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## Process to Implement Jackson's Gay Platform Hasn't Yet Materialized

by Wendy Morse

Although mayor-elect Maynard Jackson has promised to implement a detailed platform for the gay and lesbian community, a concrete process for doing so has not materialized to date.

At a September 13 community reception, Jackson said, "[The] first thing we need to do is make sure that the transition task force's Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns is in place." No such group was ever formed.

A group composed of transition team members who are gay and lesbian has, however, met twice since the October 3 election. Although group members call themselves Gay and Lesbian Atlantans for Maynard (GALAM), they have no official standing with the new administration's transition task

force and are not recognized as a separate committee.

According to GALAM member Jeffrey Laymon, his group's main purpose is to ensure that all 43 points of Jackson's gay and lesbian platform are included in the transition team's final recommendations. Laymon told *Southern Voice* that members of GALAM meet in order to identify those platform issues that come under the jurisdiction of their various committees and ensure that all points are covered.

However, according to Bill Liss of ABC Management Company, the private management consulting firm directing the transition team task force, the gay/lesbian platform agenda will be addressed by the Higher Quality of Life Committee. Three GALAM

members are assigned to that committee, which is one of 10 committees that comprise the task force.

GALAM members first met November 1, three weeks after the transition process began, to divide among themselves responsibility for the various points on Jackson's gay/lesbian agenda. The group's facilitators cited overwork and uncertainty about the process as reasons for making the assignments so late.

"This is a lot of work," said Jeffrey Laymon. "We're asked to do a tremendous amount of work in a very short time, [but] it's very rewarding. When all of these things are effected, things will have changed for the City of Atlanta. It will be an all-inclusive city, and not many of those exist."

Although all 10 task force committees

include one or more GALAM members, those members were not assigned to their positions specifically to work on gay and lesbian issues. According to Peter White, III, Jackson's campaign liaison to the gay and lesbian community, it is important that gay and lesbian appointees to the transition team work on issues that apply to all Atlantans as well as issues specific to the gay/lesbian community.

An attempt to discover specific examples of the group's progress was thwarted when *Southern Voice* was asked to leave GALAM's second meeting on November 15. When asked why the gay press was not allowed to attend the meeting, Laymon said, "We don't

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## San Francisco Says No to Domestic Partners

by Phillip Matier and Michele DeRanleau

A narrow majority of San Francisco voters handed the gay community a major political setback by rejecting a law that would have made the city the first in the nation to legitimize gay relationships.

Proposition S, a referendum on the city's new domestic partners law, was turned down November 7 by a tight 50.5 percent to 49.5 percent margin. "There is no way we can put a happy face on this one," said lesbian activist Pam David.

Both sides turned up the burners in the final days of the campaign, resulting in a record number of voters—more than 44 percent of the city's electorate—going to the polls in the off-year election.

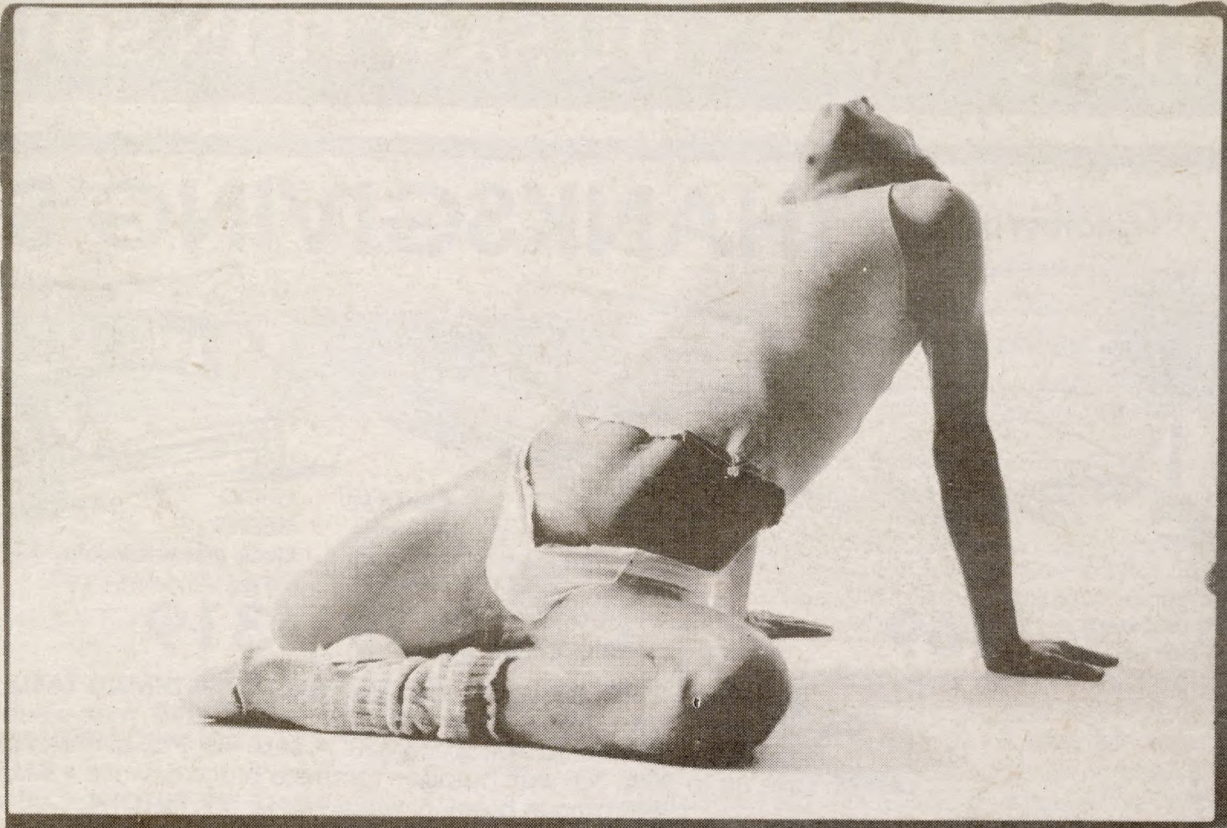
Had Prop. S won, unmarried couples would have been allowed to register their partnerships just like couples filing for marriage licenses, something that was vigorously opposed by the Catholic Archdiocese.

The measure would have allowed unmarried couples city hospital visitation rights that now apply only to immediate family members. The law also called for a task force to study the first steps in eventually extending health insurance to partners of city workers.

Diocese spokesman Father Robert McElroy said he was happy that the campaign "took place without homophobia," something gay activists have been charging their opponents with throughout the campaign.

For years, San Francisco's gays have enjoyed a high degree of political clout at City Hall. The president of the Board of

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ROGER RUTHERFORD

### "REMEMBERING ROGER"

An exhibition and sale of the late Roger Rutherford's work is scheduled at BurnNoff Gallery December 9-16. Popular for his nude photography, both graphically erotic and artistic, the native Atlantan enjoyed exhibitions of his work in New York, Houston, New Orleans, Atlanta, Amsterdam, The Netherlands and Frankfurt, Germany. Proceeds from sales will go to NAPWA /Atlanta and Project Open Hand.

Writer Dave Hayward will examine Rutherford's work in the December 7 issue of *Southern Voice*. Pictured: "Dancer"



## D.C. Big Brothers Ends Ban On Gay Volunteers

Washington, D.C. — The October 27 issue of *The Washington Blade* reported that the D.C. Big Brothers Board of Directors ended a long-held ban on homosexual volunteers at an October 19 meeting.

"We decided there was no longer a factual, justifiable basis for our policy," said Mark L. Shaffer, a Big Brothers board member.

Although the Maryland National Bank withdrew as a corporate contributor recently because of the policy, Shaffer denied that this prompted the decision. The decision puts the Washington Big Brothers group in conformance with the National Federation of Big Brothers. In Atlanta, however, Big Brothers/Big Sisters recently rejected a lesbian applicant because of her sexual orientation.

The National Federation's policy prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and it also disallows the mothers of the boys to give final approval for any volunteers.

Roger Doughty, President of the Gay and Lesbian Activist Alliance said, "We are delighted that, after repeated refusals to change their policy, Big Brothers will finally allow gay men to contribute to the community as they would anyone else."

## Anti-gay Judge Found "Impartial"

Dallas—District Court Judge Jack Hampton was exonerated from misconduct charges although he admittedly blames gay murder victims for their own deaths.

Judge Hampton sentenced Richard Bernardski to 30 years in prison when he was found guilty of shooting Tommy Lee Trimble and John Lloyd Griffin "execution-style," and bragged about it later. Bernardski and others had gone out to an area in Dallas to harass "the homosexuals," on the night that he murdered Trimble and Griffin.

Hampton told a *Dallas Times Herald* reporter that Trimble and Griffin "wouldn't

have been killed if they hadn't been cruising the streets picking up teenage boys. *The Times Herald* also reported that Hampton said that, "some murder victims are less innocent than others...I put prostitutes and gays at about the same level."

*Associated Press* was told by Hampton that, "Had they not been out there trying to spread AIDS around, they'd still be alive today."

In response to a complaint filed by the Texas Human Rights Foundation, a public hearing was called for October 16. Although Judge Hampton was attributed the comments from the news stories, it was reported that Hampton was found to be "impartial" and "did not engage in 'willful conduct that casts public discredit upon the judiciary or the administration of justice.'"

William Waybourn, president of the Dallas Gay Alliance told *Gay Community News*, "Nixon is not a crook; Hampton is not a bigot; and I am not a queer." Waybourn further stated that Hampton's ruling has led to increased violence against local lesbians and gays. Hampton is up for re-election next November and Waybourn hopes Dallas voters will put him out of office.

## Cuomo Creates Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns

New York — The first state government office which deals specifically with lesbian and gay concerns was recently created by New York Governor Mario Cuomo. *The Washington Blade* reported that Lance Ringel was named Director of the Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns within the State Division of Human Rights.

New York Executive Order 28.1 prohibits state agencies from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in employment and provision services.

Governor Cuomo created the office in response to a report from the Governor's Task Force on gay issues which suggested that the Executive Order 28.1 Enforcement Unit merge with the Governor's liaison to the lesbian and gay community.

"Establishment of this office is a significant step that recognizes that gay and lesbian members of the family of New York have special concerns that must be addressed," Cuomo explained.

## Spence Found Dead in Boston Hotel Room

Boston — Craig Spence, the flamboyant conservative lobbyist at the center of a summer-long D.C. sex scandal involving a male escort service and midnight tours of the White House, was found dead Nov. 10 in a Boston hotel room, the victim of a suspected suicide.

Dressed in a black tuxedo with tails, a white bow tie with white suspenders, black shoes and black socks, Spence, 49, was discovered in a room of the Ritz Carlton hotel lying on the king sized bed, wearing his glasses, carrying personal papers and three dollars in his pocket and with the phone cradled on his shoulder.

In the false ceiling of the bathroom, police found several small packets of Xanax, a prescription anti-depressant, with one tablet removed. Police however, have not yet confirmed a cause of death.

Also in the bedroom, Spence left his will and his birth certificate carefully arranged alongside a final message written on the mirror with a black felt tip marker.

"Chief, consider this my resignation, effective immediately," he wrote. "As you always said, you can't ask others to make a sacrifice if you are not ready to do the same. Life is duty. God bless America."

A conservative power broker once primarily known for his glamorous D.C. parties where he played host to the government's right-wing power elite, Spence became yet more famous in disgrace early last summer when the conservative *Washington Times* began a steady stream of stories about him. Linked to a male escort service under investigation for credit card fraud, Spence was reported to have been among the service's biggest clients, at one point spending \$20,000 a month on the service.

On July 31, Spence was arrested in a New York City hotel room along with a male prostitute and charge with possession of an illegal

weapon and small amount of crack cocaine. Soon thereafter, in an exclusive interview with the *Washington Times*, Spence revealed he had become depressed after being diagnosed with AIDS and had been contemplating suicide.

## Tennessee Charges \$25 For Penetration

Revisions made to the Tennessee criminal code went into effect November 1, including the revised sodomy law criminalizing "consensual 'sexual penetration' with a person of the same gender," reports *Dare*, Tennessee's gay and lesbian newsweekly.

The state's sodomy law previously criminalized "crimes against nature," but was rarely used against heterosexuals. After much criticism for vagueness of language, the Tennessee Sentencing Commission submitted a new stating of the law specifically criminalizing same-sex sexual acts and reducing the crime to a class C misdemeanor, carrying a sentence of not more than 30 days and/or a fine of \$25.

Tennessee is now one of six states which classify homosexual acts as criminal. Texas, Arkansas and Kansas put homosexual acts in the misdemeanor class while Montana and Nevada statutes classify these acts as felonies. Over 50% of the United States categorize sodomy or crimes against nature, either heterosexual or homosexual, as felonies.

## Sweden Poised to Legalize Gay and Lesbian Marriages

Stockholm — Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson has advised the RFSL, the national lesbian and gay liberation group in Sweden, that he expects Sweden to follow the lead of Denmark and legalize gay and lesbian marriages. RFSL activists hope that Sweden will become the first country to legalize lesbian and gay adoptions as well.

RFSL, who also serve as the Information Secretariat for the International Lesbian & Gay Association (ILGA), can be contacted at RFSL, Box 45090, 10430 Stockholm, Sweden.

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## Lesbian Soldier's 15-year Fight to Stay in the Army Headed to Supreme Court

by Cliff O'Neill

Chicago, Ill.—The full 7th Circuit Court of Appeals on Oct. 11 denied a motion to hear the case of Sgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom, a lesbian soldier who is challenging the military's ban on lesbians and gay men in the military. A new motion has now been filed, requesting that the case be taken up by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ben-Shalom, who up until this summer had won every round of her 15-year long struggle with the U.S. Army, has charged that the Army's efforts to dismiss her violate her First Amendment rights to free speech by penalizing her for her declaration that she is a lesbian. On Aug. 7, however, a three judge panel of the 7th Circuit Court rejected that argument, ruling that, by her declaration, Ben-Shalom identified herself as a part of a group which engaged in "criminal" activity.

Department of Defense administrative policy declares that homosexuals are "unfit" for military service and that homosexuality is "incompatible with military service".

"Even though I haven't been accused of misconduct, they're turning it into a conduct case," stated Ben-Shalom. "they are accusing me of having a criminal orientation. I find that most offensive, because I have not been accused of committing any misconduct or any criminal acts whatsoever."

After Ben-Shalom first acknowledged her lesbianism 15 years ago, the Army investigated her and found no evidence of "criminal activity".

The 7th Circuit Court rules that, since Ben-Shalom said she is a lesbian, she has a "propensity" to commit "criminal acts", as defined by under the Unified Code of Military Justice,

which includes sodomy. Finding so, they concluded that, since she would probably commit those acts in the future, she had identified herself as a member of a criminal group.

"They're trying to change this into a criminal trial," said Ben-Shalom, "and I haven't been allowed to confront my accusers. Nor have they every produced any evidence. I'm very irritated by it. How can you say that someone has a criminal orientation?"

"If I had lied through my teeth," she added, "I would still be in. But the fact is, I told the truth. Can you imagine that? Because I refused to lie, and because I have since exercised my right of free speech in terms of defending gay and lesbian civil liberties, I am therefore barred from serving."

Currently, there are several legal challenges of the military's exclusionary policy underway, most utilizing different arguments against it. Ben-Shalom's case and that of Sgt. Perry Watkins are the furthest along and could be heard by the Supreme Court as early as 1990.

Patrick Berrigan, Ben-Shalom's attorney, has now filed a motion with the court to keep Ben-Shalom in the Army for 30 days, pending a decision by the Supreme Court on hearing the case. The Supreme Court has no time limit on deciding whether or not they will hear the case.

In an ironic twist, Ben-Shalom has also recently been nominated as "Soldier of the Year" of the 84th Division by her battalion, and her superior officers have put her name in for a promotion.

"Golly, what a scofflaw I must be," she quipped. "Good headline: 'Possible Soldier of the Year Declared Unfit'. Is there somebody in America who can tell me what I need to be doing better than I am?"

## Lesbian/Gay Activists Meet for "Creating Change" Conference

Perry Watkins Delivers Keynote Address

by Cliff O'Neill

Bethesda, MD—Over 500 gay and lesbian activists from communities as disparate as Iowa City, Iowa and San Francisco, Calif. descended upon the Bethesda Holiday Inn over Veteran's Day weekend with a singular vision in mind: creating change. Attending the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's second annual "Creating Change" Conference, in a wide array of workshops, the collection of national executive directors and local volunteers tried to learn how to do just that.

To create their own change back home,

the conference participants discussed their own tools of change, which included direct action, political lobbying and social pressure. At other workshops, some chose to more closely deal with issues facing the gay and lesbian movement such as sexism, racism and the de-gayng and re-gayng of AIDS, while yet others focused on community building matters such as starting gay and lesbian campus groups and reaching out to older gay men and lesbians.

Throughout the weekend, activists shared information with each other on everything from the merits of evaporated milk as a political poster paste to the impact of orchestrated mail campaigns on legislators.

One focus of the Veteran's Day weekend conference weekend was the Defense Department policy exclusion of lesbians and gay men from military service.

Sgt. Perry Watkins, the defendant in an ongoing case which seeks to rescind the military's anti-gay policy, highlighted the issue in his keynote address. Telling his tale of being denied re-enlistment from the Army in 1982 despite the Army's knowing he was gay for 15 years, Watkins underscored the relevance of his fight to the gay and lesbian movement at large. Speaking at a rally across the street from the White House later that afternoon, nearly 200 activists followed him and another dozen gay and lesbian veterans to call on the president to withdraw the policy.

The conference, a national gay and lesbian leadership seminar for activists from across the nation, was established as one of four agenda items coming out of the "War Conference," a 1988 exclusive retreat for 200 of the nation's gay and lesbian activists.



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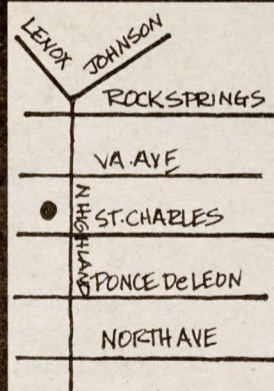
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# A Kinder, Gentler Holiday: Avoiding Seasonal

by Gareth Fenley

If holidays are supposed to be such a wonderful time, why do they fill so many people with anxiety? The answer may be right in the question. It's that persistent tendency of reality to fall somewhere below expectations. For many lesbians and gay men, especially those who are closeted or who have been rejected by biological families and religious groups, reality falls way short.

"We get bombarded with all kinds of messages about what a wonderful holiday this is," says David MacDonald, a gay psychotherapist in Atlanta. Then when things turn out to be less than perfect, "we feel something is wrong with us, rather than with the way the holiday is marketed."

The hollow ache of the holiday blues often can be traced back to our separation from traditional ideas of family. To fill the human needs for love and affiliation, which are keenly felt during this season, gay men and lesbians have discovered new kinds of family that can replace or co-exist with the old. "Family is not always who's related to us by blood," MacDonald says. "We may find family in a number of different sources: friends, support systems, AA groups... wherever people can be open and honest about themselves."

"Holidays are for family, and for many of our members, the church is their family," says Reid Christensen, pastor at First Metropolitan

Community Church (MCC) of Atlanta. He is one of several gay and lesbian clergy at the church, which is part of a worldwide Christian denomination with a special ministry to the lesbian and gay community.

"Gay and lesbian people have a real need at this time of year to get in touch with their maker," says Christensen. But for someone who has never attended an MCC service, getting up the nerve to try it can be difficult, he says. "During the holiday, we have a lot of visitors, so maybe that's one time that people could brave going to MCC for the first time."

Attendance at Congregation Bet Haverim, Atlanta's gay and lesbian synagogue, also goes way up in December. "Here, we can celebrate Hannukah in a gay and lesbian environment, where we are happy and comfortable," says Izar Naveh, a member of the congregation. "Some people come to us and say, 'You're the only family we've got,'" he says. "It feels warm and wonderful to be a family substitute."

For those who do not observe Christian or Jewish holidays, the winter solstice is a December alternative. Informal celebrations are often simply living-room gatherings of friends, sharing companionship on the longest night of the year. Traditionally, the solstice marks a time of spiritual rebirth, symbolized by the return of the sunlight. This old holiday has been revived by many contemporary spiritual groups, including the women's spirituality movement.

Brenda Hawkins, a lesbian psychologist in Atlanta, chooses to celebrate the solstice. She encourages all lesbians and gay men to create their own holiday traditions and rituals. "Take a good, hard look at Christmas, for example, and ask, 'What does it really mean?' Make it a meaningful holiday and reclaim it for yourself."

As a part of that rediscovery and re-creation, you may want to try a few of the following suggestions.

## First, look within

- This week, take a little time to yourself in a quiet place to think about what you want your holiday to be.
- You might try this exercise, which has been used in gay rap groups. Sketch a picture showing the holiday you expect. Then draw a second one, showing how you would like it to be. Compare the two. Are there ways for you to bring this year's holiday a little closer to what you really want?
- Discuss holiday plans, expectations, and feelings with your lover or partner well ahead of time. Try to resolve any differences of outlook so that your only surprises will be joyful ones!

## Celebrate with your expanded family

- Honor your own sense of "home" and "family." Surround yourself with people you care about, in places where you feel comfortable and secure.

• Find ways to make peace with those you do not want intimate contact with. A brief phone call, or even just a card with your name signed, can be a healing gesture.

• Holiday meals are especially important. No one should have to eat alone on special nights. Invite friends to share the festivities at your home, or go to one of our community's perennial potlucks.

• Religious and social groups welcome newcomers and infrequent visitors to join their holiday celebrations. You'll find contact information listed in this newspaper whenever you feel ready to call.

