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Time for Action: Pro-Choicers Fight Back

Atlanta - When anti-abortion forces brought some of their top people to Atlanta on December 7th, they found something they had not seen here before. They found strong organized opposition.

Right-wing evangelist Jerry Falwell, founder of the Moral Majority, came to town to head the so-called "Leadership Summit on Rescue," a recruiting conference sponsored by the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue.

Falwell was met by a group of protesters, by some estimates as many as 250, chanting slogans like "Not the church, not the state, women must decide their fate," and carrying signs explaining the pro-choice view such as "If you oppose abortion, don't have one."

After the demonstration ended, some of the protesters disrupted a planned press conference by Falwell with the confrontation ending in the arrests of two members of the Coalition to Oppose Operation Rescue (COOR), one of about a dozen groups who joined in the protest.

Only two days later, COOR activists demonstrated in front of local abortion clinics where Operation Rescue supporters conduct what they call "sidewalk counseling." The "counseling" is an effort to dissuade women who have already made the difficult choice, usually by stirring up feelings of guilt and fear.

One of the antiabortion "counselors" at the Atlanta Surgi-Center, gazing over at the group of about 25 demonstrators across the street, admitted she had never seen pro-choice protestors before. She brandished pictures of bloody fetuses, dismissing the protesters as people who "rebel against anything." Her statement was abruptly brought to a halt by a man - another "counselor" - who ordered her not to speak and refused to give his or her name.

The December 7th demonstration against Falwell was the first concerted effort of the pro-choice forces who until then held to a strategy of waiting for Operation Rescue to run out of steam. But, as Rita Barnes of the Georgia Abortion Rights Action League (GARAL) and the Feminist Women's Health Center admits, "People are realizing that Operation Rescue isn't going to go away."

Waiting five months to raise a strong defense against Operation Rescue was a mistake in the view of many. While Atlanta's abortion clinics have been under siege since the days of the Democratic Convention in July, cities like Boston challenged Operation Rescue from their first assault,

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JO GIRAUDO

Proud parents Judy Siff (left) and J.G. look on as their three-year old daughter, Eleanor, plays with her baby brother, Bevan. Bevan was born Nov. 30.

Part of an increasing number of lesbian parents, Judy and J.G. used donor insemination as the means of conception for both of their children.

Southern Voice sends warmest wishes to this special family. Too often the news of our community concerns death. We appreciate the opportunity to celebrate the creation of a new life.

Peace Group Forms Task Force To Address Gay/Lesbian Issues

Atlanta - The establishment of a Gay/Lesbian Task Force was approved overwhelmingly by delegates to the 2nd Annual SANE/FREEZE Congress held in Atlanta December 9 - 11.

The motion to form the task force originated in a workshop entitled "Coming Out & Coming Together to Work for Peace" held during the weekend. Delegates in the workshop formed a Gay/Lesbian Caucus, which gathered the necessary signatures to move the task force resolution to the floor of the Congress.

SANE/FREEZE, a multinational peace organization, has always had a large number of gays and lesbians involved in the organization, according to workshop facilitator Carlie Steen.

"There are lesbians and gays in high positions in the peace movement," Steen said. "But I don't think they've always been making decisions as lesbians and gay men," she added.

The Gay/Lesbian Caucus will join other special-interest groups in the 180,000 member organization, including the Women's, Men's and Third World Caucuses, among others.

"For me, there's a strong need for a mechanism to be there, . . . something to



help me in being out," said Kathleen Cochran. She added, "It's really time for this organization to be addressing these issues."

Steen said that the only resistance to the resolution came from members who questioned the validity of "working on gay/lesbian issues when the organization is already working on so many other (issues)."

One caucus member also questioned the intent of the group, calling their attention to gay/lesbian issues "selfish in the face of nuclear proliferation." He added that he had never come out completely, and would not

do so in the face of widespread prejudice.

"Peace is not just about nuclear weapons," Steen responded. "In this time when discrimination and violence are rampant and growing, we need to be talking about peace within and between our communities."

Although the national group approved the formation of the Task Force, members of the Gay/Lesbian Caucus can expect little organizational or financial help from SANE/FREEZE. Steen said that there are 15 members involved in the caucus, and added that she will be recruiting actively for new members.

Steen expects that the caucus will hold one or two meetings in the next year, preparing the Task Force's report to the 1989 Congress. Among recommendations currently being considered by the caucus are reserved seats on the SANE/FREEZE board of directors for gay/lesbian representatives and addition of sexual orientation to the group's statement of non-discrimination.

Persons interested in SANE/FREEZE or the Gay/Lesbian Caucus may contact Steen at 1468 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

-Chris Duncan

NEWS IN BRIEF

Southeast Prepares for National Lesbian Conference

Atlanta—The Southeastern Regional planning meeting for the first National Lesbian Agenda Conference will be held at Emory University on January 28-29.

At that meeting, sponsored by the Emory Lesbian/Gay Organization, delegates will be selected to attend a national planning meeting in early March at Duke University.

National Lesbian Agenda Conference organizers, who received a March on Washington grant for the event, said that the high level of early enthusiasm for the event indicates participation by thousands of lesbians from around the country.

Planning meetings will be held in at least eight different geographical regions in January and February of 1989 to discuss preliminary issues such as site location, board representatives, policy and fundraising.

The planning meeting at Emory University is open to all interested women. Sister Sister Productions will host a women's dance to benefit the Conference, and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, at the Trolley Barn on Friday evening, January 27, to kick off the weekend. For more information phone Cathy Woolard at 377-8312.

ACT UP Trumps Trump

New York, NY—Over 100 AIDS activists disrupted holiday shopping at New York's posh Trump Tower on December 8 in an effort to draw attention to the plight of homeless AIDS patients.

Three members of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power/New York (ACT UP/NY) were arrested for trespassing after they lay down on the marble floor in the Tower's lobby and refused to get up.

Protesters also passed out paper plates bearing the message: "Trumpsgiving—empty plates for homeless people." The group also littered the area with flyers that read: "5,000 homeless people with AIDS in New York City and only 44 beds."

Also targeting New York Mayor Ed Koch for what they call his lack of response to AIDS, protesters chanted, "Koch and Trump go hand in hand, the homeless die—the rich get land."

Norway Gay Leader Gets Government Grant

Kim Friele, the prominent leader of Norway's and Scandinavia's lesbian and gay movement, was awarded an annual pension of \$13,000 by the Norwegian government.

Norway's Ministry of Culture said the grant was in recognition of Friele's pioneering work in the gay movement, and is part of a government plan designed to allow prominent individuals to pursue scientific or cultural activities without concern for earning a living.

Friele, who is General Secretary of the Norwegian gay and lesbian organization DNF-48, said the award is "an indication that the authorities see gay and lesbian emancipation as a political issue and not only a private and personal one."

Robinson Re-elected to Canadian Parliament

Svend Robinson, the first and only openly gay member of the Canadian Parliament, was re-elected to the House of Commons on November 21 by a large margin.

Robinson is a member of the New Democratic Party and a nine-year veteran of Parliament. He announced in February that he is gay.

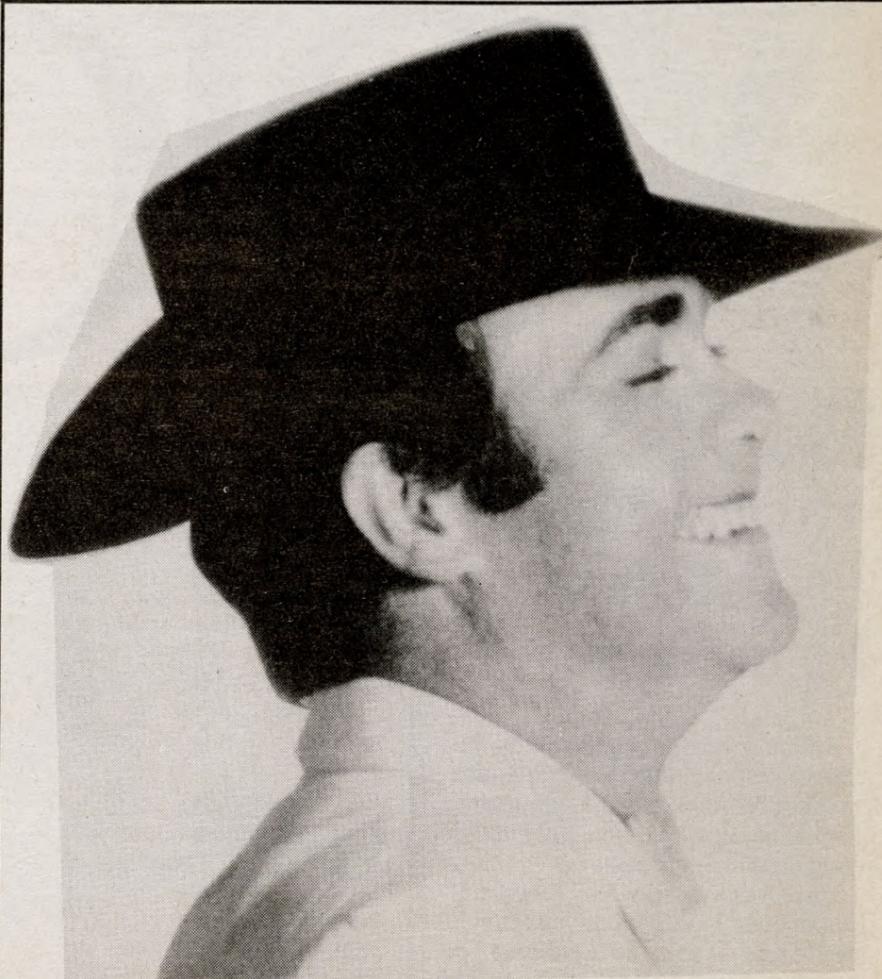
He said he decided to go public about his sexual orientation to help advocate gay rights. The *Toronto Star* called Robinson's announcement a "milestone in Canadian politics."

