 200 volunteers have given the dilapidated building a much needed face-lift by covering the roof with 40,000 inflated latex gloves. Each glove has been hand-stuffed with a dream written on a colored slip of paper, symbolically sent out into the universe. Twenty seven different languages are represented in the exhibit, "Diplomats," and will be on site through September 25.



Amy Pivar and Freda Rosen, partners in life and work, in their dance piece "Wailing Walls."

"I wasn't thinking of the sculpture as an advertisement for safe sex but I'll leave the interpretation up to the viewer," Taho says. "I hope the lesbian and gay community feel included in my dream for world peace. I've noticed that a recurrent dream in the project has been a cure for AIDS."

The artist chose the Mitchell house because she wanted to transform "the Dump," as Mitchell called it, into a monument to a society that is "re-examining its objectives and opening more boundaries." Taho's involvement in the civil rights and peace movements of the 1960's have influenced her belief that all art is political.

Inasmuch as Taho reached out to the entire Atlanta community for the compilation and installation of her exhibit, Atlanta architect, Brad Brooks appeals to the individual in his exhibit, "Midtown Reconstruction Project."

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Top photo: Artist Ritsuko Taho says she wasn't thinking of her installation piece at the Margaret Mitchell house as a safe sex advertisement but says she will "leave interpretation of the art to the viewer."

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Longtime Atlanta gay activist charged with transporting stolen checks

Atlanta—The Federal Bureau of Investigation is searching for a longtime Atlanta activist, charged with transporting stolen checks across state lines.

"Jeffrey S. Laymon is wanted for a violation of federal law," said Special Agent Daron Cheney. "A warrant was issued for his arrest by the U.S. District Court Northern District of Georgia on August 17, 1994."

Laymon's current whereabouts are unknown, but he was seen at the DeKalb Farmers' Market on Aug. 19, two days after the warrant was issued.

Cheney would not divulge further details of the case, except to confirm that Laymon had been under investigation for some time, but other sources said that Laymon is alleged to have stolen nearly \$500,000 from an unknown Atlanta company. And that charge may not be the only time Laymon has juggled money into his own pockets.

Southeast Arts, Media and Education Project of Atlanta (SAME) discovered last December that several thousand dollars in checks had been made out to Laymon, who was handling the organization's bookkeeping at the time. According to SAME artistic director Rebecca Ranson, Laymon denied forging her signature on the checks, claiming that his housekeeper had stolen the checkbook and written the checks. Additionally, several of the organization's bills had gone unpaid-although Laymon's regular reports to the board indicated that they were current.

Laymon eventually repaid over half the missing money, but the damage to his long term relationship with the organization was done-Laymon had served on SAME's board for some 10 years and appeared in some of the group's productions.

"He was crying, saying 'you know I wouldn't do this to SAME," Ranson said. "Everyone was confused. The board went through a terrible turmoil, because some believed him and some didn't."

Laymon was removed from the board, banned from contact with the organization, and billed for the money he had not repaid. But the experience left a sour taste in many mouthsif someone with as lengthy a list of activism in the lesbian/gay community as Laymon can't be trusted, who can?

In addition to his work with SAME, Laymon helped to found and was executive secretary of the now-defunct Metropolitan Atlanta Coalition of Gay and Lesbian Organizations (MACGLO) in the mid-80s, was an organizer of Pride and served as rally emcee during that same time, served on the ACLU Gay and Lesbian Rights Chapter's Police Advisory Committee, worked with a group of lesbians and gay men who met with Mayor Maynard Jackson's administration after his 1989 election, and was an openly gay delegate to a county Republican convention in 1988.

Because of that service, SAME executive director Rebecca Ranson said she had no qualms when Laymon offered to handle the organizations bookkeeping in February 1993.

"Up until that time, I had been doing it," she said. "His offer was a relief to me."

SAME has since instituted stricter policies to maintain a tighter oversight on its finances.

But much of Laymon's doings outside the community remains unknown to those he knew within. No one contacted by Southern Voice could offer much insight into his job history, other than a two-year stint as director of finance at the Atlanta Ballet in the late 1980s.

"He didn't talk much about his job," Ranson recalled. "And there was an almost 3 year period when he didn't work

Around 1991, Laymon told friends that he had won a substantial lawsuit which allowed him to retire. At the time, he bought a large house in Lawrenceville, and also owned a condominium in Atlanta. Laymon sold both of those properties this summer—the condo in late July, and the house in late June. Interestingly, the seller of the house was listed as "Mikonos Co.," principal agents Jeffrey Laymon and Brandon Christopher. No one contacted by Southern Voice could identify Christopher, and Mikonos is not a registered corporation in the state of Georgia.

Ranson said she saw Laymon at about the time the house



Jeffrey Laymon has a long history of activism in Atlanta's gay/lesbian community.

was sold, and he told her he was going to Puerto Rico for three months, "to figure out what he was doing with his life and why he'd gotten involved with some bad people."

"He said he'd tell me the truth," Ranson said, "but he told the same story again."

KC WILDMOON

Skandalakis to convene gay/lesbian advisory commitee

Atlanta—With November's general election just six weeks away, Fulton County Commission Chairman Mitch Skandalakis has begun work to convene a lesbian/gay advisory committee.

Skandalakis has sent letters, dated Aug. 30, to several people in the community who have "expressed a willingness to work with the Chairman...as a representative of the Gay/ Lesbian/Bisexual Transgender community," inquiring about their interest in serving on the committee, or for names of other people who may be.

"I spent the first portion of my administration...focussing on the fiscal management of the County," Skandalakis wrote in the letter, a copy of which was obtained by Southern Voice. "However, it has become increasing apparent to me, with the debacle by the Cobb County Commissioners and other social ills, that I need an open line of communication with the community."

The letter comes on the heels of a meeting with the Georgia Political Action Committee (GAPAC) about Skandalakis'

"It was brought to my attention that the former chairman had this," Skandalakis told Southern Voice. "I thought it was a good idea to start it."

Skandalakis said he had decided to wait until after the election—he plans to have the committee in place by Jan. 1, pending election results-to avoid the appearance of "pandering" to the community for votes in his race against Democratic challenger Joe Hudson.

Skandalakis, a Republican former state representative who won the chairman seat last November to fill the post vacated by Michael Lomax when he resigned to run for mayor, received little support from the gay community last fall after he joined fellow state Representatives Mark Burkhalter and Billy McKinney in calling for state legislation to bar local governments from enacting domestic partnership legislation.

"The only reason I opposed domestic partnership was on the tax aspect," Skandalakis said. "I didn't take a position on the family values aspect."

Skandalakis argued that his position has been misunderstood, and said he was willing to revisit the domestic partnership issue if he is provided with "information that domestic partnership does not cause this big tax burden that I was led to believe it would."

GAPAC cochair Ed Stansell said that the organization's meeting with Skandalakis last month did not change the recommended rating the group had already given Hudson, and added Skandalakis would not receive a rating.

"We frequently do that," he said. "We rate the person we feel should be recommended person, and [in the meeting] we didn't see any appreciable changes."

But, said Stansell, 'encouraged' by the talks with Skandalakis.

"As a result of our discussions, I have



GAPAC was Last year Fulton Co. chair Mitch Skandalakis, a former state representative, endorsed legislation that would have halted local domestic partnership ordinances.

hopes he may set up an effective advisory committee and seriously pursue domestic partnership for Fulton County, the registry portion appearing more readily achievable," he said.

Stansell added that Hudson "has responded more positively to our questionnaires, and his presence in the community actively campaigning over a period of months indicates his commitment to working with our community."

Skandalakis did not complete GAPAC's candidate questionnaire, saying he never received it. His campaign requested the meeting with GAPAC in August. Skandalakis and Hudson, along with state legislature candidates, will appear at GAPAC's Garden Party on Sept. 25.

KC WILDMOON

Anus is not a sex organ, says Georgia **Court of Appeals**

Atlanta-An obscure Chatham County Superior Court case had led the Georgia Court of Appeals to declare that oral-anal sexual contact does not violate the state's proscriptions against sodomy.

In a decision handed down March 17 of this year in Moore v. The State, the three judge panel-Clarence Cooper, Dorothy Toth Beasley and J.D. Smith—unanimously reversed a conviction on a single count of aggravated sodomy stemming from the practice of "rimming." Two other aggravated sodomy charges, and a single count each of rape and kidnapping, were unaffected by the ruling. No other information about the case was available.

Cooper wrote in the court's opinion that "[s]odomy requires contact between 'the sex organs of one person and the mouth or anus of another.' OCGA 16-6-2." In its ruling, the court refused to consider that the anus is a sex organ.

"That's a chip away at the all-encompassing way the sodomy law is enforced in the state," said Larry Pellegrini, president of the Georgia ACLU's lesbian/ gay chapter. "It's interesting more than earth-shatter-

The ACLU's executive director, Teresa Nelson, agreed that the case had little bearing on attempts to repeal Georgia's sodomy laws or to find them unconstitutional, but she did say that the ruling "gives us a window into what the courts may do."

Pellegrini added that the danger now is that radical right forces in the Georgia legislature may act to make the law more restrictive.

"More than likely the legislature will try to plug that up-no pun intended," he said. "And we'll all look forward to the debate on the floor if they do."

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Captain convicted of sodomy is ordered back to active duty

Fayetteville, NC—An Air Force captain who was convicted of sodomy and recommended for dismissal from the military has been ordered back to active duty, according to his lawyer.

Mark Waple, attorney for Capt. Luther Turner, said a general rejected the recommendation of the court-martial panel because of two missing tape recordings of testimony from Turner's trial.

The loss of the tapes could lead to a reversal of Turner's conviction, Waple said. A complete record of the proceedings is needed for Turner's appeal.

The 9th Air Force was the convening authority for last October's court-martial at Pope Air Force Base in which Turner, 31, was convicted of sodomy, going to an off-limits gay bar and obstructing justice. Testimony claimed that Turner committed homosexual acts with 26-year-old Richard Bullock, an unemployed paramedic. Air Force Capt. Troy Carlyle was also

convicted in April of committing sodomy with Bullock and going to an off-limits gay bar.

Lt. Gen. Michael A. Nelson, commander of the 9th Air Force, had the final word on the panel's recommendation and ordered Turner to forfeit \$2,000 of pay per month for six months, Waple said. Turner has had no pay or benefits since January.

Waple said the Air Force now will use administrative means to kick Turner out of the service on charges that Turner had a gay relationship.

"The problem is that they want me label me a homosexual," said Turner, a Georgia native. "I am not a homosexual, and I just refuse to accept that label on a piece of paperwork that says I am a homosexual to carry for the rest of my life."

Since Turner left active duty, he and his brother-in-law have been operating an air charter service in Florida.

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West Palm Beach adopts gay rights ordinance

West Palm Beach, FL—City commissioners voted Aug. 29 in favor of an ordinance prohibiting housing and employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, religion, race or age. The measure, approved 4-1, also creates a panel to hear complaints and calls for \$500 daily fines.

The ordinance won't become law until after a second reading, which at press time was scheduled for Sept. 12. That stage is often a formality, however.

"I took an oath to do what I think is the right thing for this city, and if I don't get re-elected I'm fine with that," said Mayor Nancy Graham, who came under fire for bringing the measure up for a vote with only a few days' notice.

"Where do you stop? Bestiality is OK then?" retorted Jim Johnston of West Palm Beach. "This destroys the definition of what a family is."

Dissenting commissioner Sarah

Nuckles challenged the ordinance on constitutional grounds, saying it requires equal protection for a group of people who have no scientifically defined characteristics.

"How would someone prove their sexual orientation?" Nuckles asked.
Attorney Joe Fields, who wrote the or-

Attorney Joe Fields, who wrote the ordinance for a gay-rights group, said people wouldn't have to prove they were gay, just that they had been victims of discrimination.

"All it says is if you want to discriminate against somebody, do it somewhere else," Fields said.

Similar ordinances in other Florida cities have been vigorously opposed, with conservative organizations such as the American Family Association leading the charge. Tampa, Miami Beach and Metro-Dade County have similar measures on the books.

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Judge orders N.C. to continue anonymous HIV testing

Raleigh, NC—Anonymous HIV testing, scheduled to end Aug. 31, will continue at least until November, when a state commission reconsiders the issue.

A judge ordered Aug. 31 that the state continue to offer anonymous testing at public health departments. The State Commission for Health Services, which meets again Nov. 4, had ordered that the departments offer only confidential testing beginning on that date.

Wake County Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle said the commission must consider new statistics that state epidemiologists researched but which were not provided to the commission. The statistics show that anonymous testing is more effective than confidential testing at encouraging people to be tested.

Battle concluded that the decision to ban anonymous testing "has been made upon an unlawful procedure or is unsupported by substantial evidence or is arbitrary and capricious."

Since 1993, North Carolina residents have been able to choose either anonymous or confidential HIV testing at county health clinics. Private physicians are not allowed to conduct anonymous tests and must report all positive results to the state.

MARTHA WAGGONER



Sponsor drops Dobson

"Focus on the Family," a radio program by Dr. James Dobson (pictured), lost the sponsorship of Ukrop's Super Markets following a complaint by the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond, Va. MCC's Rev. Dwayne Johnson said Ukrop's withdrew its advertising from the show after he spoke with the company about Dobson and Focus on the Family, which is also the name of Dobson's multi-million dollar radical-right organization based in Colorado Springs. "They listened," said Johnson of Ukrop's. "We didn't have a boycott. They responded quickly and with sensitivity.

Transsexuals Gain Entry to Michigan Festival:

Six transsexual women were allowed into this year's Michigan Womyn's Music Festival last month after a week-long protest outside the site of the 19-year-old festival. Producers of the festival instituted a "women born women" only policy following the ouster of transsexual Nancy Jean Burkholder in 1991. Thirteen protesters camped at "Camp Trans: For Humyn-Born-Humyns" during the week, where workshops, speeches, readings and concerts were held. Producers made the decision not to refuse tickets to transsexuals on the Saturday of the festival, but the protesters say they are still unclear about the policy. They say they will protest until the policy is officially lifted.

Bishop Who Ordained Lesbian is Asked to Resign: An

Episcopal bishop who ordained an open lesbian as a deacon has been asked to resign by a group of delegates to the church's convention. The Rev. R. Stewart Wood, bishop of the Michigan diocese, ordained Jennifer Walters on Aug. 19. Seventeen delegates to the church's General Convention signed an open letter asking him to step down. Wood has delayed comment on the letter. Seventeen Michigan clergy and 19 others signed a letter of their own in support of Wood.



Episcopal Bishop Stewart Wood (left) of Michigan has been asked to resign over his ordination of an open lesbian as deacon. With Wood is Rev. Gay Jennings.

Sailor Acquitted in Leg-**Breaking Incident:** A military court has acquitted a sailor of

charges stemming from his asking a shipmate to break his leg so he could escape sexual harassment aboard the USS Constitution. Garrett Trance, a petty officer 3rd class, admitted persuading Airman Wesley Newell to hit his leg with a steel pipe on Feb. 19. He was the victim of sexual harassment because shipmates mistakenly believed he is gay, his attorney said. Trance had been charged with conspiracy, missing the movement of a ship and malingering. Newell was sentenced to three months' confinement, a bad conduct discharge and fined for the Trance case and another incident.

California Senate Rejects Domestic Partners Insurance: A bill to allow the state and many local governments to extend their health care plans to cover their employees' domestic partners was rejected Aug. 31 by the state Senate. The measure lost on a tie vote. The Senate had approved a somewhat narrower version of the bill in June, but rejected changes made in the state Assembly.

NM Governor Meets With Gay Rights Leaders: New Mexico Gov. Bruce King met with leaders of the state's gay rights movement Aug. 30, signaling that he is trying to mend fences with traditionally Democratic voters. King has been trailing the Republican gubernatorial candidate, Gary Johnson, in early polls for November's election. Last year King outraged the state's gay community when he told state legislators that he would rather not see a bill on his desk that banned discrimination based on sexual orientation. King made no commitments during the recent meeting.

Slasher Has Odd Views on AIDS: A man accused of slashing the throat of a New York state health department spokeswoman said he attacked the woman to get publicity for his AIDS theories. William Lewis, 62, was ordered to undergo psychiatric tests following the attack Sept. 1 on Frances Tarlton, who is in fair condition at Albany Medical Center. Lewis told reporters that he wanted to kill Gov. Mario Cuomo but that Cuomo had too many guards; he then said he wanted to kill Health Commissioner Mark Chassin, but Chassin was out of town. Lewis's theories on AIDS include: mud-covered Woodstock fans were spreading the disease, and use of condoms will create a new hybrid of the disease that can be spread by sneezing. Lewis, a former Albany mayoral candidate, also advocated testing and quarantine to combat the disease.

PA Mayor Appoints Anti-Gay Activist to Human Relations Commission:

York, Pa., mayor Charlie Robertson has nominated Robert S. Erb, Sr., a leading opponent of the city's gay rights ordinance, to serve on the Human Rights Commission, which oversees enforcement of local anti-discrimination measures. Robertson has also proposed replacing four longtime commissioners—including both the panel's chair and its only Hispanic member—with an all white commission. Among the four proposed new members is the president of York Area Lambda. Several city councilmembers are opposing Erb's nomination.

Washington Gay Students Harassed, Study Says: From name-calling to beatings, gay and lesbian students have suffered at least 17 incidents of harassment and violence at schools around Washington state, says a new report released last week. "Clearly the schools are not safe for gay and lesbian students," said co-author Beth Reis, a public health educator for the Seattle-King County Public Health Dept. The report covers incidents at elementary through high schools in 11 school districts since 1990.

ICA Threatens to Sue Secretary of State: The Idaho Citizens Alliance says Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa will face a lawsuit if he censors statements about the anti-gay rights initiative in a state-sponsored voter information pamphlet. Cenarrusa has rejected the ICA's statement, saying it defames an unnamed Boise resident. Boise attorney and former Supreme Court Justice Robert Huntley has threatened to sue if the ICA statement is not modified. He represents the state employee allegedly defamed by the ICA. Efforts to reach a compromise have failed.

