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"Heart Strings: The National Tour" Kicks Off In Atlanta On Sept. 17



Heart Strings' national talent cast, chosen from across the country, joins more than 500 Atlanta singers, dancers and musicians at the Fox on Sept. 17 for the kick off of "Heart Strings: The National Tour".

by Johnny Walsh

On September 17, 1989, "HEART STRINGS: The National Tour" will premiere at The Fox Theater and begin a journey that will cover 15,000 miles and 35 cities across the country. The Tour will conclude at New York's Beacon Theatre in March, 1990. Hoping to raise consciousness about AIDS and at least \$4,000,000 for direct care to people with AIDS and education, "HEART STRINGS: The National Tour" is a project of DIFFA, the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS. DIFFA is headquartered in New York, and has local steering committees in major U.S. cities. In 1988, DIFFA's local and national grants committees reviewed applications and donated more than \$1,000,000 in grants establishing DIFFA as a leader in AIDS grants making.

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Georgia Man Claiming To Be Lover Of Late U.S. Rep McKinney Challenges Will

by Cliff O'Neil

A man claiming to have been the lover of Rep. Stewart B. McKinney (R-Conn.) has announced he will challenge the late congressman's will and a physician's report that McKinney contracted AIDS through a blood transfusion.

Arnold R. Denson, a real estate agent now living in Whitesburg, Ga., claims that he was McKinney's lover for five years and that the two shared a house in Washington while McKinney's wife remained in Connecticut. According to Denson, he also jointly owned property in Whitesburg with McKinney under the name Comga Associates.

McKinney, a liberal Republican and vocal supporter of homeless and gay/lesbian rights, died May 7, 1987 of AIDS related complications shortly after spending the night on the cold streets of Washington as part of homeless rights demonstration.

As she did shortly after the congressman's death, Lucie McKinney has denied widespread reports of her husband's homosexuality and insisted that he contracted AIDS through a 1979 blood transfusion.

Denson, however, said that Mrs. McKinney "had been aware of (her husband's sexual orientation) for a number of years.

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Gays Need Not Apply To Be Big Brothers/Big Sisters

by Kalan Brown

There are 471 children in the metro Atlanta area waiting for a big brother or big sister to be assigned to them. Volunteers - especially male volunteers - are needed. But if you're gay, or bisexual, you need not apply.

"It is the policy of the organization that we match children heterosexually," said Anita Joseph, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta. "We will match only heterosexual volunteers, but we do not discriminate against gay kids who are waiting to be matched. So far, however, no kids...in the program have acknowledged that they are gay."

The Big Brothers Big Sisters organization matches volunteers with children who need role models, or perhaps just a little extra attention from someone older, in their lives. Usually the kids are from single parent households where the parent spends a lot of time working to support the family leaving less time to spend with the child. Sometimes the child participating in the program is troubled and needs a good role model, or a surrogate brother or sister, to help them sort things out.

Volunteers are required to spend about four hours a week, once a week, for a year with their assignment. There are about 1,000 volunteers in the metro Atlanta area, which covers Cobb, Gwinnett, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, DeKalb, Rockdale, Henry, Clayton and Butts counties. Aferaging 1,100 matches (volunteer to child) per year, so far 912 matches have been made in 1989, according to Ms. Joseph.

A private agency, Big Brothers Big Sisters raises its own money through individual and corporate contributions. Ms. Joseph said approximately 35 percent of funding for the organization comes from United Way.

Volunteers are recruited through commercials, presentations at companies, brochures and other methods. Once interested, they must pass a strict interview process before they are matched with a child. That process involves filling out an application, allowing a case worker to visit their home, gathering five character references and going through an in-depth oral interview which covers over 100 questions concerning everything from relationships to drug use or alcohol abuse.

While undergoing this rigorous interview process, volunteers are carefully observed to make sure they don't display any signs of anger or other personality problems which may indicate they might not be a good match for a child, according to Ms. Joseph.

"It is not a personal thing," said the group's executive director. "We are not focusing on sexual preference as a way of non-acceptance and we don't correlate homosexuals with pedophiles. We have matched children of homosexual parents many times...we just have a strict eligibility criteria. People who are just

married or who are just divorced are not accepted either."

Excessive drinkers, drug users, persons with Driving Under the Influence records and anyone with abuse or neglect charges are screened out as well, explained Ms. Joseph.

"We have a complex matching system which protects the volunteer, the parent and the child from hurt. All are interviewed as to what they want from participation," said Ms. Joseph.

Although driving records or past drug abuse may be easily discovered by a check with police or medical examination, discovering a person's sexual preference is more than likely determinable only through that person's honesty about their relationships. Big Brother Big Sister volunteers are expected to be honest and encouraged to tell the truth throughout their orientation process.

Paula Maiberger, a 26-year-old Decatur



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Big Brothers/Big Sisters held their annual picnic at Piedmont Park last Sunday.

woman, decided she would do just that and be honest about her sexual preference, even though the fact that the question, "Are you heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual?" on the application she filled out surprised her.

"I thought about lying, I mean they'd never know," said Ms. Maiberger. "But they stressed being honest and I wanted to be honest. I was excited about participating and they told us the sooner we got our references to mail in their response and returned our application, the sooner we'd be assigned [a little sister]."

A therapeutic recreation specialist, who works in Atlanta, Ms. Maiberger said she heard about Big Brothers Big Sisters when recruiters from the organization came to her place of employment at the beginning of June

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Gay Youth May Account For 30% of Teen Suicides

Gay youth are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than other young people, according to a report released last week by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The 888-page report attributes a higher suicide rate among gay youth to hostility and rejection by family members and peers along with societal condemnation of homosexuality.

"The traumatic consequences of these external pressures make gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transsexual youth more vulnerable than other youth to a variety of psychosocial problems and self destructive behavior," the report says. "Help for these adolescents needs to derive from all levels of a society that stigmatizes and discriminates against gays and lesbians."

The main thrust of the report warns of a rising tide of suicides among the nation's teenagers and urges educators and health service providers to become aware of a series of risk factors that are believed to be linked to suicide among young people.

One of the report's two papers addressing gay youth suicide, written by San Francisco psychotherapist Paul Gibson, states that gay youth may account for as much as 30 percent of the suicides committed in the United States each year by young people. But official statistics and coroner reports rarely indicate that a young person's sexual orientation was a factor in his or her suicide, Gibson states. This omission, according to Gibson, has hindered efforts to curb suicides among gay youth because it prevents health professionals from recognizing gay-related issues when they counsel troubled adolescents.

"The root of the problem of gay youth suicide," Gibson wrote, "is a society that discriminates against and stigmatizes homosexuals while failing to recognize that a substantial number of its youth has a gay or lesbian orientation."

Gibson's paper calls on parents, schools, religious leaders, and the helping professions to become more knowledgeable about the problems faced by gay youth and to "take personal responsibility for revising homophobic attitudes and conduct."

The four-volume report, called *Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide*, costs \$45 and can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

— from *The Washington Blade*

International Gay Meeting Draws People From 33 Countries

Vienna, Austria—Over 250 gay men and lesbians from 33 countries gathered here in July for the 11th World Conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA).

ILGA officials stated that several attendance records were broken this year, including one for representation from Eastern Europe (20 people), and another by Americans (21 people).

Among those representing the U.S. were Virginia Apuzzo and a contingent from

Black and White Men Together. U.S. involvement in ILGA has been minimal over the years, however, the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) joined this year although no representative was sent to the conference.

Apuzzo, in her address to the gathering, stated that U.S. activists had been slow to participate because "in the U.S. one principle is that all politics is local." She added that the U.S. was slowly coming around in recognizing the importance of participation in ILGA.

Black South African gay activist Simon Nkoli made his first trip outside his country to come to ILGA. He told of a difficult months-long battle to obtain a passport. The fight ended, he said, only when a sympathetic official at the U.S. Embassy threatened legal action against the South African government.

Other well-known international figures attending included openly gay Canadian member of parliament Svend Robinson and Australian author Dennis Altman.

The 1990 conference is expected to be held in Stockholm.

— from *Chicago Outlines*

African-American Women Leaders To Meet in Atlanta

Group Will Develop Strategies to Restore Freedoms Eroded by Supreme Court

Washington, D.C.—Leaders of organizations representing more than 2.5 million African-American women will convene in Atlanta, on September 8-9 to plot a strategy for legislative and programmatic relief necessary to stem the tide of anti-civil rights decisions made by recent Supreme Court rulings.

In announcing the summit meeting, Dr. Dolly Adams, president of the Black Women's Agenda, Inc., the sponsoring organization, said, "We are all acutely aware that the Supreme Court since last January weakened many of our (minorities and women) hard-won guarantees of equality provided by Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. As national leaders of African-American women, we must plan a strong positive reaction. This forum will address that need."

Founded in 1978, the Black Women's Agenda, Inc., an outgrowth of International Women's Decade, seeks to address issues of concern to Black and minority women.

S.F. AIDS Foundation Pushes Testing

A prominent AIDS agency is pushing for widespread voluntary testing for antibodies to the virus.

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation reported that the virus can be slowed when detected early. The antibodies detected by the test reveal that a person has been infected by AIDS.

Although there was some preliminary dispute over the accuracy of the test, doctors agree that early detection of the virus increases the benefits of some of the drugs now used to fight the infection. Aerosol pentamidine, the antiviral drug AZT and fluconazole are some of these drugs.

Because of improving medical care, the

average life expectancy of AIDS patients has doubled, and many doctors anticipate significant progress if they can be treated before the symptoms begin.

— from *Continuing Care*
August, 1989

Koch Takes Step Toward Recognizing "Domestic Partners"

New York—Recognizing domestic partnerships as "an accepted and acceptable fact of life," Mayor Edward I. Koch issued an Executive Order granting bereavement leave for city employees who are members of a domestic partnership. With the signing of the Executive Order, the City of New York becomes the largest employer—with an estimated 330,000 employees—in the United States to recognize domestic partners. New York joins a growing number of American cities that provide their employees with domestic partner benefits.

Lee Hudson, Director of the Mayor's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community, said, "The Mayor's Executive Order reflects the reality and meaningfulness of our relationships. It says, in effect, that gay and lesbian couples create family units and should receive the same leave privileges as married employees. Today's initiative by the Mayor, Executive Order 123, opens the door for future city-wide legislation, and sets the stage for collective bargaining with the city's unions to secure medical and insurance benefits now only available to married couples."

Executive Order 123 defines domestic partners as two people who declare that:

- (1) They have a close and committed personal relationship involving shared responsibilities.
- (2) That both of whom are 18 years of age or older neither of whom is married.
- (3) Who have lived together for a period of one year or more on a continuous basis at the time of registration.
- (4) Who have registered as domestic partners and have not terminated the registration in accordance with procedures to be established by the Department of Personnel of the City of New York.

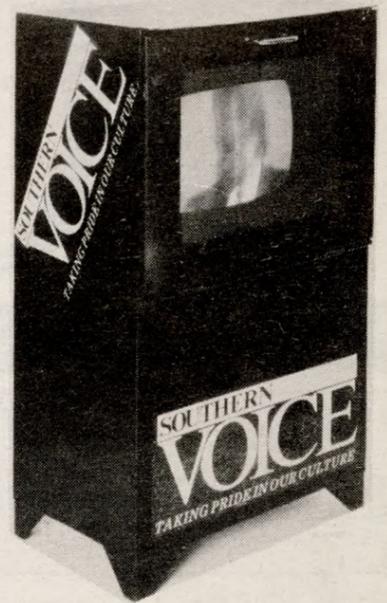
SE Conference Set For March 1990 in Raleigh

Raleigh, N.C.—The 15th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men is scheduled for March 22-25, 1990 in Raleigh, N.C. The southeastern conference is the oldest regional conference in the U.S. and host cities have ranged from Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis to New Orleans. The first conference was held in Chapel Hill in 1976.

The 1990 Conference will stress the theme "Working to Strengthen our Southeastern Communities." Workshops, speakers, entertainment and social gatherings will be held during the conference which will include representatives and interested individuals and groups from the 14 southeastern regional states.

For information on the 1990 Conference write to: SECGLM '90, P.O. Box 28863, Raleigh, NC 27611-8863 or call 1-919-833-1209.

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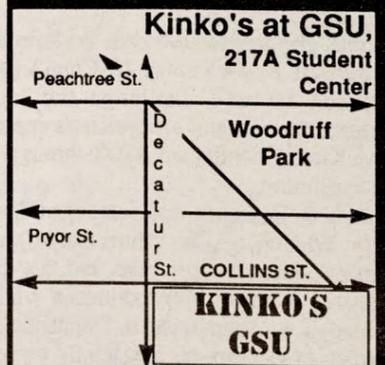
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and asked for volunteers.

The would-be volunteer dutifully attended her orientation session on June 22 and filled out the application. On July 25, she received a call at work from Big Brother Big Sister case worker Lois Sanders, who told Ms. Maiberger she had "been spit out by the computer" because she had answered homosexual on her application.

"I was hurt and angry because since I was at work I couldn't even respond the way I wanted to. Then it got worse because she said even though my application and references were great, because I was gay I could not participate. When I told her I thought she was doing a great disservice to the kids, the social worker replied, 'No, I think the parents would rather not have one at all for their kids than have a gay one.' Then she told me she would put me on her special list they have in case anyone ever requested specifically a gay big brother or sister," explained Ms. Maiberger.

"I really wanted to do it (be a Big Sister.) I thought it would be a wonderful opportunity. I wanted to develop a relationship with kids and serve as a role model. I don't have any nieces or nephews and I miss spending time with young people," said Ms. Maiberger. "I was shocked to see that on the application, but even if they took it off the form and don't discuss it any more I don't have the desire to work for them because of *how* they told me. I just think that the policy is unfair and that it should be changed."

"if we had a request for a lesbian or gay, we have that information in our files, but there is no running list and we have had no such requests," said Ms. Joseph.

Jeri Kagel, an Atlanta attorney, explained that the problem faced by Ms. Maiberger is another example of why gay rights legislation is needed. "You cannot only ask sexual preference on an application - it is perfectly legal -but you can refuse [acceptance] because of it," said Ms. Kagel.

"The only way to challenge a group which discriminates in this manner is through a lawsuit, according to Ms. Kagel. "But there are classes of people who are protected under the law, like minorities, even women in many cases, but no group is protected because of sexual preference," said the attorney.

The Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta, the Boys Clubs of Metro Atlanta, the Northwest Council of Girl Scouts and the Atlanta Council of Boy Scouts deny having a sexual preference question on their volunteer applications. Most spokespersons for these groups even went so far as to acknowledge that sexual preference probably wouldn't be a consideration, when choosing a capable volunteer.

"No matter what their persuasion, or orientation, they need to be excellent role models," said Patricia Tunno, executive director, Northwest Council of Girl Scouts. "We expect well-adjusted people no matter what, but in an environment today which is unstable litigation-wise, all groups are under stress now because of parents and children making accusations about sexual misconduct."

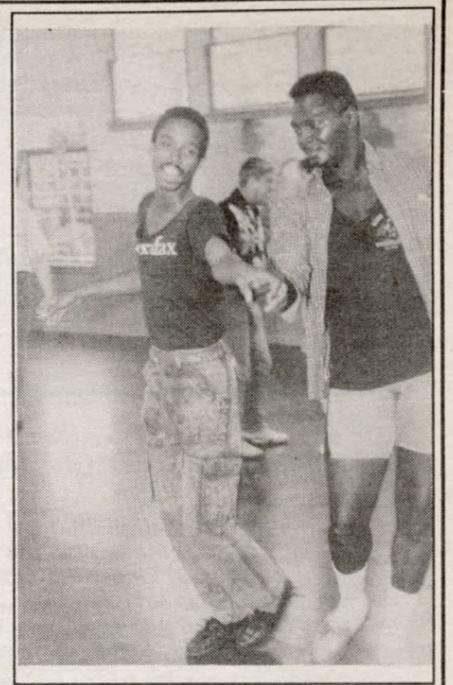
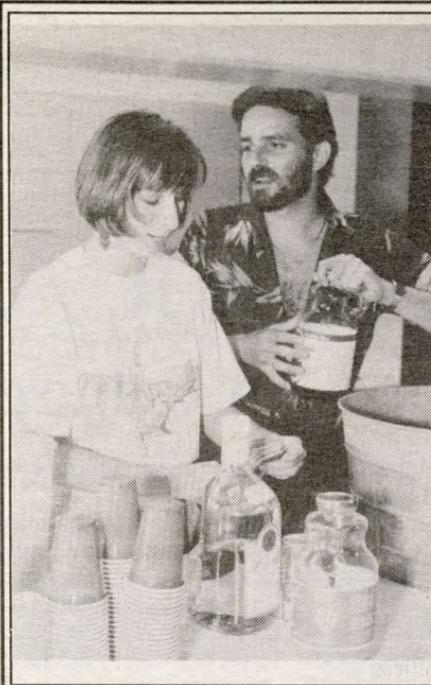
In today's lawsuit-happy society, the issue may not entirely hinge on sexual preference so much as discrimination against anyone who may seem against the norm in order to avoid being sued. Still, that does not make the policy fair, or acceptable.

Richard Martinides, a spokesperson with the Atlanta Council of Boy Scouts said sexual preference is not one of the questions asked of Boy Scout volunteers, but it might be a consideration were the applicant open about [being homosexual or bisexual.] "First of all, a homosexual entrusted with young people is not admissible...it is not part of the Boy Scout program," he said. "We try to choose the best leadership because child abuse is a major concern of ours. So, we want leadership which is unquestionable...therefore, we would not want to have a homosexual as a leader. Would you, as a young mother, entrust your child with a homosexual?"

Lawsuits may be launched from both sides of the coin, however. A man in Washington D.C. has filed suit against the Big Brothers of the Capital Area, which denied acceptance into its program to the man because he is gay. The suit is under review now, but in the meantime, two women who heard of the man's battle to challenge Big Brothers have each asked him to be a big brother to their sons.

Homosexuals have applied before and been denied, said Ms. Joseph, although some of them appealed and went before the Board to explain why they should be allowed to participate. (Ms. Maiberger was not told of the appeal process, but did send a very eloquent letter to the organization, gay activists, Michael Lomax and Maynard Jackson requesting a written response regarding her non-acceptance. So far, no one has replied to her Aug. 3 letter.)

"It wasn't that we don't think she is a good person," said Ms. Joseph, referring to Ms. Maiberger. "It's just where we are in society as parents and children. Our group focuses on the child's needs based on the parent's preference. Things will change when parents are more open and when society as a whole changes...then, everybody wins, but for now parents represent where society is and until society changes (sexual preference) will still be there."



NAPWA Treats Members and Friends to a "South Pacific Party"

Over 150 people attended the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS "South Pacific" party on Aug. 13 at the Inman Park Trolley Barn.

Kathleen Brockell and Jim Suran (above left) tended bar for the sultry summer hoe-down and cookout. Officially gathered for a quarterly membership meeting, attendees danced to the sounds of DJ Murphy Conyers of Deana's One Mo Time, and gathered in the footlights to watch Apple Love and Backstreet's Streetgirls perform.

Partygoers Leonard McGruder and James Williams (above right) finished off the evening on the dance floor. *Photos by Evett Bennett.*

McKinney

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Perhaps not of me as an individual, but certainly of his past relationships."

In his will, Rep. McKinney left a 40 percent share of the Washington house, all personal effects in the house and his car to Denson, all worth a total of \$59,200. Denson, however, has not received any of his inheritance and is now challenging the will in Probate Court.

In an Aug. 21 meeting with members of the press in Westport, Conn., Denson made public personal records and photographs of the two together to back up his claim. Denson has told the press that the McKinney family was informed of the two men's relationship while McKinney was on his deathbed and was told that if he kept the relationship secret he would receive his share of the inheritance.

Denson added that he believes that McKinney already had been exposed to HIV when their relationship began, adding that two of McKinney's former lovers have died of AIDS complications.

At Denson's request, Vic Basile, former executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, is now talking publicly of a dinner he and his lover once had at the couple's Washington home.

"It's the case that we're all too familiar with," stated Basile of the controversy. "In a gay couple, one partner gets sick and dies and the other one gets tossed out of the family because one of the partners didn't deal with being gay and didn't deal with the closet and all the legal stuff that needed to be dealt with. ... I wouldn't make (McKinney's being gay) an issue except that (his wife) made it an issue by denying what is effectively the truth and that hurts the whole community."

In the wake of the challenges, Lucie McKinney is again denying the congressman's homosexuality and she has filed a claim that her late husband borrowed \$432,552 from her trust fund which he never paid back. She is an heir to the Proctor & Gamble fortune and to a railroad and oil fortune.

Should her claim be upheld, it could derail the entire Probate Court proceedings, cleaning out all funds from the estate and rendering Denson's claims void.

"I think Stewart was a great congressman," added Basile. "I thought he was a very good guy. But he didn't deal with being gay. Unfortunately so many people have to live in the closet and this is what happens."

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A Culture Takes Root

But a pattern persists: Open gays create a style, closeted ones bring it to the mainstream and then straights claim it as their own

by Barry Walters

It's Saturday morning, and kids all over America are watching Pee Wee Herman marry a bowl of fruit salad.

Across the dial, MTV is playing a video of the Pet Shop Boys. "Everything I've ever done, everything I'll ever do, every place I've ever been, everywhere I'm going to, it's a sin," the singer dead-pans to a beat that approximates an amyl nitrite rush. Another man pouts in the background, his wrists in shackles, dirt across his cheek. The pair look as if they're about to be burned at the stake. Their hair is perfect.

Another cable channel is showing "Hairspray," and Divine is doing her ironing. Her hair is in curlers and a housedress hangs around her like a tent. Aside from her girth, Divine resembles the stereotypical early '60s housewife. This drag queen could have been your mom.

What was once the exclusive province of the artistic gay underground, where each coded gesture suggested forbidden desire, now belongs to everybody who watches TV, picks up a magazine or turns on the radio. The gay influence is as pervasive as homophobia, and often goes similarly undetected.

Gay culture is now mass culture.

Tracing the development of gay arts and culture and their assimilation into the mainstream is problematic, because many of the most influential gay men and women are still in the closet.

A pattern has existed throughout history: Openly gay men and lesbians create a style, closeted ones bring it to the mainstream and then straights claim it as their own. But it's impossible to tell the full story until those in the closet come out — when homosexuality is no longer a commercial liability — or until they are no longer around to sue if their secret is told.

"Gay culture didn't start with Stonewall," says Felice Picano, a novelist among the first generation of gay writers to emerge in the '70s. "Stonewall happened because there were already communities of young people leading openly gay lives in New York during the 1960's."

Part of what made the '60s happen came from the gay sensibility — the spirit of shock, the ironic gesture, the grand flourish — but gays rarely got (or claimed) the credit. Pop art — a simultaneous mockery and worship of the banal — reflected gay outcasts' position in straight society. It explored the meaning of surfaces, an appealing place to dwell for artists afraid of confronting their inner natures.

Andy Warhol, pop art's most famous practitioner, built his Factory as a living embodiment of this aesthetic, an attempt to recreate Hollywood with drag queens, hustlers and drug addicts. Although Warhol liked to give the impression that he was asexual, he was out in his art, which returned time and again to the male body.

San Francisco drag groups, like the Cockettes and the Angels of Light, weren't organized around a charismatic leader, but operated as communes. The butch Cockette drag queens with their rubbish-bin outfits, hippie hair and beards challenged conventional ideas

about gender and glamour by staging spontaneous street antics and Hollywood pastiches. They turned themselves into stars in the same way as the Rolling Stones — through outrage.

The Cockettes became a fixture on the San Francisco rock scene in the early '70s; when Alice Cooper and Rod Stewart came to town, the Cockettes showed up at their parties, leaving behind their trademark, a trail of glitter. Metallic items started appearing on the most rebellious rockers and suddenly: Poof! Glitter rock was born.

Glitter rock attacked a music scene that sacrificed its sense of play for middle-class respectability. Androgyny, along with hints of homosexuality that usually arise when traditional notions of gender are abandoned, was the rock ingredient still guaranteed to shock. Picking up where Elvis and Little Richard left off, glitter rockers capitalized on sexual alienation, hysteria and a few old riffs. No one since the Beatles has generated as much controversy as the movement's figurehead, David Bowie.

Like Warhol, Bowie was a master of media manipulation, and his coup was declaring himself bisexual (although the self-proclaimed "Homo Superior" now denounces it). Bowie disgusted the Woodstock Nation, who never considered gay freedom part of their civil-rights agenda, and won over a new generation as estranged from the old left as from the right.

Bowie's influence brought gay signifiers up from the underground, and turned them into a mainstream fashion statement. Teens all over England, Europe and in America's major cities wanted to look like mad queens.

Glitter came and went, not without lasting repercussions.

Elton John, once a severely serious singer-songwriter, began flitting about in boas, rhinestone-encrusted eye ware and gaudy platform shoes. He too pronounced his bisexuality, but unlike Bowie, his announcement wasn't a shock tactic but a statement of fact. The public understood the difference and John's sales plummeted.

While Bowie and his ilk brought gay outrage to the concert halls, Bette Midler and her accompanist Barry Manilow were doing their cabaret version of glitter in gay bathhouses and piano bars. The Continental Baths in Manhattan drew both straights and gays eager to see the new camp princess, who went from the bathhouses to the hit parade without missing a beat.

Other women, particularly lesbians, didn't have it so easy. Taught to censor themselves, lesbians first needed to learn how to speak out among each other, and their initial artistic expression became known as "women's music."

"We were just a group of radical feminists who came together to form some kind of institution for women," recalls Judy Dlugacz, president of Oakland's Olivia Records, the oldest and largest women's music label.

Olivia began as a place for women to learn every aspect of record making. Meg Christian, Olivia's first recording artist, traveled across the country in her station wagon playing folk music in women's centers and lesbian bars that popped up in the early '70s.

"Meg helped a lot of women to come out of the closet — it was phenomenal to watch," recalls Dlugacz. "The music hit them in the head before they got to think too hard about it."



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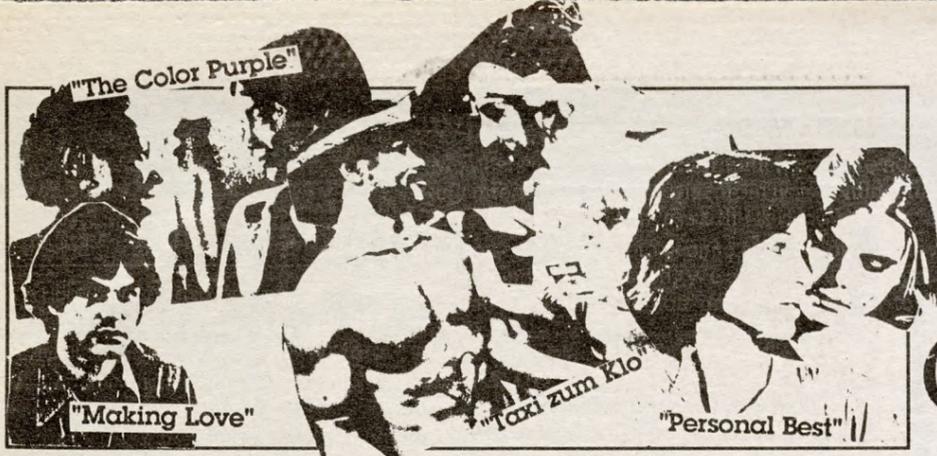
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In Hollywood, Closet Is Shut

Lack of progress by gays is a matter of who is running the industry, and the fact that gay-themed movies haven't made money

by Craig Seligman

Michael Kearns, one of the few openly gay actors in Los Angeles, looks around him and says, "The rate of alcoholism and addiction, because of the closet, is enormous in this town."

But discretion is something gay actors and actresses learn to live with. Hollywood doesn't like gays. On screen it jeers at them; off screen it all but shoves them into the closet.

For Kearns, coming out of the closet has meant resigning himself to stage work. Still, "I do play the game," he says. "I'm submitted, considered; people are forced to look at my picture, read about me in the trades. Because I'm openly gay is no reason to run with my tail between my legs."

According to Dale Reynolds, "As soon as casting directors find out you're gay, the word 'light' comes into it, whether you swish or not." Reynolds, a writer and former actor, founded the Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Artists 10 years ago, mainly as a support group.

