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Kowalski Moved from Nursing Home

Father Retains Guardianship

Sharon Kowalski, a disabled lesbian who has been under the legal guardianship of her father since 1984, was moved on January 17 from a nursing home to the Miller-Dwan Medical Center in Duluth, Minnesota to receive communications and rehabilitation therapy.

The move was made despite a last-minute appeal submitted to Judge Robert V. Campbell by Kowalski's father, Donald Kowalski.

The appeal included an affidavit from Dr. William Wilson, the Kowalski family doctor, stating that he had reviewed the medical evidence and deemed that the move would be harmful to Kowalski, and further stating that he would order nursing home personnel not to cooperate with the move. Judge Campbell refused to respond to Dr. Wilson's letter and arranged for the transfer, which had originally been scheduled for January 3.

"I'm thrilled this has finally happened, but I'm infuriated that the move has taken so long," said Kowalski's partner, Karen Thompson.

Kowalski was severely injured in an automobile accident in 1983 and has been kept in a nursing home since 1985. She has received little rehabilitation there and was not allowed to see visitors of her choice,

including Thompson, who has been pursuing legal action since 1984 for proper medical care for Kowalski, as well as for the right to visit her.

"Visitation has now been taken totally out of the hands of her parents. I think I will be able to see Sharon—it's just a matter of when," said Thompson.

Judge Campbell's court order stated that "Ms. Kowalski may have visitation with her family and with those personal friends who she specifically and reliably request visit her."

Thompson told *Southern Voice* on January 26 that no one has been notified to visit Kowalski as of yet. "I don't think that's good," said Thompson.

"I think Sharon would be adjusting better if she were able to see people, but at least she is getting rehabilitation," she said.

Results of a recent court-ordered competency test showed that Kowalski can clearly and consistently communicate her needs and wishes, and that she understands the communications of others.

But Judge Campbell, in the December order, found that Kowalski is still incapacitated at this time and reaffirmed Donald Kowalski's guardianship, except as might be limited by this or subsequent court orders.

—Wendy Morse

Deana Collins Does it for Atlanta — One Mo' Time



Deana Collins has rocketed into local prominence for the warm, community atmosphere of her bar and her intense involvement in gay/lesbian and AIDS causes.

In fifty years, Deana Collins hasn't learned a thing.

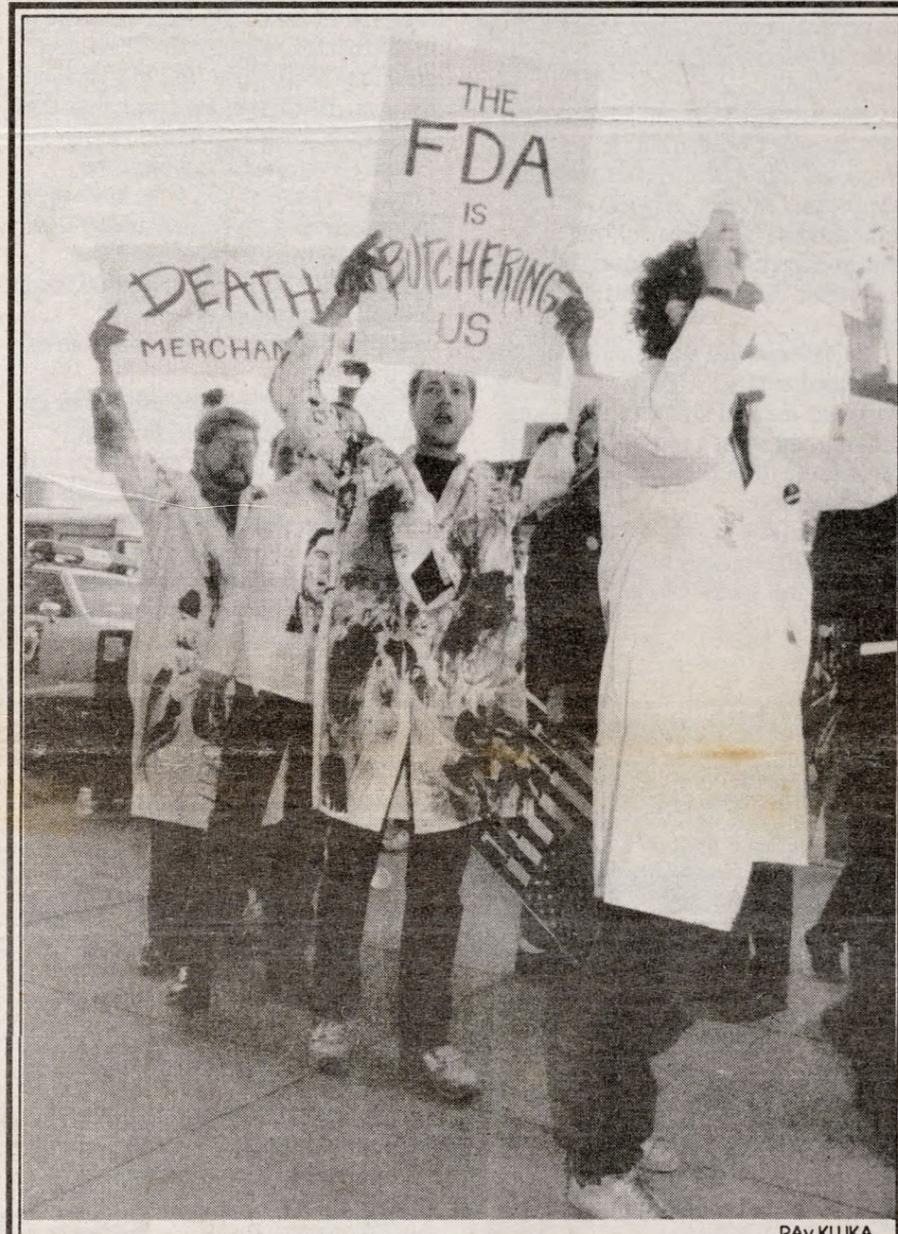
She's just as stubborn and determined now as when growing up as an only child in Southern California.

Attributing her high-spirited nature to a combination of Catholic, Portuguese and Spanish/American influences through heritage, Deana recalls "the worst beating I ever got was down in the tortilla flats when I gave a barefoot, homeless little Spanish girl my new pair of shoes...my family was mad at me, honey."

Half-a-century later Deana elicits similar resistance to this kind of benevolent behavior from accountants questioning her incessant giving and unrelenting penchant for assisting the oppressed and downtrodden.

"There's no monetary thing I really want," admits the youthful-looking grandmother to nine and proprietor of Deana's One Mo' Time. "Money is no big deal. What is a big deal is participating in life, and touching the lives of others."

As Deana prepares to celebrate the second anniversary of her latest business



RAY KLUKA

On October 11, 1988, more than 1000 members of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) from 15 states successfully blocked entrances to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. Since its inception in March, 1987, ACT UP has taken on corporations around the country, as well as the federal government. While each of their actions may not be completely successful, ACT UP members say they always succeed in drawing attention to their cause—people with AIDS. See story Page 11.

venture on Cheshire Bridge Road in February, the outspoken supporter of lesbian and gay rights says she is happy with what she has done.

"The kids need a place to come out in," Deana expounds, glancing around the brightly lit lounge featuring a mirrored stage, hardwood dance floor, cabaret seating arrangement and matching plush sofas flanking an operative fireplace. While the horseshoe bar encourages conversational interchange, more private socializing is available in the pool room and on the outdoor patio.

"This is my dream," Deana boasts, recounting almost thirty years of

involvement in the Atlanta bar scene. "I took the first dollar spent at the Sports Page for B.C. She was my role model, and a good one...I know, because I've seen her heart."

Following her own heart, Deana opened her first bar, *Chez le Femme*, during the late 70s on the same spot where *Bulldog* and *Company* is today. Subsequent endeavors included the *Uptown* on Peachtree Road and the *Rose* at Cheshire Square as Deana sought to establish just the right social atmosphere for her dream.

"Basically, I didn't want to go back into the bar business," Deana recalls. "But I

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Rock Hudson Trial Coming to Court

Los Angeles, CA—Jury selection has begun for the trial of a \$14 million lawsuit filed against Rock Hudson's estate, secretary and doctors by a man who says he was Hudson's lover until two months before the star died.

Marc Christian, 34, claims he would have discontinued sex with Hudson had he realized Hudson had AIDS, but those involved neglected their "duty" to tell him.

The suit alleges that Hudson discovered he had AIDS on June 8, 1984, but that he, his personal secretary, Mark Miller, and two unnamed doctors withheld the diagnosis from Christian.

The defense alleges that Hudson did not have sex with Christian after he was diagnosed with AIDS. The defense also alleges that Christian "engaged in promiscuous sexual behavior with numerous persons of both sexes" and that some "paid the plaintiff for his sexual favors."

"In the event that the plaintiff should, at some time, contract AIDS, it will be a proximate result of his own promiscuous behavior and not as a result of any sexual contact with Rock Hudson," defense documents state.

Christian said he does not have AIDS and tests HIV antibody negative, although he asserts that could change.

Basile to Leave Human Rights Campaign Fund

Washington, D.C.—Victor J. Basile has announced his resignation as executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) after six years.

Basile, named HRCF's executive director in 1983, helped transform the gay rights group into the largest and most powerful lesbian and gay political action committee (PAC) and lobbying force in the U.S.

Under his directorship, fundraising and fiscal growth for the gay PAC expanded in unprecedented amounts. HRCF's budget grew from \$300,000 in 1983 to \$2 million this year. HRCF staff has grown from three dedicated activists in 1983 to 15 today.

Last spring, the Federal Elections Commission ranked HRCF the ninth largest independent PAC in the U.S. and the 24th largest PAC overall (out of more than 4,000). HRCF gave more than \$400,000 in political contributions to some 111 candidates for federal office during the last election cycle.

"Serving HRCF and the lesbian and gay community has been one of the most exhilarating and fulfilling experiences in my life," said Basile. "But now the time is right to move on. I've watched the men and women of our movement grow and mature. Today we are proud and powerful political players. We are part of a movement with an even bigger future."



FAMOUS FACES

Is It a Boy, by George?

Guess who wants to be a daddy? Boy George of music and fashion fame revealed he wants to have a baby. The former leader of the group "Culture Club" told a BBC interviewer he thinks he's more settled down now, two-and-a-half years into his recovery from heroin addiction. But, he admitted, he doubts authorities would allow him to adopt a child.

