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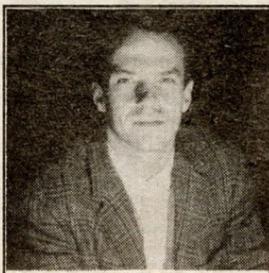
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Lesbian Activist Dies in SF Quake

San Francisco - A San Francisco lesbian activist was among the victims of the October 17 earthquake. Robin Ortiz, who volunteered for the Santa Cruz AIDS project was found dead 41 hours after a building collapsed on her, according to *The Washington Blade*.

Ruth Rabinowitz, Ortiz's lover, was reported to be her "best friend" or "roommate" in all of the news coverage of the search efforts, including a report by Dan Rather of CBS News, even though Rabinowitz told the CBS crew that the two women were lovers. *The Washington Post* gave Ortiz's search a front page story and reported the names of spouses of other victims, but did not mention Rabinowitz.

In contrast, heartwarming stories of how the lesbian and gay community contributed to the quake effort are plentiful. Project Open Hand, for instance, which usually prepares and delivers 1,400 meals a day, increased that amount to 8,000 meals a day to assist displaced quake victims.

Gay Black Candidate Wins Place in History

Albany, N.Y.- Keith St. John, openly gay candidate and black, was recently elected to the Albany, New York Common Council. St. John was elected on Nov. 7 when he defeated the incumbent, Arthur Scott.

St. John said that being gay was "not an issue, though Conservatives passed out some literature attacking [his] sexuality." Rochester City Council Member Tim Mains explained that St. John is "this country's first black-elected [openly] gay official." Mains was New York's first openly gay candidate who was elected.

Mains emphasized his encouragement over people who "are much less willing to be open about their homophobia."

Four other gay candidates did not win their elections but did manage to raise important issues such as the AIDS issues addressed by a PWA candidate in Syracuse.

700+ Athletes Already Registered for Gay Games III

Vancouver, British Columbia - Over 700 athletes have completed the first of three steps to become a registered athletic participant in "Celebration '90: Gay Games III and Cultural Festival."

Eight countries outside of North America are solidly represented, with athletes from Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, West Germany, the Netherlands, Israel and Venezuela among those committed to coming to Vancouver next year. As of October 31, 1987, there had been a 75 percent increase in registrations over the San Francisco games in 1986.

Shawn Kelley, Executive Director of the San Francisco games, said "All artists and athletes should be making their plans now. Hosted housing for athletes and artists in Vancouver is going to be very tight." Kelly added that registration fees significantly increase after January 31, 1990 from the present \$40 fee per sport.

The Third International Gay Games is August 4-11, 1990 in Vancouver, Canada.

Harvey Milk's Ashes Await Burial in D.C.

A recent article in *The Montrose Voice* reported that part of gay hero Harvey Milk has not found its final resting place. The majority of Milk's ashes were scattered in San Francisco Bay, but some, taken to the Congressional cemetery in Washington, were never buried.

The late gay activist Leonard Matlovich transported Milk's ashes to Washington for a ceremony but ran out of money before burial. The remaining payment for the plots reserved by Matlovich is \$750.00 but there is a project underway to relocate to a larger plot and include a memorial which will increase the amount to \$3,100.00.

John Hanley, who oversees burials at the cemetery says that he is "personally upset that

this great man... is sitting in [his] safe."

Ken McPherson in San Francisco and Marla Stevens in Indianapolis are working on the project and only recently knew of each other's existence.

Milk, San Francisco's first openly gay man to be elected to the Board of Supervisors, was assassinated in 1978 by disgruntled ex-Supervisor, Dan White.

BWMT Founder Dead of AIDS Complications

Gay Community News recently reported the death of the founder of Black and White Men Together, an organization devoted to dealing with issues facing interracial gay men's relationships.

The organization, founded by Michael Smith, had its first meeting in 1980 and grew to exist in 24 U.S. cities and a chapter in Bahia, Brazil.

Smith died after a two-year battle with AIDS and was remembered at a memorial service on Nov. 18.

Smith was a publisher for the *Quarterly*, a small journal. He edited the book *Black Men, White Men* and authored the book *Colorful People and Places* which he was working on at the time of his death.

8th Annual HRCF Dinner Honors Wiesel

New York - "Those who hate you, hate me," Nobel Peace Prize Winner Elie Wiesel told an audience of lesbians and gays and their supporters at the Eighth Annual Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner held on Nov. 5 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

"Bigots do not stop at classes, at races, or at lesbians and gays," Wiesel said. "Those who hate, hate everybody," he said.

The noted scholar of the Holocaust was awarded HRCF's Humanitarian of the Year award at the dinner. In his remarks, Wiesel recounted the shared experiences of the Jewish and gay communities in Nazi death camps, stat-

ing that he had seen gays "in those places of darkness, silence and fire."

The black tie event, with a theme of "All Part of the Family," was attended by nearly 800 lesbians and gays, along with families and supporters. The Human Rights Campaign Fund is the nation's largest advocacy organization for lesbian and gay civil rights and responsible AIDS policies.

"The dinner was a great success," stated Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Washington, D.C. based organization. "New York's gays and lesbians understand the importance of family and community in our lives. Thanks to their hard work and efforts, we had an evening that highlighted the importance of support, friendship and love," McFeeley stated.

McFeeley noted that HRCF was honored by the presence of David Dinkins two days before New York's mayoral campaign came to a close. "David Dinkins has been a strong supporter of lesbian and gay rights and we wanted to say thank you," McFeeley noted.

Steffan Denied Hearing for Reinstatement to U.S. Naval Academy

A recent *Washington Blade* article reported that the case of former midshipman Joseph Steffan was dismissed by a federal judge. Steffan is seeking reinstatement to the U.S. Naval Academy as an openly gay man.

U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Gasch said he granted the government lawyer's request for dismissal of the case because Steffan would not reveal his homosexual conduct while attending the Academy.

Steffan said he would appeal the decision. In 1987, two months before Steffan was to graduate from the Academy, he was released because he had revealed his sexual orientation.

Steffan's attorneys argue that their client should not have to answer questions about conduct since he was released because of a verbal admission.

Sandra Lowe, the Lambda Legal Defense attorney who represented Steffan, said that she is confident that the appeals court will overturn the decision.

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Jewish Council Denies Membership to Gay Synagogue

by Izhar Naveh and KC Wildmoon

Atlanta — After more than three months of deliberation, the Synagogue Council of Atlanta voted on November 29 to reject Congregation Bet Haverim's application for unconditional membership. The year-old council refused to accept the synagogue because of its identity as a lesbian and gay synagogue. In a separate vote, the council extended membership status to Bet Haverim only if references to "gay and lesbian" are removed from all publicity.

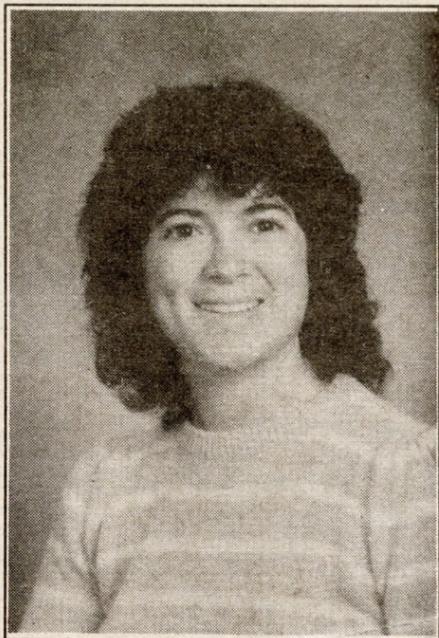
Betsy Goldin, a member and representative of Bet Haverim, said, "It's naive to assume the gay and lesbian public will recognize Bet Haverim without publicity." The 5-year old synagogue is listed formally as a Reconstructionist Gay and Lesbian Synagogue in many publications in Atlanta, including the several Jewish newspapers and magazines. Goldin said, "Having come out of our closets, you (the council) cannot force us into yours."

Representatives of several Reform synagogues consider the position of the council unacceptable, feeling that the Synagogue Council should include all synagogues regardless of "self-definition." In the view of Rabbi Alvin Sugarman of The Temple, there is no question of what is a Jew, but rather "a Jew is a Jew."

While some Reform synagogues are now considering leaving the council, others find the offer of conditional membership a viable option and believe that Bet Haverim is being too rigid in rejecting the offer. "They say it's a compromise," Goldin said, "but we see it as a rejection. The issue is that we are a synagogue and however we define ourselves, we should be on this council."

Orthodox and Conservative positions, following Jewish law prohibiting homosexuality, are negative, but one Bet Haverim representative sees the Council's willingness to meet with gay and lesbian Jews as a positive move. "It reminds me of the mouse that roared," said Phillip Kaufman. "This small synagogue causing waves among so many of the larger ones. At least all factions of Judaism in Atlanta admit we exist. And we're not planning to go away."

Council secretary Rabbi Barry R. Friedman



Betsy Goldin, member of Bet Haverim

of Temple Emmanu-el stated "Everybody wants Bet Haverim on the council. The problem is levels of acceptability." At the closed-door meeting, Rabbi Friedman proposed that Bet Haverim could publicize itself as a "Reconstructionist Synagogue with special outreach to the Lesbian/Gay community." This idea is based on an approach agreed to by four gay and lesbian synagogues in other areas of the country in order to be admitted to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, a Reform organization.

Rabbi Friedman's proposal received favorable responses from many council members, but was not brought to a vote. Bet Haverim had rejected that phraseology earlier in the year when the congregation applied and was accepted for membership in the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot.

Bet Haverim members expressed extreme disappointment that the council would stipulate that the congregation change its basic identity as a condition for membership. At an upcoming congregational meeting, the members will discuss the council's offer and decide what response, if any, will be made.

MACGLO Tables Proposal to Endorse Pro-choice Coalition

"Controversial" Issue Will Be Voted on at Dec. 21 Meeting

by Wendy Morse

After a heated debate at its Nov. 16 meeting, the Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations (MACGLO) tabled with an 11-9 vote a proposal that MACGLO join Georgians for Choice, a coalition committed to attaining and protecting reproductive freedom.

The issue of whether or not MACGLO members could represent their organizations in joining the pro-choice group led to the controversy, and a decision to defer a vote on the proposal until MACGLO's Dec. 21 meeting.

The proposal to join the coalition was presented by MACGLO's Executive Secretary, Jeffrey Laymon, at the request of lesbian activist Cathy Woolard, who was unable to attend the meeting. The motion to table was made by Michael Wilson, the Atlanta Gay Center's representative.

Wilson said he made the motion because no information on Georgians for Choice or

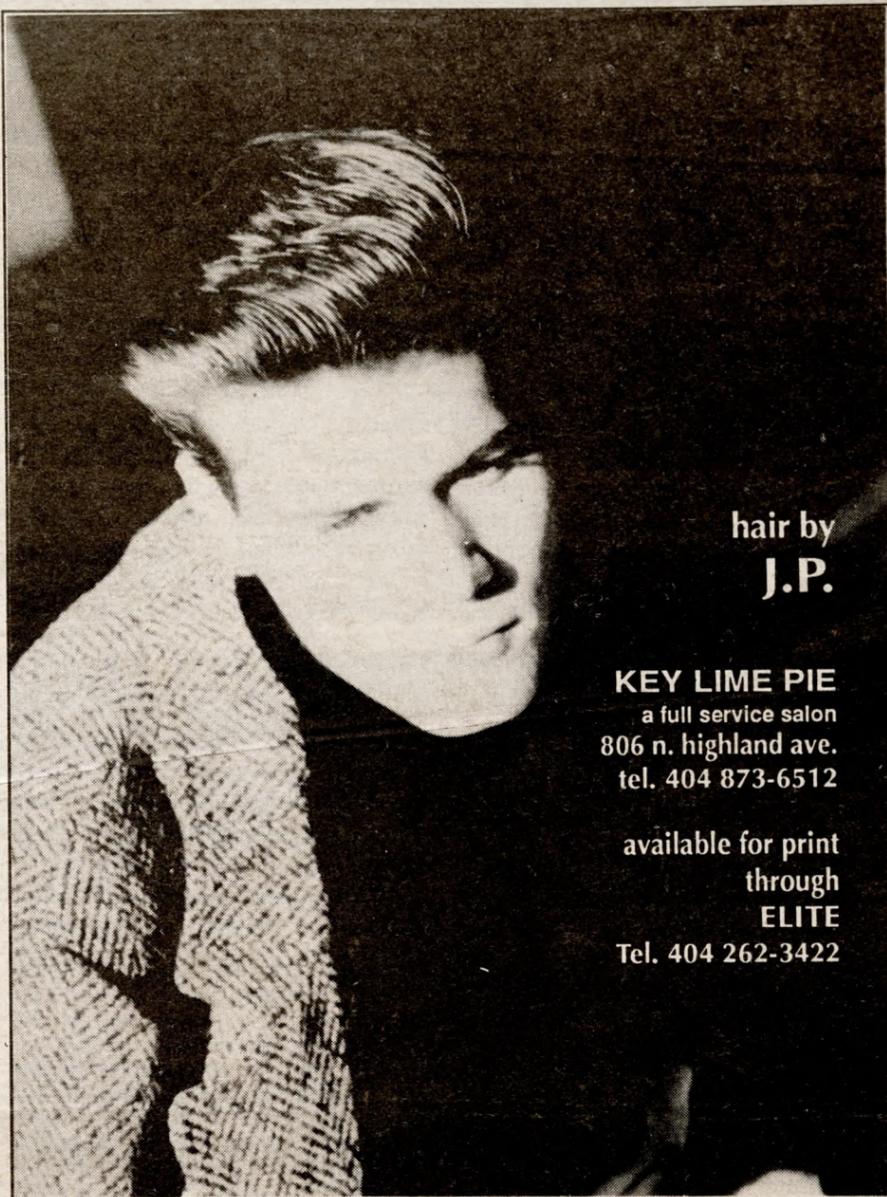
that group's platform was presented. Also, he said people were being asked to vote on a personal, rather than an organizational, level.

"The issue of abortion is obviously a controversial one. To preserve the integrity of the vote, the representatives at the meeting were obligated to go back to their organizations and determine what was their position," Wilson said.

Other MACGLO members strongly disagreed. Rachel Barrow, a representative for the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance (ALFA), said she was "shocked and totally confused" over the decision.

"I'm angry because when gay men bring up an issue I don't know much about, I take their word for it that it's an important issue," Barrow said. "Many of them don't see the connection between the pro-choice position

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Dallas Judge Censured

Austin, Texas — Dallas judge Jack Hampton was censured Nov. 29 by a state judicial commission for saying he gave a convicted murderer a light sentence because his victims were gay.

In its report, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct found that Judge Hampton's remarks violated the Texas judicial code.

"The commission finds that Judge Hampton's comments, per se, were destructive of public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary," the report stated.

Censure is second only to a recommendation for expulsion from the bench among penalties at the commission's disposal. Although most gay and lesbian activists had

called for Judge Hampton's removal, Texas advocates were reportedly pleased with the censure order and vowed to turn their attention to his 1990 re-election campaign.

Judge Hampton embroiled himself in the controversy last year when he told a reporter why he had sentenced Richard Lee Bednarski to 30 years rather than life in prison.

"I don't much care for queers cruising the streets picking up teenage boys," Judge Hampton said. "Some murder victims are less innocent in their deaths than others. In those cases, a defendant is unlikely to deserve a maximum sentence," he added.

Judge Hampton's office said Tuesday that he would not comment on the decision.

Episcopalian Gay Now a Policy Maker

New York -- The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester made history today by electing the first openly gay deputy to the Episcopal Church's highest policy-making body, the General Convention. Elected was Bruce Colburn, chair of the Diocesan Homophile Commission and immediate past Northeast Regional vice President of Integrity, the national lesbian and gay ministry of the Episcopal Church.

The next triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held in July 1991. The one thousand voting delegates, who are divided among clergy, laity and bishops, constitute one of the largest deliberative bodies in the United States. In 1988 Integrity's representation included about twenty members of the House of Bishops and a dozen members of the House of Deputies. Virtually all of these were supportive heterosexuals, and there were no openly gay deputies in 1988 or at earlier conventions.

Integrity's presence at recent General Conventions has been highly successful in terms of influencing legislation, but the organization has been hampered by the lack of openly lesbian or gay deputies. "This is one of our highest priorities," said Integrity National President Kim Byham. "There is no substitute for having a lesbian or a gay man stand on the floor of the House of Deputies and say, 'That's me you're talking about.'"

