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## The Witches' Season

In a witch's year, one of the most important dates is SAMHAIN (November 1st). Celebration of Samhain begins the night before, October 31st, All Hallow's Eve or Halloween. Also important are the days marking spring, summer, and fall. Rites are altered and amended as witches see fit—it is the intent, not the ritual's specifications that is important.

Samhain is the Day of the Dead. It is when the Veil between this world and the invisible one is at its thinnest. No wonder witches celebrate and decorate!

Witch is a derivative of the word wicce or wicca, meaning "wise." In ancient and not-so ancient days, witches were generally considered the wise old(er) women of a village or community, with vast knowledge in herbal medicine.

A witch is one who believes not in Heaven and Hell but in harmony, duality, the Oriental concept of Yin and Yang, if you will. A witch believes in Nature, the never-ending cycles of a never-ending order, which is why the Seasons are what is important on a witch's or pagan's calendar. Nature is the one tangible manifestation of the Supreme Being(s). The following is one woman's very personal account of Samhain.

Our feet touch in her shade. She is always a little to the right or to the left of me, angling slightly ahead of or behind me. The sun and I are the only ones for whom she moves.

She follows my movements and traces my outline each day, but it was in late October of last year that she gave me words as well as form.

My shadow talked to me.

It was almost Halloween. The fall air was newly cooled, still fresh and yellow-bright.

I was walking. First falls seem to demand strong walks. The porches I passed were Halloween-ready, with pumpkin heads and cardboard cutouts of dark-haired witches.

My Halloweens had been spent collecting candy in worn paper sacks, making black-pointed hats from construction paper, telling scary stories and trying to "cackle" the way the "real" witches do. As a child I would "dress-up" with friends, paint any face nearby and giggle the night away eating candy.

In just a few nights I would celebrate again, still "dressing-up" but my friends would be larger, and I would laugh, certainly not giggle.

Walking and remembering, fall air makes it easy and for me it has an added feeling of searching. The first cool air seems to push me on, drive me a little faster, a little harder in my walks. I always feel as if I am looking for something and if I could just push back the

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"Throwing the Bones" by Madelaine St. Romain. Fabric Paint on Cloth. 42 cm x 43 cm

## Swindall Uses Voice to Attack Jones

U. S. Rep. Pat Swindall displayed an enlarged classified advertisement from *Southern Voice* during a debate last week that called for gay men and lesbians to support his challenger, Ben Jones, apparently in an attempt to link Jones to the homosexual community.

The debate, held at the Temple synagogue Oct. 10, focused national media attention on the 4th Congressional District race, which has been called one of the dirtiest in the nation.

Jones said he had not previously seen the ad, which was placed by local activist Cathy Woolard to solicit gay/lesbian volunteers to staff the Ben Jones phone bank on Oct. 18.

"But for someone who is as homophobic as you are, I can understand why you'd do this," Jones said to Swindall.

"I disagree with that community on a number of issues but . . . I don't think what you do or what anybody does in the privacy of their home is any of my business. And I appreciate the support of any American," said Jones.

"You might've put that in there yourself, for all I know, the way you operate," he said.

Jones told *Southern Voice* he was not surprised by Swindall's action, "which will ultimately be counterproductive to his purposes."

"It seemed to be typical of the kind of demagogic campaign he is running and the campaigns he has run in the past. I wonder how much money he spent to do this. I thought it said more about him than anything

else," said Jones.

Jones said he is not at all bothered by being called "the candidate of liberals and homosexuals."

"I just consider the source," he said.

Swindall and his campaign manager, Rob Austin, did not return numerous phone calls placed by *Southern Voice*.

Cathy Woolard, who placed the ad, said she resented seeing her telephone number blown up on national television.

"Pat Swindall doesn't think of the implications of that kind of action. I've had a bunch of nuts and glory-seekers calling and harassing me. One guy called and said he wanted to speak to Mr. Swindall," Woolard said.

Woolard also said she was disappointed in Jones' response to Swindall's action, which was "homophobic as well."

"I've been dealing with Ben for about six months, trying to educate him into being a candidate to wholeheartedly support," said Woolard.

"I'm tired of politicians who will take my vote but not acknowledge me in public. I just won't take it anymore. I think Jones will win, but I think he will be a one-term (representative)," she said.

Woolard said about 25 people showed up to staff the phone bank. "I suspect we turned out the best crowd so far. All the seats were full all night," she said.

-Wendy Morse

## NCOD Ad a Sobering Success

Approximately 225 gay and lesbian individuals and organizations participated in placing a full-page ad in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* (AJC) part of National Coming Out Day celebrations. Although some individuals reported being harassed after their name appeared in the ad—including at least two death threats—the ad was termed a success by its sponsor and participants.

The ad was a project of the Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations (MACGLO). MACGLO's executive secretary Jeffrey Laymon said that the AJC staff was open to doing the ad, and were extremely helpful in getting the ad in the paper.

Approximately 50 percent of the telephone calls MACGLO received after the ad appeared were negative. Among the comments MACGLO received were "You should use money for AIDS research, not advertising," and "I have a problem with violence toward c\*cksuckers. Any suggestions on how we can do some more?" Mail received since then, however, has been overwhelmingly positive, according to Laymon.

Although many people did not print their full names, they did participate by submitting phrases such as "a lesbian in Jean Williams' district," or "a high school English teacher."

Laymon called the use of phrases rather than names a "two-edged sword."

"I'm glad that people did that because it showed the variety of our community. It made people stop and think that the person they're dealing with may be gay or lesbian." On the other hand, he said, "Using a title is not coming out all of the way."

At least two women who used their full names received death threats over the phone. Both declined to have their names used in this article. Although they were shaken up by the incident, the women said they would still use their names in next year's ad. They characterized the response of the Atlanta city police to the call as "exceptional."

In addition to calling the police, the two women called Cathy Woolard, president of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter. Woolard stressed that it was important that people who were experiencing anti-gay/lesbian crime call the police, and then call her. She may be reached at (404) 378-8312.

"The thing that infuriated me about this was the low probability that this guy is a murderer versus the high probability that people will go back into the closet—tighten the locks—when they hear about this," said one woman.

"If more people were willing to take the risk, fewer of us would have to bear the brunt of this type of hatred, the other woman added. "Think about how many (gay and lesbian) people are in Atlanta, and how few people participated in the ad."

-Chris Duncan

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Gay Dad with AIDS Wins Custody

*San Francisco*—In a major victory for people with AIDS and for gay and lesbian parents, a gay man who has AIDS has won custody of his nine-year-old son in the first decision of its kind in the country.

The decision to award Artie Wallace, 32, custody of his son, Shawn, came early this summer, but announcement of the ruling was delayed to allow time to test the arrangement.

Wallace was represented in court by civil rights attorney Roberta Achtenberg after Shawn and his mother, Julia, a fundamentalist Christian, were found hiding in Arizona by the FBI eight months after their disappearance.

The boy's mother will have ample visiting rights, but Shawn will live with his father and his father's lover.

The ruling calls for a review of the case at the end of 1989 to test Wallace's ability to care for Shawn.

Attorney Achtenberg noted the case was won by clearing up misconceptions about transmission of AIDS and prejudice against gay parents.

—F.G.

## Lesbian Columnist Murdered in Seattle

*Seattle, WA*—In response to the murder of *Seattle Gay News* columnist Serena Willers, the paper last month announced the creation of a reward fund for information leading to an arrest.

*Seattle Gay News* Editor-in-Chief George Bakan said the paper has pledged \$500 to start the fund but hopes to receive \$3,000-\$4,000 in pledges from Seattle businesses and organizations.

Willers, a lesbian activist and frequent columnist, died of stab wounds May 18, apparently after a violent struggle. She was found in her Seattle office.

"We hope that this fund will get the ball rolling again," Bakan said of the investigation.

"We are very concerned that this will be just another unsolved crime committed against a gay person."

## 12 Lesbians to be Ousted From Navy

*Norfolk, VA* - Twelve women at the Norfolk Naval Base are going through discharge procedures for "confessing to be homosexuals" after being interrogated for hours in the middle of the night and confined to the brig, the *Virginia Pilot* reported last month.

They were removed from the *U.S.S. Yellowstone* in mid-August when the destroyer reached Marseilles, France, said Lt. Cmdr. Steve Burnett, a spokesman for the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Command in Norfolk.

Navy lawyers are currently reviewing the cases for "procedural errors" to ensure that they received due process, said Burnett.

If all twelve women are discharged, this will mark the largest known discharge of military personnel from one investigation into charges of homosexuality.

In similar Marine Corps investigations at Parris Island, South Carolina, at least seven female Marines have been administratively discharged. Three more are awaiting results of preliminary hearings, and another three have been court martialed and convicted. The latter three are serving sentences at a military prison in Quantico, Virginia.

In 1981, the U.S. Army issued regulations requiring that gays and lesbians be denied reenlistment.

## San Francisco Couples Married at City Hall

*San Francisco*—Just two days before National Coming Out Day 100 gay and lesbian couples in San Francisco held a wedding ceremony on the steps of City Hall.

The ceremony came as part of a campaign in the city to approve domestic partner legislation in the city which would extend to gay and lesbian couples the rights and benefits afforded to heterosexuals.

San Francisco came close to approving such legislation in 1982, but then-mayor Dianne Feinstein vetoed it.

Supervisor Harry Britt said he will reintroduce the legislation because Mayor Art Agnos has promised to support it.

Mayor Agnos came to office with support

## Famous Faces

### Holly Near at Kennedy Center

*Washington*—Legendary musician Holly Near made an appearance in the nation's capital on the weekend of the Names Project display. Her performance at Kennedy Center was one in a star-studded Tribute to Friends in the Performing Arts Lost to AIDS. The program held on Sunday night included singing, dancing and readings by a slew of celebrities including playwright Harvey Fierstein and actress Margaux Hemingway.

### Elton Stands Up for John

*Worcester, Mass.*—On what would have been John Lennon's 48th birthday, his friend Elton John told fans to remember Lennon's musical legacy and not to buy "the Book." The book is Albert Goldman's controversial biography of the slain Beatle. Elton followed his plea to those attending the concert in Worcester with a rendition of "Empty Garden," a song he co-wrote in memory of Lennon. He concluded the show with a Beatle favorite, "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds."

### Tracy Chapman Rocks Africa

*Abidjan, Ivory Coast*—The people of Africa have now met emerging American superstar Tracy Chapman. Tracy's appearance in the West African nation came as part of the "Human Rights Now!" rock tour celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The event brought 30,000 spectators to a nine-hour concert with performances by the likes of Bruce Springsteen and Sting.

—F.G.



Holly Near

from the city's gay and lesbians. He and his family participated in this year's Pride Day parade.

The event was attended by, among others, Pat Norman, a lesbian candidate to the city Board of Supervisors.

—F.G.

## Bush Comes Out Against Gay Foster Parents

*Mount Clemens, MI* - Vice-President George Bush said he does not approve of homosexual couples caring for foster children, according to a recent *Boston Globe* report.

"I just don't favor that. I think a child should be placed in a home... with a mother and a father, and this, in my view, is the way it ought to be," said Bush.

"There is much more love in a situation like that, lasting love," he said.

The Democratic presidential nominee, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis has also stated a preference for relatives and heterosexual couples over gay couples as foster parents. The Massachusetts Foster Care Policy identifies lesbians, gay men, unmarried single people and those in "non-traditional" families as parents of the last resort.