Zsa Zsa Sues for Respect

Zsa Zsa Gabor and her little pooches did not receive the attention they deserved during a recent flight on Delta Air Lines. A deeply distraught Zsa Zsa has asked a judge to award her \$10 million in damages because she was "not treated in a first class manner" by the "servants and employees of the carrier".

Happy Birthday to the Beautiful and the Famous

Happy Birthday from fans and admirers to breathtaking Princess Stephanie of Monaco, 24 years old on January 29th, daring diver Greg Louganis, 29 years old on February 1st, super slim star Oprah Winfrey, 35 years old on February 1st; and mucho macho man Tom Selleck turning 44; also on February 1st.

-F. G.

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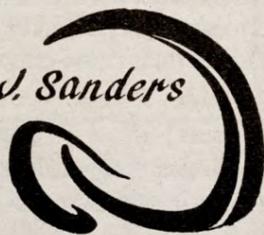
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Two Seattle Men Raped

Seattle, WA—Police have no leads in separate sexual assaults of two men in November and December 1988, according to the *Seattle Gay News*.

The newspaper reported that one of the men was leaving a Seattle gay bar on November 25th when he was followed by five "punker-type" males. The men grabbed him and dragged him into a vacant lot where they beat him severely, cut out the back of his pants and took turns raping him.

The next morning, the victim, who has AIDS, collapsed in front of the Seattle AIDS Drop-In Clinic, where he had previously sought help.

Just over a week later, a man leaving another Seattle gay bar was attacked by a man standing in an alley near the door. The victim said the attacker beat him in the face with a blunt object, robbed him at knifepoint, called him a "litle white fag" and raped him.

First Lady Will Focus On Literacy, Not AIDS

San Francisco, CA—First Lady Barbara Bush responded to the request of San Francisco resident Bryan Lovness that she make AIDS her pet issue, in the tradition of other first ladies of the past, with the following statement:

"I agree that AIDS is a very serious issue facing our country today. I visited a pediatric AIDS clinic in Harlem and have seen first-hand the agony and misery that this dreaded disease has brought to tiny infants. Your being in touch to share your concern meant a great deal to me.

"I have worked hard for the past ten years to help build a more literate America, and I would hope to continue this focus, though I will also be helping to encourage greater public awareness of a number of problems our nation faces."

Racists March Despite Opposition

Atlanta—A scheduled rally and march by white supremacists in the City resulted in what may have been the largest anti-Klan demonstration in the area, and ended with violent clashes that saw 13 people injured and 40 arrested.

White supremacists received City permission to hold their "No King Over Us" march as a protest against the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and as vindication for the permit that was revoked during the Democratic National Convention because of confrontations that erupted at that time.

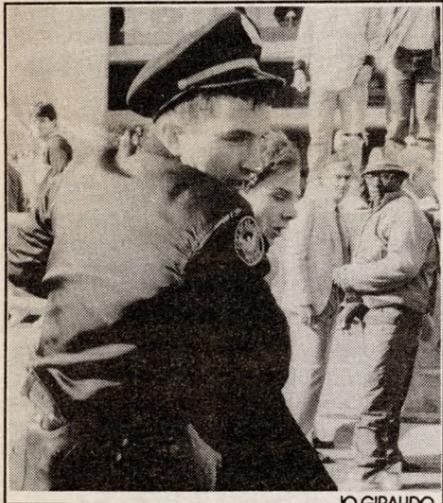
This time, Richard Barrett, the Mississippi lawyer who heads the ultra-right wing Nationalist Movement, started his day with a speech at the Forsyth County Courthouse. Only one supporter came to hear him.

Meanwhile in downtown Atlanta, counterprotestors numbering over a thousand began assembling, carrying signs like "Real Men Don't Wear Sheets" and chanting "Racist, Sexist, Anti-Gay, We say No to the KKK," and swarms of law enforcement officials took to the streets.

The crowd waited for hours in the chilly wind of downtown, listening to speeches by a variety of organizations. Chip Rowan of ACT-UP spoke of the Klan's repeated cry of "Thank God for AIDS", and told listeners at the Pryor Street gathering, "We're here in solidarity with all oppressed people".

Anti-Klan protesters complained of the huge cost at which the City protected the white supremacists.

With helicopters hovering overhead, at least two thousand men and women of the Atlanta Police, the GBI, Georgia State Patrol and the



Over 40 people were arrested in a violent clash between anti-Klan marchers and 2,000 Atlanta Police, National Guard and GBI officers.

National Guard watched over the eight white supremacists. Many of the counterprotest organizers were lesbians and gay men, and the tone during the anti-Klan rally was one of unity in the face of bigotry.

After Barrett finished his speech in which he called Dr. King "A Communist and a sexual pervert," he and his seven supporters marched to CNN Center surrounded by police in riot gear. Despite repeated calls for non-violence by protest organizers, some counterdemonstrators broke through police barricades and hurled bottles, bricks and stones, hurting mostly police officers. None of Barrett's people was injured, and many counterdemonstrators were arrested.

Organizers say they may sue the City, saying police used excessive force, inciting the violence.

City officials have promised an investigation of the charges against police, but say they must protect even the rights of bigots when it comes to free speech and assembly.

Organizers of the anti-Klan rally had hoped to prove the opinions of bigots do not represent the majority in the City. Judging by the numbers, the point was made.

-F. G.

MACGLO MLK Marchers Receive Mixed Crowd Response

One of the organizers of the gay and lesbian contingent in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day parade said he felt police officers lining the parade route would not have intervened if the crowd had become physically abusive.

"Our local police department was not prepared to protect us if something had happened," said Jeffrey Laymon, executive secretary of Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Gay & Lesbian Organizations (MACGLO). "It was very disturbing," he said.

Laymon and other march participants said they heard at least one police officer making anti-gay remarks to spectators, and other officers were observed smirking and laughing as the MACGLO contingent made its way down Peachtree St. and then onto Auburn Ave. "They were unprofessional," Laymon said.

The officers' apparent contempt for the marchers sent a message to the crowd "that it would be alright to attack the homosexuals," Laymon said, although there were no reported physical assaults along the parade route, which ended at the MLK Center in the 400 block of Auburn Ave.

Laymon said he will communicate his concerns about some of the officers' conduct to Atlanta Public Safety Commissioner George Napper.

Laymon counted 52 persons who marched with the MACGLO group, apparently the largest gay and lesbian turnout in the four-year history of the MLK parade, and the first time gay and lesbian groups participated in a joint march.

Several of the marchers expressed apprehension as they gathered at the Georgia Pacific Center, where the MACGLO group assembled. "There were some frightening things two years ago, said Nick Danna, of Atlanta, who has marched three times in the MLK parade. "People were throwing objects, tearing down banners, calling us names" he said. But "there was also cheering," he said.



Over 50 gay/lesbian activists joined black and other civil rights groups in the 4th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade Jan. 16.

The MACGLO marchers encountered immediate jeering and catcalls when they joined the parade in front of the Georgia Pacific Center on Peachtree St. Initially, there was only scattered applause and a few shouts of support from the predominately black crowd, estimated at 200,000 persons.

When the MACGLO marchers turned east onto Auburn Ave., they began chanting, "Gay, straight, black, white, same struggle, same fight!" which seemed to neutralize some of the crowd's hostility.

"When we chanted I could see people begin to stop and think about their own struggle for equal rights," Laymon said. "They seemed to realize that we're a part of that struggle, too," he said. Laymon estimated the overall crowd reaction to the marchers as "equally split between the positive and the negative."

As the march neared the MLK Center, the hooting and the taunting subsided somewhat. Carolyn Mobley, who watched the parade at the corner of Auburn Ave. and Hilliard St., said "the marchers were not being heckled" from her vantage point. "I didn't see anything very negative," she said. Mobley is a board member of the African American Lesbian/Gay

Alliance (AALGA), which recommended that MACGLO coordinate a unified gay participation in the parade.

"All 52 people who participated should be applauded for taking a risk," Laymon said. As for the future, Laymon said he hoped the gay community would continue to participate in the parade, but he indicated MACGLO might consider an involvement requiring "less risk" than a march. One possibility, he said, would be to enter a float and a marching band in next year's event. "This would add visibility," Laymon said.

-Matt Moline

Dallas Judge May Be Impeached

Dallas—Leaders of the Dallas gay and lesbian community may begin working for impeachment of the judge who admitted homophobia played a part in his sentencing of a murderer.

Judge Jack Hampton came under fire when he told a reporter he gave the killer of two gay men a light sentence because, "They were queer".

The admission brought angry calls for his resignations throughout the country from people as notorious as Senator Edward Kennedy.

The Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct met January 13th to review the complaints against the judge. But, according to John Thomas, executive director of the Dallas Gay Alliance, they refused to open the meeting to the public and would not comment on the case. The Commission has received hundreds of letters calling for Hampton's removal, including two from Members of Congress representing the Dallas area in Washington.

Since there has not been any effective action by the Judicial Commission, the Gay Alliance and the Texas Human Rights Foundation are considering initiating the impeachment process against Hampton. That, said Thomas, would require that ten recognized lawyers state they feel the judge and his court are incapable of issuing impartial justice. At that point the State Supreme Court would make the final ruling. Thomas said the decision to start the impeachment process will be made some time in February, when the Judicial Commission is scheduled to meet again.

-F. G.

Celebrating Black Lesbian/Gay History

"I think we unnecessarily divide and segregate ourselves...this play is a way to bridge some of those places."

So says playwright Sabrina Sojourner about her new play, *Becoming Visible*, opening February 2 at Nexus Theatre. *Becoming Visible* celebrates Black gay and lesbian history and culture, and offers a look at homophobia and AIDS in our communities from an angle most of the white gay community doesn't see. The seven characters—members of both the blood family and extended family of a lesbian and a gay male, who are brother and sister—learn what family really is when the brother, who has been heretofore closeted, dies of AIDS. According to Ms. Sojourner, *Becoming Visible* is about "what happens when you are asked to make a choice to stand up for yourself—" even in the face of traditionally conservative Black religion.

Ms. Sojourner moved to Atlanta 2 years ago from the Bay Area of San Francisco (via Kansas City), and has written and spoken extensively about her experiences as a Black woman, Lesbian, and recovering incest survivor. Another play, *Finding My Way Home*, has received several readings both in Georgia and California, and is currently being rewritten as a screenplay. Ms. Sojourner, who describes herself as "politically un-correctable," is directing *Becoming Visible*.

Becoming Visible, a play about taking pride in who we are, plays February 2-5 at Nexus Theatre, 608 Ralph McGill Boulevard. Curtain is at 8 pm Thurs-Sat, and 5 pm Sunday. Tickets are available at Charis Books & More, or make reservations by calling the Nexus box office at 688-2500.

