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## Women of Substance Display Enormous Talent

by Gale Reter

*Just when you thought you'd enlarged your consciousness enough to include Roseanne in your sexual fantasies, the Thunder Thigh Revue bounces into town to give a whole new meaning to the word largesse. These two ladies are the best thing to come out of Baltimore since Divine.*

Nexus Performance presents the Revue in their latest piece, "Women of Substance," March 23-24. It is a hilarious theatrical experience, written by Joyce J. Scott in collaboration with Kay Lawal. Much of the material comes from the actresses' own experiences, showing that life makes truly strange fiction.

"Women of Substance" is an evening of eclectic theater, mixing monologues with skits, dance, music and projected visual imagery to take the audience deep into the heart of obsession. The focus may at first seem to be fat, but besides cellulite consciousness the Revue takes on sexuality, relationships, racial prejudice, body image. And of course, food.

The covert message touches familiar strings in the hearts of anyone who has been swept away by an uncontrollable desire.

Dressed in their signature look—the Thigh's infamous red satin and black lace costumes—this dynamic duo demonstrates that size is irrelevant and that just because you don't fit the fashion model mold, doesn't mean you're a less worthy human being.

These two amply built African-American women deliver social and political satire aimed at our preconceived notions about what makes a woman sexy, beautiful, powerful and valuable. They confront the audience with their bodies, their obsessions and their sexuality, portraying such female cult figures as a Hottentot idol, the Statue of Liberty, or Venus rising from a sea of sperm.

Lawal and Scott hope their words will carry weight when they encourage men to come too. This is not just a show which attacks male attitudes—the ladies like to



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# King Apologies for "Uninformed" Homophobia

Former Mayor Young's influence indicated

Atlanta—The outcry was loud and immediate. Could the son of slain civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. really have uttered such blatantly homophobic remarks in public?

The answer, of course, is "yes."

Fulton County Commissioner Martin Luther King III told a group of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. middle school students, "Our population is really all kind of mixed up right now. I mean we've got a straight community and a community we call the gay community.... We laugh, but that's real." He went on to say, "Any man who has a desire to be with another man has a problem in my opinion."

According to a long time friend of the King family who requests anonymity, King later explained his feelings by saying that he had learned what he knew about lesbians and gay men from "Uncle Andy." Former Mayor and gubernatorial candidate Andrew Young's religiously based difficulty with lesbians and gay men was a thorn in the side of activists throughout his term as Mayor.

King returned to Atlanta, met with family, friends and advisors and immediately held a press conference where he apologized for his remarks. "It is clear that those statements have caused a great deal of concern and pain particularly within the gay and lesbian community. I deeply regret that this has occurred," offered the Fulton County Commissioner.

King was advised not to take questions at the news conference, said the family friend, because of concerns that he would once again slip and confuse his public role and private feelings.

"Martin Luther King III can't afford to feel this way. And elected officials can't make judgments based on morality," the

friend added.

According to Board Member Judy Colbs, none of the candidates for Fulton County Commission seats were interviewed by GAPAC prior to the 1986 election. A lack of volunteers was evidently the



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Martin Luther King, III

culprit, says Colbs. "And there still aren't enough bodies coming forward," Colbs adds. GAPAC's candidate interviews are widely seen as important educational tools for elected officials as well as the first step in uncovering latent homophobia or the possible support among elected officials.

Fulton Commissioner Lee Roach agreed with King's original statements. According to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Roach said, "All he said was that gays have a problem.... I think everybody who is not gay would say, 'Hey, Marty, I think you're right.'"

Roach has not returned repeated phone requests from *Southern Voice* to elaborate on his statement.

King's use of the words "in my opinion" to qualify his homophobia has stirred up a

flurry of controversy. Most gays and lesbians seem to agree with the family friend and activists who insist that elected officials cannot infuse public rhetoric with private feelings.

Others, including Charles Nelson—co-chair of the African American Lesbian-Gay Alliance(AALGA), but speaking for himself—wonder how far the lesbian/gay movement can go in questioning the personal beliefs of others. "He is a person, a human, not an inanimate object" says Nelson, "...and as a public person he needs to be aware of the impact of his statements....But I have a hard time faulting him for his opinions."

## Non-Consensual Testing Passes

Gays and HIV stripped from, then added back to hate crimes

Atlanta—Thursday, March 8 saw a strange sight as gay and lesbian activists across the city called the office of Governor Joe Frank Harris, thanked him for his support and asked his help in reversing the State Senate's action on hate crimes legislation.

Harris had endorsed Nan Orrock's H.B. 1596 which included sexual orientation and HIV status in its original laundry list of "Bias Crimes."

The original bill died in committee on February 26. In a bit of fancy maneuvering, Orrock had it amended to another bill and reintroduced in the Senate where it passed handily 34-2. But in that shuffle sexual orientation and HIV status disappeared from the bill's "status" list.

Thursday's frantic phone calling was an attempt to urge the Governor to use his influence with the House-Senate conference committee to add the two definitions back to the bill. That happened, but the bill was finally voted down 25-20.

Citizen's for Public Awareness(CPA), an anti-gay lobby, relatively quiet in the past few years, was substantially responsible for the first bill's death and the derailment of its second incarnation.

CPA's handout proclaims, "We oppose hate crimes, harassment or violence towards anyone. We do not have a 'phobia' (fear) of homosexuals. We oppose the homosexual destructive lifestyle that is condemned by God and is a threat to the Family."

"People need to understand that there's an organized right wing network that needs to be taken seriously," says Orrock in response to CPA's success. "We underestimate their power at our own peril."

The session's other cliff-hanger was a substantially amended version of H.B. 842, originally intended to clarify the disclosure of AIDS confidential information in probate proceedings. Medical Association of Georgia lobbyists succeeded in H.B. 1789 (repeal of the right to refuse HIV testing) which was stuck in committee amended to the probate bill. A Senate substitute of the amended bill passed the Senate 32-0 on March 6.

The bill, in the guise of protecting medical personnel, permits testing without consent when a patient is a minor, incompetent, or unconscious. It also permits testing when a competent patient or his/her representative refuses it, but two health care providers agree that testing is necessary.

While far from imposing mandatory testing, the bill's passage is the first substantial erosion of the sane testing guidelines outlined in Georgia's 1988 Omnibus AIDS Act.

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### Bad Day on the Tube

Marty King's apology and Tom Murphy's move toward dialogue were quickly eclipsed Sunday March 4. It was a bad day for Atlanta lesbians and gay men to watch TV. First came Andy Rooney's triumphant return to CBS, where he apologized for his "unthinking comments" that "made life difficult for gays." Marginally contrite yet still annoyingly self-serving and self-righteous, Rooney was more interested in salvaging his reputation than in trying to undo the damage he perpetrated on us when he linked all "homosexual unions"—monogamous or anonymous, safe or unsafe, male or female, long-term or one night—with "early death." How many of our parents heard his comments and how much of our hard work in lessening their fears about our lifestyles was undone? Too many and too much.

Less visible, but more frightening by half, was "Sunday News Conference" on Channel 36—hosted by the infamous Dick Williams—which presented a segment called "Gay But Still Unhappy." Frederick Allen, a journalist for CNN who *should* have some understanding of the concept of gay rights as a civil rights issue, said he thought most blacks would be insulted by having their struggle for respect compared to the gay community's. Williams sniggered a bit and Bill Shipp tried in vain to change the subject. But it was left to Jane Hanson, an *Atlanta J/C* reporter and the only woman on the panel to say that Marty King had done *exactly* the right thing, noting that his father's career was devoted to seeing that no one would have to endure discrimination.

These two "news" events point out just how much work we've got left. Gay men and lesbian are still the only minori-

ty that it is safe to belittle on TV, or in print, or in polite society. The *Advocate*/Rooney debacle all too clearly drives home the point that Rooney was untouchable as long as he only talked about gays. As soon as race came up, he was history. But ratings (read money) triumphed over justice. We're not even close to being taken seriously enough by the ideomongers at CBS and WATL to get respect for our issues.

Until we can get those image makers on our side, our struggle will continue to be up hill.



### Bad Tactics

Larry Bagneris—the Black gay man who topped 16 candidates and made it into the runoff for a New Orleans City Council seat—may have lost the final election last week, but he won the hearts and appreciation of more than a few Crescent City residents. Seems his opponent spent the last week of the election battle invoking that tired old conservative saw

"traditional family values" at every turn. But it was Bagneris' family—both nuclear and extended—who campaigned with him. His WASP opponent's husband appeared only on election night. Her kids, not at all. Reckon they were too embarrassed?

### Bad Behavior

We hear that one of Hotlanta's most public homophobes—also prone riding the high horse of "traditional family values"—has regularly availed himself of the services of prostitutes. Nothing wrong with that. Said bigot evidently gets off on being (how *do* we put this delicately?) tied up and otherwise dominated. Kinky perhaps, but safe, we assume. But even in these retail circumstances the man's bigotry has proven damaging. Seems that at their last session, the lady in question, annoyed by his public hatemongering, slathered his manhood and associated parts with mentholated shaving cream. Ouch! Her actions had *some* effect: He no longer uses her services. Sadly, the man continues to spout his hateful rhetoric.

### Bad Mom

In a (where else?) Buckhead restaurant. One young mother to another. "Well, all I can say is I'll consider myself a total parental success if my daughter makes it to 21 without the need for anything more than *traditional* out-patient psychotherapy." There's that damn word again!

### And the Wages of Process

The Atlanta Lesbian Agenda Conference Committee's publicity for its March 31 statewide planning meeting promises a "Famous Georgia lesbian keynote speaker during a catered vegetarian luncheon." Dishing minds want to know "who *will* she be?" And will she be macrobiotic?

## After the Handshake...



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Why are Chip Rowan and Judy Siff smiling? On Thursday, March 8, members of ACT UP/Atlanta met with House Speaker Tom Murphy. Offers Rowan, "What he said was pretty good...he said he supported sodomy repeal...for the Speaker of the House to be able to do that is good." They even shook hands.

## Peasant, ACT UP Continue Dialogue

*Demonstration, boycott plans in place*

Atlanta—Apparently making good on its promise to lift its cap on AIDS related insurance claims, Atlanta's Peasant Corporation may have narrowly averted increased pressure from ACT UP Atlanta. The outcome of the next round of negotiations will not be known until after press time for this issue.

The activist group and the 16 restaurant chain began negotiations in mid-January, after the Peasant Corporation told employees that it was adopting a self-funded employee health insurance plan which would allow only \$10,000 in claims for those who had been diagnosed with AIDS. (According to the Peasant Corp., the new plan became necessary because the previous carrier, Allstate, had canceled its policy because of low participation.)

As a result of negotiations with ACT UP the Peasant Corp. agreed to initiate an in-house AIDS education program and said it would remove the cap by March 1, 1990.

On March 8, Peasant President Steve Nygren told *Southern Voice* that the company had "seen some alternatives" and that while "not all the details have been worked out" they had "indicated to their employees" that the cap was no longer in effect.

Nygren declined to elaborate on what action had been taken to remove the cap, but indicated that, for the time being at least, the company itself would be footing the bill for any AIDS claims in excess of \$10,000.

In self-funded plans such as the Peasant's, a third party administrator is responsible for paying large claims. Nygren had previously said that it was the decision of the company's administrator, Klais & Co., to put the cap in place. Klais also required that the insurance pool be closed to anyone who had not been covered under the Allstate policy, thus leaving new hires without access to health insurance. Presumably the Peasant Corp. is continuing to look for a new third party administrator.

At its February 6 meeting, ACT UP distributed a flyer which recapped the situation and suggested that people call the Peasant offices and complain. The flyer, without using the word, suggests that the Peasant's actions are based in homophobia as well as

stating that "ACT UP has determined that the issues involved are economic and based in fear." It also detailed the group's success in mounting a massive phone campaign that persuaded Galaxy Carpet Mills of Dalton, Ga. to remove its HIV-related cap.

Nygren denies the charges of homophobia/AIDS-phobia saying, "I have friends who have died...it's not like we're ignorant (about AIDS)." On elevated activity against the company he adds, "The suggestion of a boycott makes me not want to deal. Those tactics might be necessary when management is uncooperative...if it is not flexible." He adds that a boycott or other disruption of service would be harmful to the company, but would more immediately affect the tips earned by the wait staff.

ACT UP action coordinator Jessi McVay says that the question is far larger than just income, "The Peasant Corp. sets a precedent for other employers..." And that "removing the cap 'in effect' is not removing the cap. What they're doing is making a gentleman's agreement to cover expenses in excess of \$10,000 for their employees who have been diagnosed. What we want is a removal of the cap."

ACT UP has in place plans for dispersing fact sheets around the city; demonstrations; and a call for a boycott.

## Mass. Rights Law Takes Effect

*Repeal effort initiated immediately*

Cambridge Mass.—The Massachusetts gay civil rights law signed last year became effective February 13th, 1990.

But activists had little time to celebrate: On February 12, the organization Citizen's for Family First (CFF) announced it had collected 41,210 certified signatures, enough to place a repeal question on the November ballot.

Massachusetts Attorney General, Jim Shannon, has ruled the measure ineligible as a ballot question, due to a religious exemption provision. CFF has appealed to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court which will rule in early April.

"We are depending on gay resources and money from other states to help us fight a well-funded repeal campaign." said Andrew Held a lobbyist for the Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights.

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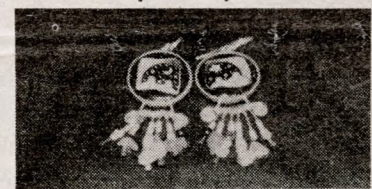


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## DC Department Store Adopts Benefits for Same-Sex Couples

Washington, D.C.—Duane Rinde never imagined shopping would become such a civil rights struggle.

Last December, Rinde, an employee of Woodward and Lothrop, commonly called "Woodies," applied for a spouse discount card for his lover, Robert Teir.

Woodies refused his request based on marital status—setting off a confrontation with local gay and lesbian activists that has shaken the retail giant and resulted in dramatic changes to the store's employee policies.

Rinde filed a union grievance against the store and charged that woodies violated D.C. and Montgomery County, Maryland anti-discrimination laws.

The Gay and Lesbian Activist Alliance (GLAA), National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and other groups immediately called for a meeting with store executives and launched a campaign to pressure the store to change its policy. GLAA also initiated a call for a consumer boycott.

Following negotiations, Woodward and Lothrop agreed to grant discount cards to the partners of both gay and non-gay employees, add "sexual orientation" and "marital status" to its Equal Opportunity policy, and said it would advocate similar benefits elsewhere in the retail industry. Following negotiations, GLAA called off the store boycott.

Activists commended Rinde's courage and praised the management of Woodies for changing its policy.

"It is significant that a major private employer is stepping out to take the lead in providing fair and equal treatment to gay and lesbian employees," said Roger Doughty, GLAA president.