—Wendy Morse

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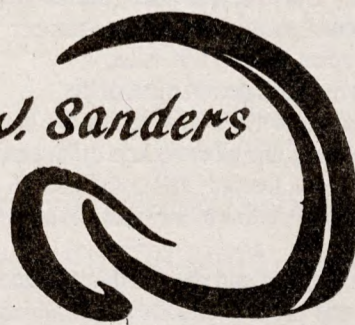
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# 1000 Challenge FDA; 176 Arrested

Rockville, MD—More than 1000 AIDS activists from 15 states successfully blocked entrances to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) October 11, as part of a day-long siege aimed at drawing national attention to their demands. Among the demands were that the agency release experimental AIDS drugs and intensify the protocols for development of new drugs.

Led by the AIDS Coalition To Organize and Win (ACT NOW), the crowd rushed the building in waves of affinity groups, while onlookers cheered them on with anti-Reagan/Bush chants. Each affinity group consisted of between two and twenty people who had worked out specific scenarios aimed at drawing the media's attention to their demands for better and quicker drug approval. District police reported that 176 of the protesters were arrested. Most were charged with loitering and released upon payment of a \$25 fine.

Many FDA employees and visitors were stranded outside the building when police cordoned it off at 7:30 A.M., although they were forewarned in an FDA internal memorandum to be inside the building by 7:00 A.M. The original aim of the activists had been to penetrate the building at one of its five entrances, but they were thwarted by the quick police action.

The police at the scene were non-confrontational, although approximately half of them wore latex surgical gloves—presumably to prevent transfer of HIV. Many of the protesters were people with AIDS (PWA). It was reported, however, that the police were verbally abusive to many of their prisoners once out of sight of the media.

Sirens wailed every half hour to represent another death due to AIDS. Linda Meredith, one of eight members of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power/Atlanta (ACT UP/Atl), said that the constant reminder of the urgency of the cause served to energize her throughout the day.

Although she had gone to the protest planning on being arrested as a form of civil disobedience, Meredith said that her concept



RAY KLUKA

"We have every right to be here," said Linda Meredith of ACT UP/Atl, "every right to speak with (FDA Commissioner) Frank Young and list our demands." Young declined to meet with the 1000-plus protestors.

of civil disobedience was changed while she was there. She said that being arrested for the sake of civil disobedience no longer appealed to her. Meredith said that in the future she "would go about her business (protesting), and if getting arrested is what that happens to be, then so be it."

ACT NOW prepared a list of demands which they were never able to present to Young. Their demands were:

- Release the more than 100 drugs which have shown promise against AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses. The FDA's current drug testing system takes approximately eight years to approve a drug for sale in the United States.
- Open the drug trials to more people, especially women, people of color, IV-drug users and children with AIDS. Only 5,000 of the estimated 1.5 million people infected with the human immunodeficiency virus are currently in federally-sponsored drug trials. Those drug trials are often the only form of

drug treatment available.

• Guarantee the freedom of information by setting up a national registry to list the latest and most accurate comprehensive data on AIDS drug trials.

In apparent response to the protests, the FDA later released new plans to speed up the process for the release of new and experimental AIDS-treatments and drugs. AIDS and gay/lesbian activists dismissed the plan as politically motivated and ineffectual. The FDA's new program, released last week, will place more weight on tests done during early trials among small groups of people, and eventually reduce the time of drug testing by one-third to one-half, according to Young. The agency will require, instead, that drug companies complete

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## AID Atlanta Keeps RWJ Money

Atlanta—The AIDS Health Services Program (AHSP) at AID Atlanta has been refunded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ) for its third year to the tune of \$400,000. Requested fourth-year funding was denied, however, pending changes at the agency demanded by AHSP's national staff.

In a letter to then AID Atlanta board president Bruce Garner, AHSP director Dr. Mervyn Silverman said he recommended that only the third year of the program be funded until he and his staff "can be assured that services will be provided to persons with AIDS in Atlanta under the terms of the contract."

Denise Graveline, press officer with RWJ, said that such a move was not extraordinary, and called the insertion of the extra application for funds a "routine ... course correction." AID Atlanta spokesperson George Sinclair said that the agency would do everything possible to meet the strict reporting requirements set by Silverman.

Among Silverman's requirements, which he referred to as "extreme measures," were a request for immediate revisions in project goals and objectives that "will include measures of performance written in specific quantifiable terms," quarterly site visits, and monthly progress reports from the executive director.

The AIDS Health Services Program grant has been at the center of this past summer's controversy at AID Atlanta, with sources at the agency claiming that past employees and board members were trying to use the scheduled renewal cycle to force the ouster of executive director Buren Batson as well as some board members.

It is apparent that any such attempt has failed with RWJ's approval of funding for at least the next year and the automatic renewal of Batson's contract through the fall of 1989.

—Chris Duncan

## S. Carolina Paper Rejects NCOD Ad

Greenville, SC—The Greenville News refused to print an Oct. 11 National Coming Out Day (NCOD) advertisement brought to the paper by the Palmetto Gay & Lesbian Association of Greenville (PGLA).

"The ad was 'absolutely rejected without comment' by Steven Brandt, General Manager of The Greenville News and Donald Barhyte, Vice President of Multimedia Newspapers, Inc.

"Our publisher reserves the right to accept, edit or reject any copy received," Brandt told Southern Voice.

"It was rejected under that provision of our rate card, and we really don't need to provide a reason further than that," he said.

Brandt said he was not aware that a full-page NCOD ad ran in The Atlanta Journal Constitution. The Atlanta ad, placed by the Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations (MACGLO), contained a list of about 225 organizations and individuals who supported the event.

PGLA President Robin Williams said his group was not allowed to speak to Brandt. PGLA was told by The News that Brandt would not run the ad, would not talk to PGLA and would not comment on the reason behind their decision, according to Williams.

—Wendy Morse

## Congress Takes Parting Shots

Washington, D.C.—Far-right members of the 100th Congress enraged civil rights activists around the country with last minute intrusions into AIDS and pro-gay/lesbian legislation. At the same time, Congress attempted to blackmail the D.C. city council into revoking key gay/lesbian and reproductive freedom ordinances.

Senator Jesse Helms' (R-NC) opposition to counseling and confidentiality provisions in the most comprehensive piece of AIDS legislation to approach passage, threatened to scuttle the landmark bill until Senate supporters removed the passages which were offensive to him.

"It's extremely frustrating that one senator can block the will of so many other legislators," said Jeffrey Levi, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). "It's too bad the Senate didn't have the courage to stand up to him."

One of only four Senators to oppose the Senate version of the AIDS Federal Policy Act of 1988, Helms blocked the appointment of Senate conferees to a committee to reconcile House and Senate versions of the bill by threatening a filibuster. It was only after provisions that guarantee consent, counseling and confidentiality were removed,

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## A Full Year of Firsts for Atlanta

By the time the next issue of *Southern Voice* is published, this round of elections will be over. Whether or not AIDS and gay/lesbian civil rights issues will play a large role in national politics in the coming four or eight years is questionable, however, there is no mistaking the fact that the Atlanta gay and lesbian community has been heard from by local, state and national politicians on a grand scale in the last year.

The incalculable energy from the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights has been brought back home, and given an Atlanta feel to it. Individuals have popped out of the woodwork, and defied the political wisdom that said everything we do must be done like it was first done in San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles.

For the first time, Atlanta sent openly gay and lesbian delegates to the Democratic National Convention, as well as elected openly gay and lesbian *Republican* delegates to county party conventions.

New voters have been registering left and right thanks to the dedicated work of a group of non-partisan gays and lesbians.

Two openly gay men ran for public office, and gave respectable if not victorious showings in the August primaries.

Ten percent of the DeKalb County Democratic Party Committee is now composed of open gays and lesbians, thanks to a lot of strategizing and not a little bit of work.

And the list goes on.

The obvious question, is "What will it all mean?" Will our political leaders be able to translate these victories into vote totals for gay/lesbian affirmative candidates on November 8th? Probably not. Not yet.

One aspect of Atlanta's own special brand of "queerness," is the absolute independence of gay and lesbian voters when they get into the voting booth. We have not succumbed to the mistaken idea that our community ever can or will vote as one 300,000-strong voting bloc. Recognizing the diversity that is inherently ours, local political activists have shied away from telling the community you must vote for this or that candidate, and focused instead on educating the voters about the candidates and the issues.

*Southern Voice* is prohibited by federal regulations from endorsing candidates for public office\*, and in the spirit of self-determination, perhaps that is best. Our readers know that 4th district Representative Pat Swindall (R-GA) has repeatedly used gays and lesbians as a political weapon against more moderate candidates, even going so far as to say he did not want the estimated 10,000 votes controlled by 4th district gay and lesbian republicans. They also know that his challenger, Ben Jones, has repeatedly asserted a "live and let live" philosophy and supported an increased federal presence in the war against AIDS, while shying away from endorsing full civil rights protections to gays and lesbians.

The presidential race is very similar, with neither republican Vice-President George Bush nor democratic Governor Michael Dukakis embracing a gay/lesbian agenda. They're both using sticks to distance themselves from the community—Bush's stick is about 10 feet long, and Dukakis' about 3 feet.

The political successes our community has achieved over the past year have been so great because they are the first of their kind locally. But now the hard work begins. As the over-reaching attention on politics fades over the next several months, the work will get grudging and hard, with little splash or sensation to spur politically minded people to work late into the night.

The next two years, rather than the last one, will be the true determinant of whether or not Atlanta's gay and lesbian community has come of age politically. We will have to wait and see.

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## Guest Editorial

### The Battle for Choice

Since July 19, Atlanta has been the focus of the national anti-abortion clinic harassment movement. This campaign against reproductive choice calls itself "Operation Rescue," and has resulted in more than 1,000 anti-choice arrests since its first attack on an Atlanta clinic.

It is rare that our city is the focus of any political or social movement, and this is one distinction that most of us would have just as soon passed on. Yet, like it or not, this barrage of anti-choice harassment has presented itself on an almost daily basis for the past three months and those who care about reproductive choice have felt compelled to actively oppose this assault on our city and our Constitutional rights.

Led by Randall Terry (a used car salesman who devised a plan of anti-choice terrorism to gain his requisite 15 minutes of fame), "Operation Rescue's" publicized goal is "to make Atlanta the nation's first abortion-free city."

Largely due to the efforts of the Georgia Abortion Rights Action League (GARAL), OR has not succeeded in stopping abortion in Atlanta. GARAL's emphasis has been (and continues to be) on ensuring that each individual woman is able to make her own most fundamental choices. To that end, we have provided trained volunteer escorts at each clinic under attack. These escorts safely accompany women and their friends/families into and out of clinics and protect them from as much harassment as possible.

Nearly 300 individuals have served as volunteer escorts in GARAL's program throughout these arduous months. We have conducted four training sessions since July and continue to receive overwhelming community response for the escort program. Clinic administrators have said publicly that without our program, the anti-choice extremists would be able to claim a legitimate victory in limiting women's access to abortion here. The bottom line is that not one clinic has closed and not one woman who has arrived at a clinic has been denied access—"Operation Rescue" is a failure.

This is a heartening reality for those of us who have put our organizational and personal lives on hold to defend the right to choose in abusive and hostile circumstances. It was not the clearest organizational decision for GARAL to place our total energy in this effort throughout the past three months. In fact our emphasis on the escort program has been questioned by many individuals, but the overall success of the program in maintaining access to this important right has validated our decision.

GARAL's mission statement is "To keep abortion legal and accessible to all women in Georgia." The activities of OR constitute the most extreme threat to access this city has ever witnessed. Our commitment to ensuring access made our decision clearer, but it came at the expense of other programs we had planned to initiate during this time and were subsequently forced to forego.

Many individuals who were upset by the anti-choice activities (yet did not share GARAL's philosophy of protecting the right to individual choice) attempted to persuade us to counterdemonstrate against OR. Their questions and comments belied a lack of understanding regarding our purpose—"Why isn't anybody doing anything against these idiots? Why aren't you out there doing something against them?" The "anything" and "something" they referred to included picket signs, chants and slogans. Our decision against staging a standard counterdemonstration was resolute, for us it would have been counterproductive to our purpose.