• Closeted people who return to visit unaccepting relatives face a very stressful time. If this is your situation, plan little "escapes" and rewards for yourself within your visit. Bring along phone numbers of a supportive friend and a gay/lesbian hotline. Call from a phone booth if you need to.

## Create your own holiday rituals

- Mark the holy days or the passing of the winter season with activities that suit you. Continue old traditions or begin new ones.
- Play music that you like. Buy a new holiday album. If Christmas music bugs you, bring a Walkman shopping.
- If you grew up with special homemade holiday foods (and you liked them!), introduce your friends or co-workers to these specialties. Swap recipes.
- Fill your home with good smells: scented

## With Whom Do You Plan To Spend



S. Levell Brown

I plan to spend the holidays with someone dependable, loyal, honest, dedicated, optimistic and hardworking - preferably K.W.



Mia Mundale

I find that it's very difficult. I'm torn because I want to spend it with my lover, my extended family, and I feel somewhat compelled or slightly guilty about spending it with my family of origin, but that's not a pleasant thought. So, I feel torn and I don't know what I'm going to do.



Gary Kaupman

I'm going to spend the holidays with my family, and that doesn't mean the family that born me.



N.J.P. and Caroline Christian

I'm going to be spending Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with my family and I'll be spending Christmas Night with my other family - Caroline and our three cats. **Christian:** Exactly the same - family of origin part of the day, and then my adopted family.

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- A fir or pine tree brought indoors is an ancient tradition, shared by people of many religious faiths. If you've never yet cut your own tree, maybe this is the year to try it! Bring along some friends and make it a holiday outing.

- Have a tree-trimming or an ornament-making party.

- For many Christian and Jewish lesbians and gay men, the holiday services at MCC churches or Congregation Bet Haverim are a spiritual high point of the year.

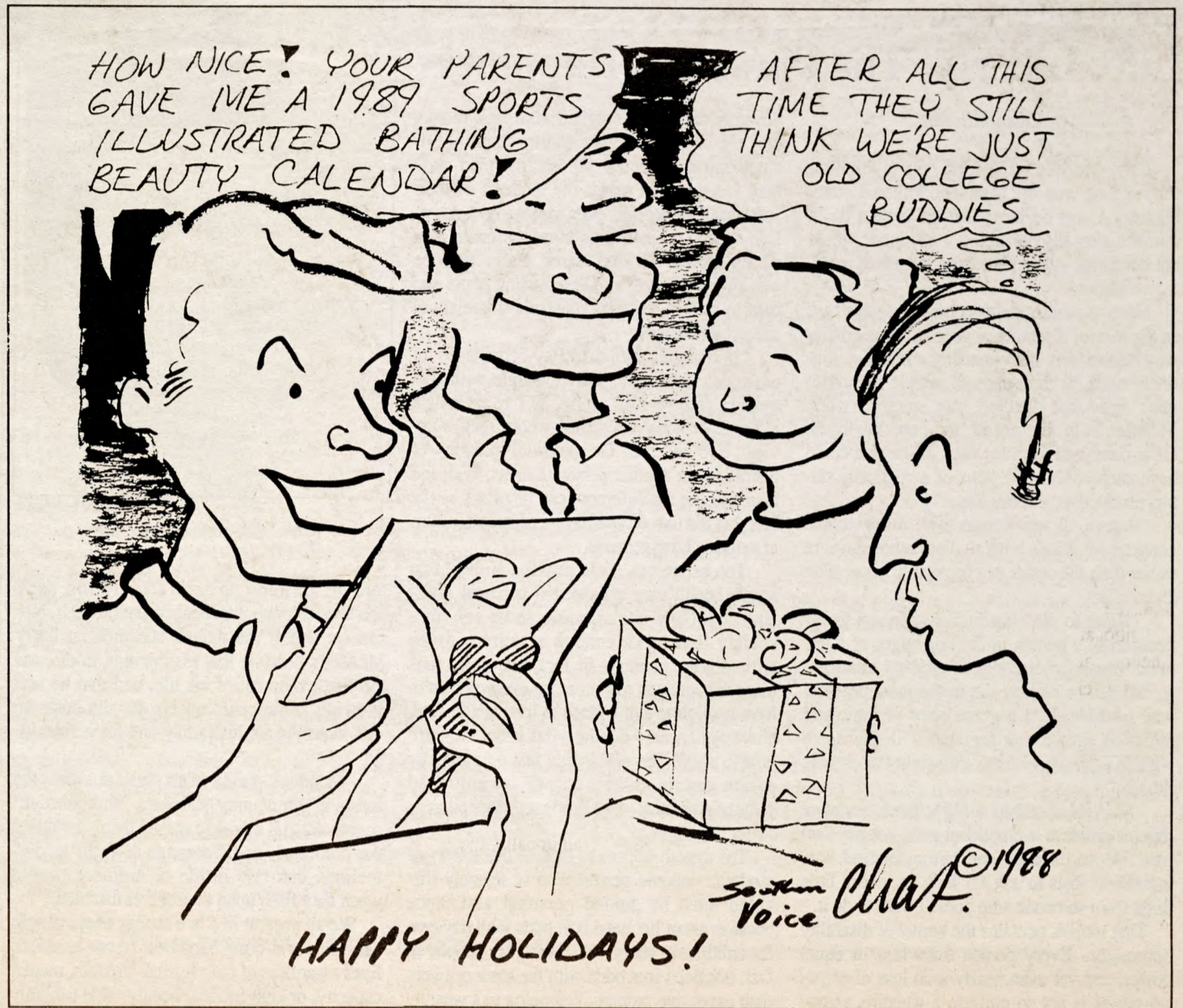
### Take it easy

- Don't overdo it. For example, don't try to follow every suggestion on this list!

- When life gets too frenzied and hectic, make some room for quiet time. If the phone rings too much, unplug it.

- Even the best holidays may include times of sadness, loneliness, and grief. Everyone has these feelings sometimes. When they steal up on you, try giving yourself permission to experience them. Take a walk, step away from the party for a moment, go home from shopping a little early, or take time for prayer or meditation.

- Be gentle with yourself and others. Simple acts of love and goodwill capture the true meaning of the season.

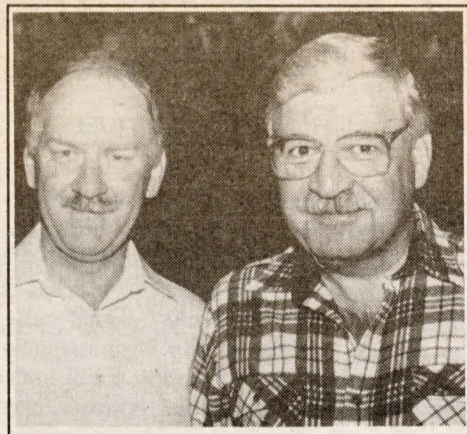


# The Holidays?



Mark

I'll be spending the holidays with all of my friends from home which is Detroit.



Leon Allen (R)

I will be spending both the holidays, Christmas and Thanksgiving, with my lover. We figure other than going home, we will be together. We're having our own family unit celebration here in Atlanta.



Lisa Reddy

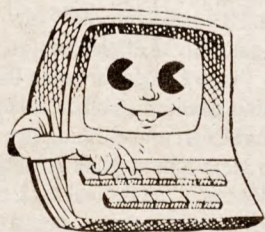
I'm going to have to be apart from my lover, but my mother's paying for the ticket to Baltimore so that I'll go see her, and she's very important to me. I was planning to spend Christmas with my lover in New Mexico.



Jackie Johnson

That's a perplexing question. Well, I don't know who I'm going to spend Thanksgiving Day with.

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# Life; Liberty; The Pursuit of Happiness

by Eleanor Smith

Larry McAfee wants legal help to kill himself, and he won his case. The Fulton County Superior Court declared that his certain death minutes after disconnecting a respirator would not constitute suicide but mere refusal of medical treatment.

Many disability rights activists see this case as a matter of disability oppression. We wonder why deliberately disconnecting a machine routinely used by thousands of people to sustain their lives was deemed "not suicide" when McAfee is in fact not ill, let alone fatally ill. He is paralyzed from the neck down, and could have ahead of him 40 years of a medically stable, productive, and full life.

Above all, we wonder why many people consider McAfee's wish to die a rational desire rather than the result of correctable oppression and neglect.

"Right to die" legitimately pertains to the decision of a person in the last stages of a terminal illness to discontinue medical treatment so that she or he may die in the most peaceful way possible. It is a grave error of logic and ethics to equate this decision with the death wish of a person who has a disability or chronic illness.

McAfee stated to a *Nightline* interviewer that his problem is emotional pain, not physical pain. He said that no one can understand how horrible it feels to ask for help for every little thing from someone who doesn't want to do it.

That remark contains the kernel of disability oppression. Every person fears loss of equal power, and yet even nearly total loss of physical power is not so uniform a situation as one might think.

Georgia, for instance, makes virtually no money available to disabled people to obtain the help they need in their own homes.

Severely disabled Georgians who lack money or a big circle of support end up in profit-oriented nursing homes, whose low-paid staff may indeed often resent the requests of their "patients." In Georgia, even nursing homes typically don't accept respirator users because they eat up profits. For that reason, Larry McAfee was shipped first to an Ohio nursing home and then to one in Alabama, far from his relatives and acquaintances.

Contrast this with disability benefits in, for example, California. There, people with disabilities receive state money to pay their own at-home personal assistants, whom they interview, hire and fire. The potential indignity of having to ask another person to dress, feed, and help one use the bathroom can be offset by the fact that the two of you have a dignified, mutual working arrangement.

Too expensive, some say. But withholding ample health care and needed personal assistance from any citizen makes sense only in a society that lacks enough resources to go around. Our country, in fact our world, has more than enough resources for every person to have enough to eat, a place to live, health care, and assistance to do the vital tasks they are unable to do. The problem is that we currently permit certain citizens to pile up unlimited wealth, no matter what shortages other citizens suffer.

The system asks us to believe that a low- or moderate-income person who is severely disabled must be denied personal assistance because his or her need is at odds with day care for children or shelters for homeless people. In fact, this need is at odds with the tenth or twentieth expensive property belonging to a wealthy person paying low-income taxes.

We can't leave undisturbed a country that denies low-income people with AIDS the measly \$6,500 that AZT costs annually, while



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Eleanor Smith

tens of billions go into already big bank accounts through unethical corporate deals. Nor can we accept the judge's statement at Larry McAfee's hearing: that his decision to die was the finest moment of his life, and that he was showing "a rational concern for the costs he was incurring for his family and his community."

McAfee's public quest did not create the forces in our country that want "unproductive" people dead. It merely exposed them, including the confused, undifferentiated "right to die" feelings that rise inside of ordinary people when they flash upon themselves disabled.

We all need to live in a setting where people can value and bring happiness to one another's lives regardless of our physical strength, mental capacity, or conventional beauty. That can only happen in a wide-spread way when a country uses its resources to support those values.

## Support ADA

To the Editor:

I am writing concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act, commonly referred to as the ADA.

This bill, which has passed the Senate and is awaiting action in the House of Representatives, would extend to people with disabilities similar civil rights protections afforded other minorities and women. ADA, as it is presently crafted, would also prohibit discrimination against people with AIDS.

The Americans with Disabilities Act has been in the legislative arena for several years, however, it wasn't until this year that it was taken seriously. The Bush Administration and the Senate Democratic leadership met this past summer to fashion a compromise which passed the Senate by a lopsided majority in early September.

The bill is now in the House, where the business community is trying to weaken its enforcement provisions, especially in transportation.

Letters to the Democratic leadership need to be written to the following Members of Congress:

The Hon. Thomas Foley, M.C.  
Speaker of the House

The Hon. Richard Gephardt, M.C.  
House Majority Leader

The Hon. William Gray, M.C.  
House Majority Whip

The Hon. Steny Hoyer, M.C.  
Chair, Democratic Caucus

The Hon. Glenn Anderson, M.C.  
Chair, Public Works and  
Transportation Committee

In writing, it is important that you stress your support for the bill as it was passed by the Senate - without weakening amendments.

Thank you for your strong support,  
*Southern Voice*.

Sincerely,  
Bruce J. Rose  
Washington, D.C.

## Community Advertising Pays Off

To the Editor:

We love your paper.

Recently we used the ads to find an optical service. (We try to support the community if possible.)

May I say that the Optical Store on Cheshire Bridge Road was wonderful! Helpful, pleasant, and very knowledgeable.

Thanks,  
Brenda T.  
Emerson, GA

Seriously,  
Barabara Snell

## Atlanta's Gay Film Festival Thwarted by Press, Planning

To the Editor:

Now, I totally understand why Atlanta has one gay and lesbian film festival every six years. The community's enthusiastic response is clearly a reflection of the publicity provided by the multitude of gay publications and gay businesses throughout metro Atlanta. The October 26th *Southern Voice* provides a page 9 (actually page 18) preview which should spend more time interviewing (i.e. local filmmakers) or explaining the intention/importance of each film than in reference to oddities of what ever the sort. The November 11th *Creative Loafing* expounds the big question...will gays/lesbians be interested in visual arts examining in microscopic detail every aspect our lives. Are 'they' really sincere when 'they' express concern in selling five - maybe fifty-five tickets to these 'ground-breaking' films. The November 3-9, Vol. 5 • No.44, *Etcetera* front covers November Movie Preview, and please notice Atlanta's Film Fest notification in the lower right hand margin of page 24!! (I bet you readers can hardly wait for the overview of the 'festival' in next week's *ETC* - so that you can ponder what you missed.)

Next to the earth shattering publicity, the possibility of obtaining tickets becomes an issue. As the previous rags state, just call Image Film and Video Center at 352-4225. A less

than informative machine says call Tuesday through Friday between ten in the morning and six in the evening. The next call brings up a person stating that tickets must be obtained at Image on Bennett St. Initially, I did not understand why the various gay business/bookstores/ticket outlets did not carry tickets to the gay and lesbian film festival, however, after completing the ill defined maze to the final destination Image F&V Center ticket outlet, I knew that the film goer simply had to find the location of the films viewing in order to get there in time for the festival. Plan to practice finding parking and the location of Image.

However, I cannot understand how you could not sell more than 60 tickets to each of these 'earth shattering' films since Atlanta is the third largest gay/lesbian US community leading fifth in the HIV pandemic. Silly me.

Most sincerely, I applaud/appreciate Image Film and Video Center for being there and for resuscitating gay/lesbian/other Atlantans to the wealth of videoart embellishing the community presently. Next time, I hope Atlanta's community intends to put the festival back into the film event. Do you think then - perhaps - Atlanta can fill sixty seats to the gay & lesbian film festival? Next year? Next time?

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"GIVE ME A DOUBLE WITH KETCHUP, PICKLE, ONION AND LETTUCE - AND JUST A DASH OF HOMOPHOBIA!?"

## "Let George Do It" Mentality Responsible for NCOD Ad Failure

To the Editor:

In several years of participation in Atlanta's gay/lesbian community activities, I have been consistently dismayed by two factors. One is the reluctance of people to assume any responsibility at all for how our society works or treats us, preferring to "let George do it." The extreme of this is the knee-jerk reaction against becoming a community leader in any way. Though I can understand many of the reasons for the latter (overloading, burnout, criticism), this is particularly disheartening when I consider the vast pool of community talent that's left untapped.

The other is the way in which we occasionally feast upon our own; i.e., attack the unwary leader for our own failings. The controversy that has swirled around the National Coming Out Day ad seems a case in point.

As I recall, the editorial published by the *Southern Voice* seemed to place a heavy portion of responsibility for the failure of the ad upon MACGLO Executive Secretary Jeffrey Laymon, though it mentioned no names. And though Mr. Laymon was indeed the titular head of the drive for the ad's production, and as such does carry responsibility, I don't believe that the fault was entirely his.

My lover and I assured each other for weeks that we must participate in the ad again. In fact, we agreed upon that right up to the day that it was to appear, with increasing despair each time at our own ineptitude at getting it done. We didn't have the release form, or we couldn't find it, or we had to drop it off now because there was no time to mail it. We heard this story repeated among our

friends, well-meaning and supportive people all, several times. It was the same story last year, though we did make it in by the skin of our teeth (thanks to Mr. Laymon).

My point is this: the failure of the ad should not be laid at Mr. Laymon's feet. Everyone who can read knew that this was being planned. Anyone who really cared could have participated; and those of us who did care but just didn't get our act together early enough to ensure that it would come off, can learn a lesson from this.

The lesson is this: "George" won't do it, and even a superachiever like Jeffrey can't do it without the unity and support that this ad is supposed to reflect. (I believe that the support is there; but like most things, it is only fueled and harnessed by constant reinforcement, through media and personal contact.)

Perhaps Mr. Laymon has heaped his responsibility "plate" a bit high; and maybe, being human, some of that is ego-connected. But the fact is that there are not many who will step forward to do anything at all. The last thing we need to do is repay those who do take on the awesome job of minding our social concerns is to lay all blame upon them for our communal failings.

I think *Southern Voice's* editorial would have been more appropriate in addressing all of us, including the ongoing crisis of leadership in our community, than in zeroing in on any individual.

Sincerely,  
Marie J. Murray

cc: J. Laymon

**Southern Voice appreciates the letters sent in response to our NCOD editorial and Mr. Laymon's reply. Letters from readers which reflect thoughtfulness, and show concern for Atlanta's lesbians and gay men, promote vital communication between our leadership and all members of the community**

## Time Is Right for MACGLO to Take Its Next Step

Dear Editor:

Do I have a response to your NCOD editorial and Laymon's bombastic reply? You bet your sweet bippy I do.

Both pieces offer strong testimony to the monumental size of the job that lesbians and gay men in Atlanta have cut out for them. And how not to get that job done.

The thesis for your editorial - more planning - is valid and prescient. But the piece goes awry in two areas: First, it beats around the bush by including the ACT-UP/raft race and Pride Week planning in its scope. The core issue is similar in all cases, but that was then and NCOD is now. If Laymon and the NCOD ad planning process can't survive the impact of 500 words of negative comment specifically addressing their failure to produce, then so be it.

More important, *SV* lets us down because, rather than offering analysis or posing solutions to the problem as an editorial should, it's Editorial asks questions that should have been part of a news story. Save for *Etcetera's* regurgitation of Laymon's ambiguous rationalizations for the project's failure, there is still no explanation of what *really* happened. Answers to your questions are absolutely necessary if any of us is to form an honest opinion on the matter.

The fact that Laymon chooses a rambling attack on, rather than coherent answers to, those questions is, at best, disquieting. At worst it's downright scary. If his letter reflects the energy/mindset behind the NCOD ad, it's no wonder the project failed.

But melodramatic rantings about the failures and foibles of *SV*, Laymon, or MACGLO won't do a damn to make things better. The long standing dilemma of The Gay Center vs. The Rest of Us should have learned us *that* lesson several times over.

Serving all the needs of a community so diverse as ours is a monumental task. The terrified teenager, the lesbian mom, the middle-class couple without spousal rights and the

man suffering from AIDS are but a small sampling of the folks whose situations demand attention.

The real message here is that the time is ripe for MACGLO to take its next step: An in depth process of information gathering about the real needs of the community that it claims to serve and a fearless analysis of its ability to serve those needs. (There's more than a little coincidence in the fact that those words sound like they could have been lifted from a 12-step program.) That done, the group and its member organizations will have to decide if and how they want to undertake those tasks.

People and money make things happen. Attracting new resources to the movement has got to be a high priority. That's no easy job in a city where it's mostly easy to be open about who and how we love. But it has to be done. And it has to be done on an ongoing basis. And we've got to come to grips with our issues about money; volunteerism can go only so far in an era when capitalism has gleefully emerged as reality, world-wide.

Such an ambitious undertaking requires not only planning but leadership. It's time for those who venture into that vaunted, yet scary, realm to hone their skills while learning to hear the inevitable criticism of their actions with a dispassionate ear. An ongoing leadership analysis and training project, open to all, is sorely needed.

Communication and public image require immediate attention. Our lobbying must become more intense and sophisticated. Yikes, the list could go on as long as Laymon's letter.

Suggestion: Let's get through this session of the legislature and then agree that for the next year we'll direct our energies inward by working on ourselves, our organizations, our businesses and the formulation of an aggressive, but achievable agenda for Atlanta's gays and lesbians in the remainder of the Gay '90s.

Gary Kaupman

## Problems With Gay Leadership Solve The Personal Before The Political

To the Editor:

Reference failure of the National Coming Out Day ad:

Let no one take a gloating pleasure in the failure of this effort. It is just one more symptomatic phase in a developing tragedy for us all. Our movement for social justice is being devastated by a double whammy - AIDS and cocaine.

This is no time for wounded pride to belittle itself in expressions of frustration and pain. The "gay" movement is in shambles, and with it Atlanta's hopes to become the cultural center of the Southeast.

Some years back I decided to participate in political efforts for human dignity and justice. I was very naive. What I found was a motley assortment of feuding cliques, all polarizing the community with personal vendettas, screaming insults and scratching out eyes in neurasthenic temper tantrums, as egotistical "nelligs" tried to inflate traumatized identities through editorial assassinations and malicious gossip behind each others' backs.

I found little cause for optimism in MACGLO's efforts to bring all these "screaming queens" into a peaceful co-existence under one roof. But I admired their courage to try. My decision to quit a hopeless cause came at a meeting of my own little gang, at which an element of homosexual homophobia surfaced.

We were considering requests for help by persons suffering physical deformities (hermaphrodites) and persons in process of

gender change (transsexuals). Opposition developed to putting these "freaks" on the agenda on the grounds that it would jeopardize efforts to secure social acceptance for "normal" homosexuals.

