



Pride '89: What Gay Looks Like

Commentary by Pat Crocker

Editor's note: Pat Crocker, 28, of Greensboro, is a member of St. Mary's Metropolitan Community Church, one of the original volunteers with the Gay and Lesbian Hotline of the Triad, and works with persons with AIDS through the Hospice program. She was one of the over 2,500 lesbians, gay men and their supporters who attended Pride '89 in Raleigh on Saturday, June 24. A North Carolina native from a farming community in the eastern part of the state, Crocker has strong feelings about the importance of the pride marches to rural gay people. She agreed to write about her impressions and reactions to this year's march for The Front Page.

This was my fourth Gay Pride march. The theme on this year's program meant a lot to me: "Stonewall to Raleigh — Twenty Years of Pride, Struggle & Liberation." That feels like what I've lived through, and the place I've finally gotten to after a lot of years of fear.

I've always come to the marches with friends from St. Mary's MCC. This year we had 18 people in our group, and left Greensboro 30 minutes late, "gay standard time," as we say.

By now, after four years, I think Pride has some actual traditions that have become real important to me. It's a powerful feeling when people, signs and activities reappear every year. The guys from Jacksonville who carried the black coffin with the red handprints on the side were there again. We did the usual chants like "What do we want? Gay Rights! When do we want them? Now!" We wore that one out. And "Love, peace, respect for everybody" — that one sounds so friendly that everyone enjoys it.

There were many "gay" dogs along with us. One little tiny one, less than a foot tall, had balloons tied to its collar. And there was a huge black poodle who trotted the whole route. Its owner gave it an ice cube, and a guy put who had bought a biscuit on the way over offered the biscuit container to the poodle's owner so the dog could have water. It was real grateful.

There were the usual "family members" watching from the curb. It seemed like our whole

route went past gay people who were sitting on the sidelines and the benches, waving at us. I don't know why they weren't marching with us, but it was fine because having a positive audience felt good, too. We went past a beauty and nail salon, and everyone inside came to the window and cheered us on.

We felt like a family group ourselves from the church. We've known each other so long and have been through so much together, and I think that's reflected in the way we hold onto each other as we march every year. There was a special scene, at one point, where one of the women from the church, Jennifer, and three of the guys held hands tightly in a row. They looked like they loved each other so much. It would have made a really nice photograph.

At the rally after the march I was one of the people who stood up front during the counting of the ribbons. There were 425 of us standing there, one for each person in North Carolina who had died of AIDS this year. The organizers said they were keeping track and including folks we had lost right up to the last minute. They said they kept receiving calls, one at a time, to put another ribbon in.

We had a moment of silence for all those who had died. Complete silence — all those people were quiet. It was really amazing — that many gay people are so seldom so quiet! The quiet seemed like it would go on forever.

Julie Johnston of the Lesbian and Gay Health Project talked about this being a tradition, and how she wished it was one we could break with and not have to do any more.

The fact that there were 425 of us up there was a surprise; it felt like so many people. There almost wasn't room for all of us at the front of the rally. I thought about Asher, and that this was for him — he died almost a year ago but he was still alive during the march last year. I'm so much more involved now, and my life has changed so much since his death. I thought about Paul Ferguson and David Leavy, two others our community here has lost. I didn't think about my own Hospice patient; maybe that's because I'm not the kind of person

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who thinks about losing someone to AIDS in advance. As long as they are here, I feel hope.

Some of the same people were on stage this year as at other rallies. That feels good, too. Mary Nooe was there again from the Raleigh City Council, organizers Mandy Carter and Jim Duley, and Louise Kessler the storyteller.

There were some details that have changed over the four years, and others that were new. There was a marching band this year and they were great. They had drums and cymbals, and they kind of came up from the back and moved along the sidelines so everyone could hear them booming and banging.

Someone had a sign I'd never seen before that said "This is what Gay looks like!" Another sign had something on the front about Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and on the back it said, "Miss you, Scott" — Scott Hustead, I guess, the man we were so aware of last year because he had so recently died. I never met him, but after hearing him speak one year, and the memory of him being such a strong part of things for two years now, sometimes I feel like I did know him. I know there are AIDS-affected people in my life whom I would feel just as strongly about.

We had a wonderful new chant: Money for AIDS, and not for war! Keep away from our bedroom door!

One thing that's really changed over the years is the number of kids. There were lots of children this time — children in baby carriages and children riding along in wagons. They had child care available at the rally. There was a pregnant lady there. Before the march, she had this little beach chair to sit in. Afterwards, her lover rubbed her tummy in a real cute way. There was a real butch-looking woman with a cute bi-racial kid who looked like my lover's nephews. The woman was holding him up and tossing him around, and they both looked like they were having a great time.

It rained this year for the first time. There was a nice soft shower; the clouds had been sitting up there all day, and we were afraid of a downpour. But it just cooled us off. We were grateful when the sun went behind the clouds, but it kept coming back out. At least it wasn't 104 degrees like it was in 1987!

Another thing that was new was the quilt pieces. There were 10 or so for North Carolina people who have died, and marchers were holding them like banners as they walked. As the rain started, someone said, "Fold up your quilt pieces!" and they folded them quite neatly and placed them in a protective bag. It was like a ceremony for taking down the American flag — formal and almost solemn.

At the rally they had the quilt pieces laid out in a group together behind the stage. Some had the name and little pieces of the person's outfit on them, like some leather stuff and swatches of cloth. One must have been for a little baby because it had the name and 1-2-3s and A-B-Cs all over it.

The legislature was holding some Saturday meetings during the march. Things were almost over in the General Assembly when we marched last year, but this time there were lots of folks at the legislative building. As we were going past there, our group noticed someone at the far end — third floor, second window — who had pulled back the curtains and was watching it all. We thought he waved, and wondered it was my lover's friend, David, who had to work at the legislature that day. Other people ran to the big front window and

watched as we marched by.

They had these long, 2-foot wide pieces of plastic laid out at the rally, and everyone was sitting on them because it was wet. The Soho folks were there with their wonderful drinks — they're almost impossible to get in Greensboro — and there were little booths with Our Place t-shirts and information. They also had a huge paper banner with paints, and you could add whatever you wanted to the banner. Some people wrote so-and-so loves so-and-so, things like that.

Callie Justice gave the First Annual Lesbian and Gay Service Award to Jill Duvall. She talked a lot about Jill's compassion, and how hard she had worked for people with AIDS in LGHP.

One of the rally speakers talked about the Shelby murders and how our lives were in more danger now because they had been let free.

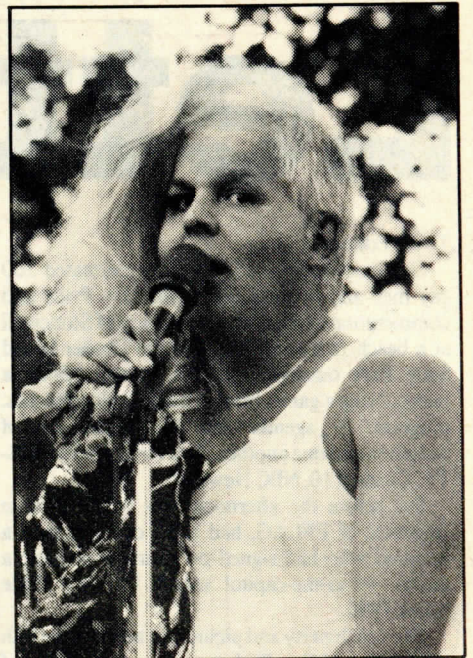
I had taken part in a vigil in Greensboro while the jury was deciding the verdict in that case. I was angry then and I'm still angry now; the gay men I grew up with could have been in a place like that.

Kim Saffran talked about Our Place, where women could go and be able to relax, have coffee and tea, and just be themselves with their friends and lovers. Their t-shirt was really neat, with all these little women's symbols all the way across the front of it. Our Place had been ten years in the making, she said, and they need more money for it to become a reality. Then the Common Woman Chorus sang a song with "Our Place" in the lyrics.

Joyce Nacca-Rankin spoke from P-FLAG Southeast. She talked about fighting for her gay children's rights and how we had to keep fighting for our own rights, too. She talked about her son



Above: Jill Duvall; Top Right: Danny Leonard (Brandy Alexander)



and that, when he was first born, she didn't know he was a gay child, but she grew to love him as he was and she was very proud of him now.

Martha Wilson from Winston-Salem spoke about how we need to organize and build strong gay groups.

Joe Herzenberg, a Chapel Hill city councilperson, was the speaker I liked best because he is funny and has this really positive attitude about gay people and changing our lives for the better. He said "I'm here to talk to you, even though you are of course all Democrats," and we all laughed. He talked about Raleigh and Chapel Hill's anti-discrimination ordinances.

Brandy Alexander was what could be called an "inspired" choice for emcee. She's just so experienced at running shows that she knows how to keep things moving along, and to how to announce speakers with some real enthusiasm.

A friend of Brandy's named John Roantes, a former Marine who fought against the Marine Corps for his rights as an AIDS-affected person, was at the rally. Evidently some people had asked Brandy about how John was doing; his case got a lot of publicity in *The Front Page* and straight papers. Brandy said John was out of the military and doing fine, and marching with us and for us today.

When Brandy first came out she was half-and-half — long black and silvery dress and wig on one side, and Danny Leonard with jeans and t-shirt and his own hair on the other. As she performed she stood sideways, so you could just see the drag side of her outfit.

Later on she led the whole rally in singing "United We Stand." We all held our hands up in the air, and swayed back and forth, and it was just as moving to me as when we sang it together last year.

Brandy also performed the rally's finale. She wore a creme colored dress at the beginning and there was a woman on the tape singing the song "My Way." Then the music switched to "The Party's Over," and she took off her make-up and dress. Finally, "My Way" started playing again, only this time it was the Elvis Presley version: real, real butch, and that's how Danny performed it. At the very end he picked up his dress in one hand and

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Not Everyone Was Thrilled...

Dear Editor:

This year's Gay Pride March in Raleigh, like the one before it, looked like a parade of motley clowns on their way to the "big top." Multi-colored balloons, and festive banners and attire only serve to confirm the suspicions of the general public: that we are a bunch of frivolous fairies and dykes out on a sexual whim. Surely we would have bigger turnouts for our cause if so many of our own members were not alienated by this appearance.

The time has come for us to take a critical look at the political image we present in public marches and demonstrations. We know that we have not decided to be homosexuals because it is fun. We understand that our sexuality is not a choice at all, but a reality that can be accepted with grace or repressed in fear. The Gay Pride March must reflect this.

We who march should be commended for our bravery in demonstrating for such a just, yet unpopular, and often violently opposed, cause. When marching and demonstrating, we must keep in mind that events like this are often the major exposure many straight people have to homosexual society. They are blind to the fact that their doctor, bag-boy, neighbor, or child is gay.

Furthermore, coming out and proclaiming yourself to be one "of those," to family and friends is made a more frightening, and unattractive, proposition because of the "silly flaming fag" image that is linked to our sexuality through this antics style of public protest. It would make coming out far easier if people knew that homosexuals exist in every social group and are not identified by specific mannerisms, speech, dress, or form of political demonstration.

Our march should be done in a way that illustrates that we are "everyman" rather than oddities. A political march is not a party. Look at the civil rights demonstrations of blacks, look at people on strike, people demonstrating for or against abortion, or the recent activity of the brave Chinese students; these people have given us clues about how to demonstrate powerfully. As long as the general public is given evidence that we are different than them, or that we do not take ourselves seriously, we can not expect their empathy, or their support.

Russell P.
Raleigh, N.C.

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To the Editor:

On Sunday, June 25, 1989, an estimated 200 gay men and lesbians celebrated Gay Pride and commemorated the 20th anniversary of Stonewall at a beach party and picnic at the Dreher Island State Park outside Columbia. It was "Bring a picnic, bring a game, bring a friend!" No speeches, program, or agenda: just the celebration of ourselves and one another. And coverage by WIS-TV, Channel 10, NBC News.

But before the afternoon was over Harriette Hancock, of PFLAG, had a list of more than a hundred who had signed on to make possible a downtown-to-the-capitol march for Gay Pride Week 1990.

The beach party and picnic was actually the fifth celebration of Gay Pride and commemoration of Stonewall in Columbia, but it was the first held in a public place. Maybe that's why the TV camera and interviewer were there.

The TV coverage, which was shown four times as of noon Monday, was courteous and basically fair, though limited. Local bartenders say that it was rumor of that TV coverage which kept many other people from attending. For some of us "the next step" in coming out has to be a short, timid one! But it will lengthen into a proud stride before long!

The picnic was arranged by the Community Fellowship Church, which reserved the shelters and put out the posters and other publicity, when it appeared no other group in the city was going to take responsibility. But other groups did in fact support and encourage participation. The hope and plan is that this cooperation will make Gay Pride '90 a great and inclusive occasion.

Many Columbians and other Carolinians went to Raleigh to take part in the celebration there. And we're proud to have been represented. Next year we hope to enjoy the company of North Carolina sisters and brothers at the Columbia celebration.

Yours, in commitment to liberation,
(Rev'd) Gilbert H. Lincoln, pastor
The Community Fellowship Church of Christ
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Editor:

I am troubled by the implications of the 6/6/89 article — "Internal Conflicts Challenge LGHP." There are two major items that remain glaringly unrecognized.

First, it's almost unbelievable that Noto and Thompson (co-chairs of the LGHP board) and Jones (lobbyist of explosive letter infamy) all neglected to respond to the real issues so frankly articulated by Jill Duval in her 3/7/89 interview.

Was this an editing mistake or do we have here a classic blaming of the victim?

Jill addressed her experience with the white middle class gay men's anti-AIDS movement's failure to acknowledge their own sexist, classist and racist beliefs and practices. Does this make her the problem because she spoke the words out loud? Clearly Jones thought so when he stated, "I asked her to resign based on a long history of her views restraining the organization."

A large segment of the article is devoted to

speculation about the lack of board support and other possible organizational stresses that might have led to Duvall's outspoken criticism. We are led to look everywhere but at the actual complaint. Jill names unmistakably what she sees as the problem. This total ignoring of the real issues and subsequent crucifixion of the one who raised them (for ostensibly unrelated reasons) is all too familiar. By silencing the oppressed with a heavy hand, we maintain the status quo. Haven't we had enough of this dynamic?

Second, suspiciously absent was any recognition by anyone of the vital and effective work Duvall had accomplished during her tenure as executive director of LGHP. This lack of recognition seems to lend credence to Duvall's original complaints.

I am stunned by this, having sat in an auditorium of 50 mental health professionals and watched and

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heard Jill change minds and attitudes about gay men, AIDS and lesbians. She couldn't have had a tougher audience and she couldn't have been more articulate, witty, and engaging as she broke through stereotypes and touched the listeners' humanity. The unsolicited feedback I received told me that she's reached those I'd hoped she could reach.