Any energy put into organizing and implementing a counterdemonstration would have taken effort from our stated goal of maintaining access. Also, a counterdemonstration at clinic sites only increases the visual and aural confusion and makes more stressful the experience of the individual woman. And that is the point of our ultimate allegiance—the individual woman.

I am happy to say that the emphasis placed on our escort program has paid off by strengthening our organization, as well as countering this immediate threat. Many individuals who escorted have joined GARAL and are now working with us to protect choice in other ways, including working to elect pro-choice leaders and to educate the general populace on reproductive rights. The program is seen as a successful model for community activism and pro-choice groups in Virginia and Louisiana plan to implement programs based on GARAL's.

As we have remained firm in our commitment to be at the clinics so long as OR extremists are there and as the escort program has grown, the media has begun to give coverage of our presence. Print media as diverse as the Los Angeles Times, the Boston Globe and the London Financial Times have written about our effective presence, and broadcast media such as the Oprah Winfrey show and CBS News "48 Hours" have highlighted our program.

I wholeheartedly thank and commend the many brave and compassionate women and men who have given their time and energy to serve as escorts with us during this trying time. They have subjected themselves to much anti-choice harassment because of their belief in reproductive choice and they deserve the admiration of the entire pro-choice community. Thanks also to fellow organizations such as Georgia NOW, LEGAL, the ACLU, Planned Parenthood and the YWCA; which have provided volunteers to be trained as escorts.

Many lesbians and gays come out to escort with us and we owe them special thanks for supporting an issue which many would not see as being a priority for lesbian and gay activists. As one woman who attended an escort training said, "I'm a lesbian and will probably never be faced with making the choice of whether or not to have an abortion, but I am also a feminist and I know that when a choice is denied to one woman it pushes back all women."

Many lesbians and gays participated because of opposition to the mindset of the anti-choice extremists. They know that denial of abortion rights is only the tip of the iceberg of a repressive social/political agenda which includes prayer in school, mandatory AIDS testing, automatic use of the death penalty and other abominations to civil and individual rights.

On a persona note, I thank individuals who supported us because I (very literally) would not have had the strength to continue without them. The thought of facing 6:30 a.m. and ugly mobs at clinics in the heat of July and in the chill of October would have been unbearable had I not known that courageous and committed like you all (and you know who you are) would be there to help us keep the faith.

— Sally Tyler

*Sally Tyler is the Executive Director of the Georgia Abortion Rights Action League (GARAL).*

# An Open Letter to the Lesbian & Gay Community from Lenora Fulani

Presidential Candidate, New Alliance Party



Lenora Fulani, New Alliance Party

The "official" leadership of the lesbian and gay community is up in arms over my independent campaign for President of the United States. I am America's third candidate—the first woman and the first African-American ever to be on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. I am the only national pro-gay Presidential candidate—I have used my independent campaign to advocate for a federal lesbian and gay rights bill, a federal AIDS Bill of Rights, a national health service that would provide comprehensive, quality health care for every American, including of course, people with AIDS, and for legislation that would reverse the Supreme Court's Hardwick decision upholding Georgia's anti-sodomy law, and for the defeat of the dangerously homophobic Propositions 96 and 102.

But the mostly white, middle class and male-dominated establishment leadership of the gay community isn't interested in any of this. They are too busy repeating second-hand charges, as vicious as they are foolish, that I am a brainwashed member of a cult, that I am a follower of the neo-fascist Lyndon LaRouche, that I only seem to be pro-gay but in fact have a "hidden agenda." What's their plain for advancing the gay agenda in 1988? In Massachusetts they put it this way: "Vote for Dukakis and then throw up."

The tragic fact—the criminal fact—is that the only commitment these gay movement leaders have is to holding on to their jobs, their little pieces of turf, and their niche in the status quo. They have abandoned the lesbian and gay community to the right wing, to AIDS, and to gay bashing because they have abandoned lesbians and gays to the manipulations of the Democratic Party.

Last weekend 100,000 people participated in a candlelight vigil in Washington, D.C. to commemorate those who have died of AIDS. It was an emotional and deeply upsetting event—intended to mark the more than 40,000 deaths that have resulted from the AIDS epidemic. But in all honesty, the vigil was an exercise in organized impotence. The speakers confined themselves to pleading for compassion and sympathy. And I insist that we not, that the lesbian and gay community not, plead for anything!

Sisters and brothers, it is not enough to mourn our dead; we must point a finger at the bi-partisan murderers responsible for the spread of AIDS. Have the Democrats succeeded in stopping the drive by the right wing to persecute and isolate people with AIDS?

Michael Dukakis' weak performance in the

debates revealed that he is suffering from the unraveling of his campaign and the two decades-long erosion of the Democratic party. Dukakis has rejected ideology in favor of "competency" and thereby runs smack into a basic contradiction. The Democratic Party can no longer sustain the myth that it is the party of the underdog, of the disenfranchised and of the poor. The Democrats' unwillingness to put forth a progressive social vision of the kind articulated by Reverend Jesse Jackson and supported by seven and a half million Americans means that Dukakis has to try to appeal to the party's traditional working class base of liberal voters, while effectively denying that he is a liberal.

How is it that the gay leadership can tell lesbians and gays that the New Alliance Party, whose national chairperson I am, is to be shunned? A party many of whose leaders are lesbian and gay? A party that includes people who themselves have AIDS? Are only gay Democrats really gay? Are only Democrats with AIDS worthy of compassion?

Why in the name of the Gay agenda isn't the establishment leadership addressing itself to the work that the New Alliance Party has done in the fight for lesbian and gay rights? Why in the name of the Gay agenda isn't that leadership responding to my charges that Michael Dukakis is anti-gay—his wife Kitty's "good will" tours notwithstanding? Why when gay men are dying of an epidemic that the Democratic politicians cry crocodile tears over but don't have the guts to take on the murderously homophobic right wing, won't the leaders of the establishment gay organizations and the editors of the establishment gay press stand up for the community? Why, instead, are they seeking to cult-bait and LaRouche-bait me?

The Democrats pretend to care about the AIDS crisis when all they care about is getting votes and preserving their position of power. They're hypocrites! But what are we to say about the establishment gay leadership, which is acting as a procurer by attempting to lure the gay community into the party's vile embrace?

The Democrats arrogantly assume that, with the "help" of such leadership, the gay community will vote for them again this year—just as they assume that the African-American electorate will once again give the party a blank check without getting anything in return. And that's why we need to cost them the White House. We need to teach the white supremacist, homophobic party leadership that we are just as independent as the conservative white voters—the so-called "Reagan Democrats"—Michael Dukakis is so busy running after; if the Democrats want our votes, they'll have to deliver much more than a definition of apartheid as terrorist, a few tears for our brothers who have died, and other "symbolic" gestures that are more of an insult to our people than a victory for our Agenda. A vote for Dukakis next month is a wasted vote—it shows the Democrats that we are still a blank check constituency. But a vote for me on November 8 is a way to use our votes—it forces the Democrats to deal with our Agenda. Sisters and brothers, our willingness to stand together and stand up on November 8 will make all the difference. We have the right, you have the right, we have the opportunity, you have the opportunity, to stand up and tell the Democrats that we're not going to take it any more!!

— Lenora Fulani



## Is Anybody Out There?

For those of you who have been following the Ben Jones story, specifically with regard to the ad appealing for phone bankers, I thought you might be interested in the outcome of that fateful night of October 18th. It was a night of mixed emotions, of excitement at people's willingness to work for candidates who aren't all that exciting to the lesbian and gay community (Jones, Dukakis, Bentsen) and a night of terror at the responses from households in places like Stone Mountain and Dunwoody. The story goes like this:

I arrive at the phone bank headquarters around 5 p.m. and sit in the car to collect my thoughts. I survey the parking lot for familiar faces and see none. I wonder when a viable candidate who *deserves* my support will contend for political office.

Melinda arrives and we enter the phone bank. We receive our instructions on the use of the phone script, and I am handed a stack of cards with information on registered voters in Dunwoody. I begin to call to "assess voter preference for the November 8th election" and ask whether these people support Ben Jones, Dukakis/Bentsen and the Democratic party.

I see five more people I know entering the phone bank. This cycle repeats itself for several hours until there are about 25 dedicated gay men and lesbians staffing phones to "assess voter preference." It's exciting to know that people are willing to

help. It's comforting to be around my friends.

On completing each stack of cards, I am instructed to tally my responses. Of the 100 or so people I called, I have four hash marks in favor of Dukakis/Bentsen. The outcome for Ben Jones is somewhat better.

It is of some interest to note the responses of some of those 100 individuals, if only for the variety of opinions put forth by people in places such as Dunwoody and Stone Mountain. I list these in order of absurdity (ascending). Number 1—When asked whether the person generally supported Democratic or Republican candidates, the individual replied, "I vote for the person, the person's ideals and morals." When asked whether the person would support Ben Jones or Pat Swindall, the individual replied, "Pat Swindall, of course." Number 2—When asked whether the person would support Ben Jones or Pat Swindall, and Dukakis/Bentsen or Bush/Quayle, the person replied, "Whichever one is the Republican, I'm not sure which is which." Number 3—When I identified myself as a volunteer for the Democratic Party, the woman on the other end of the phone emphatically stated that she was a Republican. When I assured her that the Republican party and its candidates were responses which could be chosen for my three questions, she asked me to hang on while she asked her husband for permission to speak with me. He declined. I came away from the experience both discouraged for the uninformed electorate in Georgia and elated that gay men and lesbians were willing to devote their time and talents once again.

— Linda Meredith

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# NOW's Lesbian Agenda Conference Fails to Heal Old Wounds

Hopes for recognition of lesbians and their issues by the National Organization for Women (NOW) were dashed for many attending the recent National Lesbian Agenda Conference. Over one thousand women were in attendance at the NOW-sponsored San Diego gathering, held October 7-10.

Many of this year's conference attendees were former NOW members who came ready once again to support the organization after a ten-year hiatus. The break followed a lesbian walkout at the 1978 Los Angeles NOW conference. Those who left the 1978 caucus were once again outraged when they learned that NOW President Molly Yard failed to utilize mainstream media time to promote this year's conference. Instead, Yard chose only to respond to questions about the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

NOW Board Member Rosemary Dempsey remembers the L.A. walkout as "not being over substantive issues, but over an election contest." Lesbian civil rights activist Martha Jones was one of those who "walked" a decade ago. "It took a lot for me to attend this year," Jones said. "It was clear to those of us who were listening then, that NOW was homophobic and did not want lesbians in leadership roles. Here we are, ten years later, and nothing has changed. It's a shame, because I don't believe NOW can survive without lesbian energy."

The conference, which appeared to be well planned and organized, intended to prepare positive goals for change. Instead, it ended on a sour note. Many conferees felt that it wasn't the content, but rather tone of the conference which dissatisfied attendees. Many were disappointed that an organization which purports to represent all women presented leadership which finds it difficult to

acknowledge lesbians publicly. There was an undertone of discontent even before it was learned that Yard had neglected to inform the mainstream press about why she was in San Diego.

It seemed, from the first rap of the gavel, that Yard and members of her staff had positioned themselves to control the podium throughout the conference. A number of the conferees felt that NOW Lesbian Rights Project Director Nancy Buermeyer and San Diego Conference Coordinator Gloria Johnson would have better represented the interests of the attendees, had they been given the opportunity to co-chair the meeting.

The three-day conference was filled with workshops, meeting and speeches. Topics included Learning to Love Ourselves, The Politics of AIDS, Surviving Childhood Sexual Abuse, Alcohol and Drug Abuse and some thirty other workshops of particular interest to lesbians.

