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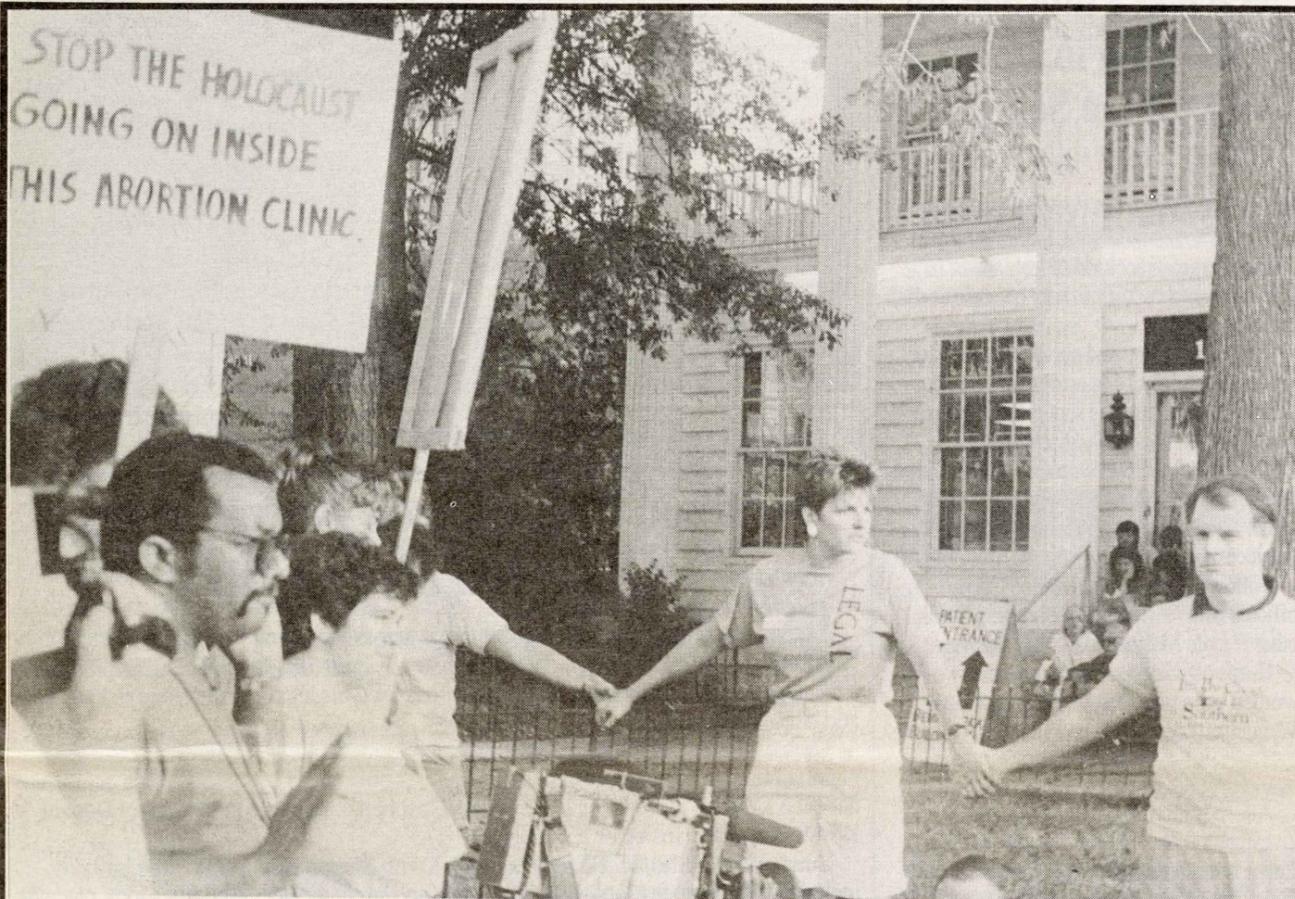
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Taking Pride in Our Culture

August 18, 1988



LEGAL volunteers Melinda Daniels and Tim Forchet stand guard outside the Midtown Hospital as far-right Christians wait to be arrested at their feet. Lesbians and gay men have constituted a large part of the volunteer force helping to ensure that the anti-abortion protesters do not succeed in disrupting services at Atlanta's clinics for women. See story page 3.

## Controversy at AID Atlanta Continues, Letters Fuel Speculation

The controversy surrounding the management of AID Atlanta continues to escalate. Last week a letter dated April 9, 1988 from Dr. Mervyn Silverman, director of the AIDS Health Services Program—an initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, was mailed anonymously to *Southern Voice*. The letter clearly stated that funding could be cut off if the conditions it cited were not improved. There is no public record that the entire Board of Directors of AID Atlanta was made aware of the existence or contents of the letter until late July or early August after a more emphatic letter dated July 18, 1988 (see *Southern Voice* V1 No.12) from Silverman advised that AID Atlanta's Phase II grant proposal was being returned for reprocessing.

The first letter was addressed to Buren Batson, Executive Director of AID Atlanta; Bruce Garner, President of AID Atlanta's Board, was the only person at the agency copied. The second letter was addressed to Garner; Batson and all members of AID Atlanta's Board were copied.

Rumors about AID Atlanta and Batson, fomented partially by the veil of secrecy surrounding the agency, have run rampant throughout the community in the past month. The revelation of the April 9th letter, along with continued personality conflicts between Batson and many members of the community at large, has fueled speculation that the Batson's days at AID Atlanta are numbered. Other's claim that his position is secure and that his contract will be renewed soon. A budget breakdown mailed to *Southern Voice* with the April 9 letter indicates that Batson would have received a healthy 27 percent raise if the first Phase II funding application had been approved.

Another rumor currently in vogue insists Silverman, Robert Wood Johnson and another major funder are demanding that Batson be fired as a condition of continued funding. Such rumors could not be confirmed. Denise Graveline, communications officer with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation which funds the Program, stated "Our program does not seek to interfere with the internal personnel decisions of any agency we fund."

*Southern Voice* attempted to reach both Batson and Garner for comment, neither returned phone messages. Batson has previously stated that the complaints made by Silverman are "common mid-course corrections" in a grant this size. Batson has also commented that "there is no crisis (at AID Atlanta)." Graveline confirmed that the reason the grant was broken into two phases

## INSIDE

Circle K Corporation has issued a dangerous new insurance policy, according to the Human Rights Campaign Fund, which has produced a ground swell of opposition. PWA organizers are working furiously to get the policy changed. **Page 3.**

CounterCulture shifts home this issue, with a focus on local entertainers. Singer/songwriter Angela Motter daydreams with John Blizzard about her upcoming album, which she hopes will make top-forty fans want to say "I am so tired of that Angela Motter song." No one ever gets tired of **Big Hair (and other teases)**, as the talented cast take it into its fifth month Upstairs at Gene and Gabe's. **Page 7.**

Living with AIDS—Michael Callen Callen, who has been making a name for himself as a musician while battling AIDS for the past 6 years, has released his debut album, *Purple Heart*. The album, which he classifies as a "celebration of being gay," reflects Callen's belief that music is a political act. **Page 12.**

## Openly Gay Candidates Defeated in Race for Ga. House

Lesbian and gay politicians reported both a sense of frustration and validation on Tuesday after realizing that the campaigns of Gil Robison and Dick Rhodes for the Georgia House of Representatives had failed to muster enough votes to get the candidates past the Democratic primary and into the general election this fall. Both Robison and Rhodes are openly gay men who were running on platforms that emphasized "mainstream" as well as lesbian and gay issues.

Robison was running in a seven candidate field for the Fulton County at-large seat from House District 40 vacated by Representative Barbara Couch. He garnered 8% of the 43,291 votes cast in the race. Cynthia Ann McKinney, daughter of notoriously homophobic state Representative Billy McKinney, will face state AFL-CIO president Herbert Mabry in an August 30th run-off election.

McKinney has stated in the past that her father's views are his, and that her beliefs are different. She was given an "acceptable" rating by Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition (GAPAC) in their pre-election candidate survey. Mabry was not rated by GAPAC.

Rhodes, who also ran against six competitors, fared poorer in his race for state District 46 in DeKalb County. He received 4% of the 3,006 votes cast. District 46

encompasses much of the north-western corner of DeKalb.

District 46 voters will also decide a run-off August 30th between political activist Doug Teper and lobbyist Holly Bates. Teper was rated as "recommended" in GAPAC's pre-election survey, while Bates was not mentioned.

Rhodes began the gay/lesbian political season with his surprise announcement for the District 46 seat the night of the Super Tuesday primary this spring, while waiting to hear if he would go to the Democratic National Convention as a Gore delegate. He targeted education, the drug problem and an effective AIDS strategy as priorities during his campaign. He was the first openly gay man to announce for the Georgia House of Representatives.

Rhodes refused to categorize his candidacy as a loss, however, reemphasizing the role his campaign and volunteers have played in "waking up" Democratic Party regulars in DeKalb County. He also stressed the education that his relatively inexperienced team picked up, saying that they would be available for future candidates to draw from.

While Rhodes does not plan on entering any other races in the near future, he does want to continue to work within the party in DeKalb County. "It only costs \$10 to join the

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Atlanta March Committee Awarded \$1,000

Atlanta - The Atlanta March Committee received \$1,000 from the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The money is part of surplus cash left after the October 11, 1987 March.

More than 280 grant proposals came to the National Committee, and 34 were accepted. Other groups receiving awards from the March include: the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, the National Lesbian and Gay Congress, ACT NOW, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, NAPWA, and the Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men (SECLGM), whose next annual conference will take place in Texas.

The grant received by the Atlanta March Committee in early August will be used towards funding a Southern Leadership Conference.

Atlanta March Committee president, Cathy Woolard estimates that the conference will take place in about one year and, she emphasizes, it will in no way compete with the SECLGM (Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men).

•F.G.

## Black Leaders Ask for Gay/Lesbian Participation in Anniversary March

Atlanta - Organizers of the mobilization to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington are urging lesbians and gays to join in the event.

The commemoration of the march in which Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous "I have a dream" speech, will involve another march from the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. on August 27.

Coretta Scott King, wife of the slain leader, declared "...gays and lesbians could be found on the front lines of every campaign led by Martin Luther King, Jr....With this in mind, and simply because it's morally right, I am proud to support the lesbian and gay

community in their struggle for freedom and human rights. In this same spirit, we wholeheartedly welcome all groups...to fully participate in the 25th anniversary."

Mr. Ophild Dukes, one of the Washington organizers of the event, reiterated the invitation to gays and lesbians to participate.

For more information on the anniversary march, call Ms. Doris Cremshaw at the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change at 524-1956.

•F.G.