Robinson was re-elected to the House of Commons after a bitter campaign in which Prime Minister Brian Mulroney implied that a person's sexual orientation was an impediment to holding a position of responsibility.

Mulroney, who was himself narrowly re-elected, reportedly said that Robinson could not represent the National Defense Dept. because of his sexual orientation.

The Prime Minister apologized the following day for his remarks and said that people should know he advocates equality for all people.

According to the *Star*, Robinson has often criticized Mulroney for not carrying out a proposal to amend Canada's Human Rights Act by adding sexual orientation protections.



FAMOUS FACES

Flawless Untouchable Makes "The List"

Among the pressing matters of our time, few are more eagerly awaited than *People* magazine's best-dressed list for the year, always gripping, always full of surprises.

The magazine just released the list showing that *Untouchables* star Kevin Costner won widespread adoration for his butch bomber jacket, and Joan Collins' bare-shoulder look proved to be popular with the judging crowd.

On the worst-dressed side of the list were George Bush, whose outfits were called boring and Elton John who was chastised for his feminine hats.

If you disagree with the list, consider the judging panel which includes, among others, Morton Downey, ALF, Victor Costa and Tanya Tucker.

Klinger to Host New "Lifestyles" Show

No man on U.S. television ever dressed quite like *MASH*'s Corporal Klinger. Now Klinger will help show how others do it as host of a new half-hour program modeled after *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*. The series called *The New Millionaires* will feature Jamie Farr (Klinger's offscreen persona) bringing to envious homes across America the lives of self-made millionaires.

Huston Goes to London, Batman Says

Anjelica Huston will spend Christmas in London, joining boyfriend Jack Nicholson. Huston, who starred in *Prizzi's Honor* with Nicholson, will make the trip because her main man cannot leave Britain at this time. Nicholson is currently filming the movie version of *Batman*.

-F.G.

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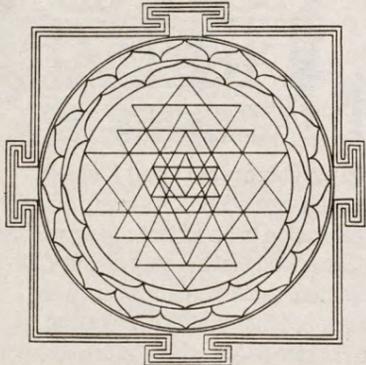
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Lesbian Couple Murdered

Anguilla, British West Indies—Martha Alsup, 38 and Susan Galvin, 40, a lesbian couple who lived in Watertown, Massachusetts, were stabbed to death while vacationing on the island of Anguilla in the British West Indies.

There is no evidence that the women were murdered because they were lesbians or that either woman was sexually assaulted.

A developmentally disabled 17-year-old man was apprehended with both victims' handbags shortly after their bodies were discovered and has confessed to the murders, according to a number of sources.

Gay Community News reported that Anguillan police said the same man was arrested earlier this year for raping and

physically brutalizing an American woman who is scheduled to return to the island in January for the trial. After his arrest for the rape, the youth's family posted bail immediately and has reportedly denied accusations that he is emotionally unstable or prone to violence.

Many lesbians in the Boston area have expressed concern that the mainstream media's avoidance of any mention of the women's sexual orientation may indicate a refusal to investigate the possible link between their lesbianism and the motive of the murderer.

Both women were well known psychotherapists who worked extensively with lesbian survivors of child abuse. According to their friends, the women had lived together for eight years and were vacationing to get away from their exhausting schedules.

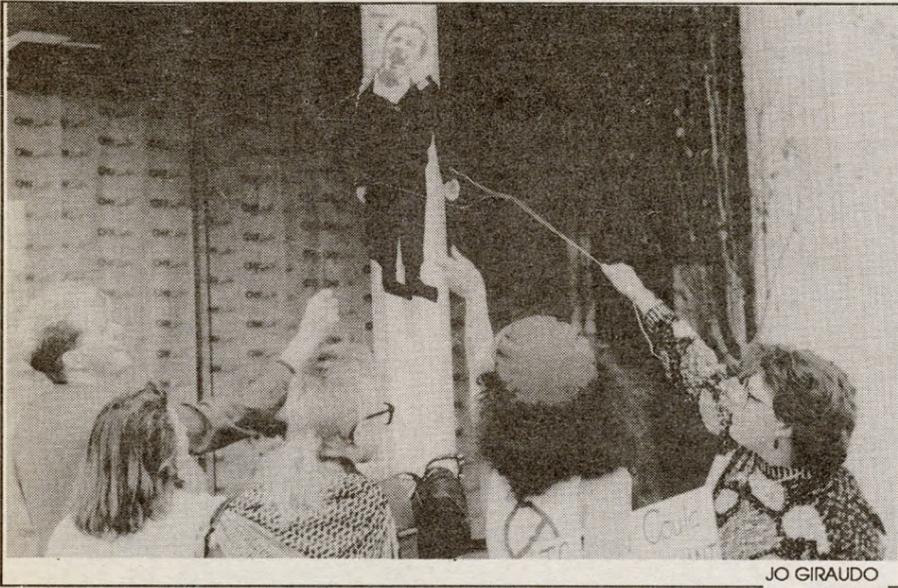
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and the blockades fizzled out before long.

"Now we're having to play catch-up from not having been there," according to COOR's Stacey Ferdinands. Ferdinands thinks abortion rights may be revoked before long, thanks in part to the publicity generated by the violent anti-abortion group.

The Supreme Court has already been asked to review the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion and voters in several states opted to restrict abortion rights in the last election. A ban on Medicaid-funded abortions just went into effect in Michigan, for example. That state's Medicaid Director says Michigan spent \$6 million last year on abortions for poor women. Now, he says, the state could spend as much as \$50 million more



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Members of COOR hang the Rev. Jerry Falwell in effigy.

for Medicaid births and children born into poverty.

Meanwhile the Reagan Administration has placed even more restrictions on Title X funds, designed to offer assistance for family planning and contraception. Family planning clinics now cannot receive Title X money if they provide any counseling about abortion or refer anyone to an abortion facility.

In Atlanta's clinics it's not all bad news. Rita Barnes says since Operation Rescue came to town, the number of volunteer offers have increased tremendously, but so have the number of reports of babies abandoned in dumpsters.

She and virtually all those who have worked in the clinics during the "Rescues" say protesters are vicious in their attacks against women and the people helping to escort them. The women, already upset about their situation, are pelted with shouts of "Don't kill your baby," or "Are you happy now that you killed your child," while the volunteer escorts are regularly shoved and insulted. COOR members say anti-abortion protesters regularly hurl homophobic epithets at them. One pro-choice man was asked at the Falwell conference, "How's your AIDS, fag?"

Barnes says women going for abortions are sometimes told "They're a bunch of lesbians in (the clinic) who are going to give you AIDS." Gays and lesbians have been actively involved in the fight for reproductive rights, both as members of pro-choice groups and as escorts. Legal experts say reproductive and sexual rights are closely tied, leading many activists to believe that abortion is directly related to gay and lesbian rights.

COOR members say this is all about oppression. Many agree. "It is starting to dawn on people," notes Barnes, "the connection between a woman's right to choose and freedom. Especially when Falwell is involved."

GARAL, which doesn't necessarily support pro-choice rallies at the clinics, plans a major demonstration at the State Capitol on January 22nd, the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision. -F.G.

Judge Upholds D.C. Gay Rights Law

Washington, D.C. - U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth ruled December 13th that the Armstrong amendment, designed to force the District to allow discrimination against lesbians and gays in religious-educational institutions, was unconstitutional.

"It's a very wise decision by (Lamberth), and a big victory for home rule and gay rights in the District," said Herb Schultz, treasurer of the Gay and Lesbian Democratic Association (GLDA).

Known officially as the Nation's Capital Religious Liberty and Academic Freedom Act, the Armstrong amendment was attached to the D.C. appropriations bill at the close of the 1988 Congress. The Armstrong amendment was proposed by Senator William L. Armstrong (R-CO).

In a prepared press statement, Sen. Armstrong said, "The District Court's decision is only a temporary setback in the continuing and vital effort to protect

religious liberty." He has asked the Justice Department to appeal the decision.