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New AIDS Agencies Help Relieve Georgia's Share of the Epidemic

When AID Atlanta first opened its doors in 1984, no one here could imagine a time when the omnibus agency wouldn't be able to handle Georgia's share of the AIDS crisis. We were still comparing AIDS with Legionaire's Disease back then.

The Atlanta community was unique in thinking that the AIDS epidemic could be effectively dealt with by one agency. Other major cities around the country had several specialized programs meant to address the myriad ways AIDS affects lives as well as health. But we poured all of our energy into one - for better or for worse.

The sheer numbers of people infected with HIV and diagnosed with AIDS has grown so exponentially that the AID Atlanta staff has now become overwhelmed by day-to-day crisis management. The addition of more AIDS agencies to the Atlanta community along with a concerted effort on the part of AID Atlanta management to put long range planning features into place is a hopeful sign.

We are now blessed to have an Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA) and Project Open Hand, as well as Childkind, Outreach, Inc. and Jerusalem House, to assist us all however we are confronted by AIDS.

These five organizations were formed to fill in the gaps, not to overlap or compete with AID Atlanta. They perform an amazing list of essential tasks in assisting PWAs.

- **NAPWA**, which is operated by people with AIDS (PWAs), serves as the political leader, and also offers social and emotional support to PWAs as well as education to the mainstream and gay/lesbian communities.

- **Project Open Hand** makes sure that PWAs

receive 2 hot meals daily by preparing and delivering nutritious food to any PWA who is unable to shop or prepare meals for themselves.

- **Childkind** is devoted to serving the needs of the most defenseless PWAs - the infants and children. Childkind currently places its clients with specially trained foster parents, and will open a home for the children this spring.

- **Outreach, Inc.** works with minority communities and IV drug abusers to try and stem the "second wave" of AIDS cases by educating people unaware of the extreme danger to which they are often repeatedly exposed.

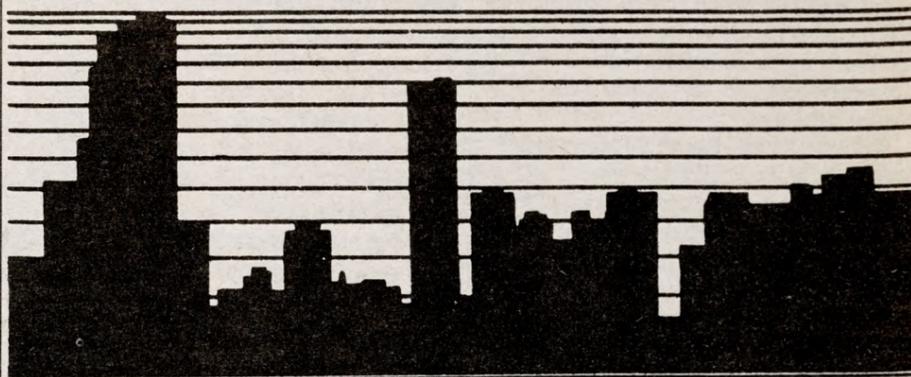
- **Jerusalem House** is one of the most ambitious PWA assistance projects among this group. Although nothing has been finalized, organizers are looking to purchase one highrise or several single family houses for homeless PWAs.

In our excitement around these wonderful services and agencies, we can't stop giving to and supporting AID Atlanta. We must remember that even though the media hysteria around AIDS has quieted, the need hasn't. It has grown.

These five groups, along with AID Atlanta, will shape the future of Atlanta - not just the AIDS future - but the city's future. Now that the staff and management of AID Atlanta are freed up from the tasks being performed by these and other groups, they can get on with the business of providing social service care to the PWAs. And if we all pitch in with our hearts, our time and our money maybe we can help alleviate some of the crisis associated with the word AIDS.

Guest Editorial

Atlanta Needs to Mind Its Own Business



Twenty years since Stonewall, Atlanta still slumbers. While other cities have witnessed major changes in the social, political and economic roles within their lesbian and gay communities, while gays and lesbians by the thousands have taken to the streets AND TO THE VOTING BOOTHS, while brave and articulate leaders have come forth to challenge age-old prejudices and to soothe the soul of a long-neglected culture - brave and beautiful Atlanta sleeps on.

But there are stirrings. Atlanta's hibernation is not deep, nor has it been without its moments of vigilance. Atlanta's gays and lesbians have viewed with sleep-filled eyes the bold activities of its own heroes and heroines who try to rouse their sisters and brothers to action.

Like the lie-abed child who dreads rising to an uncertain day of school, or the lethargic uninspired worker who drags to her morning ablutions prepared to face another day of the 'same old thing,' perhaps Atlanta needs a sure thing, a challenge, an opportunity to participate in something eye-opening and invigorating.

Such an opportunity exists in the plethora of organizations which have sprung up in Atlanta over the past few years. From groups formed to offer social and athletic outlets to the sports-minded, to spiritual and religious-oriented organizations, Atlantans are invited to stretch and to get their blood circulating. Opportunities are also available for exercising political leanings.

A prime opportunity to rid us of our sluggishness and those last vestiges of slumber rests perhaps in an organization which provides a forum and a focus for all of Atlanta's lesbian and gay community - the Atlanta Business & Professional Guild. Despite our political, religious or ideological differences, the Guild has the potential to bring together our community as an acknowledged economic force - fostering professional and personal enrichment - while teaching us to support and rely upon each other.

The Guild exists to promote community cohesiveness, an inseparability which translates to economic clout and, in turn, becomes a tenacious political force. This force brings about much-needed change and increased personal, professional and community freedom.

This change can be brought about without politicizing the Guild. Supporters need not worry about unwanted exposure or prodding. Those among us adverse to marching, or unable to take a public or vocal role in our march to freedom, still have the chance to take part in Atlanta's wakening. Whether actively participating as dues-paying members of the Guild or simply remembering to look to our community first

for professional services or repairs to our homes, we can make a difference and help in our own way to fully awaken the greater community to our presence and our contributions.

The Guild emphasizes and promotes community networking. This is done through monthly meetings, trade fairs,

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special events, cooperation with other groups, the publication of an annual directory, a bi-monthly newsletter and, perhaps most significantly, through a growing referral service.

But the Guild cannot be effective without the participation of the community. Our commitment to the community requires an in-kind response. The Guild's programs will not succeed unless they are used. And these programs cannot continue without active member involvement in the day-to-day operations of the Guild.

So, wake up, Atlanta! Come share morning coffee with us. Attend a Guild meeting or call us for a referral. Offer your services to your community through our directory or our referral service. Support our expansion and our ability to promote the professional and personal growth of our community by becoming a dues-paying member of the Guild. Join a committee. A 2500-plus member organization could send a powerful message to those around us. Rub your eyes, stretch out your limbs, fill your lungs with morning air and face a new day with vigor, full participation and pride.

The Atlanta Business & Professional Guild has been serving lesbian and gay Atlanta for nearly ten years. For membership or referral information, call the Guild Office at (404) 662-4202 or write to AB&PG, P.O. Box 52785, Atlanta, GA 30355

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"Gay, in all its Diversity, is Good"

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the question "If It's Gay, Is It Good?" which was used as the heading for James Jackson's letter with critical comments on *Torch Song Trilogy*. The answer to the question is "yes".

Mr. Jackson's letter was not only irritating but also somewhat humbling as I realized I might have taken that attitude ten years ago. However, experience has taught me to distinguish between what is possibly good and what is probably an ego problem.

If gay isn't good enough, what is? Fierstein's adaptation of the decade old award winning play is masterful. It takes a lot of talent and good judgment to bring a gay play to the movies of mainstream America. And it was worth the effort if only to present such simple ideas as gays being loving and responsible parents—or perhaps that the sanctity of human life includes those human lives that happen to be gay.

If gay isn't good enough, why bother? Why go to a gay bar? Why donate even one more dollar to the AIDS effort? Why read *Southern Voice*? Gay is an act of expression as well as a state of being. The simple facts are that *Torch Song Trilogy* is a good movie and that gay, in all its diversity, is good. If some people don't "get it", whose problem is that?

Sincerely,
John Walker

Lips Are For More Than Reading

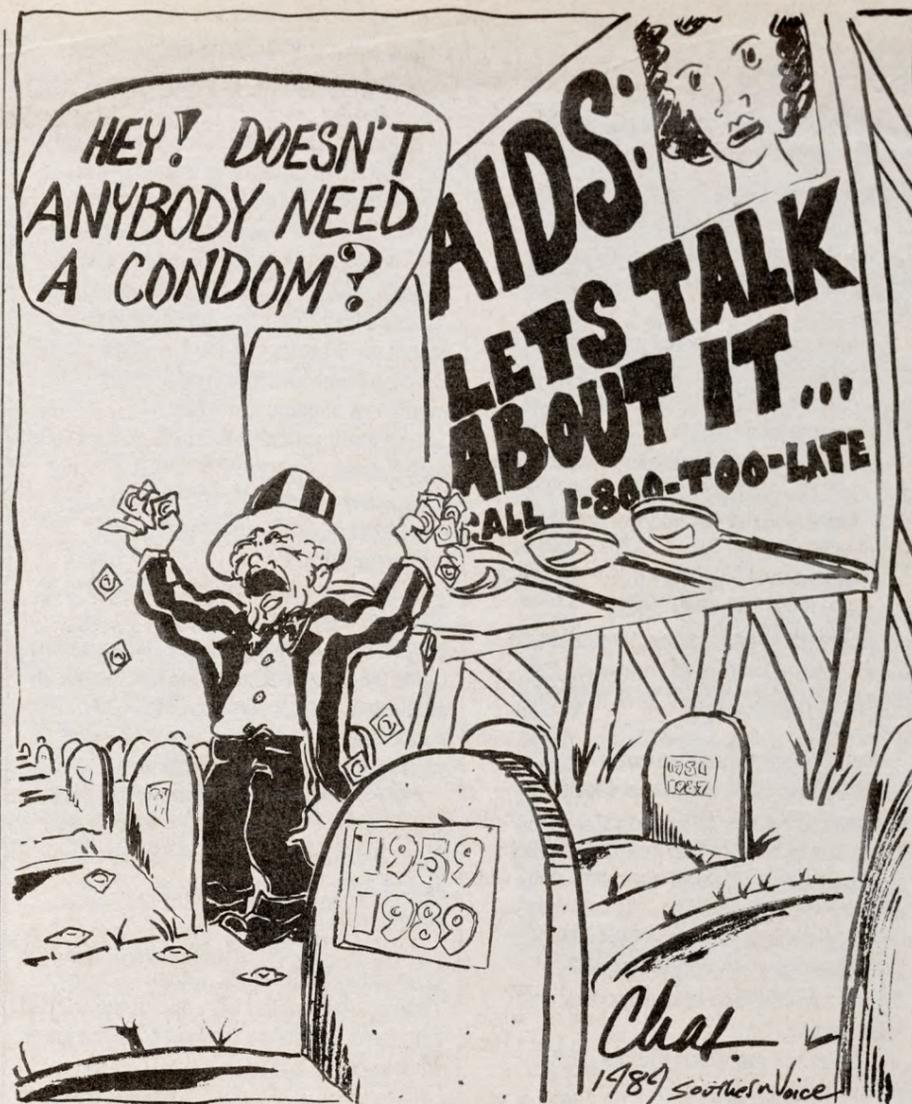
To the Editor:

"Read my lips!"
Every time George Bush slapped us with this bullying quip during his campaign I wanted to pull one of my man friends up close to me, smack a luscious kiss together and retort, "Read My Lips, George!"