## Marines Punished for Testifying in Defense of Lesbian Sergeant

Parris Island, S.C.—Two Marine Corps women who testified on behalf of a female Marine sergeant accused of lesbianism have been punished by the military because of their testimony.

The two women had served as character witnesses on July 14 at a court-martial in which the sergeant was sentenced to a year in prison and dishonorably discharged.

On July 18 the two women were removed from the drill field and reassigned to other areas. Their permanent records will show an unsuccessful tour of duty on the drill field.

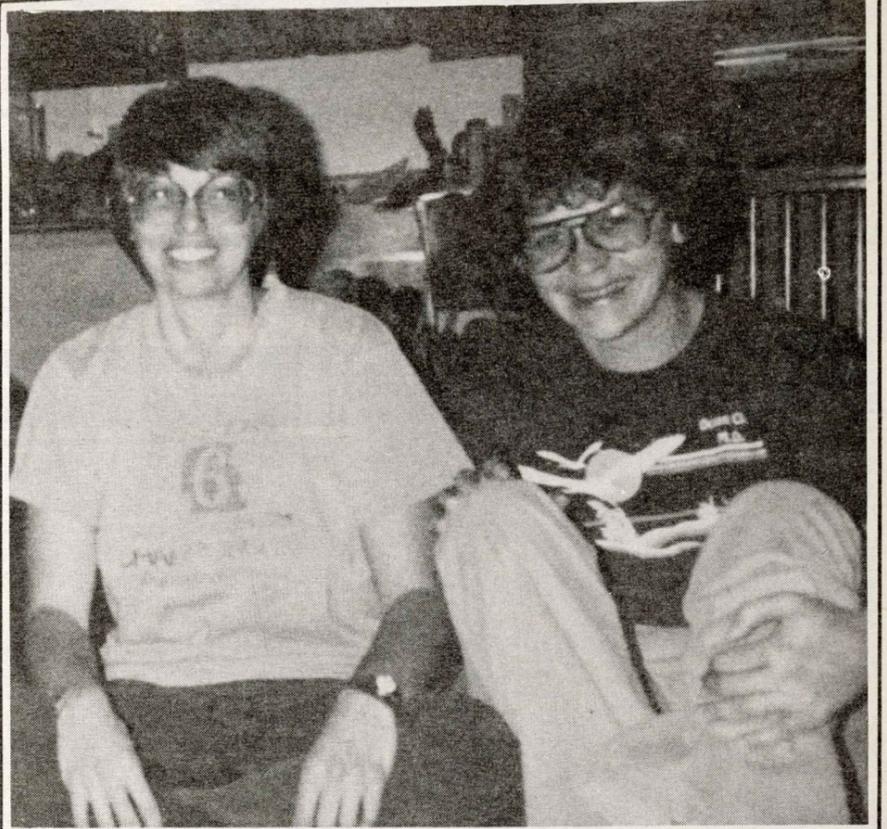
Following the action, Marine Corps officers held "informational briefings" with other female Marines to explain the move.

Corps officials acknowledged the two women were punished for their testimony, saying the testimony caused their superiors to lose confidence in them because it showed they don't understand or support their orders.

Attorneys for other women under investigation on sodomy charges said the Corps is intimidating people from testifying in defense of any woman accused of homosexual behavior.

Some military legal observers think this incident will make it more difficult to prosecute women accused of lesbianism. They say judges will throw out more cases if they believe potential witnesses for the defense have been frightened away from testifying.

—F.G.



Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski

## "National Free Sharon Kowalski Day" Observed August 7th

Demonstrators in more than a dozen cities across the country participated in "National Free Sharon Kowalski Day" Sunday, August 7th, to publicize the plight of a disabled Minnesota woman whose father has used his legal guardianship to keep her and her lover apart for more than three years.

Kowalski, who suffered a debilitating auto accident in 1983, currently resides in a nursing home in Hibbing, Minnesota. Karen Thompson, her partner of nine years, has not seen Kowalski since August, 1985, and lost her court battle to take away Donald Kowalski's guardianship of his daughter.

Sunday's activities, scheduled to coincide with Sharon Kowalski's 32nd birthday, included vigils, processions, birthday cakes, and street theater. Activities took place in New York, Boston, Washington, and several other cities.

The demonstrators' statement of purpose asks that Thompson or a neutral third party be appointed as guardian, that Kowalski be moved to a facility better able to treat her, and that she be allowed to participate in decisions regarding her treatment.

Kowalski's father has repeatedly refused to spend money on competency evaluations for his daughter, and, according to Thompson, has refused to acknowledge his daughter's ability to make decisions. Thompson's ongoing attempt to force Kowalski's father to have her tested seems to have succeeded, with a date for testing expected to be set in the near future.

Thompson, who was communicating with her partner via typewriter before her visitation rights were cut off, said Kowalski's last typed message to her was, "Karen help me. Get me out of here. Take me home with you."



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was to allow for "flexibility ... and course corrections."

In his July 18th letter Silverman asked that a new proposal be submitted, and that the signatures of all AID Atlanta Board members as well as those of the grant's sub-contractors appear on the proposal.

The Phase II Proposal covers the two years remaining on the original grant and involves the dispersal of more than \$800,000 for AIDS care in Atlanta. AID Atlanta administers the program; Grady Memorial Hospital and the Visiting Nurses Association are the primary sub-contractors. One of the major purposes of the grant is to create model program which will lower the costs of caring for people with AIDS (PWAs) by providing as much out-patient care as is possible.

Silverman's letters would seem to indicate the presence of problems deeper than the "common mid-course corrections" claimed by Batson. The April 9th letter stated, "It is extremely important that we remind you that your organization will need to show considerable improvement in the areas cited to be considered for continued funding."

Among the problems noted by Silverman and his staff were a lack of communication between AID Atlanta, its sub-contractors and the community; a "very low" staff morale attributable to poor internal communication and management style, not excessive workload; the lack of follow-through on past recommendations from Program officials, including calls for a minority task force and an active Advisory Committee; poor documentation; no clear goals or objectives on how to deal with housing and long-term care needs of PWAs; and inadequate communication from the AID Atlanta management to the Program office.

Batson and Garner did not seem deeply concerned when the July 18 letter, returning the Phase II Proposal, was made public. When the letter was discussed during a board

meeting, Batson referred to Silverman and the site review team as "academicians" who knew nothing of management. Donald Smith, PhD, Secretary of the Board, suggested that the board not take a confrontational stance, and instead, "... turn totally Southern ... and be sweetly manipulative."

Developing a clear picture of the situation is virtually impossible since no one with access to information is willing to make statements for attribution. Several sources within the agency have stated, independently of each other, that Batson has threatened to sue anyone from the agency who discussed current problems with the press. Detractors say this threat lends credence to other statements which paint pictures of a Machiavellian management style at AID Atlanta.

Batson, in turn, refuses to answer criticisms from sources who demand anonymity, dismissing such statements as hearsay and gossip. The documents received by *Southern Voice* appear to be genuine, but other than Silverman's letter, we have no guarantee of their veracity.

The reworked Phase II Proposal has been completed, and was approved by the Board of Directors late Friday evening. AID Atlanta has also asked for letters of support from community groups, other funding sources and local governmental agencies to accompany the proposal. The reaction to the request has reportedly been mixed, ranging from negative to neutral to unqualified support.

When asked why an organization that feels negatively about the way AID Atlanta's community outreach is administered would write any letter at all, one source cited the realities of providing services to PWAs without RWJ funding, and added, "No one wants to be known as the group that did anything to hurt AID Atlanta."

-Chris Duncan

## Circle K Says No Coverage for "Personal Lifestyle" Illnesses

Phoenix, AZ—Officials with the Circle K Corporation have been inundated with calls and letters of complaints while AIDS and gay/lesbian activists have organized protests around the country in response to an insurance policy the company issued in January. The new policy stated that the company would not cover employee's medical expenses that resulted from "personal-lifestyle choices"—which includes AIDS, treatments and illnesses arising from alcoholism or drug abuse, or self-inflicted wounds.

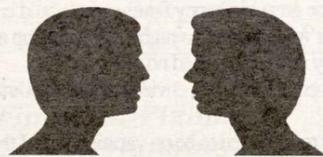
The newly-formed AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power/Atlanta (ACT UP/Atlanta) flexed their muscles in response to the policy and tied up phone lines all day Tuesday at Circle K's district office here, with over 300 phone calls demanding that the company change its policy.

Circle K's insurance program, called "KareChoice", differs from most work-related health insurance, in that the company pays the medical expenses rather than use a third party insurer. Because of that subtle distinction, Circle K is not bound by Arizona state law which prohibits the use of "personal lifestyle" as a gauge of insurability.

According to Charles Shoemaker, Circle K's vice president for human resources, the policy simply reflects a cost-saving effort on the part of the company. "We felt we had to take certain steps to help contain our medical costs, and we felt that this was one thing we could do."

Although AIDS has been used as a red flag by insurance companies looking to exclude high-risk categories of people from eligibility, studies have found that no significant danger of sky rocketing AIDS-related claims exists. At press time, it appeared that Circle K management had changed their position slightly, and were willing to negotiate on the policy.

-Chris Duncan



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## Atlanta Lesbians & Gays Join Ranks Against Anti-Abortionists

Members of LEGAL (Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians) joined forces with Georgia NOW (National Organization of Women), GARAL (Georgia Abortion Rights Action League) and other pro-choice supporters August 6th to assist at Midtown Hospital where more than 150 anti-abortion protesters attempted to disrupt activities at the clinic.

"It's good to see gays and lesbians out for an issue other than gays and lesbians," said Melinda Daniels, a LEGAL member who joined with other pro-choice activists to form a human chain which prevented protesters from getting too close to the hospital. "I believe this is an excellent opportunity (for the gay and lesbian community) to build coalitions with NOW and NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League)."

their rights end there."

Pro-choice supporters also served as patient escorts. Each patient was greeted by at least three escorts a block away, and then walked to the hospital. While the escorts provided physical protection, protesters continued to press around the patient, hurling verbal abuse and shouting phrases such as "Don't kill your baby," and "You are being exploited."

Nathan Schiff, an activist who has been involved with the pro-choice movement for seven years, went into an epileptic seizure after being knocked down by a protester while he was escorting a patient.

"Someone walked right through me," Schiff said. "I ended up falling down backwards and hitting my head on the pavement. I happened to be someone who



CHRIS DUNCAN

Lesbians and gays join the front ranks in fight for women's reproductive freedom

The August 6th protest at Midtown Hospital was the culmination of a series of Atlanta protests organized by the national group, Operation Rescue, since the Democratic National Convention in late July. Protests continued through the week of August 8th.

Protesters were arrested and charged with various offenses including criminal trespassing, obstructing a sidewalk and giving false names. Randall Terry, national Operation Rescue leader was released on \$10,000 bond August 9th after he was charged with being party to a crime and conspiracy to commit a crime for leading illegal protest actions.