The bill was designed to force the D.C. City Council to amend their human rights law to allow religious-educational institutions to discriminate based on sexual orientation.

If Judge Lamberth had not ruled the amendment unconstitutional, the District would have had to alter the human rights law or lose the authority to spend its funds for all governmental functions as of December 31st.

Lamberth ruled that the Armstrong amendment was unconstitutional because it would force Councilmembers to vote against their wishes, and effectively curtail their First Amendment right to free speech.

The Justice Department, which defended the government's case, has not decided whether or not to appeal the decision.

-Chris Duncan

Candidates Take Record Amount of Gay Money

Washington, D. C. - In 1988 more candidates than ever took record-breaking contributions of gay and lesbian PAC money.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the nation's largest gay and lesbian political action committee (PAC) and lobbying organization, contributed more than \$400,000 in cash and in-kind gifts to Republican and Democrat candidates and progressive groups during the 1987-88 election cycle. That's 60 per cent more than 1985-86 contributions.

Political analysts believe the increased number of politicians willing to take gay money, and support what some perceive as controversial issues, points to the progress gays and lesbians have made in mainstream American politics.

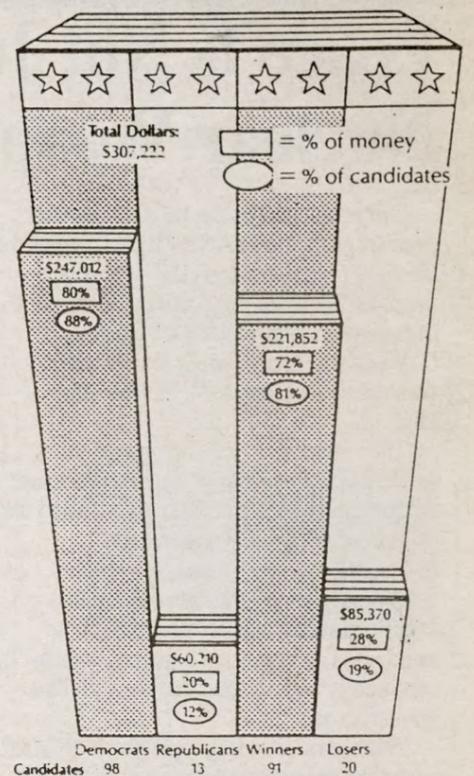
"In the past, some candidates considered it a liability to publicly stand up for us and take our money," said Vic Basile, HRCF executive director. "And some still do. But the fact that 81 per cent of the candidates we supported won - some by landslide margins - is a sound argument that gay money is an enhancement, not a hindrance."

Basile also noted that, with the exception of Senator Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.), no cosponsor of the gay and lesbian civil rights bill in the House or Senate lost his or her re-election.

HRCF criteria for contributing to candidates include their voting records or

Where the Gay & Lesbian Money Went

HRCF 1987-88 Political Contributions*



positions on gay and lesbian issues, such as federal AIDS legislation, hate crimes, immigration, the gay and lesbian civil rights bill, and others.

Fighting notorious homophobe Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) took a big chunk of gay PAC money.

"There is no such thing as a free civil rights movement for the lesbian and gay community," said Robert Bray, HRCF communications director.

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VIEWPOINTS

Peace Is Not Just About Nuclear Weapons

Ten people out of the 180,000-member peace organization SANE/FREEZE pushed the fight for gay/lesbian civil rights one notch higher when they convinced the organization to form a Task Force on Gay/Lesbian Issues during their annual convention December 9 - 11. (See story Page 1.)

Their success is exciting on its own merit. But it is especially important because those ten people reached out and enlisted the support of yet another mainstream organization in our struggle for equality. Gaining our civil rights will require that every organization dedicated to freedom stand up in solidarity with the gay/lesbian community and demand that our rights be granted to us.

Think about it - 10 people out of 180,000 began the process of change within a well-respected multi-national organization. The people they touched in the process of getting the Task Force approved will undoubtedly remember their dialogue the next time they see homophobia. They might even step in and stop it.

Beginning in a workshop entitled "Coming Out & Coming Together for Peace," the group of ten didn't carp or complain about their lack of representation

and visibility within SANE/FREEZE. Instead, they decided to act.

In the space of 24 hours, they (1) formed a Gay/Lesbian Caucus within SANE/FREEZE, (2) wrote the resolution to form the Task Force, and (3) gathered the necessary signatures to place the Task Force resolution on the agenda. Watching their success was exciting and invigorating.

Workshop facilitator Carlie Steen deserves special credit for the work she did in forming and nursing the nascent group to such large and immediate success. Although the exact future is unsure, she expects that the Task Force might recommend that SANE/FREEZE include homophobia in its target list of prejudices, add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination statement and elect a gay/lesbian representative to the national board of directors.

The work ahead of Steen and the Gay/Lesbian Caucus will be hard, but they passed the hardest part when they stood up and said, "We are gays and lesbians. We need your help to combat violence against us, and your support in the fight for our civil rights."

The coalition they formed speaks well for SANE/FREEZE and the future.



All That's Left Are Pleasant Surprises

Malleus Maleficarium ring a bell? It was the textbook for witch hunters, written by Dominican priests in 1486. "With the printing of Malleus Maleficarium it (the witchcraze) not only spread down the Rhine but through Italy, Spain, France, and countries in Northern Europe... this colossal spread was fostered by the invention of the printing press." (*Gyn/Ecology*, p. 190) Thus this culture's first example of the effects of Mass Media: 9 million women and men, murdered for their ties to the past - the world before the Catholic church. This genocide lasted for 300 years - years commonly referred to as the Renaissance.

The Malleus Maleficarium was a hard act to follow, but those running the network airwaves have created our current Mass Media phenomenon, that of withholding vital information until after the election. Somehow, I'm not surprised. Withholding information is not new (did the 9 million surprise you?) As I see it, the only true surprises left in the media are the pleasant ones.

Like I was surprised when Toyota's front man made it known during the Obie Awards that the advertiser's biggest nemesis is the t.v.'s remote control. This sent me to the store for fresh batteries, and ever since I've been waving my control like a magic wand - my Malleus Maleficarium (hammer of witches) - over the t.v. airwaves, zapping sexism, racism, heterosexism, anti-consumerism and just plain inanity in my search for the only kind of surprises that are left.

Does my zipper ever stop? Yes, on that shadow of the former Sofia - Oprah Winfrey. Unlike Alice Walker's Sofia, Oprah has had to make sacrifices, and I sit poised for my cue, "... and we'll be right back." But even with the most politically incorrect topics, (such as the woes of shopaholics) Oprah will find a way to work her own political conscience (Did you know there are more shopping malls than there are school districts, libraries and hospitals)? The topic of a recent show was the buying up of

America by foreign investors. The Japanese as bad guys became the focus by the first commercial break. Consensus was clear when I returned, but then came a voice of conscience... "Caller, you're on the air..." The caller, a woman, clearly stated that the anti-Japanese sentiment was blatant racism. Oprah came alive and directed her questions to illicit the facts that the British and Dutch are the largest foreign investors. The Japanese are number three. Thank you caller.

I lay my weapon to rest when The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour comes on at 6pm on Channel 8, Monday through Friday. Sure, no commercials, but there's more to be said for this alternative to Tom, Peter and Dan, namely Judy Woodruff and Charlene Hunter-Gault (an Atlanta native). It's refreshing to watch intelligent women on the 'boob' tube (this derogatory term begs question as to sex, IQ, or both) giving important information and leading active debate on vital topics. The care with which Jim MacNeil and Robert Lehrer take with their pronouns is heartening. But the best part of the News Hour comes in the latter half of the show saved for in depth dialogue on a particular subject among a panel of experts. Some conscientious decision maker has made it a point to invite female experts, and it is truly entertaining to witness the ebb and flow of the gender gap between experts debating topics ranging from Apartheid to abortion, and political pay raises to poverty in America.

Back in my zapping mode, my mind wanders to Malleus Maleficarium, its source, and I know it is here still. I must keep diligent. As a matter of fact, if you're without a New Year's resolution, make it domestic disobedience. Grab that t.v. channel changer and zap out the bad, hold out for the good, and stand poised for pleasant surprises.

-Jessi McVay

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I Got My Foot In The Door

In all senses of the word, it was a normal night in my life. Fighting with my brother, avoiding homework and being hassled by my father. It was normal except for one small detail – it was Tuesday. You may wonder what Tuesday has to do with anything, but that was the night I was finally going to admit and accept the fact that I am gay.

First, I needed to talk to someone. To do that, I needed a phone number. There was no way you could get me to even broach the topic with my father. I proceeded to dial information. I hung up four times before I got the gall to ask the lady for any gay help listings. There was one. If you think it took a lot to ask an operator for a number, you can imagine how much it took for me to call the hotline. The first few times I called, there were busy signals. Kind of intimidating for a 14-year-old, but I had to get this off my chest so I continued. Finally, after many tries, I got through. And wouldn't you know it as soon as the voice said, "Gay Helpline", I put the receiver down. I couldn't believe I got through and then hung up. It wasn't the first nor the last, but definitely a mistake. In between the operator's fits of snickering, she did manage to tell me the helpline's hours so I knew I had one more hour to get through.