Despite the bad press and the dismal return on the money we pay our government we all know that our lesbian/gay love, our sexuality, our relationships, and our ways of seeing and being in the world are potent and powerful. We are also learning that our love empowers us when we let the world see it—alive, healthy, creative, even demanding!

Soon we'll be celebrating Valentine's Day, a day of love and lovers. This year I'd like to inundate the White House, Congress, the Supreme Court, ABC, CBS, etc...with lesbian/gay Valentine wishes. So I invite you all to play along and head to your favorite lesbian/gay card shop, find your favorite postcards of men or women kissing, color them with a few red hearts, inscribe them with a "Read My Lips!" and any other quips you fancy. Then send them off to George Bush, Justices Rehnquist or O'Connor or to whom ever you'd like to read your lips. Let our collective lips daringly speak our love.

Do Be My Valentine!
Michael Neisen



Reagan's Shameful Response to AIDS

Former President Reagan has packed his bags and retired to California, ending a long, controversial era of White House response to the AIDS epidemic described by activists as a national "legacy of shame".

For example, from 1982 and 1983, in which Reagan requested zero AIDS dollars, through the 1990 budget—his parting shot at AIDS—Reagan consistently requested less than what his own federal health agencies asked for and what Congress finally appropriated.

"Bush just inherited from Ronald Reagan an estimated 1.5 million Americans infected with HIV," said Robert Bray, HRCF communications director. "That presents a formidable health care problem he will have to manage responsibly."

"Every family burned out of its home because the hemophiliac children had AIDS," said Bray, "every child with AIDS isolated from the classroom, every infected IV drug abuser, every gay man evicted from his apartment, fired from his job, cancelled by his insurance, stigmatized by his neighbors, or who died alone in some anonymous hospital room—every one of these people will come back to haunt Ronald Reagan in his Bel Air retirement house because he did nothing to help them."

A Chronology of the Reagan Administration's Response to the AIDS Epidemic

Spring 1981—First cases of AIDS reported to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Oct. 1981—Fiscal year 1982 funding for AIDS without an appropriation, set at \$5.5 million by Congress.

Jan. 1982—President Reagan's budget doesn't request funds for AIDS activities' Congress eventually appropriates \$28.7 million for fiscal year 1983.

Dec. 1982—843 AIDS cases reported by the CDC since it began keeping statistics in March 1981.

Jan. 1983—President's budget requests \$39.8 million for AIDS activities in fiscal year 1984; Congress appropriates a total of \$61.5 million.

Aug. 1983—Congressional oversight committee (Rep. Ted Weiss' House Government Operation Subcommittee on Human Resources finds that the Public Health Service (PHS) has insufficient funds to fight AIDS epidemic and that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has not adequately planned and coordinated the federal response to AIDS.

Dec. 1983—3,064 AIDS cases reported.

Jan. 1984—President's budget requests \$60.6 million for fiscal year 1985 AIDS activities; Congress appropriates \$97.4 million.

Dec. 1984—7,699 AIDS cases reported by the CDC since 1981. President Reagan has yet to make any statement on the epidemic.

Jan. 1985—President's budget requests \$126.3 million for AIDS activities in fiscal year 1986; Congress appropriates \$233.8 million.

Oct. 1985—Defense Department begins HIV testing of all military personnel.

Dec. 1985—15,948 AIDS cases reported by the CDC since 1981, more than a 100 percent increase from those reported as of 1984.

Jan. 1986—President Reagan's budget requests \$213 million for AIDS activities in fiscal year 1987;

Congress appropriates \$495 million.

June 1986—Justice Department issues opinion saying employers may fire persons with AIDS or HIV infection—or those suspected of being infected—if the basis for firing was fear—however irrational—of casual contagion of HIV.

Dec. 1986—29,003 AIDS cases reported.

June 1987—Reagan speaks at American Foundation for AIDS Research, his first address on AIDS. He announces "routine testing" for certain populations and mandatory testing for prisoners and immigrants.

Dec. 1987—49,743 AIDS cases reported.

Feb. 1988—Preliminary report by Presidential AIDS Commission calls for dramatic expansion of government efforts in drug development.

May 1988—Reagan Administration begins mass mailing of AIDS info to all American households after ignoring Congress' instructions for a year and a half.

June 1988—President's AIDS Commission decries insufficient Federal response to AIDS, calls for dramatically higher funding, more personnel and better organization in nation's battle against the epidemic. Key recommendation is federal anti-discrimination protections. V.P. Bush endorses recommendation for anti-discrimination; White House remains silent.

Aug. 1988—President rejects Commission recommendation for anti-discrimination protections.

Nov. 1988—Reagan announces National AIDS Awareness Month, which took place during Oct., 1988, the month just past.

Dec. 1988—82,406 AIDS cases reported since 1981, about half whom have died.

Jan. 1989—In one of his final official actions, Reagan proposes fiscal year 1990 budget providing for \$1.6 billion for AIDS-related activities. The figure is \$400 million below the amount requested by the Administration's own executive agencies. AIDS activists say the final Reagan budget for fighting the epidemic is "too little, too late."

Help Keep Abortion Safe and Legal

A national petition drive in support of a woman's fundamental right to reproductive freedom was kicked off during ceremonies marking the 16th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. *Southern Voice* supports the petition drive and encourages anyone interested in signing the petition to get in touch with the Georgia Abortion Rights Action League (GARAL) immediately.

The Supreme Court is now considering another case, *Missouri v. Webster*, which many fear the more conservative justices on the bench today will use to roll back the rights granted in *Roe v. Wade*. We share that same fear.

The fact that anti-abortionists want the power to control a woman's most private and personal choices over what to do with her own body is reason enough to get up and get involved. If you need a more immediately personal reason, think about this: The same people who attacked women at abortion clinics in Atlanta are mounting a huge campaign to roll back Atlanta's gay/lesbian rights ordinance later this year.

Please join us in supporting a woman's right to control her own body. If you agree with the statement reprinted below, call or write GARAL to get involved.



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I therefore pledge to oppose any attempt to interfere with the fundamental right of a woman to make her own decision about abortion.

The Georgia Abortion Rights Action League may be reached at 371-2181 or 235 E. Ponce de Leon Ave.. # 303, Decatur, Ga. 30030.

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Deana

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realized it was going to take money to accomplish the things we have to do." For Deana, the things we have to do include taking care of those who can't provide for themselves.

A former dancer, model and actress, the elegant mother of five speaks with sincere conviction to human rights of all people. "We must provide for those who need us—straight and gay, male and female, young and old," she proclaims, estimating a total of fifty benefits under her sponsorship in just the past two years.

"We have to help each other," she pleads, modestly noting her new-found commitment to political involvement as a means toward success in combating the effects of AIDS. "We all have to get involved."

Deana's latest involvement is spearheading the acquisition of local residences to house PWAs. "People who are sick need healthy environments—homes, not institutional walls—to nourish themselves," she explains. "If we work together, we can provide PWAs a place to live where they can maintain their dignity...with windows and gardens and space to live.

"We're not just talking about gays," Deana disclaims bigotry. "Screw gay

rights...we're talking about human rights. These homes will be for straight people with AIDS, too."

Although Deana has always supported and assisted in organizing activities to benefit the community, it is through her current business venture that her efforts have begun to magnify. Using her lounge as headquarters, she has hosted benefits for Atlanta's Gay Pride Day, the National March on Washington, the Leigh VanderEls Defense Fund, and local political gay candidates to name just a few.

Currently, weekly variety shows are held each Sunday to support the PWA housing project and Deana daily meets with organizers of similar fundraising and support programs.

"There are a lot of things that need to be changed," Deana predicts, "and we, as people, have to change them. These are the rights we have...and we don't use them." In addition to her concern for PWAs, she speaks loudly to other community issues such as drug and alcohol addiction.

"Most people think drug problems get started in bars," she observes. "Not in my bar. I hate drugs. I lost a son-in-law and almost lost a daughter to drugs. These people need help, too."

Named after her two-and-a-half-year-old grandchild, little Deana, Deana's One Mo' Time is a lot like the fairy tale of the woman who lived in a shoe. However, Deana knew what to do.

— John Blizzard

Brecht's Good Woman A Prophetic Battleground

At the center of Bertolt Brecht's play *The Good Woman of Setzuan* lies the ancient Chinese symbol for the relationship between eternal opposites, Yin and Yang. Carl Jung tells us that without these "inexorable opposites - birth & death, joy & misery, night & day, male & female - existence would come to an end". Brecht wrote his play while in exile from Nazi Germany, about the contradicting forces at work during that time, yet its relevance to our lives today can only be called prophetic.

The hysteria that has followed the AIDS epidemic, the rise of Neo-Nazism, the riots in the Atlanta Penitentiary and in Miami - have all risen from issues explored in *The Good Woman* fifty years ago.