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DEATHS ELSEWHER

Choreographer-director Michael Peters dies

Los Angeles-Michael Peters, who won a Tony award for choreographing the Broadway musical "Dreamgirls" and helped create Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video, has died

The dancer, choreographer and director died Aug. 27 of AIDS, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Peters appeared as a white-suited, knifewielding gang leader in Jackson's "Beat It" video in addition his work on "Thriller. He also directed music videos for Diana Ross, Lionel Richie, Billy Joel, the Jacksons and Earth, Wind and Fire.

He worked on films including "Sister Act II," "What's Love Got to Do With It?" "Sarafina" and "The Mambo Kings."

In addition to his Tony, Peters won two Emmy awards for choreographing the TV specials "Liberty Weekend Closing Ceremonies" and "The Jacksons: An American Dream."

Peters didn't like the method of counting out dance steps.

"When you dance by the numbers," he once told the Times, "you extract all emotions and sterilize the movement. You remove the dance from its inspiration, which is the music. What I love is the capability of a body to be free in the sense of street or social dancing and, at the



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Peters, born in New York City, learned to dance at the Bernice Johnson Cultural Arts Center and attended the city's High School of Performing Arts.

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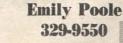
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Wigstock draws thousands to NYC

Drag queens James (standing) and Daniel were among the thousands who converged on Greenwich Village Sept. 4 for Wigstock '94. The drag festival celebrated its tenth anniversary this year with performances by celebrity cross-dressers RuPaul and Lypsinka.

Anti-gay measure OK'd for Oregon ballot

In separate move, ACLU sues to block anti-gay petitions in Eugene

Salem, OR—An anti-gay rights measure will be on Oregon's ballot in November after a court challenge failed.

The Oregon Court of Appeals on Sept. 1 unanimously reversed a lower court's decision that Measure 13 unconstitutionally contains more than one subject. Opponents of the measure decided not to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

The initiative is a revised version of a more harshly worded measure defeated by Oregon voters in 1992.

It would forbid spending public money in any way that promotes or expresses approval of homosexuality. It also would outlaw teaching children that homosexuality is a classification similar to race, religion, gender, age or national origin, and it would restrict access to library books on homosexuality to adults only.

According to Julie Davis, campaign manager for No on 13 in Portland, the ruling comes as no surprise. "We as a campaign never believed Measure 13 would not appear on the ballot," she said. "We've been planning on this all summer. We have prepared a fulfledged campaign, with plenty of paid media, both radio and TV, and are doing field opera-

tions throughout the state."

Meanwhile, in Eugene, Ore., the American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit against the city of Eugene, claiming two anti-gay rights initiative petitions there are unconstitutional and should not be allowed to circulate.

A group that calls itself A New Voice introduced the two initiatives after the city council approved a human rights code that bans discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The first initiative would prohibit the city or the Eugene Water & Electric Board from spending public funds or acting "in any manner to promote homosexual behavior."

The second initiative would prevent the city or the utility board from providing health benefits to anyone other than an employee, the employee's spouse or the employee's legal dependent.

The lawsuit against the city was filed September 1 in Lane County Circuit Court by two lesbians who work for the city, a bisexual woman who works for the board, and a staff member of the ACLU.

The complaint claims the city's acceptance of a ballot violates a 1993 state law that prohibits local governments from enacting any law or policy that singles out citizens for their sexual orientation.

The suit also claims that the initiatives are unconstitutional because they deal with administrative rather than legislative matters, and because they're constitutionally unenforceable.

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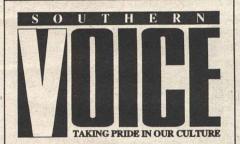
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Under sodomy laws, all sex is public

by JOHN HOWARD

There's been another bust in a local tearoom. And once again, the Atlanta Police Department is cracking down on gay men having sex in Piedmont Park. Won't the cops ever learn? Sex in public places is here to stay.

In March, Emory police arrested two men, in separate incidents, in the first floor restroom of White Hall. Their crime? They were caught looking at a police officer. That's right, looking. Emory Police have apparently pioneered a new form of sexual surveillance. It goes like this: An officer enters a stall and, with wadded up toilet paper, stops up the glory hole. (Now, in the case of White Hall, patrons had cut the hole quite large—the police report says two inches in diameter, but I know it to be much wider-and had carefully lined it with duct tape so that no one, not even the largest boys, would get injured while having fun.) Next, the cop waits in the stall. A "suspect" enters the next stall. If said suspect knows White Hall's reputation, he pokes out the tissue. That's when Emory's finest swing into action. The badge is flashed, cuffs are applied, and our suspect is carted off to DeKalb County Jail, where he's booked for a "Peeping Tom" violation. Sadly, such was the fate of two local citizens.

Meanwhile, APD's Operation Street Sweep has gotten off to a disgraceful start. Acting police chief Beverly Harvard has pressed 300 officers into service combating prostitutes, drug dealers, and gay men looking for casual sex. On August 24, plainclothes cops in shorts and tank tops took a van full of men down to the station after nabbing (entrapping?) them in the trails area of Piedmont Park. It's as if the cops were celebrating the 40th anniversaries of two of the city's most notorious anti-gay campaigns.

Some history: Way back in 1953, in the basement lavatory of the downtown library, police voyeurs used a two-way mirror to arrest 20 men in what became known as the Atlanta Public Library Perversion Case. Unlike the Emory episode, defendants' names appeared in the local press, they lost their jobs, and though only one served jail time, most were literally run out of town.

Almost 40 years to the day prior to the most recent arrests, Atlanta City Council members in 1954 took a bold stand on the issue of intimate activities in Piedmont Park. In a surprisingly progressive move that attracted national and international attention, they declared the Midtown park to be the city's official lovers' lane. They encouraged young heterosexual couples, who were abandoning the porch-and-parlor courtship of the private home, to go out on the town in cars—to do their parking not on the dangerous, dirty back roads but rather on the public property of Piedmont Park, where law enforcement could keep an eye on things.

All was bliss until the Baptist Ministers Association intervened. The clergy publicly declared what many secretly knew: gay men also were having sex in Piedmont Park. Methodist pastors and the PTA joined the outcry and pressured APD to step up patrols after dark. The City Council approved massive expenditures for lighting systems to achieve what Mayor Hartsfield called a "near daylight" effect.

At least four things can be learned from this history lesson. First, and most obvious, gay cruising is not going away. Four decades after the Piedmont Park "spooning" ordinance, the Atlanta Police Department is still trying to rid the park of the unsanctioned, unapproved pairs—homosexual men involved in anonymous trysts. The police policy of stopping sex in public places is clearly ineffective.

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Second, the policy is meanspirited and hurtful. While strongly self-identified gay men will simply move on to another locale when the cops clean up an area, closeted men caught up in police raids often suffer more tragic endings. The darkest chapters of our history are filled with examples of lesbians and gay men who, rather than taking the societal shame and abuse of being found out, chose instead to take their own lives.

Third, the policy is wasteful. After the Emory incident, EPD Director Ed Medlin insisted his staff had "no desire to pry into people's private lives." They simply were interested in "public safety." Whose safety, for god's sake, is threatened? Sociologist Laud Humphreys, in the most extensive study to date of sex in public places, found that gay cruisers never approach another individual who does not, through some in-group code or body language, express an interest. Never. Thus, while APD redirects 300 officers to harass persons involved in consensual relations, rapes are committed, burglaries are carried out, and children are gunned down in the crossfire of gang warfare. And Deputy Chief E. Robinson has the nerve to tell the City Council's Lesbian and Gay Public Safety Task Force that the transvestite serial murders and the escalating incidents of gay-bashing go unresolved due to lack of resources. No wonder taxpayers are questioning the department's priorities.

Finally, these most recent attempts to crack down on public sex—and gay activists' shame-

ful refusal to protest them—should remind us all of an important truism: In America, all sex is public.

Some more history: Since before this nation's founding, Americans have used their elected representatives to regulate the sexual activity of their fellow citizens. Sex has always been a matter of public policy. The state dictates the who, what, how, where, and why of sex. In 1662, Virginia became the first of several colonies to levy special fines on those who had intercourse with people of other races. Interracial marriage was soon forbidden across the South. As we all know, homosexual acts drew the severest penalties. In 1777, that great lover of liberty (and slaveholder) Thomas Jefferson put forward the liberal notion that sodomites should no longer be punished by death, but more humanely by castration.

Today, the state still attempts to control women's bodies; procreative, heterosexual intercourse (within the bounds of marriage, of course) receives state endorsement through rewards in the tax codes and social welfare programs. Women or men who have oral sex with their partners, however, even in the so-called privacy of their own homes, can expect a police officer to walk in and slap on the cuffs. Just ask Atlanta's most famous sodomite, Michael Hardwick. The police beat, with the Supreme Court's blessing, extends from the street to the bedroom.

Guppie assimilationists who abhor our outdoor activities conveniently overlook the fact that under Georgia law they are as much criminals as Piedmont Park cruisers. They may also forget that their first homosexual experience probably occurred, like mine, in a public place. For many men, the park, the toilet, the rest stop, the beach—free, non-commercial spaces—enable the coming out process.

And that goes for women too, according to Joan Nestle: "Public bathrooms have been social bedrooms for young Lesbians ... who had no safe home to take their lovers back to." And more experienced, self-identified lesbians and gays often choose public venues for recreational sex as well as romantic interludes. Do we trust the APD to differentiate between two strangers meeting on the trails and two lovers holding hands on a picnic?

The libertarian call to get government out of the bedroom is pointless. The American tradition of knowing your neighbors' sex lives is older even than the country. So we should give up the notion of securing a right to privacy. Instead, we must insist that the state (and our own community) affirm our sexualities—all of them in their myriad forms.

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LETTERS

Rain didn't dampen Rhythm Fest

Each year, over Labor Day weekend, Rhythm Fest serves adventure to those willing and able to cope with uncertain weather and terrain. This year, nothing was on the level—it was all uphill or downhill—while mud and rain conspired to dampen everyone's spirit. Nevertheless, Rhythm Fest remained inspiring.

Living gently on the land is always a challenge. If, in a moment of carelessness, you leave your jacket or towel lying on the ground, you may suffer an infestation of chiggers which can last for weeks. Similarly, if you encounter poison ivy, you may endure an entirely unfestive rash for weeks. You must always plan in advance, too, for those all-important restroom breaks, selecting from options of porta-janes, indoor facilities (plan 45 minutes in advance for this one), or the bushes.

In spite of the raging downpour that competed with the first-day-of-festival euphoria—and the many millions of mosquitoes that were empowered right after the storm—my spirits remained stirred, not shaken, for I had pru-

dently invested in excellent socks to tame my moody but beautiful Italian hiking boots. However, I may not have been so intent on wearing such stern slippers in the first place were it not for the fact that some of us cannot endure beer in cans, even while camping.

Seriously, I offer these notes in praise of Michelle Crone and her group, who produce, among the mud and rain, the heat and bugs, a singular blend of entertainment and enlightenment. I am counting the days already until next year's festival.

Linda Ilaqua Avondale

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Most of us don't want to do the "rite" thing

Where on earth did I get the idea that we wanted to get married to each other?

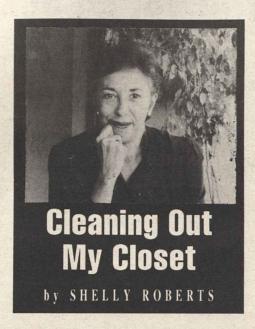
Did you tell me that? No, maybe it was somebody else. But I was sure I heard it somewhere, sure it was important to us. You know, legal representation and getting lots of free toasters and blenders, and having an official mother-in-law. All that normal stuff of ceremonies and ritual sacrifices that come with weddings. I read so much about it in the Chicago Tribune and Newsweek. Was it my imagination, or did you also hear about it on every other talk show on your AM and FM radio dial around the time the rest of the world was afraid we'd dirty up their military showers? About how high, high, high it was on our "Agenda?"

Oh, sure, some of us do. We borrow rites and practices loosely translated from the Presbyterian, invite friends and embarrassed relatives, play dress-up, and collect goodies in silver colored paper with embossed mourning doves. But that's about a party. And a celebration of togetherness with fondest, overly-optimistic hopes for marching happily ever after, forever and ever, into the sunset amen. Or getting even with Mom and Dad who blew six-to-eight thousand bucks to legalize Sister-Sweetie to Gormph, The Elephant Man.

But that legal married part? Well, guess what? For the most part, we couldn't care less.

I know. It seems impossible to fathom because Lambda Legal Defense is so heart-set on it. But the reality is that the people who care most about our getting legally married to each other are a) Phil and Oprah (a lovely couple), b) Pentecostal religionists terrified that we might join their ranks and shed some light into their particular woodsheds, and c) our lawyers.

Now, I only know this because I asked.



You see, a funny thing didn't happen on the way to another book. As you know, I try my darndest every couple of years or so to see just what big balloons full of very hot air we have floating over our heads, and, with a very sharp pin, performing oral surgery with laughing gas.

"Gay Rites" I thought. Good book potential. I should have understood that "rites" for gay men means: "Hey, do you come here often?" and for lesbians means: "Hello, it's nice to meet you, would you like to move into a common, neutral, expensive living space, adopt several furry creatures, form a tight circle of friends with whom we have frequent and intimate dinners, and then separate in an environment that would make Nagasaki in the 1950s seem somehow safer? What's your name?" Instead, I went looking for our marriage culture, our wedding customs, our uniting cer-

emonies. And you know what I found? Borrowed evidence.

Two men usually wear tuxes. Two women usually wear dresses. They schedule their events in back yards, churches, Sons of Liberty and Justice meeting halls, and Manny's While-U-Wait Function Room Restaurant and Truck Stop Cafe. Alternative alternative couples dress in natural fibers, hold their ceremonies outside, pray to celestial beings for acceptable weather, and serve a cake-like substance made of dried fruits, nuts and berries. Ho-hum. That's what everybody else does.

And very darn few of us even bother.

Maybe you had a great uniting ceremony everyone came to, and you got all the place settings you could eat. Mazel Tov. But your peers went to Service Merchandise and bought their own. Our ceremonial rite, male or female, gay and lesbian, isn't to go stand up in front of anybody and make declarations. Our sacrament is to show up at the softball game or the bar holding hands. (After a six month "honeymoon" where we barely see even people we work with, and only then because we have to, and our parents occasionally to see how they are going to react.) Or we go back to group therapy in triumph. Or we hold a house-warming. Then we call ourselves "married."

Our legal better-or-worse binding is most often a trust deed or a mortgage. And our beginnings usually start with a "Closing."

We celebrate as our anniversaries 1) the first time we lay eyes on each other. And 2) the first time we lay each other. If we do have any kind of "wedding," we commemorate it third on the list.

And, even though we do it much more often, we have a harder time splitting than do the heterocasuals. They have lawyers. We have

therapists.

Only a small percentage of us consider this a handicap. (Now don't write me or the editor any letters about equal tax advantages, child custody, wills or insurance benefits. I know there are cases amongst us that make us all go "Ooohhhh! I'm so sorry" when we hear about them. But as a majority, gay men and lesbians think that carrying wedding bouquets is a real toss-up now that we can get spousal memberships at both Costco and Triple A without benefit of clergy.)

I know that most of us buy the PR put out about us. After all, so few of us actually talk to each other, and the only polling source of our own calls itself "Overlooked Opinions" with good reason. We get told by hetero-intellectuals who we are and what we want so inaccurately often, that when I get a little piece of differing information, I want to set the record straight.

The hetero-ineffectuals get legally entangled because women needed some kind of protection and obligation from oh-you-great-big-handsome-man. Men wanted property rights and sex without dinner and a show first. Those are not, repeat NOT, on the gay agenda. But, sure as there are three sides to a triangle, now that we are a market, mark my words, the wedding industry is going to gear up and come after us.

Fair warning, it seems to me. You should know what the rest of us are doing so you'll be ready when, in the future, your mother asks for the bajillionth time when you two are going to do the rite thing.

Just tell her what only we can. Tell her you'll do it when and if you feel like it... because, after all, unlike non-gays, we never have to get married.

LETTER

We need political alternatives

I was very interested in the recent guest editorial by Richard Mohr entitled "Are We Stuck With the Democrats?" Mohr has made a persuasive and factual case for the lesbian and gay community to let go of deeply held illusions about the Democratic party and the individual members who make it up.

As a lifelong liberal Democrat, I have come to a similar painful and important awareness over the past few years. In my family of origin, to be a liberal Democrat was virtually a religion. I have recently begun to understand that political belief, for many of us, is as deeply rooted and formative as childhood religious training. We continue to believe in, and to support, our political God with an unthinking, and self-damaging, devotion.

I want to offer another step, to build on what Mohr has put forth. Although I agree with everything he said, I am profoundly struck by the fact that he does not state one critically important and viable alternative for our community and our nation—the building of an independent political party which will represent human interests, our interests, in actions as well as words. Mohr suggests that we give our money and energy to our community in a variety of ways. I fully support this. However, that move is not nearly enough. We desperately need another political reality and we can and must, in my opinion, take that on individually and as a community and in conjoint action with all oppressed people across the nation. We cannot do it, and should not do it, alone.

How is it that someone as perceptive and informed as Mohr overlooked this crucial option? I believe that this is a dramatic example of the blinding and hypnotic power that our present political system exerts over us. We do not believe—and they do not want us to ever believe—that we can create something new. We do believe—and they are totally committed to continuing our belief—that what we have is all we can have.

If we are to move beyond the life-threatening limitation of our present socio-political system, we must realize that this system is not our only alternative. We must also deal with the ways in which many or us are—at heart—Democrats and the ways in which we blindly follow. We must face the fact that many or all of our heroes and heroines are Democrats, that our trusted periodicals are sponsored and owned by Democrats, that our "news" is censored and created by Democrats, that our core belief systems are formed and manipulated by Democrats.

There are independent political leaders and parties in this country, but our sources of information ridicule and negate them. We are told that Ross Perot is a dictator, that Dr. Lenora Fulani is a cult member, that Libertarians are dangerous, that Greens are marginal, and so on. We are told this constantly by leaders we have always trusted and by news sources that we consider reliable. And we are then left, as Mohr clearly demonstrates, with no political alternatives to the Democrats and the Republicans. We see ourselves as having no political front on which to fight.