I took a shower even though I didn't need one. I just needed to do something. After my shower I decided to try the helpline again. Through some divine act, I got through on the first try. "Well Brian," I asked myself, "What are you going to do, hang up?" "No," I thought, "I can do this." A man answered, obviously a caring man and said "Atlanta Gay Helpline, this is Mark." Well, this man turned out to be everything his voice lead me to believe.

We talked not only about the pros and cons of being a teenage homosexual, but also about current issues and events of the day. I could talk to him so openly and honestly that I was sad that a phone separated us. I think of myself as a younger more outlandish copy of Mark. He is a twin, I am a twin. We both enjoy the same music and dislike the same public figures. I called

him every Tuesday for three weeks when he mentioned the Youth Group at the Center. I had known about this group but living in Lawrenceville makes getting downtown very difficult.

I decided that I had to go to the group. I needed to know other people in the same situation I was in. The only thing keeping me from the group was my father. My father, a frivolous, overbearing macho bigot who happens to be one of the most openly anti-gay persons I know. I knew I would have to lie to him if I was going to go. This hurt me deeply inside for I haven't ever deliberately deceived him in such a way before. But in my mind at the time, the end justified the means. So I told Dad that I was going to a youth group at the Midtown Presbyterian Church of which there is not one. This worked and I was able to go.

I was very apprehensive waiting for Mark to pick me up. But when Mark arrived, all my fears and worries vanished. We got along just as well in person as we did on the phone. We talked as if we had known each other for years which was exactly how I felt. When we arrived at the Center and joined the group it was an eye-opening experience knowing other people my age were going through the same stuff I was.

Since then, some heavy stuff has happened. My father found out and totally exploded. According to him, I have ruined the future of having a decent, well-bred family with his name. I am now serving time – approximately 30 years in the solitary confines of my room. He has banned me from all contact with the group and Mark, yet he does not know what he is doing to me. But three nervous breakdowns that I have suffered through has sent him a message that we need to talk. Hopefully when that day comes he will understand me and accept that which he cannot change. I will never ask him to understand me for that is an impossibility. All I ask for is his trust and acceptance. Until then, I've got my foot in the door and no matter what happens I think I'll keep it there.

-Brian

Thank Those Who Make A Difference

Dear Editor:

Happy Holidays to you and your staff! Please accept my heartfelt thanks on behalf of Sister Sister Productions for your November profile of the organization and our recent production of Betty. The concert was a success, in large part, due to John Blizzard's enticing description of that nearly indescribable trio.

I've been taking the last several weeks to assess the past year and to set business and personal goals for 1989, and I am continually thankful for the supportive role that *Southern Voice* has played in presenting information and publicity on behalf of my business and political activities. As a community we are extremely blessed to be the beneficiaries of the hard work you and your staff have done this year.

The holiday tradition of bestowing gifts on loved ones should serve as a reminder to us of the importance those persons play in our lives during the course of the year. In addition to my lover, my biological family, and close friends, I can't think of anything more important to me than the organizations

comprising MACGLO, our collective gay and lesbian media sources and the organizations working for us nationally, to create the community that makes me feel so fortunate and part of something greater in this life. So this year I will be including financial gifts to several organizations as a token of my thanks for their fine contributions to my personal well-being. I would like to encourage your readers to take this to heart and extend their own gifts to whatever group(s) or person(s) that have made a difference to them this past year. And money is not the only gift one need offer. Contributions of time and talent are always appreciated, and a simple pledge is sometimes all that is required to keep the life in a hard-working organization. The *Southern Voice* registry is a good place to start looking for a place to give.

Please keep up the great work for all of us and have an extremely prosperous New Year!!

Sincerely,
Cathy Woolard
Sister Sister Productions

Lesbian Alliances: Heterosexism in the 80s

The following is an edited version of a speech by Michelle Parkerson at the Lesbian Alliances panel which was a part of this year's National Women's Studies Association. For a tape of the full session send \$7.50 to Caryn McTighe Musil, NWSA, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

Challenging Otherness

The theme of this plenary panel is "Combating Heterosexism in the '80s." The focus of my address is not an historical analysis of heterosexism, but the deconstruction of it. Certainly, more vital statements can be made at the first ever lesbian plenary in NWSA history, and certainly with such diverse panelists, than discussing how to sensitize heteroculture to its own biases and repressive violence against the lesbian and gay community. It smacks of that benign white liberalism (particularly fashionable in the '60s) in which whites asked African Americans to absolve them of their own racism and carry the burden of their consciousness-raising.

But the hatred and fear that keep racism alive and well foster the oppression that denies women and men their right to love those of the same sex. The fact that, in 1988, the National Women's Studies Association is holding its first lesbian plenary indicates the depth at which heterosexism operates, overtly and subliminally, in all our lives.

Just as homophobia is the psychotic hatred and fear of lesbians and gay men, heterosexism is the systematic dominance of life, choice, and cultural expression to enforce the values of heterosexuality. In a sense, homophobia is to heterosexism what racism is to white supremacy. The psychosis feeds the behavior.

Heterosexism also hinges on a network of other oppressions: patriarchy, racism, and sexism. It permeates all cultures and social institutions. It infiltrates all our personal interactions and deepest self-concepts. And with the devastation of AIDS, heterosexism has taken on new bastions of support from those who seek to segregate themselves from "the gay plague."

Like apartheid, heterosexism confers the illusion of social acceptance upon those who subscribe to it, while at the other end of that spectrum, it dehumanizes and totally disenfranchises an entire community it deems as "other." In adhering to or in challenging the caste of otherness, we deny or design the tools of our own possibilities as lesbian women.

In refusing to carry *dompass* (identification), my South African sisters and brothers defy the regime that enslaves them in their own homeland. As lesbians, we must refuse the silence that closets our lives and our loving, if we are about leadership and power, if we are to forge new alliances among the community of women, and if we want to function as a viable force for social change. We must not become accomplices in our own oppression by subscribing to the caste of "otherness."

Sexuality is an intrinsic part of any liberation struggle involving race, class oppression, gender, or economic power, but sexuality has consistently been separated from the thrust of most political movements. Indeed, it has been seen as a detriment, particularly in Black nationalist



MARILYN HUMPHRIES

Michelle Parkerson, NWSA 1988

movements since the 1960s.

Black lesbians and gays are viewed as traitors to the cause, a divisive element in the struggle and a threat to the Black family structure. Ironically, many great African-American political activists, spiritual leaders, and artists have been/are lesbians and gay men. A conspiracy of silence surrounds our presence in the Black family, the Black church, and in the Black community at large. Many Black lesbians and gay men lock the doors of their own closets out of fear of being rejected within their communities, fear of being "other" at home when society has clearly marked them "other" because of race. Heterosexism in the Black community manifests as denial. The adage applies that it's okay as long as we don't talk about it.

This reflects the ignorance of keeping sex and sexuality in the closet and off the streets where most political battles are fought and gather momentum. But the lesbian and gay rights movement is the only revolution being fought for love. It is the only movement that has taken the issue of how and who we love to the street.

Women's leadership within the lesbian and gay rights movement is vitally important as we begin the third decade since Stonewall – for the visibility and health of the lesbian community, particularly lesbians of color, are the most radical indications of social change. When society's most despised and trivialized citizens experience a growing power and sense of community, all those in the pecking order of acceptability will experience the residuals of their empowerment.

Stereotyping is a major factor hindering lesbian alliances and identity. Our internalized self-image as lesbians, queers, dykes, lovers of women, good girlfriends are more courageous and more destructive than any of those images caricatured about us in heteroculture. Similarly, the negative images African Americans harbor about ourselves are more devastating than the nigger stereotypes perpetrated about us by white society.

Lesbians are not a monolithic group; we cannot be assumed to be the same. The butch/femme category is not the only image of lesbians, nor is a white face. Though butch/femme role playing has historically served a vital function in the lesbian community, those that center their entire self-definition around strict butch/femme codes ignore lesbianism as a wholistic experience. They mimic the heterosexist imbalance of power that limits all our lives.

Another factor that inhibits lesbian alliances is violence – not only the resurgence of violence against lesbians and gays fostered by the current climate of heterosexism, but, most horribly, battering within lesbian and gay unions. As both a perpetrator and victim of domestic violence, I recognize first-hand how it supports and reflects the psychosis of heterosexism. Battering and other low self-esteem behavior (drug addiction, alcoholism, etc.) as well as racism must be addressed out loud, in the light of day, among lesbians – not avoided for the sake of superficially affirming ourselves as a community.

Lesbians are in the leadership of women's alliances for social change because we, too, want a future. And the risk of leadership is the risk of coming out at home, in academe, in the church, in the workplace. I survive because lesbians of color embraced that risk before me and still more will follow.