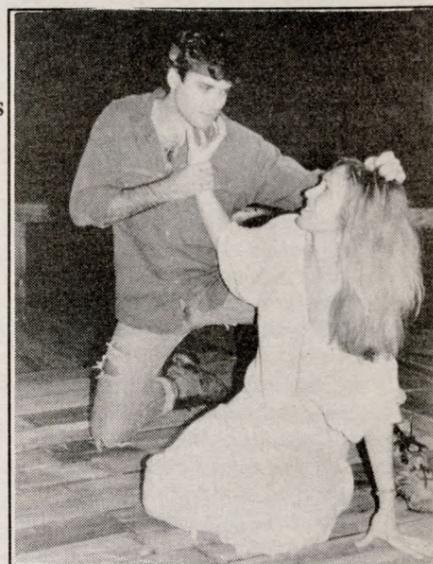
Shen Te, the good woman of Setzuan, is faced with similar dilemmas when she is given the divine injunction to remain good, no matter what the cost. But the realities of survival dictate Shen Te's actions. The very people she is pledged to help move in swiftly and tear away at her goodness. To protect her interests and good deeds, the former prostitute creates an alter ego, a male, who will take on the dirty deed of evicting the homeless and hungry from her tiny tobacco shop.

Why can't the Gods help us out of our troubles; seems like that's why they're there. Why are bad deeds rewarded, and good deeds punished? It is these contradicting forces that make every day of our lives a battleground.

Brecht's disdain for religion and his Communist affiliation are reflected in the Gods' unwillingness to get involved with economics; his call for positive action on the behalf of his audiences is found in his refusal to "finish" the story. The solutions to these problems are found, not on the stage, but in the audience.

The Actor's Express presents its production of Brecht's classic *The Good Woman of Setzuan*, January 31 through February 19, in the traditions of Brecht's "epic" theatre.

—Max Welting





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Florists with Teleflora services offer many arrangements. FTD services have arrangements in crystal, ceramic and other attractive containers.

Plan to spend \$25 and up for this and other flower arrangements from the florist.

A hardier and more economical suggestion would be a flowering potted plant. Many garden centers in Atlanta carry good selections. If you and your sweetheart have been on the rocks lately, how about a Peace Lily (*Spathiphyllum*) to smooth things over.

So now that you have your beautiful flowers, how do you take care of them for long lasting beauty?

A flower arrangement from a florist will have all the flowers in green foam at the base. Make sure this stays moist to keep flowers fresh.

Long stem roses and loose cut flowers should have their stems cut to fit the vase. All leaves should be removed below the water line.

The water should be changed every day for roses, every other day for flowers. Cut flowers and roses should not be kept in an extremely warm atmosphere, such as near a heat vent.

Potted plants in general need light from a south, east, or west window. Water potted plants once a week. Feed your potted plant once a month, using a water soluble fertilizer. This will promote growth and flowering.

A gift of a flower arrangement or plant is always an appropriate way to be remembered and also a good way to say to someone, "I care about you."

— Claire Snyder

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Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown

Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown. It is perhaps the wittiest title the Spanish writer-director Pedro Almodóvar has given any of his films, and is certainly the most ironic one. For the women in Almodóvar's newest film have far greater reserves of strength on which to draw than even they imagine. And their capacity for change reflects the nature of modern-day Madrid, where, in the era of post-Franco liberalism, the arts are flourishing.

Like all Almodóvar films, *Women on the Verge* opens at the flash point. A television actress named Pepa (Carmen Maura) checks her answering machine only to learn that she's been jilted by her long-time lover, Ivan (Fernando Guillen). He so wrongfully dismisses her that he even demands she pack his bag.

Itami, he represents a growing trend in filmmaking towards highly personal view and style combined with a genuine restlessness with traditional storytelling techniques. This is neither new nor original, but both these directors are moving beyond solving formal problems merely in terms of technique. They are solving these problems conceptually, in terms of character and drama.

As Pepa, Carmen Maura proves once again that she is perhaps the most powerfully comic actress in movies today. Her sways of mood are intensely funny; she transforms herself in an instant from a hardened avenger to an incandescent pal, in nothing more than a blink of her beautifully dark eyes.

The New Yorker's Pauline Kael has called the openly gay Almodóvar "the most



Julieta Serrano as Lucia in *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*, the outrageous new comedy directed by Pedro Almodóvar.

Soon Pepa is leaving phone messages all around Madrid for Ivan to call her, but in her anger she tosses both the telephone and answering machine out the window, and sets out to pursue him in person.

Along the way a lot of Pepa's friends make appearances, and each of them has a distinctiveness of character that makes them instantly taking. First, there is Candela, an eccentric beauty who wears earrings shaped like tiny espressomakers and who has fallen in love with a Shiite terrorist.

Then there is Maris (Rossy de Palma), nervously assertive and possessive, who's fallen in love with Ivan's son Carlos (Antonio Banderas), a chip off the block in the way he prefers the company of whomever he's with at the given moment. The film also introduces Ivan's former lover (Julieta Serrano) and his current interest (Kiti Manuer).

Almodóvar keeps the swirling goings-on in clear focus, deepening his material with dreams so powerful they alter the contours of individual personalities. He also sees something akin to grandeur in the way his characters are willing to commit themselves to others in the name of love, even when the prospects for happiness appear bleak.

Almodóvar now directs with complete assurance. Like the Japanese director Juzo

original pop writer-director of the eighties," and likened him to Godard in his affection for our pop iconography. In his films such as *Dark Habits*, *What Have I Done to Deserve This?*, *Matador* and *Law of Desire*, Almodóvar is throwing the hottest satirical light around on Catholicism, the nuclear family, machismo and mad love (gay and straight).

Almodóvar's films are already parodying the next step beyond the white, heterosexual middle-class, hand-me-down clichés of *The Accidental Tourist* or *The Good Mother*. For persons bred on the conservatism of those works, even *Women on the Verge*, Almodóvar's tamest film so far, might seem too much. Others will find sanity and balm in his insistence to fly beyond the safety net of merely being acceptable.

—Terry Francis

There will be a benefit performance of Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown on February 9 at the Garden Hills Cinema to raise money for film equipment for the High Museum of Art. Tickets are \$20.00 for Museum members and \$25.00 for the general public. There will be a reception.

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This Week's Highlights

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- **Baroque Painting: Selections from the High Museum's Collection**—February 8-March 31. Baroque painting—with its heavy emphasis on religio/mythological history—became popular in the 1600s and exerted a lasting influence on European art for 300 years. Nineteen paintings are on exhibit. High Museum at Georgia-Pacific Center, 133 Peachtree St. For more, call 577-6940.
- **Dos Lesbos**—February 9-February 26. A musical comedy by, for and about perverts. This comedy team has been called the lesbian "Honeymooners." Kelley Edwards and Lea DeLaria are the award-winning duo, steamrolling across the stage in their latest tour. A presentation of SAME (Southeastern Arts, Media and Education Project, Inc.), Nexus, 608 Ralph McGill Blvd. \$7.50 on Thurs. and Sun., \$10 on Fri. and Sat. Thurs-Sat, 8 PM; Sun- 5 PM. Tickets available at Charis Books or by calling 584-2104.
- **The Good Woman of Setzuan** — through February 19. Bertolt Brecht's story examines the dilemma of remaining good in a society which demands just the opposite. The playwright's ability to marry entertainment and instruction makes *Good Woman* almost prophetic in its relevance to our own city. Presented by The Actor's Express. Dorsey Studio, 3593 Clairmont Rd. Thursday-Saturday at 8:00PM and Sunday at 2:00PM. Admission is \$10 plus a canned food item for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. For more info and reservations call 634-3602.



Lea DeLaria and Kelley Edwards are Dos Lesbos.

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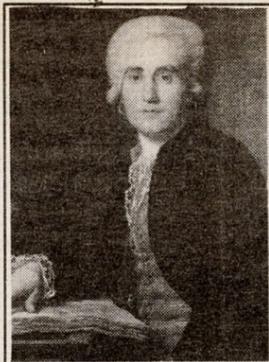
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• "Georgia Collects" — through March 26th. Major exhibit from private and corporate collections in Georgia. Includes works of folk art spanning 7 centuries. High Museum of Art. Open until 9PM on Wednesdays. 892-HIGH. (Photo at right.)

1987: This day was declared Jane Wagner and Lily Tomlin Day in Los Angeles!



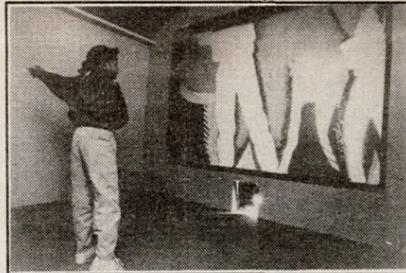
3 • **Homeless in America**. Last day. Photographic project of 64 black and white stills depicting our national crisis. High Museum at Georgia-Pacific, 133 Peachtree St. Call 577-6940 for schedule info.

• **The Good Woman of Setzuan** — Thru February 19th. Admission is \$10 plus one food item for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Thurs-Sat. at 8PM and Sun. at 2PM. The Actor's Express, Dorsey Studio Theatre. 634-3602.

4 • **Do Lord Remember Me** — Last day! Popular production based on actual slave narratives set to music. Jomandi Productions.

1444 Mayson St. \$15. 8 PM. Call 876-6346.

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• **Tales of the Goddess**. An evening of stories by Jay Goldspinner, that witchy woman from Massachusetts. Powerful stories of enchantment. Interpreted for hearing impaired. Charis Books & More, 419 Moreland Ave. 7:30 PM. Free. 524-0304.

1949: Burton Clarke, a noted black gay artist, cartoonist and illustrator, was born.

10 • **Elise Witt & Small Family Orchestra**. Thru February 11th. Atlanta's favorite folk band. Picasso's, 515B North McDonough St. 9-12 PM. \$7, door; \$6, in advance. Call 377-7375 or 373-8255.

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• **El Hajj Malik** Thru February 26th. A jazz opera on the life and times of Malcolm X. Academy Theater. Opening night with reception, \$17.50. Call 876-6346 for more. Part of "The Trilogy."

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• **Joe Turner's Come and Gone** — through Feb. 25. A powerful and poetic chronicle of the Black experience in America. Alliance Theatre. Wed.-Sat. at 8PM, Tues. and Sun at 7:30PM. \$12-\$26. For info and reservations call 892-2414.

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• **Frontline: "Running With Jesse"** — assesses the mix of hope and hype that brought Jesse Jackson center stage at the 1988 Democratic National Convention. WGTU-Channel 8. 9 PM.

1985: The mayor of Baltimore named this "John Waters Day" to honor the local film producer/director (Pink Flamingos and Hairspray).

8 • **Baroque Painting: Selections from the High Museum's Collection.** Thru March 31st. This style was popular in the late 1600s, influencing European art for 300 years. Check out *Apollo Disguised As A Shepherd* and you'll understand! Georgia-Pacific Center, 133 Peachtree St. Upper Gallery. Call 577-6940 for details. (Photo at right.)