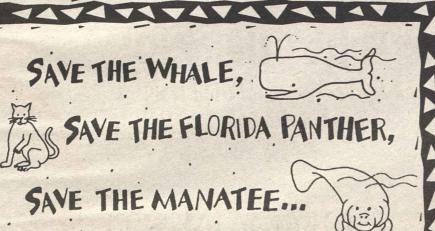
But this is not true. To seek truth, we must face a serious and confusing reorganization of who we are, of what we read and hear, of who we believe, of what we believe. We must break free and take effective alternative political action in the interests of humanity. We cannot do this until we are willing to stop believing what and who we have always believed. This is difficult work, but our lives depend on it.

I have chosen to affiliate with the newly formed and independent Patriot Party. I chose this party because it embodies what I, as a lesbian woman with a social conscience, believe in more closely than any alternative I know.

I place a top priority on diversity, and the National Patriot Party, at its April 1994 inaugural convention, elected a group of leaders who are male and female, black, white and Hispanic, heterosexual and homosexual. The leadership of this new and independent party reflects most of the face of America. There are other parties as well, and we are free to choose among them. We must, however, take on this work of self-examination and of discovering the profound extent to which our minds and our lives are constantly controlled by the two political parties in power.

Diane Dickson Atlanta





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Good news at last

Another year, another AIDS conference, another set of gloomy headlines proclaiming, "No major breakthroughs." So what else is new?

What's new is that this year there was a significant breakthrough that much of the media-including much of the gay presseither glossed over or missed entirely. While most news outlets were waiting in vain for word of the anti-HIV equivalent of penicillin, researchers working with Serono Laboratories were quietly announcing what looks like the first truly effective treatment for wasting syndrome. And though I wrote a brief news item about this a couple of weeks ago, which some readers have no doubt seen, ing this is significant enough that it deserves a thorough discussion.

Wasting is the condition perhaps most associated with the horror of AIDS—that gaunt, walking-death look too reminiscent of Auschwitz. And wasting kills. Studies have firmly established a clear link between weight loss and death: If you lose more than about 30 percent of your ideal body weight, you're history.

And wasting has proven extremely hard to treat. While it's possible to control some infections that contribute to weight loss (MAC, for example), much wasting seems to stem from metabolic disregulation and absorption problems that have been nearly impossible to deal with. The most common therapies for wasting-nutritional supplementation, the prescription appetite stimulants Megace and Marinol as well as various forms of intravenous or tube feeding-sometimes help, but frequently don't. Often what weight gain does occur is merely fat, which does little good, as opposed to the lean body mass that is urgently needed.

That's what makes Serono's product, recombinant human growth hormone, so exciting. In a placebo-controlled study using 178 volunteers, the group taking growth hormone showed substantial weight gains that were sustained over time (some remained on the drug as long as two years); and those taking growth hormone not only gained weight, they actually had an increase in lean body mass that was greater than their total weight gain. On average, they replaced about three pounds of fat with lean tissue. And safety does not seem to have been a prob-

While individual stories should not be taken as conclusive proof of anything, I would be negligent not to mention that two good friends of mine were participants in the growth hormone study and are still on the drug. Both were becoming dangerously thin, but once on growth hormone they began gaining weight almost immediately and quickly began to look and feel better than

they had in many, many months. Neither reports any significant side effects, and one of them—a rather jaded longtime treatment activist-was so astonished by his own improvement that he practically begged me to get the word out about this.

Serono's product is not currently approved for sale in the United States. Similar growth hormone products (basically the same substance but made by a different process) produced by Genentech and Eli Lilly are approved for treating children who are deficient in growth hormone, but it is unproven at this point whether they would have the same effect on PWAs suffering from wast-

The Serono growth hormone may be available shortly. The company has already applied to the FDA for approval for treating growth hormone-deficient children; once that occurs, a physician can legally prescribe it "off label" for other uses, though insurers may not be willing to pay. Serono has also told activists from ACT UP/Golden Gate and Project Inform that it plans to move quickly to have the drug approved as a treatment for wasting.

In the meantime, the activists have been pressing the company to use one of the FDA-sanctioned mechanisms for making the product available to those who need it while awaiting formal approval. The company has told them that it will have a such a program, a "Treatment IND" (not as broad as the expanded access programs used previously for drugs like ddI and D4T, but which should make growth hormone available to those in urgent need), up and running early this month. No public announcement has been made as of this writing, but may have occurred by the time you read this. And don't be surprised if ACT UP decides to raise hell should Serono fail to follow through.

But even though the news on growth hormone looks good so far, a few words of caution are absolutely essential:

Nothing you read in this or any newspaper column should be taken as advice on what medicines to take or not take. No drug is right for everybody, and only your health care provider-hopefully somebody who knows your situation thoroughly and is well-versed in HIV/AIDS care-can make an intelligent recommendation. Growth hormone can have side effects, and experience with its use in AIDS is still limited. If it sounds worth exploring, talk to your doctor.

That said, I'm going to go out on a very, very long limb and predict that this may turn out to be the most significant life-extending development in AIDS care since the advent of PCP prophylaxis in the late '80s.

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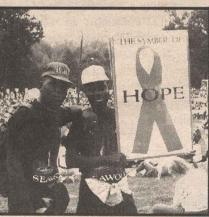
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The research aims at strengthening the immune system and genetically attacking HIV, said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"This effort is crucial because currently available anti-HIV drugs only partially and temporarily suppress replication of the virus, and their use is hampered by toxicity and drug resistance," he said.

The NIH money will be divided among six institutions: The New England Medical

San Francisco-The National Institutes of Center in Boston, the University of Pennsyl-Health launched a \$25 million program on vania, the University of Michigan, the Fred attle, Stanford University and the University of California at San Diego.

"We've seen that drug therapy and vacports six research teams at separate U.S. in- cine therapy seem to have real limitations, so we need new approaches to AIDS," says Stanford's Dr. Thomas Merigan, one of the recipients.

> Among the research plans being supported by the NIH funds: taking immune-system cells out of a healthy sibling, treating them, and inserting them into a sibling with AIDS; boosting the body's CD4+ cell count by combining immune cells with cytokines; crippling the HIV virus through genetic engineering; taking non-infectious HIV cells and injecting them into a patient's muscle tissue to trigger the immune system; removing immune system cells from an infected patient and genetically manipulating them to target HIV, then reinjecting them; and developing a gene therapy strategy for HIV-infected children.

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who died on September 2, 1994 from complications from AIDS. A memorial service was held in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he had been living with his parents for the past two years.

Bart lived in Atlanta from 1983 to 1992 and graduated from Georgia State University. He was associated with the Georgia Psychological Association, the Atlanta March of Dimes and the Marriott Corporation.

Bart was a warm, wonderful person who was loved by everyone who knew him. His many friends and family will miss his engaging personality, his happy smile and his incredible sense of fun. He lived life to the fullest.

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TOM LATIMER

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that contributions be made to the Southwest Louisiana AIDS Council, 435 10th Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601.

Doctors explore new treatments for Kaposi's sarcoma

Kaposi's sarcoma (KS) has been neglected in the AIDS war are exploring new approaches toward the disfiguring skin tumors.

Dr. Steven A. Miles, a hematologistoncologist at the UCLA AIDS Institute, calls KS "the forgotten stepchild" of AIDS because so little research has been devoted to it.

In the early 1980s, KS was the initial AIDS diagnosis in 40 percent of new cases; in 1992, only 9 percent of new cases entered listed it. Yet studies consistently show that up to 40 percent of gay men with AIDS eventually develop KS, and one survey showed 49 percent of Los Angeles AIDS patients had KS at autopsy.

Although AIDS-related KS was called "gay cancer" early in the AIDS epidemic, many doctors doubt it is a true cancer because it doesn't seem to cause chromosomal

Dr. Robert Gallo, codiscoverer of HIV and now chief of the Laboratory of Tumor

Los Angeles-Doctors who believe Cell Biology at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., has found that some KS cells are malignant, however, and that these cells responded to experiments using a hormone called human chorionic gonadotropin. When the hormone was given to mice, it destroyed KS tumors and prevented tumor formation.

> The hormone is closely related to luteinizing hormone, which rises during women's menstrual cycles, and Gallo suggests that relationship may "account for a degree of protection in women," who rarely develop Kaposi's.

> Dr. Miles of UCLA reports some success with retinoids, a class of naturally occurring, vitamin A-related hormones that seem to inhibit the lesions.

> Gallo says scientists are primarily looking for a way to stop KS's swift growth by interfering with several chemicals that act together to send the cells out of control.

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Local forum to discuss AIDS research and treatments

Lane, MD, two researchers from the National Institutes of Health, will be among the presenters at the sixth annual AIDS Research Update: A Public Forum on Sunday, September 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Atlanta Renaissance Hotel, 590 West Peachtree Street. Dr. Dieffenbach will discuss the most up-to-date information about antiretroviral drugs, including the encouraging new developments regarding protease inhibitors. Dr. Lane will present the latest advances on immune enhancements including gene therapy.

This annual public forum is being sponsored by AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA) and AIDS Survival Project. In addition to Drs. Dieffenbach and Lane, the forum will feature several local and national

Atlanta-Carl Dieffenbach, MD, and Cliff AIDS research experts who will discuss information presented at the International Conference on AIDS, recently held in Yokohama, Japan. The forum is free of charge and is open to the public; no registration is required.

Mark King, director of the AIDS Survival Project and a person living with HIV, highly recommends attending the forum. "Whether you're a doctor, nurse, caregiver or person living with HIV or AIDS, I believe you'll find a wealth of information regarding AIDS research."

Guests are encouraged to ride MARTA to the event as there is a fee for parking at the hotel. Childcare will be provided on site during the program. For more information, call ARCA at 876-2317.

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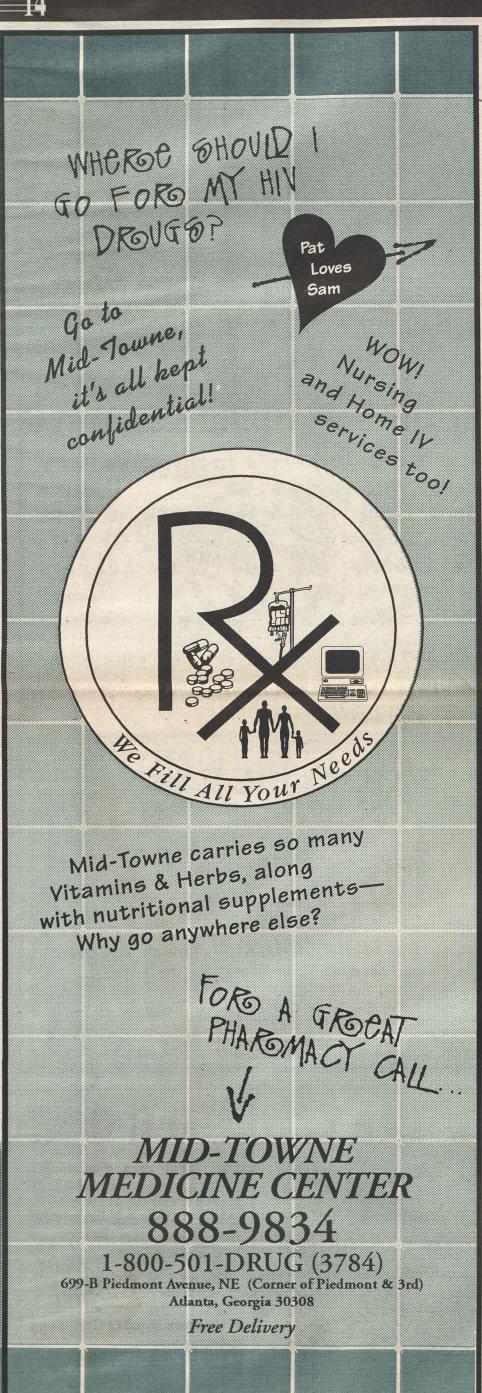
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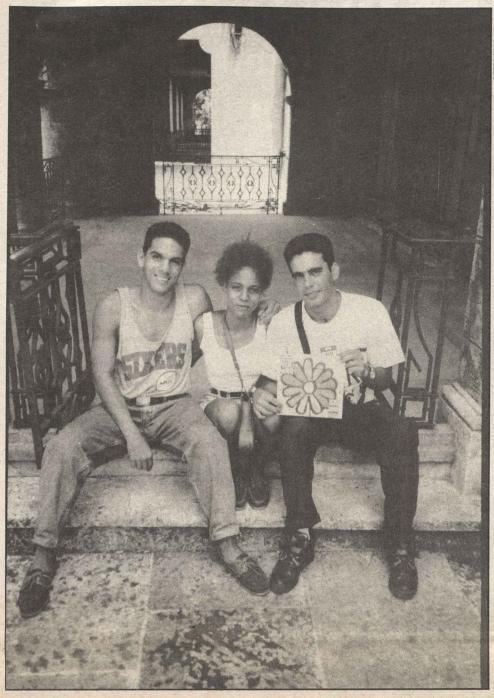


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Young Cuban gays like Renee, Ana, and Oscar feel they have been given more space to be themselves. With repression lifting, the country's first gay and lesbian rights group has formed.

Cuban gays find new freedom

by SIDNEY BRINKLEY

Havana, Cuba—While recent media attention has been focused on the Cuban refugees, the plight of another group has been overlooked: gay Cubans.

In 1965 Cuba embarked upon one of the most damnable episodes of government-sponsored purges of homosexuals in recent world history. Years of anti-gay rhetoric culminated in the establishment of Military Units for the Aid of Production, forced labor camps where male homosexuals and others considered "counter revolutionary" were imprisoned.

In 1967 Cuba gave in to international protest and closed the camps, but its strong anti-gay attitudes and harsh treatment continued. But 1994 has been a pivotal one for gays in Cuba. It's been a year that saw a number of "firsts," including a small but unprecedented shift in attitude, said to be a testament to the influence of a popular film.

This reporter followed a delegation to Cuba sponsored by Queers for Cuba (QFC), a San Francisco based organization, during the last week in August. QFC had been invited by the Federation of Cuban Women, the largest and most influential women's organization in the country, to see what life was like for gay men and lesbians in present day Cuba.

In addition to mingling socially with Cu-

ban gays, the delegation was given the opportunity to meet with health professionals, government officials and visit the AIDS sanatorium

The U.S. maintains an economic embargo against Cuba; except for journalists, researchers, and a few other specific categories, travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens is banned.

Still, for a variety of reasons from political to personal, hundreds of Americans visit Cuba every year. This five-person delegation of three lesbians (two white, one African-American), and two gay men (one white, one Cuban American), stayed in Havana for seven days.

In the years prior to the 1959 revolution, Havana was a world-class city. Its gambling casinos and nightlife attracted an international clientele. Now, it bears only a fleeting resemblance of its former self. With almost no money for maintenance, its streets are crumbling and its once magnificent architecture is decaying. Many buildings have collapsed and the rubble just lies there, giving some neighborhoods a bombed-out appearance.

The delegation arrived in Cuba in the midst of a four-day holiday, and despite vast unemployment, food rationing and frequent electrical blackouts, gays, like everyone else

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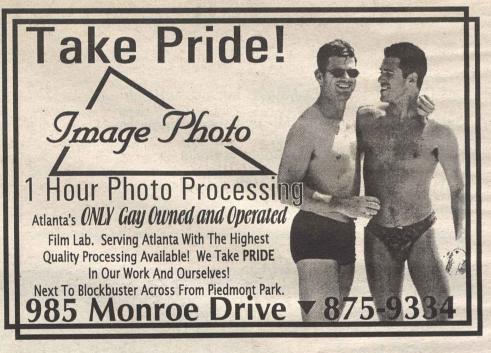
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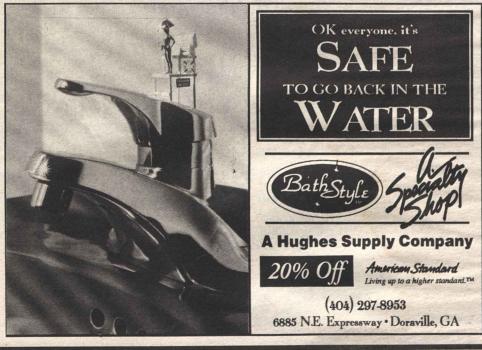
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Cuban gays find new freedom

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in Havana, were celebrating.

There are no gay bars in Havana or anywhere else in Cuba. What has sprung up in their place is a well established "house party" circuit. Every weekend there are a number of gay house parties being given.

"Some years ago it was impossible for these parties to exist openly," said Amaury Fernandez Lopez. "The police would consider them a public disturbance or an ofcommon in Havana."

Once free, they began as places for gays to congregate but have since become a booming business enterprise. The location is passed by word of mouth, or slips of paper with an address will be distributed at gay gathering spots such as the 16 Street gay beach. Ten pesos (approximately 10 cents U.S.) is charged at the door, and rum is available for sale. Music is usually a mixture of Cuban and Mexican with an occasional song from the U.S.

Many Cuban gays feel they have recently been given "more space" to express them-

"Two years ago you could be arrested and jailed for wearing makeup," said Andres Gil, leader of the drag troupe Grupo Anonimo in Guanabacoa, an area on the outskirts of Havana. "But things have changed. Earlier this year, for the first time in Cuba since the revolution, a transvestite performed in a staterun cabaret. And it's the film that helped make people conscious of homosexual issues," Gil says.

The movie that Gil is referring to is Gutierrez Alea's "Fresa y Chocolate" ("Strawberry and Chocolate"). The 1993 film is widely credited with changing negative perceptions about gays in Cuba.

The movie is based on a short story by Cuban author Senel Paz. Set in the 1970s, it deals with a variety of issues, but one of the main themes concerns the development of a friendship between two men: an older, openly gay man and a homophobic young member of the Communist party.

The film premiered at the annual New Latin American Film Festival in Havana in December 1993. It won two Best Picture awards, one from the critics, the other from the public. Jorge Perrugoria, the actor who portrayed Diego, the gay character, won the Best Actor award.