In addition to clearing the record of Rinde and granting him and his lover a discount card, Woodies agreed to:

- Immediately implement gay and lesbian sensitivity



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### Local heroes: Duane Rinde and lover Rob Teir

training for all personnel at its Chevy Chase store (Rinde's location) and training for all management and staff on issues of race, sex, and sexual orientation bias and discrimination;

- Change its corporate EEO policy to include non-discrimination based on marital status and sexual orientation;
- Take an advocacy posture on family diversity issues with the D.C. Domestic Partnership Benefits Commission, the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade and the National Retail Merchants Association;

• Change its employee discount card to a "co-purchaser privilege card" based on an application by the employee, with cohabitation and shared financial responsibilities as the only criteria for obtaining the card.

"I believe Woodies—in addition to wanting to do the right thing—realized there are thousands of gay and lesbian consumers who shop and work at their stores," said Robert Bray, NGLTF public information director. "It was in their best interest to be on the good side of gay economic clout."

Added Edward Slavin, Jr., Duane Rinde's attorney, "With the once recalcitrant Woodies now granting equal spousal discount benefits to gays and lesbians, can Hechts and Sears—or the Exxons and IBMs of the world—be far behind? Gay and lesbian market power can bring this about."

## Supreme Court Nixes Review of Gay Cases

*Ben-Shalom faces discharge from military*

by Cliff O'Neill

Washington—Serving lesbian and gay activists a major setback, The U.S. Supreme Court has, without comment, declined to hear two cases challenging standing policy which excludes lesbians and gay men from America's armed services.

"(The Supreme Court action) shows that the government still believes it can discriminate against especially hated minorities," stated Patrick Berrigan, attorney for Miriam Ben-Shalom. "Homosexuals remain the only minority that can't count on constitutional protections."

By refusing to hear the cases of *Ben-Shalom v. Marsh*, in which the lesbian Army drill sergeant was fighting for reenlistment, and *Woodward v. United States*, in which a gay man was seeking to enlist, the Court let stand lower court rulings upholding the military's anti-gay stance. While the court's refusal does not change the policy, it also does not bar future challenges to it.

The action does end Ben-Shalom's 16 year battle—in which she won virtually every previous phase of her struggle—to remain in the Army.

"I feel devastated," said Ben-Shalom. "Would you understand it if I said, 'What in the name of God do I need to do to be a citizen of this country and be fit to serve her? To have the same responsibilities and privileges as any other citizen?'"

Berrigan argued that the Army violated Ben-Shalom's First Amendment right to free speech and her constitutional protections under the Equal Protection Clause by penalizing her for stating that she was a lesbian.

The *Woodward* case centered on James M. Woodward, a Naval Flight Officer candidate who was denied enlistment in 1972 when he checked "yes" when asked if he had same sex attractions, but denied having acted upon them.

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# GAC Garners Good Grades in 1990 Legislature

*Is Georgia's AIDS lobby the model for future lesbian/gay interaction with state lawmakers?*

by Gary Kaupman

"Of course it's a racist, homophobic, sexist cesspool. But they make our laws and we have to talk to them, negotiate, find ways to get what we want without making them feel like they've given up something precious." The speaker, who understandably requests anonymity, is the former head of a non-profit agency and one of many who dread the annual trek to the Gold Dome to lobby for funds and/or legislation helpful to causes, constituencies and agencies.

Georgia's citizens with AIDS and other forms of HIV illness are among those most affected by the machinations that take place yearly during the 40 frantic days that the legislature gathers, makes laws and decides how the state's 7.785 billion dollar budget will be spent.

And like many other groups whose best interests appear to be at odds with the white/rural/good old boy ethic that pervades state government, getting what's best for people affected by HIV disease is tricky and difficult work.

Since 1986 responsibility for this task has fallen primarily on the shoulders of the Georgia AIDS Coalition (GAC), a co-op of AIDS and AIDS concerned organizations. GAC's mission is to "address in a consistent and responsible fashion Georgia's legal, legislative, administrative and public policy issues related to AIDS."

Co-chair Pat McCrary stresses that GAC is an AIDS, not a gay organization, "We try to separate gay and AIDS for the sake of the legislature...we need to make them understand that AIDS affects all people."

One of GAC's member organizations is Helping Hands, Inc., a five year old non-profit, non-political group that fundraises for a number of local AIDS service agencies. Chair Alan Jones approaches the gay/AIDS issue from a slightly different angle, "We are all of the belief that every life (regardless of background) is important...no one is of less value...and if our citizens need help, we will be there." Jones adds that when it comes to AIDS, gay or straight is irrelevant since the disease is non-discriminatory.

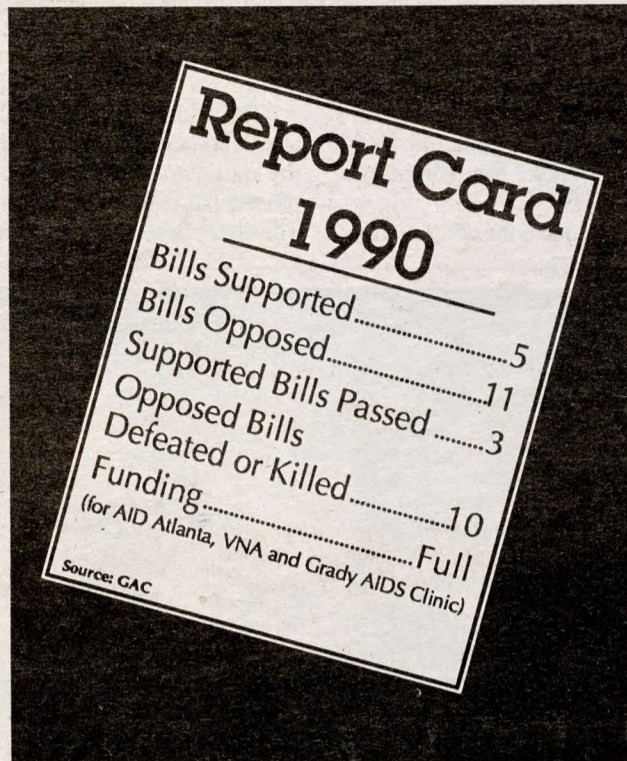
But AIDS legislation is of vital concern to gays. Many of GAC's member groups are staffed and/or headed by gays. And the Coalition's lobbyist, Gil Robison, is well known for his gay activism.

So while GAC may not, *per se*, be gay, it is far and away the most consistent and visible gay presence in the Georgia Legislature. And with storm clouds on sodomy and hate crimes already gathering on 1991's legislative horizon, GAC's structure, methods, failures and successes may provide lessons well-learned in how the gay and lesbian movement should deport itself as it moves further into the murky waters of Georgia law-making.

GAC's membership is currently comprised of eight organizations: The Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition (GAPAC—also GAC's largest contributor); the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA—in whose offices GAC meets); Georgia Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR); Georgia AIDS Action Committee (GAAC); Project Open Hand Atlanta; Helping Hands of Atlanta, AID Atlanta, and the ACLU of Georgia.

All except Open Hand, Helping Hands and AID Atlanta provide representatives to GAC's Board of Directors.

Structure and its relationship to funding are important. The federal statute that permits tax deductible individual donations—as well as foundation and government grants—to service agencies such as AID



Atlanta, NAPWA and Project Open Hand, severely limits the dollars those agencies can spend lobbying for legislative or political change. More practically, AIDS service providers are swamped with demand beyond their capacities, making lobbying an onerous task.

Thus, says McCrary, "we are a formalized mouth-piece for (these) organizations...we are there to help insure that public authorities in the state of Georgia react responsibly to the AIDS crisis."

GAC meets monthly throughout the year to plan, extinguish brushfires and lobby for non-legislative change such as working with the DeKalb County Health Department to expand information and counseling for individuals who seek HIV testing. Or fighting to see that the words "confidential" and "anonymous" are used collectively when HIV antibody testing is discussed.

During legislative sessions the meetings become biweekly and the focus shifts to legislation that affects HIV infected persons and/or the agencies which serve them.



Lobbyist Gil "the bill killer" Robison and Senator Culver Kidd

The tightly structured gatherings focus on short reports and quick consensus. Says McCrary, "there doesn't seem to be much in-fighting in the group because, when it comes to AIDS, the community becomes one."

Dan Rendelman of GAPHR feels, "GAC has made a significant difference in the outcome of bills... it

presented professional and viable information which helped sway their (legislators) decisions." Speaking of the role GAC had in halting the original form of the paranoid and misinformed 1988 Omnibus AIDS Bill, Rendelman continues, "The legislators were not informed or educated on AIDS. So we put together a package of information... (to help them understand) that these issues will not go away for many years to come."

The responsibility for presenting that "professional and viable information" falls primarily on the shoulders of Robison. Others, notably McCrary and Cathalene Tehan, also hit the floor of the Capitol to talk to the solons. But day-in and day-out it is the veteran activist and lawyer for whom life within the Capitol's corridors has become "like a never ending date with Marlene Deitrich" who does or does not get the job done.

The glee with which Robison approaches his work is reflected in the way he describes the intricacies and in's and out's of the legislative process—sounding one minute like a kid in a candy store, the next as if he'd been through political boot camp with Tom Murphy. His written updates to the Board frequently begin with pertinent quotes from Shakespeare or the Bible. Clearly the man loves his work.

GAC's primary lobbying position has been held by Robison since its inception. In theory, the board is charged with choosing a new lobbyist each year and has come under some criticism for not engaging in a more rigorous search and review process. McCrary is quoted in the Winter 1989 issue of the GAPAC News as saying "The (future) selection process... will be a firm procedure which will include the appointment of a search committee and a formal review process."

Criticism of Robison's style and performance is generally vague and those voicing it are unwilling to go on record with their gripes.

Style notwithstanding, given the regressive and homophobic nature of Georgia's legislature, GAC's past record is enviable. The 1988 Omnibus AIDS Bill as shaped by GAC is an informed and coherent piece of legislation. And its content and intent have remained remarkably intact despite assault from many sides.

As many had predicted, those assaults have increased substantially as the epidemic has become more wide-spread. The 1990 session has seen introduction of 11 pieces of legislation that could be damaging to the civil or medical right of those infected with HIV—from involuntary and uniformed testing to allowing counties to regulate AIDS residences to permitting small insurance groups to set caps on AIDS-related benefits. With one exception GAC was successful in getting all killed for this session.

On the positive side, 1990 saw the introduction of six bills that would benefit those who are HIV infected. GAC's behind the scenes work in shaping these bills and promoting their passage is also substantial.

The budget is the final and perhaps most ambiguous arena in which GAC attempts to exert an influence. Front burner this session was funding to replace the expiring Robert Woods Johnson grant that has provided baseline dollars AID Atlanta, the Visiting Nurses Association and Grady's AIDS Clinic. For the first time in the history of the AIDS epidemic, the Department of Human Resources full request, \$848,387, for these three agencies was approved.

For the final score on GAC's efforts in the 1990 session, see the accompanying "Report Card" and the news story on page 2.

*Izhar Naveh contributed to the research on this story.*

## Guest Editorial

# A Winning Strategy on Sodomy

by Cynthia McKinney

I have been pleased to read my mail lately because residents of the metro area have expressed their support of our efforts to repeal Georgia's sodomy statute. Supporters of House Bill 1380 have filled my "Letters to Answer" file; on the other hand, I have received little negative mail on our approach to this issue.

The telephone campaign launched in support of House Bill 1380 and the lopsidedness of the response is another indicator of the overwhelming approval of the community to these efforts.

**Then, why did we lose the vote?**

The present sodomy statute is an affront; the state has no business telling grown folks what they can do in the privacy of their own homes. Unfortunately repeal of the statute has been tagged erroneously as an issue of the gay community. Thus, baggage on the sodomy issue consists of the stereotypes and prejudices that are held by the community at large about gays and lesbians. The merits of the issue get lost in the vitriol of "morality." And the fact that the *entire* community is affected by the present law somehow becomes lost on everyone.

Two facts must always be borne in mind in dealing with the Georgia Legislature: Urban legislators have chosen to abdicate power and influence in favor of maintaining the status quo that favors rural legislators. And many legislators prefer doing nothing to doing what's right on this issue—if they can get away with it.

**Our problem** whenever we want to do *anything* progressive in the Georgia Legislature is that our rural colleagues are key players in deciding the fate of a particular piece of legislation. This in an environment that would rather *not* tackle issues of high public interest.

Winning, then, requires that we enlist the support of rural as well as urban legislators; black and white, Democrat and Republican, liberal and conservative legislators must come together if we are to be successful.

My problem then becomes: how can I gain the support of 91 legislators in the House so that the measure can then be considered by the Senate?

**My answer is** to make the conservatives,

received. But it was the call from his customer that won his support. Similarly, if the letter or phone call comes from the legislator's home town, it means far more to him or her.

These lobbying techniques are "tried and true" in placing the issue squarely in front of the legislator. No one legislator can get a bill passed, but one legislator can kill legislation. The issue however cannot be ignored if the

for something that should be ours. It is not the first time and it won't be the last time this will happen. Civil rights successes hinged on the ability of good white people to find some goodness in those whites less inclined to be friends of the struggle. Blacks were successful in getting the historic acts of the '60s passed as a result of coalition-building that took place *inside* the U.S. Capitol. The same kind of coalition-building must take place under Georgia's Gold Dome.

And demonstrations that let off steam, but alienate the people who have to be counted in on the coalition, must be acknowledged to be dysfunctional.

The demonstration raised the issue. Unfortunately the *content* of the demonstration made it easier for those who might have remained neutral to be against us. We must not allow this to happen again. The politics on the outside must harmonize with the politics on the inside. We must work together and I appreciate this opportunity to harmonize our efforts. We must provide no opportunity during the course of our lobbying on this issue for those who are against us to point to our public conduct and shake their heads or hands at us.

It was not the demonstration alone that led to our loss. I have stated publicly that imperfect implementation of a good strategy also contributed to our defeat. In 1991 I will work to ensure that we on the inside do not repeat *our* mistakes.

**Much has been said** about Speaker Murphy's attitude on this legislation. I want to state for the record that Speaker Murphy was our friend on this one and I would like to see him get some calls thanking him for his support of Representative Jim Martin and me on this issue and encouraging his continued support of our efforts next session. What some politicians do privately and what they do for public consumption are two different things. On this one, I was happy with the advice and support received from the Speaker. He was *not* our enemy on this one.

I was asked to write some comments on how I saw the fight to repeal the sodomy law and what we could do together to see our goal achieved. I will carry on the fight next year. With your help, we can neutralize opposing forces with the weight of our community support. I urge you to become involved in the effort.

*Cynthia Ann McKinney represents the 40th District in the Georgia House of Representatives.*



BARBARA SNELL

## Representative Cynthia McKinney speaks with members of ACT UP

the Republicans, and the rural legislators comfortable with the consequences of a favorable vote.

But the only way this can be done is by the activism of the interested public. Telephone calls to the homes, offices, and workplaces of legislators are an effective tool that demonstrates favorable public interest. Letter campaigns are effective too and are used by legislators as a barometer of public opinion.