At the meeting I proposed that we might bring in a nationally prominent professional, whose specialty was sexual anomalies. One member went into a screaming rage, spitting malicious hatred into my face, and yelling that he would "call out the state patrol" to prevent that person from even entering the state.

I decided then that homosexual problems cannot be solved on a political level, until they have been solved on a personal level. We cannot gain our own rights to be different if we will not include in our fight persons whose differences from our own are mostly in degree.

We need a community leadership that is objective, dispassionate, knowledgeable in facts, and responsive to needs. We do not need any more temper tantrums. We can do better than act like our worst confreres.

It is not necessary for us to tear ourselves to pieces in efforts to assuage the pain of failure by casting blame. A worthy effort is admirable, even when it fails.

Let us pick up the pieces, reassess our strengths and weaknesses, and try again. Let the challenge bring out the best in us. We must not continue to be our own worst enemies.

Sincerely,  
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## Gay Horror Stories – The Fun Kind

A Review of *Somewhere in the Night*

by Eric Garber

Like many readers, I relish a good horror story. Raised on spooky ghost stories told 'round campfires, I savor the modern chillers of Stephen King, Clive Barker, and Anne Rice. Horror fiction provides me with inexpensive and safe thrills and an escape from mundane day-to-day life. It can also, as Anne Rice's devoted readers have learned, provide a deliciously erotic entertainment.

But for gay and lesbian readers, the homophobia in most contemporary horror stories can be as frightening as the demons, vampires, and ghosts who populate them. When gay people appear in horror fiction, we are usually simply stereotypical victims, waiting to be gruesomely slaughtered by despicable monsters, or even worse, we are the incarnations of satanic evil itself, deserving of our ultimate destruction. Finally, there's something new.

Jeffrey N. McMahan's riveting new collection of hair-raising horror tales *Somewhere in the Night* is guaranteed to provide the thrills and chills usually associated with horror and the supernatural, but not the unpleasant aftertaste that repels many gay readers. He builds bone-chilling suspense in his tales which is mixed with just the right amount of the unknown and unexpected. His nightmares are terrifying, horrible, yet believable. Humor is present throughout his collection. But best of all, in each of the eight tales in *Somewhere in the Night*, the primary character is uncompromisingly gay.

McMahan's gay characters are not the stereotyped cartoons normally encountered, but instead are complex and well developed. In his "This Apartment Possessed," for

example, an intelligent young gay man moves into a new apartment. He finds his lifestyle and his relationships are slowly changing, and gradually realizes that his apartment is haunted. Johnny and Robert, in "Two-Faced Johnny," are two young gay men out looking for a good time who discover more than they bargained for when they crash a macabre Halloween party. Ethan is an established gay suburbanite until he discovers a strange, ominous weed in his carefully tended lawn in "Who Could Ask for Anything More?" Each of these characters is depicted with depth and skill.

But in addition to portraying gay characters, McMahan also evokes the terror of the first-rate horror writer. In "The Dark Red Day," one of the collection's scariest stories, Richard, a successful gay man, returns to the small town of his youth to visit his family and a former male lover. The bigotry and homophobia of the town ultimately destroy him, but Richard rises from the grave to seek his revenge. This is the delightfully creepy stuff that Stephen King novels are made of, not the usual run-of-the-mill gay novel.

The collection's two best stories, "Somewhere in the Night" and "Hell is for Children," revolve around Andrew Lyall, a witty and sophisticated vampire. Lyall is in some ways quite traditional. He sleeps in a coffin, avoids garlic, and loathes the daylight. But unlike Hollywood vampires, Lyall is gay and finds his victims in gay pickup bars. His undead existence becomes complicated when he finds himself becoming emotionally and physically attracted to his prey. Other authors would find it difficult to create a character who is both sympathetic and yet is also a ruthless predator, but McMahan



handles this difficult material exceptionally well. Andrew Lyall is such a fascinating and contradictory character, he deserves his own novel.

In fact, this is my only complaint with *Somewhere in the Night*. There just isn't enough of it.

So if ghosts, ghouls, and vampires are your type of reading make sure to pick up Jeffrey McMahan's *Somewhere in the Night*. But make sure to eat lots of garlic before opening its pages, and don't read it after dark!

*Eric Garber is a writer and reviewer living in San Francisco. He has co-edited World's Apart: An anthology of lesbian and gay science fiction and fantasy. He is also at work on an anthology of gay and lesbian vampire stories.*

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## Etheridge's Trademark Holds on Latest Release

by Angela Motter

If you've never understood what people see in Melissa Etheridge, her second release on Island Records will probably not change your opinion. Like the saying "Be more of yourself today," *Brave and Crazy* is simply a continuation of the acoustic-rock sound heard on Etheridge's self-titled debut. However, if you have ever had the uncontrollable urge to get in your car and turn her music way up either to drive out demons or to invoke lustful images, then buy this album.

Melissa Etheridge's music will make you horny. The very rawness in Etheridge's expression that initially turned record execs off turns fans on. Literally. On *Brave and Crazy*, Etheridge once again walks the fine line between corny and straight to the heart (or crotch) lyrics. Sometimes she succeeds in balancing the two, sometimes not. Sometimes she fails and succeeds in the same tune. But if she didn't stick her neck out, the bright moments probably would never happen.

Etheridge's songwriting style is direct, tight and honest. Perhaps that starkness accounts for certain phrases sticking out of the lyrical texture. Still, sharp clever turns of phrase and vivid palpable images are the rule, not the exception. Etheridge knows how to say a lot with a little - like in "No Souvenirs":

*No shirts, no shoes! No jackets, no blues / Your car's for sale / Yo u forward your mail / You're growing your hair / You don't want to know where I'm calling from or how come.*

Her songs must certainly be at least spinoffs of her own experience. No "hit formula" songwriting here.

Not-so-bright moments include "Testify" and "My Back Door." Etheridge is at her best with the love songs. "Testify" falls flat with its save-the-world cliches (though her intentions are no doubt true) and "My Back Door," a song about the loss of "the child inside" loses its initial believability with "...so I run into the street." But two out of ten ain't bad, and the few awkward moments within the good tunes are over in a few seconds.

If it weren't for Etheridge's incredibly expressive vocal ability she could never get away with the lyrics she sings. To her credit, sometimes it is embarrassing to hear about the things we do for love. Bringing alive emotions like lust, longing, loss, love, and more lust is Etheridge's trademark.

*If I could have my way / I'd check out right now / I'd say out to lunch honey, thanks a bunch / It wouldn't work out anyhow / But this desire's too much / It's rented out my brain / It's showing previews of your body / Driving me insane.*

Like her first album, the lack of gender-specific lyrics allows one



Melissa Etheridge

to listen with their love (or lust) object pictured clearly. I like not having to change all the "he's" to "she's". Besides, even if she doesn't say it, could "Baby You Can Sleep While I Drive" have been written for a man?

Speaking of men, bassist Kevin McCormick once again shows himself to be part of a sort of invisible duo. Arranging duties are shared between McCormick and Etheridge, and his slippery, growling fretless bass is an integral part of the Etheridge sound. His grooves and fills never overshadow the vocal lines.

And if you don't like Etheridge and you've still read this far, there may be one thing on this record you may not want to miss out on - just for the experience. Listen for the word "please" in the title cut. You can't miss it. For those who already like Etheridge it's like preaching to the converted to say it, but I'll say it anyway. That one moment proves Etheridge can do more with one word than most singers can do with a whole song. And that's crazy.

Thanks to K.T. Slaughter for her invaluable input.

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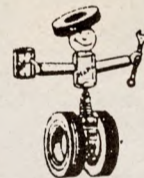
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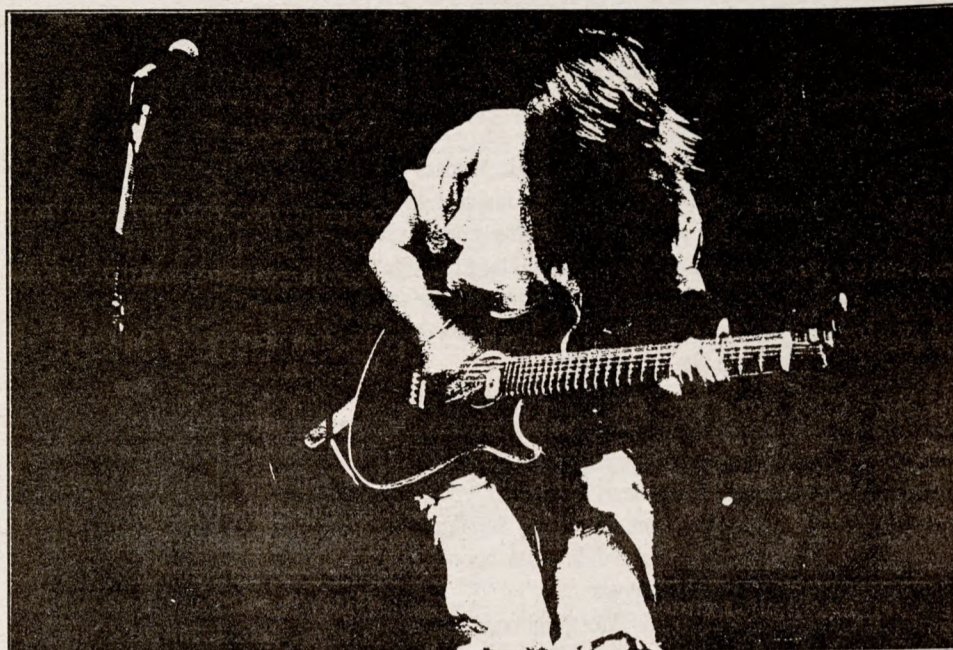
**"Goliath Dreaming": DeDe Vogt Dreaming On Her Own**

by KC Wildmoon

DeDe Vogt's finally done it. You know DeDe. Just think about all these bands: Pretty Good for Girls, Jessica, The Fabulous Scallion Sisters, The Paper Dolls, Boink Dee Deek...DeDe Vogt. The one with that deep, resonant voice, playing bass or guitar licks like girls don't usually do... And on other folks' records, too: Fonda Feingold's "Finally", The Indigo Girls' "Strange Fire." But what DeDe has finally done is record a solo album of her own, "Goliath Dreaming" at Kay Busbey's Doeland Studios in Smyrna.

The songs range from the country-ish "Wounded Bird" and "Wreckless Angels," to the rock sounds of the title cut and "Beauty and the Beast," with plenty of room for, say, an island rhythm in "Dragon Days." That, incidentally, is my favorite tune on the album both lyrically and musically. It's slightly bouncy chorus (*Oh, where do the words go/when I know there's something/That I want to say*) perfectly sets off verses that speak honestly of being lost and unsure... It's a short song, but it doesn't take many words to convey that feeling.

DeDe wrote and arranged all the songs on this album, as well as taking on the production chores and handling most of the instrumentation. DeDe's skills shine on "Three Lost Souls," the instrumental



DeDe Vogt

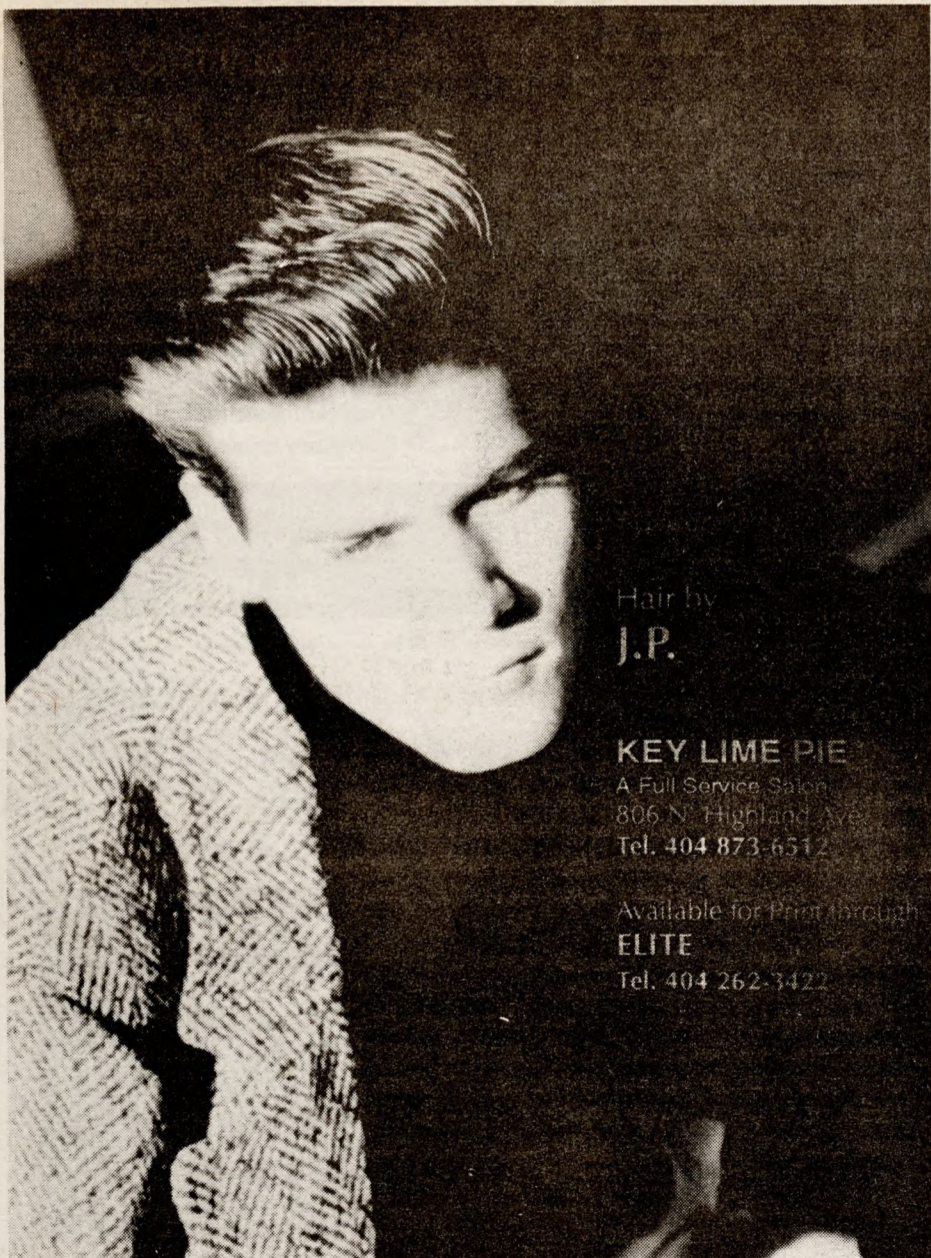
cut that opens side 2, as guitar, bass and mandolin double, or in this case triple, one another in a demonstration of just what it means to be a lost soul in harmony.

With DeDe playing guitar, bass and mandolin throughout, the only real problem with the instrumentation is the use of a drum machine. Drum machines have come a long way since their humble "Rhythm Ace" beginnings, but on this album the lack of a live drummer removes the spontaneity from some of the tunes, occasionally lending an air of predictability.

Also appearing on *Goliath Dreaming* are Julie Jumper from Lost Angels playing accordion on "Tug of War," Louisa Branscomb of Gypsy Heart playing banjo on "Wreckless Angels," and Al Pieper providing a Charlie Daniels-like fiddle to "Goliath Dreaming."

*Goliath Dreaming* will be released on cassette and CD, with an album release party at the Little Five Points Pub (where else?) on Sunday, December 3 at 10PM.

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**Musical Notes**

by David Owens/Eric Lopez

**Miki Howard—Miki Howard**

With the oncoming cold weather, more of you will be curling up in front of the fire with someone special—and who better than Miki Howard. The third album from the former lead vocalist of the R&B/Jazz group Side Effect has only had one single release so far entitled "Ain't Nuthin' in the World." This R&B tune has gotten much airplay, but the real heartwarmers on this album are her downtempo songs—similar in style to her debut hit "Come Share My Love." This album is something you'll want to keep on hand along with the firewood, a bottle of wine and some hot chocolate.

**Luther Vandross—The Best of Love**

Luther has the kind of voice that can melt the coldest of hearts faster than butter in a microwave. This 2-album set is most accurately described by its title "The Best of Love." This collection of his famous love songs, remakes and early works with the group Change should be on everybody's shopping list this fall. Even those of you who are not familiar with this premier vocalist (is there anyone?) will be enthralled by the way Luther belts out a song. A definite must in every romantic's collection.

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Nexus Contemporary Arts Center and SAME (Southeastern Arts, Media and Education Project, Inc.) present "The Grief Suite", a dance performance/image theatre about mortality and the transformation in dealing with grief, at Seven Stages Theatre, 1105 Euclid Ave. NE, December 7, 8, and 9 at 8:00 PM and December 10 at 5:00 PM.

"The Grief Suite" is a performance collaboration developed by the Blue Movers Performance Ensemble. Comprised of three sections and utilizing movement, spoken text, slide design, sound montage, and a sculptural setting, "The Grief Suite" addresses the issues and emotions that are contained within the territory of mortality. This play that is not a play and dance that is not a dance creates a stunning visual image of the transformation to self awareness. The first section, "Death Be Coming", was presented at BCA Downtown Brooklyn, New York in December of 1987. "Memo", the second section, was seen here in Atlanta as part of Nexus Contemporary Arts Center's series "the subject is AIDS" in January of 1989. The third section, "Carnival", will premiere at this performance.

Blue Movers Performance Ensemble is committed to addressing social issues within the context of original works which cross the boundaries between the visual and performing arts.

Ticket price is \$10.00/\$8.00 for Nexus and SAME members, working artists and students. For reservations call 523-7647.



# Jane Rule's *After The Fire* Lacks...Fire

by Charlene Ball

Jane Rule, although an uneven novelist, has been a solid presence on the lesbian bookshelf for twenty years. Her first book, *This Is Not For You*, portrays an intellectual, driven, high-achieving lesbian's struggle to protect the object of her affections from the sully touch of another woman, including — especially including — herself. It was almost a parody of a controlling, self-denying dyke. But the sexual tension was so high the book fairly cracked. Then there was *Desert of the Heart*, which became the now-classic film "Desert Hearts." Then came *The Young In One Another's Arms*, not a lesbian novel, that told about a middle-aged straight Canadian woman who runs a boarding house full of misfits. Then came *Memory Board*, Rule's most mature book. The kind of lesbian novel we all had been waiting for, *Memory Board* took its aging lesbian characters for granted and dealt with aging and mental deterioration, with family conflict and reconciliation. I think it's Rule's best book.

In *After the Fire*, her latest, Rule takes a step backward. It is told from the point of view of several characters and attempts to weave their stories together. However, it lacks both the passion of her earlier works and the reflective maturity of *Memory Board*.

Karen Tasuki, whose father was of Japanese descent and whose mother was Caucasian, has gone to live on an island off the Canadian coast in order to learn to live



Jane Rule

alone, after having been left by her dominating lover. To avoid loneliness, Karen works compulsively, taking on the two jobs of firefighter and pub waitress. How Karen is drawn into the lives of the other inhabitants of the island makes up what plot there is.

Karen gets to know Henrietta, Millie and Miss James, three older women. Henrietta must face the loss of her husband; Millie, divorced, comes to realize that she is not as bad off as she has believed; and Miss James, a much-travelled spinster, faces her own death. Karen also becomes acquainted with Red, a young woman secretive about her past who decides to have a child and picks out a

young man to father her baby. Red's pregnancy frames the book, which ends when Red and baby move into Red's own house.

*After The Fire* could have been interesting; the characters are at least nominally diverse, with realistic conflicts. But the book is boring from first to last. The characters are as boring a lot of people as we might care to meet. Karen is a bland sponge — absorbing — but has no point of view of her own. Also, I found myself wondering why Karen was a lesbian. Her lesbianism gives her no insight, no angle, no issues and no stance toward anything. She is a lesbian in name only; she feels no reactions from the other characters, she does not even think about her lesbianism.

Maybe this novel should have been a collection of short stories, with each story devoted to a single character, and no attempt made to weave their lives together. In a short story, a character's dullness could have been used for effect. But a novel full of boring people is just a boring novel.

I hope that in her next book, Rule returns to the tension and excitement of her earlier work. She may be the kind of writer who needs to be turned on erotically by something in her material before she can make it live. In any case, tension needs to exist, whether sexual or not. In *After The Fire*, Rule avoids tension; she also avoids what would have made her book engaging, exciting and interesting to its readers.

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### News from GLAAD - Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

#### Wendy's Bigot Burgers

Last August, the Rev. Donald Wildmon's *American Family Association Journal* urged its readers to send complaints to Wendy's hamburger chain. The AFA was outraged that Wendy's advertised on a rerun of NBC's *L.A. Law* in which a gay Olympic athlete sued a cereal company for cancelling his ad contract when he came out of the closet. The episode also featured a closeted gay judge.

What upsets the AFA is that viewers were "treated to two positive, 'normal,' homosexual characters."

While ignoring GLAAD's letter asking the company to continue supporting Americans in all their diversity, Wendy's answered all complaints from *AFA Journal* readers with a form letter which said, in part: "As an advertiser, we give our television sponsorships serious thought and consideration. Obviously, the particular episode of this show was not consistent with the kind of programming we wish to be associated with. Moreover, Wendy's tries to sponsor programs we feel have a wide appeal to the family viewing audience."

What is "obvious" is that Wendy's needs to learn that gays and lesbians are not "anti-family," and shows which realistically portray characters who happen to be gay or lesbian (like 25 million other Americans) or which deal with homophobia are not "promoting homosexuality."

We suggest you remind Wendy's that gays and lesbians also form warm, loving families. Why not tell them about your family, or one you know of? And while you're at it, remind them that family dining isn't just for heterosexuals, and that they are at risk of alienating a huge, hamburger-eating market.

