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JOHN KAPPERS
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Nurse, activist and two-time AIDS Survival Project board president leaves behind a legacy of inspiration



John Kappers (right) hugs a member of his civil disobedience group at the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

The spectre of AIDS looms over the gay community, forcing its members to watch and wait. Who will be next? What face and courageous smile will be lost forever, except on photographs kept in precious family albums?

Last week, the name of John Kappers was added to that list. Kappers was a tireless activist for the HIV/AIDS community, but his life was not limited to demonstrations and constant haggling with governmental agencies over funding and services. Kappers, who died at his home on Oct. 11 surrounded, as he was in life, by loving friends, devoted his life to those affected by the disease.

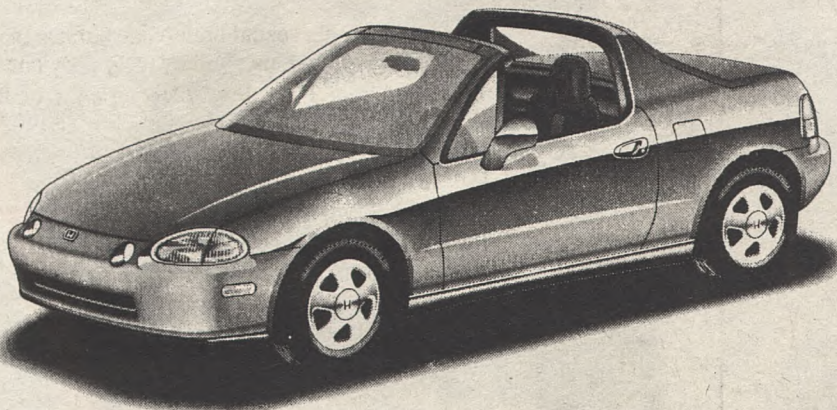
"If I didn't have him, I don't know if I could have made it this long," said Debbie Dillon, a friend and fellow long-term AIDS survivor diagnosed in 1987. "I didn't know anything about AIDS, and he was always there. He kept my spirits up and made little things not look so bad."

The sentiments of Dillon, who first met Kappers 16 years ago when both worked at Shepherd Spinal Clinic, are echoed by other friends and co-workers through the years.

"He was an incredibly respected and powerful person and that is because of his ability to love," said Leigh VanderEls, another longtime friend and publisher of Southern Voice. "I felt more unconditional love from John than I've ever felt from anyone in my life."

VanderEls also spoke of Kappers persistence in
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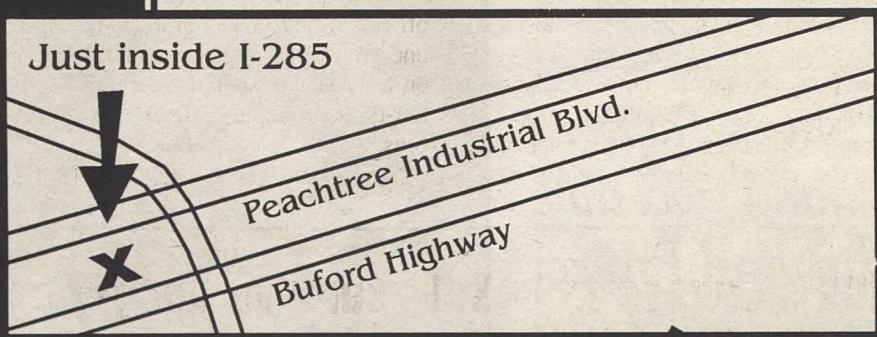
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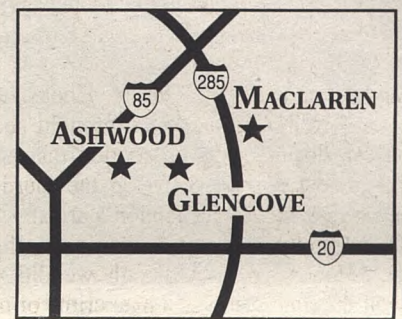
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Gay murders put rural Mississippi back in spotlight

Teenager is arrested in case that local sheriff says "definitely was not a hate crime."

Laurel, MS—The arrest of a teenager for the murders of two men here has not calmed the fears that the two may have been targeted because they were gay.

Sixteen-year-old Marvin McClendon was charged on Oct. 16 with two counts of capital murder in the deaths of Robert Walters, 34, and Joseph Shoemake, 24, on Oct. 7. The bodies of the two men were found Oct. 8 alongside an abandoned railroad track by two women on their morning walk. Both had been shot once in the head with a .22-caliber bullet.

The crime drew immediate national attention because it occurred in Jones County, home of Camp Sister Spirit, the embattled feminist retreat in nearby Ovett.

Lesbians and gay men quickly called for a thorough investigation of the murders and expressed concern that local law enforcement officials, who have been less than cooperative in dealing with the harassment directed against Camp Sister Spirit, would be unable to effectively conduct an investigation.

Jones County Sheriff Maurice Hooks, who said a call from a local citizen brought about the arrest, disputed any contention that anti-gay sentiment was a motive in the murders when he announced McClendon's arrest.

"I definitely can say it was not a hate crime," Hooks said. "Although we did not know at the time if it was a hate crime or not, we thought robbery would be the motive. That was definitely the case."

But both Mississippi and national gay activists were not so fast to discount the hate crime motive and raised questions about

Hooks' explanations.

"The two men had their wallets with credit cards and their jewelry on their bodies," said Jill Tregor, a spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, who was dispatched to Laurel. "What kind of robbery is this? And what made a perpetrator choose these two particular victims? And how did this one guy—a teenager—kill these two guys?"

Photographs of the victims' bodies showed that the clothing of one of the men was in disarray, his shorts near his head and his underwear pulled up and twisted. Hooks explained this by saying the bodies were dragged from their vehicle, but Tregor said that the bodies showed no signs of having been dragged.

Todd Emerson and April Richards, both of the Gulf Coast's G.L. Friendly organization, traveled to Laurel immediately after news of the killings broke to pressure Jones County police to make a thorough investigation. According to Emerson, the victims had been at a party with several friends the night before their bodies were found, and left to purchase supplies. They were not seen again.

Emerson and Richards met with Sheriff Hooks on Oct. 10, and reported that the sheriff was less than cooperative.

"He said it was not a gay issue, and we said it was," Emerson said. "Then he said it could be."

The double murder has turned the national spotlight again to Jones County, where a nearly year-long battle against Camp Sister Spirit has been waged by a group calling itself Mississippi for Family Values, led by several Baptist ministers in the area. Sister Spirit Inc. director Brenda Henson, who was in Atlanta when news of the killings broke, said that the murders have spurred a flood of phone calls to the camp from local lesbians and gay men.

"Nobody ever thought it would go this far,"



"Nobody ever thought it would go this far," said Brenda Henson of Camp Sister Spirit, near where the killings occurred.

she said. "I hold Mississippi for Family Values responsible for the absolute hatred that caused this."

Henson said that lesbians and gay men from the University of Southern Mississippi in nearby Hattiesburg have offered to come to the camp while they study for final exams. But other lesbian and gay people in the area have been critical of the attention garnered by the murders.

"These groups and organizations in no way represent these victims or their friends," said Rex McKey, a friend of Robert Walters. "We feel that they are using this for their own personal gain, through attracting attention and, ultimately, money."

Just before McClendon's arrest, Walters' parents issued a statement critical of what they

called "outside interference."

"We are indeed living in a sad world when a person's sexual preference attracts more attention than his murder," said Gary and Betty Walters. "The family and friends of Bobby are deeply hurt and troubled by some groups who would use his death as a means to further a cause."

Tregor said she empathized with the family's concerns, but she added that she felt the family and friends were "completely manipulated by the sheriff."

Henson, while acknowledging that Walters and Shoemake were unknown to Sister Spirit personnel, said that the murders have added a new dimension to the closeted lives of many of the area's rural lesbians and gay men.

"People are scared to death," she said. "And now people are calling the land. The caretakers are steady answering the phone."

Henson joined with national organizations in calling for a federal investigation of the killings, citing concerns that local law enforcement officials could not be relied upon to conduct a fair investigation. NGLTF, which has repeatedly asked the Department of Justice for assistance for Camp Sister Spirit, called on attorney general Janet Reno to intervene.

Earlier this year, Reno authorized the Community Relations Service to mediate the dispute between Camp Sister Spirit and the local residents opposed to the camp. The mediation came to nothing when the locals refused to participate in the mediation and went so far as to file a lawsuit against Reno for her efforts to resolve the situation.

"Their absolute refusal to participate in any kind of mediation has led to this," Henson said. "Our lives are in the hands of the damn government. If we don't pressure Congress to make some changes, there's going to be a green light on our heads."

KC WILDMOON

Georgia gays and lesbians eye upcoming elections with concern

Atlanta—Gay men and lesbians in Georgia have at least two good reasons to head for the polls on Nov. 8—Nancy Schaefer and Michael Bowers.

Schaefer, who began her anti-gay career in 1986 by opposing the city of Atlanta's addition of sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination policy for city employees, has now taken her show statewide with a run for lieutenant governor.

Campaigning against incumbent Pierre Howard, who drew the ire of lesbian and gay voters early this year when he condemned GPTV's airing of Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City," Schaefer is the lead representative of the radical right's agenda to infiltrate government with its exclusionary politics. And lesbian and gay activists are complaining that mainstream media is ignoring the candidate's past record.

"Nancy Schaefer is the number one radical right-winger in Georgia," said GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini. "They've let her get away with murder."

Citing a recent Atlanta Journal-Constitution article on the Christian right's influence in this Georgia campaign year that did not mention Schaefer's candidacy, Pellegrini noted that both the Family Concerns president and attorney general Bowers, opposed by Wesley Dunn, have gotten off softly in the city's major daily.

"They have been allowed, despite their long record of extremist, intolerant positions on the issues, to appear a thousand times more moderate than they really are," he said.

Schaefer's campaign against the 1986 non-discrimination policy has been completely ignored in the mainstream media, and her recent campaign against the city's domestic partnership ordinances has been mentioned only occasionally.

Bowers, who earlier this year jumped ship from Democrat to Republican, has not been called to task for his infamous stands on numerous gay issues—most notably the 1987 *Bowers v. Hardwick* case that resulted in a Supreme Court decision saying that sodomy does not fall under the Constitution's right to privacy provisions, and his 1990 termination of a job offer to Robin Shahar after he learned she is a lesbian.

"The right wing vote is not a majority in Georgia," Pellegrini said, "but if they are allowed to disguise their radical views, they can pull in more unsuspecting moderate voters."

A large outpouring of gay and lesbian voters against Bowers and Schaefer could aid progressive candidates in other races, such as Comer Yates against John Linder in District 4, Ben Jones against Newt Gingrich in District 6, and Buddy Darden's tough battle against Bob Barr, a supporter of Gordon Wyson's Cobb County anti-gay resolution, in District 7.

Sen. Ron Slotin, who is running unopposed for his district 39 seat, said the grassroots organizing of groups like the Christian Coalition is unmatched in progressive circles.

"We really need to get going on this," he said. "We really need a grassroots movement of our own to counter this most dangerous, disturbing trend."

The attacks on any kind of progressive politics continue on down to the most local levels. Last week, northside Republicans condemned Fulton County Commission chairman Mitch Skandalakis, who is battling Democratic challenger Joe Hudson, for his announced efforts to create a lesbian/gay task force.

"It's absolutely incredible that any elected official would condemn dignity, respect and understanding," Pellegrini said. "The attacks on Skandalakis should be a wake-up call to fair-thinking Republicans as well as other citizens."

KC WILDMOON

AIDS services in DeKalb survive budget ax

Decatur—DeKalb County's budget woes are forcing all departments to curtail spending—including the county Board of Health, which faces hard choices in deciding what services and/or programs to cut.

Faced with reducing the health department budget by 10 percent, Dr. Paul Wiesner, director of the board, said that everything—including HIV/AIDS services—was at risk. But in the end, Wiesner said the county's services to those with HIV/AIDS will not be reduced.

"Initially, we put everything on the table, including HIV/AIDS services," Wiesner said. "Our submission to the county does not include [cuts in] HIV/AIDS, but with this size cut some services will have to be reduced."

Jan Scanlan, director of public relations, said that the final cuts came in four areas: a health center in Tucker will be closed two years early; the county employee health

clinic will be curtailed; the county's pest control (rodents, mosquitoes, etc) program will be reduced; and services will be cut back in septic tank inspection. Scanlan added that the county commission still must approve the health department's submitted budget, and could ask for a revision.

"I think they probably won't," Scanlan said. "I think they would respect the recommendations of the various departments."

Wiesner said that the decision about what services to cut and/or reduce was not an easy one.

"The most difficult thing we have to do in providing services is to decide priorities once we are requested to submit potential areas for budget reductions," he said. "We hope that no [further] budget cuts will occur and therefore not affect our overall services to the citizens of DeKalb."

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Savannah churches won't push for anti-gay resolution

Savannah, GA—The First City appears to have dodged a bullet, avoiding a Cobb-styled battle over an anti-gay resolution.

A handful of churches in Chatham County, led by the Independent Presbyterian Church, had begun a letter campaign to urge the Chatham County Commissioners to pass a "family values" resolution, but that campaign has apparently fizzled in the face of opposition and the fear that a battle could cost the county its one remaining Olympic venue.

"I think this thing is dead and gone," said Chatham County Commission chair Joe Mahany. "Nobody has officially asked us to do anything, and in that case we do nothing."

Mahany said that the commission would not initiate a discussion on the resolution of its own accord, but would consider it if a group appeared before the commission to officially request it. That, apparently, will not happen, at least not by the Independent Presbyterian Church.

"We've done what we intended to do," said the church's associate pastor, Arthur C. Broadwick. "We passed the information on and encouraged them to endorse the heterosexual pro-family lifestyle. We will not go

beyond that. We are not going in front of the commission."

Chatham's lesbians and gay men were pleased with the turn of events, after the initial scare when word of the IPC's campaign reached them.

"We had a tremendous number of people, straight and gay, contact the commission," said Mark Krueger of the First City Network, a Savannah lesbian/gay organization. "It was a tense two weeks, but because we had so many people call, I feel we have won."

"We'll remain vigilant," he added. "The important thing is we acted very quickly and aggressively. The community here is certainly becoming more of a community. This is going to help."

Threat of a campaign targeting Chatham County's Olympic yachting venue may have played a roll in the apparent victory. Commission chair Mahany, who said earlier that he was opposed to the resolution, was relieved that, at least for now, no one was coming forward to push the issue.

"That's a very painless way to handle the matter," he said. "I hope it just goes away."

KC WILDMOON

Sodomy excluded from Virginia governor's "no parole" list

Richmond, VA—Virginia lawmakers have scrapped Gov. George Allen's plan to include consensual sodomy in a list of crimes for which parole would be eliminated.

Both the Senate and House of Delegates voted overwhelmingly to remove consensual sodomy from the list on Sept. 29, leaving in forcible sodomy and incest.

The votes followed a flurry of committee activity on the issue. Virginians for Justice, a gay/lesbian lobby group, had worked against the original wording of the bill.

"The private behavior of adult Virginians should not be included in parole reform legislation," Pat Heck, chair of the group, told the Washington Blade. "As a conservative, Gov. Allen should be pushing for the removal of intrusive governmental laws and regulations rather than stepping up the invasion of Virginia's bedrooms."

Virginians for Justice is focusing on legislation to eliminate Virginia's "Crimes Against Nature" act that makes consensual sodomy a felony in the state. A conviction under the law is a felony punishable by up to five years in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

In an unrelated incident, a staffer for Gov. Allen has resigned in the wake of an arrest for allegedly engaging in sodomy in a Richmond park on Sept. 26.

According to the Washington Blade, Craig Westburg Henson, director of the Virginia Governor's Mansion, was arrested at 4:15 p.m.



Virginia Gov. George Allen

and charged with a single count of felony sodomy. A second unnamed man was arrested at the same time.

An anonymous source close to the governor's staff told the Blade that top officials in the state appeared to be trying to avoid appearances of a witch hunt against gay staffers.

"They were more upset that it happened at 4:15 in the afternoon," said the source. "They considered him AWOL from his duties. They said this alone is grounds for dismissal."

UNC bequeathed \$170K for gay studies

Chapel Hill, NC—The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has received a bequest of \$170,000 to be used "to encourage gay and lesbian studies on campus," reported The Front Page on September 30.

Charles Nelson Williamson, a 1968 graduate of the UNC medical school, left the money to the university at the time of his death in 1992, but legal complications delayed the news of the bequest. Before the funds are disbursed, however, university officials first must meet with the executor of Williamson's estate to

gain approval for plans to offer gay studies courses.

Laurence Gilbert, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, told The Daily Tar Heel that university officials had waited for students to return to school last month before making definite plans. A faculty adviser has met with students and university officials to draw up a plan acceptable to the executor, which would fund primarily courses in English, history and psychology.

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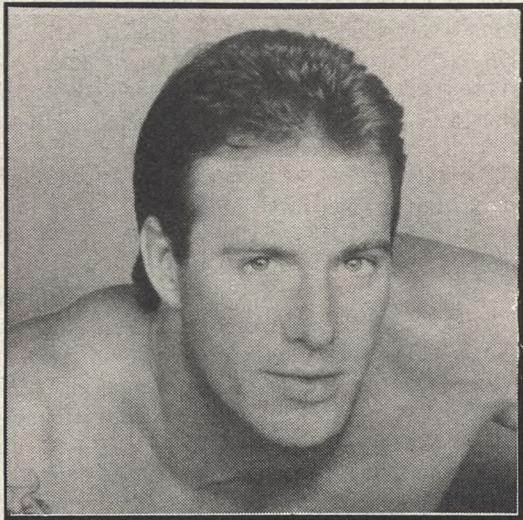
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Man Killed During Robbery At Gay Bar: Police in Everett, Wash., are looking for a suspect in a Sept. 12 robbery at the Stage Stop Tavern. The robber shot and killed a man as he fled the scene after taking money from a customer and the bartender at the bar near closing time. Kurt Carl Schuessling was approaching the bar as the robber left, and was shot in the back when he turned to run; Schuessling died at a local hospital soon afterward. Witnesses reported that a man matching the robber's description was in the bar earlier in the evening.

Video Star, 2 Others Arrested in Dallas: The video performer known as Trent Reed was arrested on charges of public lewdness following his performance at a Dallas bar on October 2, the Dallas Voice reported. Two patrons of the bar were also arrested. According to a police spokesperson, an undercover vice officer in the bar witnessed the patrons allegedly grope the performer's genitals as they were tipping him and saw the performer allegedly grope one or more of the patrons also. The names of the arrested were not released, and spokesperson noted that "Trent Reed" is a stage name and not the legal name of the performer arrested.



Adult video star Trent Reed

Limbaugh Settles "Transsexual-Lesbian" Suit: Right-wing pundit Rush Limbaugh has settled a lawsuit with a Louisville, Ky., woman he falsely referred to as a "transsexual lesbian," the woman's lawyers have announced. Sherrol Miller's attorneys said terms of the settlement were not being disclosed, but Miller said she was happy with the settlement and a signed letter of apology from Limbaugh. "It was a very hard year for me, and I'm grateful," she said. Miller filed the suit on Feb. 10, after Limbaugh apparently confused her with another person in his book, "See I Told You So," and on a related tape recording. Limbaugh said the error has been removed from the book in subsequent printings.

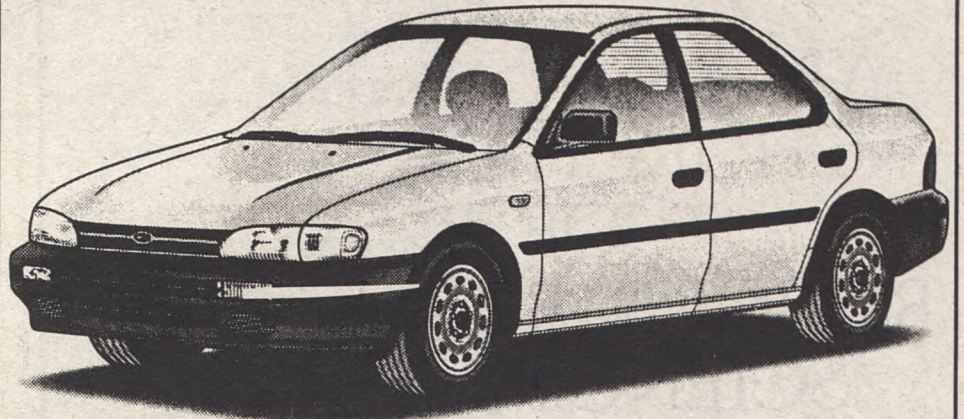
Gay State Legislator Threatened: The Texas Dept. of Public Safety is investigating a telephoned death threat reported by Rep. Glen Maxey, the state's only openly gay legislator. The anonymous caller threatened to vote "with a bullet" in next month's elections, the Austin American-Statesman reported October 7. "I believe this death threat is the inevitable result of the fervor whipped up by right-wing groups and some members of the House," Maxey said in a letter to House Speaker Pete Laney. In an interview with the newspaper, Maxey singled out Rep. Warren Chisum, who Maxey said made several anti-gay statements during a speech to the University of Texas branch of the Young Conservatives of Texas last month.

Fear Of AIDS Warrants Compensation, Woman Claims: A St. Paul, Minn., woman is asking for compensatory damages because her doctor died of AIDS, claiming that her fear of contracting the disease caused emotional distress. "We're not talking about someone's exposure to the common cold," her attorney, James Wicka, told the Minnesota Supreme Court in a hearing to determine if her case can come to trial. "We're talking about someone being exposed to a virus that is fatal at this time." The woman, identified in court records as TMW, tested negative for HIV. Attorneys for Dr. Philip Benson and the clinic he worked for argued that TMW should not receive damages. "HIV simply does not leap from one person to another," said William Hart.