When I heard she'd resigned, I felt grief at the loss of the formidable skills she brought to LGHP's cause.

I hope we can all learn something about this. I hope this opens a discussion about oppression within our liberation movement. I hope we can all hear painful feedback if we need to in order to set things right.

Elizabeth M.
Durham, NC

Dear Editor:

I was appalled to see the article entitled, "Internal Conflicts Challenge LGHP," in the June 6 issue of *The Front Page*. As a volunteer at LGHP, I know that several statements printed in this article as facts are untrue. I find it shocking that Nancy Thompson and Dante Noto were quoted extensively about the performance of Executive Director Jill Duvall, while Duvall was not contacted for comment. This is an example of highly unprofessional journalism and reads like something I expect to see in a homophobic newspaper like the *Durham Morning Herald*.

Ms. Duvall has facilitated the growth of the LGHP over the past three years. Without her vision and many talents, the Health Project would not be the thriving organization that it is today.

I personally want to thank Duvall for all the time and energy she has spent working for the lesbian and gay community.

More power to all of those in service to our community!

In peace,
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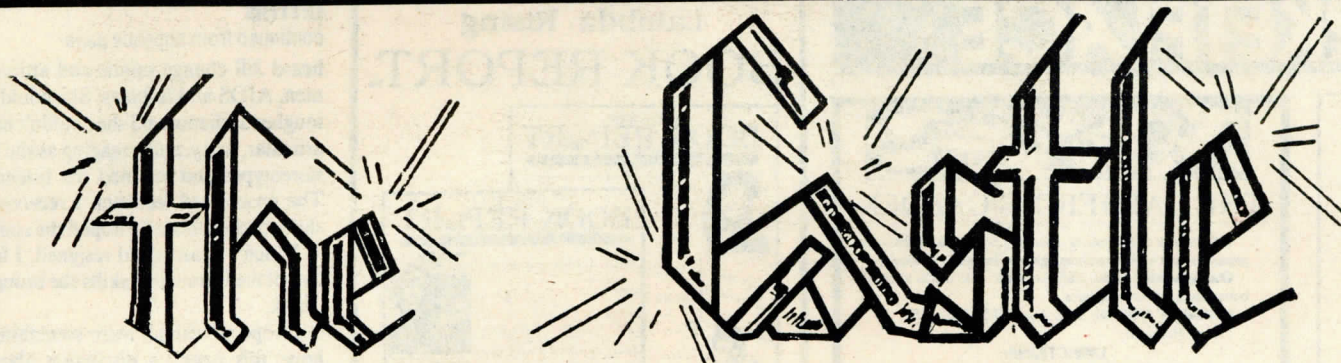
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SATURDAY, JULY 22

- **ART HOTLINE TRAINING:** Class covers listening skills, crisis intervention, suicide prevention, HIV infection, etc. New volunteers urgently needed. To be held at Moses Cone Hospital (Room 44, AHEC), Greensboro, from 9 to 4:30 today and Sun., July 23. Last-minute registrants welcome. Call (919) 274-2100 (G) or 722-4040 (W-S) for more info.
- **TRILLIUM** (LeAnn, Jo Anne, and Allison) performs at 8 p.m. tonight at the Columbia St. Bakery in Chapel Hill. Three part harmonies in assorted styles.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

- **RALEIGH AREA COUPLES GROUP (RACG):** meets every fourth Sunday at 3 p.m. "Just meetin' together, supporting each other's relationship's, and havin' fun," organizers say. The group meets at a private home in Raleigh. Call (919) 833-0068 for information and directions.
- **MCC SERVICE:** The Metropolitan Community Church of Greenville, S.C. holds regular worship services every Sun. evening at 6:45 p.m., at 37 E. Hillcrest St. For more info, call (803) 233-0919.

MONDAY, JULY 24

- **AMELIA EARHART,** famed early pilot, was born this day in 1898 in Archison, Kansas. Best known today for her disappearance in 1937 in the Pacific, she was adored by millions for her feats of aviation pioneering in a "man's world." While she has always been adopted by lesbians as their own, it has been mainly on circumstantial evidence, compelling though it may be. (GBD)
- **B.B.Q. POTLUCK:** Integrity — Triangle Chapter sponsors a "Fourth of July" barbecue potluck dinner on the grounds of the Episcopal Student Center, 505 Alexander Ave., Durham. Hotdogs and soft drinks provided; please bring a summer time dish to share. For more info, call (919) 933-8740 (CH) or 821-9327 (R).

TUESDAY, JULY 25

- **G & L ACOA MEETING:** Gay and Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tue. night at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3313 Wade Ave., Raleigh.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

- **GAY BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION** is being formed in Raleigh and invites men and women who are interested in developing common business interests and talents. We will meet for supper at 7 p.m. in Room #1 of the Cameron Village K&W on the 4th Wednesday of each month. For more information, call (919) 787-1819.
- **QUEEN CITY FRIENDS** hold its bi-monthly meeting tonight at Pizza Inn, Park Road Shopping Center, Charlotte at 7:30. Info: (704) 535-8435.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

- **MID-ATLANTIC DRUMMER CONTEST:** North Carolina/South Carolina competition to be held in Wilmington thru Sun., July 30. Includes leather fashion

show and auction (benefitting GROW), Leatherfeast banquet, and Mandance IV. For more info, call Robert at (704) 339-0679.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

- **OVER 30'S POTLUCK FOR LESBIANS:** Meets tonight at 7:30. Call (919) 477-5726 or 933-0036 for directions.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

- **BOURBON STREET BENEFIT SHOW:** All-star cast includes Olive Oyl, Paris Le Bon, Sharde Ross, Cass Westbrook. Proceeds donated to help cover the cost of the G/L Hotline in Winston-Salem. Show at 11 p.m. at 916 Burke St.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

- **FIRST TUESDAY:** The gay/lesbian political group will meet tonight at 8 at the Carolina Community Project building (at the corner of 7th and Laurel) in Charlotte. For more information, call Sandra at (704) 532-8578 or Keith at (704) 549-1421.
- **PGLA MEETING:** The Palmetto Gay & Lesbian Association holds its regular meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at 2nd floor conference room of the Red Cross Building, 940 Grove Rd., Greenville, S.C. Social follows. For more info, call (803) 271-4207.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

- **JAMES BALDWIN,** powerful American novelist, was born in New York City in 1924. Transcending his being a great Black writer and his being Gay, Baldwin was one of the best writers in America period. The importance of his 1956 novel on homosexual love, *Giovanni's Room*, can scarcely be overstated. His first novel, *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (1953), is well known, and his 1963 work, *The Fire Next Time*, was most prophetic about race relations in America. (GBD)
- **HEALING CIRCLE:** The Greenville Healing Circle is a weekly evening of meditation, breathing exercises, rap session and information about AIDS. It meets the 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m., at 604 Pettigru St., Greenville, S.C. Louise Hayes' principles of self-healing, creative visualization and positive affirmation are the basis of the circle. For more info, call (803) 232-6969.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- **HOTLINE SPLASH PARTY:** The second annual Splash Party to benefit the Gay and Lesbian Hotline of the Triad will be held in Greensboro. All profit go to the Hotline. To be held from 4 p.m. till. Tix are \$10 in advance (\$12.50 at the door) and are available at White Rabbits Books, XTC and ART. Free food, beer, music, swimming, dancing. (Rain date: Next Sat.) For info, call (919) 274-2100 (G) or 722-4040 (W-S).
- **SALGA RETREAT:** To be held from noon today to 3 p.m. Sun. at Running Water near Bakersville. Cost is

\$10-20 (sliding scale) including food. For more info, call Peter at (704) 251-6400 or 689-5515.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- **WOA MEETING:** Women Outdoors Adventurers is an informal network of adventurous women who want to enjoy outdoor activities and learn new skills with other women. WOA meets on the 1st Sun. of each month in the Raleigh area. For more info, contact Becky at (919) 846-2392 (R), Robin at 836-1939 (R) or Lory at 688-2690 (D).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- **POTLUCK MEETING** of the Gay & Lesbian Club of Raleigh meets at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 3313 Wade Ave. at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call (919) 828-5663.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

- **COUNSELING AND TESTING WORKSHOP:** One in a series of Advanced HIV Antibody Counseling and Testing Workshops offered by the State AIDS Control Program will be held thru tomorrow in Asheville. Topics covered are health care provider stress and burnout, women and AIDS, reaching difficult to reach populations, crisis interventions strategies and skills, feeling positive about HIV counseling, and organizing locally. The target audience includes people involved in HIV counseling and testing for one or more years and who have already completed an HIV workshop sponsored by the AIDS Control Program. For a brochure on the workshops (others will be held in Haw River and Fayetteville later in the year), call (919) 733-7301.
- **MICHIGAN WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL:** The oldest and largest of the festivals (the 14th) runs through August 11. There will be 36 different concerts, featuring both well-known musicians (Cris Williamson, Farron, Toshie Reagon, Castelberry and Dupree, the Dance Brigade, and Laura Nyro, making her first appearance at the festival) and relatively new talent (including Katari Taiko, a 10-member women's Japanese drumming group; Over Our Heads, an improvisational comedy troupe; and Libano, a 14-piece Balkan singing group). Admission fees: From \$35 (one day) to \$150 (five days). Admission includes camping space, meals, and admission to all workshops and concerts. Site: A 65-acre private campground. Lodging: Camp sites provided on the festival's 650 acres. No lodges. Showers and portable toilets. There are a few hotels nearby; write the festival for a list. For more information, write to the Michigan Women's Music Festival, P.O. Box 22, Walhalla, Mich. 49458, or call (616) 757-4766.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

- **NEW TRIBE MOTORCYCLE CLUB** meets each 2nd Sat. at 6 p.m. in Columbia. For more info, call (803)

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- **RAFTING TRIP:** The "Shoot the Hooch" rafting trip will be held in the Atlanta area. Info: (404) 662-4353.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

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- **GAY WORLD SERIES (SOFTBALL)** games will be held thru Sun., Aug. 26, at Southside Park, in Atlanta. For more info, call (404) 881-2094.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- **YADKIN BWMT:** The Yadkin Black & White Men Together will hold a potluck social tonight at 8 p.m. in Spencer. Bring your own beverage and a covered dish. For more info, call (704) 637-3239, or write: PO Box 3434, Salisbury, NC 28145.
- **N. C. LESBIAN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:** The North Carolina Committee for the National Lesbian Conference meets from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Fellowship Building, 2873 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem. There will be a fund-raising dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the same location (\$3-10 sliding scale); we furnish soft drinks, beer, wine and snacks. We will hear reports from the Portland meeting, etc. Come find out what's happening with the NLC. You need not have attended other meetings. For more info, call (919) 788-6522 or (704) 535-8435. To carpool from Durham, call Mandy at (919) 682-3741.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

- **LUTHERANS CONCERNED:** Meets at 4 p.m. at 728 Pickens St., Columbia. For more info, call (803) 732-0838.

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CALENDAR

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• **CAMPING TRIP:** A WOW/Fourth Tuesday camping trip will be held thru Sun., Aug. 27, at Appletree Campground, in **Nantahala National Forest**. White water rafting, nature trails, etc. Hot showers, bathrooms and running water (no electricity); bring tent and other equipment, food for dinner, any beverages (it's a dry county), musical instruments and music, and any info you want to share. This southern women's extravaganza is open to any women who want to meet and have fund with other women. Cost is \$20 per person for the weekend, including brunch Sat. and Sun. and the gathering Sat. night. Please register by Aug. 12. For more info, call (704) 535-8435.

• **WOMANSPACE:** Twin Oaks Community in **Louisa, Va.** sponsors a multicultural women's gathering thru Sun., Aug. 27 "celebrating our diversity." Sweat, mud pit, women's music dance, volleyball, women's writers circle, poetry and more. Info: (703) 894-5126.

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• **CLOSER POTLUCK PICNIC:** This month's picnic will be held at Dan and Joan's, in **Montreat**. Meet at All Souls at 6 p.m. to carpool. Soft drinks, plates and utensils furnished; bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. Info: (704) 669-2635.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

• **XTC EMPLOYEE TURNABOUT:** Tiffany Bonet, Neely O'Hara, Tiffany Wellington, and Paris Le Bon will be tending bar while Lizz, Duncan, Daniel, and the rest of the XTC staff will perform! Door money and tips go to ART, your Gay & Lesbian Hotline connection. Doors open at 9 p.m.; show at 12:30. 18 and over welcome.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

• **WEST COAST WOMEN'S MUSIC & COMEDY FESTIVAL.** Now in its 10th year, the festival will be held through September 4 at a campground near Yosemite National Park. This year's headliners include Lucie Blue Tremblay, Heather Bishop, the Washington

Sisters, Deidre McCalla, and Lyn Lerner. Admission fees: Three, four, and five day passes are available, ranging from \$100 to \$165. Admission includes food and camping facilities. Lodging: Camp sites provided. For more information, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival, 15842 Chase Street, Sepulveda, Calif. 91343.

• **SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION:** The Gaylactic Network, with the assistance of 15 local Gaylaxians clubs (for gay science fiction and fantasy fans and their friends) plans a major participation at Noreascon 3, the 47th annual World Science Fiction Convention, to be held at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel in **Boston**. Guests of honor are Betty and Ian Ballentine, and Andre Norton. For more info about the convention and the Gaylactic Network, write P.O. Box 1051, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117-1051.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

• **GAY MALE NUDISTS:** The fourth annual national gathering of gay male nudists will be held through September 10 in southeastern Pennsylvania, sponsored by G.A.H.G. (Gay Atlanta Naturalist Group). For more information and an application form, write to: P.O. Box 7546, Atlanta, GA 30357.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

• **CREATING CHANGE CONFERENCE:** The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will hold its annual conference for gay and lesbian activists and organizations through November 13 (Veterans Day's Weekend) in Washington, D.C. This conference is in its extensive focus on the strategies and tactics of our political movement. Sessions designed to foster skill and resource sharing among gay and lesbian activists who are engaged first-hand in civil rights battles on the local level. A wide range of issues will be covered, including sessions on organizational management and development, fundraising and financial management, lobbying and other legislative work, media organizing, direct action, and grassroots organizing. Keynote speaker will be Staff Sgt. Perry Watkins, who recently won a federal appeals court decision ordering the Army to allow him to reenlist. Other speakers will include: Vito Russo, media critic and author, and Suzanne Pharr, author of *Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism*. For more information, contact NGLTF, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.