"We've had little or no impact on the discrimination thing; the Screen Actors Guild has never had an actor complain about discrimination for being gay. They don't dare! God, I wish we could find somebody who would, but proving it is a lot different from knowing it exists."

But what about all the writers, directors, executives - what keeps them locked in the closet? According to Terry Lawler, a lesbian who works at the American Film Institute, "They're not in the closet the same way Rock Hudson was. Here your lover calls you 15 times a day; everyone knows it, and they all ask about her." Having the courage to declare yourself, on the other hand, is "a political thing to do. You're putting politics ahead of your career, which is frowned upon."

Insidious politics

Stephen Kolzak, a former executive at Columbia Pictures Television, sees a more insidious politics at work: "I don't believe that fear of exposure is what's at issue for them, because the gay community knows, and I believe their colleagues in the heterosexual community also know."

"Somebody who's operating in the most rarefied circles of power in Hollywood doesn't experience himself as part of an oppressed minority, and doesn't want to identify that way. I don't think Hollywood has any political consciousness or conscience. It's about self-promotion, self-aggrandizement, perpetuation of privilege."

And money: Hollywood's (rare) gay-themed movies, which go back to the era of Stonewall two decades ago, haven't made any money.

Stephen Harvey, associate curator in the film department of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, points out that "Stonewall didn't happen in a vacuum; gay people had already begun defining themselves in theater and movies."

The demise of the 1930 Production Code - "Sex perversion or any inference to it is forbidden" - and the adoption of the new rating system (G, PG, R, X) in the 1960s brought a semblance of frankness to American movies.

But frankness was, in Harvey's phrase, a Pandora's box: "There was this horrible backfire, in a way. You could say anything you wanted to, so all this venom started coming out."

"The Killing of Sister George" (1968) and "The Boys in the Band" (1970), which finally put lesbians and gay men on the American screen, were freak shows.

'Cruising' -- the first protests

During the next decade, gays became a favorite option for killers, psychos and background squalor. By 1979, when William Friedkin went to New York to direct "Cruising" - a slasher film set on the gay sex-bar circuit - gays had had it. The noisy protests that embarrassed the set (and later the theaters showing the movie) were a first, and they marked a step forward in gay self-esteem.

In the early '80s, the studios turned toward more positive depictions of gays with movies like "Personal Best," which depicted a love affair between two women athletes, and the much-ballyhooed "Making Love," starring "L.A. Law"'s Harry Hamlin in a role that had been refused by several other prominent stars concerned about their careers. They bombed. Meanwhile, AIDS was gaining center stage - Rock Hudson died in 1985 - and it threw the industry for a loop.

"Hollywood," Kearns remembers, overreacted to the point of hysteria.

The result, though, may not be entirely negative. As Dale Reynolds sees it, "People with AIDS are being taken care of by the show-business community. AIDS has sensitized Hollywood to the plight of gay people in general, so that - very incrementally - we're seeing an adjustment in attitude."

So far, however, that hasn't been reflected in any work.

But AIDS isn't the only explanation for Hollywood's current skittishness toward gay material. As Harvey points out, "In any period when the movie industry is prosperous, it tends to consolidate that success by staying as mainstream as possible. It's been extremely prosperous during the last couple of years."

"I've written the industry off"

And so Michael Lumpkin, director of San Francisco's annual lesbian and gay film festival - the world's largest and, at 13, its oldest - expresses a widespread frustration when he says, "I've written the industry off. They're still producing negative, homophobic images and scripts and lines and jokes in films that come out all the time. It's still happening. I hold more hope for independent filmmakers."

In fact, nearly all the good gay American films of the last few years - Rob Epstein's "The Times of Harvey Milk," Marc Huestis' "Chuck Solomon: Coming of Age," Greta Schiller's "Tiny & Ruby: Hell Divin' Women," Bill Sherwood's "Parting

Glances," Gregg Araki's "Three Bewildered People in the Night" - have been made outside the industry.

Even the recent "Torch Song Trilogy" was produced by the independent New Line Cinema (which also brought out "Hairspray") for roughly \$6.5 million, less than half of what a major studio usually spends on a feature. None of these films, including "Torch Song," have set box offices on fire, although, done on the cheap, most of them have made their money back.

"On the cheap" is relative, though, when the money must be scrounged through grants and donations, a process that got even more grueling with the funding cuts of the Reagan years. Still, every year Lumpkin manages to scare up enough quality work for a festival.

But it's not easy, especially when distributors go pale at the notion of gay events, even for gay movies. When Lumpkin sought to show Donna Deitch's lesbian love story "Desert Hearts" (1986) at the gay film festival, the film's distributor, Samuel Goldwyn, balked.

"Donna did a lot of fund-raising in the gay community," Lumpkin recalls somewhat bitterly, "but once it was made and sold to Goldwyn, they were in control. They had no interest in the gay community."

Debra Zimmerman, executive director of the New York-based Women Make Movies, acknowledges the dilemma: "If a film is branded gay, it won't get a bigger distributor. But it's difficult for those of us who have spent our lives supporting those filmmakers when they can't return the favor and support us."

"There aren't enough lesbian films," she adds. In Hollywood, lesbians are even less visible (if that's possible) than gay men, but independents haven't taken up the slack: "Traditionally, film is, on every level, such a male-dominated thing. Few funders are interested in lesbian subject matter."

Besides, a lot of lesbian filmmakers are drawn to experimental forms. "Unfortunately," Zimmerman says, the lesbian audience doesn't appreciate those films, because they're so starved for straightforward story-line films. "That goes for gay audiences across the board, and for more than just experimental work."

Feeding fantasies

We go to movies, at least on one level, to watch bigger-than-life stars act out bigger-than-life passions - to feed our fantasies. But gay audiences have been deprived of this basic movie experience, at least in gay terms.

Experimental, or formally difficult, works don't provide it. And neither do movies that plead: Homosexuality isn't depraved!

Not only are intelligent audiences beyond that, but a filmmaker who stoops to those terms implicitly implies that the other side - it is too depraved - can be argued just as cogently. This is the trap that movies making such a plea ("Making Love,"

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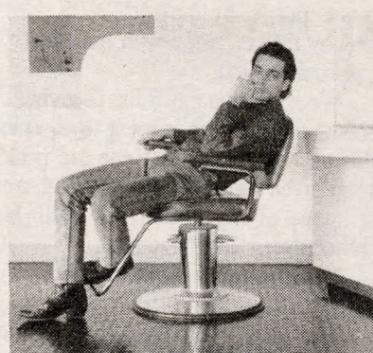
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River Expo's Purpose is Fun

To the Editor:

I want to start by thanking you so much for all the coverage you gave the Hotlanta River Expo event during your last few issues. It is always a great thrill for us to see national response but an even greater thrill for local support from friends and peers. Thanks are in order for the reporters which I worked with during the event and hope I supplied Dave Hayward and others with enough photos and inside news of what was going on.

On the other hand, I never met this unhappy person named Cleve Seay.

The purpose for thousands of fun loving people to come to Hotlanta for our event is FUN. We give them the location to get together and make new friends, we supply info on the best hotels, and give them a show and a party they will long remember because it was put on by the FRIENDS. Not some snobby theatre group with only profit and a long run in mind.

We all had so much fun in giving of ourselves and our time to bring to you the show this year. I'm sorry that one sad person has been given room in your publication to hurt so many of my FRIENDS with his "... unnecessary filler" remarks.

Thank you again *Southern Voice*.

Sincerely,
Burl Compton and
"The Amazon Women From Mars"

An Open Letter to the River Expo Committee from ACT UP/Atlanta

Without dwelling on some reporting discrepancies, or should we say deletions about the incident at the Silver Ball, ACT UP would like to publicly express our shock and anger at the Committee's reaction to our handing out safe sex information and condoms. There's a deeper issue here than litter and legalities that we'd like to address, but first a few of the "facts" do need to be clarified.

According to Buddy Allen, Deputy Director for Georgia Building Authority Police and Security, ACT UP would have been permitted to hand out its safe sex literature had the Raft Committee allowed them to do so. Therefore, you actively sought to stop the distribution of safe sex information. Also, Jimmy Allen of ACT UP "got up in your face" to ask the unreasonable Mr. Overstreet if it would not be worth the price of cleaning up some flyers if but one person were spared from infection by the AIDS virus. Amazingly, the response was the threat of arrest. And this at a time when unsafe sex practices are on the rise in the gay community.

Several questions need to be addressed by the Raft Committee. Why would you forbid any group from handing our safe sex information at any time? Shouldn't a business such as yours that encourages gay men to play (often times under the uninhibiting influence of alcohol and/or recreational drugs) make more than just a token obligatory effort to encourage us to play safe? And why are you taxing AID Atlanta's resources for condoms? Where does your money go? Self-admittedly you give no money to AIDS organizations. At \$30 a head and \$2.50 a beer at the Silver Ball, \$20 a head at Mr. Hotlanta or \$110 for the complete package plan the figures don't add up to breaking even. Open your books and let the community responsi-

ble for your existence see your alleged mediocre profit margin.

Feeble excuses such as "the flyers will litter the floor," "we have to walk on pins and needles with the state," and "you should have asked our permission first" don't cut it. AIDS didn't ask permission to kill off my friends or your friends and walking on pins and needles has for too long been the reaction to a government guilty of the negligent homicide of 55,000 Americans.

No, your position is indefensible, almost laughable if the issue were not so serious and the implications so disturbing.

What is really at issue here is denial by our own community - a dangerous, organized, profit making denial that extends beyond the Raft Committee to the bars. How many bars in Atlanta post safe sex information on its walls? How many bars in Atlanta hand out free condoms all the time and not just at special events? How many bars in Atlanta fund AIDS services organizations? With the notable exceptions being Deana's One Mo' Time and Charlie Brown's individual contributions, the answer is a pitiful few.

With the bars and the Raft Race being the social epicenter of the gay community, there is an inherent responsibility to that community. No, AIDS is not a party and AIDS is not in line with the escapist philosophy of, as the Raft Committee put it, "relax and forget" but it's still killing your friends and mine and it's about damn time the Raft Committee and every other sacred cow in this city recognizes their role in this epidemic and stops this reprehensible denial.

Silence = Death!

Sincerely,
Joseph A. Hartley III
ACT UP Atlanta

River Expo "Is Not Politically Motivated"

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you on the concise and factual article "ACT UP Members Threatened with Arrest At River Expo Dance," published in your newspaper last week. Further, Mr. Chris Duncan is to be recognized for a fine job of investigative reporting in order to obtain the facts. Your staff handled this matter professionally and please know that I appreciate their efforts.

As you may be aware, Hotlanta River Expo did not allow any group this year or in the past years, special interest or individual, to solicit during our events. I did allow one group at the Civic Center last year and was asked not to this year. Because of the many issues facing "Our Community" (sic), as well as the Mayoral election, we made arrangements for anyone who contacted us to have a place at our host hotel to pass out information. It is unfortunate ACT UP did not contact us to obtain space at the hotel to solicit and distribute material. Had this group done so, we would have been happy to provide, as we did other groups, space for their purposes.

Let me state for the record, HRE is not politically motivated. Additionally, as was stated factually in your article, TPD Event Planning held the license at the Georgia

Freight Depot. In as much as this facility is State property and the licensee is liable, the management of TPD was within their rights to prevent ACT UP from solicitation or handing out any material. As was printed in your report, ACT UP was in violation of the state law and Mr. Overstreet was most gracious to have not caused the arrest of ACT UP members. In speaking with him, Mr. Overstreet also did not wish to have this group jailed, however, I clearly understand his position.

It is unfortunate that radical groups such as ACT UP tend to disrupt and separate our own community, only by clearly understanding the needs and ends of each segment of our community and, more importantly keeping the communication open between all factions, may we progress together as one. This was also stated in my letter to our attendees this year. In all this I really believe that there is a lesson here to be learned. In closing, I trust ACT UP has been listening.

Sincerely,
Walt Greer, President
Hotlanta River Expo



Sex Is Close To Reader's Heart

Dear Editor,

I was disappointed but not surprised to read K.C. Wildmoon's column in which she accuses some gay media of being the degenerate scuzzes her parents said they were for running erotic material.

God did not put me on this earth to live up to the expectations of my parents, her parents, and certainly not the parent inside her head she obviously hasn't been able to come to grips with. How disappointing that Ms. Wildmoon writes and *Southern Voice* publishes little more than the seemingly neurotic internalizations of our sex-negative cultural values. Personally, I enjoy sex—even "tantalizing, titillating and gratuitous"—and don't feel threatened by those who do, even if it is a sexuality with which I do not identify, such as Ms. Wildmoon's guilt-ridden and apologetic public performances. But then I am a man and therefore assumed to be politically incorrect until proven otherwise.

As to Ms. Wildmoon's criticisms of allegations that *Southern Voice* is biased toward Lesbians, the truth of that allegation is proved by her article. Gay male bashing does little to foster a united community or endear *Southern Voice* to the male community. The intolerance of our sexuality she expresses makes one feel like responding in kind. For example, abortion is hardly a homosexual issue. Why should I care about it when *Southern Voice*, Wildmoon and others, one's supposed allies if not sisters, are blindly attacking an issue much closer to my heart, one they obviously don't understand and haven't taken the time to find out about?

I don't understand some things about Lesbians and *Southern Voice's* positions on them. For instance, pro-choice seems to be important, yet so are Lesbians having babies and adopting children. Gay families are extolled in such a way that seems to me to be a pathetic and feeble attempt at acceptance by heterosexuals by showing that homosexuals can be just as good as "normal" people only by some method of reproduction.

I don't identify with this apparent dichotomy, but strongly believe that we each have the right to live our lives on our own terms, a believe evidently not shared by sex-negative busybodies like Ms. Wildmoon and Nancy Schaeffer.

Sincerely,
Walt Murphy

Inside The Washington Lobby

will return in the next issue of **Southern Voice**

with "Where We Stand At Half-Time"

A look at where AIDS and gay rights issues stand at the end of the first session of Congress

16,000 Condoms Are Not Enough

To the Editor:

With some gay men apparently backsliding into "unsafe" sexual activities, I was angered to learn that activists representing ACT UP were evicted, and threatened with arrest for soliciting, after attempting to pass out condoms and safe sex educational material at the Hotlanta River Expo "Silver Ball". Does Charles Overstreet intend to suggest that 16,000 condoms distributed at no cost to him by AID Atlanta were enough to cover every gay pecker in Atlanta for the four-day weekend? ACT UP members were evicted because their presence dampened the party mood by reminding everyone that AIDS is an ever present threat to our community. ACT UP should have been welcomed and encouraged in their efforts.

