

The Year that Was

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Ten Resolutions

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THE LAW IS THE PERVERSION!

The Demonstration to Repeal the Sodomy Law Monday, January 8, 1990 Georgia State Capitol

Changes in Black Lesbian/Gay Group

Washington, D.C.—A recent article in Gay Community News reported that The National Coalition for Black Lesbians and Gays has accepted the resignation of executive director Renee McCoy. McCoy, a former pastor of Metropolitan Community Church in Harlem and founder of a church for Black Lesbians and Gays in Detroit, will be working for the Detroit Dept. of Health's AIDS Division.

The board is restructuring the organization as it continues to nurture local chapters and affiliates and to publish *Black/Out*. NCBLG may be contacted after January 1, 1990 at P.O. Box 19248, Washington, DC 20036.

O'Leary Resigns at Troubled NGRA

San Francisco, Calif.— Jean O'Leary, ace fundraiser and long-time lesbian politico, resigned as executive director of the National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) Dec. 4 amid a growing storm of controversy reports the Gay Community News.

In her letter of resignation, O'Leary said she thought "NGRA would be dealt a mortal blow" if the publicity surrounding the controversy – which she called "personal attacks" and "feeding frenzy in the press" – continued.

O'Leary's resignation is the latest in a string of staff changes that have involved the majority of the staff in the San Francisco and Los Angeles branches of the NGRA. At least eight staff members have quit or have been asked to resign in the last several months. As the internal controversy brewing at NGRA became more public, several ex-staff members told the press that O'Leary was the central figure involved in the problems at NGRA, and that her departure was necessary if the organization was to continue.

As more and more of the group's dirty laundry has been aired, public scrutiny has focused on a variety of issues, including NGRA's organizational priorities, its emphasis on and ethical standards for fundraising, and its bookkeeping methods, as well as O'Leary's management style and personal conducts.

At least part of the picture that has emerged is one of a non-profit organization that has experienced a huge amount of growth under O'Leary's fundraising wizardry. While no one has questioned O'Leary's ability to raise money, conflicts have arisen regarding the organizational resources devoted to development and the percentage of funds raised that directly support the group's legal work. In addition, criticisms have also been raised about the group's involvement in non-legal projects, especially since most of its fundraising appeals ask for money based on NGRA's legal work.

William Pratt, the director of operations at NGRA, said O'Leary's departure was entirely voluntary and that "Jean saw that the situation simply wasn't workable for her and the organization." O'Leary did not return GCN's call by presstime.

White said that O'Leary's departure represents the "end of an era for NGRA"— an era that has been marked by the group's becoming one of the most effective gay income-generating organizations in the country.

Lesbian Co-Parent Denied Custody Claim

Los Angeles, Calif.— A lesbian has lost a lawsuit for joint custody and visitation rights to a girl born to her former lover through artificial insemination with sperm from the plaintiff's brother, according to the Montrose Voice.

The plaintiff, Terri Sabol, sought the rights of a parent and even offered to pay child support.

Ruling Dec. 15 after a non-jury trial, Superior Court Judge Dana Henry said the case ventured into uncharted legal ground, and added, "it is absolutely imperative that the Legislature reexamine its laws."

"I'm shocked, really shocked," said Sabol, 33, the only party in the case who was publicly identified. The child was referred to as Baby B and her mother was identified only as Susan.

Sabol will appeal, said her attorney, Gloria Allred. "We believe that persons who are gay and lesbian have the right to be parents," Ms. Allred said. "Ms. Sabol became a parent in the only way that she could."

Allred argued that her client deserved parental rights under a legal doctrine that recognizes a parent-child bond between a child and person who acts as a parent but is neither the biological or adoptive parent. Henry ruled Sabol did not prove such a bond existed. The mother's lawyer, Glen Schwartz, said the ruling was consistent with State law.

Testimony showed Susan was the mother and Sabol's brother, Steve, who donated sperm for the artificial insemination procedure (performed by Ms. Sabol) was the father. Allred said Sabol supported her partner through her pregnancy and served as a parent until the women's relationship broke up in July 1988.

Scouts Bar Gay Dad

Raleigh, NC – Officials of the Boy Scouts of America have barred a Gay father from serving as a volunteer for his son's troop.

Richard Jernigan applied last month to be a staff volunteer with his son's troop. *Au Courani*, a Philadelphia Gay newspaper, reported that the Oconeechee Council of Boy Scouts in Raleigh ruled that Gays could not participate in scouting because the organization requires leaders to have "moral qualities necessary to lead young people."

A section of the Scout Executive's Manual states, "At the present time, the courts have determined that the Boy Scouts of America is a private membership organization, and homosexuals will not be allowed to participate."

A case pending in Los Angeles is contesting the Boy Scouts ban on Gays, arguing that although the Boy Scouts is a private organization, it has a significant public character and must follow nondiscrimination laws which apply in California.

Jernigan, said he would file a suit against the Boy Scouts. However, William Simpson of the American Civil Liberties Union in Raleigh told the *Blade* that no state or local law would give Jernigan grounds for a suit. Even if the Boy Scouts lost the case in California, Simpson said it would probably only affect jurisdictions which protect Gays in public accommodations, which North Carolina does not.



Question:

Do you intend to participate in ACT UP's January 8th Sodomy demonstration?



Jack McGee

I will not because a psychic once explained my lack of political activism as deriving from being an 18th Century French Nobleman murdered by fellow aristocrats due to my prorevolutionary stance. That said, I'm glad that ACT-UP will be there because someone needs to draw the legislature's attention to this issue.



Lenora Moffa, Gaia McCall Moffa

Yes, we will be there—at least my baby and I. My partner would like to go but the visibility could have a detrimental effect on her career. It's frightening that an act as private as sex between consenting adults can be legislated! What does "right to privacy" mean anyway? The demonstration gives me the opportunity to tell legislators my opinion.



Peter C. White III

No. I think the folks at ACT-UP are great, but I don't think their planned demonstration should take place just now. There are people working within the system trying to change this unfair law. Give them a chance. If the legislature refuses to cooperate, then go for it.



John Kappers

I'll have to miss the demonstration on Monday, but I'll definitely be at the CDC on Tuesday. When I demonstrated at the Supreme Court in '87 I didn't have the misconception that it would change any of the laws immediately, but it did send a clear message that we weren't going to sit back and accept their decision, that the law must change



Patricia Jackson

Yes. Our government is not satisfied with controlling *public* displays of affection between lesbians and gay men. It has forced itself into the privacy of our lives where it offers only restrictions and condemnations, not support, in our "pursuit of happiness." If we do not act up when our civil rights are violated, we might as well enchain ourselves, snap on the locks and swallow the keys.



Sue and Dave Warren

Georgia's outdated sodomy law seems like an attempt to legislate Judeo-Christian/Victorian morality. We live in a time when the far right is doing everything in its power to wrest away the gains made by the civil, women's and gay/lesbian rights movements. We need to contact our representatives and mobilize public demonstrations. The abortion issue has put politicians on the hot seat. We need to show the power of our numbers.

SODOMY:

Same Cause, Different Fight

by Gareth Fenley

Chris Hagin is wishing for bad weather on January 8. That's the day his neighbor Chip Rowan plans to confront the reconvening Georgia legislature with a demonstration on the Capitol steps. Although these two gay men are both working to repeal the state's sodomy law, one sees it as a professional insider's job, while the other believes in stirring up public outrage. They explain their strategies in exclusive interviews with *Southern Voice*.

Chris Hagin Registered lobbyist, Georgia General Assembly

Real political decisions are made by a small number of people. You handle things very quietly, very simply, behind closed doors. We pulled off a coup on the AIDS bill that we got passed two years ago—we outwitted and outsmarted the opposition. There were only about 25 players involved, and even that was too many.

Four people who were involved with the passage of the AIDS bill are also working with me on the sodomy bill. Some are straight and some are gay. Two are paid lobbyists, and two are members of the General Assembly. The groundwork on this has been going on for about four years.

An outright repeal of the sodomy law will not happen. But we have influential members of the General Assembly on our side. Until ACT UP announced their demonstration, the plan was to amend the statute to make an exception for consenting adults. This would effectively repeal the sodomy law. Beginning

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Chip Rowan
Legal coordinator, ACT UP/Atlanta
Action facilitator for the January 8
demonstration

I hope that our January 8 demonstration at the Georgia Capitol will kick off a national movement to repeal sodomy laws. It will be a national demonstration, with people invited to attend from Birmingham, Nashville, Orlando, Savannah, Dallas, New York City, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will be represented.

Georgia is an appropriate place to start because we have the most notorious sodomy law in the country, and it's still being enforced. The *Hardwick* decision made Georgia's law the symbol for sodomy laws in all 26 states that have them. We're going to raise the issue in a very public way. We want to get people to discuss it, and eventually have an impact on legislators. There will be follow-up actions through the session; we'll be planning those later on

Standing alone, a demonstration is not going to repeal the sodomy law. It will raise the issue

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1989, The Year That Was ... Is history just a "joke of questionable

by Gary Kaupman

1989. The final year of the decade. The year that Bush replaced Reagan. The year that Georgia AIDS cases exceeded 3000. And the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, the event generally accepted as the beginning of the lesbian and gay rights movement's current history.

Abraham Lincoln suggested that we cannot escape history and that we "will be remembered in spite of ourselves." Philosopher Joseph Schumpeter offered a different take when he quipped that "...history sometimes indulges in jokes of questionable taste." Henry Ford simply called it "more or less bunk."

All are probably right. But we're inclined to go with Lincoln.

In that spirit here's a list of some of the local events that contributed to the history of Atlanta's gay and lesbian community circa 1989. But because we are a community of tremendous diversity and one that cherishes privacy, it's also a list that is as notable for its omissions as it is for the events that it recounts.

AIDS

March

· In a last minute maneuver lobbyists at the legislature were able to secure passage of a bill that would extend Medicaid coverage to persons (including PWA's) who receive Social Security Disability Income. Especially important for Georgia PWA's not served by Grady, the program doesn't go into effect until April 1, 1990 and only one quarter of funding was approved. Call your legislators and demand that funding be extended.

- · ACT UP/Atlanta with support from New York and Boston activists zaps the South Carolina Legislature in protest of their repressive AIDS legislation. S.C. activists claim the action is at best counter productive. Privately, what they say is scathing. Forty-one are arrested but the laws aren't changed.
- · The Metropolitan Community Foundation released the first \$500,000 of what is expected to be \$2 million in grants to local AIDS organizations. Approximately half the money comes from the Ford Foundation, the rest is raised locally with Heartstrings providing a lion's share. Large as it is, the half million is only a drop in the ever deepening AIDS bucket.

- · After more than a year of heated battle about his competence, demeanor and general suitability for the job, AID Atlanta Executive Director Buren Batson is out the door. The agency has never fully recovered from the divisive departure of previous Director Ken South and its future looks grim.
- · Eight members of the Board of AID Atlanta resign and former Development Director Sandra Thurman is appointed as Acting Director. Survival of the agency remains in doubt.
- · AID Atlanta's back in the news claiming a "severe cash flow crunch" has caused the agency to lay off one-third of its paid staff and saying that it may have to close its doors by September 30 if close to \$150,000 cannot be raised by that time. An anonymous donor offers to kick in \$1 for every \$2 the agency raises before the end of



Ding Dong, Buren's gone.

· Once again, panels from the ever expanding N'MES Project Quilt are shown in Atlanta. or the names of Georgia residents who

ha. September

- · Heart Strings, Atlanta's glitzy, mainstream AIDS Fundraiser, has gone national. This year's show premiers in Atlanta and will tour to 35 cities across the country ending up in the Big Apple in March of 1990. Promoters hope the tour will net \$4 million in funds for direct care
- Project Open Hand is one of 30 local charities who benefit from A Cause for Celebration at Macy's Lenox. Not yet a year old, Open Hand is already feeding over 100 PWA's daily and garnering great P.R.

October

- Sandy Thurman, who has been Acting Executive Director of AID Atlanta, has been appointed Executive Director. Under Thurman, whose style is tough but gracious, the beleaguered agency appears to be on the road to recovery.
- · The Atlanta AIDS Research Consortium is the only such group in the Southeast to be awarded a grant from the NIAID as a member of that agency's new Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS initiative. The grant is for \$307,000 and will be used for drug trials on numerous stages of HIV disease. ACT UP protests are given part of the credit for NIAID's establishment of the CPCRA program.

· Mr. Carter's Presidential Center which has caused more than a little distress to local activists because of it's position on the dread Parkway redeemed itself a bit by co-sponsoring a national religious consultation: AIDS-The Moral Imperative: A Call to National Leadership. Could something on homophobia be in the works, too?

Community

January

· The contingent of 80 or so mostly white gay men and lesbians marching in the 4th Annual Martin Luther King Day Parade was larger than ever before, but participants continued to note their fear at the amount of hostility directed toward their number.

March

• Fourth Tuesday presents it's first Business Expo, a task formerly handled by the Atlanta Business and Professional Guild. Despite a truckload of bumps and pot holes in its re-organizational process, or maybe because of them, the lesbian professional and networking organization continues phenomenal growth.