Letters to the editors of local newspapers add to the visibility of the issue and keep it from receding from the public mind. A letter published each month is a very effective way of keeping the issue on the front burner.

**More coercive options** may be available to some well-placed members of the community: one legislator informed me that a very important business customer threatened retaliation if the legislator didn't show his support for H.B. 1380.

This effort should not be just an Atlanta issue. Lobbying should consist of locals working with their representatives and senators in addition to people from Atlanta. I imagine that the above mentioned legislator received the same calls and letters that I

public demands attention.

**There has been much debate** on the effect of the ACT UP demonstration on the vote. I would be remiss not to include my thoughts on this issue since we want to have a meeting of the minds on our public approach to this issue next session.

**Fact One:** There were more people talking about sodomy after the demonstration than there were before it.

**Fact Two:** Many people used the content of the demonstration to engage in gay-bashing.

I would like to see a demonstration on the morning of the first day of the 1991 Session. I would ask, however, that the content of the demonstration be such that would not result in bad press and public opprobrium. I have been challenged on this point by those who claim that the very presence of homosexuals is considered poor taste by some. And as a black I could say the same thing about blacks, but so what? Arguing at extremes results in little but the release of some tension.

**It doesn't get bills passed.** And right now, our sole objective should be to do whatever is necessary to get *this bill passed*.

We are in the position of having to ask

## Doctor ACT UP

*Or how we learned to stop worrying and and grew to love zaps*

It was mighty funny when Dr. Strangelove's disembodied hand/arm flew out of control, grabbed his throat and tried to strangle the old fool.

A look at our mail suggests that's how many gay men and lesbians feel about the more aggressive actions taken by ACT UP—the seemingly unruly arm of our community.

But wait. What's this? Tom Murphy, Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, native of Bremen, Georgia and a man who has repeatedly insisted that he knows nothing about sodomy and/or those who do. Did this man actually invite members of the gay and lesbian community into his office for a tiny pow-wow?

Yes he did. And afterwards the Speaker said it was a very nice pow-wow, thank you very much.

Amazing, you say? We agree.

And notice, please, that it was members of ACT UP with whom the venerable legislator requested a meeting. Not the Executive Secretary of MACGLO, or the Administrator of the Atlanta Gay Center, or the Board of GAPAC, or the Editor of *Southern Voice*.

You're surprised? So are we.

Maybe we shouldn't be. History suggests—even in stodgy old Atlanta—that when we show up in force and make a lot of noise, we get noticed. And when we get noticed, people talk to us. And—except with the most ardently homophobic, like Citizens for Public Awareness—when we start a person-to-person dialogue with someone, we tend to get what we want. Bits and pieces at a time, perhaps. But it comes.

Our point is this: Uncomfortable as we may be with ACT UP's sometimes rambunctious approach to things, we would probably

do well to withhold opprobrium until we are sure that such action does not produce results.

And we'd like to suggest that ACT UP do some healing PR within the community. For instance: For the last few weeks of the General Assembly, ACT-UP's answering machine was, to our knowledge, the most accurate and up-to-date source of information about the status of AIDS and hate crimes legislation. Complete with who to call and what to say.

We wish that ACT UP's brown-shirted image did not keep the rest of the community separate from this valuable information.

We applaud ACT UP for its action and creativity. And we respectfully request that the organization find ways to allow less-than-radical members of the community access to their zeal.

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Mr. Martin L. King, III  
Dear Mr. King:

This letter is in reference to recent reports of comments made by you while addressing school children in New York.

It occurs to me that your statement, which was presented as your opinion on the matter, was not based upon fact. I wonder if you have any experiences in your life from which to draw that would lead to your opinion. I suspect not; I am inclined to think that you do not know which of the people around you are gay or lesbian and that you have therefore chosen to believe the stereotypical image. This is not leveled at you as an accusation, only as an observation based upon direct experience with someone close to me who does the very same thing.

I was raised in a racist household. My father clearly conveyed to me that he considered black people to be inferior. He thought it an unthinkable encroachment on his rights that black people ought to be able to live where they like. That it jeopardized my educational opportunities if I might be forced to attend school along with black students.

In fact, I attended O'Keefe High School, which was integrated. I was active in the music program and the students who I respected the most, who were the most talented, and who I most wanted to emulate, were the black students.

The point of this is that my *experience* of reality did not agree with my father's *perception* of reality. I knew then that he spoke the way he did because he did not *know* any black people. He had formed opinions without the benefit of direct experience and had prejudged without the benefit of knowledge.

The more you learn about the lives of gay and lesbian people, the more you will realize that there are really very few differences. You will learn that we are lawyers, secretaries, construction workers, pastors, city employees, and that we represent every economic, educational and racial segment of

society. You will learn that the largest problem faced by gay and lesbian people is the perception of people who really know very little about us.

Finally, from the viewpoint of a gay voter, I believe that it would be prudent of you to consider the degree to which other prominent politicians in this city are recognizing the gay and lesbian population as a significant voting constituency.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey McIntyre

Lindycal  
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Gentlemen:

What do you think of a message like *This Vehicle Protected by a Snake with Bubonic Plague* or *This Property Protected by a Scorpion With Diphtheria*? How about *This Car Protected by a Pitbull with AIDS*?

Like AIDS, bubonic plague and diphtheria are killing diseases. Like bubonic plague and diphtheria, AIDS is not caught because one finds oneself with nothing better to do. Like bubonic plague and diphtheria, AIDS is almost nearly fatal, always painful and expensive.

As one who was trained to be of help to those with AIDS, I would urge you to take a second look at your product. I am very aware of your First Amendment right to print it. You also have the right to print *Jews Killed Jesus*; but would you? Having the right does not necessarily mean exercising it.

You certainly can't re-call the decals which have already been sold, but certainly, you *can* withdraw from sale those still extant.

Sincerely,  
George Roderick

cc: Southern Voice

## heterodoxy, n.

the quality or fact of being an opinion contrary to that which is established or generally received.

a monthly column by KC Wildmoon

Martin Luther King III thinks we Queers have a problem, and he said so in front of 750 middle school students in Poughkeepsie, NY. Ironically, he was speaking about intolerance. Afterwards he held a press conference and apologized. He said his comments were, "insensitive and uninformed," and he's sorry he hurt our feelings.

Hey, my feelings weren't hurt. I've gotten quite accustomed to adults not thinking much of us. But I've got questions: who's telling those kids that Mr. King's opinions aren't necessarily fact? How many of those 750 kids are going to be Queer? How many already know it? How do they feel about themselves now? And most importantly, who's gone back to those kids and apologized to *them*?

It's just not good. 750 kids, future law makers and/or law breakers, and they've been told that queers have a problem. Yeah, we have a problem. We can't march up to Poughkeepsie and tell those kids that MLK III is *wrong*.

And that's frightening. We can clamor and clang all we want to change laws...and we should. At least then we'd have some legal ground to stand on the next time one of us is murdered just for who we are. But gay-bashing and other insensitive and uninformed acts will not end when the laws are on our side. Only a major attitude-adjustment can accomplish that.

For most adults, it's just too late. It takes too much effort to pull away from Sunday morning sermons and change opin-

ions now. Some can and will learn to keep their mouths shut in public, and their silence will ensure that we don't hear some of their prejudice and stupidity. A few folks out there understand that Queers Are People Too. They'll do what they can to help us. But, that's not enough. What we need are some truly fresh young minds.

Maybe we should be telling America that, "Yes, we *do* want your children." We want your children to be free of your prejudices. We want your children to know that we do not have a problem because of who we sleep with. We have a problem because their parents, a.k.a. Mainstream America, are petrified of diversity and change.

Better yet, let's tell those kids that. Of course that's not easy. Precious little of any import is. But this is one thing we *have* to do. We have to Save Our Children from the hate, prejudice and bigotry that *heterosexuals* are pumping into their minds daily.

There's a group in Vermont doing just that. Outright Vermont does workshops, seminars, etc. etc. etc., "for Gay and Lesbian youth and the people who serve them." *In schools*. Maybe they're close enough to Poughkeepsie to go and repair some of the damage.

As much as we'd like to, we can't change what most adults think. Demonstrations won't do it, and dressing up and being Good Little Queers won't do it. But we damn sure better be figuring out ways to talk to the younger people who are going to be decision-makers sooner than we think.

Those kids are future Friends and Family, future homophobes, even future Queers. But they, and we, don't stand a chance if we leave their education entirely in the hands of people who think the problem is what we do, instead of what they think about us.

## We Have Little to Lose

To the Editor:

In response to J.L. Stein's letter concerning ACT UP's January 8th sodomy demonstration, I would like to make several points concerning this person's misinterpretation of the action.

I attended this demonstration, my first of a gay political nature, and have not regretted my participation for one moment. I have felt a strong sense of pride each time I have read an article that asks, "Where were you on January 8?" I have also had several of my lesbian friends gasp, "Why on earth were you at a demonstration like that? That only involves issues relating to men." They had no idea, and were most incensed to discover, that under the very same law we are considered felons as well. Had ACT UP not chosen to demonstrate, these women would still be unaware that a few prejudiced, homophobic people are determining the legality of their very nature. Hopefully, these same women now realize the importance of their participation also.

Concerning the law itself, how can Mr./Ms. Stein be so oblivious to the more far reaching affects? Does (s)he not realize that the discrimination (s)he so adamantly detests is a direct result of just such an outdated and bigoted law?

Has (s)he totally ignored the fact that the sodomy law declares the distribution of con-

doms and safe sex literature illegal, when this very action could prevent the spread of AIDS and so many tragic deaths?

I cannot say that I felt entirely comfortable with some of the chants and displays which occurred at the demonstration. Nor can I say that I felt totally at ease, one evening, when an ACT UP friend of mine confronted a lounge-lizard's snickering emphasis of the word "queer" in one of his songs.

But then I have seldom experienced any significant amount of change that was not accompanied by feelings that were somewhat unfamiliar and uncomfortable. Change involves risks, and changing unwanted situations is most effectively accomplished by changing our *own* responses to that situation.

So perhaps it is time, Mr./Ms. Stein, that we stopped our futile and often frustrating efforts at changing other people's attitudes, and focus more responsibly on changing our own attitudes and responses. And stop wasting precious time and energy bashing those who are taking risks on our behalf! Better to use that energy creating new and more effective responses which may in turn generate the change we so desperately need and deserve. For in truth, we have little to lose.

Jenny Cleveland, D.D.S.

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# Gay Conservatives: No Room at the Table?

by Chuck Cummings

"The fact of the matter is that homosexuals have done pretty well in the system,...this claim of discrimination, I think, is a red herring." Conservative Congressman William Dannemeyer turned toward the television camera and, nodding his head slowly, defended his vote against the federal Hate Crimes Act.

Facing him in the small studio of C-SPAN (Congressional Satellite Public Affairs Network), former Maryland Congressman Robert Bauman was generally conciliatory toward fellow conservative Dannemeyer. He argued that the Hate Crimes Statistics Act would merely document violence directed against gays and lesbians, among others, and was therefore a benign piece of legislation.

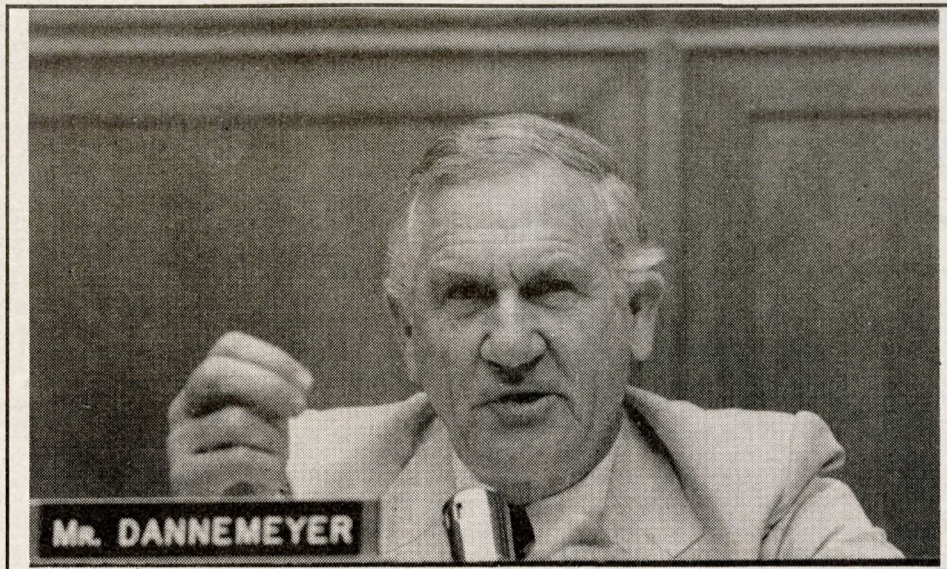
But the 'Ayatollah of Orange County,' as one writer dubbed Dannemeyer for his rabid anti-gay politics, was unmoved. He stood equally firm when Bauman stated that being gay was not something he had chosen for himself. Nor would he choose it, given the grief he said it brought to his family.

Robert Bauman, author of *The Gentleman from Maryland: The Conscience of a Gay Conservative*, argued in vain that gays and lesbians don't want special rights, as the Californian repeatedly charged; they just want the "right to be left alone and conduct their private lives in a manner which every other American has had guaranteed by the Constitution from the beginning."

But despite such well reasoned attempts to align gay rights with conservative philosophy Bauman was consistently rebuffed by Dannemeyer.

Dannemeyer remained unmoved when a black lesbian telephoned from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and said that, on top of being called a "nigger," being labeled a "dyke" by homophobes like him had led her to two suicide attempts. In fact, during the entire 90-minute debate on "Homosexual Rights in America" William Dannemeyer stuck firmly to his paranoid beliefs that the "homosexual ethic" is in direct conflict with the "heterosexual ethic," and that the "homosexual movement...[is] asking for no less than the complete restructuring of American life."

Bauman's inability to get to first base with Dannemeyer, his philosophical bedfellow in issues other than gay/lesbian civil rights, is symbolic of the dilemma facing gay conservatives across the country. How do they



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develop political clout when their non-gay counterparts consider them deviant and dangerous?

Conservative gays and lesbians are by no means a new phenomenon. A list of their politically active kin would include the late Roy Cohn, chief counsel to Senator Joseph McCarthy's communist witch hunts of 1953-54, and the late Terry Dolan—co-founder of the National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC). Even Bauman—dragged from his seat in Congress in 1980 soon after being pulled out of the closet when he was caught procuring young hustlers during a raid on the Chesapeake Bar in downtown D.C.—had been a favorite son of the New Right. He helped found the American Conservative Union in 1964 and served as the Maryland chairman for Ronald Reagan's presidential campaigns of 1968, 1976, and 1980.