I was also sorry to hear that TPD Management failed to realize a profit for the Hotlanta weekend. Perhaps Mr. Overstreet would have had funds to share with AIDS service organizations if he had not first siphoned off all the profits to his salary.

Sincerely,
Keith H. Floyd

Fear Of Litter Can Lead To AIDS

To the Editor:

It is with deep concern that I write this in response to Chris Duncan's article about ACT UP and the River Expo Dance. According to the article, the Georgia Building Authority does not allow anyone to hand out literature on State grounds. The article further stated that this was breaking the law, a quote by Charles Overstreet, TPD manager. I called the Georgia Building Authority and spoke with representatives and communications departments. Both department reps gave the same response — that it is not illegal to hand out literature as long as the organization renting the facility was in agreement. The reason stated for stopping ACT UP's distribution was because of a fear of litter problems?! What Chris Duncan failed to mention was that ACT UP members offered to financially off-set any problems that might occur secondary to this potential littering. Considering that the Georgia Building Authority had no concerns about literature distribution and since money offered by ACT UP would have covered any additional litter pick up, I view Walt Greer's and Charlie Overstreet's responses as a cop-out. They were just using excuses to sell our community short during this time of crisis

because of AIDS phobia or personal gain — I'm not sure which.

AIDS has become a chronic illness and with this new label comes a complacency as evidenced by decreased funding to AIDS service organizations, and surveys that show a decrease in "safer sex" practices in the gay community.

Part of this I believe is due to the fact that we are no longer focusing on the acuteness of the situation. I am a person with AIDS and I wouldn't wish this disease on anyone. But guess what — people are still contracting AIDS and dying from AIDS, and it's still happening in our community. We ultimately need to take individual responsibility for our actions. However, when the drinks are flowing freely and the excitement of a big rafting weekend of fun overshadows the crisis, it sure would be refreshing to think that the organizers of the River Expo would exhibit a positive attitude and lead position in the fight against AIDS. Condoms in the host hotel are great, but how many people were not at the host hotel to receive them? Now, as I think back to the late 70's and early 80's, I sure wish that I would have stepped on some "litter" that had safer sex guidelines and a condom attached.

Sincerely,
David G. Brey

Loulan Lecture Makes Reader Proud To Be A Sister

To the Editor:

For a moment (just an instant, mind you) I felt that I might deserve a pat on the back for the gallant efforts I was making to attend the JoAnn Loulan lecture last Friday night—or maybe I deserved at least one "atta girl" for planning to go alone after I discovered my better half had to work.

But why take any credit whatsoever when none is due? I made plans to attend for all the selfish reasons: I wanted to go; I needed to do something good for myself; I needed to hear and see and feel the positive energy that I had heard would be generated during the evening. My homophobic body was in dire need of intensive care and treatment.

So—I was off to make my statement and reap my rewards. I felt bold, determined and oh so tough. But the bold, determined and oh-so-tough attitude quickly "evaporated" as I came near the parking area. And my frightened, lost and alone, super-excuse making posture suddenly appeared and gained control. And believe me, in times of crises, it can surely create seemingly logical excuses for getting out of uncomfortable situations... "Remember, you don't have to stay. One negative 'anything' and you should do the healthy thing.

Do a '180' and leave. After all, you made the effort to come and that's enough... You know this is probably a closed-cluster group made up of the elite lesbian population. Most of the folks here are probably charter members of a mature coming-out clique. They'll probably hoist their noses at the sight of a middle-class 'infant' coming to such an event... Don't worry, in less than one minute you'll be bombarded with at least a dozen negative experiences and then you can 'haul it' home and still feel good about yourself."

But you know, folks, I was dead wrong. From the very moment I parked my car 'neath the magnolia tree in the lot across from the church (the best space in the entire area—by the way) 'til I rested my buns on the bench right across from the dynamic JoAnn Loulan, all my efforts to create/find/conjure up or hatch excuses to leave were in vain. Perhaps I had lost my touch—my creativity. The folks were TOO nice; the atmosphere was TOO warm and inviting. Every step I made I hunted for hoisted noses, raised eyebrows and what-are-YOU-doing here glances. They were just not there!

The evening was rewarding, informative and certainly entertaining—an event I shall always remember. And as I opened my car door under the magnolia tree and left that night, a gentle, feeling-of-belonging lump appeared in my throat.

So—if you happen to be the couple who patiently waited and held the front doors as I slowly and reluctantly made my way from at least thirty feet behind; if you are the young girl with the light-brown hair and the neat earrings who sensed my about-to-leave nature and took the time to direct me to the registration desk; if you happen to be the sensitive, caring soul who smiled so warmly as my clumsy, quaking hands dropped the crisp, neatly folded and previously counted dollar bills when I registered; if perchance you are one of the eight folks whose toes I crunched as I hurriedly made my way to the spot you created just for me in the middle of the best bench in the house; and if you are the gracious lady who extended the warm, much needed and welcomed hug as I left...

THANKS. Thanks to all of you for making me feel "oh so proud" to be your sister.

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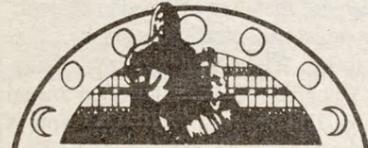
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"Promise of Life" Atlanta AIDS Video Focuses on Outliving Expectations

by Johnny Walsh

On Tuesday evening, July 25, 1989, Picasso's Performance Cafe in Decatur, was the scene for the first viewing of a new Atlanta video production about AIDS. Produced by SAME (Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc.) and funded in part by a \$2,700 grant from Heartstrings/DIFFA (The Design and Interior Furnishing Foundation for AIDS), the video is a compilation of separate interviews with five people with AIDS: George Kish, Stebbo Hill, Kurt Rahn, Terry Thomas and John Kappers. Entitled, "Promise of Life," the focus of the video is the experience of living with AIDS. Each of the interviewees speaks to that theme by relating how they cope with the changes an AIDS diagnosis has brought to their life, and each gives their individual perspective of how to heal oneself.

George Kish has been battling AIDS since 1982. Interviewed on the balcony of his apartment, he tells of his gratitude to the good Lord for his gay sexuality and of his gratitude that AIDS has touched his life. He speaks of the people he has come to know and the new-found love he has for the gay community. Also, he has been able, he says, as an outspoken Roman Catholic to address the Church's silence about AIDS. He speaks of his family and how AIDS has affected his relationship with his three sons.

Stebbo Hill discusses the losses AIDS has brought to his life. He was living happily in a big house that he loved, planning for a career in advertising. Then came AIDS and he lost the house and the career seemed to evaporate. He relates that sometimes he wants to isolate. He has found some solace, however, through his art and through meditation.

John Kappers, seated in a rocking chair in the living room of the house he bought after being diagnosed with AIDS, talks about his career and his family of friends. He is young, attractive, successful and he has AIDS. Part of his response to AIDS is to make changes in his life. He has gone back to school to study nursing. He says, "It's something I've always wanted to do."

Kurt Rahn, through his work with the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS relates that he has found new reasons to live. Before AIDS, he could not picture himself as an activist or as an administrator in a social service environment. Today, those roles are natural to him. He also makes the point that in living with AIDS he believes no one can tell another individual which path is the right one and which one is wrong. Each individual must explore for himself and do that which seems comfortable and right.

A Culture Takes Root

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homosexuality as long as you make it seem so weird that it doesn't look like the chronicle is endorsing the practice.' This presented me with the greatest challenge of my career, which was to write the most matter-of-fact treatment of homosexuality I could muster."

By 1980, straight white America had turned its back on disco, and the music went back to its urban black and gay male roots. Small gay-owned record companies, like the local Megatone and Moby Dick labels, sprung up to satisfy the audience otherwise abandoned by the music industry.

The man who defined the San Francisco disco sound, Patrick Cowley, got his start by working lights for singer Sylvester, who, unlike the Village People, always made a point of his gayness. Sylvester asked the reluctant musician to play synthesizer on "You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real)" and "Dance (Disco Heat)," and the results paid off with a gold album.

When Sylvester moved to an R&B approach, Cowley went solo, and in '81 released the most influential gay club record for the next few years, "Mcnergy." Cowley's style, dubbed hi-NRG, was thought of in America as gay club music. But in England, hi-NRG was pop. As with disco the first



John Kappers (far left) and his "family of friends" enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner in John's new home.

Terry Thomas speaks about his faith in God and how that has brought him to this point in his life. He says service to others is what keeps him going. He talks about the families of people with AIDS, noting that some families are supportive and some are not. He states his belief that they all should be because of how much they are needed.

The overall tone of this production is both positive and hopeful. The subjects emphasize caring for oneself and helping others, preparing for the inevitable losses AIDS brings and continuing to live as full a life as possible in the face of an uncertain future. There's no "mumbo jumbo" here. The practical value of their experience, strength and hope is self-evident.

Though there were a few minor technical difficulties in the first edit, this broadcast quality production should find a wide distribution. In light of the limited budget, the production values are extraordinary. Executive Producer/Interviewer Rebecca Ranson, Director Gary Moss, Producer John Williams and Editor Mark Silverstein have produced a video the viewing of which will benefit many people.

For distribution information on "Promise of Life" contact the SAME office at 584-2104.

hi-NRG hits were by women articulating male desire, such as "Searchin' (I Gotta Find a Man)" sung by Hazell Dean, a lesbian.

Encouraged by the enormous success of gender-bender Boy George and a wave of androgynous techno-poppers, a few openly gay male performers reclaimed hi-NRG as a gay expression, including members of Bronski Beat, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Dead or Alive and Erasure. All had hits.

Cowley didn't live long enough to enjoy the success of his stylistic offspring. He died of AIDS in 1982.

AIDS became an epidemic just as openly gay people in the arts started to get official recognition for their achievements, particularly in theater and film.

Harvey Fierstein and his "Torch Song Trilogy" won Tonys for best play and best actor. Robert Epstein, a young San Franciscan, won an Oscar for his documentary, "The Times of Harvey Milk." Rainer Werner Fassbinder joined the ranks of celebrated filmmakers with "The Marriage of Maria Braun." And Frank Ripplow, another gay German director, challenged the divisions between comedy and pornography with his critically acclaimed "Taxi zum Klo."

AIDS challenged artists to overcome divisions in the community,

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Heart Strings: The National Tour

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HEART STRINGS began in 1985 when Atlantan David Sheppard and a group of concerned members of the Atlanta design community came together in an effort to help co-workers and friends whose lives had been touched by AIDS. Since 1985, HEART STRINGS has raised \$800,000 and made grants to such local organizations as AID Atlanta, the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS, Project Open Hand, the Atlanta Gay Center and SAME.

President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter are the Honorary National Chairpersons of the entire tour. The National Host Committee includes over 30 mayors who will serve as the Honorary Chairpersons in their respective cities.

HEART STRINGS is a musical stage production that conveys important messages of hope, love, empowerment and caring that are woven into the two acts. Approximately half of the 20 members of the HEART STRINGS cast are Atlanta performers. In tour cities, they will be joined by local celebrities, performers, choirs and children. Among the Atlantans who will be touring with the company of HEART STRINGS are Sam Baker, Shilla Benning, Karen Lifshy, Adam Laven McKnight, Jay Montgomery, Waverly T. Lucas, II, Stacia Fernandez, Deedee Nichols and Nena Galreath.

Sam Baker is well known to Atlanta audiences. His extraordinary voice has been a show stopper in productions like SAME's *For Love and For Live*, at many AIDS fundraising events and at Gay Pride celebrations. Outside the lesbian/gay community, he is known for his performance in Gene & Gabe's recent production of *Big Hair and Other Teases* and for his work in various regional theaters.

Shilla Benning studied at Northside School of Performing Arts and at Georgia State

University. Her credits include the television series *In the Heat of the Night*, starring Carroll O'Connor, *The Supreme Group* in Barcelona, Spain and the national and international touring companies of *Mama I Want to Sing*.

Karen Lifshy is an actress/dancer/singer who has toured with Walt Disney Production's *Mousetrice*, in which she played Minnie Mouse. She has starred in commercials, industrials and a long list of acclaimed regional theaters. She also performed in HEART STRINGS in 1988.

Adam Laven McKnight starred in *Amnesty International '88 - Symphony Hall*, as well as HEART STRINGS, A Revival. Mr. McKnight is an actor/singer/song writer. He has performed in major productions of *Bubbling Brown Sugar*, *Black Nativity*, *Eubie and Sweet Auburn*. His credits also include *Star Search '88* and the 1988 Democratic National Convention.

Jay Montgomery is from Union City, Georgia. Mr. Montgomery sang with The Atlanta Opera this summer in the company of *L a Traviata* and as the Officer in *The Barber of Seville*. Other recent productions include *Che* in Onstage Atlanta's production of *Evita* and *Jasper* in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* at Neighborhood Playhouse.

Waverly Lucas is a former member of the Dance Theatre of Harlem and the Atlanta Ballet. He has done guest performances for Dance Detroit, The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and had a leading role in the *Nutcracker* for the City Ballet of Houston. Mr. Lucas toured extensively with the Dance Theatre of Harlem through Europe and the Soviet Union, and was awarded the Princess Grace Scholarship from their school.

Stacia Fernandez received a Bachelor of Music Education from Georgia State University. Her credits include productions of *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Same Time Next Year*, *I Do I Do*, *Carnival* and *Damn Yankees*, from acclaimed theaters and



Atlanta performers Liz Spraggens and Robert Strickland tune up for Heart Strings' 1989 national tour.

companies such as Theatre of the Stars, The Fox, Peachtree City Theatre, Alliance Theatre and Atlanta Music Theatre.

Deedee Nichols performed in HEART STRINGS, A Revival. She has an extensive background in television and other theater. She was on *Noonday* on Atlanta's WXIA, and *PM Magazine* for the same station. She was also in *Kids Just Want to Have Fun* with Bill Cosby for PBS.