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#### "gaysomething"

Some good news! ABC's *thirtysomething* is now filming episodes dealing with a gay character ("Russell," played by David Marshall Grant) who appeared in some episodes last season.

Of course it's only logical that the trendy characters in the show would have at least one gay friend, but that's not going to stop anti-gay groups from barraging the networks (and sponsors) with protest mail. Especially since on Sept. 19th *USA Today* ran a story under the sensationalist headline "Thirtysomething To Deal With Gay Sex." We urge that letters be sent in support of gay characters on *thirtysomething* (and other shows) to Robert Iger, President, ABC Entertainment, ABC Television Center, 4151 Prospect Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027. Also send words of support to Marshall S. Herskovitz and Edward Zwick, the show's Executive Producers, at MGM/UA Television Productions, 4024 Radford Ave., Studio City, CA 91604.

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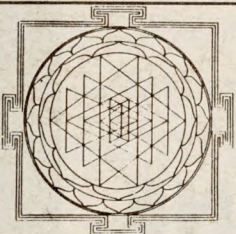
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**Girl Vigilantes Strike at Pro-choice Rally**



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Atlanta - The Girl Vigilantes, a radical pro-choice group, performed a guerrilla street theater piece depicting robed Supreme Court justices trying to take away women's reproductive freedom as part of a larger pro-choice demonstration Nov. 12. Working their way through the 4,000 strong crowd, the "justices" first chased and then were beaten back by women with the word "mine" written across their body.

The Atlanta demonstration was part of a larger national day of protest organized by pro-choice groups in 12 U.S. cities and Washington, D.C. The National Park Service estimated 150,000 people gathered in D.C. to hear a line of politicians, activists and entertainers endorse a woman's right to reproductive choice. The Nov. 12 action by Girl Vigilantes was the group's second. In June of this year, the group projected a 150 foot tall photograph of a nude woman with the word MINE written across it on a downtown Atlanta skyscraper.

**Domestic Partners**

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Supervisors is gay, as are about 25 of the City's 250 commissioners. A number of Mayor Art Agnos' and former Mayor Dianne Feinstein's closest advisers and longtime supporters are also gay.

But despite that influence, the city's gay and lesbian community has never amassed the support needed to pass a law that would extend the same rights and benefits that straight couples enjoy.

The local gay and lesbian Democratic clubs devoted much of their energy in this election to a proposal for a downtown stadium, and many gay voters seemed unaware of the broader implications of the legislation.

"We didn't do as good an education job as

we should have in our own community," said Roberta Achtenberg, head of the Lesbian Civil Rights Project. "I'm not sure everyone appreciated the significance, whether they had a domestic partner or not, whether they felt this was the most important issue facing the gay community or not. I'm not sure everybody appreciated how important it was to avoid a defeat."

Said Mayor Agnos, "This is like many civil rights issues in that it is on the cutting edge of social change and difficult for the majority of people to understand, so it's an education possibility. It will have an effect on this kind of legislation throughout the country."

**In Memoriam**

The light of Harold T. ("Hal") Chamberlin, Jr. was taken from us November 14, 1989. Hal, your friends, family and colleagues stumble yet in your absence.

With word true, eye sure,  
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Widely his works of love were showered;  
Wealthy those his heart empowered.



# Jackson

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have to give a reason." He asked that it be noted in this story that the reporter "showed up at the meeting unannounced and uninvited."

Laymon based his decision to eject *Southern Voice* on a poll of the five GALAM members present when the meeting began. He had identified himself as GALAM's chair in a telephone interview the day before, but denied having that title at the meeting.

In addition to closing their meetings to the press, GALAM leaders refused to officially release the names of the group's members. Campaign liaison White said he could not list the names "because some people don't like exposure."

White said that of the estimated 20 gays and lesbians invited to serve on the transition team, 6 are women and 5 are people of color. Thus far, however, only 4 women and 2 people of color have attended GALAM's meetings.

"The group is completely racially imbalanced and includes few women," acknowledged M.P. Schildmeyer, a GALAM member. "It's mainly white men, once again. My opinion is that the [gay/lesbian] community addresses imminent issues as they come up, but we don't ever take the time to address the racism of the community."

Although a clear process for implementing



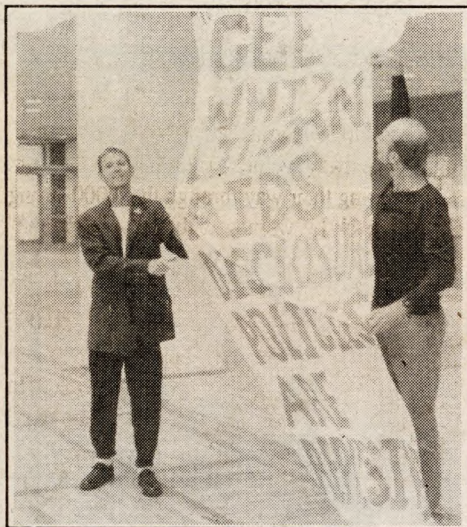
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## Peter White III and Maynard Jackson

the gay and lesbian platform agenda is not currently evident, members of GALAM are confident that Jackson is committed and will follow through on his promises.

"Lesbian and gay issues sometimes aren't at the top of people's agendas. We just need to make sure that we're the squeaky wheel," said GALAM member Tad Gardocki. "I think Maynard is doing an outstanding job. He is progressive and has an open enough mind to realize that lesbian and gay people have some special needs."

# Lillian Webb Zapped by ACT UP



EVETT BENNETT

ACT UP/Atlanta zapped Gwinnett County Commission chair Lillian Webb on November 7 at the Gwinnett County Courthouse in protest of that county's illness disclosure policy which recommends that public safety employees disclose their HIV status. Their sign reads, "Gee whiz Lillian, AIDS disclosure policies are repulsive." Last month during a meeting of the Commission, Webb stated she would be apprehensive about working with someone who has AIDS and said, "I would be repulsed and I probably would think, 'Oh, gee whiz.'"

The Gwinnett County policy runs contrary to the National Association of Counties' position, which states that employees and applicants should not be tested and health status should be confidential.

# OBITUARY

Mark William Conklin, 29, of Atlanta, died on November 4th, of complications arising from AIDS.

Born in 1959 and reared primarily in Florida, he also lived at various times in New Mexico, Rome, Georgia, Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, and finally, Atlanta. He attended Berry College and GSU, earning a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts.

Mark's illness, which lasted sixteen months, was at times intense and ultimately totally debilitating. His experience, however, became an opportunity for him to embrace the remainder of his life more fully. He touched his pain and accepted the suffering that it involved, thus opening to life and death. In the last weeks of Mark's life, he found a marvelous balance between strength and vulnerability, happiness and sadness, arriving bravely and nobly at the moment of his death.

The disparate individuals of his life were drawn together these last weeks, and into his home to participate in the last precious days of his life. We shall love and miss Mark always, and we are left dazzled by his remarkable character.



His exceptional talent as an artist lives on in a body of work which includes paintings, drawings, and sculpture.

Mark's body was buried in Edgewater, Florida on November 8th, in a cemetery beneath spreading live oaks hung with Spanish moss. A quiet stream meanders nearby. A brief graveside service was held, and a memorial service followed in his home in Atlanta, on November 19th.

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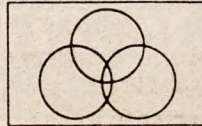
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# Atlanta Athletes Prepare for Gay Games '90

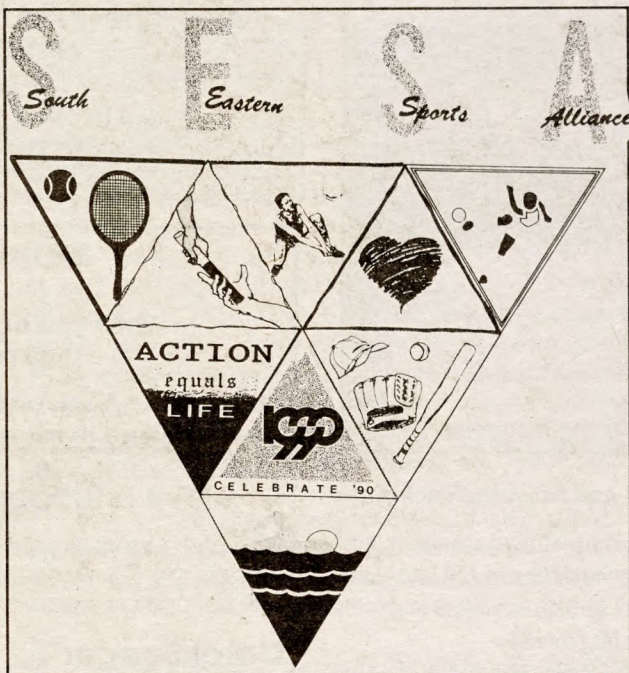
by Matt Montgomery

Gay and lesbian athletes in the Atlanta area are preparing for the Gay Games and Cultural Festival to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, August 4-11, 1990. While softball teams, racquetball players, and bowling leagues are in training, the Southeastern Sports Alliance (SESA) is preparing for the eight-day event by arranging preregistration, travel and housing accommodations, fund-raising events.

Larry Lucas, Southeast Coordinator for the Games, says, "[After] the March on Washington, this is the second most important thing we could do." Lucas adds that this, the third Gay Games, will be an "all positive" event.

Southeast Committee members stress early registration as a way to assure strong Southeastern support at "Celebration '90." Atlantan Greg Johnson plans to apply for one of the 5,000 free rooms that are open on a first-come, first-served basis. Johnson says that by sending in his housing application and membership fee early, he can reserve a room in one of the available dormitories and gay-friendly Vancouver households. Vancouver, the third largest city in Canada, offers many other gay-friendly accommodations if they are reserved in advance.

In 1986, four Atlantans participated in the Gay Games. Tim Cooper, one of the gold medal-winning bowlers who attended, says that his team is returning to compete for its place of honor. Cooper added that many new bowlers are in training for the com-



SESA logo designed by Jeffrey Holt

petition. Atlanta is home to one of the largest and most active bowling organizations, the Dixie Invitational.

Other Atlanta athletes have found that their teams and leagues have grown since they started practicing for the games. Soccer player Tad Gardocki says that 36 Atlantans have gotten involved in the Sunday afternoon practices at Piedmont Park. "We want as many people as possible to participate," Gardocki explained. This is

something, Gardocki says, "which will exist far beyond the Gay Games."

SESA member Andrea Getty expressed her disappointment at the low level of response from women. Of the approximately 70 Atlantans who have preregistered for the games, less than 10% are female. "As it stands now," Getty says, "Atlanta's gay community will be represented mainly by men."

Those who do attend will participate in an opening ceremony wearing the uniforms designed by SESA designer Jeffrey Holt. The artist explains that his design "covers what this event is all about." The design includes a series of triangles within a larger triangle. The smaller triangles contain scenes such as runners' hands exchanging a baton, the "Celebration '90" logo, and the words "Action equals Life."

Gay Games '90 is expected to draw 5,500 athletes, 4,500 cultural festival artists and approximately 16,500 spectators and tourists to Vancouver from around the world. Operated by the Vancouver Metropolitan Arts and Athletics Association, Celebration '90 has a club membership of supporters from seven countries who pay a \$10.00 yearly fee for regular mailings and information.

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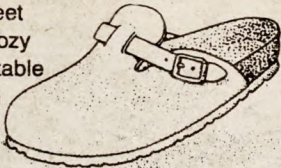
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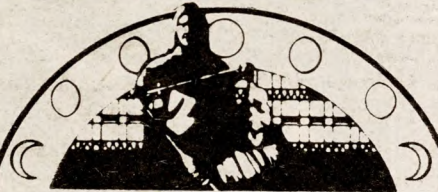
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**THE 1012 BERNE STREET ARTIST CHRISTMAS SALE.** Sat. and Sun. Dec. 2&3, 1-6PM. 12 local artists share their treasures. 1012 Berne St.

**ART OF THE CONGO TODAY.** Thru Mon., Dec. 4. A remarkable collection of painting, sculpture, literature and music of the contemporary Congo. A joint effort with the Congolese Ministry of Culture, the Congolese Embassy and Emory's African Studies Association. Free. \$2-1. The APEX. Auburn Avenue at Piedmont. 521-2739.

**RECENT WORK.** Through Dec. 22. Marcia Cohen—an Atlanta artist—exhibits both her color principles and her fascination with the utilization of repetitive forms in the natural and the symbolic world. Nexus Gallery, 57 Forsyth Street in The Healey Building on the street level. Call 688-1970.

**A SPECIAL HOLIDAY COLLECTION.** Fri., Nov. 24 thru January. The sixth annual event features gallery and guest artists' works in a variety of mediums. (Reception: Fri., Dec. 1st 6-9 PM) ARIEL Gallery at Tula. 75 Bennett Street, N.W. Hours: 10:30 AM-4:30 PM. Call 352-5753.

## Bars

**THE TOWER.** Join us every night of the week and let yourself find the magic. Wednesday Mid-week Mellowout includes jazz, classics and popular medleys; music and bartending by Gloria. Football reigns every Sunday afternoon and Monday night. Fridays and Saturdays are always high energy music and dance. 735 Ralph McGill Boulevard. 688-5463.

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**LIPSTIX. The Phantom Returns.** You made it happen by asking for a repeat performance of "The Phantom of the Opera". Fri., Dec 1 and Sat., Dec 2 we make the magic happen again! 2329 Cheshire Bridge Road. 633-0452. Reservations Suggested.

**LIPSTIX. Monday Night Madness** with special host Charlie Brown. Nov. 27 Mallessa Starr. Dec. 4 Scarlett Dailey. Don't miss Diamond Girls Revue every Wednesday. 2329 Cheshire Bridge Road. 633-0452. Reservations Suggested.

## Benefits

**PWAs, FRIENDS AND FAMILY.** The Magic Unicorn Restaurant invites you to a free Thanksgiving Dinner, November 23rd, 2 PM til 7 PM. Volunteers wanting to help, call 875-4395. 1821 Piedmont Road.

## Events

**THANKSGIVING DINNER.** Thurs., Nov. 23. Join your other "family" for a delicious dinner and inspirational worship service. (Note: Potluck, please!) Sponsored by All Saints MCC.

Noon. 575 Boulevard, S.E. For details, call 622-1154.

**DYKESGIVING.** Thurs., Nov. 23. ALFA- once again-gets together to celebrate the day with LOTS of food and fun. There will be a turkey but the rest of you need to contact ALFA for suggested covered dish and dessert categories. Call 627-5619 or 378-9769 (Voice or TTY). (Please Note: The December potluck dinner has been canceled.)

**FUNDRAISER.** Fri., Dec. 1. Honouring Sherry Siclair and Margo Smith whose beliefs have cost them a very high price. Features Kerry Lobel, editor of *Naming the Violence*. An evening to discuss homophobic lesbian baiting in our community. Sponsored by Lesbians for Just Desserts. \$10 donation. 8PM. First Existentialist Church. 470 Candler Park Drive.

**DANCING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BRAIN.** Sat., Dec. 2. A dance sponsored by ALFA Boogie-wimmin. Chem-free; women and female children welcome as are males under 12. \$6 each, \$13 per couple. Music will suit all tastes. 8-12PM. First Existentialist Congregation. 470 Candler Park Drive. Call 522-5623 or 627-5619 (Voice or TTY).

## Holiday Tours

**1989 CHRISTMAS HOUSE.** Wed., Nov. 29-Sun., Dec. 3. This year's house is a 1937 Classic Regency and is a beautiful backdrop for candlelight tours. Sandwiches and spiced tea available in the Wintergarden. Sponsored by The Alliance Children's Theatre Guild. \$6-8. 1855 West Paces Ferry Road. Call 881-6832 for details.

**CHRISTMAS AT CALLANWOLDE.** Tues., Nov. 28-Dec. 12. Atlanta's most talented interior designers have transformed Callanwolde into a dazzling holiday spectacle. \$7, \$5, and \$4 (children and Seniors). Call for times, 872-5338. Callanwolde Fine Arts, 980 Briarcliff Road.

## Literature

**MISS MANNERS.** Wed., Nov. 29. Auto-graphing copies of *Miss Manners' Guide for the Turn-of-the-Millennium*. Welcome the correct and witty author as she guides the rest of us barbarians into the 21st century. 12:30-2PM. Oxford Books. Peachtree Battle Shopping Center.

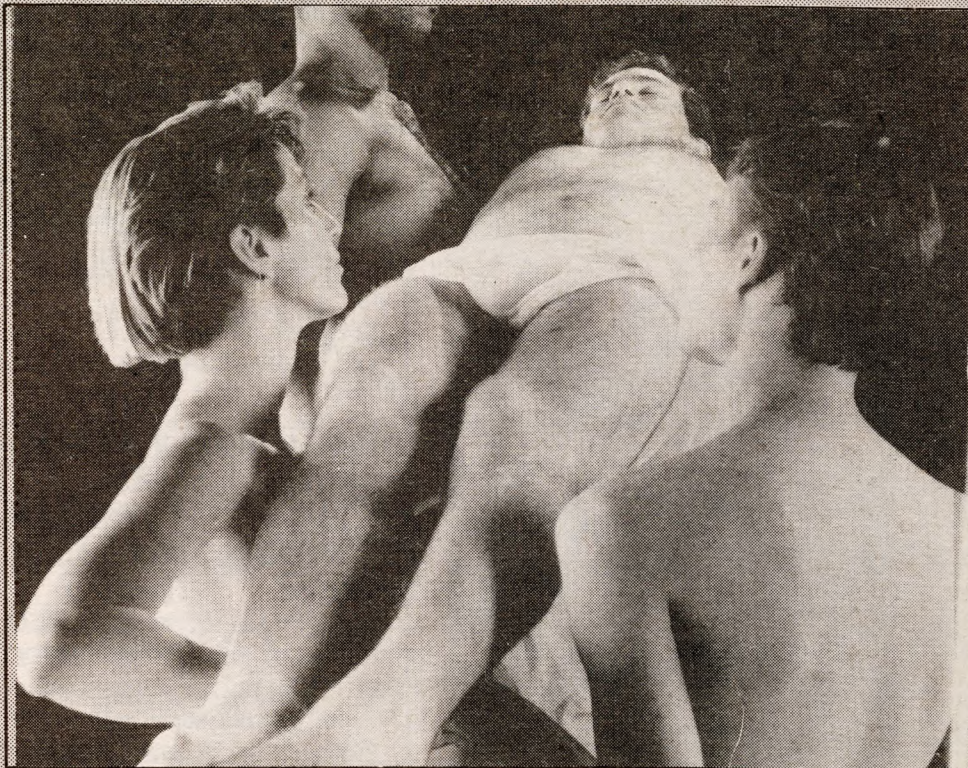
**TWO POETS.** Thurs., Nov. 30. Jane Black and Jill Spisak, two local poets, will read from their current work. 7:30 PM. Free and open to the public. Charis Books and More. 419 Moreland Avenue. 524-0304.

## Meetings

**4th TUESDAY.** Tues., Nov. 28. Holiday Inn Downtown. 7PM. Topic: Communication Skills in Community. 662-4353 for more info.

**CHRYSALIS WOMEN'S CENTER** provides professionally led support group for lesbians every Friday night from 7 PM til 8:30 PM. Call 881-6300 for directions and information.

**FIRST MCC AIDS MINISTRY** committee meeting every Sunday at 12:30 PM. First MCC, 800 North Highland Avenue. Call 872-2246 for more information.



"The Grief Suite", a dance performance developed by Blue Movers Performance Ensemble, presents a stunning visual image about mortality and the transformation in dealing with grief. Presented by Nexus Contemporary Arts Center and SAME. Dec. 7-9 at 8PM, Dec. 10 at 5PM. Seven Stages Theatre, 1105 Euclid Ave. \$8-\$10. 523-7647 for reservations.



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## Aids and Dentistry by Denise Noe

When a person has AIDS, his or her teeth may deteriorate along with the rest of the body. Indeed, changes in the mouth often signal changes in the the body as a whole, thus making good dental care vital to anyone who might have a serious illness.

The dental ills PWAs may get are several. Thrush is a major complaint caused by a fungus, called candidiasis, growing in the mouth. Squamous cell carcinoma, a malignant tumor that can appear on the lower lip after underlying skin cells are damaged, as well as a variety of other oral lesions may appear in those with AIDS. A.N.U.G.--acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis--is a devastating illness in which the gums react to plaque by flaring up and dying off. The bone anchoring the teeth starts to die, too, and the patient suffers fevers and nausea.

According to Dr. Robert Schmidt, a dentist who estimates that between 20 and 30% of his patients are HIV-positive, "People with ARC and AIDS are more prone to oral infections so we call them back in three months--instead of the usual six--for dental cleanings and exams." Because dentists examine AIDS patients so frequently, he continues, "we often detect Kaposi's sarcoma and lymphomas in their early stages. Bacteria in the mouth can spread infection to other areas including the brain, so it's very important for HIV-positives to see the dentist regularly so you can catch any abnormality early."

AIDS not only makes PWAs more prone to dental ills, it also makes some dental procedures less effectual. "Root canals are harder," Dr. Schmidt says. "A root canal takes a dead nerve out of a tooth. But the success rate for AIDS patients is lower than that for other people because the abcess caused by the dead nerve frequently doesn't heal properly after you take the nerve out. Extractions can also be a problem for PWAs because they have a higher likelihood of 'dry socket' infections of the bone."

The treatments PWAs receive for the syndrome may further complicate dental work. "Pain pills have to be given out with care," Dr. Schmidt says. "If they're on AZT we can't give them Tylenol; if they're on Dextran we can't give them aspirin." Oral surgery must also be carefully and precisely monitored. "You have to keep track of platelet count and T-cell count. If you take out a tooth you want to be sure the blood will clot so the platelet count must be high enough. If you put the patient on antibiotics you must be sure their T-cell count is high enough to withstand it because the T-cell count drops with antibiotics."