The Diocese of Rochester has long been one of the most welcoming in the Episcopal Church to lesbians and gays. The going Rochester chapter of Integrity and Dignity (the Roman Catholic lesbian and gay ministry) was formed at the initiation of a previous bishop, and has

met ever since on Episcopal Church property. In addition to having the only Homophile Commission in the Church, Rochester has for fourteen years permitted the blessing of lesbian and gay relationships by the Church.

"I think my election represents the feeling of the Diocese of Rochester that all gay men and lesbians are indeed Children of God and have a place in our Church," said Colburn.

ACT UP/Atlanta Protests Treatment of Imprisoned PWA

ACT UP/Atlanta staged a noontime protest on December 1 in front of the James H. "Sloppy" Floyd Veterans Memorial Building in recognition of Gregory Scroggins, a local PWA, who was recently convicted of attempted murder for biting a police officer.

According to ACT/UP, the Cobb County Court "ignored the fact that there is no scientific basis" that saliva can transmit the AIDS virus. The protesters staged a brief "Kiss-In" to show that "spit doesn't make you sick."

They also demanded that Scroggins be given his prescribed medication, AZT, which he has not received since his incarceration. They noted that prisoners with AIDS die faster than any other segment of the AIDS population, and demanded humane treatment for all prisoners with AIDS.

Atlanta Police Ask for Help to Find Clues in Gay Man's Murder

On April 22, 1989, David Paul Thompson, 29, was found in his apartment at 22025 Peachtree Road, dead as a result of a stab wound. He was last seen at 5:00 am on April 21.

It is the understanding of investigating authorities that Thompson was in the habit of frequenting many bars and discreetly picking up strangers. On the night of his death, Thompson may have been seen at any number of places including Jocks 'n' Jills on 10th and Peachtree, The Cove, the Cypress Street area and The Bar on Peachtree.

David Thompson is pictured at right. Anyone who might know of Thompson's whereabouts on April 21st, 1989 is asked to please contact the Atlanta Homicide Task Force at 658-6818.



MACGLO

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and gay and lesbian rights."

Cathy Woolard, who initiated the proposal, echoed Barrow's sentiments. "We have a very good opportunity to join a progressive coalition that is fighting exactly the same issues we're fighting," Woolard said.

"To say we won't fight on this issue is sexist and stupid. How dare we as lesbians and gay men think there is any issue too controversial for us to get involved in," she said. "We are controversial."

In the four-year history of MACGLO, which is now composed of 73 member organizations, other issues have been tabled, but the occurrence is infrequent, according to Jeffrey Laymon.

Laymon said this was the first time many of the MACGLO organizations were asked to take a political stance on a non-gay and lesbian issue. Only about 10 percent of MACGLO's member organizations are political in nature, he said. "That's why most people felt uncomfortable making a decision on behalf of their organization."

"I would like to see the gay and lesbian community represented on the pro-choice coalition, but if people are uncomfortable with that, that's okay, too," Laymon added.

Currently, about 20 organizations belong to Georgians for Choice. Among those are the Georgia chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), the Georgia Abortion Rights Action League, Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, the League of Women Voters, the YWCA, the National Council of Jewish Women, Republicans

for Choice and the Southern Christian Leadership Council.

According to Betty Grant, President of Georgia NOW, Georgians for Choice was founded in 1986 to lobby against prior notification laws. Now the coalition also works in public education and voter recruitment, she said.

"Anyone interested in maintaining privacy on any issue needs to be involved in this issue, and to say they don't know enough about it is living in vacuum," Grant said. "Just by living in Atlanta people know enough about it."

Many of those opposed to MACGLO's joining Georgians for Choice were afraid MACGLO would be viewed as the voice of the gay and lesbian community on the pro-choice issue, said Dick Rhodes, a MACGLO member representing Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians (LEGAL).

"There's a lot of pettiness involved in it, as far as I'm concerned," Rhodes said.

"I think it's strictly a women's rights issue and we should be all behind it," he said. "I have enough sense to know that we all have to work together on everything, and it just galls me — the pettiness behind it."

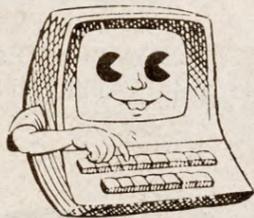
In the December issue of ALFA's newsletter, *Atlanta*, women were urged to attend and "be vocal" at the December 21st meeting of MACGLO, "to encourage the reluctant members of the gay community to build this important coalition with the feminist community."

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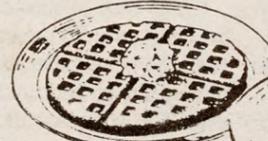
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Earth Expo At Congress Center December 8-10

by Charlene Ball

Why recycle a can, when the ozone layer is disappearing? Why save a gallon of water when we may be facing nuclear disaster? "Because each person's contribution, no matter how small, can make a difference," says Linda Evans, publisher of *InHealth* magazine, which is sponsoring the Earth Expo and Earth Action Conference to be held December 8-10 at the Georgia World Congress Center.

The Earth Expo and Earth Action Conference are designed to help Georgians know what they can do on a practical level to help save the environment. The Earth Expo, one of the first environmental trade shows in the country, will exhibit hundreds of ecologically correct products and services, including formaldehyde-free construction materials, biodegradable baby diapers, energy-efficient light bulbs, organically grown foods and beverages, animal cruelty-free and organic skin care, non-toxic household cleaners, recycling services, water and air purification equipment, and environmental organization information displays.

The Earth Action Conference will present nationally known speakers, some of whom are Peter Thompkins, author of *Secrets of The Soil* and *The Secret Life of Plants*; Debra Lynn Dadd, author of *Nontoxic & Natural*, *Nontoxic Home*, *Healthful Houses*, and columnist for *Let's Live* magazine; Carl

Woestendiek, waste reduction planner for Seattle's model recycling program; J.J. Ebaugh, producer of the TBS series "Earthbeat"; and many others, who will address issues such as the rainforest crises, the greenhouse effect, water and air pollution, and animal rights.

"This event is about getting Georgians into action environmentally," says Evans. "It's not that they're not concerned, but rather that they feel overwhelmed and don't know how to start. The conference and expo are designed to let Georgians know what they can do on a practical level."

Also scheduled is a Save The Earth Benefit to be held at the Georgia World Congress Center on Friday evening, December 8. Appearing will be John Robbins, author of *Diet For a New America*, CNN environmental editor Barbara Pyle, and dancer Arisika Razak. Proceeds will benefit The Rainforest Action Network, the Georgia Fund for Animals, and Georgia EarthNet, an environmental information service.

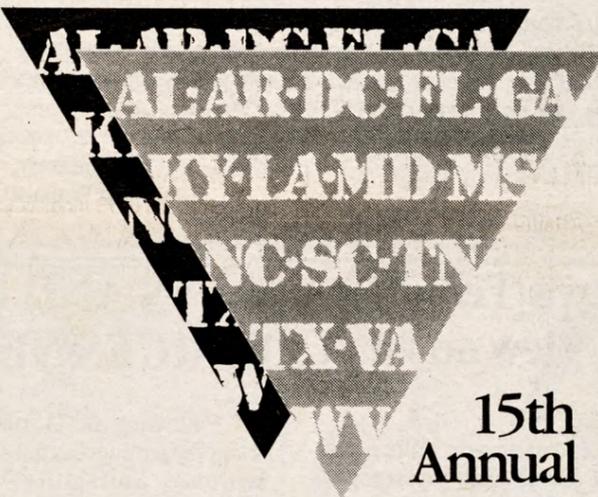
Tickets for the Save The Earth Benefit are \$25 and are available at all SEATS locations. To attend the entire weekend, the cost is \$15; \$10 for one day only.

For more information about The Earth Expo, the Earth Action Conference, or the Save The Earth benefit, call Linda Evans at 633-9985 or Leslie Williams at 352-1287.

15th ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES FEES, DEADLINES

The 15th annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men, to be held in Raleigh, N.C., March 22-25, 1990 has released its conference registration fee schedule and related deadlines. Registration fees for the full four-day conference will be \$65.00 if paid before December 22, 1989; \$80.00 if paid between December 23, 1989 and March 20, 1990; or \$100.00 if paid at the Conference. There are a number of other fee combinations including single day admissions, single entertainment tickets and exhibit area admission. A brochure detailing complete information about the Conference and fees is available from SECLGM, Inc. '90, P.O. Box 28863, Raleigh, N.C. 27611-8863 or 919/833-1209.

Final commitments for the Conference are being worked out with major speakers, four different entertainment productions, film showings and dozens of exhibitors and vendors. The largest portion of the Conference will be the more than fifty workshop and seminar presentations with subjects ranging from sports to community resources to business. Among the many workshop subjects covered will be two very important regional tracks. One track of ten related workshops will cover health and AIDS-specific information. The second special track will include two panel discussions and ten workshops dealing with a Southeastern Regional strategy toward sodomy laws. The conference is especially pleased to be officially authorized by the Names Project to display a large portion of the AIDS Memorial Quilt during the entire four days of the Conference. Admission into the Quilt



display will be free and open to the general public. All interested individuals, organizations and businesses within the 14-state Southeastern Region are urged to contact SECLGM, Inc. '90 as soon as possible.

The Conference Steering Committee is continuing its fund-raising efforts to achieve its goal of \$25,000.00 to cover the costs of the Conference, including \$8,000.00 for the Quilt display. Tax deductible contributions for the Quilt display or for the Conferences general expenses may be sent to SECLGM, Inc. '90 at the above mentioned address.

Skinheads Found Guilty of Beating Gay Man

Washington, D.C. - Two self-proclaimed Skinhead gang members were convicted recently by a unanimous jury for assault with intent to kill and armed robbery in the September 1988 beating of a D.C. gay man. The convictions of the Skinheads, Mark Hyder and David McCall, came after a four-day trial in D.C. Superior Court. One of the Skinheads indicted in the attack, Richard Grimes, has fled the jurisdiction and was not tried.

The beating occurred in the early morning hours of September 17, 1989, when Rodney Johnson was walking home from his job at a Georgetown restaurant. As Johnson took a shortcut through a parking lot adjacent to "P Street Beach," an area known to be frequented by gay men, he was suddenly confronted by several youths with baseball bats who appeared to be lying in wait. Several of the youths, who were later identified as Skinheads, viciously beat Johnson while shouting "die, faggot, die." They then robbed Johnson of his money and wallet, and left him for dead.

Though Johnson was able to crawl away to find help, he suffered a concussion, collapsed lung, broken finger, and a fractured skull, ribs and shoulder in the attack.

The criminal convictions come just two months after Johnson filed a multi-million dollar civil lawsuit against eight members of the Skinhead gang who had engaged in a weekend of beating and robberies of gay men in the Dupont Circle area of D.C., including the attack on Johnson. The lawsuit, filed by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a national lesbian and gay rights organization based in New York, and the D.C. law firm of Lyons, Mack, Delaney and Young, claims that the Skinheads violated Johnson's civil and constitutional rights by conspiring to attack him solely because he is gay. The case is the first of its kind ever filed by a gay person against members of the Skinheads.

Skinhead hatred for gay men and lesbians is well known and documented by such groups as the Center for Democratic Renewal in Atlanta and the national office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Often this hatred is expressed through violent attacks against those who are, or are perceived to be, gay or lesbian.

Commenting on the guilty verdicts, Johnson stated, "These convictions reaffirm my faith in the jury system and fellow human beings. In finding this kind of group violence to be loathsome, the jury looked at me not only as a gay man, but as a person. I am grateful that this part is over."

Though they were minors at the time of the beating, Hyder and McCall were tried as adults. Both will be sentenced on January 5, 1990, and will be held without bond until that time.

With the criminal convictions behind them, Johnson and his lawyers plan to move forward with their civil case, which is based predominantly on conspiracy claims as well as civil assault and battery. "There are many more Skinheads out there who are legally responsible for Rod's beating and who must be held accountable," said Linda Delaney, Johnson's co-counsel. "Though we are happy with the criminal convictions, it is still only partial justice."

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Common Sense and a Focus on the Common Enemy

Dear Editor,

I must admit I was NOT surprised at the name calling and accusations of guilt that followed the 'failure' of the National Coming Out Day Ad. Dejavu...and regret.

As the founding and two-time first Executive Secretary of MACGLO, I am STILL surprised whenever the community comes together and behaves in a mature way.

Some background first. When I came to Atlanta ten years ago from New York, where I had worked 20 years in community service, I found Atlanta's gay and lesbian "leadership" woefully inexperienced and totally opposed to learning from a Yankee—or from anyone! It was the same in the straight community: The Friends of Piedmont Park which I also helped found was filled with egocentric amateurs who had absolutely no idea of how to fight the battle, no will to learn and only a fierce desire to protect their own little projects.

Successful gay efforts such as the Hotlanta Raft Race and straight ones like The Peachtree Road Race appeared to Olympian that the "leadership" ignored and refused to learn from them that there is a professional way to achieve community goals, which mere mortals CAN learn!

When some of us realized that the only way to fight the enemy of gays and lesbians in Atlanta was to form a strong central "government," we were met with a wall of opposition and a vicious storm of protest from "states-righters:" gay and lesbian "leaders," each queen of their own little desmesnes terrified that they might lose some spotlight to the dread...MACGLO! It was like fighting The Revolution and The Civil War all over again. Some opposition was so strenuous it was obvious that covering-up wrong-doing was the real motivation. Yes, there were and still are, enemies within.

The best we were able to do was to form a loose federation of these little states: action had to have UNANIMOUS approval of all MACGLO members. Of course, attacks such as the attempt to repeal the City Charter Civil Rights laws were seen as exactly what they were—ATTACKS ON US

ALL! MACGLO was able to COORDINATE the fight and "WE" won. But MACGLO and its leadership have no power to compel action. That will take some maturity still lacking in the community.

After such a battle, "Congress" recesses and everyone goes back home to their little territory—some to do good, others to pursue their divisive and destructive work: the near-wasting of AID ATLANTA by self-serving and possibly criminal elements in the community is a good example of "states rights" in the gay and lesbian community at its worst.

The problems may be complex—the effects of one-party non-participatory "government" in the South, its toleration of eccentricity while not allowing it participation, the self-destructive nature of gays and lesbians, who, called illegal by society prey criminally on their own kind; the slap-happy-go-lucky nature of Yuppie life in Atlanta which allows "A-Gays" to pretend that nothing's so amiss a "black-tie" affair won't cure it, etcetera.

But there's no problem gay and lesbian Atlanta has to face that some common sense won't solve. First, we've got to wash the dirty linen and GET RID OF THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT! It preys on our weaknesses—even using AIDS to hide behind while it does its dirty business, with help from some equally rotten straights. This time-bomb will blow up in our faces and set the gay and lesbian effort in Atlanta back 20 years if we don't defuse it. We really should stop name-calling: don't we get enough of that from the bigots? Then, we've got to realize that the only thing we have in common is the common enemy and you only defeat such trash with unselfish, professional unanimity.

MACGLO—a strong central government empowered by its constituents to compel action on behalf of the "nation"—and a powerful honest leadership under a dedicated Executive Secretary like Jeffrey Laymon may be the answer: anyone got a better one?

Sincerely,
Alexander Wallace

Dear Ann: This Is What We Think About Gay Coupling

Dear gay and lesbian community and supporters:

Syndicated advice columnist Ann Landers has asked what her readers think about "legal sanctions for same-sex couples." To communicate your support for the rights of gay and lesbian couples, write to:

Ann Landers, c/o The Chicago Tribune
435 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611.

Here's what we told Ms. Landers:

We think lesbians and gay men should be able to legally marry. In our view, it's a matter of civil rights. Not to mention simple fairness and good sense.

Too often, gay and lesbian relationships have been attacked as antithetical to "family values." Nothing could be further from the truth. Gay and lesbian couples—and their children—are genuine families. They share with all families the traditional values of love, caring and mutual support.

The truth is, gay and lesbian couples are already marrying one another in both religious and secular ceremonies. According to preliminary results of our national survey of gay and lesbian couples, 16 percent of female couples and 10 percent of male couples had "ritualized their relationship with a ceremony." More than one-third had executed legal agreements to protect their relationship. [Results based on 812 respondents.]