Nena Galreath received her BFA in dance from North Carolina School of the Arts. She joined the Ruth Mitchell Dance Company in Atlanta and later, joined the Dance Theatre of Harlem where she appeared in such ballets as *Stars and Stripes* and *Swan Lake*, and later toured the U.S. and Europe. She appeared in the television movie *Creole Giselle* for NBC. She is giving up a season with the Atlanta Ballet to join the HEART STRINGS tour.

The first HEART STRINGS raised \$120,000 in 1986. In 1987, the revival raised \$266,000. Corporate sponsors have jumped from 7 to 88. The 1989 Atlanta production is expected to raise \$500,000. Proceeds from HEART STRINGS in Atlanta will go to the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation, Inc., to identify and fund organizations that support critically needed preventive AIDS education and direct care services to people with AIDS and their families. A total of 85 percent of the proceeds from each event on the national tour will remain in the tour community; 15 percent will go into a national pool, available to communities not on the tour circuit and to national AIDS programs.

Tickets for the Sept. 17 showing of HEART STRINGS at the Fox Theatre start at \$25. Tickets are available at the Fox (881-2000) and all SEATS outlets.



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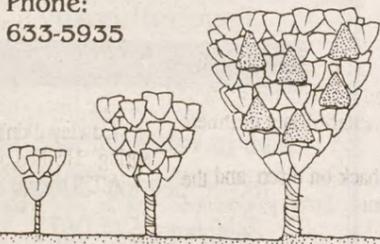
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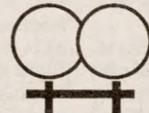
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A Culture Takes Root

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Village People

become activists and continue their work while facing the possibility of an early death. Maupin responded by having one of his characters die from AIDS. But, with few exceptions, the subject was avoided.

The most acclaimed gay literature of the early-to-mid '80s, such as Edmund White's "A Boy's Own Story," was set in the pre-AIDS past. The biggest gay club hit in the summer of 1983 was Miquel Brown's "So Many Men, So Little Time," a celebration of promiscuity entirely without irony. Gay culture was suddenly out of touch with the present and in a state of shock.

Larry Kramer was the first important figure to make AIDS activism a part of his art. He started Gay Men's Health Crisis, a New York-based organization created to spread what little AIDS information there was. Kramer's 1985 play, "The Normal Heart," was lifted almost directly from his life: It told how a writer became an AIDS activist, met opposition everywhere and watched his friends die. Another play dealing with AIDS, William Hoffman's "As Is," appeared around the same time and became a Broadway hit. Released the same year, Arthur J. Bressan Jr.'s "Buddies" was the first fiction film to deal with AIDS.

The irony of AIDS is that although it is a disease that has been transmitted in America primarily through sex among gay men, the epidemic is forcing straights to conquer a fear of sexual difference. Homophobia is as rampant as ever, but the media is now beginning to take an interest in gay culture that goes beyond androgyny and disco.

Dance music remains the area of popular culture most affected by gay influence — gay books and movies still aren't as successful in the mainstream as gay pop groups; gay-themed plays have regional, not national followings; gay art and photography superstars like Keith Haring and Robert Mapplethorpe reach the mainstream only with their least sexually explicit work. Yet there are indications that the assimilation of the '70s and '80s will accelerate in the '90s.

The division between straight and gay cultures is dissolving in proportion to the increase in gay civil rights. Celebrities like Elizabeth Taylor have shown that it's right to care about the lives of people with AIDS. The rock world, as the recent "In Concert Against AIDS" series proved, is beginning to catch up with other popular arts. AIDS has become a kind of litmus test for gay acceptance.

Lesbians are now in the same early stages of reaching the main-

stream as gay men were in the early '70s. But many of the new lesbian novelists, filmmakers and comics have what it takes to garner mainstream success without compromising their lesbian identity; their sexual candor is among the things that make them good, and one need not be a lesbian to enjoy them.

More tellingly, women's music has finally found its pop reflection. The last two years have brought a wave of female vocalists with an androgyny that comes from lesbian iconography in the same way that David Bowie and the glitter rockers flirted with gay male iconography. Many of the new female singers with strong images — Tracy Chapman, Melissa Etheridge, Sinéad O'Connor, Michelle Shocked, Toni Childs, K.T. Oslin and k.d. lang — were nominated for Grammys this year, and most of them won.

Like several gay male singers, the new female vocalists, both straight and gay, generally avoid both gender-specific love objects in their songs and discussing their sexuality. These entertainers want to keep the pop audience they've won. But many of the women at their concerts are lesbian, a new phenomenon outside the women's music ghetto.

Other acts, such as Phranc and 2 Nice Girls, are up-front lesbians. But the spirit of their music is closer to that of eccentric straight rock women than to women's music. And they attract mixed audiences.

"Our world view is not about separatism," explains Kathy Komiloff of 2 Nice Girls. "Lesbians can't be off in their own camp and make much of a change."

"We never wanted to be perceived as women's music," says fellow Girl Gretchen Phillips. "We don't want to be found only in the specialty bin at the record store. We want to be in your face."

The new gay writers share the same world view as the gay rockers. They too are starting to reach wide audiences, both straight and gay. The most successful young writer, David Leavitt, has had short stories and articles published in the New Yorker, Harper's and Esquire.

"I'm the guppie," says Leavitt, whose next book will be a nonfiction work about AIDS activism. "I'm the one the gay press hates. I went to Yale. I started out at the New Yorker and Knopf. I didn't go through the whole small gay-press thing. I never wanted to. I think things were initially easy for me because there was a need culturally for a new young gay writer whom the mainstream would embrace just so they could say, 'Look, we aren't homophobic. We love X.'"

The influence of gay blacks is also penetrating the mainstream, particularly in R&B and dance music. Many of the biggest black pop performers, both male and female, are gay. Although they remain in the closet, several have been active in AIDS fund raising.

House music, currently the club sound of choice, has its origins on the black gay dance floors of Chicago and New York. Like hi-NRG, house music has been immensely popular across the Atlantic, particularly in England. On a recent British TV documentary on the history of gay disco, Pet Shop Boys singer Neil Tennant went so far as to say, "British pop is gay music."

This overlap is only healthy. As the artistic gay influence on popular culture grows more pervasive, the question remains whether it will be recognized as gay. Will those who bring it into the mainstream be out? One can only hope that the renewed emphasis on both humor and activism will encourage those now peeking out of the closet. As Phranc, one of the latest lesbian pop singers, puts it, "I can wear my combat boots and still be a girl."

On the "David Letterman Show," comedian Sandra Bernhard and pop sex icon Madonna are behaving like two of the most blatant dykes ever to hit TV. Showing up in matching outfits, the pair are clutching each other, giggling and insinuating intimacy — or at least a high-camp imitation. They mention frequenting New York's famed lesbian bar, the Cubby Hole, as if it were as ordinary as hanging out at the 7-Eleven. Times have changed.

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The Hollywood Closet

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"Desert Hearts," "Lianna," "Maurice," "Torch Song Trilogy") fall into. Preaching doesn't convert bigots, but it may bore the rest of the audience to death.

"We need to see films in which lesbian characters are dealing with issues other than being lesbian," says Lawler of the American Film Institute.

Marc Huestis — whose "Whatever Happened to Susan Jane?" and "Chuck Solomon: Coming of Age" are practically capsule summations of gay San Francisco in the age of parties and then in the age of AIDS — yearns, like a lot of gay moviegoers, for more complexity than we've been getting.

"Not everything has to be positively drawn," he says. "Those images we once reacted so violently against — 'The Boys in the Band' and 'The Killing of Sister George' — are more honest than some of the stuff that gets presented now."

The deeper problem is that the industry doesn't believe there's a gay market because it has never tapped it.

"There's no conspiracy," Lawler insists. "There's no movement trying to keep lesbians and gay men down. They'll make any movie they think will make money."

But gay filmmakers, working independently, will have to prove there's an audience first. (Black filmmaker Spike Lee is paradigmatic:

"She's Gotta Have It," which he made for less than \$200,000, hit it big enough to get him backing from Columbia for his next project.)

Meanwhile, the industry is being pressured to put more lesbian and gay characters in scripts, and to get some of the worst homophobia — like the constant repetition of the word "faggot" — off the screen.

Pressure works.

"We protested 'Cruising,'" Dale Reynolds remembers. "They ignored us, but the next time round the producer called us and said, 'We'd like to hear from you on our next project.'" Now it's not uncommon for scripts to get run past the Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Artists for content review.

The question of a "gay sensibility" — which is usually interpreted to mean camp — is trickier, since so much of what comes out of Hollywood is campy simply by virtue of its ineptitude.

Still, a listing of all the gay people who have worked in Hollywood — on every level, from leading ladies to studio heads — would fill several volumes. And yet a homosexual character on screen is still an event.

But consider the history of the industry: It was founded by Jews, and it would take another several volumes to list the thousands of Jews who shaped it. During the '20s and '30s, all but one of the major studios were headed by Jews. And these studios invented a movie America that was practically devoid of Jews. They gave the public the white-bread America they thought it would buy. They still do.

Is there a public out there for lesbian and gay material? The executives are still waiting to be convinced.



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Barry Le Va: 1966-1988. Tuesday, September 5 through October 29. This display explores the evolution of this major American sculptor from scattered pieces of felt to multi-level mazes of mahogany, aluminum, and hydrastone. Features five installations and 75 drawings. High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree Street. Call 881-0452 for details.

ART AT THE EDGE: Ida Applebroog. Tuesday, September 12th through October 29th. This show is the first one-person exhibition in the Southeast of Applebroog, a major American painter whose art addresses social issues of the late 20th century—alienation, violence, racism, feminism, and aging. High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree Street. Call 881-0452 for details.



Josephine Baker stars in "Zou Zou" at the High Museum of Art Rich Auditorium on Sat., Sept. 9 at 8 pm. 881-0452. French with English subtitles.

Bars

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GAY GAMES '90 FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE. Saturday, September 9. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. To raise money to send Atlanta athletes to the Gay Games in Vancouver next August. Deana's One Mo Time, 1890 Cheshire Bridge Rd.

"SHAKIN' THE MESS OUTA MISERY" Wednesday, September 13. Proceeds to benefit the National Black Women's Health Project. Shay Youngblood's play is about a young black girl's coming of age in the Sixties, and the profound influences the eight women who raised her had upon her life. Horizon Theatre Company. 8:00 p.m. \$12. For more information, call 753-0916.

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LITTLE 5 POINTS PUB. Thursday, August 31. Abstract plexiglass and other sculptures by Atlantan Scott Norton. Hours are 12:00 p.m. til 12:00 a.m.

SANDLER HUDSON GALLERY. Thursday, August 31. "By The Pool" - an exhibit by a group of gallery artists within a pool theme. Hours are 10:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m. 1831-A Peachtree Road. Call 350-8480.

AXIS TWENTY, INC. Through Friday, September 1. An exhibition of art/furniture by Gordon Chandler, Dick Wickman and Neil Goodman. 22B East Andrews Drive. Call 261-4022.

ORIGINAL WORKS OF LOCAL ARTISTS. Judith Malotte, Martha Bator, and Jane O. Routon are currently being shown through September at Maison Gourmet Restaurant. New selections by the artists and the addition of two new artists will be shown over the next three months. Classical piano music nightly. Maison Gourmet Restaurant. Lindberg Plaza Shopping Center. Call 231-8552 for reservations.



Butterfly (Nikki L. Hartlieb) and Pinkerton (Allan Glasman) dream of the future while a concerned Sharpless (James M. McGuire) looks on in the Atlanta Opera's production of "Madame Butterfly." Aug. 31, Sept. 2 & 4 at Symphony Hall. 8 pm. 355-3311.

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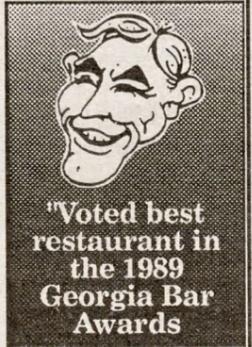
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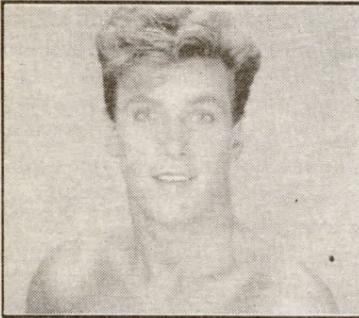
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LATIN AMERICAN CURRENTS: "Sugar Cane Alley". Friday, September 8. Set in Martinique in 1931, Euzhan Palcy's bittersweet and moving film follows the coming of age story of a bright, sweetly opportunistic black boy caught between is shanty-town roots and the educational opportunities of the big city. High Museum of Art, Rich Auditorium, 1280 Peachtree Street. \$3 & \$2. 8:00 p.m. Call 881-0452.

JOSEPHINE BAKER REDISCOVERED: "Zou Zou". Saturday, September 9. A temperamental musical star walks out opening night, leaving the stage wide open for laundress Zou Zou (Baker) to step in, save the show and become an overnight sensation. French with English subtitles. High Museum of Art, Rich Auditorium, 1280 Peachtree Street. \$3 & \$2. 8:00 p.m. Call 881-0452.

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GAY GAMES '90. Tuesday, September 5. Registration and info on the Gay Games to be held in Vancouver in August, 1990. Come and join a team or sign up for an individual sport. 7:00 p.m. 908 Penn Ave. 875-0700 for more info.

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FEMINIST ASTROLOGER. Thursday, September 14. Mary Bailey-Rule will discuss the astrological and metaphysical aspects of the Autumn Equinox. The evening will conclude with a Visualization so bring a small personal object or stone. Charis Books & More, 419 Moreland Avenue. 7:30 p.m. 524-0304.

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DON HENLEY. Friday, September 2 with guests Edie Brickell & New Bohemians. \$21.50, reserved; \$17.50 on the green. Lakewood Amphitheatre. Call 627-5700.

BOINK DEE DEEK. Thursday, September 7. Join Michelle Martin, Dede Vogt and the lovely Simone as they lay down some sounds. Trackside Cafe, Emory Village.

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JAZZ SPECIAL. Sunday, September 10. Penelope Williams Trio, Bill Hammond & His Trio and a special guest appearance by Hji'o'shi Maurice. High Museum of Art, Rich Auditorium. 1280 Peachtree Street. \$8, advance; \$10 at the door. 7:30 p.m.