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Commercial classified advertising place in *The Front Page* are accepted on the premise that the merchandise or service offered is properly described and willingly sold to customers at the advertised prices. Advertising that does not conform to these standards, or that is deceptive or misleading, is never knowingly accepted. If you should encounter non-compliance with these standards, please write to the paper at P.O. Box 27926, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

NON-COMMERCIAL ADS/PERSONAL ADS:

Group and events ads should be addressed to the *Calendar Editor*. See that section of *The Front Page* for instructions. In the following categories of non-commercial ads, there is a charge as listed below: **GAY MEN, LESBIANS, BISEXUALS, ROOMMATES, MESSAGES AND MISCELLANEOUS.** The fees for a single insertion are as follows:

30 WORDS OR LESS: \$2.00
31-60 WORDS: \$4.00
61-90 WORDS: \$6.00
91-120 WORDS: \$8.00
121-150 WORDS: \$10.00

In other words, personal ads cost \$2.00 for each group of thirty words. Any word in the dictionary counts as one word. Most hyphenated words count as two words. Most abbreviations count as full, separate words. Telephone number and zip codes count as one word. "P.O. Box" counts as two words. Punctuation is free. If you fail to specify the category in which you wish the ad to be placed, the ad will be placed at our option in what we deem the most appropriate category. *There are no frequency discounts for personal ads.*

PRISONER PEN PAL ADS:

As a public service, we will print, free of charge, personal ads limited to 30 words, for prisoners in North Carolina, South Carolina, and southern Virginia. All prisoner pen pal entries must be verified by sending a letter to the advertiser which describes the population served by the publication and seeks permission to print the advertiser's name in our publication. The letter must be signed, dated, and returned to our office before we will print the ad. All prison pen pal advertisers receive a copy of the issue in which their ad appears. (Sorry, we do not have the budget to provide prisoners with free subscriptions.)

VERIFICATION FEES:

Before we print a telephone number, a street address, or a person's full name in any non-commercial ad, we must verify the information either through phone contact or written correspondence. The verification process must take place each time an order is placed. If your ad contains a telephone number, include \$2. If your ad contains a street address, include \$1. If your ad contains your full name, include \$1. You must pay all fees that apply to your ad. Verification fees apply for each ad placement order and must be re-paid each time an order is placed, whether the information given has been previously verified or not. [Note: Ads containing information which must be verified should be submitted at least ten days in prior to the cut-off date for the issue in which they are to be printed.] Think carefully before you authorize publication of this information.

PHONE VERIFICATION: We must call the number to appear in the ad, just as if we were responding to the ad, and speak personally with the advertiser. In some cases, we will send a letter of verification after an unsuccessful attempt to contact you. For example, if we reach an answering machine which references your name or if someone other than the advertiser answers the phone and indicates that the advertiser is not available at that time, we will send a letter to the advertiser (which must be signed, dated, and returned to our office before we will print the ad). We will not leave messages. Once we have verified your phone number physically, we do not verify it again unless your mailing address changes. We must still research the prior verification, so the verification fee is still assessed.

ADDRESS VERIFICATION: Any address which contains a street

name (even if it contains a box number or is a mail service) must be verified. We must send a letter to the advertiser at the address which is to appear in the ad, just as if we were answering the ad. The advertiser must sign, date, and return the letter to our office before we will print the ad. Once we have verified your address physically, we do not verify it again unless your mailing address changes. We must still research the prior verification, so the verification fee is still assessed.

NAME VERIFICATION: Any time a person's full name is referenced in a personal ad, we must verify the fact that the person wishes to have their name printed in the ad. Additionally, we feel obligated to warn the person of the ramifications of such an action. Therefore, each time a full name is to appear in an ad, we must send a letter to the advertiser, as if we were answering the ad, at the address listed in the ad. The advertiser must sign, date, and return the letter to our office before we will print the ad. This verification must take place for each ad order. A prior authorization or verification is not acceptable.

This process, as described above, may delay the appearance of your ad in the paper. While you may find this annoying, please remember it is for both your protection and ours.

HOW TO FIGURE THE COST OF YOUR AD:

Figure the charge for the words in your ad (count the words in the headline, also). This is the cost of the ad for one insertion. Multiply the single issue cost by the number of issues in which you wish the ad printed. Add to this amount each applicable verification fee. If you want forwarding service, add the fee for each insertion. This is the total cost of your ad. Be sure to enter this amount on the release form.

MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE

At your request, *The Front Page* will handle and forward your mail. Confidential, of course. We will assign you a code number for receiving responses to your ad. The fee is \$6.00 per ad per insertion. Only one ad per code number is allowed. Responses addressed to these codes are forwarded weekly (on Wednesday evenings) to the address specified.

RESPONDING TO AN AD THROUGH THE FRONT PAGE FORWARDING SERVICE

If you are answering an ad using a *Front Page* code number, please follow the step-by-step instructions below. If you do not follow these instructions, your letter will be delayed.

1. Place your letter to be forwarded in an envelope. PUT A STAMP ON IT, and seal it.
2. Plainly print your name and mailing address in the upper left hand corner.
3. Print the code number in the center of the envelope.
4. Enclose your sealed letter in another (larger) envelope, and mail it to: *The Front Page*, P.O. Box 27926, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

It doesn't cost you anything to answer an ad. Your unopened reply will reach the person you're writing in just a few days. Your complete return address is needed in the event that, for some reason, we are no longer able to forward mail to a particular code.

Please note: If the ad your answering has a town and a zip code listed in it, then you can send it directly, and not to us. It does not need to be forwarded.

RELEASE FORM FOR CLASSIFIED ADS

Your signature on the authorization that follows is required for every ad submitted. Print your name and address legibly. Fill in the category in which your ad is to be printed, the number of times the ad is to be printed, and the amount of money you are enclosing to cover printing the ad. Sign your name and fill in the date. Clip this form and send it along with payment to: *The Front Page, Classified Ads Department*, P.O. Box 27926, Raleigh, NC 27611. Your ad will not be published without this release form.

The Front Page will not knowingly accept any fraudulent, obscene, offensive or questionable advertising. Since it is impossible to investigate each advertiser, we assume no responsibility relative to any communications or transactions between advertisers and readers. Anyone corresponding with or through this publication is required to comply with all local, state and federal laws.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify with my signature that I understand and accept the above stated terms of advertising in *The Front Page*, that I am 18 years of age or older; that I am the person represented and possess the full legal capacity to execute this authorization; and that the data in my ad is true and correct.

I understand that no proofs of my ad will be supplied to me for my approval and I waive all claims regarding accuracy of reproduction, due to mistakes or technical failure. I understand that Bugle Publications is in no way responsible for any transaction between myself and any person that I contact through the publication, *The Front Page*.

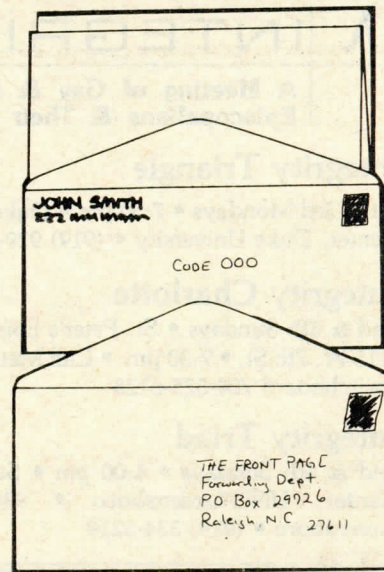
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Please print the following:

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

Ad Category: _____ Insertions: _____ Money enclosed: _____



CHARLOTTE — MESSAGE

Enjoy the pleasure of deep tissue/Swedish massage. Therapeutic and relaxing. Flexible hours. For appointment, call (704) 365-1982. (1283)

Relieve stress, tension, and muscle fatigue with therapeutic bodywork which combines Swedish and deep muscle massage. References available. Ralph Clayton, Member, AMTA. (919) 683-2383 or (919) 477-0654. Pamper yourself! (1282)

MODELS / ESCORTS**EXECUTIVE MODELS**

Discover the quality, handsome, and athletic men of Executive Models available in major cities of North Carolina. The men of Executive are available for travel. Call (404) 875-1927. (Employment Available) (1288)

Male Escorts available in High Point, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Durham, Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Charlotte and surrounding NC towns. Also available upper SC towns near NC border. Employment also available. (919) 885-1378. (1372)

MESSAGES**AD DEADLINES!!!**

This is issue 13 (cover date July 18, 1989). Ads which appear in this issue had to have been received and all necessary verifications completed by Wednesday, July 5, 1989. The cut off for receiving and verifying ads for issue 14 (cover date August 15, 1989) is Wednesday, August 5, 1989. The cut off for receiving and verifying ads for issue 15 (cover date September 5, 1989) is Wednesday, August 22, 1989.

This is a warning! Be aware that there is going to be only one (that's one, one, one...) issue in August, as is our custom. If you've missed the cut off date for the last issue in July, issue 13, be prepared to wait until mid-August to see your ad in print. Furthermore, resist any urges you have to write to us to determine the status of your ad.

I'm learning Amesian, need practice partner. Would prefer hearing-impaired gay person in the Charlotte area. Respond to: Tim, PO Box 148, 3001 Central Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205. (1475)

Hearing GWM trying to learn sign language. Have completed basic beginning course and need practice while waiting fall semester. Would like to meet HI and/or signing GM's in Raleigh area. If willing to patiently help me learn to be a better friend, please contact Wayne, PO Box 37214, Raleigh, NC 27627. (1516)

COMING TO CHARLOTTE?

Be very, very careful. The vice-squad is on a rampage — entrapping and arresting gay men on a daily basis. (1542)

New social club for black lesbians is forming in Charlotte, surrounding areas. Progressive minded, discreet women should express interest by sending postcard to Code 2142, in care of The Front Page. (1453)

You CAN Do Something About AIDS

A paperback book entitled "You CAN Do Something About AIDS" is available FREE of charge from the N.C. Human Rights Fund. Hundreds of individuals contributed their talents and resources to this helpful book full of sensible suggestions and knowledgeable advice. Mailed in a plain, manila envelope. Just send your name and address to: N.C. Human Rights Fund, P.O. Box 10782, Raleigh, N.C. 27611

TWO-STEPPING AND LINE-DANCING

When Raleigh's butch alcohol-based advertised that Mondays offered free two-step and line-dance instruction, we shook our head and rolled our eyes. We know better than to set our ruby-slipped foot in that bar on a Monday night — please. Well, on a Saturday night these participants had the nerve to display their acquired talents on the dance floor. We were shocked and delighted. These people were choreographed to perfection. We were just thankful that they were not billed as male dancers. We all know how that goes. YHT

THIRD CLASS CITIZEN

Carl! Epistle: a letter, especially a long, elegant one. We got out our pocket dictionary and then we basked in our flawlessness.

You asked and we'll tell you why we don't write a column in the paper. The first and foremost reason is that we are not technically a writer. Oh, we do get on a roll and we do love to be a bitch, but we are not a verbal person — we like numbers and computers.

The other reasons revolve around the fact that the classified ads are either tolerated or looked down upon by every other staff person and volunteer. When we are introduced to people, we almost always get a raised eyebrow, a look down the nose, a chuckle, and a "poor thing." We are immediately discounted.

Anyway, the prospect of having someone, like us, who is ignorant about most gay issues write a column that does not wreak of activism and awareness is slim. Heaven forbid that we talk about a day in the life of... and nothing grave or pressing. We apologize profusely and repeatedly for not suffering: we have a job that pays us big bucks and supports our materialism, we have not experienced first hand any discrimination because of our sexuality, we handle problems that arise in our life and do not attribute their incidence to our sexuality. We are doing time here at TFP only because we are guilty of thinking we are mainstreamed. We may be ignorant, but we have neither high blood pressure nor ulcers.

Unlike the other people involved with the paper, we are not an activist, we are not an intellectual, we hardly give a fuck about most political issues. We think the Vice President of the United States is cute; we forget his name. We hope that you do not think that we read any of the articles these people print. We have a political/social attention span that is unbelievably short. Unless we type it, we do not read it (when we are asked to type it, we have been known to whine — it gives us such a headache). We turn to the ads and look at the bar and dirty phone call pictures. This makes us happy.

Our earthiness, light-hearted nature and combination blue collar/rural background separates us from the fair weather volunteers and keeps us buried in the fine print. We are not considered a legitimate part of the paper as the ads aren't. When we speak, we address the advertisers and the ad readers, not the heady folks who look down upon us and wish we would go away. We would much rather ride around in a little red truck with a gun rack than to associate with these people. We will keep our toned-and-firmed ass in the ads section, thank you very much, where we are accepted and feel comfortable. At least the attitudes there are see-through.

Your Humble Typist

MEMO TO READERS:

Although normally I wouldn't dream of treading on YHT's territory, on occasion it becomes necessary to interject something from the editor. Let me be perfectly clear: Your Humble Typist — known in real life as Wayland Garris — is without question one of the most valuable individuals involved with The Front Page. He is absolutely dependable, right on schedule (which makes for a nice contrast with your editor), and he's the only one around here who knows how to do almost half of everything that needs to be done in a given issue. He is also one of my favorite people, and the whole office is a happier, more interesting place when he is in it.

