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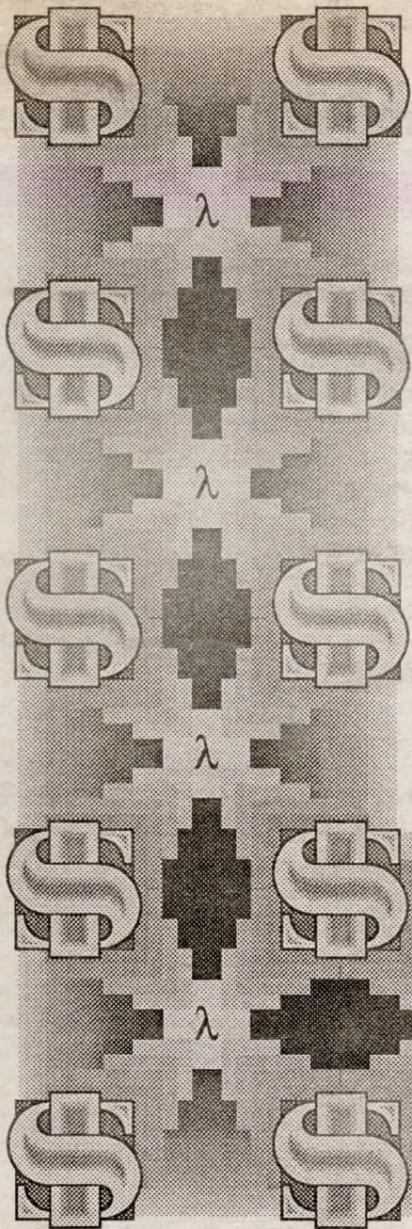
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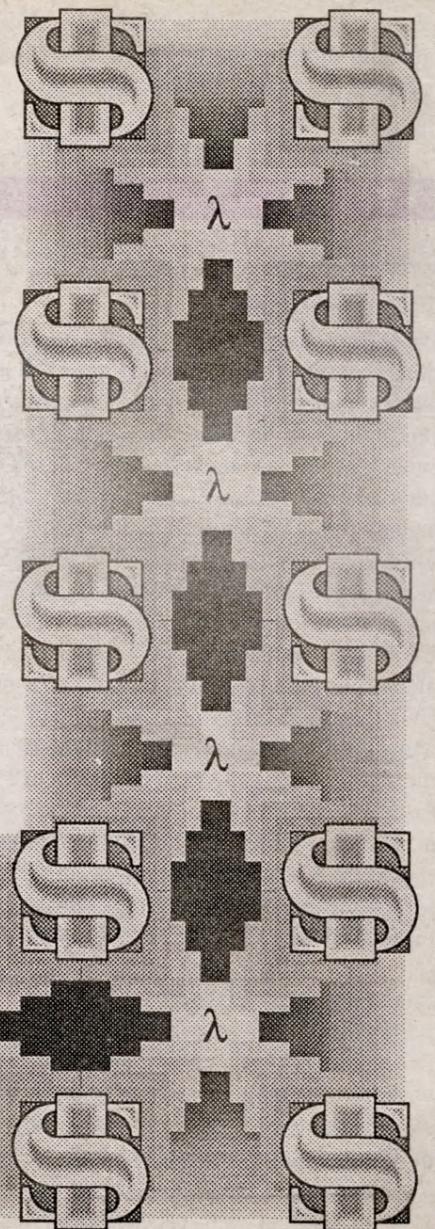
by Gareth Fenley and Matt Montgomery



You wouldn't think homosexuality had anything to do with eyeglasses or mortgages. Yet an optical store and at least a dozen realtors are among the perennial advertisers in *Southern Voice* and other local gay publications.

We gay folk buy mostly the same things as our non-gay counterparts, but when we have a choice, we'll often spend our money at a business that specifically welcomes us. From the Stonewall Inn to the nearly 100 exhibitors at Atlanta's 1990 Business Expo, businesses owned by gays or friendly to our community are so important to us that they're an integral part the community itself.

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Clayton "Sodomy Sweep" Nabs 21

Local paper publishes names and addresses of those arrested

The Clayton News/Daily, reports that Clayton County Police ended a week long 'sodomy sweep' of the park surrounding the Sigma Chi Monument on Highway 19-41 just south of Jonesboro on March 9. An eight man team conducted the operation after reportedly receiving complaints of harassment from visitors to the monument.

Twenty-one men were arrested on charges of simple battery, obstruction of a police officer, solicitation for sodomy and public indecency. Civil libertarians question the validity of charges brought under the guise of "solicitation," but admit that trying to get such charges dropped or changed is difficult if not impossible.

According to the News/Daily, the police claimed that "all but five" of the men were married and most resided outside Clayton. One man reportedly "confessed to officers he had AIDS."

While the story was given top billing on the paper's Saturday March 10 paper, the tone of the article was not particularly malicious. One officer was quoted as saying, "Parks are for everybody, homosexuals, everybody. But when homosexuals start infringing on the enjoyment of the straight community..." Another said, "None of us have anything against homosexuals. But it has gotten so people can't even bring their kids up here for a picnic without getting hit on."

While the language of the news coverage was mild, the News/Daily did choose to print the names, ages and addresses of those arrested. In larger cities, such practices have long since been abandoned in acknowledgement of the fact that they substantially increase the possibility of bias crimes or harassment against those arrested.

Publisher of the News/Daily, Joe Hiatt

told Southern Voice that the paper follows this practice regularly so that readers "will not confuse two people with the same name." Hiatt added that he has "reservations about the policy in some cases" and "I don't feel particularly comfortable with it." He added that the staff discussed

kind of police activity," he said. Minter went on to suggest that the police had been conciliatory because they were afraid of being "bashed by the gay lobby" which had recently taken Andy Rooney and Martin Luther King III to task for their public homophobia.



whether or not to include address in this particular instance. The majority felt it best to maintain their normal policy, although that agreement "was not unanimous."

Hiatt added that he would take into account the feelings of readers who wrote concerning the policy.

Two readers have written to the News/Daily, but it was not the news story that aroused their ire. Both complained strongly about an editorial by News/Daily owner Jim Minter, who is a former editor of the Atlanta Journal/Constitution. Four days after the news story, Minter penned an editorial that took the conciliatory tone of the arresting officers to task.

"There is no need to apologize for this

Minter went on to say that "homosexuals have a problem," but failed to say exactly what that problem was. But, "The rest of us certainly have a problem dealing with their problems when they demand to be treated like everybody else..." was as close as he got to salience.