JASON & THE SCORCHERS. Tuesday, September 12. Rockabilly at its alleged finest. Center Stage Theatre. 1374 West Peachtree Street. 8:30 p.m. \$12.50.

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AIDS AGENCIES STRUGGLING TO COPE

Loss of Leadership, Stagnating Funds, Decreasing Volunteers and Inter-Agency Tensions Impact Nation's Agencies

by Keith Clark

Part 3 of a 3-part series

The immediate question, now that cracks in the San Francisco model have begun to appear, is where the some 200 AIDS agencies there and the estimated 6,000 agencies throughout the United States are headed next and how do they get there?

A second question lurking behind it is whether the agencies can find solutions to their growing problems fast enough. With the current number of PWAs estimated nationally at 42,000 and waiting lists for services a growing problem at agencies everywhere, how are existing agencies going to cope with recent U.S. General Accounting Office estimates that by 1991 there may be as many as 485,000 PWAs in this country? Even greater cooperation, increasing government funds, and paring down administrative overhead together hardly seem likely to offer answers in the face of such staggering figures.

Among the agencies that make up the San Francisco model, no one can say for sure how such problems can be dealt with. But an important first step taken recently by Shanti and some 50 other agencies in the regional clearinghouse known as the AIDS Service Providers Association (ASPA) of the Bay Area, is looking at cooperative efforts (among other things) in outreach to volunteers and help with funding for member groups. Out of a mid-June meeting of the agencies came a set of task forces that will look at proposals in these two critical areas and report back in September with recommendations.

'AIDS CONSORTIUMS'

Both Atlanta and Miami, unlike other American cities, have felt no real shortage of volunteers. The reason for their success may come from their outreach to both the mainstream heterosexual population as well as to other minority groups. But an alternate and far less appealing explanation is that Atlanta, Miami and some other cities just haven't begun to feel the volunteer pinch yet.

The divisiveness that has erupted in Miami over distribution of funds is disturbing, especially in light of the recent Shanti-ASPA proposal in San Francisco. But for Torie Osborn of the Los Angeles Gay/Lesbian Community Services Center, the issue isn't whether or not similar AIDS coalitions or consortiums should or should not be a goal. For her the only question is what can San Francisco, Los Angeles and other agencies around the country learn from Miami's experience. "In Los Angeles," she said, "we've begun developing strategies to build a coalition or consortium of AIDS agencies.

Sure, the first pioneers are going to make mistakes, but I can see no alternative."

Osborn may well be right.

As federal, state and local money become increasingly important to larger agencies, centralizing redundant administrative functions in the growing AIDS service industry may be necessary simply to survive in the complex maze of government funding requirements. Concern over the 1989 \$1.3 billion federal AIDS budget is increasingly focusing on duplication of services, quality of services, and efficiency in getting dollars into direct services rather than eaten up by administrative overhead.

The Shanti-ASPA proposal for a San Francisco regional agency to handle volunteer recruitment and major funding resources, and the coalition-building going on in Los Angeles suggest a direction agencies may well take nationally in the next year or two. New York's two-year old Committee for AIDS Funding, which currently plays an advocacy role in lobbying the city health department for funds in specific areas, is further evidence that at least in many of our cities, agencies are increasingly finding cooperative efforts in the area of funding not only desirable but absolutely essential for survival.

While Miami struggles to overcome the controversy that has beset it, and as New York and Los Angeles look more toward coalitions and cooperative efforts, the direction the San Francisco model takes in volunteer recruitment and funding will be of vital interest. As AIDS agencies enter this new stage in their growth and grapple

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with problems that always accompany change, the Shanti-ASPA proposals may point to ways some of these problems can be addressed around the country.

Although no idea can be transplanted wholesale from one city to another, how the San Francisco model copes with this new phase, particularly the kinds of explosive inter-agency issues that have erupted in Miami, is going to be closely looked at from Manhattan to Manhattan Beach for potential problems and possible solutions.

The *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Miami Herald* and other newspapers have reported recently on a "crisis" among AIDS agencies locally and around the country. No one denies there are enormous and complex problems. The question is whether the problems represent a crisis or are part of the transition agencies have to face as they've grown from "mom and pop" grass-roots operations to large multi-million dollar operations in a few short years.

As one San Francisco agency worker put it, "A problem is only a crisis if it's not addressed and not solved. If you figure out how to handle it, it's called a 'triumph'."

FDA Says To Stop Testing Of Compound Q

by Keith Clark

San Francisco-The Food and Drug Administration has formally asked the San Francisco-based Project Inform to stop its unauthorized tests of the experimental new AIDS drug, Compound Q.

In a letter to Project Inform's Martin Delaney, Dr. Carl C. Peck, director of the FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research in Bethesda, MD, asked the group to discontinue its community-based testing of the drug trichosanthin, a chemically pure derivative of the Chinese cucumber plant, also known as GLQ-223 in its synthetic form. The letter comes about six weeks after reports of the Project Inform tests broke in the national media following the death of one patient involved in the trials.

The Project Inform tests, involving some 60 volunteer patients with AIDS in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Ft. Lauderdale/Miami, and New York, are still under a formal inquiry by FDA investigators.

Peck's letter states the group "should discontinue any further unapproved experimentation" with Compound Q and "not initiate any new use" without FDA approval. It is the first formal reaction from the FDA to the Project Inform trials of the drug which has been shown in test tubes to selectively kill cells infected with HIV, the virus generally believed to cause AIDS. Project Inform began its own Compound Q testing program in April because they said the FDA-approved trials would take too long.

As part of the program, volunteers who had been diagnosed with AIDS were given doses of the drug, which Project Inform had arranged to be brought into this country from China in its purified form. Nine physicians involved in the testing program in four cities then administered the drug. When one patient, Robert Parr, died from aspiration pneumonia, news of the trials became public and the FDA began its investigation of both the death and the Project Inform tests.

Delaney said the letter represented "a victory" for the group because it was not an FDA "order" to stop the tests. "I read this as an opinion," Delaney said. "In any case, it's a moot point since the treatment phase has been over for some time." Delaney said patients are no longer receiving the drug and that physicians involved in the trials are currently trying to determine whether the drug has helped them.

Peck's letter to Project Inform also held out the possibility of the AIDS advocacy group being involved in some way in future FDA-approved community-based testing programs of the drug.

"We stand ready," Peck's letter says, "to meet immediately with Project Inform trichosanthin investigators and possibly representatives from the manufacturer." The drug is being synthetically developed by Genelabs Inc. of Redwood City, California, and is now undergoing FDA-approved toxicity testing at San Francisco General Hospital.

"We're pleased about the FDA suggestion," Delaney said. "It gives us an opportunity to have contact with Genelabs. The solution is for us all to come to the table together."

Delaney said he would be meeting with FDA officials in early September at which time Project Inform will present the agency with the results of its findings in the controversial testing program.



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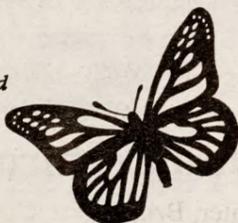
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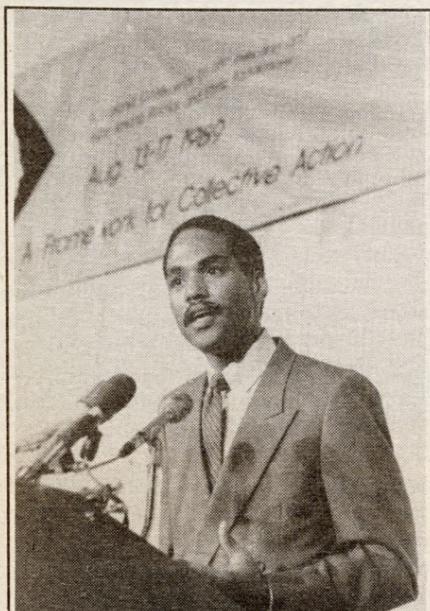
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Conference on AIDS and Minorities Marked By Anger and Frustration

by Jim Marks

The 2,000 people attending the third annual conference on AIDS and minorities, held in Washington, D.C. August 13-17 face a problem significantly different from that faced by the white community. For them, the epidemic is more widespread: African- and Hispanic-Americans make up under 20 percent of the American population, but constitute over 40 percent of the reported AIDS cases. Seventy-five percent of women with AIDS are black and Hispanic. In both black and Hispanic communities, exposure to AIDS is roughly equally divided between homosexual/bisexual contact, and IV drug use. When AIDS



JIM MARKS

L.A. AIDS Activist Phill Wilson at the Minority AIDS Conference

hit, white gays had nearly 15 years experience in community development and organization, while black, Hispanic and other minority gay populations had only begun creating gay organizations.

Consequently, the mood of gays and lesbians at the conference was a mixture of elation, anger and frustration.

The elation came from a sense of being a recognized part of the proceedings. Gays made up the bulk of the panelists at two out of the six general sessions. Several gays, such as San Francisco's Brandy Moore, an aide to California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, played prominent leadership roles.

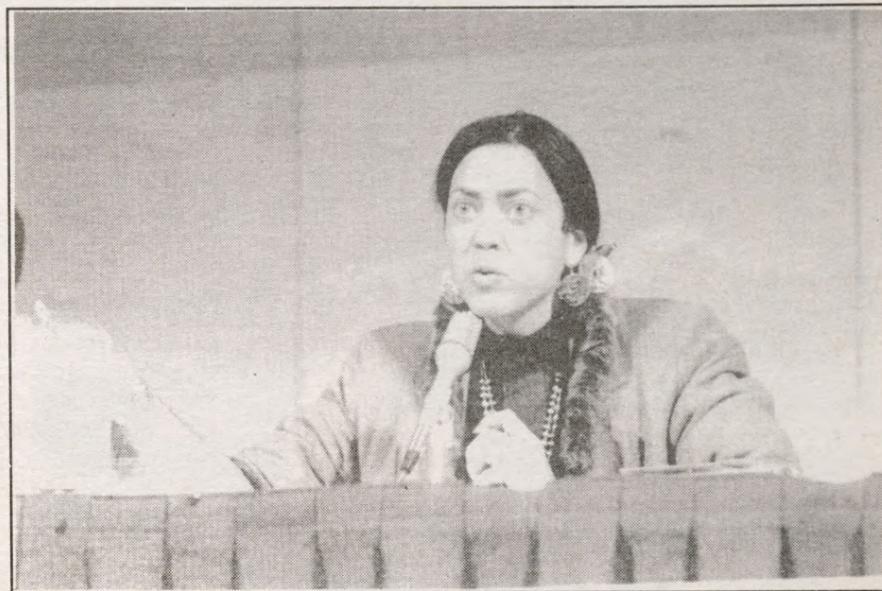
Harold Robinson, a black gay AIDS activist in New York City, talked about how much more inclusive of gays this conference had been over the previous two.

Yet there was a great deal of anger as well. San Francisco Black gay AIDS activist Reggie Williams was walking to an interview when a group of black gays—Larry Saxxon from Oakland, CA, Len Green of New Orleans and James Chapman of Columbus, Ohio—stopped him to discuss the main source of that anger: the lack of significant outreach to gay people by "mainstream" black organizations, who have received the overwhelming majority of funding for AIDS prevention and education. It was a sentiment earlier expressed in a general session "Living with AIDS," when Lauren Lauriano, a gay Hispanic man from Miami, issued a stern warning: "To those opposing us: we know who you are and we will hold you accountable."

Underneath the elation and the anger, however, was a sense of the desperate situation that daily grows more desperate. "I did some work recently on Puerto Rico," said Venus Medina, a Latina working with the CDC in Atlanta. "The numbers were just horrible. I don't see any end to it."

Among the various panels, the most interesting, and easily the most entertaining, was the general session on sexuality, which featured three gay men—John Peterson, Terry Tafoya and Brad Bagasao—and Hortensia Amaro, a non-gay Hispanic woman. The session was dominated by the showmanship and intellectual brilliance of Tafoya, a native American. He used a brief slide show to demonstrate how perceptions are conditioned by our mental preconceptions. A half dozen or so slides were of native Americans, whose gender nearly everyone in the hall misidentified. "Man or woman?" Tafoya asked. "Woman," people vocalized all over the room. "That's me at age 14," he said, quickly moving on to the next image. He concluded with a list of "male" and "female" attributes, then noted that they in fact had little to do with gender, but much with dominant and submissive roles.

Tafoya's discussion of the importance of underlying cultural perceptions fit in particularly well with Bagasao's observation that in Filipino culture, homosexuals are considered extremely effeminate, and so mascu-



JIM MARKS

Native American Activist Terry Tafoya

line-identified and acting gay men (like himself) simply don't exist. Even though his family knows he is homosexual, his relatives keep trying to find a nice girl for him to marry. It also supported Amaro's observation about the danger our culture creates for women in the "mixed messages" it sends them: young women are bombarded with images of women as sexual beings, she noted, while at the same time social norms tell them they are not to plan for sexuality. "We hold young women responsible for becoming pregnant," she said, "while at the same time tell them they are not supposed to do anything about it."

Behind the five days of discussion and debate, there was a real sense of urgency. The core of the sexuality panel, and of much of the conference as a whole, was a recognition that, as Bagasao said, simply translating AIDS programs for whites into Spanish or black English simply didn't work. "You have to recraft and redraft [those programs] in the language of the culture," he said. It

makes no sense to direct AIDS programs primarily at "gays," for instance, if many of those engaging in risky sexual behavior simply don't perceive themselves as gay.

But that was, Bagasao added, only a start. "It is possible to drown in cultural sensitivity," he said. "You have to be prepared to break the culture's rules, if necessary." The point was nicely illustrated in an exchange at the sexuality panel between John Peterson and Terry Tafoya. Peterson found Tafoya's discussion intellectually interesting, but questioned its practical usefulness. "If I talk to the brothers about an Indian 'third sex,' they'll just look at you like 'what is this fool talking about?'" Tafoya riposted by quoting Mark Twain ("if it is permissible to quote a white man") that "Loyalty to fossilized opinion has never broken a chain or freed a soul." He seemed to sum up a conference consensus, that in combating AIDS in the minority community, business as usual was no longer enough.

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Ruling Planets

August 31 through September 13, 1989
by Mary Bailey-Rule

The Sun and the Moon in Virgo will create a partial solar, early Thursday, August 31. This tends to intensify the effect of the New Moon. The theme for the next two weeks is to create a better state of health and well-being for yourself.