Of great importance to many women attending the conference was the opportunity to network, speak and interact with one thousand other women who share a unique sisterhood. For Fran, a San Diego resident and first-time conference attendee, the weekend almost erased thirty years of self-hatred. "Just sitting here in the lobby of the Holiday Inn, watching women holding hands and being publicly affectionate, gives me courage. This is the first time in my life," she continued, "that I'm not ashamed of what I am."

At the opening session, Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of the National Gay Rights Advocates, rallied the audience. "Know that you are being called upon," she said, "to create a difference. We will not

turn back. We will not retreat to the closet."

Robin Tyler, feminist comedian, producer and activist, delivered a moment of passion when she stated, "Let us, if we do nothing else, call an end to trashing. We're here," she reminded her audience, "fighting for our right to love. Let's not destroy each other in the process." Tyler brought the audience to its feet when she clarified the purpose of the conference: "We're not here talking about our lifestyles - we're talking about our lives."

Although performers Diedre McCalla, Lucie Blue Tremblay and Marga Gomes provided the audience with well-received entertainment, any momentum to enact the agenda was lost due to poor scheduling of the plenary. Hundreds of attendees didn't return for the plenary, which was scheduled after a concert and dinner break. With only sixty women in attendance at the Sunday meeting, discussion on the multi-item agenda and agreement on the preamble were not completed.

Another Lesbian Agenda Conference, scheduled for the fall of 1989, is now being planned and organized by lesbians from across the nation. Dr. Carol Cohan, an organizer of the 1989 conference said "(Yard's oversight with the media) tells me that NOW still does not want to address lesbian issues. We will do it ourselves."

Michelle Crone, who coordinated civil disobedience at the Supreme Court during the National March on Washington, felt that Yard succumbed to the dictates of the mainstream media and, by doing so, was instrumental in reinforcing inherent homophobia.

Mizzette Fuenzalida felt that the NOW conference was a step in the right direction. "But," she added, "I still think NOW is paying lip service to us. It certainly brought home the fact that we, as lesbians, have to bring our own agenda to the forefront."

Activist Ivy Bottine summed up the



"We're not here talking about our lifestyles - we're talking about our lives," said feminist activist and comedian, Robin Tyler.

feelings of a number of women when she stated, "To me this has been a closet conference. NOW has the power to create all sorts of publicity. I'm staggered by the fact that the mainstream press wasn't here."

Activist-writer Margaret Sloan-Hunter, who has been involved in the feminist movement for a number of years, thought it was significant and historical that NOW sponsored this conference. "I didn't have any great illusions about what would be accomplished here, given NOW's history with lesbians," she explained. "Recognition is the first step toward change. This was a beginning."

For information about the 1989 Lesbian Rights Conference, write to: National Lesbian Conference, P.O. Box 3057, Albany, NY 12203

—Gerrie Mayer-Gibbons  
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## FDA Protests

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the follow-up on toxicity and dosage efficacy independently.

Jeff Levi, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, pointed out, however, that while Young advocates an active role for the FDA in the drug approval process, he did not ask for the money to hire the additional personnel needed to undertake such a project.

Meredith joined Levi in labeling the plan as ineffectual, and stated she did not believe that the FDA had the staff to "bird dog" the

drug companies to insure that they were doing the research correctly.

What worries Levi the most however, is that the FDA is not making a distinction between PWAs and people infected with HIV.

"If I was a PWA with only six months to live, I might not worry about taking a drug with toxic side-effects that might pop up one year later," Levi said. "If I was HIV-positive, however, and had not developed AIDS yet, I would not want to be taking such a drug."

"Unfortunately, the new FDA plan will not be making those distinctions," he said

—Chris Duncan



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## Cabaret, Camp & Consciousness

OK, so I did steal the title from the *Los Angeles Dispatch*. I apologize. But after 20 minutes searching my trusty thesaurus, I realized that I wasn't going to find any better words to describe the leather-wrapped dynamo that is Lynn Lavner.

Born and raised a "New York Jew," Lavner's "cabaret" aspect is as natural as sour cream to borscht. Or as a ladies mah-jong group to Broadway matinees of *Funny Girl*. She began tickling the ivories when she was seven. After college came a "9 to 3" job as a

junior high teacher. And another "9 to 3," p.m. to a.m. this time, performing in piano bars. She made good music and had lots of fun. But something was missing.

Enter camp. How about a bit of "dyke formal" drag like a tux shirt? And maybe songs sung with pronouns made proper for a lady of lavender leanings? Well, the audiences kept right on coming, even if they were mostly straight. Then an agent liked what she saw so much that a couple of cabaret and concert dates were arranged.

And then along came consciousness. Not that stuffy stuck-up kind of consciousness that smothers creativity and leaves audiences wondering "when will this end?" But the kind of consciousness that acknowledges that lesbians and gay men are the pioneers of the '80s. You know it, the stuff Armistead Maupin is talking about when he says, "You are queer, you lucky fool, and that makes you one of life's buccaneers...start hoisting your sails. You haven't a moment to lose."

And Lavner hasn't lost a minute since. Lynn has performed her unconventional blend of piano, song and comedy to critical and community acclaim in more than 30 states and three foreign countries. "Four, if you include Provincetown," she adds.

Along with Lynn's leap in consciousness came the realization that traditional "political correctness" just was not correct for her. For instance: She looked good in leather. She liked performing in leather. But, some segments of the lesbian community look at leather as a symbol of dominance, oppression and intimidation. Threatening.

Lynn's response? "At five feet tall I can't be anything but non-threatening...I enjoy the contradiction."

That contradiction is also the source of much of Lavner's music. Tunes such as "Shelly, You've Gone Nelly on Me," "The Role-Playing Tango," and "A Mother's Lament (Don't Wear Your Leather to the Seder)" poke playful fun at stereotypes and preconceptions. Even the more politically proper members of the audience can be seen suppressing sniggers. And men love it.

Men at a women's concert? Lavner draws

raves for her performances, but she also gets standing ovations for structuring a show that generally attracts equal numbers of men and women. Those lucky enough to have seen her Atlanta performance two years ago will remember the excitement that swelled through the audience as we slowly realized that men and women were sitting next to each other. Gossiping with each other. Laughing together. And crying together.

Of course audiences with gender parity have become more common recently, but Lavner continues to be on the forefront of providing performances that, according to the *New York Native*, "...make us laugh at ourselves, take stock of our values, and place them at arms length for more rational scrutiny."

Opening for Lavner will be Doug Lothes, who won high praise for his performance in *Different* this past spring. His hilarious, 21-minute rendition of *Gone With the Wind* is one of the funniest performances you'll see in Atlanta this year, it's rapidly on its way to becoming a cult classic. Doug, like Lynn, melds cabaret, camp and consciousness with style and aplomb. Mark November 4 on your calendar now.

SAME will present two performances of Lynn Lavner and Doug Lothes on Friday November 4 at 7:30pm and 10:00pm at Seven Stage Collective Theater. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 on the day of the show. They can be purchased at Charis Books and More, 419 Moreland Avenue or by calling SAME at 584-2104.

-Gary Kaupman

## Movies: Four for the Fall

Having survived the hype and hysteria surrounding Martin Scorsese's *The Last Temptation of Christ*, a sophomoric but serious adaptation of Nikos Kazantzakis' feverishly banal novel, I'm taking in the fall movie season with renewed anticipation. This season's offerings are especially diverse. Herewith some comments on four movies currently playing around town.

*Boyfriends and Girlfriends* - The better French title, *My Girlfriend's Boyfriend*, is more evocative of the slyly comic goings-on in the sixth, and last, in Eric Rohmer's series "Comedies and Proverbs." Two young women who are best friends are startled to discover themselves increasingly attracted to each other's crushes.

*Boyfriends and Girlfriends* is essentially a cheerful meditation on how we summon up the nerve to act out and justify to ourselves our own instincts about how we should live our lives. Rohmer's films aren't like anybody else's: his characters talk in long serene takes, laminating ideas and feelings in dialogue that reflects true intimacy.

*Dead Ringer* - At past David Cronenberg films I have had the pleasure of watching a woman devour her afterbirth with gleeful abandon and the spectacle of a human head explode like fireworks. His new film features a scene in which a maddened gynecologist verbally abuses a woman during an



examination in which Twin doctors Beverly and Elliott Mantle (Jeremy Irons) dance with Cary (Heidi Von Pallese) inside her with

silvery instruments that cause her to gasp in pain.

The film, loosely based on the true story of the mental collapse of twin brothers, is a formidable achievement: it has a hushed, darkling tone that contrasts coolly with its distinctive production design and Jeremy Irons' all-out brilliant performance. But you come away remembering the film's lack of a point of view in the scene of the woman's pain and humiliation, and wonder if Cronenberg sees in her bondage some sort of grisly humor.

*Bagdad Cafe* - The two previous Percy Adlon films I know, the affecting *Sugarbaby* and the masterwork *Celeste*, are about powerfully observant characters whose benedictine view of life is expressed in the purity of their devotion to their work and loved ones. This newest film, set in a forlorn cafe at the edge of the Mojave Desert, draws together a band of out-of-step eccentrics who form a kind of family out of their private desolations. But Adlon here appears concerned less with the souls of his characters than with treating them as sentimental objects in some sort of metaphorical sideshow.

*Patty Hearst* - Better than you'd think. Paul Schrader's best film to date devises a technical method in which the viewer is freed from the usual movie storytelling techniques. The picture dwells on complex parallel themes: the psychological and political effects on a young woman who is kidnapped, repeatedly raped, physically and mentally abused, and who on gaining her freedom is treated pitilessly by the American judicial system and maligned by much of the American public.

*Bird* - The press have been pushing this film about the life of jazz great Charlie Parker, and after seeing it you'll wonder why. The jazz press, particularly, are fawning, apparently because "any" film has been made about a jazz artist, the way some gay critics fawn when "any" film is made about gays (i.e., the dreadful *Maurice* and *Prick Up Your Ears*).

Clint Eastwood's film makes Charlie Parker seem a bumbling clod and the splintered structure of the film is dopily reminiscent of improvisational jazz techniques. Aside from Lennie Niehaus' superb work as musical supervisor on the soundtrack, and Forest Whitaker and Diane Venora's performances in the lead roles, all you get are cliches and the film's superficial response to an artist's descent into self-destruction. Look around. You can do better than this.

-Terry Francis

# RECKLESS



# THE SOUTHERN VOICE CALENDAR

## This Week's Highlights

**Buried Child**-Through Oct. 30th. Jomandi Productions presents Sam Shephard's Pulitzer prize-winning black comedy. This is the first time this American gothic extravaganza has been performed by a black cast. The Huxtables they're not! Academy Theatre. Wed.-Sat. at 8 PM, Sunday at 3 PM. For reservations and info call 892-0882.

**Aurora**-Oct. 28th. Four highly acclaimed musicians, including Beth York, perform healing sounds of improvisational/New Age music. 8 PM. First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Dr. \$8 at the door.

**Wedding in Galilee**-Oct. 29th. Part of the continuing NEXT GENERATION series at the High Museum, this film won the 1988 Critics Award at Cannes in a Palestinian-occupied village and concurring Arab/Israeli conflicts. 8 PM. Rich Auditorium. For details, call 892-HIGH.

**Romanovsky & Phillips**-Oct. 31st. Happy Halloween with the Queens! Sister Sister Productions brings the refreshing duo to town for an outrageous evening of tricks and treats. 8 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance at Charis Books & More or The Boy Next Door. 377-8312 for more info. Pictured at right.



### THURSDAY

**27** •"Buried Child"-Thru October 30th, Academy Theatre. For information and reservations, call 876-6346. (Photo: below right)

•Mystery! The Return of Sherlock Holmes-Jeremy Brett returns as the Quintessential Holmes in this two-part premiere. 9 PM on GPTV, Channel 8.