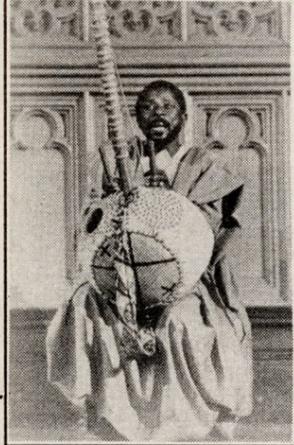


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15 • **Love is Luck.** An evening of women's poetry, short stories and music. Picasso's, 515 N. McDonough St., Decatur. More info, 681-3941.

• **Taming of the Shrew** — through April 1. Presented by the Atlanta Shakespeare Co.. Manuel's Tavern, 602 N. Highland Ave. Tues.-Sat. at 8PM. Sunday at 7:30PM. \$11-\$14. 875-8161 for reservations.

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ACLULG-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.

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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. 2nd Tuesday of each month. 7:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church. Needs volunteers to coordinate this year's lesbian and gay pride March to insure its success.

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

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

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

AIDS 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 AM-9 PM daily. A public service of AID Atlanta and the Ga. DHR.

All Saints Metropolitan Community Church- Offering positive Christian support for lesbians and gay men. Worship Sunday at 5:00 PM. 575 Boulevard, SE. Office hours: Mon-Thurs. 10AM-Noon, and 1PM-4PM. 622-1154.

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: 662-4202.

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

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

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

Circle of Healing- 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 4 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.

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

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

First MCC Atlanta- Metropolitan Community Church. Sunday Services at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM evangelistic service. Mid-week services on Wednesday at 7:30 PM. 800 N. Highland Ave. Office hours Noon-6:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday. A Christian church proclaiming God's love for lesbians and gay men. 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 held during the year to learn and practice new techniques. Call 875-0700 for info.

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

LAMP - The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project. Second Monday of every month. 7:30PM. N. Highland Branch Library. For info: 874-3107 or 872-7568. Address correspondence to: LAMP, PO Box 301, 1579 F Monroe Drive, Atlanta, GA, 30324.

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. 289-6358.

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.

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

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.

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

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

P-FLAG- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. 3rd Sunday of each month. 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 Sun. of each month. Gays and lesbians gather over light foods to celebrate their Presbyterian heritage. 373-5830.

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

Pride of Peachtree - Atlanta's Lesbian & Gay Marching Band. Every Monday night 7:30PM-9:00PM at First MCC, 800 N. Highland Ave. Instrumentalists and colorguard still needed. For info call David at 434-7826 or Susan at 951-1591.

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

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

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

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

GAPAC Commentary*

"History is past politics; and politics, present history" - John Seeley

As the Martin Luther King Day parade becomes the public celebratory voice of the disenfranchised, it also becomes a good time for us to consider our own goals and strategies...and truths.

Our reception was better than in years past. As we chanted "gay, straight, black, white: same struggle, same fight," I saw lots of not very pleased, but very thoughtful faces along the way. The message hit home. Some even nodded in surprised agreement.

But again, there were some hostile faces and comments: sadly, many of them from the young, like the teenaged girl who yelled, "you're all going to get AIDS." Maybe that's because they are too young to remember how their predecessors were similarly taunted in the early civil rights marches.

George Santayana said, "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." We should take this to heart as well. What was it that carried the civil rights movement as a social cause? Support, sought after and encouraged, from all segments of society. There is one great, neglected source of strength for the gay/lesbian civil rights movement: our own people of color. In fact, there were few colorful faces in our contingent.

We are critically hampered by the general closetedness of black homosexuals, stemming in part from the strong church orientation of their own community. The black and hispanic churches have historically been the underpinning of their community, the linchpin that held them all together through the hard times. Any threat to those institutions, including a challenge to dogma, was a threat to the community's survival. Enter internalized homophobia and the circle is stiflingly complete.

The internal furor in the communities of color as to what to do about these unsought-allies (us) will increase in fervor. But we must pursue this alliance, offering a win-win scenario for all. The more we visibly support them, the more we may expect their (important) support. And the better our rapport with the black/hispanic community, the better the chance for gays and lesbians of color to live a fuller, "came-out" life...which not only enriches and reinforces our own ranks, but heals the schism in those communities as well.

Isn't that the point, after all? Wasn't Dr. King looking for the promised opportunity for all to live their life to the fullest, free of fear?

Send a copy of this article and a "thank you" to Dexter or Coretta King at the King Center, 449 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta 30312. Your individual voice, linked to others, does make a big difference.

- Marie J. Murray

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ACT UP: Converting Anger into Action

In San Francisco, angry AIDS activists—more than 300 of them—blew whistles and chanted to disrupt the Oct. 25, 1988 filming of *Midnight Caller*, a show they said would defame the character of people with AIDS (PWAs).

About two months earlier, in Atlanta, a much smaller group of protesters wearing black-and-pink "Silence = Death" t-shirts picketed and boycotted Circle K Food Stores to expose that company's AIDS-discriminatory insurance policy.

Both demonstrations were part of a national surge of AIDS activism, and both protest groups answer to the same name—AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP).

ACT UP is rooted in New York City, where a culturally diverse group of people united in March of 1987, angry and frustrated at the government's "criminal policy of malignant neglect" towards the AIDS crisis.

"Our purpose is to raise consciousness around the AIDS crisis to such a degree as to end the AIDS crisis—not to end AIDS, but to end the crisis," said Maria Maggenti, a member of ACT UP/New York.

In less than two years at least 40 independent ACT UP offshoots have surfaced around the country. The scattered groups maintain an informal communication network. There is no national ACT UP headquarters and many of the organizations have not chosen to call themselves ACT UP.

"ACT UP is completely grassroots, spontaneous, widely diverse and somewhat anarchistic," said Maggenti.

"ACT UP is not bogged down in bureaucracy, but is extremely democratic and extremely angry, and that's how we're going to get through the next decade," she said.

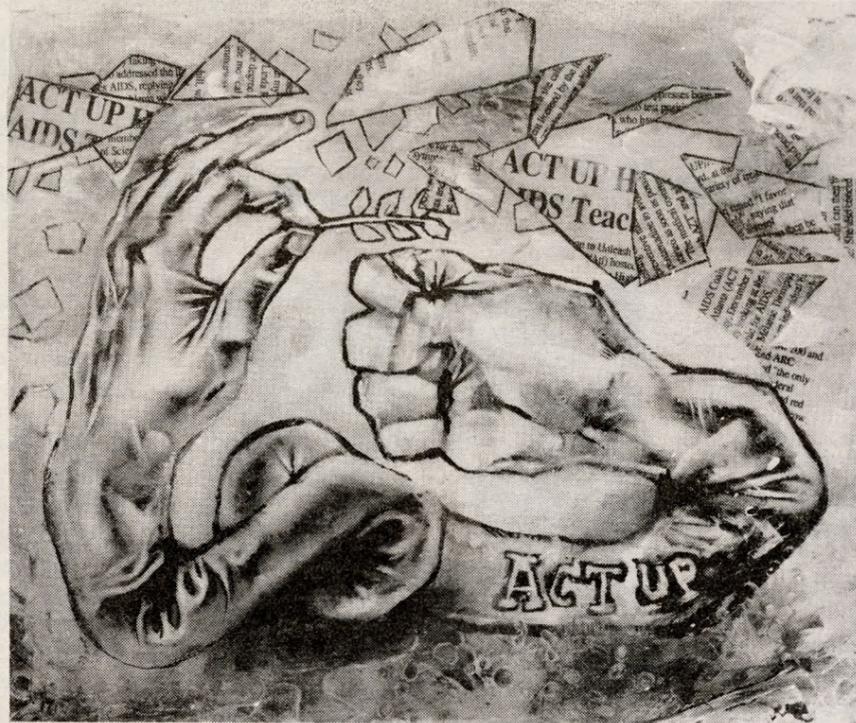
Organizationally, ACT UP embodies democracy as democracy was originally defined. Every ACT UP member is equal. There is no sanctioned leader or power structure, and unanimous consent is necessary to reach any decision or take any action. According to Linda Meredith, a member of ACT UP/Atlanta, if the group is unable to reach an internal compromise on an issue, it will not act.

ACT UP/Atlanta differs from many activist groups in that it takes on non-confrontational projects as well as direct action protests. In September, ACT UP/Atlanta launched a letter-writing campaign to protest the Congressional decision to cut AZT funding. One thousand seven hundred angry letters were routed to Washington as a result of this endeavor.

But the real headline-grabbing activities in which ACT UP engages are the sit-ins, kiss-ins and die-ins—the direct action protests. "The most appropriate way to channel anger, the most effective way of getting change is through civil disobedience and direct action protest," Maggenti contended.

Her opinion of direct action is not universally held. In a letter to the editor of *Etcetera* magazine, Atlantan James F. Bernecker described ACT UP/Atlanta as "a rabid group of rabble rousers and people that look like part of a lunatic fringe group." Bernecker argued that gay political action should take place within the conventions of the legislative system.

Gil Robison, a lobbyist for the Georgia



AIDS Legislative Coalition, said he believes direct action is often not the most effective way to facilitate change. "Here in Georgia, the state has quite a bit of authority and power compared to other states' anti-discrimination legislation. The only way to have an effect on the state is lobbying," he said.

"The (direct action) energy probably could better be spent on ways we know to be successful—generating letters and phone calls to the legislators," Robison said. In the private sector, however, Robison said direct action has proven itself highly effective.

Maury Weil, a member of the Georgia AIDS Legislative Coalition, said direct action and lobbying alike can be effective or ineffective.

"If you're gay you can go to the Georgia General Assembly and you will be listened to, but working within the political system, you can get mired down in the process. With direct action, you can get people angry or you can get shuffled around in your own direct action," Weil said.

Dave Hayward, a member of ACT UP/Atlanta, said criticism of direct action is not surprising. "The whole idea is to create controversy, cut through the red tape and stir things up, so naturally people get upset," he said.

ACT UP/Atlanta member Linda Meredith said the best evidences of ACT UP's effectiveness are its results. "In the short time we've been in existence, things we have addressed have been rectified in three weeks or so. ACT UP also brings issues to the political forefront to be negotiated on and gets media attention," she said.

ACT UP/New York saw its first success with its first demonstration. In March of 1987, 17 members of the group were arrested on Wall Street while protesting the financial inaccessibility of AZT to most PWAs. Immediately following the demonstration, the FDA announced plans to cut two years off the drug-approval process.

ACT UP/San Francisco, the group that protested the *Midnight Caller* episode, affected major changes in the show. Lorimar Productions dropped the murder of the man with AIDS planned for the grand finale and members of ACT UP were allowed to review film footage and negotiate further changes with the producers.