ARIES - Mercury and Venus are both in your 7th house of personal relationships, so you may find it easier to communicate your feelings and sentiments.



TAURUS - The Sun in Virgo is in a trine aspect to your sun sign creating opportunities for creative expression and fun, as well as enhancing your self-esteem.



GEMINI - The Sun is in your 7th house of personal relationships making this a good time to be with close friends. Plan a special evening with someone you love.



CANCER - Use the expansive energy of Jupiter your 1st house and the aspects of Saturn, Neptune and Uranus in your 7th to enhance your relationships by acting on your dreams.



LEO - With the Sun in your 2nd house of personal resources you may want to invest in a new car or home, or make what you have more comfortable. Let others know your needs.



VIRGO - This is your month to shine and enjoy the fruits of your labors. Plan for play time and relaxation. You've earned it! Have a wonderful birthday.



LIBRA - With Mercury and Venus in your 1st house your grace, charm and wit are enhanced, so make the most of social events while leaving time to enjoy your own company.



SCORPIO - With the Sun in your 11th house, you can benefit from giving time to your favorite cause or charity. Solutions to difficulties may come through your dreams.



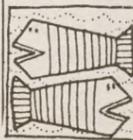
SAGITTARIUS - If your career path isn't exactly what you want, use this time to explore your needs and interests as they may have changed. You really can have what you want.



CAPRICORN - With Mercury and Venus in your 10th house of status and career, you may find openings for advancement where you least expect. Start by checking with friends.



AQUARIUS - Your 10th house of learning and travel is activated by Mercury and Venus, so you might find a journey or a spiritually oriented class very renewing.

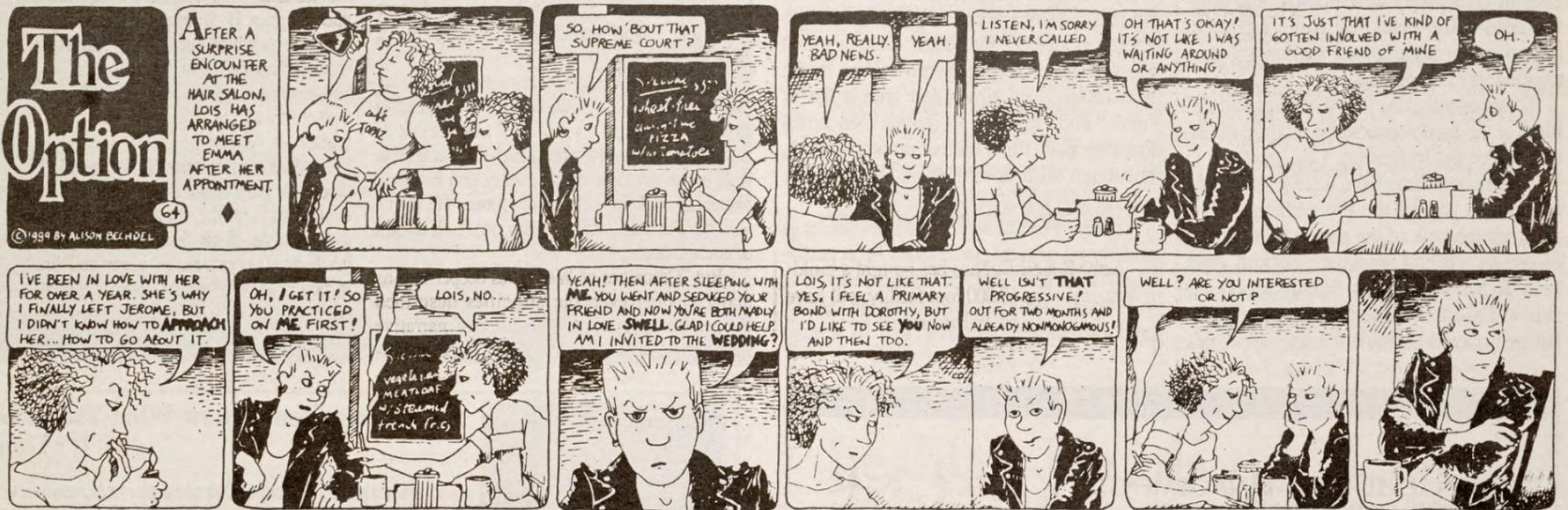


PISCES - Use the trine with Jupiter in Cancer to find new outlets for your creativity and spend your time with people who are developing an abundant and interesting life.

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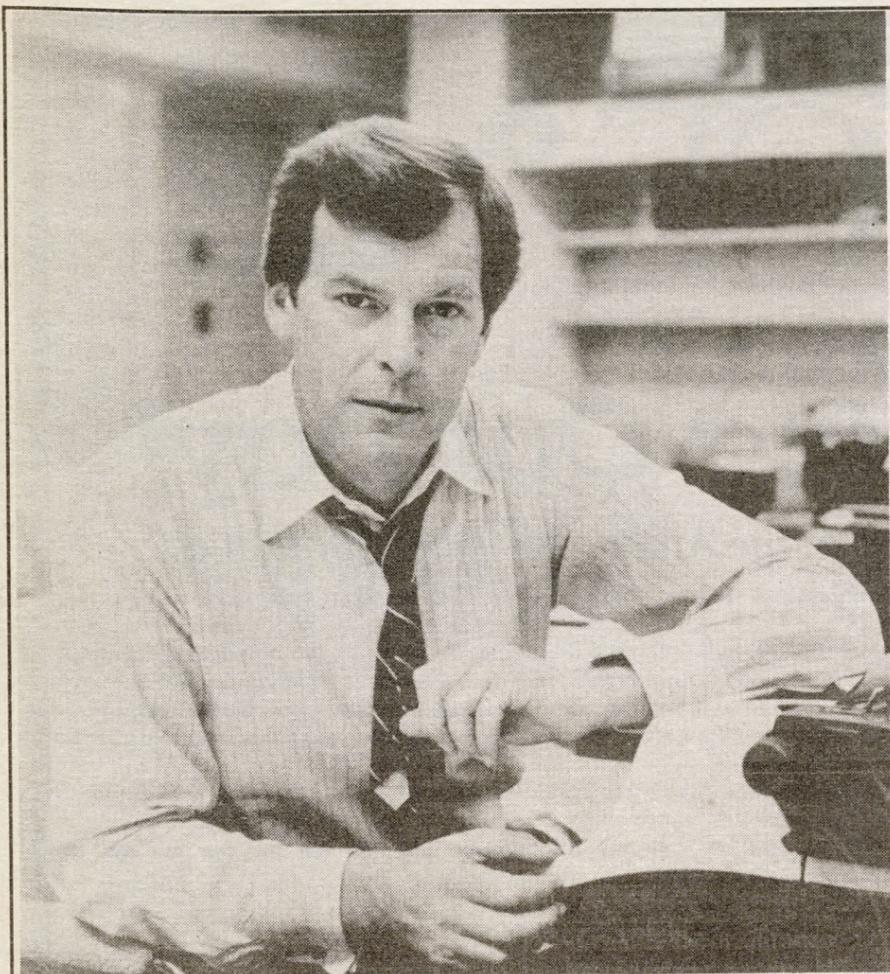
Dykes to Watch Out For



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Million Dollar Drop Out

When Peter Jennings speaks, people listen. But the million-dollar ABC anchorman says his success is more the result of what God gave him, than of his dedication to learning. In a recent interview with *Esquire Magazine* the Canadian newsman revealed he dropped out of high school in the tenth grade and confessed that his resume's mention of Carlton University really means he went to Carlton night school for one week. Jennings humbly admitted his good looks and voice have made his career. Okay, so he's not perfect.

Yes, Sir, Ma'am!

There's another voice commanding respect these days at West Point. On the first day of the academic year the new captain of the Corps of Cadets at West Point faced a mob of reporters after leading the regiment on a 13-mile march from a training site to West Point. The new head of the 4,400 cadets is 112-pound, 5-foot-4-inch Kristin Baker, the first woman in the institution's 187 years to hold the position. Despite the feat, Baker, 21, warned, "This is just a small part of what I'm going to do in the future." Remember that name: Kristin Baker.

Tinkerbell Saved

If Peter Pan had been there, he certainly would have helped, but this time it was a job for the British Navy. Tinkerbell, a pregnant cow in Southwestern England strayed a little too far from home and slid 60 feet off a cliff top. When her owner was alerted by the fishermen who saw poor Tinkerbell, he came down and spent the night with her while coastguards tried to save her. But the job called for urgent action as the tide began to come in. That's when the British Navy was called to the rescue. A handsome hero was hoisted down by helicopter to attach a cable to the cow, and Tinkerbell was lifted back to safety. Long live the queen!

Star Gazing in New York

For a better view, the place to be is New York. Actor Robert DeNiro has bought a building in lower Manhattan for his new production company. The 60,000 foot facility will have state of the art equipment, but the real entertainment will likely be on the ground floor. The first floor will house the Tribeca Bar and Grill, backed by DeNiro and his pals, including Mikhail Baryshnikov, Sean Penn, Christopher Walken, Bill Murray and others.

-F.G.

Film Review

"Casualties of War"

by Terry Francis

In "Casualties of War" Sean Penn plays an army sergeant named Meserve who abducts a Vietnamese girl in the middle of the night to serve as "portable R&R" for his men during an extended and dangerous reconnaissance mission deep in the southeast Asian jungles.

The film is based on fact. "Casualties of War" is a recreation of the stunning matters noted above and a contemplation of their aftermath, as they were first reported by Daniel Lang in *The New Yorker* (October 18, 1969). It is a piercing, sorrowful piece of work. There are reports that some women have walked out of theatres where the film is playing, due to the intensity of De Palma's rendering of the film's subject matter.

This reaction is understandable, I think, but it is also a pity: "Casualties of War" goes a long way toward exposing the virulence of machismo and how under certain conditions it can collapse into murderous rage. And, by extension, the film dramatizes the process by which such behavior can be officially condoned, shedding light on the corruption of the system itself and the ethics of the people who run it.

The film asks what kind of view America can have of itself and how can America be adequately defined after even partially condoning the events depicted in this film.

But then I was reminded of comments made by two Americans highly regarded at about the same time that Meserve and his squadron felt justified in committing the crimes shown in the film:

"Throughout the war in Vietnam, the United States has exercised a degree of restraint unprecedented in the annals of war" (Richard Nixon); and "The Oriental doesn't put the same high price on life as does the Westerner. Life is cheap in the Orient" (General Westmoreland).

"Casualties of War," which embodies the scorn and falsity of both of those remarks, concerns a Vietnam vet named Eriksson (Michael J. Fox) whose mind aches with memories of the abduction, rape and eventual murder of a Vietnamese girl named Oahn.

Eriksson, the only member of the squad who refused to rape Oahn and who told Sergeant Meserve that what he was doing was a crime, now lives with the guilt that had he acted more quickly to escape with Oahn, she might still be alive today.

Eriksson's predicament was a prodigious one. Previously Meserve had saved his life, and to escape with the girl could have been viewed as desertion. But in retrospect, such doubts pale in light of the outcome of the events, and Eriksson blames himself for not acting sooner. He seems to believe that his lack of action was itself a form of collaboration.

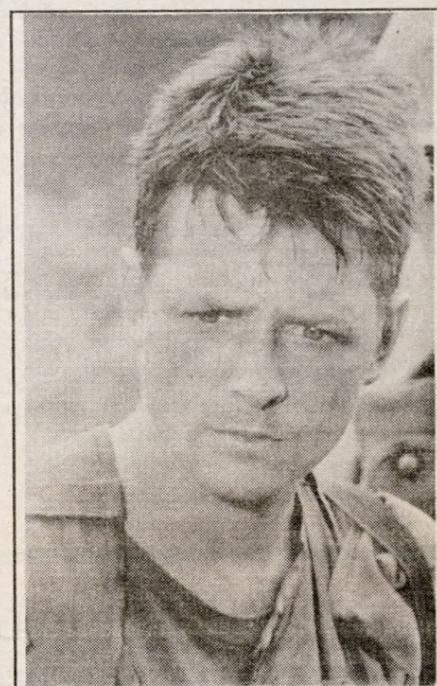
But "Casualties of War" goes deeper into its material than even the atrocities described above. In a daring combination of narrative shorthand and an evocatively stylized performance by Sean Penn, the film detects and renders the events which can turn an artisan soldier like Meserve into a man whose morality bottoms

out completely.

The character of Meserve is deftly developed. Early on we see that though Meserve's attitudes toward women appear to have risen from a stagnant pool of misogyny, he is a man capable of feeling.

The decision to abduct Oahn comes after Meserve and his squad are denied passes into town for a night of booze and whoring. Meserve is hysterically maddened by the fact that obviously the prostitutes he had shaved for are entertaining Viet Cong. As an echo of his rage, after kidnapping Oahn for the "portable R&R," he conveniently labels her a Viet Cong whore.

De Palma further links Meserve and his men's atrocity with the venom of another kind of moral bankruptcy—bigotry. When Eriksson refuses to rape Oahn, he is dependably labeled a "queer" and a "faggot." De Palma shows the interrelation between both forms of moral breakdown.



Michael J. Fox as Eriksson in "Casualties of War"

The making of this film is masterly. De Palma ("The Untouchables," "Blow Out") is the most brilliant visual storyteller in American movies today. He and his sterling cinematographer Stephen H. Burum have devised technical methods by which one can see with equal clarity what is happening in the different planes of a composition, so that the interrelated actions of several characters are captured within a single frame.

As Eriksson, Michael J. Fox gives an entirely creditable performance as a man whose being is evoked through the weights of his silences and the reactions of his face. Penn registers anger, grief, disillusionment, swagger and finally evil in purely focused distillations of human experience. Whatever his well-publicized private life may have cost him in terms of personal happiness, his gifts as an actor are extravagant. Like the concussive "Casualties of War," Penn acts from his soul. This is a great movie.