In their letter to the News/Daily, PFLAG members Loretta and Elvin Rouse took Minter to task for his rambling hypothesizing about the origins of sexual orientation and offered, "We chose to learn and understand and also believe that if God made them that way and he can love them, so can we. We don't question it, just accept it."

Western Union Loses \$350,000 Lesbian and Gay Account

HRCF cites company's opposition to San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Rights Ordinance

Washington, D.C. — The Human Rights Campaign Fund has announced that it will no longer use Western Union Corp. to deliver "Speak Out" constituent messages to Capitol Hill, a decision that will cost the communications firm \$350,000 this year.

In addition, HRCF announced that it will encourage other organizations and individuals throughout the country to reexamine their business relationship with Western Union.

Executive Director Tim McFeeley stated that the decision "to terminate our relationship with Western Union is based on the company's continued efforts to overturn a twelve-year old San Francisco ordinance protecting lesbians and gays from discrimination."

"What Western Union is doing presents a greater threat to the rights of lesbian and gay Americans than any other corporate action in recent memory. We have no intention of remaining silent while efforts are made to undermine protections that lesbian and gay Americans have fought so long to achieve," McFeeley stated.

Western Union is challenging the constitutionality of the San Francisco ordinance as part of a legal battle which began last year. Armand Ertag, a Western Union employee in San Francisco, sought damages against the company for harassment and intimidation he experienced at work. Rather than address the specific allegations in Mr. Ertag's suit, Western Union has sought to have the gay rights ordinance overturned.

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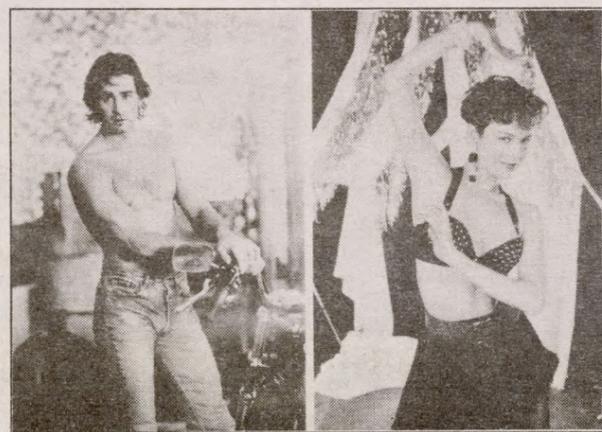
Too much Dick

Wait! How could there possibly be too much of a good thing? Simple. It happens when the Dick in question is a prick named Williams. The Atlanta Journal's resident expert on reductive reasoning just can't seem to get enough queer bashing in these days. First came his early March warning "Georgia edges closer to endorsing gay rights." God(dess) forbid that should happen! Then there was the televised unpleasantness mentioned in this space last issue. And close on the heels of that pile of poop comes ol' bow-tie-brain ranting about the US Senate's unwillingness to endorse the homophobia of that neo-Atilla the Hun, Sen. Wm. Armstrong (R-CO). (See news this issue.) The depth of Williams' panic is evidenced by the fact that the Armstrong story didn't even run in the local paper; he had to go looking for it. Williams told us several years ago that he'd get off his homohating high horse only when it was proven that gays were born that way. We, in turn, will pledge to stop picking on Williams only when he proves that mean-spirited people are born that way.

Not enough thanks

Bushel baskets of thanks to Brian Brazill who for the past five months has been one of four folks who have regularly volunteered to input the contents of this newspaper. Brian's work demands are such that he can no longer help us. We'll miss his speed and his sense of humor. Luckily Shelly Robbins, Mark duPont and Al Cotton continue to pound the keys, a task to which each has unstintingly donated

their time since Southern Voice's infancy. Without their help and the help of numerous others who give freely of their time and talents this paper would not be. Thanks! And congratulations to Mark and his lover Mark on their recent 5th Anniversary.



Pecs and pits

Dish's Publicity Pic of the Week award goes to Lambada stars J. Eddie Peck and Melora Hardin. The men in the office liked Peck's pecs quite a lot, thank you. And the women thought that Ms. Hardin was most attractive indeed. They did, however, wonder why the lady seems to be making such an issue over the fact that she has just shaved her pits.

Disc Dish

Who's hot?

Lisa Stansfield. Her Arista album "Affection" is a highly danceable union of hip-hop bass rhythms and way-up-in-the-mix disco string lines. Her voice is 'kinda coffee-laced-with-Kahula. Don't bring this one to work, though, because you'll embarrass yourself. Once you turn it on, you won't be able to keep from dancing. Or singing. "Been around the world and I Yi Yi, I can't find my baby..."

The Jody Grind's CD debut "One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure" is due out "any minute" on DB records. Kelly Hogan, vocalist for The Grind laid everyone out at the ACT UP benefit at Backstreet a few months back with her cool, rich, flexi-flyer vocals. There were times you coulda' heard a pin drop.

And on the waiting-with-baited-breath list is Sinead O'Connor's follow-up album and Michelle Malone's major label debut. A single has been released from O'Connor's newest offering, but no sign of the disc yet. Have I missed something? Rumor has it Malone's debut on Arista is due out in May. It will be interesting to see how the rest of the country reacts to "another" Atlanta artist. Our guess is Malone's liquid, effortlessly supple vocals and her bad-ass rock and roll persona will propel her past all previous successes. In the words of another local musician, "everyone else is just going to have to move over a notch."

Senate Rejects Anti-gay Amendment

Nunn and Fowler Abstain

Washington, D.C.— In a major victory for the lesbian and gay community, an anti-gay amendment offered by Senator William Armstrong (R-CO) went down to defeat in early March. The victory represents the second time in less than a month that the Senate sided with the gay and lesbian community on a critical vote.

In February, Senator Jesse Helms' (R-NC) effort to attach anti-gay language to the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act was resoundingly defeated. In this vote, the Senate rejected the Armstrong amendment, which would have allowed organizations in the District of Columbia to bar any lesbian or gay man from serving as a "role model, mentor or companion to any minor."

Armstrong sought to weaken the strong protections for lesbians and gays included in the Washington, D.C. Human Rights Ordinance. He said that the law is being used to "force Big Brothers and other similar organizations to admit homosexuals into their program as counselors and role models." Armstrong stated that the District of Columbia "should not be able to impose a requirement that these organizations accept people who have not historically been

deemed suitable for that kind of work."