Unfortunately, these couples cannot choose to legally marry and depend on existing laws to support their family life. The legal contracts we make can replicate only some of the protections that are automatic with marriage. Just one example: A widowed lesbian partner cannot claim her departed spouse's Social Security benefits.

And this inequity is far-reaching. At least 10 million Americans are in same-sex relationships, judging from a recent *San Francisco Examiner* poll that found 60 percent of gay men and lesbians in relationships.

Our society should support these gay and lesbian families for the same reasons we support traditional families. Functional families make better neighbors and more productive citizens.

Sincerely,
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Rep. Lewis Tells SV Reader View on NEA

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the issue of federal funds supporting the arts. I strongly concur with your comments regarding the withdrawal of funding by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) from an art show about AIDS.

I voted against the amendment to H.R. 2788, the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for FY 1990, which would have restricted funds to the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). This effort to censure the NEA because of its support for artists such as Robert Mapplethorpe was entirely inappropriate.

I do not believe it is sound public policy to expect elected politicians to give their approval to every program that may be supported by either the National Endowment for the Arts or the National Endowment for the Humanities. Indeed, I believe that one of the most valuable dimensions of this program has been that it has been free from control by elected politicians.

I have opposed in the past and will continue to oppose in the future Congressional attempts to impose restrictions on the manner in which the Arts and Humanities Endowments and the Institute of Museum Services choose grant recipients and fund projects. Anything that smacks of public censorship based on moral and political considerations is dangerously threatening to the freedoms for which this country stands.

Sincerely,
John Lewis
Member of Congress

GAYS AND LESBIANS IN THE ARMED FORCES NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

Following the October 18 release of "Nonconforming Sexual Orientations and Military Suitability," an internal Department of Defense (DoD) report which openly criticizes the DoD policy of excluding and discharging gay men and lesbians from the Armed Forces, the Pentagon is extremely vulnerable to political pressure to rescind its homophobic and dangerous policy.

PLEASE HELP GAY MEN AND LESBIANS IN THE ARMED FORCES BY CONTACTING YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TODAY!!

Your Senators and Representatives need to hear from constituents that the Pentagon must implement all recommendations of the PERSEREC report, authored by Theodore Sarbin and Kenneth Karols. The authors state, "Under prevailing social conditions, a public admission of homosexuality carries less stigma than in earlier times, and is no legal bar to most

employment. ...Our studied conclusion is that the military services will soon be asked by the courts or the Congress to reexamine their policies and practices regarding recruitment and retention of men and women whose sexual interests deviate from the customary."

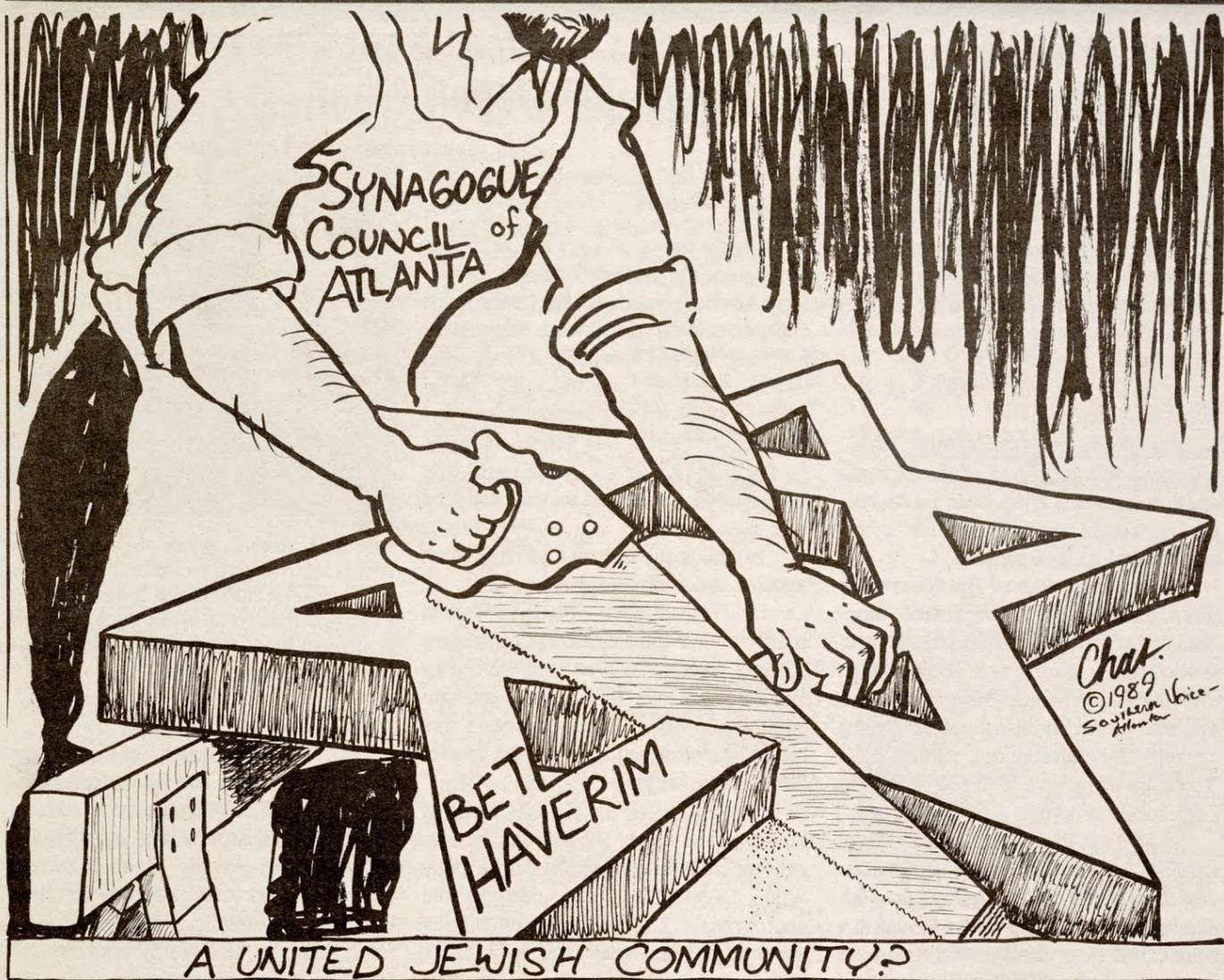
The PERSEREC report invites Congressional intervention to drag the Pentagon kicking and screaming into the 1990s. Urge your Congressional representatives to work for rescission of the DoD policy of exclusion and discharge. This policy, which declares that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service," was established in 1943 and has accounted for the early discharges—many of them under less than honorable conditions—of 100,000 men and women. Additionally, a 1989 Gallup poll indicated that 60% of respondents believed that gay men and lesbians should be allowed to serve in the Armed Forces.

WRITE OR CALL YOUR CONGRESSPEOPLE TODAY!!!

Retraction

In our last issue in the Business Clips, Ronnie Klein, co-owner of The Atlantis Connection, was misquoted as saying "We serve a community where the people know what doctors tell them, they know what they hear in church. This store offers people a choice in their struggle." The proper statement should have read "...This store offers people a choice in their growth."

Our apologies.



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a monthly column by KC Wildmoon

You almost got off easy this month. I was all set to write an innocuous, whimsical little column about "what I'd like to see happen." I was going to say little things like Diana Rigg should be the next Dr. Who and David Bowie the next Bond, James Bond. But Ann Landers changed all that.

Ann asked for reader response about "same-sex marriages." The responses, she reported, were 2-1 against us. My personal favorite was the one that called Ann all the dirty names he could think of—"ultra left-wing, Jew, woman"—because she said that it's "about time" we Queers had "the same options other couples enjoy."

Then of course there were the *repeals* of several anti-discrimination measures last election day by margins ranging from 12% down to 1/2%. Notice two things about that sentence: first, the word *repeals*. These were laws voted off the books by the electorate *after* they were put on by various City Councils. This means we can elect all the pro-Queer candidates we want to, but it's not going to change the minds of the rest of the citizenry. Second, the close margins in those votes. Those numbers mean that all is not lost, but they also mean that it's more than the tiny minority of ultra right-wing conservatives who don't think we deserve any protection under law.

Because, my Friends, the truth is that Mainstream America doesn't like us. In Mainstream America it is not OK to be Queer, it is not OK to care about Queers, it is not even OK to know any Queers. The "Them" that voted down all those protections for us does not care one iota whether we are blatant, screaming Queers, or 100% assimilated homosexuals, passing for "normal" all the way.

They don't care about all our appeals to be treated with the basic rights all human beings deserve *because they do not see us as human*. I'm not really sure they see us at all, or maybe they only see those of us who reinforce their stereotypes. They don't see the rest because we are too busy trying to appear "normal," and Mainstream America knows we are not "normal." We can dress up, comb our hair the right way, and play coalition politics all we want, but Mainstream America is wearing blinders. Queers are Monsters.

So why bother? And if there is a reason to bother, how do we go about it? Why bother is because we *do* deserve the respect, the rights, the dignity, that the rest of humanity deserves. Because for every one of us who steps "out" in the eyes of the World and lives an openly Queer life there are 200 who cannot. And because nothing is going to change as long as we are quiet. And that brings me to the how part.

Maybe it's time we made a little more noise, stopped being meek and careful about how we appear to the World At Large. I keep seeing thousands of Eastern Europeans marching through city streets jangling keys at the Lockmasters. It's a powerful image, visually and aurally. Unlock the chains, the doors, the closets, the minds, that keep us from being ourselves. Never shut up. Never give up. And above all, never lose sight of the fact that all of us, out & in, blatant & not, are in the same boat.

That's what I'd really like to see happen.

Lewis Co-sponsors Bill for Homeless PWAs

Dear Ms. Cash:

It has been estimated that over 20,000 homeless people are living with AIDS. To this end, I have recently co-sponsored legislation which would be the first comprehensive initiative to provide housing opportunities for homeless people living with AIDS. According to the Partnership for the Homeless, an estimated 20,000 people with AIDS are homeless and countless more have no housing options except a costly hospital bed. H.R. 3423, the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act, would create better housing options at a substantially reduced cost.

Included in the over 600 recommendations in the final report of the Presidential Commission on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Epidemic was the need to better meet the housing needs of homeless persons living with AIDS. These individuals are at great risk on the streets and in shelters where communicable diseases are prevalent.

An appropriate residential environment can prevent or delay the need for much more costly care in a hospital. For the individual, this means a higher quality of life.

H.R. 3423 would authorize \$290 million for housing assistance linked with appropriate services for persons living with AIDS. I have enclosed a brief summary of the provisions of this measure. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this legislation.

Sincerely,
 John Lewis
 Member of Congress

Summary of H.R. 3423: AIDS Housing Opportunities Act

AIDS HOUSING INFORMATION AND COORDINATION SERVICES

Public or nonprofit organizations could apply to grants to carry out two activities: 1) Providing information, counseling, and referrals directly to persons living with AIDS in need of housing assistance; and 2) Developing and coordinating efforts in local communities to increase housing resources appropriate to persons living with AIDS. \$5 million would be authorized in 1990 and 1991.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND FOR SHORT-TERM SUPPORTED HOUSING FOR HOMELESS PERSONS LIVING WITH AIDS

Grant funds would be used by public or nonprofit organizations to prevent homelessness by helping to pay rent, mortgage or utility payments to avoid eviction or foreclosure. Funds would also be used to establish and operate model short-term housing projects with appropriate services for homeless persons living with AIDS. Service providers would be obligated to make their best effort to locate more appropriate and permanent living environment for each individual assisted. \$15 million would be authorized in 1990 and 1991.

PERMANENT HOUSING FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH AIDS

* **Section 8 Existing Housing Assistance:** This already-existing program helps pay rent for low-income tenants—individuals pay no

more than 30% of their income towards rent and HUD covers the rest. This proposal would fund about 3,000 additional section 8 certificates for use by persons living with AIDS. \$100 million is authorized in 1990 and 1991.

* **McKinney Act Section 8 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Dwellings:** This program, originally created by the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, provides rent subsidies in newly renovated SRO apartments—units lacking individual bathrooms or kitchens. These are very cost-effective housing units and would be linked directly to appropriate services for persons living with AIDS. \$35 million would be authorized in 1990 and 1991.

* **Community Residences:** Each State and every metropolitan area with more than 500,000 population would be given a grant to develop and operate permanent housing and appropriate services for people living with AIDS. 25% of all funds would be reserved for States; 75% for localities. The State or locality, which would be required to provide a 25% match, could pass the money through to nonprofits. \$135 million would be authorized in 1990 and 1991.

* **Access to HUD Programs:** The bill clarifies that persons living with AIDS shall be considered to be disabled or handicapped for all existing HUD programs.

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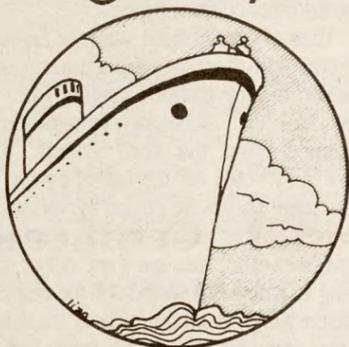
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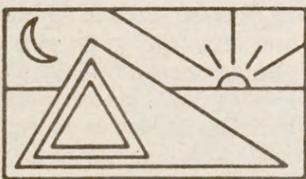
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BOOK REVIEW

The Caravaggio Shawl: A Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas mystery

by Carter Wilson

History's most famous lesbian couple gumshoeing about World War II Paris in search of art forgers? Discussing suspects over a *citron presse* in some *louche bistro* in Montmartre?

As the Gertrude character of this mystery would say, "Holy cow!"

It's an odd, irreverent concept fraught principally with the danger of that tackiness which accrues to a novel when the real-life dead are brought back to fictional life for only prurient, exploitative purpose.

But the perpetrator of *The Caravaggio Shawl*, second of a set of five promised Stein-Toklas thrillers, is a writer incapable of tawdriness. Through a long career, everything from Samuel Steward has been informed by his enormous and unflagging capacity for entertaining. Since Max Beerbohm there have been few writers as single-mindedly devoted to fun as this one is.

Steward met the original dynamic duo of sapphism in their later years. His encounters with them appear in his *Chapters from an Autobiography* and their letters to him in a book called *Dear Sammy*. His reason for resurrecting them now is clearly not to dish or to exploit the friendship, but to prolong it in memory. He even introduces a character very much like himself, a gay spirit from Chicago named Johnny McAndrews who helps Gertrude and Alice with their sleuthing.

The pleasures of *The Caravaggio Shawl* lie more in the palaver of the principals and the blow-by-blows on Johnny's postprandial pickups than they do in the permutations of the plot. The story, like *Mimi's* is a simple one. On a pale April morn, which happens to be their twenty-ninth or thirtieth anniversary (they disagree about almost everything,

including the number of years they've been an item), Alice and Gertrude betake themselves to the Louvre to view a recently rediscovered Orpheus and Eurydice by the homosexual mannerist master Caravaggio. Our heroines inspect male nudity with primarily clinical interest. (The covering drapery is so wispy Gertrude determines *this* Orpheus must be Jewish.) She so admires one spot of rosy color that doting Alice determines to knit her a scarf of the same hue.

Returning the next day to match yarn samples, Alice discovers the paint on the Caravaggio is still wet! After three hundred years? A few minutes later she finds the crime of forgery has been compounded by murder. And since the victim, a museum guard, is also their beloved housemaid's poor husband, Gertrude and Alice join the hunt for both forger and killer.

The milieu for the chase is a richly, variously queer *Paree*. The great and the near-great appear in cameos (Natalie Barney, Dolly Wilde, Oscar's niece, stage-designer and photographer Cecil Beaton twirling a milkweed pod until it pops apart in his hand). The clues that don't fall so easily into their laps Alice and Gertrude send Johnny McAndrews to investigate. What the ladies principally require of him is that he use sex to get information.

Blessed with a very active libido, Johnny goes willingly. Sam Steward describes the ins and outs of the young gringo's exploits with a combination of ethnographic exactitude, a refusal to pump mush or mystery into describing any orgasm which doesn't deserve it, and some very hot detail - a technique which has been Steward's trademark ever since he began penning erotic tales under the



Samuel M. Steward, author of *The Caravaggio Shawl: A Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas mystery* (Alyson Publications: Boston, MA), was a long-time friend of Stein and Toklas. Steward is pictured here visiting with Toklas on the terrace of her home in Paris.

name "Phil Andros."