- · Amidst controversy about when, how and a pelthora of other planning issues, organizers agreed to hold the first ever National Lesbian Agenda Conference in Atlanta in 1991. Sounds like a whole lot more fun than the Demo's or the Olympics to us, but will the Atlanta Visitors and Convention Bureau be as happy to hear about it? April
- · PWA Joe Tomlin, volunteer and Board Member of AID Atlanta and Project Open Hand died of the disease that he spent his last several years fighting with style. Rest peacefully, Joe.
- · The Atlanta Gay Center, Commissioner of Public Safety George Napper and the Lesbian/Gay Police Advisory Board are embroiled in a battle par excellence over the severity of hate crimes directed against gays and the way to deal with the problem. Nobody wins.
- · In a well intentioned but poorly orchestrated move, representatives from the Georgia DHR presented MACGLO with a plan that would promote the foster parenting of HIV positive babies by lesbians and gay men. DHR, however, was unable to offer protection from homophobic harassment for the families thus created. Nice try.

· AIDS activists and their supporters pack the glitzy new City Council chambers for a Zoning Review Board Hearing on Jerusalem House, a proposed residence for PWA's located in posh Druid Hills. When the smoke clears, easy approval follows. The much needed housing is in operation by fall. An excellent example of how good planning and a just cause can overcome severe opposition. Congrats to all.



Pam Martin's smiling face and unique activism - both departed in '89

- · Pam Martin, recently moved from Atlanta to Minneapolis, dies one day after her 43d birthday from complications caused by an intestinal tumor. Well known locally for her work with ALFA and Fat Dykes, the interminably cheerful Martin was a veritable fount of radical ideas and action.
- Family and friends of gay/lesbian and neighborhood activist John Howell who died of AIDS last year, gather in a pouring rain as a park is officially dedicated in his name. It is the first dedication of public property to an openly gay person in the city of Atlanta. As ceremonies draw to a close, the clouds part and sun reigns down. Thanks, John.
- For the sixth time in as many years, thousands of lesbians, gay women, dykes, feminists and wimmin' gathered in the North Georgia mountains for a weekend of workshops, comedy, song, bare breasts and other fine fun.

- · Two hundred and fifty plus lesbians and gay men gathered for the second annual Pride Prom at the Inman Park Trolley Barn. Such costumes!
- Three weeks of varied and exciting Pride activities are capped by a National Day of Mourning on June 30th, the all too recent anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in the Hardwick Case. Movement on Georgia's neolithic sodomy statute

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Nikoli came from South Africa but few heard his message.

appears to be far, far away.

• Ray Kluka long time gay/lesbian activist, friend of the community and associate editor of *Etc.* magazine died of complications from AIDS. Kluka was also well known for his neighborhood activism. His wit and conscientiousness will be sorely missed.

July

• Three years after they whalloped us with *Hardwick*, the US Supreme Court is back with another scary decision, this time throwing decisions on abortion into individual states' laps. Local gays and lesbians continue to be prominent among those marching in protest of the decision which is seen as an erosion of the same privacy rights so important in sodomy cases.

August

- The Dr. Ruth of Dykedom, therapist JoAnn Loulan, is in town for a series of workshops on various aspects of relationships and lesbian sexuality as well as "an evening of Provocative Humor and Lesbian Education." We like the idea of laughing while you learn—especially about sex!
- The Hotlanta River Expo is back, bigger than ever with more than 5000 participating in a week of fun and frolic climaxed by the campiest day of Chattahoochee rafting seen in a long, long time. Charles Pierce headlines the Mr. Hotlanta pageant; John Howard wins the title.
- But not all is fun and games as, at The Hotlanta Silver Ball, members of ACT UP Atlanta are prohibited from distributing safe sex info and condoms and threatened with arrest. Southern Voice's Viewpoints page is filled with letters, pro and con for several issues.
- The Hotlanta Volleyball Classic III drew 20 teams to Atlanta as preliminary to a national competition planned for later in the year. The Atlanta Peach Fuzz made it to the semi-finals, but Tampa and D.C. went home winners.
- The Thirteenth Gay Softball World Series is in town for five days of competition among 60 teams (including 5 from Atlanta) from the US and Canada. Expectations are high for several Atlanta teams, but the trophics go to ballers from Chicago, L.A. and San Francisco.

September

- Simon Nikoli, a gay South African antiapartheid activist, visited Atlanta. The City named a day in his honor, but poor publicity produced a minimal turnout for Nikoli's Atlanta appearance.
- ACT UP Atlanta startled opening day crowds at the Atlanta Arts Festival when they zapped the event with a demonstration focused on the pitfalls of AZT. But is it art? Probably not the kind that the organizers had in mind!

October

- Local activist Cathy Woolard adds yet another title to her list of many as she is chosen by HRCF to direct its constituent mail pressure program in the Southeast. Woolard at HRCF? The times they are a changin'!
- Plans for MACGLO's second annual full page

National Coming Out Day ad in the Atlanta J/C fizzled and then flopped. A barrage of letters followed this paper's editorial suggesting that poor planning was the culprit. What's up for next year, guys?

November

- Charis Books and More in Little Five Points celebrated its 15th Anniversary. Amazing? No, maybe more like wonderful.
- MACGLO surprised nearly everyone by voting 11-9 to table a proposal that the organization become a member of Georgian's for Choice, whose members include NOW, Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, The SCLC and the YWCA. The motion passed at MACGLO's December meeting.

Enemies

January

 White supremacists and other such charm school graduates marched in Atlanta. Their number was far smaller than the battalions of police and National Guard that protected them. Gays and lesbians were among the counterprotesters, but enraged rock throwers surprised all with their violent reaction and captured most of the media.

April

• Active community member Gary Piccola, Ph.D. died of AIDS and his partner Chuck Rose attempted to have himself listed as a survivor in Piccola's obituary in the *Atlanta J/C*. The *J/C* added to Roses's grief by refusing to grant that courtesy on the grounds that Georgia doesn't recognize same sex marriages. The issue brought up numerous questions about how AIDS deaths are handled in the *J/C*. Most remain unanswered.



Hot, Hot, Hot. John Howard is Mr. Hotlanta

August

Remember Citizens for Public Awareness?
 Well, those self-appointed guardians of public morality are back in the news with rumors that they will soon mount another attack on the sexual orientation portion of City of Atlanta's non-discrimination policy. Believe it when you see it: tougher legislation makes it almost impossible to get enough signatures on repeal petitions that are hate motivated.

October

• In an attempt to remove herself from a controversy that invokes words like "anti-male" and "pro-feminist" and that frequently devolves to an attack on lesbianism, Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center of DeKalb, Sherry Siclair has resigned that post. Much press, but little resolution will follow.

November

 Poor Lillian Webb. If she didn't have problems enough already with angry Gwinnett residents who want her recalled for excessive junketing, now she gets zapped by ACT UP for saying that she would be repulsed if she had to work with someone who has AIDS. County Commission Chair Webb, you give new meaning to the word "repulsive"

• The Synagogue Council of Atlanta voted to reject Congregation Bet Haverim's application for unconditional membership. Seems the issue is whether the synagogue will be called a "Reconstructionist Gay and Lesbian Synagogue" or a "Reconstructionist Synagogue with Special Outreach to the Lesbian/Gay Community." Is that like a Jewish Synagogue or a Synagogue for Jews?

Law

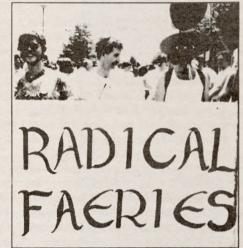
February

- The Georgia Insurance Commission released a regulation that prohibited insurers from asking questions about their potential customers' sexual orientation, living arrangements, occupation and Zip Code. Good move guys, but if you don't know my Zip how's the Post Office gonna' bring the check?
- A Fulton County Probate jury upheld the will of David O'Shields who had died of AIDS the previous May. O'Shields father and brother challenged his will claiming that he was mentally incompetent from "parasites on the brain" when they discovered that David had left the bulk of his estate to a friend. Score one for us.

June

 Leigh VanderEls won a major victory in her three year long battle to regain custody of her son when Clayton Superior Court Judge Boswell removed the original trial judge, William Ison, from the case because Ison admitted that he had granted a change in custody based solely on the fact that VanderEls is a lesbian. Currently,

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VanderEls awaits word from Boswell on whether or not she will be granted a new trial.

October

• Greg Scroggins was found guilty of attempted murder because he bit a Cobb County police officer who was choking him. Scroggins who is HIV positive and taking AZT was denied his medication during the early part of his incarceration. He called the jury's verdict a hate crime against homosexuals. ACT UP Atlanta protested, but Scroggins remains in jail and other gays continue to live quietly in Cobb.

In the next issue, Gary Kaupman takes a look at Counterculture and Politics as they took shape in the lesbian and gay community during 1989.



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Staff Editorial

Much Ado About Marching...

To demonstrate, or not to demonstrate. For a substantial part of what we might, for want of a better term, call the politicized portion of the lesbian and gay community that is the question. At least this week

At noon on Monday, January 8th, ACT-UP plans to zap Georgia's State Capitol Building with what it hopes will be a large and angry mass of humanity demanding repeal of our fair state's draconian sodomy law. The action here is part of a series of demonstrations nationwide that is intended to focus public attention on the need to change sodomy statutes in the 25 states (and D.C.) that still criminalize the way most gay, lesbian and even straight folks have consenual sex in the privacy of their bedrooms.

If there is a gay man or lesbian in Georgia who thinks decriminalizing the way we make love is a bad idea, we haven't met that person.

ACT-UP uses its creative spirit along with tried and true organizing techniques to empower those who participate and to attempt to affect change. Its track record on empowerment is admirable. And sometimes its actions do produce the desired results; witness Circle K and NIAID's community research initiative. Chip Rowan offers documentation in Gareth Fenley's article on page 3.

We have, however, heard from a very vocal segment of our community that ACT-UP's demostration is at best counter-productive and at worst downright dangerous. Some who espouse this point of view are highly closeted and frightened people who wrongly fear that when society sees openly gay/lesbian folks that it also sees those who remain hidden. That's a delusion created by oppression, often selfoppression. In all but the most extreme cases it is we alone who control our closet doors.

But also among the vigorous opponents of this demonstration are some of our most tireless and dedicated workers. They are folks who believe that the road to equality is paved with accomodation and negotiation, not confrontation. Independent lobbyist Chris Hagin makes a well documented case for working inside the system in Fenley's piece.

Both sides want the same thing and both have good strategies. Why can't they work together on this important issue?

Hagin provides the answer when he says, "real political decisions are made by a small number of people...behind closed doors....about 25 players involved and that was too many." The very nature of politics—especially in Georgia—precludes the empowerment of large numbers of people. Our elected officials frequently form closed clubs to which few of us have real access.

Working inside the system may get us favorable legislation, but invariably it is others, not we ourselves, who make that happen. Laws passed this way too often leave us with a vaguely hollow feeling—like the kid who wanted to mangle the bully across the street but whose father wound up doing battle with the bully's father in his stead. Feminists blame it on the patriarchy. Leftists might call it elitism. Whatever the handle, it's a fact of life in our political system. If you're not one of the inside elite, the feeling of powerlessness gnaws away at your innards almost as strongly as the offending law does.

ACT-UP's Chip Rowan has made more than one reference to the efficacy of massive direct action in Eastern Europe. It would be nice if the analogy held up in this case, but it doesn't. The Poles, Romanians and their neighbors are trying to change an entire system of government, not a law or two.

Many gays and lesbians feel that the only way we'll get what we want is to mimic those

actions, change the whole damn system. Be that the case or not, ACT-UP's sodomy demonstration isn't going to overturn Georgia's government; every fag and dyke in the state camped on the Capitol steps for a month wouldn't get that done in this century.

Does that mean that we think the accomodationists/mainstreamers are right and the direct action/ACT-UP folks are all wet?

Southern Voice happily supports both sides. Were there other strategies for elimination/modification of the sodomy law in the offing, we'd probably offer a thumbs up on them

Complex as the issue may seem, it can be reduced to fairly simple terms: In the end it will be lobbyists like Hagin who get the law changed. And lawyers will probably have to defend that change. But it's only through actions like those planned by ACT-UP that future lobbyists and lawyers become sufficently educated and empowered to work within the

Equally important is the fact that participation in such demonstrations allows us to feel like we are part of the answer rather than victims mired in the problem.

And don't believe the doom mongers on either side. This country and the gay/lesbian movement have a long history of give and take between direct action and deals made in private, smoky rooms. This isn't the end of the world or the rift that killed the movement.

It has been almost four years since the Supreme Court forced the bitter pill of Hardwick vs Bowers down our throats. The fact that not one, but two strategies have finally emerged to deal with the issue strikes us as cause for celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KKK To March This Week

A white supremacist bombing/terror campaign has left a federal judge and a Black civil rights attorney dead, with other live bombs found in another courtroom and the Jacksonville office of the NAACP. Adding insult to murder, the Ku Klux Klan is planning to demonstrate in Atlanta on January 6 and 20th with the obvious intent to vilify Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

The racist bombings demonstrate that the Klan's words lead to real physical attacks against Black people, Latinos, Gay people, Jewish people - or lawmakers who rule against the

Demonstrate against the KKK on Saturday, January 6 at the State Capitol. Gather at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Washington Avenue between Mitchell and Trinity.