Extensive dental care may, of course, be expensive and financing treatment is an important issue for PWAs as it is for a person with any serious illness.

Private insurance funds treatment for many people while government financial aid is available for the indigent. Dr. Robert Schmidt says, "If they

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have a dental insurance plan they are covered the same as anyone else; their dental procedures are just more frequent." Thomas Underwood, Medicaid Unit Trainer, says Medicaid funds are provided for dental care, though some services require prior approval from the Department of Medical Assistance which oversees Medicaid reimbursement. To qualify for funding, the dentist must be an approved Medicaid provider. Emergency services are exempt from the prior approval requirement but must be submitted to DMA for review.

People in need often turn to low-cost health clinics for medical and dental help. The Grant Park Family Health Center is a clinic which serves low-income people and receives no government funding. It is supported by individual contributions, foundations and churches, and to a small extent by fees from its patients. Jill Carson, Administrative Assistant of GPFHC, says, "We have a sliding fee scale based on income and family size. We don't turn anyone away for inability to pay but we very frequently get over-booked. We have just begun within the past two months a dental clinic which is also open to AIDS patients but it's extremely limited right now due to the fact that we only have one volunteer dentist, who is here only once a month."

Dr. Sidney Williams, a dentist in private practice who is also affiliated with the Grant Park Family Health Center, says that, "Since we can't take on that many patients now, our major priority is to treat people with pain or who have serious infections. If I did have a patient whom I thought might have AIDS I would consult their medical doctor before treating them because I would want to know about their general health."

Because of the limited availability of care from clinics like Grant Park, many people with the HIV virus must turn to private practice dentists for regular dental care. However, the access of PWAs to private dental care is restricted not only by its high costs but also by the unwillingness of some private practice dentists to treat them.

According to the Sept, 1987 issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association, "a dentist in most situations historically has had the right to decline treatment to new prospective patients." The American Dental Association is an advisory body, not a regulatory or enforcement agency. According to Philip Weintraub, Manager of Media Relations for the ADA, "our recommendation is that AIDS patients deserve treatment and should be treated. If proper procedures are followed, we believe there is not a

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## Minister's Column

### A Guy's Story

A few of my assumptions about him were marked by a comedy of errors. I guess many, perhaps most, people would have assumed he was not gay. But he had AIDS and it was not the first time I had met a gay redneck. ( I am not using 'redneck' derogatorily.) Not that he really fit so much of the criteria of a redneck, but he was from the country and did not seem very sophisticated. And he seemed to get along OK with his roommates who were black (he was white) and gay.

Once when he was in the hospital he had a morphine pump, a truly wonderful device that lets the patient selfadminister a dose of the painkiller (within limits) whenever needed. One need not wait for a nurse, who may be swamped with other requests. I came to visit after he had been on the morphine pump for some time and there was a card on the pump that said "factor VIII" on it. Now I had known what factor VIII was since long before AIDS, and I immediately wondered why he was getting factor VIII along with his morphine. Then I looked across the room and saw the other pump with a card that said "morphine."

The light came on in my brain and I laughed at myself. Factor VIII is a clotting agent normally found in one's blood. "Are you a hemophiliac?" I said. "Yes," he responded. I realized why previous comments he had made didn't sound like they were coming from a gay man. They weren't! It is an extreme example of knowing someone and not knowing an important aspect of their life. We had visited several times before he had gone in the hospital this time. He knew I did an AIDS minstry and I had told him I would be glad to talk to him about anything he was concerned about. We didn't get into issues. He always seemed glad to see me. He welcomed me in. When I would leave he would thank me for coming by and tell me to drop in again.

I would probably make the same assumptions again. I would certainly be careful in how I pried. And I do pry into people's lives, either in formal counseling when I have the invitation, or even in less formal situations when I sense some kind of invitation. But asking someone how they got AIDS can be very demeaning.

Though I had received appreciation for my visits and my concern, I had not sensed an invitation to pry very far into his life at first. But as I got to know him I found that his parents had both been dead for some time. They divorced when he was young and each remarried. There were full, half, and step-sisters and brothers. I was not always clear which was which when he spoke of them. The family, what was left of it, was not close geographically and while there did not seem to be stress between family members they did not seem close emotionally, either.

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## The Crossroads

The Unitarian Universalist Metro Ministry is now at a place where it must really unfold its wings and fly if it is to truly succeed. Some would probably call us a "mom and pop" organization. I do not believe that this has as much to do with the size of an organization as much as to how well it is run. A large but poorly run concern with a paid staff can be more of a "mom and pop" business than a smaller, but well organized and managed venture with a volunteer staff.

At the National AIDS Network Conference I heard a workshop leader make a distinction between a volunteer and a supporter. A volunteer gives at least ten hours a month to the organization. Does that mean that you are not needed or even wanted if you cannot give that much? NO! Of course not. We always need people

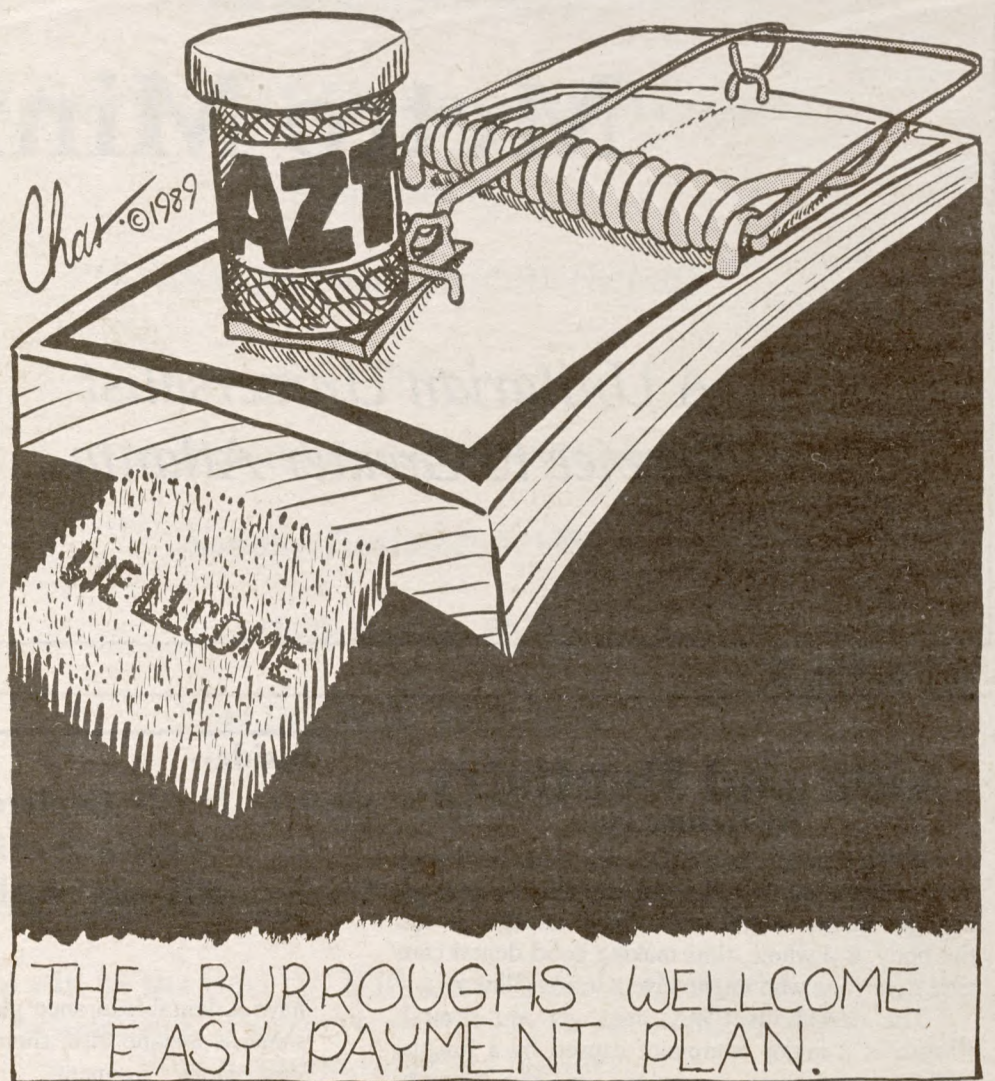
with limited amounts of time to help with projects of limited duration such as fund-raisers. Short term "supporters" help keep the burdens of long term "volunteers" light so that the volunteers can keep focused on their ongoing tasks.

This newsletter is a good example of the need for more volunteers. As the minister has tried to involve more people in its production he has been somewhat limited since he was the only person who could write about meetings he has attended. Joe Chancey serves on some community AIDS committees that could use more involvement from us. The newly formed Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network, which spun off of the Pastoral Care Department of AID Atlanta, needs increasing involvement from local congregations. Joe serves on the newly reconstituted DeKalb AIDS Task Force. In the past he has also been active with the Health Care Committee of the Atlanta Task Force on the Homeless.

Volunteers serving with Joe on some of these committees would strengthen these efforts as well as strengthen UUMM. If you served in this capacity you could write about your work or we could pair you with a writer who would interview you and do the writing for you.

The U. U. Metro Ministry Board has recently formed a Housing Committee to explore AIDS housing issues and to study appropriate ways that we might become involved in this ever growing need. Whether we work on a project with or for another organization, such as Jerusalem House, or open our own residence we must have involvement beyond the minister and the board if we are to be effective.

And finally, and of equal importance, we need your financial support. We are in our last year of funding from the U. U. Denominational Grants Panel. And the minister is now employed full time. While we are searching for new funding sources from foundations and asking local congregations to put us in their budgets one of our most important sources of income is from individual donations. Whether your contribution is large or small we need it, value it, and appreciate it.



(Minister's Column, cont.)

After reading an article on fetal alcohol syndrome I thought about some things I knew about him and wondered if his mother drank during pregnancy. I'll never know for sure, but I wouldn't be surprised. If that were the case he was born with an enormous addiction potential. In any event I learned that there was a history of drug use and that he had been in a drug counseling program at least twice when he had to confront the problem.

While not his only visitor during his hospitalization, I was his most frequent. For the first several weeks his mind was not too clear, but gradually the dementia began to clear. I seemingly had little in common with him, but I found him easy to visit and I grew increasingly fond of him. He would almost always complain about things when I would ask him how he was. And he had every right to complain. But after he would get through his list he would shrug his shoulders and smile and talk about other things. Mostly I would listen. He didn't have anyone to talk to very often. Before the dementia cleared he was on the call button to the nurses' station constantly, often forgetting he had just asked the same question.

He got better and left the hospital.

Within a week he was in the emergency room at Grady. One source told me he had gotten some crack cocaine and smoked it. Another said he refused to eat. He spent over twenty-eight hours in the emergency room, a bed not being available. I saw him there. He was jaundiced and incoherent. I spent some time with him and spoke with his nurse, who seemed very attentive.

I went back the next day. He was in intensive care. He was tied down as he was before when he was incoherent. It's not cruel. Just practical, both for the patient's safety as well as for simple convenience. I would expect the same for myself if I were in a similar condition.

I held his hand and spoke quietly to him. Mostly I just held his hand. I don't know if he realized I was there. I stayed longer than the allotted time, but no one seemed to mind. I knew he would probably die there. And he did; the next morning.

I wish he had not made the choice he did to smoke some crack cocaine. I think he knew it might lead to his death; his lungs were in pretty bad shape. I wish he hadn't done it, but I think I understand. He just wanted to feel good, really good, one time before he died.

recommendation from the housing sessions was that N.A.N. hire a staff person to be devoted exclusively to housing issues and to networking with local PWA housing programs.

Workshops on Time Management and Establishing a Volunteer Program offered insightful and practical information. Equally informative were sessions on Building Partnerships with Religious Communities and Foundation Funding Strategies and Approaches.

For information on joining N.A.N. write to: National AIDS Network, 2033 M Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036.

The second Annual N.A.N. Skills Building Conference was held in Washington, D.C. Nov. 2-5. The conference was an outstanding success. It was extremely well organized and ran quite smoothly. Atlanta was well represented by attendees from UUMM, Project Open Hand, Atlanta NAPWA, AID Atlanta and Jerusalem House. Audio tapes of nearly every session were available for purchase immediately after each session and can be ordered for the next twelve months.

Workshops on PWA housing drew capacity crowds. An immediate

## National AIDS Network Serves Constituency Well

UUMM joined the National AIDS Network earlier this year. It was a wise investment. Mailings are timely and informative. One newsletter focuses on important topics of general interest and another focuses on minority issues.

### UU METRO MINISTRY:

A Unitarian Universalist  
Community Service to Greater  
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The purpose of Metro Ministry is to provide pastoral care to those most in need of spiritual and physical comfort. As an outreach ministry, UUMM puts into action the principles and purposes of Unitarian Universalism, which affirm the worth and dignity of every human being.

### WHAT IS UU METRO MINISTRY'S FOCUS?

We, the members of UU Metro Ministry, provide both practical and spiritual comfort to persons with AIDS. The needs of those we serve vary, depending on clients' individual circumstances and the extent of their support group beyond UUMM. Some clients need transportation to doctors' offices or the grocery store. Others need counseling or a visit from the minister. Many clients are feeling isolated and look forward to seeing UUMM caregivers.

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## Special Group Forming

A number of people who are either professionals or volunteers in AIDS work are HIV+. Many excellent groups exist in Atlanta for people with any range of HIV infection, but none focus on professional AIDS care providers. If you are a professional in AIDS care work (nurse, doctor, minister, social worker, counselor), are HIV+ and interested in a private group for professional care providers call Joe Chancey at the U.U. Metro Ministry, 688-6163, for more information. The group will start in January.

Minister Serves as Consultant

## EATING DEFENSIVELY

*Eating Defensively: Food Safety Advice for Persons with AIDS* is a fifteen minute video that has just been released by the Food and Drug Administration. The Unitarian Universalist Metro Ministry played a vital role in the production of this informative video.

Joe Chancey was contacted by enteric disease specialist Dr. Rob Tauxe of the Centers for Disease Control last February as a joint team from the CDC and FDA began considering producing a video for people with HIV infection about the proper handling and storage of food so as to avoid food borne illness.

Joe was the first person actually working with persons with AIDS to consult with the team producing the video. It was immediately apparent to him that such a video would be useful. He stressed the need to consult with a variety of people involved in AIDS work, as well as persons with AIDS themselves, especially minorities and women and to depict them in the video itself.

Some PWAs were hired to act in the film. The need for the video was made dramatically apparent during taping the section on eggs. Because of the danger of salmonella eggs should never be eaten raw or under cooked -- the yolk as well as the egg white should be cooked until solid. As this was being discussed one PWA became distressed and when asked what was wrong he said he had been eating a raw egg with his breakfast every morning for some time, a practice he immediately discontinued. In a person with a severely compromised immune system an infection that is normally confined to one part of the body can get into the the blood stream and cause a systemic infection. Such infections can easily lead to death.

The Unitarian Universalist Metro Ministry is distributing copies of the video to local AIDS organizations: The Tuesday night PWA dinner at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Project Open Hand, Atlanta NAPWA, and AID Atlanta. Groups interested in obtaining a copy of the videotapes can contact the CDC's National AIDS Information Clearinghouse at 1-800-458-5231, or they may request a copy in writing at P.O. Box 6003, Rockville, MD 20850.

## HIV + AND STILL SMOKING?

If you smoke, you are probably familiar with some of the health problems associated with the use of tobacco. We know that smokers suffer a loss of circulation, chronic fatigue, shortness of breath, a loss of vitality, and reduced thinking capacity. It has also been found that smokers have impaired senses of taste, smell and sight. These health problems, along with an increased risk of cancer, emphysema, and heart disease, make smoking especially risky for people who have AIDS, ARC, or are HIV positive.

UU Metro Ministry board member John Ball, an experienced moderator, will be conducting an effective smoking cessation program for PWAs and HIV+ starting in January. If you are interested in kicking the smoking habit and improving your health, plan to attend an introductory meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 14th. There will be an opportunity to sign up for the program at the end of this introductory session. The National Association for People With AIDS (NAPWA) has offered us the use of a meeting room at 131 Ponce de Leon Avenue, NE, Suite 233, for our sessions. Parking is available next to the building and is not restricted on weekends.

The six-session smoking cessation program will begin the following Sunday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m., and will be open only to those who register at the introductory meeting on January 14th. If you plan to attend, be sure to mark your calendar for the seven Sunday evenings beginning January 14th and ending on Graduation Day, February 25th. If you would like to speak to John Ball about the program, you may call him at 524-0435; he will be happy to give you information and encouragement. Space limitations for this program dictate that we give first priority at registration to persons with AIDS, ARC, or who are HIV+ and wish to start the 1990's free of the smoking habit.

## Review by Denise Noe The Screaming Room

by Barbara Peabody

The Screaming Room by Barbara Peabody must be one of the most emotionally riveting personal stories ever written. It is Peabody's journal of the year she spent caring for her son, Peter Vom Lehn, as he was dying of AIDS.

Peter got sick in 1983 when AIDS was a "new" disease. Barbara Peabody is a divorced painter who already knew of, and accepted, her son's homosexuality. She is very effective at communicating her sense of Peter as a "special child" with special drives and special difficulties.

"Peter was wiry and hyperactive, always struggling for independence," she writes. "I remember, too, his insatiable curiosity that led him to read voraciously, and the thirst for experimentation that took him from dissecting record players as a child to

trying drugs as a teenager. Peter wasn't going to wait for anything."

The news that her son suffers from a life-threatening disease is, as one would expect, a terrible shock to Peabody, but she is determined to help Peter fight the illness to the limit of both their abilities. At this early stage in the epidemic's history there was little doctors could do as Peter came down with one opportunistic infection after another. Throughout the last year of his life, Peter was especially tormented by cruel and humiliating attacks of diarrhea. The Screaming Room forces us to suffer with him as the vigorous and creative Peter unravels, losing his eyesight, his memory, his mobility, and finally his life.

But The Screaming Room is an inspiring story as well as a tragic one. Peabody is not a particularly strong person, she tells us; she finds the courage to deal with her son's illness because her love for Peter demands it.

Peter's sprightly sense of humor helps him cope, as when he watches a TV commercial featuring a woman who claims she "takes Ayds" and has lost twenty pounds thanks to the diet candy. "Well," we hear Peter utter in falsetto mimicry, "I have AIDS, and I've only lost twenty pounds."

Caring for a PWA calls for much practical resourcefulness as well as spiritual strength. At one meeting for the significant others of PWAs they search for a way to help patients with diarrhea while allowing them to retain their dignity. They decide they should buy adult diapers and Chux bedliners and "leave them in a visible but unobtrusive place."

Finally, Peabody accepts her son's death and draws comfort from the idea that his soul will depart on a note of peace: "You should see this [sunset], you'd love it. Go in a beautiful sunset, your time of day. Wrap yourself in the brilliant colors and fly."

Special thanks to MARLEE and DENISE for their work on this issue.

## WHAT DO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS BELIEVE?

Perhaps the following excerpts from "Ten Points," by David O. Rankin, form a useful summary:

1. We believe in the freedom of religious expression.

2. We believe in the toleration of religious ideas. All religions possess a potential value for those who have learned the art of listening.

3. We believe in the authority of reason and conscience, the personal choice and decision of the individual.

4. We believe in the never-ending search for Truth. If the mind and heart are truly free and open, the revelations which appear to the human spirit are infinitely numerous, eternally fruitful, and wondrously exciting.

5. We believe in the unity of experience. There is no fundamental conflict between faith and knowledge, religion and the world, the sacred and the secular, since they all have their source in the same reality.

6. We believe in the worth and dignity of each human being.

7. We believe in the ethical application of religion. Good works are the natural product of a good faith, the evidence of an inner grace which finds completion in social and community involvement.

8. We believe in the motive force of love, which always seeks the welfare of others and never seeks to hurt or destroy.

9. We believe in the necessity of the democratic process. Records are open to scrutiny, and ideas are open to criticism so that people might govern themselves.

10. We believe in the importance of a religious community. The validation of experience requires the confirmation of peers, who provide a critical platform along with a network of mutual support.

## For More Information

If you would like to talk with the minister about an AIDS related concern or if you are interested in information on becoming a volunteer, please call the minister, Joe Chancey at 688-6163. Or you may write to us:

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1911 Cliff Valley Way, NE  
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(AIDS and Dentistry, cont.)

danger of a dentist catching or transmitting the HIV virus." Atlanta's Center for Disease Control knows of only one case of a dentist who may have contracted HIV through his practice. That dentist said he engaged in no high-risk activity but frequently treated dental patients without wearing gloves. His wife refused to be tested for HIV.

Weintraub says that the proper procedures suggested by the ADA include "the use of masks and gloves by all dental personnel, the proper sterilization of instruments, the disinfecting of all office surfaces, and the careful disposal of all disposable material that gets contaminated, in other words, comes in contact with a patient's mouth. We started advising dentists to use these procedures in 1976, about 5 years before the public even knew about AIDS, primarily because of Hepatitis B, a much more easily transmissible virus than HIV."

These procedures are now being employed by many dentists, even those whose practices are not focused on HIV positive patients.

Dr. Nick Smith is a dentist who says the AIDS epidemic has led him to take special precautions. "Three years ago we didn't use gloves, now I wear them routinely with anybody I suspect might possibly be infected. I don't wear them with everybody because I see 45 patients a day and as a dentist who is very busy I might have to spend 20 minutes of every hour washing my hands and putting on gloves. Of course, it's possible that in a couple of years I'll be doing exactly that even though wearing gloves cuts down on your dexterity and you can't feel as well."