Your Humble Editor

ROOMMATES**DURHAM**

A great deal for a hard-working man with limited finances. Busy professional GWM looking for a domestic/handyman who is interested in free room and board in exchange for domestic and/or handyman duties — house cleaning, laundry, gardening, painting, carpentry, etc. in a 4 bedroom house located in a quiet cul-de-sac in North Durham. Benefits/remuneration from either party (owner/renter) is negotiable, depending on amount of willingness to work. Must be energetic, fastidious, honest, trustworthy, clean, considerate, mentally mature, healthy, non-tobacco, alcohol or drug abuser. Willing to furnish references. Reply with letter of interest to Code 2128, in care of The Front Page. (1459)

DURHAM

GWM, professional, seeks same to share 2 bedroom, 1 and half bath town house in southern Durham. Convenient to I-40, RTP, Duke and shopping centers. Available July 1. Amenities include: TV, VCR, stereo, microwave, pool and plenty of parking. \$250 per month plus half utilities. \$100 security deposit. Call (919) 490-8068 or leave message. (1454)

DURHAM

GWM, professional, quiet, bookish but definitely sociable, seeks considerate non-smoking male housemate, gay or straight, with no pet or pets to share comfortable 6-room house in north Durham. Business keeps owner out of town often, so housemate has a great deal of privacy. Central heat/air; washer/dryer; dishwasher. \$250 per month plus apportioned utilities. Call (919) 291-1825 weekday evenings, after 9:30 p.m. or (919) 471-3805 weekends. (1511)

DURHAM

GWM, 28, seeks neat, responsible professional to share 2 Bedroom/2 Bath apartment available July 1. Microwave, VCR, washer-dryer. Convenient to I-40 and RTP. \$300 per month plus half utilities. Respond to: Roommate, PO Box 3465, Durham, NC 27702. (1451)

RALEIGH

GM seeking gay/straight person(s) to share brick home. (Cameron Village area). Prefer non-smoking, responsible individual who keeps late hours. No pets. \$285 per month includes washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, central air, gas heat. Split utilities (cheap). Rent \$95 less if extra roommate added. Deposit required. Call (919) 834-0912 day/night. Leave message. (1376)

RALEIGH

Young, professional GWM seeks same/student to share 3 bedroom, 2 bath home half mile from NCSU. \$200 plus third utilities. Write: Todd, PO Box 50321, Raleigh, NC 27650-0321. (1337)

RALEIGH

Furnished room for rent in Glenwood/Brooklyn section of Raleigh in home owned by committed male couple. Kitchen privileges and laundry available. Share bath. Air conditioned, B&W TV, 1.5 miles from NCSU. \$275 per month includes all utilities. References required. For more information, please call (919) 833-0068. (1488)

RALEIGH

GWM seeks roommate to share 3 bedroom home; laundry, yard/garden, private sundeck, quiet neighborhood — 5 Points area: \$180 per month plus utilities; call Jeff (919) 832-1700. (1395)

COLUMBIA

GWM, 33, seeks responsible, non-smoking, neat, trustworthy student or young professional (18 or over) to share completely furnished 2 bedroom, 2 full bath condo. Tennis court, swimming pool, exercise room, cable TV and 24-hour security are provided. \$225 plus half

utilities. Available in August or September. Write to: Occupant, 1825 St. Julian Place, 12-A Apt., Columbia, SC 29204. (1457)

NORFOLK

GWM, 44, mature and stable seeks same to share 3 bedroom furnished home. W/D, A/C, quiet street. \$237.50 plus half utilities. \$225 deposit. Call (804) 440-5729 after 6 p.m. weekdays and weekend mornings. You need to be a working responsible man who is not too much of a party person, except maybe on weekends, within reason. (1458)

FAYETTEVILLE

GWM, 50's professional, with room to rent in quiet residential area. Must be employed, stable, discreet, neat. Prefer non-smoker 18-30. Room has private phone line, cable TV. Extras are microwave, washer/dryer, large private backyard. Rent \$175 per month plus third of utilities. \$75 deposit. Call Bob after 4 p.m. or weekends. (919) 868-2503. (1477)

JOBS**JOB OFFERED**

Gardener for Triangle area daylily farm, 16-20 hours per week from May through July. Call Jim at (919) 929-8203 after 6 p.m. or leave message on machine. (1354)

Designer/artist needs an assistant/apprentice. Woodworking, sewing skills a plus. Will train. Pay commensurate with ability. Send resume, statement about self to: FPL, 345½ W. Main, Durham, NC 27701. (1447)

Models and actors wanted to appear in national videotapes and magazines either solo or with other guys. Great pay for the right guys. Prefer young and bodybuilders, good-looking and well-hung. Work with professional from Hollywood. Excellent exposure. Write and enclose photo if possible to Hot Numbers Mail Order Company, PO Box 35271, Charlotte, NC 28235-2711. (1462)

GET PAID FOR ACTIVISM!

Yes, you can earn \$10-\$15 an hour by helping build grassroots pressure to save lives, secure rights and defeat Helms' amendments. Good communications skills, assertiveness a must, experience preferred, but will train. Contact HRCF, PO Box 1723, Washington, DC 20013. Or call (202) 628-4160. (1401)

DO OUR FRIENDS DIE BECAUSE OF OUR SILENCE?

Human Rights Campaign Fund's building a grassroots network. Politically-motivated, assertive people needed to join field canvass staff. Make good money (\$10-15 hour). Contact HRCF, PO Box 1723, Washington, DC 20013. Or call (202) 628-4160. (1400)

NC Lesbian and Gay Health Project seeks qualified applicants for the following positions:

Executive Director: Full time administrator responsible for program and resource development, staff supervision and public relations. Health care/counseling, special events and grant writing experience preferred.

Health Educator: Half time educator to develop and implement outreach programs to businesses, schools, civic and social groups and assess and train volunteers. Health care/education experience preferred.

Send resume and letter to: LGHP, PO Box 3203, Durham, NC 27715-3203. (1329)

Be positive about yourself, not negative about others.

Career wanted: educated ex-felon seeks position in Greenville, SC area. Computer, volunteer, teaching, and organizational experience. Sincere offers respond to Code 2100, in care of The Front Page. (1406)

TWN — The Weekly News, Florida's gay and lesbian newspaper, has an immediate opening for the position of News Editor. Please respond immediately to: Bill Watson, General Manager, (305) 757-6333, or write: 901 NE 79 Street, Miami, FL 33138. (1493)

LESBIANS**'80s LADIES**

GWf in SC coastal area wants to meet single gay women 35 and older. A child of the '50s, I enjoy pleasing an exceptional woman. You gotta be feminine and bright. Pretty is dessert. I'm sensual, sober, and lonely. Non-smokers please contact me at Code 2114, in care of The Front Page. (1412)

GWM, 32, professional, liberal instincts, seeks educated, sensitive GWf interested in sharing household and raising children. Am not seeking smokescreen for family or friends. PO Box 4661, Cary, NC 27519. (1438)

SENSITIVE BF 28

Don't like BS or superior attitudes. In search of strong, sensitive, down-to-earth woman who is not threatened by my strengths, who can be aggressive and submissive. Older mature lady from age 28-45 years of age. Hoping for mutual loyalty, support, honesty, and understanding in a relationship. Reply to: S.L., PO Box 1025, Goldsboro, NC 27533. (1502)

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1st & 3rd Mondays • 7:30 pm • Duke Episcopal Student Center, Duke University • (919) 929-9191

Integrity Charlotte

2nd & 4th Sundays • St. Peter's Episcopal Church
115 W. 7th St. • 7:30 pm • Call Metrolina Gay/Lesbian Switchboard 704-525-6128

Integrity Triad

2nd & 4th Sundays • 4:00 pm • St. Mary's Episcopal Center, UNC-Greensboro • 930 Walker Ave., Greensboro • (919) 334-5219

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GWF, thirty-something, settled, honest, hopeless, romantic still searching for soul mate to share dreams and adventures. Interests include uncrowded beaches, music, quiet evenings at home. Triad area. Code 2163, in care of *The Front Page*. (1510)

Tall, attractive and passable transvestite seeks attractive female for friendship. I'm a professional man by day and a sensual she-male at night, 29 years old, honest, sincere and caring. Seeking intelligent, educated female from late twenties on up. No men, please. Code 2170, in care of *The Front Page*. (1526)

BISEXUALS

Generous 35 y/o safe BiWM resembling Orson Welles, encouraged by non-participating wife, seeks BiF or BiC for fun and intimate frolics.

Extremely talented French lover for all. Age, race, appearance unimportant; talent, enthusiasm, passion vital. Can host in local motel or travel up to 250 miles. Amateur status unimportant especially is pairs or couples. Sensitive an discreet. Send letter with photo/phone. CB, PO Box 212172, Columbia, SC 29221. (1520)

WM seeks well hung 8" plus BM, watch X-rated videos or more. Call Bob in Charlotte (704) 846-8274. (1183)

Model/Escort type desired for Charlotte weekdays. Qualifications: thin muscular build, big dick, 18-28. I am 42, 6', 185 lbs., married bisexual. Phone, revealing photo to: T.J.R., PO Box 11390-151B, Charlotte, NC 28220. (1315)

Model/escort type desired for daytime or evening meetings. I travel all of NC, SC, VA. Qualifications: 18-35, muscular build, hot, horny dick. I'm 43, 160 lbs., married, bisexual. Phone necessary, photo optional to: PO Box 1226, High Point, NC 27261. (May also try couples where husband is Bi). (1507)

Hi, I'm new to the Raleigh area. BiWM, average looking, 5'9", 150 lbs. Seeks friendship, maybe more with BiM or BiF. I do smoke, do not do drugs or alcohol. I am disease free and very discreet. I enjoy outdoor activities, motorcycling, movies, quiet dinners. If you are looking for

something to do on the weekends or someone to do it with please write. All replies answered. Write to Code 2156, in care of *The Front Page*. (1509)

GAY MEN

HOOKED ON MUSCLE

Are you a bodybuilder, powerlifter or football player? With over 200 pounds of solid muscle? GWM, professional, 32, 5 foot ten inches, 155 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, nice looking, addicted to muscular men, wants to meet you. All times, places, terms considered. Can travel. Your privacy/reputation protected. Write to Box 4000, in care of *The Front Page*, P.O. Box 27926, Raleigh, N.C. 27611

GWM, 34 years old, masculine, sincere, honest individual seeks other males for friendship with an ultimate goal of forming a one on one relationship. I have varied interests and am well educated. Masculinity, discretion and cleanliness are a must. Photo appreciated. PO Box 9656, Greensboro, NC 27429. Phone (919) 282-8268. (1280)

Little Brother/Son wanted by successful married bisexual 42, 6', 185 lbs. Must be 18-28, have thin muscular build, big dick, masculine, honest, discreet. Will teach you the secrets of business success. Will help with college or starting your own business. Possible future employment with my company. Phone, revealing photo to: T.J.R., PO Box 11390-151B, Charlotte, NC 28220. (1316)

BLUE-EYED PREPPIE

Boiyish 36, charming and fun, beard/mustache. Seeks cute bottoms for safe fun during Carolina visits. Send photo/phone to: PO Box 875, Harrison, NY 10528. (1473)

Looking for a boyfriend who could like a guy who owns a XXX rated mail order business that produces its own gay movies and magazines plus produces musicians. I'm fun, adventurous, professional, handsome. Love to party and travel. Like handsome young guys 18-26, employed, career minded, and seeking the best. Reply to PO Box 35271, Charlotte, NC 28235-5271. (1461)

GWM, 50, 170, 5'8", divorced. I am aware of the mutual pleasures derived from giving head safely. I want to be a stomach-man for your safe and thrusting pleasures. I want to use my tongue and finger tips everywhere to pleasure you. I would like to provide for you singly or on a permanent basis. I hunker for ministers, farm boys (over 18), and for all ethnic men. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 212, Pleasant Garden, NC 27313. (1479)

GWM, age 24, looking for other young guys (over 18) for hot sex. Must live in radius of Avery County. So cum on write, you won't be disappointed. Photo gets mine. Code 2135, in care of *The Front Page*. (1446)

GWM seeks same for life long monogamous relationship. Friendship first then we'll see what develops. I am 34, 5'11", 190, college educated, seek some one of similar features age range 18-40. I enjoy quiet times at home, dining out, movies, travel, honesty and openness. Relocation possible for the right person. PS: I don't drink or use any drugs. Respond to: PO Box 2021, Danville, VA 24541. I am a romantic so lets see what can bloom in spring! All responses answered, so write soon! (1452)

CHARLOTTE AREA

Come on — make my life! GWM seeks same for serious relationship. Now guys, I'm too old to keep playing those attitude games at the bars; so if you are serious about meeting a youthful 40 year old, I would like to hear from you. I am a trim 155 lbs., 6', with brown hair (all of it!), and a non-smoker. Now I know lots of you read these ads but like me, hate writing letters. So I'll put my phone number here and hope that if you are slim and age 30-45 you will give a call between 5 and 10 p.m. or weekends. Phone (704) 334-4705. (1466)

GWM, 44, 6'2", 225 lbs., blue eyes, dark brown hair seeks friendship with males 45 years old or older. A few of my interests include British television programs, getting to know people from foreign countries who now live within 50 miles of my home town, Victorian furniture, Victorian houses, walking in the woods, anthropology, classical music, and European folk music. I am extremely non-judgmental and I try very hard to be kind and understanding to everyone I meet. I will answer all the letters that I receive. Write to: PO Box 733, Graham, NC 27253. (1539)

GBM, 29, commutes to Raleigh everyday. Seeks GWM, age not important; to spend time with possible relocation for that special person. Friendship, honesty, trust are most important. I like new friends also. Write to: Cooper, PO Box 6223, Rocky Mount, NC 27802-6223. (1540)

PEN PALS, FRIENDS, AND WORKOUT BUDDY

GBM, 21, would like to correspond and possibly meet other gays, males and females. Especially hairy men. I would also like to meet those interested in bodybuilding. I am a beginner and would like a workout partner. I am 5'8", 165 lbs. My hobbies include: music, reading, dancing, and working out. All those interested in a lasting friendship, write to: Wade, PO Box 1754, Sanford, NC 27331. I am honest and sincere and will expect the same. Send a photo and you'll get one. (1541)

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The man we love is straight, married, and has multiple offspring. While we are buddy-bonded, he is not cooperating in our attempt to break up his home. We seek someone male, tall, blonde/light brown-haired, blue/hazel/green/gray-eyed, ever-so-slightly pudgy, broad-shouldered and strong-armed upon whom we can unleash our bridled passion. You should be

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GM interested in meeting other males. Call (704) 666-3017 after 8 p.m. or on Saturday mornings. (1480)

40, 6', 175, blue eyes, brown hair, professional, looking for same between 35 and 45. Write Bob, PO Box 15781, Ardmore Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27113-5781. (1464)

GWM, 5'10", 155 lbs., 26, professional, attractive, HIV positive. I'm warm, caring, affectionate with a good sense of humor. Enjoy cooking, movies, reading, cuddling and romantic evenings. Seeking same with sincerity for friend and possible relationship. Photo and phone appreciated. Write: PO Box 26841, Winston-Salem, NC 27114. (1469)

GWM, 40, 195 lbs., 6', living in Raleigh. Looking for a mate that is very masculine and whom no one suspects is gay. Jim, PO Box 6059, Raleigh, NC 27628. (1472)

When friends talk about Barbara's latest record, do you think Mandrell, not Streisand? Do you enjoy long walks, woods, animals and good discussions? Then this very energetic GWM wants to hear from you. I'm 23, 6'2", 165 lbs., red hair, brown eyes, mustache. Looking for country boy (over 18) or cowboy to spend time with here in town. Want to meet buddies, but open to more. Fellow friends of Bill W. especially welcome. Phone and photo get mine. PO Box 148, 3001 Central Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205. (1476)

HICKORY

Tired of the loneliness? I'm a GWM, 28 and new to Hickory, NC. I'm looking for friends and a lasting relationship. I'm an attractive, masculine, stable, mature, warm and basically a fun-loving type of guy. I'm 5'10", 140 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes. I love the beach, mountains, movies, and spending quiet evenings at home. I dislike the bars, drugs, etc. I'm seeking someone similar to myself 25 to 35 who is stable, intelligent, masculine and ready for a good friend. If you are just looking for a one night stand, then don't respond. Write with photo and phone or address and I'll do the same. Write to: Boxholder, PO Box 9318, Hickory, NC 28601. (1481)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When we first came to be a volunteer for *The Front Page*, we had visions of the open office area in the movie *Nine To Five*. Desks lined up in rows, people busy this-ing and that-ing. Forget it. Think 14x20, no windows, one community PC, no plush anything, not a hint of mauve or lavender in sight.

We thought we'd meet people, find the intellectual gay "community." What people? There are no full time staff people, no regular office hours, a message recorder answers the phone. The editor has other commitments, is in and out of the office, and has a tendency toward night owl-ism. We went for two years without ever meeting another TFP soul face-to-face.