"There are always two sides to an issue and the abortion opponents have a right to express their views," said Pete Duttweiler, another LEGAL member of the human chain. "But I have seen these people (the protesters) heap personal, direct, emotional abuse on women and their families. I think that's wrong and

got in her (the protester's) way."

Nonetheless, all patients who came to the hospital August 6th were seen. "Patients are not deterred by the protesters," said Lynn Wilson, GARAL president. "Some may reschedule, but they are not deterred."

Elizabeth Appley, Midtown Hospital attorney, added, "It's a burden on the operation of the business, but the Atlanta Police have worked hard and normal operations have proceeded. Demonstrators have not succeeded in closing any clinic."

Wilson said she believes the presence of LEGAL members at the protests indicated a real coalition between civil rights groups.

"When a woman's right to reproductive freedom is endangered, the next step might be further infringement of gay and lesbian rights. When you have a group like Operation Rescue that is so adamant about denying people their civil rights, it brings out all who want to protect civil rights," Wilson said.

- Sharon D. Blalock

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## Guest Editorial

### Where was George? The Key Question for Gay and Lesbian Voters in 1988

Senator Ted Kennedy ignited the spirits of the recent Democratic Convention during his speech in Atlanta when he posed the question "Where was George?" after reviewing the Reagan Administration's most memorable policy gaffes.

Although Kennedy did not mention gay and lesbian issues in his speech, no single question is more relevant for gay and lesbian voters this year. As we decide who to vote for in the upcoming Presidential election, we must ask ourselves just where was George Bush on our issues during the past eight years?

When there was no leadership from the White House as thousands of people died of AIDS and thousands more were infected... where was George?

When the CDC and NIH were embroiled in AIDS turf wars while the federal AIDS bureaucracy held back drugs and therapies... where was George?

When the nation was looking for the truth about AIDS, not vicious slander and homophobic rumor and the White House was silent... where was George?

When the White House Office of Management and Budget opposed additional funding for AIDS research... where was George?

When the Justice Department issued an opinion in 1986 that excluded people with AIDS from the same anti-discrimination protections afforded other disabled or sick people... where was George?

When the White House ignored the Surgeon General's report on AIDS and then waited more than a year before mailing AIDS information to American homes... where was George?

When the United States Senate, over which the Vice President presides, went against the advice of every health professional in the country by voting to deny AIDS funds for responsible gay-oriented education... where was George?

When the Republican Administration turned its back on the rights of gays and lesbians to privacy, a right afforded to heterosexuals, in the *Bowers v. Hardwick* case... where was George?

When the President appointed Robert Bork, a known conservative ideologue, to a vacant Supreme Court seat... where was George?

While George Bush was absent, there was a leader who offered the gay and lesbian community lots of reasons to be proud. As Governor of Massachusetts, Mike Dukakis presided over one of the most comprehensive and compassionate AIDS programs in the country. He consistently advocated increased funding for research, education and counseling. Equally important, Governor Mike Dukakis faithfully championed a gay and lesbian civil rights bill in the Massachusetts State legislature.

An election-year conversion of George Bush into a man who suddenly endorses discrimination protection measures for people with AIDS or calls for increased funding for AIDS research is simply not good enough.

Where was George Bush when our community needed him? Where would he be if he is elected President?

Mike Dukakis or George Bush? For me, the choice is clear.

- Hilary Rosen

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## High School, Coming Out and Other Growing Pains

A few weeks ago my phone rang and from the other end came a vaguely familiar voice. Just as I was about to attach a name to it, the caller identified herself.

"This is Wanda Henderson. From high school, remember me?"

Of course I remembered. I never liked her very much. She was a bit snooty with no reason to be. She was a cheerleader and I suppose that had something to do with her attitude. And since I wasn't a cheerleader or even a member of the Pep Club for our fighting Tigers, I suppose I may have had certain resentments.

"We even went to grammar school together, remember?"

Yes. My thoughts of grammar school are sweeter and for a moment I was eight years old and standing in line in the cafeteria, content with a nickel in my pocket for extra milk. My feelings for Wanda began to warm.

"I guess you're wondering why I'm calling and how I found you."

I knew why she had called. I had long anticipated the day I would receive a call or an invitation in the mail.

"Well, I'm calling to invite you to the 20th year reunion of F.T. Wills High School. I got your number from your sister. We used to go to the same church."

Oh, great, Wanda is a Baptist.

"Well, gosh that's incredible," I blubbered. Suddenly I felt seventeen again - unsure and self-conscious. I offered some lame reason for missing our tenth year reunion. I had secretly hoped that they would not find me for the twentieth. It was just too strange. Those were not the happiest of times, for most of us I'm sure. Why would I want to dredge all that up? And how would I deal with the questions that inevitably would be asked? I was overwhelmed with a sense of responsibility to be honest and a sense of guilt if I was. I didn't like it. It shook my confidence and my belief that what I am doing in my life is good and right. This felt too much like a test to me, one that I thought I had prepared for but panicked when I saw the questions. Everything I had learned suddenly left me.

"I hope you can come. We've reached almost everyone. People are coming from all over. Do you know that Anita Hardy is a grandmother of three? Isn't that wild? And you remember Joe Rogers don't you? Well he has some big job now and he and his wife are flying in all the way from Hawaii!"

His wife. I tried to prepare for her question about my marital status, the number of kids I have. I had no idea what would come out of my mouth. I looked down at the kitchen table where yesterday's mail still lay unopened. The top letter was from the National Gay Rights Advocates who are sponsoring National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11 this year. Their slogan is "Take Your Next Step." I turned it over so I couldn't see the words.

"Please say you'll be there, it's going to be wonderful to have everybody together."

Wanda was sincere. She really believed that we were one great big happy family who would come together for one glorious night of catching up and memory sharing. She had no fear of it, she welcomed it. I so much envied her freedom and ease.

"We're supposed to be on vacation then, I think. But maybe we'll be back in time," I said. I already knew we would be back in time. I waited for her response of "who is we?" but it didn't come.

What now? Should I tell her who is going on vacation? Shall I tell her I have a lover and my lover has an eight-year old son, and that this is our first vacation together since he was given by a judge to his father because my lover is a lesbian? I turned over the announcement for National Coming Out Day. "Take your next step," it said again. I couldn't.

"Chris, I need some information from you for a directory we're putting together. Is your last name still Cash?"

"Yes."

"Then I assume you don't have any children?"

I hesitated. Chases's face came to mind and I quickly pushed it back.

"No, I don't."

"And what is your occupation?"

I laughed. "Newspaper editor," I mumbled. I waited for some comment, and again none came. I was being very easily let off the hook. I suppose she sensed that I was not going to offer much information. Or maybe she knew, maybe she knew in high school, even though I didn't.

"I hope you can arrange your vacation so you can be there. Let me read this list of names. We still can't find some people, maybe you know something about them."

I didn't know, of course. I hadn't kept up with any of them, even my best friends. I did remember a lot of the names.

"Robert Henry," she said.

Robert had to be gay, I thought. He was so pretty, so shy, kept to himself all the time. Nobody liked him. I don't think anybody even knew him. I was struck by my stereotypical thinking. I wanted the conversation to end. With each second I was feeling more and more torn. I wanted to tell her everything, tell her about Robert Henry and Vickie Haygood and Becky Stewart and myself - but I could not. I felt like a traitor.

I ended the conversation with a promise to try and make it. I also promised myself that I would evaluate my responses over vacation, and hopefully some strength would come from somewhere and I would call Wanda back, telling her to list my lover's name and that I have one eight-year old son. And my lover and I would go and hold hands and dance, and everybody be damned if they didn't like it.

Vacation, a glorious vacation, came and went quickly. I spent my time swimming with Chase, and trying to answer his unending questions about everything. I tried to think about what to do about the reunion, but I could come to no decision.

When we returned, the letter about National Coming Out Day still sat on the table. The reunion was the next night. Chase buzzed about the kitchen, pouring himself some Hawaiian Punch, feeding the dog, and asking more questions.

"What's that?" he asked as I picked up the letter.

"It's a letter asking people to be honest with everybody," I said.

"Why?"

"Because it's important to do that, and not everybody does it."

"They don't?"

"No, they don't."

"Why?"

"Because it's hard sometimes. Sometimes you're afraid you might hurt someone or you might get yourself in trouble if you tell the whole truth."

"Then why are they asking everybody to tell the whole truth?"

"Because we need to be reminded to at least try to be honest, Chase."

He was content with my indirect answer. I was not so satisfied.

I had to work the night of the reunion, conveniently tucked away in my small office. I thought about what I would be doing and saying if I had gone and I still had no idea what that would be. It still surprised and irritated me that I was afraid to be 100% open. Then I thought of what I had told Chase. We at least need to be reminded to try to be honest, even if we can't be all of the time. Somehow in wrestling with my decision of what to do I had forgotten that "coming out" is a continuous process, not some comfortable plateau you reach after much struggle where you are no longer faced with tough decisions. Sometimes the process is a chain of little truths, at other times it's a big bat you wield, but it is never easy and it is never settled once and for all. I forgave myself for forgetting that.

For my reunion, I simply was not ready for the giant step it would have taken to be completely open, and only being completely open would have felt comfortable to me. But I wasn't ready to come out to my senior class, to peers who still had a hold on me in some adolescent way. At the same time, I could not go and pretend to be someone other than who I am. I look forward to our thirtieth reunion, though. Something tells me I'll be ready then.

- Christina Cash

## Dyke 101: Finding Your Way Home

To the Editor:

A neat friend recently gave me my first copy of *Southern Voice*. Realizing I suffer from a severe case of "homophobia," she assured me that its plain brown wrapper would conceal any and all traces of the word LESBIAN that might appear in bold print on its face—and any other thing that would even suggest that the person possessing the plain brown envelope was one of "those folks."

Having experienced a hunger for what's happening in the gay community for many years and certainly wondering who was making it happen, I rushed home—forgetting to run by the bank, pick up supper from the local fast food emporium or to get my usual five dollars' worth of gas. I bolted the door, ripped the newspaper from its recycled cover and read and reread. I even read the ads again and again, and I thought how neat it is that such a publication exists.

There are lots of brave, dedicated folks out there fighting and sacrificing for us—the political action committees, the support groups, the protesters!

And as I turned the pages, I began to conjure up excuses "why" those folks can afford to take such risks and fight for our rights. Perhaps they have less to lose than I when they step out of their closets and shout from their soapboxes. Perhaps they have more guts than I because they are "used" to being gay. Maybe they acknowledged it many years ago. Yes, I'd be willing to bet that they did not wait 'til they were "fortyish" to crack the closet door. Of course they should have more guts—more stamina. They should be out there on the front lines—fighting our battles—negotiating to win our war. After all, I'm still in training, still struggling through "boot camp." I have so much to learn, to experience—so much pain and anger to get rid of. I deserve a certain period of adjustment. Let them earn the purple hearts for now!