Dr. Smith's hygienists wear fresh gloves with every patient they see. "They come in more contact with blood and saliva than I do. When they scale the teeth (remove tartar) that often stirs up blood. Hygienists are more at risk of getting cut because they use sharper instruments and are pulling up on deposits."

Dr. Williams, who has never, to his knowledge, treated an HIV positive patient, says he "always uses gloves, masks, and safety glasses as recommended by the Center for Disease Control. I'm wearing them not as much because of AIDS as because of infectious diseases such as Hepatitis B which is many times more infectious than AIDS."

The CDC has found no case of anyone infected with HIV from going to a dentist's office and says that should not be a concern since a patient is not normally exposed to a health care worker's blood. Philip Weintraub of the ADA says, "If a dentist and dental workers are following barrier techniques there is no risk to the patient of transmitting any communicable virus."

PWAs should be encouraged to be especially vigilant of their dental health because oral problems occur at a higher rate amongst them. Infections in the mouth that are untreated can spread to any part of the body, so HIV-positive people ought to try to have them treated aggressively.

## CIRCLE OF HEALING

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.

Each circle is different but follows a loose format that involves each participant. After an opening music meditation often provided by music therapist Beth York, 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. The group divides into pairs and healing energy is generated through guided visualization. One partner channels healing energy to the other through touch

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(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 at 7:30pm 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 located at 470 Candler Park Drive, is wheelchair accessible and in walking distance of the Candler Park MARTA Station.

For information contact the First Existentialist Church at 378-5570.  
Franklin Abbott - Coordinator



# November 23 - December 6



**Alix Dobkin in concert for women on Saturday, Dec. 2.** Hurry and get tickets because seating is very limited! Two shows, 8PM & 10PM. \$10. Tickets available at Charis Books & More, Chrysalis Women's Center, 2045 Manchester Dr. Wheelchair accessible. 938-5542 for more info.

## Metaphysical

**MEDITATION WORKSHOP.** Sat., Dec. 2. "The Path to Peaceful Power" gives basic meditation techniques that help one center and focus during the coming holidays. \$50. 12 AM til 4 PM. MAAS Pyramid Building, 2054 Harobi Drive, off La Vista Road. For details, call Mary Bailey-Rule at 250-8088.

## Music

**JOAN BAEZ.** Sun., Nov. 26. Fox Theatre, 600 Peachtree Street. Call 881-2000.

**REUBEN ANDERSON.** Thurs., Nov. 30. With Carolyn Aiken and Cat Bird Seat. 10 PM. Color Box. North Highland Avenue.

**LEONTYNE PRICE.** Thurs., Nov. 30. 8 PM. \$45-\$65 (Series Package Only). Fox Theatre, 600 Peachtree Street. Call 881-2000.

**ATLANTA GAY MEN'S CHORUS FALL CONCERT.** Sat., Dec. 2. The AGMC presents its 1989 Fall Concert, "A Gift of Song" featuring a variety of popular and classical works. June Cofer Auditorium at Southside High School, 801 Glenwood Avenue. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Send prepaid orders to: AGMC Tickets, P.O. Box 77114, Atlanta, GA 30357.

**ALIX DOBKIN.** Sat., Dec. 2. A women-only musical event. Hurry, only 50 tickets available per show! 8PM & 10PM. Wheelchair accessible. Tickets, \$10 at Charis Books and More and at Chrysalis. At Chrysalis Women's Center, 2045 Manchester Dr. Call 938-5442 for more info.

**DeDe VOGT.** Sun., Dec. 3. DeDe of Pretty Good for Girls and Fabulous Scallion Sisters fame now has her very own album, "Goliath Dreaming." Come to the album release party. Little 5 Points Pub. 10PM.

**JERRY FARBER: JERRY PRESENTS JOHNNY PORRAZZO AND HIS SONGS.** Wed.-Sat., Simon Carter, bassist and vocalist; Bibi Farber, guitarist and vocalist; Stu Hirsch, drummer. Friday and Saturday night, 54 Pharr Road. Call for reservations 237-5181.

## Photography

**BERLIN.** Through Dec. 15. Sixty colorful photos of Berlin's sights & historic buildings. Free. Goethe-Institut of Atlanta. Call 892-2388.

**"I DREAM A WORLD: PORTRAITS OF BLACK WOMEN WHO CHANGED AMERICA."** Through Dec. 22. This astounding exhibition features 75 portraits of contemporary black women taken by Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Brian Lanker, and documents their contributions to American culture. The Atlanta College of Art Gallery, Woodruff Arts Center, 1280 Peachtree Street. Gallery hours: Mon.-Sat., 10 AM - 5 PM; Sun. 2-6 PM. 898-1157.

**A LASTING IMPRESSION.** Thurs., Nov. 30-February 1990. Celebrating photography's 150th anniversary, this exhibit features over 100 beautiful daguerotypes, ambrotypes and tintypes in thematic groups. Mon.-Fri., 11 AM - 5 PM. Free. High Museum of Art at Georgia-Pacific Center, 133 Peachtree Street. 577-6940.

**LAND OF DEEPEST SHADE.** Ongoing. John McWilliams' gorgeous b&w photographs of the South, its many beautiful landscapes and transitional photos of places in jeopardy or limbo. High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree Street. Call 881-0452 for more information.

## Theatre

**SPEED THE PLOW.** Nov. 23 thru Dec. 2. Thoughtful, adult, profane comedy about two Hollywood movers and shakers and their temporary secretary. Theatrical Outfit, 1012 Peachtree St. Call 872-0665 for times and tickets.

**MY THREE ANGELS.** Fri., Nov. 24 thru Dec. 16. A Gaelic "Christmas Carol" where it is easier to bump Scrooge off than convert him. A real howler. \$8-\$14. Neighborhood Playhouse, 430 West Trinity Place, Decatur. Call 373-5311 for times and reservations.

**FRANKIE AND JOHNNY IN THE CLAIR DELUNE!** Fri., Nov. 24 thru Jan. 13, '90. Lusty romantic comedy about two midlifers who take a last gamble on love and win! A funny touching look at love, sex, commitment and intimacy in the '80s. Horizon Theatre, 1083 Austin Ave. Thurs.-Sat., 8 PM; Sun., 5 PM. \$7-\$12 tickets. (Note: Strong language and nudity.)

**LIFE IS A DREAM.** Tues., Nov. 28-Dec. 17. The Spanish Renaissance classic. Fate: Do you believe your life has been set up since Day One or - do you call the shots? Don't miss this one! Actor's Express, corner of Elizabeth and Austin in Little 5 Points. Call 634-3602 for details.

**MISS MARGARIDA'S WAY.** Thurs., Nov. 29-Sun., Dec. 10. Back by POPULAR DEMAND. This highly recommended one-woman show is commended by Kerrie Osborne in a scathingly funny, frightening play about societal censorship and dogma. Set in an 8th grade classroom. Go see it! Academy Theatre in the Genesis (new entrance in back). 14th & Juniper Streets (behind Campanile). Wed.-Sat., 8 PM; Sun. @ 3 PM. Call 892-0880.

**LONG TIME SINCE YESTERDAY.** Thurs., Nov. 30 - Dec. 16. An A.T.L.A.N.T.A., Inc. Theatre presentation. \$6-4. Call 624-4211 for more info. Arts Exchange, 750 Kalb Street.

**ANNIE GET YOUR GUN.** Thru Sun., Dec. 31. Irving Berlin's classic brings gun-toting Annie Oakley (didn't you always wonder about her?) to life. The Alliance Theatre. Tues.-Sat. at 8 PM; Sun. at 7:30 PM. \$13-\$28. 892-2414 for more info.

**APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS: A HOMECOMING.** Fri., Dec. 1 thru Dec. 23. A mountain homecoming full of traditional stories, music, humor, and celebration. For general audiences. Wed. - Sat., 8 PM; Sat., 10 AM; Sun., 3 PM. \$10-4. Theatrical Outfit, 1012 Peachtree Street. 872-0665.

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL.** Wed., Dec. 6-Dec. 24. The 10th anniversary of the tried and true classic, with a new twist! Academy Theatre, 14th and Juniper Streets (behind Campanile). Call 892-0660 for more.

## Upcoming

**"THE GRIEF SUITE".** Dec. 7-10. A dance performance about mortality and dealing with grief with direct references to AIDS. Developed by Blue Movers Performance Ensemble. Presented by SAME and Nexus Contemporary Arts Center. Seven Stages Theatre, 1105 Euclid Ave. \$8-\$10. 523-7647 for reservations.

**SPECIAL WOMEN'S GATHERING.** Dec. 7-10. Join Deidra, your hostess, for a weekend of lesbian fun and fellowship in a private and naturally beautiful setting. Timberfell Lodge, Route 11, Greenville, Tennessee. Call (615) 234-0833 for details and reservations.

**"REMEMBERING ROGER".** Dec. 9 - 16. An exhibition, final display and sale of photos and needlework of Roger Rutherford to benefit of NAPWA and Project Open Hand Atlanta. Burnhoff Gallery at Clear Creek Center. Piedmont at Monroe. See next issue for more details.

**INTEGRITY/ATLANTA.** Celebrates 10 years of ministry to Episcopalian lesbians and gays. Fri., Dec. 8. Holy Eucharist at 7:30 PM followed by a potluck. All Saints Church. 373-2838 for more info.



Miss Margarida is back! The ferociously funny one-woman show starring Kerrie Osborne returns for a two-week run at the Academy Theatre. Nov. 29-Dec. 10. All shows at 8PM except Nov. 30 at 8:30PM. Sunday matinees at 3PM. \$8-\$10. 892-0880.

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# ORGANIZATIONS

**AALGA- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance.** 1st Sunday of each month. 4:00 PM. Ashby and Gordon Street. 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 Tuesday at 7:30 PM at 131 Ponce de Leon, Suite 233. 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. 378-9676.

**ALACC- Atlanta Lesbian Agenda Conference Committee.** A diverse group of lesbians helping to organize the 1st National Lesbian Agenda Conference to be held in Atlanta in 1990 or 1991. For info call 378-9769.

**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 info and to request newsletter.

**ALGPC- Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.** 2nd Tuesday of each month. 7:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church. Needs volunteers to coordinate this 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 Info 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 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 info: 662-4202.

**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, 4:30-7:00 PM at the First Existentialist Church at 470 Candler Pk. 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. 7:30 PM.** First Existentialist Church. The Circle is open to anyone in need of healing, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual. 378-5570.

**CODA- Codependents Anonymous-Lambda.** A 12-step program of recovery from codependency for gays and lesbians. Meetings Tues. & Wed. at 8 PM. For info and locations call: 239-1657.

**Chrysalis- A women's center** providing social, educational and informational programs and services for the community. 2045 Manchester. For info call (404) 881-6300.

**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. All Saints Episcopal Church. Proudly serving the lesbian and gay community. Info line: 642-3467.

**COOR- Coalition Opposing Operation Rescue (COOR)** vocally and visibly poses any individual or group trying to limit women's rights of reproductive choice. Weekly meetings are held every Monday at 7:30pm at the Little 5 Points Community Center, located at the corner of Euclid and Austin Avenues. For more information about COOR and upcoming events call 365-5311. Don't remain silent any longer. Join us in defending the right to legal, safe abortions. We won't go back!

**Delphi- A fraternity of gay men,** offering recreation, fellowship, and idealism. P.O. Box 14591, Atlanta, GA 30324.

**ELGO- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization.** Meetings every Wed. at 7:30 PM. Room 362E Dobbs University Center. Box 23515, Emory Univ., Atlanta, Ga. 30322. 727-6692.

**First MCC Atlanta- 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. Counseling available by appointment for individuals and couples. Same sex Holy Unions performed. 872-2246.

**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, 662-4353.

**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. 662-4501.

**Friends of Zoo Atlanta- Support organization for Zoo Atlanta.**

For info regarding corporate sponsorship, membership, volunteers and adopt-an-animal call (404) 525-9936. Mon.-Fri., 9AM-5PM.

**GAA- 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.** Weekly meetings. 676-1324. GALA, Programs Area, GA Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332.

**GLSA- Ga. State Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance.** Day meetings on Wed. 10:10am, Rm 904 General Classroom Bldg. (Nov. 8 mtg. in 804 GCB). Info: 651-3636 or 352-4570. GLSA, Box 506 University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303.

**GANG- Greater Atlanta Nurtist 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. 368-7420.

**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.

**Gay & Lesbian Pride March-1990-PO Box 5643, West Columbia, SC 29171.** (803) 796-3615, 252-9455, 271-4207.

**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.

**Human Rights Campaign Fund- (HRCF-Atlanta)** The nation's largest Lesbian & Gay political + lobbying organization. P.O. Box 8594, Atlanta, GA 30306, Phone 365-8766.

**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.

**LAMP- The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project.** Second Monday of every month. 7:30PM. N. Highland Branch Library. For info: 874-8969. Address: LAMP, PO Box 301, 1579-F Monroe Drive, Atlanta, GA, 30324.

**LEGAL- Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians.** The voice of lesbian and gay Georgians in the Democratic party. 286-7476.

**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. 938-2009.

**Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta- A Christian Ministry for** Lesbian and Gay Understanding. Please contact us at P.O. Box 13673, Atlanta, GA 30324. 636-7109.

**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. 4:00PM. 728 Pickens St., Columbia, SC. Contact: PO Box 90537, Columbia, SC, 29290. (803) 732-0838.

**MAAS- Metro Atlanta Astrological Society.** A networking educational/research organization for both amateur and professional astrologers. Usually meet the fourth Wed. of each month. 622-5661.

**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 info. 242-2342.

**MCC All Saints-Serving metro Atlanta 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. Regular meetings and events. 131 Ponce de Leon, Suite 233. 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.

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

**P-FLAG- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.** 3rd Sunday of each month. 5-7 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.

**Palmetto Gay/Lesbian Association- A support, education and** civil rights organization in S. Carolina. PO Box 10022, Greenville, SC, 29603-0022. 24hr. switchboard(803) 271-4207.

**Pride of Peachtree- Atlanta's Lesbian & Gay Marching** Band. Every Monday night 7:30PM-9:00PM at First MCC, 800 N. Highland Ave. For info call 434-7826.

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

**SESA- The Southeastern Sports Alliance is a fundraising,** awareness and organizer for sports and cultural events leading up to Celebration '90 Gay Games & Cultural Festival, Vancouver, British Columbia. 875-0700.

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

**Southern Country Atlanta- A social organization** which promotes country/western dance and activities. We sponsor country/western dance nights at three locations in Atlanta and some out-of-town activities. Call 231-0805 for further info.

**Speak Out- Provides you, the voter, an opportunity** to let your congressional representatives know how you feel concerning AIDS & Civil Rights Matters. P.O. Box 8594, Atlanta, GA 30306, Phone 365-8766.

**WOW- Women of Wisdom.** Usually every 3rd Monday of each month. 7:30 PM. N. Highland Branch Library. Facilitates 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. 984-9929.

# OUTLINES



EVETT BENNETT

**Occupation:**  
Marlene-Therapist  
Brooke-Runs housecleaning business  
**Relationship Status:**  
Together 11 years  
**Favorite Subject:**  
Daughter Lennie  
**School:** The Atlanta School  
**Favorite Pastime:**  
Lennie-Going to the park

## Brooke, Lennie And Marlene: Just Your Average Lesbian Family

Marlene Johnson and Brooke Hopkins, lovers and committed partners for 11 years, have embarked upon an incredible adventure—the mothering of Lennie, a bright, active, confident 4-year-old girl. They sit in Springvale Park on a sunny day and discuss being parents and lesbian partners while their daughter cavorts around us.

Marlene is a therapist and Brooke runs a housecleaning business. Their schedules allow them little time now to be together or to be with Lennie as a family. But Marlene and Brooke have planned their parenthood carefully. Lennie has an extended family of friends who take responsibility for her and care for her on a regular basis.

Marlene explains: "We wanted Lennie to have a real sense of being special and having lots of people to love her."

Brooke adds: "I think parents cannot do it all. That's a real stereotype, and I think mothers get into that, Oh, God, I should be able to be with my kid all the time, and what's true is that you can't. So we built it in, that when we weren't able to be there for her needs, with her extended family, somebody would be there."

Lennie's extended family is made up of adults who keep her and take care for her on a regular basis. "Isobel keeps her every Sunday night," explains Marlene, and she has another aunt, a godmother, who keeps her every Monday afternoon for a few hours. Her godfather, Dick, keeps her Wednesday evenings.

"She has a straight godfather. Because more than likely, she's going to end up straight and marry a man. And the issue is, what kind of a man do we want her to use for a role model?" Lennie's godfather is "a wonderful man" who treats Lennie "like a person."

Lennie goes to The Atlanta School in Inman Park. Marlene and Brooke recommend it highly for lesbian and gay parents. "It's a wonderful school. We told them that we were lesbians. And they said they wanted a diverse background of kids and parents."

The staff and parents are accepting of Marlene's and Brooke's relationship: "We tell them who we are, and the school expects the parents to deal with it. And they have." Brooke explains: "I tell every parent who wants Lennie to come visit their kids. They

need to know that we're lesbians." Marlene adds, "Our gayness is not an issue at the school. I don't want Lennie—I mean, she's already female and black, and has lesbian parents. We don't want her going through any more shit than necessary. At this school, if she's called anything, they'll have a group meeting about it immediately."

Being Lennie's parents has changed Marlene's and Brooke's lives. "I don't know what we did before Lennie was around. We must have had a lot of free time!" laughs Marlene.

More seriously, Brooke says, "It's increased our paranoia. Our fear." They are concerned about possible legal difficulties: "Someone could take her away from us" explains Marlene. "Especially since Lennie is black and Brooke is white. So I've put it in my will and talked to my family, and they know that if anything happens to me, since I'm the one who has legally adopted Lennie, that Lennie belongs with Brooke."

Lennie knows she has two mommies, and calls them both "Mom" interchangeably. "We've explained that some kids have two daddies, and some kids have one daddy and one mommy, and some have one mommy," Brooke says.

Marlene and Brooke both agree that the changes in their lives brought by Lennie have been worth it: "We've cut down to the serious stuff," Marlene explains. "In an intimate relationship, if things get awful, you can always get out. But you can't get out with a child!" Brooke adds, "You're responsible. Period."

"Parenting is maybe the hardest thing, even harder than an intimate relationship. It's the hardest thing I've ever done. And I adore it!" says Marlene. Lennie throws herself on Marlene, giggling; Marlene hugs her, giggling too.

Gays and lesbians are often accused of being "opposed to family values." But many of us are creating new kinds of families, based not upon ties of blood and ancient concepts of heirarchy and ownership, but upon bonds of love, friendship and commitment. Marlene, Brooke, and Lennie are such a family.

- Charlene Ball

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The women of Atlanta Lesbian Agenda Conference Committee (ALACC) present a seminar series entitled "Anti-Racism through Prejudice Reduction: Promoting Racial and Cultural Unity" as part of their effort to plan for the 1991 National Lesbian Conference. Facilitated by Hattie M. Johnson-Nalls, Ph.D. Call 378-9769 for date, time and further information.



## Conference To Address Responsibility of Religious Community to AIDS

The Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network, Inc. and the AIDS National Interfaith Network has been joined by the Carter Center in hosting a national religious consultation, **AIDS - The Moral Imperative: A Call to National Leadership**. The conference is on December 4, 1989 at the Carter Center. Invited to this consultation are selected national appointed and elected religious leaders for discussion about a unified religious community response to the challenges posed by AIDS.

The Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network is proud to be a part of hosting this event and welcomes this opportunity to join with hundreds of other religious leaders to better focus our response to the most threatening health crisis of our lifetime.

On December 3, 1989, 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Philip the Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network and the AIDS National Interfaith Network invite your participation in

an Interfaith Service: A Service of Hope and Healing. This is your opportunity to worship and fellowship with religious leaders, both Christian and Jewish, from across the country. Take this opportunity to come and tell them in your own words how glad you are that they have come. We need the resources of the faith community in helping to meet the needs of people with AIDS, and American religious leaders through constituency education can inform the shaping of U.S. public policy.

A consultation and Interfaith Service of this kind has never occurred since the beginning of this epidemic. This unique opportunity should not be missed for you to express your ideas and concerns. Mark your calendar and bring friends along with you!

For more information on this event or the Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network, Inc. call 874-8686 or write to Reverend Kathryn Cartledge, 1053 Juniper St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30309.

## AID Atlanta Names New Social Services Director

Julia Strong, the current president of the Georgia chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, has accepted the position of director of Social Services at AID Atlanta, beginning immediately. The choice of Ms. Strong, announced by Sandra L. Thurman, AID Atlanta's executive director, was the outcome of an intensive search begun by the agency's directors and staff leaders in July.

Ms. Strong, a Licensed Social Worker as well as a member of the national Academy of Certified Social Workers, resigned her post as senior public health educator for AIDS projects in the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Office of Infectious Disease, to accept the position at AID Atlanta. Before joining Georgia's DHR in 1987, she had served as membership services director and as data management director of the Southeastern Network of Youth & Family Services, where she administered the largest regional data management project on runaways in the United States and oversaw delivery to 45 youth service agencies in eight states. In 1987, while with the Athens-based network, she founded AIDS Athens, organized its initial volunteers, facilitated development of its programs and organizational structure, funding and essential relationships with community leaders and service agencies.

She earned her Masters of Social Work degree at the University of Georgia School of Social Work, where she was president of the Student Faculty Committee, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Virginia School of Architecture,



**Julia Strong, Director  
Social Services - AID Atlanta**

where she was an Echols Scholar. While still an undergraduate, Ms. Strong was a volunteer administrator for a non-profit community adult education program in Charlottesville, VA. After graduation, she worked as a community planner in the Tennessee State Planning Office in Knoxville.