•Charis Books & More-presents a women-only program for those special needs of the partners of childhood sexual abuse survivors. A GSU clinical doctoral student and 9-year partner of a survivor will be on hand to discuss the problems partners go through as well as the problems survivors still deal with. 7:30 PM. Free. 419 Moreland Avenue.

**3** •Charis Books presents Sandy Bayer-Atlanta author of *The Crystal Curtain*, a lesbian suspense thriller! Bayer will read passages from this novel plus discuss traditional suspense thrillers. 7:30 PM. Free. 419 Moreland Avenue, 524-0304.

•The Miracle Play-An outrageous Southern comedy. Through November 20. Thursday through Saturday at 8 PM, Sunday at 2 PM. Nexus Contemporary Art Center, 608 Ralph McGill Boulevard. 688-2500.

### FRIDAY

**28** •Aurora-Four female musicians of highly critical acclaim, including Beth York, performing healing sounds of improvisational/New Age music. First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Drive, 8 PM. \$8.00 at the door.



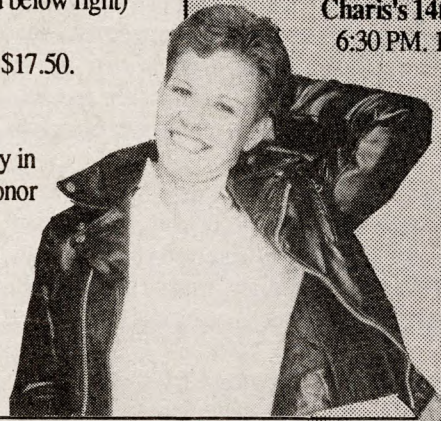
8 PM. Also, at 3 PM on Sunday. 577-9600.

•Reckless-through October 30th. 8 PM. Dorsey Studio. \$8-\$10. 634-3602.

**4** Lynn Lavner and Doug Lothes-7:30 and 10 PM. Fri. at 7 Stages Collective Theatre, 1105 Euclid Avenue, \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. For more info, call 584-2104. (Pictured below right)

Basia-Center Stage Theatre. 8:30 PM. \$17.50. 873-2500.

The Funeral-A hilarious black comedy in which an affluent family attempts to honor ancient funeral traditions in the "New, Modern Japan." Japanese with English subtitles. Hill Auditorium at the High Museum. 8 PM. Call 881-0452 for ticket information.



### SATURDAY

**29** •AVS (Atlanta Venture Sports)-Halloween Costume party at 8 PM. For details, fees - open to members and non-members - and volunteer work details, call Jeff at 634-1511.

•ALFA Halloween Costume Ball-Chem-free, women-only with prizes, sodas, etc. 8 PM til midnight. First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Drive. A Boogie-wimmin event. Tickets \$5 at Charis, \$6 at door. 627-5619.

•Wedding in Galilee-8 PM. Rich Auditorium. For details, call 892-HIGH. This is part of the continuing NEXT GENERATION series. (Photo: Above right)

**5** Mattress Factory Show-Annual local artists exhibition through Nov. 20th at Atlanta Buggy Works.

Charis's 14th Birthday!-Sale 10:30-6:30 PM. 10% discount on everything. Party 1-6 PM. Food, music & fun at 419 Moreland Ave.

### SUNDAY

**30** •Fulton County Michael Lonsdale speaker for Atlanta Humanitarian



7:30 PM Membership open in singing. Practice 6:00-8:00 PM. Existentialist Church at 470 Candler Park. 355-8894 or 435-4498.

**6** TDA III's Bar Cost \$25 and seating is limited. EAGLE. The Eagle. 306 Ponce de Leon Ave.

Benefit for Carl Ratcliffe Motter and Penelope Williams (pictured right) open for Tom Grose Varsity. At Rupert's on Ponce. Tickets, \$10.

Penelope Williams-through Tuesday-Saturday. 11th St. 7:30 PM. 874-5480

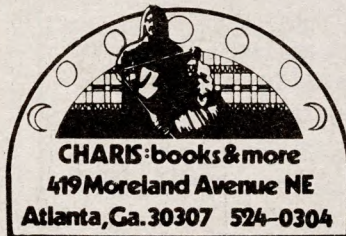
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## Next Week's Highlights

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**Penelope Williams**-Tues.-Sat. in November. This jazz pianist and vocalist gives you jazz "the way you like it." Music of the 30s and 40s with a be-bop style. 7:30 PM-12:30 AM. 11th St. Cafe', 1041 W. Peachtree St. For details, call 874-5480.

**Atlanta Independent Filmmaker's Expo**-Nov. 4th-10th. This is the 5th annual expo of Atlanta artists who continue to grow in quality and numbers. Among this year's films is "Travlin' Trains" by Eric Mofford. Trains is an award-winning film about a boy's search for his father in depression-era Georgia, and stars local blues musicians Butch Trivette, Chicago Bob Nelson and Rosemary Rainey. AMC Tower Place Theatre. Shows are at 5:15 PM, 7:30 PM and 9:45 PM. Sat. and Sun. matinees at 2:30 PM. For more information call 952-5522 or 952-4507.

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# ORGANIZATIONS

**AALGA-** African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance. 1st Sunday of each month. 4:00 PM. Quaker House. A political and social organization for black lesbians and gay men. PO Box 50374, Atlanta, Ga., 30302. 691-5921 or 297-8815.

**ACLU/LG-ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter.** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Peachtree Branch Library. 7:30 PM. Working for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men in the metropolitan Atlanta area. 231-5991.

**ACT-** Atlanta Couples Together. A non-political, non-religious, social organization whose purpose is to support the positive aspects of gay and lesbian relationships. Events and meetings vary. Info: A.C.T. Voice Mailbox, 365-2455, or write PO Box 723291, Atlanta, Ga., 30339.

**ACT UP/Atlanta-AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power** Direct action group with the purpose of fighting homophobia, AIDS, sexism and racism. Meetings held every Monday. 24-hr. info line - 286-6247. Outside Atlanta, call 800-342-7038 ext. 6247.

**AFC-** Atlanta Faerie Circle. 1st Sunday of each month. Location and time varies. Gay men who gather to support one another and explore their connections with the earth and white light. 622-4112.

**AGC-** Atlanta Gay Center. 876-5372. Operated primarily by volunteers. AGC offers services for lesbians and gays men as well as educational out-reach to society as a whole. AGC Help Line-892-0661.

**AGMC-** Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus. A semi-professional community-oriented chorus of male voices. Membership open to all interested singers and non-singers alike. 296-6581.

**ALFA-** Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance. 2nd Sunday of each month. 6:00 PM. A lesbian feminist organization which welcomes lesbians of all races, religions, political orientation, economic status, occupation and degree of openness. Write PO Box 5502, Atlanta, Ga. 30307 for more information and to request newsletter.

**ALGPC-** Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. 3rd Thursday of each month. 7:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church. Needs volunteers to coordinate next year's lesbian and gay pride March to insure its success.

**AMC-** Atlanta March Committee- More Than a Phase. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. 7:30 PM. North Highland Branch Library. A community based activist organization that works toward promoting lesbian and gay rights through educational, social, cultural, and political events. 377-8312.

**AVS-** Atlanta Venture Sports. Activities and meetings vary. An association in which the membership enjoys recreational, social, educational, and sports activities. 242-4899.

**AID Atlanta-** A community-based, non-profit agency providing multiple services to all people with AIDS, their families and friends, and education to everyone regarding the disease and its prevention. 1132 W. Peachtree St. (Entrance 13th Street). 872-0600.

**AIDS Information Line** 876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728 (State-wide). Answers to questions about AIDS, referrals, etc., by trained volunteers staffing phone lines from 9:00 AM-9:00 PM daily. A public service of AID Atlanta and the Ga. DHR.

**Atlanta Alternatives-Buyers Club-** A group plan for obtaining bulk orders at reduced cost of certain alternative products of interest to PWAs. AL-721, German enzymes and others. Participants are welcome. Meetings will be announced soon. 233-0083 for info.

**Atlanta Business & Professional Guild-** A non-profit service organization comprised of both gay/lesbian and non-gay professionals and businesspersons. 2nd Tuesday of each month. Place varies. Membership and further information: 872-1922.

**Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus-** A community-oriented choral group of women's voices. Membership is open to all women interested in singing. Chorus practice held each Sunday, 6:00-8:30 PM at the First Existentialist Church at 470 Candler Park Dr. 355-8894 or 435-4498.

**Atlanta Lambda Chorale-** A community-oriented choral group for both men and women. Membership open to all singers and non-singers alike. Rehearsals every Tuesday at MCC-Blessed Redeemer, 800 N. Highland Ave. 7:30 PM. 874-1622.

**BWMT-** Black and White Men Together. 1st Saturday of each month. 8:00 PM. Location varies. A gay inter-racial organization committed to fostering a supportive environment wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized. 794-BWMT.

**Circle of Healing-** 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 4:00 PM. First Existentialist Church. The Circle is open to anyone in need of healing, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual.

**Congregation Bet Haverim-** Services 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 8:30 PM. Shabbat Seder, 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Quaker House, 1384 Fairview Dr. Proudly serving the lesbian and gay community. Synagogue information line: 642-3467.

**Couples, Inc.-** The National Organization for Family Diversity is seeking full legal and social recognition of same-sex relationships. Meetings will vary as membership grows. Interested persons may call Mark du Pont at (404) 634-3061 or write: P. O. Box 77266, Atlanta, Ga. 30357-7266.

**ELGO-** Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization. Meetings every Wed. at 7PM. Room 363E Dobbs University Center. Box 23515, Atlanta, Ga. 30322. 377-7421.

**Fourth Tuesday-** A networking organization for lesbian professionals and entrepreneurs, operating through monthly dinner meetings and a variety of special social, sports and educational events. P. O. Box 7817, Atlanta, GA 30309 (404) 662-4353.

**First MCC Atlanta-** Metropolitan Community Church. Sunday Services at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM evangelistic service. Mid-week services on Wednesday at 7:30 PM. 800 N. Highland Ave. Office hours Noon-6:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday. A Christian church proclaiming God's love for

lesbians and gay men. Counsel-ing available by appointment for individuals and couples. Same sex Holy Unions performed. 872-2246.

**Friends Atlanta-** Activities and meetings vary. A social, recreational, and educational group for gays and lesbians. Volleyball, bowling, dinners, theater nights, and dances are among the activities. 634-2500.

**GALA-** Gay Atheists of America. Meetings social in nature and at members' discretion. To assure freedom of speech; freedom from religion; to defend the separation of church and state; to assist in obtaining civil rights for gays and lesbians, and to offer non-believers an alternate social scene. 875-8877.

**GALA-** Georgia Tech Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Every Thursday at 7:30 PM. 676-1339 or 352-9213. GALA, Programs Area, GA Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332.

**GANG -** Greater Atlanta Naturist Group. For gay men who enjoy nude outdoor and social activities. Not a sex club. Nude camping, swimming, parties, etc. several times per month. For info send SASE to: GANG, PO Box 7546, Atlanta, GA 30357.

**GAPAC-** Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition. Meetings vary. The gay and lesbian political action committee monitoring and acting in the local political scene. 885-0510.

**GLPCI-** Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 7:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church. A support group for lesbian and gay parents. 296-8369.

**The Group-** Thursday nights. Call the Gay Help Line at 892-0661 or write PO Box 15191, Atlanta, Ga. 30333. A support group for gay and bisexual men who are or who have been involved in marital-type situations with women.

**Hotlanta Volleyball-** Serious and amateur players are welcome to join. Members compete in tournaments and regulation league play. Clinics held during the year to learn and practice new techniques. Call 875-0700 for info.

**Integrity-** Gay Caucus of the Episcopal Church. 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. 7:30 PM. All Saints Episcopal Church-3rd floor of Ellis Hall. 875-2720.