Selland Claims Navy Is Trying New Discharge Strategy: Lt. j.g. Richard D. Selland was passed over for promotion during the last week of September in what the gay officer calls the first step in a new attempt by the Navy to get rid of him. Under Navy regulations, if an officer is passed over for promotion by two consecutive promotions boards, he is discharged. His next board will be in a year. Selland has already been recommended for discharge for violating Sam Nunn's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy when he disclosed his homosexuality to his commanding officer in January 1993; that recommendation is under review by Navy Secretary John Dalton, and Selland has promised to fight the discharge in federal court.

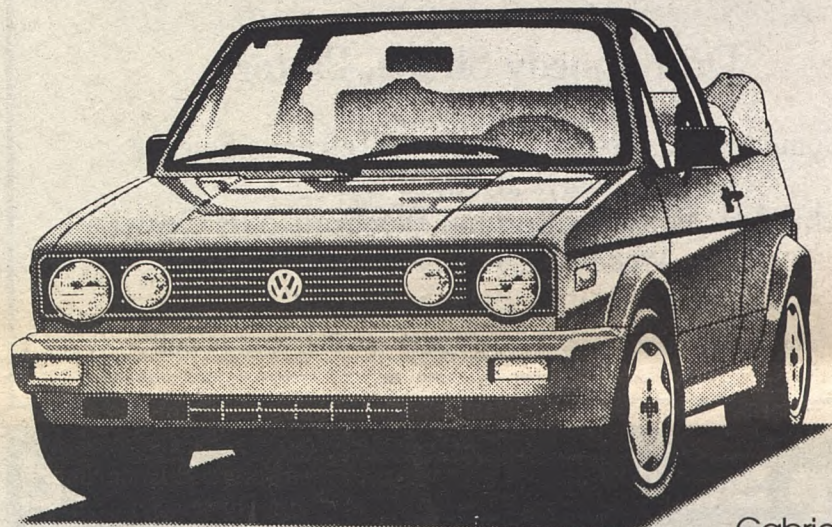
ICA Losing Ground In Battle Over Anti-Gay Initiative: Opponents of Idaho's anti-gay initiative have pulled out in front in their campaign against the Idaho Citizens Alliance, according to a public opinion poll conducted September 28-30 by KTVB-TV, KHQ-TV and The Spokesman-Review. The poll showed that 44% opposed the ICA's initiative, 35% supported it, and 21% were undecided. Some analysts, however, said they were concerned that the large undecided bloc may actually be supporters of the measure who do not want to admit to holding a position that many see as hateful.

Marine Accused Of Lesbianism Gets Honorable Discharge: A Marine accused of being a lesbian says she received an honorable discharge, even though records showed she had received a kiss from a woman. "It was like a great weight had been lifted from my shoulders," said Lance Cpl. Elena G. Martinez after her attorneys reached a deal with the Marine Corps on October 6. The 21-year-old disbursing clerk is married but separated from her husband, and has denied being a lesbian. However, her separation form will say she was discharged for homosexual conduct. Martinez agreed to waive a hearing before an administrative board in return for the honorable discharge.



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Candidate's lesbianism becomes issue in New York race

Albany, NY—Gay and lesbian groups and the Republican candidate for governor condemned a prominent GOP official for raising Democrat Karen Burstein's homosexuality as an issue in the campaign for attorney general.

Staten Island borough president Guy Molinari on October 11 said Burstein's lesbianism should be widely publicized and that her opponent, Dennis Vacco, was being "too much of a gentleman" in not raising the issue.

"The next attorney general shouldn't be an admitted lesbian," Molinari said in a speech following the Columbus Day parade on Monday.

Burstein, a former family court judge and once the state's top consumer official, is seeking to become the first openly homosexual candidate elected to statewide office in New York.

Dick Dadey, executive director of the Empire State Pride Agenda, an advocacy group for gays and lesbians, called Molinari a bigot. He said he believed Vacco "is having his surrogates now speak what he feels he cannot speak."

Molinari said he simply wanted Burstein's sexual orientation to be widely publicized, since it is an issue the voters should consider.

"My own feeling is the people of New York would not support a candidate who is an admitted lesbian," Molinari said. He added that, although Burstein has been open about her sexual orientation, "most New Yorkers are not aware of the fact that Karen Burstein is a lesbian."

In a brief news conference outside the state Capitol, Vacco said he did not orchestrate the attack and has instructed his campaign staff not to make an issue of Burstein's sexuality.

Asked if he condemned Molinari's state-

ment, the former federal prosecutor answered, "Absolutely not."

"How do you expect a first-time entrant in a race for public office to control Guy Molinari or the attitudes of all my supporters across the state?" Vacco asked. "Guy Molinari is an independent, elected official."

Burstein said she's pleased Vacco is "a more rational human being" than Molinari. She said her sexuality should be irrelevant to the campaign.

Vacco said in an earlier radio interview that the issues Burstein espouses and the organizations that support her are relevant to the campaign.

"She is in favor of the state sanctioning gay marriages. I'm against that," Vacco told Albany's WAMC-FM. "She's in favor of health insurance benefits to gay and lesbian partners. I'm against that... I don't believe the state has any business trying to foster a particular lifestyle."

He questioned possible links between Burstein and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which he said had endorsed Burstein and was trying to knock down a child pornography statute before the Supreme Court.

Evan Wolfson, counsel for Lambda, said the group doesn't endorse candidates and has no connection to a child pornography lawsuit currently before the Supreme Court.

"He's stringing together a bunch of things which have no basis in fact and simply resonate prejudice," Wolfson said. "Why does he think of child pornography when he thinks of a candidate who is gay or lesbian? It's just gay equals child pornography, which is crude and wrong."

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Physician's association "comes out," changes name

San Francisco—The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights is now the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, or GLMA.

The group, which represents 1,550 gay and lesbian doctors and medical students in the United States and Canada, changed its name on October 11, National Coming Out Day.

"As an organization dedicated to eliminating the necessity of the closet, we felt we had an obligation to be an out and honest and clear about who we are," said executive director Ben Schatz.

Schatz said the group has always been honest about its goal of improving medical care for gay men and lesbians and supporting gay

and lesbian doctors, but the name change clarifies its purpose.

"We have been arguing for years that the closets are a health hazard. We want to do everything we can to be as effective as possible and to fight homophobia and we can't do it with...a name that is euphemistic," Schatz said.

The name change could harm the group in terms of donations and invitations to medical conventions, Schatz conceded, but GLMA has "a moral obligation to take a stand as an organization that some of our members can't take," he said.

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Colorado's Amendment 2 ruled unconstitutional

Denver—In a clear victory for gay rights, the Colorado Supreme Court on October 11 struck down the anti-gay Amendment 2 as unconstitutional. State officials plan to appeal the decision.

The amendment, which prohibited local governments from outlawing discrimination against homosexuals, denies gays an equal voice in government.

"This ruling is a decisive affirmation of lesbian and gay rights, and a crushing blow to the radical right's efforts to curtail important constitutional protections," said co-counsel Suzanne B. Goldberg, an attorney at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The amendment "singles out one form of discrimination and removes its redress from consideration by the normal political process," Chief Justice Luis Rovira wrote for the court's 6-1 majority.

State attorney general Gale Norton said the thrust of the state's appeal to the high court will be the role voters have in setting

state policies.

Two other states will have anti-gay-rights measures on their ballots next month. Measure 13 in Oregon and Proposition 1 in Idaho would forbid state and local governments from giving legal minority status to people based on homosexual behavior. Unlike Colorado, their measures also would limit public schools and universities in how they teach about homosexuality, and limit access to books on the subject at public libraries.

In Alachua County, Fla., voters will decide on whether to repeal a county ordinance barring discrimination against gays, and whether to forbid the county commission from enacting any such measure in the future.

Colorado's Amendment 2, which would have struck down anti-discrimination ordinances in Denver, Boulder and Aspen, was never enforced. It was challenged immediately, and has been the subject of court battles since then.

It was written by Colorado for Family Val-

ues founder Will Perkins and approved, 54 percent to 46 percent, by voters in the 1992 election.

Perkins told reporters the ruling did not surprise him because courts "already have made known their willingness to cast aside the freedoms of those who hold politically incorrect beliefs in today's society."

Perkins also suggested that the court had delayed issuing the ruling until National Coming Out Day, when gays are encouraged to declare their sexual orientation.

"This is an additional slap in the face for the majority of Coloradans and one they won't forget," Perkins said.

There was no evidence the court timed the decision to National Coming Out Day. But that didn't bother supporters.

"I don't know if it was intentional, but I think it's a fabulous gift for Coming Out Day," said Sue Anderson, director of Equality Colorado.

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Suzanne Goldberg, co-counsel in the case, says the ruling is a "striking blow to the radical right's efforts."

Colorado decision bad news for other anti-gay measures

The same constitutional problem that led the Colorado Supreme Court to declare that state's anti-gay-rights law unconstitutional could pose problems for Oregon's Measure 13.

Meanwhile, in Idaho, both candidates for state attorney general praised the Colorado ruling and said that Idaho's Proposition 1 has constitutional problems.

Amendment 2, adopted by Colorado voters in 1992, prohibited local governments from outlawing discrimination against gays. The "fatal flaw" of Amendment 2 was that it made it impossible for a group of people to use the legislative process for its own protection, said David Schuman, a University of Oregon law professor.

"It put the political process out of their orbit by basically prohibiting state and local governments from passing gay rights laws," said Schuman, an expert in equal protection issues. "Measure 13 does the exact same thing."

Measure 13 would overturn gay-rights laws in Portland, Corvallis, Ashland and Eugene and bar state and local governments from enacting specific protections for gays and lesbians in the future.

It also places restrictions on how public schools teach about homosexuality and bars governments from establishing affirmative action or hiring quotas based on homosexuality.

The Idaho measure attempts to prevent the passing of local gay rights laws and would restrict discussions of homosexuality in the schools and force libraries to remove material discussing "alternative lifestyles."

"The [Colorado] court's decision provides additional support to our argument that the Idaho initiative will be enjoined before it ever takes effect," said Jack Van Valkenburgh, ACLU executive director. "Taxpayers have so many better things to do with that money."

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GUEST EDITORIAL

What difference would it make?

by MARYLOU HADDITT

I checked page after page for evidence. There they were: the words I'd sought for 50 years: "I'd love to feel your lips on mine...and I can imagine other feelings too." My validation that Lillian Smith—the famed Georgia writer and civil rights activist whom I called Miss Lil, who influenced my life more than a parent, more than a close relative, more than any teacher—was a lesbian. Here, finally, the truth was written in her letters to her lifelong friend and lover, Paula Snelling.

I am sad, yes, and angry that 50 years after I was a seeking adolescent girl at their Laurel Falls Camp, 30 years after Miss Lil died, and 10 years after Paula's death, their lesbian relationship became public in Miss Lil's letters.

I voraciously scanned Rose Gladney's book of Lillian Smith's letters, "How Am I to Be Heard?," like a kid looking for the "good parts." In actuality, I, a 66-year-old woman, was that kid, back being 16, trying to deal with my sexuality.

At 16, I knew nothing about lesbians—didn't even know the word. I had feelings about other girls which excited and frightened me. When I cuddled up next to blonde Caroleigh, my cabin mate, and let her exquisitely plump pink and white breasts soften against mine, I knew I was in love. And how could I possibly be in love with a girl?

I needed to talk and thought Miss Lil would be accessible. After all, she often talked about masturbation and proper names for genitalia in our weekly meetings. Surely I could ask her if it was all right to feel this way about another girl. After many an "ah" and "er," I asked if it were possible for a girl to be in love with another girl. She sidestepped my question, and discussed instead crushes girls have on counselors.

I was confronted by homophobia and denial when I most needed assurance and en-

couragement. I was devastated. But now, as an old woman, I weep for the child I was and the lesbian Miss Lil was—a woman I knew to be of extraordinary sensitivity to the needs of children. How must she have felt knowingly avoiding my question?

I turn to another page in her letters:

"I am sorry my letters are burned, [her studio was burned twice, once by arsonists and once by vandals] that is my ambivalence. My shame about something different and completely good. It has been that shame that has destroyed the keen edge of a pattern of love that was creative and good. Blurring it. Dulling it."

I wish Miss Lil felt no shame. I wish I felt no shame. I wish none of us lesbians felt shame. I want it to go away, to disappear like white paint on white paper; to disappear into the kind of tenderness I read in her letters to Paula:

"I love you better than anybody in the world. I want you to know that. I respect and honor you as a person...your criticism [of my work] is the only one I truly want or value."

Twenty years ago, I became active in the women's movement and came out as a lesbian. I knew then, as one knows these things without being told, that Paula and Miss Lil were lovers. Yet when I began to research Lillian Smith, I was confronted by denial of reality wherever I inquired, even from women professors in Women's Studies departments. One informed me that many women of that period (the first quarter of this century and in the Victorian era) had intimate friendships yet were not sexual. Another academician sharply asked, "What difference does it make?"

Indeed, what difference would it have made?

How different would my life, or any young lesbian's life, have been if, at 15 years of age, there had been a role model, a lesbian couple, respected and loved.

If women loving women was not only ac-

ceptable, but a viable choice.

If it was okay to want to touch another girl in a sensual and sexual manner as long as she wanted it too.

If. If. If I'd had women lovers instead of two husbands whom I divorced? Been a single woman without family responsibility? Maybe I would have had four books instead of four children.

Maybe.

Maybe I would have met a woman with whom I could have built the kind of relationship Miss Lil and Paula had for 40 years:

"I miss you. That is the main reason I am writing. I get so empty, sometimes, just one long evening would make a difference...I don't have YOU to talk to; and I miss that."

I keeping flipping the pages, looking for more lesbian validation from this woman I so idolized, this woman who gave me my politics and my love of music. I practically leapt for joy when I discovered a blatant acknowledgment of lesbianism:

"The picture of you swung me back through the years. You were so darned cute and attractive. You are 'sweeter,' 'finer,' now, but you had something then that was so young and—nice, that bi-sexual charm which no one dares admit is seductive—except in real life."

I cannot possibly begin to imagine the enormity of difference knowing that Lillian Smith and Paula Snelling were lesbians would have made in my life. Something happened to me when I read Miss Lil's words: "I'd love to feel your lips on mine...and I can imagine other feelings too."

A switch turned on, a lock flew open, a rope broke. I stretched my arms as wide as the world and took a deep breath.

It was as if mother finally approved.

Marylou Hadditt lives and writes in Sonoma County, Calif. She is a regular contributor to "Women's Voices." She was a Laurel Falls Camper, 1943-45.

LETTERS**Where does AIDS Walk money really go?**

My gay brothers and sisters and others who walk in the annual AIDS Walk should take the time to give serious consideration as to where the money is going.

I have a best friend who had a partner in life die in anguish, as have many others recently, who sought the assistance of AID Atlanta to no avail. First, let me mention that this friend single-handedly collected over \$2,000 in 1993 and over \$1,000 in 1992. This friend of mine in a vain attempt to get "practical support" was given nothing but the "run around." He made nothing short of a dozen calls to AID Atlanta, each time getting referred to another person or department.

All my friend was seeking was someone to assist with homecare for four hours per day during the week. AID Atlanta representatives would not even come out to the residence to do what they call an "intake evaluation." Finally, after I myself called on behalf of my friend, and about five more calls after that, AID Atlanta sent someone to the house. I should mention that the reason my friend's partner could not go in person to the AID Atlanta offices (as AID Atlanta demanded) is because he was bedridden. Anyway, they left some brochures and pamphlets and were never heard from again.

All we needed was some direction or someone to act as a conduit and facilitate getting some help. AID Atlanta did not even say, "Hey, can we make a referral for you?" In my opinion, this friend of mine was also a friend of

AID Atlanta. I would have thought that after all he had done for them, they would have at least offered to make a damn phone call on his behalf.

So, with the advent of this year's AIDS Walk, hopefully the gay community will take another look at who we support financially and what we are getting in terms of "practical support." I think that AID Atlanta may have let its own monetary ego get away with itself. I realize that the education programs they provide are invaluable, but saying you can help, soliciting the gay community for money and then not giving support in a situation like this is a crime.

Therefore, I want to encourage people to give generously to Project Open Hand, an organization that is in desperate need of our support.

Sincerely,
 Paul S. Hubbard
 Atlanta

AID Atlanta responds

AIDS Walk Atlanta provides vital funding to agencies on the front lines in the battle against HIV/AIDS. AID Atlanta is the primary beneficiary, but the Walk also provides financial support to other AIDS service orga-

nizations, including Project Open Hand, AIDS Legal Project, ARCA, AIDS Survival Project, and others.

AID Atlanta relies on AIDS Walk funds to assist in providing the following: health and social services to approximately 4,500 people each year; risk reduction education to approximately 150,000 people annually; targeted outreach programs for the African-American, gay/lesbian, Hispanic, and youth communities; support for two houses to provide transitional living environments; and advocacy for more compassionate, responsible policy decisions.

Without knowing the specifics of your friend's case, it is not possible for me to reference his file to determine what actions were or were not taken. Even if I were able to assess your friend's case, it would not be possible for me—or anyone in the agency—to discuss it due to our commitment to client confidentiality. Nonetheless, I would like to generally address the situation.

AID Atlanta was founded by a group of caring individuals who wanted to respond to a community crisis. In many instances, there were no tried and true methods for responding to those needs, and responses were developed as we went along. We will freely admit that, despite our best efforts, mistakes were made. But given the vast need and the limited resources, we have continued to make the best of a difficult situation. Today, more than a decade into the epidemic, we have new mod-

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Feeding gay spirit in the "real world"

I have talked in this space a lot (some readers might say ad nauseam) about my work with the Gay Spirit Visions Conference. It's especially present in my mind at this time of year, as I return from our conference and try to re-enter society. Going from an absolutely accepting gay environment back to what we call the "real world" is jarring, to say the least.

But that's the ultimate test of "Mountaintop experiences"—whether they be conferences, marches on Washington, music festivals, party weekends, whatever. It's magnificent while you're there, but how do you hold onto that clear, strong, powerful energy once you leave the Mountaintop?

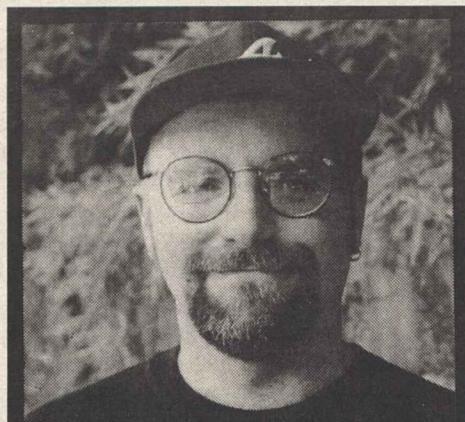
My own example: I stayed at the conference center an extra night to become better acquainted with someone I met there. And before the evening was out, I found myself wondering if it was OK to neck in the all-but-empty lodge, now that the other 127 of us Gay Spiriters had gone. The mountain was still alive with our energy, buzzing and humming with Glad to be Gay-ness, but part of my mind had already trudged back to Shameville, USA.

The task of holding onto Gay Spirit is made harder still by how society feels threatened by it. Whether it's 100 men breathing together in a rebirthing workshop, 500 women going topless in the woods, or two people quietly celebrating behind closed doors, society would prefer that we not nurture anything that would distinguish us from them. And the assimilationist energy is so strong that we often just surrender, return to our dark little corner of the mainstream, take off our pumps and put those sensible shoes back on again.

How do you hold Gay Spirit in the "real world"? Well, since many of us use our conference to mark our New Year, let me describe a few resolutions I've chosen to help me tap back into that energy.

• Resolution One: Find some daily time for myself. This for me is a discipline, since I'm lazy about habitually doing things that are good for me, tending not to have the patience for meditation or going to a gym. The tool I hope to use to enforce that discipline is a daily meditation book called "A Few Tricks Along the Way: Daily Reflections for Gay Men, Queer Boys, Magnificent Queens & the People Who Love Them," by Gary J. Stern.

What I like is this book's sense of nurturing all things gay men have chosen as spiritual paths, and not just the assimilationistically acceptable. Many of our things that society finds unseemly are discussed here non-judgmentally.



Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

Titles for the first eight days of August, for example, are Addiction, Recovery, Sensuality, Akhenaten, The Peter Pan Syndrome, Body Hair, Radical Faeries and Rushing. For the day I began this column, October 7, the topic was Learning. Let me quote:

"Seeing the world anew is the important thing because the vision we've had pounded into our heads isn't just cloudy, it's crap. The heterosexist details are so deeply imbedded that we have to shake ourselves but good to be rid of them, and even then we find corners and crevices of our minds that haven't been turned inside out quite enough.

"It isn't just the notion of being sexually straight that has to go. With that part of the lesson so badly bungled, why feel assured anything we were taught was right?... Our gayness offers entrance to a fresh world... finding our way somewhere open and big, a fascinating place rich with possibility and an infinite number of things to learn."

It's interesting to see how many of these little books have sprouted over the last year. It's as though a new 12-step group—Internalized Homophobes Anonymous—sprang up while no one was looking. And perhaps it should. Check one of them out at your favorite local bookstore.

Resolution Two: Respect your elders. Others have crossed these paths before us, and with the explosion of gay publishing, finding them is not only possible but an important way to en-"courage" us to challenge conformity. I've always looked up to Armistead Maupin, Cleve Jones, and the late Michael Callen as

models of people with the courage of their inclusive convictions. But never have I seen such a fine roster of such men as in Mark Thompson's forthcoming book, "Gay Soul," 16 interviews with gay men who have done pioneering gay male heart work.