But what finally makes *The Caravaggio Shawl* such a stable and filling feast is the believability of the Gertrude-Alice relation. Other people's Stein'n'Toklas are so serious, and so Gertrude-o-centric. Steward's are real, deeply Victorian women eternally energized by Gertrude's endearing, almost childish quest for *la gloire*, by the way they've shocked the world, by their own modernity, and by the recognition of their great *luck* in having found one another.

Being with Sam Steward's Alice and Gertrude is very much like being allowed to sail away with the Owl and the Pussycat - a cruise so jolly it's sad to see it end.

Carter Wilson is the author of *Treasures on Earth*, published in cloth by Knopf in 1981. Wilson lives in Santa Cruz where he is a professor of community studies at the University of California.

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The Crossing: Rock with a Heart

If your turntable still handles 45s, you might want to take a new single by **The Crossing** for a spin. The Atlanta-based progressive rock band is donating all proceeds from the sale of "This Heart Is Waiting" to two local charities: The Collins House, a hospice for people with AIDS, and Atlanta Cooperative Enterprises, a shelter for the homeless. The first 1,000 copies of the single, which features "Luck of the Irish" on the flip side, will be sold in hand-decorated sleeves.

Already a hit on the college circuit, *The Crossing* has a sound that is a unique blend of progressive rock and classic rock 'n roll. Although originally from Athens (where else?!), band member Eron Thomas warns that theirs is different than the classical REM one might expect.

"It's not what most people think of as 'Athens Music'" said Thomas. "It's a little slicker and has a lot of keyboards on it. But we seem to be going over pretty well."

Among other things that have consistently gained the relatively young group attention is its penchant for using visual art as a medium. Known for their collection-quality hand-painted flyers, the group's decision to have celebrities, artists and people with AIDS hand paint the cover of "This Heart is Waiting" is a reflection of what pulls them above the musical wanna-be's.

Copies of "This Heart is Waiting" are available at Wax 'n Fax, Wuxtry, Fantasyland and Chapter 3 for \$2.00. Plans are underway to offer the disc in bars in the near future.

Musical Notes

by David Owens & Eric Lopez

Shirley Lewis—Passion

A new sensation from England, Shirley Lewis has released "Passion." Her stunning vocal ability establishes her talent beyond that of a newcomer. "Realistic" (already released single) has appeared on many dance charts and is currently headed to the top of *Billboard*. Many production credits go to Shep Pettibone who has done work for many greats including The Pet Shop Boys, Madonna and Janet Jackson. Two ballads worth checking out are "Boy Meets Girl," and "Where Do We Go From Here?"

Nancy Martinez—Unpredictable

This latest release from this latin sensation proves that she is unpredictable. Breaking away from the typical "Miami" sound, she strikes a more mainstream chord and comes up with a potpourri of tunes. If you danced the night away to her previous smash, "For Tonight," then you will be equally excited by this album. Nancy is destined to hit it big with the romantic, "Everlasting," the dance hit, "You've Got Me On Fire," and the rhythmic bass-line of "I Will Make It Up." (I could swear it was vintage Donna Summer.) This is one you will never tire of listening to over and over again.

Top Ten Albums

1. Grace Jones—Bulletproof Heart
2. B-52's—Cosmic Thing
3. Liza Minelli—Results
4. Janet Jackson—Rhythm Nation
5. Miki Howard—Miki Howard
6. Barbra Streisand—A Collection
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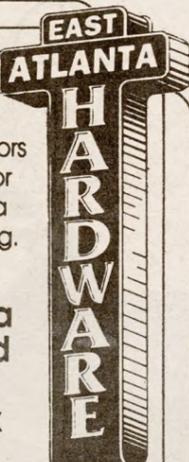
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Life Is A Dream – Or Is It?

by Charlene Ball

"We are such stuff as dreams are made on," says Shakespeare's Prospero in *The Tempest*, "and our little life is rounded with a sleep." *Life Is A Dream*, the 1635 play by Pedro Calderon de la Barca now playing at the Actor's Express, takes off from that idea and develops it in a way that is far from Shakespeare, but oddly enough, not so far from the 1990s.

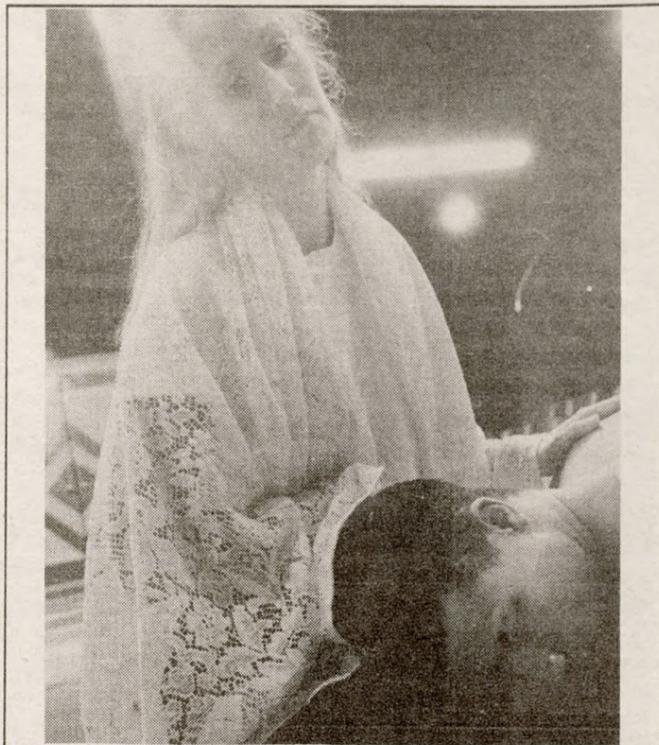
You find yourself watching *Life Is A Dream* as though it were a story set "long, long ago, on a planet far, far away." The story is the stuff of fantasy. Segismund, heir to the throne of Poland, has been reared in chains in a mountain dungeon because at his birth the stars predicted that he would become a violent monster. Not surprisingly, he has grown up to be just that. His aged father the king decides that he may have made a mistake by imprisoning his son, and hits on a devious plan to test Segismund's fitness to rule. Segismund will be king for a day. If he conducts himself well, he will inherit the throne. But if he behaves violently or unjustly, it's back to the dungeon. And when he is once more in his chains, he will be told that he was only dreaming that he was king.

A subplot concerns Rosaura, a young woman who shows up at Segismund's mountain fortress disguised as a man, carrying a sword she is able and ready to use. Rosaura's quest is for a man who has wronged her, and whom she intends to kill to avenge her honor.

Rosaura's servant, Clarion, played by Chris Eckholm, provides us with a guide into this fantasy world. His costume – Little Five Points punk with knees-out jeans, red bandanna, and tee-shirt – makes him look like a contemporary character who has stumbled into a dream world. His wisecracking, pragmatic attitude is a foil to the noble sentiments of the other characters.

The science fiction atmosphere of *Life Is A Dream*, its nonstop action, sword-fights and battle scenes, astrology and mysticism, hidden identities, lovers' quarrels, all create a spectacle that dazzles and intrigues. But the play is more than action; Calderon de la Barca was a philosopher, and this play can be enjoyed on the level of ideas as well as that of action. The play deals with issues of illusion and reality, destiny and free will, and the need to temper passion with reason. It engages the mind and stretches the imagination.

The Actor's Express ensemble work together with conviction, vigor,



Tina Hightower and Scott Higgs in *Life Is A Dream* Presented by The Actor's Express Nov. 30-Dec.23.

and immediacy. Of particular note are Scott Higgs as Segismund and Tina Hightower as Rosaura.

A few technical problems were apparent; the garage door clangs up just as someone is speaking and drowns him out; the actors at the beginning of the play tend to race through their lines as though trying to beat the clock. And, alas, not everyone in the cast knows how to speak verse clearly and convincingly.

The Actor's Express has gotten off to a rousing start, and I look forward with pleased anticipation to future productions.

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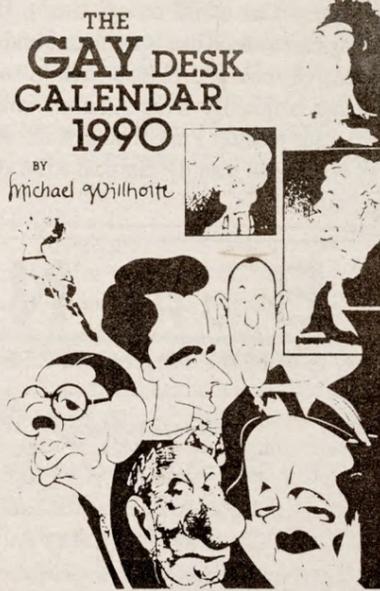
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Below is an excerpt from "The Gay Desk Calendar", available for \$10.95 (Alyson Publications, Inc.)



Noel Coward, born December 16, 1899

Noel Coward was called, without a trace of irony, The Master. A scintillating playwright (*Private Lives*, *Hay Fever*, *Blithe Spirit*) and songwriter (music and polished lyrics), he was also a consummate actor, with the clipped voice of a baritone dove. His timing was impeccable and his wit gin-dry and benign, with an occasional slash of malice. In addition to his many plays, he turned his hand to a novel, dozens of short stories, lapidary light verse, autobiographies, and – posthumously – a racy, gossipy diary. He knew most of the British and American theatre, many of the literary establishment, and quite a few representatives of the demimonde (Gay Division). For relaxation, he painted bright, light canvasses glowing with the colors of his beloved Jamaica (When did he find the time?). Asked for the definition of a perfect life, he succinctly replied, "Mine."



Back to The Future - Part II: Don't Take The Kids

by Candace Wiggins
★ 1/2

Poor Steven Spielberg. He's so *out* of touch, he has lost his "touch." Jumping on his and Lucas' bandwagon of sequels equals bigger equals better, he has made the same basic mistakes with "Back to The Future Part II" made with the second Indiana Jones movie, "Temple of Doom."

Okay, okay, the ex-wunderkind of Hollywood did not *direct* this particular outing. That duty was handled by Robert Zemeckis ("Who Framed Roger Rabbit"). But Spielberg was Executive Producer, i.e., the megabuck stops here.

The movie "Back to The Future Part II" stars Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd and Lea Thompson. Again, we have time travel



Michael J. Fox listens to Christopher Lloyd insist he must take him to the future.

jollies—things get screwed up while Fox's likable character, Marty McFly, goes forward 25 years to save his kids. He sets things right for the kids—both played by Fox, including a wasted, gratuitous "drag" appearance by Fox as Marty's daughter. But upon his and Lloyd's (Dr. Brown) return, things have been drastically altered by bad guy Biff, Marty's father's biggest

tormenter and ex-rival for Lorraine, Marty's mom, played by Lea Thompson.

Got that? Well, you had better hope so because things get even more complex. And occasionally, downright gruesome.

And up until the last 40 minutes, it isn't even funny. Biff is portrayed during one sequence as a corrupt man who is fabulously wealthy, and is "now" married to Lorraine whom he abuses just as he abuses her kids.

But goshdarn, Messrs. Spielberg and Zemeckis sort'a kind'a *skim over* that and the fact that Biff murdered Marty's dad.

Look, if you're going to make a kid's comedy, make a kid's *comedy*. They don't usually include forced breast implants, alcohol abuse, verbal and physical abuse and rampant killing sprees. Nor do they include two party girls in a hot tub inside the wife's home.

The first half hour is spent with Fox and Lloyd screaming one-liners—not all of them funny—and running around frantically, eyes widened. Wow, some direction, huh? Time drags on and on and *on*. One wonders when something is going to happen.

Unfortunately, while "Back to The Future Part I" stands on its own (as do the first acts of Spielberg's and Lucas' other trilogies), "Part II" is definitely a link in a chain, a second act. If you don't see "Part I," this one's not going to many any sense.

Now for the *really* frustrating part: the last thirty minutes or so were fantastic. Things jelled, the pace picked up without falling into frenzy, the humor was believable and infectious. It was as if I had seen two different movies.

Then, the real kicker. Clues were broad enough through this offering. Things are tied up in a half-neat package and Fox's Marty McFly promises the viewer Part Three—which looks and sounds *wonderful*, set in the wild west.

Let's hope the next roundup will be the Real McFly.

FILM CLIPS

by Terry Francis

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

•**HARLEM NIGHTS** ★ Whitey gets his in this racist Eddie Murphy movie—he served as executive producer, writer, and director. The corrupt white NYC police department collaborates with white mobsters to take over the successful Club Sugar Ray, which is black owned and operated. Every woman whores herself or is a cold-blooded killer, and the white characters are shown as morally inferior to the blacks.

The film is an aberration: racist, shockingly misogynist, and amateurishly made—an example of Eddie Murphy having the power and the money to make his own movie, but without one damn wisp of directorial talent. The degree of ineptness with which this film is made must finally amount to some form of contempt for the audience.

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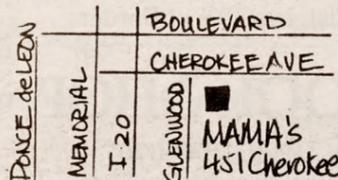
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FINAL SALE OF RUTHERFORD'S WORK TO BENEFIT PWAS

by Dave Hayward

An exhibition and final sale of the work of one of Atlanta's most renowned photographers, the late Roger Rutherford, will take place at the Burn Noff Gallery at Clear Creek Center at the intersection of Piedmont Road and Monroe Drive December 9-15. Critics, curators, media, and supporters from New York, Houston, New Orleans and overseas are expected to attend the Dec. 8th opening, as well as at least four of Rutherford's famous (or infamous) male models.

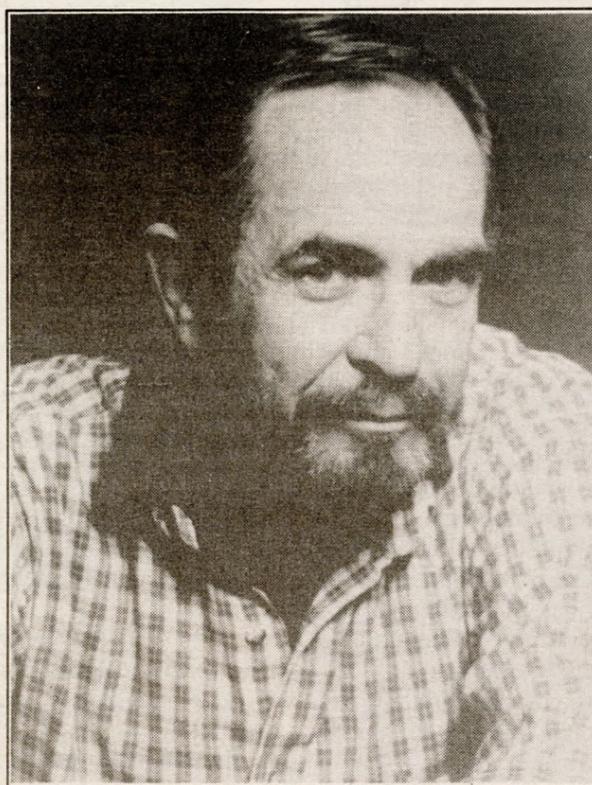
The event is also a benefit for Project Open Hand and the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS. "A percentage of all sales will go to the two charities, really anything after expenses," reports Alexander Wallace, executor of Rutherford's estate. "People who perhaps are a little reluctant to spend a lot of money on a photograph will be encouraged, not only because photographs have gone up in value, but it is a benefit."

Moderately priced pictures will be available in the \$50-75 range. "There will be some photographs at the gallery that will be in the \$1,000 range because of the rarity of signed and numbered prints," Wallace explains, adding that Rutherford's Raunch Hand and railroad car male nude studies will bid at \$1,500 for the former in a silent auction, and \$1,000 for the latter. The complete set of Raunch Hand sensual cowboys will be on view, lent by Bulldogs' managers John Fouts and Big David.

Best known for black and white nudes, Rutherford was equally adept at landscapes, still lifes, portraits and interiors, many in color and on display at Burn Noff. "We'll also be showing needlepoint because Roger was a master needlepoint artist and some of the needlepoint is very funny and wicked and sexy and suggestive," reveals Wallace.

In addition, a corner of Rutherford's studio will be recreated including furnishings, art, and personal mementos.