As I continued to gobble up the articles in the July 21, 1988 issue, I came across the story written by Marcia Zeimer. How tragic it was for sisters such as she back in the Fifties. And I realized how tragic the suffering is in this day and time for so many of our family members—the people with AIDS, those discriminated against in the work force and those of us rejected by our relatives and "friends."

And I realized how truly tragic it is that others have assumed the role I have assumed, the coward who buries her head in the fox hole and whimpers, never daring to stand up and become a possible target, the coward who expects others to do all the suffering so that she might suffer less.

After having a good "cry" and a mini pity party, I then made myself a solemn promise: THIS DAY I SHALL BEGIN TO DIG OUT OF MY FOX HOLE. Perhaps the digging will be slow at first—as I make my way toward the front lines. Maybe my initial step will be to attend a support group or maybe I'll volunteer to help with a mailing for a special project, or maybe I'll send a donation to AID Atlanta or the Human Rights Campaign Fund, OR perhaps I shall start gathering the materials and gaining the experience to begin building my own soapbox. Who knows!

I do believe that one day I might be right there on the front lines shoulder to shoulder and hand in hand with the brave, dedicated sisters and brothers.

So—if you are one of those troopers, please be patient with me, and "hold down the fort...for I am coming."

S.M.  
Atlanta

## "Trying to change AGC is... like trying to change Hosea Williams"

To the Editor:

Your article and editorial about the Atlanta Gay Center/MACGLO/GayCLU/Police Advisory brouhaha bring to light an interesting dilemma facing the gay rights movement: Can we continue to seek power (as does the AGC) by positioning ourselves as victims?

There is good and strong historical context for this stance. Ghandi and King used variations on the theme (albeit with far greater finesse and effect than anything we have seen from the AGC). And it worked. Media coverage of Birmingham cops *cum* dogs rightfully enraged and educated a nation.

But the '40s and the '60s are not the late '80s. And the leadership of the AGC does not have the popular support that gave power to King and Ghandi.

There are potent problems inherent in seeking power via this route: Given the generally homophobic/racist/sexist tilt of the established power base in this country it's easy to see how minorities can feel victimized. That power base can generally be guilt-tripped into some token response to victim-based pleas for justice, equality or whatever. Problem is what we get in the process are generally crumbs defined by the oppressive types who dole them out.

Then there is the corollary that assuming the stance of victim implicitly creates a persecutor. Anyone old enough to remember Transactional Analysis (or *courant* enough to know about adult children of alcoholics) will recognize the trap here. Observers of the AGC will recognize the pattern: In TA parlance, victim and persecutor furiously exchange roles while well-meaning onlookers attempt the rescuer role. Or, in ACOA terms, enablers support addicts who, in turn, attack the well meaning actions of the enablers.

Whatever terms are used, the outcome is always the same: Melodrama. Trying to change the ways of AGC is a little like trying to change Hosea Williams. Both thrive on being attacked. When the rest of the world is too busy (or smart) to mount such an attack, the victims go out looking for trouble.

The only way to help victims and addicts is to quit playing their games; stop supporting their melodrama. Atlanta is home to many wonderful gay and lesbian organizations whose public stance is positive and pro-active rather than victim based and reactive. We do ourselves and our movement no honor when we continue to interact with people or groups who insist on playing the victim.

Sincerely,  
Gary Kaupman

## Save the Babies... but Don't Feed, Support or Educate Them

To the Editor:

They sang of red, yellow, black and whites together, but there was no rainbow amongst the anti-abortionists at the Midtown Hospital. A sea of pious whites flushed with religious fervor and hypocritical zealotness paraded in front of me. They chanted and sang as long as there was a camera to record the event. They tried to harass and intimidate,

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**Ex-presidential candidate and television evangelist Pat Robertson issued a nation-wide appeal two weeks ago calling far-right Christians to descend on Atlanta and make it an "abortion-free" city. Despite Robertson's involvement, operations are reported to be normal at all Atlanta women's clinics.**

frighten and insult, but our lines held them back.

They lay down to be arrested at our feet on cue, some having prepared for the jail trip by carrying a bag of necessities.

I think of two most offensive events: first was a towel-draped fetus being exploited. If they are so concerned, they should have given it a respectful burial. Then there was the most obnoxious child who was not aborted. She was about 12, waving tracts under our noses, shouting across the iron spiked fence, interrupting everybody with her senseless haranguing. She will carry her parents' tactics into the next century, and we will still do battle with them, never giving up the right to choose.

Their battle is long lost, a single-issue with no consideration for the repercussions. These folks are the same who are the "aginnners" — against WIC, food and milk once the babies are born. No day care, thank you, which enables the mothers to support those children. No sex education once they need the knowledge, perhaps to avoid the need for an

abortion. One woman complained she had two abortions, but no one told her a fetus (baby) was being removed. She proved the case for sex education.

They are against poor mothers who need welfare. In other words, have the baby, give it away if you must. Being a surrogate mother is okay, but not one cent to help you.

I was proud to hold hands with other lesbians and gay men, in an issue that is a cousin to our own causes, for we battle the same foe. I was proud to meet straight men and women who were as fervent as I. I was proud in my team-identifying turquoise T-shirt, to stand hard against the screaming mob. I was proud to see my face on TV, and tell my kids in New York to watch for me on cable. My parents in Florida said "Good for you," and I was filled with pride.

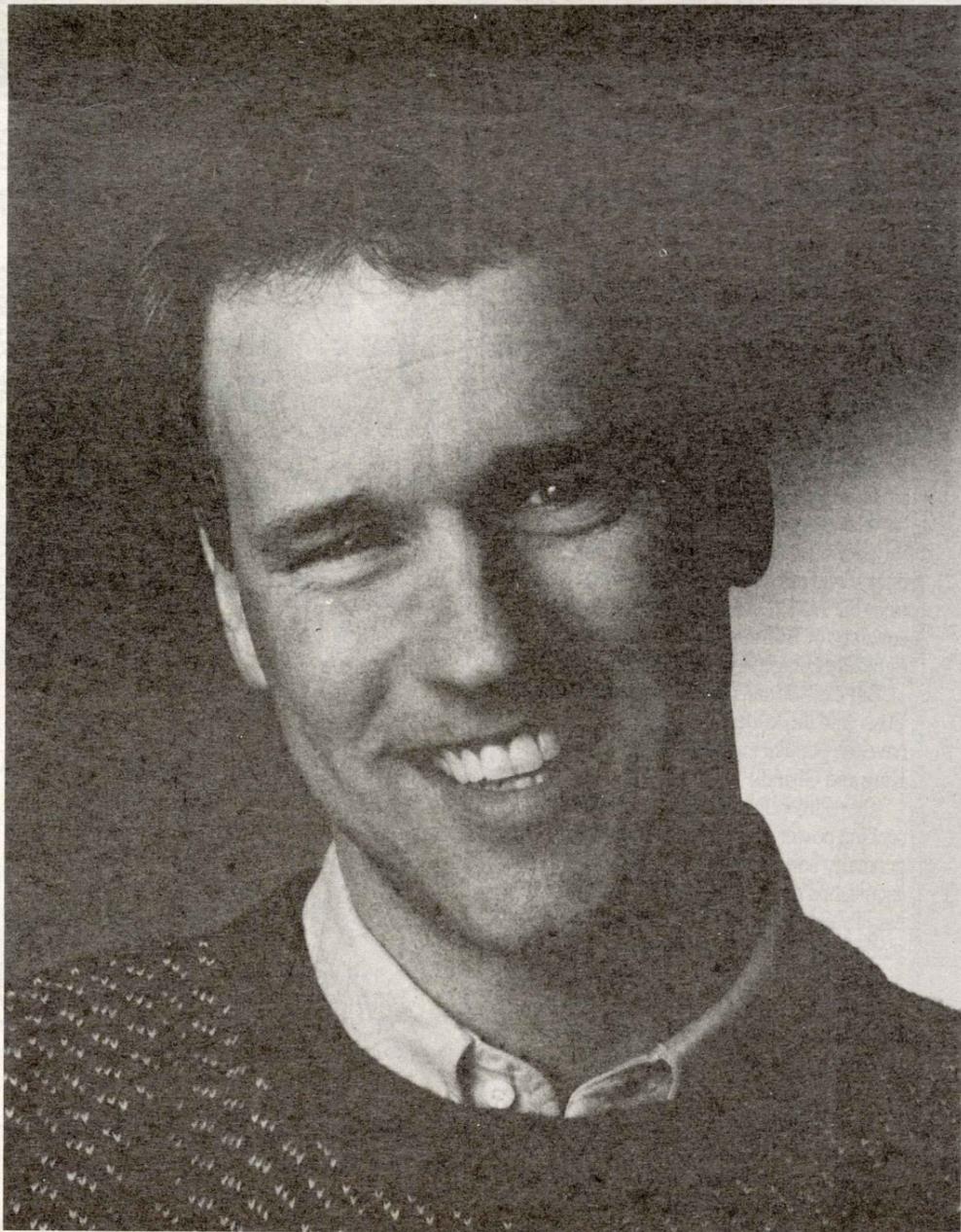
The centers need our help. When the calls go out, respond. You will be proud, too.

Sincerely,  
Miriam Carroll

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# This Man Killed 17 Women And Loved Every Minute Of It.

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## Big Hair (and Other Teases)

"Big Hair" (And Other Teases), currently holding at Upstairs at Gene and Gabe's, has the freshness and energy of a show early in its run. The performance combines song and dance, impersonation and satire, to achieve an effect of festive chaos. You never know what will come at you next: a sloshed lounge singer sprawled indecorously across a piano; a

anything else. The number elicits the audience's applause, but it's the sort of response that audiences typically manufacture on cue, when a performer displays, appropriately or not, the breadth of his or her technical skills, as by holding a note endlessly for no good reason.

It's more important, though, to say that



The Cast of Big Hair (and Other Teases)

down-for-the-count Jim and Tammy Bakker still pitching for everyone else's hard-earned bucks; or a bashful accordion player whose fingers fly at the merest hint of audience enthusiasm.

"Big Hair" is written in a spirit that is more commemorative than biting. "Jail House Rock" is sung with seductive energy by a young woman in a black leather jacket who re-invests the song with something of its distinctive original fire. The show's pianist takes us through a witty monologue about his piano that makes it seem an animate member of the cast. And a solo male performer blends the separate fervors of gospel, torch and jazz to stop the show with a song about dashed love that leaves audience members cheering.

