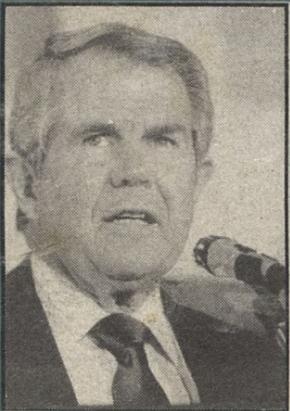


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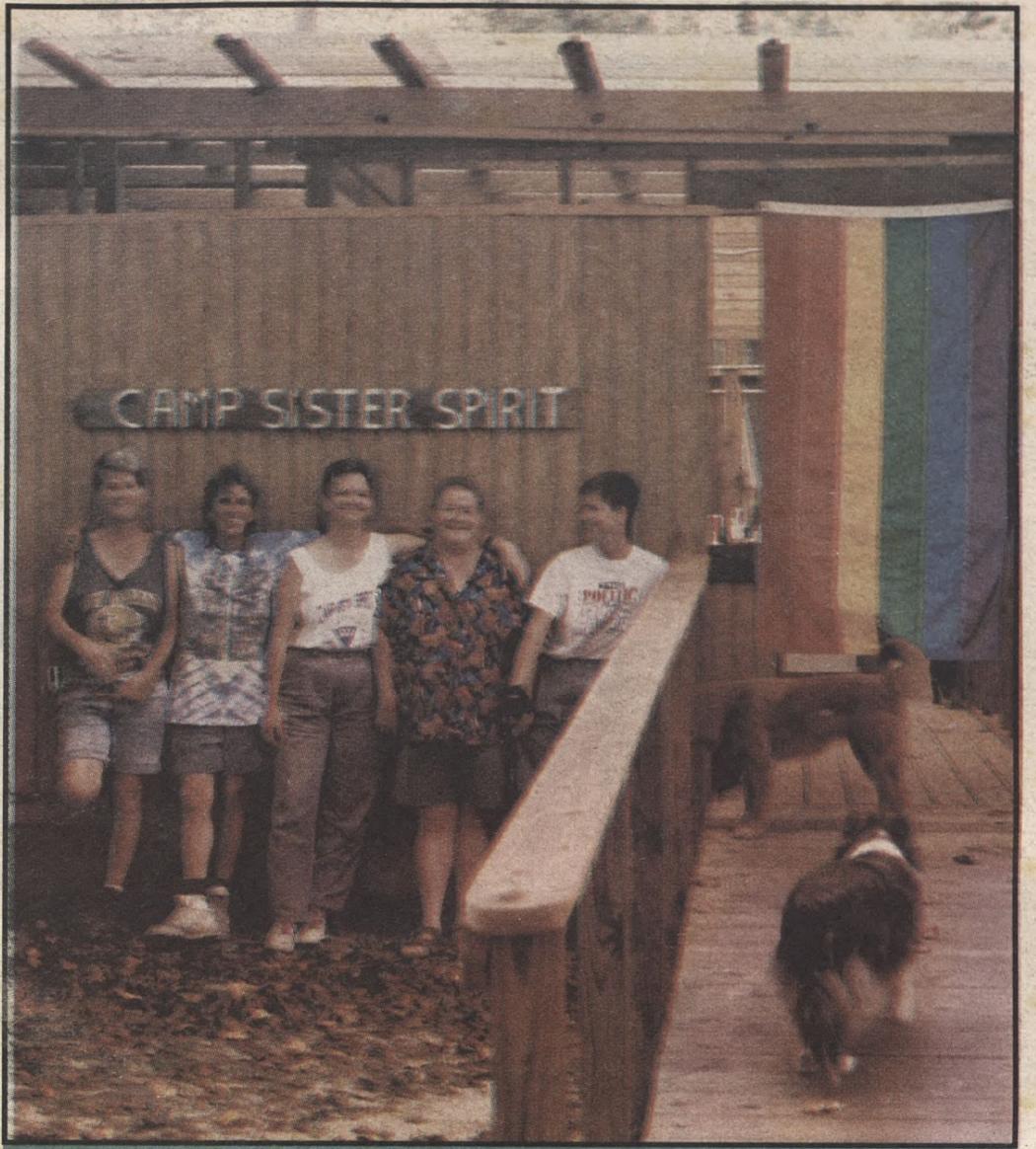
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POSTCARDS FROM CAMP

Camp Sister Spirit, a lesbian feminist retreat in rural Mississippi, made big headlines this year when local religious leaders tried to drive the women from their land. SoVo staff writer KC Wildmoon decided to go and see for herself what all the fuss was about, and how founders Wanda and Brenda Henson were holding up under the pressure.

by KC WILDMOON

Rural lesbians and gay men usually live their lives in hushed fear, careful not to call attention to themselves. Careful they are not singled out as "different." Careful they blend in enough with the local folk to avoid raised eyebrows and potentially harmful gossip. And if that doesn't work, gay men and lesbians usually leave for more tolerant grounds.

Perhaps the people of Overt believed that would happen when they objected to Camp Sister Spirit, a feminist educational retreat planned for a secluded 120-acre hog farm. They most certainly didn't count on Wanda and Brenda Henson's tenacity, or their almost defiant drive to build that retreat.

It's a long drive across the western end of Georgia, all of Alabama and down the eastern portion of Mississippi to Jones County. The rolling hills and long stretches of national forest land afford more time than necessary to think—to anticipate my arrival in a place known to be hostile to people like me. Midway across Alabama, I am desperately looking for some signs of gay life—a bumper sticker, a flag, something, anything. There are none. Not one. Just my own lowly pink triangle. When I pull off the interstate in Hattiesburg

and begin the last leg of the journey, an old man in a beat-up pickup truck gives me the traditional Southern backroad wave as we pass. I wave back, and suddenly there's the lavender gate of Camp Sister Spirit. And rainbow flags.

Rainbow windsocks dot the trees along the drive to the center of the camp. At the top of the hill, signs of activity are everywhere. A pile of scrap wood and brush are ready for a bonfire; sounds of hammering and sawing echo, interspersed by voices asking questions and calling out for instructions. A smiling Brenda Henson comes out of a travel trailer.

"This is the hotbed of lesbian activism," she says, sweeping an arm around her. She points out the construction activity going on behind the trailer. "That's our houselike structure," she says. "We're working on it."

The "houselike structure" is a glorified deer stand. This is hunters' paradise, I suppose. Land that lay vacant for years, adopted by the locals for their own private hunting grounds. The structure is going to be a home for the Hensons. Right now they're putting up insulation. They've already got the tub and toilet in, but they need a plumber to hook everything up properly—and an electrician. They've already done amazing work turning a barn into the camp's heart—a community room, office, kitchen, pantry and bunk house upstairs. Next to it is a bath house, with another rainbow flag gracing the door. A tool shed and tractor/golf cart shed are on the other side—the golf carts are named Thelma and Louise. This is not what I expected. For one thing, there are men here.

Camp Sister Spirit was going to be a woman-only space. But when the troubles began last fall, it was men who called, asking what they could do to help.

"We hadn't intended to do it," Brenda Henson said. "But the men have really come through."

"I was probably the most adamant against the men," said Cheri Michael, who was the first caretaker, after the Hensons, to arrive at the camp. "But I've really had to change my perspective on

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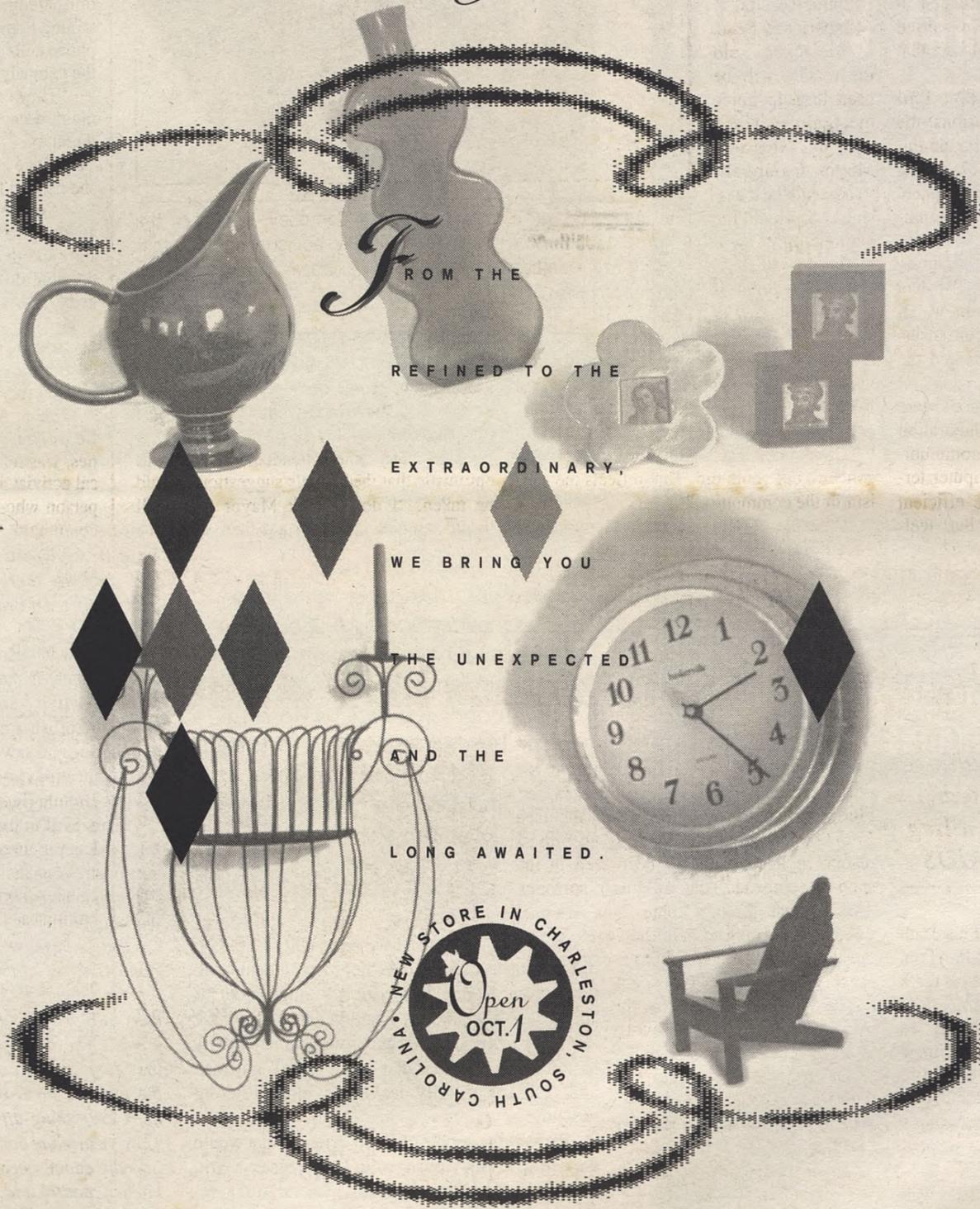
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Advisors to Mayor Campbell, other community members, compile list of concerns

Senior advisors will use list to focus on community problems

Atlanta—More than 30 representatives of Atlanta-area gay businesses, professional associations and political groups gathered Sept. 19 at City Hall East to compile a list of community concerns to be shared with Mayor Bill Campbell's senior advisors on the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community.

"Gays and lesbians were a voting bloc for Mayor Campbell," commented Sally Ringo of the Lambda Center, who participated in the first of two evening sessions. "He courted our vote, and this session is a good sign that he's still interested."

According to mayoral assistant Phil McDonald, who organized the sessions, the mayor's senior advisors conducted a similar session among themselves August 17, during which they listed their concerns, and the panel also wanted input from the larger community.

"We had one charge from the mayor: unity of the community," McDonald said. "We had done this exercise a month before, and we all thought it was a great way to get consensus. Plus, we wanted to track ourselves and the issues we were focusing on."

The August and September sessions were held in the Atlanta Project's Collaboration Room, where up to 20 people can communicate with one another through computer terminals. The forum allows a more efficient exchange of information "without hurt feelings or argument," McDonald said.

Among the top concerns listed in August by the senior advisors were domestic partner-

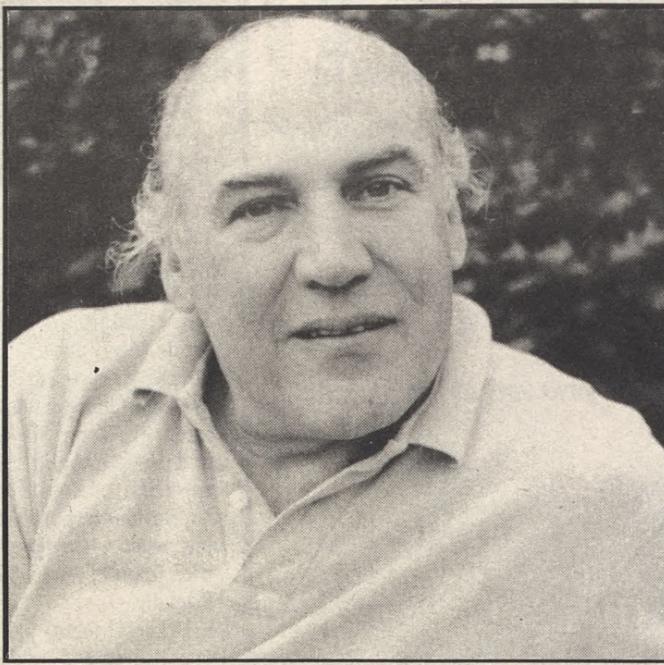
ship, employment discrimination, the Georgia sodomy law, gay youth issues and hate crimes. The two later sessions yielded many similarities to that list but also stressed AIDS funding, concerns with racism and sexism in the community, the need for a comprehensive gay and lesbian community center, and substance abuse.

McDonald said the results will be used to help guide the senior advisers and, by extension, Mayor Campbell. "These will be the issues on which the administration will focus," he said.

Marsha Bond of the Lambda Center and WOW expressed some disappointment in the final lists. "I object to such importance being placed on domestic partnership," Bond said. "This is an issue that affects a minuscule number of people."

Bond noted that "aging didn't make it as a concern, but youth did. That reflects the ageism in the community."

Participant Duncan Teague commended the advisors' efforts as "a proactive stance" and said it was "leaps and bounds above efforts made by previous administrations," Still,



Phil McDonald, an assistant to Mayor Campbell, organized the effort to have the mayor's lesbian and gay advisors and 40 other community members compile a list of concerns which will be shared with the mayor.

Teague said he was disappointed in the racial mix of the turnout. "I always want more participation by people of color," he said. "This city is 65 percent black, but we never have full participation."

Like many other attendees, Teague was optimistic that the group's suggestions would be taken. "I don't think Mayor Campbell would appoint advisors and then make the mistake of not listening to them," he said.

DEVON CLAYTON

City makes changes in way it handles HIV+ inmates

Death of PWA, and resulting lawsuit, have prompted improvements in the handling of jail detainees with AIDS

Atlanta—Almost three years after his death while incarcerated at the Atlanta Pre-Trial Detention Center, Kevin Fee has left his mark on the city's Corrections Department.

In the settlement of a lawsuit, approved on Sept. 14 by U.S. District Court Judge Charles A. Moye, Jr., the city has agreed to make widespread changes in the way it handles detainees at the city jail, including a new medical screening process and mandatory AIDS training for employees.

The 39-year-old Fee died at Grady Hospital on Christmas morning, 1991, after a nine-day incarceration during which he received minimal medical care.

Fee, who had AIDS, was arrested on Dec. 16 in a confused and disoriented state while trying to enter an apartment he mistakenly believed was his. Two days later, after being convicted of disorderly conduct and released for time served, Fee was arrested again in the jail's parking lot when he tried to open a jail employee's car with his own keys. This time, he languished in a single cell until Dec. 25, when a guard noted that he looked "sicker than normal." Fee had no heartbeat when he arrived at Grady, and efforts to revive him

failed.

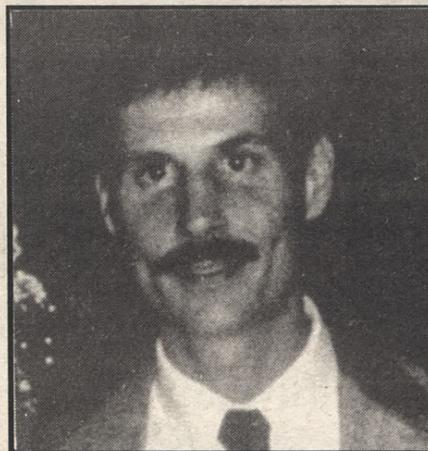
"We don't feel it was something for us," Fee's sister, Elena Cupler of Clearwater, Florida, said of the settlement, which included \$125,000 incorporating attorneys' fees and a plaque in Fee's name to be placed in the soon-to-be opened new jail's training room. "Atlanta was Kevin's home. This is something that is going to help the people of Atlanta. It's a shame it couldn't have been there for Kevin."

Tom Pocock, director of the city's Corrections Department, said several of the terms of the settlement had already been instituted at the jail in the wake of Fee's death, and that the agreement represented a formalization of the department's new procedures.

"For the last two or three years we've given refresher training dealing with the ramifications of AIDS, and sensitivity training," Pocock said. "We have agreed to offer at least three hours annually of additional training in that area."

For the training courses, the department will consult with community-based organizations such as AID Atlanta and Grady's Infectious Disease Program, Pocock said. The agreement also mandates that all detainees at the jail be screened for medical problems by trained medical personnel. Previously, the medical screenings had been done by corrections department officers who referred potential problems to doctors.

"What happened in Mr. Fee's case," Pocock said, "was that due to a mix-up in



Kevin Fee died on Christmas morning, 1991 after languishing in the Atlanta City Jail for nine days with minimal medical care.

communication, he never got that initial screening."

Other changes in procedure had already been instituted, Pocock said. "For example, since [Fee's] death, in 1992 we created five mental health positions," he said. "Mental health screening is now separate [from medical screening]."

And the department has created a staff psychologist position, although that post has not yet been filled. Pocock said he expects a hiring in the near future.

An internal investigation after Fee's death

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Schaefer gets special protection from State Patrol

Atlanta—Phone calls to a northside hotel threatening to picket a fundraiser for Republican lieutenant governor candidate Nancy Schaefer have prompted the Georgia State Patrol to give the anti-gay activist special protection for the duration of her campaign.

According to Schaefer's campaign manager, Ashley Griffin, phone calls began coming in to the DoubleTree Hotel prior to a Sept. 17 fundraiser threatening a demonstration if the event were to go on as scheduled. The threatened demonstration, along with reports of a t-shirt containing Schaefer's face inside a target and phone calls to Schaefer's home, prompted the campaign to call the State Patrol.

"They called the State Patrol Saturday night because there had been an actual threat of a demonstration," Griffin said. "The State Patrol investigated, and decided she needed further protection."

"No one has hit her or slapped her or anything, but when you combine the t-shirt and the phone calls, there is a threat possible down the road," Griffin continued.

Griffin told Southern Voice that the phone calls came from local activist Chris Hagin, a longtime fixture in Atlanta City Hall politics.

Hagin, who did not return a phone call for a comment on his anti-Schaefer activities, was referred to by one prominent local activist as "probably the least credible person who claims to be working for the community."

Schaefer held a press conference on Sept. 21 to defend her decision to accept the special protection, saying she owes "it to Georgia voters—and to my family—to take this step so that I can go out and meet Georgia voters and hear their views without concern for their safety or mine."

But local activists scoffed at Schaefer's apparent fear of the lesbian/gay community.

"It exhibits the same unfounded paranoia that we have seen this poor woman exhibit in the past," said GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini. "It's a waste of taxpayers' money and an affront to all the gay people who have been attacked by her and left unprotected by the state."

Schaefer's Christian organization, Family Concerns, Inc.—which was originally founded in 1986 as "Moral Concerns, Inc." in reaction to the city's non-discrimination policy based on sexual orientation—is providing financial and legal assistance in the lawsuit challenging Atlanta's domestic partnership ordinance. A Superior Court judge has ruled that the ordinance is unconstitutional, and that ruling has been appealed to the Georgia Supreme Court, with oral arguments scheduled for Oct. 17.

Schaefer has been a fixture on the anti-gay scene in the Atlanta area since that 1986 battle—when Citizens for Public Awareness, another Schaefer-led organization, filed suit against the non-discrimination ordinance, claiming that it created an affirmative action class for gay men and lesbians. Schaefer lost that court fight, but she has continued her anti-gay activities on television and radio talk shows and through appearances and publications from Family Concerns.

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Biloxi holds first-ever Pride

Biloxi, MS—Biloxi's first ever gay pride event went off without a hitch, despite some last minute maneuverings that nearly forced the event to cancel.

Fifty people marched through downtown Biloxi on Sept. 17 in a march sponsored by G.L. Friendly, a lesbian and gay organization on the Gulf Coast. A festival at Hiller Park followed, attended by about 150 people gathered to hear the entertainment, headlined by Doug Stevens and the Outband, and speeches.

But the festival ran into trouble earlier in the week when the city's parks department tried to pull permits already obtained by G.L. Friendly.

"They tried to pull the permit because of our drag show," said Todd Emerson. "They thought it was lewd and indecent. They pulled out this obscure law that said you had to have special permits for bands. That law has never been enforced."

The problems were ironed out two days before the event, but G.L. Friendly was required to hire six police officers for security for the event.

"They told me it was the easiest job they ever did," Emerson said.

Only one incident marred the sunny afternoon—a man who refused to give his name but claimed he was a freelance photographer documenting the gay rights movement, set up a video camera near the festival site to tape the



Biloxi's first Pride event went smoothly despite hurdles placed by police and city departments.

proceedings. Several women walked over to block his camera's view, and police threatened to arrest them.

"[The police] asked if we were going to stay here all day," said April Richards of Ocean Springs. "And I said yes."

Richards negotiated with the police, who agreed to allow the women to remain provided they did not talk to the man and stayed three feet away from him. The blocking ended when G.L. Friendly moved two large rental trucks to the side, ending the man's clear line of sight onto the festival grounds.

G.L. Friendly followed the festival with a conference on lesbian/gay organizing on Sunday. The conference, too, ran into difficulties when the Palace Casino abruptly cancelled their agreement to hold the event there, but last-minute negotiations reinstated the agreement. Nearly 40 people attended.

KC WILDMOON

Fairfax ponders "adult" library area

Fairfax, VA—Suggestive reading material could be cordoned off in an "adults only" section of Fairfax County libraries in the latest twist in a battle over the gay-oriented newspaper The Washington Blade.

The county's Library Board voted Sept. 14 to consider placing books or periodicals that seem to promote violence, sex, the occult, abortions or homosexuality out of reach of unaccompanied minors.

"We would be shirking our duty to all our citizens if we continue to shy away from this issue," board member Robert J. Savage said.

Despite protests from about 100 demonstrators, the board voted 5-4 to review Savage's plan. The board gave no timetable for its review.

"Enough is enough," Fairfax resident Ruth McDonough Fitzpatrick told the board. "It is

time for the library board to attend to the business of promoting learning and understanding and to move away from attempts to spread ignorance and bigotry."

The proposal follows two years of wrangling over The Washington Blade. Parents and religious leaders tried to ban the paper from libraries, but the board has voted three times to retain the newspaper.

Library Board chairman Herbert A. Doyle Jr. voted against Savage's proposal, saying it would violate the library's basic mission.

"Libraries are repositories of information of all types, some of it unpleasant and disturbing to certain individuals," Doyle said. "Materials should not be removed because of a particular group's disapproval."

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Court denies Bottoms temp. custody

Richmond, VA—The state Supreme Court on Sept. 15 denied a request to award lesbian mother Sharon Bottoms custody of her three-year-old son pending an appeal of a lower court decision.

The court also refused to expedite the case. Attorneys for Bottoms had made the requests, citing recurring problems between her and her mother over visitation rights.

Henrico Circuit Judge Buford M. Parsons Jr. last year awarded custody of the boy, Tyler Doustou, to Bottoms' mother, Kay Bottoms.

The Virginia Court of Appeals, an intermediate appellate court, ruled in June that Parsons had erred in ruling that Sharon Bottoms

was an unfit mother because of her open relationship with another woman. The three-judge panel awarded custody to Sharon Bottoms.

