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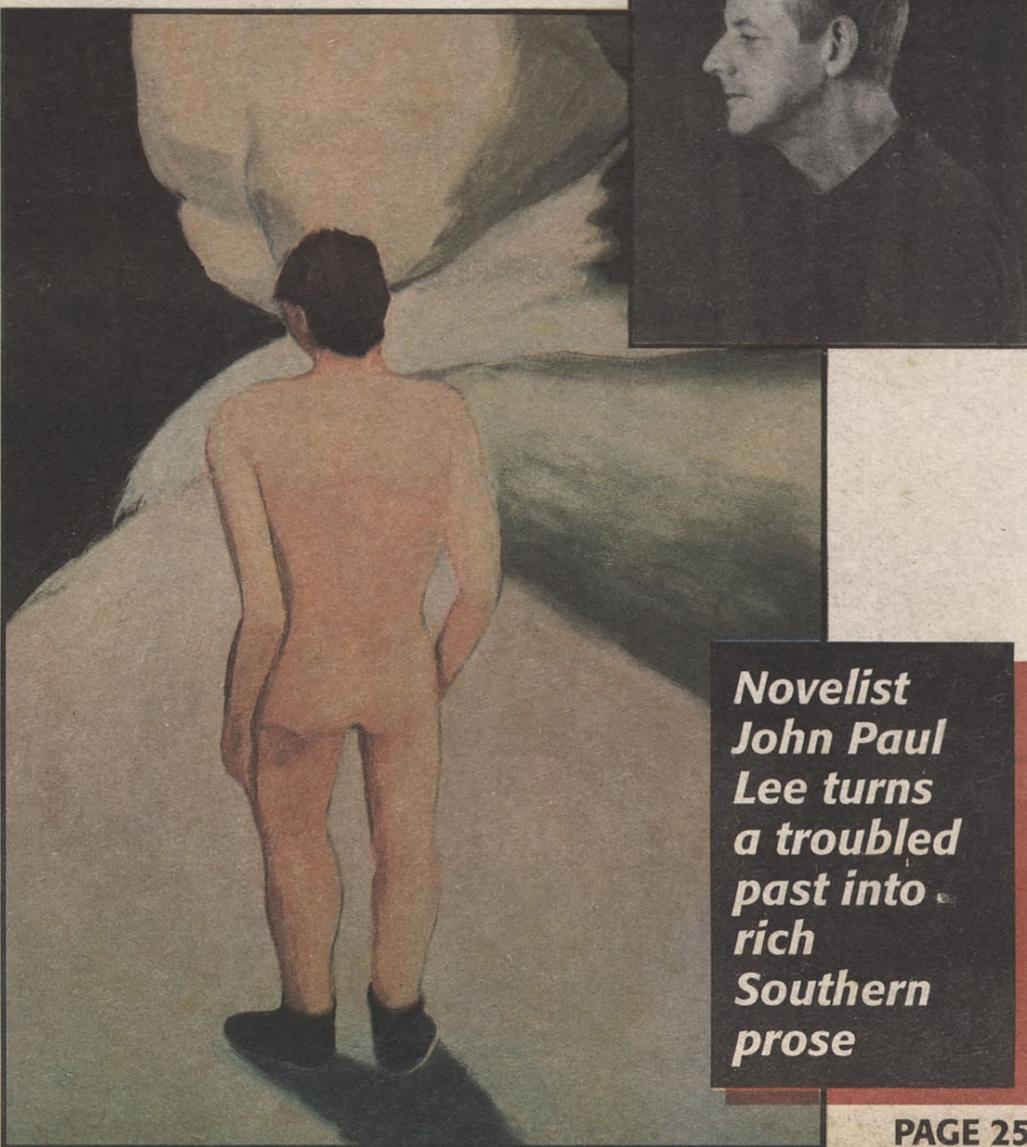
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North Carolinian Chris Ingle has a dream—to bring a gay community center to rural Alamance County—and his efforts are paying off

by BRIAN COCHRAN

Like many gay men, North Carolina native Chris Ingle once believed that in order to find a sense of community he had to leave his roots and move to a larger city. Burlington, located in Alamance County, was like other small towns—gay men and lesbians who were brave enough or pioneering enough to live there were separated by the usual societal divisions of hate, fear, and prejudice.

So, in search of a gay and lesbian society, Ingle moved to coastal North Carolina. Moving, however, didn't solve Ingle's problems.

"I knew I wanted to lead an 'out' life," Ingle says. "During the three years there, I was 'known.' I was out even to the local police. However, depression coupled with alcohol abuse continued to push me down."

Ingle might have gone on like this for many years, perhaps for the rest of his life, except for what occurred on a sunny day in September when he was at the beach with some friends, drinking beer and joking around. The events of that day changed the course of his life.

Two other men were on the beach that day—one in his 30s and one in his late teens or early 20s.

At the time Ingle noticed them, one was swimming and one was practicing martial arts. It was a typical beach scene, seemingly innocent and carefree. What happened next was anything but innocent.

Ingle was assaulted by the two men, who beat him simply because he was gay. The bashing took its toll on Ingle, leaving him with severe gashes around his eyes, several teeth gone, and bruises and cuts all over his body.

"I thought about using my beer bottle for a weapon at the time," Ingle says, "but then, if I had, they might have killed me."

Ingle pressed charges, but after a while—tired and dejected from a long and debilitating battle in the courtrooms of Jesse Helms' North Carolina—Ingle threw up his hands and went home to Burlington. Ironically, it was there that he found the community he was searching for in the first place.

"Several things happened to me at once that opened my eyes," Ingle remembers. "I saw the film 'Tongues Untied.' I met Mandy Carter, who is now director of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum at the Human Rights Campaign Fund. And I went on a weekend retreat sponsored by the North Carolina Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Equality. Mandy became one of my mentors," he adds.

"Soon after that, I started to see things differently," Ingle says. "I thought about how much we need a gay organization in my hometown, for kids growing up. 'Where will they be ten years from now?' I wondered. And why wasn't I doing something about it?"

Beginning with only five members, one of whom dropped out almost immediately, Ingle founded the Alamance Gay and Lesbian Alliance. That number has recently increased to 57 members, most of whom are men.

Ingle values members of both sexes equally for

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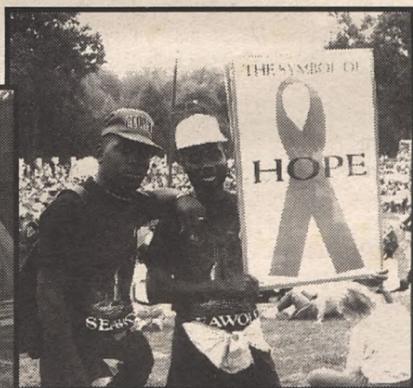


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Emory law school to allow Atty. Gen. to recruit on campus

Decision reverses prior ban caused by Bowers' withdrawal of job offer to lesbian

Atlanta—The Emory School of Law has reversed a 1991 decision barring the state Dept. of Law from recruiting on its campus—a decision made when Attorney General Michael Bowers withdrew a job offer from Emory law graduate Robin Shahar because she was participating in a religious “marriage” ceremony with her female partner.

Emory, and other law schools in the Atlanta area, banned Bowers' department because the American Bar Association requires that accredited law schools not discriminate based on sexual orientation, and that they “communicate to every employer to whom it furnishes assistance and facilities...the school's firm expectation that the employer will observe the principle of equal opportunity.”

In an exchange of letters last month, meant to clarify the law school's position, Bowers wrote to Emory Law Dean Howard O. Hunter that “the Department of Law does not make personnel decisions on the basis of whether a person is heterosexual or homosexual.”

Hunter replied that he saw no “inconsistency between your letter” and a policy state-

ment signed by the department earlier this year.

“Permission is granted, and a date is set,” said Julia Belian, president of Emory Gay and Lesbian Advocates, a lesbian/gay law student group, adding that the group was not convinced that Bowers has had a change of heart.

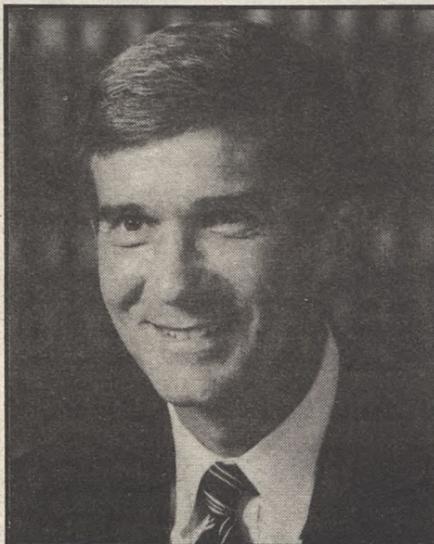
“We are really glad Bowers has put into writing that the Department of Law does not discriminate,” Belian said. “But we read his statement as being limited to private sexual conduct.”

Bowers did in fact qualify his non-discrimination statement in the following sentence, when he wrote “Private sexual conduct is not a subject of inquiry in this office.”

Bowers, who switched parties to run for reelection this year as a Republican, reiterated that statement when contacted by Southern Voice, but he did not answer questions regarding his possible actions should he learn an employee was gay or lesbian.

In his letter to Hunter, who could not be contacted for comment in time for this issue, Bowers also questioned the “legal definition” of the term “sexual orientation,” saying that he was not aware of “any limitation on the possible breadth of matters to which it might apply.”

Ruth Harlow of the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian/Gay Rights Project, who is representing Shahar in her suit against Bowers, said that Bowers' proclamations of non-



Attorney General Michael Bowers says the Department of Law does not discriminate, but others are not so sure.

discrimination mean little.

“I would say the Attorney General is splitting hairs in order to avoid realizing and acknowledging that he discriminates,” she said. “In the Shahar case and other occasions, [Bowers] appears to have a very narrow definition of what discrimination based on sexual orien-

tation constitutes. From everything we know, he does have discriminatory practices toward gay and lesbian employees.”

Bowers was the state attorney general in the now infamous *Bowers v. Hardwick* case, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the right to privacy does not preclude an arrest for sodomy. Bowers has also ruled against domestic partnership on at least two occasions, and last May told a group of Georgia State University students that he believes homosexuality is “immoral.”

Shahar's federal lawsuit against Bowers was filed in October 1991, claiming that the withdrawal of the job offer constituted discrimination based on her religious beliefs, and that the action violated the 14th amendment's guarantee of equal protection under the law. At the time, Bowers accused Shahar of “holding herself above the law” by participating in the religious ceremony, although the Reconstructionist Jewish rite had no relationship to civil laws.

Last year, U.S. District Court Judge Richard C. Freeman ruled that, while lesbians and gay men have a right to employment, the particular duties of the state Department of Law give the Attorney General an exception to that basic right. Freeman's ruling has been appealed.

KC WILDMOON

Atlanta man with AIDS claims housing discrimination

Midtown resident Steven Maxwell has filed a complaint with the Atlanta Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity against Partners Management, a local property management company. Partners oversees a five-unit apartment building at 794 Penn Ave. where Maxwell, 47, lives. The complaint accuses Partners of asking Maxwell to vacate the property because he has AIDS.

Also named in the complaint is the building's owner, Mrs. Charles Grania, whose first name and address are listed as unknown.

According to Maxwell, who is a technical writer for Panasonic, harassment by the management company began in February when he received a letter asking that he remove a flagpole from his courtyard because it “is too large, looks out of place and detracts from the appearance of the building.” At the Partners office the next morning, Maxwell asked if the issue was the size of the flagpole or the fact that a rainbow flag was flying from it. He was informed by Bill Lane, an associate broker with Partners, that the only issue was size.

Maxwell then shortened the pole and purchased a smaller flag to accommodate Partners' request. When paying his March rent, he informed Lane that he had made the changes and explained he needed the flag to guide meal and drug deliverers to his apartment because he has AIDS.

“There are seven gates,” said Maxwell, “and I had received many phone calls from delivery people who could not figure out what gates to use.”

According to Maxwell, Lane said everything would be fine.

The next incident involved Maxwell's decision to adopt a pet from the Atlanta Humane Society. Maxwell, who holds a signed receipt from Partners dated March 24 for a \$100 pet deposit, received a letter returning his deposit and telling him that at the owner's request dogs were not allowed in his apartment. The letter was dated March 24 but was received three days later, after he had purchased his pet.

“I had rented the same apartment in 1988 and had a dog, and the tenants in two other units had dogs,” said Maxwell. “I had also

signed a document at the Humane Society. I could not return my dog.”

In July, another letter from Partners said the owner would allow Maxwell to keep his pet, but that he would have to pay a \$200 nonrefundable pet fee by Aug. 5. Maxwell complied with the request before the due date.

Maxwell next received a letter dated Aug. 1 terminating his lease effective Aug. 31, signed by Partners employee Patricia Strode.



Steven Maxwell says Partners Management is evicting him because he has AIDS.

When Maxwell demanded an explanation, he was informed that the owner intended to sell the building and wanted to combine Maxwell's unit, number four, with the unit next door, number five, in order to turn the property into a quadplex, which would be easier to sell.

“I didn't believe the building was really for sale,” said Maxwell, “and when [the Office of Fair Housing] did their investigation they could not find any record of it being for sale.”

Around the same time, the resident in number five was asked by Lane, who had stopped

by to look at his apartment, if he would be interested in taking the combined unit. The resident, who has requested anonymity, indicated he would take the unit but added, “I would want to keep Steve Maxwell as my roommate.”

Days later, he also received a letter from Partners requiring that he vacate his unit within 60 days. The letter from Strode cited the work required to combine the units as the reason for the termination action.

According to the resident, however, an opening between the two units already exists and is simply covered with plywood. “I had it covered with a bookcase, and I showed that to Bill Lane when he came by to look at my apartment,” he said.

According to Linda Allen, public affairs officer at the Office of Fair Housing, under federal law owners and managers of rental

housing are not allowed to discriminate based on race, creed, sex, national origin, familial status or disability. Although gays and lesbians are not protected from discrimination under federal law, Maxwell is considered disabled and falls within a protected class because he has AIDS.

Since being asked to vacate his apartment, Maxwell is anxiously waiting for the results of the investigation. “The last time we met, [the Office of Fair Housing] was asking how much money I wanted to settle out of court,” he said. “I'm not sure I want to settle. I just want to be sure this doesn't happen to anyone else who is not well enough to challenge it. One thing I am going to insist on is that this be public. I won't agree not to talk about it.”

Telephone calls to Partners Management for this story were not returned.

PAMELA EVANS

N.C. town becomes state's first to register domestic partners

Carrboro, N.C. (AP)—Carrboro became the first city in North Carolina to approve the registration of unmarried homosexual and heterosexual couples as domestic partners following a unanimous vote by the town council.

The ordinance instructs the town clerk to accept and record statements of domestic partnership by unmarried Carrboro residents. The unions will be recognized as similar to marriages.

Michael Nelson, a gay alderman who introduced the registration idea, called the measure a step toward reforming a legal system that treats couples as “total strangers” if they aren't married.

“I believe this is a fundamental civil rights issue,” he said. “It's an issue of fairness.”

Carrboro officials received a last-minute flurry of mail from churches and residents

opposed to Nelson's ordinance. But few of those who spoke against the ordinance last week attended the Sept. 13 meeting, when two measures each were approved 7-0.

Another action will require elected officials to file disclosure statements for their partners, as is done now with married couples.

The board approved to make the domestic partnership law effective Oct. 11, which is known as National Coming Out Day.

A decision to allow town employees to add domestic partners to their health packages was tabled until the spring, when the town renegotiates contracts with its insurance carriers. Domestic partners will have to pay \$40 for a registration certificate, which is the same price as a marriage certificate.

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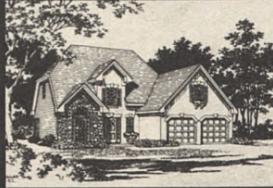
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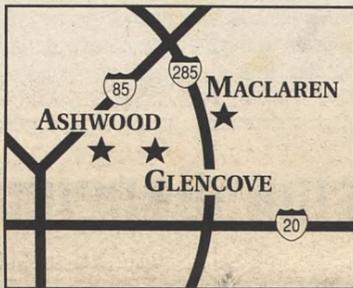
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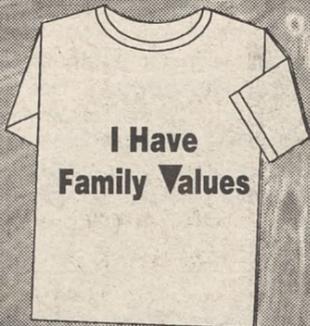


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Charges dropped against attorney in FL who allegedly trashed gay bar

West Palm Beach, FL—A Broward County prosecutor accused of shouting anti-gay slurs and trashing a gay bar with a group of fellow rugby players won't be tried on disorderly conduct or hate-crime charges.

Mark McHugh, a felony division supervisor in Broward's state attorney's office, and three other men were arrested after about a dozen men wearing women's clothing raided the Paradise Club in Boca Raton on June 17.

There is insufficient evidence to pursue any charges against McHugh, Palm Beach County Assistant State Attorney Moira Lasch concluded Sept. 7 in a nine-page report.

Christopher Hynes will be charged with disorderly conduct, and Edward Murphy faces a charge of resisting arrest without violence. Both charges are misdemeanors. Charges were dropped against a fourth man.

Lasch, the losing prosecutor in the William Kennedy Smith case, said in a report she could not prove "that any one individual was targeted as a victim because of his sexual orientation."

But the Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association of South Florida believes the state should pursue the charges.

"If during the course of a disorderly conduct they say things that evidence prejudice, that's the definition of a hate crime," said Mark Leban, a Miami attorney and board member for the 60-member group.

A dozen men were accused of jumping on tables, shouting anti-gay insults, smashing pic-

ture frames and pulling down plants at the bar. They went bar-hopping after finishing their rugby club's annual cross-dressing golf tournament. Hynes was identified as wearing a black cocktail dress with spaghetti straps.

"They did it, and they got away with it," said bar owner Kenneth Rohlman.

McHugh's attorney, David Bogenschutz, maintained his client was not at the bar.

"I'm sure he's going to be very relieved," Bogenschutz said of McHugh, 32, who is vacationing in Ireland after being put on administrative leave.

Barenders and a patron who described the incident as "a mob scene" identified only one suspect, Hynes.

"They were all grouped together and everybody screaming and yelling," bartender Kirsten Nordberg said in a sworn statement.

After Hynes started a bump-and-grind strip routine, affronted bartender Steve Pace said, "I cut the music off, I told him that we were in the city of Boca, and in this establishment we did not allow stripping."

Ralph Ray, one of McHugh's supervisors as chief assistant state attorney, said the department hoped to make a decision on McHugh's status by the end of the week.

Asked whether the decision could be seen as prosecutors protecting prosecutors, Bogenschutz said it was "a spin that could conceivably be put on this."

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Va. gov. agrees to discuss gay issues

Meeting between activists and Gov. George Allen would be first in history between a Va. governor and the gay community

Richmond, VA—Virginia Gov. George Allen agreed on his monthly radio broadcast Aug. 25 to meet with gay activists to discuss his positions on gay issues.

Richmond activist Kelly McHugh made the phone call to Allen's program, according to the Washington Blade. McHugh's partner, Shirley Lesser, told the Blade that she and McHugh are working with Allen staffers to set a date for the meeting, which would be the first such meeting between gay activists and a Virginia governor.

"We're trying to get a diverse group of lesbian and gay activists around the state," Lesser said.

A broadcast earlier this summer prompted McHugh's phone call. On June 25, Allen, commenting on the case of Sharon Bottoms, a lesbian battling with her mother for custody of her son, said that it is "not in the best interests" of children to be raised by gay or lesbian parents. Allen went on to say that homosexu-



Gov. Allen, pictured here after last November's election, has said that homosexuality is "not acceptable behavior" and should remain illegal in Virginia.

ality was not "acceptable behavior," that it was illegal in Virginia and "I think it should stay illegal."

"We're not asking him to change personal beliefs," Lesser said, "but we'll question the validity of his personal beliefs alienating a group of constituents."

Youth jailed two months as female

Goldsboro, NC—A 17-year-old Mexican youth was jailed for two days in the Women's Section of the Wayne County Jail last month when police failed to realize the cross-dressing youth was male.

The Front Page reported that Wayne County authorities learned the prisoner was male when a friend asked about him at the jail. They had identified him as "Jessica Alviso," because of identification on the boy when he was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Alviso was moved to a single cell because

jailers feared for his safety if he were to be incarcerated with male prisoners.

Alviso, who was arrested wearing a strapless blue party dress, appeared in court after his arrest and told the judge through a translator that he was "both" male and female, but admitted under further questioning that he was "more" male. The judge gave Alviso credit for time served and ordered that he be ineligible for a drivers license until he is 18.

In an interview with the Goldsboro New Argus, Alviso admitted that he is gay.

CA Governor Vetoes Domestic Partners Legislation:

California Gov. Pete Wilson on Sept. 11 vetoed legislation that would have allowed unmarried couples, gay or heterosexual, to register as domestic partners with the state. California would have been the first state to enact such a law. In a statement, Wilson said, "Government policy ought not to discount marriage by offering a substitute relationship that demands much less—and provides much less than is needed both by the children of such relationships and, ultimately, much less than is needed in society." The measure would have allowed registered domestic partners to have hospital visitation rights, bequeath property to each other and act on behalf of each other should one become incapacitated.

Gov. Pete Wilson has added a domestic partners veto to his anti-gay record.

Democratic assemblyman Richard Katz, sponsor of the bill, called Wilson's veto message "paranoia, right-wing rhetoric" and said he would reintroduce the bill during the coming legislative session.