Atlanta native Roger Rutherford's photographs were exhibited in New York, Amsterdam, Holland and Frankfurt, Germany, and included in Peter Weiermair's *The Hidden Image*



Roger Rutherford

(M.I.T. Press) in the company of pictures by Robert Mapplethorpe and David Hockney, among others. Rutherford's interiors appeared in *Southern Accents* magazine and advertising layouts, while his male studies were featured in Artist Portfolio sections of *The Advocate*, *Torso*, and *Honcho* magazines. Locally Rutherford's men adorned Hotlanta Raft Race posters, Boy Next Door ads, and *Etc.* magazine.

"Unfortunately he was seen by a lot of gay guys in Atlanta as somebody who took dirty pictures," recounts Wallace, who says Rutherford was "far too erotic for the local critics or the local

papers to have anything to do with."

Rutherford seemed to have little such censure when he moved to Houston in 1984 where he taught packed seminars at the Art Institute, hosted two successful shows, and was reviewed in mainstream media. There Rutherford branched out into color photography and out of the studio, depicting a circus, a rodeo and a dance company in colorful vivid detail.

Stricken with AIDS in 1988, Rutherford returned to Atlanta where he passed away September 25, 1989.

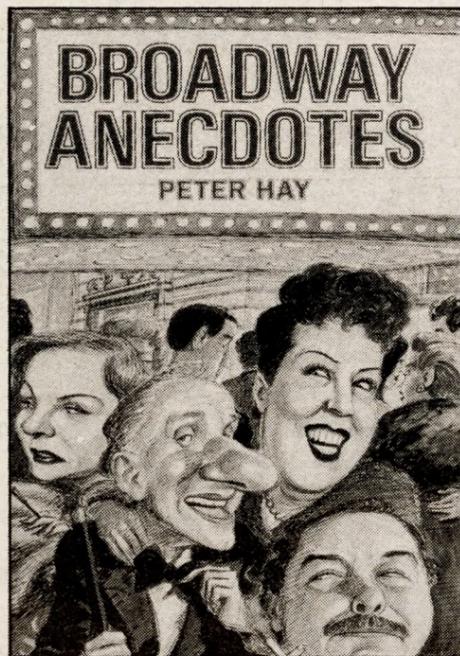
Rutherford's voluptuous sensibility lives on in his portraits of objects and events, as does his joy in the male figure. "The lighting, especially on "Oil and Water" or "Wet Torso" had to be precise and very few people know how to do that kind of lighting or even want to bother anymore because it's time-consuming, it's tricky, it's difficult, doesn't always work, and that's where his genius as a technician comes through," declares Wallace. "Oil and Water" and "Wet Torso" are extremely romantic, they're graphic because they're no-holds-barred photographs of male torsos, but they're by no means pornographic, they're erotic.

"What Rutherford was expressing is that men are beautiful and romantic and erotic — and then sexy," says Wallace. "I think now he probably would have done some gorgeous work because people are now getting back into what his original concept was, that commitment is more important, love is more important, relationships are more important."

Remembering his friend, Wallace sums up, "He loved everything, he loved plants, he loved flowers, he loved good food, probably more than anything else he loved to laugh. A lot of his eroticism has humor in it. I can imagine him laughing while he was making love."

Rutherford's students Wayne Scott Smith and Allen Mogenson have assembled the exhibit as a final tribute to their mentor with Wallace, and Burn Noff owners Gary Noffsinger and Dennis Burnham committed to making their first exhibit a benefit for the community showcasing Atlanta talent.

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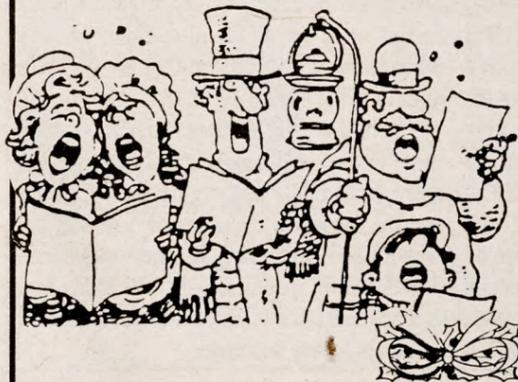
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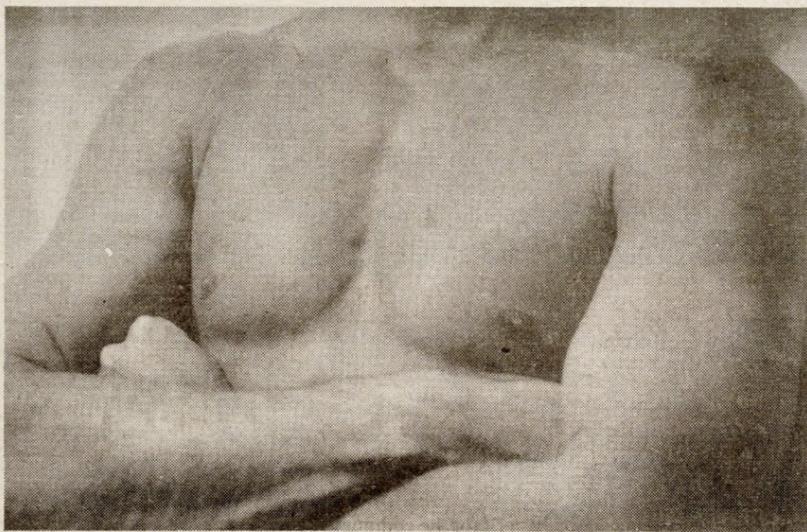
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REMEMBERING ROGER

"Remembering Roger," an exhibition and final sale of the late Roger Rutherford's photographs and needlework, will open December 9 and run through the 16th, at BurnNoff Gallery (Clear Creek Center, Piedmont at Monroe across from Ansley Mall, 875-3475.). The exhibit will be open Mon-Thurs & Sat 11-6, Fri 11-8 and Sun 1-6.

In addition to the exhibit which includes black and white nudes and landscapes, a corner of Rutherford's studio will be recreated including art, furnishings, and personal mementoes.

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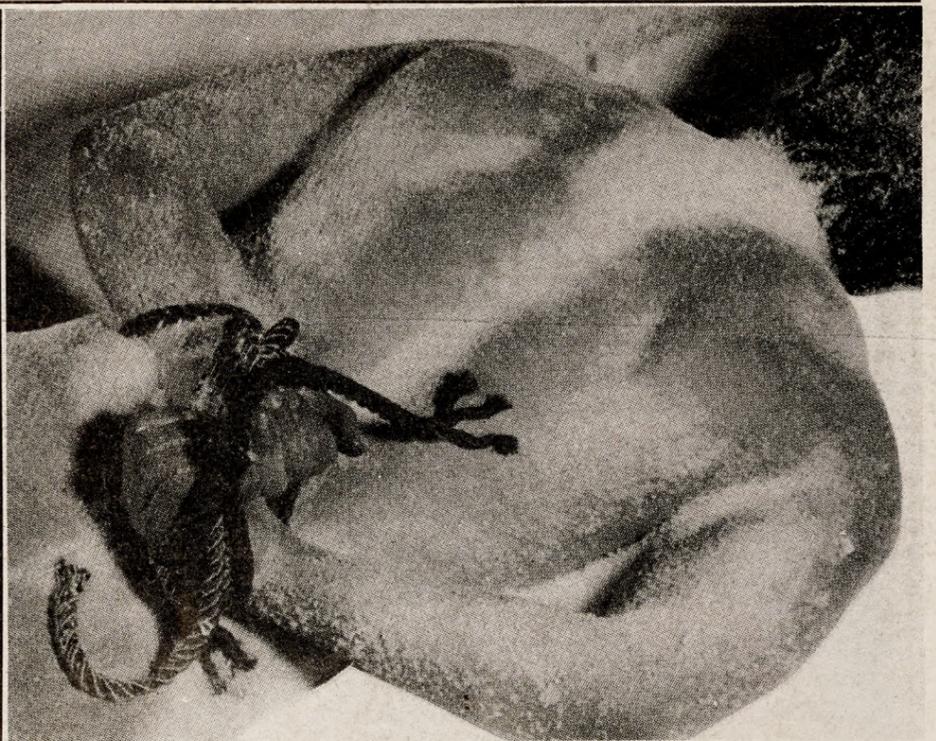
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M: J. and I tried a new intown gay restaurant last week that was so bad we just couldn't bring ourselves to review it. So instead, after a wild early evening birthday party for my one year old godchild, we drove over to Nicola's restaurant for some quiet, comfort and good food.

J: As soon as I walked in, I was enthralled with the rich smell of garlic, cinnamon, and allspice, the three main ingredients in Lebanese cuisine. The classical music and many paintings on the wall added to my anticipation of a homey dinner.

M: I was reminded of wonderful, small Greek taverns where the decor is such that you are encouraged to sit back and enjoy the food. The only thing that didn't fit were J's new red and black "s..."kicking cowboy boots.

J: And if I do say so, I was strutting in my new boots. Any all-American dyke would have been proud of me. But, back to the food. What I like about Nicola's is the fresh, lemony taste in many of the dishes. The tabbouleh (a parsley-wheat germ salad) is superb. The hommos and baba ghanoush appetizers that are served with pita bread wedges are the best that I've ever tasted. Also Nicola's is famous for its lamb shank.

M: Actually, a great way to eat at Nicola's is to order all of the appetizers. They are all delicious and they have the same effect on you as eating Chinese or Mexican. You end up getting addicted to the tastes.

J: For an additional treat, try the Kibbee, a ground round steak, wheat germ cake, that looks



EVETT BENNETT

like a middle eastern brownie. However, there were some things that I didn't like. For example, the Lebanese habit of serving rice and potatoes with all of the entrees makes for too much starch. Also, the desserts are not my idea of satisfying a sweet attack, because they are too doughy and bland. With the exception of the baklava, skip the desserts.

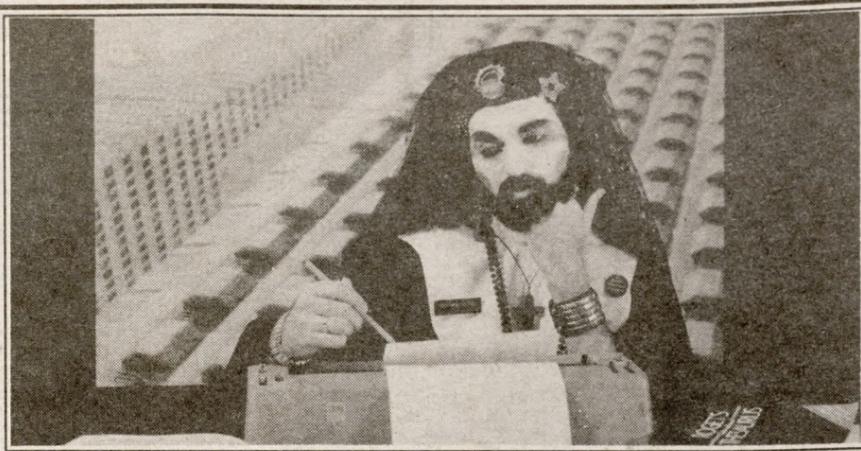
M: I liked the rice and potatoes (they are spicy), and the maalmoo (a cookie dessert) that tasted like old fashioned tea cakes to me. As usual, I ate everything I liked as well as everything J. didn't like. My lemon chicken was garlic lovers heaven, and J's eggplant was even better.

J: Our dashing Lebanese waiter told us that Nicola checks all of the dishes before they leave the kitchen. On a quiet night, Nicola, the jolly rotund owner who would make a great Santa Claus, will serve the entrees himself. This restaurant is a family run business, and tender loving care is apparent in almost everything on the menu.

M: And if Nicola doesn't serve your dinner, he will probably stop by your table to see how you like his cooking (which he did before we left).

J: This five-year old restaurant is open 7 days a week for dinner only. Don't miss it. It's a great, casual dining experience with the right prices (cheap to moderate). WHEW! Was I glad that I didn't have to use my new cowboy boots that M. gave me.

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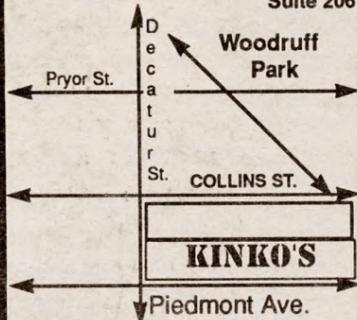
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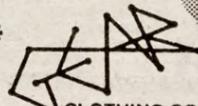
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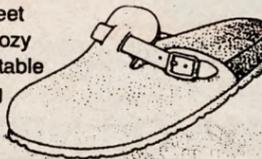
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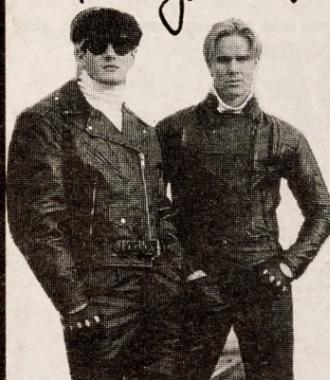
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MODERN BERLIN ARCHITECTURE. Thurs., Dec. 8-Sun., Dec. 31. Part of "Art in Berlin" series. Upper level Galleria. Memorial Arts Building in the Woodruff Arts Center. 898-1102 for more information.

WORKS IN COPPER BY STEPHANIE MILLER. Thru Dec. 31. Free exhibit and sale. Chrysalis Women's Center. 881-6470.

ART IN BERLIN, 1815-1989. Thru Sun., Jan. 14. A Four Star! High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree Street, 898-9284 for more info.

Auditions

SEEKING BLACK ACTORS/ACTRESSES. Sat., Dec. 9. Seven Stages will hold auditions for two productions. Both singing and non-singing roles are available. Bring headshot, resumé, and a two-minute contemporary monologue. For appointment, call 522-0911.

Bars

LIPSTIX. Monday Night Madness, every Monday, with special host, Charlie Brown. Dec. 11, Mickey Day and the Armorettes; Dec. 18, Dolly Arm, opening act for Cher. Every Wednesday, the Diamond Girls perform. 2329 Cheshire Bridge Road, 633-0452. Reservations suggested.

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Benefits

THIS HEART IS WAITING. Thurs., Dec. 7. MERJ Records announces a charity auction to be held at Petrus to benefit Atlanta Cooperative Enterprises and the Collins House AIDS Hospice. Tickets are \$2 and available at Wax & Facts; Wuxtry Records; Chapter 3 Records. Petrus, 8 PM-10 PM. 237-6963 for more info.

BENEFIT FOR CHILDKIND. Sat., Dec. 9. Donations will help deter costs of medicine, food, lodging for HIV+ children. Blake's 10th Street Bar & Grill, 5 PM-8 PM. 227 Tenth Street. 892-7535.

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION. Fri., Dec. 8 thru Sun., Dec. 10. A benefit concert for PWAs. Proceeds go to the National Association of People With AIDS. Call Ed Gibbs, conductor, at 627-1191 for information. Fri., Sat.: 8 PM; Sun., 2 PM. \$5. 874-7926 for tickets.

Dance

THE NUTCRACKER. Fri., Dec. 15. The annual outing by the Atlanta Ballet. \$8-\$31.25. Atlanta Civic Center. For complete information, call 892-3303.

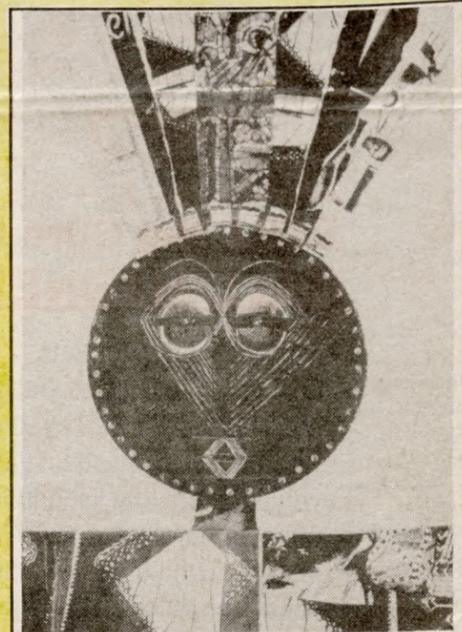
Events

ALIX DOBKIN. Thurs., Dec. 7th. Lesbian magic and success stories from around the world, told by one of the most fun and personable people around! This is a Women-only event. Interpreted for the hearing impaired. 7:30 PM. Free. Charis Books & More, 419 Moreland Avenue, 524-0304.

SPECIAL WOMEN'S GATHERING. Thurs., Dec. 7-10. Join Deidra, your hostess, for a weekend of lesbian fun and fellowship in a private and naturally beautiful setting. Timberfell Lodge, Route 11, Greenville, Tennessee. Call (615) 234-0833 for details and reservations.