But Kay Bottoms appealed the ruling to the Supreme Court, which had the effect of keeping Parsons' custody award in force.

Under Supreme Court procedures, Sharon Bottoms' attorney will ask a three-judge panel of the high court to grant full review of the case. If the panel rejects the request, the Court of Appeals' ruling would be the controlling decision in the case, and she would get custody. If the high court agrees to review the case, another round of briefs would be filed.

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Robert Bork Joins Fight Against Gay Rights:

Former U.S. Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork has joined the team of lawyers arguing for Cincinnati's anti-gay ballot initiative in its journey through the federal court system. Bork will serve as co-counsel for Equal Rights, Not Special Rights, the coalition that backed the ballot proposal approved by voters last November. That initiative repealed Cincinnati's gay anti-discrimination measure and banned any such measures in the future. U.S. District Court Judge S. Arthur Spiegel ruled in August that the anti-gay initiative was illegal, but Spiegel's ruling has been appealed. Additionally, former Reagan attorney general Edwin Meese is scheduled to attend a fund-raiser next month for the anti-gay group.



ADAM NADIR

N.Y. Governor Offers Domestic Partnership Plan: The staff of New York Gov. Mario Cuomo has completed negotiations with two public-sector unions to provide health care benefits to the unmarried partners of state prison guards and public university professors. The plan, which will go into effect Jan. 1, will cover gay and heterosexual partners. "It's part of the movement to equalize the way we cover the people who are left out of the system," said Joseph Bress, director of the state Office of Employee Relations. Cuomo's opponent in the November election, George Pataki, has criticized the plan.

Lesbian Settles Lawsuit Against Dallas Police Dept.: A lesbian who claimed she was denied a job as a Dallas police officer has settled her lawsuit against the city. Mica England accepted a \$73,000 settlement September 14, although the city did not

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo's plan will cover gay and straight couples equally.

admit to any wrongdoing. England was denied a position with the Dallas Police Department when she answered affirmatively to questions on her application about sexual orientation. The department has since changed the application. In 1992, an Austin judge ruled that the department's practice of screening applicants for sexual orientation was unconstitutional. A court of appeals upheld the ruling, and the Texas Supreme Court declined to take up further appeal.

Wisconsin Rep. Comes Out, Sort Of: U.S. Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI) and the man he has lived with for 11 years discuss their relationship in an interview published in the latest issue of *The Advocate*. Gunderson, who has spoken at HRCF dinners and been "outed" by homophobic congressman Bob Dornan on the House floor, did not say in the interview that he is gay, but architect Rob Morris, Gunderson's "longtime companion," speaks at length about their relationship. Gunderson, who has won the Republican primary in his Wisconsin district and faces state Rep. Harvey Stower in the general election, told *The Advocate*, "I'm not running for re-election to advance the gay cause. The reasons I'm running are the issues that happen to be very important to my district—the farm bill, passing and implementing a health care bill and supporting vocational education."

Justices Prefer Gay Couple To Birth Mother For Boy's Custody: A troubled young woman's bid to reclaim custody of her four-year-old son and prevent his adoption by a gay couple has been rejected by a Washington state Supreme Court panel. The panel unanimously refused on September 12 to hear Megan Lucas's appeal of a state appellate court opinion that found her ineligible to adopt her son, who was placed in foster care in 1992. Lucas put the boy up for adoption, and tried to retract it when she learned he was to be adopted by a gay Seattle couple. When that failed, she applied to adopt the child herself. The court also ruled that Lucas' estranged husband was ineligible to adopt the boy.

Oregon Gubernatorial Candidate Opposes Anti-Gay Initiative: According to a list of his positions on ballot initiatives in Oregon, Republican gubernatorial candidate Denny Smith is opposed to Measure 13, the Oregon Citizens Alliance's second attempt at an anti-gay measure. Smith was raised to believe that "you treat people the way you would like others to be treated, regardless of age, or race, or sex, or sexual orientation or anything else," said spokesman Matt Evans. "He intends to be the governor of all Oregonians." Scott Lively, a spokesman for the OCA, which had endorsed Smith, said the candidate's public opposition "was not a real smart thing to do." Lively added, "We know that he agrees with us on the issue."

Vandals Trash Gay Couple's Home In Phoenix: Vandals have targeted the home of a gay couple in Phoenix, Ariz., spray-painting anti-gay slurs on interior walls and breaking a water pipe. Michael Jones and David Mericle were at work when the vandalism occurred September 16. "At first I was so scared," Jones said. "Then I got mad. This is B.S. for someone to come into my house and tear it up." Phoenix police have classified the incident as a hate crime, but no suspects have been arrested. Phoenix activists are angry about the police's handling of the incident—the department's hate crimes investigator did not arrive at the couple's home until eight hours after they reported it.

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David Williams

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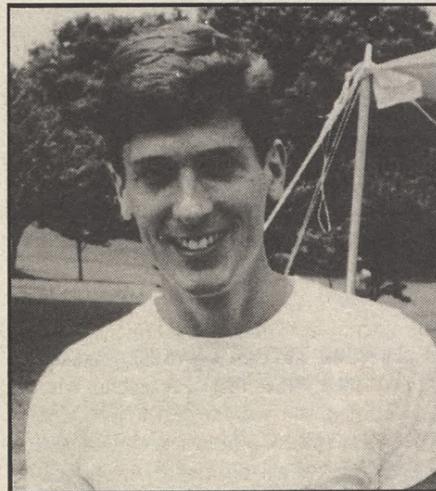
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was complete.
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It's just that AIDS is stealing time and life.



Deaths Elsewhere

Texas reporter Tim Halley

Beaumont, TX—Tim Halley, a former assistant city editor who detailed his battle with AIDS in an award-winning series in the Beaumont Enterprise, has died of the disease. He was 35.

Halley died Sept. 12, six years after testing positive for HIV.

He went public with his personal battle against the disease in 1992 by writing a first-person account in the Enterprise's special section, "AIDS: Everyone's Problem."

"Dealing with the very real possibility of an early death shines a light on my weak-

nesses as well as my strengths," Halley wrote. "But in the end, I think I have a much clearer view of who I am and what I am made of."

Halley was the lead reporter of the 16-page AIDS section, published Sept. 20, 1992, that won local, state and national awards, including the Press Club of Dallas' prestigious Texas Legacy Award and the American Medical Association's top national medical writing award.

Halley is survived by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

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Former Key West mayor Richard Heyman

Key West, FL—Former Key West Mayor Richard A. Heyman, one of the nation's first openly gay politicians, died Sept. 16. He was 59. His long battle with AIDS ended in his Key West home.

Heyman's 1983 election victory fueled early debate on gays in mainstream society, but he was a reluctant symbol.

"I didn't run as a gay man. I ran as a man

who felt he could do things to change our city," Heyman said in an interview Sept. 10.

Heyman didn't run for re-election in 1985, but two years later he returned and was elected mayor for a final two-year term.

Heyman is survived by longtime companion John Kiraly, sister Glenda Heyman, and a niece and two nephews.

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Stonewall 25 still in the red

Organizers face a \$364,000 debt and a lot of unhappy creditors

by SHEILA WALSH

Three months have passed since Stonewall 25 participants marched in the streets of New York. The dance parties are over and the garbage has been swept. Just about everyone has gone home—except for a few remaining march organizers trying to sweep away a \$364,000 debt.

A handful of volunteers are working full-time on this endeavor at Stonewall 25 business manager John Byer's apartment. Although Byer said he and the other volunteers are doing the best they can to mitigate the debt, some creditors are barking at Stonewall 25's door.

Murray Weinstein, owner of Candid Litho in New York City, told the Washington Blade, a gay D.C. weekly, he has taken legal action against Stonewall 25, which he claims owes his business about \$8,000 for printing services.

"I've tried to help out other gay organizations and [Stonewall 25 is] not the only organization I've been stuck by," said Weinstein who has been owed money for six months. "From now on, it's C.O.D. only. I have totally turned off the gay rights movement... The people I have come into contact with have been totally irresponsible."

Candid Litho is not the only creditor owed money. According to Byer, Stonewall 25 owes approximately \$110,000 for merchandise. In addition, said Byer, the organization owes former staffers from \$60,000 to \$70,000 in unpaid salaries and about \$110,000 to individuals who loaned money to the group.

Former Stonewall 25 publicist Alan Dee took legal action to get his money by having a lien placed on Stonewall 25's bank account. Dee said Stonewall 25 owed him more than \$22,000 after he left this spring. The organization has since repaid all but \$3,600 of that debt.

Dee said he took legal action because he "had no hope that Stonewall 25 organizers will do the legally correct, moral, or proper thing."

Ric Barrick of Washington, D.C., said Stonewall 25 owes \$20,000 for public relations services provided by his company, Barrick and Associates. He said he would provide services to a gay organization again, but would look out for himself a little bit more.

"I would have to allocate my resources very carefully in the future," he said. "I am not trying to downplay the significance of Stonewall 25, but this situation that developed was completely due to lack of management skills on the part of the executive committee."

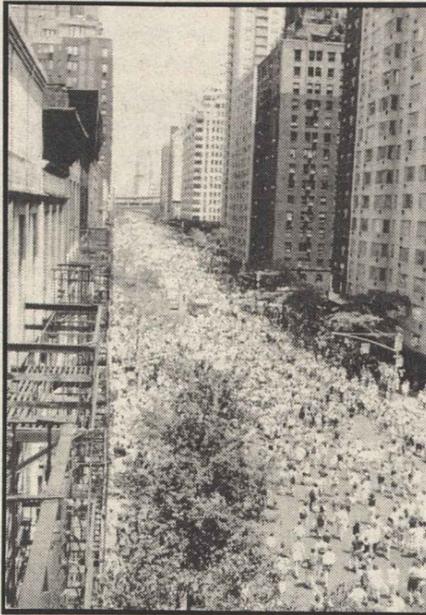
Stonewall 25 hired San Francisco publicist Alan White in April 1994 and racked up a \$10,000 bill for services provided through the June 26 march.

"Before I left [for New York], I said to them, 'Are you sure you can pay me?'" said White. Stonewall 25 organizers promised in writing that he would be paid immediately after the event, he said. When he came to Central Park to ask for his check, "They just had glazed looks on their faces and said they would discuss it the next day."

White still has not seen his \$10,000 check. "This is the first time I've been burnt by a gay organization, and I've done work with the lesbian and gay community and organizations," said White. "I wonder how could the people presenting the largest gay rights event in the history of the world not have the money to pay me?"

Stonewall 25 organizers sent out two press releases after the march to answer questions like the one posed by White.

"After the week of Gay Games and numer-



Stonewall 25, held in June, cost \$1.1 million to stage.

ous other events which did not financially benefit Stonewall 25, we found that many were tapped out by the time they got to Sunday, June 26," said co-chair Nicole Ramirez Murray. "We clearly were asking for people to give when they had already spent much of their money on event tickets, T-shirts, and dances."

The revenue taken in the week of the march fell way short of Stonewall 25 organizers' expectations. In April, executive administrator Susan Jester told the Blade, "It's not unreal to expect we'll take in well over a million the week of the march." But according to figures released by Byer, the organization took in \$111,974 the day of the march.

The group had approximately \$142,000 worth of unsold merchandise as of June 30, according to Byer, who blamed the low sales on a lack of volunteers.

Stonewall 25 organizers openly sparred with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, not allowing him to march with the first contingent. That strained relationship may have cost Stonewall 25 dearly—according to Byer, the Parks Department forbade organizers from conducting a "money sweep" at the post-march rally. Stonewall 25 already had volunteers in place when city officials told them no. The volunteers collected money around the park exits, Byer said, but were not able to take in as much money as they would have otherwise.

The event—including costs incurred for the march, rally, international and U.S. outreach, and merchandise—cost approximately \$1.1 million, according to a report released to the Blade.

According to Byer, Stonewall 25's total revenues as of June 30 totaled \$600,000.

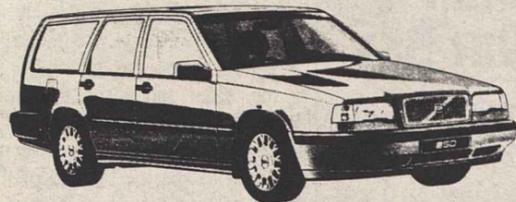
A large chunk of that \$600,000 came from a large donation from the PointOne Management Co. Three days before the march, PointOne donated \$100,000 to Stonewall 25 for the rally stage, according to the company's president, Ric Barrick. PointOne also markets credit cards to the gay community.

In exchange for the donation, according to Barrick, Stonewall 25 organizers promised to promote the credit card from the Central Park stage and to "actively help distribute applications." PointOne agreed to donate \$5 to Stonewall 25 for every approved credit application. Barrick said Stonewall 25 failed to promote his company from the stage and provide enough volunteers to distribute the applications. PointOne had to hire several hundred volunteers at the last minute, said Barrick.

"The executive committee was a major disappointment," said Barrick. "We will probably never recoup the money, but we were also very happy to provide the stage for the event. Despite the fact the executive commit-

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Requiem for a gay libber

by WILLIAM J. MANN

Harry died last week. He was 45. When Harry was young, he was very young. Of course, he always seemed older to me, older and wiser, the kind of gay man I wanted to grow up to be. But he was young, very young, young like the movement: "I'm going to see the far end of the rainbow," he vowed. At the time, back in 1978, I didn't understand.

Now I wonder if anyone ever will.

I write my column to tell stories: stories about people like Harry, a man who, if he wasn't at Stonewall, could well have been. In 1969, he was 20 years old, a bright, eager young man with the whole world in front of him. "I always knew us gays had a future," Harry would tell me, years later. He wasn't a highly educated man; high school had been difficult enough—he wasn't going on to college. We came from the same small town. He was an oddity: a gay man who was out, and not ashamed.

That was a novel thing in the early 1970s. The kids at my school knew about Harry, with his long hair and daisy chain around his neck. He smoked marijuana and lived in a rundown shack. Some of the kids (I admit to early on being a part of them) harassed him. But Harry was good natured and young enough not to mind. "Hey, peace and love, you hooligans," he'd yell after us.

Once we lingered. He offered us a hit from his joint. We all choked. We were 10, 11 at best. I already knew I was gay. That's why the stories about Harry always resonated for me. He's gay, I said to myself: gay. Harry wasn't especially pretty, but for a budding 11-year-old gay boy, his long auburn hair and big brown eyes were swimmingly erotic. I felt weak standing there talking with Harry. He noticed. We became friends.

"Yep," Harry said, some years later, after several friendly (but always platonic) visits to his shack. "I'm movin' to New York." I'd come out to Harry, tentatively; even if I didn't see him often, I trusted him, and I knew he was there. Another gay man. Him and me. The only ones in our little town, I was convinced.

"New York?" I asked, unsure of what his moving would mean to me.

"Yep," he replied. "New York. That's where gay culture is flourishing. You need to

move out of here when you get old enough, too." And his words were taken as the wisdom they were: "You got to go find the far end of the rainbow."

Harry came back to our little town when I was getting close to graduating from high school. By now, it was the latter half of the 1970s, and he looked very different. I was thrilled to see him again, and now, with my testicles eagerly pumping out baby fresh hormones, Harry looked even better than I remembered. He'd built up his body some, grown one of those fashionable walrus mustaches, and wore the clone-required flannel shirt. We didn't have sex, though; I don't know why. I would have, in a minute. But Harry had other things on his mind.

"I want to start something here," he said, "right here in this town, for gay kids." He explained that in New York gays were building a future for themselves, and people had to start doing that everywhere. "Our future is you," he said, stubbing his finger on my chest. Harry wanted to start a group, get people involved. "Gays are everywhere," he exclaimed. "We've got to come out."

Harry saw a future that seemed very bright indeed in those warm spring days of 1978. He did get a group going, a small but respectable gathering of activists taking their first, hesitant baby steps out of their closets. Women as well as men. "In 10 years," Harry predicted, "we will have achieved gay liberation."

And oh, the stories he would tell me. Dancing till dawn in New York, the body-transcendent sex with strangers, the exhilaration of cruising a man openly on the streets—all of it seemed so exciting to my young, eager hormones. "Don't you ever get tired?" I asked, after Harry had told me of a four-day, four-night marathon of sex on Fire Island. "No one gets tired," he said, winking, "when you're looking for the far end of the rainbow."

"Hey," he added later, as if he anticipated what was to come, "don't you ever let anyone tell you sex is bad. That's what being gay is all about. People always say it's bad. We're making sex and love good."

Of course, it didn't last: Harry was diagnosed with HIV sometime around 1984, after he had built a gay and lesbian community center from the bottom up, after he had spoken

so eloquently at our state's first gay pride day celebration in 1982. "We are the standard bearers," he'd said then. "We will lead the fight. In due course, the next generation will take the torch from our hands, but until then, we must do the work, we must liberate ourselves, so that our heirs will look back and say, 'They did their part.'"

So many of the Harrys from the early days of Gay Liberation are gone now. The gay Generation X hardly knows of them, or of the vision they once had. They scorn the uninhibited sex of the 1970s as the cause of AIDS, yet they blithely ignore safe sex guidelines themselves. Harry's contemporaries, those left alive, have seen their dreams dry up under white-hot hospital lamps. Don't get me wrong: it's not as if they weren't successful in their fight. On the contrary, no gay kid ever need feel he or she is the only one ever again, precisely because of the long-haired daisy-chained gay libbers who built our community centers and danced till dawn. But so much of what they had hoped for, planned for, fought for, was thwarted by the emergence of twin demons: the virus and the backlash of hatred that our early successes unleashed upon us.

When Harry died, few remembered his heyday in the '70s. Few remembered the part he played. He'd given up around 1986, and in turn, he was given up upon. He was bitter, and I don't blame him. I lost touch with him. Maybe he found some peace; maybe at the end he was once again the carefree boy he was in that shack when I first met him. I hope so.

If we thirtysomethings—those of us who remember—can do anything, it's this: tell the stories. Keep alive the memory of the generation who first took up the call, who danced all night, who gloried in sex, who inspired kids with a promise for a gay future, who held staunch in the belief that someday we would see the far end of the rainbow.

If we can recall their vision, maybe we will see it yet.

William J. Mann is publisher of Metroline, the queer newsmagazine for Connecticut and Massachusetts. He is currently working on a novel.

LETTERS

Military intelligence?

In his speech to the nation on the Haitian crisis, President Clinton justified military intervention for a number of reasons, which included human rights violations and the denial of free speech. In moving terms, the President went on to say that thousands of Haitians were forced to go into hiding in their own country because they feared for their physical safety and lives. To rectify these and other abominable conditions, the full power of the American government was committed along with the United States military forces and such nationally known, nonadministration leaders as Jimmy Carter, Colin Powell, and Sam Nunn.

At the same time, President Clinton has implemented a policy of "don't ask/don't tell" in regards to gays in the U.S. armed forces. Such a policy is a clear violation of these individuals' human rights and freedom of speech. Yet the lesbian and gay men in the armed services are being ordered to offer their lives to guarantee the free speech and human

rights they themselves are denied in their own nation. The irony of this situation is only augmented by the presence of such outspokenly anti-gay exponents as Sam Nunn and Colin Powell.

On the issue that Haitians must go into hiding, it is also ironic that hundreds of thousands (possibly millions) of gay and lesbian Americans must "hide out" in the so-called "closet" in cases strongly parallel to those faced by Haitians. In vast areas of our nation, homosexuals must live in constant fear of job loss, social and religious condemnation, and discrimination in hiring and promotions. The cases of hate crimes against gays are clearly documented and there are generally no recourses available under national, state or local laws—in many cases quite the reverse where government ordinances support discrimination and thus indirectly promote violence. The result is that gay men and lesbians in most of America must live with the fear of "discovery," physical attack, and possibly death. Yet we are asked to support with our lives and money the free-

dom from economic and political reprisals of a people in the Caribbean with no significant importance to America.

What abysmal hypocrisy to promote one policy of repression at home for millions of American citizens while sending troops (including homosexuals) to abolish similar forces of repression in Haiti. While gay and lesbian Americans may support the cause of human rights in other nations and the exercise of United States military and diplomatic power to help change these dreadful situations, it is only right and highly proper that we never forget to point out inconsistencies and fallacies in policies which affect all our lives. We need to constantly and repeatedly write our political leaders when such events occur. I hope that every gay man and lesbian who reads this letter will copy it, sign it in agreement, and send it to his/her congressperson, senators, and President Clinton.

Sincerely,
Dick Funderburk

In praise of our fuzzy friends

"Watch out, Emily. No, no not there. Careful! Ooh. Hey, that's not such a good spot either, dear. Get down, sweetie. No, no! Get down!"

Now before you jump to the wrong conclusion, I am not switching this family column to kinky porno. And, no, Emily is not a replacement lover with whom I am in serious need of couples' counseling or master shiatsu lessons. Emily is my Lesbian Club membership cat. She came to me at six weeks old from the North Shore Animal league, an organization that keeps their abandoned animals alive till someone finally adopts them, even if it happens to be one of the long-suffering, oft-adopting NSAL workers themselves.

In addition, this household boasts Alexis, our auxiliary cat, who came to us in the middle of one of the coldest Decembers on Boston record. (And if you've ever lived in Boston in a record year, you know for first-hand fact that that can be a cold, cold town.) She came into the house as a black and tan (it was Boston, after all) with a nose that looked like her curiosity had won out over an oil puddle. It took two weeks of ardent self-cleaning for her to reveal herself to us as a black and white. She had been on the street for most of her ten months when she adopted us. It took us two weeks to realize that if we were going to put used chicken bones into the chinch sack, they'd have to be clad in Glad first, till yellow and blue made green, or we'd have the contents of everybody's yesterday strewn artlessly across the crowded rooms.

The household also boasts Shug (from Shug Avery in "The Color Purple"), my dog by marriage. She's a mini schnauzer, not a brain surgeon, (which isn't a respected canine pro-



Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS

fession anyway) but is nominated for Sweetest Dog in America. Millennia ago, I said, "The way to a woman's heart is through her puppy" and lined my pockets with Milk Bones. It worked all too well. Last weekend, as I had to sit inside a hundred degree, newly erected storage shed, caulking inevitable tropical rainstorms away from the pool chemical bags, doggie dearest required herself to my side in loyalty and never-ending pocket optimism. As I said, not from the Werner Von Braun gene pool. But my beloved step-dog nonetheless.

Now you are probably wondering why I have taken you on a tour of my household herd. Well, I wanted you in a personal pet posture to share with you a "Thank you for what you are doing for all of us" concept that's been made flesh and fur in my neighborhood

and, I hope, in yours: Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS).

Mike Buzel, an HIV-negative gay man, was sitting around the house enjoying the comfort and camaraderie of Penny, his golden Collie, Brandy, his golden Lab, and Chancy, his golden Golden. It occurred to him that if some sudden sickness befell him, he'd be hard pressed to care for his beloved brood. So Michael did what any caring animal lover would do. He thanked whatever gods may be for his unconquerable health, and projected. Then he called up an organization from around his kitchen table.

PAWS, in Ft. Lauderdale, which is similar to, but not affiliated with PAWS in San Francisco and other cities, and PETS and POWER in other cities, cares for the pets of people living with AIDS. PAWS subsidizes food, yearly vet visits, transport, foster care during owners' hospital stays, and, sadly, permanent placement when necessary.

"You know, sometimes there's no one else left to be a supportive buddy, your friend or family but your dog or your cat. When it gets difficult, what do you do?" Michael is modest about his heroic efforts, but unfortunately all too on-target about the sometime plight of our PWA's. "It was something I could do."

"Do you need money?" I inquired the obvious.

Dollars?

"Well, yeah, sure...but..." (What? A not-for-profit not on its knees playing Groveling For Dollars?)

"...what PAWS really needs is volunteers. Just one hour a week. One hour every two weeks. To take some food to a couple of puppies. Or to change a littler box. Or to let a

Lhasa Apsos out on a leash. This doesn't have to be an overwhelming commitment. We'd just like to have a lot more people who love and care for animals get to know each other, have some fun, and help out."

Okay, where do we sign up? If the first person you talk to in a room has more fur than John Belushi or Broderick Crawford and walks on all fours, let me suggest a little supplemental activity that doesn't require nearly the commitment of being a PWA buddy. (Which, if you can, I recommend strongly.) Actually, let me give you a number of recommended activity levels and options.