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How a Bill Becomes a Law in Georgia

1. Idea

A. Conceived by individual legislator B. Conceived by Study Committee, Ad Hoc

Committee, Interim Committee

C. Conceived by citizen or citizens group D. Conceived by special interest group or

2. Drafting

A. Drafting by any of above mentioned groups or individuals utilizing private legal resources

B. Drafting by legislative counsel on behalf of individual legislator of legislative com mittee (or subcommittee)

C. Copied after legislation used in other states

3. Introduction

A. Filed with Clerk of House of Representatives

B. Interested persons testify, for and against C. Committee votes with several options

1. Recommend "do pass" for bill in original form

2. Recommend "do pass" for bill with com mittee amendment

3. Recommend "do pass" for bill as sub stitued by committee

4. Recommend "do not pass" for bill either in original form or in amended or sub stitued form

5. Pass bill with no recommendation

6. Hold bill/no action

5. Bill (if given "do pass" recommendation) Returned to House

A. Placed on calendar

B. Called by Speaker for third reading and

C. Bill debated on floor (may be amended or substituted on floor by majority vote

D. Bill passed or defeated by majority vote. (If bill is tax measure or if constitutional

amendment resolution, 2/3 vote required for passage)

6. To the Senate

Bills passing the House, in whatever form, are transmitted to the Senate where a similar process takes place

7. Return to the House

A. Any Senate amendment, either in com mittee or on the floor, requires House approval. The bill then comes back to the full House for a vote, bypassing the com mittee on this step. If the House concurs with the Senate amendment in its entirety, the measure is finally passed and sent to the Governor. If the House disagrees with the Senate amendment or changes any other language (or both) the bill is assigned to a conference committee com posed of 3 House and 3 Senate members

B. Conference committees may rewrite the entire bill although the usual procedure is to work out the differences on the conflict

C. The conference committee report is read to the House (likewise the Senate) which either accepts or rejects the conference report. If accepted, the bill is finally passed. However, if either chamber rejects the conference report, the measure is either assigned to a new conference committee or allowed to die

8. Bill Goes to the Governor

A. Governor may veto (kill) or sign into law

1. He has 6 days during session to act on

2. He has 40 days after session to act

3. Bills not acted on become law automati cally

9. Veto Override

The General Assembly, by a 2/3 vote, may override the veto of a Governor. If this occurs, the measure becomes law.

Legislative Tip Sheet

How to find out

1. Who your legislator is:

Write to: Senate Public Information Office or House Public Information Office, State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334

Ask for a copy of Members of the Georgia General Asembly or contact the Voter Registration office at your local county courthouse. Look in the phone book under your county government.

2. Who is on what committe:

sion in early January.

Contact Senate or House Public Information Office for a copy of Members of the Georgia General Assembly* *This booklet is available in updated ver-

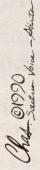
3. When a committee is meeting:

House of Representatives: Speakers's office -656-5020, Senate: Secretary of the Senate - 656-5040. Committees are seldom scheduled until the day that they meet, just prior to adjournment of the House or Senate sessions. Adjournment is usually at 2p.m. at the earliest.

4. For a copy of a bill, or the recorded vote on a bill call Secretary of the Senate, 656-5040 or Clerk of the House, 656-5015. Be sure to specify the correct number of the bill, and whether it is a Senate bill (SB) or a House bill (HB).

5. To leave a short message for your legislator during the General Assembly call 659-1100. The toll-free telephone numbers are: House, 1-800-282-5800; Senate, 1-800-282-5803. The 1986 General Assembly will begin on January 13.





Writer Questions CL's Right to Sensationalize

To the Editors, Creative Loafing:

In its December 16 issue, Creative Loafing used as its lead story an article entitled "A House Divided: Women Vs. Women," by Elfriede Kristwald. Kristwald's article is a tabloid type piece, a supposed "exposé" of how badly some women act who are in "positions of power."

As a writer, I'd been aware since summer that CL planned this sort of article. In August I was asked to write an article for CL – to be scheduled for an October issue to coincide with National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The article was to be on battered women, and I was also asked to check out the "controversy at the Women's Resource Center in DeKalb County."

After I'd done over 10 interviews, most of them with battered women, I met for a discussion with two of the editorial staff at CL. The meeting was a disaster, and I left it knowing that I would not be writing the story, because, in a nut shell, I considered the approach outlined by the staff to be "yellow," misogynist, and harmful to the efforts to end violence against women.

To make a long story short, in that meeting, a subsequent meeting, and in several phone conversations, it became clear that CL had no intention of chasing a story. The goal was to chase a headline. Before the first interview was ever conducted, it had been decided by at least a part of CL's editorial staff that, "The story is how women in positions of power ape their oppressors."

Surely there are men who have fired employees, others who've left the air-conditioning running all night, and men and women directors of agencies whom not every one likes. But CL chose a woman director of a battered women's shelter for its focus. Before the first line had ever been typed, Sherry Siclair, the director of the

Women's Resource Center who resigned in October, had been targeted.

Some of the statements made to me by one of the editorial staff of CL included: "Things like Domestic Violence Awareness Month have about as much relevance as National Sweet Potato Month;" "We don't want a straight article on domestic violence. Everyone understands about that;" "Battered Women's Syndrome' is not news. That approach is for liberals;" and "The kind of story our readers would be interested in is how women who get into positions of power act like men."

Any attempts to convince these staff members that their approach was wrong and detrimental fell on deaf ears, so we parted company. Weeks later, a CL staff member called me at home and asked to "buy" my interview with three of the fired staff members from the Women's Resource Center. Perhaps this is a common practice in "journalist circles," but I found the request appalling.

Ms. Kristwald mentions in her article that some women singled out for her treatment did not want to be interviewed, and that with others she detected an air of "paranoia and suspicion." That's not too difficult to figure out. In August I had interviewed most of the major characters in Ms. Kristwald's article. When it became clear that I would not be doing the CL article on "Domestic Violence," I called those I had interviewed and told them that – and why. For almost four months, CL's dreadful lead story of December 16 had been anticipated. This may explain why in some cases Ms. Kristwald did not tell those she was interviewing that she was doing a story for CL, but that she was "doing research for her dissertation."

An article on violence against women would certainly have been timely. On Dec. 6 a gunman murdered 14 women in Canada as he shouted, "I want the feminists! I hate feminists!" It's estimated conservatively that over 6 million women are beaten, raped, kicked, cut, choked, blinded, gutted, and/or permanently crippled each year, with 4,000 killed by husbands or male "friends."

But the article shifts the attention away from this national crisis. The article shifts the focus away from the wife beaters, the federal government that doles out money for battered women's programs with an eyedropper, from the state government that coughed up its first cent for battered women in 1987, and from the root cause of violence against women - a society that still perpetuates at every turn, on every TV channel, and in every institution discrimination and exploitation against women. Perhaps the writer believes that the "inside scoop" on what is perceived as female infighting is the sort of item with appeal to the average reader, sort of like women mud wrestlers. But childhood indoctrinations aside, in the real world, the problem is not women who can't get along with other women.

There is a real need for an alternative newspaper like CL. This has been shown clearly in the past with articles like the ones done by CL on Forsyth County. In this particular situation, in my opinion, CL needs to back up and take another look, because your article, "Women Vs. Women," leaves you in the company of those who have shamefully used homophobia, misogyny, and terrible judgment in efforts that have dealt body blows to the efforts to defend battered women

Katherine Bak Decatur, GA

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a monthly column by KC Wildmoon
The Gray Nineties

Early December, 1989: a gunman shouting 'I hate feminists' murders 14 women engineering students in Montreal. Even the more liberal branch of the Mainstream Media calls it An Isolated Incident. Shortly afterward two men, a judge and a lawyer, are killed by mail bombs, and other bombs are found at a federal court and an NAACP office. The same liberal Mainstream Media calls it Terrorism.

Some of you of course are saying right now So? "So" is this: we've got a long way to go when a man who kills women and then himself with a machine gun is called Crazy while an *unknown person* who mails bombs to men is a Terrorist.

"Americans for a Competent Judicial System" has claimed that it is killing judges, lawyers and NAACP officials in retaliation for the rape and murder of Julie Love. Do the bombings now become Isolated Incidents perpetrated by a nut? If that guy in Montreal had left a note saying he was a member of "Canadians for Competent Engineering Students," would his act then be Terrorism? Don't hold your breath.

See, it's Terrorism when it affects Those in Power. It's Isolated Incidents when it affects students, women, Queers...notice how the Mainstream Media reports those things. Isolated Incidents of skinheads murdering Gay men. A young woman raped and murdered had "dumb bad luck." Lawyer killed by Terrorist mail bomb. Notice a pattern here?

Terrorism...the use of fear, violence or intimidation to subjugate people... Did the reports out of Montreal in early December frighten you? Do reports of Queers beaten and murdered in your neighborhood make you squeamish? Do you like living near parks where rapes and murders are becoming more frequent? If your Queerness is a secret, does it strengthen your resolve to remain closeted? If you're pretty far Out there, do you experience a nasty desire to change your name and move to another state?

Do you feel Terrorised by Isolated Incidents?

Or are you confident and secure that none of it could ever happen to you? Have you convinced yourself that the 80s were just a bad dream and it'll all be going away soon?

Don't get too comfortable. Nothing majickally changed on January One to make this a better decade than the last. In fact, I'll put my money on the 90s being more of the same. The Status Quo is a hard thing to change, and the 90s don't look to be very Gay at all.

But maybe there's hope. Maybe during the 90s we'll understand that anybody who kills anybody is Crazy, and no matter who the target is, it's Terrorism. Maybe we'll take the blinders off and realize we live in a violent society, and that no act of violence occurs in Isolation. Maybe we'll see that very little has changed since the last Gay 90s. Maybe we'll be afraid enough to be angry enough to start looking for ways to make a difference instead of waiting for someone else to do it for us. And maybe, just maybe, that'll happen before too many more of us are beaten, raped, murdered, and otherwise Terrorised into subjugation.

It's bleak picture. But then, it's pretty bleak world. Good luck.

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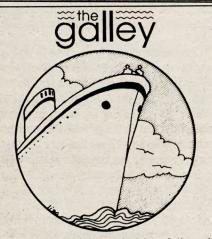
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10 Resolutions for the New Age

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What to do 'til the **Millennium Comes**

by Candace Wiggins

Yes, I have lots of people writing in, asking me: "What is this New Age stuff? Do I have to believe in the healing power of crystals, or can I rest assured that Extraterrestrials have the answer? And what about psychic phenomenon? Is it a thing of the past or can just anybody channel Judy Holliday while whistling 'Dixie' these days?"

Friends, your problems are almost over. The New Age was actually a term coined in the 1940s. After that last World War, I'd say we needed something new - and no, New Age is not the Atomic Age.

New Age is the Old Way (my personal opinion) with a lemon twist for the 90s. It's the alternative to traditional methods that haven't worked for the last few hundred years or so. And since the Reaganites seized control, dears, we have needed one huge facelift for our psyches. One that won't take up too much time and one that refuses to take up

You say La-zar-is, I say Laz-aris: let's call the whole thing off and do the cha cha chakras as we teeter on the edge of the Gay Nineties.

Here are 10 Things to Do or Not to Do as we slouch towards the Millennium.

1. Clothing and accessories. Refuse to wear anything that does not have some type of attribute or some form of power to it. Besides crystals on silver or gold chains let's think crystals on cotton or leather thongs. Or crystals on cat o' nine tails! How about crystals on Mace cans for you folks that have to go about on foot and/or alone? "Good for reducing stress and tension." SOLD!

2. Reading materials. Read only good things and smile, smile, smile. Studies show folks get depressed from reading or watching "bad" news in the early mornings. You'll be ignorant but who needs to know what the U.S. is doing in Panama? If you stand up straight when you smile, you'll probably get lots of compliments, too.

3. Alternative Beliefs. Hey - it worked for Jesus, it'll work for you! Other metaphysical philosophers include: Martin Luther (the German, not the King), Buddha, Jim Bakker, and me. Start boning up on women's spirituality, Eastern philosophy, Pyramid Power, Shamanism, and neo-Paganism. Get acquainted with the New Catholic Church. Join a kibbutz. Read Greek mythology and native American legends. Be totally confounded, but very well-educated as to the matter of your soul - as well as everyone else's. Boggle the government's mind with your articulate arguments for the separation of church and state. And remember to smile when they call you a devil-worshipper.

4. Meditation visualization. A.K.A., Bliss on a pillow - and I don't mean late night Errol Flynn movies. With just a tiny bit of self discipline - everyone's got a tiny bit - I mean, Noriega did turn himself in - and with a fairly developed sense of place or color recall, you can dream up your very own Heaven on earth by Focussing. You want it, you see it, you got it!. Michael Jackson is very good at meditation visualization techniques, but personally I think the camel is a bit

5. Channeling and Prophecy. (Excuse me, but if John Lennon really is being channelled I want to see Yoko Ono have an interview with his host.) Need a few answers to some questions your therapist can't quite handle, due to their apocryphal nature? You need to hear one of these folks. They're relatively inexpensive, they have cookies and refreshments for you, and they speak in bizarre accents, when channelling not of this world, or country, or region. Can't quite get into channeling because you don't want to talk to King Arthur? That's fine, too. Just remember: Smile and don't make fun just because you have all the answers.