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The plea: TFP seeks volunteers who are willing to commit 1-2 hours per week on a routine basis to support *Your Humble Typist*.

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The deal: Send your name, address and/or phone number to Box 1408, in care of *The Front Page*. Just don't bother to stamp the letter to be forwarded. Please don't call to volunteer. Thanks.

HANDSOME AND HAIRY

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GWM, 45, 5'6", 160 lbs., seeks versatile top man for man to man relationship. Discretion a must. Photo with letter gets quick response. Phone numbers will get response. Mr. S., PO Box 23533, Columbia, SC 29224. (1326)

GWM, 45, looking for friends, possible relationship. Me top safe, you bottom safe, mid 30's. Photo, phone appreciated. Also XXX magazines for sale. PO Box 34111, Charlotte, NC 28243-4111. (1355)

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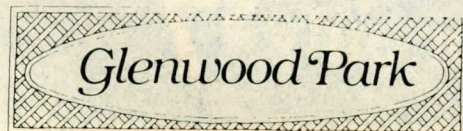
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GWM seeks same, 25-45, for lifetime, monogamous relationship. I am 35, 6'3", 175 lbs., light brown hair, hazel eyes, very well endowed and versatile with right person. Sex secondary to finding compatible, trusting person with which to share my life. Rocky Mount-Greenville-Wilson area. I am college educated, enjoy movies, gardening, travel, dining out, VCR, bowling, swimming, beach, quiet times at home with right person. Serious inquiries only, please. No heavy drinkers or drugs. Will answer all serious inquiries. Write and tell me about yourself and let's meet! PO Box 686, Bellarthur, NC 27811-0686. (1456)

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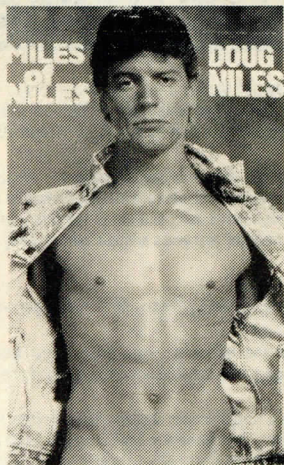
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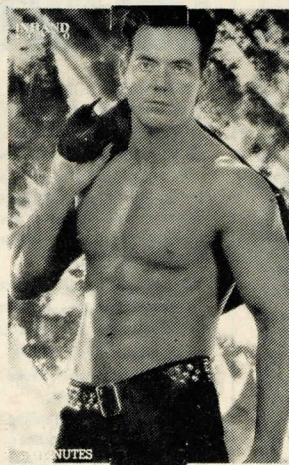
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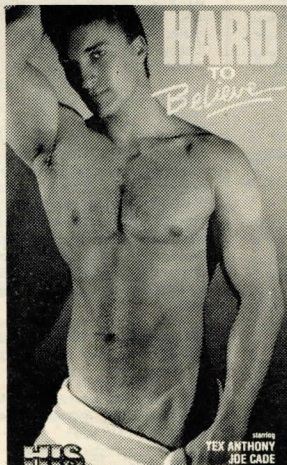
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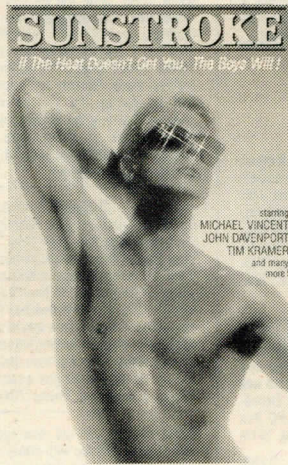
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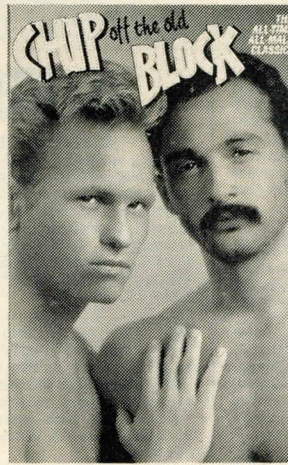
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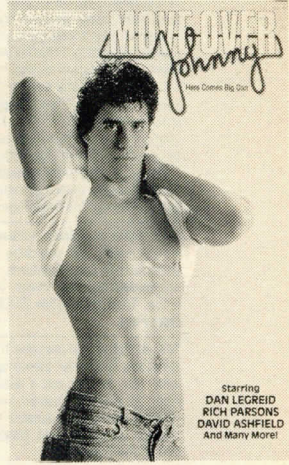
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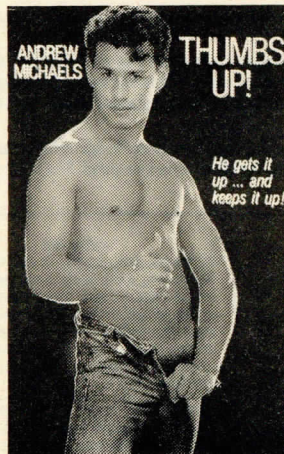
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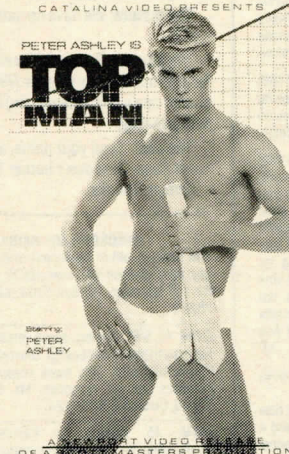
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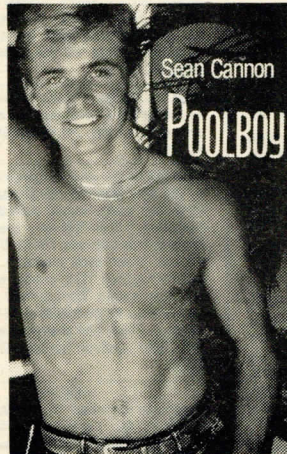
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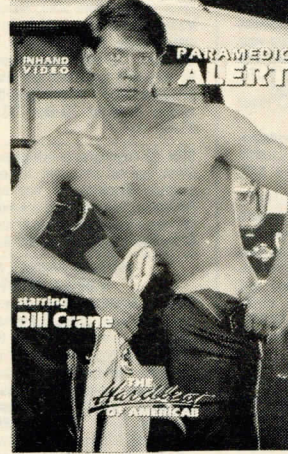
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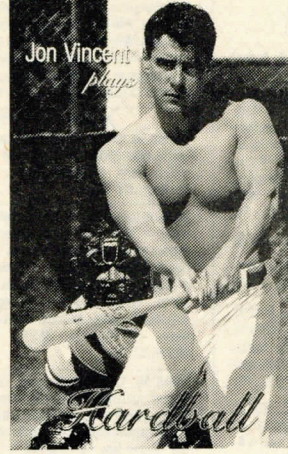
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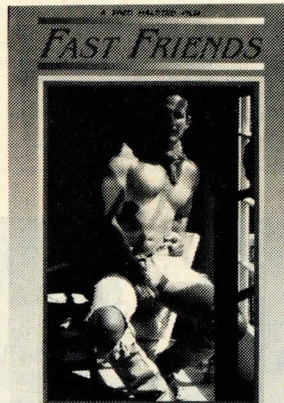
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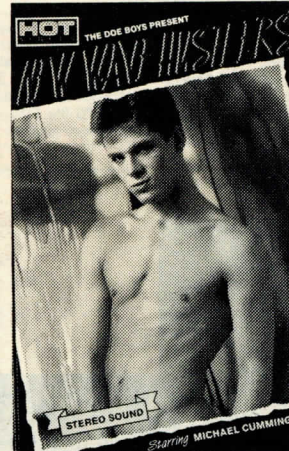
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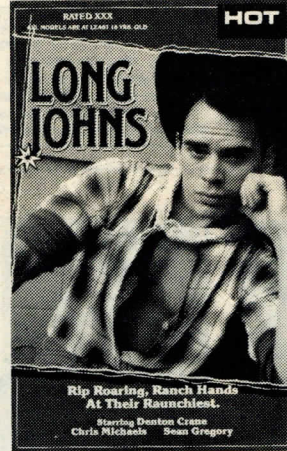
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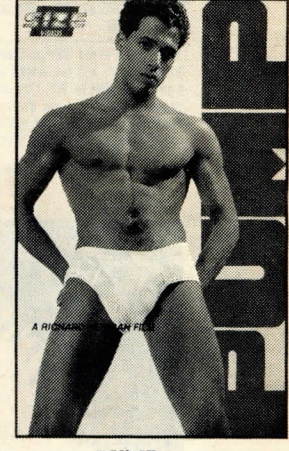
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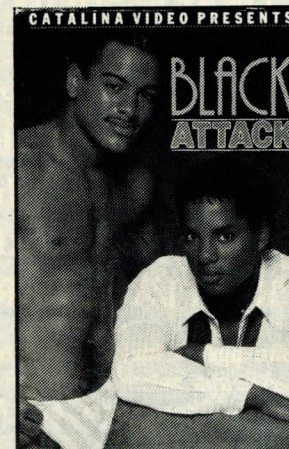


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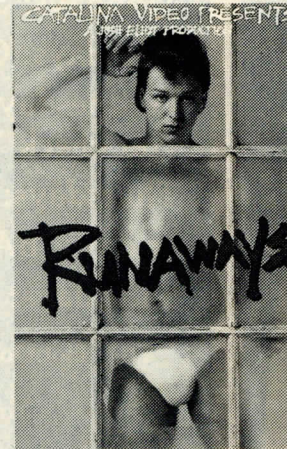


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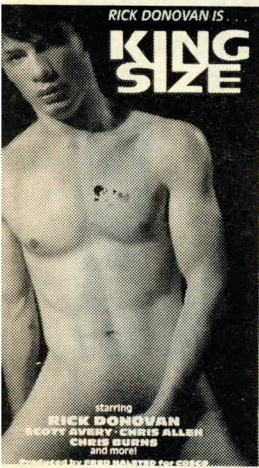
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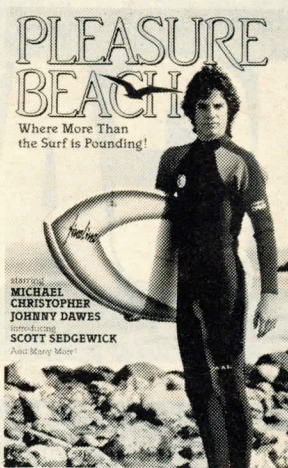
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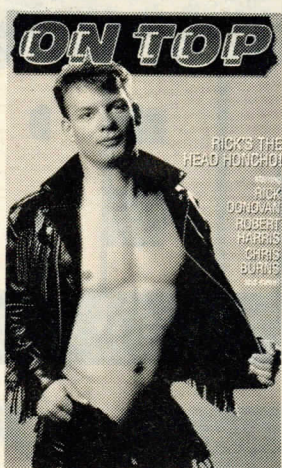
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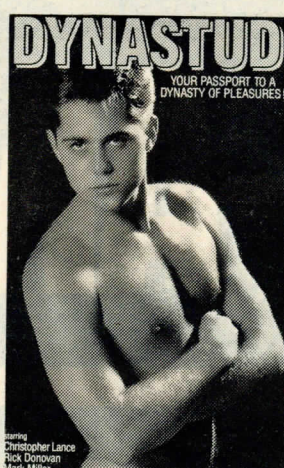
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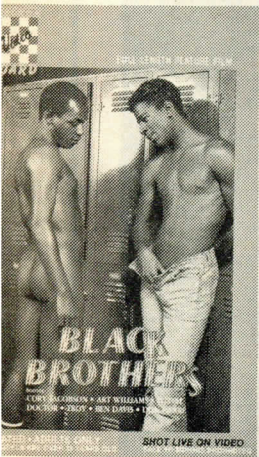
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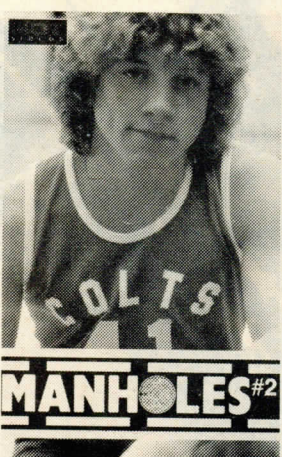
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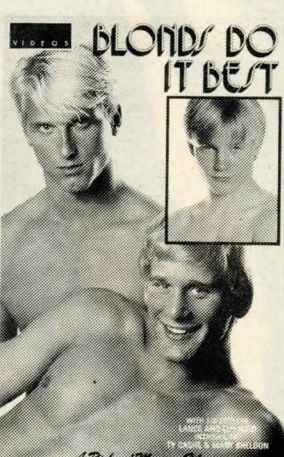
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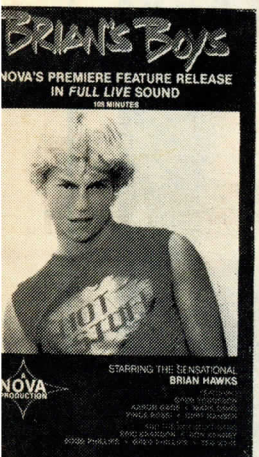
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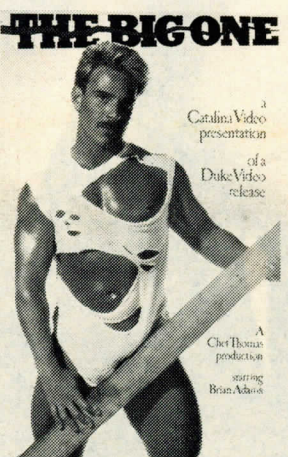
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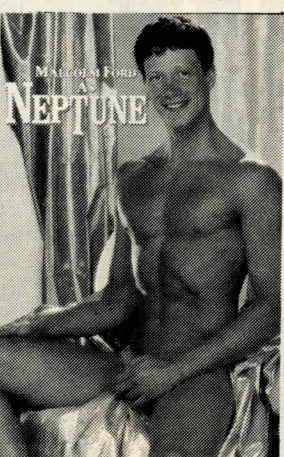
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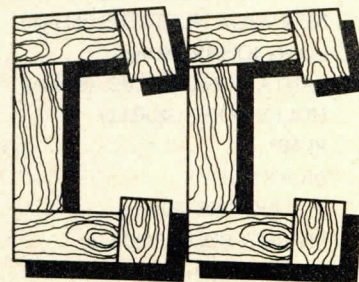
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BROTHER LOUIE

GM, 30, leads disorderly life but enjoys most of it. I enjoy reading all night, foreign films, college radio, take-out food, cigs and beer, and bars. I like the company of people that know they are gay and wouldn't have it any other way. You might like my company if you don't expect miracles. Write anyway: Bro. Louie, PO Box 193, Greensboro, NC 27402. (1519)