1) Find out if your neighborhood has a PAWS and volunteer your feel-good hour or two a week. (I don't usually give out telephone numbers in this column, but sometimes I make exceptions. This is one of them. PAWS: [305] 537-9423. Fax: [305] 741-9889.

2) If your neighborhood doesn't have one, start one. I'm sure that Michael will volunteer the details to help get you started.

3) If you're a vet or a groomer, tithe some of your services. Shots at cost. Or gratis. Exams as necessary. A complimentary poodle-cut so that puppy can at least look her loving master in the eye. Whatever you can do is important to a four-legged. And will make life a little easier for a two-legged.

4) No matter what Michael says, not-for-profits do need money. Someone has to pay for the Purina. If your Emily or Alexis or Shug, or Fido, or Felix has given you one minute's pleasure, give something back in their names. Tax-deductible checks can be made out to PAWS of South Florida, P.O. Box 451358, Sunrise, FL 33345-1358.

Don't make them have to sit up and beg.

LETTERS

Not running on empty

In the Sept. 1 issue of SoVo, there was a letter from Rob Martin wondering if local runners had protested the Cobb 10K Classic Labor Day run. I sent a letter to the producer of the race in July. Mr. Martin and the community should know that Front Runners does not support Cobb County races. I am aware of several club members who also wrote to the race sponsor indicating their objection to the race location.

In response to my letter, I received a call from a representative from their race. She indicated that not all Cobb County residents support the resolution. She asked that we attend the race to protest the resolution with our presence. Further, she said they were considering changing the name of the race to the Atlanta 10K Classic next year. I suggested that changing the resolution would do more for support of the race than a name change.

Additional action that my club leadership team took during my term in office included:

- Exclusion of any Cobb County race from our "Race of the Month" calendar.

- The club sponsored participation in the Unisys Six Flag 10K in May was canceled and a letter of protest sent. Jim Struve, a Front Runner, was the first place Male Master in their 1993 race. They were notified by him of his decision to not run in this year's race.

- A Cobb County T-shirt vendor who had printed club T-shirts was not selected for the 1994 Pride T-shirts specifically because of his business location.

The club is under new leadership this year and will address community issues as they see necessary. As the race director for the 1995 Pride Run, I can assure Mr. Martin and the community that I will continue to show my

objection to Cobb County businesses and other supporters of the Cobb County resolution.

With kindest regards,
James F. Kane
Race Director, Front Runners
1995 Pride Run

Give Grady some credit

I was sorry to hear about Michael Alan Booth and his insurance billing problems. However, I feel compelled to point out that being "sent...to the Grady system" is absolutely not the nightmare that such phrases imply.

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Many of the patients come to us because their private physicians refuse to see them when the insurance runs out, even if they have Medi-

care or Medicaid. But I would challenge anyone who thinks that their medical care suffers in any way just because they come to Grady; in many cases, it improves a great deal. I think with few exceptions our patients would agree.

So, please, give the Grady system the credit it certainly deserves. I invite Michael Booth or anyone in a similar predicament to come to

our clinic. I have absolutely no doubt that they will receive the finest medical care available and be treated with the kind of human dignity and respect that anyone deserves.

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Christian Coalition vows massive turnout during November elections

Religious political group bashed Clinton, liberals and gays during weekend conference

Washington, DC—The million-plus member Christian Coalition held its annual conference last weekend with vows to stop the Clinton administration in its tracks with a massive turnout of religious conservatives at the polls.

Gay and lesbian issues took a backstage stance to the anti-abortion agenda during the two-day conference, a trend that continued from last year's conference.

"It's really clear that the anti-choice agenda is this group's agenda," said a national lobbyist who attended the conference undercover. "The response of the crowd when the abortion issue was raised would be really riotous. But whenever people mentioned the gay issue—which was very few—the response was much smaller."

But the "family values" rhetoric—known to include an anti-gay agenda—was in full force.

"We are fed up with Clinton-style liberalism and in six weeks it comes to an end," Ralph Reed, executive director of the coalition, told several thousand delegates at the start of the conference.

Reed charged that the administration has "thematic schizophrenia"—that Clinton preaches morals and family values at churches but that his White House "has not been friendly to families or values."

Reed and evangelist Pat Robertson, founder and president of the coalition, predicted a record turnout of anti-Clinton, pro-family voters.

"We are seeing the Christian Coalition rise to where God intends it to be in this nation—as one of the most powerful political forces that's ever been in the history of America," said Robertson. "The polls are turning. The tide is turning. The nation is saying we're right."

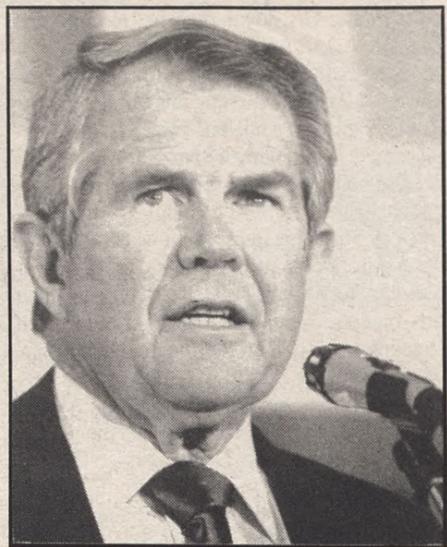
Following morning speaker sessions, the attendees broke into smaller groups divided by topic and by state.

Some 45 people attended the Georgia session, which was also attended by 7th District U.S. Congressional candidate Bob Barr. At that session, organizers revealed that the Christian Coalition now has 28 chapters in the state, with 26 in development. They also plan to distribute 2 million "voter guides," primarily at churches, just before the November elections.

The conference featured four 1996 presidential prospects—Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Tex.; former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, former Vice President Dan Quayle and former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney.

Coming under repeated attack by speakers were Clinton's now-dead health plan, his attempt to end the ban on gays and lesbians in the military, his 1993 package of tax increases and deficit reduction, his foreign policy and his values.

Gramm, chairman of the GOP Senate cam-



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— Pat Robertson

paign committee, said to wild applause that his objective at the polls in November is "shutting down the Clinton taxing and regulating and spending machine."

Alexander, once a Clinton ally on education reform, said the president "gave us five minutes of hope" and then "created a hole a mile wide for new leadership in 1994 and 1996."

"It was two years ago that I put on my hat as a TV sit-com critic. What a difference two years makes," Quayle said, referring to his criticism of the Murphy Brown show for its portrayal of an unmarried mother. Noting that Clinton had said during his presidential campaign that he was tired of hearing people lecturing about family values, Quayle said, "Just recently...he lectured about family values."

"He said there were too many children born out of wedlock. He said it would be in the best interests of children to be born into intact families. Sound familiar? Welcome aboard, Mr. President."

The Clinton appointee who drew the most ire was Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, who has said she favors studying the impact of legalizing drugs, advocated on behalf of more comprehensive AIDS education, and supported gay rights issues.

Former Education Secretary William Bennett said that in continuing to support Elders, "the administration has forfeited its right to moral seriousness." The audience rose to its feet when Reed suggested Clinton fire her.

The coalition and its allies in the Christian activist community are reported to be highly influential in nearly 20 state Republican parties. But the electoral record is mixed. Just last week Allen Quist, a conservative candidate for Minnesota governor, was beaten badly in the Republican primary by moderate incumbent Arne Carlson.

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te didn't live up to its promises, we feel the event was still a memorable one and one that enabled gays and lesbians from around the world to come together for the first time."

According to co-chair Franklin Fry, organizers are working on several fundraising plans, including telemarketing and a direct appeal to some of the celebrities that appeared at the

postmarch rally.

"I think ultimately, the hypocrisy of Stonewall 25 and its organizers is very, very disillusioning," said former Stonewall 25 publicist Alan White. "On one hand, they preached 'Treat gay men and lesbians with respect and as equals' while they were screwing over gay men and lesbians. They caused a great, great deal of personal harm to dedicated people who tried to make that event a success."

Protesters demand gender parity in drug trials

Washington, DC—Protesters staged a demonstration at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at noon September 20, demanding gender parity in clinical research and charging that the FDA restricts women's access to potentially lifesaving experimental treatments. Between 200 and 300 protesters rallied to demand that all investigational and new drug applications must be researched by gender. The action was spearheaded by the National ACT UP Women's Network.

"The protest was not specifically about HIV but rather the whole history of the FDA and women's access to trials," said Dawn Averitt-Doherty, treatment resource specialist at AIDS Survival Project. "The FDA has never mandated women's involvement in clinical trials. A few years ago they issued new guidelines suggesting inclusion, but there have never been mandates."

According to Averitt-Doherty, only 9.7 percent of AIDS Clinical Trials Group participants are women. "And if you take out perinatal transmission studies, it is only 8.5 percent," she said. "It's time for the FDA to design regulations that absolutely include women in clinical trials and mandate that the pharmaceutical industry do women-specific studies."

The FDA was the site of perhaps ACT UP's largest and most successful action, the 1988 demonstration that literally shook the building and gained fast track approval for new drugs.

In addition to demands about treatment research, the demonstrators also said they wanted a label placed on over-the-counter vaginal antifungal creams, in English and Spanish, warning that recurrent or persistent vaginal yeast infections may be a sign of HIV infection, and said an 800 number for counseling and testing should be included.

The FDA "takes seriously the issues raised with regard to HIV infection in women," the agency responded in a written statement. It

pointed to the "Guidelines for the Study and Evaluation of Gender Difference in the Clinical Evaluation of Drugs," released in July 1993, as removing "previous objections" to inclusion of women in early clinical trials.

According to the statement, the FDA has already "warned manufacturers that it may refuse to review new drug applications that do not include women in the clinical trials." The agency also noted that it does not conduct or regulate clinical trials.

The demonstrators were a spirited crowd, slightly more women than men. They couldn't have asked for a more perfect day on the cusp between summer and fall. The sense of theater was enhanced by four large effigies labeled "White male scientists" and FDA Commissioner "David Kessler," plus a macabre skeletal puppet.

The rhetoric was angry but seemed unfocused, perhaps due to the tinny, distorting portable sound system. The "public courtroom" promised in ACT UP press releases never quite jelled.

Sporadic charges were hurled against Kessler, the FDA, the limited effectiveness of available medications, the practice of medicine in general, and the delivery of medical services to the poor in particular. Media coverage was largely absent; there were no television crews or reporters. One speaker at the microphone said the media were giving all the coverage to Haiti.

Ann Northrop, an activist and media savant, said the subject of the demonstration was complex and that the media no longer cared. But she "felt good" about the demonstration. "The people inside the building [FDA] would know" about it.

The action followed a meeting September 9 with Kessler, in which the group had laid out its demands. Both sides described the session in positive language and said they intend to meet again in early November.

BOB ROEHR

HIV-2 strain is less virulent, study shows

Washington, DC—A study of prostitutes in Senegal has provided scientists with evidence that the virus known as HIV-2 causes AIDS much less frequently than its cousin, HIV-1, the strain found in the United States.

"We are hoping that by picking up the actual molecular and genetic reason we will be able to use that knowledge to slow down the life cycle and the destruction of the immune system caused by HIV-1," said Richard Marlink, executive director of the Harvard AIDS Institute.

"It's the first time we can definitively document a type of AIDS virus that causes disease much less often, a slower AIDS virus, from the time of infection onward," Marlink said.

The study, described by Marlink and his colleagues in the journal *Science*, followed women registered as "commercial sex workers," at a clinic in Dakar between 1985 and 1993. The women were examined and treated for sexually transmitted diseases twice a year.

The women were mostly in their 30s, had been sexually active since age 16 or 17, and had been registered as prostitutes four to eight years before enrolling in the study.

In a five-year period, four of 32 women infected with HIV-1 developed AIDS, the researchers found, but none of 33 women who had HIV-2 did, Marlink said.

"The likelihood of having AIDS after five years is one-third after [HIV-1] infection," Marlink said. "But the likelihood after infection with HIV-2 to have AIDS is nearly zero or nil."

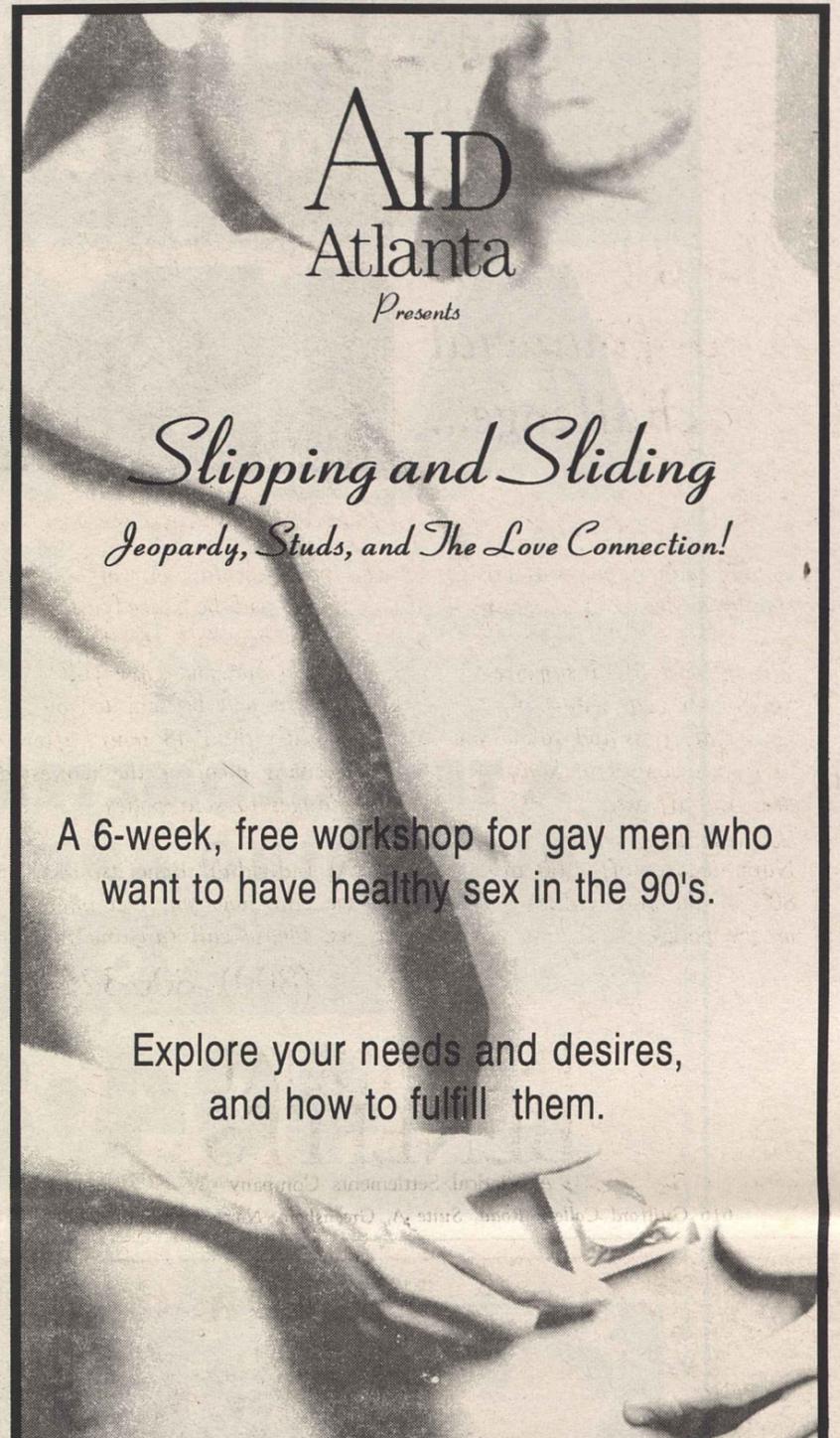
He said his study followed more than 100 women who tested positive for HIV-2 when the study began and "of those women, followed an average of four years, only one case of AIDS developed."

Only several hundred cases of HIV-2 have been found in Europe and the United States in the course of blood surveys or blood bank testing, Marlink said.

The HIV-2 variety somehow is regulating itself, he said, "and if we can figure out why, we can hopefully down-regulate the HIV-1 life cycle."

Marlink said scientists need to learn whether a unique gene in HIV-2 creates a product that can be used for therapy on HIV-1 patients.

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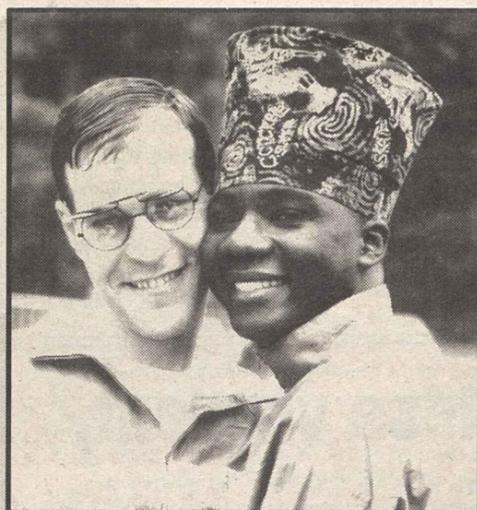
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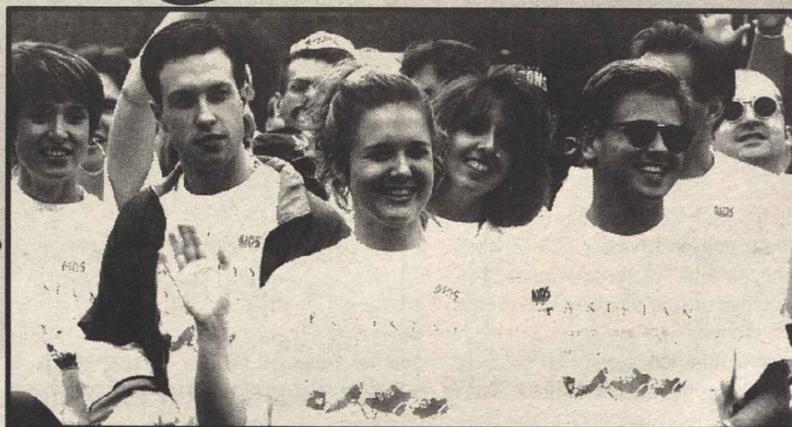
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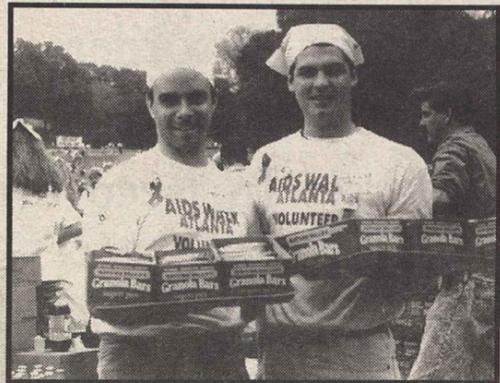
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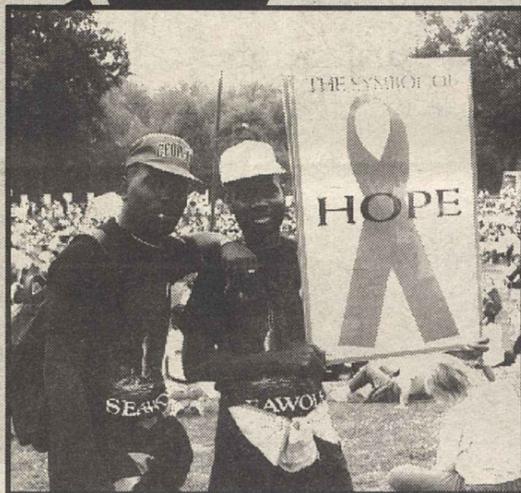
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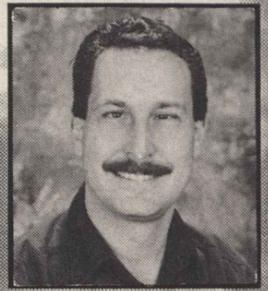
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Growth hormone treatment delayed

Recombinant human growth hormone, viewed by many as the most important development ever in treating AIDS wasting, won't be getting to patients as soon as AIDS treatment activists had hoped. A "Treatment IND" plan, under which growth hormone would be made available to those in urgent need pending the drug's final approval, seems to have been delayed—possibly till this winter. The Food and Drug Administration won't comment officially, but word is that the FDA and the drug's manufacturer, Serono Laboratories, are at loggerheads over whether or not the company has submitted sufficient data.

ACT UP/Golden Gate, which has led the activist community's efforts around growth hormone, is furious: Two of the group's members have shown dramatic improvement while on the drug, and ACT UP believes both the FDA and Serono have bungled the situation badly. Look for all hell to break loose if there isn't progress soon.

Argument over expanded access, accelerated approval continues

The stir over Hoffmann-LaRoche's protease inhibitor, saquinavir, has continued through the summer and into the fall. It began when Treatment Action Group suggested that the FDA not invite Hoffmann-LaRoche to apply for expanded access and accelerated approval for the drug. TAG had suggested that expanded access and accelerated approval, designed to give PWAs early access to drugs that might be helpful, weren't producing adequate data regarding the drugs' effectiveness.

Although many other treatment activists howled their disagreement, Barron's, the financial weekly published by Dow Jones, turned TAG's views into a cover story in its August 15 issue, headlined, "Do We Have Too Many Drugs for AIDS?" The Barron's piece gave no clue that most other AIDS activists disagreed.

In response, Project Inform circulated a consensus statement affirming the community's support for early access to potential treatments, restating what has long been a truism among AIDS activists: If you have a disease that is likely to kill you, a drug that isn't 100% proven is still better than nothing at all.

Representatives of Project Inform, ACT UP/New York, ACT UP/Golden Gate and others pressed the issue at a late August meeting with FDA officials, and activists from all over the country drove the point home again at a large FDA meeting Sept. 12-13. The overwhelming sentiment from the community was in support of expanded access and accelerated approval, and FDA officials made it clear they had gotten the message.

Intriguing report on arthritis drug

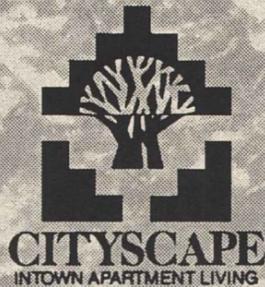
The Journal of Rheumatology, not generally one of the places people look for news about the latest AIDS treatments, recently published an interesting report regarding sulfasalazine, a drug used in treating rheumatoid arthritis and other autoimmune disorders (disease in which the immune system goes out of kilter, with damaging effects).

A group of physicians from New York's Cabrini Medical Center discussed four HIV-positive patients who had Reiter's syndrome, an inflammatory joint disease that sometimes occurs in people with HIV, and who are treated with sulfasalazine. All four patients, three of whom were not taking any anti-HIV medication, showed a pronounced increase in CD4 (T-cell) levels, from an average of 315 to an average of 542.

The doctors, not surprisingly, suggest that the drug warrants further study in people with HIV. In the meantime, many questions suggest themselves: Will the sulfasalazine have a similar effect in HIV-infected patients without Reiter's syndrome? Do the improved CD4 levels correspond to an actual improvement in the patients' condition, such as fewer infections or longer survival? Can the improved levels be sustained over time, or will they drop eventually?

Also unclear is exactly why sulfasalazine seems to have this effect. The doctors note that although the drug's "mechanism of action is unclear," even in standard uses, "it appears to possess many immunoregulatory functions."

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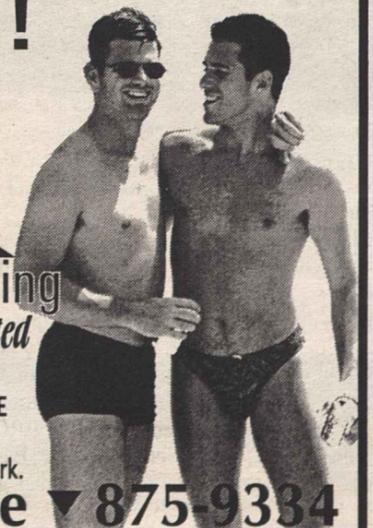
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Minority AIDS fight must be stepped up, says Shalala

Washington, DC—Four young men chanted and beat a large drum somberly as incense curled to the ceiling of the hotel ballroom. Two Native American women sang a prayer and an "honor song" for people who have died of AIDS, officially opening a national conference on the disease's impact on minorities.