6. Involvement with a True Cause. Okay, okay, waiting for the White Light Starship to carry the Chosen away is asking for more than a



stretch of the imagination - it's more like asking if your believability quota is made out of Spandex! Being involved with a True Cause means going to the meetings even if no one else goes. It means being happy to tell someone what you're doing even if she doesn't understand why you hate her fur coat but care for her. It means realizing that no one cares about the homeless guy that lives at the bus stop and deciding to Do Something. It means writing your congressman, your rep, your prez and saying, "I don't like this. Change it, or kiss your office goodbye next election." Sometimes it means going to court. So

7. Psychic Readers. They're not for everyone but then you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. Or can you? I'll have to check my Book of Shadows and see if you actually can. A psychic reader is someone who tells you about yourself, your past, your future, your problems, the direction your life needs to go in - we all need a psychic reader. Think of the trouble Zsa Zsa would've been spared had she consulted a psychic reader. "Good for emotional and mental balance." SIGN ME

8. Tarot Readers. Considered Old Age - or is it Middle Age? Maybe it's Old Hat. Similar to psychic readers, only you get to participate. And you get to look at pretty pictures on the cards. There are lots of Tarot decks now with lots of symbolic meanings and interpretations. But besides being fun, they attempt to answer that same old, same old: "What about me?" Considered an ancient divination tool of Egypt and/or India, these cards are shrouded in secrecy - like the deficit.

9. Diet and Nutrition for the New Age. Did you know there's a group who claims to live only on air, using correct breathing techniques? I am NOT making this up. Saves time and money. I just hope they don't drown when they drive by McDonald's with the windows down. You have to be healthy now. In this day and age with all kinds of Dow chemicals hanging out with us, you should cut back on all your bad habits. C'mon, Mom was right! Vegetables and juice and get plenty of rest. You'll live longer, you'll feel better, you'll look better. Stay out of the tanning salons.

10. Psychology and Self-help. Now, Back to that White Light Star Ship. A good New Age Resolution for the Nineties would be to show everyone - including those you consider loonies - a little consideration. Respect. Some leeway. If they've got beliefs or opinions you don't share say so, but try not to go on and on about how "wrong" the other person is. Rather than look askance at all this, rather than call out the Karma Kops on self or others - give up! That's right. Just give up all that negative stuff.

Yep, give up your time, give up your opinions, in some cases give up your money. Occasionally, give up your Self and turn excess into something positive by giving it to someone who needs something you have - that guy at the bus stop, the PWA, the abused child, the battered woman.

That is what I would call an affirmation. And that's what will help make the 90's gay, folks.

COUNTERCULTURE

Atlanta College of Art Premiers AIDS Works

What's it like to live with AIDS? Knowing you have an HIV-positive diagnosis. Coming to terms with that. Then – realizing that the way you are treated by society, by the health care system, by the media, is another, insidious part of your oppression that is if not as bad as, then almost as bad as the condition itself. Realizing that more of your friends, acquaintances, lovers also have this condition. Seeing people you care about grow sick and die. And knowing all the while that society blames you for your disease, or treats you as a victim, or wants to ignore you and hope you and the thousands of others likewise afflicted will just disappear.

Art has traditionally been the way a community comes to terms with the forces that threaten it; it is a way of bringing peoples together, of communicating a private vision to the public, of sharing communal goals, hopes, fears. Artists have responded, in this time of AIDS, to the threat, to the private experiences, and to the community's hope and also to its fears.

AIDS ART ACTION, ten multi-media collaborative projects by Georgia artists and Persons Living With AIDS (PLWAs) will be on display in the Atlanta College of Art Gallery from January 12 through February 10, 1990. Organized by SAME (Southeastern Arts, Media and Education Project, Inc.), AIDS ART ACTION approaches visual art as a culturally activist form that can communicate an idea, an experience, or a vision related to the life of a person living with AIDS, ARC or a positive HIV test.

Art has been created around the subject of AIDS, but often it has been by persons looking on, not persons who are themselves living with the condition. "We felt that people with AIDS needed a voice," says SAME artistic director Rebecca Ranson

AIDS ART ACTION is activist art. The ten individual installations that make up the exhibition communicate the private experience of persons living with AIDS. But the purpose of AIDS ART ACTION is political as well as personal; it aims to move the viewer/participant into a greater awareness of what the life of a person living with AIDS is like. The goal of the installations is to create awareness in the public.

"So often, those of us who speak publicly about AIDS are preaching to the converted," says Kurt Rahn, one of the collaborators. "The gay community knows what the problems are. I'm glad that this is at the Atlanta College of Art Gallery because it will reach more of the general public. Art is a way to engage the viewer. I'd like to challenge gay people to bring people not currently affected by AIDS, a straight co-worker or friend.

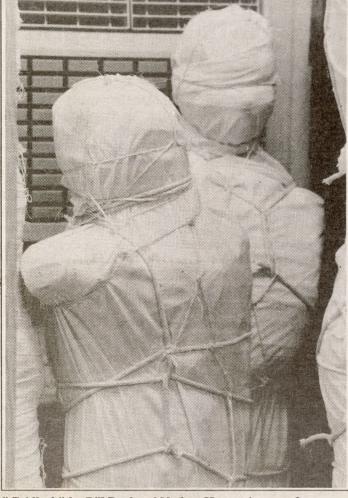
The installations – ten in all – were each developed by an artist and a person who has AIDS or has tested HIV-positive. Several visual forms have resulted, video, photography, performance, installation pieces, and combination. Each piece gives a unique view of what life is like for a person living with AIDS.

"The Trap" by Larry Anderson and Kurt Rahn represents the confinement and powerlessness felt by a person with an HIV-positive diagnosis. The installation intends to give the viewer/participant the feeling of being trapped, confined, branded, numbered, that the PLWA experiences.

"Death Don't Take Our Love Away" presents photographs taken by Stebbo Hill of stone monuments created by Michael Mason. The monuments, in Short Mountain, Tennessee, represent memorials to Michael's friends and lovers who have died of AIDS.

"Gridlock" by Bill Paul and Nathan Hornstein shows the forms of five humans, all bed-ridden with HIV-associated ailments. Because of overcrowded health care facilities, they are all in one bed.

An opening reception, featuring performances and video screenings, is planned for Friday, January 12, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Performances will be "Oh I Just Have a Cold," by Tim Kevin and Madeleine St. Romain, and "Cafe SIDA" by Ted Field and Monte McLain. Special events during the exhibition include gallery talks by some of the participants, video screenings and



"Gridlock" by Bill Paul and Nathan Hornstein, one of ten installations featured in AIDS Art Action.

performances. On Saturday, January 27 at 1:00 p.m., Kevin and St. romain will give a second performance of "Oh, I Just Have a Cold," followed by a discussion by the artists. On Wednesday, January 31 from 10:00 pm.m until 11:30 a.m., SAME art director and artist Stebbo Hill, painter and filmmaker Pat Courtney and sculptor Jack Sinclair will discuss their projects and AIDS ART ACTION.

On February 7 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., video artist Ted Field and photographer Christian Walker will discuss their projects, followed at 7:00 p.m. by a screening of "Promise of Life: Conversations with Long Term Survivors of AIDS," directed by Gary Moss and produced for SAME. All special events are open to the public and will be in the Gallery.

On Thursday, January 18, 7:30 p.m., in the Hill Auditorium, Rebecca Ranson, artistic director of SAME, painter Larry Anderson, and Kurt Rahn, founder and director of the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA), will speak as part of the "Works In Progress" series presented by the 20th Century Society of the High Museum and Nexus Contemporary Art Center. Also featured will be sculptor and filmmaker Ruth Gumnit, who will discuss and show a video of this work. These discussions are open to the public and will be followed by a reception at the Atlanta College of Art Gallery.

The Atlanta College of Art Gallery is located at the Peachtree Street entrance of the Memorial Arts Building in the Woodruff Arts Center, 1280 Peachtree Street, NE. The Gallery is open to the public free of charge e Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Special viewing hours during the exhibition include Sundays from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 7, until 8:00 p.m. For more information call Lisa Tuttle at 898-1157, Pat Lummus at 898-1164, or Stebbo Hill at 584-2104 (SAME, Inc.)



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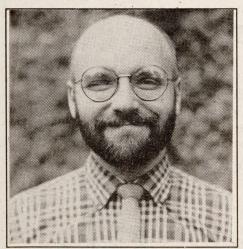
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THIS MONTH In Gay & Lesbian History

January 1953: ONE begins publishing the first openly gay magazine in the U.S. It promptly ran into problems with the Post Office, which objected to an article on gay marriages. Five years later, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Post Office had to deliver it anyway.

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FAMILY TREE Virginia Woolf

b. Jan. 25, 1882. d. Mar. 28, 1941 British writer A leading figure of the Bloomsbury group and one of the most original

group and one of the most original writers of the twentieth century, Woolf created such landmark works as Mrs. Dalloway and The Waves. Although the direction of her sexual orientation remains open to debate, Virginia Woolf's deep feelings of esteem and affection for Vita Sackville-West are undeniable. It was in honor of Sackville-West that she wrote the novel Orlando, in which the main character starts out as a man and becomes a woman.

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HRCF Offers Domestic Partnership Registry

Washington, D.C.-In the wake of the failure of San Francisco's domestic partnership law, the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has decided to develop a nationwide family registry program to build grass roots support for the concept of lesbian and gay families. HRCF hopes the Registry will play a role in building support for domestic partnership laws and changes in federal law to end discrimination against lesbian and gay relationships.

"We can no longer wait for lesbian and gay men in long-term, loving relationships to be validated and acknowledged by this country's legislative and political bodies," HRCF executive director Tim McFeeley stated in announcing plans for a National Family Registry. "The lesbian and gay community is going to have to lay the groundwork first.'

"HRCF will maintain the record of gay and lesbian families who wish to be so identified. Of course, the national registry will not include all gay and lesbian families, but it will provide a central repository of records for families who want to be known as a visible and proud family unit," McFeeley added.

He continued, "While we fight to broaden society's definition of the family to encompass lesbian and gay relationships, we must provide support and validation to our own community," McFeeley said.

Along with Kathleen Stoll, Director of HRCF's Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project, McFeeley announced the creation of the registry. "Self identified lesbian and gay families defined broadly as our most important close relationships - can register with the National Family Registry," Stoll stated.

"These family units are not limited to traditional domestic partnerships or two-person couples," she noted. "We want to encompass a broader definition of family. While we recognize that this is an ambitious effort, we are committed to taking the steps needed to end discrimination against lesbian and gay families," Stoll said.

The primary goals of the Registry will be as an educational tool to increase the visibility of lesbian and gay families and to recapture the term "family" from the right wing "It is clear that the general public is not yet willing to affirm lesbian and gay families," McFeeley commented. "The Registry can help the public understand that many lesbians and gays have families which are as important as families of heterosexuals," he continued.

Plans for the organization of the Registry are currently underway. Lesbians and gays who would like to participate should contact Kathleen Stoll at HRCF in Washington, (202) 628-4160. HRCF hopes to launch the National Family Registry on February 14, 1990, Valentine's Day.

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going. And it will empower the people who participate to continue to work on this issue.

ACT UP [AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power] is a diverse group of people concerned about the AIDS crisis. The Atlanta group started in 1986, during the Democratic National Convention here. We include men and women from many different backgrounds. We have open public meetings every week, and have gone around to meetings of other groups and been very up-front about our actions. We're not affiliated with any other organization or coalition, although we do network and coordinate with other ACT UP groups around the

We choose direct action because nothing else has worked. There have been efforts to work through the system, and we do believe in that work-I want to emphasize that. Direct action often brings an issue to a much higher public consciousness, thus generating pressure on legislators, and helping the lobbyists to be effective.

It's often very necessary to go into the streets to show public support for something that people otherwise don't want to talk about. Some people say that whenever gay and lesbian people demonstrate, there's going to be a backlash. But I don't agree. As gay and lesbian people, it's particularly important that we be visible. Our invisibility is one reason we're bashed so badly in the legislature.

No matter how many people come to the demonstration-in a way, it's already succeeded. Within the Atlanta gay community, ACT UP has raised the sodomy issue to a greater level of awareness than it's ever been before.

ACT UP/Atlanta is not going off halfcocked with this demonstration. Our work involves planning, logistics, legal support, and high-level discussions. I spent four hours on Thursday talking with the director of the CDC [about a demonstration planned for January 9], and I've talked to legislators.

Reporters are always asking me about this "negative impression" that people supposedly have of ACT UP. Well, what I hear more and more is that rank-and-file, ordinary gay people support and admire ACT UP and would like to get involved in what we do.

A politically sophisticated community has several strategies going at once. We encourage other groups to do what they do. It's time that this community became more political.

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in June or July of 1989, not long after the Moseley decision was handed down, discussions were going on and language firmed up with the powers that be in the legislature.

But all those bets are off at this point. The best that we can do now is damage control. ACT UP is getting ready to make this issue a very controversial hot potato that nobody will

want to touch, especially in an election year.

For the 1990 session, several pieces of legislation have been drafted by the Legislative Council at the request of various members of the General Assembly. One or more of them could be introduced as soon as the first day of the session. These bills run the gamut from

an outright repeal of the sodomy law as we know it—keeping aggravated sodomy on the books, of course; aggravated sodomy is like rape-to making "sodomy" legal only for heterosexuals, or only for married couples, or making it a minor third-level misdemeanor.

The worst thing that could happen as a result of the ACT UP demonstration would be passage of a bill making sodomy illegal only for homosexuals. Once that is done, it will be almost impossible to repeal. Texas has this type of law, and it has been upheld by the

The second-worst result would be a revised statute making sodomy a minor misdemeanor. That would mean more enforcement, and no U.S. Supreme Court inclined to repeal the law. The Hardwick decision would have had a very different outcome if Hardwick had gone to jail. Remember, Hardwick was never indicted or convicted—he was just arrested and released.

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> Activism and demonstrations can be helpful and are needed on some issues. I've been arrested at demonstrations myself. There's a time and a place for them. But they can also be destructive.