The price of entry into the inner circles of conservative power was not only denial of one's homosexuality, but also a certain amount of BYOP (Bash Your Own People). According to a 1987 article, Bauman once derailed a fair housing bill in Maryland because it would have banned discrimination against gays. And Terry Dolan issued a NCPAC fundraising letter in which he stated 'Our nation's moral fiber is being weakened by the growing homosexual movement.'

Is it possible to be a conservative powerbroker and be "out" about one's homosexuality?

The answer is no, according to a gay Republican activist here in Atlanta. "Gays have no chance in the conservative (wing of the) Republican party," he said. But neither does the conservative wing have a future, he feels. "Eight years of Ronald Reagan are over, and the party is learning that America is swinging toward moderation. It is in the moderate part of the party where gays have a chance."

Moderate Republicanism, in his view, stands for a strong national defense, low taxes, less federal government and more active local and state governments; "the government closest to the people should take care of the people." He emphasized that moderate Republicans also embrace social justice and civil rights, adding that his party is the party of Abraham Lincoln.

The gay conservative view of social justice, as espoused by Bauman during the C-SPAN debate, would come up short in the view of most gay activists. Bauman hinted at endorsement of contact tracing for people who test HIV-positive as new AIDS drug therapies are developed. When Dannemeyer stated his opposition to the "states of the union" granted licenses to same-sex couples to marry, Bauman agreed that licenses or formal ceremonies for gays and lesbians were not appropriate, since "the purpose of marriage is the procreation of children, and only men and women, husband and wife, can achieve that." He did support laws "recognizing the fact that two people of the same sex

may live together and have certain...legal rights that accrue from one to the other in their status."

The local activist is currently developing plans to have a gay Republican group in place by the end of this year. A partial list of goals include: participating in the 1992 reapportionment debate to try to carve out House and Senate districts where gays and lesbians would be a majority or the dominant minority; recruiting strong candidates to run in state and local elections; and letting people know that gay does not automatically mean liberal.

Congressman Dannemeyer and former Congressman Bauman listened intently to a call from Laguna Beach, California. The caller challenged Dannemeyer to justify his sponsorship of a resolution to "de-charter" gay and lesbian "Log Cabin" Republican clubs in California. "If we're gonna' charter clubs based on homosexuality, are we gonna' charter clubs based on the fact that (people) want to molest children?" Dannemeyer asked.

Visibly angered, Bauman looked to the debate moderator and related how the California Republican Party officially censured Dannemeyer for his actions. According to Bauman, California Governor George Deukmejian and Lee Atwater, Republican National Committee Chairman, opposed Dannemeyer. The resolution was defeated, though Dannemeyer claims 59 percent of party delegates supported his position.

How many Dannemeyers are waiting within the Georgia Republican party? No one knows; the party has not yet been approached by an organized contingent of its gay and lesbian constituents, according to the local activist. "Among moderate Republicans, it's not homophobia so much as political reality that we'll have to deal with." A reality similar to that faced by blacks in the early sixties, he said, when courting the black vote was politically ill-advised.

Changing that reality will require deft organization and a high degree of visibility. That visibility will be the biggest challenge to anyone who, like Bauman, finds the words "gay" and "pride" contradictory.

Chuck Cummings, who is neither Republican nor conservative, is a past editor of the AALGA newsletter, "Crossroads."

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## Junebug Jabbo Jones: Modern Day Myth Maker

John O'Neal's and Michael Keck's collaboration is a powerful testament

by Charlene Ball

*Ain't No Use in Going Home, Jodie's Got Your Gal and Gone: Sayings From the Life and Writings of Junebug Jabbo Jones, Volume III* continues John O'Neal's compelling saga of the Black American experience. Volumes I and II featured O'Neal—actor, former civil rights activist, and college professor—in solo performances as an almost mythical storyteller named Junebug Jabbo Jones. Through his stories he shed light on American history from an African-American perspective.

*Junebug III* adds music and a second player: the highly talented actor/composer Michael Keck. Together the two actors present a fast-paced, poetic, witty and political look at an infrequently seen side of the American experience.

A sound collage of 1940's radio music sets the mood. Keck and O'Neal then proceed—using dialogue, monologues, song, stylized actions—to relate a saga of one family's involvement with the military. And by extension, to examine some of the ways that Blacks—particularly men—have been seduced by the military with promises of opportunity and a chance at economic improvement. The father of the family wants his sons to join the Army in order to better themselves. They resist. The elder, Al, finally gives in and is destroyed, losing his legs—and more importantly his will to pursue his dream of becoming a musician—in a Korean battle.

Al's dream is carried on by younger brother Joseph, but not without struggle. Joseph goes to college and falls in love with a committed civil rights activist. Their relationship radicalizes him and they break up because he insists on putting his music first.

But even without her influence, his activism continues. He winds up wanted by the FBI because he has burned his draft card so he goes underground, playing one club after another under a collection of assumed names. Hard times

and a battle with drugs produce a moment of clarity and Joseph begins to emerge from the degradation that has dogged him.

Throughout Joseph's story, Junebug acts as a listening post—a wise commentator and supportive presence.

Junebug is a mythical figure, a voice of the American Black experience in all its variety. He pops up all over the place: Korea, where he is nurse to the wounded and dying; Thailand, where he sees affinities between that land and Mississippi; and in Oakland, where he meets the manic musician Joseph, troubled by his dreams. The Biblical parallel is intentional: Joseph, the younger brother, is rejected, struggles and—through his ability to interpret dreams, especially one about a train rushing though the night—finally survives and triumphs.

The show is powerful and theatrical. A number of pieces stand out: Joseph's description of the fateful train; the original songs composed and performed by Keck; and a scene in which both actors—wearing porcelain-like masks, using stylized gestures and Army ponchos to suggest kimonos—play Japanese characters.

And *Junebug III* explores a variety of themes. Among the most interesting: the relationship between art and politics; is an artist as good as an activist? Men's roles and masculinity get close scrutiny; Joseph's father insists that he learn to hunt, but Joseph insists, "I don't like dead birds. I like them better in the sky." And the rap that that opens the second act draws parallels between various forms of oppression: of women, of gays, and of people of color around the world.

Keck and O'Neal work well together—the former explosive, youthful, sometimes filled with demonic energy; the latter quiet, supportive, omnipresent. They share a gentle and subtle rapport that invites the audience in, as if we were part of the conversation. Each plays a variety of roles.



Keck is particularly impressive when he plays a woman with small, restrained movements, a shrinking in, and the very antithesis of his equally well-drawn, hilarious drag queen in *Splendora* several years ago. O'Neal's portrait of a street addict is so real that it chills the soul.

Despite its title and despite the ostensible focus on the military, the play, has a gentle, tender quality.

*Junebug III* deserves to be seen. It is of specific interest to gay men and lesbians because it makes specific parallels between oppressions and shows how they are alike. It describes a distinctly male experience, but it is an experience that has thought about itself, that has thought about the implications of male roles.

The night I saw *Junebug III* only seven or eight people were in the audience, yet the actors gave fully as much as if the theater had been full. And at the end, they congratulated us on being a good audience. Let's hope they soon get the full houses they deserve.

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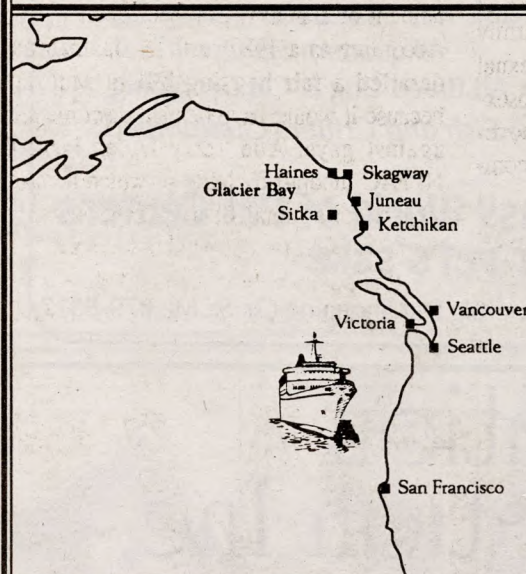
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assault everyone equally. As one says halfway through the show: "We hope you feel a little uncomfortable—that's the way we like it!"

The show demonstrates that it is possible to laugh and think at the same time. They call their concept: "Comedy at large, pathos thinly veiled." It's a rollicking revue written not just to entertain, but to set a few records straight.

Performances will be held at *The Theatrical Outfit*, 1012 Peachtree Street, Friday, March 23rd at 8:00 PM and Saturday, March 24th at 8:00 and 10:00 PM. Cost of admission is \$10/\$8 for Nexus members. Call for reservations: 688-1970.

## Galloway Goes in Style

*Leaping from the ledge with all politeness in tact*

SAME and Seven Stages are co-producing a series of special plays and readings during the month of March for "Voices of Dissent," a national celebration of change-oriented art. Among the presentations will be Rebecca Ranson's plays *The Incarceration of Annie* and *Jesse's Time*. Of special interest to *Voice* readers will be performances by Terry Galloway, a hearing-impaired lesbian from Tallahassee.

Ms. Galloway's one-woman show, "Out All Night and Lost My Shoes," consists mostly of vignettes from her life and she has certainly led an interesting one. It is an extraordinary autobiography scarred and saved by her bouts with art and insanity.

The play skips from poetry reading to stand-up comedy with brutal honesty and a wonderfully macabre sense of humor. It covers such diverse subjects as



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Twirl those pearls; Galloway does her hilarious take on quintessentially pristine Amy Vanderbilt.

Berlin; detectives in drag; ventriloquism for sado-masochists; snakes; crocodiles; Texas; and the little known fact that shoes are ever so civilizing while feet are not.

In one scene (see photo), Galloway mimics Amy Vanderbilt, the etiquette expert who killed herself. Terry's Amy tells us how to jump off that ledge with all politeness in tact, at what hour it is proper to use the oven *ala Sylvia Plath* (between 10 and 4—less kitchen traffic), and how to properly compose your very own suicide note.

Although Terry lost her hearing during the first 12 years of her life, it has not handicapped her as an artist. She is possessed of a lyrical voice that soars and rumbles. And while her subject matter is often serious, there is always humor to break the gravity.

"Out All Night" will be performed at *Seven Stages Back Door Theater* March 15, 16, and 17 at 8:00 PM and March 18 at 5:00 PM. Admission is \$10. Call 523-7647 for reservations, 584-2104 for more information.

## DeDe Performs Solo

*Performance is a benefit for E Congregation*

Singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist DeDe Vogt will make a rare solo appearance Friday, March 23d at 8:30pm at the the First Existentialist Congregation. Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale at the door. Part of the proceeds from the performance will benefit the E Congregation.

The performance, featuring her rich voice and imaginative lyrics, will include a mixture of old favorites and some new compositions. DeDe has been a fixture in the Atlanta music scene for 15 years when she and Cass Kennedy first played together as "Rose." She teamed up with Fonda Feingold and Caroline Aiken for a while and blew the roof off of such

places as the Harvest Moon Saloon as

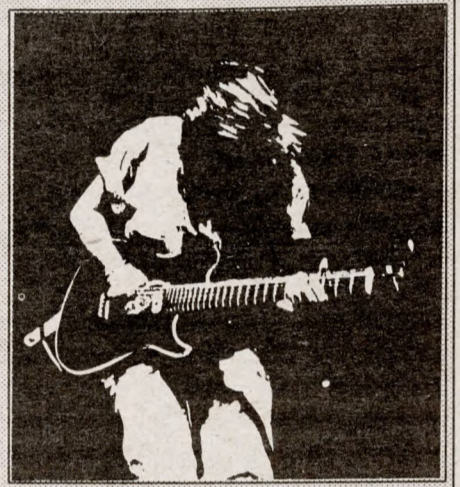
"Pretty Good For Girls." And everybody knows about the "Fabulous Scallion Sisters" and intimate nights at the LSP Pub with DeDe, Cindy Diamond, Ann MacDonald,

and the rest of the Sisters. DeDe played bass on several cuts of the Indigo Girls first album.

DeDe has her own cassette release now, a self-produced collection of solo works, "Goliath Dreaming" on Hetzel Records; it will soon be available on CD.

Simone and Holly Crenshaw will make guest appearances. Simone is known for her great smile and creative drum work with "Boink Dee Deek", "Kristen Hall and O.K. Fine" and other local bands. Shy and unassuming, Crenshaw is a bluegrass guitar picker of incredible talent.

Whether you are a music fan, or one of many Vogt groupies, this is an evening you don't want to miss.



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## Thrust Into the World

by Terry Francis

### •Men Don't Leave ★★1/2

*Men Don't Leave* stars Jessica Lange as a traditional American housewife thrust out into the world after her husband is killed in a work-related accident.

The film's opening sequences are its finest. We see Lange care for her family in a matter-of-fact way familiar to us from decades of movies and television. She's cook, cleaner, and peacemaker, and when her husband misplaces something (and unkindly implies that Lange is to blame), she happily accepts his veiled order for her to find it.

Yet all these scenes have a distinctive, murky undertow. You get the impression that Lange's character works at suppressing private feelings, of being ill-served by her husband, of feeling trapped in her marriage.

There's a remarkable scene in which Lange stands quietly outside her home, her face bathed in moonlight, as she watches through a window her husband and son horsing around good-naturedly. The scene is unusual for the ambiguousness that Lange brings to it: the cool breeze that lyrically tosses her hair away from her face reveals an expression luminous with resignation. If that sounds contradictory, it's a measure of Lange's gifts as an actress that she's able to infuse the scene with a mixture of sadness and joy.

The rest of *Men Don't Leave* always seems about to give us some new perceptions concerning known territory. Repeatedly the director Paul Brickman (he directed the offensive *Risky Business* and wrote the beautiful, laconic *Handle With Care*) sets up a standard predicament from a promising new angle only to back down into Hollywood formula.

Thus the scene in which Lange's seventeen-year-old son becomes involved with an older

Ratings:  
★★★★ - Excellent  
★★★ - Good  
★★ - Fair  
★ - Poor

woman (Joan Cusack giving a smashing eccentric performance) goes nowhere; her younger son's involvement in a VCR theft ring serves no real dramatic purpose; and Lange's relationship with a musician doesn't appear to be based on anything we can see.

There is also an early defect in the structure that looms over the entire film. We are expected to believe that Lange's husband, who owns and manages a construction firm that employs several workers, dies without leaving his family the protection of a life insurance policy.

Unbelievable, and a clumsy plot device to force the job-hunting Lange and her family to leave their movie-past hometown and settle in the nearest sin city—Baltimore.

Basically, *Men Don't Leave* doesn't come to anything much. It never deals with Lange's very serious financial plight in any sort of meaningful way (we're meant to believe that she's going to support her family as a freelance pastry chef). And that Lange's sort-of-boyfriend supports himself as an instrumentalist. Even if any of this is plausible, the picture never convinces.

I would never never subscribe to any coda in the arts. Many male directors have made films that rendered truths about women's lives. But I wish we had women filmmakers in America who were doing work of the caliber of the Australian Gillian Armstrong (*High Tide*, *Mrs. Soffel*) and the Brazilian Suzana Amaral (*Hour of the Star*), and who might have directed this film with stronger conviction and breadth of thought.