Idaho Governor Weighs In Against Anti-gay Initiative: Gov. Cecil Andrus joined more than 300 people at the Idaho State Capitol on Sept. 8 to kick off the campaign to defeat Proposition 1, sponsored by the Idaho Citizens Alliance. "We reject hatred whenever and wherever it appears, and it appears in this proposition," Andrus told the crowd on the statehouse steps. "We, the people of Idaho, must vote 'No,'" the retiring governor said. "This is not the Idaho way." Proposition 1 is roundly opposed by civil and political leaders in the state, but ICA leader Kelly Walton is predicting that his anti-gay measure will win in a landslide.

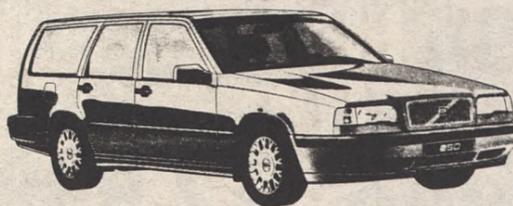
Cincinnati To Appeal Ruling In Gay Rights Case: The Cincinnati City Council voted Sept. 8 to appeal a federal judge's ruling that a city charter amendment banning gay-rights laws violates the constitutional rights of lesbians and gay men. Gay and lesbian advocates sued immediately after the amendment was passed by voters last November, and U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel permanently blocked its implementation on Aug. 9. A boycott against the city, called 10 months ago by Gay Lesbian March Activists and ACT UP in response to passage of the amendment, will continue.

Lesbian References 'Prejudicial' In Child Abuse Case, Court Rules: A Detroit woman accused of sexually abusing a 4-year-old boy deserves a new trial because references to her sexual orientation were prejudicial and irrelevant, the Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled. The 2-1 opinion held that testimony from a teenager who said she had seen Ramona J. Harper having sex with a woman had nothing to do with the child abuse charges. Harper's conviction on five criminal sexual conduct charges and her 20- to 50-year sentence have been thrown out, and the case sent back to Detroit City Recorder's Court.

Three Men Arrested In Nevada Gay-Related Attack: Three men were arrested in Reno, Nev., in connection with the Sept. 4 kidnapping and beating of an acquaintance they believed was gay, authorities said. Lester Arthur, 22, Jason Gear, 23, and Chris Kirkand, 25, were booked Sept. 9 as California fugitives on a variety of felony charges. Thomas C. Lee, 32, of Reno was found beaten and in shock near Emigrant Gap, 30 miles west of Truckee, Calif. He told authorities that three men had talked him into driving them to Sacramento, but on the way the three threatened him with a shotgun, beat him with a baseball bat, stripped him of clothing and tied him to a tree while hurling anti-gay epithets. The three suspects are also suspected of being white supremacists.

Appeals Court Remands Lesbian Custody Case: The Utah Court of Appeals has rejected a judge's finding that a Salt Lake City woman is a morally unfit parent because she is lesbian living with her female partner. In an opinion released Sept. 9, the court sent the case back to 3rd District Judge Frank G. Noel. The appeals ruling does not make a new custody award, but orders Noel to reconsider his decision and back it up with stronger factual findings. "I'm still in a state of shock," appellant Lynne Tucker said, adding that she was relieved by the new chance at custody of her 4-year-old daughter. "I felt like [Noel] was saying 'You're gay, you shouldn't be a parent.'" The judge had said Tucker demonstrated "a lack of moral example" by living with her lover "without benefit of marriage."

Polygraph Weakens Case In Gay Killings: Police in Irving, Tex., say results of a polygraph test weaken their theory that a confessed killer of one gay man also committed two similar murders. Edwin Bernard Perkins was charged with murder three weeks ago after confessing to the stabbing of Larry David Allen, but police had suspected Perkins in the slayings of two other gay men. Perkins has denied any involvement in the killings of Leopoldo "Paul" Quintanilla Jr. and Larry Leggett. Police said Sept. 7 that Perkins passed a lie-detector test in connection with Quintanilla's death. "At this point, I don't have anything that will positively link him to the other two murders," said Irving detective Tom Rowan, who added that Perkins will remain a suspect while police await DNA test results, which are expected in eight weeks.

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3 openly gay candidates win in primaries

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Washington, DC—Three more openly gay and lesbian candidates won their September 13 primaries, bringing the total number of Victory Fund candidates in the November 8 elections to a record high of 14, according to Victory Fund Deputy Director Kathleen DeBold.

With all but the absentee ballots tallied, Karen Burstein appears to have beaten her three tough opponents in the Democratic primary for New York State Attorney General.

Will Fitzpatrick won the Democratic primary for Rhode Island State Senate with 55 percent to his closest opponent's 39 percent. Unless a write-in candidate appears, Fitzpatrick will be unopposed in the general election.

Phoenix businessman Ken Chevront won the Democratic primary for Arizona State House of Representatives with 44 percent of the vote. The man Chevront will face in the general election got 39 percent of the vote in the Republican Primary.

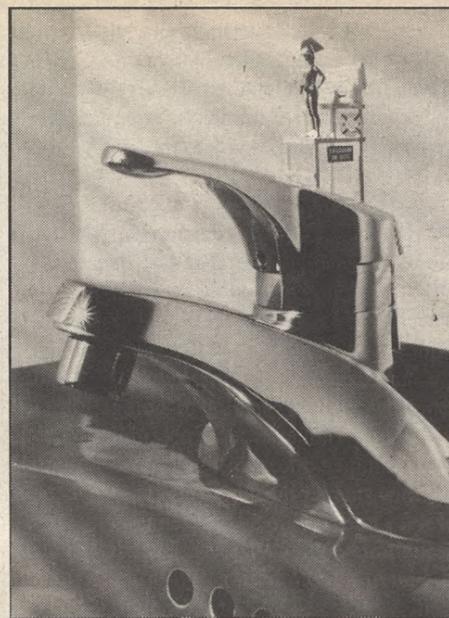
Burstein, Fitzpatrick and Chevront join the Victory Fund's other winners in advancing to the November 8 general elections. The 14 Victory Fund recommended candidates running in this year's general election are:

- Tom Ammiano for San Francisco Board of Supervisors
- Derek Belt for Massachusetts House of Representatives
- Karen Burstein for New York State Attorney General
- Chuck Carpenter for Oregon House of Representatives
- Ken Chevront for Arizona House of Representatives



Karen Burstein beat three opponents in her bid to be the Democratic nominee for New York State Attorney General

- Bonnie Dumanis for San Diego Municipal Court
- George Eighmey for Oregon House of Representatives
- Will Fitzpatrick for Rhode Island State Senate
- Sheila Kuehl for California State Assembly
- Susan Leal for San Francisco Board of Supervisors
- Tony Miller for California Secretary of State
- Teri Schwartz for Los Angeles Superior Court
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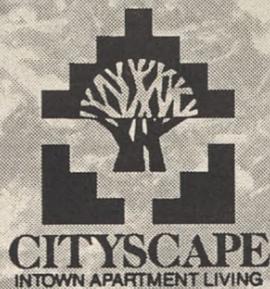
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Anti-gay gubernatorial candidate loses primary in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn. — In a high-profile defeat for the religious right, Republican voters in the Minnesota gubernatorial primary Sept. 13 overwhelmingly rejected Allen Quist, an anti-gay religious right activist who sought to unseat popular incumbent Arne Carlson for his support of gay and abortion rights.

Quist, a farmer, father of 10 and fundamentalist Christian who believes in creationism, won the largely symbolic endorsement of the state Republican Party at its convention in June because of a large turnout of conservative delegates who never forgave Carlson for signing a gay rights bill into law and supporting abortion rights.

One Quist ad said that because the governor supports current abortion laws, which do not specifically ban abortions at any stage of pregnancy, Carlson therefore supports abortions in the ninth month of pregnancy.

Another ad claimed that a Carlson task force drafted legislation that would legalize gay marriages. The ad asks voters to stop Carlson's "weird liberal nonsense." The radio ad is not sponsored by Quist's campaign but by the independent Minnesota Conservative Political Action Committee.

In the ad, a preacher asks "Rick" and "Steve" whether each man will take the other as his lawfully wedded husband.

After each says, "I do," the preacher says, "I now pronounce you man—and man?" A wedding march plays in the background.

While a task force did write draft legislation legalizing gay marriages and adoption by gay couples, the panel was appointed by Gov. Rudy Perpich before Carlson took office. The recommendations were never enacted into law.

And while Carlson signed Minnesota's 1993 gay rights law, putting him at odds with many in his party, the law—which guarantees basic rights to housing, jobs and education—specifically prohibits same-sex marriages.

In an interview with a weekly Jewish newspaper, Carlson likened the rise of the



Gov. Arne Carlson celebrates his victory over Allen Quist, an anti-gay religious right activist in the Minnesota Republican primary. Pictured with Carlson is his running mate, Joanne Benson.

religious right in the state GOP to the rise of Adolf Hitler. He later apologized.

The Carlson-Quist race was viewed in the national media as a battle for the soul of the national Republican party, and the outcome does not bode well for far right activists.

"This was a high-profile referendum on the [Pat] Robertson wing of the party," said Richard Tafel, national director of Log Cabin Republicans, a GOP gay rights group. "Quist embodied the fundamentalist agenda on every issue, and he lost big among Republicans. It's another victory for those who want the Republican Party to be the party of Lincoln, not the party of gay bashing."

MARY R. SANDOK

Ohio lesbians raped in brutal hate crime

Canton, Ohio—Two South Canton area lesbians were raped and assaulted by an unknown attacker on Aug. 25, according to the Gay People's Chronicle in Cleveland.

The women were bound, raped and beaten, and threats were made to harm one of the victims' sleeping child. The crime appears to have been motivated by the fact that the women were lesbians, the Chronicle reports.

"There was a rainbow wind sock hanging on the porch, and a flag with a pink triangle on it in the back of the house," Sally Wamsley, one of the victims, told the Chronicle. Throughout the ordeal, the attacker made remarks such as, "I'm tired of all the lesbians moving into the southwest end of Canton," and he repeatedly made anti-lesbian remarks.

The intruder broke into the home of one of the women around 2:00 am. Sally Wamsley, a house guest, was suddenly awakened when the unknown man entered her room holding a knife to her friend's throat.

Both women were then blindfolded and had their hands tied behind their backs. The attacker took one woman into another room where he sexually assaulted her, and then returned to Wamsley's room where he violently raped her both anally and vaginally.

The ordeal lasted more than four hours.

During the attack, the friend's 8-year-old daughter was asleep in another bedroom. "He had warned us that if we made any noise to wake her up, or if she woke up and came into the room, he would kill her in front of us," Wamsley said.

"My daughter is okay," the girl's mother said. "It was terrifying," she added, "because while he ordered us to remain silent, he made no attempt himself to keep quiet. Thank God that my daughter slept through the whole thing."

On the incident report given to the Cleveland Lesbian-Gay Community Center, Wamsley described the Canton police department's overall response to the incident as "indifferent and hostile."

"When the police finally got there," Wamsley told the Chronicle, "we got the impression that they did not really believe us."

There are no suspects at this time. Although the Canton police department has no official criteria to identify a crime as a hate crime, a detective from the force said that given the specific circumstances of this case, he was treating the situation as a hate crime.

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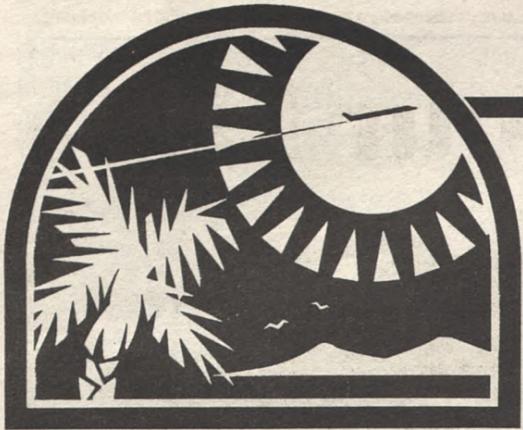
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Crime bill a mixed bag

Bill strengthens penalties for hate crimes and violence against women but adds mandatory HIV testing for some arrestees

Washington, D.C.—The much-delayed federal crime bill, signed into law by President Clinton September 13, includes enhanced penalties for hate crimes and violence against women but also includes a Republican-sponsored amendment that forces HIV-antibody testing on those accused of sexual offenses.

The amendment also commissions a study of sentencing guidelines for people with AIDS/HIV who engage in sexual activities with the intent of exposing another person to HIV. Washington-based AIDS lobbyists expressed their surprise and frustration that the amendment was included in the crime bill, and that progressive members of Congress were not able to prevent its inclusion.

The final version of the bill includes the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act and the Violence Against Women Act, two measures supported by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Tanya Domi, NGLTF legislative director, said, "This act sends a dramatic signal to those who seek to victimize gay people and others. The federal government declares that hate crimes will be taken seriously by the federal courts and will be punished."

The bill will advance the federal response to crimes in which the perpetrator intentionally selects a victim because of his or her "actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation." Specifically, the act increases penalties for federal crimes that are hate-motivated and enhances federal sentences not less than three offense levels.

Along with the Hate Crime Sentencing Enhancement Act, the Violence Against Women Act was folded into the massive crime bill. That act doubles the federal penalty for repeat sex offenders and requires that federal laws treat acquaintance rape and stranger rape the same. The act also mandates restitution for the victims of sex crimes. The measure includes



NGLTF's Tanya Domi applauds the bill, but AIDS advocates express anger and frustration over the HIV-testing provisions.

money for a wide variety of police training, counseling services, data collection systems, and educational programs.

According to IN Newsweekly, the Republican amendment enables the victim of a sexual offense to apply to a federal court and ask that the judge order the defendant be tested for HIV. When the federal courts deem it appropriate, the legislation states that the results of the defendant's HIV results may be disclosed to "the parent or legal guardian of the victim, and to the person tested."

"Helen Fox, public policy director at the National Minority AIDS Council, said, "The bill raises serious civil rights concerns for us because it's discriminatory and singles out people with HIV although we've spent so much time trying to reduce hysteria around HIV."

According to Denise McWilliams, an attorney for the Health Division of the Boston-based Justice Resource Institute, advocates who work in the HIV/AIDS, sexual assault and victim rights fields have consistently concluded that testing those accused of sexual crimes does nothing to aid the victim, but does much to further stigmatize those living with HIV and AIDS.

Washington roommates charged with vandalizing their own house

Tacoma, WA—Bail was set at \$15,000 each for two men accused of vandalizing their rented home and then claiming they were victims of a hate crime against gay people.

Eric Sturgis, 26, and Lee Brovold, 24, pleaded innocent Sept. 12 in Pierce County Superior Court to charges of first-degree theft, malicious mischief and obstructing a police officer.

Also pleading innocent was Michelle Murray, 24, a roommate of the couple. She was held on \$2,500 bail and was charged with first-degree theft and malicious mischief.

Sturgis and Brovold were arrested as they were preparing to flee the state, said Lilah Amos, a Pierce County deputy prosecutor.

The vandalism, described at the time as Tacoma's worst hate crime, caused an estimated \$20,000 damage to a converted turn-of-the-century church the three rented together. The three tenants have filed insurance claims for more than \$53,000 in personal losses.

"The whole thing from the get-go was a scam," said police spokesman Jim Mattheis.

When the two men were arrested, they had

just returned from a three-week vacation in Florida, Amos said. They had bought a house in Omaha, Neb., and were heading out of state with their car packed full of their belongings when police arrived, she said.

Both men filed a renter's insurance claim with Allstate Insurance for \$33,400 in stolen or damaged property against a policy they purchased about a week before the vandalism, court documents showed. They have received \$2,400 so far. Murray filed a claim for \$20,000 with Safeco Insurance Co. and has received more than \$2,500, according to court documents. She also purchased her policy about a week before the incident.

The roommates said they returned home from a gay-pride parade on July 31 to find swastikas and hate slogans such as "kill fags" and "get out fags" spray-painted on the walls. Water pipes were smashed, appliances toppled and crushed glass covered the floors.

The three are scheduled to return to court on Sept. 27.

KATHRYN CRAWFORD

Chasing the pink pound

British gay magazines are in a boom market

by WAYNE HOFFMAN

British gay magazines are booming in 1994. Market surveys pointing to the gay community as an untapped consumer gold mine have led mainstream advertisers to support new gay publications. As with a similar American boom a couple of years ago, which launched Out, Genre, and Ten Percent, the British explosion is motivated first and foremost by the gay dollar—or in this case, the pink pound.

"There was a lot of stuff here about a year ago in the mainstream press about this pink pound story, and it got out of all proportion," says Paul Burston, Consultant Editor and co-founder of Attitude Magazine. "All these publishers who had never before shown any interest in financing gay projects suddenly thought there was a market there and they could make some money."

Attitude was eventually picked up by quite an unlikely publishing house, Northern & Shell, which makes its profits from mainstream celebrity magazines along the lines of People or Us, and from straight pornography. Northern & Shell had never touched a gay magazine before Attitude premiered in April, but the allure of the pink pound changed that.

Burston wanted a magazine less restricted in its perspective than Britain's single longstanding community-oriented news magazine, Gay Times.

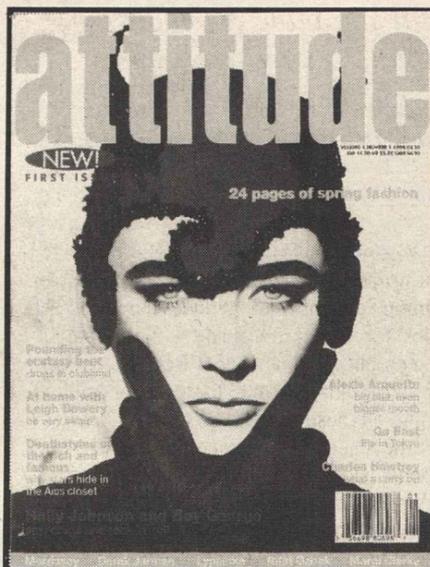
"The motivation for starting it was that I was dissatisfied with the gay press we had here. It was very narrow," he says. "We wanted something that looked a bit more outward, that wouldn't just be read by a gay audience, that wouldn't exclude intelligent straight people."

Attitude is slick and hip and bordering on pretentious as only British magazines can. It concentrates on fashion and celebrities rather than news, and true to its mission, it is not exclusively gay centered. Excluding the 5000 copies distributed throughout the United States, the circulation is hovering below veteran Gay Times' 50,000. [By comparison, in the U.S., Out leads the gay magazines with a circulation of 100,000]. But Burston insists that the two magazines are not in direct competition.

"Attitude is about trying to be a gay style magazine, and the immediate competition is the men's style magazines, who of course trade on the fact that a lot of their readers are gay," he says. "It makes absolute sense to read Gay Times and Attitude and get totally different things from them, so I don't see any reason why they should be in competition."

Besides, Gay Times has launched its own competition. In the wake of the pink pound excitement last year, Gay Times editorial assistant Frances Williams approached the magazine's publishing company, gay-owned Millivres, and proposed launching a national lesbian magazine, Diva. Now in its sixth month, the bi-monthly is selling even better than expected, says Williams.

"We didn't really think that we could conquer the world in a day, but we've doubled our print run every issue," says Williams, now Diva's editor. As the only large-scale paid lesbian magazine in the U.K., Diva's



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circulation has already topped 20,000, with 2000 more copies sold in the United States.

Diva takes a comprehensive view of lesbian culture, from international news to social concerns to media reviews, and maintains a respectable standard of journalism while infusing the magazine with a sense of style. While Williams refers to Diva as the sister publication to Gay Times, she stresses that Diva is not simply Gay Times for women.

"It's been seen as a sub-niche of the gay market," she says of her readership, "but I see this as a women's magazine. It's both a women's magazine and a gay magazine, and that gives it a much wider scope in terms of how we market it. I think lesbian issues do tend to cut across women's issues and gay issues and aren't so easily containable."

Williams remembers the atmosphere at Gay Times this spring when the magazine market opened up seemingly overnight.

"It was absolute madness," she says. "I think it's good that it happened because it means that the market is diversifying. Having said that, I think there was a bit of over-optimism about the extent of the gay market, and how many magazines the market can actually hold."

Williams is referring to the ill-fated Phase,
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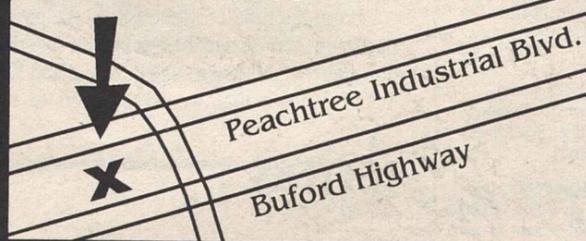
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Have we lost the original civil rights spirit?

by DAVID M. PERRY

The philosophies and experiences of Mahatma Gandhi and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. have engendered the modern movement for civil and human rights. We have inherited powerful tools from them for fighting the violence of bigotry, self-righteousness and prejudice. Marches, boycotts and acts of nonviolent resistance and non-cooperation with evil were and are the hallmarks of their ideologies. Yet it seems to me that we have failed to embrace the heart and soul of their powerful legacy. For in each of these men's hearts, they truly believed they had found a way out of the madness of oppression and bigotry. What they asked from those who would fight for civil rights required great courage and unwavering conviction.

I have searched my own soul and the writings of these two men in order to see more clearly the path toward achieving equal rights for gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. What I have thus far found has both inspired and humbled me:

- They asked that "an ethic of love" be the guiding principle of the civil rights workers and freedom fighters.

- They did not believe in winning at any price.

- Their purpose did not include defeating or humiliating the opponent but rather to win the opponent's friendship and understanding.

- Their ultimate goal was a reconciled and loving larger community.

- They believed that the nonviolent resister should fight against the evil, not the evil-doer. This is to say, to expose prejudice and bigotry wherever they exist, so that the perpetrators and the larger community can see them for the evil they are and thus agree to bring about their end for the good of all.