The amendment, however, was drafted broadly and would have applied to all institutions that serve children in Washington. For example, lesbians and gays could have been fired from schools, refused positions in volunteer organizations and prohibited from treating young patients in hospitals.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), working closely with gay and lesbian lobbyists, devised the strategy and led the floor fight that defeated the Armstrong amendment. Kennedy offered alternative language that would allow organizations to deny positions to heterosexuals, gays and bisexuals who have been charged or convicted of sexual offenses with minors.

The critical vote came on an Armstrong move to table the Kennedy substitute amendment. The Senate rejected Armstrong's attempt 50 to 47. It then went on to adopt the Kennedy language almost unanimously.

Senators Nunn and Fowler both abstained, a move that could be interpreted as supportive given the very close and partisan vote on the original amendment.

TWA Settles Claim With Gay Couple

Agrees to equal treatment on emergency ticket refunds

San Francisco —On the eve of filing a lawsuit over gay couples' rights against Trans World Airlines, Inc. (TWA) in the Superior Court of California, National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) and its cooperating attorneys, Raymond Wheeler and Anne Zinkin of the San Francisco law firm of Morrison & Foerster, reached a settlement in the dispute.

The case against TWA arose out of the airline's denial of a refund to a gay man under its family emergency guidelines. Tony A. Hurd of San Francisco purchased a non-refundable, super-saver roundtrip ticket from TWA for air travel from San Francisco to Washington D.C.. On the day that Hurd was to depart, his partner of eleven years, Joel Gerughty, had a heart attack and was hospitalized. As a result, Hurd canceled his trip.

TWA normally grants refunds of non-refundable or special fare tickets which are

not used because of a family emergency. When Hurd wrote TWA asking for a refund, it responded that its policy applied to "immediate family members" and that a "live-in lover is not considered immediate family." NGRA and its cooperating attorneys threatened to bring suit on behalf of Hurd.

In response, TWA tendered a full refund and a letter of apology for the delay in processing the refund request. Senior vice-president and general counsel Mark A. Buckstein, stated, "Sexual orientation is not a factor that we consider in determining whether a passenger qualifies for a refund (in a family emergency situation)." Rather, in determining when prospective persons constitute immediate family members, TWA will evaluate the facts and circumstances of each situation and will not discriminate against gay couples if the circumstances otherwise merit a refund.

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House Members Trounce Military Position

Studds leads charge against anti-gay stance on gay man's ROTC scholarship

by Cliff O'Neill

Washington, D.C.—A group of 24 House members has sent a letter to an ROTC commander insisting that the military abandon its attempts to recover a college scholarship from a gay recruit.

Originated by openly gay Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.), the letter protests the Reserve Officers Training Corps' attempts to recover a \$25,000 scholarship awarded to James M. Holobaugh, a highly commended ROTC student.

The Army was set to award Holobaugh his commission when he disclosed his homosexuality in May '89. After a preliminary hearing last December, the Army decided to ask Holobaugh to return his scholarship. Holobaugh, who will graduate from Washington University in St. Louis this spring, has refused to return the scholarship and is suing the ROTC for his commission.

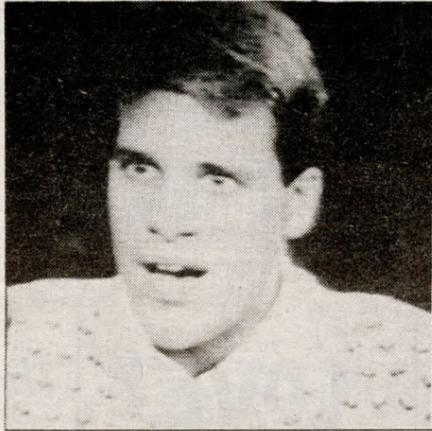
Washington University has been vocally supportive of the gay recruit in opposing the Army's anti-gay policies.

Military policy declares that homosexuality is "incompatible with military service." The U.S. Supreme Court recently refused to hear two court challenges to the policy.

"We believe that to compel him to pay would be fundamentally unfair: it would also reflect an appalling mean-spiritedness which has no place in the ROTC," reads the letter sent by the House members to the commander of the Second Division of the U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command.

The Army has suggested this may be the

first case of its kind as it usually does not ask recruits to return scholarships unless they have evidence of deceit. That would mean the the Army would have to prove Holobaugh intentionally kept his homosexuality secret in order to receive his scholarship and only revealed it when he did in order to avoid having to serve.



James Holobaugh

Holobaugh has contended that he dated women while in college and only revealed he was gay when he realized it himself. Besides, he adds, he wants to serve.

An officer investigating the case has concluded that "there was no willful evasion that can be proven" on Holobaugh's part.

"It is to Mr. Holobaugh's credit that he conducted himself in an open and forthright manner, directly informing his commanding officer as soon as he realized he was gay," the members' letter added. "We believe the Army has cheated itself out of the future

services of a qualified officer."

Gay and lesbian activists reacted with equal outrage to the Army's decision to ask Holobaugh for his scholarship back.

"The ROTC's position is akin to asking a man to pay for the gasoline used by the arsonist who's burnt his home to the ground," quipped Gregory King, communications director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Marines Drop Lesbian Case

Attorney claims "total victory"

Parris Island, SC—While attention was focused on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to review challenges to the military's ban on gays, the Marine Corps quietly dismissed all charges against a corporal who spent seven months in the brig for engaging in homosexual activities.

According to the *Washington Blade*, Major Gen. J.D. Lynch Jr., the commanding general at the Parris Island Marine Corps Depot in South Carolina, stated that it was "impracticable to conduct further proceedings against" Cpl. Barbara Baum.

Baum was one of three female Marines court-martialed during an extensive investigation of lesbian activities at the training base in 1988. But the U.S. Court of Military Review in Washington ruled on Feb. 15 that Baum had not received a fair trial and sent the case back to Parris Island.

In addition to dismissing the charges against Baum, Lynch agreed to grant her an Honorable discharge.

Brendan Collins, an attorney who provided legal services pro bono in the case, said that he considers the final result a "total victory" for Baum.

Gays Get Spousal Privileges at Garfinckel's

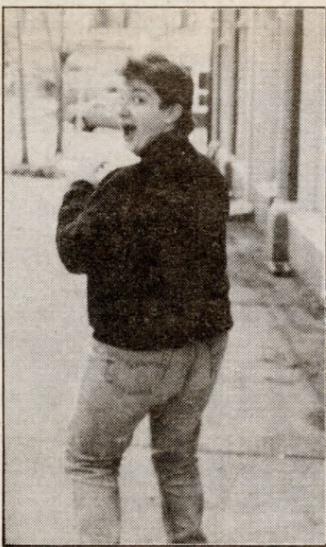
Washington, D.C.—Garfinckel's Department Store chain has said it will join Woodward & Lothrop by offering spouse discount privileges to unmarried partners of employees, including partners of gay employees.