AIDS "continues to stalk all communities of color" and new cases are showing up "at an alarming rate" in racial and ethnic minorities, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said Sept. 16 in a speech to a national conference on AIDS among racial and ethnic minorities.

The four-day conference included more than 700 community leaders, service providers and researchers from Native American, Alaskan Native, Asian-American, Hispanic and black communities. It was sponsored by the Public Health Service and its parent agency, the Department of Health and Human Services.

Last year, Shalala said, 55 percent of the 106,949 AIDS cases reported nationwide were among minorities, who represent about 26 percent of the U.S. population.

She said the AIDS crisis is made up of "hundreds of local epidemics."

The AIDS rate is especially dramatic among minority young people, government statistics show. Minorities represent 80 percent of the AIDS cases reported in children under age 13. AIDS is the leading cause of death for blacks aged 25 to 44 and the second-ranked killer for Hispanics in that age group, after motor vehicle accidents.

"We have to reach these new generations, and we have to treat complacency as our enemy," Shalala said. She said the key elements are AIDS prevention and education, services and research.

Later, Shalala announced the award of \$20.7 million in grants to 48 hospitals, universities, charities and health agencies for AIDS

prevention and assistance for children and families.

Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, in an earlier speech, said the only method of fighting the disease was education. She said the government must "be able to build bridges, to break down the barriers, and make sure that we'll be able to take care of our people."

The federal government and local groups must redouble their efforts to fight AIDS among minorities, especially young people, Elders and other top federal health officials told the gathering.

The mission of the conference is to formulate policy recommendations for President Clinton. The first such national meeting was held in 1989.

"Federal cookie-cutter approaches just won't do the job," Shalala told the group. "Each local [AIDS] epidemic demands a unique local response."

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HHS Secretary Donna Shalala said, "We must treat complacency as our enemy" in fighting AIDS among minorities.

Researchers isolate one breast cancer gene and suspect another

Washington, DC—Researchers have isolated one gene that causes the inherited form of breast cancer and have discovered a long-suspected second culprit.

Scientists say the breakthrough, to be published Oct. 7 in the journal *Science*, will allow them to develop a test, probably within two years, to help determine women's risk for inherited breast cancer.

"This is a very, very exciting time in genetics cancer research, and women should take home the fact that there is real progress," Dr. Harmon Eyre of the American Cancer Society said Sept. 14.

Only about 5 percent of all breast cancer is inherited, but identifying the estimated 600,000 women at risk early could save their lives.

"It's knowledge that can allow them to make an appropriate choice" about cancer detection and treatment, said gene discoverer Dr. Mark Skolnick, of the University of Utah and Myriad Genetics Inc.

Women who inherit a mutated form of the gene BRCA1 have an 85 percent chance of contracting breast cancer by age 65, as well as a highly elevated risk of ovarian cancer.

Scientists first discovered BRCA1's existence four years ago, launching an international race to isolate the gene.

Skolnick, with colleagues from Myriad Genetics and the National Institutes of Health, succeeded in August, using laborious DNA techniques to find and clone the gene.

In another *Science* study released Sept. 14, other researchers discovered a second gene, BRCA2, that also causes inherited breast cancer.

The researchers, led by Dr. Douglas Easton of London's Institute of Cancer Research, studied 15 cancer-stricken families who did not have mutations in BRCA1, which is located on the 17th chromosome.

They discovered this second cancer gene at work on the 13th chromosome, and mapped it to a very specific region. Now, they must go through the hundreds of genes in that tiny region to isolate BRCA2, explained Easton, who is on loan to the University of Utah.

"We think that BRCA1 accounts for perhaps half of the inherited cases and BRCA2 accounts for a good fraction of the rest," Easton said. "But we think there is still another gene to be found."

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Gay Games face \$700,000 debt

New York City—Despite attracting more athletes, spectators, corporate sponsors and publicity than any Gay Games ever held, Gay Games IV has ended up with a whopping \$700,000 deficit, according to a top Games official.

Karen Merbaum who is co-chair of New York in '94, the host organization for last June's Games, says the deficit is not due to overspending—the Games were only about two percent over budget, she said—but to an unexpectedly large revenue shortfall.

Among the reasons Merbaum cited were that the Games-sponsored Cultural Festival lost money; that Games merchandise did not sell nearly as well as anticipated; and that fundraising prior to the event went poorly.

Merbaum said that while it is "a pain to have to deal with the deficit," she still viewed the event as "a major success."

"In the long run, it's all very worth it," Merbaum said, "seeing the faces of all those thousands of people and how excited they were by the opening and closing ceremonies. So we're working a little longer to clear [the deficit] up. I feel very confident we'll be able to recoup most of this deficit."

Merbaum said Gay Games IV will try to bring in revenue by selling a video of opening and closing ceremonies, which she expects will be marketed within a month.

In addition, Merbaum said, the Games will do direct mail fundraising, sell the organization's office equipment and try to recover \$200,000 owed the Games in pledged donations, security deposits, and other collectibles.

The Games, Merbaum said, will also try to



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negotiate with its creditors.

"We're going to do the best we can to pay the most we can," she said.

Gay Games IV's \$700,000 deficit is far greater than the \$200,000 deficit (in Canadian dollars) that Gay Games III ended up with in Vancouver four years ago.

According to Rick Peterson, co-president of the Federation of Gay Games, which sponsors the competition, Gay Games I in San Francisco came out about even and Gay Games II in San Francisco made about \$30,000.

The Federation gives the host organization full budget control, said Peterson, and is not liable for any of New York in '94's debts. He said the deficit will not have "a negative effect on the Federation in a direct way, but we... don't want the Gay Games to be perceived by hosting communities as a money-losing event."

Peterson said the finances of Gay Games V, which will take place in Amsterdam in 1998, will be helped because cause the event will be able to rely on far more government funding than even the Vancouver Games received in 1990.

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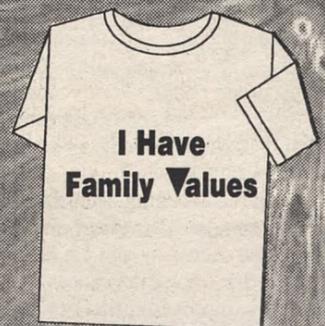


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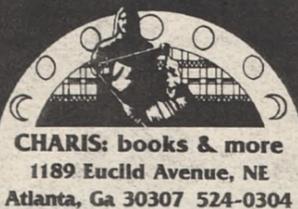
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that. I've had to learn to accept people one at a time. But the guys who come up here are feminist, more feminist than the majority of women."

Michael, the Hensons, and Pam Firth—the fourth caretaker to arrive—spent hours discussing the idea of allowing men on the land. In the end, necessity made the change, and now, one of the caretakers is Wanda's son, Arthur Elliott.

"Part of the vision for all of us was for it to be women's space," said Kathy Wilson, the sixth caretaker. "But we were meant to learn something too."

They've learned from men like Atlanta's Joe De Rose, who has visited the camp several times and helped create the men's sleeping space in one of the four former hog barns down the road from the center of camp.

And they've learned from men like Tom Hill, a 40-year-old activist from New York City who heard about Camp Sister Spirit when Brenda Henson's daughter, Andrea Gibbs, came to speak to his ACT UP chapter last April.

"I wanted to come down then, but I was working," Hill said. "And then Pride and Stonewall came along. Finally I had a vacation. I thought about going to San Francisco or Seattle to visit friends, but I didn't want to because there I'd be doing to same things I do in New York."

So Hill came to Camp Sister Spirit. "I've been doing hard labor," he says with a grin. "Hard, unskilled labor."

"I remember one cold February night," says Kathy Wilson. "There was a long table with a lot of people around it, and about three were men. I remember thinking, wow, they're really here, working—hard, hard working—for something that was born of a lesbian vision."

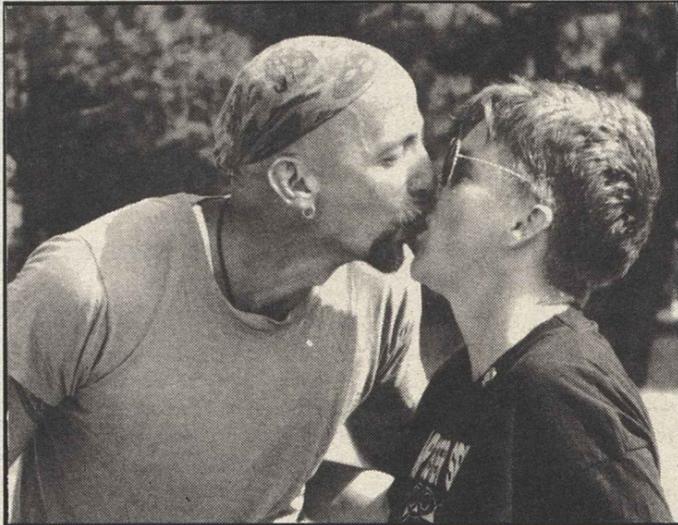
This week, Hill is joining the caretakers, Robin Albertson from Jacksonville, Maria Fowler and Ashley Villeneuve from Manitoba, Adriaan Endius, originally from The Netherlands and now living in the U.S., and Lynn Bell, a nurse from Mobile who has moved to Mississippi to lend a hand at Camp Sister Spirit. Bell has even found a job—she works part time in a hospital in Hattiesburg 20 miles away, and spends her time off working with the others at the camp.

This is the second visit for Albertson and Fowler. "It's amazing as large as Jacksonville is, there's not lesbian culture, except the bars," says Albertson. "That's why I came here. When I told [people in Jacksonville] I was coming here, they said 'you mean you're going to work and get shot at?' And that was in the women's bar."

"Being here, I forget about the hatred that surrounds us," says Fowler. "I'm addicted. This is the lifestyle for me."

On Friday, Kathy and I (and sometimes one or two of the others) watched Schindler's List. We watched in hour-long increments, and then went back to work. The work was a

break from the intensity of the film—but as we work, I can't help think about the wall around the Krakow Ghetto and the wall around Camp Sister Spirit. The difference, I suppose, is that here the residents built the wall, out of tin and wood, expenditures that would have been better spent on the camp itself and the programs Sister Spirit wants to run—literacy action, a food bank, the retreat...but they're doing that, too. Nine families in the area now come once a month for food. And the library in the bunk house upstairs is growing. But there's still that wall



NY activist Tom Hill gives Wanda Henson a good-bye kiss.

—in parts it's decorated with names and pictures painted by women and men who've visited. The most ironic: two women, one from East Germany and one from West Germany who came to the camp after the fall of the Berlin wall, only to sign their names to a tin fence that separates Camp Sister Spirit from the rest of the world.

An airplane flying overhead brings all work to a stop. Everyone looks into the air, spots the single-engine plane on a relatively high flight path.

"Sometimes they fly a lot lower," says Brenda Henson. "It's not as bad now as it was."

Security at Camp Sister Spirit is tight—besides the locked front gate and the fence, there are security lights, including one on the drive up from the road that trips a door bell in the office. The caretakers carry radios, and those who set off away from the main area of the camp must take one along.

And these women are armed. Another long discussion among the caretakers resulted in the decision to keep guns on the property.

"This is something I never thought I'd have to be dealing with," says Wanda Henson, during a discussion about the laws that say when guns can and cannot be carried. Kathy Wilson agrees.

"It's a hard one for me," she says. "But at night, if we hear a sound, I'm not willing to check it out unarmed because if I do catch somebody, I'm very vulnerable."

But if your vision of Camp Sister Spirit is of armed, crazed, frightened lesbians circling the wagons, think again. The guns weren't visible during my visit, and the men and women on the land displayed a remarkable calm.

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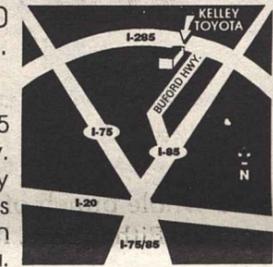
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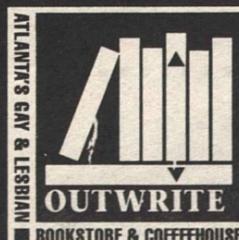
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U.N. group suspends International Lesbian and Gay Assn. over alleged pedophile ties

United Nations—A key U.N. committee, threatened by loss of U.S. funds, has suspended the consultative status of the International Gay and Lesbian Association (ILGA) because of its alleged links with pedophile groups.

The Economic and Social Council agreed that ILGA could have its status restored once it proves that it has cut ties to groups that condone, promote or seek to legalize pedophilia.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force condemned the action Sept. 20, pointing out that ILGA had already formally denounced pedophilia and expelled several pedophile groups, including the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA).

"Once again our community has been betrayed by those unwilling or too afraid to

stand up to the bullying, anti-gay tactics of Jesse Helms," said NGLTF's Peri Jude Radecic.

Word of the decision, made Sept. 16 in a closed meeting of 54 nations, came from Western diplomats and an ILGA representative, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

ILGA is the only group representing gays and lesbians at the United Nations. The Economic and Social Council makes recommendations on human rights, the status of women,

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bill, that \$118.8 million be withheld every year if any group associated with pedophilia receives recognition. The amendment orders the president to certify to Congress that no such group is recognized by any U.S. or U.N.

social welfare, education, health and other matters to the U.N. General Assembly.

The United States sought the urgent meeting of the council because Congress has required, in a Helms-sponsored amendment to an appropriations

agency.

Victor Marrero, U.S. representative to the council, called for suspension of the gay group because it had failed to take a strong enough stand against NAMBLA.

"Our request has nothing whatsoever to do with gay and lesbian rights in general or with ILGA as an advocate for those rights in particular," Marrero said.

Openly gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) issued a news release Sept. 19 deploring the action. "The State Department absolutely failed to be in touch with any of us who were trying to protect the right of gay men and lesbians to be represented," Frank said. "Instead, the Department acted in the most bureaucratic, inflexible, insensitive manner possible, and wound up doing Jesse Helms' work."

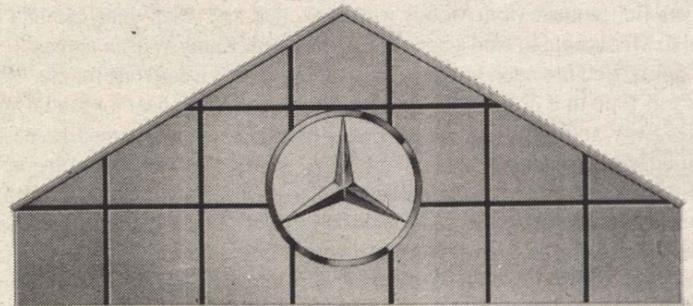
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Camp Sister Spirit

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ered in soft green moss. But the creek is not immune—with four of the 120 acres on the other side, Camp Sister Spirit used a fallen cypress to cross the creek. Then somebody sliced a 12-foot section of the log out, and floated it down stream.

"They've said to us, 'Stay on your side of the creek,'" Wanda Henson says. "But the other side is our side."

Swimming and fishing are common at Camp Sister Spirit, in between sessions of work. What's going on here is really no different from the lives of the people outside that tin fence. That's not to say the women and men here are nonchalant about the danger—they aren't. But they also aren't going to let that danger deter them from their vision.

"I came here at Christmas time last year," says Wilson. "I found a vision I could definitely believe in and a group of people who could make it happen. We've lived with it for a long time now. I know, personally, and everybody on some level, we're not going to let them make us live in fear."

"This is our land," says Wanda Henson. "And we're going to defend it. That's what scares them."

It doesn't scare everyone—the caretakers are slowly learning who in the surrounding area opposes them and who does not.

"People think the town of Overt rose up against us," says Brenda Henson. "They didn't. It's 18 Baptist ministers and the religious right."

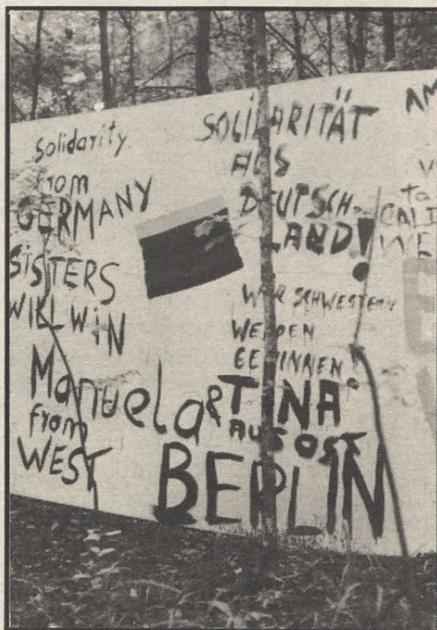
On the second night, I felt a little paranoid. How vulnerable we are here behind unlocked doors. Robin tells me she sometimes locks the door, but I wonder if that would really help. I'm having dreams—one of women swimming naked in the creek, coming out covered in the green clay that lines the bottom. They are healed of whatever ailed them before. And I'm feeling healed—as if being in the face of some homophobic beast, with these men and women by my side, has cleansed me of fear. Maybe it has. One thing I notice is that we talk constantly here, telling each other everything about ourselves. I think it's because up here, we are all we have. Should anything happen, we will have to depend on each other like we never have before, and we want to be ready.

The land holds great dreams for the people who work here. The Hensons—who have been together for 10 years, always working on social justice issues and focussing most of their energy on rural Mississippi—have already launched the food bank, and their Gulf Coast Women's Music Festival was held here for the first time last spring. They were disappointed at the turnout—only about 50 women, down from some 350 the year before. The Festival is Sister Spirit's main fundraiser, and the low turnout meant less money to work with during the coming year.

And now they're fighting a nuisance lawsuit slapped against them by eleven neighbors, although four have since dropped out and two more failed to appear for recent depositions. The neighbors are complaining that Camp Sister Spirit will bring too much noise and traffic, and "lower [their] resistance."

Lower their resistance? "They'll get used to us," explains Brenda Henson.

Despite these battles, they're still dreaming, and still working to make those dreams a reality. "The Gulf Coast Festival will be held in the spring, and now we're thinking



Visitors have taken to signing the fence surrounding the camp, usually offering words of solidarity

about a gay and lesbian festival next fall," Brenda Henson says. "And we want to start up our craft show again to make money to support the caretakers."

They're traveling, too, to spread the word. "We always wanted to travel," laughs Wanda Henson, "and now we're travelling more than we ever wanted to."

The residents and visitors to Camp Sister Spirit are like family, with the Hensons mother to us all. Brenda Henson cried when Tom Hill left, and Wanda Henson gave him a big kiss on the lips. "Goodbyes don't go over well," says Robin Albertson, who will be ending her month-long stay in a few days. "Just when you get used to somebody, they're leaving."

But they come back, and often bring friends. The isolation of rural Mississippi doesn't seem so isolated at the camp. It seems like home.

So much has happened during my short stay here—I haven't even told you about the trip to the bar in Hattiesburg that Tom, Robin and I took. But I have to tell you about two other women I met—first, Ann. She's a 49-year-old lesbian who was born and raised in Overt. Ann told me she's not had any trouble. "I'm rumoured to be," she said. "But they don't know." And she wondered if the "notoriety" the Camp received helped them financially. But how can you compare the stress and tension of being so publicly attacked with getting a few dollars here and there—not to mention how much of those few dollars has been spent on security? Contrast Ann to 14-year-old Dina, related to Wanda by marriage. Dina is a vision all by herself with the strut and swagger of the baby dyke that she is. Born that way, she says, and understood what it was at age 6—because she saw around her strong women—lesbians—and knew that when she grew up, she could do—and be—whoever she wanted. That's what it would be like if there were no homophobia, isn't it?

And it's here, in rural Mississippi, at Camp Sister Spirit, where bigotry is kept out by a tin fence and the courage of a handful of people who won't let fear run their lives. What these women and men do here is no different from what those outside the fence do—they work, play and build. They live their lives. Most of the local lesbians and gay men wouldn't come out here if their own lives depended on it. Funny thing, though—in the big picture, their lives do depend on it. In fact, all our lives do.

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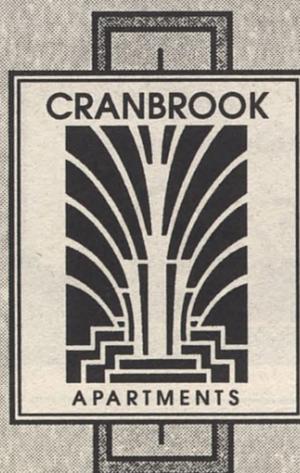
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Angels nets \$40,000 for AIDS groups

The August 28 benefit performance of "Angels in America" at the Alliance Theatre, sponsored by Southern Voice, netted nearly \$40,000 for three AIDS service organizations in the city. According to Steve Martin, assistant managing director at the theatre, Jerusalem House, the AIDS Survival Project and Project Open Hand will receive \$12,362.35 each from the \$37,087.05 raised at the performance. Pictured left to right are Richard Dailey of Project Open Hand, Gregg Bossen of Jerusalem House and Dr. Jesse Peel of the AIDS Survival Project.

Kevin Fee

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resulted in suspensions for eight corrections department employees and a reprimand for one other.

"We and the family are very pleased," said Susan Garrett, the Fee family's attorney in Atlanta. "The family is pleased not only that the programs have been established but they have been established in Kevin's memory."

Cupler, who is now attending law school in Florida in part because of the family's experience with Fee's death, said that the Fees

will be in Atlanta in February when the new jail opens for the dedication of the plaque in Fee's name.

"Being out of state makes it very difficult," she said. "But we will be making sure it happens."

AIDS advocates in Atlanta will be watching as well. Chip Rowan, of the AIDS Legal Project, applauded the settlement, but said that the agreement should make a difference.

"There are still some HIV problems there," he said, "but the agreement should have some ongoing positive impact."

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"Voyage for a Common Cause" will raise funds for Positive Impact and Atlanta NAMES Project



On Saturday night, October 1, the 26th floor of the NationsBank Plaza will be transformed into a casino cruiseship complete with captain, crew and passengers, each of whom will be sailing for a reason—to help those affected by HIV.

Southern Voice and NationsBank are teaming up as sponsors for "Voyage for a Common Cause '94." Organizers hope the casino night benefit will raise \$20,000 to support the continuation of programs and services provided by two local AIDS organizations—the Atlanta chapter of The NAMES Project and Positive Impact, an institute for HIV-related mental health programs.

"We've had so much support for this benefit," says Positive Impact's volunteer coordinator, Barbara Hulet. "We're expecting it to be a full ship and a lot of fun." Food, entertainment, a silent auction and 29 gaming tables will add to the party atmosphere high above the Atlanta skyline. Individuals, community groups and corporations alike have pulled together to create this event that honors the work of the two Atlanta organizations.

The Atlanta NAMES Project chapter is instrumental in organizing local displays of the Quilt and facilitating the making of panels to memorialize individuals who have died of AIDS. The eloquent silence of the Quilt serves as a reminder of the realities of the AIDS epidemic and the need for an immediate and compassionate response. Created by families, lovers, and friends in homes and community centers across the country, the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt has become an international symbol in the fight against AIDS.

While many people have seen the Quilt and are therefore familiar with the NAMES Project, fewer people are aware of the role Positive Impact plays in the AIDS epidemic. Positive Impact's low profile is due in part to the nature of their business: one-on-one psychological counseling. Since April 1993, Positive Impact has provided hundreds of HIV-affected people of limited income with no-cost mental health services.

"We're here for HIV-infected persons and those who are affected—their families, friends, and partners," says Hulet, who coordinates some 60 volunteers and consultants. Client services are provided by mental health professionals (psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, psychiatric nurses, counselors and supervised counseling interns) who volunteer

time each week to counsel one to three persons.

By communicating with existing medical and social services, Positive Impact is able to extend more comprehensive care to a broader spectrum of people. Clients are referred by staff at the Grady Memorial Hospital Infectious Disease Clinic Mental Health Unit, AID Atlanta, AIDS Survival Project, the Veteran's Affairs Hospital, Outreach, Inc., Jerusalem House, SisterLove, Mercy Mobile health services and Southside Healthcare. Help is available to all segments of the HIV community with financial need—men and women; couples, individuals and families; homosexual and heterosexual persons.