Exactly how much damage the ACT UP demonstration creates will depend, first of all, on how many demonstrators show up. We can always hope there will be terrible weather and they'll stay home. Then we'll see how many media people come and what kind of coverage the demonstration gets. Finally, if some of the legislators inside the building start going nuts on the floor, that will really screw up the works, and the power structure will back off from our plan.

> ACT UP is not going out of their way to include major representation from heterosexuals, blacks, mainstream churches, and women's groups. That kind of broad-based representation would be helpful. But without it, I hate to think what will happen.

I firmly believe that what ACT UP is plan-

ning is severely detrimental to the community. We could use their help on AIDS-related issues, especially funding, where a little agitation outside will help us inside. But sodomy is not an AIDS issue.

They've been told and warned not to do this demonstration. It's irresponsible and it's reprehensible. They very possibly will accomplish the very opposite of what they're trying to do.



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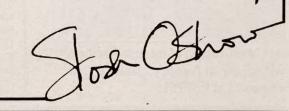
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Glasnost:Behind the Closet Door POLAND

"There is no one of prominence in Poland who is out of the closet...That is why we must organize, to end the self-oppression, to break the barriers and fight for tolerance and against discrimination."

by Mark Segal © 1989 Philadelphia Gay News

When you ask Dr. Ryszard Ziobro about gay life in Poland, he says, "There is no solidarity because there is no community. Yes, we have gay bars and places where gays can cruise, but there is no sense of community."

Ryszard is trying to bring a sense of community to gays in Poland. On October 28 Ryszard, along with gay activists from all parts of Poland, gathered at Warsaw University to organize Poland's first officially recognized gay organization.

Under Polish law, the group needed 15 members and a constitution. The activists met for several days and decided to call the organization LAMBDA. Their constitution accepts all people who wish to help fight AIDS and help the struggle for gay rights.

According to Ryszard, "In Poland we used to use the pink triangle, but that is more a German symbol. That is why we chose to use the lambda."

The new group will include various organizations in cities throughout Poland, which up to this point have been social. But there is change sweeping through Poland, which is sweeping through the gay community as well.

Changes in gay life in Poland are decided like everything else, by the new Solidarity-led government. While most people in the West will think that things can only get better for the gay community under a new "more liberal" government, activists here are cautious about the new government, suggesting that Solidarity is

heavily influenced by the country's Catholic bishops. They use the example of a television commercial that urged the use of condoms, and had two men sitting on a bed. The commercial caused an uproar and was denounced by the bishops. The spot was shown only three times.

A book intended for use in schools, called *Preparation for Living in the Family*, which had a positive chapter about gay life, was shelved because of that chapter. This happened even after the book's author, Mikotal Kozaklewitz, president of the Society for the Development of the Family (a group similar to Planned Parenthood), was elevated to Speaker of Parliament.

These oppressive attitudes are why gay people in Poland stay in the closet. "There is no one of prominence in Poland who is out of the closet," says Ryszard. "That is why we must organize, to end the self-oppression, to break the barriers and fight for tolerance and against discrimination."

Ryszard organized a Monday Evening Cinema Club in his home city of Wroclaw. The films his club shows often have a similar gay theme (Making Love, Consenting Adult, The Times of Harvey Milk). Afterwards club members stick around and hold discussions about the film and its relevance. It's in this context that gay liberation is

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coming to Poland. "We need movies to help us discuss gay life – lifestyle, not just sleeping together, Ryszard says, adding that "this standard of lifestyle, a social life rather than just sex among friends, is what we are trying to do."

Gay life in Poland is largely one-night stands or quickies. Men cruise the main train station to such an extent that one of the corridors is called Broadway. There is a gay sauna, and certain bars welcome gay clientele – but not exclusively. There are no purely gay bars, cafes or discos.

Up until a few months ago there was a bar in the old part of Warsaw that was truly a gay bar. It was packed



during the week, and overcrowded on the weekends. Then several strange things happened. Some customers were attacked after they left the club. No one knows who was responsible, or why the attacks took place. Next, patrons noticed that there was new management, and a new doorman. Suddenly, it was difficult for gays to gather at this spot. So they just stopped going.

The influence of the Catholic Church is more apparent to Piotr, a tall, slim professor of literature from southern Poland. "I lived with this man for two years," he said. "Then he decided that he wanted to be a good Catholic.

To me this meant the end of our relationship."

Piotr comes from the industrial heartland of Poland. "My area is like your Pittsburgh, many smokestacks," he says. Piotr says that there is only one place for gays to congregate in this area of some 300,000 people. "We have a cafe that everyone knows about. There is nothing else."

There are no laws in Poland against homosexuality, but there is also no community. But little fragments are beginning to come together. The Solidarity-led government is willing to allow new ideas and enterprises, and the nascent gay community seems ready and able to open their lives to new possibilities. A new newspaper has recently begun publishing. It has classified ads from people looking for partners. It is published monthly, and several of the issues had a majority of ads from men looking to meet other men.

If gay life is paltry in Poland, lesbian life appears almost non-existent. LAMBDA has two lesbian members, but most homosexual women live a life even more closeted than gay men. Some gay men said that they had never met a lesbian.

Gay Poland today is reminiscent of the United States in 1952 with its pioneering Mattachine Society. The people here are friendly, and want information from the outside world. They will continue an association with the International Gay and Lesbian Association. And, as Poland strives to change its economic condition, the gay community will likewise strive to change its position in Polish society.

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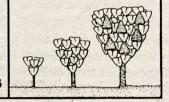
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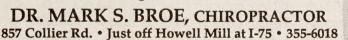
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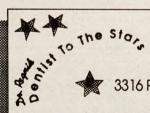


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Getting in Bed with the Democrats

by Peter Politics

The backrooms of Georgia's Gold Dome must be abuzz with talk about the planned January 8 ACT UP demonstration at the Capitol. What could have become a politically embarrassing situation for our good old boy legislators has been averted; ACT UP has saved the day for Speaker Murphy and his gang.

Here's the situation:

The 1990 session of the General Assembly will be a real Barnum & Baileyesque production. In the center ring, the legislative tamers will show their mastery at handling the beasts of pro-life and prochoice breeds. In the first ring, the tightrope artists will cross the wire that spans between last year's record tax increase and this year's proposed ending of the sales tax exemptions granted in last year's tax increase. In between lays a chasm of revenue shortfalls and unpaid-for special-interest pork barrels that need to be funded in time for the 1990 elections. And in the last ring are the countless clowns, all vying to equal the performance of their previous star, Bozo Frank Harris.

With all this to keep the public preoccupied during the 40-day extravaganza, other legislators will be jockeying to get other less controversial legislation passed without any

One such piece of legislation that was to be passed quietly during these other preoccupations was a bill that would totally repeal Georgia's archaic sodomy law. Realizing that sex between consenting adults was a matter to be discussed in the bedroom and not in the

In essence, then, in trying to repeal the sodomy laws, we're playing the legislator's game, with their cards, and by their rules. By doing nothing to support the repeal efforts, we have a chance at winning this game. By making the repeal a gay and lesbian issue, we fold whatever hand we have.

However, we cannot be so naive as to assume that if we do nothing that a total repeal will be enacted. We should not bid high unless we have a strong trump card in

Here's the trump card that we should have played:

On Monday, January 10, 1990, the national delegates of ACT UP would hold a massive rally/demonstration on the steps of the Clayton County Courthouse to call for the resignation of Judge Bill Ison. (Ison, you will recall, is the judge that ruled that Leigh VanderEls is an unfit mother because she is a lesbian and that Mark Moseley should serve eighteen months in jail because he performed oral sex with his wife.)

The message sent through the demonstration would be that we do not need homohating judges on our Superior Court benches. The primary purpose, though, would be to generate publicity for the demonstration. Certainly, the media would cover a large contingent of gay and lesbian activists converging on Jonesboro, Georgia.

Two weeks following the demonstration, gay and lesbian community leaders would meet with the General Assembly leadership.

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courtroom, several progressive members of the General Assembly intended to introduce a repeal of Georgia's sodomy law. Without the vocal and/or visible support of the gay and lesbian community, the proposed repeal was expected to move through the General Assembly without much problem.

And this is one of those "damned if you do, damned if you don't" pieces of legislation that really causes a panic in the Democratic leadership of the House. If they vote down the bill, legislators will have to go back to their conservative and progressive constituencies and explain to them why they think that the state government has a need to regulate their sexual activities. If they vote for the bill, they will have to go before the same constituency and explain why they legalized homosexuality, as that will certainly be the issue raised by the Republican challengers to these legislators. The introduction of such a bill, then, poses a real dilemma.

And that's how ACT UP will save the day for the good old boys. By demonstrating at the Capitol and by making the repeal of the sodomy laws a gay and lesbian issue, these activists will generate a visible rise in "homohatred" and public outcry against any attempt to legislate "the actions of those homosexual perverts."

Thus, to soothe this public outcry and to get Big Brother out of the public's bedroom, a compromise repeal will be introduced. Citing the Hardwick decision as its Constitutional justification, the General Assembly will pass a bill that will repeal that part of the sodomy law that pertains to heterosexuals. Homosexual sodomy will remain

During this meeting, the General Assembly leadership would be informed of our community's intense interest in seeing the sodomy law totally repealed. Our community's leadership must candidly admit that we realize we have a problem having this legislation passed if the repeal becomes a gay and lesbian issue.

It is at this point of the meeting that a deal could have been made - the gay and lesbian community would promise to maintain a low profile on the repeal issue, if the leadership promises to pass a repeal law.

As we deal, we also show our trump card - if the repeal law is not passed, ACT UP and other gay and lesbian organizations would travel across the state during the 1990 campaigns to endorse the candidacies of the Democratic leadership. From Duluth to Dalton, "kiss-ins" would be held to demonstrate our community's support for the Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

If the sodomy law is not repealed this year, it will be because the Democratic leadership will be afraid that their Republican challengers will accuse them of being in the political bed of homosexuals. The only way we can counter and defeat that fear would be to give them something even bigger to fear don't pass the sodomy law and we will prove to all of Georgia that you are in the political

That, my friends, is how the game is really played.

Peter Politics is the pen name of a longtime Georgia political activist recently come to the lesbian and gay movement..

The Berlin Wall: A Gay Issue?

by Paul Varnell

One of the perils of writing for the gay press is that we all are expected to confine our writing pretty much to gay related topics - and reasonably so that is the purpose of this newspaper and, after all who else is doing it or doing it so empathetically?

And yet... and yet... we are all also citizens of the country and, in a way, of the world, so that when remarkable events happen like the destruction of the Berlin Wall, it is impossible not to be extraordinarily excited and deeply moved by what that means. The establishment of a non-Communist government in Poland, the de-Communization of Hungary, the enormous anti-government demonstrations in Czechoslovakia pictures of people dancing atop the Berlin Wall...On the night the Wall was first opened - was it a Thursday? - one man I know burst into my neighborhood bar and exclaimed, "We're watching goddamned History!"

For all of us, the world had somehow suddenly become a better place, cleaner, more decent, the cosmos seemed to become a little more benign.

But once we have begun to absorb the facts of these changes, we would be wise to begin asking what - if anything - they mean for us: for Westerners, for Americans, and for lesbians and gays as a struggling minority

Start with part of a short editorial commentary in Partisan Review written last year by its venerable editor William Phillips, titled "Ten Propositions About Glasnost and

"Russia no longer presents itself in the image of the enemy. This might be a myth. But it is bound to affect public opinion here. It might even diminish the influence of conservatives and the Republican Party. For foreign policy has constituted their main appeal, with its emphasis on defense and security."

Hmmm. Phillips, in other words, sees one of the main results of glasnost as bringing about a less-

ening of the political appeal of the American right wing and, as well, an internal loss of its major unifying, centripetal element. If Phillips is anywhere near correct, and if we are all correct in seeing elements of the conservative movement as a major repository of anti-gay/lesbian sentiment, then we have an additional reason to welcome glasnost.

Glasnost will certainly have some effect on domestic politics, but Phillips' scenario is not the only one possible. Politicians are, after all, sorts of entrepreneurs of ideas (or at least of postures that dress up as ideas), and if conservative politicians find one of their positions no longer effective in evoking a positive voter response, they will seek other issues that do.

One possibility - particularly as, post-Webster, anti-abortion seems not to be a winning electoral stance – might be decency in the arts," perhaps broadened to include decency and morality in general. We have certainly had ample ground to suspect this in recent months, seeing the fracas over Robert Mapplethorpe's photography, opposition to the gay content in AIDS-education campaigns, and even the defunding of art exhibits that contain gay political content. Does glasnost simply free up conservatives to spend more time attacking gays and lesbians?

No one knows, partly because these things have barely begun to be sorted out.

The conservatives, for instance, might instead begin to emphasize issues of economic liberty and reduction of government size,

arguing to voters that if Poland and Hungary, et al, are moving toward a free market, so should we even more so. Such an emphasis by conservatives (who have always supported the rhetoric if not the reality of economic freedom) would keep them busy with other things than attacking gays.

On the other hand, maybe they hope voters will think, "Golly, those conservatives were right about containing Communism until it self-destructed, so maybe they are right about other things like attacking homo-

Yet again, in the past anti-gay sentiment has often been coupled with, even justified by, virulent anti-Communism. One need only recall Senator Joseph McCarthy and his crusade against Communists and homosexuals in the State Department. Homosexuals were thought to be somehow anti-American, soft, decadent, weak. Absent a strong external threat, perhaps the right wing will find that its message about keeping America morally fit and strong tends to have a diminished voter appeal.