Michelle Parkerson is a writer and independent film/video maker living in Washington, D.C. She is a board member of NCBLG (National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays).

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Who We Are

With this story, Southern Voice introduces a new column - Who We Are. Often our readers approach us with stories of very personal interest and concern. We believe these stories should be printed because they speak in an authentic and intimate voice - because they truly reflect who we are.

If you would like to submit to this column write to: Southern Voice, PO Box 54719, Atlanta, Ga. 30308.

Today I admired my fat body dressed in a blue striped shirt reflected in a restaurant mirror at breakfast.

Today I decided to see the movie "Bagdad Cafe", which stars a fat woman I had seen in "Sugarbaby" and I invited three other fat women friends to go with me.

Today I ogled "Bagdad"'s fat star and moaned aloud as she revealed her sumptuous breasts on screen.

Today I complimented my ex-lover's fat body dressed in a thin white undershirt that allowed her nipples to show positioned low on her full breasts.

Today I searched through a gay card shop for a lesbian image to send to my fat lover in Wisconsin and joyfully purchased two postcards that featured solitary fat women.

Today I wrote a message of passion and lust to my fat girlfriend on one of the postcards and wished that the mail would get it to her quickly.

Today I dressed in a loose cotton shirt that fell from my shoulders and soft cotton pants that gathered at my calves with no bra or panties, no make-up or contacts, but wore globe earrings and a button that read, "FAT WOMEN HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE".

Today I felt sexy and comfortable in my soft fabric outfit that revealed my fat body as I went to the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance poetry reading.

Today I told a thin poet that I would not climb a ladder to fix a fan

light because the ladder would not hold my 250 lbs, my real weight.

Today I selected a comfortably side and padded chair to sit upon and marked it as mine with my jacket before the poetry reading.

Today I chose to buy Coke instead of Diet Coke because the word Diet offended me and I was not afraid of the sugar in Coke.

Today I heard a fat dyke read her poem about her breast operation, of how the surgeon's knife had cut her and his needle had sewn her and how her body had scarred her and how it had not worked-how she still was fat and misshapen, how she wanted to take an axe to her body and cut off the remaining offending parts, like her big fat ass, how she wanted a body that was graceful and taller and she repeated the operation phrases of cut, stitch, scar, heal, cut, stitch, scar, heal, cut stitch, scar, heal.

Today I sucked in my air and started to cry in horror at her words of self-hatred, at her attack on fat.

Today I did not confront her, or talk to her, or get close to her fat body because I could not be supportive and I knew not what I felt.

Today I looked into the face of a fat liberated friend, one who has had her stomach stapled, one who watched "Bagdad" with me and before I could speak my horror she had turned away and I thought, do not add to her pain.

Today I called my fat ex-lover and asked her to come over and spend the night and she said no and finally asked what's wrong.

Today I felt what's wrong and told what's wrong and cried what's wrong. She oppressed me. She attacked me. There was no safe space for me. I am sad for her and mad at her and I am scared and ashamed about being fat, about

accepting my fat in front of so many thin women who heard her, who clapped for her, while I sat in shock and pain.

Today I wrote about my life and feelings and pain and fat.

Today will happen again.

- Nancy Oswald



LYNN LEVY

Nancy Oswald at the 13th Michigan Womyn's Music Festival where she lead a workshop entitled "Belly Dancing for Fat Womyn Only".

NBC TV Program Dubbed "Revolting" By AIDS Activists

AIDS and gay/lesbian activists who monitored the December 13th showing of a controversial episode of the NBC television program *Midnight Caller*, called the show "revolting" and a "gross misrepresentation of reality." They fear that the episode will increase violence and discrimination against persons with AIDS (PWAs) and gays and lesbians.

Entitled "After It Happened," the program vividly depicts the search for a bisexual man who intentionally infects others with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Referred to as an "AIDS carrier," the character is shown to be in denial about his anti-body status.

NBC officials in Los Angeles and New York reported a total of 136 phone calls in response to the show, 48 approving and 88 disapproving.

Produced by Lorimar, the original script ended with the bisexual character being shot by a woman whom he had infected. The scene culminated with his corpse being carried away in a body bag labeled "Biohazardous Material."

Lorimar changed the ending after weeks of protests that disrupted shooting on location in San Francisco. The protests were organized by the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power/San Francisco (ACT UP/SF) the AIDS Foundation and Mobilization Against AIDS.

Kevin Berrill, director of Anti-Violence Project at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), praised the work of ACT UP/SF for getting the program changed to show the bisexual character's life being saved.

Even with the changes, however, Berrill charged that the show was "pure exploitation, badly written and damaging to the efforts of so many thousands of persons (working on AIDS) across the country."

Dr. Rosalyn Weinman, director of Community Affairs for NBC, responded to the criticisms after the show aired by pointing out that *Midnight Caller* "is not a program that was ever designed to (discuss) social issues."

"This is a good guys/bad guys show... the bad guys may be cops, criminals or mothers," she added.

Weinman said that the show made it very clear that "Mike Barnes (the bisexual character) is atypical, an aberrant."

Although the show contained numerous portrayals of gay men that were at least neutral in content, Berrill referred to those scenes as "throw-away lines, with little or no dramatic impact.

"The clear message (of the show) is we need to start locking these people up," Berrill said. "What's wrong with the show is the context in which it appears.

People who were offended by the show are urged to call local NBC affiliated and corporate sponsors, which include Mazda Cars. Anyone witnessing an increase in violence or discrimination should call the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter and NGLTF.

-Chris Duncan

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Torch Song Trilogy



NEW LINE CINEMA

Harvey Fierstein's *Torch Song Trilogy* has been made into a film, significantly altered from the nearly four hour play, and it disappoints.

First, a word about the story. Fierstein plays a female impersonator named Arnold who is looking for love, reason and a place in the world. The film concentrates on his significant relationships, including his liaison with a bisexual schoolteacher named Ed (Brian Kerwin, acting rather juvenile), who eventually leaves him for a woman, and his six-year relationship with a model named Alan (Matthew Broderick, subtle and believable), who is killed by a gang of homophobes shortly before the couple are to adopt a gay son. And then there's Arnold's stormy relationship with his "Ma" (Anne Bancroft), who finally reaches some small, hard won understanding and accommodation of her son.

A chief strength of Fierstein's play was that it ignored a tendency among artists working in minority subjects: to seize the rare opportunity of financial backing, and attempt to set down in a single work the complete statement of what it means to be gay in this country at this moment.

Fierstein focuses on one sector of gay experience - the gay female impersonator. He gambles that he can successfully dramatize Arnold's life, lifting the figurative veil away in order to reveal beneath the differences a shared, common humanity.

The film, unfortunately, is another matter. Fierstein has attempted to "open-



Alan (Matthew Broderick) and Arnold (Harvey Fierstein) plan their adoption of a son who "knows how to dust."

up" his play, to make it more cinematic. But he's also shortened the material at the same time he's added to it. The flaws of the play - its sentimentality, its cliches and melodrama - are all magnified in the film.

Arnold orders his adoptive son around their apartment like a stereotypical nagging Jewish mother; his moments of self-pity and the conversations spoken in Neil Simonese are badly magnified on screen, as if gag writers were prompting from the wings.

As Arnold, Harvey Fierstein is excellent at expressing wit or anger. But he's laughably bad when he wants us to recognize Arnold's vulnerabilities. He milks the audience, playing for sympathy by uttering a piece of dialogue and then gazing downward very humbly, like Jennifer Jones in *The Song of Bernadette* when she's being misunderstood. He practically reaches down from the screen to distribute hankys.

Anne Bancroft as "Ma", a part

significantly enlarged for the film, is, as always, utterly dependent on cliches of phrasing, inflection, choice of facial and body movement. Therefore she is certain to receive an Oscar nomination.

The film was shot on a shoestring, but that doesn't excuse the lack of visual consistency between scenes or the enfeebled imaginative level of Paul Bogart's mediocre direction. Only one example: the film opens with the one-billionth shot of the New York skyline, by now as original as a car chase.

Perhaps, after all these years, Fierstein should have turned over his material to someone sympathetic but more objective than he. It might have softened the film's ruinous mixture of sentimentality and self-pity.

It's a bad combination, like a drunk and sad music.