The interviews are astonishingly full of information that feeds the soul. From poet James Broughton (who calls the penis "the exposed tip of the heart") to Harry Hay's musing about gay men composing a third gender, to Ram Dass's magnificently trenchant comparison of public sex to Hollywood's public celebration of celebrity ("...if somebody gets fisted in a club, is that different from somebody getting an Oscar?"), to the amazing Paul Monette, to astrologer Ed Steinbrecher, to Native American Clyde Hall, to mystic Andrew Harvey, to Jungian Robert Hoepke, this book is full of candidates for Spiritual Herohood. Watch for it in November.

• Resolution Three: Find new Mountaintops. There are more and more things like our conference, created by and for our community with the intention of connecting us to the "real world" inside us. From Rob Eichberg and Honey Ward's Experience workshop to women's music festivals, to leather runs (usually without the motorcycles), to the Gay Games, we have built many spaces where we gather to see the other faces of our tribe.

The one that changed my life was Body Erotic, a two-day workshop from the Body Electric school of massage. The goal is use the breathing techniques of Taoist massage to distract the mind sufficiently to raise the body's energy high enough to do amazing things. Going in, I was a true New Age skeptic; before noon, I had learned how to see auras just by changing my energy and looking a different way at someone. It certainly brought home another of James Broughton's lines—"You are a godbody, avoiding holiness."

There was where I discovered how 30 men breathing together could be one of the cleanest and clearest expressions of spiritual brotherhood that it is possible to experience. This workshop is in Atlanta on the weekend of October 27. Call 659-5175 for information.

I close with what Shelly, a Mountain staffperson, reminded us in our closing heart circle: "not to forget that *this* [the state of spiritual awareness on the Mountain] is the 'real' world." Our true task it to make our homes, families, workplaces and everyday life that much more real.

LETTERS

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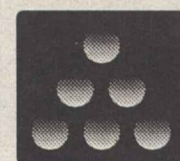
In a perfect world, there would be enough funding to provide all services to all individuals in need. This is not, however, the reality. Thus, a system has been developed to "triage" clients into the program. Those experiencing the advanced stages of disease may require greater assistance. All services are augmented by the TeleLink program through which volunteers remain in contact with clients of all levels of need. We also rely on volunteers in our Buddy Program to assist in meeting a wide variety of client needs.

Your letter points out your friend's need

for home care. Many persons living with HIV/AIDS have this same need, which is not being adequately met by the current system of care in Atlanta. Until the last year or so, funds were not available in Atlanta for the provision of many home care programs. Funding through the federal HOPWA program now provides for some home care, but not nearly enough. The awful reality remains that the demand for this service greatly outweighs the availability.

I reiterate that AID Atlanta is not perfect, but we are improving. We remain committed to the cause and to the community and will continue to do all that we can in this battle. I know that this does not benefit the friend you lost, or those of you who provided him with care and support, but I hope you can find some comfort in knowing that we are working very hard to ensure that a situation like the one you described will not happen in the future.

Sincerely,
Jeff Cheek
Director of Public Policy
AID Atlanta, Inc.



GLAAD
News

by CARL LANGE

Mississippi Murders Raise Doubts

At press time, a suspect had been arrested in the slaying of Robert Walters, 34, and Joe Shoemaker, 24, in Laurel, Miss. (see article on page 3).

In reference to this case, the Jones County Sheriff's Department has made numerous defamatory remarks, lied and contradicted itself concerning facts as documented in television and print. It has refused to classify this execution-style murder as a hate crime but instead as a robbery, despite evidence to the contrary, and has threatened to throw any "outside homosexuals" out of town who might cause any trouble.

Contact the Jones County Sheriff's Department and demand a thorough investigation of this case, recognition of it as a hate crime, and ask them how they intend to protect their gay and lesbian citizens. Call 601-425-3147. You can also contact Janet Reno's office at the Justice Department at 202-514-2000.

Hate crimes are escalating out of control in Mississippi, and gays and lesbians are justifiably fearing for their lives. They need your support! Write Letters to the Editor, Hattiesburg American, P.O. Box 1111, Hattiesburg, MS 39402; phone 601-582-4321 (Hattiesburg is close to Laurel). Write Letters to the Editor, Clarion Ledger, P.O. Box 40, Jackson, MS 39205; phone 601-961-7000 (Capital of Mississippi). Write to the editor of your local paper concerning this incident of national importance. In Atlanta write Letters to the Editor, Atlanta Constitution, P.O. Box 4689, Atlanta, GA 30302.

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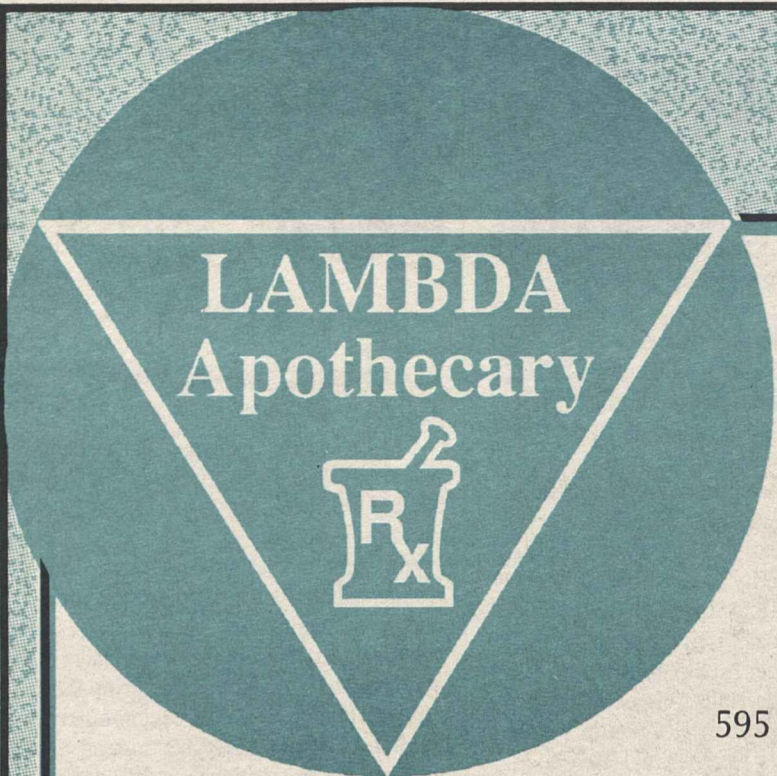
The Sunday, October 9, issue of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution included the commitment ceremony announcement of two gay men, Richard Mole and Alan Avery. While the paper has had a policy to include commitment ceremony announcements since March of 1993, only three couples have taken advantage of the opportunity. Significantly, this is the first to include a photo.

And as expected, heterosexuals are flooding the Constitution phone lines with outrage. Support the Constitution with a quick call or letter. Write Ron Martin, Editor, Atlanta Constitution, P.O. Box 4689, Atlanta, GA 30302 or call him at 404-526-5501.

Celebrate your own commitment ceremony with an announcement. For more information and to request a form call Byron Battles at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution at 404-526-5806. The completed form must be returned to the paper 10 days prior to the event, and one member of the couple must have an Atlanta connection.

Currently there are over a dozen papers nationally that publish commitment ceremony announcements. If you would like to know if there is one in your city or would like to help change your paper's policy contact GLAAD/Atlanta.

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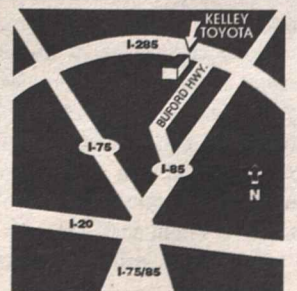
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Bastyr University to establish alternative therapies center

Seattle, WA—Bastyr University has been awarded an \$840,000 research grant to establish a national center for evaluating alternative medical therapies used to treat AIDS and HIV infection.

The National Institute of Health's new Office of Alternative Medicine selected Bastyr out of a pool of 30 applicants, including Harvard, Columbia and UCLA, for one of its first two major research grants. The other went to the Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation in Minnesota.

"There was tough competition for these grants," said Jim Bryant, a spokesman for the NIH office that announced the grants Oct. 4.

Bastyr, founded in 1978, is a nonprofit teaching institution here with 95 faculty members and 700 students. It offers accredited degrees in naturopathic and botanical medicine, acupuncture, Chinese medicine and nutrition.

Bastyr's three-year grant will be used to assess some of the alternative therapies AIDS patients are using to fight their disease. Few of these therapies have been subjected to careful scientific scrutiny for effectiveness and safety.

Alternative medical practitioners use non-drug approaches in treatment and emphasize "whole-body" therapies, rather than targeting specific diseases.

"This is the culmination of years of work," said Leanna Standish, a naturopathic physician and research director for Bastyr.

But she noted that obstacles remain.

"It can be hard to draw conclusions when dealing with natural medicines," Standish said, adding that there may be grounds for concerns about gaining Food and Drug Administration approval for alternative therapies.

"Bastyr really does try to back up everything with good data and research," said Ron Bills, an AIDS patient and board president for the Seattle Treatment Education Project, which provides information on AIDS treatment options.

Bills, who has used naturopathic medicines, noted that Bastyr "doesn't take the radical position that conventional medicine is poison. They look at natural medicine as complementary to conventional medicine."

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CDC may restructure AIDS efforts

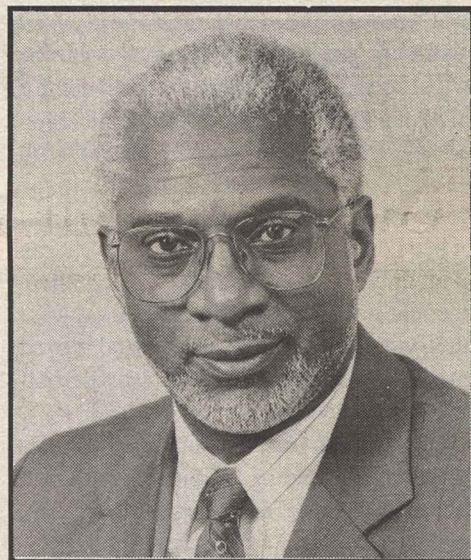
The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is considering a radical restructuring of its HIV/AIDS research and prevention efforts, reported the Atlanta Journal-Constitution last week.

According to the report, CDC Director David Satcher plans to review four restructuring options devised by CDC officials and an independent consulting firm and will make a decision soon.

Currently, the CDC's HIV/AIDS activities are divided among 10 separate departments. The proposed alternatives range from improving the existing organization to creating a new "megacenter" for HIV/AIDS.

The proposed restructuring was prompted by a report from an external review committee, the most extensive review the federal agency had undergone since AIDS was recognized 13 years ago. That report expressed concerns that the CDC's structure was hindering prevention efforts because there is no direct line of authority and the structure appeared fragmented to outside observers.

Dr. Neil Schram, a committee member from



CDC Director David Satcher

California, commented, "They [the CDC] may not be doing everything we want, but they really are listening. This is a dramatic change for the CDC."

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According to the Cancer Institute, it costs an employer about \$12,000 to treat early stage breast cancer. Treating it later can cost more

than \$140,000.

Zeneca surveyed the nation's leading companies and found that 88 percent offer female employees insurance coverage for off-site screening, up from 65 percent in 1990. But only a handful—including Zeneca, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and Adolph Coors Co.—have on-site testing with their own or leased equipment.

The Zeneca program has saved not only lives but significant company dollars, says Zeneca spokesman Joel Tau.

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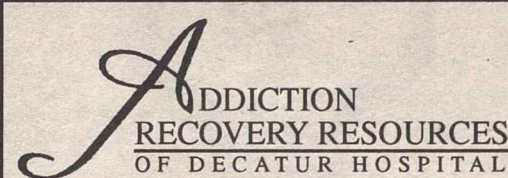
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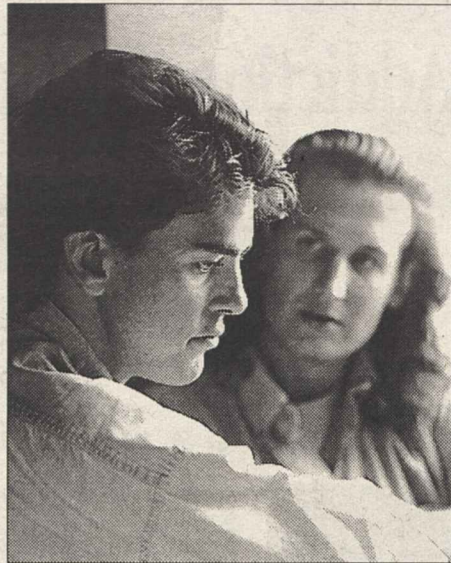
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Condom Man signals new direction for AID Atlanta

Agency makes strides in outreach to the local gay community

As 20,000 volunteers marched in Sunday's AIDS Walk, raising \$1.2 million for local AIDS agencies, the spotlight was trained on AID Atlanta, an organization that in the past has been criticized for a lack of outreach efforts to the gay community. So it was fitting that the Walk coincided with the debut of AID Atlanta's highest profile gay-targeted campaign—a masked superhero of sorts named Condom Man.

Both Condom Man and an ongoing safer sex workshop called "Slipping and Sliding," which AID Atlanta has been heavily promoting in recent weeks, come in the wake of years of low-profile (and low volume) educational work specifically for and about Atlanta's gay community. This has puzzled advocates, who point out that 70 percent of the AIDS cases in Georgia remain within the gay community.

"There was a valid concern that there wasn't enough outreach being done [by AID Atlanta] to the gay community," said Joe Wright, education program coordinator for AID Atlanta. "It was an unavoidable situation. We scrambled to try to find ways to fill that gap. The funding that is provided through various state and federal organizations has not been directed toward outreach to the gay community. It finally came to a point where we could not find funds for it, but we were amplifying funds for other areas and moved general operating expenses to provide outreach to the gay community."

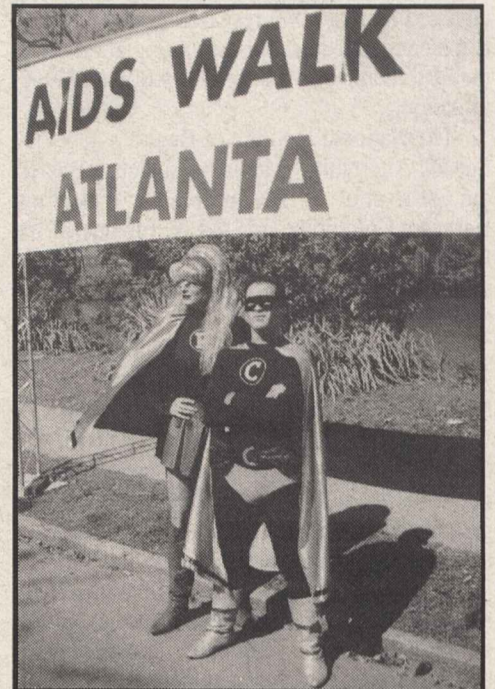
The result, in part, is an undisclosed info-and condom-wielding volunteer clad in a black suede mask, red spandex body suit, turquoise codpiece, a black utility belt, yellow go-go boots, and, of course, the soon-to-be-ubiquitous "C" logo. "He's coming... You will be safe!" read the promotional posters around town.

"For the most part, a lot of the fun has been taken out of sex," Wright said. "It's become far too serious. The Condom Man campaign is really our attempt to lighten it up a little bit." Condom Man will appear at various events and clubs, Wright added, saying, "People will know it's AID Atlanta, they'll know he's pushing for safer sex and condom use."

With Condom Man, AID Atlanta does not want to pass judgment, only the facts. In many ways, it is a reaction to the way in which safe sex campaigns have been handled in the past, saying you *can* do this and you *can't* do that. According to Wright, Condom Man will at once be "silly, fun, spontaneous" and "not preachy."

Wright is clearly delighted with Condom Man's launch and is optimistic about the possibilities for spin-offs. Eventually he hopes to see the development of a comic strip, in which the hero would battle such arch rivals as Chlamydia and HIV.

While Condom Man is out and about, AID Atlanta is also doing gay outreach in a more formal setting. The organization launched "Slipping and Sliding: Jeopardy, Studs, and the Love Connection!" in May.



Condom Man and his trusty sidekick, Rubber Maid, flew into action at last Sunday's AIDS Walk.

Touted as "a new generation of safer sex education," the six-week workshop is aimed at gay men who feel they have learned enough, are immune, or who may be frustrated and willing to give up thinking about AIDS altogether.

"'Slipping and Sliding,' the name, could have a double connotation," Wright said. "We're trying to avoid slipping into unsafe behavior, if you will."

The workshop is almost entirely participant-driven. In the first night, basic information is covered and personal goals are set. From there it mushrooms into weekly discussions on the complexities of gay life in the '90s, with each session building upon the previous ones. Among the issues examined are self-esteem, survivor's guilt, sero-discordant couples, pornography and its impact on gay sexuality—as well as why people have sex in the first place.

Sixty-one people have already gone through the program, and classes are forming with increased interest, often on the recommendation of those who have participated. Next year, Wright expects to be doing continuing education workshops for those who have been through "Slipping and Sliding" and want more.

The ultimate goal of the workshops is to open lines of communication and get people talking about sex—something Wright thinks is imperative to the health of the community.

"We're starting to see a return to the more freewheeling sexuality," Wright said. "In Miami we're seeing sex shows in bars. Sex clubs are opening up [across the country]. We also know that there are regular Friday night orgies going on in town. We're not here to take any position on whether that's good or bad. But if it's going to happen, we want to make sure that a return to a more freewheeling sexuality is a return to a more freewheeling safer sexuality. We feel that the only way to do that is by opening up the communication lines."

JAMES FITCH

For more information on "Slipping and Sliding," call 885-6800, ext. 306.

Who's minding the movement?

As cutbacks and personnel changes rock both the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, many in the community are questioning the national organizations' effectiveness—and arguing about how to solve the problem

by RICHARD ELDREDGE

Are the halcyon days over for the country's two largest gay and lesbian nonprofit organizations? As the November elections approach, both the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) are in a perilous state, wracked with internal disorganization, severe leadership voids and financial setbacks.

As one HRCF insider told Southern Voice, "The momentum of getting a Democrat back into the White House is gone, spirits are completely dashed at the moment, and God knows what 1995 will bring."

Among the challenges facing both organizations:

- Vacant executive director's chairs. Tim McFeeley, the executive director of HRCF for the past five and a half years, leaves his post next month after elections, stating, "I believe strongly that after more than five

years, it is important to allow other individuals to participate in leadership positions." NGLTF's latest executive director, Peri Jude Radecic, stepped down in late August after only nine months in the position.

- Financial woes. NGLTF faces a 40% reduction in its present fiscal year operating budget, plummeting from a \$4.3 million figure to \$2.6 million. HRCF, meanwhile, has seen attendance drop at some of its crucial fundraising dinners in 1994 (notably in Atlanta), and its membership has stalled at about 80,000 despite McFeeley's predictions of surpassing 100,000 by the end of this year.

- Resignations and staff cuts. In addition to the executive director positions, HRCF has seen the resignations or "reassignments" of key people like public policy director Joe Grabarz and communications director Gregory King and AIDS consultant Terry Beswick. Over at NGLTF, things are even dicier with a summer's worth of major staff changes, including the June layoffs of three major players, a senior accountant, the director of its Anti-Violence Project and its health policy project director.

Critics and sympathizers of the organiza-

tions agree that the void in leadership is the most crucial area for both of the Washington, D.C.-based national groups. NGLTF is especially vulnerable, insiders say, with Radecic returning to the organization's public policy division. "She may not have been the best director this organization has ever seen, but at least the chair was filled," one NGLTF insider said. "She's back where she can do the most good now."

McFeeley's announcement in late June that he would resign his post after the November elections did not surprise staffers at HRCF, but few are willing to criticize a man whose tireless efforts over the past five years have resulted in doubling the organization's staff and pushing HRCF's operating budget from \$1.5 million in 1989 to its present \$8 million. McFeeley is also credited with dramatically increasing membership from 12,000 in 1989 to its present 80,000. Moreover, McFeeley gave the group a face and a voice, resulting in a trip to the White House and a meeting with President Clinton in 1993 and being selected by Newsweek that same year as one of the most influential lesbian and gay leaders in America.

Hilary Rosen, cochair of HRCF's board of directors, described McFeeley's tenure as "a period of extraordinary progress for our community and our cause. [McFeeley] has built HRCF into a powerful voice for the lesbian and gay community in national politics. His vision, professionalism and leadership helped to move our community from the margins into the mainstream of American society."

The board, meanwhile, has formed a search committee for

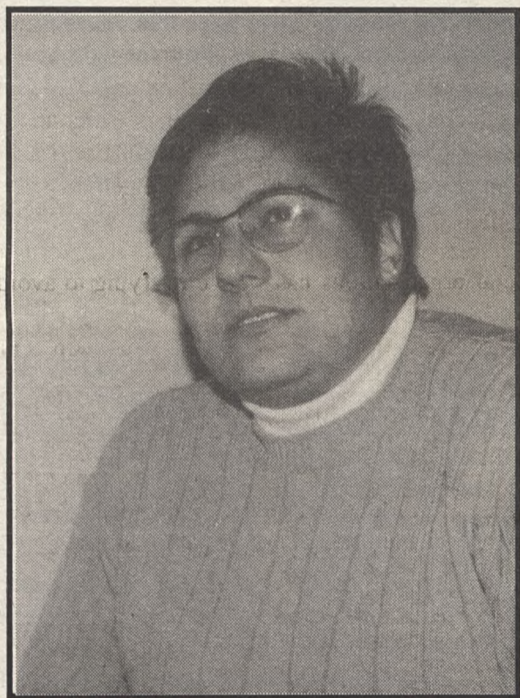
McFeeley's replacement and hopes to have a new executive director in place by the end of the year.