Positive Impact's services are in high demand. In July of this year, the non-profit organization relocated into a larger space to accommodate the growing needs of the HIV community. With the help of family, friends and anyone who has resources they are willing to share, Positive Impact staff members are in the midst of renovating their new home. Work is currently being completed on a kitchen/ study room dedicated to Ray Castleberry, who, as director of development at AID Atlanta, was responsible for initiating "From All Walks of Life," the first AIDS walk in Atlanta.

Both in and out of their 828 West Peachtree offices, Positive Impact staff members and volunteers are busy accomplishing just what their name says. In addition to counseling, Positive Impact offers quarterly advanced training workshops to community mental health professionals on HIV-related issues, grief and healing retreats for individuals caring for the terminally ill, supervised graduate internship placements, and opportunities for AIDS mental health research.

"We do a lot, but we can always use more volunteers," Hulet says, adding that Positive Impact's next goal is to begin a play therapy program for children this fall.

Children are not the only ones who need to play. That's why "Voyage for a Common Cause" is equally a celebration of the community that helps make Positive Impact and the AIDS Quilt possible.

Tickets for "Voyage for a Common Cause '94" are \$35 and can be purchased at Brushstrokes, The Boy Next Door, The Godmothers and House of Colors. For more information call 885-9040.

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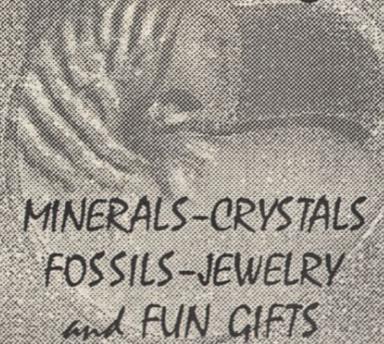
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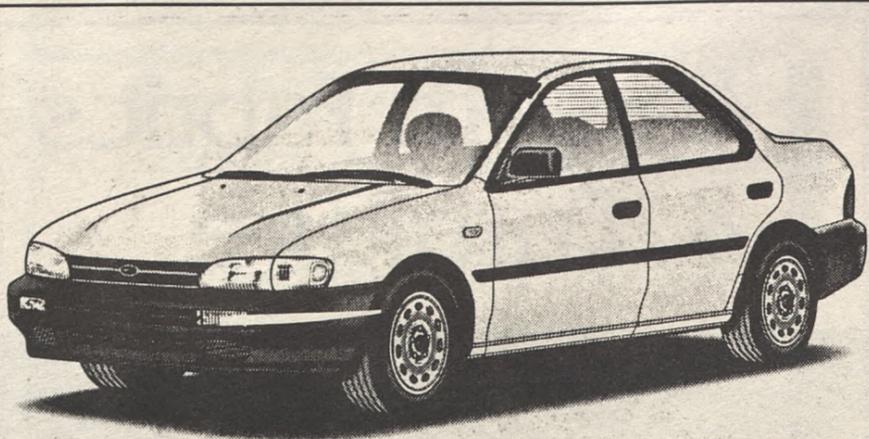
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The conference will alert Jewish Atlantans about the impact of AIDS on the Jewish community, formulating Jewish community AIDS policy and programming and informing educators and parents about how to teach AIDS prevention in a Jewish framework.

Andy Rose, co-author of "Twice Blessed: On Being Lesbian or Gay and Jewish," will be a keynote speaker. He has published various articles on the Jewish response to AIDS including AIDS education with teenagers and AIDS interfaith issues. He is a graduate of Brandeis University and earned his masters in social work from the University of Southern California.

David Wolpe, author of "The Healer of Shattered Hearts: A Jewish View of God," will also be a keynote speaker at the conference. His writings have appeared in U.S. News and World Report, Newsweek, The Los Ange-

les Times, USA Today and The Washington Post. Wolpe earned his master's degree and ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Currently, he is a lecturer in Jewish thought at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. He will speak to Atlanta's Jewish community about understanding AIDS with a Jewish heart.

Jewish panels from the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, as well as an AIDS service resource fair and a Jewish community AIDS healing service, will be featured at the conference. Workshops dealing with the Jewish community's response to AIDS will take place throughout the day.

Topics for the workshops include AIDS 101, Talking to Our Children About HIV/AIDS, Why God Allows AIDS to Happen, Programming for Jewish Youth, Now That You Know: Supporting Congregates, Clients and Members, and Jewish Sexual Ethics in the Age of AIDS.

The conference will be convened by the Atlanta Jewish Federation, the Atlanta Rabbinical Association, and Jewish Family Services. Chairs of the event are Leslie Levy and Glenda Minkin. For more information, please call the federation at 873-1661, ext. 251.

Hotlanta Volleyball play begins

The Hotlanta Volleyball Association announces the beginning of its Fall League play, which is slated to begin Thursday, Oct. 6, at Mercer University (take I-85 to Chamblee Tucker exit). Ongoing open recreational play is on Friday 7-10 at Druid Hills Methodist Church. For more information call the HVA hotline at 621-5062.

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Chuck Marietta and Fernando Perez-Lee celebrate their 16th anniversary on Oct. 1. Chuck, a neighborhood leader in Grant Park, and Fernando, staff member to City Councilmember Vern McCarty, will mark the event in City Hall by registering for domestic partnership. Although the city's health care benefits for domestic partners are held up in court, the registry is still going on.

Tony DeSario and Keith Rogers celebrate their 5th anniversary on Oct. 1.

Mark Williams and Ty Richey celebrated their 2nd anniversary on Sept. 26. The pair met in Greenville, S.C., and report they have enjoyed their 1½ years in Atlanta.

Daryl Jones and Joseph Jefferson celebrated 7 years together on Sept. 23.

Jonathan Lerner and King Thackston celebrated their 2nd anniversary by attending the Gay Spirit Visions Conference in Highlands, N.C., on the weekend of Sept. 23. They're still honeymooning.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy belated birthday to Alex Furlong, Sept. 25.

A belated birthday wish to Todd Sharley, Sept. 26. Todd's friend Shane reminds him that he turned 25 first. The same Shane wishes an extra special birthday to his roomie, Shannon Tucker, on Sept. 25.

Susan Phillips had another 40-something birthday on Sept. 23. She celebrated at the beach.



Mark Williams and Ty Richey, shown here with "baby" Belle, celebrated anniversary number 2 on Sept. 26.

Happy 29th birthday to Dan Valdez on Sept. 29.

Jose Gomez celebrated a birthday on Sept. 12, followed by his first anniversary in Atlanta on the next day.

A happy belated 39th birthday to Larry Wilcox on Sept. 1.

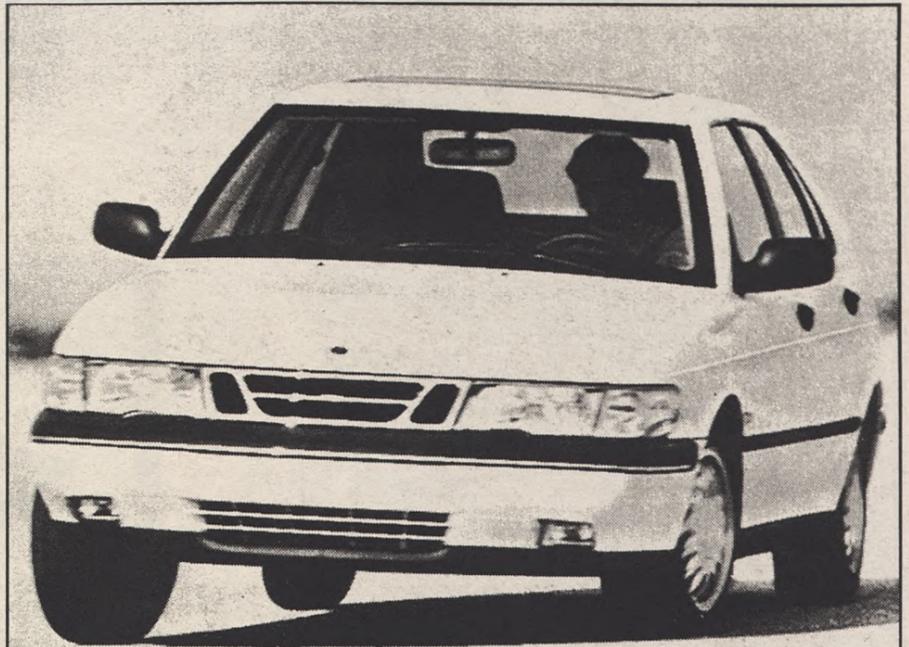
Jarrod Gullett celebrated his 26th birthday on Sept. 4.

Happy belated 29th to Peter Stinner, Sept. 10. And Peter's partner, Jeff Graham of ACT UP and the AIDS Survival Project, celebrated his 30th birthday on Sept. 19.

Aaron Taub had a birthday on Sept. 21.

Chip Rowan of the AIDS Legal Project celebrated his 34th birthday on Sept. 22.

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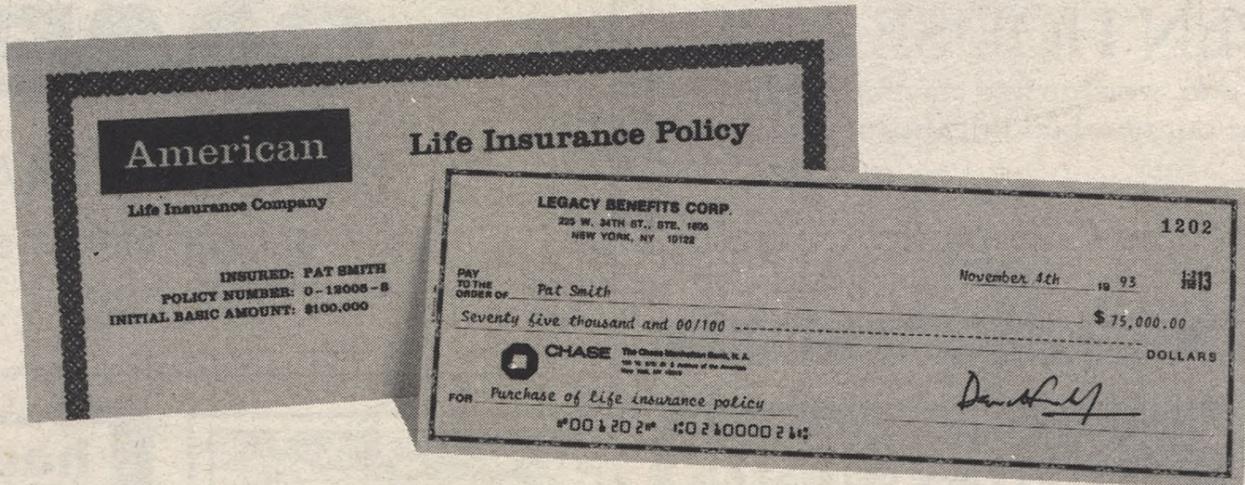
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PLAYWRIGHT OF THE YEAR

"Angels in America" author Tony Kushner muses on God, fame and his life in the theatre

by MICHAEL KAPE

One of the most fascinating images seen as a result of Tony Kushner's "Angels in America" coming to Atlanta's Alliance Theatre was not played out onstage. Picture this: a young married couple in a suburban shopping mall clamoring for the last available tickets to a performance of "Millennium Approaches."

"We have to get tickets," she tells the clerk at the computer terminal.

"Anything, anywhere you've got something," he adds.

This is definitely not what one would expect the typical audience for a play subtitled "A Gay Fantasia on National Themes," yet it has played out many times over the past few weeks.

"It's weird," says the playwright, "but I do think the play happened to come along at a particular moment in history, and I'm hoping that what happens is that historical moments cling to works that identify with them. The whole power of an era becomes trapped in a piece like a fly in amber. I don't know if that's really going to happen with 'Angels,' but I think it certainly benefited by coming along at a point when America really was sick of pretending AIDS wasn't happening—and was finding it obscene to keep oppressing lesbians and gay men by ignoring their existence."

Kushner believes that the homophobic oppressors, while vocal, are not a majority. "The Donald Wildmons, Jesse Helmses, your guy in Cobb County—those people are the real fascists," Kushner says. "But they are by no means the majority of people in this country. One of the things that gets me out of bed in the morning is an absolute conviction that this country has resisted the temptation to become fascist. I think most Americans don't like being bigots. In 1992, when Pat Buchanan called for a religious war against gay people, nobody wanted it—which helped Bush lose the election, thank God!"

By now, many people in Atlanta have seen "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches" at the Alliance, where it's breaking all previous sales records. Kushner came to town to catch it in previews (he's currently traveling around the country, looking at all five productions being mounted), and was impressed by the version he saw here.

"I think it's terrific," he says of the Alliance production. "The performers are terrific."

Like the reviewers, Kushner sees how director Kenny Leon brought out the religious nature of the play much more than did the Broadway production.

"I think that George [Wolfe, who directed the original] is more of a political person and less interested in issues of theology," Kushner says, "whereas that theological strain of the play Kenny clearly connected to."

"The religious aspects of the play are not something I planned for," Kushner adds. "That kind of takes me by surprise—even more so in 'Perestroika' [the second half of

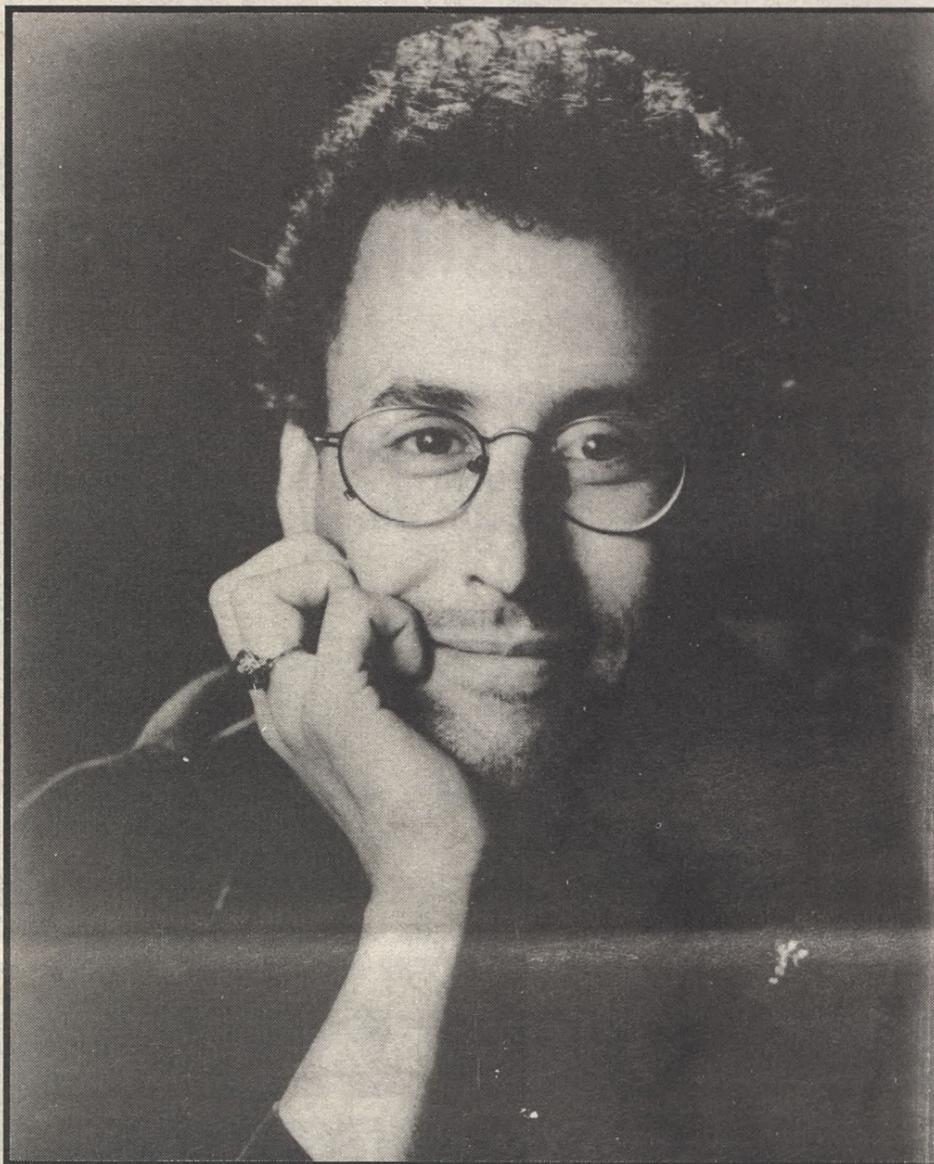
"Angels in America"], how theological the plays are, because I have a very ambivalent feeling about religion. I'm an agnostic. I live under the complete cloud of unknowing. I have no way of knowing if there is a God or if the theological dimension of life is anything more than a myth. I'm surprised when the play turns into this kind of mystery play."

Kushner admits to being attracted to "the fantastical" and says that "everything I've written so far—and I'm determined to stop this now—has a sort of magical moment in it. And I think I was just attracted to that primarily because of the theatrical value. It's fun in the theatre, more than it is on film."

If nothing else, Kushner has certainly become the darling of the American theatre, sort of Playwright of the Year. He's won a Pulitzer Prize and two Tony Awards, been feted by several luminaries, been given commissions to write new plays by companies all over the country. Not bad for a nice, gay Jewish man living in an apartment in Brooklyn.

"Actually, it's a very strange phenomenon," Kushner confesses. "Playwright of the Year is probably a good description. Next year there will probably be another playwright of the year. I feel very odd, and I have to fight the temptations that [this new status] poses because if you succumb to them, they will kill you as an artist. They have killed better people than me."

"The tragedy of American culture is the number of people whom it has lost to the fame machine," Kushner continues. "All the clichés about it have turned out to be pretty much true. It does become kind of a narcotic to be recognized on the street. It does become a narcotic to go to fabulous



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parties and get fabulous people calling you and leaving messages on your machine. None of that just happens to you and is yours for the rest of your life. You have to maintain it. And the work that you're doing to maintain that is work you're not doing on other things.

"Fortunately," he adds, "I'm pretty much a stay-at-home person, so it isn't much of a temptation for me."

Next up for the playwright is an adaptation of the classic Yiddish play "The Dybbuk" and a directing assignment at Connecticut's Long Wharf Theatre, where he'll be staging a play by one of his former students at the University of Iowa.

And then there are all those productions of "Angels" being done. It looks like Tony Kushner will be a very busy Playwright of the Year.

"Angels in America" runs through Oct. 2 at the Alliance Theatre.

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29 THURSDAY

LOUISA BRANSCOMB. Local singer/songwriter is joined by Nancy Pate and Jane Baxter at Charis, 1189 Euclid,

at 7:30 pm. Free. 524-0304.

DINOSAURS. Thru Dec 17. Back by popular demand at the Center for Puppetry Arts. Mon-Fri 10 & 11:30 am, Wed 1 pm, Sat 11 am & 1 pm. 873-3391.

SISTER'S TIME. An audio magazine featuring the rhythms



of African women's health. 6-7 pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.

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annual festival at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, benefiting Jerusalem House, Nicholas House, the South Africa Education Fund and Charis Ministries. \$4 adults, \$2 children. The Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus performs at 7 pm Saturday. 634-3336.

100 YEARS OF WORLD CINEMA. "The Rules of the Game" is the next installment in the High Museum series. Jean Renoir's French masterpiece documents France's ruling class as it edges toward extinction. 8 pm.

ANDY WARHOL. Thru Dec 17. Works by the late artist from the Wes Cochran collection on display at the Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art. Preview party tonight, 7-9 pm, \$3. Talk by Cochran at 8 pm. Regular museum admission \$2. 424-8142.

TRASH BASH. A novel idea—clean up Piedmont Park with the Piedmont Park Conservancy. Noon-4 pm, with a private party for volunteers at the Bathhouse until 6 pm featuring Cool Joe and Slappy. 875-7275.

DON COYOTE. Thru Oct 29. The Fastest Runner in the West, presented by the Stage Door Players Children's Theatre. 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. 1 pm Saturdays. \$6. 396-1726.

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.



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.

among us. Written by Walter Bilderback with music by Phillip DePoy. 14th St. Playhouse. Wed-Sat 8 pm, Sun 3 pm. \$8-\$15. 872-0665.

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

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

STILL AIN'T SATISFIED. Music and interviews from a lesbian perspective. Cool music for any queer or interested other. 7-9 pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.

CAMP SISTER SPIRIT. Wanda and Brenda Henson come from Overt, Mississippi to speak about the camp and its battle against bigotry. Charis, 1189 Euclid Ave. 7:30pm. Free. 524-0304.

4 TUESDAY

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Discussion of the Volute-Krater, a 4th Century BCE Greek vase, by at the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University. Noon. 727-4282.

DAVID HALBERSTAM. Lecture at the Atlanta History Center. 814-4000.

5 WEDNESDAY

VAMPYR. Thru Oct 31. Theatrical Outfit opens the new season with a stylish and sensual story of vampires

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ABOVE: The Olde English Festival runs at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Sept 30-Oct 2. Photo by Cary Patrick

LEFT: Indian filmmaker Adoor Gopalakrishan's "Rat Trap" plays at the High Museum Sept 30.

BELOW: Yet another big musical—perhaps the biggest—"Phantom of the Opera" comes to the Fox Oct. 1 thru Nov. 5 photo by Joan Marcus

2 SUNDAY

JIM GRIMSLEY. Local writer signs copies of his newly released book "Winter Birds" at Outwrite Bookstore, 931 Monroe, 7:30 pm. Free. 607-0082.

FAMILY HOMECOMING. First MCC holds its annual affair all day.

WINDS & FIRE. The Atlanta Chamber Players are joined by wind players from the Symphony at GA State's Sunday Series at 3 pm in the GSU Concert Hall. \$12. 651-1228.

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

3 MONDAY

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An 18-month long festival at the High Museum continues tonight with "Rat Trap" from India, a portrayal of Southern India's Kerala aristocracy. 8 pm.

1 SATURDAY

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA. Thru Nov. 5. The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, brought to town by the Atlanta Broadway Series. Tues-Sun 8 pm, Sat & Sun 2 pm; special performances Oct 31 at 8 pm and Nov 3 at 2 pm. \$22.50-\$47.50. 249-6400.

VOYAGE FOR A COMMON CAUSE. A benefit for the Atlanta chapter of the NAMES Project and Positive Impact on the 26th floor of the Nations Bank tower, Peachtree and North streets. Gaming tables, food, entertainment and a silent auction. 8 pm. \$35. 885-9040.

30 FRIDAY

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

ATLANTA SYMPHONY. Tonight and tomorrow. William Fred Scot conducts the best of George and Ira Gershwin. Champagne concerts at 8 pm both nights, coffee concert at 11 am Sat. \$17.50-\$45. 733-5000.

A JOHN CAGE "MUSICIRCUS." Compositions by the late gay composer in homage to Dutch artist Willem de Kooning at the High Museum. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free with museum admission.

JAN SMITH. Local singer/songwriter takes the stage at the Freight Room in Decatur. \$3.

OLDE ENGLISH FESTIVAL. Thru Sun. The 19th

Nov 14. The intermittently 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.

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.

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

JOSEPH BEUYS. Thru Dec 30. Drawings, objects and prints by the German artist at the High Museum. 733-4461.

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.

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.

AIDS WALK ATLANTA. A 10K walk to raise money for AID Atlanta, Project Open Hand and others. Opening ceremony at 1:30 pm, walk begins at 2. 876-9255.

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

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

EULA MAE'S BEAUTY BAIT & TACKLE. The Neighborhood Playhouse reprises the popular comedy in the Discovery Arena for an open-ended run. 430 W. Trinity in downtown Decatur. \$9-\$12. Thur-Sat 8 pm. 373-5311.

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

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

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

MY POINT OF VIEW. Thru Sat. 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 Sat. 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 Sun. 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 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' seixist drama. \$7-\$12. 430 Trinity Pl. Decatur. Thur-Sat 8 pm, Sun 2 pm. 373-5311.

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

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.

RUTH ALLISON. Thru Oct 16. Three dimensional paintings on view at First Existentialist Church.

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

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.

885-1808.

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 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.

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.

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.