Turning to the liberals: What if the liberals say to themselves, "Whew! Now that we don't have to fight the conservatives on all those crazy hawkish military issues, now we can get to work finishing the American destiny of bringing about social equality for all people, black, Hispanic, female, gay and lesbian." Maybe. Or maybe they will concentrate, instead, on issues like economic nationalism, more government regulation of the market ("let us move toward more a 'mixed economy' which is the natural converging point of all economic systems"), and more income transfers and welfare programs. We will have to wait and see.

Or, rather, we do not have to wait and see: We can participate in the discussion and try to influence the outcome. For - and here is

the main message of this column - there is no necessary linkage or disjunction between being pro-

gay and any other issue. A conservative who hated Communism might be brought to see that American governmental hostility to gays was bad. A Republican who wanted the government to stay out of people's bank accounts might be persuaded to want the government to stay out of their bedrooms, too. An antiabortionist might find it reasonable to support gay/lesbian civil rights. (You want to see a pro-gay anti-abortion position? It would look something like this: "Every human being has the moral right to develop and flourish free from the intrusions and hostilities of others.")

One notable recent attempt to restructure the traditional linkages in ideas is that of Chicago's Cardinal Joseph Bernardin with his "consistent ethic of life" which tries to link opposition to abortion with opposition to both nuclear weapons and capital punishment. While I may not find his new linkages persuasive, it is still a notable effort to draw new lines or connections among issues. At the very least he may make some people ask "Why?" about the views or package of views they have adopted.

To repeat, almost any position can be linked - at some level of generality - with almost any other position. It is up to us to figure out what are the best arguments and most persuasive linkages to show people that support for gay and lesbian equality is somehow consistent with root positions they already hold.

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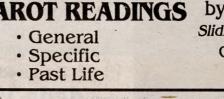
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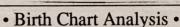
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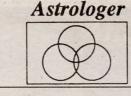




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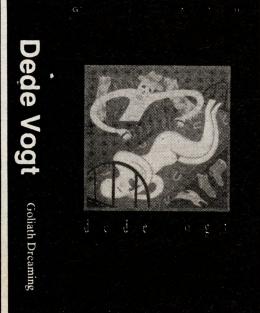
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WE CAN LICK THE SODOMY LAW. Thurs., Jan. 4. Join the women of ACT UP/ Atlanta to discuss creating a strong presence at the Jan. 8th anti-sodomy law demonstration. Free. 7:30 pm. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

ANTI-RACISM THROUGH PREJUDICE REDUCTION. Thurs., Jan.11. Dr. Hattie Johnson-Nalls will lead a discussion about her

seminar structured to change negative attitudes about racial and cultural diversity.7:30PM. Charis Books & More, 419 Moreland Ave. Free.

ALFA RENOVATION WORKDAY. Sun., Jan. 14. Come paint and party. Help get the meeting room and kitchen functional. Call the ALFA house for directions. 378-9769.

Film

WINGS OF DESIRE. (1987). Sat., Jan. 6. Part of the Berlin Series, this acclaimed film by Wim Wenders stars Bruno Ganz & Peter Falk in an elegant fantasy of angels over Berlin. 8 pm. \$2-3. Rich Auditorium. 1280 Peachtree Street.

ANITA: DANCES OF VICE (1989). Fri., Jan 12. Gay director Rosa von Praunheim treats us to this outrageous tribute to the scandal-proviking career of Anita Berber, a Berlin cabaret dancer notorious for her NUDE performances interpreting subjects like vice, horror, ecstasy & death. Lotte Huber plays an elderly deranged woman who strips on a Berlin street, insisting she is Berber, who actually died at the age of 29. Don't miss this one! 8 pm. \$2-3. Rich Auditorium. 1280 P'tree Street.

Meetings

AALGA. African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance. Sun., Jan. 7.4PM. 691-5921 or 297-8815. ACLU/LG. American Civil Liberties Union/ Gay Chapter. Wed., Jan. 17. 7:30PM. Peachtree Branch Library.

ATLANTA VENTURE SPORTS. Tues., Jan 9th. Activities Committee meeting. 7:30 pm. For more info, call Shelton @ 622-0739. Also, there will be a Cook & Dish Gumbo Sun., Jan. 14th. Call Gary for time & place @ 874-1871. 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 Sun., 12:30 PM. First MCC, 800 N. Highland Ave. Call 872-2246 for more info.

Music -

SHAWN COLVIN. Tues., Jan 9th. Join the award-winner folk-rocker in her Atlanta debut with special guests Chris Edmonds and Bruce Smith. \$8. 9 PM. The Point. 420 Moreland Ave. 577-6468.

PSYCHEDELIC FURS. Wed., Jan 10th. With special guest, East of Eden. A favourite in the ever-fickle music scene here in the Big Peach, this group is recommended. \$16.50 at all SEATS outlets. The Masquerade (in the historic Excelsior Mill), 695 North Ave. 577-8178.

HOLLY FAITH. Wed., Jan. 10th. w/Right as Rain. \$4. 9PM. The Point. 420 Moreland Ave. Call 577-6468.



"Fences", starring John Henry Redwood and Carol Mitchell Leon, is an intense drama about the broken dreams of an embittered former Negro League baseball player. January 6-February 17 at the Alliance Theatre. For more information call 892-2414.

January 4 - January 17



"Anita: Dances of Vice", starring Lotte Huber, is a tribute to the scandalous career of Anita Berber – a Berlin cabaret dancer notorious for her nude performances. From gay director, Rosa von Praunheim. Friday, January 12. Rich Auditorium at the High Museum. 8:00PM.

SUKAY. Fri., Jan 12th. Sounds of the ancient Incans blend w/modern South American music. Worth seeing! \$10-12. 8PM. Variety Playhouse (formerly The Ellis), 1097 Euclid Avenue. 874-2232.

THE PRODUCERS. Fri. and Sat. Jan. 12 & 13. Cotton Club. 10PM. 1021 Peachtree St. 874-2523.

BABYLON A.D. Sun., Jan. 14th. An all-ages show w/ a special showtime. 8PM. \$6.96. Cotton Club. 1021 P'tree St. 874-2523.

Photography

GRAFFITI ART: The Berlin Wall Talks. Thru Feb. 1990. One hundred colour photos by Berliner Heinz J. Kuzdas document graffiti on the now-defunct Berlin Wall from 1983 to 1988. Free. Georgia Tech. Student Center Gallery.

Radio

All of the following programs are heard on Radio Free Georgia-WRFG-89.3 FM.

Check them out!

THE GOOD EARTH: Tues., 1PM-1AM. New Wave and Alternative Music w/Eric Price.

SOUNDINGS: Thurs., 1–2PM. Topical music and talk with socially concerned artists, hosted by Franklin Abbott and Lanier Clance.

STILL AIN'T SATISFIED: Thurs., 5:05-7PM. Music and Public Affairs from a Heretic Woman's view. *This Way Out*, the Lesbian and Gay Radio News, at 6PM.

THE SEEKER: Sat., 5-8PM. Music and information which preserves, promotes and advances the true history and culture of African-American people. Coltrane, Marley, Nina Simone, Fela, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, book and film reviews, interviews, news, poetry readings and much more. Hosted by W. S. Tkweme.

GAY GRAFFITI: Sun., 8–9PM. Good music and good talk by and about Atlanta's lesbian and gay community.

LES CHANTEUSES AFRICANES: Mon., 1–6AM. A unique radio exclusive! Featuring musical & literary voices of black women. Strong ethnic/lesbian flavour. Alicia Banks hosts.

Television •

THE LAWMAKERS, 1990. Mon., Jan. 8. Beginning its 20th season, this GPTV series offers daily in-depth coverage of the Georgia General Assembly. Watch and see if anything happens with the sodomy law. Every night on Channel 8 at 7PM.

LOUIS RUKEYSER'S 1990 MONEY GUIDE. Tues., Jan. 9. A look at what's ahead for the country economically and politically. Channel 8 at 10PM.

Theatre

FENCES. Sat., Jan. 6-Feb. 17. August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about the broken dreams of an embittered former Negro League baseball player, set in the Fifties just before the civil rights era. Tickets are \$13-\$28. Alliance Theatre, Woodruff Arts Center, 1280 Peachtree Street. Call 892-2414 for more information.

PANTOMIME. Sat., Jan. 13-Feb. 10. An ironic two-character play of wits with a Calypso beat, this is a satyrical version of the Robinson

Crusoe legend with roles reversed. Tickets are \$10-\$20. Shows: Wed.-Fri., 8PM; Sat., 8:30PM; Sun., 3PM. The Academy Theatre, 173 14th Street (across from Colony Square). Call 892-0880.

LAUGHING WILD. Extended thru Jan. 20th! Christopher Durang's blistering satire on contemporary issues is well-presented. The Actor's Express, 280 Elizabeth Street. 221-0831.

DIE, BROCK MOLAR, DIE! Sat., Jan. 13 thru March 31. Evoteck Theatre, The World's First Science Fiction Playhouse, ushers in the 90's with this swashbuckling space odyssey. The play follows the adventures of neurospace pirate, Brock Molar, whose precious cargo is 1000 disembodied souls. Performances are on Fri. and Sat. at 9PM. \$8.50. Evoteck is located at 3078 Roswell Rd. 642-3379.

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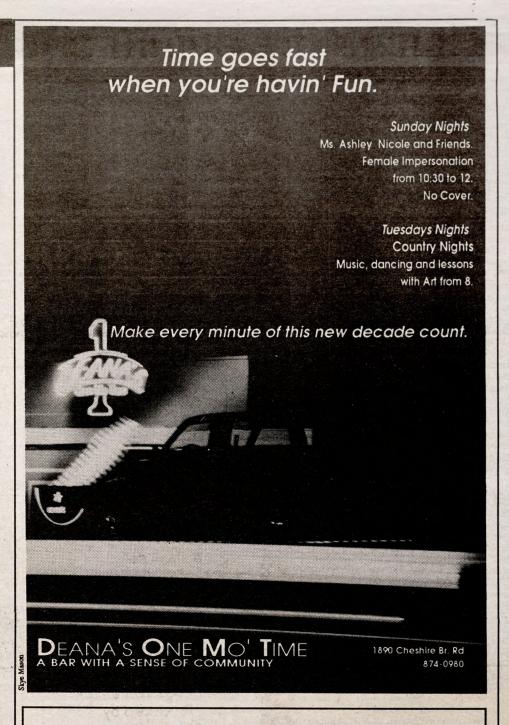
OLIVIA RECORDS. February 12–16, 19–23, 1990. This company has just released a limited number of cabins for their cruise to the Bahamas. Call today to reserve fun, sun & music with 600 women aboard the S.S. Dolphin IV. (800) 631-6277. Accommodation for single or double occupancy available.

RICHARD STOLTZMAN. Jan. 30. World-renowned clarinetist appears with the National Arts Center Orchestra of Canada for one night only. Part of the ASO's Great Performer Series. Symphony Hall, 1293 Peachtree Street. 898-1182. 8PM. \$13.50-\$27.50.

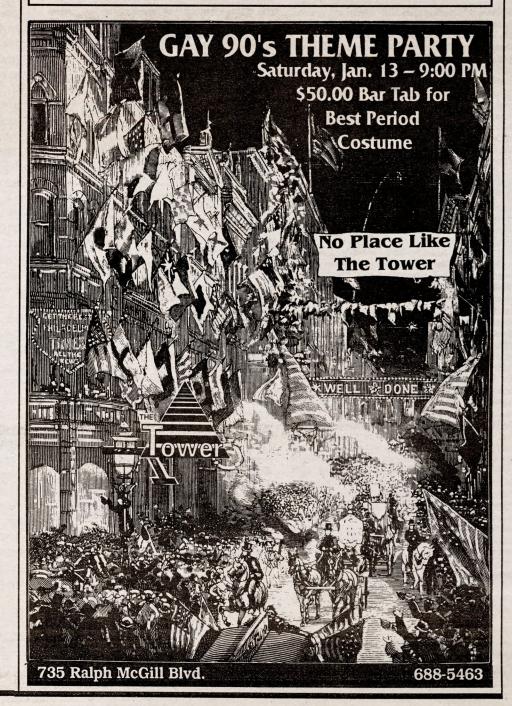
THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL BLACK GAY/LESBIAN CONFERENCE. Feb. 16–19. "Celebrating Our History, Creating Our Future" is the theme. Hyatt Regency Atlanta. For more details, call 755-7731. African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance.



Comedian Lea Delaria will be rallying for Sodomy at Backstreet, Sun., Jan 7 at 8 pm. No cover, all money donated will be used to repeal the Georgia Sodomy Law.



It's Happening!



ORGANIZATIONS

AALGA- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance. 1st Sunday of each month. 4:00 PM. Ashby and Gordan 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 gathering for support and to 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. 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.

AGLA- Athens Gay & Lesbian Association, at the University of Georgia. All welcome at meetings, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month; call 404/548-0580 for more information.

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

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.

APAC Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee - Join Atlanta's newest abortion-rights activist group in defending women's health clinics. A non-profit, non-partisan, nonviolent broad-based organization created to support the right to reproductive freedom for all people. 239-8016 for information. Our bodies, our lives, our right to decide.

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 profes-

sionals 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 over-come 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.