According to NGLTF's interim director of public relations, Gregory Fisher, his organization has similar goals and held a closed door board meeting in late September to assemble a plan of action for the remainder of 1994 and through 1995 while reexamining the NGLTF budget. A transition team was also named, including Atlanta resident Pat Hussain, to help guide the organization through the process.

"In the last few months, the board has been considering the direction for the future and to map out our strategy," says NGLTF board cochair Christopher Collins. "I am enthusiastic about the opportunity before us to lead the Task Force into a new era. The goals and missions of NGLTF are not changing. The way we organize our effort has been our focus and has produced some exciting opportunities for a more dynamic NGLTF."

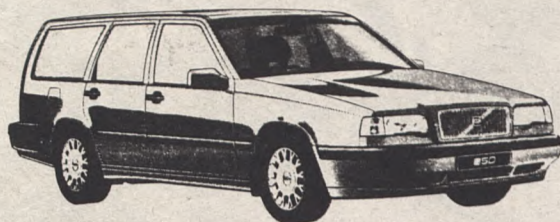
Washington, D.C.-based journalist Bob Roehr is decidedly less optimistic. "Basically, they don't have a clue at the Task Force,"

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Peri Jude Radecic has returned to NGLTF's public policy area, leaving the leadership post up for grabs.

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Who's minding

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Roehr said. "The problems center around the board. Most of the talent is gone. They've either left to maintain their sanity or they've just completely burnt out. HRCF is in better shape. Their biggest problem is that while they claim to be bipartisan, their 10 lobbyists are all Democrats. The PC mentality of both organizations is not helping either. It's not tremendously effective in the long run."

Conservative gay columnist Marvin Liebman last month also criticized the organizations, citing financial troubles and resignations as chief problems. Liebman's own grassroots organization, National Coalition for Understanding, died quietly over the summer, with Liebman stating in a memo to members, "The American lesbian and gay community, so very beleaguered at this time in history, does not need yet another organization unless it is able to make a very unique contribution. The NCU was not able to accomplish this."

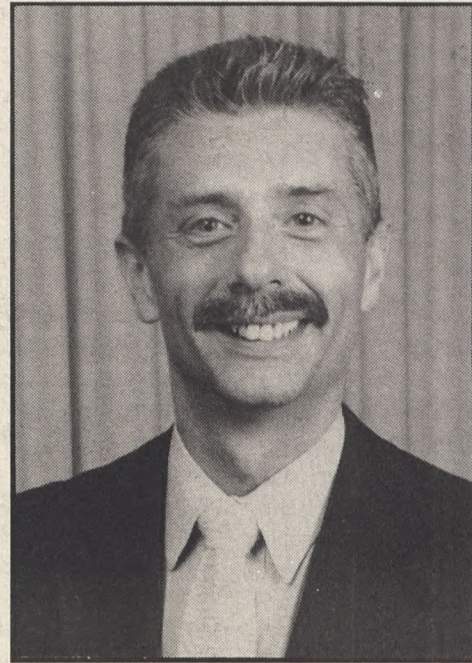
Meanwhile, ACT UP founder Larry Kramer weighed in with his own criticisms in a column in The Advocate titled "Why We Are Failing." Kramer wrote, "Our advocacy groups in Washington, our political organizations around the country, ACT UP and other AIDS advocacy and activist associations are demoralized, exhausted, burned-out, bureaucratized beyond effectiveness, second-rate, inadequate, useless, hateful, and/or dead. Every executive director has lost touch with reality, and every member of every board of directors should be brought up in a court of law for raping us."

While critics of HRCF and NGLTF are plentiful at present, individuals offering up solutions are few and far between. Journalist Roehr admits to being pessimistic.

"One of the biggest things that could be done," he said, "is to go grassroots and have different chapters and local affiliates. It would be a way to hold people accountable, and it broadens the base of decision-making. It would be telling people, 'You can do more

than write a check. You can be a part of the process. You can vote.' It would also decentralize the power structure. A lot of the individuals shelling out the money for the HRCF dinners this year have revolted, saying they want some money earmarked for local projects.

"It's a shame that there's not a 12-step program for dysfunctional nonprofit organizations," he added.



HRCF's Tim McFeeley says five years is enough and that it is time for "other individuals to participate."

Washington-based gay activist Michael Petrelis, who has been involved with ACT UP and, more recently, a coalition group called Gay & Lesbian Americans, agrees with Roehr on the need for a grassroots expansion of both HRCF and NGLTF.

"It's crucial they establish local chapters," Petrelis told Southern Voice. "NGLTF has a geographically diverse board of directors, so why not use that to hold geographically diverse town meeting once a month? Would establishing a national dialogue be

a bad thing?"

Petrelis has also offered what he says is another solution to the NGLTF's woes—himself. "I delivered my resume and applications this afternoon," he said. "This closed-door, business-as-usual board meeting stuff has to stop. It's not a good sign. The Task Force has to be above-board and public." Petrelis also doesn't mind the talk these days in Washington of a possible merger of NGLTF and HRCF.

"I think a merger would be a good idea," he said. "Why not? The two are more concerned most of the time with turf and turf wars than effectiveness. Why should we be supporting two organizations with high overhead in D.C. anyway?"

Though some, including Roehr, dismiss the merger idea as "absurd," it remains an option for the two organizations as they attempt to climb out of the quagmire toward a firmer, more solid future. As one HRCF staffer put it, "You can stand around all day and criticize us, and we can continue to take hits from the gay press on what we're supposedly doing wrong, but unless we all pull together and show some solidarity at some point, the future will not be pleasant for any of us."

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Breaking the silence

In a new book, Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer writes of her battle to serve openly and proudly as a lesbian in the military

by KC WILDMOON

In the student lounge at Georgia State University, Dr. Margarethe Cammermeyer listens patiently while a student tells her about his brother, a gay man in the Army, and the struggles he faces to keep his secret. When he finishes, the National Guard Colonel advises that the young man's brother keep quiet. "The regulation would require that the Army separate him," she says.

Then she quietly explains that the Servicemembers Legal Services Corp. in Washington, D.C., is available for assistance, should the man's brother ever need it.

The advice, coming from the highest ranking military servicemember ever to be discharged for being gay, seems somehow incongruous. Almost from the start, Cammermeyer has fought the Department of Defense regulation that, at the time, banned gay and lesbian servicemembers from the military. So far, she is winning. But it's a fight she doesn't urge for others.

In 1989, preparing to apply to attend the Army's War College, a requirement if she was ever to attain her goal of being named Chief Nurse of the National Guard, Cammermeyer needed top secret clearance. And in 1989, military investigators could, and did, ask about sexual orientation. Cammermeyer's truthful answer—"I am a lesbian"—resulted in her discharge.

"I can give one set of advice," she says of her suggestion to the student. "But in terms of what I felt my responsibility was as a senior officer, going for top secret clearance, wanting to have a clear record and for there never to be a question about whether or not I deserved to be where I was, I had to say that. Of course, then I had these delusions of grandeur. But for me it's such an extraordinary journey, so freeing."

Cammermeyer was ultimately discharged in 1992, and immediately filed suit in federal court challenging the anti-gay regulation. In June 1994, a federal judge ordered that Cammermeyer be reinstated to her job with the National Guard.

"I think there's a tendency for us—at least to my way of thinking—there has to be a greater purpose," she explains. "The noble cause seemed to be to take on the regulation. I had done that in the past and succeeded, and there was the naive belief that everything would turn out the way it was supposed to."



Of her high-profile fight with the military, Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer says she must "talk for those unable to speak for themselves."

Meaning, she explains, that the Army would make an exception for her because of her stellar record, or realize the incongruity of the regulation itself and change it. Cammermeyer had, on more than one occasion, challenged military regulations—earlier in her career, she succeeded in convincing the Army to change a regulation that offered a housing allowance only to the husband in a military marriage. She had every reason to believe that through her case, the military would recognize the error of its ways.

Not so. The Army went through with discharge proceedings—"withdrawing federal recognition" in military vernacular—and has continued to fight her reinstatement through the courts. But Margrethe Cammermeyer is equally determined to fight back.

"There are a number of things in terms of life experience that make me able to say, in your face, 'Tell me what's wrong with how I serve,'" she says. "Tell me what's wrong with how I care for my children. How I contribute to society. How I pay my taxes. How I love my neighbor. Tell me what's wrong that I can understand why I should be negated as a human being. And no matter what the arguments have been over the past four years, there's nothing that people say that makes sense. There's nothing that the Senate Armed Services Committee or that the generals ever said that made sense about how it was that we were bad for morale and discipline and good order."

"Because if that had been the case," she adds with an unexpected smile, "there would be no gays and lesbians in the military. And the same thing applies in society. You can't say that being gay is detrimental for society. Whatever the numbers are, there are thousands in every walk of life who happen to be gay."

Cammermeyer believes that the fact of someone's sexual orientation should be a non-issue. "That's what we need to make it," she says. "It can only become a non-issue as we articulate who we are, as each one of us is ready to do that, as we define ourselves, and our families, and our concerns every bit as

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every other minority or every other group in society."

Cammermeyer's very public fight against the military regulation is her contribution to that ongoing struggle.

"I don't consider myself an activist," she says. "What I consider more is I'm just a person who got sort of caught up in a whole sequence of events that got out of control in some sense, and at the same time that I'm supposed to be a part of. My grounding is in believing that I'm supposed to be here, and I'm supposed to be doing this. And as long as there is someone that wants to ask a question, or make a comment or be angry, then my job is to listen and to be available."

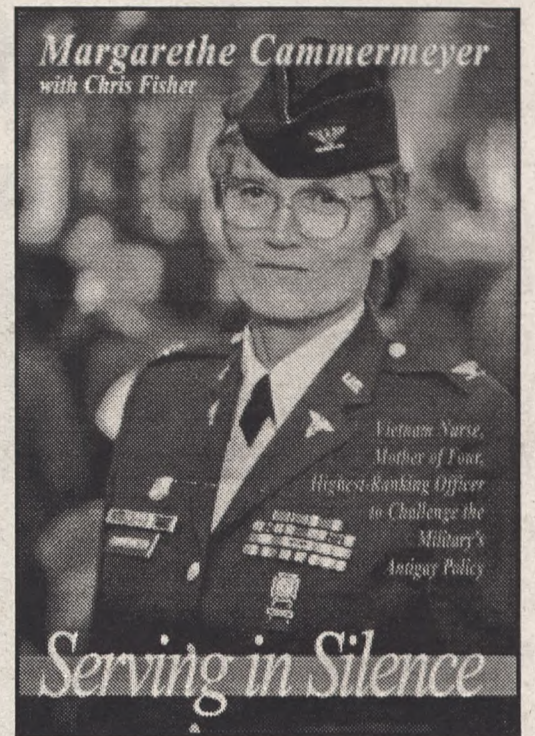
And to tell her story. "Serving in Silence," Cammermeyer's recently released autobiography (written with Chris Fisher), tells that story, from her childhood in Nazi occupied Norway to a tour of duty in Vietnam, to her marriage and difficult divorce, to her eventual coming out and taking a stand against the anti-gay military regulation. But "Serving in Silence" is not only about one woman's battle against injustice in the military.

"The intent is, the nuances of that are it's not just a military that we serve," she explains. "It's as women in society. It's as mothers, it's as fathers, all of those situations where we have been confined by either society or the family or a situation and not spoken out about the unfairness or the aspects of it that don't make sense. Of challenging it. I am hoping that [the book] will have that multipurpose."

And if the book isn't enough, Barbra Streisand's Barwood Productions has just finished filming Cammermeyer's story, starring Glenn Close in the title role and Judy Davis as her partner, Diane. Cammermeyer, who has seen the dailies but not the edited film, said that the movie captures "the essence" of her story.

"I'm going to feel uncomfortable, and you'll know exactly why when you see it," she said. "But it is so well done. It's a story of coming to terms with being a woman, being in the military, being a parent, finding a life partner and caring relationships along the way. I would hope that people would think it's a class act."

The film will be aired on NBC in Febru-



Margarethe Cammermeyer with Chris Fisher

Vietnam Nurse, Mother of Four, Highest-Ranking Officer to Challenge the Military's Anti-gay Policy

Serving in Silence

ary, and Cammermeyer admits the network is taking a risk in broadcasting such a positive film about an open lesbian.

"But considering the quality of the people that were involved in it from the very onset, it's not as though they're taking a huge chance," she says. "There are going to be some people that may be a little bit uncomfortable, but the other side of it is that it's going to cause so much attention that they will more than make up for it."

In the meantime, Cammermeyer is about to embark on a tour supporting the book, including a trip to her native Norway.

"The first thing they did was translate the book into Norwegian," she says, adding that Norwegians have been cheering their local girl "raising a ruckus in America."

"There's something about being the underdog," she says, "for a country like Norway that was overrun by the Nazis, there's this perseverance, a resisting that I think is an inherent part of my upbringing."

But Cammermeyer is no longer seeking to become a general. That, she says, has already happened.

"I became a general when I was separated from the military in my mind's eye," she says. "I was able to go to Washington to talk for those who were unable to speak for themselves from past experiences, or for those who are serving in the military now."

"I thought I was supposed to be a general," she continues. "And when this opportunity afforded itself...it came that this is what I'm supposed to be doing."

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his struggle to do the right thing. "He had an incredible soul, and an incredible capacity for courage," she said.

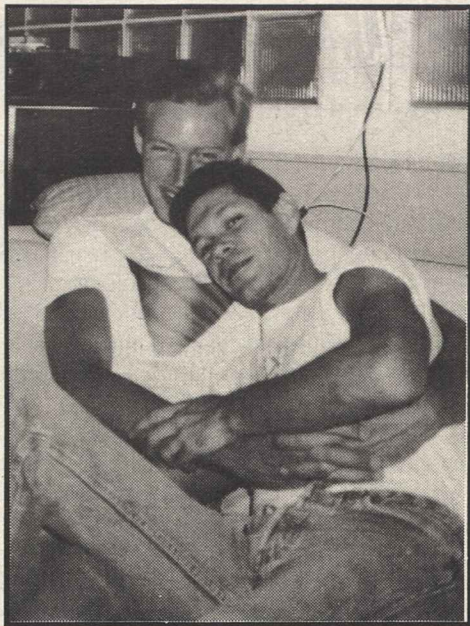
"He never stopped," said Julie Hamilton, another friend and an RN with the Visiting Nurse Health System of Atlanta. Hamilton met Kappers in 1987 when both were volunteering for AID Atlanta. "Whenever life starts getting to me, I think of him. I think of all the times he had every right to give up, and he didn't."

Chip Rowan of the AIDS Legal Project credits Kappers with his own involvement in AIDS activism/advocacy.

"John was the first person I ever met that I knew had HIV," he said. "It really affected me, meeting him. That, along with the national March on Washington in '87, and my own experience later with my lover who had AIDS, changed my life. He was a real catalyst for change. I think it's really appropriate that he died on the anniversary of that march."

That capacity for courage, that drive to improve the lot of people in his situation, changed Kappers' life after his AIDS diagnosis in 1984. When doctors initially told him to "prepare for the worst," Kappers beat the odds, recovering from Bell's palsy, and set to work. He was among the first volunteers for AID Atlanta's buddy program, and, seeing the need for more advocacy as well as services for people with AIDS, became a founding member of the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS (now the AIDS Survival Project) in 1987.

"I can't think of a single person who has done more in the fight against AIDS than John," said Jeff Graham, interim director of the AIDS Survival Project. "Being such a strong leader for so many years, and more



John Kappers and partner Tim Boyd during a relaxing moment at home.

than just a leader—a real role model of compassion, caring, understanding and determination."

"His legacy is the AIDS Survival Project," said Tim Boyd, Kappers' partner of six years and co-owner of Maddix DeLuxe. "Seeing that through from its inception, getting it to the point of being a very viable agency."

Kappers' determination led him to nursing. In the late 1980s, while working full-time at Shepherd Spinal Center, Kappers attended night school, eventually becoming a nurse with the intention of working with AIDS patients. After visiting a friend hospitalized at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, one of the first hospitals in the country to devote an entire unit to caring for AIDS patients, Kappers decided to work there, and spent two years

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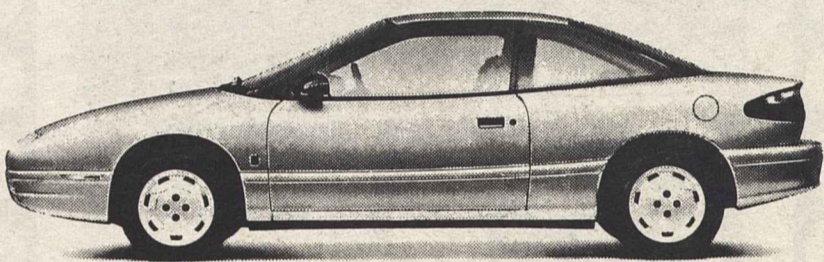
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with the hospital in Greenwich Village.

Mike Cashin, St. Vincent's assistant nursing care coordinator and one of Kappers' supervisors during his tenure there, remembers him as a "powerful and concerned" man.

"He was a good advocate on the patients' behalf," Cashin said, "very knowledgeable, especially on experimental treatments, so the rest of the staff learned through him."

"His time in New York, we appreciate what he gave the floor here," he added. "It's hard when one of your own goes."

But while at St. Vincent's, Kappers came in contact with a new opportunistic disease that was rapidly becoming rampant in larger cities—multiple drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB)—and contracted the disease. Back in Atlanta, Kappers was involuntarily confined to his home by the DeKalb County Health Department in April 1994, despite TB smears and chest x-rays that showed evidence that the disease was not active and contagious. His confinement led to numerous protests at both the DeKalb Health Department and the state Department of Human Resources aimed at forcing officials to revamp guidelines for handling patients with MDR-TB.

Kappers was released from confinement on May 18, and the following day was one of three people arrested protesting the lack of guidelines.

"He was very adamant about going to DeKalb County and being arrested, because the issue was not about him," said Graham. "He was very clear about that. The issue was how the county was handling patients like him."

Because of the attention given to Kappers' case, the Department of Human Resources has

begun work on new guidelines governing MDR-TB cases, currently in the final review stages.

A two-time president of the board of NAPWA/AIDS Survival Project, Kappers never strayed far from his vital work in AIDS-related health care. After returning from New York, he worked for the Visiting Nurse Health System and served on the Scientific Advisory Committee of the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta.

Dr. Melanie Thompson, principle investigator for ARCA, said that the first edition of the organization's Research Directory will be dedicated in Kappers' memory.

"We will miss his guidance," Thompson said. "He was an insightful and dedicated member."

For all his dedication and toil in activist and advocate roles, it is perhaps on a more personal level that Kappers had his most powerful impact.

"I feel very lucky to have known and loved somebody like John," VanderEls said. "His is a very special soul."

Boyd, who met Kappers when he spoke at the Lesbian/Gay Pride rally in 1988, said that "it will be different not having him."

"AIDS brought us together, and it took us apart," said Boyd, who marched with many of Kappers' friends in his name in Sunday's AIDS Walk Atlanta. "But we all have the memories, the love. We're different. We have been changed."

KC WILDMOON

A memorial service for John Kappers was held October 15 at St. Mark's Methodist Church, led by Rev. Ken South. Kappers asked that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the AIDS Survival Project or Project Open Hand/Atlanta.

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Arun and Sam celebrate their fourth anniversary on Oct. 20. They are looking forward to more of the same in the future.

Carolyn Amory and Pamela Evans celebrated their second wedding anniversary on Oct 17. Rumor has it the pair celebrated with a romantic dinner at their mountain house.

TJ & Becky will be celebrating their 2nd wedding anniversary this month with a trip to the mountains.

SoVo staff writer KC Wildmoon and Sherry Siclair celebrate the 4th anniversary of the lighting of the pilot light sometime this week, the exact date shrouded in mystery. The pair have already scooted off to the mountains to note some autumn color, and plan a romantic dinner. They will also relight that pilot light.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy big 4-0 to David Haney from friends Alvin, Loutessa & Felicia.

Musician Liz Barnez, who recently moved to the Big Peach from Colorado, turns 30 on Oct 20.

Happy birthday to Julie Carroll on Oct 20.

SoVo regrets the lack of space to bring you this entire story, but Oct. 16 marked the 32nd birthday of Laurie Ayn, whose growth from a "fundamentalist Christian" home to her new home in Decatur with 2 k-9 and 2 feline children and her "nice Jewish girl" partner is an inspiring one. Hog Mountain,



Little Laurie Ayn, now 32, dances her way into our hearts.

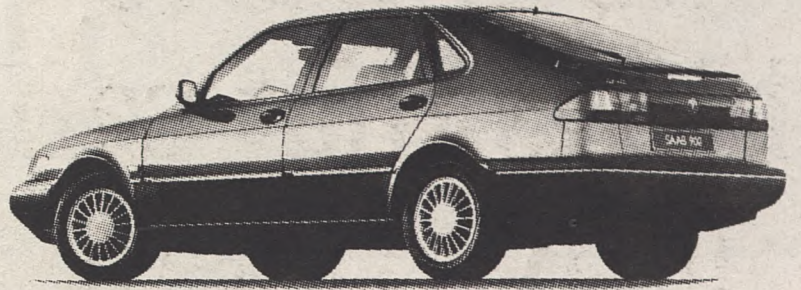
Ga., probably hasn't been the same since, and Susie, Bradley, Simone, Michael and Emma all wish Laurie the happiest of birthdays.