George P. Kelly, Garfinckel's president and chairman of the board, told the *Washington Blade* that Garfinckel's adopted the new policy late last week because "we think it's a good idea."

Kelly said store employees will be notified of the change within the next week and that officials have dubbed the new discount category a "significant other" discount.

A *Blade* survey of 14 department store chains in the D.C. metro area shows that Woodies and Garfinckel's are the only two to adopt such a policy so far. The survey shows that officials of stores with corporate headquarters outside the Washington area have not, in most cases, heard of the recent actions by Woodies and Garfinckel's.

"No one has said anything about this to me at all," said Liz Holland, public relations director of Macy's from corporate headquarters in New York.



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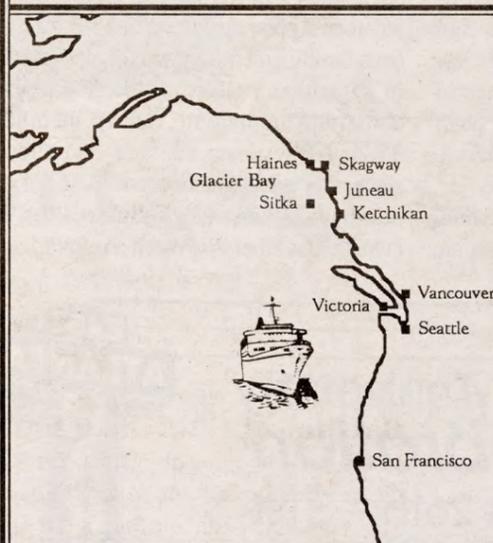
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Waiting to Dance With Maynard

Jackson's Transition Team report did not contain the words "lesbian," "gay" or "human rights;" activists are anxious to know how and when the Mayor's campaign promises will be fulfilled

by Ian Ginsburg

If elected I promise to be Mayor for all Atlantans, rich and poor, young and old, white and black, gay, lesbian and straight. I will never, never, never let you down.

Maynard Jackson, Mar. 23, 1989

...first thing we need to do is make sure that the transition task force's committee on lesbian and gay concerns is in place.

Maynard Jackson, Sep. 13, 1989

During the recent mayoral campaign Atlanta's lesbians and gays were, for the first time in history, openly courted by major candidates. Both Michael Lomax and Maynard Jackson had liaisons to the community and our access to the candidates during the campaign was ready and available. A feeling of optimism surged through the lesbian and gay community. Never has so much positive attention been paid to us by politicians.

Even after Lomax dropped out of the race, Jackson's high profile continued. He signed off on a 28-point "platform for the Gay and Lesbian Community." With his election, it seemed we were poised for a quantum leap forward into inclusion and interaction with the new administration. The first chapter of this new-found access was written with the inclusion of lesbians and gay men on Jackson's Transition Task Force.

How we participated in Jackson's Transition Team Task Force and which parts of Jackson's gay and lesbian platform were and were not included (AIDS related platform items made it, but the words "lesbian", "gay" and "human rights" do not appear) in the report is a tale of two cities, one gay and one straight. It is about political workings within the gay and lesbian community. And about those who participated: some mainstream and pleased; others, marginalized and annoyed.

Is it a model for how Jackson will deal with the gay and lesbian community during his tenure as mayor?

The Transition Task Force

The Transition Task Force Summary Report (prepared by citizen volunteers and a management company), was meant to pave the way for better relations between the new administration and all Atlantans. The process was at times tight and well organized, but "most of the time" says Task Force Chair Dan Sweat, "it was like a fire drill."

As conceived by ABC Management the report was intended to help the Mayor-elect determine a set of "baseline" reference points from which he could guide and implement his policies. Its suggestions were not binding.

According to Jeffrey Laymon (then Executive Secretary of the Metropolitan Atlanta Council of Lesbian and Gay Organizations), choosing representatives from the gay and lesbian community was ultimately left to ABC Management. Peter C. White III (Jackson's campaign liaison to the gay and lesbian community), Laymon and Peter Whiteside (GAPAC Board

Member) made recommendations as to who should serve. ABC called some on the list and inexplicably omitted others.

The reason for the omissions depends on your vantage point. Laymon explained, "ABC was calling over 500 people and all we did was submit names. We had no control over who was called." The Transition Team process was off to a rocky start.

The fact that less than 20 percent of the of the gay and lesbian platform's items (all related to AIDS) were incorporated into the Transition Team's final report is an example of "Politics as usual, within and without the gay community," according to attorney M.P. Schildmeyer who served on Law Enforcement and Courts subcommittee.

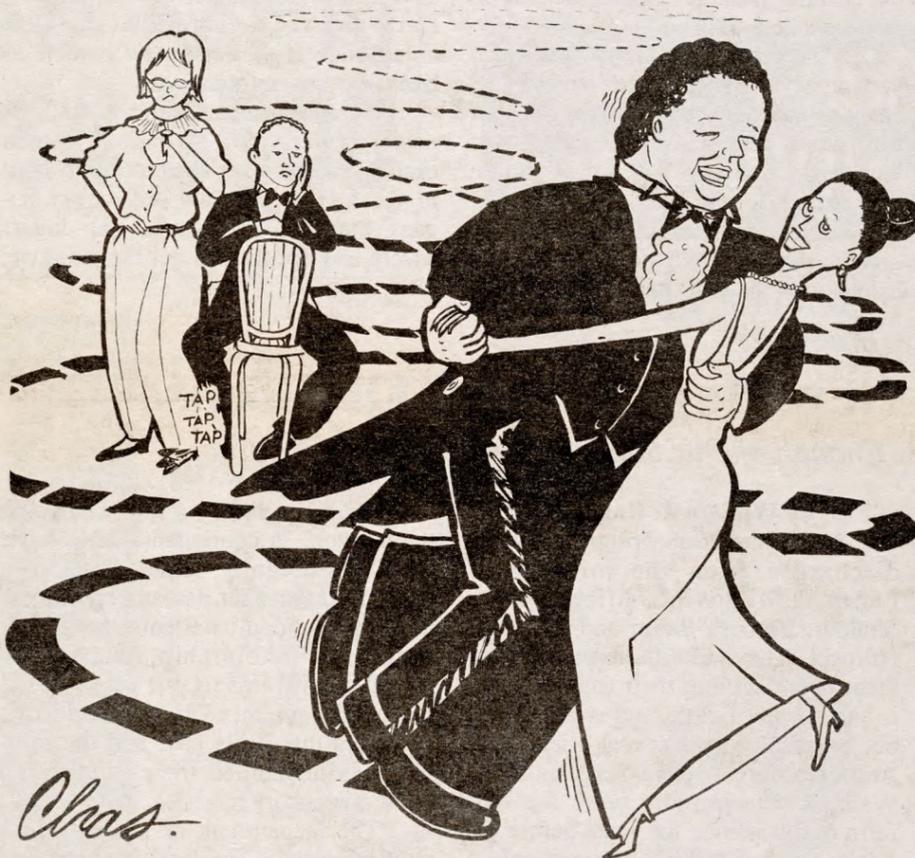
Dick Rhodes, whose recommendations also didn't make it to the final report, has a completely different point of view: "We were not there to address everything as just a gay or lesbian issue...I want to be a Democrat who is gay, not a gay