- Terry Francis

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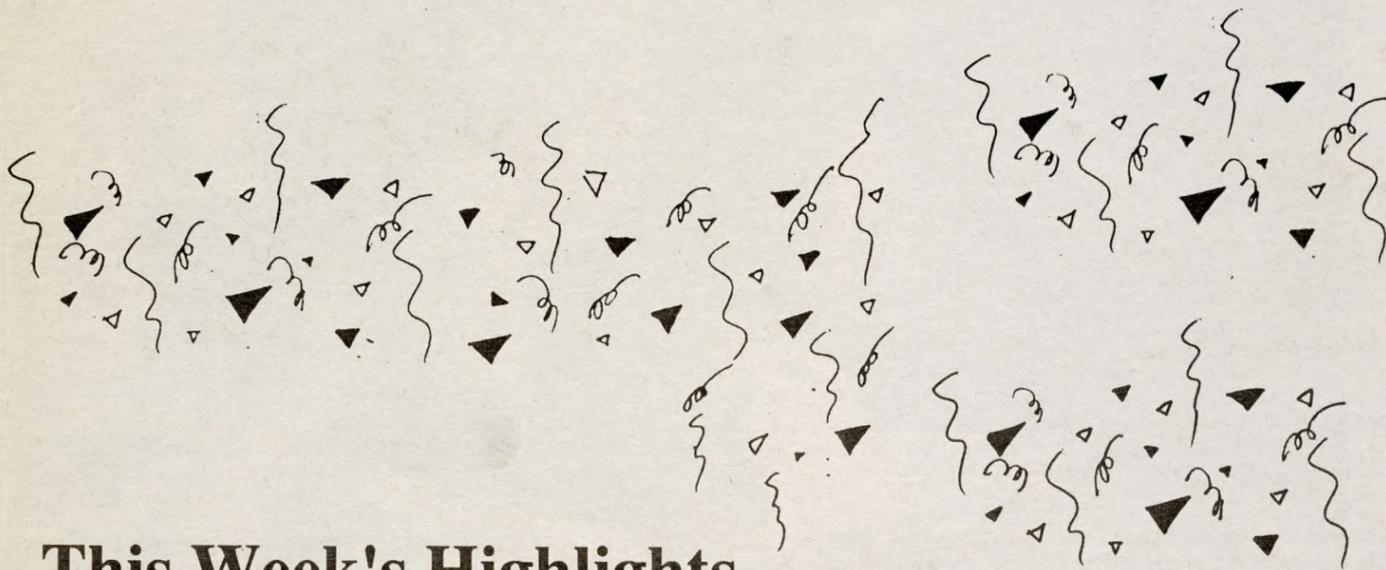
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• **"Clearing the Heart."** December 22-24. Just Us Theater presents Pearl Cleage's multi-media performance piece which is the third in the Just Us "Sisterspeak & more . . ." series. Cleage explores the themes of black female awakening and awareness through live performance, video, music, myth and ritual. Atlanta Civic Center, Room 104. 8:30 PM. \$5.00. For reservations call 876-2350.

THURSDAY

22 • "Clearing the Heart," thru the 24th. Pearl Cleage's

performance piece presented by JUST US Theater. Atlanta Civic Center. Lower Level, Rm 104; 8:30 PM. \$5. Call 876-2350. Pictured at right. (Photo by Barry Forbus.)

• Charis Books has no program tonight.



FRIDAY

• **"Shakin' The Mess Outta Misery!"** Last performance! Horizon Theater at Euclid/Austin Avenues. Call 584-7450 for more information. Recommended.

• **Holiday Musical!** Thru Dec. 31st. "The 1940's Radio Hour." Recreates actual live broadcast of Xmas 1942. Theater in the Square. 11 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. Tickets \$12-\$16. Call 422-8369 for more.

• **Angela Motter.** Neighbor's Pub. St. Charles Avenue.

SATURDAY

24 Support YOUR community in your choices of those last-minute gifts.

• **American Jukebox.** Thru Dec. 31st. Acclaimed musical revue. Xmas Eve performance, 3 PM; Xmas Day, 5 PM. Buckhead Roxy at Roswell Road and Peachtree St. Call 873-4300 for more.

• **Project Open Hand.** Food prep and delivery to PWAs and PWARCs. Volunteers especially needed during the holiday week. Call 248-1788.

SUNDAY

25

29 • **Indigo Girls with Caroline Aiken.** Center Stage. 1374 W. Peachtree. 8:30 PM. Advance tickets-\$8, \$10 at the door.

• **"Soundings."** WRFG-FM 89.3. 1-2 PM. With Franklin Abbott.

• **Evening at Charis-"grieving."** Sharon Scott speaks on grieving the loss of a loved one, the end of a relationship, loss of a job. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

30 • **Cotton Club.** Drivin' n' Cryin' performs. Bar/food. 1021 Peachtree St. Doors open at 8; show at 10 PM. Tickets \$8 in advance. Call 874-2523.

• **Big Hair and Other Teases.** Thru Dec. 31st. Recommended musical revue/comedy with locals Libby Whittemore, Sam Baker, et al. Upstairs/Gene and Gabe's. Call 892-2261 for specifics.

• **"A Night in Old Vienna."** Thru Dec. 31st. The Champagne & Coffee Concert Series with Wm. Fred Scott. 8 PM. Call 892-2414 for more.

31 • **New Year's Eve Party.** 8:30-1:30 at the Inman

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• **Torch Song Trilogy.** Tara Theatre. Cheshire Bridge at I-85. Call 634-6288 for show times.

27 • Project Open Hands Benefit/ACT UP Atlanta's Winter Carnival. A musical smorgasbord to help our PWAs! Little 5 Points Pub. 8 PM. \$5.

• **The Nutcracker.** Thru December 30. Atlanta Ballet's traditional holiday treat. Civic Center. Call 892-3303 for prices, times, etc.

28 • ELGO-Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization. Wednesdays. Room 363E Dobbs University Center. 7 PM. 377-7421.

• **The Names Project/Atlanta.** A national AIDS memorial. Wednesdays. All Saints Episcopal Church. 6:30 PM.

• **De De Vogt & Kristen Hall.** Little 5 Points Pub. 9:30 PM. \$3. 524-0805.

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2 • **Aretha Franklin, The Queen of Soul.** American Masters series on WGTV, Channel 8. 10 PM.

• **The Power Game.** Tonight WGTV-Channel 8. 8:00 PM.

3 • **Monet in London.** Thru Jan. 8th. The master impressionist's London paintings, viewed *only* in Atlanta. First time out of Paris since 1914! High Museum. 1280 Peachtree St. Call 881-0452.

• **The Power Game-"The Pentagon."** WGTV, Channel 8. 8 PM.

• **Eudora Welty: One Writer's Beginnings.** A film of Welty's personal history in Jackson, Miss. WGTV, Channel 8. 9 PM.

4 • **The Power Game-"The Unelected"** looks at the press, lobbyists and political stuff. WGTV, Channel 8. 8 PM.

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

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

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

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

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

AGMC- Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus. A semi-professional community-oriented chorus of male voices. Membership open to all interested singers and non-singers alike. 378-9676.

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.

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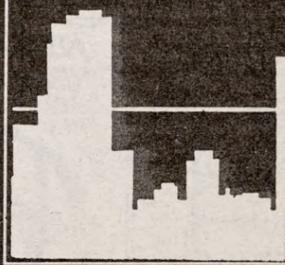
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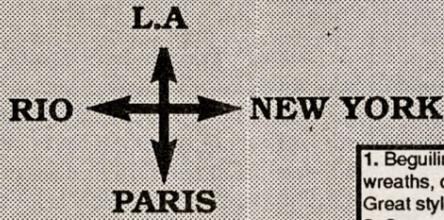
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AIDS: Words From The Front

Part II of a III-part series

Part I of *AIDS: Words From the Front* introduced medical technologist Salvatore Catapano and his use of the typhoid vaccine to combat AIDS, which he believes is actually "extraordinarily entrenched late-staging syphilis".

Granted a U.S. patent for his discovery that "a complete immunization and remission of a person afflicted with AIDS may be achieved by the administration with typhoid vaccine", Catapano has begun the slow process of convincing the medical establishment of the validity of his research.

In Part II of the series, Catapano discusses the details of the typhoid vaccine protocol and the results of his work to date.

The protocol must be followed closely. Details matter, including the precise location of the injection, the vigorous shaking of the bottle before each injection so that the potency of the vaccine will be uniform. In general, the patient starts out with injections twice a week, eventually going down to one injection a week and then one a month. Periodically, the weekly treatment will consist of two smaller shots given 30 minutes apart rather than one large injection. Recently a physician in Los Angeles took it upon himself to experiment with the dosaging and two patients had to be hospitalized. The prescribed doses are miniscule and staggered; more is not better. Catapano stresses that the vaccine works most effectively when it is used alone and should definitely not be combined with chemotherapy—including AZT—or radiation. A representative of Burroughs-Wellcome, the producer of AZT, contacted Catapano last year and expressed interest in using typhoid vaccine as an immune modulator in conjunction with AZT. Catapano wasn't interested. "Why would anybody give daily chemotherapy to patients who are already severely immune suppressed? It's crazy," he says.

Catapano has had several patients begin the vaccine treatment, show improvement, but decide to switch to AZT at their physicians insistence. One such patient recently returned to Catapano. So incapacitated by AZT that he needed oxygen and could no longer walk. He had to be carried into Catapano's house.

Catapano regards AZT as a death sentence and its use a double tragedy, because he is convinced that AIDS is really syphilis, which is treatable, and for which an anti-viral drug, like AZT, can do nothing.