Personally I'd like to see Lange have a go at both directing and acting in a movie like *Men Don't Leave*. The acting in this film makes it a pleasant diversion, but in terms of telling us anything we don't already know, it just isn't there.

### •Apartment Zero ★★1/2

Colin Firth stars as the owner of a going-to-seed cinema revival house in this handsomely photographed thriller set in Buenos Aires. We watch him as his mind slips deeper and deeper into a mysterious agitation. This is partly in response to his mother's own degenerative mental disorder, and to the financial burden placed on him by her hospitalization and his unprofitable theater. He takes on an American boarder (Hart Bochner) to ease his expenses, and gradually becomes emotionally dependent on him, even after he suspects the man is a fraud.

The Bochner character is a sort of pan-sexual chameleon, fulfilling the fantasies of whomever he's with.

As a growing subplot to all this, Buenos Aires is being traumatized by a serial killer who may be linked to the notorious Argentine death squads.

The making of this film is very fine. Work with the actors is astute and confident; the story is shot in rich, burgundy tones; music is unusually expressive of character; and there is a distinctive mood of desolation, giving the film a nightbloom fragrance and erotic, purpled sheen. But the picture is a failure.

Technical assurance is undone here by a corresponding narrative flaw. Director Martin Donnavan has a weakness for sophomoric, metaphysical angst, which he offensively equates with the political terrorism and charred soul of Argentine liberty. The influences on the film are legion: Bunuel, Fassbinder (*In a Year of 13 Moons* and *Despair*), Marco Bellocchio, and certainly David Lynch (*Blue Velvet*). But Donnavan is a born filmmaker in his own right. With a good script he might establish himself next time out as an important director. *Apartment Zero* is the work of a genuinely eccentric mind.

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# ORGANIZATIONS

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**ACLU/LG-ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter.** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Peachtree Branch Library. 7:30 PM. Working for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men in the metropolitan Atlanta area. 377-8312.

**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.

**AFC-** Atlanta Faerie Circle. 1st Sunday of each month. Location and time varies. Gay men gathering for support and to 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. 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.

**AGLA-** Athens Gay & Lesbian Association, at the University of Georgia. All welcome at meetings, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month; call 404/548-0580 for more information.

**ALACC-** Atlanta Lesbian Agenda Conference Committee. A diverse group of lesbians hosting the 1st National Lesbian Agenda Conference in April, 1991 Atlanta. Meetings 1st Tuesday of the month, 7PM. PO Box 15226, Atl. 30333. Info 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.

**APAC** Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee - Join Atlanta's newest abortion-rights activist group in defending women's health clinics. A non-profit, non-partisan, nonviolent broad-based organization created to support the right to reproductive freedom for all people. 239-8016 for information. Our bodies, our lives, our right to decide.

**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 Chorale-** A community-oriented choral group for men and women. Membership open to all singers and non-singers alike. Rehearsals every Tuesday at 7:30PM. 955-0296.

**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 over-come 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.

**ELGO-** Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization. Meetings every Wed. at 8:30 PM. Room 355 Dobbs 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 Nurturer 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.

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

**Human Rights Campaign Fund- (HRCF-Atlanta)** The nation's largest Lesbian & Gay political + lobbying organization. P.O. Box 8594, Atlanta, GA 30306, Phone 365-8766.

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

**LAMP-** The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project. Second Monday of every month. 7:30PM. N. Highland Branch Library. For info: 874-8969. Address: LAMP, PO Box 301, 1579-F Monroe Drive, Atlanta, GA, 30324.

**LEGAL-** Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians. A voice for lesbians and gays in the Democratic party. Mtgs. on 3rd Mon. of the month. 7pm at Ptree Branch Library. P.O. Box 54167, Atlanta 30308. (404) 286-7476.

**LIFE-** Lesbians in Fun Endeavors. Meeting times and locations vary. Bringing professional gay women together for the fun of it, giving them the opportunity to make friends and enjoy a wide variety of events. 938-2009.

**Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta-** A Christian Ministry for Lesbian and Gay Understanding. Please contact us at P.O. Box 13673, Atlanta, GA 30324. 636-7109.

**Lutherans Concerned/South Carolina-** A society of gay lesbian and non-gay Christians. All denominations welcome. We work to foster a climate of understanding, justice and reconciliation among all people. 3rd Sunday of each month. 4:00PM. 728 Pickens St., Columbia, SC. Contact: PO Box 90537, Columbia, SC, 29290. (803) 732-0838.

**MAAS-** Metro Atlanta Astrological Society. A networking educational/research organization for both amateur and professional astrologers. Usually meet the 4th Wed. of each month. 622-5661

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

**MCC All Saints-Serving metro Atlanta with positive Christian support for lesbians and gay men.** 5:00 PM every Sunday. 575 Boulevard, SE. Office hours: Mon-Thurs. 10AM-Noon, and 1PM-4PM. 622-1154.

**NAPWA-** Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS. Regular meetings and events. 131 Ponce de Leon, Suite 233. A political, social, and educational organization confronting the AIDS crisis. Membership is open to all individuals with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV positive. 874-7926.

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

**P-FLAG-** Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. 3rd Sunday of each month. 5-7 PM. Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. Committed to help parents learn what we have learned. To help change attitudes and create an environment of understanding, so all gay people can live with dignity and respect. 961-6085 or 296-0830.

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

**Palmetto Gay/Lesbian Association-** A support, education and civil rights organization in S. Carolina. PO Box 10022, Greenville, SC, 29603-0022. 24hr. switchboard(803) 271-4207.

**Pride of Peachtree - Atlanta's Lesbian & Gay Marching Band.** Every Monday night 7:30PM-9:00PM at First MCC, 800 N. Highland Ave. For info call 434-7826.

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**SESA - The Southeastern Sports Alliance** is a fundraising, awareness and organizer for sports and cultural events leading up to Celebration '90 Gay Games & Cultural Festival, Vancouver, British Columbia. 875-0700.

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

**Southern Country Atlanta-** A social organization which promotes country/western dance and activities. We sponsor country/western dance nights at three locations in Atlanta and some out-of-town activities. Call 231-0805 for further info.

**Speak Out-** Provides you, the voter, an opportunity to let your congressional representatives know how you feel concerning AIDS & Civil Rights Matters. P.O. Box 8594, Atlanta, GA 30306, Phone 365-8766.

**WOW-** Women of Wisdom. Usually every 3rd Monday of each month. 7:30 PM. N. Highland Branch Library. Facilitates women meeting together with other women in a pleasant atmosphere. Offers timely programs of interest to the community, reaches out to older women and women with special needs. 984-9929.

# OUT LINES

Age: 55

Occupation: Ministerial Intern at First Existentialist Congregation

Hometown: Mobile, Alabama

How long in Atlanta: 15 Years

Books currently reading: *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ* by Matthew Fox

Family: Two children, four grandchildren

Professional goal: To become a minister

Personal goal: To integrate my head and my heart



## Carol Ann Padgett: Integrating Intellect and Heart

Carol Ann Padgett holds up the little ceramic figure of a bear. It is light as wood. The bear has a red arrow painted along its side, an arrow with a jagged shaft. The arrow-head resembles a heart.

"The heartline bear is a Southwestern symbol," she explains. "This one that I picked up on the Acoma pueblo means a lot to me. The Acoma people are trying to hold on to their ancient spirituality, a way that believed in integrating the intellect and the heart."

She speaks quietly, intently, precisely in a soft Southern voice; a pretty Southern-lady face with blue eyes and light brown hair dusted with gray. Her gentility and graciousness give way to an uncompromising intensity when she speaks of things that are "close to my heart."

"The bear has power," she continues. "And the female bear has great maternal instinct. If you see a pottery pair of a male and female bears it will be the female that has the heartline."

Her home is sunlit and orderly; comfortable office with a big desk, lots of books. A Craftsman-style house with natural wood beams, built-in bookcases and shelves. A sense of warmth, comfort, spaciousness and order. We drink juice and discuss her journeys.

Carol Ann was born in Mobile, Alabama and was raised a Southern Baptist. "But I've been through three denominations," she says cheerfully. She was married, had two children and divorced in 1979.

In 1985, I went through a period of redefining my spiritual life and came to the conclusion that my spirituality and myself were one. There is no separation between the secular and the sacred."

"I was a very left-brain person. I realized I needed to learn to relate to people in ways that were not linear, not hierarchical. I needed to get the head-heart connection in place in my own life."

So she decided to enter seminary. Carol Ann made her decision to live openly as a lesbian among her seminary friends. "I had by then lived in a lesbian relationship for seven years. So it was a conscious decision to be open in seminary. I was able to help a lot of people by doing that."

She sees coming out as more than being open about one's sexuality. A complete coming out is really getting in touch with who you are in all your aspects. So the sexuality, the spirituality, the secular, the academic—every-

thing becomes one."

She is in a new relationship now, "And it takes a lot of nurturing. It has not been easy for us, my being in seminary, and doing this internship, and being in transition. I look forward to being able to give the relationship more attention."

How do her children feel about her life? "My son is in the Navy, with nuclear submariners. Interesting since I've been such a peace activist. He's also a fundamentalist; he and his family have some trouble with my ultra-liberal leanings," she smiles.

Does she intend to be the minister of a church? Not necessarily. Rather she would like to use her ministerial qualifications and health care background in a career that may include working as an AIDS educator, with the elderly, or with substance abuse.

Asked if she is a feminist, she assents: "I'm very much a feminist, and, yes, I am a feminist theologian at this point. But the dedication to human liberation transcends labels. Probably I'm a little less radical than some people would like me to be."

Carol Ann speaks with fervor on separatism: "I do not espouse Mary Daly's radical separatist stances at all. That is one of the ways I differ from many women in the community. We're in a world that's at the crossroads of extinction, where issues have to be addressed, and you can't do it with half the population."

"Women need to have their own communities and their own friends and circles of spiritual enjoyment, but to throw away the rest of the world in order to do that is a bit ludicrous. I have no idea of throwing away my son or my grandson."

The little bear stands on the mantle, a fragile symbol of unity, of the oneness of head and heart. Carol Ann looks at it and muses: "How much faith do I really have in my process? How do I keep the faith instead of being afraid?"

She reads Matthew Fox, the maverick Catholic theologian: "Horrible things happen to you, but you can't bury yourself in horror; rather you must come out of your pain more able to help someone else who is in pain. You say yes to life. Instead of seeing God as the spiritual source of everything, you see the spiritual force in everything, and God as a way of tapping into that. It takes God away from—a separateness. And puts God into the realm of everyday living."

- Charlene Ball

# A Guide to Atlanta's Gay and Lesbian Gathering Spots

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1086 Alco St. 634-6478

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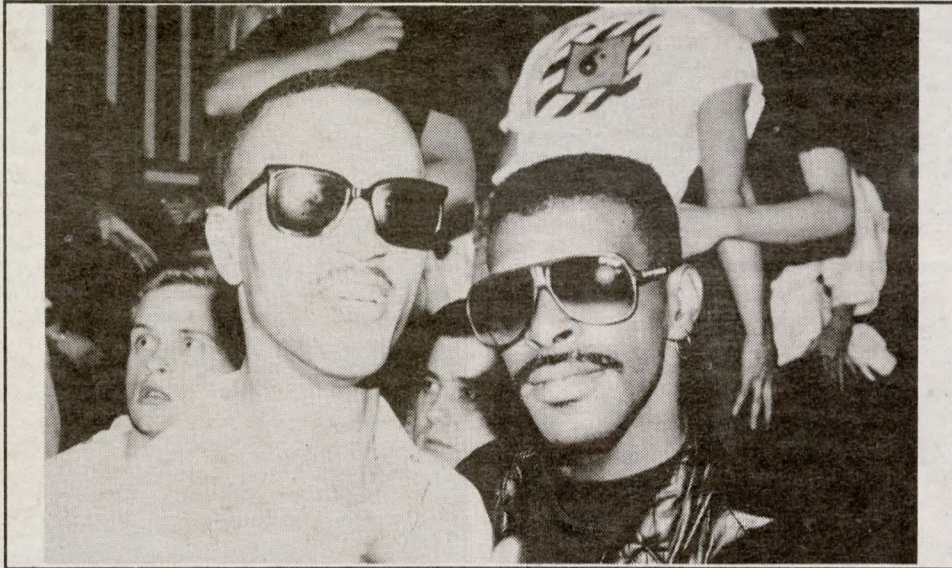
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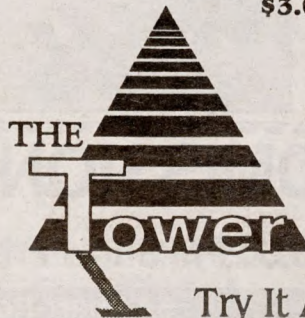


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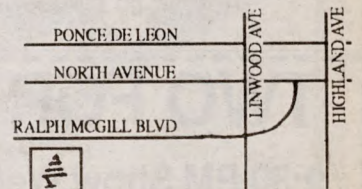
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## Film

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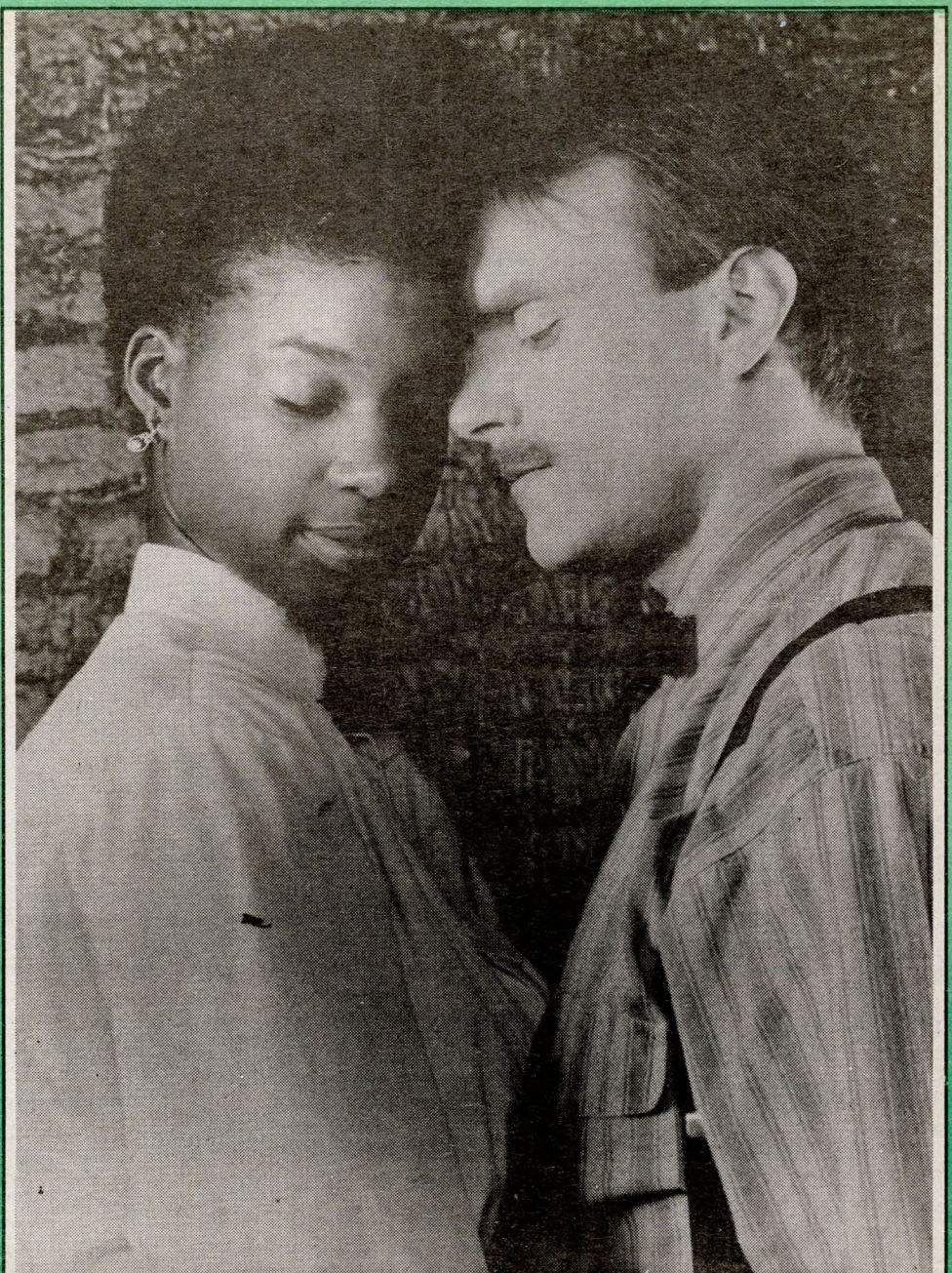
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**JACQUE & JOYCE.** Sun. March 25. "A contemporary folk duo" that draws raves from all. One performance only, limited seating. 8:30p.m. Presented by SAME at Seven Stages Backdoor Theatre. 523-7647 for reservations. Call quick!