OPEN HOUSE. Sat., Dec. 9. Come tour the ARTS Exchange and enjoy the vendors wares, perfect for holidays; also, there will be reggae bands, performing artists, McClendon School of Dance and lotsa surprises! The ARTS Exchange, 750 Kalb Street, S.E. Contact Edward Billups at 624-4211.

EVENING OF THE ARTS. Tues., Dec. 12. Beacon Hill Arts Center in Decatur presents the Beacon Dance Company, the Decatur Civic Chorus, the Neighborhood Playhouse and an artists' exhibit. \$2. Call 373-3904 for more.



"South African Cover Girl" is one of the new collage works by Sheri Moore featured in the exhibition "Women Under Apartheid" through December 23 at The Arts Exchange, 750 Kalb St. 624-4211.

Film

MY LIFE FOR ZARAH LEANDER. Fri., Dec. 8. A film in the Berlin series. A recommended 1987 contribution. Rich Auditorium, Woodruff Arts Center, 1280 Peachtree Street. Call 892-3600 x.434 for details.

GERMANY AWAKE! Sat., Dec. 9. A 1968 treat, especially in view of present events in Germany. Rich Au., Woodruff Arts Center, 1280 Peachtree St.. Call 892-3600 x.434 for details.

METIN. Wed., Dec. 13. This film was made in Germany in 1979. Part of the Berlin series. Free. Goethe-Institut Atlanta. 892-2388.

"A BERLIN LOVE STORY". Wed., Dec. 20. A 1984 treasure and part of the Salute to Berlin series. Goethe Institut Atlanta. 892-2388.

Holiday Joy

CHRISTMAS AT CALLANWOLDE. Thurs., Dec. 7th thru Tues., Dec. 12. Atlanta's finest interior designers have transformed Callanwolde into a holiday spectacle. \$7, \$5, and \$4 (children and Seniors). Call for times, 872-5338. Callanwolde Fine Arts, 980 Briarcliff Road.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL. Sat., Dec. 9. A holiday treat for the ears. 7-9 PM. All Saints MCC. For details, call 622-1154.

AVS (Atlanta Venture Sports) HOLIDAY GATHERING. Sat., Dec. 9. This fun group's annual festivities. For details, call 242-4899.

W.O.W. (Women of Wisdom) HOLIDAY PARTY. 7:30 PM. For details, call 984-9929.

Literature

MYTHS: ANCIENT AND CONTEMPORARY. Thurs., Dec. 14th. Nancy Kavanaugh brings out myths in which women are transformed through their journeys. 7:30 PM. Free. Charis Books & More, 419 Moreland Avenue, 524-0304.

Meetings

INTEGRITY/ATLANTA. Fri., Dec. 8. Celebrates 10 years of ministry to Episcopalian lesbians and gays. Holy Eucharist at 7:30 PM followed by a potluck. All Saints Church. 373-2838 for more info.

HOLIDAY SUPPORT GROUP FOR LESBIANS. Thru Jan. 2. Tuesdays. No charge but donations accepted. Chrysalis Women's Center, 2045 FManchester Street. Call 881-6300 for complete details.

CHRYSALIS WOMEN'S CENTER provides professionally led support group for lesbians every Friday night from 7 PM til 8:30 PM. Call 881-6300 for directions and information.

FIRST MCC AIDS MINISTRY committee meeting every Sun., 12:30 PM. First MCC, 800 N. Highland Ave. Call 872-2246 for more info.

Metaphysical

WOMEN'S MEDITATION HOUR. A time for quiet contemplation in the safe company of women in a format recognizing the personal nature of spirituality. Socializing and meditation are in vogue here. Coffee, tea, and sweets provided. Donations accepted. Every Sunday, 7 PM. Chrysalis Women's Center, Amethyst Room, 2045 Manchester Street, 881-6300.

EARTH EXPO AND EARTH ACTION CONFERENCE. Fri., Dec. 8-Sun., Dec. 10. Friday will see a Save The Earth Benefit. Exhibits, film festival, speakers. Workshop and lec-

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SOLSTICE CELEBRATION FOR WOMEN. Wed., Dec. 20. Join Mary Bailey-Rule in a discussion, meditation and refreshments. Bring a candle and a rock, stone or small plant to exchange. 7:30PM at Chrysalis Women's Center, 2045 Manchester St., 881-6300.

Music

SOUND ENVIRONMENT. Thurs., Dec. 7th. Musicians' benefit for Greenpeace and local radio station WRFG. Little 5 Points Community Pub. Call 524-0805 for details.

REUBEN ANDERSON appearing Thurs., Dec. 7 in Decatur at Trackside. (Also at The Wreck Room on Dec. 15 and Bradley's in Carrollton on Dec. 11.)

HOMELESS SHOW. Fri., Dec. 8-Sat., Dec. 9. 96Rock sponsors a musical benefit for the homeless with guests Chattanooga Coochie Men & Victoria Williams. \$7.96 and \$9.96. Doors open at 8 PM. Cotton Club, 1021 Peachtree Street, 874-2523.

CAROLING UNDER THE STARS. Sun., Dec. 10. Join others in the true Spirit and support your community. Come out for the festivities and music and bring canned goods for our PWAs. Donations are tax-deductible, too! Sponsored by the L.A.M.P. Project. 6 PM. John Howell Park (corner of Virginia Avenue and Barnett Street).

JAN RILEY. Sun., Dec. 17. Self-described "Big Girl with a Bad Attitude" performs with her band (Carolyn Bennet, Neal Starkey & James Schneider). \$7 at door; \$6 advance at Charis Books and More. 8 PM, Next City Comedy Theatre, 696 Cleburne Terr. 876-6398.

Photography

"REMEMBERING ROGER". Sat., Dec. 9-16. An exhibition, final display and sale of photos and needlework of Roger Rutherford to benefit NAPWA and Project Open Hand Atlanta. Burnoff Gallery at Clear Creek Center. Piedmont at Monroe.

BERLIN. Through Dec. 15. Sixty colorful photos of Berlin's sights & historic buildings. Free. Goethe Institut of Atlanta. Call 892-2388.

VANISHING PRESENCE. Thru Jan. 5, 1990. An exhibition of almost 200 photographs that commemorates photography's sesquicentennial. Free. High Museum of Art at Georgia-Pacific Center, 133 Peachtree Street. 577-6940. Call for times.

A LASTING IMPRESSION. Thru February 1990. Celebrating photography's 150th anniversary, this exhibit features over 100 beautiful daguerrotypes, ambrotypes and tintypes in thematic groups. Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-5 PM. Free.

High Museum of Art at Georgia-Pacific Center, 133 Peachtree Street. 577-6940.

Theatre

LIVING COLOR. Thru Sun., Dec. 10. A play about psychological seduction, physical manipulation, playacting and unexpected outcomes. \$5. 8:30 PM. Seven Stages/Backdoor Theatre. 1105 Euclid Avenue. 523-7647.

MY THREE ANGELS. Thurs., Dec. 7th thru Dec. 16. A Gaelic "Christmas Carol" where it is easier to bump Scrooge off than convert him. A real howler. \$8-\$14. Neighborhood Playhouse, 430 West Trinity Place, Decatur. Call 373-5311 for times and reservations.

LIFE IS A DREAM. Thurs., Dec. 7th thru Dec. 17. The Spanish Renaissance classic. Fate: Do you believe your life has been set up since Day One or - do you call the shots? Don't miss this one! Actor's Express. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831 for reservations.

MISS MARGARIDA'S WAY. Thurs., Dec. 7th thru Sun., Dec. 10. Back by POPULAR DEMAND. This highly recommended one-woman show is commandeered by Kerrie Osborne in a scathingly funny, frightening play about societal censorship and dogma. Set in an 8th grade classroom. Go see it! Academy Theatre in the Genesis (new entrance in back). 14th & Juniper Streets (behind Campanile). Wed.-Sat., 8 PM; Sun. 3 PM. Call 892-0880.

LONG TIME SINCE YESTERDAY. Thurs., Dec. 7th thru Dec. 16. An A.T.L.A.N.T.A., Inc. Theatre presentation. \$6-4. Call 624-4211 for more info. Arts Exchange, 750 Kalb Street.

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS: A HOMECOMING. Thurs., Dec. 7th thru Dec. 23. A mountain homecoming full of traditional stories, music, humor and celebration. For general audiences. Wed.-Sat., 8 PM; Sat., 10 AM; Sun., 3 PM. \$10-4. Theatrical Outfit, 1012 Peachtree Street. 872-0665.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Thurs., Dec. 7th thru Dec. 24. The 10th anniversary of the tried and true classic, with a new twist! Academy Theatre, 14th and Juniper Streets (behind Campanile). Call 892-0660 for more.

LAUGHING WILD. Fri., Dec. 15- Sat., Dec. 30. Christopher Durang's wickedly funny romp through the Harmonic Convergence, tuna fish, homosexuality, and Dream Girls. Actor's Express. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

Upcoming

M.A.A.S. HOLIDAY SOCIAL. Wed., Dec. 27. The Metro Atlanta Astrological Society has its annual Christmas social. Bring your leftovers for everyone to share. 7:30 PM. 2054 Harobi Drive off La Vista Road (near Northlake Drive). Call 622-5661.

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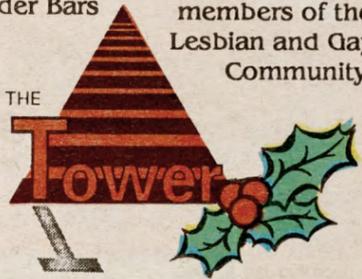


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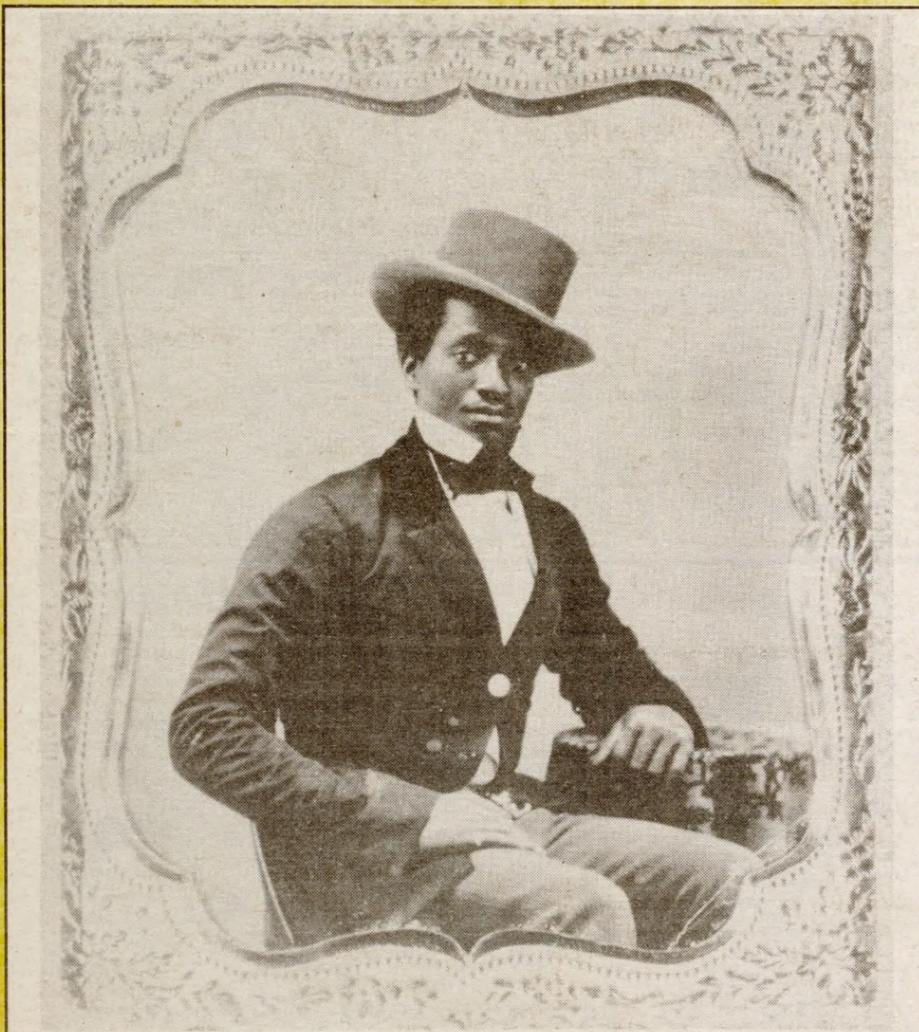
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Oprah's Battle for Beauty

It ain't easy being tiny, confesses the once rotund talk show celeb Oprah Winfrey, and it's even harder if your weight loss is a matter for the headlines. Winfrey revealed – once again on national television – that she continues to fight for every lost ounce. "I have eaten four bowls of Raisin Bran trying not to eat a piece of cake," she told her adoring audience. Like most dieters, Oprah, 35, has regained at least some of the pounds she shed last year. 17 of the missing 67 have found their way back. And the world keeps on watching. Asking her followers to let her eat, even if they see her ordering fattening foods in a restaurant, Oprah complained that sometimes, "You order a side dish and they call 911 on you."

The Women of 1989

Glamour Magazine has released its list of the most inspiring women of the year. The list counts women from the world of entertainment, like Candice Bergen of "Murphy Brown" fame, and Diane English, the show's creator. There are military women, like Kristin Baker, the first and current brigade commander at West Point. There are Asian women, like the first successful female Japanese politician, Takako Doi, and abortion rights advocates, such as Faye Wattleton, the head of Planned Parenthood.

The Man of 1791

Yep. That's Wolfgang. The verdict came from an Austrian Paleontologist after examining a skull that has been kept in an Austrian music school for decades. The paleontologist from Salzburg University confirmed that the bone matches the portraits of the 18th century composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. He added the skull shows signs of a hemorrhage, explaining why Mozart complained of so many headaches in his later years. Mozart was 36 when he passed away in 1791.

An Evening with Michael

The dream of a dying young boy was fulfilled when the star he wished upon came down to take him to the circus. Darian Pagan, a 4-year-old leukemia patient spent an evening with the reclusive rocker at a California circus, after spending hours between treatments trying to do the moonwalk and watching Michael's videos over and over. A wish-granting foundation helped set up the meeting between the boy and his idol. Michael, who said his dream is to bring joy to all children, said the two have a lot in common. "He's shy, just like me." Darian's father, who also went to the circus, said seeing his little boy's joy made his day. He held a sleeping Darian in his arms while Michael Jackson, wearing black sequined cuffs and shoulder-length hair, walked away flanked by two bodyguards with shaved heads.

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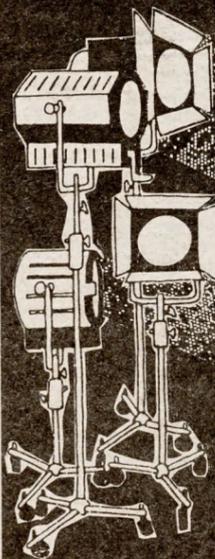
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ORGANIZATIONS

AALGA- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance. 1st Sunday of each month. 4:00 PM. Ashby and Gordon Street. A political and social organization for black lesbians and gay men. PO Box 50374, Atlanta, Ga., 30302. 691-5921 or 297-8815.

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

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

ACT UP/Atlanta-AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power Direct action group with the purpose of fighting homophobia, AIDS, sexism and racism. Meetings held every Tuesday at 7:30 PM at 131 Ponce de Leon, Suite 233. 24-hr. info line - 286-6247. Outside Atlanta, call 800-342-7038 ext. 6247.

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

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

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

ALACC- Atlanta Lesbian Agenda Conference Committee. A diverse group of lesbians helping to organize the 1st National Lesbian Agenda Conference to be held in Atlanta in 1990 or 1991. For info call 378-9769.

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

ALGPC- Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. 2nd Tuesday of each month. 7:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church. Needs volunteers to coordinate this year's lesbian and gay pride March to insure its success.

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

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

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

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

Atlanta Business & Professional Guild- A non-profit service organization comprised of both gay/lesbian and non-gay professionals and businesspersons. 2nd Tuesday of each month. Place varies. Membership and further info: 662-4202.

Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus- A community-oriented choral group of women's voices. Membership is open to all women interested in singing. Chorus practice held each Sunday, 4:30-7:00 PM at the First Existentialist Church at 470 Candler Pl. Dr. 355-8894 or 435-4498.