Not all the physicians using the protocol share Catapano's views about syphilis. Some consider the disease simply a co-factor in AIDS. Two of them, however, are reporting a fascinating discovery, which Catapano has also made: After about 15 shots of the typhoid vaccine, a number of AIDS patients who had tested negative for syphilis began to manifest classic symptoms of the disease, usually the distinctive roseola rash, and their syphilis tests became positive. Dr. Valentine Birds of North Hollywood, California, has witnessed this phenomenon in six patients. When patients are then treated with penicillin, the syphilitic symptoms clear up and the tests become negative.

While physicians around the country are taking up Catapano's techniques, he continues to treat patients in Long Island and New York City, collaborating with physicians there. Twenty-six of his patients have finished the treatment, including penicillin therapy, and are receiving maintenance shots of typhoid vaccine every few weeks. Depending on a patient's condition, he may begin maintenance therapy anywhere from five to 18 months after treatment, although Catapano makes no guarantees if someone has a long history of AZT therapy or is taking other treatments concurrently with typhoid vaccine. One patient recently telephoned Catapano and elatedly announced that after getting his penicillin shots, his AIDS test (HIV-Elisa-test) had become negative. Of approximately 75,000 reported cases of AIDS to date in America, there have only been three published cases of patients becoming HIV negative. "I asked the woman at the testing center to repeat what she'd said three times," the patient recalls. Catapano was skeptical but quickly ordered five patients to go get tested.

Catapano's four decades of training and clinical experience were primarily concerned with venereal disease. Yet it was a lifelong interest in cancer that indirectly led him to become involved in the AIDS story. By the time he left the Navy in 1945 he had lost a brother, sister and father to cancer and was determined to conduct research on the disease. It was 15 years, however, before the bridal shop he ran with his wife was successful enough that Catapano could afford to construct a laboratory in the basement of their home. He began experiments in which he induced tumors in lab hamsters by injecting them with steroids.

Although chemotherapy was the treatment of the hour, Catapano was intrigued with the possibility of using immunostimulating therapy, allowing the body to fight off cancer with its own defense system. He fastened on to the concept of vaccines, hypothesizing that if they were used preventively against certain diseases, perhaps they could stimulate the immune system in a general way.

Night after night, month after month, he tested different vaccines on the hamsters and studied the effect on their tumors; he tried the vaccines for tetanus, diphtheria, typhus, pneumococys, polio and smallpox. After several years, Catapano concluded that even though some of the vaccines—like the Salk polio vaccine—had a temporary, minor immunostimulating effect, they were effective only against the organism from which they were derived. Still he persisted, and in 1970 he took up work with the typhoid vaccine. From the beginning, he knew he was onto something big: The immune stimulation it produced was extraordinary. In matched experiments he discovered that staggered miniscule doses of vaccine effectively dissolved the tumors; conversely it was impossible to induce tumors in hamsters that had been injected regularly with the vaccine in a prophylactic-preventive-regimen.

Catapano began searching medical libraries for everything he could find about the typhoid vaccine and learned that, prior to the introduction of penicillin, the vaccine, like malaria, had been used to induce therapeutic fevers in the treatment of a number of diseases, including syphilis. Both agents were injected to induce extremely high temperatures—104 degrees and above—in order to kill off the syphilitic organisms. Such fever-therapy was considered essential, although it was only erratically effective.

Yet no one had fully explored the properties of the typhoid vaccine that made it such a powerful stimulant of the body's immune system. Only gradually did Catapano come to understand why his protocol worked, boosting both the body's known immune responses, the cellular and the humoral (related to bodily fluids). The vaccine is highly antigenic; it contains proteins and carbohydrates, or polysaccharides, which have

on their surface distinctive sequences of atoms, called recurring prosthetic radicals. The vaccine is injected just under the skin, by a short-needled syringe so that it reaches the lymphatic system. This stimulates lymphocytes, in particular T-lymphocytes and B-lymphocytes. T-lymphocytes are responsible for the body's cellular immune response; once stimulated they produce lymphokines, soluble proteins which in turn activate macrophages, those cells that attach to and destroy foreign agents. B-lymphocytes govern the body's humoral immune response; they stimulate circulating antibodies, proteins that attack invading agents.

In 1978 Catapano managed to have researchers at National Cancer Institute perform experiments with lab animals, which confirmed the vaccine's special immune-stimulating properties. Catapano insists that, as a lone investigator, he would never have obtained the cooperation of the NCI, if its then director, Dr. Arthur Upton, now a department chairman at the New York University School of Medicine, had not granted him an audience. Upton recently recalled of that meeting: "People thought I was wasting my time talking to someone without an M.D. or other scientific credentials. But it's easy to forget, now that science is such a well organized profession, that a century ago, it was conducted by amateurs." Upton was impressed enough with Catapano's work to order that the animal studies with the vaccine be conducted.

Despite the promising results of the studies, chemotherapy was still the favored treatment for cancer and, although Catapano began seeking a patent for his discoveries, he was unable to interest the government or two major pharmaceutical companies that had little to gain financially.

In 1982 when Catapano learned of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome emerging in the gay community, he saw a new therapeutic application for the vaccine. Three years later, when the government had come up with no effective AIDS therapy, Catapano filed a new application for a patent, covering the use of typhoid vaccine in the treatment of AIDS. Before the application could be reviewed, Catapano treated a dozen AIDS patients. Then, in the rigorous so-called "prosecution" of the patent application, four medical examiners scrutinized the bloodwork and clinical history of each patient, as well as photographs of symptoms before treatment and several months later. By December the patent was granted; excerpts from the body of evidence approved by the medical examiners are included in the granting document.

The full response of the medical community to Catapano and his typhoid vaccine protocol remains to be seen. "It is interesting that many physicians who were enthusiastic about trying the Salk vaccine in patients dismiss the typhoid vaccine, although they know nothing about it," says Dr. Maisonet.

—Katie Leishman

This article originally appeared in the November, 1988 issue of Spin magazine. The article was accompanied by a condom with explicit instructions on safer sex usage which prompted a nationwide controversy (See Southern Voice, Vol. 1, #21).

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Evelyn G. Ullman, president of the board of Jerusalem House, said the facility will provide AIDS patients with meals and medical services, compassion and companionship.

"More than 100 people with AIDS are walking the streets of Atlanta with no bed to call their own and no roof over their heads. They have been rejected by friends and family, their financial resources are exhausted, and they find themselves ill and homeless. There is no room for them in existing facilities," said Ullman.

"We hope to have a facility and be renovating it by February," she said.

United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, are of 19 agencies and organizations sponsoring the project, gave the group a \$5,000 grant, and a recent fundraiser in Stone Mountain brought in more than \$7,000, according to Ullman.

The Red Cross will train volunteers for Jerusalem House, the Visiting Nurses Association plans to donate medical services, and Project Open Hand/Atlanta will provide meals for the residents.

Jerusalem House is actively seeking volunteer and financial support. Interested persons may contact the Jerusalem House at 634-3336 or write Jerusalem House, Inc., 1790 LaVista Road, Atlanta, GA 30329. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Rev. Hose Eulogized By MCC

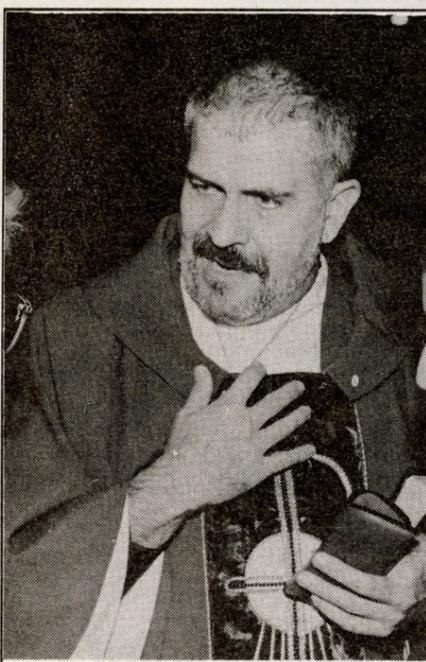
Two hundred and forty persons attended a memorial service Dec. 11 to pay tribute to the late Rev. John ("Papa John") Hose, minister emeritus of Atlanta's First Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), who died of cancer on Nov. 25 at age 74. Rev. Hose was a prominent figure in the national MCC ministry for nearly two decades.

Rev. Troy Perry, founder and head of the national MCC, headquartered in Los Angeles, officiated at the service held at First Atlanta MCC on N. Highland Avenue.

"Papa John was a 'papa' to all of us," Perry said in his eulogy. "And John was truly a papa to me," Perry added. He recounted how he and Hose became friends and co-workers beginning in 1969 when he appointed Hose as assistant pastor at the original MCC church, founded the year before, in Los Angeles. "He did any kind of menial work in the church that needed to be done," Perry said. Hose had a particular interest in providing housing in parsonage for

homeless persons, Perry recalled. "He dealt with the homeless long before this became an issue anywhere else," Perry said.

MCC clergy from more than a dozen congregations across the country - including representatives from San Diego and Tampa, where Hose served before coming to Atlanta in 1979 - praised him for his sense of humor and great wisdom.



PAMELA J. COLE

Rev. Troy Perry, founder and head of the national MCC, officiated at the memorial service for Rev. John Hose. Friends and co-workers since 1969, Perry appointed Hose assistant pastor of the original MCC church.