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**WOMEN'S SPRING EQUINOX CELEBRATION.** Wed., Mar. 21. Brief discussion of the astrological and metaphysical meaning of the equinox followed by a meditation and refreshments. (\$5 per person. Reservations appreciated.) Call 881-6300 for reservations and directions. 7:30PM. Chrysalis Women's Center, 2045 Manchester Street.

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realizes it's time to stop doing what's right and start doing what's FUN! Recommended! Alliance Mainstage Theatre, Woodruff Arts Center, 1280 Peachtree Street. Tues.-Sat. 8PM; Sun. 2:30 and 7:30PM. \$28-13. Call 892-2414 for details.

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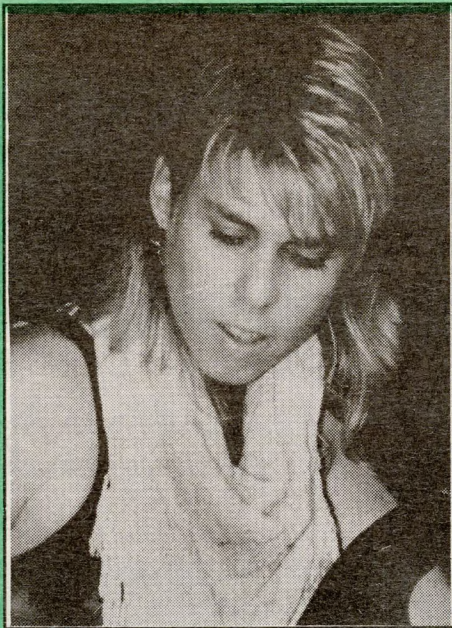
**HEATHEN VALLEY.** Thurs., Mar. 15-Mar. 30. Part of a two-show repertory, this haunting Southern vision by Romulus Linney shouldn't be missed! Thurs.-Sat. 8PM; Sun. 5PM. \$10-20. Horizon Theatre, Euclid at Austin Avenues. At Horizon Theater. Call 584-7450. Appearing with:

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**THE INCARCERATION OF ANNIE AND JESSE'S TIME.** Thurs. March 22-31. Rebecca Ranson's two one-act plays about life confused and confounded by prison. Donna Biscoe and Tony Vaughn are powerful and affecting in the title roles. March 24 is a benefit for the Fund for Southern Communities. Presented by SAME at Seven Stages Backdoor Theater. 523-7647 for times and reservations.

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DeDe Vogt in concert Friday, March 23 at The First Existentialist Church. 8:30 PM. \$5 at the door.

## Upcoming

**SILEAS.** Mar. 31. A duo of Scottish harpists playing original arrangements of classic Celtic pipe and fiddle tunes. They sing too! Presented by Windstorm Productions at Cannon Chapel. 8:15p.m. Call 874-2232 for ticket info.

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**MISS GAY USA 1990.** Tues., Apr. 3-Sun., Apr. 8. The festivities will be held this time out in Kentucky in the gay community's most recognized, prestigious and traveled title. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Downtown Louisville. Hostesses include Miss Gay USA 1989 Netasha Edwards (photo). For details, call (502) 585-5752 or USA Pageantry, Inc. at (713) 523-5293.

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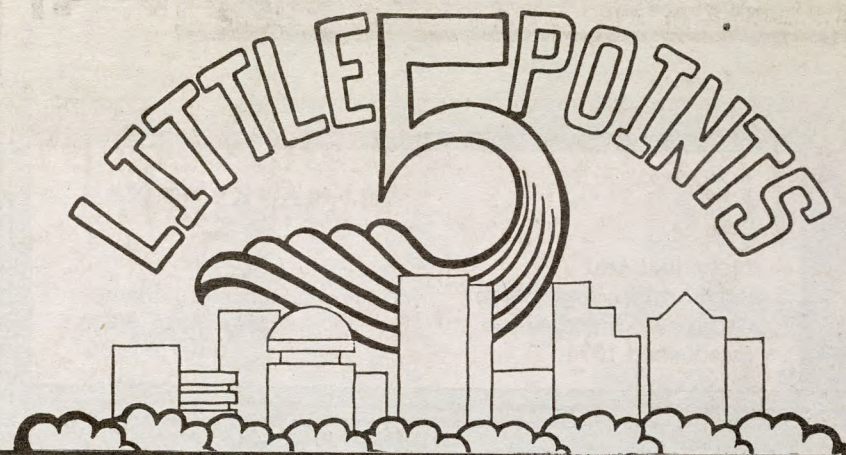


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# PERSONALLY Spring Fever(ish)

In search of equality on the Equinox

by Gracie MacGregor

While many of us spring chickens contemplate teleporting to Arizona due to pollen attacks which leave us miserable, there are ways around total panic and disease during hay fever season.

My spirit guide tells me about a fun game called "IF ONLY". They play it all the time on the other side—only they call it "PEARLY GATES". It's true. They sit around on their angelic asses and wish certain mortal hunks were part of their Heavenly smorgasbord.

Saint Peter, as he is known to earthlings, wholeheartedly agrees with Mel Gibson's having been touted as the Sexiest Man Alive. Saint Sebastian prefers Sean Connery. While Teresa the Little Flower of Jesus says the Sexiest Man Alive is none other than Sandra Bernhard.

Go figure.

"If only I were taller, better looking, made more money, owned my own home, owned my own business" is a self-defeating game. If you want to be absurd, go ahead; but have some fun with it. For example: If only the President were gay. Why, god a'mighty, what a concept! He'd help us. He'd help everybody. He'd bring those boys home. He'd meet them on the tarmac wearing English Leather or he'd be wearing nothing at all.



If only heterosexuality were illegal for one year. Can you imagine Madison Avenue? Bubba (and Lewis Grizzard) would be shit out of luck...for a year, anyway. Talk about overcrowding the jails...the entire world penal system would be packed and I ain't talkin' fudge, Honey! And the 10 percent of the population that controls 90 percent of the wealth would be *our* 10 percent.

If only we could rest assured that folks like Andy Rooney would get squeezed for his homophobic remarks (of

the last few years) and not have to wait to be accused of racism, *too*, before said squeeze took place. Bigotry knows no bounds, right Andy?

If only true depictions of true gays/lesbians were in the can in Tinseltown. If I see one more fat murderous psychotic bulldyke in a grade-B prison movie, I will just have to grab a camera and go to work!

If only mincing queens in the movies met their (dress)makers by means other than: a. gaybashers—including some gays who bash gays; b. suicide—due to self-disgust and shame over being homosexual; c. AIDS—the new answer to that old question: "won't playing a faggot hurt my career?"

If only there were no gay-bashing (Listen up, Martin III, you actually *promoted* intolerance of a minority!).

Seriously folks, speaking of the arts, what would it be like to have all gays withdraw from the scene for a year? "Attention, K Mart shoppers! Check out our new Spring Fashions; everything's basic blue." And how many times *could* you sit through a Neil Simon *anything*?

Not that heterosexuals are not creative, too. It's just—well, there are ways of being creative other than wearing the skins of dead animals. As for styrofoam. Honey, *no* fag thought *that* one up.

Spring Fever? I digress, I admit it. But after all, I am in the throes of an allergic reaction to not only condoned but cultivated hate and violence.

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## Earth Day Begins Green Decade

by John Stowe

Can 100 million people make a difference in the health of the planet? If all goes as planned, EARTH DAY 1990 will prove that we can. On April 22—the 20th anniversary of the first Earth Day—over 800 organizations in 100 countries are planning a wide range of activities to help people demonstrate their commitment to a healthy planet. It could be the biggest global demonstration ever.

The goal is simple: to engender a new sense of responsibility for the planet in individuals, communities, and nations. Some specific targets: ban worldwide the CFC's that destroy the ozone layer; promote renewable energy and slow global warming; halt global deforestation by planting a billion trees; implement strong recycling programs and effective environmental protection.

The goals are clear. The need to act even clearer. Dennis Hayes, National Earth Day Chairman, says, "Time is running out. We have, at most, ten years...to avoid crossing some dire environmental thresholds."

Many scientists would consider him optimistic. But we face the formidable task of convincing consumers, businesses, and governments to make drastic changes in present thinking. The alternative is a serious breakdown in our global support system.

What can we do? First, we can participate in EARTH DAY. The Georgia Earth Day office, headed by Christa Frangiamore, is coordinating scores of different groups and a wide range of activities including outdoor festivals, a "5-K Fun Run," art exhibits, films, rallies, concerts, tree plantings, and recycling programs. The culmination will be a "BIG EVENT" on the 22nd live with music, political speeches, and participatory actions for large groups of people.

On a national level, individuals are urged to sign an Earth Day Pledge Card challenging citizens to honor the environment when they vote, purchase, consume, and invest. The pledges will be tabulated and presented to media and lawmakers by April 22.

But what we do in the future is what really matters.

After April 22, we must continue our commitment and learn to live more responsibly.

That means replacing old habits with new behaviors. It means cutting our level of waste by at least 50%. Cleaning our homes and caring for our yards without toxic chemicals, using much less energy, and buying socially responsible products. It means valuing humanity—and ourselves—enough to ensure future generations a place to live.

As a community, we have the potential to make a strong impact.

Many of the lessons we have learned through our personal and political struggles can be applied directly to environmental issues. Because of AIDS, we have learned to care about ourselves and live in ways that support our health. By letting go of personal pollution—drugs, alcohol, self-defeating attitudes—we lessen environmental pollution as well. Learning to eat less meat and more organic produce, we support agricultural methods that nurture the planet.

And as a community, we are organized. Through our organizations, we can ensure that, as a group, we act with environmental consciousness. We can find ways to lessen our impact—from requiring that our bars recycle cans and bottles to giving time and resources to actively promote environmental change.

Politically, we can add our voice to that of other groups. In the '90s, the environment could easily become an umbrella issue—one that both overshadows and encompasses all other social issues. The gay and lesbian movement will have a chance to form strong alliances, to help create the kind of world we desire to live in.

In Europe, Green parties have successfully united diverse groups into a powerful coalition. U.S. Greens, operating through the existing party structure, have embraced a wide range of environmental and human rights issues, including strong support of gay and lesbian rights. We have a chance to help make these ideals into reality. (For more information: Green Committees of Correspondence, Box 30208, Kansas City, MO 64112).

*John Stowe is a licensed massage therapist in Decatur. His phone number is 373-0111.*

### How You Can Participate in Earth Day

- Sign the EARTH DAY PLEDGE, and return it in time for presentation to media and lawmakers on April 22. Call 352-4080 to get a copy.
- Volunteer! The Georgia Earth Day office, 352-0480, can use your talents, as can the many other organizations planning activities: Sierra Club, Trees Atlanta, Atlanta Dogwood Festival, Spelman College, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Zoo Atlanta, the Arts Exchange, Ga Tech, GSU, Emory University, the Georgia Conservancy, to name a few.
- Participate in, or help organize, a program for your group or neighborhood. Call the Georgia EARTH DAY office for details, lists of activities, and tips on getting started.
- Plant a tree—or a forest!
- Begin recycling your trash. Start a recycling program.
- Buy recycled and energy conserving products. The Georgia Environmental Project (429 Moreland Ave., 521-3731) is

a good place to start!

- Join an organization: Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, Audobon Society, Greenpeace, World Wildlife Fund, Southface Energy Institute (525-7657), Green Committees of Correspondence, or many others.

#### Find out how your daily life affects the Earth. Good places to begin:

- *50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth* (Earthworks Press, Berkeley, CA) outlines easy ways to help—from stopping junk mail to eating less meat.
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## AIDS FOCUS

# Koop Supports Waxman Bill for Early HIV Treatment Access

*Dannemeyer pushes for mandatory testing and contact tracing*

by Cliff O'Neill

Washington—Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has joined Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-Calif.) in calling on Congress to ensure that HIV infected individuals receive early and convenient access to medical treatment.

Koop's impassioned testimony was in support of Waxman's Medicaid AIDS and HIV Amendments of 1990 (H.R. 4080), a comprehensive AIDS care package that would, among other things, allow asymptomatic, HIV positive individuals to qualify for Medicaid disability benefits before they actually develop AIDS symptoms. It would also grant federal matching funds to states implementing insurance assistance programs for people with AIDS.

Koop stressed that with AIDS rapidly becoming a disease of the impoverished, most of whom have little or no access to private health care, many HIV infected individuals often go without treatment. And without that access combined with the looming threat of AIDS discrimination, he added there is little hope these people will seek testing for HIV antibodies.

"When a patient feels there is sufficient reward to take the risk of getting tested, they will," Koop added. "If they do not, they will not."

Noting that many asymptomatic, HIV positive individuals find themselves in the "crazy Catch-22" of not qualifying for AIDS-preventative medical assistance until they actually become sick, Waxman asked Koop if he supported allowing HIV-positive individuals to qualify for Medicaid disability payments before they develop AIDS symptoms.