- They fostered the willingness to accept suffering without retaliation, to accept blows without hitting back. And even more challenging, without hating back.

- They promoted and encouraged the hopeful conviction that "the universe is on the side of justice." Which is to say that whatever God or "Universal Consciousness" there is, it is on the side of all those fighting to bring about justice.

From the time of Stonewall to the present, our fight for justice has achieved much by utilizing the political tools of Gandhi and King. Yet, I believe that we have failed to thor-

oughly capture and utilized their underlying beliefs and convictions, which are essential to the ultimate effectiveness of their philosophies.

It is clear to me that it will take much more than marches and legislation to transform our society enough to abandon long-held prejudices and bigotry. In addition to this, we need to access the profound spirit that these two men inspired in their followers. As we celebrate this 25th anniversary of Stonewall, I feel it would serve us greatly to do an examination of conscience using their spiritual principles. Or I do not believe we will see our efforts come to fruition within the next 25 years.

Gandhi and King clearly wanted more than laws and rights, they wanted a transformed larger community. They believed that this transformation had to start first with them and their followers. They grasped the simple wisdom of becoming that which you seek. Thus we learn from them that to seek justice means first to become just. To seek a world without prejudice means we must first free ourselves from prejudice. To seek equal treatment means we must first treat each other as equals.

Yes, we still need to be politically savvy. Yes, we need to procure legislation to curtail bad and unjust behavior. We cannot be naive about the powers arrayed against us. But our efforts are sorely incomplete without also embracing the broader tasks of changing hearts and minds, informing consciences and raising consciousness. Beginning with ourselves, we need to see our own prejudices and bigotry for what they are. We need to see how we inflict injustice and violence upon ourselves. How can we expect the world around us to change in attitude towards us when we are not willing to give up the narrow ways in which we perceive each other? Our opponents must first see us treating each other with dignity.

We need to ask ourselves how our efforts for equal rights are served when we objectify each other sexually; when we exhibit our bigotry toward effeminate men and masculine women; when we abandon a friend or lover who is HIV-positive or is diagnosed with AIDS; when we have unsafe sex or deceive others regarding our HIV status; when we insist on remaining an invisible minority; or when we reject, isolate and discount one another because of age, gender, ideals of beauty, physical or mental challenge, race, and so forth?

This is not to say that we need to be perfect beings before we deserve equal rights. For it is by virtue of our dignity as human beings that we deserve our rights. What I am saying is that I believe that there is a spiritual connection between how we treat ourselves and how we are treated by the world around us. It seems to me that we have access to a spiritual means to make these rights a reality for us. But there will be sacrifices involved. Courage will be needed. We will have to give up some, if not all, of our most cherished illusions about ourselves.

Until and unless we are able to look at our own darkness—our own internalized homophobic, heterophobic, racist and sexist reactions—and make real changes, we should not expect the rest of American society to embrace us as part of a national family. By not making real internal changes within ourselves and our movement, we are merely rearranging deck furniture on a Titanic of effort for political and legislative change. The insights provided by Gandhi and King call us beyond these ultimately superficial and short-lived solutions. For we know all too well that morality cannot be legislated. Laws have and will continue to be overturned when the tides of bigotry rise again.

We have within us an indomitable spirit and a wellspring of courage. I have seen evidence of this from before Stonewall through to the AIDS crisis. And, as I too often see politicians and legislators reaching for short term and cursory solutions, I know we must do more. From ancient times gay, lesbian and bisexual people have played essential roles in the spiritual growth of the human community as healers, shamans, priests and priestesses. Throughout the ages, we have risen up to point the way to deeper human values and the healing of broken communities. Let us call upon this wisdom within our heritage to make real and lasting changes for ourselves and society at large. In so doing, I believe we will find our way back to the path valiantly forged by Mahatma Gandhi and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

David Perry is a licensed counselor and is writing a book on Gandhi, King, and the gay rights movement. He lives in Raleigh, N.C.

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We recovered to find we had in August almost 12 people die from HIV-related illness. We usually have one a week or one every other week. I cannot help but think the stress and poor sanitary conditions played a part.

We are back on line now with only a few people still out of work, but I do want you to know that you saved lives in the HIV community. Our death toll would have been much higher without the help of Southern Voice, The Lambda Center, Midtowne Medicine and all the others that helped you to help us during our crisis. You were the first to call us to lend a hand, and I hope we will be the first you call when we can help you or someone else in trouble.

Another interesting item: The Midwest responded much as Southern Voice did, sending expertise in how to dig out of the aftermath and sending much needed supplies and volunteers experienced in flood recovery. We certainly thank them, and would also like to thank the Kroger company for providing much needed water and supplies at no increased cost during the hood.

A final note—don't ever take your water for granted.

Johnny Fambro
The Rainbow Center

STONEWALL RIOTS

BY ANDREA NATALIE



Separatism and its discontents

I note with mixed emotions the passing of the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance. The organization that had stood for 20 years as an emblem of lesbian/feminist strength in Atlanta has come to an end. The dwelling itself will be sold, with the final disposition of their 20-year lesbian/feminist archive as the major unresolved issue.

For those new to Atlanta, ALFA was the first lesbian organization in the Southeast, and when I moved here in 1983, one of the bulwarks of the community. They provided women who were coming out (or women who had been ill-treated by men) with a space for healing and sanctuary.

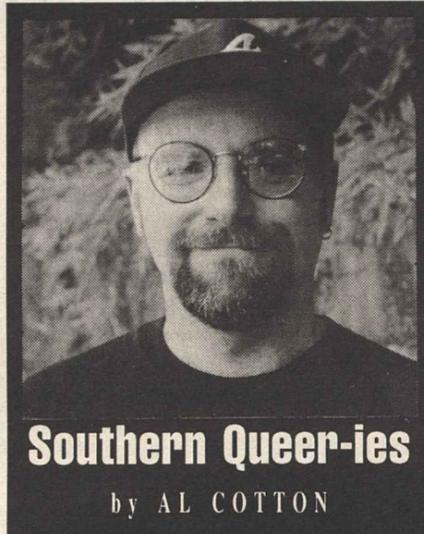
And it was an aggressively separatist, womyn-only space—no men allowed, with even the address kept as secret as possible. I remember the story that circulated about ALFA's purchase of a piano—they had the movers leave the piano on the sidewalk, and then the womyn moved it through the yard, up the porch and into the house, thank you very much.

We chuckled at that story, as though the presence of an accidental male pheromone would desanctify the residence—a little too similar to the elementary school concept of Cooties to suit me. I look back on that now as just another typically male response to being informed about a place where I couldn't go—I immediately, automatically, instinctively wanted to go there, just to see what it is I'm not supposed to see. Perversity, thy name is Man.

And that's the exact point the ALFA womyn wanted to make—that in this society full of male privilege, here's one place where your male status is as much a detriment to you as our female status is to us everywhere else. And that was the only message ALFA had for me—my opinion of their separatism was not on their meeting's agenda.

Needless to say, ALFA was not an organization I admired very much, for reasons both of efficiency and karma. Efficiency-wise, separatism limits our ability to work together to change things for the better. And karma-wise, separatism only demonstrates that the weak can learn to play by the same oppressive rules that the oppressors use. This sort of anti-male fetishism (which continues to this day at some women's music festivals, where male children past puberty are not welcome) felt extremely counter-productive, exclusive.

My instincts were to move away from places where men and women couldn't learn to work together, and toward co-sexual organizations. Within a year, I stopped volunteer-



Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

ing at the Atlanta Gay Center, which struggled with female involvement the entire time I was there, and started working with SAME (Southeast Arts, Media & Education Project), one of the first Atlanta organizations run by a woman that addressed the entire range of progressive political concerns, not just feminist and lesbian issues. Director Rebecca Ranson's political instincts had developed from the grassroots/coalition model of the '60s, and she had strong connections with gay men.

SAME addressed separatism when approached by some women to sponsor a women-only event. Rebecca was quite properly concerned about producing an event that some of SAME's members could not attend, and SAME drew up a policy that acknowledged the need for separatist events, but stated that SAME was a place where people looked for common ground to work together.

As I was reading James Redfield's odd little bestseller, "The Celestine Prophecy," I was intrigued to note the similarities between his model for consensus at meetings and our SAME board meetings.

In the "Celestine" world view, at a meeting of any size, everyone is entitled to his or her say. And if everyone at that meeting is actively attuned to the group's energy, it will be clear whose idea is most powerful, and he or she will speak. Redfield shows what happens when this model *isn't* followed—how a group is injured when someone monopolizes a meeting by talking just to hear himself talk, or when someone holds their idea back from fear of expressing it. I couldn't help but see a backdoor connection to ALFA—had acceptance of this sort existed in society in the early

'70s, a separate space might not have been necessary.

Fast-forward to the present—on vacation this summer, while talking with our lesbian B&B host about the state of Atlanta's lesbian/gay community, I noted the ALFA House's closing as a landmark in Atlanta gay political history. I made some grand statement about how "separatism has given way to co-sexual cooperation in the gay community, thank goodness" and then my traveling companion mentioned the Gay Spirit Visions Conference, which we both help organize, and which he pointedly noted was a gay male-only event.

Hmmm—three years I had helped organize this conference of 100 or more spiritually oriented gay men, and I had managed to entirely ignore the fact that I was creating a '90s version of Separate Space.

Our model is almost exactly the one that Redfield describes. We open with a Heart Circle, where every man gets the chance to say who he is and what's in his heart, and the power generated by that one simple act propels our conference forward as if by magic. After that, we're not organizing, we're simply holding on for the ride.

We consciously define our space positively, asking that our participants be present to address the spiritual gifts and burdens of being a gay man in this society at this time. And in the past, we have found ways when asked to accommodate a stealth "straight" man who attended our second year, and the heterosexual staff at the facility where we hold the conference. In other words, we try to define our mission inclusively—if they have a Gay Spirit Vision to celebrate, they are welcome.

And now, I can finally see that at the core of all separatist groups is the need for safe space, where its members heal and strengthen privately, and then go forth into the world and create more safe spaces. Just as there must be places where we gather together, the must also be places where we assemble alone, as we do at the Mountain in North Carolina, and as the womyn of ALFA did in their house at that once-unknown address.

On their passing, then, it should be noted that in a society where even their gay brothers had little respect for what they were doing, the womyn of ALFA managed to not only to create and guard their safe space, but to plant in my mind a seed that would eventually, almost unconsciously, lead me along their path. I honor their pioneering work, and acknowledge their visible legacy—the empowerment of the vibrant lesbian community that graces Atlanta today.



GLAAD News

by AL KIELWASSER, GLAAD/SFBA

Here's the story of a dyke named Brady...

"Here's the story of a lovely lady, who was bringing up three very lovely girls..." For well over a decade, the familiar Brady Bunch refrain has chimed daily from television sets around the globe. Now, the campy '70s hit series is being made into a Hollywood feature film and one of those "lovely girls" might also be a lovely lesbian.

The Paramount film is currently in production, and writers Jim Berg and Stan Zimmerman (creators of Roseanne's infamous "lesbian kiss" episode) have suggested that the character of Marcia Brady will become involved with another woman. In the film, Marcia's best friend is Nicole, an out lesbian. Marcia's friend develops a crush on the eldest Brady daughter and, according to Stan Zimmerman, "Nicole gets what she's after in the end."

A queer Brady could powerfully subvert the historical heterosexism of television's "family" sitcoms. A lesbian Marcia would explode the mythic heterosexuality of The Brady Bunch, radiating a uniquely affirmative message throughout the popular culture. Such cultural transformations—whether humorous or serious—are essential to combating homophobia, which is largely maintained through film and television.

Send feedback to Stan Zimmerman and Jim Berg, Brady Bunch Movie, c/o Paramount Studios, 5555 Melrose Avenue, Hollywood CA 90038, (213) 956-4900.

People who read People

Readers of People Weekly have been treated to an improved, more lesbian-positive magazine. Most recently (Sept. 5), the popular magazine's "Couples" section featured a two-page spread on singer Melissa Etheridge and her lover, Julie Cypher. "Her Grammy is nice," the magazine notes, but Etheridge's lover is her "greatest prize."

"A House in Harmony," written by Peter Castro and John Griffiths, profiles Etheridge and Cypher in both words and photos. The feature deals nonchalantly with the couple's blossoming relationship and peeks—without sensationalism—into the personal histories of each woman.

Send your comments to Jason McManus, Editor-in-Chief, People Weekly, Time & Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York, NY 10020.

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Mayor Bill Campbell
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Dear Mayor Campbell:

I have enclosed an article from the September 1 issue of Southern Voice, a local gay newspaper. The article describes the arrests of men having sex in a remote area of Piedmont Park during the recent "Operation Street Sweep" action by the Atlanta Police Department. I found several aspects of the article disturbing. Doubtless, you are familiar with the policy and politics behind such police actions, if not with the details of these particular arrests.

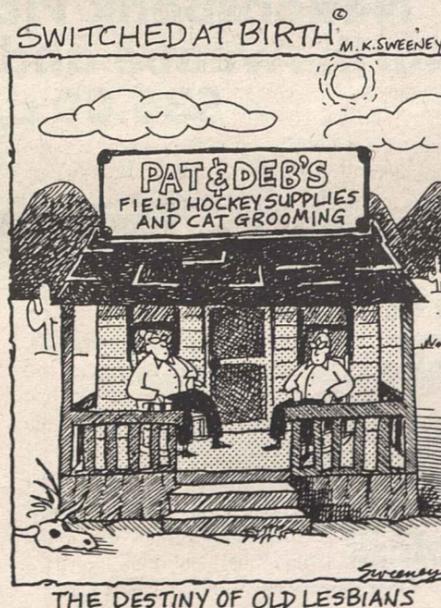
While I in no way condone the activities of those seeking to have sex in public places, or in this case barely public places, I am outraged and mystified by what can only be described as a colossal waste of police manpower and therefore of tax dollars in a city rampant with crime. You are the mayor of the city with the

highest rate of violent crime of any city in America last year (FBI statistics).

On the very evening and at about the same time these particular arrests were taking place, a friend of mine was robbed at gunpoint less than 30 yards off Peachtree Road in Buckhead—supposedly one of the safest areas of the city. Surely the (at least) four plainclothes policemen taking part in the entrapment of these men in a remote section of Piedmont Park could be used far more productively. Such arrests as these are only window-dressing theatrics supposedly combating the ever rising tide of real crimes against persons and property we, in the city of Atlanta, face daily.

With a continued squandering of time, energy, and money by the APD against this type of "criminal," the murderers and robbers in Atlanta promise to again make us number one on the FBI crime list for 1994. I shall await with interest your comments and justification for this action.

Sincerely,
Ivy Sinclair



AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta gets renewed federal funds

Atlanta—The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) has awarded a five-year \$3.77 million contract to the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA) to continue its mission of studying promising therapies against HIV and its associated illnesses. This grant means that more than 10,000 Atlantans who are infected with HIV and receive their care from ARCA physicians will continue to have local access to investigational drugs being studied through NIAID's Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS (CPCRA).

Founded in 1988, ARCA is a non-profit community-based association of physicians who conduct clinical drug trials of HIV treatments. ARCA provides people with HIV infection access to new therapies through these

drug trials, including those persons historically left out of research such as women, African Americans, Latinos and injection drug users. Patients enrolled in ARCA trials receive study medications and physical exams, free of charge.

ARCA's members include 50 metro Atlanta physicians in private practice and three public health clinics: Grady Infectious Disease Program, Veterans Administration Medical Center, and Southside Healthcare, Inc.

ARCA also conducts clinical research sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. To date, over 800 patients have participated in 29 trials sponsored by ARCA. In addition, approximately 6,000 patients are enrolled on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Adult Spectrum of Disease

study, which ARCA conducts through a contract with the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

ARCA was first named one of NIAID's CPCRA sites in 1989. NIAID's decision to renew ARCA's contract stems from a long, competitive process. Thirty seven community-based organizations across the country submitted applications to become or renew as CPCRA sites. Only 16 sites were awarded contracts. Twelve, including ARCA, are incumbent sites.

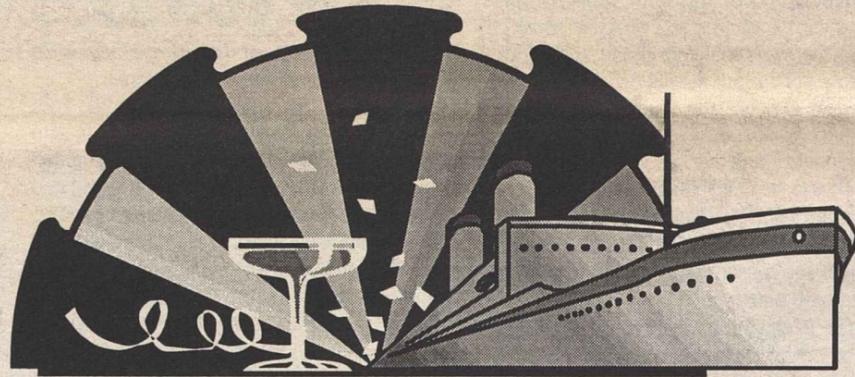
The first-year funding for the 16 five-year awards totals \$12 million. The CPCRA is one of four HIV clinical trials programs supported by NIAID, which is a component of the National Institutes of Health, a U.S. Public Health Service agency.

"The CPCRA provides an important avenue for Atlanta patients to gain access to new therapies, and we are very pleased that NIAID has renewed our contract," said Dr. Melanie Thompson, ARCA's founder and principal investigator. "NIAID's decision to continue our relationship is a positive reflection on our efforts to collect and report high quality data while offering access to potentially lifesaving therapies for all persons living with HIV infection in Atlanta."

ARCA's investigators are hopeful that the clinical trials they are conducting, including the ones sponsored by the CPCRA, will lead to better treatments and ultimately a cure. Five of the drugs studied in clinical trials at ARCA have since been licensed to treat patients with HIV infection.

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Minorities account for growing share of AIDS cases, CDC reports

Atlanta—Minorities are being hit increasingly harder by AIDS, accounting for more than half of all new cases in the United States in 1993.

Of the 106,949 AIDS cases reported last year in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands, 58,538—or 55 percent—were among minorities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Sept. 8.

In 1992, minority cases accounted for 52 percent of new cases, up from 51 percent the year before.

As the epidemic develops, its pace has slowed among gay white men while quickening among minorities, particularly among blacks.

The AIDS rate last year among whites was 30 cases per 100,000 people. The rate was more than five times higher among blacks (162 cases per 100,000 people) and three times higher among Hispanics (90). Among American Indians and Eskimos, it was 24 per 100,000, and among Asians and Islanders, 12 per 100,000.

Black women, with an AIDS rate of 73 per 100,000, were about 15 times more likely than white women to get the disease. Black males, with a rate of 266 per 100,000, were nearly five times more likely than white males to get AIDS.

Geography also makes a difference in how the virus spreads, said Dr. Teresa Diaz of the CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases.

"Although we aggregate minorities together, there are large geographic differences among minority groups," she said. "For black and Hispanic men in the Northeast, it's spread by intravenous drug use," while homosexual contact is the greater risk elsewhere for those men.

The Northeast—particularly New York state—has the highest rates of AIDS infection for both blacks and Hispanics, while the South and Midwest are generally lower.

In some states, vast differences between minorities exist. In Florida, the rate for blacks is almost three times greater than for Hispanics.

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MTV show "Smart Sex" examines young people's sexual attitudes

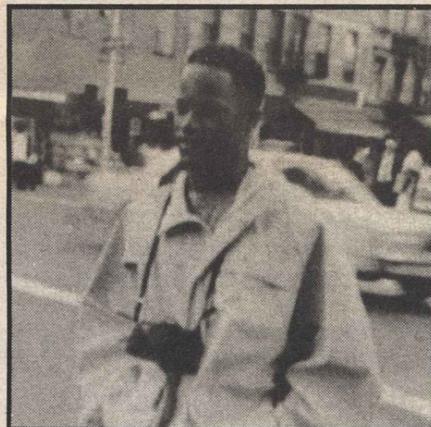
New York—"Smart Sex," a one-hour special focusing on young adults' sexual attitudes and experiences, will premiere on MTV: Music Television September 27. The show is produced by Linda Ellerbee's Lucky Duck Productions and is hosted by Christian Slater.

"Many young people know the facts about HIV and other STDs. What they don't know is how to use that information to protect themselves," said Ellerbee. "'Smart Sex' provides a personal look at the sexual choices young people are making and how some of them are now living what they've learned about safer sex...and some are not. This is a story of truth and consequences."

The program features 11 young people, straight and gay, in a variety of sexual relationships: single and safely playing the field; promiscuous and refusing to use condoms; HIV positive and practicing safer sex; and choosing abstinence for now.

Producers point to the rising rates of sexual activity and sexually transmitted diseases among young people as the impetus behind "Smart Sex." AIDS is now the second leading cause of death among all 25 to 44-year-olds, many of whom were probably infected in their teens or early 20s.

"In presenting 'Smart Sex' on MTV, we hope to raise awareness among young adults about making safer sexual choices," said Judy McGrath, president of MTV. "By sharing some



Dwayne, interviewed on "Smart Sex," is gay and says he only has protected sex. Others on the show refuse to use condoms or have chosen abstinence.

of these young adults' stories with our viewers, we hope to encourage them to take steps to protect themselves."

During "Smart Sex," viewers will be encouraged to call the toll-free Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National AIDS Hotline number (1-800-342-2437), which will be flashed onscreen, to ask questions and receive additional information about HIV prevention.

CDC to set up women's health office

The Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention plans to set up an Office of Women's Health to coordinate CDC programs that relate to women's issues, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Sept. 13.