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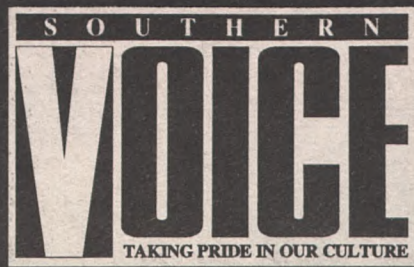
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Two for the road

Comic troubadours Romanovsky & Phillips, currently on a 35-city tour, muse on politics, homophobia and life as a high-profile gay couple

by PETER NEWTON

If someone were to make a movie about the life and times of gay comic pioneers Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips, the result would be a cross between a documentary on the gay civil rights movement and a spoof on American homosexuality. The only people who could attempt such a feat would be Ron and Paul themselves. For the past 12 years they have written, directed, produced and starred in a career that unites politics, humor and music.

Currently, the singing duo are performing audience favorites like "Ho Ho Homophobia" and "Don't Use Your Penis (For a Brain)" on a 35-city tour of the United States and Canada to celebrate the release of their sixth album, "Brave Boys: The Best and More of Romanovsky & Phillips" (Fresh Fruit Records). I recently spoke with Ron and Paul about their excellent adventure as community role models and their 12-year on-again/off-again relationship.

SoVo: Why aren't there more openly gay male performers? Lesbian performers are out all over the place.

Phillips: I think women's music was a predecessor of gay men's music. Lesbians who were performing women's music weren't exactly singing about lesbian struggles as much as women's issues. There's been a double oppression for women. Whereas gay men maybe were not as aware of their own oppression. Not until AIDS have men really become aware.

Romanovsky: When we started out in the early 80's at San Francisco's Valencia Rose, the first gay comedy club in the country, there were very few openly gay performers. Even now we are only one of two openly gay male groups touring nationally, us and The Flirtations.

Phillips: That's starting to change. The Outband was in Atlanta for Pride and they're starting to tour as well. It's starting to happen for other performers, which is great. It's been lonely out here.

SoVo: One thing I notice about your music is that it is not cynical. Sarcastic maybe, but for the most part hopeful. Empowering.

Romanovsky: Well, we all have our cynical days, but I don't find it useful to write in that way.

Phillips: It's not enough to point fingers. Not at all enough. That's the lazy man's approach to politics.

Romanovsky: The approach to take is to accept responsibility for our own experiences, whatever they might be.

SoVo: You mean by banding together?

Phillips: And by refusing to be a victim.

SoVo: Tell me about the recent controversy surrounding the release of your latest CD, "Brave Boys." From what I've read, it sounds like some blatant homophobia.

Romanovsky: Two printers and one color separator accepted the job of doing our liner notes and then refused to complete it. They were told that it was openly gay material and given a good idea of the content. And they said, "Sure, sure, we don't have a problem." Turns out they did. What they were really saying was that we don't care what gay people do as long as they keep it to themselves.

SoVo: That "Don't ask, Don't tell" mentality. So, how do we overcome the national plague of homophobia?

Phillips: You keep listening to Romanovsky & Phillips!

SoVo: The cure-all.

Romanovsky: Seriously, the best thing we can do is come out. Again, it's that personalized experience. People are afraid of gay people because they don't know us.

SoVo: Or don't think they know us.

Romanovsky: Exactly. They have no idea who the average gay person is. The national media gives them stereotypes with Rod and Bob Jackson-Paris on one end of the spectrum and RuPaul on the other.

SoVo: Where do Romanovsky & Phillips fit in on the spectrum?

Phillips: We don't, not according to the gay press. Out of six of our albums, *The Advocate* has reviewed only one.

SoVo: Are you the role models we've been waiting for?

Phillips: I'm just saying we're all guilty of promoting the stereotypes that Rod and Bob represent. I think they've done a great service to the community by being out and getting the media's attention. The reality is that most of us don't have lovers that look like models. Most of us don't live at the gym.

Romanovsky:

We have jobs, go to work, put food on the table.

SoVo: So, you're just a couple of average gay men.

Phillips: Gay Everyman. We're whoever you want us to be.

SoVo: One way to live life more truthfully is by being able to laugh at yourself.

Phillips: Yes.

Romanovsky: Right.

SoVo: Which you guys do very well. So why haven't more people heard of you?

Phillips: One of the reasons I think we have a problem getting the kind of media attention we'd like is that our humor has an intelligence to it. I mean it's not television, and some of our stuff seems to go over half the audience's heads. We're not willing to settle for that kind of humor.

SoVo: "Be Political, Not Polite," as you titled an early album.

Romanovsky: We've been lucky enough to make a living doing it the way we wanted to do it.

SoVo: Do you have any second thoughts like, "Had we toned it down some, or just kept a little more quiet about the queer thing, maybe we'd be more mainstream now?"

Romanovsky: Sure, we'd like to be more successful, to reach a larger audience, but not at the cost of trying to figure out what the public wants. Because I think what the public really wants is originality.

Phillips: We started outside the mainstream, so we never had to buy into the idea of formulas. That's one of the best parts of doing what we do.

SoVo: You're five cities into the tour. Only 30 more to go. Are you sick of each other yet?

Romanovsky: Yeah, sure. But what're ya gonna do?

SoVo: What I mean is, how has being in a relationship with your business partner affected your business? Your relationship?

Phillips: There have been times that the relationship kept the business going and other times when the business kept the personal relationship going. Paul and I were together as lovers for seven years and then we broke up. It's only recently that



Love will keep us together: Paul Phillips (left) and Ron Romanovsky are back as personal and professional partners.

we're back together. It's been an amazing whirlwind. In some ways, we're on our second relationship, or maybe third. At seven years, we realized that we had been together 24 hours a day and probably spent more time in each other's company than my parents did in 35 years of marriage.

SoVo: So, what brought you back together?

Romanovsky: Personal growth. I got more clear about what's really important in life. I realized the value of what Paul and I do have and rediscovered the love that was there all along.

Phillips: And also I just decided that looks aren't everything.

SoVo: OK...

Phillips: Just kidding, Ron.

Romanovsky: I was the one who was willing to settle for an ugly lover.

SoVo: Should I leave the room while you two decide?

Phillips: OK, OK. What we're trying to do now, our main goal is to make ourselves more known to the gay and lesbian community. I don't really care if the heterosexual community discovers us or not. I've never considered us a gay-only act. And besides, Ron and I have always looked at ourselves as outside the gay community to begin with.

SoVo: Are you trying to get in, or are you inviting everybody else out?

Romanovsky: That's exactly what we're trying to do—we're trying to invite everybody out. Come on out...

Phillips: The water's fine.

Romanovsky & Phillips will be at Variety Playhouse on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call 521-1786.

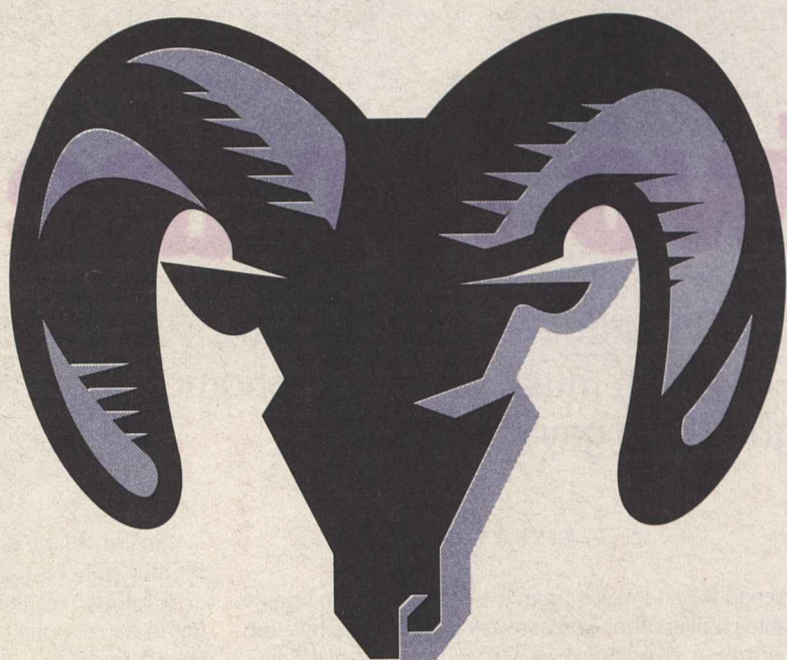
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ROMANOVSKY AND PHILLIPS. The boys are back at the Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid. 8 pm. \$10 adv/\$12 door. 524-7354.

BENEFIT CONCERT. Benefiting a community member battling leukemia and the Leukemia Society of Georgia; DeDe Vogt, Jan Riley, Mathew Kahler, Chief Seattle and Dragon Fly perform at the LSP Community Center at Euclid and Austin. Jane Black emcees. Silent auction and food! \$8. 8-11 pm. 578-7405.

THAMYRIS. Chamber music at Clayton State's Spivey Hall. 3 pm. \$12. 961-3683.

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24 MONDAY

WOMEN SOLO. Thru Wed. The Factory Theatre presents two one-woman shows by Terry Baum and Cassandra Medley at Actors Express. 264-4468.

SEBASTIAO SALGADO. Thru Jan 14. "Workers: An Archaeology of the Industrial Age" on display at the High Museum.

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21 FRIDAY

BEYOND MEASURE: APPALACHIAN CULTURE AND ECONOMY. The High Museum's "Meet the Director" series features Herb E. Smith at 8 pm.

THE STUDENT PRINCE. The Savoyards Light Opera presents Sigmund Romberg's timeless story of student life in old Heidelberg at the GA Tech Theatre for the Arts. 233-0750.

SUBJECT: MALE VIOLENCE. Thru Dec 4. Richard Bolton's mixed media, interactive exhibit at the Atlanta College of Art Gallery. 733-5050.

D U P C O M I N G

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.

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.

KEELY AND DU. Thru Nov 12. Theatre in the Square again raises the ire of Cobb County with its production of this drama about two women on opposite sides of the abortion issue. Tues-Sat 8 pm, Sun 2:30 & 7 pm. \$13-23. 422-8369.

A RAISIN IN THE SUN. Thru Nov 13. Kenny Leon and Carol Mitchell-Leon appear together, with Esther Rolle and Taurean Blacque, in Lorraine Hansberry's treasured American classic at the Alliance Theatre. Opening night Oct 19, 7 pm. Other performances: Tues-Sat 8 pm, Sun 2:30 & 7:30 pm. \$18-34.75. 892-2414.

UP ON THE ROOF. Thru 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.

ANTIGONE IN NEW YORK. Thru Nov 20. 7 Stages presents the award winning satire about life on the streets. Wed & Thurs 7:30 pm; Fri & Sat 8 pm; Sun 5 pm. \$8-\$14. 523-7647.

THE WILD GUYS. Thru Nov 27. Horizon presents a group of guys who take off on a sensitivity weekend where everything goes wrong. Thurs & Fri 8 pm, Sat 8:30 pm, Sun 5 pm. \$12-\$16. 584-7450.

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.

ANDY WARHOL. Thru Dec 17. Works by the late artist from the Wes Cochran collection on display at the Marietta/Cobb

Museum of Art. \$2. 424-8142.

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.

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. Pre-Columbian 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.

WHALES. Thru Jan 8. Traveling exhibition about the giants of the deep with five life-sized robotic whales is on display at Fernbank Museum of Natural History. 370-0960.

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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 & 11 pm, Mon-Fri.

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

EMILY WILSON AND MARY CARMICHAEL. Thru Fri. Sculpture by Wilson and paintings by Carmichael on exhibit at the Marcia Wood Gallery, 1198 N. Highland. 885-1808.

SHE MEANT WHAT SHE SAID. Thru Sat. Women on Fire present a sizzling evening of scorching satire, burnt offerings and illuminating stories with Genie Barringer, Alice Lovelace, Julie Newton, Jane Catherine Shaw and Shelia Turner. The Staging Ground, 436 Ponce. \$7-\$10. 621-4658.

THE AIDS CURE PROJECT: AN ART SHOW. Thru Sat. 17 artists seek to raise awareness of the AIDS Cure Project in this exhibition sponsored by ACT UP/Atlanta at King Plow Arts Center. 874-6782.

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

THE PLEASURES OF PAINT. Thru Sat. 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 Sat. The classic children's tale at Onstage Atlanta's Children's Theatre, 420 Courtland. Sats 10:30 & 1:30. \$6. 897-1802.

SEX, DRUGS, ROCK & ROLL. Thru Sun. An in-your-face experience, written by Eric

Bogolian, at the 14th St. Playhouse. Thurs-Sun 8 pm, 11 pm show on Sats. 733-5000.

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.

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 Burnhoff Gallery, 1529 Piedmont, Suite G. 875-1825.

CLOUD NINE. 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.

OPEN SEASON. Thru Oct 30. SAME presents Sarah Dreher's tale of ex-feminist activists who settle down and hire a rebellious young handywoman. \$10 & \$12, with a \$9 singles night Sun. 609-9590.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Thru Oct 30. Yes, it's back with a new fall festival featuring Robin Hood and His Merry Men, Maid Marion and more. Exit 12 off I-85 south of Atlanta. \$9.95 + tax; \$4.95 + tax for children. 964-8575.

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

AN AFFAIR TO DISMEMBER. Thru Nov. 2. Agatha's A

26 WEDNESDAY

DAUGHTERS OF THE DUST. Julie Dash's lyric film about a Gullah family's preparation to leave their island home. Goethe-Institut, 7 pm. 892-2388.

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.

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ABOVE: The Goethe-Institut presents Julie Dash's "Daughters of the Dust," starring Alva Rodgers, Barbara O and Cora Lee Day, on Oct 26.

LEFT: Works by Minnie Evans are on display at the High Museum's Folk Art and Photography Galleries in the GA Pacific Center thru Jan 14.

BELOW: John Purcell and Christopher Ekholm appear in Horizon Theatre's "The Wild Guys" thru Nov 27. Photo by Kathryn Kolb

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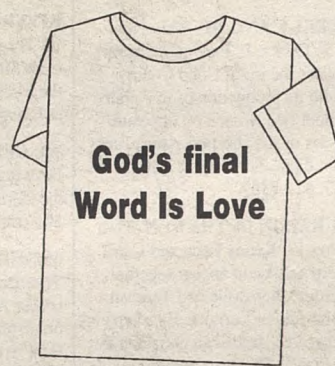
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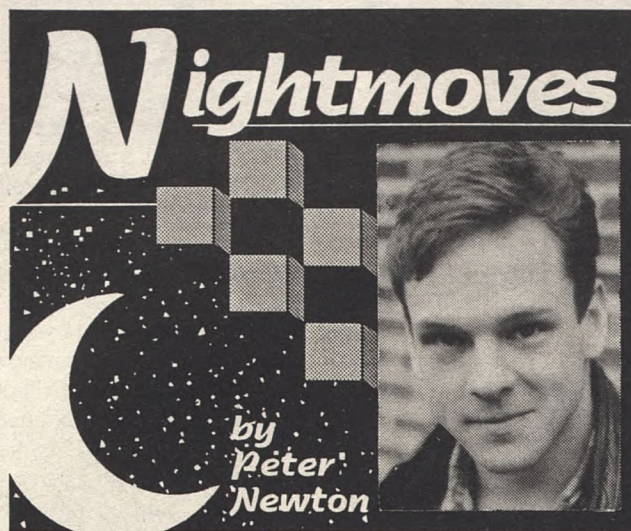
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Remember when a night's entertainment consisted of sitting around the oversized Philco, listening to a riveting episode of Radio Mystery Theatre? Well, neither do I, exactly. But the idea might appeal to those nostalgia buffs who prefer theatre of the mind to the spoon-fed sitcom humor on TV. The historic **Morton Theatre** in Athens is the place to be for a live statewide broadcast of "The Countess," a mystery based on the classic novel by Honore de Balzac. Set in Paris around 1850, the intrigue revolves around the usual: a love affair. This unique production by the Atlanta Radio Theatre Company is produced and directed by Himan Brown, who brought radio drama to millions of listeners in the '30s, '40s and '50s as producer-director of "CBS Radio Mystery Theatre." The star of "The Countess" is Academy Award-winning actress Mercedes McCambridge, who won the Oscar for her role in "All the King's Men" and supplied the demonic voice for "The Exorcist." If you can't make it to the Morton Theatre on Saturday, October 22, at 8 p.m., tune in to "The Countess" on Peachstate Public Radio. For tickets, call 1-800-494-7239.

Theatrical Outfit has moved into its new home at the 14th Street Playhouse. The company opened its "Feast For the Senses" season earlier this month with the production of "Vampyr." "This stylish and sensually haunting tale sheds light on the dark realities faced by artists in the creative process," says the unknown forces who write press releases. Artistic Director Philip De Poy remains true to the mission of Theatrical Outfit by producing plays that are founded in music. De Poy did the music for "Angels In America" at the Alliance Theatre last month, so prick up your ears. "Vampyr" was written by Walter Bilderback and directed by Kate Warner. October 31 will be the final performance, with a costume contest and Halloween party at the California Pizza Kitchen featuring the local band Blacktop Rockets. 872-0665.

The **Otherside** has more events going on this month than I could possibly tell you. So, here's what's doing this week. They are Dangerous Divas and they will



be performing one night only. The finest female impersonators—Amber Richards, Tandi Andrews and Miss Gay USA 1994, Coco—take the main stage Saturday, October 22. Again, the great thing about the Otherside is that you can always wander to another side of the bar. In the Key Club, there are piano-vocals with Marcie & James. Country dancers can head over to the Hitching Post.

The National Finals for **Miss Gay USA At Large** will be held at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel Sunday, October 23. Preliminaries will be held at Guys & Dolls, October 20 and 21. For further information on these nights of entertainment on the edge, call 315-0107.

The **Edge Film Festival** is also going on this weekend. AMC Theatres at Phipps Plaza in Buckhead will feature some of the less mainstream flicks of recent years. Titles include "Erotique" (three short films that explore the female sexual psyche in all its glory), "Nina Takes a Lover" (a sensuous and droll exploration of love and infidelity) and "Zero Patience" (an irreverent musical comedy about AIDS.) You might not expect an event like this to be held at Phipps, but it's there, thanks to the Metropolitan Film Soci-

ety, AMC Theatres and sponsors Caffiends and Movies Worth Seeing. For three days only, October 21-23. Call for complete listings and times, 729-8487.

I could never leave without mentioning when and where **Kristen Hall** is playing. Hall is one of the most talented songwriters I know of, and she can sing 'em too. Eddie's Attic, Thursday, October 20. Sure to be a sellout. 377-4976.



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Exhibit probes roots of male violence

Is it a simple bottle of bleach or a lethal weapon? An extension cord, or a potential tool for strangulation? With "Subject: Male Violence," an installation at the Atlanta College of Art running October 21 to December 4, California artist Richard Bolton uses items found in every household to evoke a chilling view of violence and its prevalence in our culture.

With a maze of 80 tables, each of which displays either written information about violence or everyday objects that could be used as weapons, the gallery is transformed into a community center where, as gallery director Chris Scoates says, "people from diverse backgrounds feel welcome to discuss ideas and solutions."

The tables used are rickety, and the objects

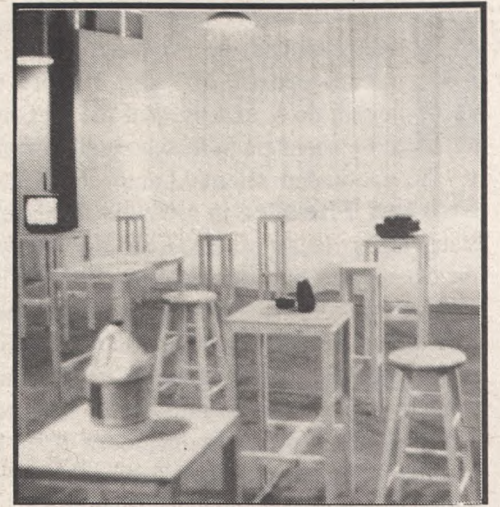
on them easily disturbed, a metaphor for the anger in some men that is so easily aroused—and which the women in their lives have to constantly try to avoid by walking gingerly through their lives.

Possibly the most meaningful aspect of "Subject" Male Violence" is its evolutionary nature; as the exhibit travels, each city's audience members are asked to add their own experiences to the show. At Bellevue Art Museum in Seattle, viewers were encouraged to write their reactions to the show on paper and pin them to a gallery wall divided down the middle: one side for men, one for women. Not surprisingly, women showed outrage at the violence documented, while men became defensive and, in some cases, expressed the type

of violence the show means to expose. One response from a man read, "What's wrong with beating the hell out of a woman, especially if she asks for it?"

Though "Subject: Male Violence" is based on brutality, Bolton doesn't sensationalize the work. "I'm de-emphasizing pictures of battered women because I want to get at the root of the problem," Bolton explains. "The roots are in patriarchy; they're built into the governing idea that men are entitled to be in control of everything. Control is the real issue. Violence is just the end 5 percent of it."

As art, "Subject: Male Violence" does what consciousness-raising efforts should by holding a mirror up to our culture and forcing us to see the truth, however disturbing it may be.