"We couldn't have found a better person for this position anywhere in the country," said Ms. Thurman. "She has all the professional qualifications we could hope for. And equally important, her heart is in this work. She knew what she was getting into, and left a job that was a lot more secure because she felt she was really needed here. We're so very lucky to have her on board."

## NAPWA Atlanta Notes

### • Aerosol Pentamidine Clinics Scheduled Every Wednesday at NAPWA

In October, the Grady Infectious Disease Clinic began scheduling aerosol pentamidine appointments at the NAPWA offices every Wednesday evening beginning at 5:00 PM. To find out more about scheduling your own appointment at the NAPWA location, contact Carla at the Infections Diseases Clinic at Grady, 222-2440.

### • PWAs' Understanding Ears Needed To Staff NAPWA Phones Day and Night

As the NAPWA offices become busier each night, PWAs are needed immediately to serve as receptionists and phone volunteers. A

daytime orientation will be offered on December 7 from 11:30 until 1:30. Training for peer counselors is scheduled for all day on Saturday, November 25, but volunteers are needed now to answer calls, welcome visitors and offer an understanding ear to callers who need to talk to another PWA. For more information, call the NAPWA office, 874-7926. For information about Peer Counseling training, ask for Tim Dwyer.

NAPWA Atlanta (National Association of Persons With AIDS) is located at 131 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite 233, at the corner of Ponce de Leon Avenue and Juniper Street.

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## Top Gov't AIDS Researcher Comes to ACT UP Meeting

Activists Seek Answers on Funding and New Drugs

by Cliff O'Neill

*New York*—The proverbial mountain came to Mohammed on October 19, when Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute on Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), arrived in Greenwich Village to talk with the Treatment and Data Committee of the New York AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP).

There, for three hours, the roomful of AIDS activists grilled the government's top AIDS researcher on everything from the future of AIDS drugs to the impending plateau of AIDS funds.

At the meeting, Fauci discussed what he saw as the eventual future of HIV treatment: a combination of five different therapies designed to interrupt the virus's life cycle at five stages of development.

"I don't think AZT alone is going to hold people," stated Fauci of the only federally approved anti-HIV drug. "We have an enormous clinical experience showing that it certainly benefits people, particularly [in] delaying the onset of symptoms in people who are in the early stages of their infection, but it doesn't [help] for an indefinite amount of time."

Fauci also defended recent AZT early-intervention drug trials against criticism that the trial data were never made available, and he offered to personally provide the data from the studies to the activists.

Also at issue was the method by which drugs are given priority in the experimental pipeline. ACT UP disagrees with some of the existing priority-setting practices. For example, activists at the meeting pointed to the fact that mid-level — rather than top-priority — status has been given to a drug seen as a possible treatment for MAI, a tuberculosis-like condition. MAI is common in AIDS patients who have been able to stave off the previously common PCP pneumonia with the now-approved preventative treatment, aerosolized pentamidine.

ACT UP members urged Fauci to include points of view of AIDS patients and activists in the priority-setting process. Fauci revealed that he has already submitted the names of two ACT UP members to the Department of Health and Human Services for inclusion on the priority-setting panel.

Activists also lobbied Fauci to give high priority to drugs that treat opportunistic infections commonly associated with AIDS, and to have the government routinely screen all drugs for possi-

ble effectiveness against AIDS-related infections. The National Cancer Institute now routinely screens a wide variety of drugs for possible effectiveness against HIV, but not against these infections.

ACT UP members urged Fauci to push for more research into opportunistic infections, particularly those that strike women and people of color with AIDS. They suggested that, because some HIV-infected people—particularly women and people of color—may be succumbing to infections that are not part of the Centers for Disease Control's current list of AIDS-defining infections, the CDC miscounts the number of AIDS cases and deaths. They urged Fauci to support expanding the definition of AIDS, something he said the CDC is "leaning towards already."

"I would like to see HIV be considered a disease itself," said Fauci. He added that asymptomatic HIV-infected people could someday be classified as having a disease with symptoms that run along a continuum ending with ARC and AIDS.

With AIDS funding increasing 26 percent this year over last year's levels, while non-AIDS funding increased only 3 percent, Fauci noted that members of Congress are becoming less willing to support continued large increases in health funding of any sort.

To draw attention to that problem, openly gay city-council candidate and ACT UP member Tom Duane urged Fauci to participate in or formally endorse a planned December 1 AIDS civil disobedience action in front of the White House. Fauci dismissed the suggestion as counterproductive, saying that although joining or endorsing the protest would make him a "hero" to AIDS activists, it would cost him needed clout to push for funds behind the scenes in Congress and in the White House.

Still, the suggestion exemplified how far ACT UP and AIDS activists in general have come from the time, little over a year ago, when Fauci was excoriated along with Food and Drug Administration officials as "guilty" of the deaths of thousands of AIDS patients.

"As a group, [scientists] generally think I'm sort of giving in to the activists, to the sense of listening to them too much," Fauci said at the meeting. "I think the reason they say that is not because they're intrinsically bad, it's because they're intrinsically not knowledgeable about what [AIDS activists] can contribute."

## GAPHR Urges Testing for HIV Status, Confidentiality Stressed

Whereas, the Georgia Association of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR) is dedicated to promoting better health care without discrimination for all people in our community; and

Whereas, the AIDS epidemic is the greatest health crisis of our time and creates much fear and anguish amongst our friends and patients; and

Whereas, the issue of "To Test" or "Not To Test" for the HIV antibody has created much controversy in the past; and

Whereas, we now have the good news that early detection and treatment may delay or arrest the onset of the AIDS illness or slow the progression of the disease; now, therefore, be it resolved that

The Georgia Association of Physicians for Human Rights recommends that anyone who feels that he or she may have been exposed to HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, be tested. And be it further recommended that the individual choose to do this in the most confidential manner possible by choosing either an anonymous testing site and/or a physician who is knowledgeable and sensitive about AIDS issues. If a person has tested positive, he or she should have their immune status monitored on a regular basis as recommended by their physician.

If a referral for an appropriate testing site or a physician is needed, the individual should contact one of the following organizations:

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## World AIDS Day Coalition Announces Major Civil Disobedience Action for Dec. 1st

*AIDS Service Providers and Advocacy Groups to Demonstrate at White House*

Washington, D.C.—The World AIDS Day Coalition, an ad hoc group of major lesbian and gay and AIDS service and advocacy organizations, have scheduled a major civil disobedience action at the White House on December 1, 1989. That day has been declared World AIDS Day by the World Health Organization.

The civil disobedience will call attention to the failure of the U.S. government to adequately respond to the AIDS epidemic.

The Coalition released "A Call To Action" demanding that the federal government recognize the health care and social service needs of people living with AIDS. "Only leadership at the highest levels of our government can assure that the second decade of this epidemic has an aggressive, fully funded plan of action," the Call to Action declares.

Executive Directors of organizations providing health services and advocacy for people with AIDS will lead the demonstration. Service providers are on the front line in the battle against the epidemic. Their civil disobedience and potential arrest will demonstrate the depth of dissatisfaction with the failure of the federal government to seriously address the epidemic.

The World AIDS Day Coalition has been formed by many of the most prominent organizations and individuals working on behalf of people with AIDS and HIV infection. Among them are the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Lambda Legal Education and Defense Fund, Mobilization Against AIDS, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Cleve Jones, AIDS Coalition to Network Organize and Win, the AIDS Action Council, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, and Project Inform.

Eve Faber has been named National Coordinator for the Coalition. For more information, please call (202) 332-6483.

### A CALL TO ACTION

People with AIDS and HIV infection and the individuals and organizations which join them in the struggle against the epidemic will recognize World AIDS Day, December 1, 1989, by gathering in Washington, DC and around the country. We will engage in a non-violent direct action in front of the White House at 12 noon to remind our nation's leaders that:

**THE HIV EPIDEMIC IS NOT OVER; AS MANY AMERICANS WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH AIDS IN THE NEXT FIFTEEN MONTHS AS WERE DIAGNOSED IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS; PROMISING NEW DRUG TREATMENTS WHICH COULD BENEFIT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS ARE STALLED BY GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY AND DENIED TO INDIVIDUALS BY PROFITEERING PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES; INCREASINGLY THE SPREAD OF HIV IS IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WHERE ACCESS TO BASIC HEALTH CARE HAS LONG BEEN A LIFE THREATENING PROBLEM; ONLY LEADERSHIP AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF OUR GOVERNMENT CAN COMMAND THE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE EVER-GROWING CRISIS.**

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Dry Kissing  
Body-to-Body Rubbing (Frottage)  
Telephone Sex  
Voyeurism  
Erotic Films, Videos, Books, Magazines  
Fantasy  
Exhibition

THEORETICAL: NONE  
EVIDENCE: NONE

Erotic Talk  
Unshared Sex Toys  
Nipple Stimulation (without drawing blood)  
Nibbling/Biting (without drawing blood)  
External Urination  
External Defecation  
Receptive Cunnilingus with Barrier  
Receptive Analingus with Barrier  
Insertive Analingus with Barrier

### Low Risk of Transmission of HIV

Wet Kissing  
Internal Urination (ingesting urine)  
Analingus without a Barrier  
Ingestion of Feces  
Insertive Fellatio without a Condom  
Insertive Fellatio with a Condom  
Receptive Fellatio with a Condom

THEORETICAL: YES  
EVIDENCE: NONE

Receptive Fessatio without a Condom  
No Ejaculation  
Insertive Cunnilingus without a Barrier  
Outside Menstruation  
Insertive Cunnilingus with a Barrier  
Receptive Cunnilingus with a Barrier  
Receptive Cunnilingus without a Barrier

### Moderate Risk of HIV Transmission

Insertive Cunnilingus without Barrier during Menstruation  
Receptive Fellatio without Condom and with Swallowing of Ejaculate  
Receptive Fellatio without Condom, Ejaculation without Swallowing  
Insertive Penile-Vaginal Intercourse with Condom

THEORETICAL: YES  
EVIDENCE: SMALL

Receptive Penile-Vaginal Intercourse with Condom  
Insertive Penile-Rectal Intercourse with Condom  
Receptive Penile-Rectal Intercourse with Condom  
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### High Risk of HIV Transmission

Receptive Penile-Rectal Intercourse without Condom  
Receptive Penile-Vaginal Intercourse without Condom  
Insertive Penile-Rectal Intercourse without Condom  
Insertive Penile-Vaginal Intercourse without Condom

THEORETICAL: HIGH  
EVIDENCE: HIGH

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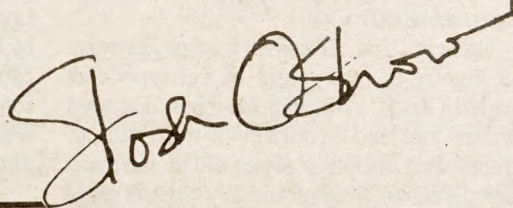
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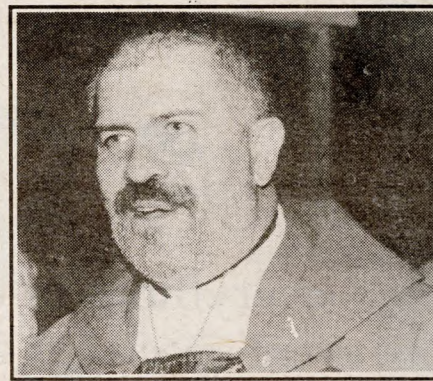
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## Gay/Lesbian Film Fest Attracts Audiences, Succeeds Artistically

by Dave Hayward

Atlanta's latest Gay and Lesbian Film Festival attracted over 600 people during the November 10th weekend, sold out several showings, and almost broke even. "We're moved by the support of the community and proud of a strong and exciting event" enthused Ruby Lerner, Executive Director of IMAGE Film and Video Center which produced the Festival with the Southeastern Arts, Media and Education Project (SAME).

Plans are already underway to produce another festival in 1990, hopefully screening more local work by gay community filmmakers. "Making our own statements in film and video is one of the next steps" declared SAME Executive Director Rebecca Ranson, encouraged by the excitement generated among audiences. "The Festival gave people ideas, people really discovered how they'd make their own statements differently" she added, or how they would emulate the "elegance and beauty" of one of the Festival's best received films, "Looking for Langston."

Lerner urges gays and lesbians to try IMAGE's equipment as well as their assistance in training and publicizing works. "I hope next year we'll be overwhelmed with local work!" Lerner forecasts. IMAGE charges \$35 for membership and \$25 annually to use equipment and space, along with individual rental rates.

The Festival offered an intriguing range of genres. Isaac Julien's "Looking for Langston" (1988) enthralled audiences with stream of consciousness vignettes about black poet Langston Hughes and Harlem's 1920s Renaissance. Filled with fantasy sequences "Looking's" technique is Gothic and tactile, unabashedly homoerotic but not explicit. Beautiful men urgently or languorously entwine to contemporary writer Essex Hemphill's graphic verse. Meanwhile "Looking" challenges whites eroticizing and then discarding blacks.

Michael Wallin's "The Place Between Our Bodies" (1975), screened at MCC Church at Atlanta's first gay/lesbian festival in 1978, shows just how long ago free love was. Compulsively cruising San Francisco's Polk Street and porn stores, the film flips to happy

hippies joyously coupling. Narration of a man on the make for new meat switches to a druggy dialogue between the lovers over "who's more sexually obsessed, man."

Paul Bettel's "Illegal Tender" (1986) is eleven years and light epochs away as its short-haired studs kiss on rooftops and in lofts while tornadoes and explosions superimpose over them. Whereas "Place" believes all you need is love, "Illegal" says we're under constant siege. It's the finer film, if melodramatic.

Mark Gaspar's glossy "An Empty Bed" (1988) harps on sad, lonely and grey gays. Bill Frayne (a mummified John Wylie) wanders Greenwich Village remembering the woman and the men he loved and rejected. It could be slick propaganda for Homosexuals Anonymous or a cautionary tale of how to become emotionally giving lest you die alone. Kevin Kelly is a sinuous fox on a rampage, and Dorothy Stinette is devastating as Bill's jilted now matronly girlfriend.

Finally four films about AIDS appeared with varying impact. England's "Bright Eyes" (Stuart Marshall, 1986) covers gay oppression via historical footage and usually awkward and stuffy dramatizations. Tedious with interminable interviews, "Eyes" does stress AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease only originally targeting gays. Canada's "Survival of the Delirious" (Balser/Fabo, 1988) creatively juxtaposes Cree Indian demons of destruction with our health crisis, but is diluted by amateur acting and cinematography.

However, Barbara Hammer's "Snow Job" (1986) concisely shows aimless headlines over snow patterns which brainwash the viewer with distortions about AIDS. Similarly Jerry Tartaglia's (1988) "A.I.D.S.C.R.E.A.M." intones "Good gays are monogamous and straight appearing, bad gays are promiscuous" as reverse negatives of gay sex flash by. Tartaglia finishes with home videos revealing "These are my dead friends," smashing home the horror that this illness and these cruelties happen to people.

As Ruby Lerner says about the Festival's intent, "This is a major city—this is a service we need to provide." That it does.

## MEDIAWATCH

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**That's (Not) Entertainment**

When is a bigot not a bigot? When he or she is a gay-basher, according to *Entertainment Tonight*.

On Sept. 22nd, *ET* carried a lengthy segment on bigotry in rock music by correspondent Garrett Glaser. Although the report discussed racism and anti-Semitism in the lyrics of groups such as Guns n' Roses and by rap musicians, it did not mention anti-gay lyrics in songs by these same groups.

In fact, *Entertainment Tonight* went to great lengths to avoid discussing homophobia as a form of bigotry that should be condemned. It quoted a line about "niggers" from Guns n' Roses song "One in a Million," but not an equally offensive line from the same song about "faggots" spreading AIDS.

Moreover, the report referred to articles that appeared in *Rolling Stone* magazine and in the *New York Times* about bigotry by rock musicians. *ET* failed to acknowledge that both articles discussed homophobia at length, in addition to racism and anti-Semitism.

Evidently, *Entertainment Tonight* doesn't think homophobia is a form of bigotry. Or perhaps the program is afraid of offending anti-gay bigots. Either way, they're guilty of the kind of prejudice they tried to report on. Complain to: David Nuell, Executive Producer, *Entertainment Tonight*, 555 Melrose Ave., Hollywood, CA 90038.

**Glamorous Lesbians**

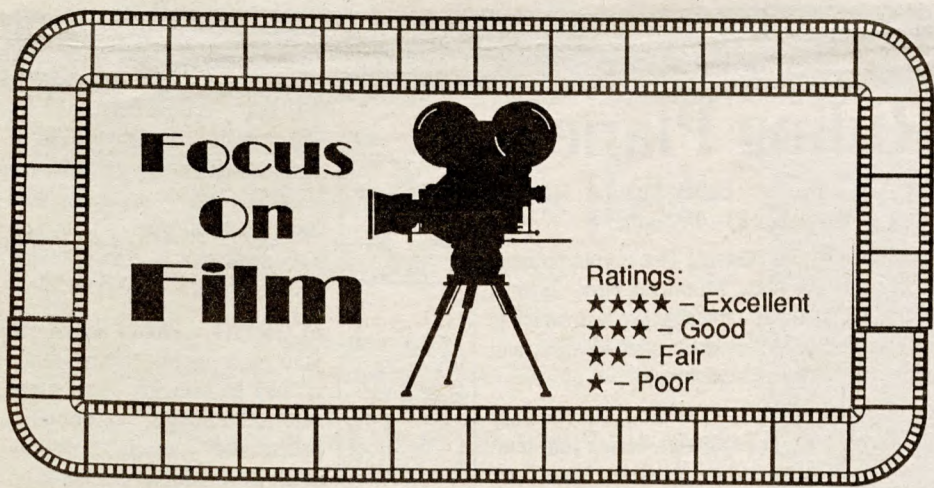
September's *Glamour* magazine carried one of the more sensitive pieces on lesbianism we've seen in a long time. The article, "Double Lives: What It's Like to Be a Lesbian Today," by Martha Barron Barrett, provided an intimate exploration into how society's homophobia forces many lesbians to lead double lives in order to protect themselves from violence and discrimination.

The article shared the lives of two couples: Taylor and Kate, and Lisa and Tara. Readers learned that the four women each have different philosophies about coming out to family and friends. They also learned a little about the mutual affection and sexual attraction that keeps the couples together.

Not bad for a magazine which at first appearance seems to be more interested in your skin pores than your psyche. We encourage you to voice your support for the article to: Ruth Whitney, Editor-In-Chief, *Glamour*, 350 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10017.

Founded in 1985, GLAAD is the only national organization devoted primarily to advocating for fair treatment of lesbians and gay men in the media. GLAAD would appreciate receiving copies of your letters. 80 Varick Street, Suite 3E, New York, NY 10013 (212) 966-1700.





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Ratings:  
★★★★ - Excellent  
★★★ - Good  
★★ - Fair  
★ - Poor

## Steel Magnolias: Clichés and Caricatures

★★  
by Terry Francis

Herbert Ross' *Steel Magnolias* is a peculiarly lucky film. Technically it's one of the shoddiest pieces of work I've seen from a major studio in recent years, yet it's bathed in the starshine of a likeable and skilled ensemble cast, who manage to partly overshadow the film's deficiencies in script and execution.

We are in Chinquapin, Louisiana. Windmill palms toss in the mild winter breeze. Inside a beauty parlor run by an affable blonde named Truvy (Dolly Parton), the lives of some of the town's women intersect, ebb and flow together, and are bolstered by each other's support. It's here at Truvy's Beauty Spot, which serves as a locus for these women's lives, that we come to learn their dramas and their dreams.

We meet M'Lynn Eatenton (Sally Field) and her daughter Shelby (Julia Roberts), who is shortly to marry. We watch as Shelby suffers an episode of diabetic shock, that is eased by her mother with sips of orange juice administered with soothing encouragement.

It's also at the Beauty Spot that we come to know Ouiser Boudreaux (Shirley MacLaine) and her best friend Clairee Belcher (Olympia Dukakis), whose relationship is characterized by a fond antagonism.

Completing the group are Truvy, married to the defeated, TV-absorbed Spud (Sam Shephard) and Annelle Desoto (Daryl Hannah), who oscillates between extremes of openness and repression.

*Steel Magnolias* is structured in a forward leaping, elliptical style more typical of theatre than film. But Robert Harling, adapting his own stage comedy to the screen, manages the transition with surprising ease.

The story is said to be based at least in part on fact, but Harling's treatment of these persons and the facts of their lives overflows in clichés and caricatures.

Still, his large cast serves him well and the material isn't without its share of wit and surprises. Dukakis, Hannah and MacLaine exaggerate pleasingly. And Dolly Parton and Julia Roberts, within the constraints of the superficial script, manage some depth. Disappointingly, Sally Field appears content to draw on past performances, and Shephard



Olympia Dukakis and Shirley MacLaine are fast friends in "Steel Magnolias"

and Skerritt simply do not play human beings.

The finest performance in the film is perhaps by the actress who makes the briefest appearance. Ann Wedgeworth plays the eccentric baker of Shelby's wedding cake, a bizarre confection in the shape of a gray armadillo with blood-red filling. Wedgeworth's presence in the film is luminous and transitory, no more than the spark of a firefly moments before dusk gives way to night.

As for the film's aforementioned shortcomings, the only word I can use is incompetence. In the wedding party sequence, several of the shots didn't match, screwing up the film's continuity. And in a set piece at Truvy's salon, the film cuts between the actors' faces each time they speak in rapid

succession, the equivalent of a pianist pounding a keyboard without tonal vibration.

Ross' direction here is not even up to the mediocre level of his homophobic *The Turning Point* (*Steel Magnolias* features a mild, but offensive joke stereotyping gay men).