Hose was instrumental in the founding of First Atlanta MCC in 1972, the second oldest MCC congregation in the southeast.

The service, which First Atlanta MCC interim pastor Reid Christensen called a "service of celebration," was originally planned more than a month ago by Hose. "His physician advised him at that time that the chemotherapy for his cancer was not working," Rev. Christensen said. "John figured he would make it until Dec. 11," Christensen said.

- Matt Moline

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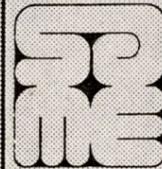
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December 20 - January 2

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Capricorn The Sun and 4 other planets in your 1st house compel you to deal with yourself now. Help around money could come from a Taurus on the 26th.

Aquarius Most of your life feels mysterious and behind-the-scenes. Relax-it's only many planets lined up in your 12th house. Enjoy a secret romance on the 21st with a Gemini.

Pisces Get your head out of the clouds and party down. Friends will want to party the night away. Make a contract with a Scorpio on the 2nd.

Aries Mars, your ruler, is in your 1st house, and you might be pushy now. Take it easy with business dealings-not everyone is as inspired as you.

Taurus Your 9th house is highlighted this period, so travel can be a rewarding experience. Don't go far on the 24th, though, as Mars is badly aspected to both the Moon and Mercury, creating interminable delays.



Gemini Strong 8th house aspects focus you on joint money concerns. Forget all that on the 30th, though, and have a fling with a Scorpio.



Cancer Full Moon in your sign on the 23rd urges you to communicate your feelings to your lover or partner. Find a Leo at work on the 26th and try mixing business with pleasure.



Leo It is now time for all of you generous Sun-ruled creatures to take care of yourselves for a change. Focus inward. For help in this unfamiliar territory, consult a Sagittarius.



Virgo Pleasure is in your forecast this period, especially in love, romance, children and creative interests. Renew yourself with a Scorpio on the 1st.



Libra Family relationships are holding your attention now. Plan an event at home on the 26th. Full Moon on the 23rd could involve conflict - be on the safe side and daydream with a Cancer.

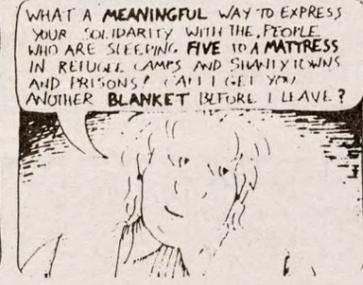
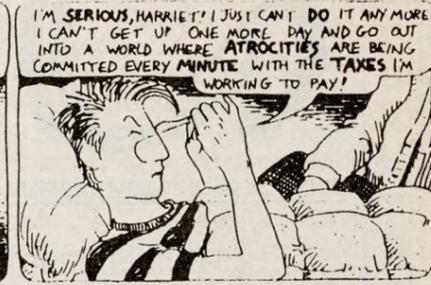
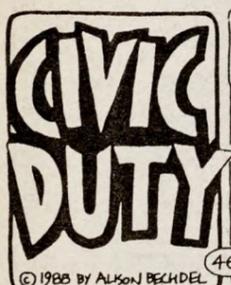


Scorpio You can achieve inner peace through communication with others and community activities. Take time out on the 23rd, 1st and 2nd.



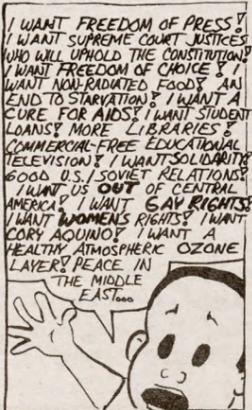
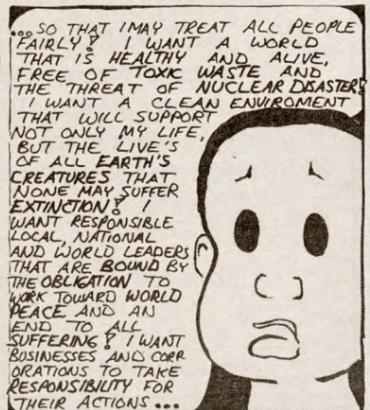
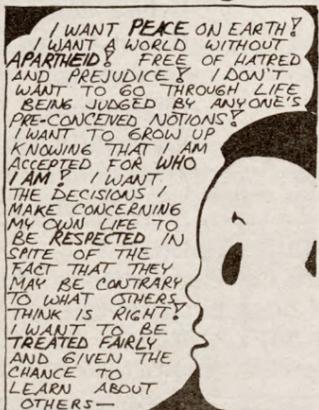
Sagittarius Financial gains through work look good this period. Leave money behind on the 26th, a Leo could provideromance. Stay at home and mediate on the 28th.

Dykes to Watch Out For



bittersweet

by Charles Haver



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The National Lesbian Agenda Conference, scheduled for sometime in 1989, will hold its Southeastern planning meeting in Atlanta on Jan. 28&29. The planning meeting will be held at Emory University under the sponsorship of ELGO. All women interested in helping with the Southeastern planning meeting should attend a brief organizational meeting on Tues. Jan. 3 at 7:00PM at the Highland Branch Library. For more info call Cathy Woolard at 377-8312. (V1#22)

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Review

A Cry in the Dark

In his new film *A Cry in the Dark*, the great Australian director Fred Schepisi has made an epic about a nation's response to a mystery. This daring film reveals the underside to a nation's character, and explores how different elements of a society can feed on each other for their own self-serving purposes.

The harrowing film is based on fact. Lindy Chamberlain and her family go on a camping trip to a popular tourist site, Ayers Rock, a gigantic formation heaving skyward out of the Australian Outback. When they gather round their campfire one night, they hear a sound similar to a baby's cry.

Lindy goes to check on her nine-week-old infant daughter who she has put to bed in a nearby tent. As she approaches, she sees a dingo (an Australian wild dog) bolt out of the tent in the moonlight, and makes the horrifying discovery that her baby has vanished.

At first, the nation is sympathetic, and Lindy is exonerated from any wrongdoing. But soon suspicions grow. The Chamberlain's are, after all, Seventh-day Adventists, and don't they believe in performing strange sacrificial rites, the public begins to wonder? And could a dingo, the beloved symbol of the Outback to so many, have actually eaten a baby? And even if such a story were true, shouldn't the local police, who bungled the early stages of the investigation, keep the story, well, hushed-up, since it might wreck tourism?

Enter the media, who provide both fuel and wind for the fire, by irresponsibly reporting the frenzy of rumors and suspicions, keeping the story wildly alive for ratings and readership.

Here Schepisi makes one of the key intellectual points of the film. In an effort to warn other parents of how the event took place so that it won't be repeated, the Chamberlains grant television and press interviews in which they are cruelly exploited.

The venom is focused on Lindy. She does not fall apart in front of the camera as the public expects she should. She reserves her grieving for her family and friends, the people who care about her. And the media begin to track her comings and goings like bloodhounds in pursuit.

The case is reopened. The superstitions deepen. Lindy, calm after the agony, cool before the cameras, unwilling to cry on cue and collapse before a nation confidently sipping its beer during the evening TV news, is condemned because she doesn't act under the circumstances the way a woman is "supposed" to act. This is the heart of Schepisi's movie. The Chamberlains, Lindy in particular, are different from the majority. They must be bad. They cannot be trusted. Laws must be used to condemn them and lock them away.

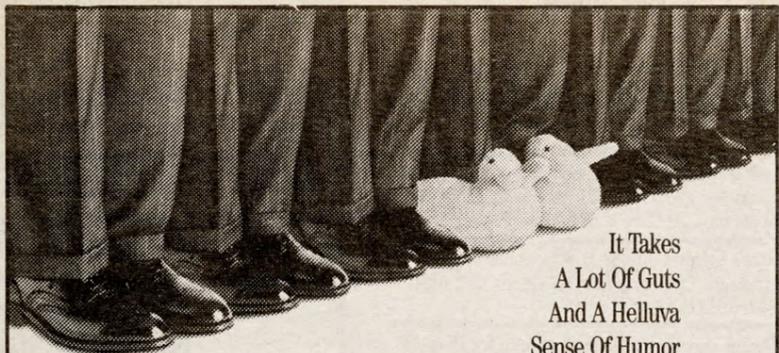
The most and least that can be said of Meryl Streep and Sam Neill's performances as the Chamberlains is that they simply "are"; we never doubt that the actors are the Chamberlains.



Space limitations prevent me from discussing Schepisi's brilliant narrative method, but we never doubt that we are in the hands of a master.

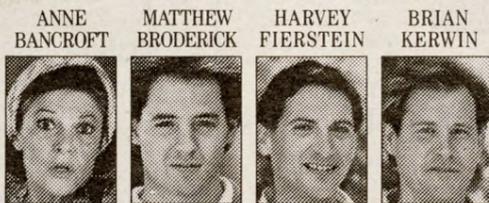
A Cry in the Dark is, in all respects, a superb movie.

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