**LIFE-** Lesbians in Fun Endeavors. Meeting times and locations vary. Bringing professional gay women together for the fun of it, giving them the opportunity to make friends and enjoy a wide variety of events. 493-3966.

**LEGAL-** Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians. 3rd Monday of each month. 7:00 PM. Peachtree Branch Library. The voice of lesbian and gay Georgians in the Democratic party. 875-7500.

**Lutherans Concerned/South Carolina-** A society of gay, lesbian and non-gay Christians. All denominations welcome. We work to foster a climate of understanding, justice and reconciliation among all people. 3rd Sunday of each month. 4:00 PM. 728 Pickens St., Columbia, SC. Contact: PO Box 90537, Columbia, SC, 29290.

**MACGLO-** Metro Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations. 3rd Thursday of each month. 7:00 PM. Peachtree Branch Library. A representative council of lesbian and gay organizations to facilitate the exchange of information. 242-2342.

**MCC of Stone Mountain-** Metropolitan Community Church. Outreach program includes and actively supports those involved in various "12-step" programs. Services are at 10:30 AM on Sundays, and followed, on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, by Christian education. 879-1872.

**MCC Southside -** All Saints Metropolitan Community Church. Serving the southside with positive Christian support for lesbians and gay men. 5:00 PM every Sunday. 575 Boulevard, SE. Office hours: Mon-Thurs. 10AM-Noon, and 1PM-4PM. 622-1154.

**NAPWA-** Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS. 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. 7:00 PM. 1132 W. Peachtree St. A political, social, and educational organization confronting the AIDS crisis. Membership is open to all individuals with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV positive. 874-7926.

**P-FLAG-** Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. 3rd Sunday of each month. 7:30 PM. Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. Committed to help parents learn what we have learned. To help change attitudes and create an environment of understanding, so all gay people can live with dignity and respect. 961-6085 or 296-0830.

**PLGC-** Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns/More Light. 3rd Sunday of each month. Gays and lesbians gather over light foods to celebrate their Presbyterian heritage. 373-5830.

**Project Open Hand -** Prepares and serves meals to PWAs, PWARCs unable to do so themselves. Volunteers needed for organizing, kitchen and delivery. 248-1788.

**SAME-** Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc. Utilizes the arts and media as tools for exploration, education, and change in human rights, especially those pertaining to the lesbian and gay community. 584-2104.

**The Names Project/Atlanta-** A National AIDS Memorial. Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church. Address correspondence to: 375 Georgia Ave., Atlanta, Ga. 30312

**UULGC-** Unitarian-Universalist Lesbian and Gay Community. 2nd Thursday of each month. 8:00 PM. Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. A spiritual and social support group for religious liberals. Call for a copy of our newsletter. 634-5134.

**WOW-** Women of Wisdom. 3rd Monday of each month. 7:45 PM. North Highland Branch Library. Aims to facilitate women meeting together with other women in a pleasant atmosphere. Offers timely programs of interest to the community, reaches out to older women and women with special needs.

## GAPAC Commentary\*

### Your Vote is Important!

Question: do you believe that condoms should be made available to inmates to reduce the risk of AIDS within county jails? Answer from Robert Lane, DeKalb County Commission candidate: "No," because he feels the answer is to decrease sexual activity. "...sex activity is not appropriate for jails, courthouses, etc."

GAPAC interviewed the candidates in selected general election races on the following issues: AIDS, child custody, crimes of violence, and the sodomy statute. Based on evaluation of candidates' responses to this questionnaire, presentations at the October 5th Candidates' Forum, records of incumbents, and follow-up conversations, the following candidates were given the local political action committee's highest rating (Recommended):

House District 25: Jackie Saylor  
House District 26: Jim Martin  
House District 39: Ralph Abernathy  
House District 40: Cynthia McKinney  
House District 46: Doug Teper  
House District 47: Peggy Lehmborg  
House District 51: Thurbert Baker  
House District 54: Juanita Williams  
House District 57, Post #3: Pat Blevins  
DeKalb Commissioner at Large: Annie Collins

Perhaps less dry are these selected quotes from the interviews. (An in-depth article with more extensive quotes will appear in the next *GAPAC News* in early November.) One quick note: Chesley Morton, conservative Republican incumbent (opposed by Peggy Lehmborg), told GAPAC bluntly: "I wish I had three Republicans who were as dedicated and effective on our issues, as the gay community has in Jim Martin, Nan Orrock and Mary Margaret Oliver." Praise from the opposition is praise indeed.

And some comments from the GAPAC volunteers who interviewed the candidates: Doug Teper (H-46), "intelligent and articulate, and would be a forceful advocate of gay rights." Jackie Saylor (H-25), "Understanding of gay/lesbian issues, running against John Lupton, who vigorously endorsed death penalty for anyone who spreads AIDS, causing death."

Pat Blevins (H-57, Post 3), "Advised 'not to speak with' gay community, but has anyway. Says crimes of violence against gays are 'the terrorism of the worst degree.'" Ralph D. Abernathy III (H-39), "Probably winner. 'I'm a minority myself, and gays are minorities' he said. And his family background prepared him well to work in the public arena on human and civil rights issues."

Cynthia McKinney (H-40), "Yes, Billy's her father. Thinks his ideas on gays/lesbians are 'prehistoric.' I will say openly in any forum that my ideas regarding gays/lesbians are opposite to my father's."

Jim Martin (H-26), "Though he insists he is not 'the banner carrier for the gay community nor anyone else,' Martin has been the most enduring ally we've had in the State Legislature."

-Marie Murray

*The opinions expressed in this column are those of GAPAC, and are not necessarily those of Southern Voice.*

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## Congress

(except as they apply to authorized anonymous testing sites), that the Senate was able to merge its version of the bill with one passed earlier by the House.

The bill was eventually merged into the Omnibus Health Amendment Act, which is currently awaiting action by Pres. Reagan.

Helms also persuaded Congress to overturn the District law that bars routine testing for AIDS by insurance companies.

Helms attack on the D.C. AIDS insurance law was tacked onto the District's appropriations bill for 1989, along with two other amendment's aimed at curbing the expansion of civil rights there.

Legislators killed a District program that provided Medicaid funds to poor women seeking abortions, and demanded that the city council amend its pro-gay/lesbian Human Rights Ordinance which allows religious educational institutions to discriminate against gays and lesbians. If the city council refuses to bend to Congress' will, the city will suffer a loss of all federal funds effective December 31, 1988. HRCF and NGLTF are joining District gay/lesbian and women's groups in fighting the three amendment's that were

attached to the city's money bill. Herb Schultz, president of the D.C. Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, said that the gay/lesbian community was "outraged at Congress' intrusion into home rule".

"We have the strongest Human Rights ordinance in the country," Schultz said, "and we intend to keep it that way."

According to Schultz, the gay/lesbian community is strongly backed by area politicians. "Gay and lesbian citizens in the District of Columbia are united with all citizens of the district to stand strong for Home Rule," he said.

Schultz also noted that Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis supported the concept of D.C. statehood, which would prevent further intervention by Congress into local affairs.

Sources in the district are unsure if anything can be done about Congress' insistence that no public aid go to poor women seeking abortions, but they felt that pro-choice advocates would probably challenge it in court.

"The legacy of this Congress is not going to be pleasant," Levi said, when asked for a summation of recent events. "But," he added, "We'll eventually be successful."

-Chris Duncan

# Selecting a President: The Critical Choice for Lesbians and Gays

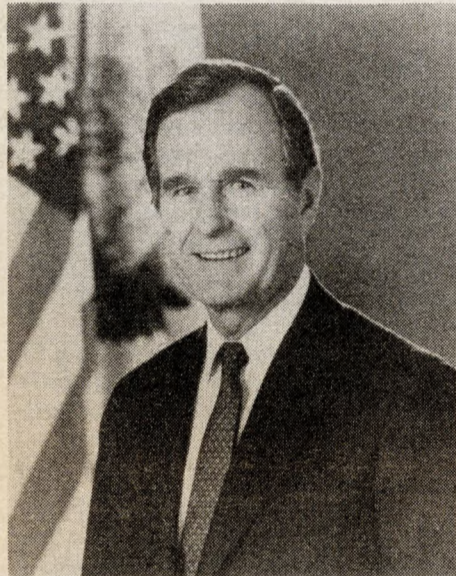
The next president will make crucial decisions on a range of issues that will affect gays and lesbians for years to come. He will help to determine the degree to which this nation will defend the rights of all people, including lesbians and gay men. Many of those decisions will come as he sets the tone on AIDS policy, including issues of discrimination against people with AIDS and people perceived to be at risk for AIDS. And the next President will appoint judges who will tell the country which way to go when it comes to the privacy of individuals and their right to control their bodies (e.g., abortion and sodomy laws).

On issues affecting gays and lesbians the contrast between the candidates is sharp.

In 1974, Michael Dukakis, as a Massachusetts legislator, introduced that state's gay rights bill. He campaigned hard for passage and as Governor has continued fighting for it.

Dukakis, the presidential candidate, supports legislation extending civil rights protections to gays and lesbians as well as a bill ending a ban on homosexual immigration.

He opposes, however, the idea of having the President issue an executive order



Republican Vice-President George Bush

protecting government employees from discrimination.

According to Urvashi Raid of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, his opposition stems from not understanding the importance of an executive order. Such an order, she notes, would "set the tone" for legislation, putting the government on record as opposing discrimination. Dukakis says the order should come from the legislature or the courts.

Activists in Massachusetts have bitterly attacked the Governor on his foster parenting position. Dukakis supported legislation that put gays and lesbians at the bottom of the list for foster parenting. Since the bill passed, no gay or lesbian has become a foster parent in the state.

The Governor vetoed, on the other hand, a bill that would have prohibited homosexuals and bisexuals from becoming foster parents or adopting children.

George Bush has refused to answer specific questions about civil rights for gays. But he has indicated his general opposition to civil rights legislation, saying it gives "special privileges" to one group. The record of the Reagan-Bush administration shows support for the Supreme Court Hardwick decision on sodomy, one of the biggest blows ever to gay rights efforts.

The difference in rights for lesbians and gays are apparent in the campaign platforms of the two parties. The Democratic party at the Atlanta convention called for civil rights for people regardless of sexual preference. The Republican Party platform said nothing about lesbian and gay rights.

It did, however, talk about AIDS.

Republicans called for more research and compassion, but stressed the need to protect those who are not infected and endorsed contact tracing.

The Democratic platform talks about increasing and accelerating research, education and prevention. It talks about compassion, and it emphasized the need for confidential testing and protection of the rights of people with AIDS, ARC, and HIV positive.

George Bush has said AIDS education should focus on "traditional moral values."

Bush also endorsed the conclusions of the presidential AIDS commission calling for antidiscrimination laws. But when Republican Senator Lowell Weicker suggested endorsing the report in the party platform, Bush's people opposed him.

Dukakis supports voluntary and confidential testing. He endorses mandatory testing in the military and for immigrants. Bush would add several groups to the mandatory testing list, including marriage license applicants and prisoners.

The confidentiality issue has been left up to the states by the Reagan-Bush administration.

The next president will likely leave his greatest mark in the judiciary. Half the sitting federal judges are Reagan appointees, and Reagan has chosen young conservative judges.