Lonely, young, attractive GWM, 26, prisoner, blonde hair, bluish-green eyes, 5'10", 157 lbs., would like to correspond with other GWM's in the sincere hopes of establishing a serious relationship. I have a lot of love to offer that one special person. Perhaps you are that person, lets explore the possibilities together. Looks are unimportant, however what you hold within your heart is. Send your reply to: Code 2177, in care of The Front Page. You won't be disappointed. (1528)

GBM, 23, interested in acquiring a special and unique friend. One who is tired of all the typical game play, just wanting to care and be cared for. I'm loyal, trustworthy, with a very romantic nature. You should be attractive, well-groomed, career-oriented, black or hispanic male — between 22-32. So if you're sincere about having someone special in your life, drop me a line. All inquiries will get a response. PO Box 25523, Fayetteville, NC 28314. (1529)

Lonely country boy returned home, seeks friends and pen pals. GWM, 35, brown hair-eyes, 6', 145 lbs., with mustache. Glad to exchange photos. Would love to hear from all nationalities. I hang around Philpott Lake a lot during the day time, as I work third shift at night, but never meet anyone there. Country life is so lonely, so wouldn't you share some of your time with me? Write: Dave, Route 1, Box 371, Patrick Springs, VA 24133. If you like honest, sincere friends, get to know me. (1404)

GET AWAY WEEKEND

Come visit me, quiet comfortable relaxing. We'll do the things we enjoy. Doug (919) 753-7359. 212 N. Walnut St., Box 8, Farmville, NC 27828. Smoker, light drinker, GWM, 40, 155 lbs., 5'6". Not a perfect 10 but often complemented. Looking forward to hearing from you. (1407)

NEW TO WILMINGTON

Hello. I am a GWM, 24, 6', 170 lbs., masculine and good looking. Searching for similar for friends and possible relationship. Not into bars, drinking or drugs. Like long walks on beach, photography, and bicycling. Discretion a must. Get a pen and write to PO Box 1615, Wilmington, NC 28402. Send a photo if possible. (1498)

Good looking GWM, 30 years old, 5'11", 155 lbs. Presently doing time here in NC. Originally from Tampa, Fla. I will be released in Dec. Am looking for GWM who is serious about starting a lasting relationship. You must be able to travel to Northeastern NC on the weekends to visit. Besides a relationship, I am looking for a reliable, trustworthy person who may be able to help me handle my personal outside business over the next few months. I will make it worth your while. Don't just sit there, drop me a line, you'll be glad you did. Looks are unimportant, heart is what I'm looking for. Southern Virginia welcome. Fred Parris, Route 1, Box 36, Jackson, NC 27845. (1499)

GWM, 36, 6'5", 175 lbs., brown hair, green eyes and mustache. Enjoys all kinds of music, the mountains and quiet evenings at home. I work hard for things I want in life and I'm not into any head games. I'm looking for gay males, 30-48, for friendships and possible relationship. I'm honest and caring, also not into the bar scene. Photo and phone # would be appreciated. Boxholder, Route 4, Box 346, Apt #3, Conover, NC 28613. (1465)

WET PANTS — WET FUN

GWM, 50's, seeks young guys (18-30) into wet fun, especially pants, diapers. Try it! You'll like it! Call Rob - Fayetteville, evenings. (919) 868-2503. (1478)

I am interested in meeting dark-haired, bearded men 30-45 who are masculine, mature, and gentle. I'm looking for a lifetime relationship and can relocate for the right person. I am a GWM, 24, 5'6", 130, blond with mustache. Please write to: PO Box 1414, Wendell, NC 27591. Photo appreciated, but not necessary. (1524)

COMMITMENT

Do you hope to find someone special who will love only you? I'm a healthy GWM who is looking for a lifetime, monogamous relationship with a GWM, 25-40. I have traditional values and believe in honesty and fidelity. Being very affectionate, I enjoy cuddling and closeness. Although I'm sexually versatile, I consider sex secondary to finding a compatible mate. My interests include reading, movies, time at the beach and mountains, travel, flea markets, TV, music, and quiet evenings at home. Your height doesn't matter, but you should be slender and healthy, clean, a non-smoker, free of drugs, and not a heavy drinker. I hope you will be easy-going, thoughtful, honest, reliable, and will have a good sense of humor. I'm 5'11", 145, hazel eyes, brown hair, slender, smooth, 40's. Please reply with photo and phone number to Boxholder, PO Box 3442, Chapel Hill, NC 27515. (1525)

BLACK MALE SEEKING WHITE MALE

BM, 5'9", 36, 180 lbs., medium brown complexion, black eyes, black curly hair. Masculine. Wishes to meet a sweet and understanding white man. One who knows what they want out of life and one that is ready to control this fine piece of black meat. My hobbies are reading, camping out, dining out, listening to music, and traveling. If there happens to be just one white man out there, please lets reach out and touch each other. I will send pictures upon request. Also phone number. John L. Barnes, Route 3, Box 22, Heath Springs, SC 29058. Located in Lancaster County, SC. (1441)

GWM, mid-fifties, 5'10", 185 lbs. Would like to meet mature men 35-60 who want meaningful affection that includes more than just the bed. Key words are honesty, cleanliness, maturity, discretion, and willingness to give and take 50-50. I would hope this ad results in some fun as well as some serious friendships. Write PO Box 534, Wilmington, NC 28402. (1536)

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GWM, 31, 5'6", hazel eyes, brown hair, 160 lbs. Love music, reading, camping. Want to meet other GWM's for pen pals and maybe more. Michael Liggins, PO Box 8909, Asheville, NC 28814. (1417)

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ARIES (March 21 — April 20) The week begins with a magnificent burst of mental energy; it almost seems as if you can will the solutions to come to your questions. Moderating advice from a friend can help polish those ideas to a perfect sheen.

TAURUS (April 21 — May 20) Finishing off any long-standing responsibility clears the air and your mind. Your attentiveness is repaid many times over with a piece of information that is very valuable. Accept it with thanks, and think carefully about how best to use it.

GEMINI (May 21 — June 21) Schemes, ideas, and plans that will affect others will work best if you consult before putting them into practice. Your image is good now, and if you keep that in mind while acting, it will get better. Remember that change is difficult for most people.

CANCER (June 22 — July 22) Something unfamiliar attracts you, and at the same time worries you because it conflicts with what you know so well. Step delicately here; this is not a question of all or nothing. Taste, sample, and appreciate the novelty, but don't make it part of your life.

LEO (July 23 — August 22) Bitten off more than you can chew? Or are you simply awe-struck by what confronts you? It's not that you're incapable, only that you have to rearrange the way you do things. A loved one helps, and that feels good.

VIRGO (August 23 — September 22) Home satisfaction and happiness fill your days and nights, which is all to the good. The only possible side affect that could be less than perfect is a tendency to withdraw from the rest of the world. Be open to the outside.

LIBRA (September 23 — October 22) "I'm all right, Jack," is your catchphrase, but make sure that "You're all right" is something you say only when it's true. You'll be asked for an unbiased opinion, and a frank answer will be required — and appreciated.

SCORPIO (October 23 — November 21) Hard work is required, and you have all the ability it demands, so long as you don't give in to despair about how long the road to reward may seem. Distraction from a loved one helps; so does an attitude that appreciates what you're learning as you go.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 — December 21) Thinking beautiful thoughts may seem now to be a silly pastime, but you need a center and the best one is in your own mind. Pull it into order, and then let it wander. That gives you relief from distractions and may result in valuable insight.

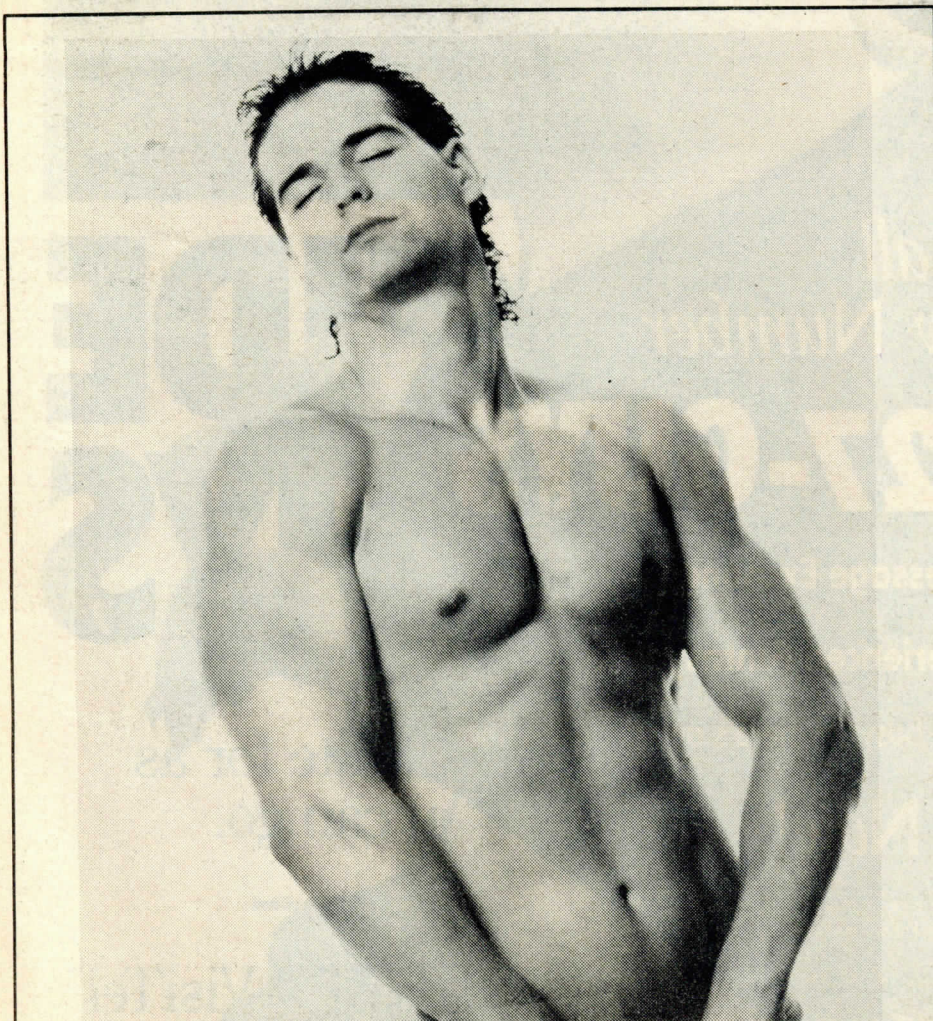
CAPRICORN (December 22 — January 19) Something good has come into your home which has far reaching implications. You can build on it and move forward, if all the baggage of the past has been cleared. Take a step away from the immediate situation and make sure the path is clear — in both directions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 — February 18) Go for the sure thing. With your abilities shining, you're tempted to go off in several tempting directions, perhaps all at once. Concentrate on a winner, and carve that notch on your belt before you expend your energy uselessly.

PISCES (February 19 — March 20) Be faithful to your dreams. You've set a path that you should stick to, and any detours now are fruitless. Distractions abound; avoid any that decrease your efficiency or concentration. Avoid any kind of overindulgence.

GWM, 23, 5'9", 140, blond hair, green eyes, looking for someone honest, sincere, caring, understanding, loving. Mr. Right? Ricky Todd, Route 1, Box 36, Jackson, NC 27845. (1418)

WM, 5'5", 130 lbs., 25 y/o, chestnut brown hair, piercing blue-gray eyes. Sincere, lovable. Any age. Pete Wild, PO Box 1000, Craigsville, VA 24430. (1421)



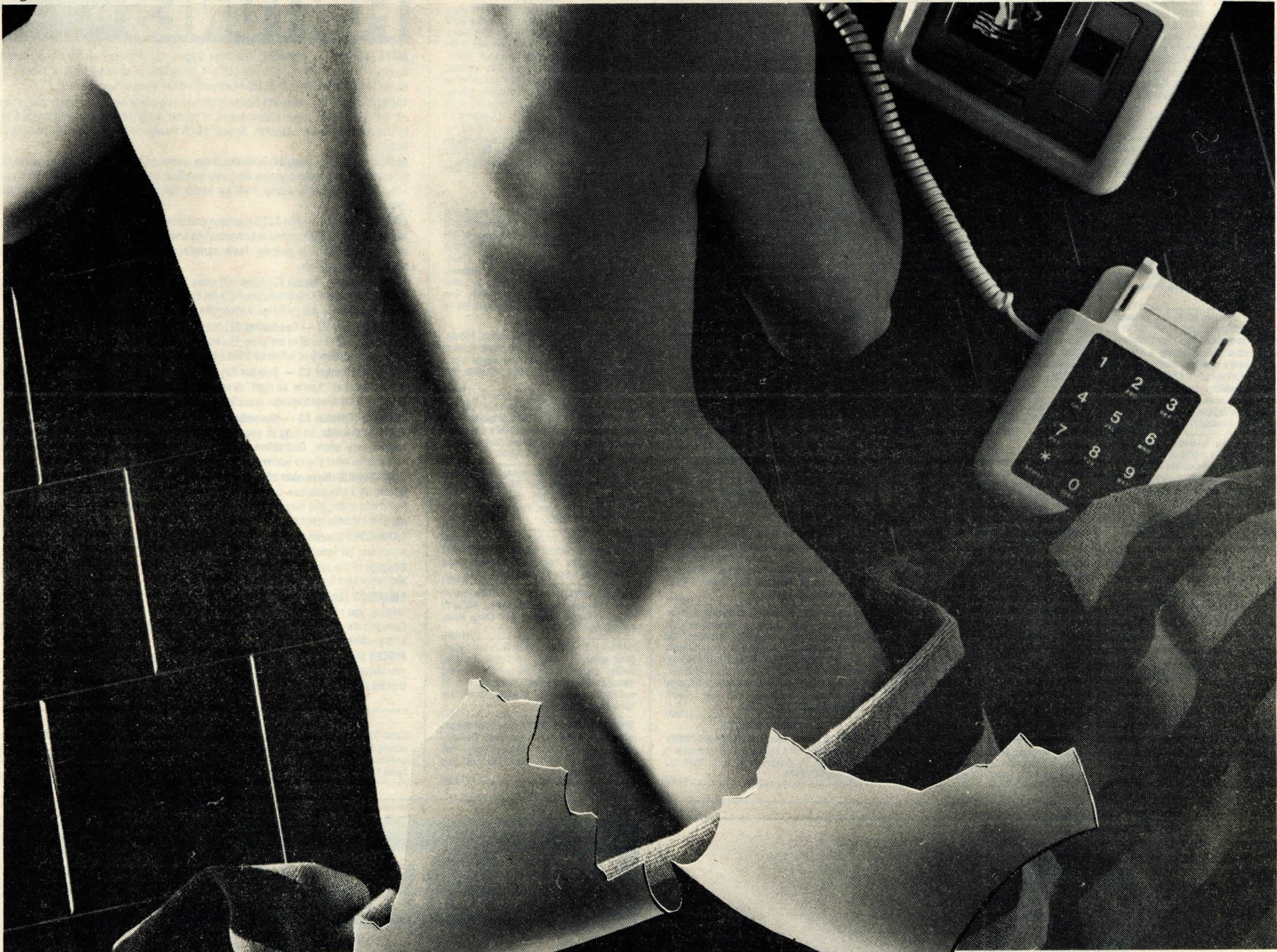
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PRIDE '89

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and his wig in the other, then held them both up high above his head, real defiantly, singing "Through it all, I did it my way!"