"The office will ensure that women's health receives the kind of attention and expertise that's needed," said CDC director David Satcher.

The CDC's move is part of an overall government response to years of criticism that women's health has been underfunded and ignored, said Bill Grigg, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the government's umbrella health agency.

Dr. Wanda Jones, interim director and formerly associate director of the Office of HIV/AIDS, is setting up the office and determining budget and staff needs. It will be months before a permanent director is hired, Satcher said.

Projects already in place that the new CDC office will oversee include:

- Prevention of breast and cervical cancer by promoting early screening and testing.
- Research into female-controlled contraception, both for birth control and preventing the spread of AIDS.
- Prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases before they cause permanent harm such as sterility.

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Gene therapy to be tested on ovarian cancer patients

Houston, TX—Ten women with ovarian cancer will be the first to undergo a newly approved test that researchers hope will eliminate many of the toxic side effects of anti-cancer drugs.

Researchers at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center are conducting the test, which involves manipulating the genetic material of bone marrow cells so they are protected from the toxic side effects of chemotherapy.

Dr. Albert Deisseroth, chairman of the hospital's hematology department, said Sept. 8 that federal authorities had approved the therapy for study on ovarian cancer patients.

"If it's successful, this principle of therapy could be expanded to other kinds of cancer," Deisseroth said. "This could have a major

effect on the burden that chemotherapy imposes."

Traditionally, physicians have been limited because virtually all cancer drugs attack both healthy and cancerous cells. In many cases, patients have died because of complications when the drugs attacked healthy cells along with the cancerous cells.

The newly approved therapy, called chemoprotection, is aimed at women with cancer who aren't helped by chemotherapy or who develop infections after surgery.

About 30,000 cases of ovarian cancer are diagnosed every year. Deisseroth said 15 percent, or 4,500, of those women won't benefit from standard or chemotherapy treatments.

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Settlement reached in patient's suit against dentist with AIDS

Savannah, GA—An \$850,000 legal settlement will be split among 495 former patients of a dentist who died after contracting AIDS, even though none of the patients has tested positive for HIV.

The settlement, formalized Sept. 2, is believed to be the first in Georgia based on claims of emotional suffering from a fear of contracting AIDS, said Brent Savage, the plaintiffs' lawyer.

Lawsuits based on similar claims have been thrown out in Tennessee and Delaware, he said.

The plaintiffs contended in a class-action suit that Morrison Dental Associates should be held accountable for employing Dr. Ron

Marasco, who died in 1992. Marasco did not tell his patients he suffered from the disease.

"Our theory...was that if a dentist has a 100 percent fatal disease—even if the odds of contracting the disease are minuscule—that if he does not inform the patients, he has committed a battery," Savage said.

Morrison Dental argued that Marasco hid his illness, even from his employer.

In April, Chatham County Superior Court Judge James Head ruled that the patients had the right to sue the practice, even though "there is absolutely no way [Morrison Dental] could have legally discovered Marasco's HIV status, absent his own admission."

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AIDS drug back in production

The drug sulfadiazine is back on pharmacy shelves in the U.S., nearly two years after its only domestic manufacturer gave up on production.

Eon Labs Manufacturing of New York won federal approval July 29 to manufacture and sell sulfadiazine. The drug, in combination with pyrimethamine, is the standard treatment for toxoplasmosis, a parasitic infection of the brain that strikes many people with AIDS.

For the past two years, sulfadiazine has been available only through the U.S. Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which imported the drug from foreign manufacturers. Some "buyer's clubs" also provided the drug to toxoplasmosis patients. One of those clubs, the New York City-based PWA Health Group, said it is "very pleased that sulfadiazine, the first-line drug of choice for the treatment of toxoplasmosis, is back in stock in this country."

However, the group said it is "appalled" that "it took two years for a drug available in virtually every country in the world to be made available again to Americans."

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Man's best friend brightens life for hospice residents



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Freedom offers companionship to Michael Wilson, an AIDS patient at Coming Home Hospice in San Francisco.

San Francisco—Freedom's best trick comes naturally—he gives affection, and he gets it back. The yellow Labrador retriever and her owner, Jenny Stookey, visit hospitals and nursing homes twice a week as part of a program to bring animals to people in need of tender loving care.

"I don't like dogs in general, but I sure do like this one," said Michael Wilson, an AIDS patient at Coming Home Hospice.

Although it may seem like a modest skill, Freedom knows how to jump on a bed without prompting and can lie still and respond to the frailest touch. She hops on dozens

of beds each week in hospitals throughout the city and allows herself to be petted.

"I don't get a lot of closeness these days," said Wilson, who has had AIDS for several years. "It's nice to know that someone or something cares about you. This dog just feels good."

Freedom is also a guide dog for Stookey, 32, a student at San Francisco City College,

who lost her sight to diabetes four years ago.

"I get a lot more dates now that Freedom is with me," Stookey said. "I should learn to trust her judgment about men more. Sometimes I meet a guy and I think he's OK, but Freedom doesn't like him. Freedom usually turns out to be right."

Stookey is the only blind person among the 80 human volunteers in the Animal Assisted Therapy program of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

David Benz, who is unable to speak, nodded when asked if he would like a dog to visit him at the hospice. Benz reached out as best

he could and Freedom met his hand halfway. Benz kissed the dog's head and closed his eyes, and Freedom did, too.

"That's the first time I've seen David smile in a long time," whispered Benz's mother, Muriel. "He loves dogs. He had beautiful dogs all his life."

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"I don't get a lot of closeness these days," said one man with AIDS. "It's nice to know that someone or something cares about you. This dog just feels good."

All STDs transmissible between women, survey shows

A national lesbian and bisexual women's health survey has concluded that all sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) can be passed between women. The survey of over 6,000 women was distributed by the Wholistic Health for Women's Health Clinic of West Hollywood, Calif.

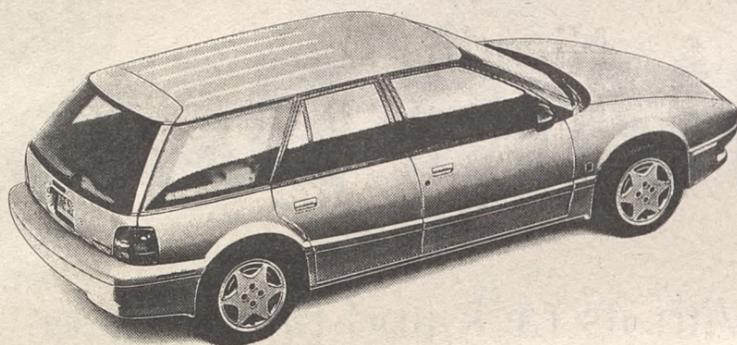
Small but significant numbers of women reported sexually contracting gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, herpes, human papilloma virus, hepatitis, chronic fatigue syndrome, and HIV infection from other women.

Preliminary results of the survey were released at the National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference in New York, which was held in June in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in June.

"The implication of these findings is compelling," said Suzann Gage, clinic executive director and a gynecological nurse practitioner. "It validates our nearly 10 years of clinical experience in serving and treating lesbians, as well as over 20 years of my own personal clinic practice in providing health care for lesbians. Transmission of STDs between women is certainly not as common as among heterosexuals, but it does happen and it needs to be taken seriously."

The survey is considered the largest of its kind and the first longitudinal survey of lesbian and bisexual women's health. The survey also looked at the risks of breast cancer, illnesses, health habits and sexual practices.

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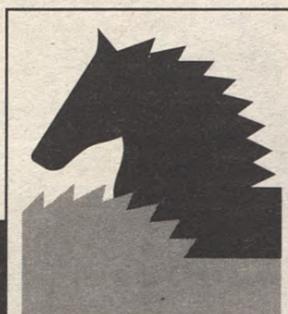
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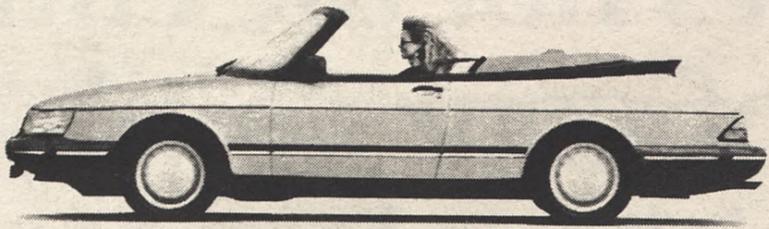
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Gay Marine recommended for promotion

Camp Lejeune, N.C.—Marine Corps Sgt. Justin Elzie, who publicly admitted his homosexuality last year and filed a lawsuit to stay in the military, has been recommended for promotion.

Officially, the Marine Corps wants to get rid of him.

But Elzie has received glowing performance evaluations in the past year.

"I have had three different commanding officers who have recommend me for promotion," said Elzie, a 12-year veteran of the Corps. "I really respect those officers who gave me marks based on my performance as a Marine."

Elzie can shoot, too. He recently rated "high shooter" in his group during an annual rifle requalification at Camp Lejeune, scoring 237 out of a possible 250 points with an M-16 rifle.

Despite his high marks, Elzie remains in a quiet state of siege, working each day in a world that seems to have accepted him on a personal level but still seeks his expulsion.

Elzie disclosed his sexuality on national television, following President Clinton's speech proposing to lift the ban on gays in the military. The Marines quickly moved to administratively discharge him.

Elzie filed a lawsuit against the government in September 1993, claiming his discharge violated his right to free speech.

U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin ordered the Marine Corps to retain Elzie on active duty until his lawsuit is resolved.

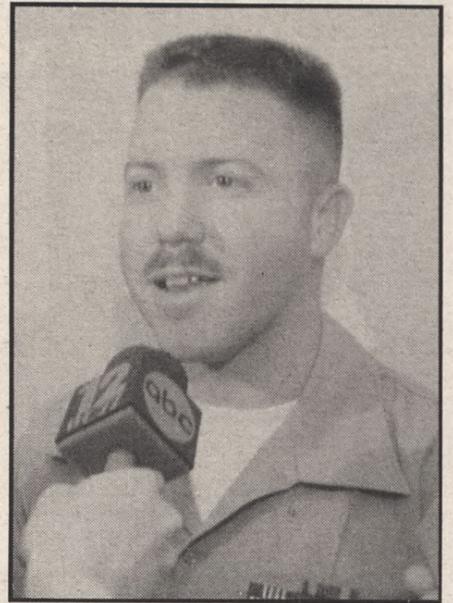
While he works in legal limbo, his efforts have not gone unnoticed. In his Marine performance evaluations, Elzie said he consistently has been rated "excellent" or "outstanding," the two highest marks that can be awarded.

Public affairs officials at Camp Lejeune confirm that Elzie has been recommended for promotion during the past year, but won't discuss details in an individual's evaluation, the Wilmington Morning Star reported Sept. 12.

Elzie said higher ranking officers, however, have not concurred with recommendations for promotion because of his legal status.

A promotion board is not obligated to select any Marine for promotion, nor is it required to explain why a Marine is not selected.

A Marine Corps Headquarters spokesman, Chief Warrant Officer Robert Jenks, said that officially, there is no reason why Elzie cannot be promoted.



Sgt. Justin Elzie, who admitted being gay last year, has been recommended for several promotions as he awaits the outcome of his status in the Marine Corps.

"If Sgt. Elzie is eligible for promotion, he will be considered like every other Marine," he said.

A recent court ruling challenges the current policy of "Don't ask, don't tell" for gays in the military. Last month, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals let stand the reinstatement of Navy Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, who had publicly announced his homosexuality.

The court held that a statement by an individual claiming homosexuality is not grounds for discharge because merely admitting being gay isn't an admission of homosexual activity.

Between 1983 and 1992, some 900 Marines were discharged for homosexuality, according to the Camp Lejeune public affairs office. Eight Marines from Camp Lejeune were discharged in 1993 for homosexuality.

While the military and courts struggle to cope with shifting policy terrain, Elzie continues to go about the day-to-day business of being a Marine. He lives in a barracks room on base. In his unit, sergeants usually have their own room, and Elzie has his.

But there are times when the tension rises, usually when someone meets him for the first time, he said.

"I try to just come across as a Marine Corps sergeant," Elzie said. "I am not timid. I know my job."

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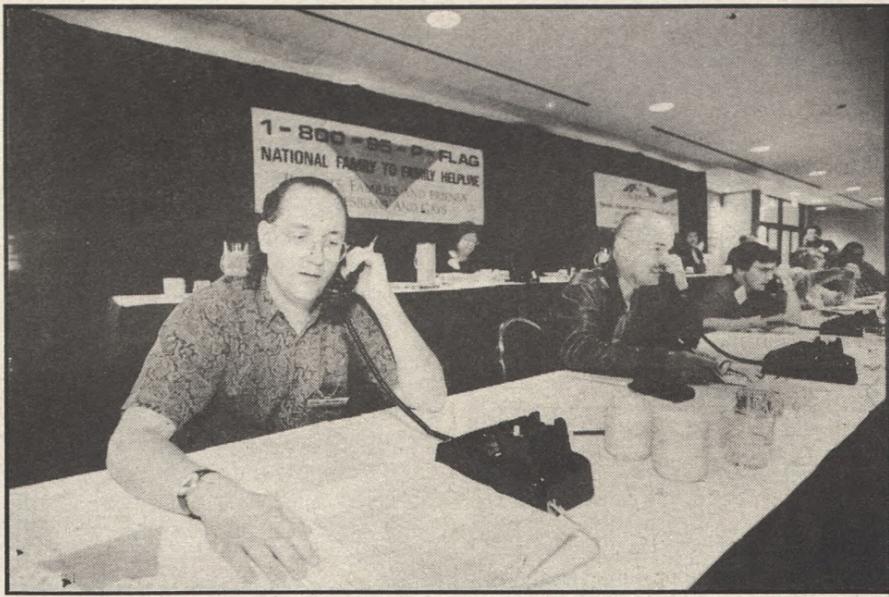


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On Sept. 1, as a kick-off event to the 13th Annual PFLAG Convention, members staffed an all day toll free helpline where callers were able to talk to parents who have gone through similar experiences and receive referral information regarding support groups in their local community.

PFLAG convention weds unlikely allies

San Francisco—Radical Faeries and Lesbian Avengers made friends with straight white couples from Dayton at the 13th Annual International Convention of Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays PFLAG) over Labor Day weekend at the Hyatt Regency in downtown San Francisco.

One thousand PFLAGers from around the world—a small portion of the 30,000 member households—had their choice of workshops and speakers with topics ranging from "Lesbian Health Issues" to "When Parents Are More Out Than Their Kid."

The parents who attended a bridge building workshop hosted by a nose-ringed Radical Faerie and a Lesbian Avenger spanned a wide spectrum.

"I chose this workshop because I want to find out why these radical groups do all these outrageous things that seem to be working against everything PFLAG is trying to accomplish," said Janice Dietz, a mother of a gay son, before the Saturday morning "Meet the Faeries/Sisters/Lesbian Avengers" workshop began. The middle-aged Phoenix resident likened the work of groups like Queer Nation to the Black Panthers. "Here we are trying to get people to think our kids are just like everyone else's kids, and then they go parading around naked, get on TV, and effectively work against PFLAG."

In contrast, Joyce Nacca-Rankin and Dub Rankin are "advanced" parents—their son came out to them seven years ago, and since then Nacca-Rankin has served on the national board of PFLAG. The hearty, rainbow-covered North Carolina couple, who have picketed Jesse Helms, Dan Quayle and George Bush, chose the Faerie/Avenger workshop because they were "ready for something a little more exciting than the coming out workshops."

"We attended a leather workshop in New Orleans [at a PFLAG conference] and it really opened our minds," says Nacca-Rankin. "As a parent of a gay son, I need to know about all parts of the community. Plus, I think radical actions need to be done—if people aren't will-

ing to speak out, the movement will get nowhere."

The parents crowding the room, many fresh from an inspirational speech by Presbyterian minister Jane Spahr, fell respectfully quiet when young Downy Soft, a Radical Faerie with hair cut into a brilliant fuschia arrow, began to explain the earth-loving, non-authoritarian nature of the Faeries. "We are witches, magicians, faggot farmers and city sissies who believe in the sacredness of nature and earth," he explained, describing in a soft voice the importance of ritual, understanding, peace, diversity and art in his life. "Each Faerie is divine and speaks for himself."

Parents were unselfconsciously curious and intensely sincere in their questions for Downy Soft. "Mr. Soft," asked one father, "how do you support yourself?" Another wanted to know if Downy Soft's nose ring interfered with sneezing (no), and yet another asked if "normal gays with jobs and hair" are welcome at the Faerie sanctuaries across the nation (they are).

The next speaker, Lesbian Avenger Katie Hern, laughed nervously in her opening remarks when broaching the theme of the PFLAG convention—"Building Bridges." "I think we at the Lesbian Avengers are trying to burn bridges down," which brought a correspondingly nervous chuckle from the audience, who agreed. "You wouldn't want to introduce us to parents that were just getting used to their kids being queer."

But when Hern went on to describe recent Lesbian Avenger actions throughout the country—the SF Bobbitt-Q (they roasted wieners) and the southern Lesbian Avengers who deposited a pickup load of horse manure on the lawn of a local church that had been sponsoring a billboard blaming queers for violent crimes—the parents were amused. One woman even asked if straight white parents were allowed to come to Lesbian Avenger meetings, and if so, could she please drive the next pickup load of horse shit?

After the workshop, Hern and Downy Soft were surrounded by smiling parents. "Oh, you have the soul of a poet," one mother exclaimed to Downy Soft. Others thanked the speakers for putting a human face on the people at the queer margins.

"I love you both," said a mother from Sacramento. "But I still don't want anyone calling my child 'queer.'"

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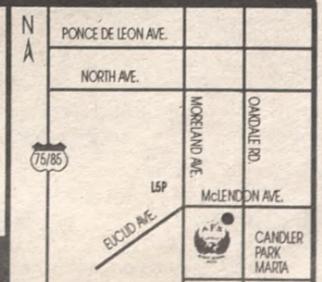
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Pink Pound

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yet another slick British gay magazine that debuted this spring. Combining fashion, culture; politics, and a dollop of Madonna gossip in a pretty package aimed at gay men and women (with the typical 80% for men, 20% for women split), Phase felt more American than the other newcomers, and quite reminiscent of Out. And perhaps the editors had delusions of Out's American-sized circulation; the initial press run of 100,000 copies—of which only 30,000 sold—put the magazine deep in debt after its very first issue. With no advertising department hired until after the premiere hit the shelves, Phase was doomed.

Attitude's Burston, taking swipes at his competition, argues that Phase was "appalling, amateurish. There seemed to be no edi-

torial concept." But just as it was pounds that made Phase possible, in the end it was pounds that closed it down.

Kim Watson came to Phase in June to save the magazine from bankruptcy. But as Operations Manager, Watson knew it was simply too late, and the magazine closed in July after a very hard and grueling month of Watson's assistance.

Another new magazine—Boner—launched by a gay newspaper publisher in London, also folded quickly, and the publishing momentum came to a halt. No more magazines have been launched since the initial burst this spring.

"Suddenly, since Boner and Phase folded, all the press now has been 'There is no pink pound,'" says Burston. "But nobody is questioning that maybe people didn't buy those products because the products weren't very good."

The three major British gay magazines left standing have settled into a healthy competition. Even Gay Times, which stood to lose the most from the new magazines' success, has grown. While Gay Times initially worried that less gay-specific magazines like Attitude would steal mainstream advertisers finally targeting the gay market, the results have not been so black-and-white.

Burston explains, "What happened is that a lot of the companies that advertised with us and then saw results said, 'Oh, we should advertise in the gay press.' So we were like a halfway house into advertising in the gay market, and now there are a lot of mainstream companies advertising in Gay Times, and there weren't before April."

Watson agrees. Since leaving the defunct Phase, Watson has become the Advertising Manager at Gay Times, and she has seen the symbiotic relationship with Attitude as well.

"We've benefited in that way from the existence of Attitude, and even Phase," she says. "We've been pitching to advertising agencies since the existence of Gay Times, and having extra publications out there doing the same thing has really boosted awareness to gay publications in the country."

As advertisers see results from their efforts in gay magazines, more advertisers move in behind them, and the market can expand further in the future. Even if the initial pink pound story was mostly speculation, in the end the real pink pound will determine how large the gay magazine industry will become.

"It's evolving. I don't think it could ever happen as quickly as it did in the United States," says Watson. "Over here we're not just selling our publications, we're selling ourselves, and breaking down barriers and preconceptions. But it's improving."

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Alamance County

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their different contributions. He says, "It seems that lesbians are more likely to give of their time, and are more involved with causes. Men give money, which is important too."

Ingle's group recently received a grant from the Fund for Southern Communities' Southern Outlook Fund, which works with gay and lesbian groups at the grassroots level. FSC hopes that this grant and others will empower gays and lesbians in rural areas, giving them the choice to live a quiet life while meeting their needs for social and political action. As Ingle knows from personal experience, coming out and living in these areas is not only difficult, it can be dangerous. His hope is that the Alliance will make things a bit easier for lesbians and gays who choose to live outside the mainstream.

The rural approach

Those who live in the urban gay centers might wonder how gay activism can be done in a small town. Ingle explains, "We can do 'queer' organizing in our home towns because of the tradition of the 'eccentric' neighbor, the maiden aunt, the bachelor uncle. Rural areas have a space where the 'monsters,' the 'queers' can live," he continues, citing Mab Segrest's book "My Mama's Dead Squirrel" and Jim Sears' "Growing Up Gay in the South." "It is an open secret in many small communities."

Although Ingle began by sending letters to the newspaper under a pseudonym, he no longer feels such protection is necessary for him. "I can be 'in your face' with my representatives because I went in with the attitude of believing in democracy and stood up as a citizen," he explains in the handbook for a planned Alliance conference next year. "I can demand that they support bills or introduce legislation, knowing full well that they probably won't. Yet five years of providing them information, following up with personal visits and questioning them on specific passages in the information will create change and add factual knowledge to weigh against stereotypes."