When the film opened to the general public, it played to standing-room-only audiences for months. It is said that now virtually every Cuban has seen it.

"'Strawberry and Chocolate' has given more insight into homophobia than any university lecture ever could," said Ofelia Bravo, staff psychologist at the National Center for Sex Education. "Cuban society is sexist, and we get it from both our African and Spanish heritage. In both societies there was an overvaluation of the male. Homophobia has been a longtime phenomenon in Cuba, but many very bigoted people have been moved by Diego."

While gays in Cuba see the door leading to greater freedom opening past a crack, they realize this is still a society run by a Communist regime and they have to move cautiously toward their goals.

"At 5 pm here in Almendares Park, a most significant event for the gay community occurred. This will be a place to re-

member for generations to come as the be- mophobic is remarkable in and of itself. ginning of the Cuban Association of Gays and Lesbians," said Andrix, 28, in his opening address.

Andrix is the head of the new organization, and it is indeed a historic event. It's the first ever gay organization in Cuba, and 18 people have publicly signed the membership list: five lesbians and 13 gay men.

"This is our first trial," he said at the end fense to morality. Now gay parties are more of a speech that recounted the ways the government had persecuted gays in the past. "This is an important day. Let's call this day the 28 of July, the day of gay pride in Cuba, and let us celebrate it every year for the right of gay and lesbian freedom."

Given the country's recent history of severe repression of gay men and lesbians, that a gay person would be allowed to give a public speech calling the government ho-

However, during his speech Andrix repeatedly stressed that the new organization believed in the revolution and planned to "leave the politics to Fidel."

"We have tried to make clear that this organization is not against the State but against discriminatory practices," he said during an interview afterward. "We don't want to demand our rights. We want to create a group where we can ask for our rights. We don't want to change the law or the Constitution. We just want a little room within that law, within that Constitution."

Some activists feel that the Cuban government is too distracted by much larger problems, such as the new sanctions ordered by the United States and negotiations around the refugee crisis, to pay much attention to a handful of gays seeking more freedom. Oth-

"This organization is not against the State but against discriminatory practices," said one gay leader. "We don't want to change the law or the Constitution. We just want a little room within that law, within that Constitution."

ers feel the new attitude is genuine.

If on July 28, 1995, the Cuban Association for Gays and Lesbians is celebrating Gay Pride Day in Almendares Park, it will do much to prove to skeptics that this "new attitude" toward gays is something more than a temporary phase.

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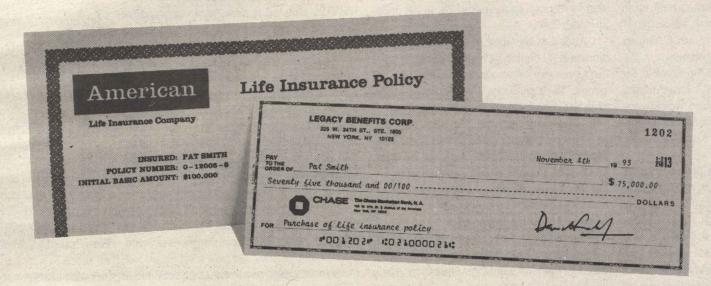
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time since age 15 illustrates that sexual orientation isn't a simple question of gay or straight, one of its authors says.

"I think in most individuals there is some sort of range," said David Wypij, a Harvard University statistician and co-author of the study. "You may be more heterosexual, or you may be more homosexual."

The research, conducted at the Harvard Health Policy Studies in Washington, has been criticized by some statisticians but touted by gay rights activists.

Washington, DC-A survey indicating percent and 17.8 percent of American women that nearly one in five Americans has been could be considered "incidentally homoattracted to someone of the same sex at some sexual." The lower estimates are based on reported same-sex sexual behavior during the previous five years. The higher numbers are based on reported homosexual behavior or attraction since age 15.

The study was presented at the Joint Statistical Meetings in Toronto in August and is being published in the Archives of Sexual Behavior.

Interviewers spoke with 1,288 American School of Public Health and the Center for men and 674 women, ages 16 to 50, and asked them each to complete questionnaires. The study said 1,200 men completed face-toface interviews, which included 100 ques-The study found that between 6.2 percent tions, and 1,130 answered 68 questions in the and 20.8 percent of American men and 3.3 written survey. A total of 634 women com-

written portion.

Other studies that have examined sexual attraction—such as those published by Alfred J. Kinsey in 1948 and 1953—were not based on samples that could be extrapolated to the population as a whole. More recent national surveys have focused on behavior, not samesex attraction.

Randall Sell, lead author of the study and a doctoral candidate at Harvard, said he hopes the research will help elucidate the complexity of sexual orientation.

"It's more than just behavior; that's only one measure," he said.

Tom W. Smith, a statistician at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, called the study useful have little political clout.

pleted the interviews and 588 finished the but warned that the question on attraction was imprecise.

"They basically asked whether you were ever attracted to a member of the same sex at any time since you were age 15—which can mean one very fleeting, very trivial sensation or feeling," Smith said.

Despite such caveats, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force immediately seized on the report, noting the figures are much higher than those last year from the Battelle Human Affairs Research Center, which reported 2 percent of the men surveyed had engaged in same-sex sexual behavior and 1 percent identified themselves as exclusively gay. Gay rights opponents had earlier championed the low figures as evidence that gays

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Most of us in Fulton County are aware of Mitch's actions to make Fulton County Government more fiscally responsible and of his efforts to make our government more responsive to the Citizens of Fulton County-in addition, I'd like to share with you some things about Mitch you may not know.

- Mitch is the only Fulton County Commissioner to have an openly Lesbian or Gay senior staff member. Mitch firmly believes in retaining the most qualified individuals, regardless of sexual orientation.
- Mitch initiated the creation of a Lesbian and Gay Advisory Committee to provide advice and counsel regarding the needs of our community and the manner in which Fulton County Government might best address these needs.
- Mitch has clearly stated that it is not the role of government to interfere in the private lives of Citizens. In this same vein, Mitch has stated his opposition to resolutions, laws, or ordinances which seek to limit the civil liberties of segments of our society. Mitch has condemned the Cobb County Anti-Lesbian and Gay Resolution as being outside the proper realm of government and serving as a codification of affirmative hatred. Mitch has vowed to oppose any such move in Fulton County.
- Mitch has taken action in the battle against HIV/AIDS. Mitch has travelled to Washington on behalf of our Citizens who are living with HIV/AIDS to meet with Members of Congress to advocate for full funding of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act.
- Mitch is leading the Fulton County team for AIDS Walk Atlanta and is issuing challenges to other elected officials to have their governments attempt to meet or beat Fulton County in terms of dollars raised and registered participants.

Furthermore, as the Chief Elected Official of the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council, Mitch has instituted changes to make Council representation more reflective of the various impacted communities, these improvements have included.

- the expansion of the overall membership of the Council;
- increasing the number of Persons Living With HIV/AIDS who serve on the Council;
- increasing the number of women and People of Color on the Council; and,
- the establishment of caucuses, such as the Gay and Bisexual Men's Caucus, the Substance Abuse Caucus, the Women's Caucus, etc. to more fully explore the issues surrounding the impact of HIV disease on these populations.

Mitch has re-emphasized for me the importance of voting for candidates based on their qualifications and their ability to effectively serve all facets of the Atlanta community. For me, the choice in the race for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County is clear, I am voting for Mitch Skandalakis. I hope that you will consider doing the same.

from Mitch Skandalakis

I sincerely appreciate Jeff's comments and his support. This election notwithstanding, as my record reflects, I am deeply committed to representing all of the citizens of as my record reflects, I am deeply committed to representing all of the cultzens of Fulton County as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Accordingly, I have asked my friend, Mary Louise Upshaw to serve as a liaison to the community. You can get in touch with me through Mary Louise at 730-8204. I reaffirm my commitment to get in touch with me inrough intary Louise at 150-5204. I realism my communent to keep Fulton County the best place for all people to live in harmony and to that end, I mortance of treating each other. want to lead the effort in teaching our citizens the importance of treating each other with dignity, respect and tolerance.

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Seattle couples celebrate new domestic partnership ordinance



Gabriel Glenn Lopez, left, and Stevie Blaylock share a kiss after registering Sept. 6 as domestic partners under the city of Seattle's new domestic partnership registration ordinance.

Seattle, WA-Carolyn Sue enjoyed a celebratory piece of chocolate raspberry cake with Linda Gonzalez outside the city clerk's office after the couple registered as domestic

"It's about time," said Sue, a 57-year-old health educator for Group Health. "Now it's official: We are a family.

Seattle officially recognized their domestic relationship for the first time when a new city ordinance went into effect Sept. 6, allowing gay and heterosexual live-in couples to register at the clerk's office as domestic part-

About 90 couples, mostly gay or lesbian, registered Sept. 6, said Judith Pippin, city clerk.

Tina Podlodowsky, a member of the Seattle Commission for Lesbians and Gays, served the cake to happy couples who had just

"I think it's great," she said. "It celebrates commitments and is a way to say publicly, 'This is the person I'm going to share my life

"We didn't expect this overwhelming turnout. So, it shows this is really something people are looking for."

Mayor Norm Rice signed the Domestic Partnership Registration ordinance Aug. 5, after it was unanimously approved by the City

Seattle follows a dozen or so other cities that have similar domestic-partnership laws, including New York, San Francisco and Madi-

Registrants must certify they are not married, are at least 18 years old, are not related by blood in a manner that would bar their

marriage in Washington, are in a relationship of mutual support, caring and commitment, and are each other's sole domestic partner.

The cost to register is \$25. Terminating a partnership requires only one notarized signature and costs nothing more.

For the \$25, the couples receive a certificate, but the document provides no legal benefits. It is not official acknowledgment of a gay marriage, since marriages are regulated by the state.

But supporters say the ordinance provides at least a symbolic recognition of domestic partner relationships. Over time, they say, it may help recognized partners win the same rights enjoyed by married couples.

Twenty-seven-year-old Rodney Pond examined his crisp, new domestic-partnership certificate with his partner, Jeff Herre, 35, and said it looked much like a business license.

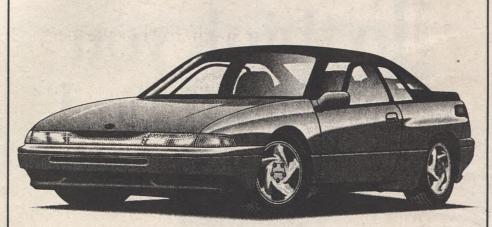
"It costs about the same too, I think," said Pond, a water-quality projects coordinator for Metro, Seattle-King County's sewer and transit agency

"It kind of validates the relationship in a very small way," said Herre, who is a program coordinator for United Cerebral Palsy. "It legalizes nothing, but gives the issue a little more visibility.

One of the few opposite-sex couples waiting to register Tuesday was Sheila Hargesheimer, 43, and Tom Sorenson, 38.

"I think we're the only [opposite-sex] ones here," said Hargesheimer, a domestic violence coordinator for the city.

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be held Thursday, September 15, 1994, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at AID Atlanta, 1438 W. Peachtree Street, Suite 100.

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The next Open House at AID Atlanta will gram and the different volunteer opportunities with AID Atlanta.

The casual evening will start with a tour of the offices, given by an AID Atlanta volunteer, that will include an introduction of representatives from the various programs within the agency. At that time people can ask questions and determine the type of volunteer contribution they might wish to make.

For more information call the AID Atlanta office at 885-6800, ext. 280.

Public forum on the religious right

public forum on homophobia and the religious right, will be held Tuesday, September 20, at 7 pm at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr., in Atlanta. Scheduled to

"Resisting Hate, Building Community," a speak are Pat Hussain, Duncan Teague and Walter Reeves. The event is sponsored by Atlanta Clergy and Laity Concerned. For more information call 320-1727.

Good times with Prime Timers

gay and bisexual men over 40, invites members and friends to two upcoming events. On September 17 at 8 pm, the group will attend "Cat on a Hot Tin Streetcar" at the Decatur Theatre. Then, on September 20 they will con-

Prime Timers, Atlanta's social group for vene for a Dance Night at Hoedowns, 1890 Cheshire Bridge Rd., beginning at 7 pm for conversation and at 8 pm for country dance lessons. For more information on either event or on joining Prime Timers, call the hotline at

Hotlanta Softball League holds fall sign-up

Hotlanta Softball League will hold a signup party for its fall season at Revolution, 293 Pharr Rd., Sunday, September 18, 4-7 pm. Cost is \$20 for the season. Games will be

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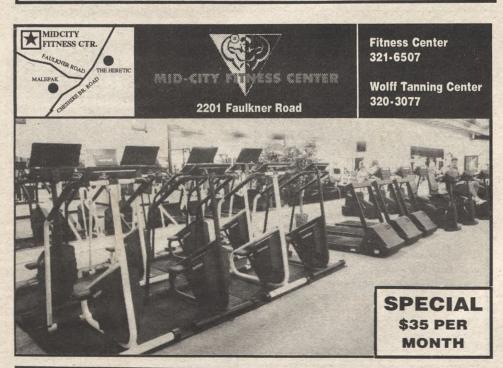
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Deb Thompson would like to thank Clara Eugene Zelasky for six months of happiness on Sept. 10.

Congratulations to Bruce Erwin and Stan Neal, celebrating 6 years together on Sept.

BIRTHDAYS

Harold Mathis turned 30 on Sept. 11. His partner, Steve, and friends celebrated with

SoVo wishes a very happy birthday to Alex Van Weezel on Sept. 15. We're not sure which birthday this is, but Alex was born in the early part of this century.

Happy birthday to Shirley Chancey on Sept.

Happy belated birthday to Jon Greaves on Aug. 21. Jon is a founding member of the Cobb Citizens Coalition and vice president of the gay and lesbian chapter of the ACLU in Georgia. Jon's partner, David, says Jon is his best friend as well as partner.

Happy birthday to Denis Lemay on Sept.

Happy 48th birthday to Pam on Sept. 19. Tom Larson celebrates a birthday on Sept.

Happy birthday to Deborah Ivins, "The Ferry Queen," on Sept. 21. Deborah's friends say she's straight but certainly not



Kenneth Hale and Raiston Cox

UNION

Kenneth Hale and Ralston Cox celebrated the union of their relationship under the care of the Friends Meeting of Washington, DC on Sept. 10. Ralston, a former Atlantan, says they are the first gay male couple to have a ceremony under the Friends' care-two lesbian couples have preceded them. Kenneth was pleased to have his sisters at the ceremony, and Ralston's mother and a brother also attended, along with over 100 others. Ralston moved to Washington 5 years ago, where he was introduced to Kenneth by a mutual friend from Atlanta, William Meneely.

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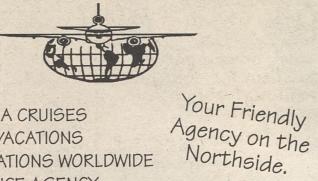
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Atlanta audiences can
look forward to a season
of dramatic delights
both gay and straight

by MICHAEL KAPE

Here we are in the middle of September, and the biggest theatrical event of the season has already happened—the opening of "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches" at the Alliance Theatre Company.

Some might see that as the beginning and end of gay and lesbian-related theatre for the year, but they would be wrong. For as significant as "Angels" may be, there are several important gay-related plays happening in the Atlanta metropolitan area this year, as well as some other shows that will be highly interesting to audiences regardless of sexual orientation.

If you can't get enough of Tony Kushner after seeing "Millennium Approaches" and you don't want to wait until next August for "Perestroika" to open, take heart. **The Georgia Ensemble Theatre** in Roswell is producing Kushner's adaptation of Pierre Corneille's "The Illusion" February 23-March 12. The play contains magic, sorcery, illusion and a strong emotional story about a father and his estranged son.

Paul Rudnick's uproariously funny, touching and humane comedy "Jeffrey" took critics and audiences by storm two years ago in New York. When I went to see it last year, my immediate thought was that it would be a perfect show for Chris Coleman to direct at **Actor's Express**. Guess what. Chris is indeed directing "Jeffrey" at Actor's Express, and it will play at the King Plow Arts Center June 23-August 13. More immediately at the same facility, Coleman will direct Caryl Churchill's time and gender bending, hysterically rich and layered comedy, "Cloud 9." It runs September 16-October 30.

As one of the newer groups in town, Art Attack is still proving its worth, but so far it has done some very interesting work. Its latest production is "Blue Window" by Craig Lucas (who wrote "Prelude to a Kiss" and "Longtime Companion"). It takes place at a dinner party where the guests are a narcissistic actor, a parachuting instructor, an aspiring songwriter, a secretary, and a lesbian couple. The comedy opened September 8 and runs through October 1 at the 14th Street Playhouse.

Atlanta is one of the few cities in the country to have its own resident gay and lesbian theatre company. **SAME/ OutProud** is currently celebrating its tenth anniversary with a

revival of its first play "Warren" (reviewed in last week's issue) by Artistic Director Rebecca Ranson, which runs through September 25 at the Tula Arts Center. This will be followed by "Open Season," a love story about two women who must struggle with breast cancer, women's lib, and their future.

One of the most important gay plays of the Atlanta season will happen after that at SAME—David Drake's hit play, "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me" (November 17-December 11). The one-man play deals with AIDS, gay couples, the Village People, and of course, Larry Kramer. Next will be Ms. Ranson directing the world pre-

miere of Benjamin V. Marshall's "Climbing Water." This show tells the story of a young gay African-American coming home to his mother to make peace with her. It runs January 19-February 12. In March, Ms. Ranson's new play, "Secrets," will open. It's the story of two lovers, Phoebe and Rosetta, in a small Southern town in the '30s (March 9-April 2).

The final SAME/OutProud production of the season is a musical, "B Average, A Musical About Passing." It's a fun romp about a school run by lesbians teaching gay men how to act straight—in other words, how a "queen" turns into a "prince." It runs June 22-July 16.

Interesting things will be happening at **Theatre** in the **Square** in Marietta, especially since the Cobb County Commission no longer controls the purse strings. "Keely and Du" promises to be the most controversial play of the entire season in the Atlanta area. It is centered around the question of abortion, and it even includes an on-stage procedure. The odd thing is, the play takes no sides in the debate; it just presents all arguments and lets the audience make up its own mind. It runs October 5-November 12.