The two women I was with had never been to a march or rally before. Angie came up just for the rally. We'd been working on her for a week about joining us in Raleigh. She got there when we were singing "United We Stand." She came up behind me and grabbed me by the shoulders; I was so thrilled about her being there that I hugged her real tight. She said she didn't actually plan to come with us because it basically freaks her out if she has time to get anxious and nervous. When she just goes ahead and does something frightening it's okay, and that's what she did the day of the march. She got lost and still didn't freak out and still showed up. She was real happy to be there. She said this year she did the rally, and maybe next year she will work her way up to marching, too.

I think that's important. If we stop and we think about all the things that *could* happen — we could get shot, all the "what ifs" — none of us would ever do anything. We just have to get out and do it.

But Rachel was the funniest one with our group. She broke up with her girlfriend about six months ago, and she'd never done anything like a march when they were together. Over Memorial Day she had gone to the Women's Music and Comedy Festival in Georgia; her birthday was going to be that weekend, and she didn't want to stay at home



and feel sorry for herself. She still ended up feeling sorry for herself on the day of her birthday, but she said a whole festival of women was the best possible place for that to happen.

Rachel bought a "Gay and Christian" button at the beginning of the march. She had on a straw hat

and sunglasses, and she smeared Number 44 sunscreen on herself so she wouldn't burn.

At one point in the march she decided she wanted to see how long the line of gay people was, so she just wandered out into the middle of the street to look toward the back! She didn't know

about staying on our half of the street. The man doing the peacekeeping said to her, "hey, lady, get back in there!"

At another point we were walking in the opposite direction of the traffic, which was stopped for us. Rachel giggled and said, "Gee, I've always wanted to stop traffic!"

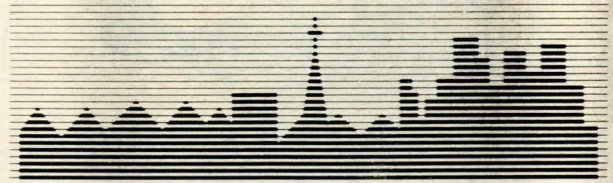
I hadn't had anything to eat since breakfast, so on the way home we stopped at a Burger King in Graham to eat. When we reached the counter to order, the woman at the counter stared at at my bright red MCC t-shirt and finally said, "We've had a lot of baseball teams in here for some big tournament this weekend." I didn't say anything, and she stared even more when she realized what my button said. It was the ACT-UP Silence=Death button, and beside it I was wearing the ribbon that marked me as one of the people taking part in the counting of the AIDS victims at the rally.

There's a special reason I wore this button: *it goes against everything my mother told me all my life.* She said that a person can *not* make a difference, and can *not* change anything; that marching, and writing letters to people like senators, and even voting don't alter anything that happens in the world.

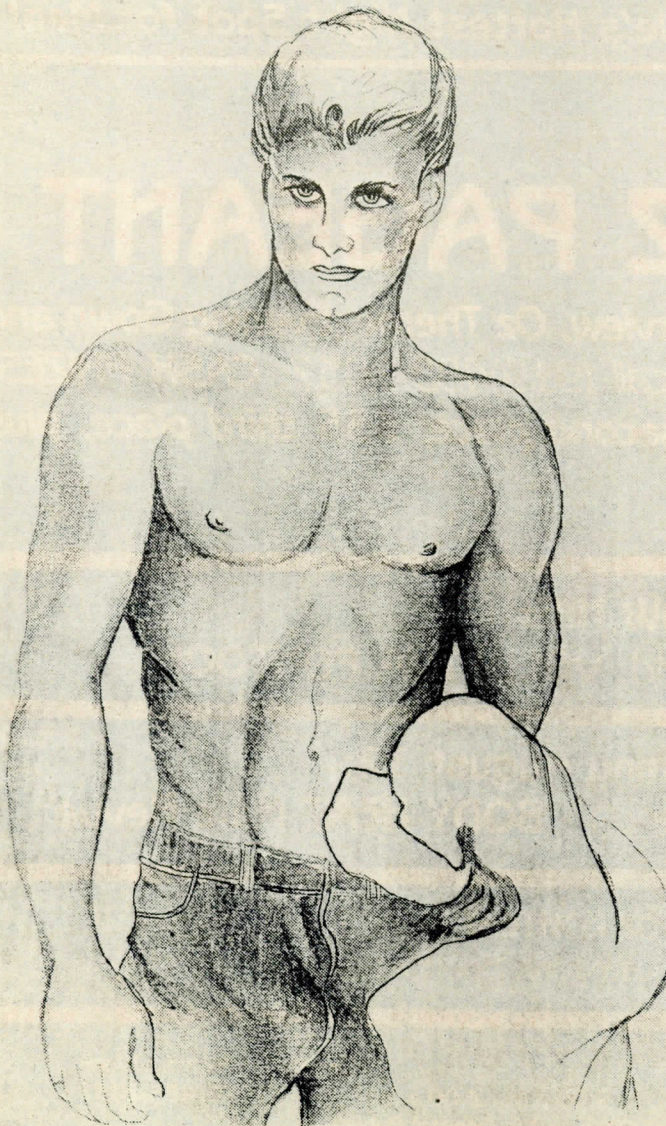
I know better now. I've done these things, and I've learned that, even if they make a difference in no other way, having done them has made the most important difference of all: they have made a difference to me, what I think of myself, and what I've made of my life.

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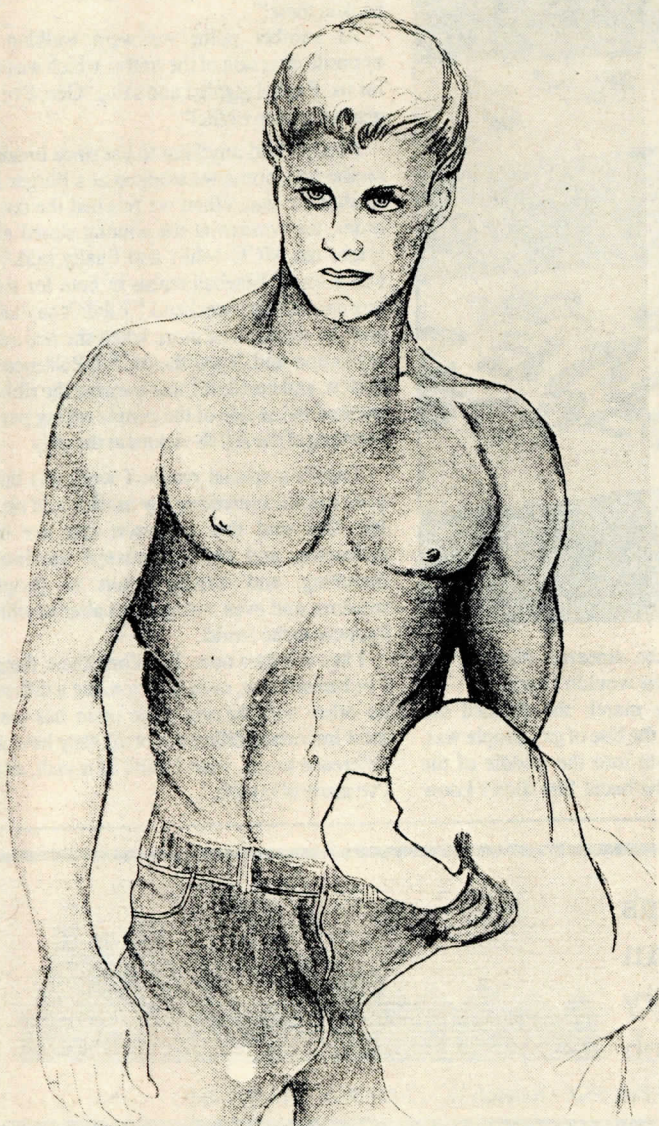


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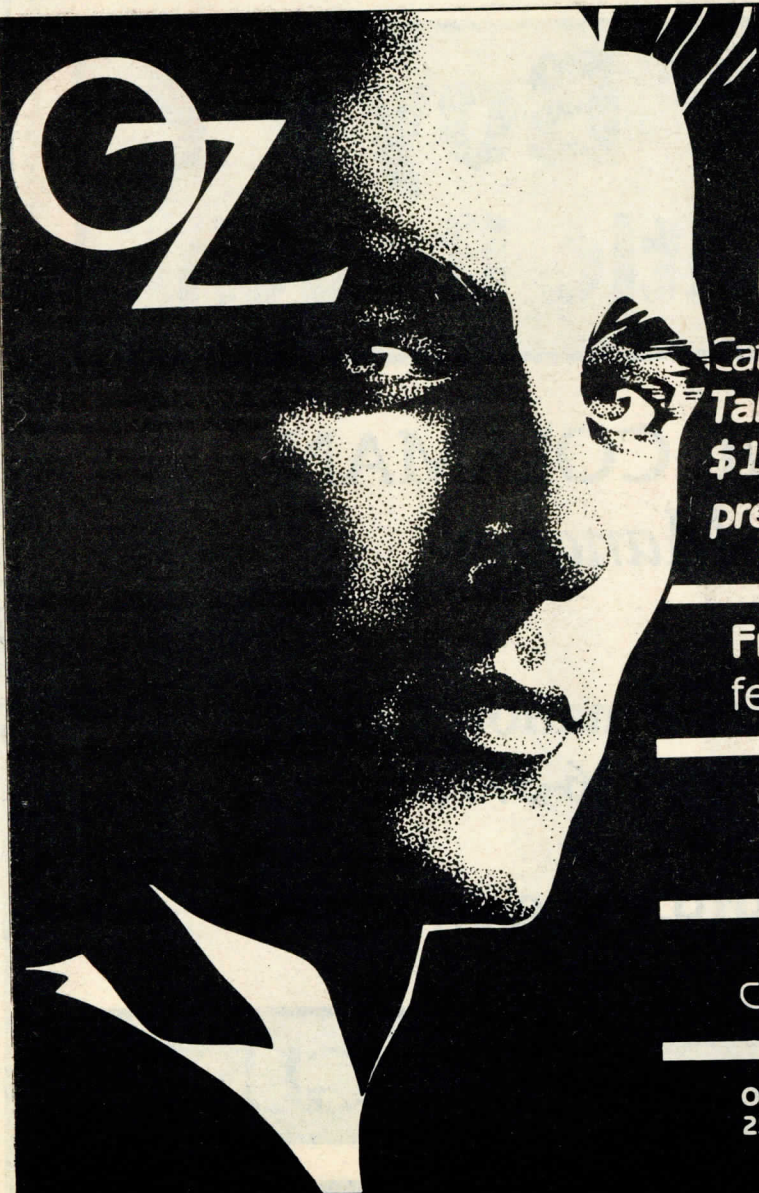
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While You Were At The March:

Commentary by Janelle Lavelle

Over 2,500 people marched through the streets of Raleigh on Saturday, June 24 to commemorate 20 years of gay pride. David Jones, Christine Oscar and I were not among them.

Jones, lobbyist for the AIDS Service Coalition, was at the legislative building because the General Assembly was holding a rare Saturday session, and the AIDS anti-discrimination bill was in danger. One of the most powerful members of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Dan Blue of Raleigh, had decided to introduce an amendment to allow AIDS testing without patients' consent. The leading advocate of such testing is Dr. Milton Quigless, one of Blue's constituents.

"At the very moment the parade went by, I was trying to talk Blue out of this," Jones said. "It would be the killer amendment to the bill," because its supporters oppose the amendment and prefer no bill at all to uncontrolled testing. The amendment would make anti-discrimination laws meaningless, Jones said, because any doctor could order a test at will and use the information against the patient.

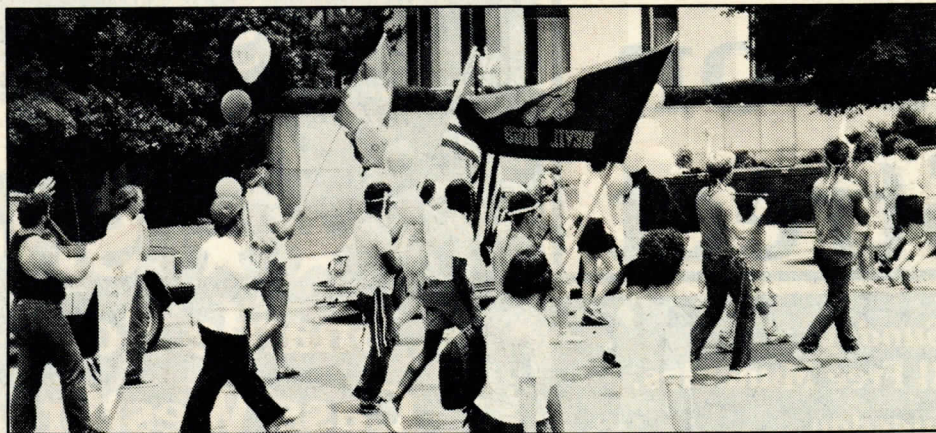
"The company doctor runs an HIV test during the annual physical; the person tests positive and they're suddenly fired for 'bad attitude,'" Jones said.

We can't all be truck drivers

Jones was "hot and heavy into negotiations," as the parade passed by the legislative building. But his attention was momentarily distracted.

"Three or four people in the hall were walking by, and one said, 'What's that?' 'A parade,' someone answered. 'What kind of parade?' 'A gay rights parade.' And the first voice said, 'Well, I guess that's okay; we can't all be truck drivers!' I

Gay people, Pride '89 & the Black community



almost lost it in the middle of the negotiations," he laughed.

As he heard the sounds of the marchers' drums and songs, Jones felt two contradictory emotions.

"One was great frustration at being in the meeting. I wanted to go out and wave, at least for a second," he said. "On the other hand — this is going to sound real corny — as I was working so hard to persuade the person that this amendment

was a very bad idea, there was this real feeling of solidarity. I could hear the march, a faint whisper of a chant now and then, and could hear all the people scrambling to the windows of the legislative building to watch."

We were all caregivers that Saturday

Rev. Christine Oscar of Greensboro's Metropolitan Community Church wasn't at the march, either, although she has been one of the prime

recruiters of Triad marchers. She was helping nurse a friend, ill with AIDS, who had chosen to spend his last days at home.