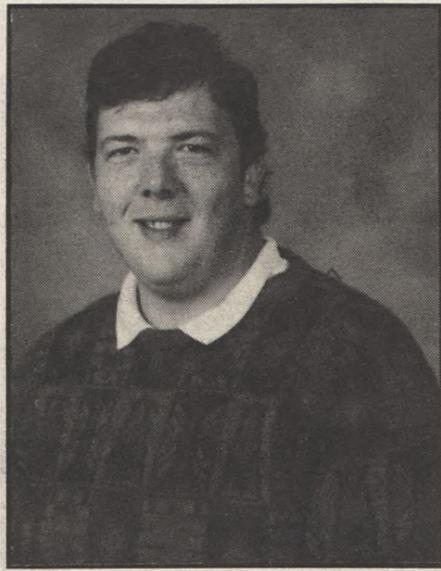
Although Ingle admits that "I have been doing this work for a very short time," he says he has seen change happen in his county. "I have seen the defeat of naming a stretch of interstate highway in honor of Jesse Helms," he says. "I have seen contact being made to guidance counselors, and I have seen a state representative suggest that he would support decriminalizing the sodomy law if a legal study showed the need."

The FSC grant will enable the Alliance to find a permanent home, where the members will feel safe and free to meet other gays and lesbians, to socialize and to learn about the issues that affect them most. So far, the group has had to meet at members' homes.

Safety, a well-lit location, sprinkler systems and a rear entrance are Ingle's main concerns in finding a location, and he is advertising openly in the local press for a rental location. "I figure if anyone answers this ad, they'll rent to me," he says.

Ingle's plans for the center are not grandiose, at least in terms of what gay centers in larger cities offer. He wants to organize potluck dinners, have game nights, possibly organize a support group or two. Also important to Ingle's plan is a lending library that will stock the latest in gay and lesbian periodicals, newspapers and literature. "It's 20 miles one way to the nearest place that has these things for sale, and that's a long way for a teenager," Ingle says.

To increase gay and lesbian visibility in the community, Ingle also plans to hold work-



After three years in a city, Chris Ingle decided to move back home to ease other rural gays' coming-out.

shops for such charitable organizations as Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, and the American Cancer Society. He believes that gay and lesbian participation in these groups will build bridges between the gay community and others.

Ingle's politicism was not always as evident as it is now. In his first voting election, he unabashedly admits casting a ballot for Jesse Helms. "I didn't like his opponent, Robin Britt. I thought he had beady eyes," Ingle explains. But he did show, at least, that he had a kind of gay sensibility—in the presidential election, he voted for Pat Paulsen. "I thought he was funny," Ingle declares.

Family ties

Though his political values may have changed, Ingle's dedication to what he calls "right-wing family values" has not. "Family has always been my base," he affirms. "I have a strong bond with my home—home is where you're grounded. My family's acceptance and approval is very important to me."

Not surprisingly, Ingle is currently living with his parents "It's cheaper," he insists. "I can help Mom out. And I want them to be a part of my life—not just some of it, all of it. When I first told my parents I was gay, it was hard. We had crying jags, and it was tough to say it out loud. When I meet the man I want to become my husband, he's going to have to look my father in the eye, and my father is going to tell me exactly what he thinks of him. He's an incredibly good judge of character, and I respect his opinions."

Ingle credits his parents with teaching him openness. "The only reason I felt I had to tell them I was gay," Ingle continues, "was because they raised me not to be a hypocrite." Ingle does feel he has to draw the line somewhere, though: "The only place they can't go is my bedroom," he jokes.

Ingle's extended family, the members of the Alliance, mean as much to him as his immediate family. "I've heard from many people that gays and lesbians don't work together well. I don't see it and never have in North Carolina," he states proudly. "I do think that dealing with AIDS has pulled us together. All men and women, straight and gay, bi, all colors, we have to work together to get things done."

"When I moved back here, after the attack, I had no self-esteem," Ingle recalls. "I was getting over my victim emotions, I didn't consider myself yet what I am—a survivor. My personal growth in the past three years has been incredible. The Alliance is a big part of it."

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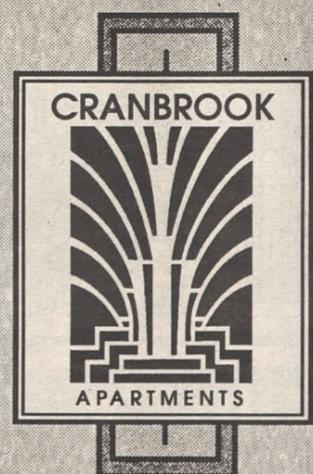
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Lambda Center launches "Pennies From Heaven" drive

The Atlanta Lambda Center kicks off a fundraising drive October 1 when it distributes piggybanks to two local gay-lesbian businesses. Organizers hope that people and organizations will fill 500 cardboard banks with everything from pennies to dollar bills. The money will go toward the establishment of a permanent home for the Atlanta Lambda Center.

"It's the pennies and nickels and dimes that are going to be a big part of opening the doors of the center and making a home for our community," said Lynn Cothren, co-chair of Lambda board of directors. "Metro Atlanta has one of the biggest concentrations of lesbians and gays in the country. We need a safe space where people can meet and network."

Over two years ago, a diverse group began meeting to make the dream of a community center a reality. Since then, a board has been created and over \$70,000 raised.

Board members will meet with the public

and deliver banks to Charis Books & More and Outwrite Books on October 1. The Lambda board is asking people to take a bank home, drop spare change in it and return it. The small boxes should hold up to \$20, said Sally Ringo, Lambda development committee co-chair.

The idea for the "Pennies From Heaven" campaign came as board members recalled how other groups successfully raised money. In Jewish communities across the country, it is common to hand out banks to individuals and families as part of a fundraising drive.

Ringo urges other merchants to hand out banks. "It will create repeat customers for businesses. As people

walk by the business, they will be reminded to put money in their bank. Eventually they will return the bank to the business and, inevitably, spend money there at the same time."

The "Pennies From Heaven" campaign hopes to raise \$10,000 between October 1 and December 14.



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Atlanta Lambda Center

Bishop to lead worship with gay Lutherans and Episcopalians

The Atlanta chapters of Lutherans Concerned and Integrity will worship together on Friday evening, September 23. The occasion marks the first time Lutheran bishop Harold Skillrud will be present to lead worship for the gay and lesbian affirming groups since Skillrud became bishop of the Southeastern Synod in 1989. Clergy from Integrity will also participate in the cooperative worship with their Lutheran colleagues.

The service will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Peachtree at Fourth Street, beginning at 7:30 pm. The communion service will feature a chorale setting that traces its origins back to Martin Luther. There will also be a potluck dinner following the service and a time to talk with Bishop Skillrud. For more information call the Lutherans Concerned information line, 266-9615.

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As participation swells, local players dominate first-place titles

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This year, the Peach hosted 260 athletes from 20 states and four foreign countries, making it the largest turnout for the ATTA event. Mingled in this sea of competitors were 15 of the medalists from the games in New York. One of the highlights of the weekend was a

50% increase in the women's draw—which, based on the statistics from '93, would represent most of the growth for this year's tournament.

One contributing factor to the success of the tournament would have to be the \$3,000 in prize money for the open divisions. "Open division competitors have enough trophies," says David Black of ATTA. "So for the first year, we've offered prize money." The other divisions received hand-blown crystal trophies in the shape of a peach. Prize money was made possible in part by corporate sponsors 10K Beverage and Crystal Springs Water.

The tournament took place at Blackburn Tennis Center, DeKalb Tennis Center, and the courts at Piedmont Park. An opening party was held at the Lowe Gallery, which was catered by the Peasant Restaurant. The Peasant also hosted the closing banquet Sunday night.

There were 23 first-place winners, of which

12 were from Atlanta, including Julie Gedro who won three first-place trophies. "We did really well this year," says Black.

The first-place winners in women's play were: Open Singles: Kelly Coleman (Atlanta). Open Doubles: Kelly Coleman (Atlanta) and Paige O'Neill (Atlanta). A Singles: Julie Gedro (Atlanta). A Doubles: Julie Gedro (Atlanta) and Olivia Van Houten (Atlanta). B Singles: Paige Schaper (Menlo Park, CA). B Doubles: Paige Schaper (Menlo Park, CA) and Tian Satana (Menlo Park). C Singles: Gillian Francis (Brooklyn). C Doubles: Gillian Francis (Brooklyn) and Marcia Day (New York).

First-place winners in men's play were: Open Singles: Russell Buchi (Nashville). Open Doubles: Russell Buchi (Nashville) and Mark Mays (Atlanta). A Singles: Tony Lance (Atlanta). A Doubles: Bob Bailey (Calif.) and Warren Revich (Toronto). B Singles: Steve McConnell (Chicago). B Doubles: Craig

Kettles (Atlanta) and Patrick O'Hara (Atlanta). C Singles: John Avery (Atlanta). C Doubles: John Patrick (Atlanta) and David Sprague (DC). D Singles: Nique Nix (Atlanta). D Doubles: Craig Dorsey (Fort Lauderdale) and Chuck Hall (Fort Lauderdale). 35 Singles: J. W. White-Tapp (Bradenton, FL).

First-place winners in the mixed doubles division were: Open: Peter Prinsloo (Atlanta) and Leigh King (Atlanta). A Mixed: Julie Gedro (Atlanta) and Jeff Martin (Dallas). B Mixed: Michael Smith (Atlanta) and Laura Thompson (Atlanta). C Mixed: Susan Perry (Conyers) and Bob Wheeler (Conyers). Peach Tournament director was Mark Mays, who is also the Gay & Lesbian Tennis Association commissioner.

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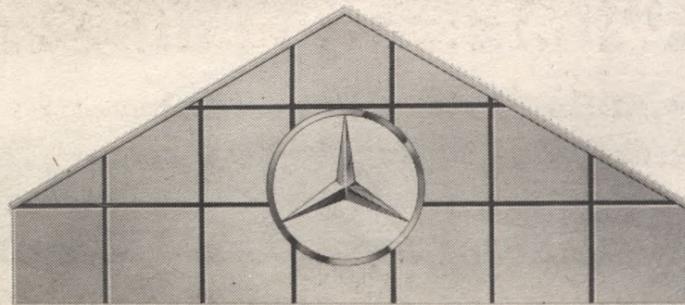
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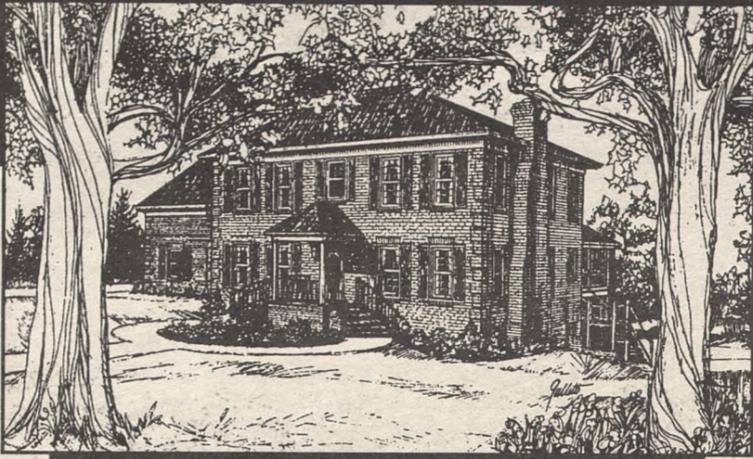


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- AIDS in the African American Community
- When Someone You Love Has AIDS

The AIDS 101 Awareness and Action Seminar costs \$15 to attend, and lunch is provided. A limited number of scholarships are available. For registration information or future seminar dates, call the AID Atlanta office at 885-6800, ext 280.

AIDS Survival Proj. to hold volunteer orientation

AIDS Survival Project, a non-profit HIV/AIDS advocacy, counseling and education organization, will be conducting an orientation for potential volunteers on Tuesday, September 27, at 6 pm.

"We use the time and talents of people in so many ways," said Volunteer Coordinator Liz England, "from carpenters to accountants." "We are a membership organization—our members are the ones who make what we do here possible. Without them, we literally could not function."

The orientation will be held at the offices

of AIDS Survival Project, 44 12th Street, in Midtown. The orientation will make participants familiar with the agency and in what areas they may get involved. Anyone interested in helping is invited, regardless of their experience with HIV/AIDS, and no reservations are required.

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Kathy and Maria are celebrating the 7th anniversary of a very loving and committed relationship on Sept. 27. Three dogs, two birds, some fish and some human friends will be with them to join in the fun.

Nikki would like to announce that her moms, Marcie and Karen, will be celebrating their 3rd anniversary on Sept. 28, and that her dads, Charles and Ed, celebrated their 14th anniversary on July 4. She also says that they are the best parents any child could ever ask for.

Congratulations to Lucy and Kim, celebrating their 6th anniversary on Sept. 28.

David Jones and Michael Taylor celebrate their 11th anniversary Sept. 28.

BIRTHDAY

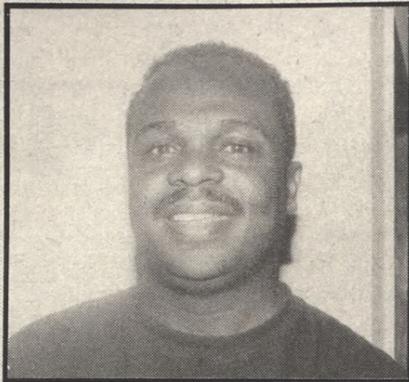
Happy birthday to Frank Louzek on Sept. 27.

Happy 29th Birthday to Chris Bailey from your best girlfriend on Buford Highway.

MILESTONES

Duncan Teague celebrated his 10th anniversary in Atlanta over Labor Day with brunch with his new boyfriend, David Thurman, and the cousin who brought him to Atlanta. Duncan promises more celebrations to come.

Congratulations to a certain member of a lesbian eating co-op for having reached the stage in life where the downward pull of



Badili Jones is SoVo's new receptionist

gravity enables her to carry Coca-Cola cans tucked beneath her breasts. Other less well-endowed members of the co-op recently demonstrated their ability respectively to carry Metameucil and pencils beneath their breasts. Younger lesbians, don't despair—you can look forward to greater efficiency in middle age.

NEW JOB

Congratulations and welcome to the newest member of SoVo's staff, Bob "Badili" Jones. Badili joins us as our new receptionist. In a related note, SoVo wishes the best to "retiring" receptionist Mark duPont.

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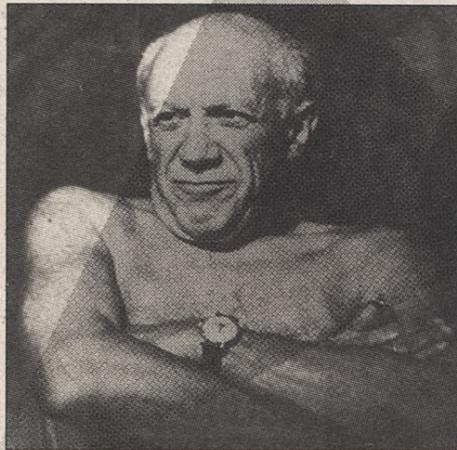
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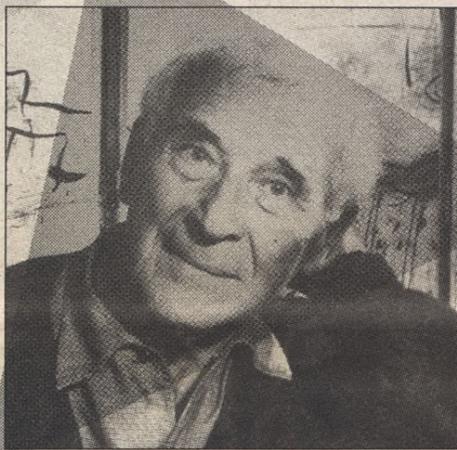
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THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE OF SOUTHERN VOICE

Stories from home

Southern gay novelist John Paul Lee mines his life for material—from a childhood in rural Tennessee to the social circles of Savannah

by PAMELA EVANS

Growing up gay is hard. But growing up gay like writer John Paul Lee did—some 50 years ago in backwoods, poverty-stricken, deep southern Tennessee—was downright terrifying.

"I had a miserable childhood, but that's what made me a writer," Lee explains during a recent interview. He is speaking in a voice like that of the narrator in his first book, "Childhood Stories and Letters From Mama" (1991).

"Now," Daddy said, and grabbed me under the arms. "I'm gonna learn the little fucker to swim." He picked me up and swung me out into the muddy, churning water. I went under, coughing and gagging. Everything went haywire. I came up. I saw the trees above, and the banks of the creek, and Chuck running on the bank, screaming at me, I thought. Then I went under again. I was thrashing my legs and arms and trying to scream but the water rushed in my mouth and the screams all stayed in my head. I was going down the third time when Chuck jumped in and pulled me out.

Lee has always relied on events in his own life for material for his writing, including the 25 years he spent in Savannah. His early years, however, before he escaped his childhood home at age 14, were the catalyst to discovering his voice as a writer.

"I eventually had to do something or die," Lee states matter-of-factly.

Once safely away from his hometown, Lee took a job as an auditor. He lived in Chicago before moving to Savannah, where he owned an art gallery, an antique shop, and owned and renovated 12 houses. He moved in the social circles of Jim Williams, the real life main character in John Berendt's bestseller "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," the tale of a gay murder case that rocked Savannah society in the 1980s.

And, yet, what it all eventually came down to for Lee was making sense of a childhood that would have been difficult enough even if he had not been gay. As it was, everyone in his family realized early on that Lee was different, and they treated him cruelly in the hopes he would change.

"Oh, my," laughs Lee. "They knew before I did."

In the woods we spread our clothes on dead tree limbs and sat down naked beside the creek... Suddenly, there came tearing through the woods a screaming figure... Its head was covered with a brown paper bag, painted red, like the devil's face. In our fright we could see nothing through the holes cut for eyes, nor catch a glimpse of the flapping hands under coarse brown gloves...

... "The bogeyman gets little boys that plays naked together!"

What may have saved the young Lee, who was sexually abused by an older cousin every Sunday—and was forced to carry a doll during physical education because he refused to play ball—was a precociousness that allowed him to defy his family and those in the town who ridiculed him.

"I said, 'I'm gonna be what I am,'" Lee explains. "'You're going to kill me maybe, but I'm going to be who I am.'"

"I'll wear what I want to," I said, and slipped the dress over my head, "even if they do beat me up." "They will," Faith said. "And remember I ain't going to do nothing about it."

I told her I didn't care, and went out onto the front porch and sat down in the swing. I got the

swing going as high as it would go, and every time I came down, the dress belled out around me like a red fiery parachute.

Lee began writing seriously 15 years ago, when life in Savannah had left him so empty that he was drinking heavily and being arrested continuously for public drunkenness.

"Oh, there was no problem," he says of the arrests. "They knew me. They'd just say, 'Come on now, John Paul. Let's go.'"

Lee followed a friend's advice and flew to Guatemala, where he rented a small house with a dirt floor. Not knowing the language ("They just hooted at me when I tried to talk!"), he was forced to live silently, speaking his words on paper.

"It was a way of doing my own analysis," he explains.

Six hundred and fifty pages later, the stories of the young John Paul Lee were finished. Although he threw away much of the original work, Lee felt somehow released from the pain of his childhood and the family who had harmed him.

"They are my blood family, and that is all," Lee says. "We're of different worlds. They've never understood me. I think I've finally come into my own. I don't have to have that family acceptance thing. I've got a family out here in the real world."

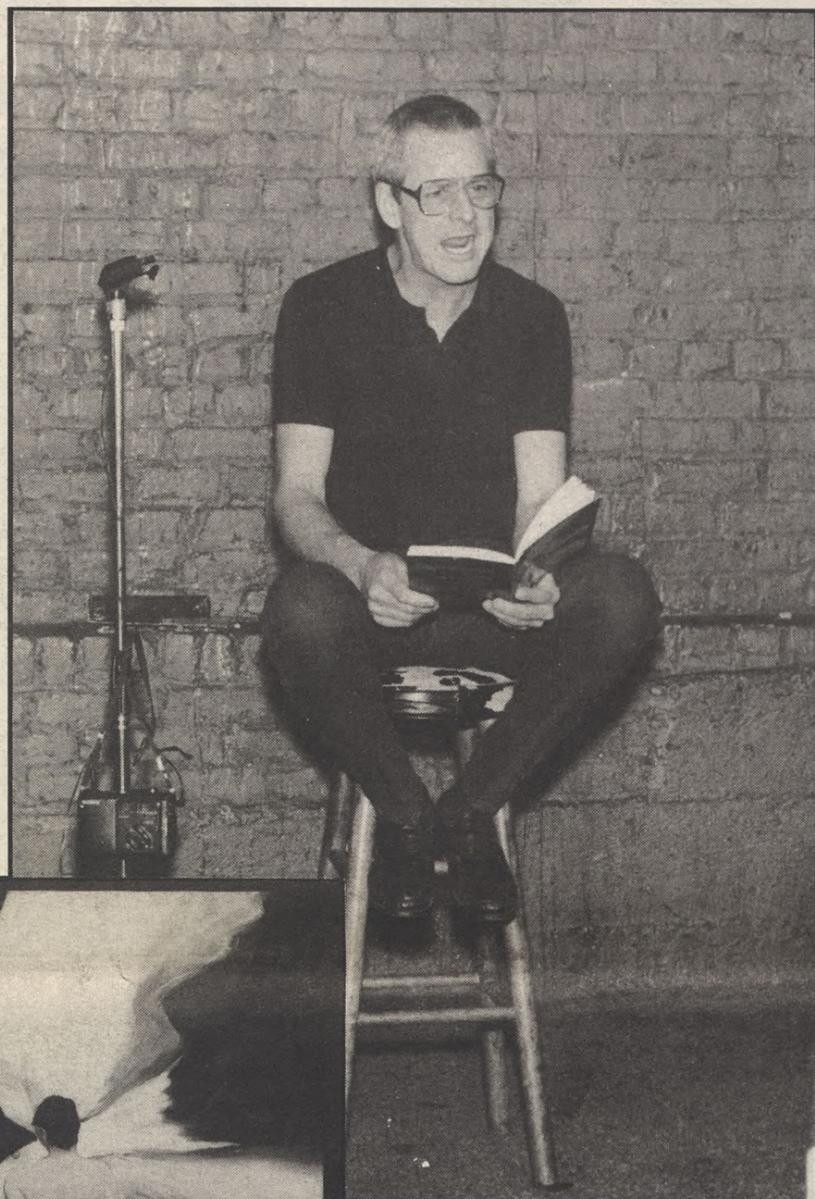
Lee's second book, "A Mixed Marriage" (1993), also is autobiographical, although told in the third person. In it, he relates what he describes as one of the greatest betrayals of his life: A close lesbian friend in Savannah talked Lee into getting her pregnant, married him, then divorced him a year later and won custody of the child by accusing Lee of physical abuse.