Comedy never explains, and "Big Hair" features some of the wittiest comic props seen in a very long while. Most notable is a pile of locks teased practically as high as the IBM Tower, and perched precariously atop the head of a gospel singer in the throes of head swinging religious ecstasy. Audience members hold their breath that the thing will fling itself onto their laps.

When the show sags, which it does a bit in places, there is the feeling that someone has come up with a singing number, such as the duo who belts out, of all things, "Leaving on a Jet Plane", that seems more filler than

"Big Hair" has moments that are smashingly funny. Best of all is the Jim and Tammy Bakker take-off, which proves once again that good actors working from good material can make even such tried-and-true figures of derision as these seem up-to-the-minute and bizarre.

Standouts among the first-rate cast of performers include Libby Whittemore, Robby Preddy and Sam Baker. "Big Hair" was written and directed by Patrick Cuccaro; the musical direction and songs are Jeff Lipham's; and the unforgettable wigs are the creations of Gene Handley, who must be possessed sometimes by the most extraordinary dreams.

•Terry Francis

*Big Hair (and Other Teases)" has been held over for the month of August at Upstairs at Gene & Gabe's. For reservations and further information call 892-2261. Performances run Tuesday through Sunday at 9:00 p.m. with a second show on Saturday at 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$14.50 per person.*

## Angela Motter Doesn't Just "Play Around"

Angela Motter doesn't just play around. She knows what she wants and goes for it. Currently, that means orchestrating the release of a full album of original Motter songs.

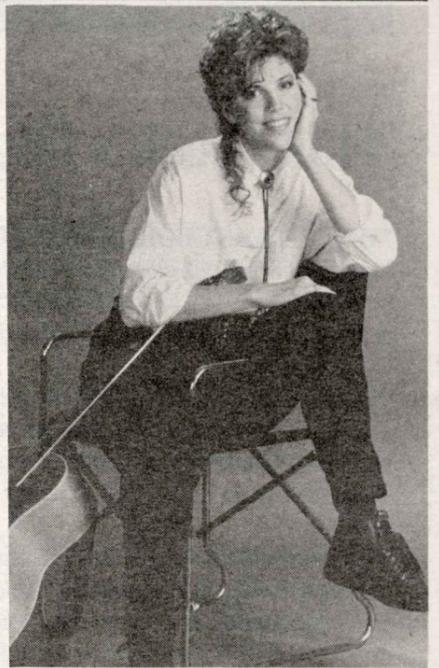
"I am a ham," the serious but sexy Atlanta native admits. "I love being on stage. When I was in my first dance recital as a kid and the audience applauded I didn't want to finish the bow...I didn't want to leave the stage."

Anyone who catches her act this month with comedian Max Rapkin at Backstreet (Wed. and Thurs., 10:00 p.m., no cover) will feel the same way. Angela always leaves audiences wanting more of her pop jazz tunes.

"I remember sitting on the floor listening to Carole King's *Tapestry* in 1971 and thinking, 'Will I ever be able to write like that?'" This December her collection of eight songs will be available as proof of that dream come true.

At press time, Angela was in final negotiations for production of her first recording which is scheduled to begin in late September with an anticipated release date in December. Under the guidance of noted Atlanta musician Ricky Keller, who produced the 94Q Jazz Flavours albums and the new Tinsley Ellis album scheduled for release here next week, Angela's work will be available on both CD and cassette tape.

"I'm working toward a new dimension with this album," Angela reveals. "I have some of the city's best musicians working with me - drummer Jeff Sipe, guitarist Jimmy



Herring, keyboardist Randy Hoexter - on my very best tunes, including ballad, jazz and funk influences."

"Harmonically, my songs aren't particularly complex," the modest Motter admits, "but I believe that I give musicians something to sink their teeth into." Her belief was confirmed time and time again by musicians such as Bill Dugan and Herring who accompanied her in the Angela Motter Band for long-standing gigs at the Little Five Points Pub and Jerry Farber's Nightclub during the past year.

Her recent partnering with Max Rapkin in the duo known as Elvis' Hair represents yet another diversion for the never-say-stop Motter. The combination of Angela's sensitive jazz vocals with Rapkin's Vaudeville style of vocal imitations representing almost any musical instrument

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## This Week's Highlights

**"WHERE WAS GEORGE?! SEARCH PARTY"**—August 18th. Omni Hotel Ballroom. A benefit for the Democratic Party of Georgia's get out the vote campaign, which will coincide with Vice President George Bush's acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention. Large screen televisions will be available to watch the speech and all guests will have flashlights with "Where Was George" emblazoned on them so they may try to find the real George during the speech. Tickets are \$25.00 and the party starts at 7:30 PM. Call Larry Engle at 681-7616 for ticket information.

**"IN-COG-NITA"**—August 18th-September 10th. Seven Stages Back Door Theatre. Nita Hardy in her own one-woman show. Nita portrays a variety of human and inhuman characters including Mrs. Smith, the world's most compulsive perfectionist, and Rich's Pink Pig, which finally gets to speak after 34 years of smiling in silence. Showtimes are Thursdays and Fridays at 8:00 PM and Saturdays at 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM. Tickets are \$6.00-\$8.00. Call 523-7647 for reservations.

**TERI THORNTON**—August 19th. Rich Auditorium, High Museum of Art. A special musical presentation brought to the High Museum in conjunction with the Harlem Renaissance exhibit. Teri Thornton will perform music from the 1920s and '30s as well as American popular styles that developed from this music. She will be joined by a jazz quartet including Kirk Lightfey on piano and Kenny Washington on drums. 8:00 PM. Advance tickets are \$10 and \$8 and are available at the Woodruff Arts Center Box Office. Tickets at the door are \$12 and \$10. 892-2414.

**THE ROCHES**—August 21st. Center Stage Theatre. These three sisters from New Jersey are known for their intricate harmonies, irrepressible wit and wonderful folk-rock originals. Since their national debut in 1979, Maggie, Terre and Suzzy Roche have produced powerful, lyrical and creative music. Their live shows are famous for vaudevillian humor and crystalline harmonies. Show starts at 8:30 PM and tickets are \$12.00. 873-2500 is the number for reservations.



THE ROCHES

### THURSDAY

**18** •"Where Was George?" Search Party. Omni Hotel Ballroom. 7:30 PM. \$25.00. 681-7616.

•Paper Dolls and Indigo Girls. Cotton Club. Doors open at 8:00 PM. Music begins at 10:00 PM. \$5.00. 874-2523.

•MACGLO meeting. 7:00 PM. Peachtree Branch Library.

### FRIDAY

**19** •Teri Thornton. Rich Auditorium. High Museum of Art. 8:00 PM. \$12.00 & \$10.00. 892-2414.

•Joe Cocker and America. Chastain Park Amphitheater. 8:30 PM. \$18.00-\$26.00. 231-5888.

•John Cale, Michelle Malone. Royal Peacock. \$7.00. 584-9842.



### SATURDAY

**20** •Dream Concert/Cabaret with Cheese, Cheer and Candlelight. Kingfest '88. Featuring The Stylistics, Nat Thornton Quartet and Theresa Hightower. King Center, 449 Auburn Ave. 7:30 PM. \$12.00. 524-1956.

•BWMT Six Flags Outing. Leave The Eagle at 6:00 PM.

•Not your SAME old yard sale. 10 AM-4 PM. 660 Elmwood Dr. Treasures & trash; objets & objects; items owned by former queen (and kings). Proceeds benefit SAME.

### SUNDAY

**21** •The Roches 8:30 PM. \$12.00.

•IN-COG-NITA starring Nita Hardy. Seven Stages Back Theatre. Through September 10th. 523-7647.

•Quarterly AIDS Healing Service. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. 455-6523.

**25** •this way OUT—The International Gay and Lesbian Radio Magazine. WRFG-FM (89.3). 6:00 PM. Every Thursday.

•Contemporary Artists in Georgia. High Museum at Georgia-Pacific Center. Through October 14th. Monday through Friday. 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. Free. 577-6940.

•Willie B. at Home. A GPTV special which follows Willie B. from his cage to Zoo Atlanta's new Ford African Rain Forest. Channel 30. 10:30 PM.

**26** •"Wild II: Life in the Laugh Lane." Evotek Theatre. Through Sept. 24th. Fridays and Saturdays at 9:00 PM. \$8.50. 642-3379.

•"Serious Humor." Paintings by Nancy Renfro. Trapper's on the Park. Through Aug. 31st. 881-9406.

•Hotlanta Volleyball Clinic. Beef up your skills and have a great time in preparation for the fall league. Hellenic Community Center, 2124 Cheshire Bridge Rd. 7:00 PM-11:00 PM. \$3.00. 875-0700.

•Integrity. 7:30 PM, All Saints Episcopal Church. Ellis Hall, 3rd Floor.

**27** •Grant Park Tour of Homes and Festival. Aug. 27th & 28th. 577-6428.

•25th Anniversary March on Washington. Washington, D.C. 524-1956.



**28** •Cass Kennedy Festival. 4:00 PM.

•1st Annual Hell & Candler Southern Atlanta Hotlanta 2:00 PM 875-0700

•Friends Recreation (near Co) PM-6:00

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The Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations serves the lesbian and gay community as a forum for the exchange of ideas and events of our member organizations and guests. We also serve as a coordinating group for many of Atlanta's major gay and lesbian community activities. We were proud to have recently sponsored or assisted in the coordination of FOCUS '88, Lesbian and Gay Pride Week '88 and the events surrounding the Democratic National Convention.

MACGLO, also known as the Metro Council, has also contributed to the significant coalition building among organizations. This is apparent as the Community binds together on common issues, by numerous jointly sponsored events and through combined efforts such as the Georgia AIDS Legislative Coalition.

MACGLO is proud to bring you this special insert in *Southern Voice*. We hope this will serve as an impetus for involvement in any of the myriad organizations contained within these pages.

If you would like to see Metro Council in action, please do not hesitate to drop by. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Peachtree/16th Street Library at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

## ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter

- We help in legal cases involving discrimination against lesbians and gays
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- We network with all civil rights and civil liberties groups

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## The Atlanta March Committee

The Atlanta March Committee is a community-based activist organization devoted to promoting lesbian and gay rights through educational, social, cultural and political events. Originally started as a grass-roots group of men and women dedicated to organizing the March on Washington, the March Committee's reputation for "getting things done" has grown nationally as well as locally. The members of AMC decided to remain active due to our closeness as a group and our ability to raise money and attract attention to lesbian and gay issues of concern to us all. Some examples of our varied activities this year include: a \$1,700 donation to the Leigh VanderEls Defense Fund; financing the Casselberry-Dupree concert; the 1988 Spring AIDS Action! Pride Prom '88; staffing the VOICE '88 benefit which raised over \$10,000.00 to pay for lesbian and gay visibility during the Democratic National Convention; and our upcoming benefit for Southern Voice (bringing our financial commitment to Southern Voice to over \$1,000.00 this year). The AMC meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the Highland Branch Library at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and we welcome new members at all times. For more info call: 377-8312.