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

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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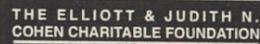
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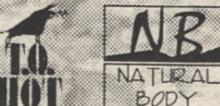
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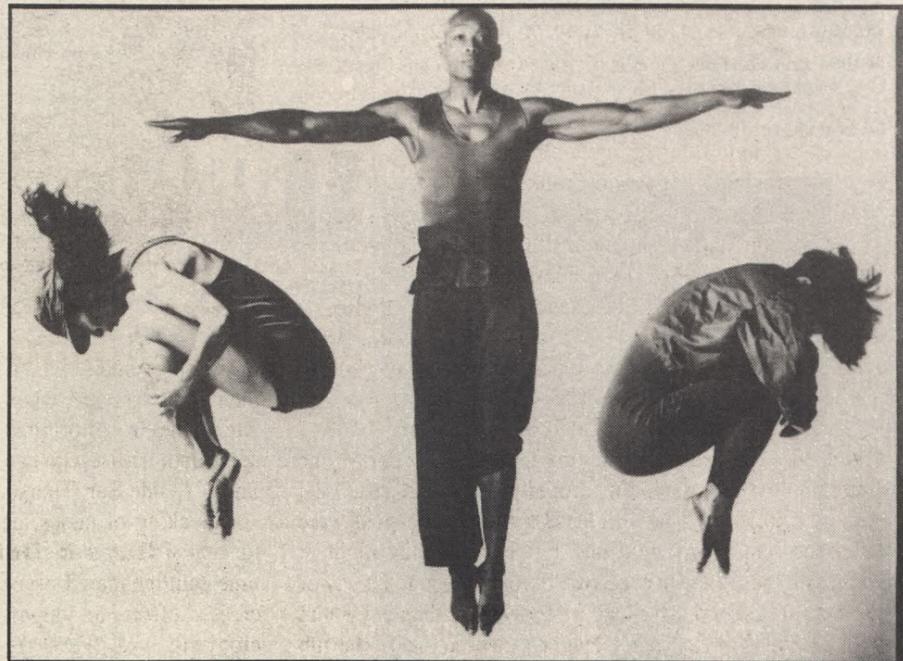
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Bill T. Jones explores death and survival in new dance "Still/Here"



Bill T. Jones (center) has employed themes of dying ever since the loss of his partner, Arnie Zane, in 1988.

Paris—"Like a punch in the stomach." That was how one eminent dance critic described the electrifying world premiere Sept. 14 of a multimedia composition by American choreographer Bill T. Jones evoking the agony of people dying with AIDS.

Jones, 42, himself infected with HIV, appears in the two-hour, two-part show entitled "Still/Here," a gut-wrenching and lyrical look at desperate men and women preparing themselves for death. The piece received rousing ovations when it opened at a theater outside Lyon for the first of four performances at an annual dance festival. Lengthy highlights were shown Sept. 15 on national television.

Videos of haggard, emaciated faces are projected behind the dancers, who move gracefully to words of the sick, sung by the Louisiana-born folk singer Odetta and set to original music by Kenneth Frazelle. Subtitles in French are provided.

In "Still," soloist Odile Reine-Adelaide, with one hand covering a breast and the other at her crotch, dances to the words, "I'm still a woman, but a part of me is gone." Later, a male dancer expresses his grief over losing his mother while the show was in rehearsal.

"Still/Here" is the fruit of Jones' longtime preoccupation with death and dying. His lover and partner, Arnie Zane, died of AIDS in 1988. The pair, once photographed nude by Robert Mapplethorpe, founded the New York dance company that bears their names and is performing in Lyon.

Born in Florida, one of 12 children of a migrant worker, Jones came off the athletic field at the State University of New York at Binghamton at 19 to begin dancing.

The idea for "Still/Here" was born two years ago at the Cannes Film Festival, when Jones asked an audience if he could count on someone to be with him when the end came.

Dissatisfied with their answers, he established "survival workshops" for patients of all ages in the terminal phases of illness.

A 1994 winner of a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, Jones is no newcomer to the French dance scene. Since January, he has been artist in residence with the Lyon Opera Ballet.

Rene Sirvin, writing in the daily Le Figaro, commented that "Still/Here" left the opening-night audience "in a state of shock...landing like a punch in the stomach."

Apart from the topical themes, the choreography itself got high marks for expressiveness, simplicity and harmony, which Sirvin said "translated a certain resignation to death."

Sirvin called the work Jones' best to date, "terribly American in its shock methods and one of the great moments at the Sixth Biennale de Dance."

Marie-Christine Vernay, critic for the daily Liberation, found the work uplifting.

"The Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane company reminds us that...we all speak the same language...the one spoken by survivors."

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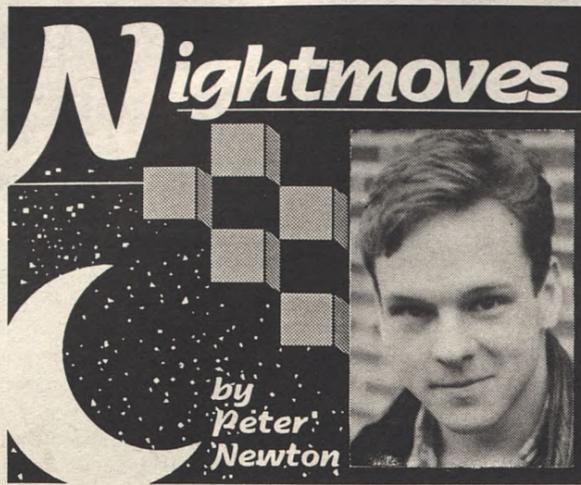
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Somebody said they canceled baseball. "For good?" I asked. No. Too bad. I was hoping that the real sport of the '90s could finally assume its proper place as the true Great American Pastime. That's right: **Bowling**. Leagues were knocking 'em down right and left last Monday night at Express Lanes, the place to bowl if you happen to be gay or lesbian. More alternative leagues bowl there than anywhere in the South. You can join a league or get on one of the sub lists for that occasional bowling fix. All levels are encouraged to come on out Mondays at 8:30 pm. There's no need to keep score with those little sawed off pencils that don't erase. Computers do all the math. Call Atlanta Venture Sports' Jim Baird, who's in charge of AVS Bowling, at 875-3409.

An improvisational folk-jazz duo called **The Nudes** are winning audiences on the East Coast and are on their way to Atlanta. The fully clothed, fully talented guitarist/vocalist Walter Parks and cellist/vocalist Stephanie Winters will perform songs and instrumentals from their two



CDs, the second of which is due out in December. I caught their show last year when they played to a packed Eddie's Attic. They're all original. And besides, how often do you see a cool cellist who can sing and play at the same time? Smith's Olde Bar, Thursday, October 6, at 10 p.m.

Speaking of nudes, people are taking their clothes off for real at **Guys & Dolls**, home of the all-nude, all the time multigendered revue. As part of Guys & Dolls' increased efforts to support the gay/lesbian community, the club will host "Feast Your Eyes," a benefit for Project Open Hand/Atlanta. The incomparable Peg will break the ice and in general assume the hosting duties. Sundays are predominantly g/l, but this special event will be held on Thursday, September 29. There's an open bar 7-9 pm, and the \$5 cover charge goes directly to Project Open Hand, so arrive early. It all happens at 2788 E. Ponce de Leon. Call 377-2956.

Phantom of the Opera is at the Fox Theatre from October 1 to November 5. This is the real one, don't worry. I made the mistake of thinking, 'Oh all Phantoms are alike,' and attended a touring production a few years



The Nudes will be fully clothed when they play at Smith's Olde Bar on Oct. 6.

back out in Oregon. I think I had to leave once I discovered no great big chandelier was going to come crashing down on stage. Anyway, this is the real thing. Directed by Harold Prince. The bad news: the surcharge-crazy monopolists at Ticketmaster are selling the tickets. Call 249-6400.

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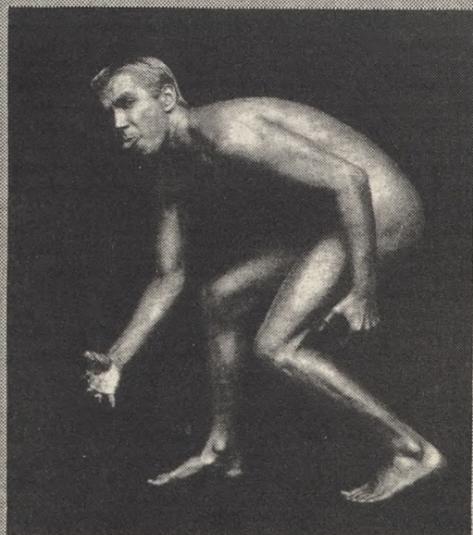
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For music lovers, AIDS-benefit CDs offer an opportunity to acquire new recordings while at the same time donating funds to essential AIDS organizations. Aficionados will be quite pleased with two new discs, "Red Hot + Country" and "The AIDS Quilt Songbook." Though stylistically very different, both offer new sounds to those with eclectic musical tastes.

Red Hot + Country, the fourth in a series of AIDS awareness projects produced by the Red Hot Organization, teams country-western old-timers like Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, and Dolly Parton with such recent comers as Kathy Mattea, Mary-Chapin Carpenter, and Billy Ray Cyrus. Mattea, who has been instrumental in bringing AIDS awareness to the country music scene, sounds lovely harmonizing with Jackson Browne on his "Rock Me on the Water," and her warm, rich tones can also be heard on a countrified version of the Crosby, Stills & Nash classic "Teach Your Children," which includes Suzy Bogguss, Alison Krauss, and the original band themselves.

Other highlights include Chapin Carpenter's sultry vocals on "Willie Short," the footstompin' honkytonk "Folsom Prison Blues," sung by Brooks & Dunn with Cash, and the a capella gospel "Up Above My Head/Bartimus," which features Mary Stuart with Jerry and Tammy Sullivan. Aside from apropos lyrics about Christ healing the sick, the harmonies on "Bartimus" are tight enough to give chills.



Kathy Mattea has led a campaign to bring AIDS awareness to the country music scene.

lary to the modern plague. As Rodgers strived to accomplish before his death, "Red Hot + Country" does a nice job marrying country music with social consciousness.

In a different artistic vein, **The AIDS Quilt Songbook** gives voice to the devastation of AIDS. Inspired by baritone William Parker, who died in March 1993, "Songbook" records the June 1992 performance of 15 original vocal compositions by some of America's foremost composers and poets. Sung by Parker and three other renowned baritones—Kurt Ollman, William Sharp, and Sanford Sylvan—the songs are intended to reflect the diversity of the panels of the celebrated AIDS quilt.

In the tradition of opera, most of the songs are profoundly moving and disturbing, both in the unflinching way the poets address the ravages of AIDS ("[He] had thrown up in the bowl Joe brought to the bed—a thin string/ of blue spit..." go the words to Elizabeth Brown and Marie Howe's "A Certain Light") and in their lamenting, dirge-like musical structure. Unfortunately, most compositions fail to distinguish themselves from the others, a surprise given that each is the product of a different composer and poet. Part of the problem lies in the fact that the four voices are nearly impossible to tell apart, and so the songs seem to flow together, a kind of continuous moan.

There are two notable exceptions. Chris Deblasio and Perry Brass's "Walt Whitman in 1989," about the legendary poet's visiting an AIDS ward, is beautifully poignant, both musically and lyrically. And "AIDS Anxiety" by Richard Thomas provides a bit of comic relief in a whimsical vocal trio chronicling the hysteria that all people—straight, gay, HIV-positive and negative alike—feel toward the virus, and makes a serious point: "HIV anxiety/ has got me worried sick!"

For those who have been personally touched by AIDS (and who, today, has not?) "Songbook" is cathartic, a means of mourning for loved ones lost and those still suffering. Yet one would be hard-pressed to label it entertainment. It succeeds, nevertheless, like the quilt itself: as a work of art and a monument to people with AIDS.

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Baritone William Parker inspired "The AIDS Quilt Songbook" and lent his voice to the project.

Less inspired are Jimmie Dale Gilmore and Nelson's "Crazy," which has all the romance of a grocery list, and Mark Chesnutt's "Goodbye Comes Hard for Me," which is a bit too old-country with its insipid lyrics and uninteresting arrangement.

Perhaps most affecting are Wilco and Syd Straw's tribute to Jimmie Rodgers, the father of country music who died of tuberculosis in 1931. In "The TB Is Whooping Me," popularized by Rodgers himself, the lyrics, "You ought to hear this cough of mine/ That doggone bug is workin' overtime" provide an eerie corol-

"Cloud Nine" and "Greater Tuna" deliver gender-bent laughs

There are people who will find Caryl Churchill's tragicomic play "Cloud Nine" to be very confusing. At the least, they'll think it odd that men are dressed as women and women are playing men. Then there's the question of how 100 years can pass between the two acts but the characters age only 25 years.

But that's half the fun of "Cloud Nine."

Actors Express is currently revisiting some familiar territory—it first staged "Cloud Nine" in 1990. But this time out, with a new cast, a new facility, and even a new slant on the play, the group has produced an engaging and winning show featuring several excellent performances.

"Cloud Nine" starts in colonial Africa in 1880. Clive, wife Betty, and children Victoria and Edward are living in the middle of the jungle with a governess, a domineering neighbor, Betty's mother, and their servant, Joshua. But not only are the natives restless, so is this family, especially when Harry, a great explorer, comes to visit the compound. What ensues is a series of sexual pursuits—both gay and straight, and all quite funny.

But what makes this first act so fascinating is the way it must be cast. Betty is played here by a man in a tight-fitting pink gown, Edward is played by a woman, and Victoria is a prop doll. As a result, we often find the heterosexual liaisons actually being played out by two men, and the homosexual encounters happen between a man and a woman.

Act two takes place 100 years later, but the characters have aged only 25 years. Edward has grown up gay and has a lover, Gerry. Victoria is married and has a son, a husband who doesn't understand her, and a new lesbian lover, Lin. Betty too has grown—wiser and more self-assured. She has left her husband and begun a whole new life. In the final movements of the play, the two seemingly different parts blend into an organic whole.

Director Chris Coleman has given us a production with both brutal honesty and elegant, mannered style. In this production, the overriding concern is these characters' search for love and acceptance. He takes the play far beyond its



Jennifer Deer, Matt Brady, and Theo Harness play multiple roles in "Cloud Nine."

original feminist bent. And he's populated "Cloud Nine" with an especially strong cast to carry out his vision.

Once again, Peter Ganim, who was so good in "Man and Superman" and "Unidentified Human Remains," gets to show his best work. He is the epitome of the priggish British colonist Clive in the first act, then he goes in the complete

opposite direction in Act two when he plays the rough-hewn Gerry.

Theo Harness is dazzlingly funny as Betty in the first act, while Karen Christensen is touching and sad as Betty in the second. Heidi Cline gets to have a lot of fun changing back and forth between the roles of the governess and the neighbor in the first act, then she turns serious and becomes the play's moral core in the second act. While Matt Brady seems to have a good time playing Harry, the handsome, dashing explorer, he's actually at his best when he's playing Cathy, a five-year-old girl. Al Stilo seems a bit off playing Joshua in the first act, but he comes roaring back in a moving performance as Martin, Victoria's husband, in the second.

This Actor's Express production of "Cloud Nine" is a strong effort for the group, proving you can do an old show new ways.

Another comedy that twists sex roles around, "Greater Tuna" has played in Atlanta several times, but always with the original cast members re-creating their multiple roles. Now we're getting a totally homegrown production of the play at Art Station in Stone Mountain.

"Greater Tuna" is one-day look at a tiny Texas town and its various denizens. The gimmick with this play is that only two actors play 20 different roles—both male and female—throughout the evening. The entire show is played for laughs, but there is an underlying seriousness to the play, especially when it explores the darker quirks of small-town life.

The Art Station production features two strong performances—Thomas Brady and Bart Hansard. Hansard seems to have the most fun playing Burtha Bumiller, a mother with three unusual children (Jody, Stanley, and Charlene), all of whom are played by Brady. The two actors perform well together, but Brady seems to be more adept at creating distinctive personalities and switching back and forth between them with great ease.

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Me? I like the food, but for the life of me I cannot understand other critics' backflips over the place and its products. Eating at Patti Hut, located on the second level of the mall in the space formerly habited by Sweet Splurges, makes me all the sadder that the wonderful little dessert shop is history.

The menu at Patti Hut is simple: five kinds of animal flesh (chicken, beef, oxtails, fish and goat) prepared in various well spiced ways and served over excellent rice and peas. For \$1.25 more you get a veggie, a piece of cornbread and fried plantains (if they are available). Add another \$1.50 (for a total of \$6.50) and the serving size grows so large that it's almost enough for two. There are also a couple of sandwiches making use of the meat from the entrees and a collection of tasty little stuffed patties.

The food we sampled was exceptionally well spiced and prepared. Jerk chicken is indeed the richest and most complexly rendered version in town. Curry goat is even hotter and a mite more piquant. The rice and peas that serve as underlayments to the meat and sauce are mild and serve as a perfect foil to the searing sauces. Sides of collards and sweet potatoes are well (but not over) cooked and packed with flavor. The cornbread is sweet (too sweet for me) with an interesting pungent and mysterious spice added.

So what's not to like? Well, the chicken and goat are both presented in small hacked pieces still attached to whatever bone, sinew and cartilage belongs to them—common treatment for meat in countries where meat is a precious commodity and better cuts go to the wealthy while everyday folks get what is left. And bone-in, fat-on cooking produces way more flavor.

But the end result is that you spend a lot of time separating the edible from what is not, and too often wind up with some very strangely textured stuff in your mouth. Were we accustomed to eating with our fingers, this would be easier—larger, more absorbent napkins would also encourage this sensible practice. But using the provided flexible plastic fork to separate the edible from that which is not is an other matter altogether.

Better, perhaps to order a veggie platter or a sandwich and let the staff do the work.

But no matter how good the food, all of it comes in Styrofoam containers. The tops flap in the breeze if you leave them attached and fly away in the same breeze if you don't. As a result, the trash cans are packed scads of briefly used white plastic foam that will still be intact when Jesse Helms votes to fund a National Sodomy in the Streets Day. The food is good enough to be presented on real plates, but since washing those is a real problem in a restaurant this small, paper would work just fine.

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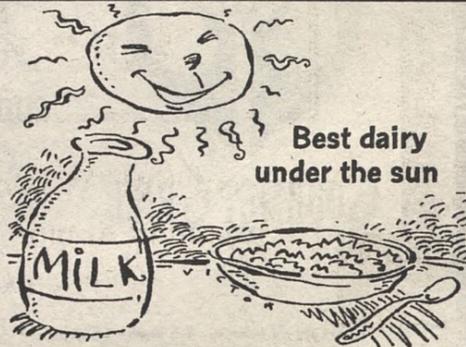
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high for me to recommend regular meals here. Which makes me wonder if either establishment would serve you on paper plates if you brought your own.

Eye Candy

When the folks who designed Rio Mall cut various holes in the canopy roof that covers the place, they probably didn't know a thing about NationsBank's plan to erect its huge building at Peachtree and North.

But the view of Kevin Roche's controversial web-topped tower through one of those holes (second floor, west side) is nothing short of magic. And it gets even better when there's mist or low hanging clouds.

The Moose Is Loose

Minneapolis-based **Caribou Coffee** has trundled into town with thundering hooves and no small sense of style. The Sheriff and I checked out the location at Monroe and Piedmont last week shortly after it opened. (Another store is already open in part of Everybody's at Emory, and a third is coming soon to Va-Hi just south of the American Roadhouse if rumor is true.)

More than a little thought has gone into the design and execution of the interior space of the old gas station at the Ansley location. The ceilings are high, the lighting smart, the detailing slick, and the corporate logo everywhere. There's additional seating on a covered deck and even more on an open one. The owners are obviously aware of the NTLG (need to look good) factor in retail merchandising as well as the loophole in the law that allows them not to provide parking for outside seating.

A well organized menu hangs above the service counter. Ditto signs that explain where to order and where to pick up. In addition to all the usual suspects, there's latte-flavored granita and a whole board full of extra-high-caffeine offerings for those for feel the need to speed—legally.

The crowd (at 9:30 on a Friday night) was very intown Atlanta—young queers decked out in the latest designer duds, hetero 20-somethings in pea caps and smoking pipes, and middle-aged Ansley residents (straight and gay) in Izods.

So what about the coffee? It's OK. Maybe better than OK, but not so fine as Aurora (opening soon just across the street) or Galletto (just down the street). A slab of blackberry pie wasn't bad, but a large piece of chocolate cake was dry as (unbuttered) toast. The couple at the next table shouted "don't get a cookie" to some friends perusing the pastry counter before ordering. Maybe muffins are the way to go?

Coffee comes in paper cups, desserts on disposable plastic plates even if you are eating in. There are no papers or magazines. In short, the whole process, including the (mostly hi-NRG) music is designed to get you in and out in a hurry.

Even in eateries, corporate consistency has its virtues; witness the never varying (high) quality at Starbuck's. But Caribou's culture seems to equate looking good with tasting good. Me? I'll stick with one of the home brews, like Galletto.

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I shiveringly adore that holiday, because it represents a moment of stasis right before change. The day and night are of equal length at that moment; but Lucina's light begins to wane, to be supplanted by increasing darkness.

The days are still hot and filled with light. But the nights begin to cool, and change is in the air. Even our post-Lapsarian selves feel this intuitively as we involuntarily draw up covers around our sleeping bodies in the Hour of the Wolf.

It's hardly surprising that I begin to think about seeds now. People too often fail to appreciate that seed-gathering is inherently a magical act. After all, our very existence depends upon the preservation of seed for spring planting, as well as the introduction of seed to soil for cold-weather crops.

Quite naturally, I hold an unambiguous reverence for the potential life contained within a dark shell. Imagine the suspension, the dreaming therein. Now dormant and in the ground or the Underworld—like Persephone—the human heart hopes that the miraculous seeds will eventually blossom out and give forth with new green life.

As we say a farewell to the sun, our thoughts tend to stray toward leaves falling and seasons changing, even in a comparatively mild climate such as this.

If our ancestral memories are even slightly intact, we recall that soon, Demeter, the Mother, turns Her face away. As Barbara Walker explains in "The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets," "[The] Greek *meter* is mother. *De* is the delta, or triangle, a female genital sign...the Door of birth, death, or the sexual paradise." (The triangle also

symbolizes Her triple aspect—Maiden, Mother, Crone. It is no accident that the symbol of the pink triangle retains power to this day.)

Demeter's "daughter" Persephone now gains ascendancy (as it were). Really, Persephone is just another name for Hel, or Hecate: ruler of the underworld long before Hades cast his patriarchal shadow across human consciousness. She is the cool, the dark, the rest after the burst of activity, the facing of night terrors and the gaining of new knowledge.

According to Judy Grahn in "The Queen of Swords," "Among people who honor the Queen of the Underworld she has been called Cerridwen, the Morrigan, Morgan the Faery, Kali, Hel, Persephone, Oya, and other names representing goddesses of death, rebirth, and the spirit world.

"The Sumerian story upon which 'The Queen of Swords' is based tells of the decision of Inana, Queen of Heaven and Earth, to go to the 'Great Below' risking everything in order to gather even more powers for the benefit of her cities."

Her spirit is embodied in the final gleaning of the harvest, often a single sheaf of grain. Many peoples celebrated the Corn Mother or Corn Maiden or Old Woman at this time of year with solemn rites to ensure Her return in Her green form come Spring.

I'm thinking about that transformation. I'm thinking about those lush tropics which have given so much pleasure in the past few months. Too soon, I'll have to cut off the stems, and dig up the elephant ear bulbs for winter storage. (Do bulbs dream of chlorophyllic sheep while they await awakening?)

Too soon, I'll be hacking off the tops of the bananas, which didn't set fruit this year due to the cool, sunless

summer. Then, I'll wrap their shocked stumps, leaking juice, in newspaper and make sure they remain dry and not cold/not warm in the basement until April.

(Formerly, I just set the stumps on the basement dirt unwrapped; but the base can become mushy, and it generally takes longer for the plant to recover once she's placed outdoors. Having done it both ways now, I recommend the little extra effort papering and placing involves.)

However, it's not too late to stroll by Charis and take a last look at the tropics, even though mums are out now. Soon enough, I'll have to bring in the pots of bougainvillea, gardenia, orange tree, etc. And I'll be pulling up the tomatoes and the cantaloupes and the corn. But I can plant peas, collards, and onion sets in their stead.