Adamantly denying such behavior, Lee says he is unable to fight for his son because, unlike his wife, whose family has plenty of money, he cannot afford a huge court battle.

"I was beat to shit," he says. "I had nothing. They had plenty."

Robert didn't rest that evening. He bought a bottle of tequila and drank steadily until midnight, all the while thinking about Amy, incensed that she had taken him for such a ride. And to top it off, she had arranged it so that she didn't have to face him until the courtroom, where, of course, there would be no discussion. He beat the table with his fists and cursed.

Today his son is 16, living in Chicago, and has never spoken with his father. Lee believes his ex-wife has told their son that Lee is dead. Not one to give up, however, Lee is preparing for the day when his son is grown and he can reach out to him. He plans at that time to present him with the book



John Paul Lee says writing about painful life events is "a way of doing my own analysis."

"A Mixed Marriage."

He has already mailed his ex-wife a copy.

Says Lee, laughing, "I sent her a copy and a note, telling her I thought she might want to read it. I also made sure I got heavy press and book reviews in Chicago."

Lee is currently preparing to release his third book, "On the Square," which is based on many Savannahians he knew before moving to New York. He continues to self-publish his books through Xanthus Press, a publishing company he founded because his writing kept being rejected.

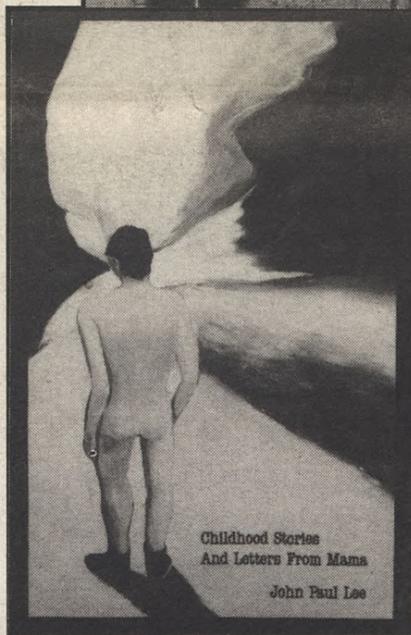
Although he has not read "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," Lee believes his characters portray life in Savannah more accurately. Unlike Berendt, Lee does not soft-pedal anyone's gayness, even though his books end up hidden under the counters in Savannah's bookstores.

"The newspaper even refused to review my book," he says. "I was really angry and crazy for a long time."

He also states, contrary to what Berendt wrote, that the real-life Jim Williams died of AIDS. "Oh, they would never say that," Lee says. "Queers and AIDS are so hush-hush in Savannah."

Just as he refuses to avoid the obvious, Lee also will not stop writing about the family he long ago deserted. The peace he feels today, having given up drinking and drugs several years ago, does not block the memories of his family or keep him from appreciating their value as stories to share with readers.

"They keep popping up everywhere," Lee chuckles. "The next thing you'll read about is when I literally grabbed my daddy up out of his casket."



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22 THURSDAY

FACES OF OUR TRIBE. Thru Sun. The Celebrating Gay Spirit Visions Conference on The Mountain. Cost is \$235, and scholarships are available. 292-8567.

BASEBALL. The strike continues, and Ken Burns' long-awaited nine-part series on the game will as well. Part 5 airs tonight, parts 6-9 Sun-Wed. 8 pm. Also tonight: "Safe at

Home Plate," black baseball in the era of segregation. 10:30 pm., GPTV Ch 8.

PAM DURBAN AND DALIAN MOORE. The Georgia Writers Author Tour comes to Charis, 1189 Euclid, 7:30 pm. Free. 524-0304.

WHEN SHADOWS FALL. An installation created by seven men to allow a glimpse into the horror of childhood sexual abuse. In conjunction, a symposium to address the issue will be held. Nexus, 535 Means. 6:30 pm. 688-1970.

LEILANI TEGER. Thru Oct 20. The Massachusetts-based photo-artist's work is on display at Studio Five in L5P. Reception 5-8 pm. 524-5223.

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

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

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK. Thru Oct 30. The teenager's WWII diary comes to life at Onstage Atlanta. Thur-Sat 8 pm; Sun 5 pm. 420 Courtland. 897-1802.

WILLIAM AND KEIKO RANSOM. Duo pianists perform at Emory's Glenn Memorial Auditorium. 8:15 pm. Free. 727-6666.

EMILY WILSON AND MARY CARMICHAEL. Thru Oct 21. Sculpture by Wilson and paintings by Carmichael on exhibit at the Marcia Wood Gallery, 1198 N. Highland. Reception 7-10 pm. 885-1808.

Imhotep and Normando Ismay at the Arts Festival in Piedmont Park. 7:15 pm.

JOSEPH BEUYS. Thru Dec 30. Drawings, objects and prints by the German artist at the High Museum. The Museum's annual open house for the arts community celebrates the opening, beginning at 4:30 pm. 800 East performs Ed Woodham's "Row the Boat" to round out the evening. Free. 733-4461.

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



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intertwined lives of five members of a harmony pop group at the Alliance Studio Theatre. \$20 & \$26. Tues-Sat 8 pm, Sun 2:30 & 7:30 pm. 733-5000.

27 TUESDAY

FROM SDS TO THE SOFTBALL FIELDS. Saralyn Chestnut, director of Emory's Office of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Life and longtime Atlanta resident, speaks about Atlanta's lesbian-feminist community, 1972-1980, at Fourth Tuesday's monthly meeting. 662-4353.

MAX AND MILLI. Thru Oct 29. 7 Stages presents a play written for children, confronting young people's fears and rivalries. Tue-Fri 10 am; Oct 22 & 29, 1 pm. \$5 & \$7. 523-7647.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT. Kennesaw State College and the Cobb County YWCA sponsor a march and candlelight vigil to call attention to the crimes of sexual assault and rape. 7 pm. Carmichael Student Center on campus. 423-6280.

28 WEDNESDAY

UP ON THE ROOF. Thru Nov 14. The intermittently

EARTH LINKS. Thru Oct 15. Children's art from around the globe at the Arts Exchange, 750 Kab St. in Grant Park. 624-4211.

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

PICTURED:

ABOVE: Zap Mama performs at the GA Tech Center for the Arts on Sept 23. Photo by Maria Dewlat.

LEFT: Orson Welles' "It's All True" is onscreen at the High Museum on Sept 23.

BELOW: The Compagnie Phillippe Saire performs at 8:30 pm Sept 23-24 on the Midtown Valley Stage as the Arts Festival of Atlanta continues.

26 MONDAY

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

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

STILL AIN'T SATISFIED. Music and interviews from a lesbian perspective. Cool music for any queer or interested

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 musical, brought to Atlanta by the Atlanta Broadway Series. Tues-Sun 8 pm, Sat & Sun 2 pm, special performances Oct 31, 8 pm and Nov 3, 2pm. \$22.50-\$47.50. 249-6400.

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

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



23 FRIDAY

COMING OUT UNDER FIRE. Thru Sun. Back to WWII to the origins of the military's anti-gay policies in Arthur Dong's film. 8 & 10 pm Fri & Sat; 5 pm Sun. IMAGE, 75 Bennett St. \$5&6. 352-4225.

ZAP MAMA. Five women vocalists, all mixed African and European heritage, offer an exciting trip back to the roots of music—the human voice. Georgia Tech Center for the Arts. \$11-\$15. 894-2787.

TO US AT TWILIGHT. Thru Sun. A solo performance and installation by Alyson Pou. King Plow Art Gallery, 887 W. Marietta. 8 pm. \$8 & \$10. 724-0155.

IT'S ALL TRUE. The 1993 reconstruction of Orson Welles' legendary film. High Museum, 8 pm.

24 SATURDAY

RAISE THE RED LANTERN. Chinese film explores the politics of power and control. High Museum, 8 pm.

THE BIG CHILL CONCERT FEATURING THE BILL PATTON BAND. The last of Decatur's Concerts on the Square with dancin' tunes from the '50s to the '70s. 7pm.

RIVERS OF GOLD. Thru Dec 18. Precolumbian treasures from Sitio Conte on display at the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory. 727-4282.

CAFE BIZZOSO. Alternate ROOTS presents Margaret Baker, Leah Mann, Akbar

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 self-taught African-American artist on display at the High Museum's Folk Art and Photography Galleries, Georgia Pacific Center downtown. 577-6940.

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

and Leslie Wayne inaugurate the new Nancy Solomon Gallery, 1037 Monroe Drive. 875-7100.

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

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

TRADITIONS AND VISIONS. Thru Oct 15. Spruill Center for the Arts (5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd) sponsors six weeks of events and exhibits highlighting the culture and arts of Native Americans. 394-3447.

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

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, gender-bending sexual comedy. \$12-16. Thur-Sat 8 pm, Sun 7 pm. 607-7469.

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

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

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

PLANET EARTH, INC. Thru Sat. The Center for Puppetry Arts kicks off the 1994-95 Family Series with Lee Bryan's lively romp through conservation. Mon-Fri 10 am & 11:30 am; Wed also 1 pm; Sat 11 am & 1 pm. \$4.75 & \$5.75. 873-3391.

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

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

ATLANTA ARTS FESTIVAL. Thru Sun. The annual do in Piedmont Park with performances, exhibits, and enough people-watching to last until holiday shopping begins.

MANIFESTED DREAMS. Thru Oct 1. Dream-related surrealist oil paintings by Ron DeNardo at Inner Space Gallery, 310 Hammond Drive. 252-4540.

MY POINT OF VIEW. Thru Oct. 1. Photographs by African American photojournalist Moneta Sleet, Jr. at the High Museum of Art. Folk Art and Photography in the GA Pacific Center. 898-9286.

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

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

BETWEEN FANTASY AND REALITY. Thru Oct 7. Paintings by Ling Y. Zhang on exhibit at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. 872-5338.

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.

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.

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

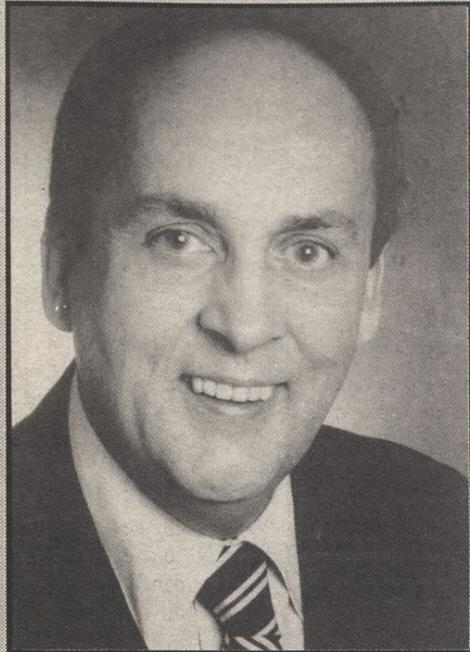
RUTH ALLISON. Thru Oct 16. Three dimensional paintings on view at 1st Existential Church.

LOCAL SEX, LOVE AND DEATH. Thru Oct 22. Exhibition on display at Nexus, 525 Means St. 688-1970.

THE PLEASURES OF PAINT. Thru Oct 22. Works by Jeremy Dickinson, Li Lin Lee

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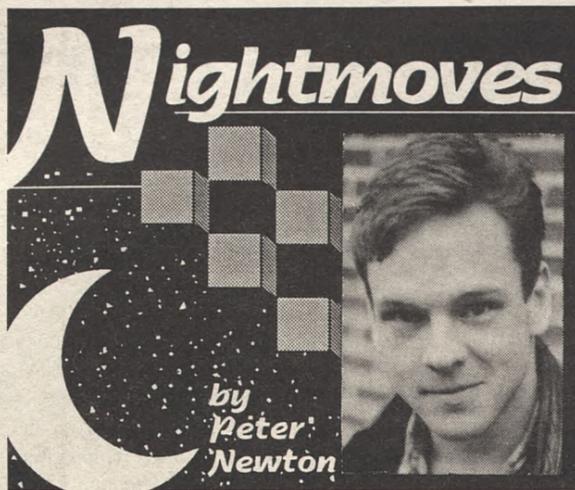
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One place to request these new limited edition beers is the month-old bar called **Shahan's Saloon** where The Tower used to be located at 735 Ralph McGill Boulevard. The site has a long history in serving the gay community. During the '40s it was open as a restaurant by day only. In 1954, The Tower opened at night serving a mostly lesbian



clientele which it continued to do for over 35 years. Of course, men were always welcome as they are now. Drink, dance, shoot pool, and what have you at the same 'ol spot, different name: Shahan's 523-1535.

The High Museum of Art will host their Annual Arts Community Open House on Saturday, September 24, to celebrate the opening of a major touring exhibition, **Joseph Beuys: Drawing, Objects and Prints**. This guy sounds pretty interesting as far as performance artists go. Beuys was of the same school of artists as John Cage and Yoko Ono, so expect the weird. Everyone's invited to the open house which will be held in the Museum's Atrium. A cash bar, music and that's right, performance art will ensue. Ed Woodham's "Row the Boat," a Beuys-inspired event will be performed by 800 East, which is an alternative venue for experimental performance art guided by artistic director Ed Woodham. Admission is free. 733-4461.

Recently, I saw a play that was just flat-out funny. Comedy is tough to pull off for very long, that's one reason why **Blue Window** works. Art Attack's current 75-minute production of Craig Lucas' ("Prelude To a Kiss," "Reckless") comic play is just the amount of time I want to be with the seven characters who find themselves at the same dinner party that includes a sensitive-man-of-the-'80s parachutist, a

secretary who can sing but never to her preoccupied musician/boyfriend, a family therapist who can't figure out her lesbian novelist/lover, a hostess with a secret and her flamboyant confidant whose performance is somewhere between Elizabeth Taylor and Rip Taylor. The play is about people's private lives. By exposing each other, the characters, who quickly become people, make you think about the things we do and why we do them. In the absurd details of these characters' lives each member of the audience is bound to recognize him/herself. Seeing this play was like looking in a funhouse mirror, distortions and all. Still it's a laughable and human picture Lucas shows us. "Blue Window" plays through October 1 at 14th Street Playhouse. Wednesdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 6 p.m. 881-6304 for ticket info.

Help Jerusalem House help Atlanta by attending **Art & Fashion for AIDS '94**, a benefit art and fashion show to be held at The Lowe Gallery at 75 Bennett Street in Buckhead. The event will help provide funds for a new wing to Jerusalem House that will house mothers with AIDS and their children. The new space will be Atlanta's first permanent housing program for these unrecognized members of the community affected by AIDS. Clothing designs by **Bill Hallman**, artwork by Oregon artist Fran Murphy and gourmet health food by The Props Bar will be served as well as wine and beer. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show begins at 9 p.m. Sunday, September 25. Advance tickets available by calling 239-8600. Join the fun for moms and kids.

And don't forget two events coming up this weekend in historic Grant Park: **The Grant Park Moth Ball and the Grant Park Tour of Homes**. The annual "Moth Ball" may just be another theme party but it's the biggest one around this week and the only one under the big tents at the Atlanta Zoo. Enjoy a seated dinner of summer fare and swing to the Big Band sounds of the '40s with live DJ entertainment. Whether you live in one of these old houses or not, everyone's welcome in Grant Park. Saturday, September 24. 8 p.m. Call Patsy Hedrick for tickets. The Grant Park Tour of Homes will include ten homes and a church. A ticket booth will be set up on the corner of Berne and Boulevard from 12 to 6 p.m. Sat. and Sun. September 24-25. All proceeds go to the preservation of Grant Park. Or call Patsy. She's friendly.



David Verzello (left) and Mark Goodwin have brewed up **Black Sheep Light Lager**, a gay-owned label.

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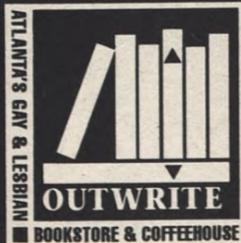
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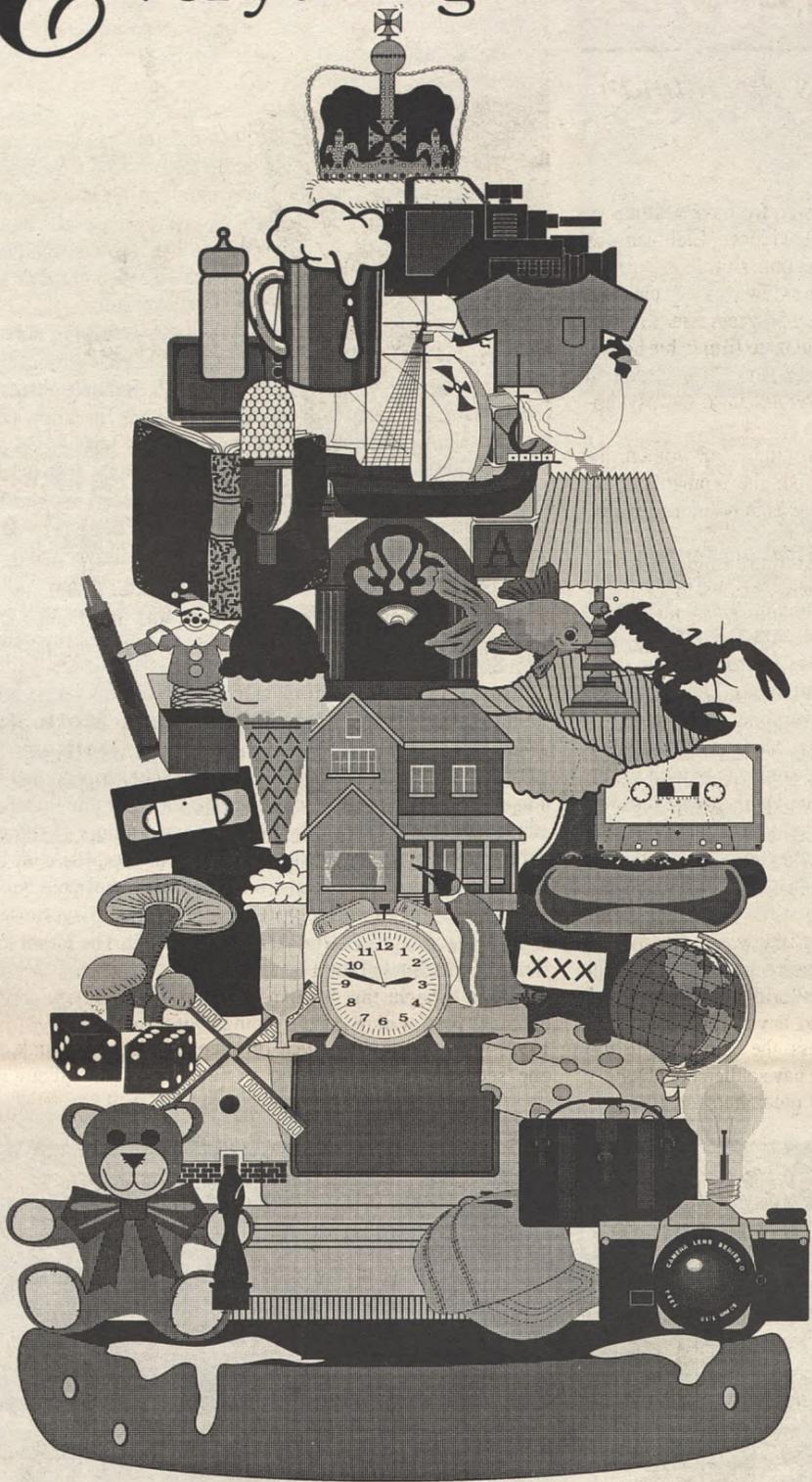
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From a Secret Place

New video explores coming-out issues for gay teens

I recently read a column by a gay Generation X-er, who was refuting attempts to define his age group and then proceeded to offer his own generalities. Among the latter was the idea that coming out is no longer a process, that today's 20-something gays and lesbians were always aware of and open about their sexual identities.

At first I thought, hallelujah! This is what my generation, and a few brave souls in earlier ones, have been marching, fighting and taking risks for. My second reaction hit a split second later: Bullshit—honey, you went through the same crap as the rest of us.

This was reinforced when I saw the 40-minute video "From a Secret Place," made by Karin Heller, MSW, and Bill Domonkos. It features gay and lesbian teenagers talking about their own coming out processes with Wendy Rosen, Ph.D., offering more technical descriptions of the phenomena they've experienced. Three actors put the issues in a dramatic context with a shared monologue.