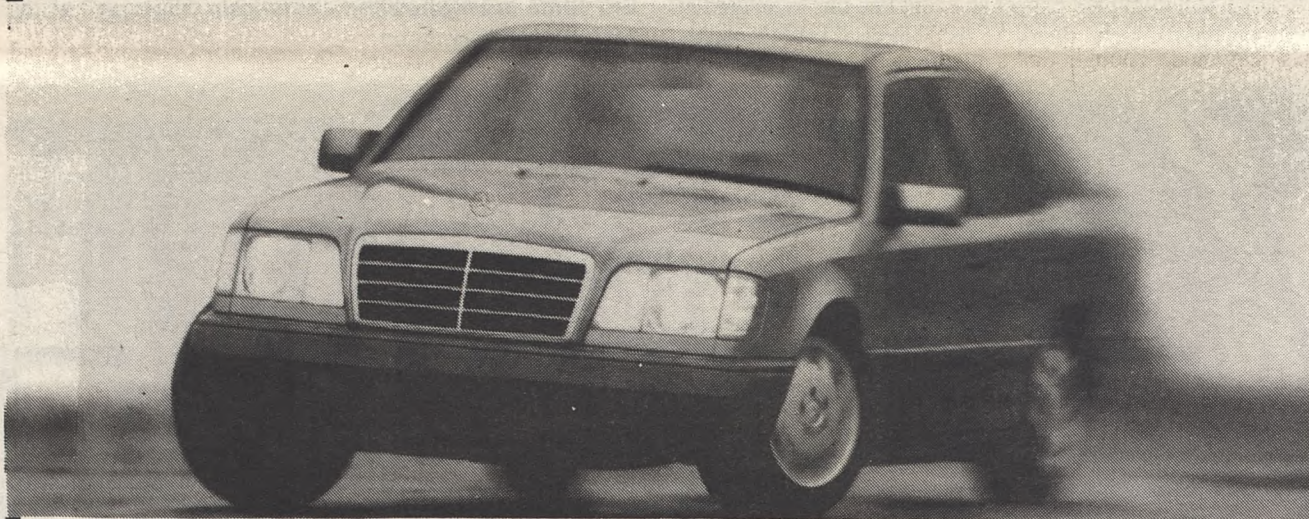


Silence is the enabler of domestic violence, and Bolton's exhibit breaks that silence.

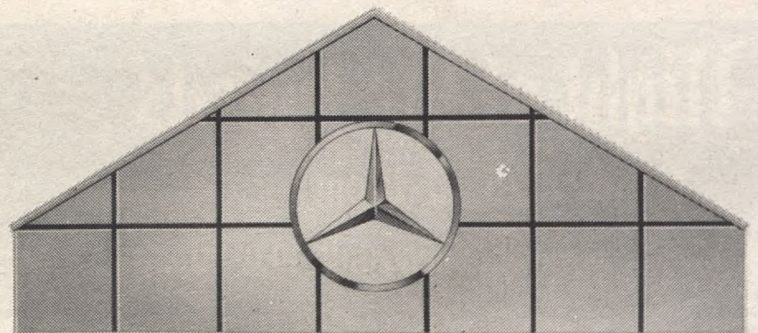
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"Women Solo" makes a strong debut for Factory Theatre

Until two years ago, there was an interesting, offbeat theatre company in town called Different Voices Theatre, which was dedicated to presenting plays by women and minority playwrights. That group is, alas, gone now. But from its ashes (and with many of the same people) has risen a new group—one more specifically focused—called The Factory Theatre.

According to Factory Theatre Artistic Director Sally J. Robertson, the group is recharged and committed to doing plays written by women. "There are a lot of interesting plays being sent to me all the time," she says. "And no other group in Atlanta is actively looking to do them."

The first production for the new Factory Theatre is two very different one-act monologues being presented under the collective title of "Women Solo." It is a strong way for the group to mark its launching.

The first piece, "Immediate Family" by Terry Baum, is a powerfully written and acted drama about a lesbian couple, Rose and Virginia, who have been lovers for over 21 years. Rose is now in a cancer-induced coma, and Virginia is left to take care of her. It's not easy for Virginia to visit the non-communicative Rose every day, but she does. At this point, the doctors have told her the time for miracles has passed and there is no hope. Virginia wants to allow Rose to die with dignity, but she's legally prevented from doing so because legally she is not immediate family (the biological family won't get involved).

Contained in the play are lines that are all too familiar to many of us these days: "Nature wouldn't let you suffer like this," "I wish [the doctor] cared more," and "I wish you would die and set me free." No, the play is not an allegory about AIDS, but it is all too familiar ground for anyone who's ever been a caretaker in that situation.

The aforementioned Sally Robertson expertly plays Virginia. She adroitly handles the comic aspects of Ms. Baum's play, yet she's at her best when the play takes a serious



Sally J. Robertson is masterful as Virginia in "Immediate Family."

turn. Her performance is built from the character's increasing fury over the hopelessness of the situation, and she makes the piece become especially vibrant and exciting. It's the best work I've seen this actress do, and it is worth going out of your way to see.

Director Leesa Carter manages to keep the play moving briskly, never letting it get too far over the line—either on the comic side or the pathos aspect. Also pay attention to the way she uses one sound effect—and how its absence makes the play really hit hard.

The second play in this presentation is called "Waking Women," a lighter piece about Ms. Edie, an elderly woman, sitting on her porch, talking to a neighbor whose husband has just died. Though that's mentioned frequently, Ms.

Edie really wants to talk about her niece Pinkie, and her ex-sister-in-law Agnes.

It seems that Agnes has been trying to shield her daughter from the evils of the world, even going so far as to keep the teenager locked up in the house. Yet Ms. Edie can tell something isn't right about Pinkie (she insists on wearing a ratty, loose-fitting navy blue blouse, day after day, for no apparent reason). Sure enough, Pinkie is not so innocent in the ways of the world; as the play starts, we learn Pinkie is now in her eighth hour of labor.

Ms. Edie wanders from topic to topic, but everything comes back to Pinkie and her situation. The girl is only 15, ruminates Ms. Edie, "and her childhood is over."


Playwright Cassandra Medley seems to have spent a great deal of time talking about very little. Ms. Edie is an interesting character, but her long meanderings rarely yield more than mild interest for us. Worse, the play delivers no emotional payoff—it's just Ms. Edie talking and talking with no real point being made.

Given that she has so little material to really work with (and that much of it is already confusing) veteran actress Georgia Allen delivers an uneven performance. At times, she really gives a phrase an interesting turn, but at other time, she seems a bit at sea onstage.

"Women Solo" gives the Factory Theatre people a good reintroduction to the community, and the first play, "Immediate Family," is especially worth seeing. The plays are being shown on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The first week's presentations were held at the SAME/Outproud space on Oct. 10-12; the next were Oct. 17-19 at Horizon Theatre in Little Five Points.

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Remaining performances of "Women Solo" will be at Actor's Express in the King Plow Arts Center from Monday, Oct. 24, to Wednesday, Oct. 26.



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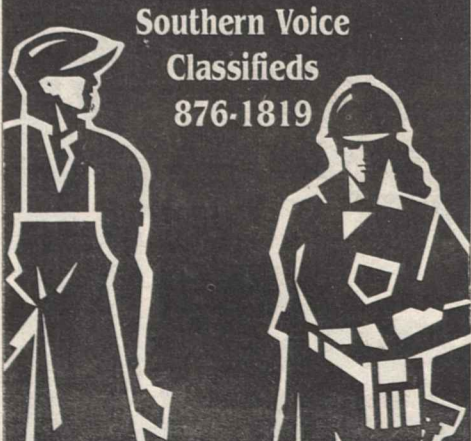
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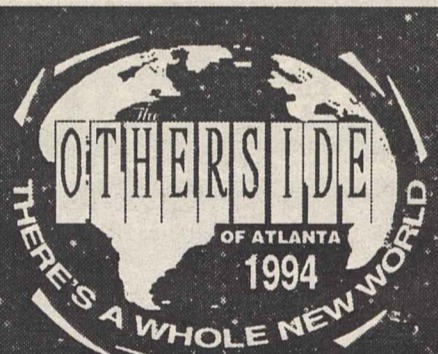
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He's funny that way

Author and NPR commentator David Sedaris goes over the top—and beyond—in the new collection "Barrel Fever"

"You know sometimes at a party you'll meet someone who's sort of deluded but really entertaining? I fall for these people like crazy—I can't get enough of listening to them." David Sedaris is explaining where he gets the inspiration for the bizarre characters in the short stories included in "Barrel Fever," published earlier this year by Little, Brown.

He could also be describing himself.

Deluded or not, Sedaris, 37, has won praise for his new book as well as for his monthly commentaries on National Public Radio. Born in Binghamton, N.Y., Sedaris moved with his family to Raleigh, N.C., as a youngster and lived there until attending college at Kent State University. He has lived in Manhattan since 1990, where his short stories and diary entries have been published in such publications as Harper's and Mirabella.

In a phone interview, Sedaris' voice sounds like what would happen if Truman Capote and Joe Pesci had a child together—something you'd expect to happen in one of his stories. "I never plan in advance what's going to happen in a story... [but] I can't resist the urge to go over the top. I try to hold myself back but I just can't."

An example of this tendency for pushing the limits is "My Manuscript," a story in which a sexually precocious 14-year-old boy records his graphic sexual fantasies in a diary. Risible as the premise is to begin with, Sedaris takes the reader a step further when an anonymous sexual encounter with an older man leads to the boy finding blood in his underwear, which is eventually discovered by an evil housekeeper, Mrs. Peacock.

"In high school, I had this friend," explains Sedaris, "who, I found out years later, had this enormous sexual life—you know, meeting people in public restrooms...I tried to imagine what his life would have been like if it had been my life." And yes, Sedaris' family did have a nosy housekeeper named Mrs. Peacock, who more than once invaded his privacy.

Such a mixture of hilarity and horror evokes precisely the response Sedaris hopes for: ambivalence. "I always like it when you laugh at something and then two minutes later you say, 'What kind of a monster am I that I would laugh at that?'"

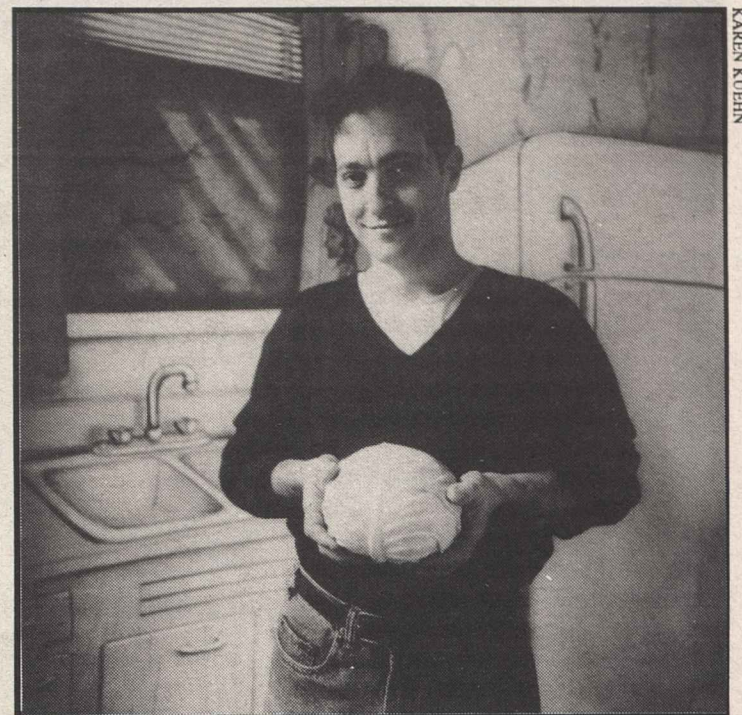
Sedaris compares his writing to the early stand-up comedy of Whoopi Goldberg. In one of her famous monologues, a teenage valley girl describes having sex on the beach, ultimately getting pregnant and performing a coat-hanger abortion on herself. As with Whoopi's routine, Sedaris' stories can make you howl with laughter—and gasp in revulsion.

And for some, the response is not only emotional but political. One story in "Barrel Fever," "Season's Greetings," contains a Vietnamese character named Khe Sahn, who is illegitimate daughter of the narrator's husband. Told through the eyes of Jocelyn, a desperate middle-aged suburbanite struggling to keep her dysfunctional family intact, the story has Khe Sahn speaking gloriously distorted English, walking around in a bra and panties, and trying alternately to seduce Jocelyn's husband—the girl's own father—and his eldest son.

"After the story appeared in The New York Press, two Asian businesses canceled their advertising, and a guy wrote that I should take my stories to Germany," Sedaris says, hesitating. "I didn't know it was a stereotype—I was just making it up."

Still, the author is no apologist. "I don't believe in reading things politically," he says. "Then you're not reading what's there, you're reading in between what's there in a way that's completely boring... In the gay writing world, you'll hear people asking, 'Is it sex-positive?' That's not a consideration of literature. That's for writing political tracts and pamphlets."

Sedaris is similarly apolitical in the way he views his role



KAREN KUEHN

as an NPR commentator, where he regularly reads diary entries like his now-famous "Santaland Diaries," about the season he worked as a Christmas elf at Macy's Herald Square. "[Being gay] is not central in my life. People say, 'Here you've got this great chance—8 million people listening—why aren't you talking about AIDS? Why aren't you talking about homophobia?' I'm not going to get up in front of 8 million people and say 'AIDS is bad'...I think it works better if the audience gradually discovers you're gay."

Currently at work on a novel ("We're calling it a tumor," he quips, "because it has the same number of letters as novel and it grows faster"), Sedaris also works as a housecleaner and painter and lives with his lover, a theatrical set-painter. "I worked as a furniture-stripper for years," he recalls, "and the chemical fumes left me with about five brain cells."

One can only imagine what he was like before.

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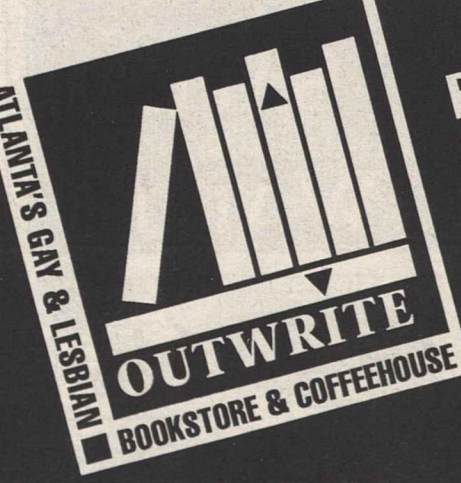
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If the latest Wes Craven or Quentin Tarantino film somehow isn't tempting you off the couch, take heart. The second annual Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, offering over 50 films from around the world, will soon be here. Sponsored by Southeastern Arts, Media and Education Project (SAME), Southern Voice and Maddix Deluxe, the festival will run Nov. 4-13. The festival promises viewers something mainstream Hollywood just can't seem to manage—a cinematic reflection of gay and lesbian experience in all its diversity.

"We are giving the whole gay community a chance to cry, laugh, smile, think, feel romantic and just be themselves while watching their peers on screen," says SAME administrative director Robert Teverino. "Heterosexuals have had this opportunity for years. It's our turn. We have tried very hard to touch on everything and enjoy subject matter from all aspects: black, white, Native American, Jewish, Japanese, Russian, Australian, gay, lesbian, transvestite, camp and serious."

Opening the festival is "Grief," a freewheeling comedy directed by Richard Glatzer that is set behind the scenes of a bad soap opera. Starring Alexis Arquette ("Last Exit to Brooklyn") and Craig Chester ("Swoon"), the film—described as a 'Soap Dish' for the gay community—revels in all the absurdity and humor of cheap television.

The festival continues with an entry from Hong Kong, "The Legend of Fong Sai Yuk." In this pastiche of kung fu, subtitles and lesbians, a mother sets out to defend her son's honor and ends up falling for another woman.

- Other international entries include:
- "The Last Time I Saw Ron," a Belgian short film about gay actor Ron Vawter.
 - "For a Lost Soldier," a Dutch memory film depicting an adolescent youth's first erotic friendship.
 - "Okoge," an acclaimed Japanese comedy of marital deception.
 - "Sex of the Stars," a Canadian feature about a girl and her transsexual father.
 - "Female Misbehaviors," from German director Monika Treut, a compilation of four films exploring S&M, porn, transsexualism and Camille Paglia.

In addition, the festival features several recent underground hits—Todd Haynes' "Poison," Derek Jarman's "Caravaggio," and



"Out: Stories of Lesbian and Gay Youth" is an overview of the life and struggles of gay and lesbian youth in Canada.

the Tom of Finland documentary "Daddy and the Muscle Academy."

All in all, the festival is, in Teverino's words, "Around the World in Ten Gay Days."

All films will be at the Plaza Theatre on Ponce de Leon. Opening night tickets are \$15, including reception. Tickets for their events are \$7 at the box office (a 10-show festival pass is available for \$50 from SAME before November 3). Call 609-9590 for more information.

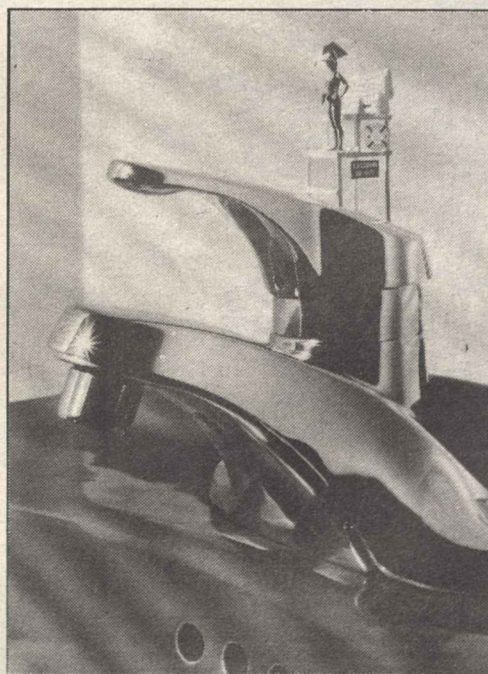
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Think of it like the chicken and egg conundrum. Is the fact that I had an instant transformation from wuss to butch and chased a bunch of teenagers (who refused to quit yelling "sissy" at me) down the street where I live due to the fact that I'd finally gotten up the nerve to go have a burger and a brew at **The Vortex Bar and Grill** (1401 W. Peachtree St., 875-1667)? Or could it be that chasing the obnoxious kids gave me the courage to back to The Vortex—again—this time on a Friday night with a somewhat fey friend in tow?

There have been a series of less than successful bars and eateries located in this architecturally charming space nestled next to the Marriott Suites on West Peachtree. Given the neighborhood—which has an eerie post-apocalyptic urban fantasy feel after the tower toilers head for the 'burbs—you'd think a gay bar/restaurant would do well in the narrow, high-ceilinged (with balcony) space. But it took a trio of (presumably nongay) siblings (1F, 2M) who came here from Los Angeles (which they describe as "the very bowels of hell") to make the place work.

And work it does.

The room is packed with stuff—from a huge sailfish painted like a pinto pony to J&B Scotch Christmas lights to a kid's wagon re-named "Radioactive Flyer." It is also almost always jammed with people: office workers not quite ready to deal with the drive back to Cobb; a cadre of men on motorcycles who move in and out like some kind of (very loud) dream; pairs of (wo)men on the prowl; Tech students who look very young; gay men who would surely describe themselves as "straight acting;" a car (with Oconee County plates) full of lesbians who would doubtless call themselves "dykes" dressed up like they just came from a showing of "Go Fish"; and a couple of scary-looking men in bulletproof vests with pistols on their (wide) hips.

The noise level is just short of cacaphonic, and there's a definite shortage of yin to balance the crowd's overwhelming yang. But the staff is efficient and amazingly gentle, given the nature of the place. And the hamburgers are *fabulous*.

Priced between \$5 and \$6 and served up a dozen different ways—from plain to Cajun to patty melt—these eight-ounce packages of ground sirloin are the best excuse I can think of to eat red meat. Juicy and overflowing with flavor when rare, this meat is still moist and tasty when cooked well done. And that's no mean feat in this age of too often tasteless animal flesh.

Of course it doesn't hurt that the fat patties come on really good grilled sesame seed buns garnished with lettuce, tomato, red onion and

mayo. Or that the standard sides of fries or mustardy potato salad are well-nigh perfect. An extra 95 cents will get you a passel of crisp onion rings that actually taste like onions or a wad of fried zucchini rings garnished with a side of good ranch dressing. You could also opt for a green salad, but that seems somehow heretical.

A veggie burger (mostly brown rice with rolled oats, mushrooms, onions and a bunch of spices) is also crisp and moist—on a par with the one at the Flying Biscuit, but bigger. But forget ordering a grilled chicken breast as a beef substitute. The six-ounce portions of skinless bird are overcooked, dry and characterless.

Serious drinkers will relish the selection of spirits (especially strong on single malt scotches—I like the peaty Laproig) and beers (from Anchor Steam to Welhenstephen Hefe-Weisse, but avoid the Red Brick with its metallic aftertaste). Wines get shorter shrift, but the selection is more than adequate for the food offered.

"Weenies," a decent variety of sandwiches and a couple of egg dishes are also offered.

Take a walk on the wild side. Check it out.

Between my visits to The Vortex I dropped in on **Manuel's Tavern** (602 N. Highland Ave., 525-3447), the Poncey Highlands watering hole with a reputation as a hangout for politicians, journalists and their wannabes.

There are more than a few queers who claim that the atmosphere is also not homophobic. And an equal number who think the naysayers are clueless geeks overconcerned with political correctness and fearful of secondhand smoke.

Fact is, Manuel's *is* way more fun if you like cigarettes with your Budweisers and burgers. But there is a small room (in the building's southeast corner) where smoking is banned. This tiny sanctuary attracted an interesting mix the night I was there: a neighborhood couple with kids; two quiet lesbians; a quartet of Emory students; and a married couple who may have given up tobacco but haven't quite been able to make the transition from Valium to Prozac.

I've never much liked the food here, but a friend convinced me that was because I was ordering healthy stuff like raw veggie platters.

"Stick with wings, rings and burgers," she suggested, "and you'll understand why I eat there three times a week." I wanted to add "and why you'll die of coronary arrest before you're 45," but I bit my tongue when she told me she'd just celebrated her 50th.

The woman is right.

The wings are better than decent, though not very spicy. The burgers are miles better than most, though not nearly as good as at The Vortex. Big fat onion rings are fabulous as long as they are warm. Baby back ribs are remarkably tender and moist. Most important, the service is fast, accurate and friendly—no matter what your proclivities or lack thereof.