And the whole of the movie is queasy. Shelby, whose doctors have warned her and her husband that a pregnancy might kill her, goes ahead and becomes pregnant. Leaving aside the film's celebration and sentimentalization of her decision, I couldn't help but wonder about the husband who would ask his wife to carry their child—after "that" discussion with her physicians. As the great Rainer Werner Fassbinder once said, sometimes "love is colder than death."

## FILM CLIPS

• "EAT A BOWL OF TEA" ★★★★★ Set in 1940s New York, our intrepid hero's dad bugs him to get his bride from China—which he does—and bring her back to set up house—which he does. He falls in love with the fair maiden which was not in his or anyone else's fortune cookie. The entire community gets involved and that's when the *real* fun and charm begins in this wonderful new film by Wayne Wang. Stars Russell Wong and Cora Miao.

• "COMMUNION" ★★★½ This film is about real life author Whitley Streiber's alleged encounter with extraterrestrials—which proves to be more than just one encounter. So much so that I'm waiting for snapshots of the author on planet Xmyrzig with his new found ambassadors-in-waiting. Good idea for a novel. Good idea for a film. So-so execution. Christopher Walken is good in the role of Streiber. Lindsay Crouse tries to co-star. Excellent photography. Excellent soundtrack.

— Candace Wiggins

• "THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS" ★★★½ — For the last fifteen years, practical Frank and sour Jack Baker (Beau and Jeff Bridges) have been working together as a two-piano duo, but their bookings have begun to slide and the brothers decide to spruce up their act. Enter Susie Diamond (the

drop-dead sexy Michelle Pfeiffer), who not only revitalizes the Baker's career, she awakens the need in Jack to connect personally with another human being and with his true love of art — jazz. The film's production design and sound recording are superb and Michelle Pfeiffer's rendition of "Makin' Whoopee" atop a grand piano leaves the movie audience in a smiling trance. Directed and written by the prodigious twenty-nine-year-old Steve Kloves, the film is a tough-minded romantic comedy that wears its melancholy heart glamorously on its sleeve.

• "THE BEAR" ★★★ — The French director Jean-Jacques Annaud ("Black and White in Color", "In The Name of the Rose") shows remarkable range in his selection of film subjects. His new film is about a young cub who falls under the protection of an immense male bear after his mother is killed in a rock slide. The film is a simple, direct account of what it means, literally, to be an animal in the wilds. Annaud gives us situations in which animals must fuse their instinct for survival with a corresponding skill for overcoming peril. Other scenes are magically self-contained in their beauty, including the cub's bafflement at the sight of a pond doused in moonlight.

— Terry Francis

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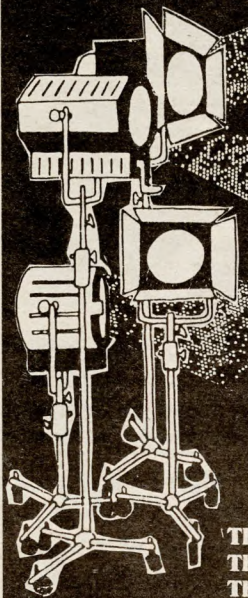
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## Ruling Planets

by Mary Bailey-Rule  
November 23 - December 6

Happy Birthday Sagittarians! This is your birthday month with the New Moon on Nov. 28th at 4:41am. Sagittarius is a mutable fire sign which is usually optimistic, enthusiastic, often idealistic and impulsive as well as adventurous.



**ARIES** - The Sun and Mercury are in Sagittarius, trining your birth sign and emphasizing your fiery and impulsive nature, so enjoy the extra energy, but check the territory before you leap.



**TAURUS** - Venus is in your 9th house of higher learning and travel, so consider taking vacation time or a class to brush up your skills. You may find the right person by doing something new and different.



**GEMINI** - With the Sun and Mercury in your 7th house of personal relationships, you may be more interested in finding a committed relationship. Just be sure you are ready for commitment too.



**CANCER** - Venus is in your 7th house, so don't be surprised at the attention coming your way. If you are considering a serious commitment, be sure this special person isn't just looking for another mom.



**LEO** - Jupiter is retrograde in your 12th house of visions/dreams and the Higher Self, so pay more attention to your dreams, intuition, and creative impulses. You have a prime opportunity for learning more about yourself.



**VIRGO** - Venus is in your 5th house of creativity and passion. Be ready to express yourself. Follow up on any creative ideas and consider making a few holiday presents for those special people.



**LIBRA** - The Sun and Mercury are now in your 3rd house of communication, so get in touch with any friends or family who have been on your mind. You may also want to start planning and saving for your next vacation.



**SCORPIO** - Pluto's activity in your 1st house of personal identity may be bringing about more internal change, so be very patient with yourself as well as others in your life who seem to be demanding right now.



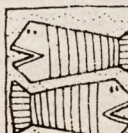
**SAGITTARIUS** - Happy Birthday! Remember, you are only as old as you think and feel, so banish the worries, and stay on a positive track. Celebrate yourself and consider updating your wardrobe.



**CAPRICORN** - With Venus in your 1st house and Jupiter in your 7th house, you could meet and enjoy wonderful new friends. Make time for friends and loved ones and try not to take your work home at night.



**AQUARIUS** - Rely on your intuition more and make time to reconnect with your Higher Self. You may need more personal time to be at peace with yourself and to deal with work challenges.



**PISCES** - Jupiter is busy in your 5th house of creativity and passion, so make time for creative expression and fun activities, especially with children. Also keep your eyes open for better career opportunities.

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## Dykes to Watch Out For



## bittersweet

by Charles Haver







FAMOUS FACES

Private Pee-Wee On Reserve

Have no fear, Private Pee-Wee now stands ready to defend the United States Of America. In their search for a few good men, the U.S. Marine Corps has made Pee-Wee Herman an honorary private in the U.S.M.C. Reserves. The diminutive T.V. star earned the honor for his work as chairman of the Marine's Toys for Tots Christmas campaign. Pee-Wee seems to be branching out in many directions these days. In addition to his military career, his Saturday morning "Playhouse" and his big screen "Big Adventure," he has designed a line of Pee-Wee clothes, Pee-Wee Christmas cards and Pee-Wee calendars. And look soon for "Pee-Wee Land," an amusement park near you.

Who Gets Bette's Bucks?

Blood relatives will receive none of superstar Bette Davis' fortune, according to the actress' recently disclosed estate plans. The money will be divided between Davis' adopted son, Michael Woodman Merrill and a woman named Kathryn Sermack. Sermack is described as Davis' "Friend, secretary and house-mate." The daughters and grandchildren of the screen legend with the mysterious eyes will not get a penny from the estate. Feuds among family members have lasted for years. Davis, for instance, never spoke to her daughter Barbara Hyman, after the 1985 release of Hyman's highly critical book "My Mother and Me."

Katharine Hepburn Calls Them Like She Sees Them

On the eve of her 80th birthday Katharine Hepburn was not about to start keeping her views to herself. On a number of interviews she said she likes Barbara Bush. In fact, said Hepburn, "It's too bad she isn't president." She explained women are in a hopeless position because "they're victims of an instinct that is stronger than any of us: sex." Hepburn declared her unfailing support for abortion rights, saying that her own mother - a suffragette - would be "absolutely disgusted if she were here." After 80 years, the energetic actress says she has much left to do: "there are 20 million books I haven't read, 20 million walks I haven't taken, and 20 million parts I haven't played." When asked about the hereafter, Hepburn said, "Death will be a great relief. No more interviews."

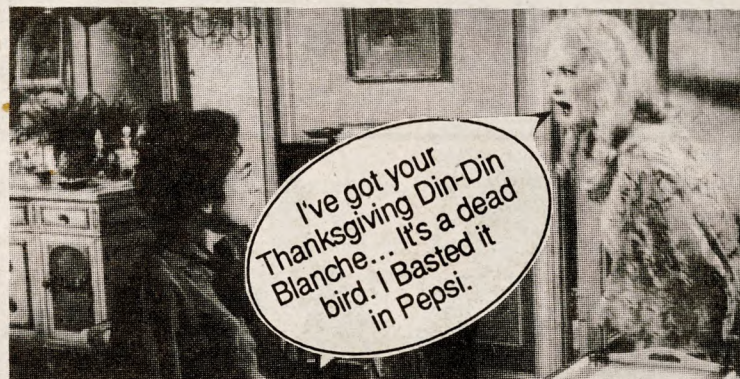
Richard Chamberlain on Aging

Growing older is not turning out to be as traumatic as Richard Chamberlain had feared. The sexy star of "Dr. Kildare," "Sho-Gun" and more recently, "Island Son" says he is proud of his 54 years. He did not always feel that way. Chamberlain confessed that during his 20's he hated the thought of growing old. Vanity was apparently at the core of the heartthrob's fears. He admitted he was obsessed with how he looked and old age was "terrifying." With a brand new philosophy, Chamberlain now says, "Our battle scars and our wrinkles, should be looked upon with pride."

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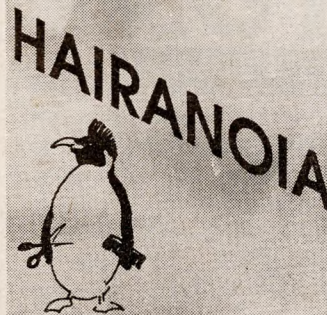
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Ronnie states, "We serve a community where the people know what doctors tell them, they know what they hear in church. This store offers people a choice in their struggle."



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**Ronnie Klein**

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Arlene Bianco, formerly of Buddies and many of your other favorite hot spots in Atlanta, welcomes you to Phoenix, country western bar. Since it's grand opening on October 12th, patrons have had the opportunity to experience its newly renovated interior and are looking forward to spring when the outdoor deck will be ready for monthly benefits, weekly BBQ's and a chance to enjoy the night air.

If you're looking for a Levi-Stetson dressed crowd where you're treated to country-western music and neighborhood hospitality then this bar, located at 567 Ponce deLeon, is the place for you to hang your hat and stomp your heels. As Arlene says, "My customers are like my family. I honestly think I'm one of the few people in town who won't tolerate a rude attitude from one of the staff." Put in a nutshell, what this means is the only attitude you'll find at the Phoenix is a "Howdy" and a "We're glad you're here!"



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## How do I fill out the Application Form?

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At first 191 questions may seem a bit overwhelming, but, in fact, filling out the Application Form is really not that difficult if you follow these four steps:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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### Geographical Area

- YES  OK  NO Atlanta area
- YES  OK  NO Remaining 404 call area
- YES  OK  NO 912 call area (Ga.)
- YES  OK  NO 704 call area (N.C.)
- YES  OK  NO 919 call area (N.C.)
- YES  OK  NO State of South Carolina
- YES  OK  NO State of Alabama
- YES  OK  NO Nashville/ Knoxville/615

### Type of Relationship

- YES  OK  NO Lover (monogamous)
- YES  OK  NO Lover (nonmonogamous)
- YES  OK  NO Buddy (sexual)
- YES  OK  NO Buddy (platonic)
- YES  OK  NO One night stand
- YES  OK  NO Romantic fling
- YES  OK  NO Affair
- YES  OK  NO Pen-pal

### Age Range

- YES  OK  NO 18-21
- YES  OK  NO 21-25
- YES  OK  NO 25-30
- YES  OK  NO 30-35
- YES  OK  NO 35-40
- YES  OK  NO 40-50
- YES  OK  NO 50+

### Build

- YES  OK  NO Bodybuilder
- YES  OK  NO Muscular
- YES  OK  NO Average
- YES  OK  NO Slim
- YES  OK  NO Stocky
- YES  OK  NO Heavy
- YES  OK  NO Very Heavy

### Height

- YES  OK  NO 5'6" or less
- YES  OK  NO 5'6" - 5'9"
- YES  OK  NO 5'9" - 6'
- YES  OK  NO 6' - 6'3"
- YES  OK  NO 6'3" or taller

### Hair

- YES  OK  NO Black
- YES  OK  NO Dark Brown
- YES  OK  NO Light Brown
- YES  OK  NO Auburn
- YES  OK  NO Red
- YES  OK  NO Strawberry Blond
- YES  OK  NO Blond
- YES  OK  NO White/gray
- YES  OK  NO Bald

### Eyes

- YES  OK  NO Blue
- YES  OK  NO Green
- YES  OK  NO Gray
- YES  OK  NO Hazel
- YES  OK  NO Brown
- YES  OK  NO Black

### Facial/Body Hair

- YES  OK  NO Smooth
- YES  OK  NO Clean Shaven
- YES  OK  NO Mustache
- YES  OK  NO Beard
- YES  OK  NO No body hair
- YES  OK  NO Smooth chest
- YES  OK  NO Hairy chest
- YES  OK  NO Very Hairy

### Race

- YES  OK  NO Caucasian
- YES  OK  NO Asian/oriental
- YES  OK  NO Black
- YES  OK  NO Latin
- YES  OK  NO East Indian

### General Appearance

- YES  OK  NO Very goodlooking
- YES  OK  NO Attractive
- YES  OK  NO Average
- YES  OK  NO Below average
- YES  OK  NO Yuppie/preppie
- YES  OK  NO Young executive
- YES  OK  NO Mature executive
- YES  OK  NO Trendy
- YES  OK  NO Collegiate/jock

### Dress

- YES  OK  NO Casual (t-shirt, jeans)
- YES  OK  NO Sometimes sloppy
- YES  OK  NO High fashion
- YES  OK  NO Semi-formal
- YES  OK  NO Drag

### Occupation

- YES  OK  NO Financially independent
- YES  OK  NO Self-supporting
- YES  OK  NO Nonself-supporting
- YES  OK  NO Unemployed
- YES  OK  NO Student
- YES  OK  NO Office/clerical
- YES  OK  NO Service/hospitality
- YES  OK  NO Sales
- YES  OK  NO Construction
- YES  OK  NO Technical
- YES  OK  NO Self-employed/entrepreneur
- YES  OK  NO Managerial
- YES  OK  NO Professional
- YES  OK  NO Health Care
- YES  OK  NO Entertainment arts

### Substance Use

- YES  OK  NO Smoker
- YES  OK  NO Non-smoker
- YES  OK  NO Heavy drinker
- YES  OK  NO Social drinker
- YES  OK  NO Non-drinker
- YES  OK  NO Non-drug user
- YES  OK  NO Light drug user

### Personality

- YES  OK  NO Assertive
- YES  OK  NO Easy-going
- YES  OK  NO Outgoing
- YES  OK  NO Publicly affectionate
- YES  OK  NO Not publicly affectionate
- YES  OK  NO Shy/reserved
- YES  OK  NO Very masculine
- YES  OK  NO Fairly masculine
- YES  OK  NO Somewhat feminine
- YES  OK  NO Very feminine
- YES  OK  NO Closeted

- YES  OK  NO Doorway
- YES  OK  NO Openly gay

### Social Activities

- YES  OK  NO Spectator sports
- YES  OK  NO Working out
- YES  OK  NO Movies
- YES  OK  NO Live theatre
- YES  OK  NO TV video
- YES  OK  NO Concerts
- YES  OK  NO Arts events
- YES  OK  NO Dining out
- YES  OK  NO Parties
- YES  OK  NO Bars dancing
- YES  OK  NO Cooking
- YES  OK  NO Travel
- YES  OK  NO Camping hiking
- YES  OK  NO Sailing/surfing
- YES  OK  NO Skiing
- YES  OK  NO Tennis/racquetball
- YES  OK  NO Swimming
- YES  OK  NO Cycling
- YES  OK  NO Music
- YES  OK  NO Photographer
- YES  OK  NO Painting art

### Beliefs

- YES  OK  NO Catholic
- YES  OK  NO Protestant
- YES  OK  NO Jewish
- YES  OK  NO New age
- YES  OK  NO MCC
- YES  OK  NO Very religious
- YES  OK  NO Somewhat religious
- YES  OK  NO Not religious
- YES  OK  NO Politically liberal
- YES  OK  NO Conservative
- YES  OK  NO Social democrat

### Sexual Preferences

- YES  OK  NO Kissing
- YES  OK  NO Cuddling
- YES  OK  NO J.O.
- YES  OK  NO French active





**\* AIDS SERVICES & EDUCATION**

All AID Atlanta support groups are free of charge, and most of them can work in newcomers any time. For meeting locations and other details, phone 874-6517 and ask for Karen Benjack, Support groups coordinator.  
 PWA's: Wed. 7:00-9:00 pm  
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 Lymphadenopathy / ARC: Mon. 7:00-9:00 pm  
 Family, Friends, and Partners I: Mon. 7:00-9:00 pm  
 Family, Friends, and Partners II: Wed. 7:00-9:00 pm  
 Bereavement: Mon. 7:00-9:00 pm  
 Worried Well: Tues. 6:00-7:30 pm  
 PWA in the family: Wed. 7:00-9:00 pm  
 AIDS Info Line: In Atlanta: 876-9944  
 Toll Free: 1-800-551-2728  
 TTY: 876-9950

**The People Project - Ready to assist PWA's in locating services that are available in the community. This is a people-for-people program. Call Ron at 371-0819 or the Atlanta Gay Center at 876-5372.**

**AIDS Information Line - 9AM-9PM weekdays, 9AM-5PM weekends for confidential, factual answers on risk, transmission, testing, medical and other referrals in Ga. and elsewhere. Atlantans call 876-9944, other Georgians dial toll-free 1-800-551-2728. Hearing-impaired callers access via TTY 876-9950. Spanish-speaking operators available. A service of AID Atlanta and the Ga. Dept. of Human Resources.**

**AIDS Care Coordinated is a new service for PWA's in need of housing and assisted living. Call for more info at 371-9433.**

**CIRCLE OF HEALING - 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings each month, 7:30-9:00. First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive (near Little 5 Points and Candler Park MARTA station). Meditation, guided imagery, group support. Free, open to all in need of a centering, healing experience, especially people dealing with HIV infection and those in recovery or therapy. Facilitated by Franklin Abbott with music by Beth York. Info: 378-5570, 10-2 weekdays.**

**ATLANTA GAY CENTER Clinic - M,T,W, 5:30-9:30 pm. Anonymous HIV antibody screening and treatment, \$15.00. Free STD screening. Arrive by 9:00 pm, please. Call 876-5372 for more information.**

**P.O.O.H. - Positive Outlook On HIV+ is a supportive network of HIV+ persons who share positive health attitudes and want to meet similarly oriented people for social and emotional interaction. For more information call 874-6102 or 351-1824.**

**The Cathedral of Faith Church family has instituted the good news awareness ministry which provides AIDS info, counseling and support group for people of color. Hotline 753-5114. Counseling also available for persons struggling w/drugs, alcohol, and homosexuality. "We love you and we are concerned about you." 1137 Avon Ave. SW, Atlanta, GA 30310. (V2, #20)**

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To Hagen & Kalan. Thanks for the intro.J.T.

My dearest Barney, I'm sorry I couldn't be with you in your time of need, but you know that you're always in mine and mommy's thoughts. R.R.

To A.B. Thanks for the memories. Love Sisterwoman.

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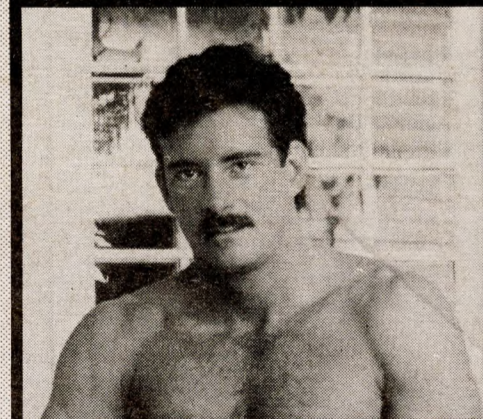
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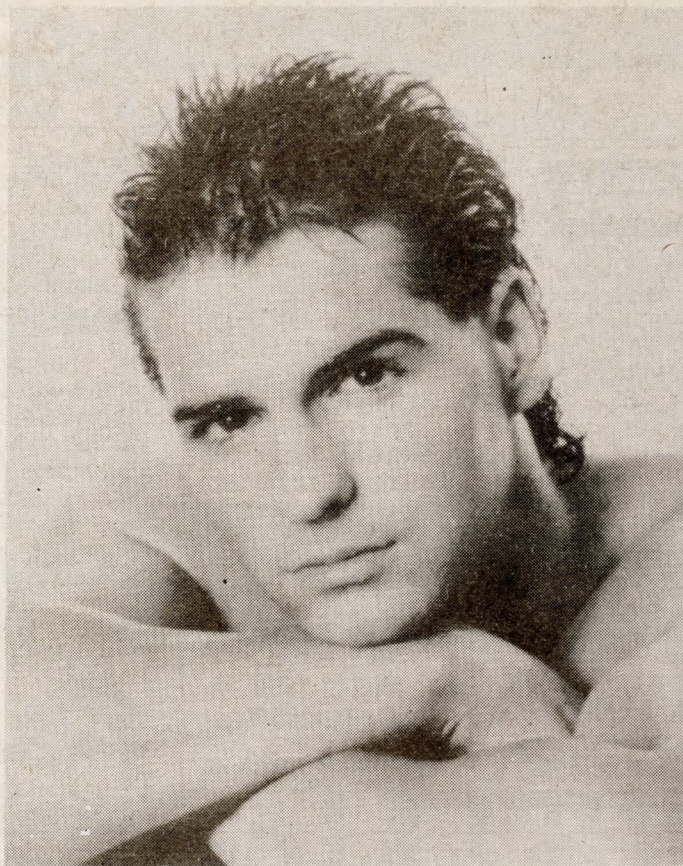
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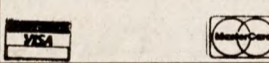
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