P-FLAG gets involved in the last 15 minutes as parents join the exchange to present their own perspective on the issues, including coming to terms with their children's gayness and changing their expectations without losing any love for their sons and daughters.

The sense of differentness that precedes sexual awareness is described in various ways by the individuals who recently went through



it and by Rosen, who says the youngsters may at first attribute their feelings to other things that separate them from their peers. She doesn't mention race, which would seem relevant in the case of an Asian-American boy who seems to have been more affected by this syndrome than the others on the tape.

Participants discuss and dramatize the problems of a lack of role models and the inability to find each other for support, and explore young people's responses to homosexuality in themselves and others, both positive (acceptance, forming or facilitating groups) and negative (name-calling, suicide attempts).

STEVE WARREN

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Coming Out Under Fire

A new documentary chronicles the origins—as well as the human costs—of the U.S. military's homophobic policies

by JIM MERRETT

"I'm always on the lookout for good stories," says openly gay documentary filmmaker Arthur Dong. "Whether I'm reading newspapers or just walking down the street, I'm always looking for something that can become the subject of a film."

Dong, 40, thought he had the story of a lifetime in 1990 when he read Allan Berube's "Coming Out Under Fire," a nonfiction book about the struggles of lesbian and gay service members during World War II. "As soon as I picked up this book," Dong says, "I thought it was a fascinating document of American history."

Zeitgeist Films has recently released Dong's film "Coming Out Under Fire," featuring interviews with veterans, vintage photographs and rare archival footage from the era that demonstrates the government's pattern of homophobia. And although the making of "Coming Out Under Fire" turned out to be a path fraught with difficulties, the finished film could be a serious contender for an Academy Award for best documentary next year.

The process of translating Berube's book into a film was somewhat arduous, even for Dong, a filmmaker with two respected documentaries to his credit. "Allan had researched his book for over ten years and had found over 100 people" who had been gay in the service, Dong explains. "To tell history through people's lives, I needed articulate, interesting people who will work on film, which is different from working on paper. We went through all his files and talked about every person he interviewed, and through this process narrowed the field down to nine who appeared in the film."

One man who consented to interviews is Marvin Liebman, a World War II veteran who is among America's most prominent conservatives. During the 1940s Liebman was interrogated when military censors intercepted a letter he'd written

that contained campy language borrowed from the writings of Dorothy Parker. Based on such flimsy evidence, Liebman was discharged from the U.S. Air Corps as undesirable.

Another veteran who sat for an interview was still closeted and wouldn't let his name be used even 50 years after the war. "He was so closeted that he didn't want us to film in his house, but he was a great storyteller," Dong says. "He's seen in silhouette, which becomes a visual reminder of the psychological scars left on gay veterans."

The documentary also includes a number of women, including Phyllis Abry, a radio technician in the Women's Army Corps, who carried on an undetected lesbian relationship during the war.

Although Abry was terminally ill during filming (she died before the film was released), she was anxious to be interviewed. "She was very upset with Clinton [over his "don't ask, don't tell" compromise]," Dong remembers, "and she really wanted to speak her mind."

An interesting finding of the film is that despite the military's continued hostility to homosexuals, there was a time in the early '40s, between Pearl Harbor and the middle of the war, when gay men and women were quietly tolerated. They developed a camaraderie that included gay cliques with their own newsletters and participation in drag shows. It was only when the armed forces decided to weed out men and women with so-called "psychopathic personalities" that the tolerance ended.

According to Dong's film, the military was trying to prevent a recurrence of the kinds of battle-related psychological illnesses suffered by soldiers during World War I, and at the time homosexuals were considered to have a propensity for mental illness. In an attempt at fairness, the film explains the government's reasons for quarantining gay soldiers, but Dong's personal judgment on such policies is much harsher.



Phyllis Abry (left), shown here with her lover, Mildred, was interviewed for Dong's film shortly before her death.

"I see this as the same kind of persecution that Japanese Americans suffered in internment camps in World War II, and I want the public to know that if their elected officials do this, it can happen to any of us," Dong says.

Dong's previous films include the Oscar-nominated "Sewing Woman," a profile of his mother's struggle to survive and raise a family in China and then in the United States. Dong also directed "Forbidden City, USA," a well-received study of Chinese-American entertainers who broke through to mainstream nightclubs in the 1940s.

Dong thought that his excellent track record would pave the way for funding for "Coming Out Under Fire," but in 1992, when Dong conceived of adapting Berube's book, no one seemed to be interested in funding a film about the

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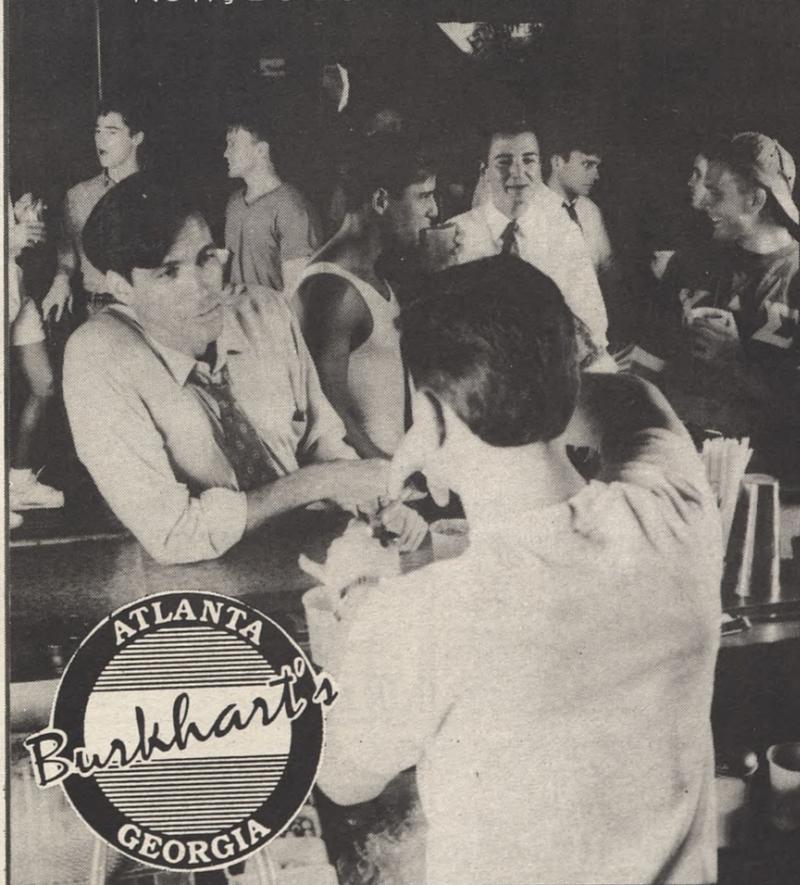
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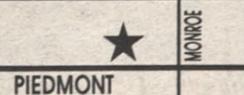


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Under Fire

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military's persecution of gays and lesbians.

"I sent the NEA my proposal for a film about gay and lesbian veterans in 1992, the height of the NEA controversy, when people were getting turned down," Dong remembers. "In my application, I stated that my main goal in filmmaking is to tell stories about social injustices, and then I added that this was to be my first major documentary as a gay person on a gay subject. The then acting director, Anne Imelda Radice, personally approved [my application], I was told. There was no big ruckus."

To be on the safe side, Dong spent the \$50,000 grant "right away—just in case they changed their minds!"

And then, midway through shooting, Dong found his project lifted up by another major controversy: the attempt by gay and lesbian activists, with the vacillating assistance of President Clinton, to lift the military's ban on gays and lesbians.

The controversy at first threatened to derail Dong's project, but instead wound up providing a stronger ending for the documentary. Dong included what he calls "book-ends" footage of the hearings at the beginning and end of the film, which places the issue in the context of the current battle of gay and lesbian Americans to serve. "As it happens, Sam Nunn gave us a great ending [in leading the opposition to lifting the ban]," Dong explains. "Thanks to him, the film really soars—it really speaks to what is happening today and lets us see whether there has been change or whether things are



Filmmaker Arthur Dong (right) worked with author Allan Berube to find interview subjects.

still as bad as they were back in World War II.

The publicity also made veterans eager to be a part of Dong's project because "suddenly what we were talking about was very relevant," he says.

Dong takes a dim view of the "don't ask, don't tell" compromise that came out of the hearings. "I think things are worse now," he says. "We are supposed to have gone through decades of evolution and understanding, so it's appalling that Sen. John Warner can say what he does at the end of the film, on national television, describing why we should despise gay people as a class of citizens, saying that we are contaminating the armed services, and why we need to be kept invisible. I was astonished watching those hearings. It really gave me a sense of how dangerous government can be."

"Coming Out Under Fire" plays Sept. 23-25 at IMAGE Film and Video, 75 Bennett St., in TULA Arts Complex. Tickets are \$6 for the general public and \$5 for IMAGE members.

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Gay vocalist David Sereda shines on new CD

Whoever mixed the 12 tracks on David Sereda's "The Blue Guide" obviously knew that when your singer has a voice of gold, you should let the singer be heard—loud and clear. The Alberta native's first CD, on Toronto's Rocky Wednesday Records, is a glorious collection of songs ranging from pop ballads to gospel, and rich in both sound and meaning.

No less than three songs on "Guide" lament the loss of Sereda's lover, William Deacon, who died of AIDS in 1988. "I've got mail for you," he sings on "One Thing Missing," "They don't know you're gone/Mail for me, saying c'mon/You've got to carry on." Lyrics like these manage to avoid mawkishness, and Sereda hits his high notes from above, like a Broadway performer. The result is something very rare in both its earnestness and beauty.

Sereda has enjoyed moderate success in his home country, where radio stations have been giving airtime to "Anything is Possible," a track that finds Sereda sounding a bit like Leo Sayer circa 1978. Catchy as it is, "Possible" is probably the least impressive track on the disc. More stirring is the gorgeous a cappella gospel hymn "Powerful Love," and "Do Me Deluxe," whose lyrics ("I'd like to take you away/...but who's got the bucks?")—are as whimsical as its doo wop chorus.

You'll think you've heard Sereda's voice before; he's Billy Joel without the gravel, Kenny Loggins without the nasality, Freddy Mercury without the camp. But the truth is, Sereda achieves a weightless, ethereal quality rarely matched by male vocalists. In another ode to Deacon, "All or Nothing," Sereda sings, "...sometimes I wish you weren't/Such a hard act to follow."

"The Blue Guide" proves Sereda's a pretty tough act to follow, himself.



David Sereda

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The Casablanca Records Story celebrates the heyday of disco

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So writes Vince Aletti, the first "disco journalist" ever, on the liner notes of "The Casablanca Records Story" (Mercury), a four-CD box set chronicling the life of disco's most

prominent record label. For the disco lover in you, here's over five hours worth of digitally remastered music, the majority of which are the 12-inch-single club versions. But more than that, the set offers, through the liner book, a fascinating look at the life (and death) of the '70s disco scene as viewed through its promoters: Aletti, Brian Chin, a former Billboard columnist, and Cecil Holmes, who founded the company along with the late Neil Bogart.

Casablanca struck gold with its introduction of Donna Summer, and her songs appear most frequently—six out of the 46 tracks on the set. Aletti explains that the studio's 16-minute version of Summer's "Love to Love You, Baby" inspired a whole new concept in dance music, the super-extended track. Aside from that version, the 17-minute "MacArthur Park Suite" sounds better than ever, as do "Bad Girls" and "On the Radio." After Summer, the group most represented on the set is The Village People, whose very-gay overtones, notes Chin, were responsible for both the negative media backlash and the delightful bohemian appeal of the disco scene.

In addition to the Summer and Village People tracks, the set contains some titillating oddities, like the Skatt Brothers singing "He's gonna make you grovel on the floor/Make you spit up and beg for more" in "Walk the Night," and, inexplicably, the Captain and Tennille's "Do That To Me One More Time." You'll also be treated to Cher's "Take Me Home," Brooklyn Dreams' "Music, Harmony and Rhythm," and Lipps, Inc.'s "Funkytown."

Yet The Casablanca Records Story is superior to any standard K-Tel nostalgic collection because it has obviously been assembled by true lovers of the disco genre. Listening to the music, you understand that more than something to laugh at, disco was a rich and complex medium cut down before its time. This collection proves that in addition to providing the roots for today's club music, disco was rather...funky.

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EAT

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The old saw that location, location, location is the name of the game in real estate is also true when it comes to locating a restaurant. The city's trendiest neighborhoods are home to dozens of eateries too dismal to survive without the hoards that patronize them because they just happen to be in the line of profitable fire. A mile or two away, hidden from the masses, good eateries do little more than struggle along, barely able to pay the rent and maintain the kind of energy necessary for critical mass.

If **Pasta da Pulcinella** (1027 Peachtree St., 892-6195) were located in Buckhead or Va-Hi, there would be lines out the door, around the corner and into the parking lot. Were it the first (or even second) decent eatery in a small neighborhood hungry for good eats (like the Flying Biscuit in Candler Park or Zack's in Ormewood Park), it would be thriving.

But located where it is, just south of Brother Juniper's and Frijoleros, on a stretch of Peachtree Street that was turned from a thriving community resource to a virtual wasteland by outright commercial greed, Pasta da Pulcinella sits almost undiscovered. That's a shame.

The storefront that most recently housed Ericka's (and, before that, a whole range of equally dismal attempts to turn turnips into gold) has finally become a restaurant worth visiting...and revisiting. Not a fancy place, mind you; the floors are painted concrete, there's no wood wainscoting, and the mix of prewar Italianate and post-conflict American decor is far from riveting. But the prices are low—\$6.50 for almost elegant plates of pasta—and the service friendly, if abbreviated—you place your order at the counter, schlep your own silverware and wine, and pay extra for more than one (very good) piece of bread.

The menu is dead simple: two salads, seven kinds of pasta, eight kinds of wine, coffee, tea, and espresso or cappuccino. Desserts from Alon's were originally offered, but business has been too slow to make them profitable.

Both the mixed green and low fat Caesar salads are better than good. The former is dressed lightly with a citrus balsamic vinaigrette that should offend no one. Better by half, the latter is slathered with an eggless emulsion that tastes mostly of smoky, roasted garlic. Not a particularly authentic take, but a might tasty one. Add \$1.50 worth of smoked chicken to the full (\$4.50) size of the Caesar and you've got one very tasty light entree.

But then you wouldn't have the chance to try any of the noodle dishes. Like buckwheat tagliatelle tossed with sauteed rapini, roasted radicchio, browned garlic and roasted red pepper. Or little pansotti (potbellied pasta packs) stuffed with greens (spinach, Swiss chard, beet tops, and dandelion), marjoram, basil, ricotta and parmesan and topped with a buttery pecan sauce.

Sound yummy?

When it works, it is. Tottelli filled with browned Granny Smith apples, sausage, and parmesan and topped with brown butter and fresh sage is the sort of rustic-elegant stuff you'd expect to find at Buckhead's best. The tastes and textures are at once discreet

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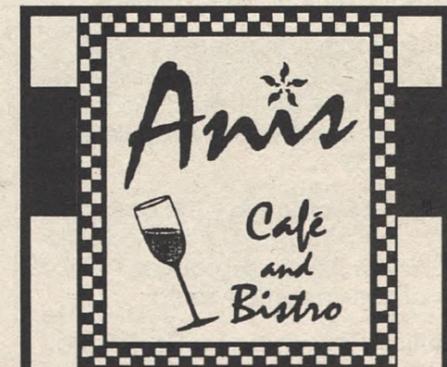
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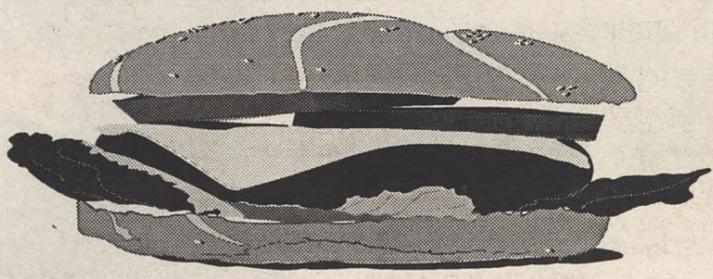
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and exceptionally well combined. The pasta itself could be a little more delicate, but the price could also be twice as much.

Even when it's less successful (ravioli filled with eggplant, pecans, ricotta, pecorino, basil, and mint and topped with tomato basil sauce), this is still sublimely satisfying food. The problem with these ravioli is that the ingredients are too finely ground and too well combined. The taste is better than good, but almost monochromatic—the sum of the whole being less than its parts. The sauce, on the other hand, is simple elegance personified.

Service (at least the part that you are not responsible for yourself) is fast and friendly. Cheap wines are appropriately cheap (\$9 a bottle), and better vintages are pricey (\$30 or so). The food is good enough to deserve the latter, but I'd sure appreciate something in the \$15-18 range.

The owner (born in Milan but raised here) says he has spent the last ten years working in many of Atlanta's most popular restaurants. Along with a friend who has been cooking since he was a kid, he decided it was time for them to strike out on their own. Their creativity and entrepreneurial zeal are a joy to behold. Go now, eat well for minimal dollars, and support a worthy effort to revivify this too-long lonely stretch of our fair city's most famous street.

Enlightenment Happens

The Taste Sheriff and I visited **RuSan's** (1529 Piedmont Rd., 875-7042) shortly after it opened and had almost no fun at all. The menu was long and confusing; the food (other than sushi) between bad and boring; and the noise level just shy of nerve-racking.

We were not amused.

But it seems that about a zillion other folks (many of them young, queer, and hip) think that RuSan's is a mighty fine place. It stays packed, and weekend waits can rival those at the Colonnade.

So when my friend the Urban Shaman said he wanted to celebrate the anniversary of his natal day with raw fish, sake and lots of energy we gave RuSan's another chance.

This time it worked. Despite the fact that the menu is even longer and more confusing. Despite the fact that the decibel level is even higher. And despite the fact that the tempura is still dismal. (Not to mention that nobody, customer or employee, seems to give a shit that smokers feel free to light up in nonsmoking sections.)

So what's changed? My attitude.

Take at least four folks, order only sushi (and maybe some noodle dishes), drink plenty of sake and become a willing participant in the ever-increasing noise level, and RuSan's transforms itself from an overcrowded annoyance into what the Shaman calls a "true urban fag experience." Truth be told, there were more dykes than fags, but you get the point. But be warned, homosexuals who eschew those terms of endearment will probably still want to celebrate their birthdays with martinis and fried chicken at the Colonnade.

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OUTLINES

REBECCA HEWETT

AGE: 31

How long in Atlanta: 1 1/2 Years

Relationship Status: Seeing someone for 2 years

Last Book Read: "Feeling the Feeling" by Brian Benson

Pet peeve: Fake people and dishonesty



It took a few years, and some travelling, but Rebecca Hewett has found that special peace with herself that human beings crave. She works hard, long hours as a hairstylist, and devotes her free time to Ziggy, her Chinese pug—a birthday present six years ago—and bicycling.

"I like myself these days more and more," says Hewett, who lives in a Brookwood apartment. "I think everyone goes through stuff like that. But it's important for people to respect themselves, to like themselves. If you don't, you can't share your life with someone else."

Hewett grew up in Wilmington, N.C., and spent her summers at her grandparents' house in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., where she worked as a lifeguard. And, she says, she "always knew" she is a lesbian.

"I enjoyed female companionship," she says, adding that she had a boyfriend in high school, however. "I actually did care about him," she says. "I just didn't need him in ways most women would."

This is actually Hewett's second time living in Atlanta. She lived here for about three years in the late '80s, working as a bartender at the Marriott Hotel. And then she followed a relationship to Toronto. But life there wasn't easy.

"I wasn't a Canadian citizen, and it was tough to make it there," she says. "I actually married someone in order to stay. I really did like it, but—and I know this sounds corny—you don't know how much you love your country until you're out of it."

So Hewett left, returned to North Carolina and attended a small Presbyterian college near Raleigh on a volleyball scholarship. But before she left Toronto, she discovered her true calling.

"I started doing hair there," she says. "I was in an apprentice program with a trained Sassoon hairdresser."

Hewett found she loved the work and that cutting hair was the perfect outlet for her

creativity. And by going into hairstyling as a profession, she was following in her mother's footsteps.

"Growing up in that environment as a kid, that was the last thing I wanted," she says. "But I guess it's a part of me."

Back in Wilmington after school, Hewett decided that coastal North Carolina was not urban enough for her.

"I just knew my talent needed to go somewhere larger," she laughs. "I was doing outrageous hair in a small town. It did not go well."

And Hewett returned to Atlanta. "I'd always wanted to," she says. "I've always felt this was the place for me. I guess it's because it's not too far away from home."

Hewett has done well, and she's very pleased with the direction in which she's going.

"When I was living in Toronto, I went through a bad relationship," she says. "I lost myself at that point. I knew I had to concentrate on what Becky likes, what makes her happy. I would always put someone else before me."