When Koop replied that in affirmative, Rep. Howard C. Nielson (R-Utah) argued that such a policy would create a Medicaid precedent not allowed in the case of other diseases.

"There is a great risk it will do just that," Koop retorted adding that AIDS is "a unique situation" which, unlike cancer and heart disease, can be postponed by administering certain drugs.

Painting a particularly bleak picture of the AIDS epidemic, Koop told of a shortage of physicians going to the AIDS centers of the nation, a scarcity of hospital beds in certain high-incidence cities and a pervasive fear of patients by hospital workers. (See accompa-

nying story on the Kennedy-Hatch AIDS disaster plan.)

Earlier Waxman had chided the Bush Administration for the limited increase in its fiscal '91 AIDS funding.

"Because of the years of misplaced moralizing about sex and drugs," Waxman stated, "government has missed its opportunity to slow the spread of the virus. Now with the weight of the inevitable case load crashing down on our hospitals and our public assistance programs...the sins of the Reagan prevention policy around AIDS are going to have to be paid by the Bush payment plan."

As he has done in virtually every AIDS hearing of the subcommittee, Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif)—absent for virtually all of Koop's testimony—took the opportunity to again call for the U.S. government to treat AIDS as a public health issue and not a civil rights issue.

While professing support for AIDS and HIV patients being afforded early access to drugs with federal tax dollars, Dannemeyer also insisted that the federal government should make those funds contingent on states ordering mandatory testing, name reporting and contact tracing of HIV carriers. The California congressman also pressed Waxman for committee consideration of his AIDS bill (H.R. 3102) which would order such efforts.

Interrupting Koop no fewer than four times in loud and angry tones, Dannemeyer reiterated his view that AIDS, "an incurable venereal disease," be treated in the same manner as "curable venereal diseases."

"I think it's the term 'curable' on which that hangs," the visibly irritated Koop responded, adding that mandatory testing, name reporting and contact tracing for syphilis were instituted 10 years after a cure was found.

"I don't know what history books you've been reading," barked Dannemeyer.

Waxman reminded Dannemeyer that, even with laws mandating contact tracing and name reporting of carriers of sexually transmitted diseases, syphilis and gonorrhea rates have not abated.

"If this is a panacea for the problem," Waxman quipped. "it makes you wonder why we're now having the highest rates of syphilis in years."



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Charlie Brown was crowned King and Deana Collins Queen of Masquerade '90, a fundraiser for Project Open Hand Atlanta. More than 325 people attended the affair which, it is hoped, will become an annual event.

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# AIDS Conference Boycott Broadens

*Discriminatory US Immigration laws are the issue*

To attend. Or not to attend. That's the question. And for thousands of people working to end the AIDS epidemic, the update on Hamlet's question is a tough nut to crack.

The Sixth International Conference on AIDS is scheduled to be held in San Francisco June 20-24. As of early February nearly 5000 people had registered for the conference; approximately 12,000 delegates and 2000 members of the press are expected to attend.

But a number of private AIDS service organizations in France, Canada, Great Britain and Scandinavia say they will boycott the conference unless the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) changes its policy of not letting HIV positive people into the country without first obtaining a special waiver. The CDC is in the process of removing all diseases except active tuberculosis from its immigration exclusion list, but the HIV restriction is based on legislation spearheaded by Sen. Jesse Helms in 1987.

Most recently French Health Minister Claude Evin has

added his name to the list. Evin said that "in the absence of guarantees respecting individual liberties" he will not attend. The U.S. immigration law, he said "stupidly discriminates" against people with AIDS.

San Francisco's Shanti Project and the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA) are the two major U.S. groups who have said they will not attend. NAPWA has urged other American AIDS and gay rights groups to join the boycott, but most have delayed a decision hoping that INS will change its policies.

In January, the INS did end a requirement that State Department officials stamp the passports of approved HIV positive visitors, thus identifying them as carriers of the virus.

But the change was not enough to satisfy Shanti, NAPWA or the groups who are delaying a decision.

Sandy Thurman, Executive Director of AID Atlanta said, "That's months away and I don't have time to think about it

right now. But I think boycotting is almost always iffy because you leave the decision making up to people you would probably oppose were you there. If you have to choose between what's politically correct and what's politically astute, generally you'll do better being astute."

Generally echoing Thurman's beliefs, the National AIDS Network, a D.C. based organization which represents 650 local AIDS service organizations, is urging its members to support the goal of the boycott, while asking them to attend so that their views will be heard.



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AID Atlanta's Sandy Thurman

# Kennedy-Hatch Plan Calls for AIDS "Disaster Relief"

*Atlanta would get \$4 million in first year*

Washington—Senators Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) and Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) have proposed enactment of the Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990 which would make the hardest hit metropolitan areas in the U.S. eligible for \$600 million in "AIDS disaster relief."

The CARE Act would give Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan the authority to distribute the funds to the 13 cities that have reported more than 2000 cases of AIDS. Atlanta, 10th on that list with 2365 reported cases as of February 1, would receive about \$4 million in the first year of the five year plan.

In a letter sent to solicit support for the measure, Kennedy said, "...Indeed the death toll of the unfolding AIDS tragedy is already a hundred-fold greater than any natural disaster to strike our nation in this century. We need to provide emergency support for institutions and community based agencies caring for people with HIV disease."

Dr. June Osborne chair of the National AIDS Commission testified for the bill and echoed Kennedy's sentiments by saying, "...the AIDS epidemic has to be met with the same mutual commitment to help each other we show in times of earthquakes, floods or other natural disasters."

Fifty percent of the money would be distributed directly to local health departments in the thirteen affected areas within 60 days of the appropriation. It would go primarily to hospitals, clinics, community health centers and sub-acute care facilities that serve low-income individuals.

The remainder of the funds would be awarded to states within five months as grants designed to develop comprehensive plans for the organization and delivery of HIV-related care.

The Kennedy-Hatch money comes just in the nick of time for Atlanta agencies such as AID Atlanta, Grady Memorial Hospital and

the Visiting Nurses Association which have gotten a substantial portion of their recent funding from a Robert Woods Johnson Foundation Grant which will expire soon.

This is the second time in less than a month that the normally conservative Hatch has come down squarely in support of legislation that affects the gay and lesbian community. Hatch was co-sponsor, along with Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill), of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. Despite strong opposition from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) Hatch worked hard to assure passage of the act which was the first federal law ever to include the words "sexual orientation."

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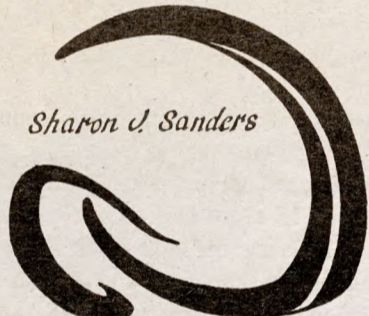
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# Activism for Mainstreamers

Options for those caught between ACT UP and act-not

by Gareth Fenley

Yes Virginia, there *are* mainstream gay political organizations in Georgia. Not that you'd know it from their visibility during the lesbian and gay community's most recent and most visible political battles: the attempt at sodomy law reform and passage of hate crimes legislation in the Georgia Legislature.

That lack of visibility—especially in mainstream media—leaves the false impression of a yawning void between ACT UP (of demonstration fame) and a tiny collection of independent lobbyists who work behind the scenes.

Sodomy repeal is, in fact, on the agendas of at least three Atlanta-based organizations: the Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU and two independent groups, GAPAC and LEGAL. (A fourth group, HRCF, lobbies only the U.S. Congress.) But few really thought sodomy reform was at all likely in 1990. Some long-range planning went on last fall, but the issue was on the back burner. AIDS issues are hotter, perhaps because coalition building is easier in *that* venue.

(Other gay issues—public safety, equal employment

and housing, spousal rights, child custody and the like—get discussed a lot. But with the exception of police relations, none is the apparent subject of concerted energy or coalition building.)

Before ACT UP zapped the Capitol on January 8, sodomy hadn't seemed to be anyone's top priority for years. In the early 1980s, GOAL (Georgians Opposed to Archaic Laws) was organized specifically to fight for sodomy reform. It dissolved after the Supreme Court's slap on Hardwick vs Bowers. Since then leadership on the issue has bounced around, gradually losing momentum.

In 1988, Atlanta gay activist John Howell died, leaving the ACLU's gay and lesbian chapter a \$15,000 bequest specifically for sodomy repeal efforts. That put leadership firmly in the chapter's hands. For more than a year, however, the chapter was diverted by an internal struggle with its national parent, which claimed a large share of the bequest. Only a few months ago it was finally settled that the local chapter controls all \$15,000. President Cathy Woolard is in no hurry to see it spent. She says the group is making long-range plans for wise use of the funds.

So, while the ACT UP demonstration just might have



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**U.S. Representative John Lewis, a staunch supporter of pro-gay legislation thanks to lobbying and support from GAPAC and HRCF.**

caught them napping on sodomy, several organizations do provide a lesbian and gay perspective in traditional politics. If working within or on the edges of the system are your cup of tea, check out the four groups profiled here.

## American Civil Liberties Union—Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter



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Mary Davis and George Brenning

### L/G Chapter ACLU of Georgia.

233 Mitchell Street SW, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30303, 377-8312.

**Purpose:** To defend the liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, with special emphasis on gay and lesbian issues.

**Officers:** Cathy Woolard, president; Nick Danna, vice president; George Brenning, secretary/treasurer.

**Membership:** 45 members; more than 150 on mailing list. \$32 annual dues includes \$12 for the chapter, \$20 for nation-

al ACLU.

**Meetings:** Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 pm, Peachtree Branch Library. Open to the public.

**Projects:**

- Planning strategy for sodomy repeal. Has \$15,000 fund for this purpose bequeathed by John Howell, a former chapter president.

- Working with Police Advisory Board and General Assembly on statewide hate crimes bill.

- Hosting a national Lavender Law Conference in October, 1990.

- Awards for advocates of gay and lesbian rights.

- Legal cases, such as the defense of Gregory Scroggins and Paul Murray.

- Participant in Georgia AIDS Coalition (GAC), an umbrella group of gay and AIDS organizations.

## Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition

**GAPAC.** (Pronounced "Gay-Pac.") Formerly known as Atlanta Campaign for Human Rights (ACHR, pronounced "Acre.") P.O. Box 8420, Atlanta, GA 30306, 368-7420.

**Purpose:** To integrate the political process with the gay community. Deals primarily with the Georgia General Assembly and with Fulton County, DeKalb County, and Atlanta government. May expand to cover other political entities in the future.

**Officers:** Hubert NeSmith, acting chair; Roger Presley, secretary; Steve Schmidt, treasurer; Marie Murray and Peter Whiteside, executive committee members.

**Membership:** Currently not a membership organization. The board has 15 members; seeking to add 5 more. 1,200 on mailing list. No dues.

**Meetings:** Second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, Ponce de Leon Branch Library. Open to the public.

**Projects:**

- Interviewing candidates for political office.

- Cash donations and public endorsements for gay-positive candidates.

- Spring and fall fundraisers. The upcoming April 15 event will be an Easter egg hunt at a private home in Druid Hills, featuring prizes, contests, and a cash bar; admission will be approximately \$5.

- On February 11, held a reception for

elected officials. Attendees included state senator Bud Stumbaugh; state representatives Jim Martin, Cynthia McKinney, Mary Margaret Oliver, and Nan Orrock; Atlanta city council members Sheila Brown and Mary Davis; and about 175 constituents.

- Outreach booths to build awareness at community events, such as the Business Expo and the Gay Games Carnival.

- Participant in Georgia AIDS Coalition.

## Human Rights Campaign Fund/Atlanta

**HRCF/Atlanta.** P.O. Box 8594, Atlanta, GA 30306, 365-8766.

**Purpose:** The nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization; lobbies the U.S. Congress. Six months ago, HRCF legally changed from a political action committee to a membership organization. A cluster of members in Atlanta form a loosely structured local group, not a chapter.

**Officers:** Stosh Ostrow, Jackie Johnson, and Tad Gardocki are members

of the national board; Dave Green and Mia Mundale chair the fundraising dinner committee; Cathy Woolard is a paid field officer.

**Membership:** Number of local members unknown; about 2,000 on mailing list. \$35 annual dues.

**Meetings:** Each committee has its own schedule; check with HRCF.

**Projects:**

- Annual fundraising dinner, a \$150-plate, black tie affair; attracts 550 to 650

attendees. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) will make the keynote speech at this year's dinner, May 19.

- Members participate in the national "Speak Out" program, which generates a barrage of mailgrams from constituents.

- House parties to raise funds.

- Annual women's event.

- Humanitarian, political action, and community service awards.



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**Georgia Senator Bud Stumbaugh, very supportive of gay/AIDS causes in the 1990 General Assembly, chats with Dick Rhodes.**

## Legislate Equality for Gays And Lesbians



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Judy Colbs, Rep. Mary M. Oliver, and Rep. Cynthia McKinney

**LEGAL,** "A Voice of Lesbian and Gay Georgians in the Democratic Party." P.O. Box 54167, Atlanta, GA 30308, 286-7476.

**Purpose:** Involve lesbians and gay men in grassroots political events. Currently working within the Democratic Party; may spin off a Republican club in the future.

**Officers:** Padraig McManus-McLoughlin, president; Marty Worsham, vice president; Craig Allen, secretary.

**Membership:** 91 members; 1700 on

mailing list. \$10 annual dues.

**Meetings:** Third Monday of each month, 7:00 pm, Peachtree Branch Library. Open to the public. Odd-numbered months (January, March, etc.) feature a general membership program, including a guest speaker, usually an elected official. Business is conducted on even-numbered months.

**Projects:**

- Voter registration drives.

- Working on behalf of gay candidates for

DeKalb and Fulton County Democratic Committees and national Democratic Convention delegation.

- Coordinating with other groups to repeal the state sodomy law.

- Planning to revitalize the membership and attract new members with activities that require only small commitments of money or time.

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Along with selling furniture and their other interests, Elizabeth says "Our long term goals are for this to become a gathering place for women and people on a spiritual path."

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Elizabeth Spilman and Nancy Guthrie

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Marcia supports local artists as well as artists from around the county. The gallery's latest exhibit features Peggy Rothschild's newest body of work—found object sculpture. Some of the unique works include Native American art made from painted animal vertebra. Future exhibits will include Sandy Vergan's paintings and John Gerletti's art glass.