Succumbing to pressure from ACT UP/Atlanta and groups holding similar protests at Circle K Food Stores everywhere, Circle K withdrew the AIDS exclusion from its insurance policy.

"The whole point is for us to make a splash, a strong statement—something that forces the issues in a non-violent way," said Hayward.

"The idea is to act up and say we are going to be a visible presence, and if you do things that are harmful to PWAs, you will know our presence," he said.

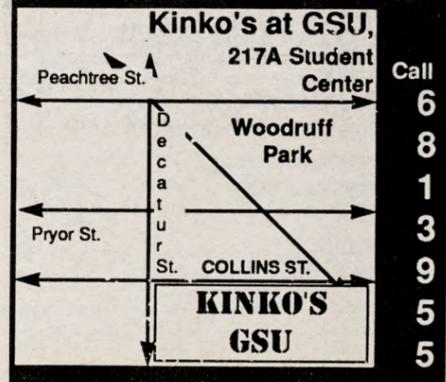
"ACT UP has been extremely successful in steering the course of the national debate from focus on AIDS victims to focus on AIDS treatments and has elevated concern about AIDS from a point of human interest to that of a political crisis," said ACT UP/New York member Maggenti. In the United States, a life is lost to AIDS every half hour. So far, over 57,000 people have died. The ACT UP movement has repeatedly faced adversity, often from within the gay community. Protest demands are not always met and compromise is commonplace. But every time ACT UP mobilizes, people stop what they are doing to watch. Some ask questions. With nearly the same regularity, the media look on. And until the AIDS crisis is resolved, increasing public awareness of the crisis is one of the greatest successes possible.

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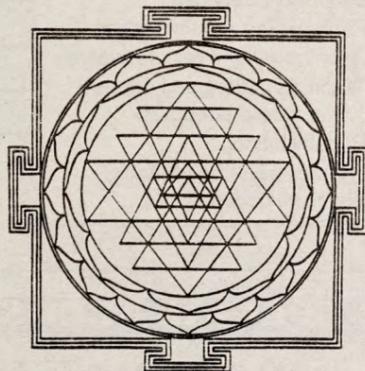
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Living With AIDS: To Never Be Silent Again

It was in the winter of '82 or '83 that we took off on a whim for a long weekend in New York. I usually methodically planned my trips to New York City, but Farris was the more adventurous type. We'd only been dating a short time but from the minute we met it seemed like we'd known each other for years. He proposed on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral with snow falling around us and people passing by. It still sounds corny—but it was all too wonderful coming from him.

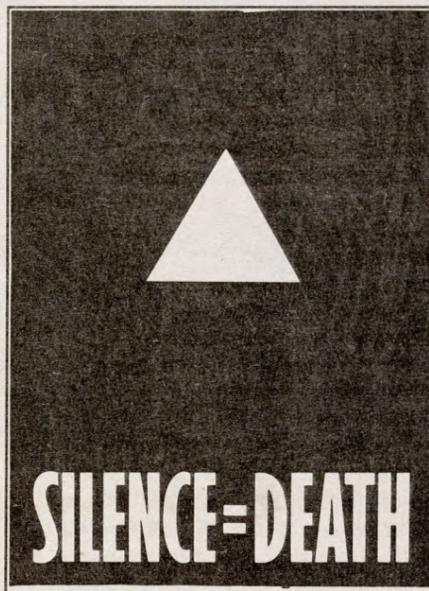
It was good visiting with Bobby again, also. He was still his impulsive, wild yet naive self. Bobby and I had first visited New York City the year before and he returned to Atlanta, packed his bags and moved to New York the next week. We all thought he'd make it about a month but he thrived on the energy and vitality of New York. He never seemed to lose his smalltown charm though.

Bobby's friend, Carlos, came over that Saturday night to join us for an evening of dancing at The Saint. The four of us trekked through the Village on our way to the subway, excited about the night ahead and enjoying each other's company. I vaguely noticed the couple of straight guys approaching us on the street. As they passed, they shouted the all too familiar "fucking faggot" comments which we managed to ignore. It wasn't until one of them yelled "I hope you all fucking die from AIDS, you sick faggots" that Carlos stopped and entered an angry exchange with them.

I think it was one of the first times I'd heard somebody say the word AIDS and I was surprised that these straights even knew about it. AIDS was still something very distant that I had only read about. It was something that was affecting a few "promiscuous" gay men in New York City and San Francisco. It wasn't something that would ever affect my life. I didn't understand why their comment had elicited such an angry response from Carlos when all their other comments had seemed to bounce off him. I remember telling him to shut up, to not argue with them. I was angry that he'd risk a physical or heightened verbal confrontation with these people. We were out to have a good time and enjoy ourselves.

It would be two years later, sitting in my doctor's office, having just learned that I have ARC that I would remember that evening. I would now understand the anger of Carlos' response and I would question my own silence that night. I would become more active and vow to never be silent again. When I heard of Carlos' diagnosis with AIDS, I would again remember that night. And on a muggy Saturday two summers ago when Farris succumbed to Pneumocystis, I remembered our trek to the subway.

Bobby came home to Atlanta a couple of months ago. He said he cried as the plane was flying away from New York City. When I met him at the airport, the vitality and naivete absent and his frail body and face covered with KS lesions, my first thought was of that night. And I hoped that none of them remembered that night.



Recently, watching the scene in *Torch Song Trilogy* where a young gay man is brutally murdered, I again remembered. AIDS is also anti-gay violence but in a more subtle form. And the causes of anti-gay violence - ignorance, hatred and silence - are also to some extent the cause of AIDS or at least contribute to the proliferation of AIDS. It is only through action that we can stop anti-gay and lesbian violence whether it takes the form of bashings, AIDS, the loss of our children or anti-gay remarks.

Silence does equal death for our community and action equals life. Each of us as we experience the impact of AIDS or other forms of violence in our lives, must attempt to utilize the resulting grief and anger to take action and overcome silence. We each must decide for ourselves what form that action will take. It may involve delivering a meal to a PWA through Project Open Hand, objecting to anti-gay remarks in the workplace, coming out, writing letters or countless other methods of involvement. Our community becomes stronger and less silent with each passing year. Each of us must strive to do what we are able to enhance that progress in the new year. And individually and collectively we must attempt to channel the grief and anger we experience from the devastation of this epidemic to create an even stronger gay and lesbian community.

- John Kappers

John Kappers is President of the board of directors of the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA).

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

S.C. AIDS Drug Company Offers Home Delivery

Charleston, SC—The pharmaceutical company that pioneered the home delivery of Retrovir has launched a new program for PWAs and PWARCs who must use pentamidine. The aerosolized pentamidine component of the Catastrophic Medication Program was developed in response to requests made by people already enrolled in Family Pharmaceuticals' CMP.

In 1988, Family Pharmaceuticals shipped nearly 300,000 units of Retrovir to individuals all over the United States. Their price of \$163.95 per 100, which includes shipping, handling, and charge card fees, is among the lowest in the nation. Their price for pentamidine is equally low: \$116.95 for a 300mg vial. (Average wholesale price is \$124.31.)

When asked about the program Kim Richardson, RPh, Vice President of Family, said "It seemed that many of our friends were asking for us to do something to help them with the cost and availability of pentamidine. Since we earlier expanded the CMP to include the 24 most commonly used AIDS-related medications, it seemed the natural thing to add next. We have lined up sources for all the necessary equipment: compressor, nebulizer, medication, etc."

In a feature article on Family Pharmaceuticals in its December, 1988 edition, *AIDS Patient Care* magazine stated "...care and cost are the two bywords behind the Catastrophic Medication Program and all the programs they oversee." The article concluded, "The success of the Catastrophic Medication Program is an example of vision coupled with some good, old-fashioned Southern hospitality. It is a company that calls South Carolina its home and where every patient is part of the 'family'."

The program is now available to anyone with a valid physician's prescription. For more information contact Kim Richardson, RPh, at 1-800-922-3444.

NAMES Project Needs Volunteers For 1989 Tour

San Francisco—The NAMES Project Foundation is now planning a tour of the AIDS Memorial Quilt across the U.S. and Canada beginning this spring, and would like to give volunteers the chance to be part of the rotating 4-person team bringing the Quilt to each North American city. There will be as many as eight positions available and applicants must have previous volunteer experience with The NAMES Project.

Volunteers will be selected for six to twelve week assignments during the period between mid-February and mid-August of this year. Each will be paid a per diem and room and transportation expenses will be covered.

Those seriously interested should send a resume and cover letter to:
Scott Lago, Tour Coordinator
The NAMES Project Foundation
2362 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

Health and Healing

The gay and lesbian community is challenged to find and improve ways of maintaining our health and healing our hearts and our bodies. This column will offer insights and advice by various writers with a range of viewpoints and expertise. To submit an article or request a topic, contact Franklin Abbott in care of Southern Voice, P.O. Box 54719, Atlanta, GA 30308.

Massage for Health and Harmony

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One benefit of massage that is not obvious is that it satisfies the need to be touched. We live in a repressed touchless society. People are afraid to touch children for fear of being misunderstood. Men are taught that touching is less than manly. Some folks do not like you to enter their personal space. Older husbands find themselves isolated in bed by wives who have had enough of "that" and want to reclaim their bodies for themselves.

There is a lack of loving touch in most dysfunctional families. Often the only touching is of a violent nature. Some women needlessly burden themselves with poor body image, causing them to be uneasy or embarrassed by simply undressing. Massage is a safe and loving way to overcome latent fears, and an excellent way to enjoy the remembrance of how good it

feels to be touched, without all the drag of emotional involvement. You give yourself permission to lie back and enjoy the delicious tingles.

There are many techniques and strokes used. Long, firm strokes from toe to fingertips help create a feeling of connectedness. We are often quite mental, residing in our heads. Long strokes rejoin you. It feels like you are the raw dough of french bread being readied for the oven.

The therapist probably has thumbs like a ball peen hammer, from years of pressing those sore spots. Skillful use of thumbs for a few seconds relieves the underneath blockages, and soon the pain is gone.

Kneading strokes are used to tone large muscle areas, relieving any tautness found in them.

Feather strokes are very sensuous. It is a calming payback for those places where pain has just surfaced from deep within the muscle.

The more inventive a therapist can be with his or her repertoire of strokes, the more you will enjoy the different textures upon your skin.