the "Higher Quality of Life" and "Public Safety" groups would contain the most references to problems confronting the gay and lesbian community.

Neither contains any direct mention of lesbian and gay issues. While the report from "Legislative Policy" (not mentioned by Fuster or ABC) does contain several recommendations concerning PWA's.

Peter Whiteside complains that communication since the inauguration had been, "non-existent." He goes on to explain, "the administration has spent much of its time waiting for appointments to be approved by the City Council." In other words, new policy was not being implemented because the bureaucracy was not yet in place to do so.

The communication problem has been compounded by the fact that campaign liaison Peter White III has been in Europe since January. "There has definitely been a power vacuum without Peter," explains Whiteside.



Democrat...we'll accomplish a lot more than the fringe organizations (that way)."

The experiences of others who participated in the process range from "nightmarish" and "frustrating" to "wonderful" and "exhilarating."

Battling the Bureaucracy

If we were, as Laymon claims, the "best organized minority," complete with a published platform distributed to all the working groups, then why did so much of it evaporate in the final report?

Just acquiring a Transition Team Report was a like a trip into Wonderland...without Alice. No one in the Mayor's office seemed to have a copy or to be well versed with what it said. After a week of misdirection, ABC Management reluctantly produced a copy. When asked what part of the report dealt with lesbian and gay issues, ABC and Angelo Fuster, Jackson's Press Secretary, said that the working group reports from

According to Whiteside, who chairs the newly formed Policy and Planning Committee of GAPAC, there will be a meeting between the Mayor and this ad-hoc committee to determine the future of lesbian and gay relations in Atlanta on March 28. "The gay community could not wait until April or later for action."

On March 7, *Southern Voice* wrote to Mayor Jackson requesting clarification of the status of a liaison to the gay and lesbian community and implementation of his platform. Mr. Jackson has not responded.

Political Hardball

The ability of lesbian and gay activists to have their issues heard and included in the Transition Team recommendations seems to depend on whether or not they could make the rules of the game as written by ABC Management work in their favor.

Peter Whiteside had an insider's seat as part of the triumvirate that suggested possi-

ble subcommittee members. But he is only mildly pleased with the Transition Team Report: "It was a major disappointment to me that issues important to our community were omitted. But politics is a process of give and take."

Whiteside considers Jackson to be, "progressive and honorable in intent, but not well educated in gay issues," and that this accounted for some of the "lack of sensitivity" of the transition team hierarchy. "But the process itself was an education to the community," he continues, "it taught us to be better organized. Certainly yelling and screaming was going to get us nowhere."

Cathy Woolard had to do a little yelling and screaming of her own just to be included in the process. She was overlooked by ABC and not included in the process despite the fact that she is head of the Police Advisory Committee of the Gay and Lesbian Chapter of the Georgia A.C.L.U. Unhappy with her exclusion, she crashed the subcommittee dealing with public safety and hate crimes.

"I felt boxed in by the format the management company forced us to use to do our reports. It minimized the emphasis we placed on the problem of hate crimes. I did manage to make a report with several recommendations, many of which were already in Jackson's lesbian and gay platform. I passed it on to my subcommittee chair who approved it 100%."

The mystery of what happened to Woolard's recommendations has still not been solved. She feels, "there was homophobia involved. My report was entirely deleted. Whether this was because of the Working Group chair (Wade Mitchell), or higher up, I don't know." Woolard sees ABC at the root of the problem, "They seemed to be unaware of the lesbian and gay platform, as if they had never seen it or even read it. I do not feel it was Maynard's fault but the buck has to stop somewhere."

Jeffrey Laymon says he was treated, "absolutely wonderfully" during the entire process.

Laymon worked on a subcommittee to the Legislative Policy working group, which was successful in getting its AIDS-related items included in the final report.

"Though the format was given to us," reflects Laymon, "there was lack of input from ABC Management about the parameters of the issues, but... we sent our reports on to our Working Group Chair, Myrtle Davis, who approved our recommendations."

Not so wonderful was the experience of another member of the Public Safety subcommittee who prefers to remain anonymous. "My reaction to the whole thing is negative. The disappearance of the hate crimes recommendations not only negated issues important to the gay and lesbian community, it was a slap in the face to battered women, Hispanics—it was a collective issue that affects all us. How dare they just delete it!"

Veteran lobbyist, Gil Robison served on

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Editorial

The Power in Our Voice

Please forgive us if the tone of what follows sounds like one of those self-promoting letters from the editor that usually run in *Metropolitan Home* or *Glitz and Glamour in America*.

(You know: The editor is pictured perched atop a volcano, lips glistening, hair artfully windblown; everybody on the design staff looks like a refugee from the latest issue of *GQ*; and the text breathily describes what an absolutely fabulous time the whole damn bunch had on location in Bora Bora. From whence they have just returned, tan as toast, after doing the most spectacular spread on the newest craze in patio furniture—banana leaves, soaked in avocado oil and then hand-formed around lava rock molds.)

The whole purpose of their editorial is to get you to spend more money.

That's not our goal.

We see and hear an incredible amount about the state of gays and lesbians in this last decade of the century. Every two weeks we print what we feel is the most interesting or important of that information.

Some of what we hear is truly terrible: you know that, so we won't go over it again here.

The flip side of this gloom and doom is we're also seeing, increasingly, that when we speak up, we are being heard. And frequently we even get what we want.