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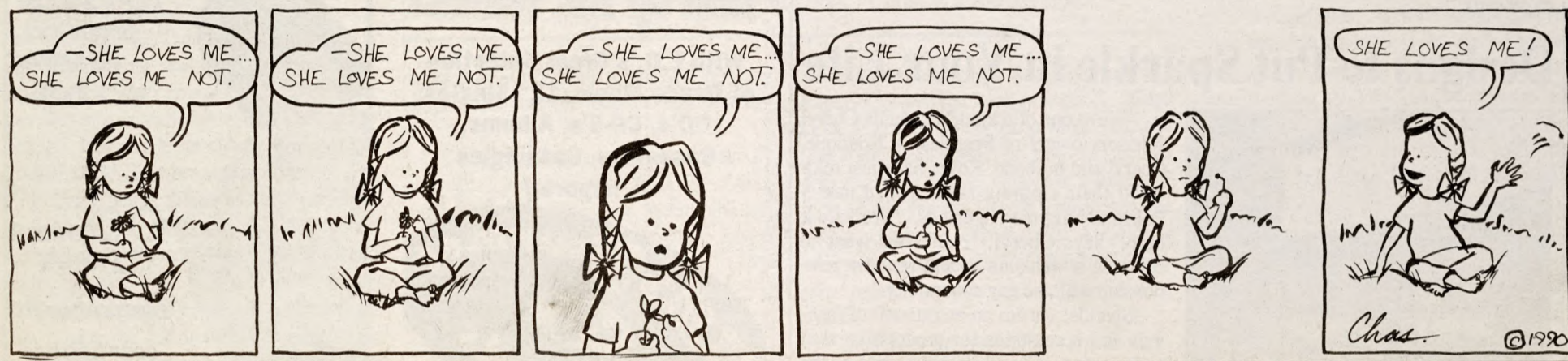
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March 15-March 28  
by Mary Bailey-Rule

Spring officially begins on Tues, Mar. 20, at 4:19 pm as the Sun goes into Aries, a cardinal fire sign. Aries-types are usually assertive, energetic, impulsive, and eager to face what life has to offer. It's a time of new life and beginnings. Throw out fear, hesitation, doubt, and negative ideas about yourself. Let yourself enjoy the wonder of life.



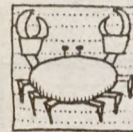
**ARIES**—The Sun and Mercury move into your first house on the 19th and 20th. Be ready for new energy and new ideas to propel you into a new cycle of activity. Celebrate your life with those who love and support you.



**TAURUS**—With Mercury and the Sun in your 12th house of dreams and visions, you may be more aware of the unconscious or hidden side of your nature, dreams seem more vivid. Heed your intuition.



**GEMINI**—Mars and Venus are both in your 9th house of higher education and travel, so you may feel like you need a change. A short trip or class to learn something new may ease your restlessness.



**CANCER**—Jupiter is now in direct motion in your 1st house. You may feel more energetic or focused. A great time to make new friends, so get out your social calendar.



**LEO**—Venus and Mars are in your 7th house of personal and committed relationships, so be ready for new partnerships. Pay attention to new people entering your life now as they will bring fresh ideas and interests.



**VIRGO**—The Sun and Mercury are in your 8th house of sexuality and transformation, so be prepared for change and new opportunities. Take advantage of this time for personal growth and development.



**LIBRA**—Your 7th house of personal relationships is activated by the Sun and Mercury making this a good time to resolve old conflicts and form new alliances. Use your social graces for fun with friends.



**SCORPIO**—Jupiter is now direct in your 9th house, trining your 1st house and giving you a new outlook on life. Take advantage of any opportunities for learning or travel. Also a good time for working with or starting a personal journal.



**SAGITTARIUS**—The Sun and Mercury are in your 5th house of creativity and self-esteem providing energy for new projects and creative expression. Look for new opportunities to use your intelligence and verbal skills.



**CAPRICORN**—If you feel projects at work aren't moving quickly enough, take time to communicate with others involved and look for fuzzy details. Being patient with yourself and others will actually speed things up.



**AQUARIUS**—Mars and Venus are both in your 1st house so take advantage of the physical energy and take time to affirm all your wonderful qualities. Remember that your attractiveness radiates from the inside out!



**PISCES**—With the Sun and Mercury in your 2nd house of personal comfort and material resources, this is a good time to focus on finances and property. Spring house cleaning is in order to make room for new things.

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**M:** J. stumbled across a wonderful restaurant that is so good I almost hate to write about it. (I don't want it to get crowded so I can keep going in with no wait.) Ray's Ristorante and Wine Bar which is located in Yuppie apartment land at 2770 Lenox Road is the best kept secret in Atlanta.

**J:** I can't seem to stop ordering the pasta primavera either as an appetizer or entree. It's the best I've eaten anywhere. Also, the wine list is sensibly trendy in that many wines can be had by the glass. All prices are moderate. For this review, it was especially nice to have M. drooling with me.

**J:** This 10-month-old nouvelle Italian restaurant has a combination New York-bistro/Memphis-modern Italian decor. A delightful treat is the jazzy piano (synthesizer) player. Obviously, the decor and atmosphere have been carefully coordinated with a menu that offers a wide range of pizza, freshly made pasta, veal, and chicken dishes.

**M:** Actually, aside from our Pavlov's dogs' reactions which never go well with glazed food lover's eyes, there is something romantic about this restaurant. I'm not sure if I'm in love with the food or if J. looks great in the light, but Ray's is one of those places where you feel as if you can while away the hours.

**M:** Actually, I would go just to hear the music, especially on '40s ballads night, but the food is worth it even with no piano player. The mussels, soft shell crab, fritatas, seven kinds of pizza, a number of pasta dishes, daily specials, and killer desserts are all perfect. I know I sound like I'm raving here and I am. (J. has drooled all three times we've eaten here.)

**J:** Gee, M. I like to think that I look great to you no matter what light I'm in. Anyhow, for a special dinner with your loved ones or hoped-for-loved-one(s), stop at Ray's (which is open 7 days a week) and don't tell anyone about it so that we can keep the crowds down.

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The Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network will begin its day program, Common Ground, for people living with AIDS/HIV on Monday, April 2nd. The program will operate Monday through Friday from 10:30am-3:30pm. Common Ground will be a place where people living with AIDS/HIV can interact with other people, learn new skills, enjoy crafts and other activities, participate in supportive classes and discussion groups and explore their spiritual journey. Anyone interested in participating in the day program or volunteering, please call 874-8686 for information.(V3,#3)

HIV+ individuals interested in forming exercise classes - respond with name and address to 892-1249 - info will be sent - Exercise - "a natural immune booster", and it's free!

New PWA/HIV Support Group begins at Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in Sandy Springs - A support group for persons with symptomatic HIV infections meets each second and fourth Sunday 5-6:30pm. Karen Benjack-Burke, M.Div., M.S.W. acts as facilitator. There is no charge and transportation can be provided. For more info, call the church at 255-4023.

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AIDS SUPPORT AND INFORMATION GROUP being formed in Henry County and will serve the surrounding counties of Rockdale, Newton, DeKalb, Clayton, Butts, Fayette, Cowetta, Spaulding, Monroe, Pike and Meriwether as Henry. Meeting at 7:00 PM on the first Friday of each month in the Community Room of Henry General Hospital on Hudson Bridge Rd. (Exit #73) in Stockbridge. Anyone who has tested positive to the HIV (AIDS Virus) test, or who has been diagnosed as having ARC or AIDS is encouraged to attend these meetings. Family members and friends of those infected are also encouraged to attend so that they may learn more about the disease and how they can help their friends and loved ones. Health care professionals are also encouraged to attend so that they may lend their expertise to those in need. For more information call Bob Ray at 954-1990 or Jim Morgan at 229-3117.

The First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta now has an AIDS support group, not limited to just PWA's. Anyone who has tested positive to the HIV test, has been diag-

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nosed as having AIDS or ARC, their families, friends and anyone else concerned about the disease is invited to attend. Meetings held at the Church, 800 N. Highland Ave. Every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church office. This group is open to anyone who wishes to attend. For more information, call the Church office at 872-2246.

The People Project - Ready to assist PWA's in locating services that are available in the community. This is a people-for-people program. Call Ron at 371-0819 or the Atlanta Gay Center at 876-5372.

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

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

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P.O.O.H. - Positive Outlook On HIV+ is a supportive network of HIV+ persons who share positive health attitudes and want to meet similarly oriented people for social and emotional interaction. For more information call 874-6102 or 351-1824.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU of Georgia will hold its March membership meeting on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30pm at the ACLU of Georgia offices, 23 Mitchell St., Suite 200 near the Richard Russell Federal Building. In addition to the Police Advisory Board, the Georgia AIDS Coalition, and ACLU affiliate activities, the Chapter will be concentrating on a Statewide Sodomy Law repeal effort and hosting the Lavender Law Conference in October. Interested members, new and old, are urged to attend this meeting. For directions to the ACLU office, please call 523-6201. For information about the Chapter, call 377-8312. (V3,#3)

Women in Recovery - Non-smoking AA support group for women. Meets every Wed. at 8:00pm & Sun. at 7:30 pm. North Cobb County. For more info call Diane 974-0468 or 974-4907. (V3,#3)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rep. Jim Martin to Address LEGAL Mon. March 19, 1990 at 7pm. LEGAL (Legislate Equality for Gays And Lesbians) will present special guest Jim Martin, Georgia State Representative (D-Atlanta 26th District - Midtn, Morgsd, VA-HI, Candler Pk, & Ponce/Highland). Rep. Martin will conduct a short 'lobbying seminar' to help members of LEGAL learn about lobbying at the General Assembly.) All meetings of LEGAL are opened to the general public and are held at the Peachtree Branch of the Atlanta-Fulton County Library on Peachtree St. and 16th. For further information contact Padraig McManus-McLoughlin at 286-7476. (V3,#2)

Call for Artists - Artists invited to submit applications for possible solo exhibitions and special installation projects in Nexus Gallery at Nexus Contemporary Art Center. The primary interest of Nexus is on new and experimental art work. For information call Nexus Gallery at (404) 688-2500.

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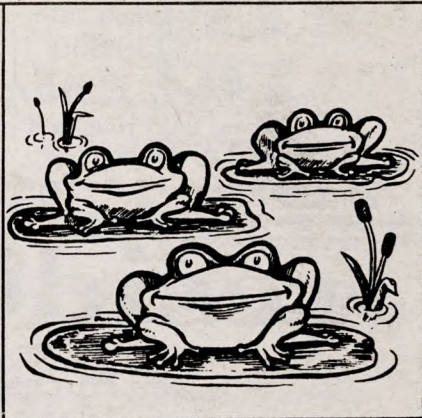


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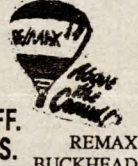
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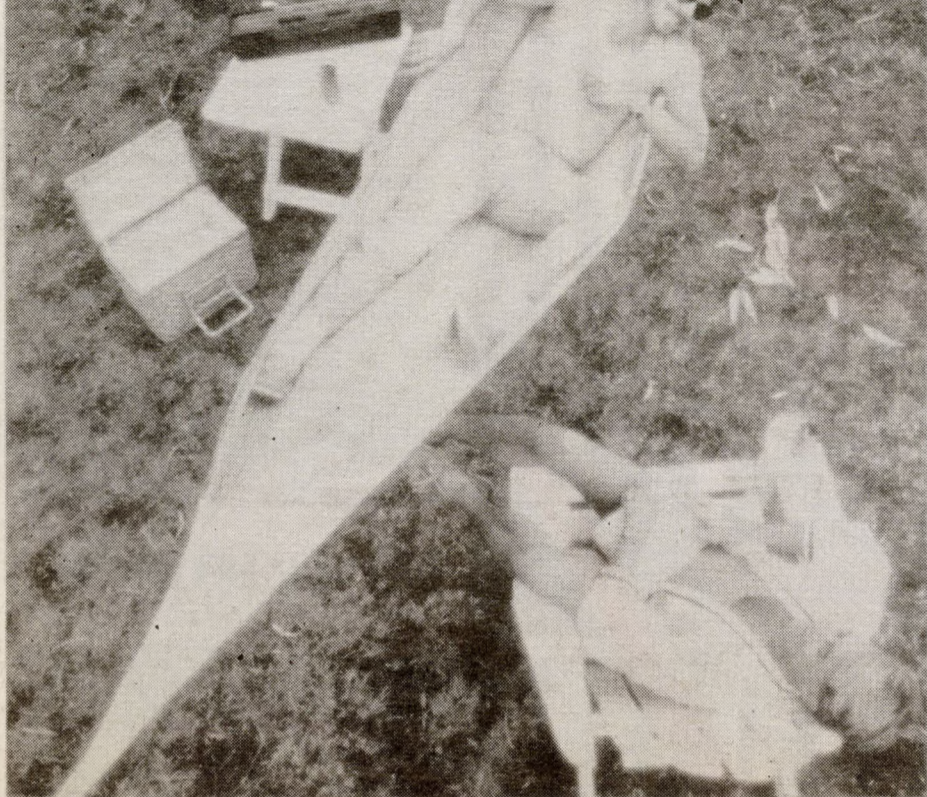
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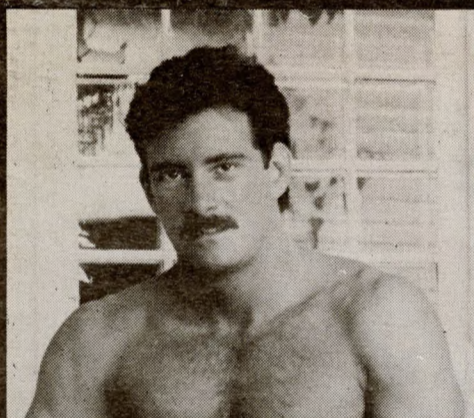
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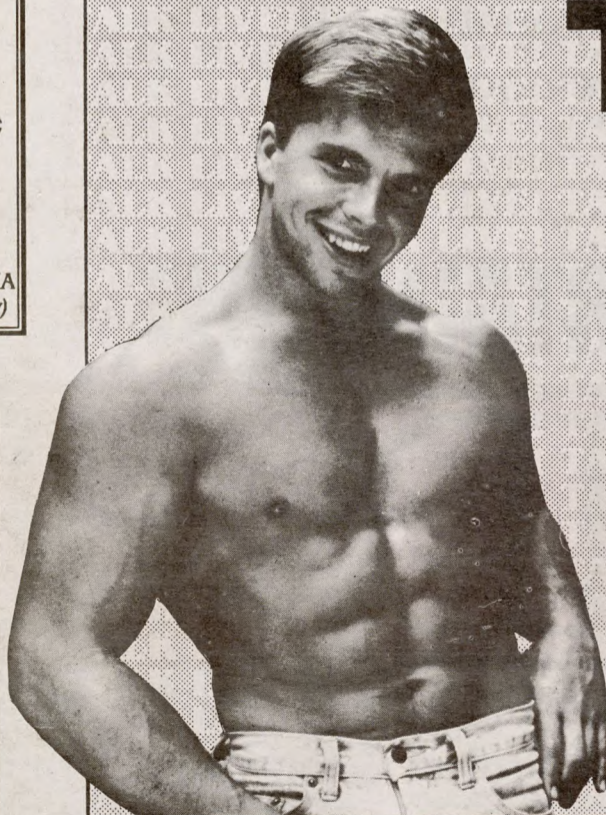
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