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The congregation will observe the Jewish High Holidays at All Saints Church facilities in September. For more information, call 642-3467.



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Lynn Stoeson, President  
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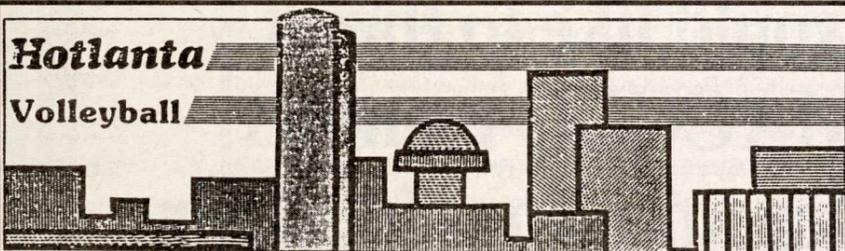
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**25TH ANNIVERSARY MARCH ON WASHINGTON**—August 27th. Washington, D.C. Civil Rights activists celebrate the 25th anniversary of the original march, after which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his thunderous "I Have A Dream" speech. Marchers will meet at the Sylvan Theater at the Washington Monument at 10:00 AM and will then march to the Lincoln Memorial. A rally will be held at the Lincoln Memorial from 12:30 PM-4:00 PM. Call the King Center at 524-1956 for more information.

**1ST ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC FROM HELL & VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**—August 28th. 2:00PM - 8:00PM Candler Park. A covered dish and \$1.00 will get you into a great day at Candler Park as the Atlanta March Committee, Hotlanta Volleyball and MACGLO present a benefit for *Southern Voice*. In addition to the picnic and volleyball tournament, the festivities will include Focus Fall, an opportunity to find out about MACGLO organizations. Call Cathy Woolard at 377-8312 or Larry Lucas at 875-0700 for details.

**CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS IN GEORGIA**—Through October 14th. The High Museum at Georgia-Pacific Center. This exhibit will feature approximately 70 photographs, paintings, prints and sculpture taken from the High Museum's 250-piece collection of works by Georgians. Artists represented include Susan Loftin, Benny Andrews, John Riddle, Don Cooper and Cheryl Burgess. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. Call 577-6940 for details.



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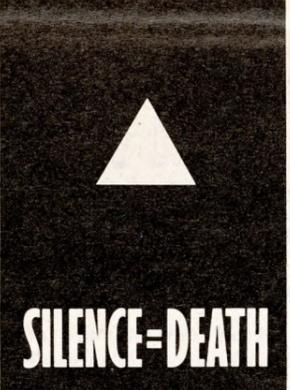
### MONDAY

**22** •Cass Kennedy. Colony Square Hotel. 9:00 PM-12:00 PM. 892-6000.  
 •Ray Charles at Constitution Hall. GPTV Channel 30. 8:00 PM.  
 •ACT UP Meeting. Metropolitan Community Church, N. Highland Ave. at St. Louis. 8:00 PM. 377-4803.



### TUESDAY

**23** •"Discovering the Three Barriers to Intimacy." Recovery Basics for Adult Children of Alcoholics ongoing workshop series. By Linda Regnier at Morningside P.C. near Northlake. 7:30 PM-9:00 PM. \$25 per session. 621-0256.



### WEDNESDAY

**24** •Mark Russell Comedy Special. Political satire. GPTV Channel 30. 9:10 PM. Also on August 25th at 11:00 PM.  
 •Southeastern Stained Glass Exhibition. Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atlanta Gallery. 1911 Cliff Valley Way. Through Aug. 26th. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Mondays-Fridays. 6:00 PM-10:00 PM, Mondays and Wednesdays. Free. 634-5134.

Group at Grant Park PM-6:00 PM. 577-6428.  
 Annual Potluck Picnic From Volleyball Tournament. Candler Park. A benefit for *Southern Voice* sponsored by the March Committee, Hotlanta Volleyball & MACGLO. 2:00-8:00PM 377-8312 or 875-0700.  
 Atlanta Volleyball. Home games at Wynn Park (Colony Square). Free. 2:00 PM. 634-2500.

**29** •BWMT Rap Group. Topic: "Intimacy in Interracial Relationships." 8:00 PM. 373-5111.



**30** •"Healing the Broken Hearted Child." Recovery Basics for Adult Children of Alcoholics, an ongoing workshop series. By Linda Regnier at Morningside P.C. near Northlake. 7:30 PM-9:00 PM. \$25 per session. 621-0256.  
 •Kenny G. Chastain Park Amphitheater. 8:30 PM. \$18.00-\$26.00. 231-5888.

**31** •Carlos Santana. Chastain Park Amphitheater. 8:30 PM. \$18.00-\$26.00. 231-5888.

•"Hot Nudes in Atlanta." Highland Gallery. Through Sept. 3rd. Free. 885-1815.  
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**AALGA-** African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance. 1st Sunday of each month. 4:00 PM. Quaker House. A political and social organization for black lesbians and gay men. 525-3376.

**ACLU/LG-** American Civil Liberties Union/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. Meeting times vary. A social support and educational outreach. 432-1085.

**ACT UP/Atlanta-AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power** A dit action group with the purpose of fighting homophobia, AIDS, sexism and racism. Meetings held every Monday. Call 377-4803 or 289-6358 for more information.

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

**AGC-** Atlanta Gay Center. 876-5372. Provides services and advocacy for the lesbian and gay community. Operated primarily by volunteers, AGC offers services for lesbians and gays men as well as educational outreach to society as a whole. AGC Help Line-892-0661.

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

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

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

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

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

**AID Atlanta-** A community-based, non-profit agency providing multiple services to all people with AIDS, their families and friends, and education to everyone regarding the disease and its prevention. Community volunteers working with a small professional staff. New volunteers orientation sessions: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM. 1132 W. Peachtree St. (Entrance 13th Street). 872-0600.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Fourth Tuesday-** A networking organization for lesbian professionals and entrepreneurs, operating through monthly dinner meetings and a variety of special social, sports and educational events. P. O. Box 7817, Atlanta, GA 30309 (404) 662-3353.

**First MCC Atlanta-** Metropolitan Community Church. Sunday Services at 2:00 PM 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.

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

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

**GALA-** Georgia Tech Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Every Thursday at 7:30 PM. 676-1339 or 352-9213.

**GALA, Programs Area,** GA Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**P-FLAG-** Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. 2nd Sunday of each month. 7:30 PM. Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. Committed to help parents learn what we have learned. To help change attitudes and create an environment of understanding, so all gay people can live with dignity and respect. 961-6085 or 296-0830.

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

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

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

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

## Elections

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Democratic Party," he said. "I want to go into their offices and drop fifty new members on their desk and make them recognize us and work with us."

Speaking to the same theme of victory in spite of defeat, Robison stated during his concession speech, "I am just elated. ... I don't feel as if we have lost anything." He was extremely upbeat, echoing Rhodes in calling for greater participation by gays and lesbians at the grass-roots level. Although he claimed to have no intention of running himself, he called for people to get involved now in the 1989 Atlanta mayoral and city council races.

In other races watched closely by the lesbian and gay community, DeKalb County Commissioner Brince Manning was defeated by Annie S. Collins with 61.7% of the vote. Manning was the only DeKalb Commissioner

to join with Commissioner Sheri Sutton (formerly Schulman) and sign the 1988 Lesbian and Gay Rights Proclamation.

Democrat Ben Jones won the right to take on Republican Representative Pat Swindall (R-GA) in the 4th Congressional District with his decisive win over challengers Nick Moraitakis and John Stembler. Jones, considered to be middle of the road on lesbian/gay issues, is considered by many to be the best bet to defeat homophobic Swindall. Judge Leah Sears-Collins, an Atlanta Traffic Court judge, will face attorney Harris C. Bostic in a run-off for Superior Court judge on August 30th. Sears-Collins received 42.6% of the vote. She campaigned within the lesbian/gay community extensively. Richard (Dick) Rubin, also a Superior Court candidate, was defeated. Rubin was also seen at many lesbian/gay political functions.

•Chris Duncan

## Motter

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imaginable creates an act yet to be matched in Atlanta. "Yes, we're a seemingly unlikely pair," says Motter, "but it works."

What next for the multi-talented Motter? "The ten-year-old-me still wants to be a star," Angela cautiously confides. "The adult-me just wants to keep having dreams. Right now my most recurring dream is of having a hot-shit band that makes people want to laugh and cry and feel...that brings people together as one...that moves away from just me, me, me, me."

A Georgia State graduate in classical guitar performance, Angela has developed a range of idols. "George Michael is so sexy, and I

just love Madonna. I want people to turn their radio dials to find the station where my song is playing and, ultimately, to hear them saying 'I'm sick of that Angela Motter song!'"

It hasn't been an easy transition for Angela to escape the rigid formal training from ballet and classical music to the pop-jazz-funk she plays all over town now. "It's not easy being a recovering Catholic," she explains. One look at the spiked hair, naked midriff and frayed jeans show that Angela Motter has come a long way since she first discovered music in the fifth grade. Carole King would be proud.

- John Blizzard

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# LITTLE 5 POINTS

## Passion Food

My friend Frank the Priest felt that, next to sex, sharing food was likely to be the most intimate connection we could have with other human beings.

Well, Father Frank has gone on to become Bishop Frank. And I, taking his view to heart, have gone on to intimacy with hundreds, maybe thousands of men and women.

At table, not *se coucher*, you understand.

As a restaurant owner (Patrick's back in '83) and later as a critic (*Southline*) I've used the excuse of *work* to eat myself silly all over Atlanta. And Boston, New York, D.C., San Francisco, Dallas, New Orleans, Key West, Miami, Savannah and points between.

Given the knowledge gained in that process, I'd modify Frank's findings just a bit: Like sex, dining that lacks intimacy or passion is no fun at all. I mean the finest *pate* of golden newt's eye, brought to the table atop a bed of organically grown lamb's lettuce, in a recherche, rococo room designed by FiFi LaFouche can be a bummer on par with finally bedding that golden hunk(ette) that one has long admired and finding no passion in the process. Boring.

By my count there are 15 places to sate one's hunger in L5P proper. Add eight more if you include Inman Park and Candler Park in the survey. None of the places resembles ultimate fantasy in the style of the Ritz, or Hedgerose Heights or 103 West. What the 23 places in and around L5P invariably do offer -

too often missing in Buckhead, the Virgin Highlands, and the 'burbs - is food designed and served with passion.