Then, in January, Theatre in the Square will present a play that really does have "homosexual overtones" (the buzz words incorrectly applied to its fateful production of "Lips Together, Teeth Apart"). The play is Charles Busch's "Red Scare on Sunset," a farce about communist conspiracies in the '50s, cross-dressing, vamps, tramps, and many other unusual occurrences (January 18-February 26). Its season ends with the Stephen Sondheim/George Furth classic musical "Company." Sondheim has become a gay icon (for good reason), and this is one of his best scores. Of course, we've always thought it fascinating that two gay men wrote the definitive musical

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about marriage. What were they thinking?

It runs May 10-June 17.

A perennial favorite of everyone is Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." The comedy of manners will receive a production at the hands of **Theatre Gael**'s Frank Miller (May 4-28). We've been told in this version, Ernest will end up with Algernon, and Cicily will find love with Gwendolyn!

Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur says it is taking a more traditional (family-oriented) approach to its mainstage pro-



ductions this year, but things are definitely going to be different at its Discovery Arena. The first show of the season there will be "Eula Mae's Beauty, Bait & Tackle," which showcased in town last spring. It has an open-end run beginning September 22. The actors in the play portray men, women, beauty queens, truck drivers, and an assortment of other strictly Southern characters. Neighborhood Playhouse promises there have been extensive changes in the script (which were needed), and it should be a popular show. Local Atlanta playwright Pamela Parker's "A Higher Place in Heaven" is the first play to make the jump from the Discovery Arena to Neighborhood's mainstage, where it will play May 18-June 18.

Another play in which actors portray a variety of characters, both male and female, is the perennial "Greater Tuna" which is getting an outing at **Stone Mountain's Art Station** (September 15-October 2). Some of the funniest bits in the play belong to the women, especially when you consider it's always a man playing the role.

Other theatre pieces of interest happening in the area this season include:

- "The Lion in Winter" at Stage Door Players in Dunwoody (September 16-October 9) featuring a gay French king and his affair with an English prince.
- "One Last Summer" by David Bell, associate artistic director at the Alliance (March 29-April 30)
- "The Wild Guys," a play about the men's movement (October 14 November 27) and "Talking Bones" by Shay Youngblood (March 17-April 23) at Horizon.
- "Jumping Off" (February 12-14, March 28), Theatre Emory.
- "Burn This" by Lanford Wilson (January 19-February 5) and "Orphans" (May 29-June 18), Barking Dog Theatre.
- "Homo, Homo," a gay and lesbian cabaret at 800 East (October 14, 21)
- "Going Home" (March 9-April 9), Backstage Productions.
- "Six Women With Brain Death" (May 26-July 2), Onstage Atlanta.
- "Women on Fire" (October 19-22), The Staging Ground. And for those people who swear that the only real theatre in town happens at the Fox (as I overheard one man tell his boyfriend recently), you can take heart—the wonderfully staged but emotionally bankrupt "Phantom of the Opera" by Andrew Lloyd Webber will be parked at the giant venue October 1-November 5.

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THURSDAY

YOM KIPPUR. Congregation Bet Haverim's services are at 10 am, with a discussion at 4 pm and Yizkor at 5 pm. A potluck Break the Fast will be held following evening services. Friends Meetinghouse, 701 W. Howard in Decatur. 642-3467.

DANCE DYNAMICS. Thru Sun. The Atlanta Ballet opens its '94-'95 season with a mix of contemporary and passionate pieces. Southern Voice sponsors

tomorrow night's performance. Tonight thru Sat 8 pm, Sat & Sun 2 pm. 817-8700.

GREATER TUNA. Thru Oct 9. ART Station in Stone Mountain offers the wildly funny stories of Greater Tuna, Texas, brought to you by two actors who play the whole town. \$8-\$16. Thur-Sat 8 pm, Wed & Sun 3 pm. 5384 Manor Dr in Stone Mtn Village. 469-1105.

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

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GEORGE KUCHAR. The High Museum kicks off its "Meet the Director" series with the openly gay comic auteur of '60s underground cinema. On the program: "Glacier Park," "Holidaze," "Chow Down on Chenery," "Precious Products" and "Going Nowhere." Hill Auditorium. \$4-\$5, 733-HIGH.

CLINICAL CHALLENGES. "HIV Disease and the Seriously and Persistently Mentally Ill" is the subject of this training seminar sponsored by Positive Impact and the Emory HIV/ AIDS Health Training Project. 885-9040.

THE CARTOON SHOW. An exhibition of original art by some of the best cartoonists in Atlanta. Gallery opens 8 pm, performances begin 9 pm. Thru Sept 16. 800 East Avenue. \$5.

ATLANTA SYMPHONY. Thru Sun. Strauss' "Also Sprach Zarathustra" is more than what you heard in "2001: A Space Odyssey." Hear it all with Yoel Levi conducting and Sarah Chang on violin. Also: works by Bach/Rechtman and Sibelius, 8 pm. \$18.50-\$45. Half-hour preview tonight at 7 pm for Friday evening ticket holders.

LION IN WINTER. Thru Oct 9. Stage Door Players open their 21st season with James Goldman's timeless classic. North DeKalb Cultural Ctr, 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. \$9\$14. Thur-Sat 8 pm, Sun 2:30 pm. 396-1726.

CLOUD 9. Thru Oct 30. Actor's Express opens its 7th season, now at its new location at King Plow Arts Center, with Caryl Churchill's raucous, genderbending sexual comedy. \$12-16. Thur-Sat 8 pm, Sun 7 pm. 607-

ATLANTA ARTS FESTIVAL. Thru Sept 25. The annual do in Piedmont Park opens with performances, exhibits, and enough people watching to last until holiday shopping begins. Tonight and tomorrow at the Midtown Valley Stage: Amy Pivar Dances performing "Wailing Walls." 8:30 pm.

MISSISSIPPI PRIDE. A parade begins at 11am at Water & LaMeuse in Biloxi; with the festival in Hiller Pk from noon to 6pm. Tomorrow: Southern Diversity Conference at the Palace Casino of the Palladium Theater, 11am to 6pm. Contact G.L. Friendly at 601-435-2398.

RUSTY JOHNSON BAND. Country with a blues edge on the Square in Decatur. 7 pm.

THE PLEASURES OF PAINT. Thru Oct 22. Works by Jeremy Dickinson, Li Lin Lee and Leslie Wayne inaugurate the new Nancy Solomon Gallery, 1037 Monroe Drive. Party tonight 7-10 pm. 875-7100.

DIDO AND AENEAS. Also tomorrow. A benefit of the Purcell Opera for Montgomery (AL) AIDS Outreach. 8 pm

Montgomery Academy. 269-

OUTLOOK. Radical talk for revolutionary intellectualsfeminist, Afro-centered and progay radio on AM, with Alicia Banks. New time: 4 pm-8 pm, WIGO, 1340 AM.

THE NEXT STEP: OUT FROM UNDER. Editor Jean Swallow and contributors Barbara Bennett and Catherine Moirai read from the second volume of works by lesbians in long term recovery. Charis, 1189 Euclid, 524-0304. Free. 7:30 pm.

BASEBALL. The strike continues, and Ken Burns'-longawaited nine-part series on the game will as well, beginning tonight at 8 pm on GCTV Ch 8. Parts 1-5 run at 8 pm thru Sept 22, Part 6 begins Sept 25.

TIMOTHY ALBRECHT. Emory's University Organist Recital Series features the music of Bach. Glenn Memorial Auditorium, 1652 N Decatur Rd.

AIDS RESEARCH UPDATE. A public forum sponsored by the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta and the AIDS Survival Project at the Atlanta Renaissance Hotel from 1-5 pm. Free. 876-2317.

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ABOVE: "Woman," a 1964 charcoal drawing by Willem De Kooning, is among the artist's works on view at the High Museum of Art thru Nov. 27.

LEFT: Jean Swallow, editor of "The Next Step: Out from Under," is at Charis Sept 18.

BELOW: Filmmaker George Kuchar along with several of his films are at the High Museum's Hill Auditorium on Sept 16.

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Anna Kozhina at BurnNoff DeNardo at Inner Space Gallery, Gallery, 1529 Piedmont, Suite G.

> 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 genderbending 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 DISMEM-BER. 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.

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.

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.

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

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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-

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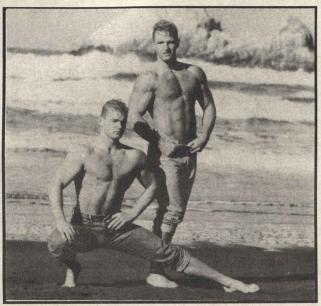
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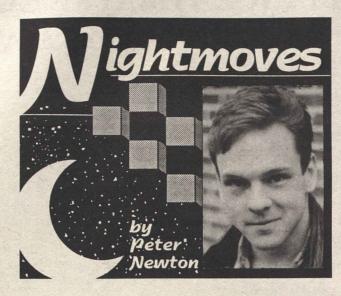
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ith a name like Willem de Kooning, you're destined to become one of America's most influential artists. And at 90, this year he will be the oldest as well. The High Museum of Art brings a retrospective exhibit of the Dutch-born artist's work to Atlanta—one of only five cities to host the special exhibit. Of course, if you've never heard of the guy, the term "abstract expressionism" may not mean much. But it was a style initiated in reaction to the anxiety brought on by the nuclear age just after WWII. De Kooning's stuff is similar to Jackson Pollack's action paintings, but one can usually make out more of an image rather than just spattered paint. September 13-November 27.

Another form of exhibition this week is being presented at Velvet. They are Derick and Erick, "America's Sexiest Twins." I had to laugh when I read the press release that came with an 8 x 10 of the shirtless boys sucking in their guts on some West Coast beach. The two will perform "a choreographed crowd-pleasing 20 minute show containing



Derick and Erick put the Doublemint Twins to shame, at Velvet Sept. 19.



flips, leaps and handsprings, etc." Monday, September 19.

The legendary Joe Cocker will breeze through Atlanta on his "Have a Little Faith" world tour. He's got the raw energy one looks for in an aging rock legend. "You Can Keep Your Hat On" is a great song, you have to admit. And he's got plenty more where that came from. Sunday, September 18 at the Roxy. So, they herd you in like cattle and there's nowhere to sit. Cocker will keep you on your feet.

The mellow option to Joe Cocker would be Kitaro, the Japanese musician who can synthesize stress out of the most rigid backbones. Some of his music does tend to sound like R2D2 on an acid trip, but if you're in the mood for a spacey kind of evening, Kitaro's the man to send you there. Tuesday, September 20, at 8 p.m. at Symphony Hall. Call 733-5000, the new number for the Woodruff Arts Center box

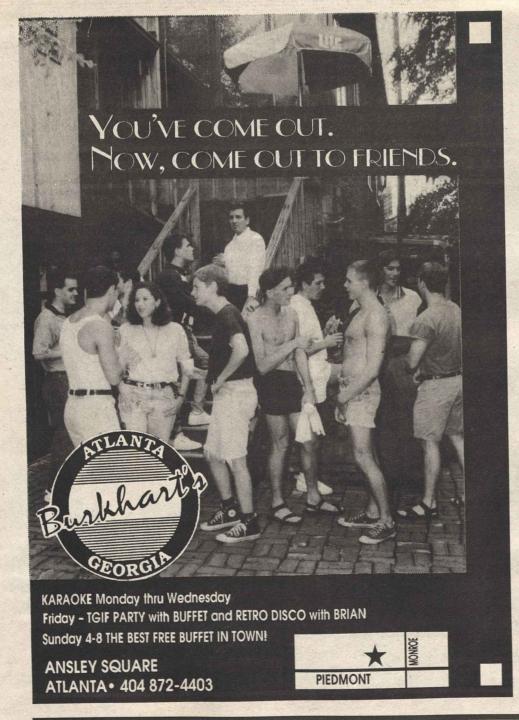
Went to Red Square last week—the one in Midtown, not Moscow. The new dance bar isn't much more than that: a dance floor, a bar and bathrooms. What else does one need? The owners did put some money into the lights and audio system, so it's as good an alternative to the Armory after Blake's as any. On the corner of 10th and Piedmont. It's the brick place without windows. On Sunday, September 18,

at midnight the club is hosting "Dance That Debt Away," with a \$4 cover to benefit the Olympics Out of Cobb Coalition, to help erase debts incurred by the group's successful campaign. DJ Erik Hayes will be spinning.

The following evening, on the 19th, Turner Broadcasting and Castle Rock Entertainment will host the Southeastern premiere screening of "The Shawshank Redemption," starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman, at the UA Midtown 8. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Jerusalem House. "The Shawshank Redemption" is the tale of a mild-mannered New England banker (Robbins) and his friendship with a seasoned "lifer" (Freeman) during their 20 years behind bars. Come out to help Jerusalem House, a haven for otherwise homeless men and women with AIDS. A second residence for women with AIDS and their children is set to open in 1995.

The Atlanta Ballet opens its new season this week. The opening program, "Dance Dynamics," deals with the passion in human relationships, beginning with the Atlanta premiere of "Lilac Garden" by Anthony Tudor, who is considered of the 20th century's greatest choreographers. Also on the program: the sexually alluring "Drastic Cuts," a unification of African-American lingo with classical ballet and modern dance by Alvin Ailey protégé Donald Byrd. And "Common Ground," a contemporary ballet by Toni Pimble. With a score by Atlanta-based Emmy award winner James Oliverio, it includes themes of creation, ancestry and life in the city. September 15-18 at the Atlanta Civic Center. 892-

The first wave of the 2 million expected visitors to the 41st Arts Festival of Atlanta ought to be here any minute now. The festival is getting very PC in its old age, not to mention environmental. For over 30 years it used to be held in May, just when all the new things were growing for spring. Thankfully, someone had the good sense to realize people were trampling everything to death. And this year, the organizers are encouraging people to walk or ride their bikes to the nine-day event. Unlike in previous years, neighborhoods surrounding Piedmont Park will be closed off to through traffic. So, grab a friend and hoof it.





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At the ballet

Reflecting a tumultuous year, the Atlanta Ballet opens with "Dance Dynamics"

It would be impossible for the Atlanta Ballet to come up with an onstage plot this season to equal the story that has occurred behind the scenes in the past year. After 32 seasons as artistic director, the venerable Robert Barnett is gone, with only a late-season tribute planned ("From Balanchine to Barnett," scheduled for March) to mark his departure. In addition to Barnett's loss, no fewer than ten corps de ballet members have left the company and changes have occurred in the business offices.

Perhaps in answer to all this transformation, the ballet has come up with an opening production that reflects the past year's turbulence. "Dance Dynamics," a collection of three works, two new to Atlanta and one performed here only once before, combines elements of suffering, highly charged eroticism and the struggle of humanity itself.

"Lilac Garden," the first of these works, was originally choreographed by Anthony Tudor for the famous Ballet Rambert in London. The neo-classical ballet, set to music by Chausson's Poeme, tells the story of missed opportunities, of love that is impossible yet achingly poignant.

In creating the second work, choreographer Donald Byrd combined the unlikely elements of African-American street dancing with modern dance and classical ballet.

The final piece, "Common Ground," was choreographed by Toni Pimble to the music of Emmy-award winning composef James Oliverio, who once called the project his opportunity to create "visual music." Commissioned by the Atlanta Ballet in 1992 through the "Meet the Composer" project, the ballet was first performed in Atlanta in 1992. The four movements of "Common Ground" explore the human condition in the past present



Anthony Parkes (top) and Ken Busbin perform in "Dance Dynamics"

and future, concluding with all the elements finding common ground in the last.

The ballet begins with creation, darkness and fog at the opening giving way to arms and legs rising from mist. The second movement, with motions that are wild and frenzied, reflects the urbanization of mankind and its inevitable outcome, detachment. A more languid, flowing pace suffuses the third movement, which symbolizes union of the sexes. The ballet concludes with the integration of all the elements, a projection of the hope that someday, humanity will find common ground—and the celebration that will follow.

The Atlanta Ballet's 1994-95 season includes the perennial Christmas classic, "The Nutcracker"; "Romeo and Juliet," the classic full-length tearjerker; and the previously mentioned "From Balanchine to Barnett."

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In support of this new organization, Southern Voice is co-sponsoring the Friday, September 16 performance of "Dance Dynamics." Southern Voice readers are offered 2-for-1 tickets for this performance through Ticketmaster (ask for code L). Prior to the performance, a meeting of Pointe Proud will be held at 6:30 p.m. at R. J.'s Uptown Kitchen and Wine Bar. Following the performance, join Jordan Graye of B98.5 as she hosts "Friday Night Fever" upstairs at the Atlanta Civic Center. "Friday Night Fever" will feature '70s dance tunes as well as an opportunity to meet with the Atlanta Ballet dancers.

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Gay Spirit Visions comes to the N.C. mountains

What do gay men do when they find traditional avenues of spiritual expression closed? That's the question explored at the Celebrating Gay Spirit Visions Conference, an annual gathering of gay men near Highlands, N.C., scheduled for Sept. 23-25. Past gatherings have hosted as many as 120 men, with previous keynote addresses from activist Harry Hay, poet James Broughton, and author Tom Spanbauer.

The founding of the conference coincided with the closing in 1988 of Running Water, a Radical Faerie sanctuary near Asheville, N.C. Three of the men who had attended gatherings there— North Carolinians Ron Lambe and Peter Kendrick, and the late Raven Wolfdancer of Atlanta-decided that the spirit of Running Water should not stop. Their idea was to hold an annual gathering focusing on specific topics to nurture gay male spirituality.

The first conference occurred in 1990, after a yearlong search for a

site ended with The Mountain, a Unitarian/ Universalist conference center near Highlands. The connection between these two organizations has become strong. Mountain Design and Communications Director Shelley Denham says, "Gay Spirit Visions has become more than just a conference to us, really the highlight of our year."