Of course, I've routinely had tomatoes until Thanksgiving, thanks to the quiriness of our weather. Tomatoes won't set new fruit if the temperature drops below 65°, but you can keep fruits on the vine, and the vines themselves going, if you cover them correctly during a frost.

I create a little tent with a towel, and cover that with black plastic. The plastic must *not* come in contact with the plant, or it will wither that spot. (The base is mulched, of course.)

Also, this is an excellent time to divide hardier perennials, such as irises. With these babies, it seems as if the more you chop, the more you get!

Just leave enough rhizome for the top to anchor and feed. And don't plant too deeply or mulch overly much—one of the very few times the Mulch Queen will adjure you about putting on too much covering.

Let the summer annuals have their last hurrah. Once they brown off, into the compost heap they go.

Don't have a compost heap? Positively uncivilized! However, fall is an excellent time to begin one. A myriad of books and publications can be perused to offer kernels of wisdom vis a vis starting one.

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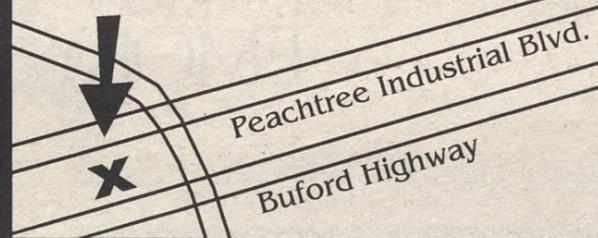
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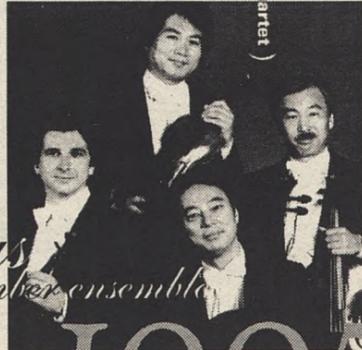
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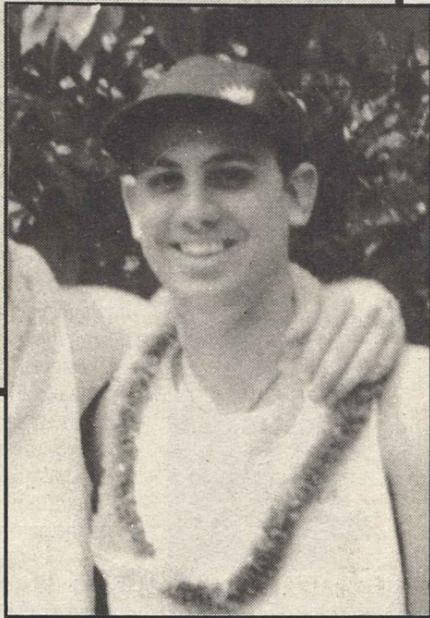
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Last Book Read: "The Essential Tao" by Deng Ming-dao

Pet peeve: Superficial conversations



You might be hard-put to find someone who had a more exotic upbringing than Christopher Mills. His family lived in Greece (his birthplace) and Turkey until his early adolescence. "My father worked for Reynolds Tobacco Co.—you know, Camel was the 'Turkish Blend' cigarette?" Mills, however, doesn't smoke—at least, not anymore. "I stopped years ago, because I liked the competitors' cigarettes and Mother said I couldn't smoke them in the house," he jokes.

Perhaps it was his continental rearing that encouraged Mills to come out sooner than most American teenagers do. "I've been out of the closet for ten years now, since I was in the tenth grade," Mills says. "In high school, I was the big homo." He was definitely a trailblazer, because by the time he was a sophomore in high school, he and his family had moved back to North Carolina—not the easiest place to be an out queer in high school. Mills calls it "going through Jesse Helms culture shock."

Mills family has known about his gayness for years, since the time he came out, and apparently they developed some continental attitudes themselves when they were in Europe. "My parents are very open-minded," he says happily. "They're okay with it. Once, I even brought my love home for the holidays."

Though he has many friends back in Europe, Mills admits rather ironically that none of them are gay. "People in Europe are just totally accepting of who you are; it's very different than here in the States," Mills says. "It truly doesn't matter to them what your sexual preference is—they're broad-minded. Of course, I'm talking about places like Holland, France and England, not Turkey especially. I'll probably get jaded sooner or later and move back there."

Atlanta's political activist groups will probably not approve of Mills' plans to return to Europe. If for no other reason, some of them would be losing one of their most active members. Mills has worked with GAPAC, AID Atlanta, Project Open Hand—and last year, he chaired the Gay Pride committee. "It was the

year from hell," he proclaims. Luckily, being out at his job at a local bank helped. "Everybody I worked with knew about what I was doing," he explains. "They said things to me like 'Have a good weekend' that Friday before, and after I came back they all told me they saw the parade on television. It was great, I loved it, but last year worked me completely."

Any chance of more public work from now on, then? "I'm very involved with the Gay and Lesbian Public Safety Task Force, which handles complaints and disagreements that gays and lesbians have with our civil servants," Mills says. "We listen to lots of stories about entrapment and homophobic circumstances of arrest, for example. The complaints are then given to a representative of the Atlanta Police, who in turn takes it back and investigates the situation, which they report back to us about."

Mills' political activism seems to be leading him in a logical direction—the acquisition of a law degree of his own, in order to be able to fight to change things in courtrooms, not just on the streets. "I've been studying for the LSAT for the past eight weeks and have been applying to law schools," he says. It seems unlikely that he will relax anytime soon.

In the past three years, Mills has developed some carefully thought-out advice to give to Atlanta's gay and lesbian community. "I think it's time for our community to become proactive," he says unswervingly. "I believe that aggressive, proactive behavior is the key to empowerment."

"Gays and lesbians shouldn't be afraid to jump in, because we really need the help," he continues. "It's not good to see just the same old faces out there, fighting year after year by themselves. We all have to get more involved to change things for the better."

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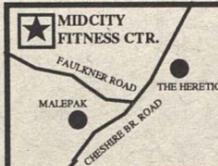
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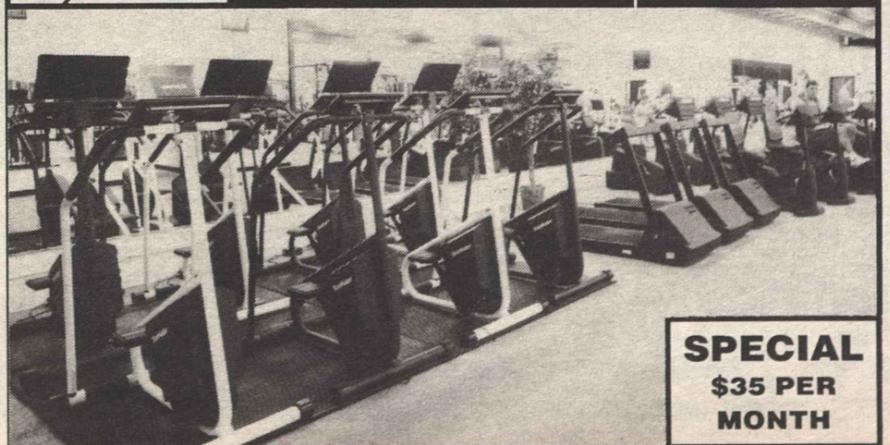
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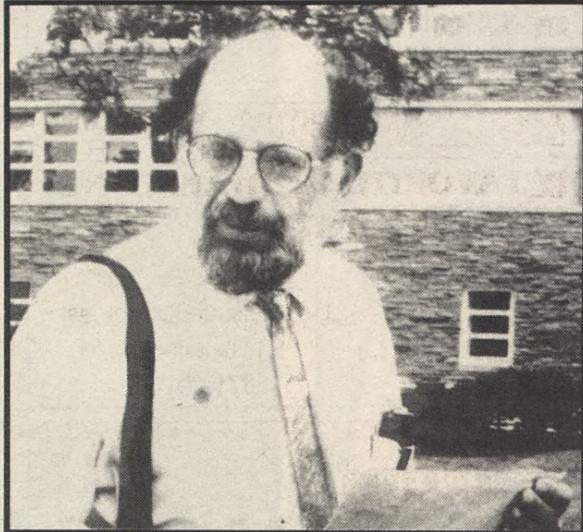
Too Real: If you've been watching MTV's "The Real World" this season, it's probably at least in part due to HIV-positive housemate Pedro Zamora, who has time and again demonstrated courage, dignity and strength in dealing with his condition. Unfortunately, Zamora's health has declined since the filming of the show and he is in desperate need of financial assistance since he has no insurance. STAR-94 and DJ Brian Christopher get Dish's Good Samaritan of the Week award for requesting donations during Christopher's radio time; as a result, the phone rang off the hook the first night. Christopher told Dish recently that it bothered him to see Zamora's life cut short when he was trying to educate others about AIDS so he "just kind of announced it on the air, and the calls started coming in." If you would like to donate, send your checks to The Pedro Zamora Medical Needs Trust, Sunbank/South Florida N.A., Trust and Investment Management Group, 300 Royal Poinciana Plaza, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

Paper Profits: Openly gay beat poet Allen Ginsberg is living proof that if you hang on long enough, fortune—and respectability—will follow fame. According to the New York Times, preppy Stanford University has purchased Ginsberg's amassed collection of papers, cassette tapes, journals, old tennis shoes and even beard clippings—for "around \$1 million." The 68-year-old author of "Howl" and onetime buddy of Jack Kerouac was always a pack rat and apparently amassed some 300,000 items. Though happy to find a permanent home for the collection and to raise some cash, Ginsberg sniffed that "they're getting it at bargain basement rates" and complained that he hadn't cleared enough from the deal to buy a new apartment in the East Village for himself and his 88-year-old stepmother.

Every Dog Has Her Day: People are already talking about Terence Stamp's Oscar nomination chances for his portrayal of the transsexual Bernadette in "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." Stamp has certainly been making the most of his day in the Outback sun, appearing at

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



Poet Allen Ginsberg says \$1 million is barely enough for his collection.

parties everywhere and promoting the film tirelessly, though Dish thinks it's hardly necessary. Stamp's chances of winning an award should be pretty good if the old rule about making yourself look haggard really works (remember Shirley MacLaine in "Terms of Endearment?"). Stamp, who gives most of credit for the film's success to its writer and director, Stephan Elliot, admitted recently that he was fooled by Elliot during the shooting of the film. It seems Elliot told Stamp that he would make the actor's appearance a little more flattering

than the finished product indicates, and didn't tell Stamp about the harsh, unforgiving lighting until the premiere. Said Stamp afterward: "Stephen said I would look just like Gene Tierney, but I ended up looking like an old dog."

Guess She Doesn't Get Out Much: Dish gives Kenny Leon and the folks at the Alliance Theater their due when it comes to trying to elevate Atlanta's collective consciousness via productions like "Falsettos" and "Angels In America" but sometimes we think it's all for naught. At a recent performance of the latter, Dish managed to wangle a pair of tickets for the show and landed directly behind a Dunwoody-looking matron who was apparently woefully unprepared for what was about to transpire onstage. The delicate dowager had to turn her head completely away from the play during the leatherman-in-the-park sex scene, and the profanity in the script bothered her so much that she found it necessary to remark about it loudly and often to her companion. Worse still, she mistook the sound of the angels' wings flapping, one of the clearest bits of theatrical imagery Dish has ever heard, for inept stagehands moving scenery. "They shouldn't make so much noise," the big-haired lady kvetched. "I can hardly hear the actors."

This Week's Penis Story: Dish has to admit to having some morbid curiosity about John Wayne Bobbitt's performance in an upcoming X-rated movie based on his marriage to the knife-wielding Lorena. Bobbitt has apparently overcome his handicap, as he is slated to do all his own nude scenes and bare his mangled organ to the world. We still have to cross our legs every time we think about what Bobbitt went through, though we think he may have deserved what he got since he has yet again been arrested for battery, this time of his new girlfriend. Oh, well, if Bobbitt has a problem with his "part" we suppose the producers of this sleazefest could always call the people over at Industrial Light and Magic to help out—if they can make a bicycle fly, surely they can do something with Bobbitt. And don't you suppose Bobbitt winces every time the director yells, "Cut!"

September 29 - October 5, 1994

Uranus and Neptune, cruising through Capricorn, begin to move forward again on the 1st and the 2nd. This could mean progress where there have been political or social stalemates for human rights. Enjoy the New Moon in Libra on the 4th with close friends or your Significant Other.

ARIES, this could be a very busy or intense week with the Sun in your 7th house of intimate relationships and partnerships, not to mention Uranus/Neptune going forward in your 10th house of career. Set priorities before you get too busy to think. **TAURUS**, well, this could be a slightly intense week, and possibly an intense month, with five planetary placements in your 7th house of personal relationships. Time to learn more about yourself by seeing those you love as a reflection of life flowing. **GEMINI**, do you feel appreciated by close friends and family, or are you feeling a little separated and invisible? In order for others to engage with you and express their feelings, you do need to be available and present, willing to participate.

CANCER, as Uranus and Neptune move into forward motion once again, your world may seem to tilt and your careful planning is upset. This could be the Universe testing your

STARSIGNS

resiliency and adaptability. Use your creativity to handle unexpected changes! **LEO**, life at home or with parents and family could be a little intense for a few weeks. You may want to invest more energy in those relationships, especially if any opportunities arise for healing old family wounds or childhood memories. **VIRGO**, this can be an exceptionally creative month for developing simpler and more effective ways of managing your life. Simplicity is the answer to brilliant organization, and the next few weeks may give you unexpected opportunities for exploration.

Happy Birthday, **LIBRA!** Time for celebrating with friends and loved ones. Small, intimate groups might feel better than a giant party. It's your month, so go for what delights you the most. Do wait till next month to redecorate your place. Dear **SCORPIO**, take a deep breath, relax and make an appointment this week for massage. Life may be frenzied and busy for you, so be sure you have personal time to rest and process

all this personal growth. Eat fresh foods and drink pure water. **SAGITTARIUS**, your 12th house is busier than ever, giving you lots of images and archetypal information to process. You may need more sleep or quiet time and definitely regular exercise like a walk in the park to integrate all this unique energy.

CAPRICORN, as Uranus and Neptune move forward once again in your 1st house of self-awareness, you can count on more change in your perception of life and also better understanding of current events. Stay relaxed and take good care of your body. **AQUARIUS**, have you taken a trip out of town lately? Been any place new and different? This is a great time for exploration and just getting away to relax and regain your own perspective on life. Fresh air and sunshine will do wonders. **PISCES**, if you feel called to get involved with your favorite cause, just be sure to take it slowly at first or you may not have any time or energy left for the other parts of your life. Your well-being is just as important as any cause.

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MO!
GRAB A CHAIR! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
HI! I JUST HAD MY "COMPUTERS FOR THE TECHNOLOGICALLY STUNTED" CLASS, AND I NEED TO UNWIND.
HOW'S THAT GOING?
AHH, I DUNNO. ALL THAT JARGON. I JUST CAN'T GRASP NEW STUFF LIKE I USED TO. I FEEL SO OLD LATELY.
JOIN THE CLUB. THE SEMESTER STARTED TODAY, AND I HAVE A WHOLE NEW RAFT OF FRESHMEN. I KEEP AGING AND THEY'RE ETERNALLY EIGHTEEN.
HAVE YOU NOTICED, SUDDENLY THERE'S ALL THESE YOUNG DYKES EVERYWHERE? WHERE'D THEY COME FROM?
THE MALL?
I MEAN, WE USED TO BE THE YOUNG DYKES? REMEMBER? THE SUBVERSIVES, THE WANT-GARDE, THE UR-AND-COMING! WHAT HAPPENED? THESE NEW BABES LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M AN INSURANCE SALESMAN! IF THEY LOOK AT ME AT ALL.
YOU HAVE A YOUNGER GIRLFRIEND, LOIS. WHAT'S IT LIKE? DID YOU NOTICE THE AGE DIFFERENCE?
DON'T ASK ME. I HAVEN'T SEEN SONJA IN A MONTH. SHE'S HITCHHIKING TO RHYTHM-FEST WITH A HARNES-MAKER SHE MET IN THE MOSH PIT AT MICHIGAN.
Y'KNOW, IT'S NOT LIKE I MIND GETTING OLDER PER SE. I WOULDN'T RELIEVE MY TWENTIES FOR A MILLION BUCKS, AND I KINDA LIKE THESE LITTLE LINES I'M GETTING AROUND MY EYES. IT'S JUST, ALL OF A SUDDEN, I'M LAST YEAR'S COMPUTER!
HUH. Y'KNOW, I WISH I HAD ONE OF THOSE NOTEBOOK MODELS.
OH, PLEASE! WHO'S SHE TRYING TO IMPRESS?
ISN'T THAT THE CHICK WHO READ AT THE BOOKSTORE? WHAT'S HER NAME, DEIRDRE!
HUH? OH HI MO!
UH... HI, DEIRDRE. THIS IS GINGER. AND LOIS. WORKING ON YOUR NOVEL?
NO, MY JOURNAL. UM... IT'S FUNNY I SHOULD RUN INTO YOU... I JUST GOT FREE PASSES TO THE QUEER FILM FEST, AND I WANTED TO... UH, YOU KNOW, SEE IF YOU FELT LIKE GOING FRIDAY.
FREE PASSES? SURE!
OW! I MEAN, YOU SHOULD SURE GO, MO.
FRIDAY? I... ER...
DEIRDRE, WE WERE JUST ADMIRING YOUR COMPUTER. IS THAT AN ACTIVE-MATRIX DISPLAY? AND WHAT'S THE BAUD RATE ON YOUR FAX/MODEM PORT?

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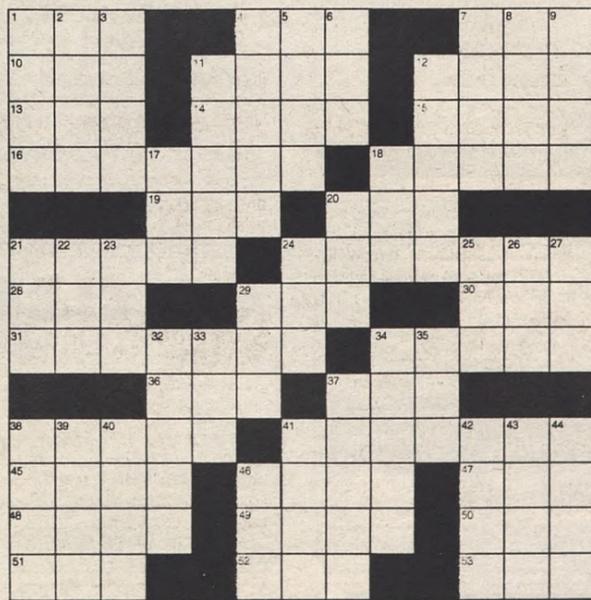
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4. D.C. area newsman Robinson
7. Vermont State Representative Squires
10. Faulkner work. ___ Lay Dying
11. Big desert
12. Card game
13. Greek P
14. Steals
15. Overt
16. Queen singer, Freddie _____
18. Film critic, Vito _____
19. Lots of oz
20. Male child
21. Designer Perry _____
24. Gay Games founder, Tom _____
28. Buzzer

ACROSS (Cont'd)

29. "Ready, ___ fire!"
30. Bush's "No new taxes" was one
31. Choreographer Michael _____
34. Dallas star, Dack _____
36. Bullfight cheer
37. ___ Abner
38. Journalist Shilts
41. Dancer Robert _____
45. Curve
46. Milton's Paradise _____
47. "___ got a secret."
48. Corp. honchos
49. ___ out a living
50. Precedes "urchin" or "slug"
51. Understanding
52. Poetic forever
53. Screw up

DOWN

1. Heat up
2. Tennis great, Arthur _____
3. Designer label
4. *Wuthering Heights* locale
5. Dear _____
6. Statistical symbols
7. Sings à la Vanilla Ice
8. Bauxite, etc.
9. Taboo, to tots
11. Beetle larvae
12. Discovered
17. Roman 151
18. Curtain holder
20. Author Steward, to friends
21. Tide type
22. Liberace, to friends
23. Author Dreighton
24. Cleverness
25. Shade tree
26. Follows "Women's" or "Gay"
27. Horoscope sign
29. Corroded
32. Bumps
33. T.V. Tarzan, Ron _____
34. Splits
35. T.V. alien
37. Slimeball
38. Actor Hudson
39. American author, James _____
40. Light gas
41. Suzanne Westenhoefer quip
42. Get up
43. At any time
44. *Same Time Next* _____

Answers to last week's puzzle on next page

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What You Don't Know Will Kill You—Anonymous HIV Screening Available at Dekalb County Health Department, Atlanta Gay Center, Southside Healthcare, Fulton County Health Department, Outreach, Inc. If you've tested positive for HIV and are in need of housing, financial assistance, social assistance, someone to talk to, or just in need of a friend, call us. We're here for you. AIDS Education/Services for Minorities, 753-2900, 24 hours a day.

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

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

AIDS SUPPORT: Jewish Family Services sponsors a support group for Jewish people affected by HIV/AIDS, their families or lovers. 2nd and 4th Sundays,

7:30 p.m. in Buckhead. For information: 888-6400, voice mailbox 76.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Announcements

Afro-American Lesbians Together. If you are interested in promoting monogamous lesbian couple relationships through social outings and conversations with other lesbian couples, call (404) 724-0169. (7.34)

Mr. Georgia/Hotlanta 1995 Information/Crew Application Meeting Tues, September 27, 1994, 7:30 p.m. Sheraton Colony Square Hotel. (7.32)

Free air fare for two to Acapulco. Join Hotel Express International to save 50% on hotels, air fares and cruises. (404) 816-9353. (7.38)

Want to learn more about overcoming homophobia in the workplace? Check out "GAY ISSUES IN THE WORK-PLACE" presented by Brian McNaught on October 7th. Call (404) 516-1917 for details. Hosted by LEAGUE Atlanta. (7.33)

A therapy group for gay men and lesbi-

ans in their twenties is now being formed. Please contact Julia Strong, LCSW (404) 458-6886 or John Barrow, LCSW (404) 453-7445 for more information. (7.32)

The Atlanta Freedom Marching Band is back in rehearsal! Join now to participate in upcoming performances. All instruments needed. All interested persons call/leave message at (404) 872-9763. (7.32)

The Atlanta Freedom Marching Band is looking for Auxiliary Corps personnel. Batons, flags and rifles. All interested persons call/leave message at (404) 872-9763. (7.32)

ATLANTA LAMBDA CENTER—Get Involved! Volunteer with the ALC and the opening of Atlanta's Center for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Community. Huge Halloween Bash coming soon. Call today! 662-9010. (7.32)

Attention BellSouth employees. Did you know there is now an organized group of your gay/lesbian/bisexual coworkers? Associates Networking for Gay & Lesbian Equality (ANGLE) meets monthly and is open to all active and retired employees of BellSouth Corporation, its subsidiaries and affiliates. For more information, call the ANGLE Hotline at (404) 723-6540. We have or will start chapters throughout the BellSouth region. (7.32)

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

Auditions

Auto

Business

OPPORTUNITY

Entrepreneurs and Opportunists with a great attitude. Totally unbelievable. If you dare \$ \$ \$ (800) 861-8968. (7.33)

CD INTERACTIVE

AMPED, developer of interactive multimedia titles on compact disc, is looking for individuals to provide direct cost funding for its new *Interactive Literacy* program. An excellent potential for long-term monthly residuals. (404) 242-2626. (7.32)

Booming antique business on Cheshire Bridge Road. Dealer space available. (404) 733-5599 or (404) 282-6422 (pager). (7.33)

Employment

PART TIME

Restaurant Delivery Service in the Emory/Decatur and Toco Hill areas needs FT and PT operators and drivers. Days and evenings. Call (404) 633-0276 and leave message. (7.35)

Men for calendar. 16-30. No nudes. Must be fit, masculine, and extremely attractive. Call for appointment (404) 578-4622. (7.32)

FULL TIME

Buckhead Kroger is currently seeking friendly, energetic, people for our front-end, deli, and seafood operations. Cashier/Customer Service experience a plus! On MARTA route #5. Apply in person 3330 Piedmont Avenue, N.E., (404) 237-8022. (7.32)

Desperately seeking Hairstylist! We need you now!! Preferably yesterday! Call (404) 321-5775. Hairanoia. (7.33)

AIDS Legal Project staff attorney. Mixed civil caseload. Excellent legal skills, commitment to public service required. Experience with low-income and HIV/AIDS related law, public health

background preferred. GA bar or next exam. \$28,000 DOE, excellent fringes. Letter, resumé, writing sample, references, transcript to Marian Burge, Atlanta Legal Aid, 151 Spring Street, Atlanta, GA 30303. EOE/M/F/H. (7.32)

Attention Hairstylists! Exciting opportunity! Booth available for rent at gorgeous Midtown salon in the fabulous Georgia Terrace across from the Fox Theatre. All inquiries welcome. Call Christopher at Epic Hair Design (404) 872-6487. (7.35)

EXEC DIR NAT'L GAY/LESBIAN TASK FORCE. Duties: Fundraising w/ emph on major donor/memb devlpmt; public spkng; public policy/program develop; gen admin/staff mgmt/finance. Qualifs: 3-5 yrs public/nonprof admin; demonstrated fndrsng, leadership, media, mgmt skills; understanding of GLB/diversity/AIDS issues. Salary Competitive. Resumé/references to NGLTF ED Search, 2320 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20009 by 10-10-94. Women, people of color encouraged to apply. (7.32)

Stained Glass company needs an installer. Must have experience hanging doors and handling glass. Ask for T.J. (404) 320-6613. (7.33)

Landscape maintenance crew members. Residential gardening small company good work environment. Experienced Preferred. Call Steve (404) 621-7929. (7.32)

SEEKING

Finance

Health

FITNESS

Boost your immune system. Users report increase in T-cell count, improved energy, mental clarity and attitude. Call (40) 377-8894 for free tape. (7.34)

ENTREPRENEURS

Hyper-growth company is looking for LEADERS. Our top 120 people average \$63K per month. No investment. Call (800) 326-4908 (24 hours). (7.38)

MASSAGE

MIDTOWN THERAPIST

Feel the stress leave your body. Relaxing atmosphere. Call Marc Sanchez, C.M.T. at (404) 733-6300. (7.37)

Gale Massey, M.S., C.M.T. Relieve chronic pain and stress in a safe and supportive environment. Located in Highlands Chiropractic. (404) 874-4448. (7.35)

Enjoy an hour and a half of full body Swedish massage, Amma and Accupressure followed by the warm relaxation of a spa. Please call Dave Fisher, M.S., C.M.T. at (404) 987-1890. (7.37)

PERSONAL GROWTH

Instruction

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FUTON

Unstained pine queen size futon with sofa frame. \$175. Call Joe (404) 874-2481. (7.33)

ROLLERBLADES

Green Metallic Macro EQ Rollerblades size 11—with black wrist bands—\$220. Call Rob (404) 872-8307.