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I am aware that my name will be used in an advertisement by Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations (MACGLO) on October 11, 1989 in the Atlanta Journal/Constitution to celebrate NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY. I am familiar with MACGLO, approve the use of my name in their ad and attest the name to be printed is my own as evidenced by my signature below:

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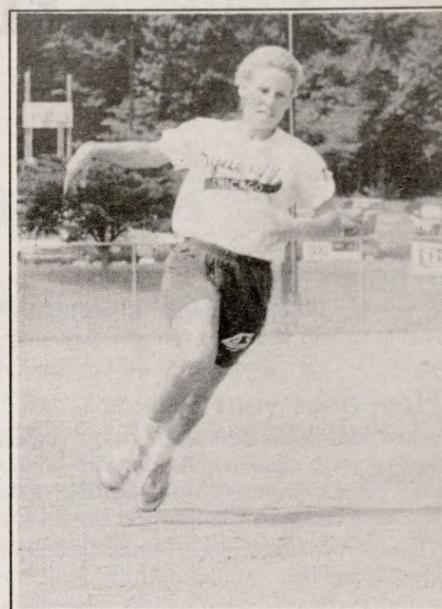
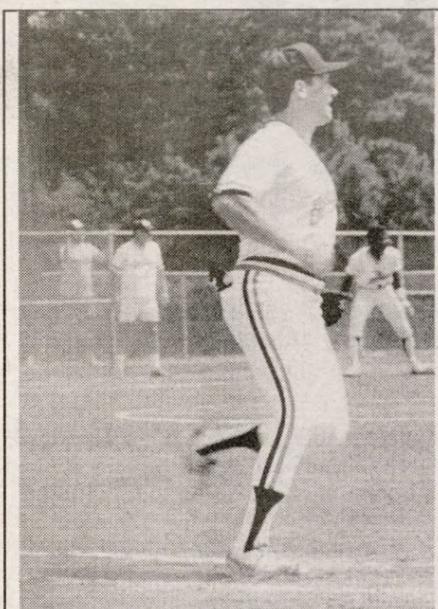
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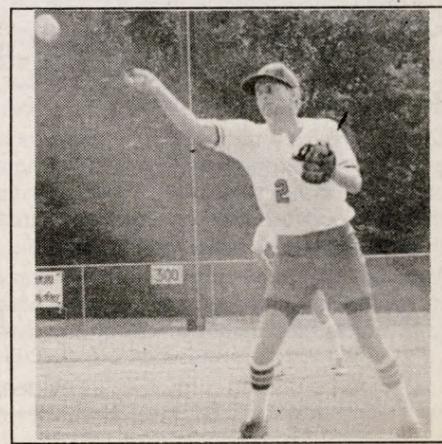
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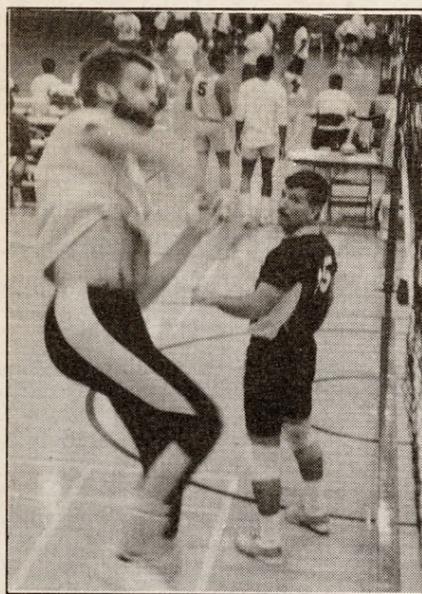
World Series '89 Brought Best Of Gay Softball To Atlanta



World Series '89, now in its thirteenth year, was held in Atlanta from Aug. 22-26. 60 teams participated in the five-day tournament which drew hundreds of happy spectators to Southside Park. Competition was intense in all three divisions, but when the dust settled, the following teams were winners: **Women's Division** - Synergy from Chicago/Windy City (above and far top right) defeated defending champs San Diego; **Open Division** - Griff's from L.A. beat Virginia Outlaws from Norfolk (right and above left). Two-time defending champs Saloon Americans from Twin Cities (far right) just didn't have the stuff this year; **Recreation division** - Galleon from San Francisco took the trophy. *ALL PHOTOS BY JESSIE LEIGH FOWLER.*



Hotlanta Volleyball Classic III Draws 20 Teams to Atlanta Washington, D.C. Trouble Takes BB Trophy



PHOTOS BY IRIS RUSKIN



Over 20 gay volleyball teams from around the nation met in Atlanta the weekend of Aug. 12 - 13 for the Hotlanta Volleyball Classic III. Consisting of 2 divisions, BB and B, contestants battled it out (left) as a preliminary to national competition later this year. Although the Atlanta Peach Fuzz made it to the BB Division semi-finals, the Washington, D.C. Trouble (above) took home first prize. In the B division, the Tampa Bay Hurricanes defeated the Chicago Rainbow for the trophy.

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Tin Lizzie's
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The Eagle

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Who are we?

Formed in 1986, **Buddies 'n' Pals 'n' Partners** is a computer dating service. Our goal is to help you meet someone compatible, both socially and sexually, as a friend or a lover.

How does your service work?

When your application is received it is entered into our computer system, the computer assigns you a client number. It then compares each of your attributes to those of all the other clients currently in our data base, eliminating those members having too many traits you have classed as undesirable and retaining those that meet your requirements.

The report you receive will contain the following information about your matches: A client identity number, a mini-profile listing all the attributes the client used to describe himself, as well as the authorized contact information provided by the client. Our double screening process ensures that you meet the other clients' requirements.

Your client number is used to allow us to verify your identity when you call our office, *you are the only one who should know this code.*

How much does it cost?

Our service fee is currently \$35, which includes a one time processing charge and your print-out of the top 15 matches from our current data base. As well, you automatically receive a **six month membership** during which other members may be matched with you; they will receive the authorized contact information you have provided. You can know of these matches *only when they contact you.*

You may also order our **MatchPlus** service for \$55.00. This fee includes 30 client matches and a 6 month membership for **MatchPlus** service customers. You may update your contact information at any time *without charge.*

What else do I need to know?

Members agree that the information they provide is complete and accurate. As well, that any information they receive from us is confidential, *for their personal use only*, in accordance with the objectives of the service.

We reserve the right to decline applications for any reason, if an application is declined a full refund will be issued. We also reserve the right to terminate any membership without refund if the information provided is found to be deliberately incomplete, untrue or deceptive.

How do I fill out the Application Form?

We know you hate reading instructions, but in order for us to provide you with the best possible service, please read these instructions carefully before filling out your Buddies 'n' Pals 'n' Partners Application Form.

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

STEP 1: Fill in the section entitled **Membership Information** (For office use only). Enter your name, full mailing address, zip code, phone number. (*We* will contact you by phone only if you include a phone number here). A mailing address is **required** for sending match lists.

STEP 2: Complete the **Contact Information** section and sign the disclaimer. The contact information you provide here will be given to members who match with you. The contact information should include your first name and phone number or a contact address. Use this section to tell members something about yourself, information that would not normally be included in the mini-profile. The use of this section is entirely up to you. However, giving out work phone numbers or home address is strongly discouraged!

STEP 3: The **Boxes** on the left hand side of each column are *used when the indicated attribute applies to you.* Check at least one box per section, only one box in sections which are mutually exclusive (*i.e.*, Age, Height, Hair, Location).

STEP 4: The words **YES, OK** and **NO** to the left of the attribute name describe the type of person you would like to meet. **Circle YES** when the attribute is *strongly desired* in a match. Indicating a **YES** will never disqualify a potential match. **Circle OK** if it doesn't matter one way or the other. **Circle NO** if you would *not like* this attribute in a match. A **NO** acts as a vote against the person, it does not automatically disqualify them.

Computerized Application Form

Dear Buddy: Please read the instructions carefully so that your match list is not delayed due to errors on your application. Your application must be complete or it will be returned to you for correction. For best results, please indicate at least one of your own traits in each of the main sections of the application form (*i.e.* Age, Build, Race).

Membership Information

Please provide the following confidential information to help us service your membership. (All correspondence to members is mailed in plain envelopes.)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Fill out the form completely and mail, along with a check or money order for \$35 payable to **Buddies 'n' Pals 'n' Partners**, P.O. Box 33578, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.

Note: Mailing address required for sending match lists. Please allow one to two weeks for us to process your application.

Contact Information

Option 1: Contact information written below will be given out to members matching up with your profile. Contact information should include your first name and a phone number or some contact address. Work numbers and home address are discouraged!

(please print) _____

Disclaimer

By signing I agree that neither the computer dating service nor its agents has any liability and cannot be held responsible for any actions of its members as a result of the release of the authorized contact information indicated above. I also state that I am of legal age.

Signature _____ Date _____

Geographical Area

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

Type of Relationship

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

Age Range

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

Build

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

Height

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

Hair

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

Eyes

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

Facial/Body Hair

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

Race

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

General Appearance

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

Dress

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

Occupation

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

Substance Use

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

Personality

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

- YES OK NO Doorway
- YES OK NO Openly gay

Social Activities

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

Beliefs

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

Sexual Preferences

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



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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Theatrical Outfit will hold auditions for **Speed-The-Plow** by David Mamet on Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9. Experienced actors should prepare a 1-3 minute monologue and bring a current headshot and resume. Needed are one woman in her twenties and two men thirty to forty-five years of age. Call (404) 872-0665 for appointments and additional information. (V2,#14)

Bargain Bazaar - Huge flea market, September 30, 10-5. Antiques, clothing, jewelry, held at the National Guard Armory, Durham Place Road, adjacent to the DeKalb Police Department. Funding for the Building of the DeKalb Rape Crisis Center. 378-4536 (V2,#15)

The Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra is currently accepting applications to audition for its 1989-90 season. Auditions will be held September 16 and 17 in the Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center. Interested young musicians may obtain an application to audition for the Youth Orchestra by calling (404) 898-1182. The deadline for applications is September 8, 1989. There is a five dollar application fee. Contact: Liz Nagel, 898-1192. (V2,#15)

BLACK FEMINIST WRITER seeking women with DREADLOCKS for anthology. Wants photographs and women's own words on the experience of locking their hair. If you are a DreadWoman or know of any, please contact Terri Jewell, 211 W. Saginaw, #2; Lansing, MI 48933. Will give full information upon request. (517) 485-3500. (V2, #15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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EMORY AREA CHIROPRACTOR needs Receptionist/Insurance Processor. 45 wpm/10-key by touch/computer helpful. 8:30 am - 6:30 pm, M-F. Call for appointment. 8-11 am, 872-1094. (V2,#14)

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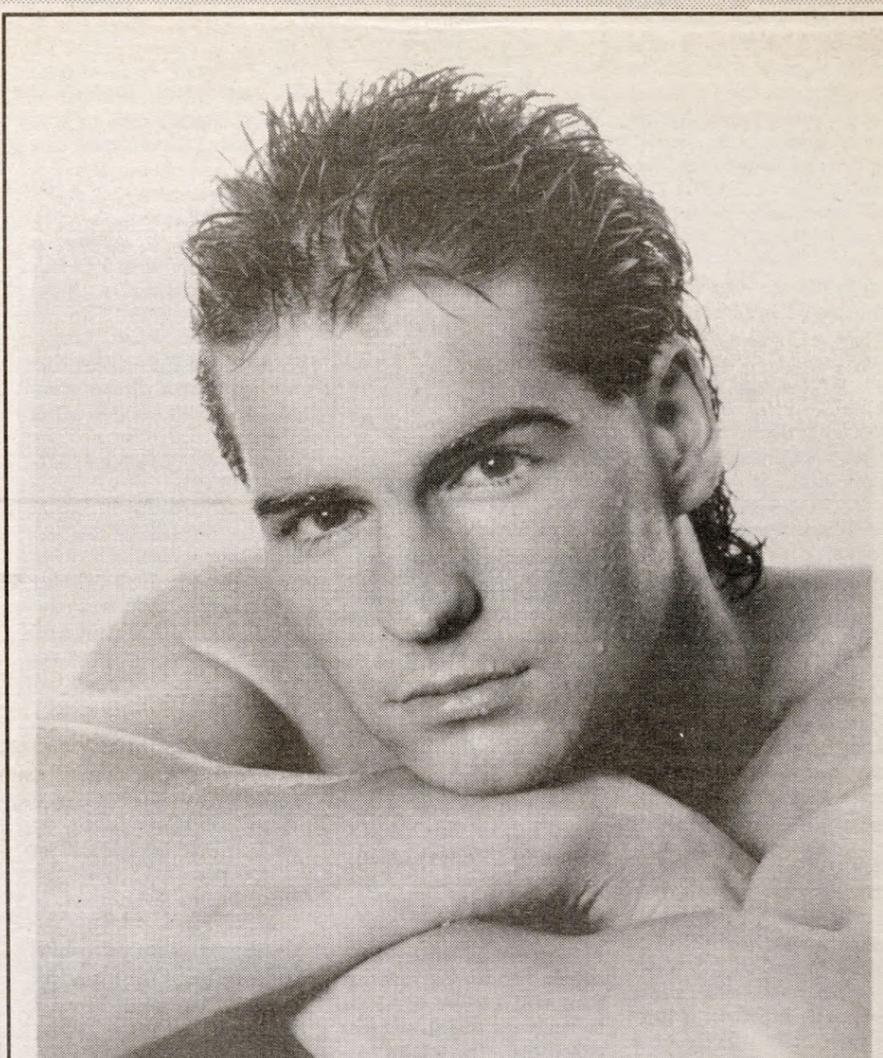
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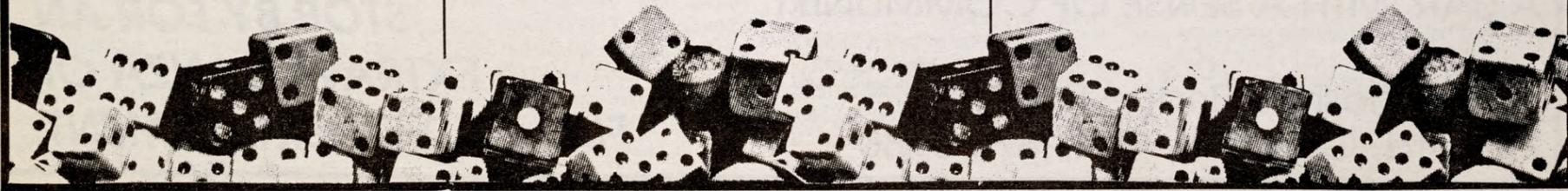
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