What goes on at such an event? The opening Heart Circle, where everyone gathers around to say who they are, why they've come and what's in their heart, can be a breathtakingly intimate introduction to other gay men's dreams and desires. Other weekend activities include keynote speakers, workshops, a Saturday night talent show, a gift giving ritual, a Closing Circle, and lots of smiling, hugging, crying, dancing, spirit-filled gay men.

For some, the Gay Spirit Visions Conference has become a touchstone for an entire

year's worth of spiritual growth. "More than my birthday or Christmas, I have come to look at the conference as the end of one cycle and the beginning of the next," says conference organizer Gary Kaupman. "The ability to reconnect annually with a group of men so compassionate, caring and creative provides me at once with a place to land and a place from which to venture forth again into the world."

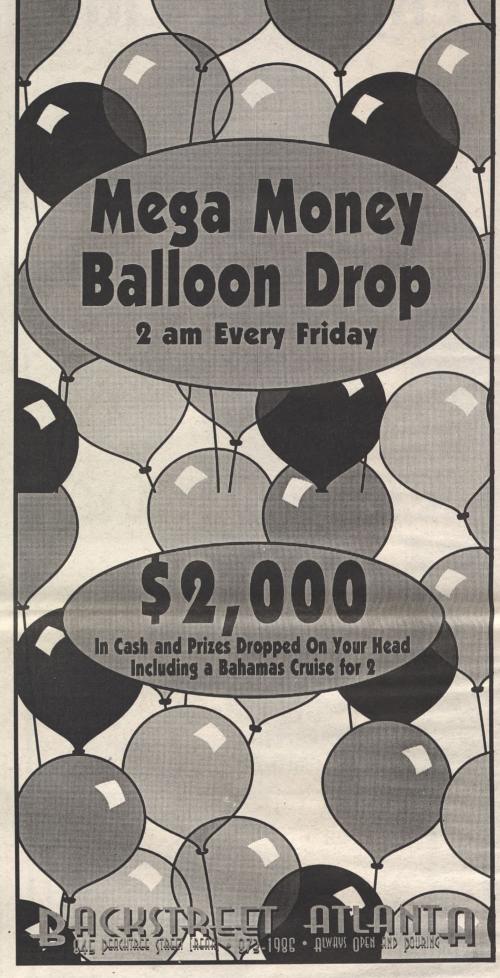
For others, the process clarifies what true spirituality is. "The conference has taught me what to expect from anything that claims to be a spiritual process-it must give me a chance to create who I am, and my existence as a gay man is an integral part of that," says organizer Martin Isganitis.

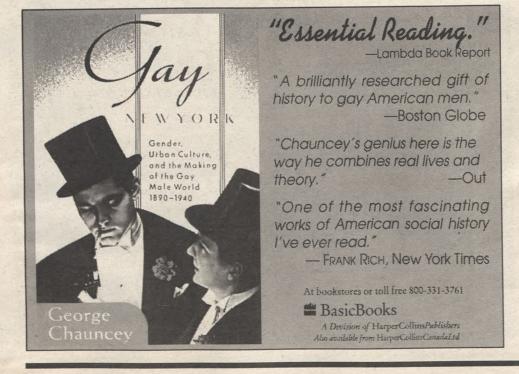
This year's theme, "Faces of Our Tribe," has been rendered graphically by artist King Thackston, whose collage of dozens of famous and not-so-famous gay male faces graces the conference brochure.

Andrew Ramer will deliver this year's keynote address. Andrew is a storyteller, coauthor of "Ask Your Angels" and author of "Two Flutes Playing," a channeled book dealing with gay prehistory. A healing ritual will be led by L. Hal Carter and Kevin D. Greene, African-American men who have worked with erotic spirituality through their organization Rootworks. And there will be a concert by Canadian singer-songwriter David Sereda, whose latest album, "The Blue Guide," is in recent release. Cost for the three day/two night event is \$235, including all meals and lodging. Also, at 8 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 21, Ramer, Sereda, Carter and Greene will appear at a pre-conference event at The First Existentialist Congregation on Candler Park Road. Admission is \$5. Call (404) 292-8567 for more information.

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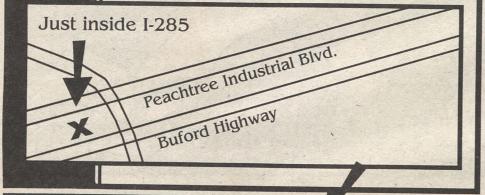
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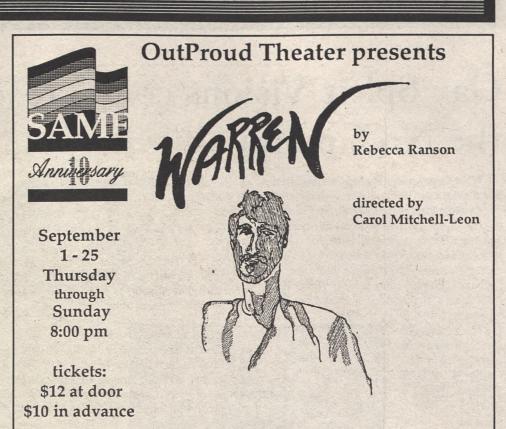
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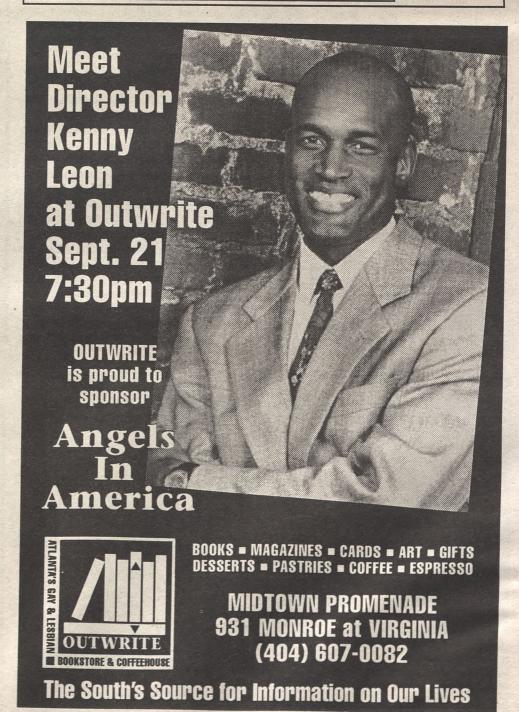
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"The project will create a walking tour of Midtown's history, focusing on untold stories, forgotten neighborhoods and alternative histories," says Brooks. "Many of these narratives will focus on our gay and lesbian community."

What exactly is being commemorated here? "This exhibit can be seen in a variety of ways," Brooks says. "I want people to experience the spirit of the place and to get an idea of what went on there not so long ago. The face of the city is changing faster than we can keep up. And one of my objectives is to reestablish pedestrian traffic in Midtown if only as a temporary and alternate route to the psyche's transportation of choice-fax machines, car phones and e-mail."

After the urban flight of the sixties and seventies, Midtown was left desolate. In its residential heydey, Midtown was known as a place to shop for everything from quality baked goods to a Sunday dress. It was the pre-Lenox

"Nellie generalizations aside," Brooks admits, "I think any study about Midtown would have to credit gay and lesbian efforts to keep the inner city going. They are the ones who have been willing to hold their own in the inner city and in doing so hold the city together. The rewards for that in Atlanta can best be seen in Midtown."

Some of the stops on the self-guided tour of Midtown designed by Brooks will include the site of the After Dark Adult Bookstore across from Club Anytime. Another is the site of the Samuel Inman Mansion across from the Fox Theatre where police raided men's sex and drinking parties in 1949. Look for Brooks' art installation throughout the Midtown area beginning Saturday, September 17.

Carolyn Becknell Mann

ahead of her time. At 69 the Atlanta native has just about done it all. A free spirit before free spirits were popularized in the '60s.

In 1954, Mann was a 29-year old interior designer and sick and tired of the "smart Buckhead crowd," of which she was a reluctant member. To broaden her horizons, and to put her passion for art to work for her home town, she became one of the four founding members and the first President of the Arts Festival of Atlanta.

With the forthrightness of Indiana Jones and a hat to match, Mann tells stories of a woman who's had some adventures. From her early days as a pioneer of the Atlanta's art scene to her current mission of breaking the silence she was encouraged to keep throughout her life, Mann has carried herself with charms diplomacy and a sense of

"My mother was very Victorian. Her advice about sex was to lie there, be still and think about England. Which is ridiculous. When I was a little girls my parents wanted Shirley Temple for a daughter but what they actually got was Huck Finn in lace and ruffles. Luckily, times are different

The Arts Festival of Atlanta began with a similar spirit of self-determination and diversity with Mann in the forefront setting

Carolyn Becknell Mann is a woman the tone. "Art is art and talent is talent. You find it where you find it, regardless of anything. Art crosses all the boundaries.'

"That first year in Piedmont Park, we had a student from Spelman, a Chinese student and someone from Russia. That's why when Jesse Jackson came waltzing into Atlanta in 1984, saying the Arts Festival discriminated against blacks, I was angry. He didn't know anything, and still doesn't.

Discrimination on the basis of anything was not acceptable to Mann then-or now.

"Piedmont Park was in a turbulent mess when the artists with their big ideas came marching in to set up a show. The police were always raiding the Bathhouse which was a known hangout for gay men. Someone threatened to hide in a tree and shoot the first black person who was allowed to play golf in the park. But my friends were gays, blacks, Norwegians, Russians. And in 1954 if you came out of the closet, there was nowhere to go. I watched a girl get fired in 15 minutes from a local department store once they found out she was a lesbian. She was out the door. Much like the nonsense going on with Cracker Barrel today."

Mann can quote a variety of civil right leaders from Booker T. Washington to Mahatma Ghandi, and it is a sign of a long-standing personal conviction. Just as strong is her belief that silence does equal death, or at least



a narrow and confined life.

"The things we can't talk about are the things that terrify us. Nowadays, everybody's coming out of the closets-not just gays but the hearing impaired, the differently abled and it's about time. People want their rights. Now we are forced to recognize all these gifts people have. It's wonderful!"

Throughout, however, she insists on what might be considered old-fashioned-manners. As for the future of the gay rights movement Mann quips, "Win 'em with love, manners-and keep your shirt on, please. Been there. Done that."

PETER NEWTON

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Favorite restaurants don't always stay that way. Menus change, chefs come and go, staffs evolve. If the eatery as-it-was was near the top of your list, chances are you'll be disappointed-a word that more than adequately describes my feelings about what has gone on at Hot Pepper Thai (at the intersection of Lenox and Cheshire Bridge Roads). The new chef's renderings of the old menu items are good, just not the same. Ditto the staff.

Those who were only moderately fond of the place say it still suits them just fine. But not me. I want Chef Robert Khankiew's pad Thai and basil rolls or I don't want any at all.

Lucky me. Khankiew is back and dishing up his satisfying versions of Thai favorites at Thai Chilli (2169 Briarcliff Rd., 315-6750) in the small shopping center that is also home to Classic Cheesecakes and Eat More Records as well as several other small eateries. The location is not as convenient as Hot Pepper Thai if you live in Midtown or Buckhead, but it's an easy find for those who habit Morningside, Va-Hi, and Decatur.

The dining room itself is a plain rectangle with white walls and dusty rose carpets, chairs and accents. The chairs are large and comfortable, the quiet Thai background music soothing. The menu, predictably, is pretty much identical to Hot Pepper Thai.

Basil rolls are notable for the freshness of their ingredients—bits of roasted pork, shrimp, sprouts and incredibly rich, crisp basil. A mostly sweet plum dipping sauce is nice, but the rolls themselves are the main event.

Spicier alternative appetizers—yam nur, nurr nam tok, namsod and larb-are all good choices for those whose tongues appreciate an intense interplay of sweet, hot and sour flavors.

The only new item on the appetizer menu, a chicken curry puff, is pretty much a failure, however. The puff pastry casing is ethereally light, but the mild filling of rice, potatoes and chicken is almost characterless and without distinction. Skip it. Or order a bowl of mild chicken coconut milk soup that offers a near perfect balance of flavors. Had my mama made chicken soup this fine, I might have spent a lot less money on therapy.

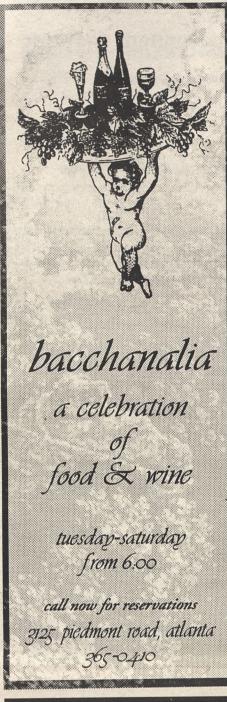
Pad Thai, the classic noodle dish, is equally as comforting. The balance of sweet and sour in its sauce is sublime, rice noodles are perfectly cooked, shrimp fresh and flavorful, with bits of tofu and egg adding appeal. Add a squeeze of lime juice and go directly to nirvana.

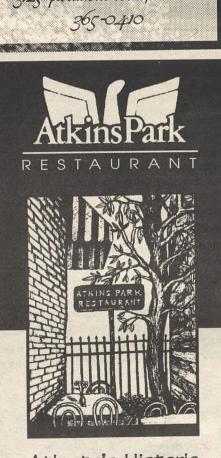
Spicier entrees include Khankiew's signature spicy basil lamb, a quintet of thin charbroiled chops slathered in a miraculous sauce long on basil, onions, and mushrooms and highlighted with a plethora of other tongue teasing goodies. The medium-rare meat is tender and tasty, the spicy sauce complex and completely engaging. The only thing that's missing is some crusty bread to sop up the remains. Yum.

Pud ped pla duk, lightly battered and sauteed fillets of catfish mixed up with tiny Thai eggplant, basil, fresh peppercorns and thin strands of amusing stuff that taste a like pickled lemon grass is an altogether pleasing way to spend \$9. And about as far as you can get

moderately spicy pale green sauce are fresh and perfectly cooked and the sauce is especially well balanced. But this lovely concoction is served over what appears to be nothing

from fried catfish, Southern style. Scallops, squid, mussels, and shrimp in a CONTINUED ON PAGE 39



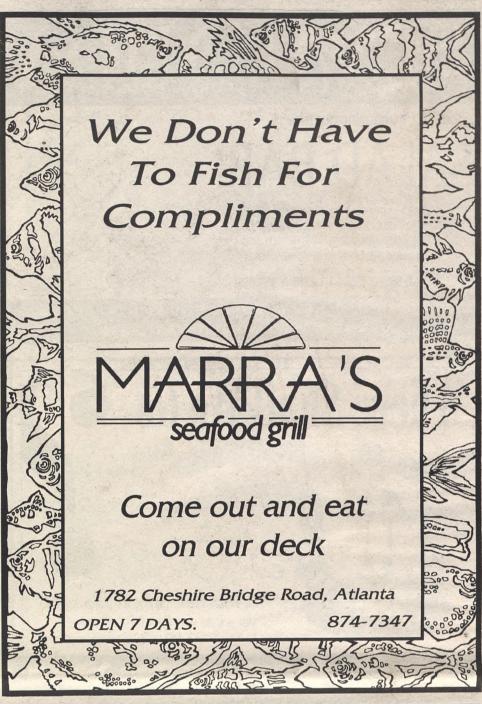


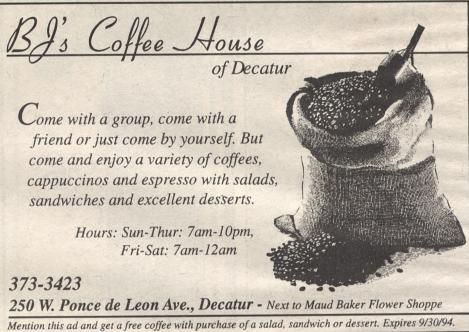
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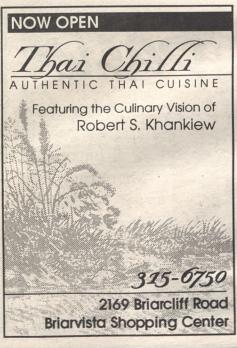
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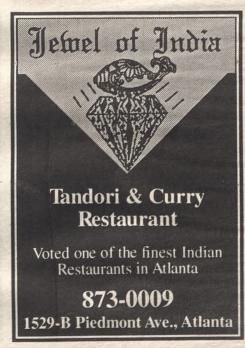
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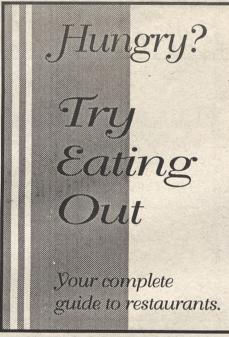
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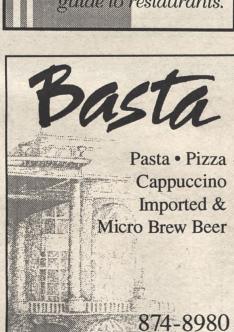
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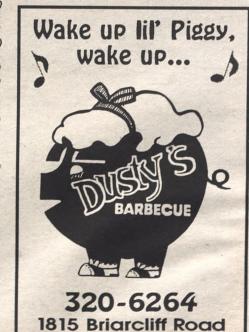
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more than conventional spaghetti noodles. I'd order it again in a heartbeat, but ask that the flat rice noodle from the pad Thai be substituted.

The staff (some from the original Hot Pepper) is cheerful and efficient. Prices are reasonable; \$12-15 will fill you right up. At this writing a beer and wine license was still tied up in the application process, so a call to see if you should bring your own alcohol might be in order.

Thai Chilli (which is open for dinner all week and lunch Mon.-Fri.) has only been in operation a few weeks and is not doing much business. Don't let it's emptiness turn you off; the kitchen and wait staffs are up to speed, willing and able to please.

Same Song, Fourth Verse

A couple of days after I'd eaten at Thai Chilli, I lunched with my friend the Therapist in Training at the most popular Thai restaurant in town, Surin of Thailand (810 N. Highland Ave. 892-7789.) Regular readers know that, more often than not, Surin leaves me grumpy and wanting.

Sad to say, this visit was no different.