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

GAPAC- Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition. Meetings vary. The gay and lesbian political action committee monitoring and acting in the local political scene. 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 reconcilia-tion 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 professiona astrologers. Usually meet the 4th 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 izing, 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.

OUT LINES

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Occupation:

Owns a small business consulting firm

Favorite Sport: Tennis

Favorite Politician: Ted Kennedy

Favorite Film: "The Lost Boys"

Favorite Thing About Atlanta: Progressive attitude with small town atmosphere



Tim Mills: Getting On With the Business of Living

Tim Mills, founder of POOH (Positive Outlook on HIV-positive) and vice-president of the Atlanta Team Tennis Association, is one of the growing number of young Atlanta gay men today who are getting on with the business of living after an HIV-positive diagnosis.

Tim, who has known he was HIV-positive for three years, started POOH (Positive Outlook on HIV-positive) with a friend, also HIV-positive, this past September. A social organization for people who have received an HIV-positive diagnosis, POOH provides opportunities for HIV-positive people to meet and socialize with each other, and get away from serious worries and concerns for a while.

"We noticed a lack in the support group structure in Atlanta for people who had gone through the emotional trauma of finding out that they were HIV-positive and had come to terms with that. After that point, they seemed to be left hanging as to how to get back into the social swing of life. After all, you don't just walk into most places where you would like to meet people and announce that you have this condition.'

The group is small – about 50 members and independent. "We get together for parties, game nights, movie nights, dinners at various restaurants."

Tim emphasizes that POOH fills a need not met by other AIDS-related organizations: "We take up where other groups leave off. We don't provide counseling, for example. But the support we get from being around other people with a like mental outlook keeps the rest of us well-focused and positive about our condition."

In addition to his work with POOH, Tim serves as vice-president of the Atlanta Team Tennis Association. ATTA, Atlanta's gay tennis league, has been in existence about five years and currently has nearly 100 members. Tim joined the league this summer and was elected vice-president this fall. "Our new Board of Directors is very much determined that this is going to be one of the finer Gay Tennis leagues in the coun-

Tim looks forward to competing in the Gay Games in Vancouver August 4-11, 1990. "I'm working with the Southeastern Sports Alliance to raise funds to support all of the athletes who will attend the Gay Games in August. I'm the team captain for the tennis team. And I am going! I'm thrilled. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I don't intend to miss it."

Tim has lived in Atlanta for six years, and loves the city. He has lived all over the United States, but feels that Atlanta is home "My roots are here." He speaks warmly: "The thing I like so much about Atlanta is its progressive attitude. It has a long way to go in some ways, but it has an attitude that will allow for change. I think the people open to listening to other people's views and allowing them to express their lifestyles. Atlanta is a large town and offers as many things as other large cities offer, and yet it still has the small Southern home-town atmosphere."

Tim is single now; his lover of seven and a half years died last February of AIDS, "His birthday was Christmas Day, and I traveled to Key West this past week to fulfill his last wish, which was that his ashes be spread out to sea off of Key West. I just got through doing that, and I feel very good. It's actually a happy time. I got to do what his last request was, and it was a freeing experience. And it really was the finalization of releasing him to wherever he's going."

Tim speaks firmly on the need for political action: "Gay and lesbian people everywhere need to be aware that they cannot sit back and allow other people to fight their battles. Gay men have responsibilities to their counterpart lesbian society, and I think lesbian women have the same responsibility toward fights for freedoms for gay men. I hope that not only in Atlanta but all over the country that gay men and lesbian women will come together some day and form one of the strongest political voting blocks that this country has ever seen. Until that day comes, I don't think that we are going to realize the full potential of our society. It would be nice if Atlanta were the first place in this country where we really came together and did that and showed the rest of the United States what could be done."

-Charlene Ball

Barr Responds to GLAAD about 'Faggy' Comment

by Cliff O'Neill

Los Angeles-Television comic Roseanne Barr on Dec. 20 responded to critics in the gay and lesbian community regarding published comments in which she referred to a film competing with her own as being "faggy".

"I will continue to work against racism, sexism, classism and homophobia," stated Barr through a spokesperson. "I will add 'faggy' to my list of unsayable, hateful words."

Barr, star of ABC television's "Roseanne", made her controversial statements in the Dec. 7 Washington Post, speaking about her new film "She Devil."

"Our movie is not like 'Steel Magnolias'," said Barr. "That was a faggy movie where all the women were men. Our movie depicts strong, bitchy women who don't just sit around. And no, I don't think they are too bitchy. Women can never be too bitchy...'

But those reacting to Barr's original statement are now only marginally satisfied with the comedienne's succinct response to their concerns.

"Ms. Barr's statement is a good first step in that it acknowledges that the word 'fag' is not appropriate for common use," retorted Karin Schwartz, assistant director of the New Yorkbased Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). "However, it doesn't begin to go far enough when you consider the millions of people-particularly straight people-who heard about the first quote, but will never hear the statement."

Shortly after being apprised of Barr's comments, GLAAD began a series of negotiations with her openly lesbian sister, Geraldine Barr, to secure a commitment from the entertainer for an apology and, possibly, a videotaped public service announcement condemning anti-gay and anti-lesbian discrimination and violence.

According to Schwartz, Geraldine Barr expressed that Roseanne's comments were made in the context of speaking against Hollywood's stereotyping of women in films and was not made out of bigotry. Geraldine reportedly further expressed that Roseanne was very receptive to the idea of creating the public service announcements.

However, after the week of telephone conversations, described by Schwartz as "highly productive," personal problems on Roseanne Barr's part led to a postponement of further



Roseanne Barr

negotiations.

Soon thereafter, the matter was referred to Roseanne Barr's public relations agents who released the comedienne's Dec. 7 statement, one week after the last contact between GLAAD and Geraldine Barr.

"Evidently," Schwartz contents, "Ms. Barr's public relations experts didn't like the direction in which the negotiations were heading, and have interceded. Consequently, pure public relations interests may prevent Ms. Barr from doing something truly decent at this time, something that we think she honestly believes in. The bottom line is, that in the homophobic world in which we live, it is better public relations to alienate the gay and lesbian community rather than run the risk of angering bigots in the straight community."

Since receiving Roseanne Barr's terse statement, Schwartz has made several attempts to contact Geraldine Barr directly and through her press agent. At deadline, her calls had not yet been returned.

Although acknowledging that she has received a "verbal statement" from Barr's press agent that the comic is "contemplating" doing a public service announcement, "possibly for GLAAD, or possibly for some other organization," Schwartz added that now, "there's absolutely no commitment" from Barr's representatives that she will do so at this time.

GLAAD is suggesting that interested parties write Roseanne Barr care of The William Morris Agency at 151 El Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90219, or call her press agent, Lisa Kasteller, at (213) 658-5800 to urge that Barr commit to make the public service announcements.



"Always"

by Candace Wiggins ** ** 1/2

"Always" is Steven Spielberg's latest directorial outing. This time he tries his hand at a romantic fantasy, a remake of a 1943 tearjerker, "A Guy Named Joe." This film boasts superb performances by Richard Dreyfuss remarkably low-key - and Holly Hunter as the strong-willed but vulnerable Dorinda. John Goodman as Al proves again that he's the best character actor around.

The WWII fighter pilots have been exchanged for a band of devil-may-care aerial firefighters.

Yeah, I thought I'd have trouble with that one, too. But the manner in which their profession is presented helps one appreciate the fact that fighting fires is heroes' and heroines' work.

While the dangers are apparent and Pete's hotdog plane maneuvers are exciting, Spielberg never lets them take a front seat. They are merely the backdrop for Pete's and Dorinda's love story, although it's beyond me how they ever got together.

We come into the story, a major shift in "Que sera, sera" already in motion. Pete barely gets out alive after pulling yet another grandstand play in the air.

Dorinda has two strong premonitions of impending doom for Pete. He crawls out of bed to check in her fridge - who wouldn't after hearing her bizarre shopping list rasped out in her sleep? Dorinda jerks awake, and sees Pete awash in the eerie blue light from her ice box.

'Your number's up," she declares. She has seen Pete's plane - glowing blue in the moonlight, just the plane. There's more. We know, we can tell by her face and manner. But Spielberg - never a risktaker - will not show us what she clearly sees. What a shame. If only he'd get over technology, and just make the movie he wants to really make here, things might work out.

Pete meets his destiny in a harrowing rescue of his pal, Al. The scene is played by Goodman as nonchalantly as can be, but the incredulity over Pete's fate cocky to the last, that Pete - adds to the underlying

Spielberg could have gotten in his own way again with the special effects and the schmaltz. Instead, he manages to restrain himself and let the story take over, telling itself.

In the past, Spielberg has taken characters up to the edge only to pull back at payoff time. No one knows why he chooses this formula. And no one knows why he continues to include female characters (a minor one this time around) that are treated insensitively or stupidly by everyone concerned, including the director. Stevie, grow up. This track record you don't need to keep breaking.

Hopefully, his next project will be even more emotionally honest. It would be nice to have him finally mature with his audience, without losing anyone's sense

•BLAZE ★★★ Writer/director Ron Shelton (Bull Durham) recounts the true story of Earl K. Long's love affair with the red-headed stripper Blaze Starr during his tenure as governor of Louisiana (he served three terms). The film has a low-down spark and a seedy elegance. It captures the pervasive air of corruption that defined backroom politics in the era leading up to the fall of segregation. As Long, Paul Newman develops a rowdy, pleasureable rapport with Blaze (Lolita Davidovich), and the storyline bounces along like a precocious foul-mouthed child. The film lacks focus, though, and Newman's performance, which lacks modulation, takes some getting used to. But Davidovich is very fine in her first major screen appearance. There's sympathy and comprehension and finally love in her depiction of Blaze's smiling regard for Long's eccentric personality and predica-

ment, which find an answering resonance in Shelton's direction.

 DRUGSTORE COWBOY ★★★ A work of dignity and grace about four junkies (Matt Dillon, Kelly Lynch, James LeGros, and the luminous Heather Graham) who are hanging onto the cliff face in a mesmerized haze. Directed by the gifted Gus Van Sant-who directed the acclaimed "Mala Noche" ("Bad Night"), a much praised gaythemed film-"Drugstore Cowboy" understands the pleasures and release that drugs can give people, and also how it finally bottoms out their souls. The film should be viewed by all past and present drug czars, official committees, and First Ladies who sit behind desks and endorse in tones of serious concern, via well-orchestrated photo opportunities, "Just say no!"

- Terry Francis



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Kerrie Osborne

Kerrie Osborne, Atlanta Academy Theatre actress and friend to many in the Lesbian and Gay community made her transition on December 19, 1989. She was surrounded by an assortment of friends and lovers when she died peacefully, fearlessly and painlessly.

Kerrie had three episodes of cancer since 1985. She chose to live with the disease. Those who knew her were inspired by her commitment to personal and spiritual growth. Kerrie maintained her professional schedule and, in fact she performed the most memorable role of her career, "Miss Margarida's Way," last season at the Academy Theatre.

Kerrie is survived by her two daughters,

Katelyn, 9, and Kristina, 6. Her former husband, Ken Wiltsee, will take over full time care of their children.

A memorial service was held December 22, 1989 at the Academy Theatre. Friends shared memories and stories about their life with Kerrie. She impacted powerfully with her love, her humor and her grace. She was a teacher and way-show-er to many. After giving Kerrie a standing ovation, the participants walked to Piedmont Park and wrote last messages on 99 pink balloons that were released to winter's brilliant sky, a blue that matched the color of Kerrie's eyes.

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross To Speak In Atlanta January 12

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, internationally recognized as one of the foremost authorities on death, dying and transition, will make a special presentation in Atlanta on Friday, January 12, 1990. The program is one in a series called the Good News Conspiracy.

Good News Conspiracy programs are sponsored by the Atlanta Church of Religious Science and are funded in part by a grant from the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation. They are designed to raise the consciousness of the community regarding traditional and alternative healing options for AIDS and other so-called "incurable" diseases. The overriding theme of these programs is the healing integration of mind, body and spirit.

For over 20 years, Dr. Ross has been making groundbreaking contributions to the movement toward greater understanding of death, dying and transition, both within the medical establishment and among the general public. Her books, papers, lectures and seminars have produced benchmark statements on these matters. She has been a prime mover in the field of hospice care and serves on the advisory boards of many hospice organizations.

Receiving her medical degree from the University of Zurich, Dr. Ross has held a number of prominent positions including Research Fellow, Manhattan State Hospital, New York; and Fellow in Psychiatry, Psychopathic Hospital, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver, In

1985, she was elected Clinical Professor of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

Dr. Ross, who is founder of the American Holistic Medical Association, is the author of *On Death and Dying*, an international best-seller which has been translated into more than a dozen languages. She has also written nine other books including *AIDS: The Ultimate Challenge*, and *To Live Until We Say Goodbye*.

In 1977, Dr. Ross founded Shanti Nilaya, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual well being. In 1984, she moved her organization to Head Waters, Virginia and began construction of the Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Training and Workshop Center.

Her honors and special recognitions number in the hundreds from sources across the globe. They include honorary doctoral degrees in science, laws, medicine, humanities, pedagogy and humane letters from 20 educational institutions.

The January 12 program will be held at the facilities of the Atlanta Church of Religious Science, 52 Executive Park Drive South, Suite Three, Atlanta. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

- Seating is limited.
- Admission \$25.00.
- For more information, call 636-4567.