Take a look at the news and features in this issue: TWA agrees to treat gay couples like all others in family emergencies;

two DC department stores have extended spousal discount privileges to gay couples; the Marine Corps has agreed to quit persecuting Cpl. Barbara Baum; a passel of Congressmen are protesting the ROTC's treatment of James Holobaugh; and (in the editorial below) one of our readers is offering to help you deal with the military if they've done you wrong.

None of this happened because gay men or lesbians kept silent.

This week's cover story deals with an incredibly powerful part of our voice that, in Atlanta at least, has not been the subject of very much discussion: Our money.

(Don't assume, please, that because you don't make a hundred thou' a year that how you spend your money doesn't count. At a minimum each of us pays rent [or a mortgage], buys food, purchases clothes and purchases transportation. Even if you make minimum wage, let the folks who you spend those dollars with know that you are a gay man or a lesbian. Assuming that they treat you well, thank them for doing so. It's good PR.)

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Every time you patronize a *Southern Voice* advertiser, please tell them that you appreciate their support; and thank owner or management of the business where you pick up this paper. Without them it would not exist.

And please let businesses that don't advertise or distribute *Southern Voice* know that you would appreciate their doing both. If they do, we'll be able to bring you more information.

We are just beginning to find the power in our voice. To be part of that exciting process you don't necessarily have to march in the streets or shout angry slogans. Spending your gay/lesbian dollars wisely and openly will get the job done, too.

HRCF Creates First Southeastern Field Committee

The Human Rights Campaign Fund Southeastern Regional Field Office will begin organizing its first field committee for creating constituent pressure here in Atlanta next month. The purpose of the committee is to involve more gay and lesbian voters in the process of communicating regularly with their members in Congress—through letter-writing, phone calls, in-district lobbying, promotion of HRCF's Speak Out program and campaign work.

"Our community does not have a tradition of effective grassroots mobilization on Federal issues. Field Committees are being formed around the country to provide vehicles for that kind of constituent pressure," states Cathy Woolard, manager of HRCF's Southeastern Regional Office.

"We will be working with local individuals to help create new activists who will consistently lobby their Members of Congress on issues of concern to the lesbian and gay community."

The first meeting of the Atlanta Field Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the DeKalb County Courthouse, 556 North McDonough Street in Decatur. Please enter the building through the ground or rear entrance as the front door is locked after business hours. For directions, information or to volunteer assistance, phone the HRCF/Southeastern Regional Office at 373-6330.

New Hope For An Old Cause

"Enough of Our Silence..." says ex-military exec

by William T. Randell

Much has been written about the discharges from the military of Leonard Matlovich, Miriam Ben-Shalom, Barbara Baum and Christine Hilinski. They, like thousands before them, were serving their (our) country in the Armed Forces and were booted out because of their sexual orientation. And don't forget Army Sergeant Perry Watkins who proudly wore the uniform of his service for years before the Army decided to kick him out only a few years before his scheduled retirement.

I too have suffered from our government's prejudice and discrimination against gays and lesbians. My twenty year career with Civil Service came to an abrupt halt when, during a review of my Top Secret security clearance, the Department of the Air Force discovered my "secret." At the time, I was the civilian Executive Director of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records. That Board, made up of the highest level civilian members of each service department, has the unlimited authority to correct errors or injustices in military records. Many hundreds, if not thousands of cases like the above came before me. Needless to say, my Board upgraded their discharges to fully Honorable.

Am I bitter for losing my career? You bet! Am I angry because of cases like those I have listed? You're damn right I am!

There is a light—a ray of hope on the horizon. A contingent of 24 House members recently sent a letter to a ROTC Commander demanding that the military abandon its attempt to recover a college scholarship from a gay recruit. Seems this recruit was about to receive his commission, admitted to his superiors that he is gay, and the military has demanded their scholarship back. (See story page 3.)

The Department of Defense must open its eyes to the fact that gays and lesbians have always served their country and always will. They are no security threat, nor is their presence in the military incompatible with military service. Some of the most patriotic, loyal and career oriented people I know are making a career of the military.

The letter signed by some of our Congressional leaders does signal a glimmer of hope for the men and women defending our nation. Maybe, just maybe, prejudice, hatred, fear and discrimination will come to an end. It seems it's o.k. for gays and lesbians to serve, as long as they deny who they are. It's o.k. for us to don the uniform of our country's defense, engage in combat and even give our lives for this nation as long as we don't offend anyone.

Bullshit.

The time has come for us to do something about the treatment we get. It's time for us to throw open the closet doors and proudly step out as patriotic,

loyal Americans who want our own freedom—a freedom for which many of us have given our lives.

If you have served in the military and have been booted out because of your sexual orientation, receiving a less than honorable discharge, there is something you can do about it. You can appeal that wrongful discharge and demand that your military records be corrected to show a fully honorable discharge. If you want to know more about how to accomplish this, write to me c/o *Southern Voice* and I will give you the process you must pursue to get this done.

I spent three years on the White House Staff and many more at the Pentagon during my years with civil service. I served my country proudly and honorably during those years. My reward was a kick in the ass. If yours was also, join with me in writing our Congressmen and Senators and demanding our civil rights. Enough of our silence and wimpy bullshit, it's time we joined hands and fought for our dignity, human rights and ability to serve our country with distinction. The time is now.

Let's get off our butts and do the right thing.

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Dear Editor:

In reference to the editorial submitted by James Minter titled "The Homosexuals Have a Problem" I must admit so do I.

I do not feel anyone should have to apologize for wanting a safe and clean park to enjoy, therefore any public displays of promiscuity (straight or gay), drug abuse or harassing behavior of those inhabiting the park should be addressed and obviously it was, partially.

My difficulty is the contents of his statement that *none* of us have anything against homosexuals. His statement was in direct contradiction with the balance of his article. Discussing a theory which is definitely only a theory of homosexuality being "acquired," I would like to inquire why more of us have not acquired this condition. As parents of gay children and members of PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) we have been exposed to the exact same things as they have and neither my husband nor I are gay. We chose to learn and understand and also believe that if God made them that way and he can love them, so can we.

We don't question it, just accept it. Just as we accept those of different colors and religions.

We did not teach our children to be "abnormal," as Mr. Minter indicates, nor do we believe they were recruited. We taught our children values which they would use as adults to enable them to be good citizens and people and believe it or not, many of you would be envious to have been so successful. As for not feeling comfortable with homosexuals, how would you know who they are, they are everywhere in every walk of life, you don't know you are in their company because they are not different, they are invisible. Due to prejudice they are forced to keep their existence anonymous. So the next time you take your car to get it repaired, go to the doctor, hire a lawyer, go to the dentist keep in mind, homosexuals are in every walk of life.