Basil rolls (\$1.25 more than at Thai Chilli) were lackluster, though their dipping saucesweet plum laced with spicy pepper-was superb. Complimentary bowls of coconut soup laced with tofu and mushrooms were spiced well but way too salty. Ditto for the sodium content of a big plate of wet pad Thai adorned with five shrimp—two over the hill, two way tough, one enjoyable. Marinated chicken (bone-in, skin on) cooked in mild yellow curry rice would be world-class comfort food were the bird flesh not so woefully overcooked that it had all the appeal of seasoned cardboard.

Add a noise level equal to the main runway at Hartsfield and a seating plan that offers all the intimacy of a high school cafeteria and you'll see why Surin fails to amuse meand maybe 25 other people in the whole city.

Shades No Longer Required

On a more cheerful note, the Taste Sheriff and I returned to Java Jive (790 Ponce de Leon Ave. 876-6161) one night last week for coffee and desert.

In its original incarnation, this retro coffee/sandwich/dessert parlor (done up with post-war Formica and chrome dinette sets and matching vinyl chairs) was illuminated with what felt like thousands of cool white fluorescent watts. The effect may have been historically accurate (kitchens do tend to be lit with those nasty gaseous tubes) but it was aesthetically appalling. (Just try murmuring sweet nothings to your honey in light that makes all the little capillaries in his/her nose glow a scary purple-red.)

Well, the ghastly blue haze is gone, replaced by the warm glow of incandescent bulbs (though, unfortunately, not those smarmy pink ones so popular in the '60s) in period-sensitive moderne table lamps.

The homemade cakes are still very good. I had a spectacular cup of decaf coffee so rich and strong it tasted like a caffe Americano, but the Sheriff's latte was lackluster. (His nose, however, looked great.)

The clientele at Java Jive is suitably urban-eclectic (sunglasses worn indoors can now be seen as style statement rather than a health precaution), and word is that Sunday brunch is quite a scene.



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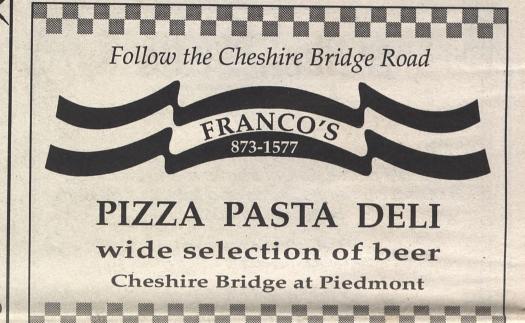
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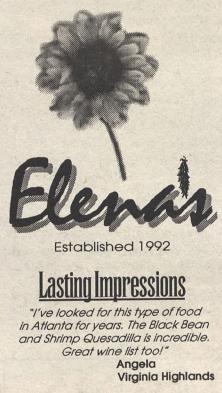
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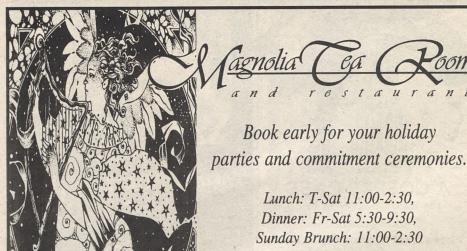
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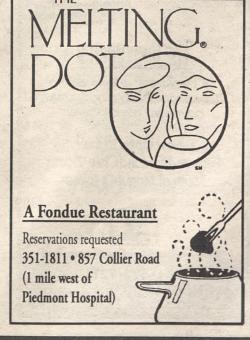
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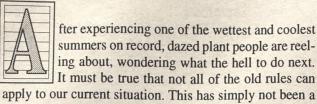
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normal season; nor can we necessarily expect fall to behave per usual.

But, as always, we can rely on ol' Elizabeth Lawrence to succinctly detail what we should, in all likelihood, do, and when we should do it. "Fall not period in the time in

to succinctly detail what we should, in all likelihood, do, and when we should do it: "Fall, not spring, is the time in this region to clear away dead leaves and branches, to renovate the borders, to start new gardens, to plant seeds of hardy annuals, to set out new perennials and shrubs. The laziest gardener should be able to get all of the chores done where there is no excuse of ground that freezes early and stays frozen all winter. And even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn." (From "A Southern Garden: A Handbook for the Middle South.")

Got that? Right. Even a stone Mulch-Queen such as myself realizes that clean-up can prove beneficial. So there are judgment calls to be contemplated. Are things simply to go to seed and die back, or will it be better to pull them out before that? Surely those scraggly, leggy things which simply did not receive adequate sun this summer must be trimmed to allow for (hopefully) better fall growth.

And you meant to get around to dividing those hostas, daylilies, and irises back in April, didn't you? Well, September now beckons...(of course, Elizabeth L. would be horrified if you did it at any time besides the one she considers proper, i.e., October; but the old gal is gone, after all, and she never had a summer such as this past



one).

This is a reasonable time, too, to sow out seeds for fall crops: lettuce, carrots, turnips, beets, etc. And now is best to think about (and order) seeds for next month's hardy annual fest: larkspur, sweet peas, etc.

The bulb flowers that are still going strong (mums, dahlias) need some fertilizing; I favor manure tea here. The stuff is effective and inexpensive, as well as easy to make. Take a burlap bag, fill it with well-rotted manure, and suspend it in a trash can full of water for a few days. Or if that seems like too much effort, just shovel six inches of the stuff in the bottom of the can, and pour on the water for steeping. (Interestingly enough, mosquitoes tend to not favor the tea water for egg-laying.)

Ah summer, summer...okay, don't wax poetic here; we'll be raking leaves soon enough. Consider the practicalities of what and where in terms of your potted plants which have been outside since March.

Before I take my potted tropicals in, I let them get as much sun as they can, while gradually cutting down on their food. They rather thoroughly dislike this routine, and let me know their displeasure by drooping, yellowing, shedding leaves, etc. when they get indoors.

I try to remind them that it's either this or the compost heap, due to the coming temperature change. Like cats, they dismiss all threats as unworthy for consideration. (Actually, I notice that my furred beast Malita spends an inordinate amount of time lolling around the pots by the backyard pool; could she be coaching the green people? I shudder at the thought of feline insubordination/insurrection being spread to an entirely different kingdom. This is

too horrifying to contemplate!)

I also fear that many people use fall as a time to renovate their lawns. One must ask, in all eco-logical candidness, why? Americans spend between \$25 and \$30 million a year on our 30 million acres of lawns. Southerners particularly love a lush lawn, and expend enormous resources on them.

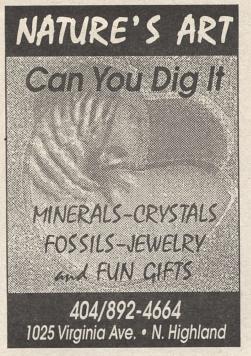
What is wrong with the following picture? You knock down all the native plants (trees, shrubs, flowers) in our area with a bulldozer. You put up a house. You spread a little topsoil, which not surprisingly, hardly impresses that hardpan clay underneath. You plant a non-native species of grass. You spend a lot of money on chemicals and inorganic fertilizers, which run off into the groundwater. You weed 'n' feed, and of course, have to cut that stuff back, over and over again...

Look around the world. Where do you see those lovely, lush lawns we so treasure? Why, on Albion's shores—a totally different climate than this one.

It's not that I hate grass. I only hate the stupidity of this slavishly anglo-imitative cultivation. There are, in fact, many grasses I enjoy, including corn, various species of bamboo (black bamboo and golden bamboo having shorter rhizomes and naturally forming clumps, and so won't invade with the fury of other types), and some of the ornamentals (ribbon grass and purple fountain grass in particular).

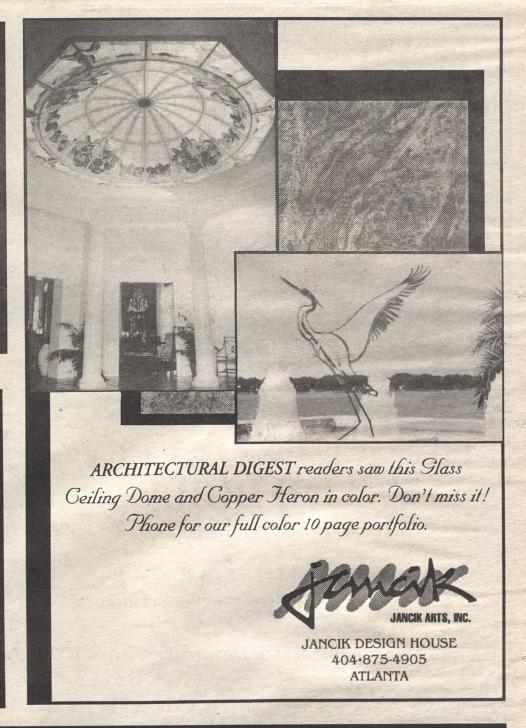
Please consider these things as you plan that reseeding and renovation job. Fall might prove to be a good time to oversow that lawn with ornamentals, or tear it up for a new perennial bed, or turn it into a wildflower garden, or even just let the goats have it. Cats think it's a capital idea to have a patch indoors in the winter.

In fact, I've considered a grass carpet in the house, along the lines of Michael's in Robert Heinlien's sci/fi novel "Stranger in a Strange Land." Hmm. This gives me an idea...











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RANDY WILLIAMS

AGE: 36 years

How long in Atlanta: 7 Years

Relationship Status: Single

Last Book Read: "Harlan's Race" by

Patricia Warren

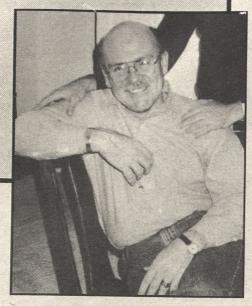
A job first brought Randy Williams to Atlanta seven years ago, but it wasn't a simple stroke of fate that led him here. Before he moved, while he lived in Columbia, South Carolina, he came to appreciate Atlanta. "I liked the city very much, I was coming to visit all the time," he says. "Luckily, the job was here, so I came here.'

Unfortunately, the job has since disappeared, leaving Randy unemployed for about fifteen months now. Other than some contract work he has been doing, Randy's extensive training and background in management has gone unused for too long-at least to suit Randy. "The really bad thing about the unemployment situation is, it works on your attitude. Before, I was traveling, training, making presentations, giving lectures. Now, every day I have to get up and say 'Be thankful for what you have, and don't worry about what you don't have.' It's hard out there right now, and it's happening to lots of people."

Randy has been successful at finding ways to fill his hours. He plays tennis religiously with two local groups, ALTA and USTA, and has developed into a very skilled player. "I just started a few years ago," he says, "I never had any lessons. I just love to play." He has also recently competed in the Peach Tennis Tournament, where he says it was fun to play with men and women from all over the coun-

Also helping to keep Randy's schedule full is the volunteer work he does for The Good Samaritan Project. Losing friends to AIDS has made the work all the more important to him, and has made him reconsider his position in the Baptist church—where he is an ordained deacon. "It's been five years since I have gone to church," Randy admits, "and I know there are some good ones out there, but I haven't really tried to find them. I don't hate the church, but I have to ask-what have they done to help AIDS causes?"

The name "Good Samaritan" means a lot to Randy. "No one knows if the Good Samaritan was Christian, Muslim, Jewish or pagan," Randy says, "and that's the whole point." His own personal belief is that "God is a loving



AIDS is some kind of divine retribution is ridiculous.'

Randy will be glad to tell you his stance on many political issues. He stays informed in monitoring how his congresspeople vote and how they handle sensitive issues like gun control. "I have to say that Republicans, in particular Bob Dole, handled that whole thing badly. Why does the average person need an assault weapon? I mean, what's next, army tanks parked in the suburbs?"

Health care is also a hot item on Randy's agenda, especially since his will run out soon. "At least Clinton put something forward, which is better than doing nothing. I don't think it should be criticized unless someone can come up with something better."

So what does he think of Clinton's re-election chances at this point? "Well, I don't know yet. I hope if it looks like he won't get re-elected, he'll sign an Executive Order to allow gays and lesbians to serve in the military. That would be a great parting shot for him."

Right now, Randy is also helping his brother do some renovation work on his mother's house in Columbia. "My brother's been helping out for several years now, so I'm trying to give him a break. It's pretty scary. I mean, I've got tools in my hand, I'm doing plumbing and carpentry work."

And how about relationships?

"About two years ago," Randy begins, "I was afraid of having a relationship at all. My mixed doubles partner, after a three-hour match, once said, 'Well, Randy, that lasted longer than one of your relationships!' and she was absolutely right. If I do become involved with someone, I'd want it to be a monogamous thing, not an open arrangement. And as far as attraction goes, I'll just tell you this: God, not a punishing God, so the idea that I've always been a sucker for a pretty smile!"





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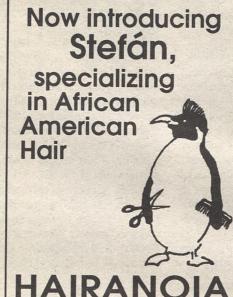
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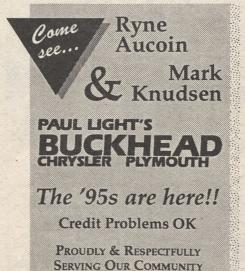
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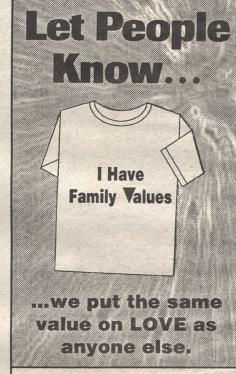




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arvey, Our Visible Friend: Harvey Fierstein will be in America's living rooms starting Sept. 21, as a regular character on the new CBS sitcom "Daddy's Girls," starring Dudley Moore. According to advance reports, Fierstein will be playing a fashion designer whom CBS describes as "highly strung"-but who is also openly gay. It remains to be seen whether Harvey's character will have a personal life and whether, a la Melrose Place, there will be any on-screen kisses to scare off advertisers. Asked about the potential for such a brouhaha, the frogvoiced comedian quips, "I think we're going to skip the kissing, and I'll go straight to my knees." Now, let's just hope the dialogue is half this funny...

It's PETA: The newest PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) spokesperson is none other than Saturday Night Live's sexual question mark Pat, otherwise known as Julia Sweeney. The new campaign, which will grace print, TV and movie theaters this fall, has Pat vowing to never shave again (shave what, exactly, Dish has to wonder) until Gillette stops testing on animals. Gillette still is in the deplorable business of blinding and poisoning animals to test its products, which range from shaving cream to Liquid Paper. Music for the spots is being supplied by k. d. lang, who has lent her talents to PETA before with the "Meat Stinks" crusade. Hmmm...Pat's feature film debut, "It's Pat," is also scheduled for fall. Coincidence? Dish thinks not.

Check This Out: If you're tired of your bank offering only checks with cutesy kitten and seashell designs, Dish has a suggestion for you: get the new AIDS awareness design checks dreamed up by Dr. Natalie Topeka and Dr. Andrea Capozzi. The checks feature a superimposed red ribbon over a globe with the words "Get Informed, Get Involved, Care" printed directly above the signature line. Dish can't think of a better way to show everyone you write a check to, from Georgia Power to The Gap, that you care about AIDS awareness. As Dr. Capozzi says, "We all need checks, so why not make yours say something?" For more information about the checks call Dr. Topeka at 841-6112.





Pat vows to stop shaving—but where?

Schlock King: Gay alternative film and video pioneer George Kuchar is scheduled to make a rare public appearance at the High Museum on September 16 as part of Image Film and Video's Southern Circuit program. Kuchar, who began making ultra-camp movies in the '50s with his twin brother, is responsible for such titular gems as "Pussy on a Hot Tin Roof?" and "Hold Me While I'm Naked," which includes a

scene of Kuchar showering in drag while his friends have enthusiastic sex in the background. Schlock filmmakers Andy Warhol, John Waters and Rosa von Praunheim all followed in Kuchar's footsteps. In describing the actors who appear in his films, Kuchar once said his early work features "people who are fat but want to be like Marilyn Monroe."

Gays and Lesbians, Dust Your Navels: "Camille and Glennda Do Downtown"-the documentary featuring Glenn Belverio (Glennda Orgasm) and self-declared "sexual liberationist" Camille Paglia-has just won an award from the Chicago Underground Film Festival. In the pic, the two do Greenwich Village, bowing in front of the Stonewall bar and visiting an adult bookstore. What has feminists irritated about the film is that Paglia includes a scene wherein she confronts a group of women street protesters who are against pornography, telling them to "stop being sex-negative." The film was banned from the New York and San Francisco gay and lesbian film festivals, which has caused no small amount of controversy, with organizers denying that politics kept the film out. Paglia is seemingly unfazed by this, since she has not exactly won uniform gay and lesbian admiration with her writings. Her first book was extremely critical of the lesbian and feminist movements, and in it she questioned the need for women's history departments at colleges. Paglia says that being turned down at gay and lesbian film festivals sends a clear message about the gay and lesbian communities. "The gay world is off twiddling its thumbs and staring at its navel, which is becoming increasingly dust-filled," she said.

Beauty and the Boast: Dish doesn't know whether to be flattered or repulsed by a recent comment made by actor (and Dish uses the term loosely) Jean-Claude Van Damme in a recent issue of Movieline magazine. Van Damme, when asked how he felt about having so many gay fans, replied, "It doesn't disturb me to have gay fans. Maybe they like me because gay people love beauty in general. They have a high level of taste." Some gay people also, Dish would like Van Damme to know, appreciate that all-too-rare quality-mod-

September 15 - September 21, 1994

The Jewish celebration of Yom Kippur is on the 15th, followed by a full harvest moon on the 19th and the Fall Equinox, September 22. That's a full week to digest, so the best plan is to set aside time for yourself and be with folks you care about. Do your best to savor this week and get ready for the equinox.

ARIES, how are you feeling physically and emotionally? Are you paying attention to the signals coming from your body? Very important to honor and respect internal feedback for greater health and well-being. You'll be glad you did, sooner or later. TAURUS, with all the activity in your 7th house of close personal relationships and partnerships, you may be getting some very interesting reflections from dear friends or significant others. Be patient and charitable, even if others are not. **GEMINI**, go swimming—it will help ground you and you'll be much more productive. However, if you're not interested in being productive this week, that's okay too. Just go swimming or sailing and enjoy being alive in the fresh air and sunshine.