There are also mechanical aids which can be applied. One is a rubber glove with soft, firm bristles. This tones the skin. Some therapists use deep muscle vibrators to shake loose any stubborn spots. I occasionally use a Spinolator, which is a mat with rollers. It frequently makes spinal adjustments in areas the therapist does not address.

Now don't smirk! I sometimes use a wide leather strap, laying light strokes across the ribcage, thighs, calves and soles. It is beneficial in surfacing blood to cold areas, leaving you with a refreshing tingle. At the end of my massage, I apply a steamy hot towel, removing any trace of the olive oil. It feels wonderful. I especially like the way faces twist into a childface, remembering how an adult once washed behind the ears.

Your gift to yourself is now complete. You feel relaxed and happy, loose and stress free.

See you on the table!

— Miriam Carroll

Miriam Carroll is a message therapist and can be reached at 627-7387.



JOAN SHERWOOD

A coalition of pro-choice groups marked the 16th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion, with a day-long rally and candle-light vigil at the Richard B. Russell Federal Building on January 22nd. More than 300 people participated in the Atlanta demonstration, the only one held in Georgia.

This year's anniversary ceremonies were especially sombre as activists braced themselves for the high court's decision on a case it is currently considering, *Missouri v. Webster*. Many fear that the justices will use *Webster* to dismantle or reverse *Roe v. Wade*. The National Abortion Rights Action League began a petition drive at the rally to gather one million signatures in support of abortion to be presented to the Supreme Court and President Bush.

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Star Gays

by Martia Proba
January 31-February 13, 1989

Ah, fair readers, it is with great sadness that I, Martia Proba, announce that it is no longer possible for me to contribute this column to *Southern Voice*. May the stars reflect favorably upon you all.

AQUARIUS You are likely to feel very private now while Uranus and 3 other planets occupy your 12th house. New Moon in your sign on the 6th may signal an unusual love interest.

PISCES You and an Aquarius could get together for some secret fun on the 7th. Try to be realistic on the 9th when communicating your financial needs.

ARIES Mars and the Sun stimulate you to spend money on friends and social events. A Gemini may tell you something at work on the 13th.

TAURUS If you work hard now while the Sun is in your 10th house, Venus landing there on the 3rd may provide a romantic reward. Mars and Jupiter help you woo a Sagittarius on the 12th.

GEMINI Your schedule should relax somewhat after the 6th so that you can travel as the Sun in your 9th house urges you to do. Love a Cancer on the 13th.

CANCER All of your concerns now seem to be those shared with another, such as a mate or business partner. Workout with a Scorpio on the 7th.

LEO The Sun in your 7th house of domestic partnership focuses your attention on your relationship—or lack thereof. Find a Libra for fun on the 5th.

VIRGO The Sun brings concern and support for your health. Mercury turns direct in your 5th house on the 5th. Your love life should calm down.

LIBRA Don't argue with anyone on the 11th. You should be feeling very creative about your loved ones and what to do with them as both Venus and the Sun transit your 5th house.

SCORPIO Mars and Jupiter suggest a lot of processing in your relationship. The results should be favorable however. Make domestic plans on the 6th.

SAGITTARIUS Although energy is not usually a problem for you, you'll have more than ever now. Spend it on creative financial plans. A Pisces is helpful on the 7th.

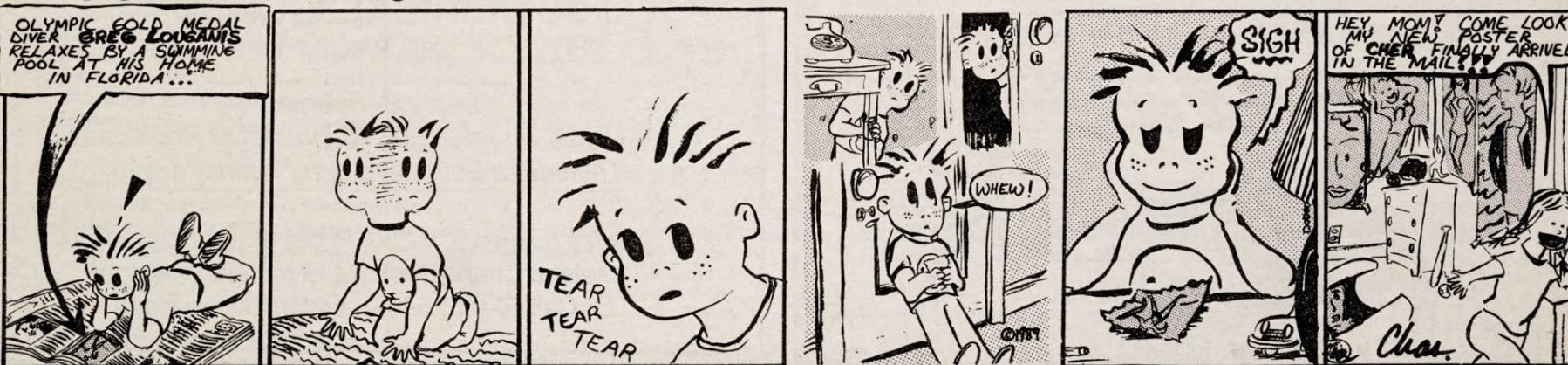
CAPRICORN With the Sun in your 2nd house and Saturn in your 1st house, all your money ambitions may be realized. Take time off from contemplating dollar signs to check out a Scorpio on the 3rd.

Dykes to Watch Out For



bittersweet

by Charles Haver



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Mature, responsible, loving mother will care for your child up to 5 days per week. Part-time/full-time. Wholesome environment. Family atmosphere. Lots of love. 378-5162. Excellent references. (V1#25)

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HEALTH

Breaking the Silence - Adult Children of Alcoholics. Sat., Feb. 11 from 10AM-Noon. One of four ongoing Recovery workshops presented by Linda C. Regnier, President of Ga. Assoc. for Children of Alcoholics, Certified Addiction Counselor. Fee: \$20. For more information call 621-0256. (V1#25)

The NE Intown YWCA will offer a series of structured conversations between lesbian and

heterosexual women. This is an opportunity for dialogue in which both groups can begin to communicate with the hope of creating greater awareness and a broader community for all women. This series will be co-led by a lesbian and a heterosexual woman. Class meets on Thursdays March 2-23. 6:30PM-7:45PM. \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. (V2#1)

*ORGANIZATIONS

Co-ed recreational volleyball every Saturday from 7-10PM. Morningside Recreation Center, 1053 East Rock Springs Rd. Call 875-0700 for information. (V1#25)

Project Open Hand is looking for drivers to deliver hot meals with love to Atlanta PWAs. Call 248-1788 for information. (V1#25)

PERSONALS

GWM, 35, new to Atlanta, seeks tennis players in Vinings (or close proximity) to play evenings and weekends. Also seek relationship-minded men to date. Respond to SV Box #2250. (V2#2)

GWF, 32, feminine, well-educated, professional seeks same for dining, dancing, conversation, casual dating? New to Ga. Enjoy dining out, intelligent conversation, fine wine, good food, long walks, movies, the arts, the beach, travel, and music. Don't know a soul here - want to meet others for friendship and/or more. Reply to SV Box # 2242. (V1#26)

Attractive GWM, PWA, 34, 5'11", 180 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, currently healthy, employed fulltime, seeks similar GWM for close friendship and possible relationship. I like movies, dining out and intimate conversations. Please send letter and phone # to SV Box #2248. Photo appreciated but not required. (V2#1)

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Young, sexy female seeks wealthy, very generous, sensitive, attractive, mature, feminine woman who will take me on trips, lavish me with gifts and introduce me to the pleasures of another woman. I am witty, educated, well-traveled (w/valid passport), bilingual (French), and discreet. You are a sensual romantic who appreciates the finer things life has to offer. Drop a note detailing our very romantic first date to 2740 Greenbriar Pkwy. (A-3214) Atlanta, Ga. 30310. (V1#2)

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Camp Breathe Easy, the state's only camp for children with asthma, needs volunteers to serve as counselors June 10-16. This summer camping program is designed for children, aged 8-16, with moderate to severe asthma. Camp Breathe Easy is held in the beautiful N. Ga. mountains in Cleveland, Ga. Training is provided. For more info call The American Lung Association of Atlanta at 872-9653. (V2#1)

Your Southern voice needs volunteers to deliver routes in Decatur, Georgia State/Downtown and Toco Hills. Reliable transportation and the willingness to give two hours of time every other week are the only requirements. Call Chris or Jessi at 827-9678.

Southern Voice needs 6 volunteers to help label, insert and sort our subscriptions for mailing. If you have 2 hours to give on Tuesday afternoons, every other week. Call Jessi or Chris at 827-9678.

Merchants Directory

Alliance Against AIDS, 6 Piedmont Center, Suite 411, Atlanta, Ga. 30305. 261-6210.

Animal Doctors, 736-A Ponce de Leon Ave. Atlanta, Ga. 872-2423.

Karen J. Benjack-Burke, 7000 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., Bldg. 6, #350. 977-6154.

Stephanie Blackton, 1799 Briarcliff Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 30306. 872-1094.

T. Lavonne Casey, MBA, Business Consultant, 624-4401.

Charis Books & More, 424 Moreland Ave., Atlanta, Ga. 30307. 524-0304.

Deana's One Mo Time, 1980 Cheshire Bridge Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 874-0980.

Dan Easton, 2920 Brandywine Rd., #250, Atlanta, Ga. 30341. 457-0087.

Dr. David Epstein, 427 Moreland Ave., Atlanta, Ga. 30307. 525-7333.

ETC., 427 Moreland Ave, Suite 700, Atlanta, Ga. 30307. 525-3821.

Fourth Tuesday, PO Box 7817, Atlanta, Ga. 30309

HLM Services Inc., 535 Oakdale Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 659-0315.

Charles Haver, L.M.T., 524-8221.

Brenda L. Hawkins, ED. D., 1518 Monroe Dr. #600, Atlanta, Ga. 30324. 872-9016.

Deborah E. Keefe, 1535 LaVista Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 634-3835.

Kinko's, Ga. State University. 217-A Student Center. 681-3955.

Little 5 Points Bazaar, 1909 Euclid Ave., Atlanta, Ga. 30307. 577-8490.

Edward O. Nix, M.D., 3756 LaVista Rd., Suite 100, Tucker, Ga. 30084. 634-0672.

Optical Stores, 2441 Cheshire Bridge Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 636-9727 or 636-9811.

RSVP Cards & Gifts, 1148 Euclid Ave., Atlanta, Ga. 30307. 523-1331.

Sassy Marue, 1101 Euclid Ave., Atlanta, Ga. 30307. 688-7612.

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