Pets

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

Psychic

ATLANTA ADVISOR. Psychic reading, spiritual channeling, body work and metaphysical healing. (800) 239-9796 ext. 5176061. (7.34)

SERVING PROFESSIONALLY 27 YEARS—Natural Psychic, Certified Medium, Humanist Parapsychologist. Psychic Readings, Past Life Regressions, Reiki, Ro-Hun Therapy. Jack Bernard Moon, (404) 333-0166. (7.34)

Publications

ON OUR BACKS. The most intelligent sex magazine just happens to be lesbian. Offers you bimonthly award-winning fiction, sexy pictorials, sassy columns, humorous reviews, and thought provoking features. \$34.95/yr. (6 issues). SASE Catalog. On Our Backs, 526 Castro Street, Suite SV, San Francisco, CA 94114. Send ck, MO, or V/MC. 1-800-845-4617. (7.45)

Real Estate

FINANCING

FOR RENT

DECATUR CITY

4 blocks from Agnes Scott. Efficiency newly renovated w/access to large fenced backyard. Animals OK. Utilities incl. \$400/mo. 1st & last months rent. References required. (404) 370-1824. Oct. 1st. (7.33)

Spacious 1 BR apt 40 min. north west of Atlanta. (404) 974-8585. (7.35)

MIDTOWN

330 McGill Place. 2 large bedrooms/baths new paint/carpet, fireplace, security system, W/D, French doors to private patio, pool. \$950/mo. (404) 525-9435. (7.33)

The Right House for Positive People living with HIV. Historic Adair Park off Stewart Avenue. Private Furnished Room w/ ceiling fans, kitchen privileges, W/D, all utilities included. \$85/wk. Call Tony Gibson (404) 753-2176. (7.32)

FOR SALE

Condo for sale. 330 McGill Place, #394. Top level, vaulted ceilings. 2BR, 2BA. All appliances, security system. \$98,900. Contact J.W. Nay, (404) 552-0330. (7.35)

Midtown Siena II Renaissance Park new 1BR w/den, fireplace. \$95,000. Call Jim (404) 222-2876. (7.34)

DECATUR/AVONDALE

Charming 3 BR, 2 BA. Upscale neighborhood. Cathedral Ceiling. Fireplace. Low 100's. Belinda (404) 626-9737. PAUL RICE REALTY (7.34)

Foreclosed government homes and properties! HUD, VA, RTC, etc. Listings for your area. Financing available. Call toll free! (800) 436-6867 ext. R-2516. (7.33)

Roommates

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

(404) 325-7600. (7.32)

GWM Healthy HIV+ 38, cats, smoker seeks roommate for spacious 2 BR apt in Candler Park. \$270/mo + util. Fred (404) 653-0321. (7.35)

Decatur-Private bedroom/bath in large townhouse near Emory & Agnes Scott. Cable access in BR, private phone line, W/D. Share with lesbian mother/daughter for \$350/mo. No smoking, drugs, or pets. Deposit required. Message (404) 726-2766. (7.33)

3rd roommate. GWM to share furnished apt. \$300/mo + 1/3 utilities. No pets, non smoker. Gay complex. Call (404) 321-5791. (7.33)

L5PGF only to share 6 BR, 2.5 BA. \$250-350/mo. includes util. No pets. Call (404) 577-8601. (7.32)

Decatur/Clarkston Lesbian professional seeks non-smoking GM/F to share 3 BR, 2 BA house. Will have 2 private rooms and baths. Must like pets. \$350 plus 1/2 utilities. (404) 296-7375. (7.35)

GWF seeks NS roommate. 2 BR, 1 BA duplex. Lilburn/Stn Min area. \$250 + 1/5 utilities. (404) 985-9456. Leave message. (7.33)

Decatur GWM seeks roommate to share 2 BR, 2 BA apartment. \$270/mo plus 1/2 utilities. (404) 501-9348. (7.33)

GF to share 2 BR, 2 BA apt. W/D, pool, walk-in closet. 1-75 & Tara \$320/mo or \$80/wk. (404) 907-4932. (7.35)

Come to my window. Professional lesbian seeks responsible roommate to share 2 BR beautiful Decatur duplex. Spacious, wood floors, backyard. \$320/mo. (404) 292-7900, ext. 229. (7.35)

GWF-Emory seeks housemate. 3 BR, 2 BA space. \$425 + phone. Professional, no smoke. Great house: fireplace, screen porch, W/D, H/A. (404) 728-8896. (7.33)

Lesbian housemate wanted. Semi-furnished room. Air, washer/dryer, private phone line. Convenient to Emory, GSU, and Agnes Scott. (404) 373-3619. (7.33)

WOODLAND HILLS/EMORY

Lesbian seeks same to share home. Avail. Oct./Nov. 3BR, A/C, W/D, Great Rm, private deck, on bus route, safe, prefer non-smoker, no kids/pets. \$450/mo. incl. utilities. Call Dennie 325-2630 home, or (404) 252-4843 work. (7.33)

GWM seeks professional responsible roommate for 2/2 high rise - 10th floor - great view of downtown and Piedmont Park area. Secured parking. Short term okay. I am mostly away so will be like having own place @ 1/2 cost. Would consider renting both rooms. Call Steve (404) 607-9391 anytime. (7.32)

GF to share 2 BR, 2 BA, walkin closets, W/D, pool. \$320/80wk, 100 dep. Available 10-94. 1-75 & Tara. (404) 907-4932. (7.34)

WANTED FEMALE ROOMMATE

Share 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath house Southern End of Clayton County. More information, call Michelle (404) 603-9297. \$375 includes utilities. (7.33)

Brookhaven Housemate wanted to share 3BR, 1BA home. No smoking, drugs. \$350 + 1/2 utilities. Leave message (404) 325-5707 Mike. (7.32)

Service

GET ONLINE!...

...with Graffiti Online, Atlanta's Hot-test chat board! 24 lines, gay news, E-Mail! Call now with PC and modem. (404) 972-4999. (7.34)

HAIR WRAPS

with gorgeous eclectic beads \$30-40. Call for appointment. Rhiannon (404) 834-9525. (7.32)

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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD: ORGANIZATIONS

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Residential cleaning service. Looking to establish small clientele for weekly or biweekly service. I'm flexible, dependable, thorough. Willing to do lawn work. (404) 352-0106. (7.32)

Travel

Secluded, privately-owned cabins in North Georgia Mountains. Riverfronts, hot tubs, VCRs, etc. Some large enough for group retreats. Weekend, weekly, monthly rentals. (706) 276-4592. (7.35)

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

SWIFTWATERS WOMANSPACE Wooded, riverfront Campground/Bed & Breakfast with in-room HOT TUB in mountain foothills near Appalachian Trail an hour north of Atlanta. (706) 864-3229. (7.28)

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

Stillwell House B&B, Hendersonville, NC. (704) 693-6475. Queen size bed. Private baths, mixed, European style home architecturally, built 1920. MC & Visa welcomed. (7.34)

Volunteers

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

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

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

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

Voice Connection

WOMEN

SoVo Pick of the Week

Seeking Someone: sensitive, sensual, conscious, loving. I love unintimidated friends, Victorian Lace, big hats, champagne brunch (STOP) Leather mini-skirts, 4-inch heels, 4-star hotels (STOP) Rivers, meadows, horses, the arts, Europe and you? 2221 Peachtree Road, Mailbox #217, Atlanta, GA 30309.

Wanted. Attractive GWF, 35-43 for attractive professional. Stressed out. Qualifications include humor, stress management, sensuality & great lips. ☎ 2188

GWF, 28, red hair, blue eyed loves dancing, music, etc. Seeks GWF 24-30 for friendship, possible relationship. ☎ 2191

GWF, 29: attractive, androgenous, fun-loving and professional. Dare to reach in and touch my soul, it's thoughtful of life, honest and open. Seek same for friendship/more. ☎ 2194

GWF ISO GWF with wacky sense of humor and gentle spirit! I'm sort of butch, 5'7", blond/blue animal lover. ☎ 2197

GWF, 25, too shy to speak to you! Natural, professional, together. Seeking down to earth, confident, fem. ☎ 2207

GWF submissive wannabe seeks fit, 5'7" or taller dominant GWF late 20s-30s for "training" some SM. ☎ 2202

Reply if not frightened to GWF: 27, Psy. Graduate student, blonde, eyes: 1 green, 1 brown, 5'4", wanting friends. Tame looking-surprise wild child. Fin. secure. cat-person, garlic lover, eclectic music, cappuccino addict, lives to blow bubbles in the woods under moon, warms toe rings by fireplace, reads lots, no white drugs, smokes only on WEAK days, plays with beads & drinks fine wine. Travelled, spiritually creative, Rush hater, failed debutante. ☎ 2152

GWF, 30, petite, br/blue, professional. I smoke & drink! (Just thought I'd warn you.) Seek fun loving woman for friendship, maybe more. Enjoy dining out, reading, movies, walks, and love animals. I'm new to area & would love to meet woman with similar interests. ☎ 2151

An Honest Ad. I love romance, but my passion is for good sex, intelligent conversation and laughter. Is anything else important? ☎ 2149

GWF professional. ISO feminine 30s who advocates mental and physical health—who wants to live life to its fullest. Nonsmoker. ☎ 2146

GWF, 42, professional, adventurous heart, searching soul, personal/spiritual growth is priority. ISO committed relationship with like-minded mature

women. ☎ 2155

Intelligent, feminine, cultured woman, 35, desires fun and frolic with affectionate, witty, feminine, stable professional GWF 30+, into motorcycles, travel, the arts. Smokers welcome, drinkers not. ☎ 2125

GWF, 29, looking for GWF 26-35 (feminine) for companionship and more if opportunity presents itself. I work in the sports field and love sports. Very family/goal oriented looking for same. Professionalism, stability, and honesty a must. No smokers or drugs please. Live in Cobb Co. Write & tell me about yourself. Picture optional. Box 421, 4983 Austell Road, Austell, GA 30001. ☎ 2126

ISOGWF. Highly manipulative, addictive personality to be the next woman in my life, matching all the others. I'll understand if you can't respond. 2101 or write to SoVo Box 6521, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306

I SAW YOU AT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KEY TO MY HEART

Cute GWF, 29, semi-butch, open minded, brn/grn, fin. secure, loves to laugh, dance & romance. ISO: similar semi-fem, 26 and up GWF, "over Ex." Come try your key! ☎ 1986

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

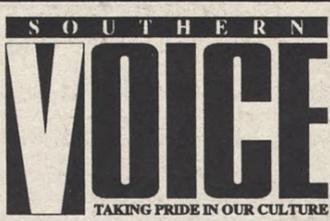
GWF, 25, blonde, blue-eyed, slim, addicted to coffee and music, enjoys traveling, writing, movies, psychology, seeks attractive, intelligent, creative woman. Let's talk. ☎ 1713

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

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

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

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CLASSIFIED ORDER FORM

(404) 876-1819

TO PLACE AN AD:

In PERSON: Bring completed order form with payment to Southern Voice offices (M-F, 9-5pm) 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta.
By MAIL: Mail completed order form with payment to Southern Voice Classifieds, P.O. Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316.
By PHONE: Call in with completed order form to (404) 876-1819.
By FAX: Fax completed order form and credit card information to Classifieds (404) 876-2709.

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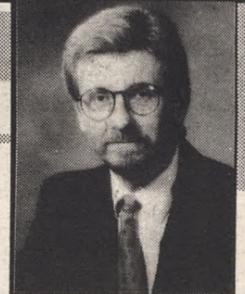


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38 y/o GWF in committed relationship seeking Butch Buddy for friendship/pal. I'm honest, hardworking, nature lover, in recovery. Alcohol/drug-free. ☎ 1622

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

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

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

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

GWF, Buckhead-looking—not politically correct—desire attractive, intelligent, travelled, spiritual, communicative, affectionate GWF, 28+. No Yan-

kee-haters, butches, smokers, drugs. ☎ 1554

MEN

SoVo Pick of the Week

Right pink hankie, GWM, masculine, HIV neg., smooth, nice looking, leather bottom seeks masculine, HIV neg. left pink hankie for safe fun. P.O. Box 208, Atlanta, GA 30079.

Catholic, black, HIV+, hard-body Romantic seeks GM (any race) with good body/mind into clean living and serious dating. ☎ 2204

GWM, 39, masculine, healthy HIV+, nonsmoker/drinker. Seeking monogamous relationship with room to grow. Friends first and foremost. All answered. ☎ 2208

Decatur GWM, 36, seeks bottom GWM under 45 for friendship/monogamous relationship. Weekend travel, movies. No barflies/smokers/drugs. ☎ 2206

GWM, 5'8", 165 bottom seeks Top 35-50 for daytime action. ☎ 2205

Christian GWM, 35, tall, dark, athletic and handsome. Looking for the same, for life. Living in Philly, moving to Atlanta. Write SoVo Box 6526, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306

TRIPLE PLAY: single GWM seeks 2 guys or couple for bedroom acrobatics. Me: 39, safe top, boy-next-door looks, brown hair, blue eyes. Call! ☎ 2189

27 year old GWM (bearish) ISO young (22-31) free-spirited, long haired, Bohemian, hunkish, imaginative, intelligent, interesting, exotic, caring, relationship oriented individual. ☎ 2190

BEAR HUNT! GWM 40s, looks 30s, ISO hairy GWM versatile Fr/Gr, smart, fit, workaholic who enjoys hibernation. ☎ 2192

Versatile GWM 30, 5'11", 225 seeks GWM or Hispanic for friendship or possible relationship. Sincere replies only. ☎ 2193

GWM, 42, 5'8", 160 ISO GWMs 35+, 5'10" and under for friendship. Possible relationship. Prefer North Fulton area. ☎ 2198

Mystic experiences. WM, 54. Will consider live-in. Can relocate. Bearded. Smoker. ☎ 2199

Goodlooking, athletic, GWM, 25, bottom-versatile, seeks nonsmoker, handsome, athletic-muscular, GWM, top-versatile for fun, friendship. HIV neg. Threesome possible. ☎ 2200

GM couple, 34 and 27, masculine, attractive, sincere enjoys outdoors, exercise, beach seeks similar GM couple for fun friendship. ☎ 2203

Cherokee/Irish GWM, 35, gdlkg, muscular, 5'9", Baptist. Seeks 30-40, GAY Christian to make home with. ☎ 2147

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

GWM, 31, HIV+, very healthy and fit. I'm nice looking and interested in meeting another sane guy. ☎ 2154

AAA Hottest Ass. HIV-, FIT, 145, br/br. Can't find Well Hung stallion. Want it, love it, gotta have it. ☎ 2137

Three's Company. GWM professional, masculine, 40s. No drugs, safe, amateur photographer. ISO slender/athletic young guys. Fun. Possible travel. Note/photo(s). P. O. Box 5416, Atlanta, GA 30307.

Nice guy, GWM, 30, 5'9", 155, masculine goodlooking, toned hardbody. Seeks similar clean-cut inshape guy for lasting goodtimes. Do It! ☎ 2153

Attractive GBM, 24 seeks open-minded intelligent masculine men of any race for unique romantic encounters. ☎ 2136

GWM 62, 190, 6'2", attractive seeks 35-45, HIV-, slender, educated with appreciation of arts. ☎ 2157

GWM 26, 5'11", 155, brown hair, hazel eyes. Starving student, seeks professional man 35-55 for discreet, mutually beneficial liaison. Athens, GA. ☎ 2150

COLOR OF NIGHT

Ambitious, attractive, healthy, masculine, sexy, articulate, caramel coated male, 36, UCLA, budding screenwriter seeks a genuine, masculine, greying, healthy, Southern beau, Scott Bakula type, muscular, hairy top, great legs, thirtysomething into writing, film and romance. Photo. Michael. ☎ 2145

SGWM, 27, 6'2". Seeking SGWM, 30ish, successful mentor, attractive, relationship oriented. Show me successful career, exploring life long monogamous relationship. ☎ 2144

BEER BELLY?

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

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

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

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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

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

GWM, 32, 170, 5'11", vgdldking, 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

CRUISE BUDDIES

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

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

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

New to Auburn, AL area and wanting to

make friends. 35 yr. old, 6'1", etc. Please call! ☎ 2004

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

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

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

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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

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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 wa-

tering fun. ☎ 1995

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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, non-smoker/drinker, non-stereotypical, seeks similar eclectic partner. ☎ 1991

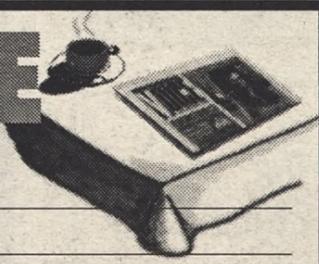
Attractive GWM, 30, blk/bl, 5'10", 155#, healthy HIV+, seeks friendship for hiking, scuba diving, motorcycling, boating, movies, and fun times. ☎ 1715

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

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

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

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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

GWM, 34, preppy, 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, over-educated corporate drop out. Similar? Call for stress reduction. ☎ 1606

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BUTCH BOTTOM

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

CUTE 28 GWM

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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A feminine male or TV/TS sought by BM 43 for first experience. ☎ 2156

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

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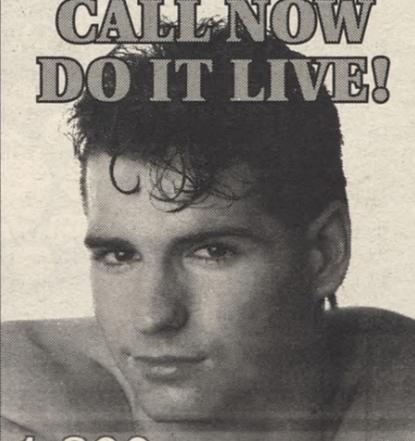
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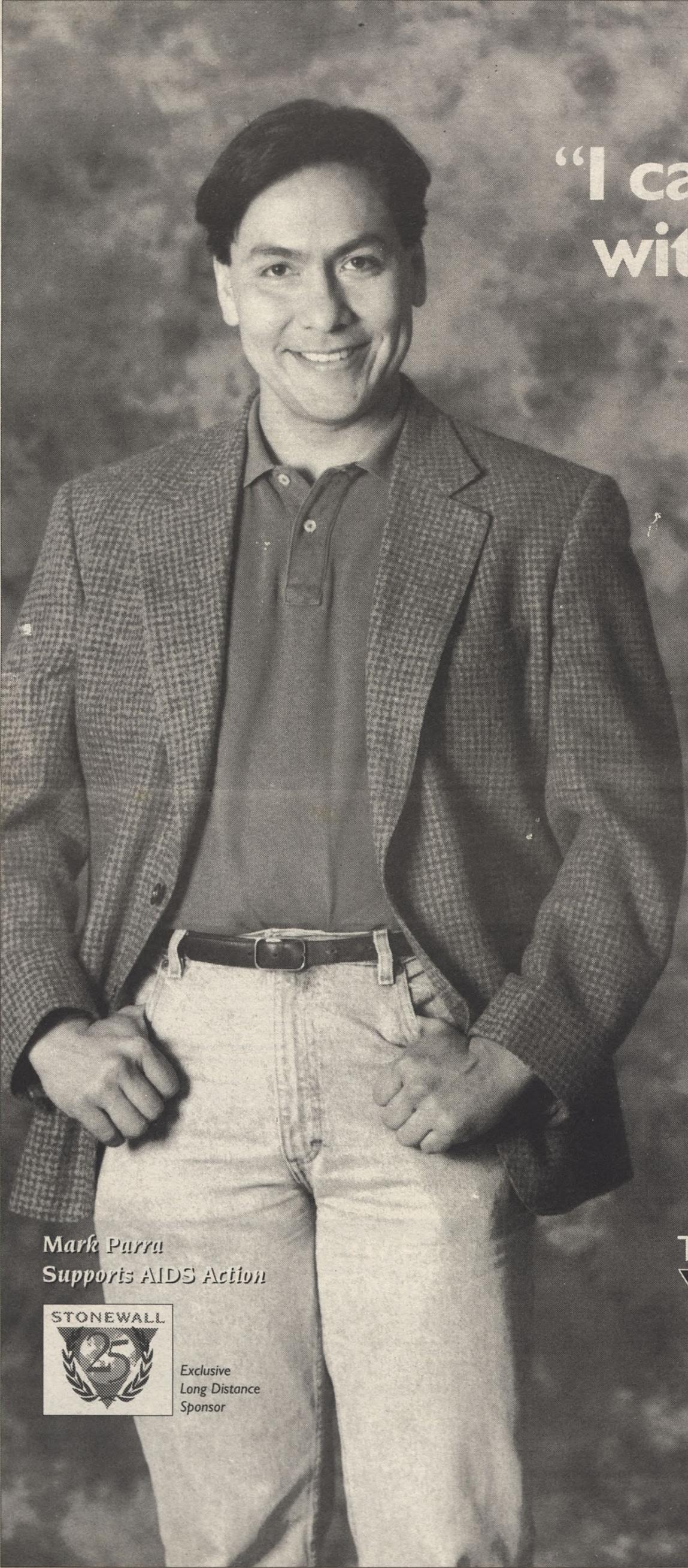
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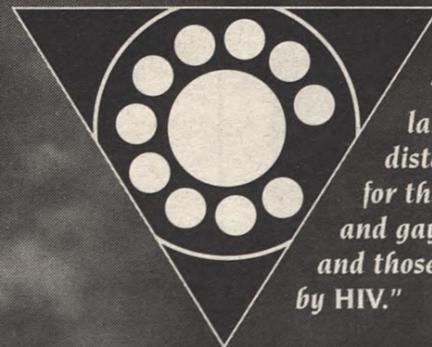
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