CANCER, your creativity should be bursting at the seams with all the activity in Scorpio and Pisces, your sister water



signs. Bake bread, paint your bedroom, add on a greenhouse and putter around to your heart's content, bringing joy into the world. **LEO**, how is life at home? It could be a little intense with all those planets circulating in Scorpio. Do your best to maintain your normally excellent sense of humor and do not take anything too personally. Use this energy to complete projects. Happy Birthday, VIRGO. How's the celebration coming? Are you doing one or two little things every day that you really enjoy? Get together with good friends and family to make this a very special month. Time for new beginnings and new directions!

LIBRA, fall is obviously your time. If you have been thinking about entertaining, then do it. Your place doesn't have to be perfect, since you have an inherent ability to make anyone feel welcome and at home. Ever considered politics? **SCOR-PIO**, with all the activity in your 1st house of personality and self-awareness, you could feel tremendously energized or pos-

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sibly overwhelmed with life. Even if you're bouncing back and forth, try to remember, it's all energy. SAGITTARIUS, have you had an adventure lately? If you haven't, it is probably a good idea to plan something new and different into your life. With several planets in your 12th house of dreams and visions, your dreamtime may be exciting too.

CAPRICORN, as we approach the fall equinox your life at work may seem to move forward without as many difficulties. Good for you and your patience. Before you get all wrapped up in projects, take time to enjoy the beauty and wonder of Nature. AQUARIUS, are you allowing yourself any time for creative expression? You have wonderful abilities that you may not be aware of yet, so dabble in the arts and craft a little bit. You might be amazed with the results and it could be lots of fun. PISCES, intensity may be your middle name, but don't use it to live in a black hole. The collective unconscious is very busy with major clean-up, so be sure to make life simple, fun and easy for yourself. Bless everyone you meet, even the nasties.

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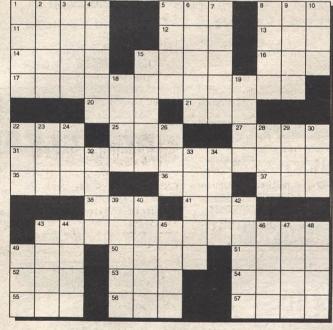
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- 12. 1 or 66, e.g.
- 13. Fed. Express rival 14. Assistant
- 16. Brazil or hickory
- 17. Gay symbols
- 21. London weather
- 27. Greasy

- 1. Actors Shepard and Elliot

- 15. Stir up
- 20. "Tit for _
- 22. Jenifer Levin novel, ___ of
- 25. Computer memory type (abbr)
- 31. Gay symbols

- ACROSS (Cont'd)
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- 36. Munched out 37. Mae West film, Diamond
- 38. Gun lobby
- 41. Rowboat tool
- 43. Gay symbols 49. Enemy 50. Kate Delafield and Carol
- Ashton, professionally
- Kinks' hit 52. Fish eggs
- 53. Likely54. Was acquainted with Queers
- 56. Boats like 109 57. Long times

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- is Born 2. Michael Crawford solo
- Skirt type Exhausted
- . and pretty maids all 6. Hard
- 8. Famous psychiatrist, Karl
- 9. Great work
- 10. Time zone (abbr) 15. Revolving part
- 18. Simpsons brat
- 19. Eager 22. Healthy place
- German article Paper, Scissors, Rock
- author Decter 26. War casualty
- 28. Sick 29. Oahu accessory
- 30. Opium™ designer 32. Orson Welles' Citizen
- 33. Tiny particles Approach Sum up
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- Maria 43. Victuals
- 44. Movie critic, Rex_
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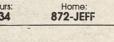
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GWF, 29, looking for GWF 26-35 (feminine) for companionship and more if opportunity presents itself. I work in the sports field and love sports. Very family/goal oriented looking for same. Professionalism, stability, and honesty a must. No smokers or drugs please. Live in Cobb Co. Write & tell me about yourself. Picture optional. Box 421, 4983 Austell Road, Austell, GA 30001. 72 2126

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 or write to SoVo Box 6521, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306

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the Cobb/Marietta rally. You: 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, funloving professional seeks same. Enjoys conversation, golf, tennis, beach, adventure, cuddling, romance and more: No dykes, bis, druggies. 35+.

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. **2** 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. **2** 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. \$\overline{\alpha}\$ 2021

Sincere, caring, GBF28 seeking GBF for good times friendship or relationship. Must be drug free over EX. No Bi's. To 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.

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. 27 1981

GWF, 43, feminine, educated, professional, passionate, affectionate, honest and adventurous. Seeks warm heart, intelligent mind, playful spirit for quality relationship. **27** 1982

GWF, 29, attractive, fit, non-smoker, settled, honest, caring, affectionate. Seeking spiritual growth. Loves music, sports, animals. Desires mature relationship. **2** 1983

Attractive, feminine, GBF artisan, 30's (laid-back, nature-loving, spiritually-expressive) sks GF for conversation, friendship & intimacy. 22 1984

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

KEY TO MY HEART

Cute GWF, 29, semi-butch, 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! \$\oldsymbol{\text{T}}\$ 1986

Relationship oriented, professional GBF seeks same. Must be emotionally stable, disease free, and over your X lover. 75 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. \$\infty\$ 1713

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

1714

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

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

1619

GWF, 25, attractive professional. Love golf, all sports, quiet evenings. ISO feminine women age 30-38 w/similar interest for dating. \$\overline{\Pi}\$ 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. 25 1614

GF Any Age. All fun! No games. Happy Shiny People seek same. LET'S DO LUNCH. 7 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. **2** 1497

GWF, attractive, blue-eyed, longmaned guitar goddess looking for GWF, hippy-type, 26+ for friendship, possible relationship. No drugs. No smokers. Call now... 27 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. \$\oldsymbol{\pi}\$ 1500

GWF-fem/attractive/35 educated/ physically fit/ new age/non-drinker seeks similar GW-Fem for companionship. No alkies/druggies. 2 1501

Curious gdlkg 5'5", 114#, bl/br, 36, feminine seeks same for friendship. D/D-free. New to lifestyle. No butches. \$\overline{T}\$ 1502

Attractive GBF educated, career oriented, feminine. Enjoys jazz, dining out, weekend rendezvous, and more. Seeks GBF for friendship/more. \$\oldsymbol{\pi}\$\$1503

Angela Lansbury lookalike seeks Linda Evans lookalike 40-50 something. I: cat lover, smoker, buxom, blonde/blue. U: similar. **27** 1549

GBF, 36, attractive, professional, searching GF (35-40) sensitive, good conversation, adventurous, love good food, jazz. Over ex. **2** 1567

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DIRECTIONS

GWF, Buckhead-looking—not politically correct—desire attractive, intelligent, travelled, spiritual, communicative, affectionate GWF, 28+. No Yankee-haters, butches, smokers, drugs. 25 1554

MEN

SoVo Pick of the Week

Though the early bird may catch the worm, the shaved, wise, white owl will definitely catch the young black cobra. 2127

GWM, 45, 160, 5'9", moustache into music, sports, outdoors, dogs, seeks masculine romantic country boy 35-45, uncut a + for lifetime. 22128

GWM successful professional 40s, masculine. Non-smoking/drugs. ISO slender/athletic WM college boy. Fun, travel, mutually beneficial discrete relationship. 2 2129.

Successful GWM wishes to establish fun experiment involving two intelligent, attractive, imaginative college WMs. Discrete & safe. No drugs. Interested? 2 2130

DOMINANT DAD

GWM 40, 6', 175, HIV-, seeking masculine GWM bottom into B/D, TT, CBT leather. Inexperinced OK. HIV-. Relationship possible. 2131

Tall, incredibly handsome, muscular, bi-racial GM, 22, seeking masculine, fit, attractive GM top 30+ for wild, uninhibited encounters. Hairy +. 2132

GWM, 32, 170, 5'11", vgdlking, HIV-, seeks attractive WM who enjoys lunchtime oral service. No relationship desired. 2133

Shiny Vinyl. Black leather fashion GWM, 36 slim masculine. ISO wannabe. 27-29 waist. No smoke. Southsider. Box 90357, Atlanta, GA 30364-0357.

Hairy GWM sought by 40s hirsute GWM medium, trim build. Prefer warm bear of professional nature. 20104

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 j/o partner(s), single, group? Large? Yes. You? Let's Talk! 2006

GWM-35 masculine, sincere, attr. seeks heavyset mature cuddly GWM for sharing life's pleasures, enjoy seasons & outdoors. \$\oldsymbol{\pi}\$ 2107

GWM, 26, skinny, tall, boyish, cleancut, 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" Ilove 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.

Think family planning/future kids? GWM, 28, thinking similar <35 commits "joint daddies". Enjoys sharing memories, travel, rising our future generations. 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. **2** 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. 7 1995

BM, 30s, 155 lbs, 5'8", masculine, trim, hung, versatile, seeks butch brother with same qualities. No fats or fems. 7 1996

Boy-next-door, shy, masculine suburbanite, clean-cut, handsome, healthy, horny, good body and endowment seeking sugardad with good skills. **25** 1997

Submissive, responsive, WM bottom seeking dominant, endowed top over 35 for pleasure sessions. 7 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

HOTTOP seeks hot bottom. Me: 30s, 5'11", 165, moustache, HIV-, dominant. You: submissive, attractive, safe, 20s-30s. Afternoons or evenings. \$\textit{\textit{T}}\$

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

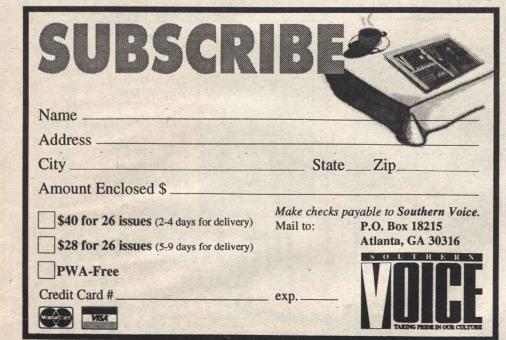
COMPLETE THE FANTASY...Hot, masculine blue-collar/leather top wanted to discipline exotic, muscular bottom boy while hairy Italian lover watches.

1987

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

GWM, 34, 6', 190, hairy, hot, versatile, looking for GBM for private parties. Age/looks unimportant. Discretion assured. **2** 1989

GWM, 29, brn/blu, very attractive seeks similar in West Metro Area. 22 1990



PERSONALS

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

Attractive GWM, 30, blk/bl, 5'10", 155#, healthy HIV+, seeks friendship for hiking, scuba diving, motorcycling, boating, movies, and fun times.

7 1715

Hairy, short, stocky, 40something teddy bear workaholic tired of looking in all the wrong places for quality companion. **27** 1716

GWM, 24, 6'3", 250#, brown/green. You GWM under 40 masculine NO ATTITUDE for friendship/relationship NO drugs, NO fems. **2** 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. **2** 1718

Personable, witty GWM, 6'4", 37. ISO a mature GWM who never fears spontaneity and enjoys the art of conversation. **T** 1719

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

Gay BM 38, HIV+, seeks GBM sincere, honest, masculine top, for friend-ship/possibly more, reocvering addict. **27** 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!

Dominant GWM 47, 6', 165, seeking masculine GWM bottom with muscular sensitive pecs into B/D, TT, CBT. **T** 1723

Versatile leather man 41, 5'7", 140, into being serviced and submissive, cock and butt play of all kinds. Safe action seeking same. \$\overline{\pi}\) 1724

Sharp GWM 56 into writing music, movies, psychology, gardening, self growth, slight kinks seeks partner any age. 72 1387

Any hot-looking Queer Nation leftovers out there wanna have some fun??? Kick ass/move society and laugh. **T** 1702

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

GWM, 47, responsible, attractive, masculine, professional, no smoke/drugs/drink seeks GWM son, under 30, for long-lasting monagomous relationship. 7 1700

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

Hot GWM wants hot OUT friend. No cowards. Sex maybe. Fun. Adventure. Any race. Change world. No fats/fems. 72 1703

Hunting for bear! Attractive, hairy, athletic, GWM, 31 looking for a beefy, stable WM into sports, movies and travel. \$\oldsymbol{\text{T}}\$ 1704

Two attractive, HIV-, discreet, GWM, versatile tops, 37-40 seeking mutually satisfying ongoing sexplorations. Anything SAFE/kinky. Bottoms preferred, versatile okay, \$\operature{\infty}\$ 1705

GWM 30, 5'8", brn/hzl, 170lbs. Bottom. Enjoys books movies and adventurous sex. Seeks top for good times possible relationship. **22** 1706

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

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

Attractive, masculine, caramel Southern Virginian male, 36, healthy, screenwriter desires goodlooking, muscular, blonde beau, hairy, creative professional into romance. \$\oldsymbol{\pi}\$ 1710

GWM seeks GBM professional, mature and sincere wanting to improve the Quality of his Life with massage. Erotic and Safe. **7** 1711

GBM 38, professional. Dislike club scene. Very masculine seeking same. Financially independent. Would like to enjoy life. HIV+. **27** 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. **T** 1602

Classical musician, GWM24,6', 150, br/br, educated, attractive, romantic non-smoker seeks similar WM 22-32 to "make our garden grow". **2** 1603

GWM thirtysomething from Northwest S.C. Honest, drug-free. ISO similar 28-38 possible relationship.

BM, attractive, sexy, seek dominant BM top who's into FF. Remeber the song "I'm looking for a two-fisted love". **5** 1605

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

WNC Teddy Bear looking for another teddy bear to get into some mischief in the afternoon or early evening. 22 1607

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

Genuine, masculine, GBM, 24 seeks sincere romantic, masculine, openminded GMs of any race for exploring stimulating new friendship/relationship. **25** 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. 25 1610

Landscaper, 30s, 5'10", 155, 30" waist, masculine, muscular, hot, handsome. Similar in Smyrna, Vinings, Austell? Discreet! Regular buddy for shower days. **25** 1611

Goodlooking maculine WM seeks ONLY very masculine BM for safe, discreet encounters. No fats/fems. Discretion assured. **2** 1612

Muscular GWM, 40, 6ft, 180lbs, HIV+, vgdlkg, in relationship, needs more. Seeking submissive boy, 25-30, for role playing, B/D. Discreet. **25** 1504

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

GWPM, 44, new in Atlanta, seeks GWM 18-30 for friendship, fun. Prefer slim swimmer's build, active top, endowed, cleanshaven, 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, nonsmoker/drinker. Looking for fun, adventure, and quiet times. \$\textit{\textit{T}}\$ 1507

Attractive BM sought by tall, slim WM. Safe, discreet, good times only. No strings. **25** 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. **7** 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.

Oriental male fit/safe cleancut seeks quality full body massage once a week. Please non-smoker. \$\oldsymbol{\text{T}}\$ 1513

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

Norny in Huntsville. GWM Professional, 30ish, 107, blond. Needs a Huntsville Sweetheart. Where are you hiding? You: intelligent, in shape, fun loving, stable GWM 30/40, relationship minded. **T** 1515

GWM, 34, gentle, kind professional seeks same. Handsome, articulate, creative. Likes classic films, theatre, dining and soft music. HIV+. **25** 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.

GWM, 24, 5'10", 165, bl/bl, likes hiking, camping, mountain biking, movies. Sincere, honest, ISO same. No fat/fems. **2** 1482

GWM, 37,5'11", 150, MASCULINE, dominate, aggressive, Romantic, HIV-, into light S/M, B/D. Seeking younger counterpart, long term. \$\overline{\alpha}\$ 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. \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$ 1485

Elder GWM Mystic (60's) in Western NC seeks younger man (30's) with psychic awareness to explore live-together relationship. **27** 1486

WM Masculine 6'4", 150, looking for masculine Black male top. Discretion assured. Can handle business.

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. **T** 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! 2 1495

GWM, 40, 6', 210, br/blu, into 99X, sports, travel, poetry, seeks GWM 35-55 for dating and possible relationship. **25** 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! \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 1580

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

GWM, 33, 5'9", 180, masculine, attractive seeks GWM 21-39 for giving and receiving massages and/or playing tennis. **25** 1357

TV/TS

Pick of the week—>Smallish, easily passable TS – pre or post – sought by healthy, well-endowed WM for Harley adventures. Sun/Stars.
1992

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. \$\frac{1}{20}\$ 2011

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BISEXUAL

Pick of the Week—>Wanted: BiWF 18-30 for inexperienced couple. Me: green eyes long blonde hair 21 yrs old. Him: salt/pepper grey hair very sexy. Experience preferred. 22 2134

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. \$\mathbf{T}\$ 2003

BiBM,6'2", Carl Weathers look alike seeks young men for no strings attached fun. **T** 1613

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

WM 48 slightly submissive oral devoteé and enthusiast ISO G/Bi/S female attractive requiring daytime stress relief, reciprication not required.

1615

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

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

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

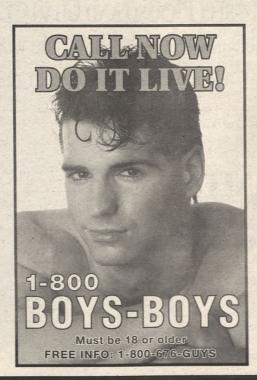
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BiWM, 25, student, hot looks, body, endowment, seeks man for discreet, no-strings visits. All answered. \$\frac{1}{2}\$

CURIOUS VIRGIN-VGDLKING, shy, quiet, kind, smooth, diseaseless 32 6' 175, WM, ISO younger smooth patient understanding tender top for discreet sensual pleasureable sexplorations. \$\textit{\textit{T}}\$ 1452

BM, married, 55, in great shape. Seeks mature Bi female for safe discreet encounters. **7** 1304



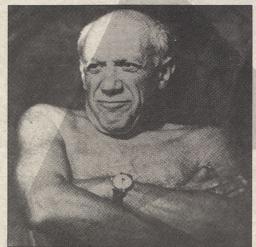




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