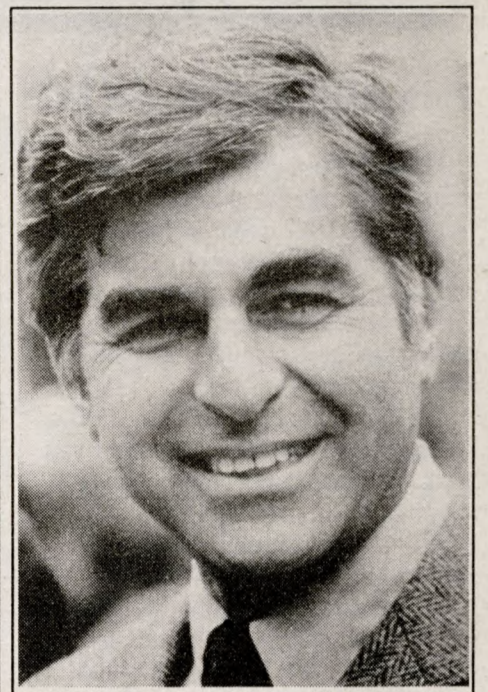
Reagan appointees have faced close scrutiny to determine their conservative leanings, and many of the more liberal judges has held off retirement waiting for a new president.

With more conservative appointments, observers say, the balance in the court will be tilted towards the conservative side for decades to come, making it more difficult to overturn sodomy laws or the military bans on gays and lesbians and issuing important rulings on first amendment rights and privacy.

Urvashi Vaid of the NGLTF says Supreme Court appointments are "perhaps the single most important issue" for gays and lesbians. She adds, there's "a potential for a very hostile court."

A conservative court, for example, is more likely to reverse the Roe vs. Wade ruling legalizing abortion.

According to Vaid of the NGLTF, the same decisions that give women the right to control their bodies can be used to decide issues on gay and lesbian rights.



Democratic Gov. Michael Dukakis

On the issue of abortion, Dukakis has long been a supporter of the right to choose and the need to financially help poor women who choose abortion.

Bush opposes abortion except in case of rape or to save the life of the mother.

The other candidate on the ballot, Lenora Fulani of the New Alliance Party, has actively courted the gay vote and taken a stand for gay and lesbian rights. However, the NAP has been the subject of criticism by activists who are suspicious of their tactics and call them opportunistic.

Despite the polls, the race is not over until election day. The lines are drawn and the decision is up to the voters.

That's us.

- F.G.

## Halloween

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cool air, peel it back, I would find the something that was waiting to be claimed.

Yes, fall demands a strong walk.

I kept walking. I remember I was trying to think of just what my mind sensed missing, of why I felt like I was searching and why I felt like this every fall, when I glanced down at the pavement.

My shadow had grown darker. I stopped to watch and saw her darken two shades.

A shadow is often taken for granted. Small children free theirs with dancing movements in their hands, arms and legs. Shadows have added life, taking on creature poses on well-lit walls. Big people barely seem to know their shadow nearby.

I have been guilty of that. Rarely acknowledging her. Some cats have known her better by curling in her shade as I read outside.

She continued to darken. I stared at her hard, real hard. This is when I heard her first sound. It started with a rumbled crackled sound as if it was coming from underground. Her voice started quietly, gradually building strength, never getting loud.

At first I couldn't make out the words she was saying. I could hear only syllables. The same ones over and over. As her voice got more comfortable, the sounds came out faster.

From the syllables and the dark came a swirl, not foggy, not misty, not dream or trance-like. The swirl came strong and her voice came deep.

She said, "All summers end." Overhead the yellow turned to dark.

In this darkness, fires began to burn slowly, growing until a circle of flame was all I could see.

Her shadowy form took from the fire an ember and gave it to me. The fires around me began to go low, fading into her. The darkness that is her took the flame and left my outline that she claims. The ember, though, still glowed in my hand.

Yellow light filled the sky and my shadow's edges lightened.

I was walking again. I knew where I was going, and it was back to the rites I had practiced before.

Fall. Samhain marked the beginning of the winter half of the year. This day started the darkness that would bring the lightness of spring and summer.

The fires around me began to go low, fading into my shadow. The darkness that she is took the flame and left my outline that is hers.

Yellow light became the sky and my shadow's edges lightened.

I was walking again and she was a little to the right of me, angling slightly ahead.

I knew where I was going and I knew I was still looking and I knew I was standing close to the beginnings, to the endings and to today. I was at the crossroads of Samhain.

-Virginia

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## Living With AIDS

Mandatory testing programs for state prisoners have been established by statute in many states. These mandatory testing laws require that all prisoners upon admission to, and prior to release from, prison be tested. For prisoners, testing means another invasion, another opportunity for rights to be denied and human dignity ignored.

The hysteria about AIDS is magnified in prison, coupled with commonly-held myths about its transmission, a prisoner who is known as "having AIDS" is likely to experience discrimination and possible violence or other detrimental effects.

Prior to testing, prisoners receive little information from prison staff members. Often times the only information available is rumor which has circulated through the prison grapevine. Not only are prisoners tested involuntarily, they do not understand the test that is being performed or what the results mean. Due to the high error rate of the antibodies test, many prisoners have false negative or positive results which causes the prisoners extreme mental anguish.

In most institutions, there is no mental health care or support group available to help HIV-infected prisoners cope with their test results or their segregation in an AIDS unit. Despite the fact that medical and public health officials agree that the best way to prevent transmission of AIDS is by providing extensive counselling and education on safe sex and safe needle use for intravenous-drug use and tattooing, most prisons do not provide such programs.

Once a prisoner is diagnosed as HIV positive, he or she is immediately moved from general population and placed in a special segregated unit called the "AIDS

unit," where they will remain for the duration of their imprisonment. Prisoners who are confined in HIV positive segregation units are treated as lepers. They are not allowed to leave their units except when they must go to the infirmary to get medical attention.

The normal visitation rules do not apply to these prisoners. In some cases all visitation is terminated, in other cases the number and length of visits is reduced. Prisoners are denied the rights and amenities of general population and instead are treated like they are under punitive segregation.

Upon diagnosis, prisoners lose their current custody status and are classified as medium security, which means that they can no longer participate in work release, restitution programs or receive furlough.

As a result of this segregation, the prison grapevine begins to carry the news that someone is an "AIDS victim" or "AIDS carrier". The entire prison community—which includes other prisoners, guards, prison staff and visitors from the outside—knows the prisoners medical condition. The separation and labeling make it easy for the name of a prisoner who is believed to have AIDS to be leaked to the outside world.

AIDS patients are frequently placed in the same room or ward with prisoners who have infectious diseases. In some facilities, medical staff refuses to treat or touch seropositive prisoners. Despite the fact that there are established guidelines for health workers to follow to protect themselves, reports indicate that prison staff are refusing to treat ailments in which there is virtually no risk of transmission. It is reported that a woman who had been assigned to an AIDS unit in an Alabama prison hemorrhaged for over a period of three nursing shifts before a nurse would finally agree to see her.

Conditions such as the one described

above prompted lawyers for the ACLU National Prison Project and Southern Prisoners' Defense Committee to file suit last spring challenging the conditions of confinement for prisoners diagnosed as HIV positive in Alabama's prison system.

Five prisoners, one female, brought the suit on behalf of 9,700 prisoners confined in the Alabama prison system. The five prisoners are segregated in various AIDS units throughout the system. Under Alabama law, all state prisoners must be tested for the HIV antibodies at the time they are admitted into the system, and 30 days before they are released from the system. The prisoners assert numerous violations of their constitutional rights have occurred, and contend that prisoners who test positive are subjected to a succession of harmful, humiliating, unlawful practices and conditions.

In Alabama, once prisoners have tested positive they are immediately moved to one of the segregated units. They cannot receive vocational or educational training, or participate in work release, and cannot earn good time. They receive no emotional support or counseling, and their test results are not kept confidential. At one time, women who tested positive were required to wear face masks, rubber gloves and special footwear. At the time of the law suit, the litigants were required to wear masks at all times outside the segregation unit, including when they needed medical consultation and visitation. Prisoners in the AIDS segregation units receive no meaningful access to courts and cannot use the law library. Food is often cold and unedible.

The suit is the first system-wide class action suit to challenge mandatory testing and segregation of prisoners testing positive to the HIV virus. The suit is viewed as a nationwide

test case and Alabama prisoners are asking the court to declare Alabama's testing and segregation policies illegal and prevent the Department of Corrections from enforcing them.

-Sandra Barnhill

*Sandra Barnhill is founder and director of Aid to Imprisoned Mothers, Inc. (AIM), a non-profit advocacy organization which assists inmate mothers and their children. Prior to starting, Sandra was staff attorney with Southern Prisoners Defense Committee.*

*"Living With AIDS" is written by those personally affected by the AIDS crisis. PWAs, PWARCs, HIV-positive persons, their family and loved ones, health care professionals, teachers, attorneys, and anyone in the community who has been touched by this epidemic are urged to submit to "Living With AIDS" by writing Southern Voice, P.O. Box 54719, Atlanta, GA 30308. The HIV status of any author of this column, unless specifically stated by the author, should not be assumed.*

### Correction

A submission to Living With AIDS that appeared in the October 13th issue of *Southern Voice* entitled "I Hope You're Being Careful," was mis-interpreted by some of our readers, who assumed that the author, Nancy Oswald, was identifying herself as a person with AIDS. Ms. Oswald has stated to *Southern Voice* that she is HIV-negative. We regret any problems this may have caused her. Submissions to Living With AIDS are from people who have been affected by the AIDS epidemic, not all of whom are people with AIDS.

## Updates

### Kitty Dukakis Reaffirms Campaign's Commitment to AIDS Programs

Washington, D.C. — During several AIDS-related briefings and public appearances last month, potential first lady Kitty Dukakis reiterated her husband Michael's commitment to sound and effective federal AIDS policies.

In early September, Dukakis began her initiative by participating in an educational AIDS briefing in San Francisco with doctors, health professionals, and people with AIDS (PWAs). "Until the federal government begins to focus on this epidemic, we will have large numbers dying of AIDS," she stated after the meeting, adding that mounting AIDS death tolls are "unacceptable and morally wrong."

Later she met with organizers of San Francisco's Project Open Hand which delivers about 450 meals daily to PWAs in the San Francisco area. She then lent a hand by delivering boxed lunches and speaking with PWAs. Project Open Hand's Martin Delaney commented after her visit that "not only did she understand the issues, she understands the urgency of the issues," adding, "We've never seen that in the Reagan-Bush administration."

That same afternoon Dukakis met near Los Angeles with representatives of the organization Mothers of AIDS Patients (MAP), a national support group of families and friends of PWAs. Co-founder Barbara Cleaver, whose son died of AIDS in 1984 at age 26, joined eight others in personalizing the issue for Dukakis by sharing the pain, sorrow and isolation family members of a PWA feels. Following the emotional session, Dukakis called it "intolerable that anyone else in our society should [contract] AIDS because of ignorance," referring to the Reagan-Bush administration's failure to take a strong stand for explicit, non-judgmental education programs. Many public health experts have stated these programs are the only effective means presently available to combat the killer.

Her visibility in the AIDS community continued during the last week of September when Dukakis addressed the Second National AIDS Conference in San Francisco. In her address, Dukakis assured attendees that "if my husband is elected President, you will have a friend in the White House...an ally who will provide leadership in the war on AIDS." She went on to outline Governor Dukakis's broad goals and strategies for stopping AIDS. Included are an Executive Order and support for federal legislation to prohibit discrimination against HIV-infected individuals, availability of nationwide anonymous test sites, and a comprehensive

AIDS education effort beginning in primary school.

At the end of each of her well-publicized visits, Dukakis promised to discuss the information and insights gained with her husband.

### Highlights of Dukakis AIDS Plan

Below is an outline of some of Democratic Presidential candidate Michael Dukakis's AIDS strategies as described by his wife Kitty during her visits with PWAs, medical professionals, volunteers and others involved with AIDS. As President, Michael Dukakis will:

- Issue an Executive Order and support federal legislation to prohibit discrimination against people with HIV infection;
- Encourage the development of AIDS education programs beginning early in primary school;
- Encourage the availability of resources for nationwide anonymous testing sites;
- Advocate the centralized coordination and funding for AIDS research;
- Work with the FDA to shorten the time it takes to make new drugs and treatments available;
- Assist communities to establish coordinated networks of AIDS-related services;
- Support legislation to mandate universal health care for all Americans.