(For instance: About a year ago I met a man on the sidewalks of L5P. We agreed to go for ice cream. I opted for Jake's. He suggested Zesto's. Swallowing my critical pride, I agreed [actually, I adore nut brown crowns, but I'm embarrassed to admit it.] Well it was hot. And our Zesto's started melting. And we ran out of napkins. So we just had to lick the mess off each other's fingers. And that brought up certain, shall we

**"We had to lick the mess off each other's fingers. And that brought up certain, shall we say, feelings."**

say, feelings. And... Well, you get the picture.)

It's an eclectic passion, mind you. A grilled cheese at the pharmacy may be a bit bland for some tastes, while a steamy *wot* at Addis may redefine incendiary for others. Tofu at Eat Your Veggies or Cook's Kitchen may be your passion. Or you may (as a friend does) refer to it as toejam. Tapatio's mid-eastern tilt on traditional Mexican dishes puts my salivary glands in overdrive, others eschew the inauthenticity. The atmosphere at Deacon Burton's or Roger's is hardly up-scale, but the tastes are right-on down home.



Eateries in L5P are comfortable with a level of individuality that would drive a Bannigan's or a Peasant to corporate distraction. The simple honesty of both food and service - good or bad - at most L5P restaurants would be anathema to the profit driven owners of more pretentious beaneries.

Passion, intimacy, individuality and honesty. Father Frank was right. Mix them with food and the results *are* a lot like good sex.

Yum.

-Gary Kaupman

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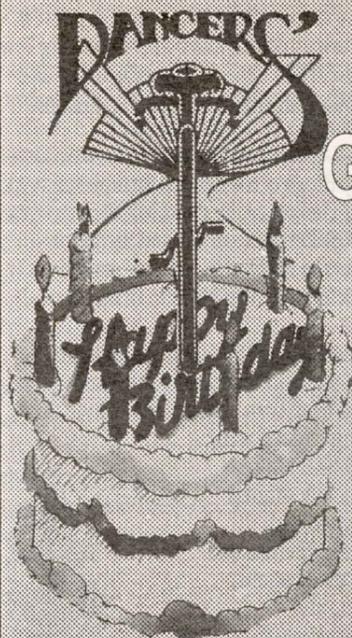
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## Living With AIDS: Michael Callen on Politics, AIDS and Music as Warfare

He's talented and frustrated. He's compassionate and filled with life. He's angry and a bit sarcastic. He's a small town boy who's on his way to big city success. Michael Callen, singer/songwriter who has been building a musical career for himself while fighting a six-year battle with AIDS, is a complex young man.

At 32, and originally from Rising Sun, Indiana, Callen's boyish face radiates health, giving no indication of what may be going on inside his body. Not only does he appear healthy, he also maintains a schedule that would exhaust most healthy people. In addition to his musical endeavors, Michael is one of New York's most outspoken AIDS activists. Over the years he has made speeches, appeared on television, testified before Congressional delegations, and performed at fundraisers, all in an effort to educate the general public about AIDS, and to preserve the rights of the afflicted.

Callen is a bafflement to his doctors. When illness first struck, he was so ill no one was sure how long he would survive - if at all. Yet he continues to live and flourish, both in his personal and professional lives.

"I attribute my long term survival in part to having studiously avoided federally designed treatment programs," he says. "And to the love of a good man." Michael refused to touch AZT, and instead uses alternative therapies such as AL721 and aerosol pentamidine. He has no faith in the FDA's response to the disease.

In the kitchen of his New York City apartment, I am introduced to Callen's lover, Richard Dworkin. Each man's eyes light up as they look at each other. It is the night of June 14, and they tell me that it is their sixth anniversary.

"I'm a former San Francisco boy," says Dworkin. "A number of years ago I was the drummer for a Haight Street band called Buena Vista. We were a group of white boys trying to be LaBelle."

Dworkin and Callen met in 1982, shortly after Michael's diagnosis. The singer had placed an ad in the *New York Native* seeking musicians for a rock band. One of the people who responded was Richard Dworkin, and the two have been together ever since. "I got a drummer, a band and a lover out of that one ad - not bad," Callen says. The band was called Lowlife, and consisted of Michael and Richard, and two lesbians, bassist Pam Brandt and guitarist Janet Cleary. They played the Eastern club circuit, from New York to Florida, for three years. Dworkin is now the drummer on Michael's debut LP, *Purple Heart*.

*Purple Heart* covers a wide range of subjects and musical styles. Side A, or the top side, as Callen calls it, is a diverse mixture of pop/rock, new wave and ballads. Side B, or the bottom side, consists entirely of Callen accompanying himself on piano, performing cabaret style ballads.

Although touted as an AIDS album, Callen is quick to point out that only a few songs are about the epidemic.

"The album is a celebration of being gay," he says. "AIDS is part of the album, as it is part of our lives, but not exclusively. I wanted to acknowledge the epidemic without doing an 'AIDS album'. Although AIDS is our most pressing issue at the present, there are still many other aspects of our lives that I wanted to deal with."

"My music is also meant to turn heterosexuals queer. Hearing *Purple Heart* should make the listener turn homo," he adds with a chuckle.

"It is a source of frustration for me that gays do not support gay men's music in the same way as lesbians support women's music," Callen says. "It takes a lot of hard work and money to produce an album, and it is aggravating when people don't support it. Many critics do not make allowances for low budgets. They expect big productions, and often judge an album by its budget rather

than its content."

Seeing *Purple Heart* do well is especially important to Callen in the light of his illness. When he began work on the album in early 1987, he was feeling especially vulnerable. "I'd just gotten over a bout of pneumonia, and I was scared. I was thinking if I died tomorrow, I'd leave behind a pile of AIDS articles and speeches I'd written, but no record of my music, which is for me - because it reaches people emotionally - just as important as my political work."

While putting the album together, Callen also worked on launching the Community Research Initiative, an innovative project that puts promising AIDS drugs into the hands of AIDS doctors in private practice and their patients for scientific testing. He also edited *Surviving and Thriving with AIDS: Hints for the Newly Diagnosed*, a major source of information for people with AIDS.

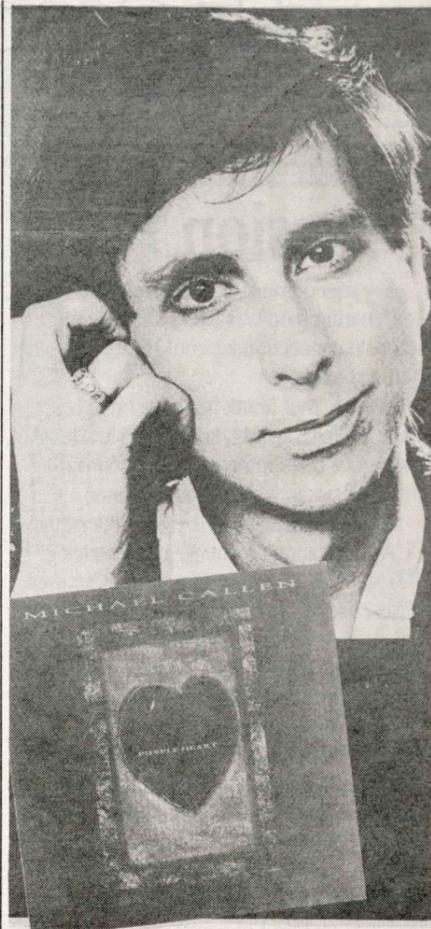
Now that his album has been released, Callen has begun a new project. He has joined the Flirtations, a gay capella singing group that blends doo-wop, jazz, rock and old standards with original material. The group was co-founded by Elliott Pilshaw, another active force in gay men's music.

The Flirtations are entertainers with a message. They are also very funny. So far they have performed at numerous AIDS benefits, in addition to numerous street performances.

"They say New Yorkers are a jaded lot," says Callen. "But the sight of six men harmonizing on the street seems to jar them out of their shells. We have touched all kinds of people on the streets of New York. We have seen cold people gradually warm up to us and beam."

"Sometimes I feel guilty making music during wartime," says Callen, referring to the AIDS epidemic. "But music is a political act. It makes people smile and relax and think. And it helps - temporarily - to put the war aside."

- David Nahmod



Michael Callen

Michael Callen's *Purple Heart* is available on LP or cassette by sending \$10 (this includes postage and handling) from Significant Other Records, Post Office Box 1545, Canal Street Station, New York City, NY 10013.

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## Searching for Alternatives

Gregg Allison doesn't like flying to New York, but in his position as founder of the non-profit corporation *Atlanta Alternatives, a Buyer's Club* (Atl/Alt), he has gone there four times in the last six months, as well as to San Francisco twice. As founder of Atl/Alt, he is actively involved in helping to obtain access to unapproved drugs and alternative therapies for PWAs and PWARCs who need the hope that these drugs represent. By creating an organization that offers these alternatives and at the same time makes them more affordable, he is helping other PWAs and PWARCs take charge of their lives and their future. Atl/Alt, and an affiliated non-profit group called Atlanta PWA Health Group (APWAHG), have as their common goal communicating to all people with HIV infection that AIDS is not a death sentence, that creativity and intelligence and active pursuit of health alternatives can make a significant difference in whether the infection progresses to ARC or full-blown AIDS.

Allison became interested in founding a buyer's club in November of 1987, when a friend of his was dying of AIDS and was desperate for hope in the face of his worsening health. The friend died in February of this year, too far into his illness

for any drugs or alternative therapies to help. But Allison committed himself then to work to make alternative drugs and therapies available to PWAs before their conditions have deteriorated so far as to make them useless.

Important in APWAHG's mission is the idea of alternative therapies and drugs going hand in hand with changes in lifestyle that work toward a goal of natural healthfulness. This includes things like a good diet, exercise, vitamins and herbal medications, safe sex, and decreased use of substances like alcohol, tobacco and caffeine, to name a few. The people Allison has met through buyer's clubs have taught him a lot about the ability to alter your health by changing your attitude. "There are a lot of people in buyer's clubs who are actively working to make themselves better .... pushing their doctors .... taking charge of their illness." He believes all gay men should anonymously determine their HIV status and then, if positive, begin treatments that involve lipids and various other alternative therapies to forestall, perhaps permanently, the decline into a full-blown



Atlanta Alternatives  
A Buyer's Club

case of AIDS.

With the recent change in FDA policy, which permits individuals to import any drugs they choose for their own personal use, Allison foresees an increase in the popularity of buyer's clubs. "Now the only thing preventing people from getting the drugs they need is the cost. That's where Atlanta Alternatives comes in."