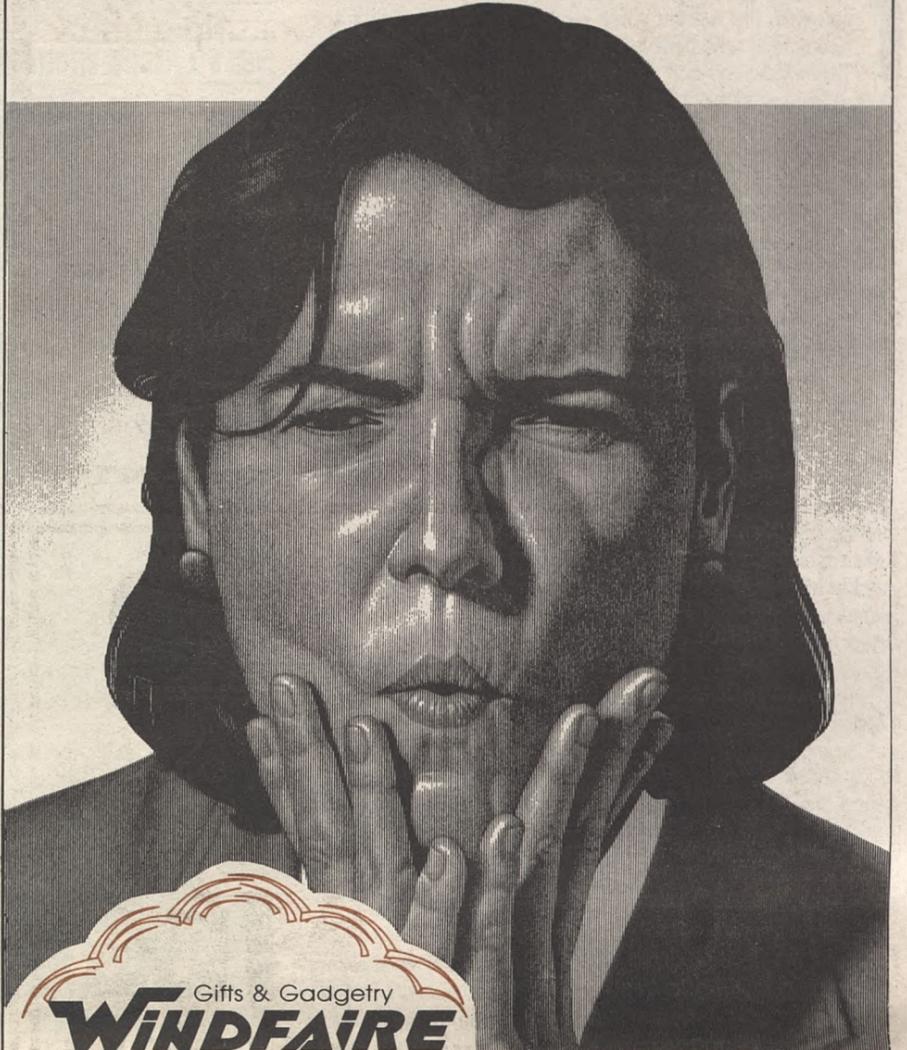
Not any more. Hewett devotes herself to her work. "When I found out what I wanted, I didn't have to struggle anymore," she says. "I can't really see myself doing anything different."

"I'm really into my work now," she continues, "and the simple things in life—movies, dinner out."

And time with Ziggy. "To me, dogs are the best," she says. "They don't fuss at you or give you a hard time."

"And biking," she adds. "I really enjoy that, enjoy staying in shape. It's also a challenge—especially on Peachtree."

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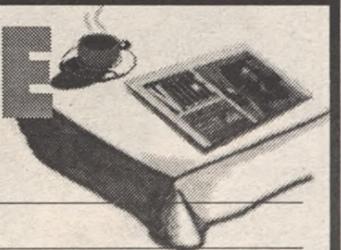


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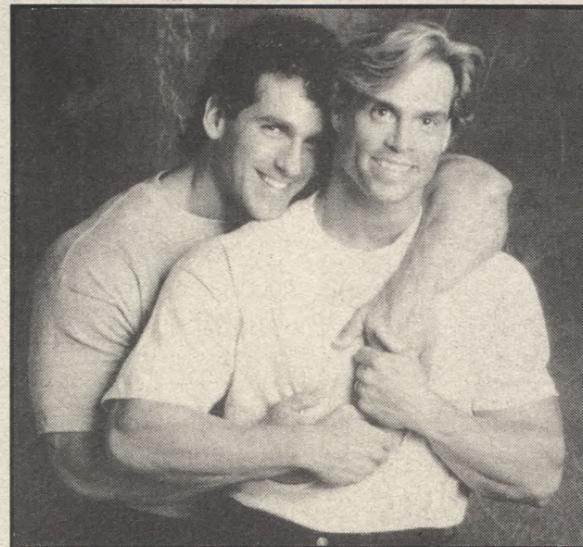
Frasier Comes Out? Dish thinks when it comes to sophisticated humor on television, there is no show better than the recent Emmy winner "Frasier." So imagine, if you will, our delight when we heard that gay author Joe Keenan has joined the writing staff of the sitcom. Keenan's "Blue Heaven" and "Putting on the Ritz" are two of the most hilarious gay books ever written, and if you don't believe us, just go and read them. The author is starting off with a bang: Keenan's first script for "Frasier," which should air in early October, involves a gay storyline in which Frasier, seeking a suitable mate for Daphne, brings a man home with him. Unfortunately, the man in question thinks he is there for different reasons—he thinks he's supposed to be Frasier's date. According to Dish's source, "Nothing in the ensuing scene disabuses anyone of their preconceptions." The only down side Dish can see is that now we'll have to wait a little longer for Keenan's next novel.

Tony Does Atlanta: Playwright extraordinaire Tony Kushner has been leaving his mark all over town lately, and we're not just talking about the fine production of "Angels in America" that is currently running at the Alliance. Dish heard that Kushner popped in on the folks at Outwrite Bookstore for a visit and signed the infamous "Author's Wall," which has quickly become an impressive collection of gay authors' autographs and aphorisms. Kushner's addition? Writing directly below the autographs of hyphenated muscle boys Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris, Kushner circled Bob's name, added "Had it," then Rod's name, and added "Did it." Kushner closed with a hearty "Fiddle-de-dee," and was on his merry way.

Is It Cold Out Here, Or Is It Me? Dish just hates to wear a bra—we've always regarded them as an instrument of torture invented by chauvinist males. The new bra market,

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



Is Tony Kushner really a third wheel in the Jackson-Paris marriage, or is he only dreaming?

however, fascinates us. We've heard about the "Bullet" and "Wonder bra" varieties, but our heart nearly stopped when an item came across our desk recently marketing a new one, in which refrigerant courses through the material, causing one's

breasts to become, according to manufacturer Phillippe DeCamp, "perky." DeCamp further assures us that "Women feel lively when they wear it." More like homicidal, Dish would think. Somehow we just can't see ourselves pulling up to the lingerie counter at Rich's and asking for a Freon recharge.

In Praise of Pansies: Last year was a busy one for Dish, but not so busy that we can fathom how we missed noting that the National Garden Bureau officially named 1993 "The Year of the Pansy." In fact, we can hardly believe that all our queer garden-devotee friends managed to miss it as well, and somehow we've gotten through most of 1994 before the announcement landed on Dish's desk. We can only assume that someone at the National Garden Bureau's communications office is asleep on the job, or else Dish's in-box really is, as has been hypothesized, a black hole. What upsets Dish the most about the whole thing is that, first of all, the joke possibilities were endless; second, because we've been waiting for this kind of recognition for years; and last, because pansies have always held a special place in Dish's heart—and garden—because we've always admired how they manage to withstand all kinds of adverse conditions.

Green Goddess And speaking of our gardener friends, Dish also wants to congratulate fellow SoVo columnist Maria Helena Dolan on her contribution to the beautification of Little Five Points. Dolan's work on the formerly barren front yard of Charis Books and More was described in the Sept. 8 issue of the Atlanta Constitution's City Life section. The formerly forlorn spot is now lush with plant life, thanks to Dolan, who used her celebrated green thumb to make a political statement at the same time by creating a triangle planted with purple flora, located near the front door of the store. The feminist cultivator even added vegetables to the mix.

September 22, 1994 - September 28, 1994

Fall officially arrives on the equinox (Sept. 22) as the sun moves into social air sign of Libra. Happy birthday, Librans! Take time to enjoy the beauty of nature during this wonderful change of seasons. Also a very good time to clean out closets and storage. Pass on the things you don't need or aren't using. Do the same with emotional baggage to make room for life. **ARIES**, your special life can be exhilarating this month with the sun in your 7th house of close personal relationships and partnerships. If you aren't already, put some more energy and attention into the friendships that mean the most to you. **TAURUS**, definitely a health week for you! How do you treat your body? Even if you think you're really taking care of yourself, note what you actually eat everyday. Are you fussing at yourself? Be as compassionate with yourself as with others. **GEMINI**, are you feeling lighter and more free of worries now that you have organized your personal business? If you are still wading through masses of magazines and papers, then keep throwing "stuff" away till you really can find those important notes! **CANCER**, you may feel a little like an emotional ping-pong ball with all the activity in your 1st house of self-awareness

STARSIGNS

and your 7th house of relationships. If life is a bit too intense right now, do anything that nourishes your spirit. **LEO**, with the assertive planet Mars stirring things up in your 12th house of dreams and visions, you may feel like you are walking around in an altered state. It won't last forever, so do your best to remember this world is not the ultimate reality. Dear **VIRGO**, how was your birthday month? Did you have an absolutely marvelous time celebrating life with your friends and loved ones? If you did, then good for you and keep it up. If you fell a little behind schedule, then it's time to get with the program. Happy Birthday **LIBRA!** It's your time to celebrate life in general and your life in particular. What do you love to do? What brings joy to your heart and fulfillment to your soul? Are you ready to commit to your life on this particular planet? **SCORPIO**, how are you doing with your material resources like money? Do you have what you need, or are you usually

"in need"? If you spend lots of time and energy worrying over money, you may want to find more creative ways of using your talents. **SAGITTARIUS**, with all the activity in your 12th house of dreams and visions, your dreamtime could be filled with a variety of images and fantastic stories. It isn't necessary to make sense of it, but do pay attention and look for personal themes. **CAPRICORN**, if you are living with a bit too much stress at the moment or just too much busy-ness, find a way to do the things that are relaxing and nurturing for you. If you aren't sure what that is, then it is definitely time for discovery. **AQUARIUS**, fall is an excellent time for you to travel, to see the world, have an adventure or go on a vision quest. Seeing the world through a television may be informative, but it is not the same as being there. Check in on your deeper aspirations. **PISCES**, it's a busy time for all the water signs, with everyone needing to release emotional baggage and clarify the past. No need for you to carry extra weight emotionally or physically. Do keep your spirit and soul well nurtured. *Mary Bailey Rule is a professional astrologer who specializes in personal and relationship chart interpretation as well as crisis management. She can be reached in Santa Fe at (505) 473-0095 to order charts or arrange a chart interpretation.*

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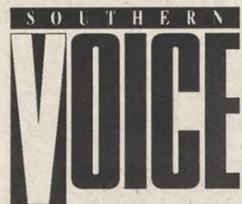
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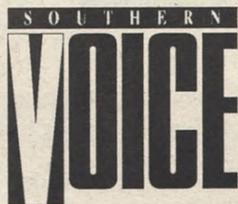
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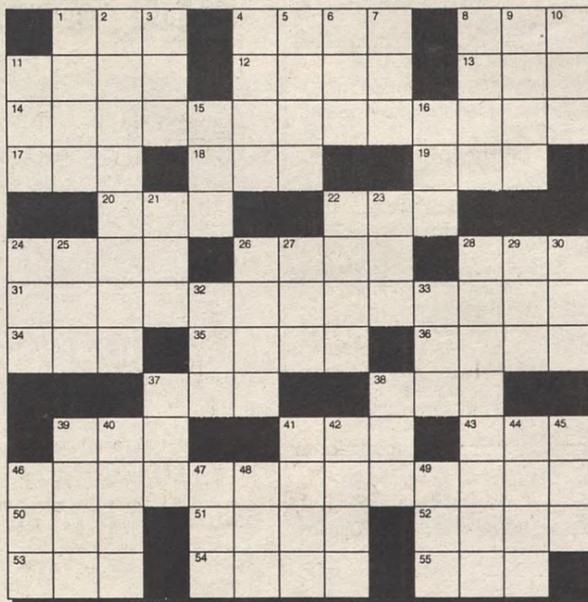
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35. Hairless
36. Over there (archaic)
37. Lesbian poet Sarton
38. Roots star Vereen
39. The Princess and the ___
41. Bran type
43. Govt regulatory bureau
46. Gay computer organization
50. Gerund ending
51. Blue, to Proust
52. Cupid
53. Methane, for one
54. Nintendo competitor
55. Hallucinogenic

DOWN

1. Blackthorn fruit
2. Thoroughfares
3. And the like (abbr)
4. Taxis
5. Landed
6. Author Dreighton
7. Gay church organization
8. Flu
9. Baby bears
10. Allstar Cobb, et al.
11. Crafty
15. Express
16. Sodium hydroxide
21. Lawyer's organization
22. Pay attention to
23. Federal Express competitor
24. In the past
25. Shaft of sunlight
26. June 6, 1944
27. Pipe elbow
28. Willa Cather's Oh!
29. Lesbian singer, Janis ___
30. Romeo ___ Juliet
32. Cager's organization
33. Ta ta!
37. May in München
38. Heat unit (abbr)
39. ___ colada
40. Future birds
41. Designer Cassini
42. Water
44. Prick
45. Donkey
46. Excavate
47. Recipe alternatives
48. Pub offering
49. Long fish

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Finally, a support group for PWAs in North Fulton County (Roswell). Therapist in North Fulton County looking for participants to begin a support group for PWAs. No charge, non-hospital setting! Refreshments and loving support will be on-going. Will offer Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m. weekly. If interested, please call Sherry Melz, M.S. at (404) 642-6646. (7.34)

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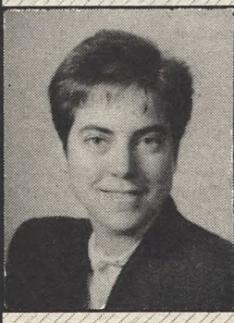
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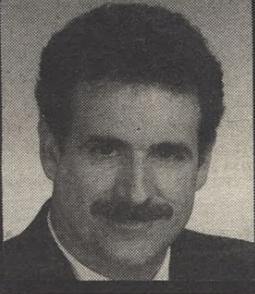
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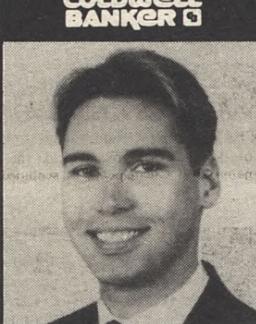
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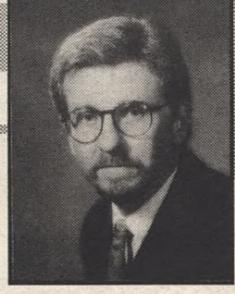
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Quiet GWF, 42 seeking warm, healthy, stable GWF over 35 who likes sports. I like sunbathing in summer and fireside talks in winter. No smokers/druggies. ☎ 1714

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

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

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GBM, boyishly attractive and acting, 30s, 5'9", 155, healthy, educated, positive minded nonsmoker seeks similar who is fit and fun. ☎ 2148

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Goodlooking, stocky GWM, 26, seeks proud owner of round, over-the-belt, expanding potbelly. Masculine, humorous, under 35 preferred. ☎ 2143

Lake Lanier professional GM couple, both 35 seeks single/couples for boating, cook-outs fun and friendship. No fats, fems, drugs. ☎ 2142

Young 35 yearold GWM seeking 35 or older GWM for friendship and companionship. Lilburn area. ☎ 2141

FATHERSONUNCLE

GWM 35, hot BB, wants to hear from those guys who have had real experiences with their Dads, Sons or Uncles, 3-way possible. Write A.P., P. O. Box 531033, Miami, FL 33153 or ☎ 2140

BIGGER'S BETTER

Bottom GWM 29 slim, smooth. ISO GWM TOP Endowed only. Up to 35, in shape, smooth chest. Safe only. ☎ 2139

GWM, 32, 5'7", 148, blk/br, attractive, work out regularly, New to Atlanta. Would like to meet other attractive GWM, 30-36 for friendship or dating. Prefer nonsmokers and non or light drinkers. ☎ 2138

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. ☎ 2128

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

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

DOMINANT DAD

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

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

GWM, 32, 170, 5'11", vgdllkg, 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. ☎ 2104

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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! ☎ 2106

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

GWM, 26, skinny, tall, boyish, clean-cut, funny, somewhat quiet and homebodyish, HIV-, seeks similar for possible relationship. ☎ 2135

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Horny 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. ☎ 1515

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

BLUE EYED TOP

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

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

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

Think family planning/future kids? GWM, 28, thinking similar <35 commits "joint daddies". Enjoys sharing memories, travel, rising our future 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. ☎ 2014

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attractive GWM, 30, blk/bl, 5'10", 155#, healthy HIV+, seeks friendship for hiking, scuba diving, motorcycling, boating, movies, and fun times. ☎ 1715

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 23, tall, fit, into 99X, outdoors. ISO same 21-30. Dark hair, blue/green eyes a +! Real people only! ☎ 1722

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PERSONALS

GWM, 34, peppy, professional, curious, always up, ready for adventure. Seeks discreet GWM, 20-40 Adonis for stimulating sensual seduction. ☎ 1519

EX SOLDIER BOY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Goodlooking maculine WM seeks ONLY very masculine BM for safe, discreet en-

counters. No fats/fems. Discretion assured. ☎ 1612

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

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

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

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

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

BUTCH BOTTOM

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

CUTE 28 GWM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WM Masculine 6'4", 150, looking for masculine Black male top. Discretion assured. Can handle business. ☎ 1487

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 40, 6' 210, br/blu, into 99X, sports, travel, poetry, seeks GWM 35-55 for dating and possible relationship. ☎ 1578

RU SHORT&LONG?

GWM, 5'7", 165, br/br, mod. hairy, seeks GWMs under 5'6" w/equipment over 8.5. Uncut a plus. Also into body worship for bodybuilders under 5'6" w/same equipment requirements. Let's play! ☎ 1580

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

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

TV/TS

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. ☎ 2011

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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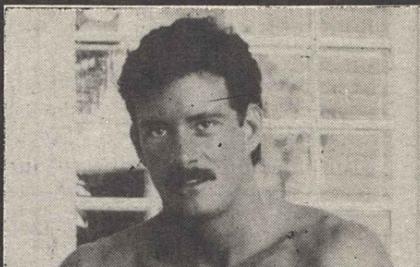
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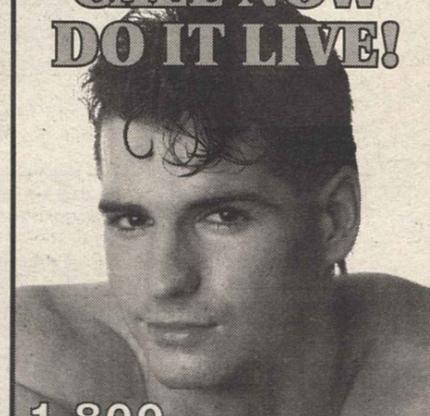
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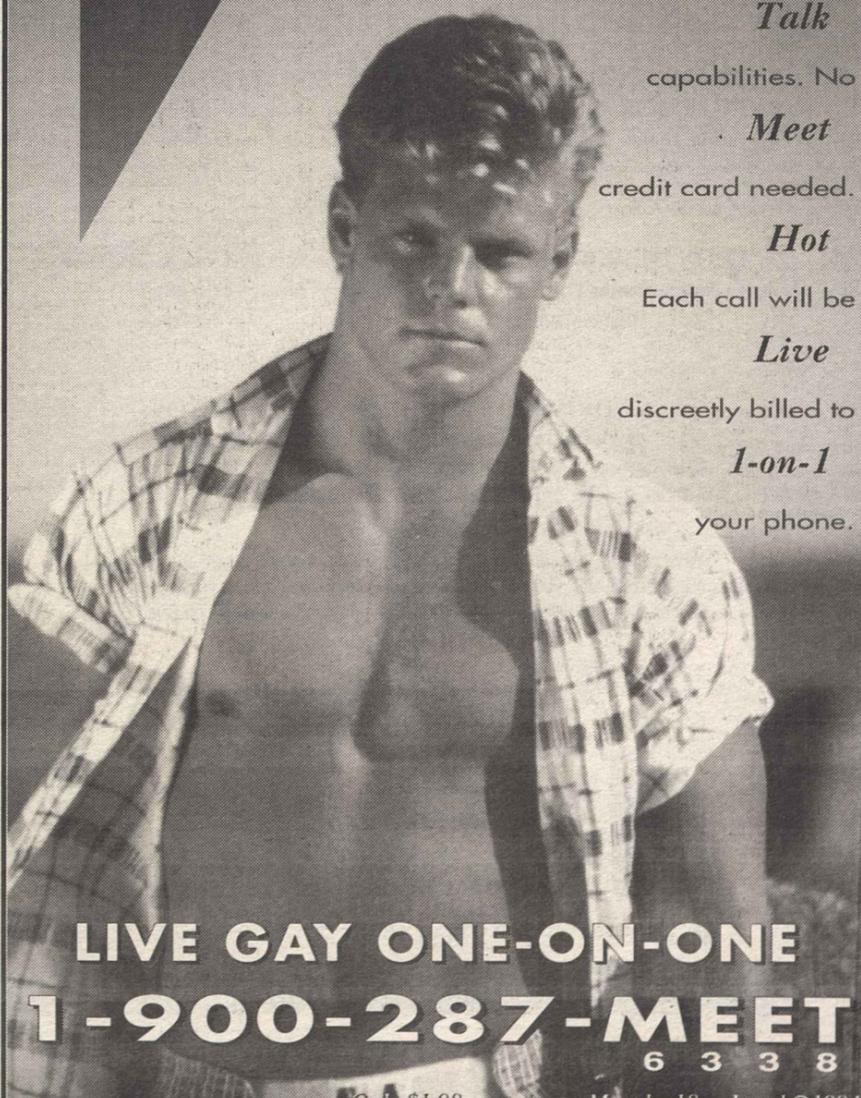


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