Education usually eliminates fear and ignorance. Practice the brotherhood theory according to the Golden Rule and we will all be much better off!

Sincerely,
Elvin & Lauretta Rouse

One of the Best

Editor:

I want to thank *Southern Voice* for its excellent coverage of arts events at Nexus Contemporary Art Center, as well as the most interesting, provocative art happenings throughout Atlanta. This consistency makes *Southern Voice* one of the best sources of art information in this city, period.

I also want to mention that I read *Southern Voice* religiously to gain an alternative perspective on *all* the news. Thank you for your good work.

Sincerely yours,
Louise E. Shaw

Louise Shaw is Executive Director of Nexus Contemporary Art Center.

Never too Early

To the Editor:

I want to applaud you for your coverage of the Georgia AIDS Coalition (GAC) in the March 15 issue of *Southern Voice*. It was the most comprehensive feature on GAC I've read in a while. Too often in our community the work of the coalition goes unrecognized, and with the ignorance and homophobia of the Citizens for Public Awareness (CPA) once again at work inside the state legislature, in 1991 we will need the lobbying efforts of GAC more than ever.

It's never too early to begin thinking about next year's legislative session, and Gil Robison and the board of the Coalition cannot continue their good work without the support of our community.

So, what can we do to help?

GAC needs volunteers to assist Robison, Pat McCrary and Cathalene Teahan in covering next year's sessions. GAC needs money. The Coalition is in a financial bind, having drained most of its resources during this past legislative session. Until now, GAC has been extremely successful considering they've been up against more heavily funded special interest groups. The coalition needs support to maintain their excellent track record in 1991.

GAC also needs the input of people who have contacts with such organizations as the Medical Association of Georgia, the Georgia Nursing Association, Hemophiliacs of Georgia and the Georgia Handicap Advocacy.

Even if you don't have the financial resources to support GAC at this time, please remember that your time and energy can also be a valuable asset.

Task-oriented people are especially needed. Contributions can be sent to GAC, 131 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Room 233, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

David Story
GAPAC board member

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No Place In Southern Voice

Dear Southern Voice,

As members of ACT-UP, we are all very appreciative of the sheer volume of coverage that you give to our activities in general, and the work around the sodomy laws in particular. There is no question in our minds but that the space and good will that you offered us prior to the January 8 demonstration contributed to the spirit and excitement of that day, and that your on-going attention to the controversy surrounding the demonstration has helped to keep the issue alive in the community.

While we clearly do not agree with many of the articles, letters, etc., that have been printed, we are glad to see these opinions expressed. We are committed to the belief that it is through the exchange of ideas and differences that we will be able to develop richer and fuller strategies not only for the overturning of the sodomy laws, but for building the kind of movement that can deal with racism, sexism and homophobia - and put an end to the AIDS crisis.

However we are writing this letter in response to your recent editorial entitled "Dr. ACT-UP." Although this editorial was apparently aimed at criticizing the critics of ACT-UP, it was also gratuitously insulting to us. While we have no problem with constructive criticism, the expression "ACT-UP's brownshirted image" sends us over the deep edge. It is more than offensive to be compared to Nazi storm troopers! These were folks who beat up and killed people, death squads. They were the ones who rounded up people, including homosexuals as a group for the concentration camps and gas chambers.

The statement is all the more unacceptable in light of the fact that ACT-UP's image is, in fact, virtually 180 degrees different from the one you project. Whether or not you agree with our "tactics," there can hardly be any dispute that we could more appropriately be described as bold, flamboyant, if you will, diverse, and proud of our sexuality.

You may think this is making a lot out of three words, especially since we're quite sure that the author of the article did not intend the comparison to be taken "literally". Perhaps the phrase was used for shock effect, or to be "camp" or whathaveyou. But in the spirit of "constructive criticism" we would like to urge you to consider the insidious, negative impact of this type of flip description. We think it is important to ask: How does the media, including the gay media, contribute to the current climate of fear and violence - and homophobia? The use of negative and fear-instilling imagery is one way. This kind of journalism has no place in *Southern Voice*!

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Singing the Body Electric

by Jerry Abernathy

Hot sex, safe sex. Sex that pulsates with erotic energy while enhancing our chances of being around to enjoy it in years to come. For decades now, we've been bombarded with the message that safe *can* indeed be hot. But without touch, without intimate contact, safe sex can be boring.

A group of men gathered in Atlanta March 10 and 11 to discover new ways of being safe, hot, and sexual.

Thirty-six gay men playing with each other in an adult equivalent of a sand box; touching each other; massaging each other; and enjoying each other's company. Men gathered together to explore new avenues of eroticism. Men—representing the full spectrum of age, interest, and education—joined together on a journey.



Director of the Body Electric School of Massage, Joseph Kramer, defines it as "an integration of our erotic energy with our spiritual selves." To allow us to open ourselves up to be loving comrades. That was the challenge presented to us in this workshop on healing the body erotic here in the buckle of good old bible belt Georgia.

Many had questions and apprehensions.

Was this going to be little more than an introduction to a glorified jack-off club? And what about a police raid? Those who feared the latter seemed truly appreciative of the coordinator's success in keeping the location confidential. Still others questioned the Body Electric's policy of admitting participants between the ages of 21 and 24 at half price, sensing in this just another example of the gay community's perceived preoccupation with youth. The organizers stressed that the half-price policy had more to do with the need for young men to learn healthy and safe ways to be sexual and the limited earning power of men just entering the job market. As it turned out, only two or

three participants fell into that age bracket.

The room was sometimes uncomfortably warm. And at times uncomfortably intimate. When surrounded by 35 other naked men, issues of security and relaxation are seen in a totally new light.

Kramer, a former Catholic seminarian and the product of a conservative midwestern family, did not come across as some wild-eyed ex-hippie or Radical Faerie, though some of his compadres accept such labeling with pride. His style is non-confrontational, almost pastoral.

We approached each exercise with an excitement which was truly contagious. Beginning with myriad stretching exercises and continuing through to the more esoteric massage moments, the group felt almost universally tuned in and turned on.

Kramer and his associate Matthew Simmons draw upon a variety of traditions. Using elements of Taoist and tantric erotic massage, along with Native American spirituality, they move participants to a level which integrates the spiritual with the erotic. One graduate notes that while most participants leave the weekend having had a pleasurable time, more than half also have powerful spiritual experiences as well.