### Harvard Study Shows Discrimination Against PWAs

Boston—It came as no surprise to most people, but a new study shows that discrimination against people with AIDS and people who test positive for the AIDS virus continues to run rampant in the United States.

The study, conducted by Harvard's School of Public Health, showed that those infected with the virus face "discriminatory attitudes and even outright hostilities from a substantial number of Americans." Researchers concluded that HIV positive people will face a high risk of discrimination unless new laws are created to protect them. President Reagan's AIDS Commission urged the president to enact anti-discrimination laws, but Mr. Reagan has refused to do so.

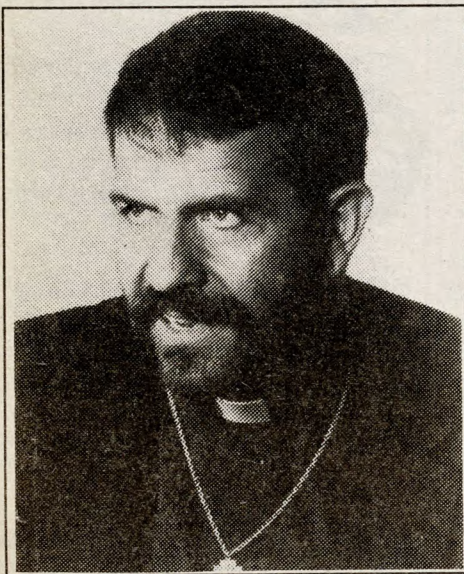
-F.G.

## MCC: Going Strong After 20 Years

Twenty years ago this October, Troy Perry founded the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in Los Angeles/ From 13 original members, it has grown to about 230 congregations world wide.

MCC in Atlanta was started in the summer of 1972 by John Gill, who distributed leaflets in bars to announce the first meeting; about 50 people came.

First MCC, which grew from that initial group, meets at 800 North Highland, in the old Hilan Theatre, and has been meeting there for 14 years.



**Rev. Troy D. Perry, Founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC).**

During that time they have had bomb threats, have spent the night there to protect it, have survived vandalism (swastikas defacing the walls) and severe arson/ But they have defended their right to be there, paid for the building, and planned for the future.

I was there at 7:30 p.m. on a Wednesday night, for an informal service, which had an eager, easy warmth. A sermon was given; Chuck Larsen, the pastor, spoke holding the Bible open in front of him/ But the commitment to something new is evident in the texts, which reflect MCC's commitment to inclusive language, and evident in his open encouragement and acceptance.

Carolyn led the singing with her guitar. She is a black lesbian, both a deacon and the choir director on Sunday. In 1972, she had read about MCC in *Time*, and knowing she was lesbian, wanted to find out more about this gay church. She was in Atlanta at the time and found out she "didn't have to go to California!" She supported MCC as it was being formed here. When her own denomination kicked her out in 1981, she already had a church which was her home. "Living in relationship with Jesus is like being

kin; that just isn't dissolved," she smiled.

Chuck Larsen has been the senior pastor since Easter/ He sees for MCC the opportunity to serve in three areas: healing, education, and community involvement (both providing space for gay groups to meet and encouraging the active work of MCC members in the community). He continues a policy of welcome to all people. The blessing of unions, for example, is not limited to members, but available to any couple in the community who desires it and is willing to respect the MCC traditions. (For more information call First MCC at 872-2246.

When I walked into All Saints MCC, at 5:00 p/m/ on a Sunday, I was handed a lavender bulletin/ People were already singing "Victory in Jesus" by the time I found a seat/ This is their only weekly service and about 70-80 folks were there. They rent space from Aldersgate Methodist Church, 575 Boulevard S/E/ It was a very personal service: people stood and told the group what they were grateful for that week, they stated their prayer requests before the leader started the intercessory prayer (during which we all held hands). The service ended with a group hug - and the command from Pat, a deacon, who smiled as she said it, "Don't leave without ten hugs."

All Saints MCC was formed a little over four years ago. It has singles groups and couples groups/ It repeats its "Family Program" several times a year. In it, people gather to discuss certain fixed topics, to pray together, to pray for each other - and ultimately to form a small community within the larger one. (For more information call All Saints MCC at 622-1154.)

Both churches I attended clearly were homes for refugees from conservative evangelical Christianity. The flavor and fervor were still there, but the message had been massaged by Gay Liberation. Bob, at All Saints MCC, pointed out that MCC is where you might go, if you consider yourself a Christian, but are tired of being frightened as you approach your "straight" church (how will they try to make me feel guilty today?). As Steve, from First MCC, said, "I quit trying to buy into somebody else's religion." Here he found worship was natural; he had a feeling of rightness, of being who he is, and worshipping as he is.

However, the familiar evangelical tone is simply too painful for some; they come once and never return. They have, apparently, too many memories of punishment and guilt, a Bible used to torture rather than to strengthen, prayers used to coerce, and heartfelt talks used to blackmail/ MCC simply reopens the wounds for them/ Others, of course, have no more use for "church."

In the light of this, it is significant that both churches used touch a lot, a necessary part of the healing of people who have been told in church that their love for members of their own sex must never be expressed. People held hands and hugged. Couples go up to Communion hand in hand.

-Michael Wyatt

## Personal Energy as a Healing Tool

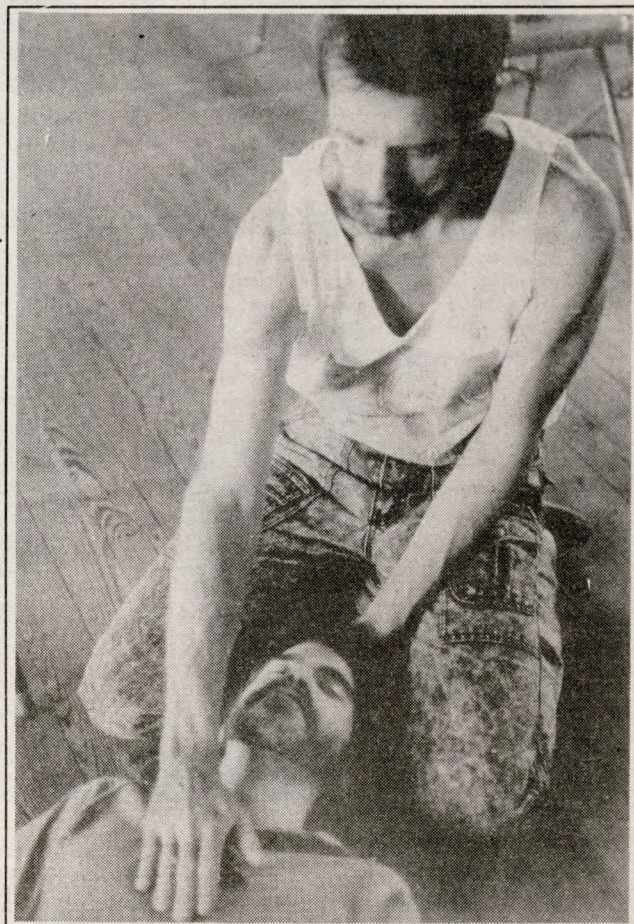
A Circle of Healing has been meeting at the First Existentialist Church in Candler Park since December, 1987. The circle was organized in response to the AIDS crisis, but is not limited to people concerned with AIDS. Anyone in need of healing, be it physical, emotional or spiritual, is welcome.

The group healing process addresses three psychological impediments to healing: disharmony, fear and inertia. Many times people who are ill are disconnected from their community and in their isolation become frightened, even frozen in fear. The group healing process provides support in a community context that helps dispel fear and loneliness.

Each circle is different but follows a loose format that involves each participant. After an opening music meditation the group divides into smaller groups where each participant can share something of why they have come. The large group then reforms for a meditation or experiential exercise facilitated by a therapist or helping professional. Then the group divides into pairs and healing energy is generated through guided visualization. One partner channels healing energy to the other through touch (hands on shoulders). Then the partners change roles. The circle ends with the entire group sending healing energy to people in need who are not present and to people working to find a cure for AIDS.

The circle meets from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month. It is free and open to the public.

Participants should bring a pillow or blanket, as part of the circle is conducted sitting on the floor. The church is wheelchair accessible and in walking distance of the Candler Park MARTA Station, or Little 5 Points. For information, contact the First Existentialist Church at 378-5570.



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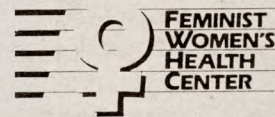
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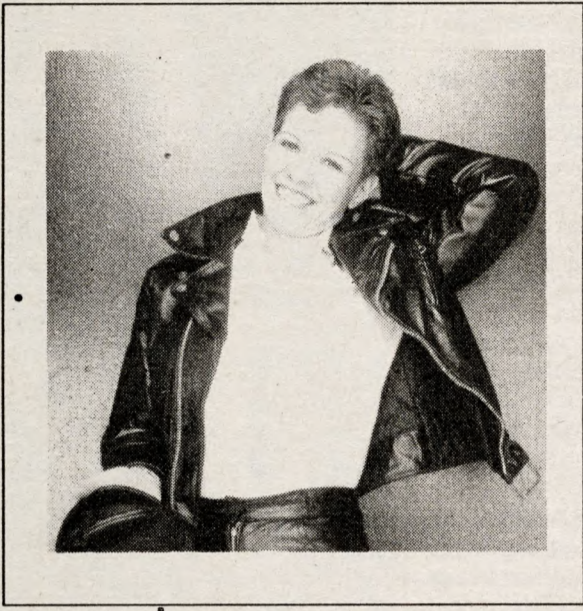
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by Martia Proba  
October 25-November 8

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**SCORPIO** Full Moon in Taurus on the 25th cautions you to be less than stubborn. Now that the Sun is in your 1st house, try a little of that magnetic personality out on a Gemini on the 28th.

**SAGITTARIUS** Jupiter, your ruler, is retrograde in Gemini in your 7th house all month. Domestic matters tend to take a little more work than usual. Take it easy with a Cancer on the 30th.

**CAPRICORN** You ought to have some interesting interactions with plenty of friends on the 6th & 7th. An Aries could be appealing on the 1st.

**AQUARIUS** You'll be tempted to mix business with pleasure all during this period. Career interests and love-life prospects will be emphasized. Be wary of a Taurus on the 28th.

**PISCES** You may have a religious experience on the 30th as Neptune, your ruler, trines the Sun. Relying on instinct is good on the 3rd, especially with a Scorpio.

**ARIES** The Moon suggests visiting a Virgo on the 3rd for a few exercises. You will be concerned with the finances of others - help a Gemini spend money on the 27th.

**TAURUS** Romance and partnership are everywhere for you as the Sun is in your 7th house and Venus occupies your 5th house. A Leo could be fun on the 31st.

**GEMINI** Jupiter adds what may seem like a great deal of luck to your life. If you need to make changes in your daily routine, do so on the 3rd and 4th. A Leo is lovely on the 2nd.

**CANCER** You home and family loving people should have a good time this period. Even communication with children - or those who act like children - will be easy. Talk to a Libra on the 5th.

**LEO** As if you Leos didn't already have enough friends, expansive Jupiter brings even more. Don't be a grump on the 31st - ask a Sagittarius how to be sweet.

**VIRGO** Meetings are all you seem to have this period. Financially, you will succeed on the 1st, but don't turn around and blow it on the job on the 3rd.

**LIBRA** Now is the time for you to balance your checkbooks, if you can keep your mind off your love life. Venus opens the door to romance. An Aries is a good partner on the 1st.

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by Charles Haver



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