Marching in an event like Pride '89 is important on three levels, Oscar said. On an individual level, it pushes a person to come out to themselves, acknowledging and taking pride in their sexuality. For the community, it breaks down gay people's isolation by building a sense of numbers and support. Finally, the society as a whole learns that "we will not stay in their closet."

"The person for whom I was caring that day does not happen to be a gay person," Oscar said. He had become her "best friend" through their AIDS work. "Since the rest of society refuses to take responsibility for this health crisis, the minorities — gay people, black people — have come in and worked as the true caregivers." Society's leaders not only neglect minority people with AIDS, she said, "they won't even take care of each other."

Female impersonator too 'dirty' to print

Despite my plans to report on the march I, too, missed this year's event. The Pride '89 issue of *The Front Page* was late, and our loyal printers could not print the paper by the weekend. We found another one and arranged to ferry the material from Raleigh. I knew I would miss the actual march, but expected to make it to the park in time for the rally. Everything was ready and the ink was on the press when the head printer approached me.

"Who's this newspaper for?" he asked, waving a picture of Jennifer Barrett, the retiring Miss North Carolina for Female Impersonators, in his ink-stained hand.

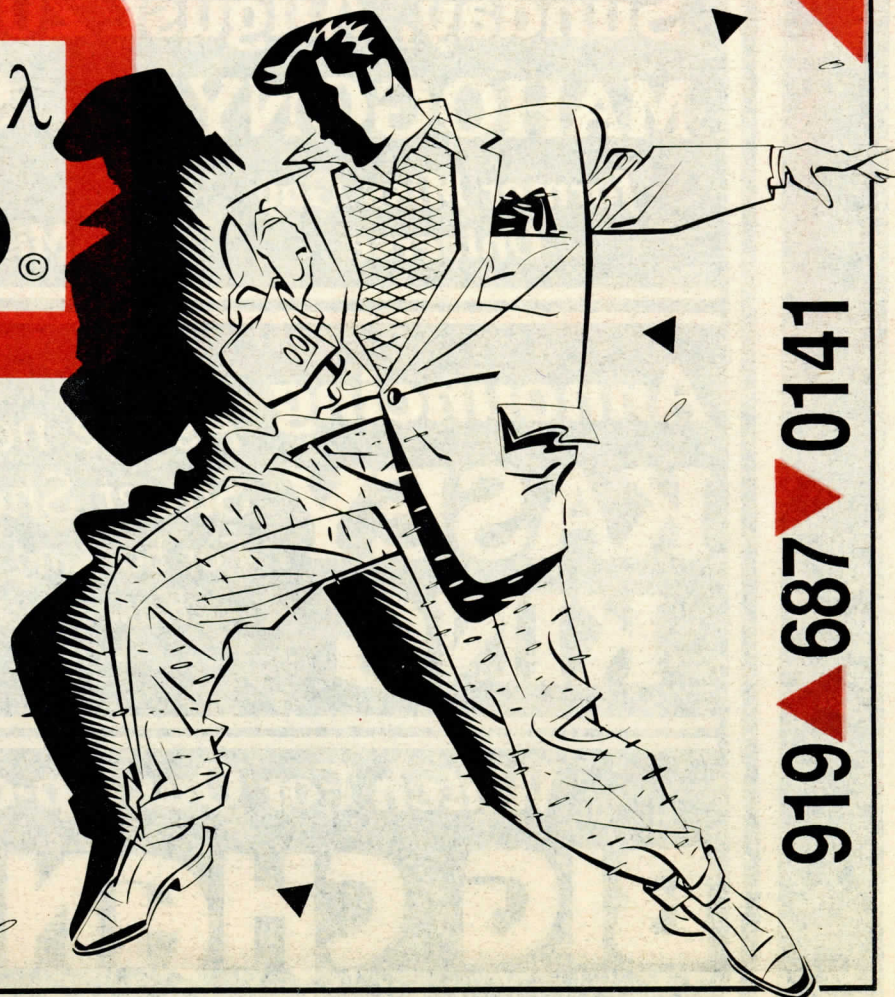
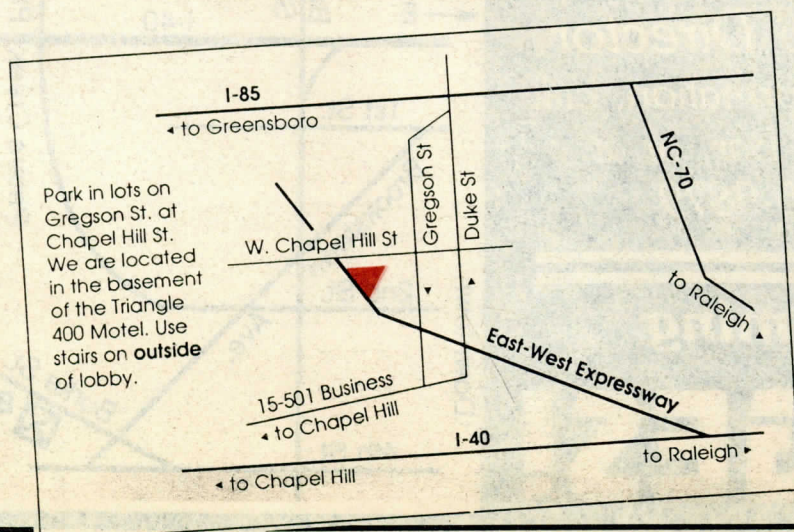
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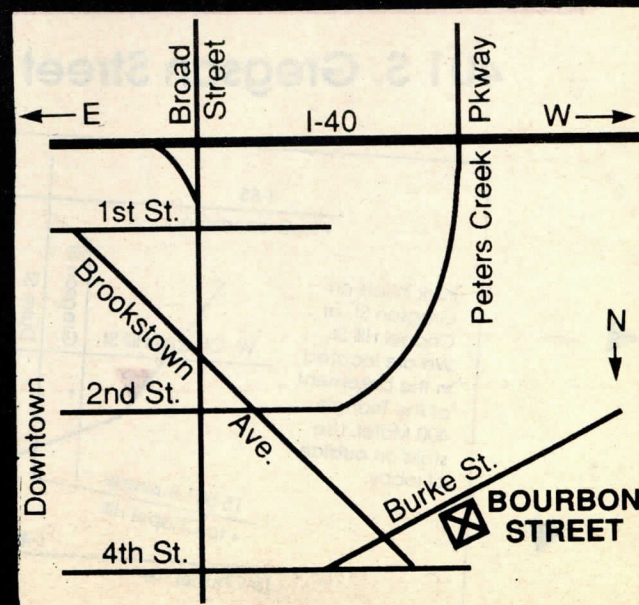
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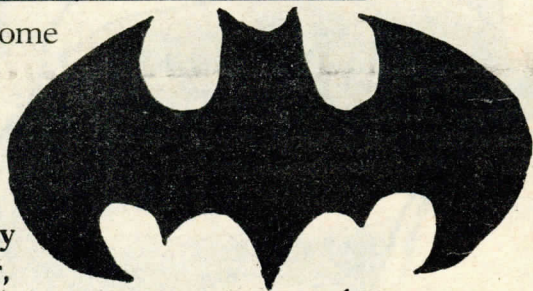
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with disgust. "You people believe in God? Ever read the Bible?" he asked.

He continued questioning me as we went down to the press room. I tried to soothe him, but at the bottom of the stairwell he turned to me and said, "Well, your layouts were no good. The papers are going to look terrible if we print them."

I pointed out that he had looked over every page several hours earlier, but he insisted that the original was "dirty" with "trash" on it, unworthy of ink and newsprint.

He walked away, and I glanced desperately at my friend Pat who shook her head and pointed at ink spots the printer had already spattered on the originals.

"Is he saying he won't do a good job?" I asked her.

"That's what I'm hearing," she said as the printer returned and repeated his assertions. I pulled out all my courage — no great store — to ask the kind of question that every openly gay person has learned how to ask.

Explaining that I believed that it was the picture of Miss Barrett that was causing the real problem, I asked, "Are you saying you won't print *The Front Page* because we're a gay newspaper?"

He glared at us a second, then muttered, "I want to print something I can be proud of."

I thought about the hours invested: the missed march, the now-missed rally, the advertising clients who had events scheduled for Pride weekend. I wanted to have something to show for all that loss.

But the desire to feel productive was not enough. Not this day, and this particular issue, when pride in our people was the theme of our stories.

I began gathering up my supplies and photographs.

"Now, I ain't saying I won't print it. I'm saying it won't look good," he said, throwing the

photograph of Miss Barrett on the table.

"I know that. We'll pay you for your time," I replied. "But we can't trust someone who is shamed by printing our newspaper. This is just too important."

I was shaking as we headed out the door, but head out the door is exactly what we did.

We appreciate it

Every march I've thought about the people too closeted, too sick and too uncertain to join us. But I've never thought about people like Christine, David and me before.

Maybe this is a new development in this state: gay people too busy taking care of daily gay business to always participate in the symbolic gatherings that keep us whole. Newspapers, lobbying and death do not stand still in their orbits so that we who do such work can always join in to celebrate our gains and mourn our losses.

Those of you who marched did so for the closeted, the ill and the frightened. But you marched for David, Christine and me, too. And we appreciate it.

"Whoever can be there stands in for all of us," Oscar said. Pride '89 was special to her, even though she spent it with her patient and friend. "On that particular Saturday, I think we were all caregivers. Some of us were sitting with patients, some of us were trying to get gay newspapers out, some us were kicking butts in the legislature and taking names later. And some of us were out in the streets."

The three of us agreed that we were dealing with our own Pride issues. When Oscar's patient was first diagnosed, he refused to have anything to do with "all those faggots" at MCC and the Triad Health Project. But he mellowed over time and has become an indispensable part of our community.

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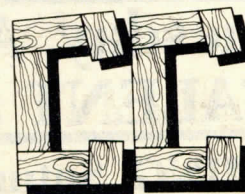
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The man who owns the printing company called me on Monday morning. He was angry at the printer and concerned, not only about his business reputation, but the pain his employee had caused us.

"He just got saved by the Lord three weeks ago," and is pushing his new religious views on everybody, the owner said, promising that discussions with his employee were "far from finished."

The owner had reassured me when I contracted with him that our gayness would not be an issue.

I told the printing company owner a little bit about the Stonewall rebellion that the march I missed commemorates, explaining that it began with black and hispanic drag queens who were tired of being persecuted by the authorities. We

discussed the irony that, twenty years later, it was a photograph and story about a female impersonator that had incurred his employee's wrath.

He said that he was determined that his printer learn a lesson from this, and I replied, "if I learn something, you learn something and your printer learns something from what happened Saturday, that will be the really productive work we all accomplished last weekend."

It was natural, I suppose, that both the owner and I wanted to salvage some "Pride, struggle and liberation," as the march program called it, some small gain from the pain.

Black people and Pride: the connection

On the Saturday of Pride '89, three of us who could not march in Raleigh were confronting three levels of connectedness between black and gay concerns. Christine was a caregiver for a black

PWA. I was a customer of a black-owned business with a hostile white employee. David was lobbying two of the state's strongest black spokesmen.

It was a coincidence, but an important one.

One of the ways all minorities are kept apart is by encouraging people to fight among themselves instead of uniting to confront those who discriminate against everyone who is too "different." AIDS is the most dramatic example of how foolish such division is. If Quigless and other prominent black leaders abandon the issues that connect us, the coalition interested in ending AIDS discrimination could be blown apart.

As *The Front Page* went to press, Jones was still unsure of the anti-discrimination bill's fate. By June 28 Jones and his allies believed that legislators were beginning to understand the dangers of testing people without consent. The

lobbyists continued explaining that black people, who form a large part of Blue's constituency, are more likely to be subjected to unknown HIV testing than is any other group. Such testing virtually begs for abuse and inadequate care for HIV-positive patients, they said.

On July 5, Quigless and his supporters publicized a survey of 500 doctors that showed 65 percent of them would test their patients for AIDS without approval, and that 40 percent thought AIDS might be spread through contact with food.

The survey backfired: AIDS activists convinced legislators that it proved that unauthorized AIDS tests would be as rampant as Jones and others had predicted, and that the people supporting such testing were ignorant of basic facts about the disease.

The bill was amended to require a patient's informed consent for all AIDS testing, passed unanimously, and was sent to the whole Judiciary committee for a probable July 12 vote.

If they do not succeed in convincing a majority of the N.C. House of the same arguments, three years of work may collapse on the floor of the General Assembly.

As we speak of forming alliances in our political quest for gay rights in this state — a major theme of Pride '89 — support from black people will be crucial. Blue has been a voice for such support. So have the black business owner and Christine's AIDS-affected friend.

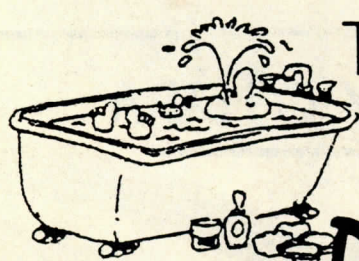
Opening the doors between the gay community and black people, from Blue to AIDS-affected men and women, will build coalition with those whose North Carolina story is one long lesson in the courage required to combat oppression. We need that courage on our side.

Blue can either save or destroy the push for freedom from discrimination for people with AIDS, which includes people of his community, of the gay community, and people who bridge both cultures.

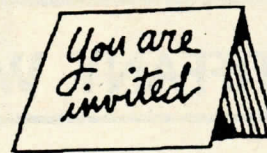
He is fortunate to hold such power. The owner of the newspaper printing company could not control the anti-gay hostility of a white fundamentalist employee. Christine's friend with AIDS, who poured his energy into educating drug users about the dangers and prevention of the disease after his diagnosis, could only change people's lives with the power of his own example. The limitations of that influence are demonstrated by the fact that on Wednesday, June 28, he died of pneumocystis. The liberties of it could be seen in the diversity of people who joined together a week later to celebrate his life.

Quigless, and perhaps even Blue and the printing company owner, would have seen one more drug addict dead of AIDS. We saw a black man in recovery who had worked for change in the entire community through Episcopal AIDS projects, Narcotics Anonymous and the Triad Health Project, touching hundreds of diverse lives in the process.

He, and all the others who have learned and changed through their contact with gay men and lesbians, was the reason some of us marched. And the reasons others of us could not.



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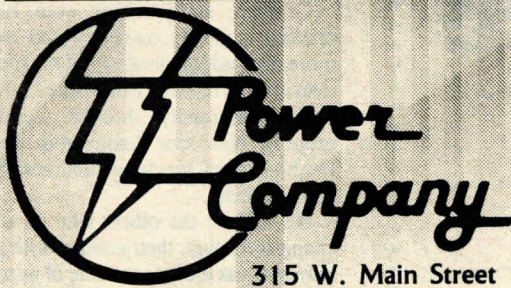
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