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

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

Circle of Healing- 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 7:30 PM. First Existentialist Church. The Circle is open to anyone in need of healing, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual. 378-5570

CODA- Codependents Anonymous- Lambda. A 12-step program of recovery from codependency for gays and lesbians. Meetings Tues. & Wed. at 8 PM. For info and locations call: 239-1657.

Chrysalis- A women's center providing social, educational and informational programs and services for the community. 2045 Manchester. For info call (404) 881-6300.

Congregation Bet Haverim- Services 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 8:30 PM. Shabbat Seder, 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. All Saints Episcopal Church. Proudly serving the lesbian and gay community. Info line: 642-3467.

COOR- Coalition Opposing Operation Rescue (COOR) vocally and visibly poses any individual or group trying to limit women's rights of reproductive choice. Weekly meetings are held every Monday at 7:30pm at the Little 5 Points Community Center, located at the corner of Euclid and Austin Avenues. For more information about COOR and upcoming events call 365-5311. Don't remain silent any longer. Join us in defending the right to legal, safe abortions. We won't go back!

Delphi- A fraternity of gay men, offering recreation, fellowship, and idealism. P.O. Box 14591, Atlanta, GA 30324.

ELGO- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization. Meetings every Wed. at 7:30 PM. Room 362E Dobbis University Center. Box 23515, Emory Univ., Atlanta, Ga. 30322. 727-6692.

First MCC Atlanta- Sunday Services at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM evangelistic service. Mid-week services on Wednesday at 7:30 PM. 800 N. Highland Ave. Office hours Noon-6:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday. A Christian church proclaiming God's love for lesbians and gay men. Counseling available by appointment for individuals and couples. Same sex Holy Unions performed. 872-2246.

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

Friends Atlanta- Activities and meetings vary. A social, recreational, and educational group for gays and lesbians. Volleyball, bowling, dinners, theater nights, and dances are among the activities. 662-4501.

Friends of Zoo Atlanta- Support organization for Zoo Atlanta.

For info regarding corporate sponsorship, membership, volunteers and adopt-an-animal call (404) 525-9936. Mon-Fri., 9AM-5PM.

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

GALA- Georgia Tech Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Weekly meetings. 676-1324. GALA, Programs Area, GA Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332.

GLSA- Ga. State Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance. Day meetings on Wed. 10:10am, Rm 904 General Classroom Bldg. (Nov. 8 mtg. in 804 GCB). Info: 651-3636 or 352-4570. GLSA, Box 506 University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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

GAPAC- Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition. Meetings vary. The gay and lesbian political action committee monitoring and acting in the local political scene. 368-7420.

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

Gay & Lesbian Pride March-1990-PO Box 5643, West Columbia, SC 29171. (803) 796-3615, 252-9455, 271-4207.

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

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MAAS- Metro Atlanta Astrological Society. A networking educational/research organization for both amateur and professional astrologers. Usually meet the fourth Wed. of each month. 622-5661

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

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Jesse McVay

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Chip Rowan: Acting Up About AIDS

Chip Rowan, attorney and political activist, can be found wherever demonstrations that call attention to AIDS-related issues occur. Chip is the legal coordinator and action facilitator of ACT UP/Atlanta (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power), an activist network begun by author writer Larry Kramer (*The Normal Heart*) in New York four years ago. The network's purpose is to generate media exposure to AIDS-related issues. Local ACT UP groups stage events, including confrontation and civil disobedience.

Since joining ACT UP, Chip has demonstrated against quarantine laws in South Carolina, distributed condoms in Piedmont Park, and done everything he can to call public attention to the AIDS crisis.

"We demonstrated at Walden Books because they refused to carry information on safe sex," Chip recounts. Another demonstration confronted Burroughs-Wellcome, the manufacturers of AZT, for their slowness in making the drug available to HIV-positive patients.

As part of his work with ACT UP, Chip demonstrated in Columbia, SC

in April 1989 to protest laws oppressive to HIV-positive people, such as quarantining. Such laws are still on the books, says Chip, but as a result of ACT UP's work, they are less likely to be enforced.

Two important demonstrations are coming up in January. A demonstration to repeal the sodomy law takes place on January 8 at the Georgia State Capitol, and on January 9 a demonstration will occur at the Centers for Disease Control to protest the slowness of AIDS research.

Chip Rowan is optimistic about the general public's awareness of AIDS: "I think the public can be persuaded. In my work, we've seen people in the community become more aware." About the gay community's awareness: "We've come a long way, but we've still got a long way to go. What I'd like to see is for people to realize the problem before it hits them personally."

Chip's life is centered around activism, but when he is not doing legal work or demonstrating, he likes to relax by cooking, reading, or watching college football.

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Riza Mimanto manager of the Gallery of Wearable Art in Rio.

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Hailing from Evansville, Indiana, Gary and Mark chose Atlanta to build a business and call home because of its strong gay community. "We compared Atlanta to other large gay cities like San Diego, Denver, and Houston...Atlanta was the best choice overall," explains Mark. "We have a strong sense of community," he continues, "and we want to give something back and contribute to the success and well-being of the gay community."

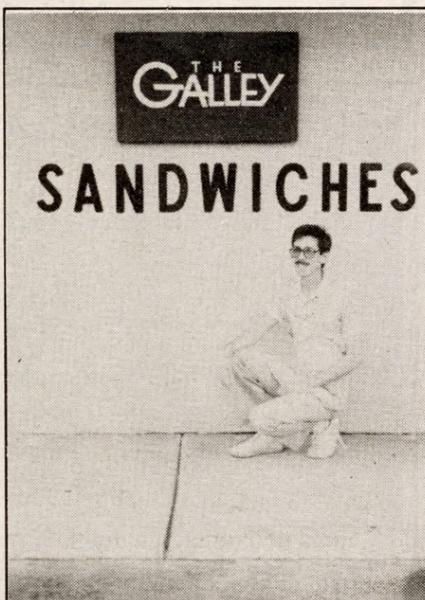
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Helms Blocks AIDS Drug Program

by Cliff O'Neill

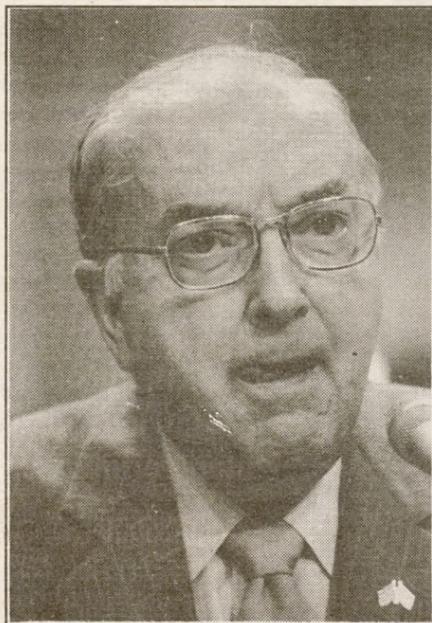
Washington—As members of Congress rushed to complete work for the year and run home for their Thanksgiving dinner, on Nov. 21, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) effectively blocked passage of a bill which would have set up a long-term program to provide proven AIDS treatment drugs to indigent AIDS and HIV patients.

A vocal opponent of a myriad of AIDS and gay-related bills, Helms used the Senate's time crunch to keep the bill from the Senate floor. As the sole holdout in the Senate against a "unanimous consent" agreement to limit time to floor debate on the bill, Helms blocked the bill from coming to the Senate floor by threatening to filibuster the measure, as he put it, "till the cows come home."

As a filibuster is both time consuming and decisive, requiring 50 votes to break, the Senate leadership opted to shelve the bill for the session, rather than cross Helms.

"It's unfortunate," stated Tom Sheridan, lobbyist for the Washington-based AIDS Action Council, "because we have bipartisan support from everywhere... We have a good deal of Republican support for this bill. But we just don't have Jesse, so once again one member out of 100 is blocking AIDS legislation. Either the Senate has to stand up to Jesse Helms and say, 'We're ready to take you on on this,' or we're not going to move legislation as usual."

The measure, titled the Low Income Treatment Authorization Program (LITAP), would set up a three-year authorization program to provide matching grants to participating states so as they may provide treatment drugs to AIDS and HIV patients not qualifying for state Medicaid programs. The measure is intended to bring under control the year-by-



Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC)

year crisis of seeking renewed funds for the federal AIDS drug subsidy program without a formal authorization ever being passed by Congress.

"[This situation] is just another clear sign of how much better off we'd be if Jesse Helms was not in the U.S. Senate," added Greg King, communications director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

AIDS lobbyists working on the bill have pledged to pass the LITAP measure in one form or another as soon as Congress returns to work in January, as without it, they say it will be much harder to ensure funding for the drug subsidies for yet another year.

World AIDS Day Demonstration Demands Leadership from Bush

Washington, D.C. — Executive directors from over a dozen AIDS service organizations nationwide are scheduled to join a cross-section of leaders of the AIDS and gay/lesbian communities in staging a massive act of civil disobedience in front of the White House on Dec. 1, World AIDS Day, to demand broader access to health care for all Americans and leadership on AIDS from the President.

AIDS activist mobilizing behind the World AIDS Day Coalition banner state that, with the nationwide AIDS caseload still growing exponentially, the U.S. can expect to see the number of people diagnosed with disease jump from over 100,000 to well over 200,000 within the next 16 months.

"That kind of expansion of caseload for AIDS service providers around the country creates an impossible situation for the service providers in this country," said Eve Faber, national coordinator of the demonstration. "We will be all out to say we can't stand it without more support from the government. And this nation will not be able to stand this exponential growth (in AIDS cases) without that support either."

As a departure from the AIDS demonstrations held in the nation's capital previously, the Dec. 1 demonstration will use people not usually seen sitting in the streets — executive directors of AIDS service providers — to bring the message to the public that they felt the government is still not doing enough to fight the epidemic.

"We're hoping to dramatize the inattention that the government has been giving to this problem," said Tim McFeely, executive direc-

tor of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and among those who will be getting arrested as part of the action. "We're really facing an enormous crisis that is being felt by the service organizations but isn't being sufficiently dealt with by the government. We see a Congress which adjourned (recently) without dealing effectively with the problem. And we see an administration which will be leaving (Dec. 2) to the Mediterranean to deal with world problems without dealing with the problem here at home. The disease is spreading and people are just not concerned."

To make their message clear, activists have issued a one-page "call to action" to itemize their demands from the government.

Chief among these is the rapid passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a massive bill which would ban discrimination against all people with disabilities, including AIDS and HIV infection. The bill has already been passed by the Senate and is presently awaiting committee action in House. President Bush has pledged to sign the bill and has had Attorney General Richard Thornburgh lobby for the bill on his behalf.

Also among the issues addressed is a demand that the government recognize the "basic right of health care" and establish a national health care program for all Americans.

Further, the activists are calling for wider and faster access to experimental treatments for AIDS, early intervention with promising drugs for people with HIV infection and the "dedication of resources and sound public policy" to broader and more inclusive AIDS education programs.

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NEA Pulls Out Of AIDS Art Show

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has withdrawn from a contracted sponsorship of a New York art show dealing with sexuality in the age of AIDS.

NEA chairman John E. Frohnmayer notified Susan Wyatt, director of Artists Space, a Manhattan arts activist organization and gallery, that the NEA was cancelling a previously guaranteed \$10,000 endorsement on the grounds that the exhibit on sexuality entitled "Witness: Against Our Vanishing" is "political rather than artistic in nature."

The exhibit was organized by a prominent New York City photographer who said "This is a time when AIDS is being used for homophobia and sexual repression, and this proves it." While Frohnmayer denied that the

cancellation stemmed from anti-gay sentiment, Goldin says, "I'm glad to be fighting against censorship."

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force media spokesperson Robert Bray said "We're seeing the Helms amendment affecting the arts community."

Linda Farin, executive director of Frameline, the national gay and lesbian film/video arts organization, which has received NEA funds in the past, said "It's necessary to have those images out there, because they express issues of representation for a minority classified solely by its sexual orientation." Farin added, "Works such as the 'Witness' exhibit are an expression of gay and lesbian life, sexuality and feelings."

Texas PWA Sues Employer

Houston- A Texas man with AIDS, along with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, is suing his insurer and employer after they altered his group and health insurance plan to lower the lifetime cap on AIDS-related claims.

John McGann of Houston has worked for H&H Music Co. since 1982 and has been covered by his employer's group health plan since that time. McGann was diagnosed with AIDS in 1987 and began submitting medical claims.

In July of 1989, H&H announced that it was cancelling its group medical plan operated by General American Life Insurance and was instituting a self-insured plan with

General American as administrator. The new plan would impose a limit of \$5,000 on all AIDS-related claims, even though the ceiling on all other illnesses would remain at \$1,000,000.

Donald Slapwith, one of McGann's attorneys, said "This case once again demonstrates that the societal repercussions of AIDS go far beyond personal devastation to one individual." He added, "Should the defendants prevail in this matter, the insurance industry will have been given a *carte blanche* to terminate any insured individual whose health conditions they have determined is too costly to allow them to continue to make their expected profits."

Charlie Brown's "Signature of Love"



EVERETT BENNETT

Nobody was picking on Charlie Brown Nov. 21 when his 2nd Annual Signature of Love raised over \$8500.00 for financial and emotional support of Atlanta people with AIDS. In addition to Brown, the campy dinner showcased the talents of the casts of Lipstix and Club 551 Downstairs.

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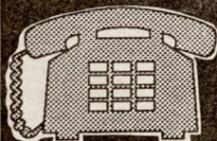
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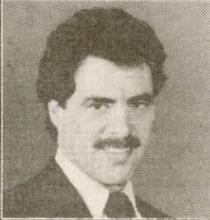
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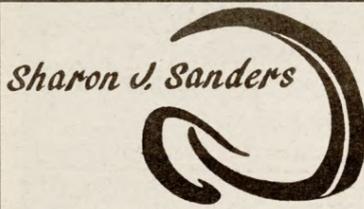
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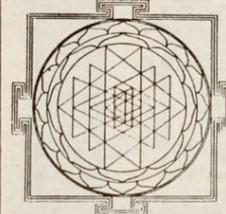
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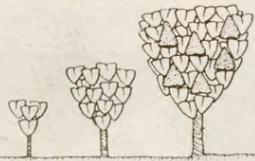
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The Future of Gay Ethnicity

by Paul Varnell

"Gay" is more than just a sexual orientation, more than just a political movement for civil rights, more than just an economic market, more than just a neighborhood in big cities, more than just a "lifestyle" ("I don't have a lifestyle," says a friend of mine, "I have a life"). It is all of these but more. And the term that probably best describes it, the most comprehensive term is "ethnic group," if one not fully developed, then at least one in the process of formation.

Although there are by now several articles in the sociology journals on the "gay ghetto," no one seems to have written an article showing that gays are (or are becoming) an ethnic group. It would be easy to do. The Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups lists some 14 categories it urges its contributors to consider when they write about an ethnic group. Let's look at a few of them and see how gays qualify.

- "Institutions that serve and maintain the group." Start with gay bars, adult bookstores and (problematically now) bath houses. Then move on to gay (real) bookstores, medical clinics, social service agencies, clothing boutiques, card shops, Metropolitan Community Churches, and the newspaper you are now reading.

- "Settlement and employment patterns." Settlement is in the gay part of town, often at the (somewhat cheaper) edges. As for employment, start with waiters, flight attendants, hair stylists (some stereotypes are true), florists. Go on to the entire travel industry, computer workers, people in the arts generally.

- "Literature, folklore, and music." There are hundreds of gay novels now – coming-out novels, ghetto novels, AIDS novels – as well as poetry and plays. "Women's music" is pretty openly lesbian; disco was once gay male-identified. Folklore includes everyone's coming-out stories, tales of discrimination, hot tricks, and whatever is in our collective memory about gays in the past, the Renaissance, and ancient Greece.

- "Shared traditions and values." These are things that people have to learn in the enclave because no one is raised to be gay by his/her parents. One learns the history of gay liberation and gay repression. And one learns the value of individual autonomy, sexual freedom, a greater openness about sexuality itself, as well as a regard for the variety of relationships that exist among gays. And recently, with AIDS, the values of personal benevolence, cooperative effort, and generosity have been reasserted.