Services that Allison hopes APWAHG will also be able to offer include a meeting space where well-known people in the alternative therapies area, such as Louise Hay and Tom O'Connor, could come to speak to and empower PWAs and PWARCs around the issues of taking charge of their own health and lives. Atl/Alt also has

access to certain alternative medical treatments - Georgia Home Therapeutics has donated to the organization four machines that are used to administer aerosol pentamidine, a treatment that has been found very effective in preventing the onset of pneumocystis pneumonia. Atl/Alt hopes to be able to reduce the expense of this alternative therapy to its members.

But the desperate need of the organization,

right now, is money. Allison, who has been unemployed since his diagnosis with ARC in June of 1987, cannot continue to pay for trips to New York and San Francisco out of his own pocket and he is reluctant to pass on these costs to his buyers, whose needs around money were one of his prime motivating reasons in starting the organization. Atl/Alt even has available office space, but no money to hook up the telephone, rendering the office useless. To help relieve the money crisis, Atl/Alt has written a grant to the National March on Washington for some of the excess funds left over from last October, and is looking for other grants to write. Atl/Alt is also planning to begin a "scholarship" program, where people donate money for the support of an indigent PWA's or PWARC's drug bill. Community support around this issue is particularly important to Allison. "I believe that we are providing the community an important service, but we need community support. I really wish there had been something like this there for me when I found out [about my condition]."

For many people, alternative therapies have made the difference between life and death, and an organization advocating and simplifying access to such alternatives would clearly be a valuable addition to Atlanta's PWA services network. For information about Atl/Alt or APWAHG, either to use their services or to contribute to them financially, call 233-0083.

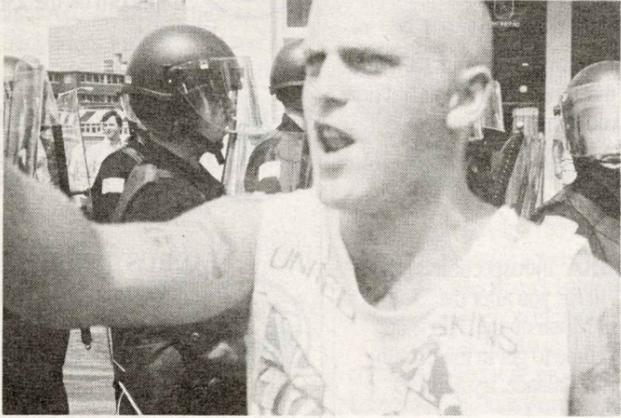
•Al Cotton

# The Latest In Fascism: Skinheads

Part 2 of a 2-Part Series

Skinhead violence, fairly quiet through most of 1987, is once again on the rise. In addition to the confrontation during the Democratic Convention, a woman and two of her companions were recently assaulted in Little Five Points for refusing to give money to a group of Skins when accosted. The woman was reportedly beaten with a beer bottle, harangued with homosexual epithets and two Skins from Philadelphia were arrested in the incident.

Two high school aged Skinheads were arrested this spring in connection with the spray-painting of swastikas and anti-semitic epithets on the walls of a



local Jewish high school. Similar symbols and slogans have been used to deface a Martin Luther King Jr. peace mural in Little Five Points.

But in other areas of the country, Skinhead violence has escalated to truly frightening proportions. Skinheads are believed responsible for the torture of a former member of their ranks. Greg Withrow claims he was nailed to a cross for being, in the eyes of the Skins, a "traitor."

In Florida, a pair of teenage brothers who belonged to a Skinhead gang are facing murder charges in the beating and stabbing death of a 41-year-old black man. According to the St. Petersburg Times, Scott and Dean McKee, after a night of drinking with their Skinhead buddies, attacked Isiah Walker, who was asleep on a bedroll outside the Tampa Museum. When Walker awoke and fought back, the McKees stabbed him through the heart.

One of the central questions being asked by those concerned with the increasing threat of the Skinheads is, "How organized are they?" In April, posters inviting Skinheads to an undisclosed location in suburban Atlanta for "War Games" proliferated on bulletin boards and telephone poles in the Little Five Points area. Skinheads have appeared as guests on a radical right television program hosted by California Klan leader Tom Metzger.

There is no indication, observers say, that Atlanta's Skins are intimately connected with either national neo-Nazi or Klan activities, but

their gang mentality and participation in local Klan activities is well-documented. In California, Chicago and New York, Skinhead activity is reported to be turf-oriented in the style of organized gangs. Atlanta's Skins appear to be attempting to stake a similar claim to the Little Five Points area, but both organized and individual efforts to resist seem to have stymied these takeover moves so far.

Reactions of merchants in the Little Five Points area to the presence of the Skins range from disgust to fear. None will talk on the record about the Skins, but nearly all perceive them as an

ongoing problem for Little Five Points as it moves toward acceptance and respectability as a viable restaurant, shopping and entertainment district for Atlanta. The presence of the Skins damages the image of Little Five Points as a peaceful, happy community.

While wrecking this image, the Skins have taken full advantage of its reality. And the apathy of public safety officials has only exacerbated the problem. For example, what if the Skins were hanging out at, say, Lenox Square, harassing the patrons of The Fish Market and beating up the manager of Mick's? It is unlikely police and the district attorney would be describing the violence as "a few incidents" and turning the other way.

As it stands, however, the Skins presently have turned the tide of public relations in their favor. Styling themselves as super-patriots and a tiny minority harassed because of their appearance, they spread a message of hatred, violence and intolerance in the midst of a community built from peaceful coexistence and cooperative spirit. ADD has essentially dissolved, although some of its former members are keeping an eye on Skinhead activities and are still alarmed by what they know, and the Center for Democratic Renewal continues to monitor the Skins along with other radical right groups.

"The Skinheads seem to have confused fascism and America in their minds," explains a previously mentioned Little Five Points activist, "sort of an Ollie North mentality."

- Amanda Bates



Canadian Bill Mole was greeted by Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young when Mole dropped by City Hall during the U.S. leg of his "Global Walk for AIDS Research."

PAMELA J. COLE

## Gay Center Reps Reject Commissioner's Compromise

Atlanta Gay Center representatives have declined an offer from Public Safety Commissioner George Napper to fill two empty slots on the newly revamped Police Advisory Committee.

The offer came at an August 3rd meeting between Napper and AGC representatives Bill Gripp, Michael Wilson, and Jean Levine. Cathy Woolard, president of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter (GayCLU) and organizer of the revised committee, was also in attendance.

Levine said Napper's offer was turned down for two reasons—first, because AGC leaders objected to the way other committee members were selected, and second, because they had not been authorized by their membership to accept.

"We had not been elected by the Gay Center," she said, although she was unable to explain why the membership had not been consulted. By her own account the AGC board had known since mid-July that Napper would make the offer.

Already named to the committee are ten individuals chosen by Woolard as being representative of the community. None is affiliated with the AGC, whose leaders Woolard said she finds "difficult to work with."

The AGC's own proposal for revising the committee, which Levine called "more democratic," was rejected last month by voting members of the Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations (MACGLO), who opted instead to endorse

Woolard's proposed committee. Wilson, representing the AGC, was the lone dissenter in the 21-1 vote.

Although Napper left the door open for AGC leaders to join the committee at a later date, there would seem to be little hope that they could work harmoniously alongside Woolard after months of dissension between the two factions. Instead, the AGC's Task Force on Anti-Gay Violence continues to meet with Napper, much to Woolard's frustration.

"The Gay Center's Task Force has really been a detriment to getting things done," said Woolard. "It's real clear to me that the interference from the Gay Center is inhibiting the police department from following through on things."

Levine said AGC Task Force members were "disappointed" in MACGLO's decision to endorse Woolard's proposal, but added that the Task Force still has its own agenda to pursue. "The Gay Center does continue to receive reports of anti-gay violence, and we feel it's necessary to inform the commissioner," she said.

Woolard, who said the new members of the Police Advisory Committee have already met with Napper several times and will do so again in early September, emphasized that the struggle between the two groups could only be settled by members of the community.

"I think it's incumbent upon the community to let [Napper] know who they feel is representing them."

- David Tucker

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**SAGITTARIUS** Do not lose your temper on the 27th when the Full Moon and retrograde Mars can bring out your fire-sign nature. Follow through with a Scorpio on ambitious plans on the 23rd.

**CAPRICORN** After the Sun enters your 9th house of travel on the 22nd, get up and go on a trip, but not on the 27th. Your health should be good this period.

**AQUARIUS** Now is the time to start or intensify a relationship since Jupiter is in your 5th house of romance and the Sun is in your 7th house of commitment.

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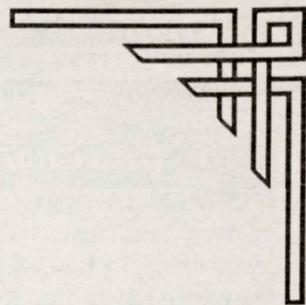
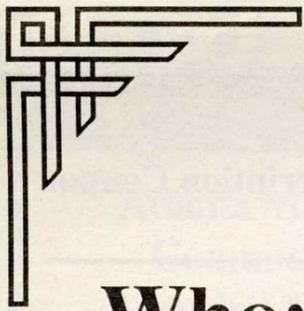
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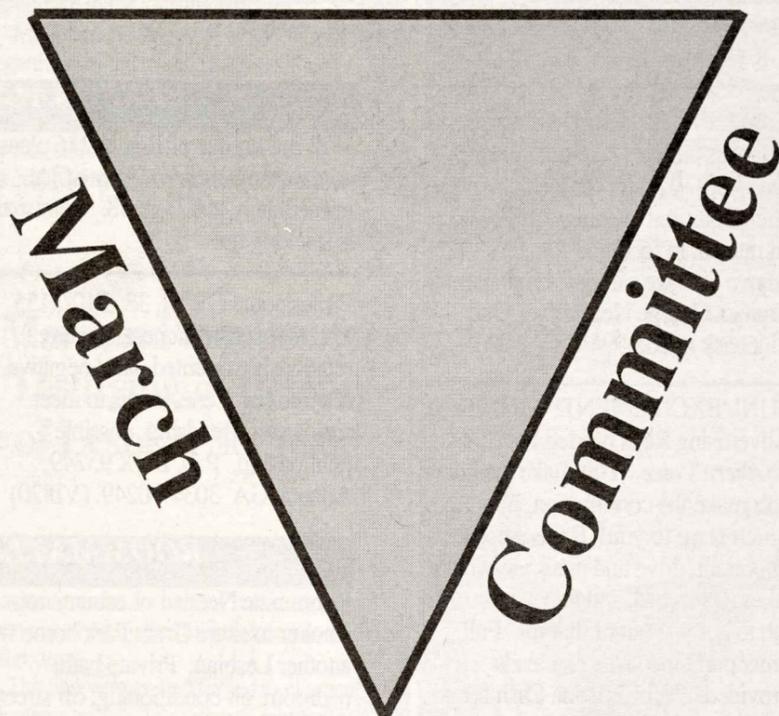
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