AIDS FOCUS

CDC's Definition of AIDS To be Challenged At Jan. 9 Demonstration

ACT UP says many affected by HIV illness develop symptoms that cannot officially be called AIDS

While local press, rumor and innuendo have been focused primarily on ACT UP's January 8 demonstration against Georgia's sodomy statute, it's the group's planned demonstration at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on Clifton Road, January 9 at12:30p.m. that is drawing the most national media.

Here's what *that* action is all about: In many states only those who have CDC-defined AIDS are eligible for certain social and medical services. Those with other HIV-related illnesses are often denied access to clinical drug trials, disability and insurance payments, and locally-subsidized housing.

The action at CDC headquarters is to present demands that persons from all affected communities be included in discussions to revise HIV terminology, the development of new epidemiology and the identification of HIV related opportunistic infections

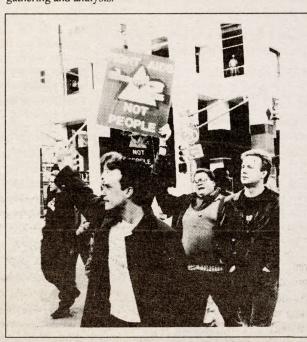
The medical profession estimates that one to two million people suffer from from some for of HIV related disease, which may manifest itself in a variety of ways depending on the person infected. Gay men, for instance, are the only group to suffer from Kaposi's Sarcoma, a form of skin cancer that typified early AIDS cases. Women with HIV illness suffer a variety of chronic vaginal infections and other gynecological problems.

In a meeting held between the Acting Director of the CDC and ACT UP members on December 21, 1989, the CDC admitted that the definition of AIDS should be expanded. The Director expressed the desire to receive recommendations from ACT UP regarding this definition revision. However, the CDC's immediate plans for revising the definition remain unclear.

Because of the current narrow definitions many affected by HIV illness develop symptoms that cannot officially be called AIDS yet may debilitate the person to the point where he or she cannot work. ACT UP's literature claims that, when the current CDC definition is used, there are more than 100,000 people with AIDS. But in New York City and Washington, D.C., between 35 and 45 percent of those hospitalized with HIV-related illnesses did not fit the CDC's current definition and were therefore excluded from some benefits and the CDC's epidemiological information gathering process.

There are also rapidly increasing numbers of people with a

range of immune disorders or HIV-like infections who do not appear to be infected with the HIV virus. Syphilis, gynecological infections, cervical cancers, amoebic and parasitic infections, TB, Epstein-Barr virus, chronic fatigue syndrome and various neurological problems are among the infections that ACT-UP claims should be included in the CDC's process of information gathering and analysis.



AIDS, of course, is not a single disease but a syndrome defined by the infections that are part of it. As the epidemic continues, people affected are living longer and new populations are developing symptoms and infections related to the syndrome. Even with the CDC's '87 revised definition of 25 opportunistic infections and ten cancers, ACT UP claims that non government statistics show there are large numbers of affected persons falling through benefit and epidemiological cracks.

The issues aren't just medical definitions and bureaucratic boondoggles; politics are at play here too. And not just one brand.

The most obvious of the politics issues is brought home with a bang by this statement from ACT UP: "The CDC is obviously not committed to ending this crisis. Instead it seeks only information which supports its narrow political assumptions and positions. Are the people who are getting sick expendable?"

There is, of course, much evidence that government inaction carly in the epidemic was substantially due to the fact that gay men were the majority of those affected. Now that the disease is becoming primarily one of the underclass, a group far less able and inclined than gay men to lobby for its rights, there's additional reason to believe that governmental foot dragging may indeed be related to a feeling that those affected are, indeed, expendable.

That point is emphasized by the fact that some of the opportunistic infections associated with AIDS, notably *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia (PCP), are now considered preventable. Yet people continue to die of PCP. Why are people dying from a disease that is preventable?

Less odious in its implications, but equally important in the equation that will eventually lead to a cure and vaccine, is the question of why some who are infected with the HIV virus remain healthy for years, perhaps ever, while others sicken and die very quickly. There is a very vocal school of thought that claims HIV cannot be the sole cause of the disease and that, in fact, HIV may itself even be a co-factor rather than the primary cause of AIDS. Co-factors must be analyzed if the entire disease spectrum is to be understood and ACT UP claims that CDC isn't doing that. And because co-factors receive so little emphasis, government funding for their investigation is nil.

Add to all this the fact that Dr. Anthony Faucci, Director of the National Institutes for Allergic and Infectious Diseases and an apparent recent convert to ACT UP's sense of urgency, says that AIDS funding is likely to drop soon because politicians are loathe to admit the extent of the crisis and it's easy to see the importance of the action planned for Tuesday, January 9 here in Atlanta.



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Ruling Planets

January 4 - January 17

by Mary Bailey-Rule

Neptune, Saturn and Mercury retrograde all lined up

in Capricorn and Jupiter and Chiron in Cancer. The

The New Year begins with Uranus, the Sun,



TAURUS - With the Sun and four other planets in Capricorn trining your natal placements, your 9th house of higher education and traditional values is activated. Use this time to broaden your vision and develop your mind.



GEMINI - Mars is in your 7th house of close personal relationships, so be prepared to make new friends or improve your current relationships. But, with Mercury retrograde, you may need quiet time to think things through.



CANCER - The Sun and four planets are in your 7th house of personal relationships, so enjoy your friends and social life. Allow others to love and nurture you for a change. Don't hesitate to ask for what you need.



LEO - Venus is now retrograde in your 7th house of personal and committed relationships, so any glowing embers could turn into a beautiful fire. Be patient with commitment



VIRGO - With the Sun and four planets lined up in your 5th house of passion and creativity, you may need a new outlet for your talent to create and organize. Watch for opportunities to volunteer skills.



LIBRA - You may have unexpected changes or opportunitites at home or within your family. If you are house hunting, go for what you really want instead of settling for less, but pay close attention to legal details.



SCORPIO - You may find your ability to write clearly or to communicate one-to-one is much improved. Take advantage of this situation at home, at work and in your personal realtionships. Your career will benefit.



SAGITTARIUS - With Mars in your first house, you may have an abundance of energy and determination. Just be careful not to burn the candle at both ends. There is always enough time for fun and



CAPRICORN - Happy Birthday! With the Sun and four planets in your first house, you may feel you can accomplish anything. Look for unexpected opportunities, talk about your dreams and stay as positive as possible.



AQUARIUS - Venus is retrograde in your 1st house, so use this time to take inventory of your wonderful talents, abilities, and characteristics. Also trust your vision of a better world and follow your own



PISCES - Venus is retrograde in your 12th house of dreams and unconscious processes, so focus more attention on your dreams and intuition. It will pay off in your personal life and your career.

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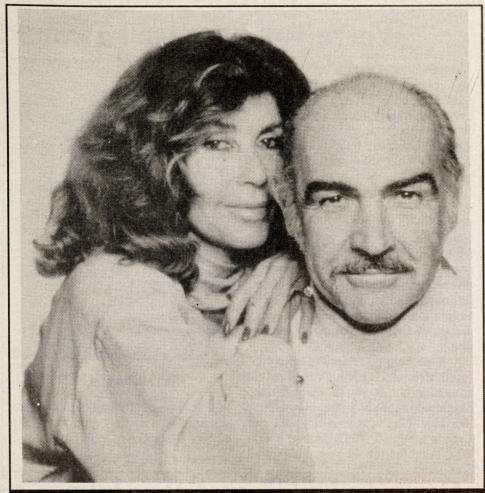




by Charles Haver







FAMOUS FACES

The Best Liked

By now you know *People* says Sean Connery is the sexiest man alive this year, but *Spy* is sleuthing around for the most popular of the famous. The magazine surveyed Mr. and Mrs. Random and concluded the former *People* sexiest, Mel Gibson is the most popular of the famous. The least popular according to the Randoms: Woody Allen. The *Spy* survey was conducted to provide clues for an NBC special which ponders the all important question posed in its title "How to be Famous."

The Best of the Best

Forget the Oscars. One of the country's oldest and most prestigious motion picture associations, the National Board of Review, has chosen the best actors and the best movies of the year based on artistic value rather than business or entertainment potential, and the winners are...Michelle Pfeiffer for her role in "The Fabulous Baker Boys." The Best actor decision went to Morgan Freeman, the driver in Atlanta-filmed "Driving Miss Daisy," which itself was named best movie. The winners will receive the D. W. Griffith award in a ceremony this February.

Ricky Loves Lucy

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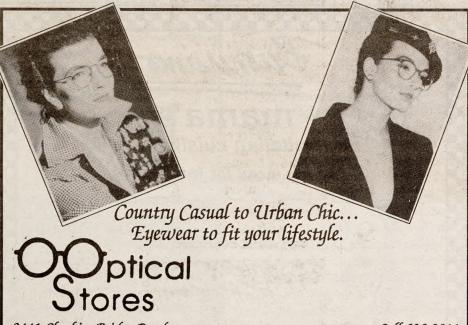
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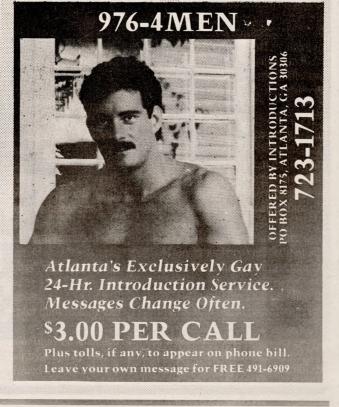
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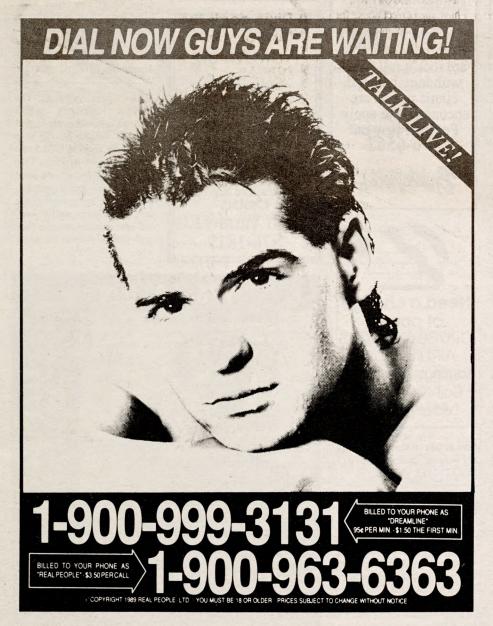
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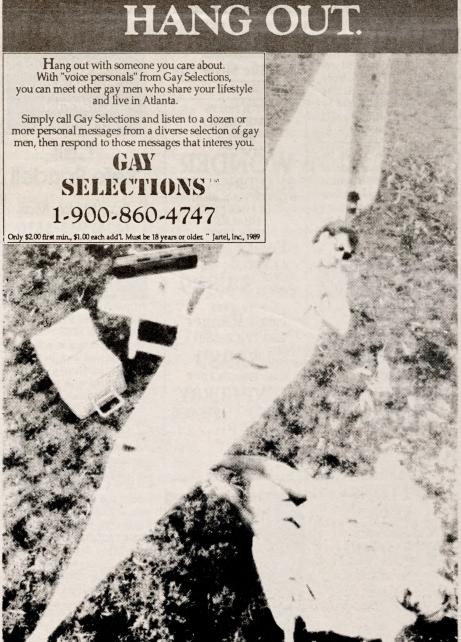
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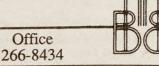
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Note: The use of vetoes restricts the number of members qualified to meet you. You are guaranteed the number of matches you order, but if you use too many vetoes you may get fewer matches than you ordered initially, in which case you will receive credit for the remaining matches. You can use the credit to alter your questionnaire and/or reorder matches anytime.

Step 5 - Rank the categories. The questionnaire is divided into 16 categories. To insure that your responses on the less important items won't override those on the more important items, you must indicate which categories are important to you. Using the blank to the left of each category heading, either . . .

Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, or . . .

Put a check mark beside the *five* most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie breakers. Noes and yeses have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled no. However, vetoes are exclusive regardless of category rank.

ComQuestsM Application Form (see instructions to the left)

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for our use in mailing you your matches, and is kept confidential. (Correspondence is mailed in plain envelopes.) Name Addr					who get matched to you to contact you. This must in at least your first name and either a mailing address phone number. You are limited to a total of 125 I spaces, and punctuation. Use some of the space to be describe yourself and your interests. If you do not with others to contact you, or if you live outside the areas			
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me		Alabama	me me	veto no ok yes	Protestant Jewish	me		Average for height Heavier than ave
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me	veto no ok yes	Not tested	me	veto no ok yes	Non or light drinker	me	veto no ok yes	Very hairy/teddy
	Entertainment/S	Social Activities	me	veto no ok yes	Moderate drinker	-	_ Hair Color/Fac	ial Hair
me	veto no ok yes	Fine arts events	me	veto no ok yes	Non drug user	me	The second secon	
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me	veto no ok yes	Dancing/Clubs Cooking/Entertaining	me	veto no ok yes	Easy-going/laid back	me	veto no ok yes	Smooth or clean Mustache
me		Quiet evenings at home	me		Good sense of humor Shy/reserved/quiet	me	veto no ok yes	
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me	veto no ok yes	Photography/arts/crafts	me	veto no ok yes	Intellectual Emotional	me	veto no ok yes	Swimmer's build
me	veto no ok yes	Aerobics/body building Volleyball/softball/etc.		Masculinity/Ap		me me	veto no ok yes	Average build Not athletic
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