- "Special interest in politics." Who could doubt it? Sodomy is illegal in 24 states, gay civil rights are guaranteed in few cities, and AIDS has been addressed so poorly. Most of our national institutions (NGLTF, HRCF, Fairness Fund, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders) are political or legal advocacy groups.

- "Common geographical origin." Since most gays move to (or near) the enclave to find friends, sex, a supportive environment, it is clear that they moved not from a specific place but a type of place – a suburb, a small town, which they found lonely, alienating, perhaps oppressive, damaging, and maybe even dangerous.

- "An internal sense" and "external perception of distinctness." This is most definitive of all since it is the main reason gays migrate. Even without prejudice, gays might feel

drawn to the urban enclave, but the vicious prejudice most isolated gays experience (unless they viciously repress themselves) is an even stronger incentive. In the enclave, that distinctness is given a structure, support, and ideological legitimacy.

And so on with the Harvard Encyclopedia's other categories, including those of race, language or dialect, food preferences, religion, and most of all, ties that transcend kinship.

None of these things has been very authoritatively surveyed, and my account here is impressionistic and unquantified. But the point is that there is an area to be usefully examined.

I used to claim confidently that the gay enclave was both growing and diverging from general American culture. It was attracting new members as people came for the sex and social life and stayed to live, become neighbors, and learn community responsibility. And by providing a large geographical "safe space," the enclave allowed whatever was natural in gay behavior and "lifestyle" to express itself, get tested by experience, and flourish.

AIDS, however, in the last few years has provided a significant counter-thrust to that development. For one thing, it brought in internally generated (i.e., friendly, non-homophobic) pressure on gay men to curtail the quantity and careless abandon of their sexual behaviors. That, in turn, led many gay men to deliberately seek a primary semi-monogamous relationship as the easiest and most familiar solution to the problems of their sexual economy.

For another, as gays realized how little government and society were doing about AIDS, many gays felt it necessary to reengage with the rest of the world in order to work for an improved response to the disease. Reassimilation was also aided by the moving sight of some generous-minded heterosexuals willing to help provide health care, social services, and those small acts of kindness that foster and maintain friendship and trust.

For a third, AIDS has, I think, slowed immigration to the enclave. Perhaps a fear of AIDS is inhibiting people's (especially young people's) coming to terms with their own homosexuality; the linkage of being gay with a fatal disease must be a powerful disincentive to honest self-assessment. And if the enclave is popularly portrayed as a disease-ridden area, then fewer people will want to move here to relate to the inhabitants.

I know of no way to do research on how many people haven't come out and moved to the big cities. But some sort of index can be found by comparing the number of bar listings in the Gay Yellow Pages between, say 1982 and 1989. After continuous growth up to 1982, there has been a pretty steady holding at a constant number of bars. We can scarcely assume that every gay person who wanted to had moved to the enclave by 1982 and that the rest who did not were living happy, self-fulfilling lives. Not likely.

Those of us who see the enclave as vitally important to gays need to think about this. The enclave constitutes our locus of political and economic power, a concentrated support for cultural activities, and its continuous growth fosters a diversification of goods, services, and allowable lifestyles. If the lure of sex no longer suffices to recruit people to the gay enclave, then we must figure out other ways to make the enclave appealing.

Got any ideas you want to share?

Gay Rights Victory in Massachusetts: Building Momentum For The Nation

by David LaFontaine, Lobbying Director
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Passage of the Massachusetts lesbian and gay civil rights bill is perhaps the single greatest victory for the gay rights movement in 1989. Massachusetts joins Wisconsin, becoming the second state in the nation to pass comprehensive civil rights legislation for gays and lesbians. Key to success in Massachusetts was a ground swell of public support that convinced undecided legislators and overwhelmed opponents. The Massachusetts victory is emblematic of a nationwide movement that is building momentum to spark a chain of gay rights victories in coming years.

The March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights on October 11, 1987 marked a turning point in the nationwide gay rights movement. Never before had the gay community witnessed its own strength in such numbers. As a result, hundreds of thousands of demonstrators brought home with them a new sense of empowerment. The emerging strength of the gay and lesbian community is changing the face of our struggle for equal rights. This year's Massachusetts victory dramatically illustrates this change.

In Massachusetts prior to 1987, a quiet, insider lobbying strategy kept the gay rights bill alive, but failed to convince key legislators of its overwhelming public support. At the end of the 1987 legislative session, shortly after the March on Washington, the bill suffered its fifteenth consecutive defeat. That year the bill had passed the House and won a majority in the Senate, but was killed in committee. This unjust defeat triggered a massive demonstration. Chants of more than 600 protesters rang throughout the State House, and 14 people were arrested when they chained themselves to seats inside the Senate Gallery.

The power unleashed by this demonstration transformed the public perception of the community as a political force and brought the voice of the lesbian and gay community at large to the State House. In the years following the 1987 demonstration, street activism, in the form of passionate rallies and angry protests, became a core part of the lobbying effort.

The high visibility tactics employed by organizations such as the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights brought the issue to the public eye. Extensive media campaigns drew front-page headlines and secured

gay rights endorsements from public figures and the local media. The encouraging effect of this publicity drew new supporters out of the closet. Realizing the strength of our numbers, thousands of people took action at the grassroots level, contributing to letter-writing campaigns and constituent lobbying.

In 1989, the gay rights bill became an unstoppable people's initiative. A statewide poll showed 68 percent support for the bill among Massachusetts voters. Grassroots activists, building on groundwork already laid, garnered majority support in both houses and overwhelmed powerfully placed opponents. The visibility of a unified gay community made the difference.

Public support will also be vital to preserving the Massachusetts gay rights law. Gay rights opponents are currently trying to organize a last-ditch effort to place gay rights on a statewide referendum. If the opponents succeed, the pro-gay rights majority will be crucial to defeating the repeal initiative. Gay issues are not new to Massachusetts voters, most of whom have realized that basic civil rights protections for lesbians and gay men are long overdue.

The psychological and symbolic impact of passage of the bill in Massachusetts will strengthen the fight for gay rights in other areas of the country, helping those states that are at a crossroads in their own civil rights struggles. Connecticut, California, New York, Iowa, and other states where gay rights legislation has nearly succeeded in the past will look to the popular support in Massachusetts as a source of inspiration. As gay rights opponents in these states get wind of the public consensus, they will buckle under pressure. Moreover, the inevitable chain of victories promises to boost the national lesbian and gay civil rights bill, which seeks to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include sexual orientation among protected categories.

The development of a national strategy and identity will move each state forward by quantum leaps rather than tiny steps. Our burgeoning national consciousness makes individual victories part of the nationwide gay rights movement. Sharing techniques and tactics from state to state will intensify our political power nationwide, as well as create a lasting unity among gay communities. And sharing the celebration of victories like the one in Massachusetts will heighten our sense of ourselves as a people with a shared history and a promising future.

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OUR FAVORITE SENATORS
The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has rated each U.S. senator on how often they voted the "correct" way on gay-related issues in 1987-1988. The top scorers were:
Weicker (CT), 100%
Simon (IL), 100%
Cranston (CA), 92%
Moynihan (NY), 92%
Gore (TN), 89%
Chafee (RI), 85%
Kennedy (MA), 85%
Kerry (MA), 85%

THE LIBERTY AWARD
The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund each year presents its Liberty Award to individuals who have worked to uphold individual rights. In 1988, the award went to:
Karen Thompson, for tirelessly promoting the importance of legal agreements between lesbian and gay couples.
Perry Watkins, for fighting the Army after it refused to allow him to re-enlist simply because he came out.
Judy Peabody, whose work with people with AIDS has raised the visibility of volunteers across the nation.



16 Affordable Gifts For That Special Someone For The "Holidays"

by Matt Montgomery

The arrival of the day after Thanksgiving, the biggest shopping day of the year, brings the making of holiday gift lists and sometimes indecision about what to get that "special" person on your list.

Southern Voice (with the help of several businesses) decided to reduce that indecision by compiling a "holigay" gift list. The list includes everything from Mama's manicotti pasta dinner to chili pepper Christmas lights and wreaths. The most popular items suggested by businesses for this holiday season are scarves of various origins and picture frames in assorted sizes and styles. Gifts on your list which have specifically "gay" themes can include queer t-shirts from Gear Clothing, and same-sex symbolled jewelry from Abba Dabba's.

Our list also holds a map to the more original gift ideas available, such as a tune-up or edible massage oil. Prices range from the stocking stuffer's dime to the big spender's \$500.

1. McBrayer's cashmere and wool scarves imported from England and France, ranging in price from \$30 to \$75. Steve Farmer at **McBrayers Gallery and Kaleidoscope Clothing** says that scarves are not just for keeping warm but "provide stylish fashion enhancements."

2. 100% silk and rayon scarves are available at **Stefan's Clothing** for \$16 to \$28. They come in various sizes and designs including fun geometric shapes and formal chevron patterns. The silk formal scarf is white on white with handfringed ends.

3. **Abbadabba's** same sex symbols on pendants and earrings can be found in sterling silver or not for \$14 or \$15. Also avail-

able is the goddess symbol for the Greek God/Goddess on your list.

4. Buying a gift certificate for a full service hairstyling which includes cut, conditioning, and blowdrying is a practical and original gift which ranges from \$16 and up at **Hairanoia Salon**, depending on how much service the gift recipient needs or wants.

6. T-shirt messages can be fun as well as political such as the Kastabi print t-shirts from the **Gallery of Wearable Art**. These 100% cotton art shirts are \$25.

7. When the signal that you want to send is more personal try silk boxer shorts from **Boy Next Door Clothing**. Ranging from small to extra large and \$14.99 to \$39.99,



Kama Sutra offers a canister filled with oils, cream, powder and potions to enhance your intimate pleasures. Available at Natural Body Boutique, 1403 N. Highland Ave.

Certificates for coloring are also available.

5. Silence=Death is only one of the messages that could be put under the tree from the queer t-shirts at **Gear Clothing**. The proceeds from the \$12 price go towards repealing the sodomy law. You might say that these are gifts that keep on giving.

the boxers come in various colors.

8. After unveiling the boxers an appropriate gift might be the Kama Sutra Soft things to touch canister of bath oils, cream, powder and a potion which claims to be dedicated to expanding your pleasures. This \$54.50 package is a "year's supply for all but the



An assortment of political T-shirts are available at Gear Clothing in LSP.

lavish." The products are also available individually along with the edible massage oils. Available at **Natural Body**.

9. In order to make sure the holidays are happy, plan a night of comedy and music at **Jerry Farber's Comedy Shop**. The cost ranges from \$6 to \$10 depending on the night that you go.

10. For \$7.50-\$8.95 per person, Mama at **Mama's Italian Restaurant** will prepare a pasta dinner featuring one of her incredible sauces. Each night at Mama's offers a special like manicotti, lasagna, linguini or clam. To accompany the meal, a well stocked wine list is available.

11. For the reader on the list, **Buckhead**

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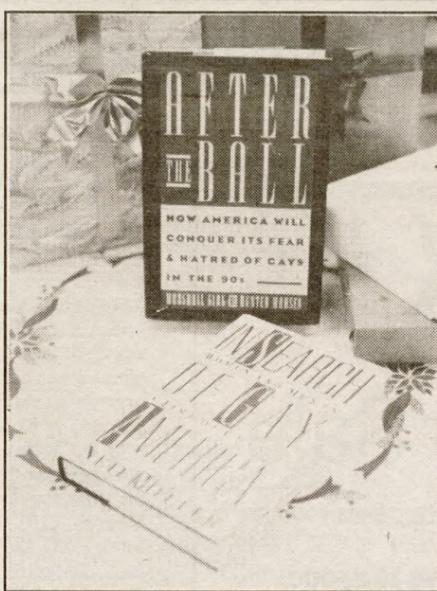


Silk boxers in variety of colors from The Boy Next Door

Books offers a group of alternative lifestyle books like *After the Ball* and *In Search of Gay America* which deal with how America will deal with its fear and hatred of gays in the 90's, as well as a look at gay women and men from rural to urban lifestyles. Also, gay calendars are available.

12. December of 1989 will bring extra holiday cheer as it brings the opening of **Brushstrokes** which suggested pedestals for our list. The plaster craft pedestals are from 14 to 42-1/2 inches in size and \$23.99 to \$49.99 in price. They feature designs like female nudes and traditional column styles.

13. Although a picture is worth a thousand words, picture frames from **Affairs** range from \$10 to \$50. Styles that are offered include traditional to contemporary, animal skin, art deco, art nouveau, and they are wood, brass, silver, fabric covered, ceramic and wood-inlaid.



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Gay publications from Buckhead Books

14. **Framing by Design** offers custom framing or enlarging of photos as a personal gift that "frames a memory" says Neal Sherman. Custom framing can be done for \$15 to \$40.

15. Christmas shopping can wear on your car as well as your nerves, so we made sure that **At Your Service Mechanic** was on our list. Margie Seals, owner of **At Your Service**, says that she is offering gift certificates for various prices and services if you have someone on your list who needs a tune-up - or maybe a lube job.

16. Last, but not least, we have **Princess Pamela's Tchotchka's Palace** for holiday decorating. The Palace has a treasure of ornaments and lights like the lizard and chili pepper Christmas lights. Pamela's also offers gag items for the stocking like the fake orgasm in a can or reindeer antlers for your pet. 10 cents to \$500.

Your Wine Card for the Holidays

by Alexander Wallace

The Atlanta International Wine Festival, now in its 10th year, has got to be the biggest unknown event in the City! It is already the largest festival of its kind in America and it fills the Congress Center for three days-but try to find someone who's been there! It's always just in time for holiday planning-the third weekend in October-and it's the best \$25.00 binge money can buy: You even get a free glass! Strange that it hasn't caught on with you readers, busily planning your Halloween Bal Masques, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and those New Year's Eve honeymoons!

For those of you who missed it, your writer trudged through the 2,400 wines offered at this year's Festival-it's a slurpy job but someone's got to do it! And here, in no particular order, is my Wine Card, for you! (All wines are locally available.)

Champagnes and sparkling wines

- GODORNIU Blanc de Blanc-Atlanta's favorite: very frothy with no body. I'm not surprised.
- CHANDON Blanc de Noirs-very French, for La-La-Land!
- PHILLIPPONNAT Grand Blanc-overpriced, but a nice find
- PIPER-SONOMA-California Frenchy: earthquake-proof
- SEBASTIANI Brut-not a jug-wine
- GREAT WESTERN NYS-what New York Attitude is all about
- CRISTAL-for your tongue, dears, your tongue!
- BOUVET Brut Saphir-invite me over!
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Whites

- 1986 CORTON CHARLEMAGNE DIAMOND JUBILEE-A Buckhead 'puppy.' At \$74.00 a 1/5, that's Top Dog!
- CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE BUSH RIESLING-pure Washington gold!
- HOGUE CELLAR'S DRY JOHANNISBERG RIESLING-Critic's choice
- SEPPELT RESERVE BIN 1988 CHARDONNAY-The Aussies do it again!
- BILTMORE ESTATE JOHANNISBERG RIESLING-and I don't even like this stuff!
- WILLIAM HILL 1988 RESERVE CHARDONNAY-what white wine is all about!
- ZD 1987 CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY-what ALL wine should be about!

Reds

- CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE MERLOT-a tart who'll become a lady
- HOUGUE CELLAR'S CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE-great finesse
- ILLUMINATI MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 1987-Alexander Discovers Italy And Is Conquered!
- ILLUMINATI MONTEPULCIANO D'BRUZZO 1989 VECCHIO-a smoky, smoldering Italian-just my type!
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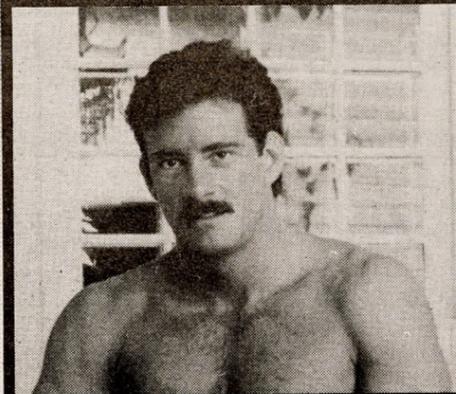
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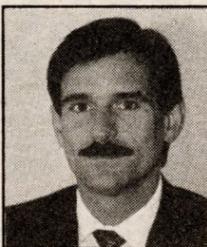
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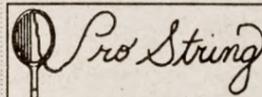
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