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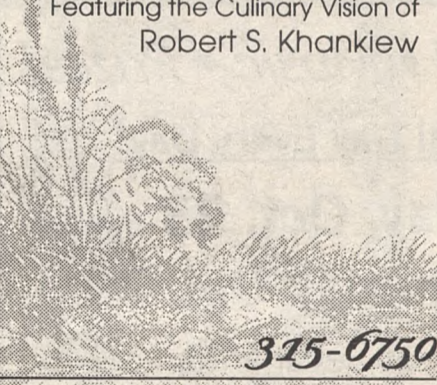
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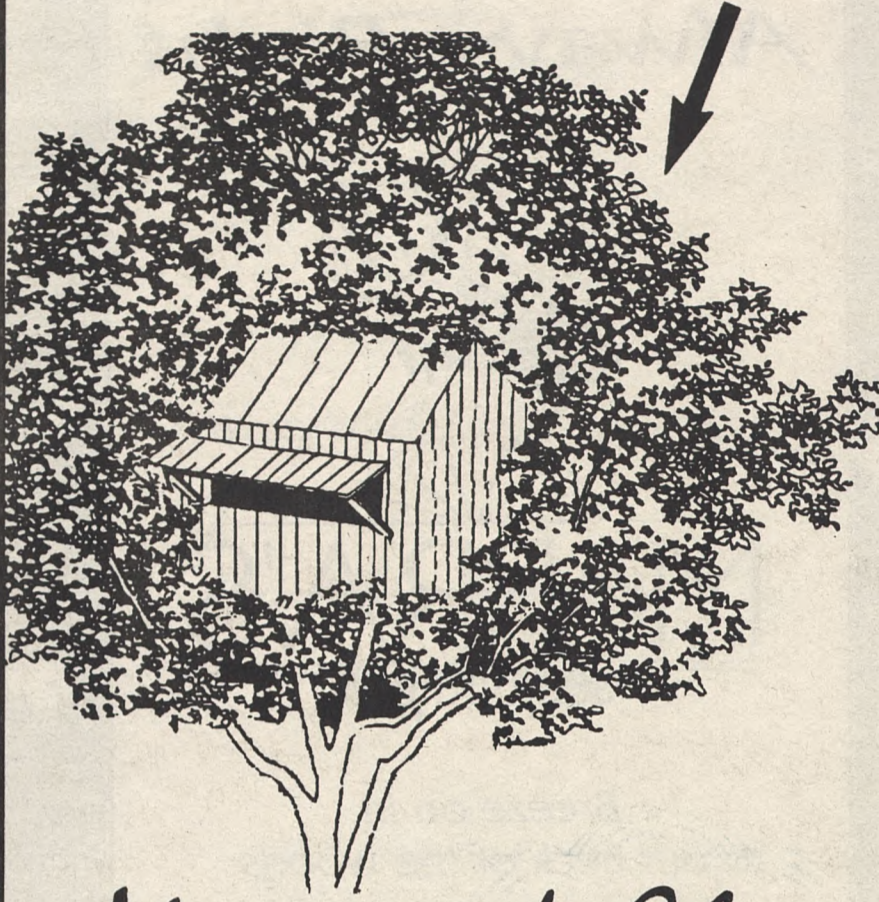
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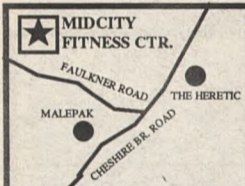
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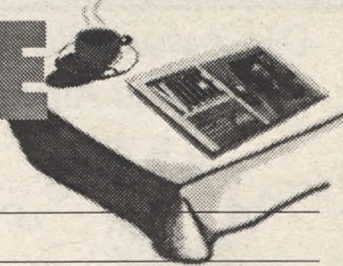
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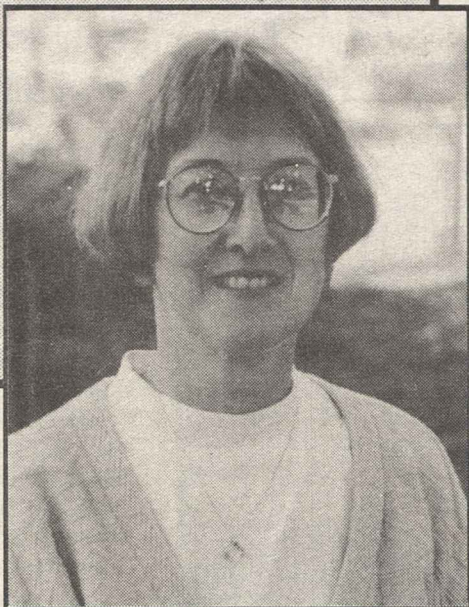
LINDA RYE

Age: 45

How long in Atlanta: 16 years

Relationship Status: Married

Last Book Read: "The Shipping News" by E. Annie Proulx



Quietly, very quietly, Linda Rye tells the most amazing stories. About her life, her work, a three-month car tour of the western United States.

"A friend and I decided we wanted to see part of the country we hadn't seen," she says of that 1979 trip. "We did a lot of research—wrote every chamber of commerce and took off."

She smiles for a moment and then adds, "I took over 700 pictures."

Rye admits she's not a photo buff, but she likes to have the photos available for remembrances, although there are parts of that journey she may not like to remember. "We totaled the car in Kingman, Arizona," she says. "And had to deal with the insurance company from there. They wanted us to come back here to get a new car."

But Rye and her friend won out, got another car—after searching the state for a Toyota—and continued on to California and up the coast to Oregon and Washington.

Traveling must be in Rye's blood. "I like coming home," she says, "but I do like living out of a suitcase. The real reason I came back was I was afraid my job wouldn't still be here."

"I'd love to do it again and see another part of the country," she adds.

But that's a little difficult these days—just a year and a half ago, she left the graphic design job she'd had since she came to Atlanta and started her own business.

"I hadn't given much thought to starting my own business," she says. "I had thought about changing careers to something not dead-line-oriented."

But a friend offered her an "account I couldn't refuse," and that, coupled with her partner's desire for a computer, prompted her to stay with the design career, but under her own control. Now she works out of her home, where she has lived for 14 years.

"I really like being self-employed," she says with a smile.

Rye doesn't spend all of her time in front of a computer screen, however. She's turned into an avid gardener since buying the south Atlanta house.

"When I moved into this house, there was

nothing in the yard but weeds and car parts," she says with a laugh. "I didn't even know I liked gardening until I moved into here and started putting things in the ground."

The Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus has a special place in her heart as well—she's been singing with the group for seven years, and joining the chorus actually helped spur her coming out.

"When I was in college [at Gustavus Adolphus in Minneapolis], we talked about it all the time," she says, "but nothing ever happened. We were women's libbers back then. We fought for the right not to be locked in our dorms."

And they taught classes when the entire school shut down when then-President Richard Nixon ordered the bombing of Cambodia.

"We had seminars on women's lib, classes on pacifism, conscientious objection," she recalls. "It was late enough in the year that they just stopped teaching, and everyone got incompletes. It was, I think, an unusual response."

But back to the chorus. Rye had moved to Roanoke, Va., shortly after graduating college, then moved with a friend to Atlanta.

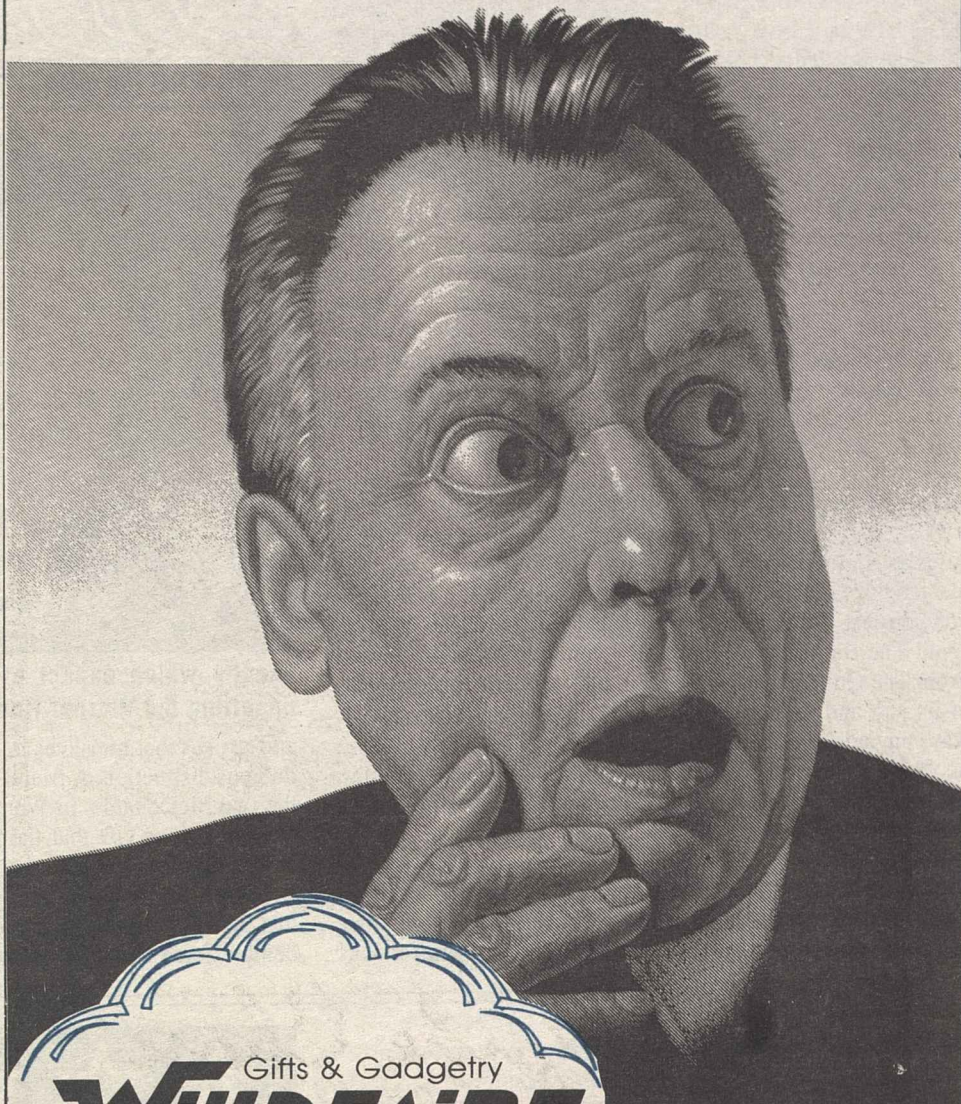
"Coming to Atlanta was my first experience with lesbians at all," she says. And a few years later came the chorus.

"I was in a straight relationship at the time," she says. "I joined the chorus with the idea, 'Well, let's just check this out.'"

She did, and coming out was the next step. "I have never had one problem—no guilt, no weird feelings, felt it was wrong, or even that I needed to hide," she says. "Thinking back, I realized it was inevitable. It was just getting me in the right place at the right time."

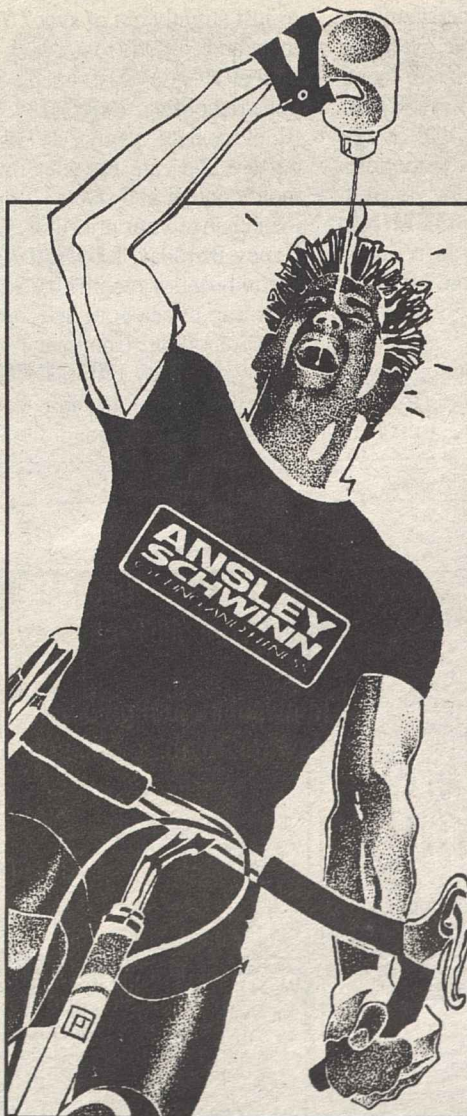
And the man she was seeing when she joined the chorus? "He comes to the concerts regularly," she says. "He's very accepting."

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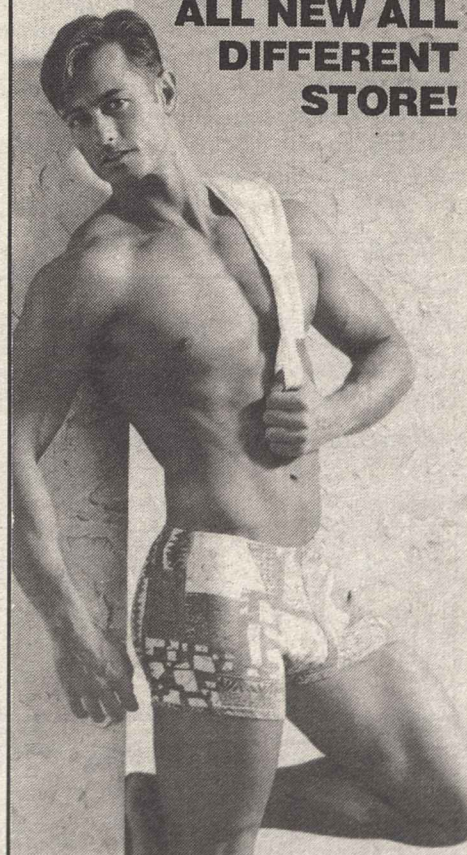
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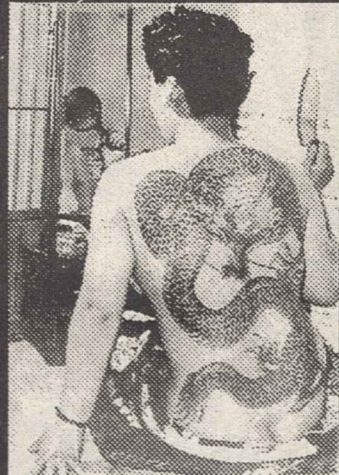
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Risky Business: If you've been getting your metal fix from 96 Rock, you might want to consider changing the station. Chapter 2 Publishing, which produces Atlanta's Gay Yellow Pages, recently approached the headbangers' favorite in order to purchase prime morning airtime to advertise their product, a directory of gay/lesbian-owned and gay-friendly businesses. 99X, which has proven itself to be totally non-homophobic, had previously run the ad to good response. The success of the 99X spot prompted the inquiry to purchase another like it at 96 Rock, but the program director there turned down the sale, saying he "preferred not to run the ad on their station," figuring it was just a little too "risky" for them. The contact at the station even went so far as to terminate the relationship between himself and the advertising person at Chapter 2 Publishing. Dish wonders if the station thinks it's just as "risky" to have gay and lesbian listeners—or maybe they think we just listen to folk singers and opera.

Amazingly, PBS Wasn't Mentioned: HBO and actress Judith Light are being honored this November by the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center for outstanding contributions to Dish's favorite cause. HBO, beyond giving us such excellent queer-oriented television as "And The Band Played On" and "Common Threads: Stories From The Quilt," is also being lauded for protecting the rights of its gay and lesbian employees. Light, whom Dish has always envied for getting paid to play footsie with Tony Danza on "Who's The Boss?", has lent her support to the Gay Games, the March on Washington and Stonewall 25. Congratulations on an honor well-deserved.

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Exactly which aspect of Elton John's "lifestyle" is upsetting the Warner Robins crowd?

and strokes that translates into), McDonald's now has another dubious distinction. A friend of Dish's recently went to one of the two McDonald's in Warner Robins and tried to purchase the Elton John CD that the fast-food haven was offering as part of a promotion that also included Tina Turner and Garth Brooks discs. Imagine our friend's surprise when they told her that the Elton John CD, and only the Elton John CD, was not being offered "because of his lifestyle," regardless of the fact

that national television commercials have been hawking all three CDs incessantly. Guess the powers-that-be at this particular McDonald's haven't heard about Brooks' lesbian sister—who also plays in his band.

We Just Read It For The Articles: Dish received an indignant letter from the owner of a furniture business in Atlanta protesting the strongarm tactics being used by self-appointed moral watchdog Bryan Urquhart, who is the chapter founder of Dunwoody group Parents for Responsible Advertising, Inc. This chapter of PRA is apparently conducting a campaign to bully business owners into dropping their advertising from Creative Loafing, to which they object because the newspaper also runs ads for massage parlors, nude dance clubs and the like, all of which PRA vilifies. In the letter, Urquhart threatens merchants that if they don't drop their Creative Loafing advertising, they will lose customers due to his group's influence. And if you need further proof that PRA's motives are bent, Urquhart considers his poison-pen campaign "successful" because Creative Loafing has had to threaten legal action to stop the group's harassment. It's like Dish always says: If you don't like it, don't pick it up.

One More And It's A Trend: If you haven't caught the new sitcom "All-American Girl" yet, you'd better tune in soon because it might disappear due to its poor showing in the ratings. The cast includes two members with strong connections to San Francisco—city native B.D. Wong, winner of the Tony Award for his drag role in "M. Butterfly," and Margaret Cho, who got her start as a stand-up comedian in clubs in the Castro district. Cho has been rumored to be a lesbian but has never come out—though, to be fair, Dish supposes it could just be that pesky "guilt by association" stuff at work. Hmm—that would mean at least two former stand-up comics who are now sitcom stars are in the same predicament, wouldn't it?

October 20—October 26, 1994

Amplified emotions and sensitivity usually go along with the full moon, which occurred yesterday. Our moods often follow the path of the moon as it moves through its regular cycle. This is similar to the effect of the moon on the tides. High tides come with the new moon and the full moon. An interesting process to observe.

ARIES, if there have been hasty words or misunderstandings in any of your close relationships, you can use the available energies of this week to untangle communications and mend fences. Take the time, it will pay off for you later. TAURUS, if you are feeling like the sky really is falling or that everything is spinning out of control, then it could be your emotions are at "high tide." Take a deep breath, relax and allow yourself to float on the waves. It can be very restful! Dear GEMINI, are you still doing life in the fast lane, or are you actually learning the pace yourself? You will be much more efficient and productive if you learn to observe the activity of your "active mind" rather than letting it lead you.

CANCER, go with the flow for the next week or so, releasing any strong feelings or emotions as they surface. Do your best to let go of any hurts you may be nurturing and trust that

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they were not intended. Also be very compassionate and patient with yourself. LEO, are you feeling content these days or just slightly out of sync? You may need one or two days of quiet and solitude to get back in touch with yourself and begin to feel at ease. Also check for any outrageous expectations you are holding. VIRGO, your emotional and physical health is, of course, always an issue. The more you are able to nurture and care for your own spirit and soul, you will feel more content and stable. If you don't feel you have the time, then change your priorities.

Happy Birthday, LIBRA! Have you had an absolutely wonderful birthday month? If so, then good for you and keep it up. Learning to celebrate the joy and beauty of our own lives is very important. Continue to share life with those you love. Happy Birthday, SCORPIO! As the sun moves through your 12th house and into your birth sign, your dreams may become more vivid and dramatic. Dreams are a way that our

deeper levels of awareness speak to us, so a dream journal could be helpful. SAGITTARIUS, what are you doing with all your creative energy? Running around in 14 different directions is not a productive use of your time or talent. How about taking an art or craft class as a birthday present, just for the fun of it?

CAPRICORN, with Uranus and Neptune now moving forward through the last third of your birth sign, you can count on very subtle changes in the structure of your life and your way of thinking. The stage is set for optimum growth and fulfillment. AQUARIUS, if someone at home or in your family is acting like the original "hall monitor," then you can let them know, politely of course, that their services are no longer needed in your life. If you are the hall monitor, you can let the job go. PISCES, this is a very busy time for all the water signs with so much activity in Scorpio. Ancient material is being dredged up from the bottom of the swamp to be processed, healed or transformed and released. Emotions reflect our human needs.

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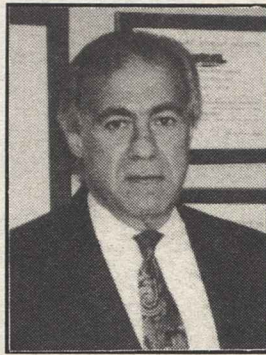
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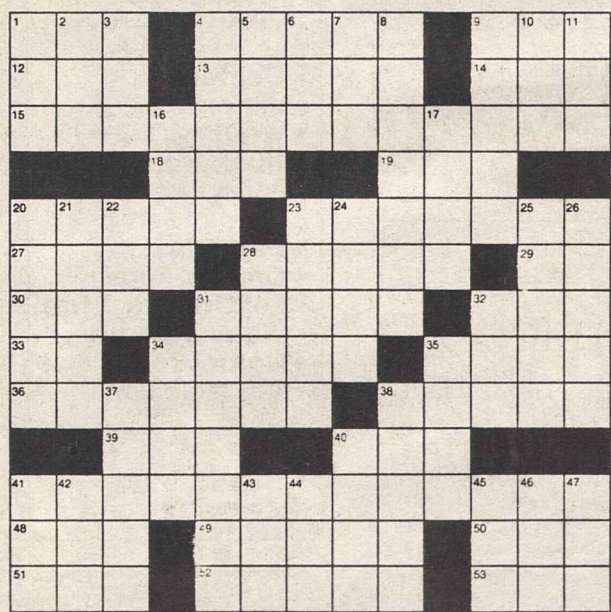
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- ACROSS
1. ___-per-view
4. Tap the phones again
9. Barnyard sound
12. Before lash and wash
13. Express emotion
14. Edge
15. Leonard Bernstein musical
18. Long-distance co
19. Miguel Puig's uncle
20. Masts
23. Howard Ashman's last musical
27. Andrew Lloyd Webber hit
28. Having wings
29. Negative
30. Exist
31. Civil War general
32. Stir
33. Hammer or Lyte
34. Contrite
35. Rotate
36. Andrew Lloyd Webber hit, ___ of the Opera
38. Greek letters
39. Roost
40. Actress West
41. Animated Howard Ashman musical, The ___
48. Source of valuable material
49. Make gay
50. Weep
51. Lawyer's group
52. Has dinner
53. ___ out a living

- DOWN
1. Dignity seat
2. Yes vote
3. Judith McDaniel work, Just Say ___
4. Relaxes
5. Send out
6. Bob Paris has a great one
7. Native American tribe
8. Grow in the womb
9. Worry
10. Broadcast
11. Carter's daughter
16. ___ and feathers
17. Ocean movement
20. Rascal
21. Shivel with heat
22. Consumed
23. Call to arms
24. Disney dog
25. E. M. Forster's A Passage to ___
26. Middays
27. Relating to aircraft (prefix)
31. Blotchy
32. Inclined
34. Cranky fit
35. Appear
37. Flower
38. Uncovers
40. Allot
41. Tennis hit
42. Nest egg, for some
43. Yale grad
44. Fellow
46. Annoy
47. Color

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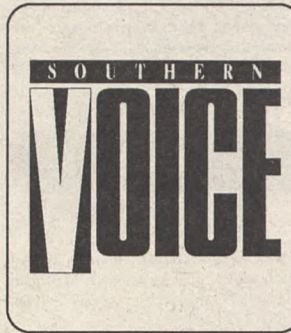
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Great house. Renovated w/beautiful details. 2 BR, 1 BA, study, W/D, H/A/C, deck, pets negotiable, lease. Dep/ref, nonsmoker, Briarcliff/Emory. \$895/mo. Benita (404) 320-7605. (7.35)

Furnished office, with waiting room, staff room and restrooms to share on North Druid Hills and I-85. (404) 717-4146. (7.36)

Efficiency apartment in Decatur, 2 blocks from Agnes Scott. Large backyard, pets okay. \$400/mo. \$400 deposit. Includes utilities. References required. Michelle (404) 370-1824. (7.35)

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

FOR SALE

Emory/CDC area—yet close-in too! Ranch style home w/private lot. 3 BR, 2 BA, sep den, hardwood floors, fireplace. In quickly appreciating LaVista Park. Motivated seller 130s. Call Julie, ReMax Intown (404) 875-9222 or (404) 609-9898. (7.37)

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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD: SCREEN QUEENS

Grid for crossword puzzle answers: ACT IDA BAKKE, IRRARAM ETHEL, MARLENE TEENS, MAE NITPSA, KITSERB, MCGLANAOUTS, MARILYNMONROE, SPATLEANNEW, WACONON, EFFAREESS, DROOPMADONNA, GARBO MIAAIL, ENDIS ANYPTA

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Charming 1940s bungalow, fully renovated - all systems new, kitchen new, fabulous landscaped lot. 2 BR, 1 BA and bonus attic room. \$149,900. Call Julie, ReMax Intown (404) 875-9222 or (404) 609-9898 (7.37)

City view from the glassed porch of this spacious 2 BR, 2 BA. Huge rooms, 10 ft ceilings, heartpine floors. This one just "feels good." \$149,900. Call Julie, ReMax Intown at (404) 875-9222 or (404) 609-9898 (7.37)

Gramma can't live here anymore but you can. Bring your paint brushes and elbow grease to gain immediate sweat equity in this brick bargain in Virginia-Highland. 3 BR, 1 BA \$131,300. Call Julie, ReMax Intown at (404) 875-9222 or (404) 609-9898 (7.37)

Virginia-Highland. 1.5 story brick w/fantastic master suite up; 2 BR down and office and full basement; motivated seller w/give allowance for interior painting. \$184,500. Call Julie, ReMax Intown (404) 875-9222 or (404) 609-9898 (7.37)

Dramatic renovation in Historic Atkins Park. Vaulted ceilings, skylights, 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Great home for those who entertain. Traditional brick/stucco exterior. 230s. Call Julie, ReMax Intown at (404) 875-9222 or (404) 609-9898 (7.37)

Classic brick bungalow. Bright and lite, 3 BR, 1.5 BA walk to Park and restaurants and shops. \$169,900. Call Julie, ReMax Intown at (404) 875-9222 or (404) 609-9898 (7.37)

Condo for sale. 330 McGill Place, #394. Top level, vaulted ceilings. 2BR, 2BA. All appliances, security system. \$98,900. Seller pays 2% towards closing. Contact J.W. Nay, (404) 552-0330 (7.36)

Roommates

GWM seeks male roommate for 2BR, 1BA apt on Buford Highway. Fully equipped kitchen, nice private patio. Laundry facility and pool 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 (7.36)

GWF seeks GF to share 2 BR, 1 BA house. Ellenwood, close to 675. W/D, fireplace,

available immediately. \$250 plus 1/2 utilities. Must like dog. (404) 961-6672 leave message. (7.36)

Morningside-GWM seeks roommate for 2 BR, 1 BA triplex. \$350/mo + 1/2 utilities. Deposit required. Todd (404) 875-4695. Available Nov. 1. (7.36)

VININGS. GWF professional seeks M/F to share 2 BR, 2 BA beautiful (Post) apt. W/D, tennis, pool, weight room and security entrance. \$325/mo+ utilities. (404) 956-9855 (7.36)

Stone Mountain/Decatur GWF & cats want housemate. 3 BR, 1.5 BA furnished home with w/d, great backyard w/deck and Jacuzzi. No smoking in house. Your pets negotiable. \$300/mo includes utilities. (404) 288-8325 (7.37)

3rd roommate. GWM to share furnished apt. \$300/mo + 1/3 utilities. No pets, non smoker. Gay complex. Call (404) 321-5791 (7.35)

GWM seeks M/F roommate for 3 BR, 1 BA home. Brookhaven area. No smoking/drugs. \$485/mo. includes utilities except long distance. (404) 325-5707 Mike (7.35)

GF wanting same to share 2nd, 2 BA duplex, 2680 sq ft, fpl, deck, must love animals. Smyrna area. \$250 dep. \$300 + 1/2 utilities. (404) 431-7495 (7.35)

Rose are red

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Safe, spacious Stone Mountain house. Deposit, pets negotiable. References. \$285/mo + 1/2 utilities. (404) 627-4283 (7.37)

GWM to share large condo near Morningside. Responsible. Available Nov. 1. \$395 + utilities. (404) 325-3459 (7.35)

ANSLEY, GWM, nonsmoking, seeks roommate to share 2 BR, 1 BA condo. \$325, includes utilities. (404) 876-2334 (7.37)

Lesbian in recovery seeking roommate for townhouse near I85/Jimmy Carter Blvd. \$375 including utilities. No smoking. Pet lover. (404) 931-9162 (7.35)

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/Clarkston Lesbian professional seeks non-smoking GMF 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)

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

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

baths, mixed, European style home architecturally, built 1920. MC & Visa welcomed. (7.36)

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.

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

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BISEXUAL

Sexy BiWSFISO dominant and submissive playmate to party and hang out with. I need some adventure. Sand SASE with photo to P.O. Box 14548, Atlanta, GA 30329

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BM, 42 seeks feminine male or very aggressive female for a "first experience". Couples also welcomed. P.O. Box 77365, Atlanta, GA 30357-or Voice Connection ☎ 2201

Wanted: BiWF 18-30 for inexperienced couple. Me: green eyes long blonde hair 21 yrs old. Him: salt/pepper grey hair very sexy. Experience preferred. ☎ 2134

BiBM, 35, stocky build seeks BiBM for

safe encounters. No pain. ☎ 2109

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GLANCES

U SAT NEXT 2ME

at Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Sunday 9-18 at Phipps Plaza. Regret not introducing myself. Want to see the movie again? David,

P.O. Box 99791, Pittsburgh, PA 15233-4791.

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

MEN

SoVo Pick of the Week

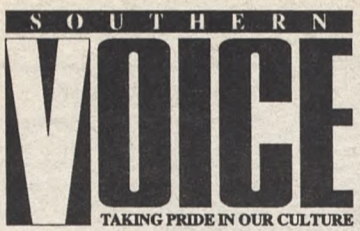
BLACK MALE

5'11", 30, educated professional, athletic and not your homeboy type. ISO WM, 27-34, intelligent, interesting, professional, liberal Democrat who enjoys camping in the mountains as much as at the Armory. If you need a life, forget it! If you have a great sense of humor, enjoy late night dinners, red wine & conversation, call. ☎ 2379

Fulfill my fantasy! GWM, 6', 172, very muscular, 30s, desires 1st experience with safe S/M, B/D, enema, sling, toys, etc. You be: 20s to 30s, masculine, dominant, very muscular, dark haired, hung, trustworthy. I'm ready 4 you. Please be disease-free. Photo with note gets response. Write SoVo Box 6550, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306.

Black male, seeks masculine, assertive, uninhibited black male for an adventurous relationship. ☎ 2380

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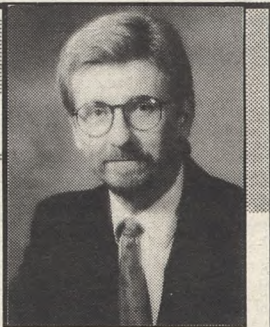
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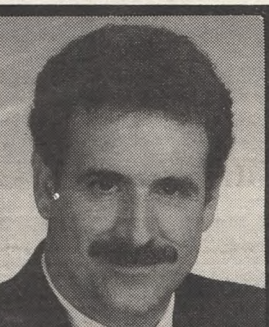
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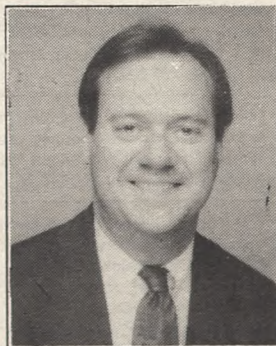


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Hi, this is Lee, you finally called. I hoped you called because you're interested in meeting a good person and hope you are HIV+. ☎ 2351

GWM, 36, br/br, seeks bottom GWM to 50 for monogamous relationship. Quiet, conservative. No barflies/drugs. ☎ 2356

GWM, 59 ivy-educated, interested in the arts, psychology, history and traveling, seeks similar for friendship, possibly more. ☎ 2355

GWM, 31, 6'3", 155, country boy looking for nice and down to earth guy. For friendship possibly more. Call me. ☎ 2353

GWM, 40, 6', 155, bl/bl, sensitive, good conversation, professional, relationship-oriented. ISO younger, easy going, slim guy who's not into games. ☎ 2230

Horny, hunky, hairy, versatile bottom seeks same qualities in versatile top. Let's play! Nonsmoking, intelligent, affectionate, healthy HIV. ☎ 2339

GWM 22, 5'11", 165, bl/bl, ISO GWM 22-32 with a big heart, no head games. ☎ 2340

GWM, 33, 6'3", 225, into music: from 99x to Grateful Dead, movies, pop culture, conversation, AbFab... You: stable, but fun. ☎ 2222

Attractive, masculine couple, 34, 6', 155# and 40, 5'9", 160# seeking same for safe fun. ☎ 2220

Very curious would like to receive myself. GWM 20s, bottom. ISO GWM Top into F.F. and safe encounters. ☎ 2224

WGM, 23 yrs, HIV-, bottom, looking for two top between 35-49 for a hot threesome. ☎ 2226

TRIM GWM desires GWM hirsute interested in cuddling and more, with single buddy middle age. ☎ 2227

Bodybuilder, WM, 6'0", 125#, muscular, goodlooking, mid-thirties looking for similar bodybuilders for hot fun. ☎ 2326

College football buddy sought by GWM to watch go to games. You 21-30, SEC or ACC fans a plus. ☎ 2215

ME: Middle GA GWM 20/130/5'10"/br/bl/HIV-/student. YOU: GWM 20-30/smooth/HIV-/heavy (180-250) versatile. US: LSP, Trek, Stone Mtn, fun, relationship? No fems/1sts/barflies. ☎ 2216

BM seeks masculine, Ruffneck BM for good times. ☎ 2217

ASIAN FLAME

Wanted by sincere GWM, 51, 6'3", masculine businessman. Prefer GAM: younger, intelligent, affectionate, lean; seeking friendship, possible relationship. Student welcome. ☎ 2085

I am a serious minded, GBM 30, seeking to meet GWM/GBM 30-40 to establish great friendship. No fems. ☎ 2086

East Tennessee Incurable Romantic. Handsome overeducated, young 38, 5'7", br/haz. Passionate/affectionate HIV- bottom seeking metro area bl/bl top for weekends? Relationship minded. Will move Heaven/Earth for Mr. Lucky. ☎ 2087

GWM, 34, 5'9", 180, attractive, masculine, sincere into tennis, outdoors, massage, feet seeks similar GWM 21-39. ☎ 2088

Attention wrestlers, experienced or novices, GWM, 6', 185, blonde/blue, 45, good shape, tan, hairy chest, seeks others with similar interests. ☎ 2089

GWM, 32, 6'1", 190, brn/hazel somewhat feminine seeking man who's comfortable with himself for fun/relationship. ☎ 2090

Man in uniform—police officer, fire fighter, EMT, etc. Is being sought by BM. Come rescue me!!! ☎ 2091

Handsome, rugged GWM, 35, 5'10", 165, bl/bl, slight receding moustache, hairy, extremely healthy HIV+. Non-stereotype, educated, fit. Hardworking, fun, relaxed, romantic. Seeks sane, adventurous, humorous, stable boyfriend/younger-fit-smooth-A+. ☎ 2092

BUTCHTOPWANTED

WM-23, 125, feminine, seeks athletic type, butch top, 25-35 WM, hairy chest preferred for dating/relationship. Write SoVo Box 6527, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306.

Are there any healthy, attractive GWMs in Atlanta capable of monogamous relationships? I can't seem to find you. Call me! ☎ 2093

Seeking WMs, 30ish, attractive, masculine

and discreet to orally service. Me: 33, prof, masc, attrac (really) & talented. Roswell Rd/285 area, your place, no strings. ☎ 2094

WET PANTS BOY

I am 27, 5'7", 120, smooth body and very cute boyish face. Love WS, especially to soak my underwear, shorts, jeans, etc. Love J/O and am very oral too. I am healthy and a nice kid. There are lots of us—I know. So let's meet. Definitely prefer young, smooth, thin, cute boyish guys. Leave message or write me, P.O. Box 7332, Atlanta, GA 30357-0332. Your photo gets mine. ☎ 2097

Passionate romantic GWM 39, 6'3", 210, uncut smooth seeks athletic GWM 30-40 for loving relationship. Hairy chest major plus. ☎ 2095

Motivated GWM, 36, 5'10", 155 seeks similar for workout partner. Experience level unimportant. Holiday membership Cobb or Smyrna Desirable. ☎ 2096

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-verseatile, seeks nonsmoker, handsome, athletic-muscular, GWM, top-verseatile 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. (7.42)

Nice guy, GWM, 30, 5'9", 155, masculine goodlooking, toned hardbody. Seeks similar clean-cut in shape 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 attractive, early 60s, ISO HIV- slender, intelligent guy +/45 for possible secure relationship. No hustlers. ☎ 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, cook-outs fun and friendship. No fats, fems, drugs. ☎ 2142

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

FATHERSONUNCLE

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

BIGGER'S BETTER

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

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

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

GWM, 45, 160, 5'9", moustache into music, sports, outdoors, dogs, seeks masculine romantic country boy 35-45, uncut a + for lifetime. ☎ 2128

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

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

DOMINANT DAD

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

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

GWM, 32, 170, 5'11", vgdilkg, 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. Southerner. 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 heavysset mature cuddly GWM for sharing life's pleasures, enjoy seasons & outdoors. ☎ 2107

GWM, 26, skinny, tall, boyish, clean-cut, funny, somewhat quiet and homebodyish,

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

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

Seeks top for good times possible relationship. ☎ 1706

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Buff jock 18-35? WM football player 6'1", 230, muscular goodlooking 40 gives rub-down 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

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

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 as-

sured. 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

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CUTE 28 GWM

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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, dominant, aggressive, Romantic, HIV-, into light SM, B/D. Seeking younger counterpart, long term. ☎ 1483

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPREAD & SMILE!

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

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

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

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

PERSONALS

TV/TS

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

TV/TS 28, 5'7", very passable, white, 200+ lbs., seeks BM for friendship/relationship. ☎ 2195

LONELY ONE

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

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Semi-closeted GWF 28 of Latin descent, attractive, petite, quasi-conservative, spiritual, sensitive, freedom-loving. ISO classic feminine for music, outdoors and honesty. Friendship first. ☎ 2372

GWF, 28, 5'2", 116 attractive, shy funny, responsible. Enjoys life and good company. Looking for compatible fem. Friendship, possibly more. ☎ 2352

GWF, 22, Rubenesque, attractive, adventurous, new to area. ISO GWF under 30 for coffee, conversation, friendship and more. ☎ 2354

Are you tired of all the nonsense? Ready for an honest, caring relationship? GWF, 40, intelligent, humorous and personable. ISO GWF 35-45 with same traits and desire for friendship, possible relationship. Let's see what happens! POB 2443, Acworth, GA 30102.

GWF, 44, sensitive, loving, humorous, intelligent, spiritual (Unity Church). ISO similar, sincere, GWF, 35-40 NS, Alcohol/Drug free. Write SoVo Box 6530, 1189 Virginia Ave. N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306

GWF, gdlkg, athletic, fem, eclectic, enjoys metaphysics and all outdoor activities. ISO GWF spiritually aware, 30s-40s for golfing, hiking, camping, scuba, travel, etc. Where are you? There are mountains to climb, oceans to swim and dreams to be had. No butches or bi's please. ☎ 2221

GWF-41, seeking 40-50 y/o companion. Interested in Baby-Boomer-Butch who takes care of herself. ☎ 2223

Attention: GWF city-slicker, career/businesswoman: this financially independent humorous/intelligent, masculine/30+ Mid-western-transplant is available to fulfill your feminine fantasies. Response/photo. P.O. Box 2514, Asheville, NC 28802. (7.34)

Goodlooking and fit GWF with light hair & eyes. ISO attractive GWF 35-43. Must be outgoing, humorous & love adventure. ☎ 2229

GWF, 24, seeking intelligent conversation and laughter. I enjoy Asian history, classic films, meditation, gardening, Trivial Pursuit and baking bread. ☎ 2228

GWF, tall bl/bl lipstick lesbian, late 30s. Professional, educated, spiritual, NS, active, kind, eclectic stable. ISO similar 34-44. ☎ 2225

GBF, NYC, political, spiritual, caring, seeks mature, non-role playing, sincere, unpretentious woman of color for conversation, romance and more. ☎ 2213

Intelligent, attractive Levi's semi-femme GWF 23, into Girls, Melissa, k.d., Rain, movies, books; raising 2 mini-feminists seeks GFs for friends, lover. All answered. ☎ 2214

GWF, 23, cute, feminine, psychology major. Loves animals,, music, tennis. ISO SANE, feminine, GWF, 21-33 for friendship and dating. ☎ 2209

SEND ME AN ANGEL, myserious, pretty, gorgeous femme fatale—GWF, 32 who is passionate, romantic; sensual, and creative, seeks similar sincere woman for friendship/romance/relationship. ☎ 2210

GWF, 28 attractive, undercover nerd. Chess, movies, theatre and music. Seeks same 28-35. Cobb metro area. ☎ 2211

Semi-closeted GWF 28 of Latin descent, attractive, petite, quasi-conservative, spiritual, sensitive, freedom-loving ISO classic feminine for music, outdoors and honesty. Friendship first. ☎ 2212

Seeking Someone: sensitive, sensual, concisious, loving. I love unintimidated friends, Victorian Lace, big hats, champagne brunch (STOP) Leather miniskirts, 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", blind/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

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

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

GWF, 28, professional 5'3", 110, blonde/blue, feminine, attractive, nonsmoker, 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. us. 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, br/gm, 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

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

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

GWF, 37, tall, attractive, blonde/blue, fit, feminine, professional. Appreciate: humor, honesty, spirituality. Interest: music, sports, movies. ISO similar traits, appreciation/

interests. Age 32-42, for friendship/dating. No smoking/drugs. ☎ 1621

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Curious gdlkg 5'5", 114#, bl/br, 36, feminine seeks same for friendship. D/D-free. New to lifestyle. No butches. ☎ 1502

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

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

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

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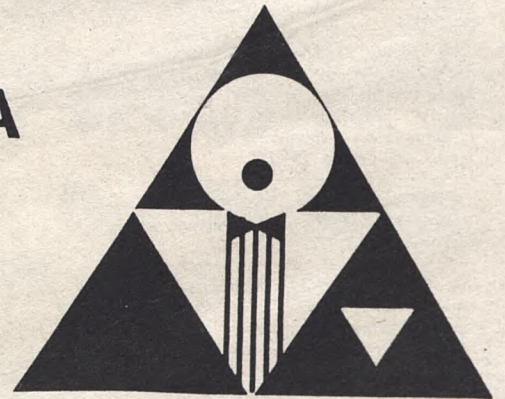
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