Sharing an erotic massage with another gay man, thus reaching a spiritual plane higher than the one they were on when they arrived, created a strong bond for a majority of those at the workshop. One participant used Christian imagery to describe his experiences while on the massage table. He spoke of feeling in touch with the Christ figure as Mary washed the body of Jesus after the Crucifixion. Another described seeing a halo of white surrounding the head of his massage partner. Others felt electric charges and saw guardian angels.

All of this may sound too ethereal for some. But there was indeed a palpable energy present in the room on both days; especially on day two when the group split and time was spent on the massage tables.

The tables were the riskiest part of the workshop for me. For over two hours we caressed each other, using our hands to deliver pleasure to our brothers; and then having them return the favor.

To sing the body electric is to risk being off key and not worry about it because the music still sounds so good. Those participating were truly set free in a new and exciting way when a bit of the Bay was transported to the heart of the South.

Damn the Dental Dams

Has the time come for Atlanta lesbians to wrap their labia in latex?

By Gale Reter

I recently spoke to a woman doctor I know who lives in California. It seems our San Francisco sisters have all started practicing Safe Sex with one another, and our days of dental dams may not be far behind. Trichomoniasis and gardnerella are running rampant in the bayside women's community and are now included along with gonorrhea in the list of venereal plagues.

I understand the west coast women's fears, but is it really necessary to never share bodily fluids again? And is it time that we, in Atlanta, focus on Safe Sex?

I'm afraid that as lesbians that we have considered ourselves a blessed group where the fear of AIDS has not closed the doors of sexual freedom. After all, at this point, the number of infected lesbians is so small that we aren't even a part of the statistics.

That pretty picture of sexual security was radically changed when I attended a "Safe Sex for Women" program at Charis. I went mostly because I had read somewhere that you could get AIDS from intimate kissing and I wanted to know if this was true or not.

The bottom line is that anytime you exchange personal juices, be it vaginal secretions or blood, with another woman you risk exposing yourself to AIDS. Moreover, anytime you perform cunnilingus on a woman who is bleeding, either from her period, a vaginal infection, or from abrasions caused by long fingernails, you are engaging in high risk sex.

Lesbians are just about as likely to have been exposed to AIDS as anyone else in this country. Unless, of course, you have been monogamous with someone who has been mutually faithful since 1979. In addition to monogamy, you and your partner must never have done I.V. drugs, had no blood transfusions between 1979 and 1985 and never been artificially inseminated in the past 11 years.

If you thus qualify as a person who is AIDS free, you might want to wrap yourself in plastic 'til this epidemic passes in fifty years or so. Otherwise, maybe it's time to take a few precautions.

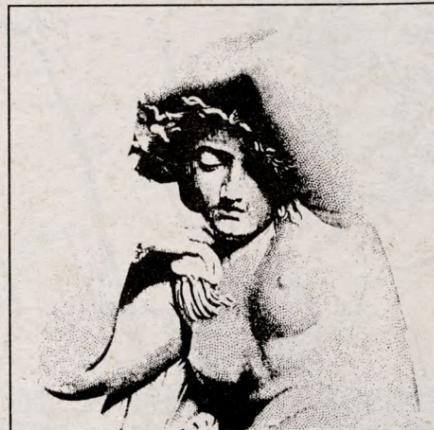
If you have any doubts about your exposure, perhaps it's best to be tested for the HIV antibody, keeping in mind that the tests are not 100% accurate. If you have been exposed to AIDS within the last year, your body may not have had time to produce the antibodies and you may test clean for as

much as a year.

So maybe it's not enough to just let the passion simmer for two weeks while the test results come back, especially since AIDS is understood so little and the results may not mean anything anyway.

It is also not enough to ask prospective lovers about their past history. Some women are unwilling to even think about, much less disclose what they have been doing with their bodies for the last 7 years. And as my mama always told me, "many a lie is told in the heat of passion."

The prospects are causing uneasiness



within the community bedrooms. Ignorance is a refuge only for those interested in committing sexual suicide.

In some ways our ignorance is merely a reflection of the ignorance of the medical community about women and AIDS. Women have been studied only in reference to the question: "Can women spread AIDS to men?" Diagnosis of women with AIDS has been further hampered because the opportunistic diseases and infections we are most susceptible to are not even listed in government studies.

The number of lesbians who carry the virus is increasing. There are 30 known cases in NYC. There is also a documented case of a man who acquired it through cunnilingus, suggesting that ingestion of infected vaginal fluid may be deadly. It's enough to send us scurrying back into our closets alone. But our gay brothers are being more careful about prevention. We would be foolish not to do the same. It may be the only way to avoid a terminal fatal attraction.

For more information about safe sex for women, contact Dazon Dixon of Sister Love through AID Atlanta, 872-0600.



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Beautiful City Soars, Gal Baby Sinks

by Dave Hayward

Best Bet

If you miss the Bar on Peachtree, the Performance Gallery, or the entire neighborhood that used to be Pershing Point, then *Beautiful City* should get your adrenaline pumping. The roar of the master builders and the smell of the city's dispossessed assault the senses in this hilarious parody of unbridled urban greed disguised as development.

John Portman archetype Paul Gallagher (David Milford) ponders "Why do I hate the people I build for?" and lands in a hospital uncannily like Grady, barfing on his blueprints. Quite literally sick of his work, Gallagher seeks help from his nurse's good witch mom Gina Mae (Shelley McCook), who advises him that the "simple ugly truth" can save him. Or at least let him die enlightened. The stage is set for the final conflict between humanists Gallagher and Gina Mae and the insatiable master builder Tony Raft (Raul Aportela) and his Mafioso mother Mary (Muriel Moore).

Outrageous dialogue and rococo plot twists propel Walker's vision of Armageddon, and while the themes are serious, the effects are fall-off-your-seat funny under Lisa Adler's tart direction. Particularly hysterical are Christopher Ekholm as the White Rabbit of Corporate lapdogs who dithers "Maybe I wasn't really being honest, maybe I was just being-unimaginative!" and Eric Stenson as a leather-clad hoodlum whose integrity makes him draw the line at "Wasting my dad."

Aportela and Moore are fine as evil incarnate and Milford and McCook shine as ragged heroes, McCook wonderful in her indignation

when she paws through garbage and rails, "This stuff is edible and I'm mad as hell!" Roy Magee's funky "Stop the Road" flats add immeasurably to Walker's vision of "throbbing, connecting, living, creative" urban-scapes.

Through April at Horizon Theater. Call 584-7450 for reservations.

Bad Idea

Hopefully *Gal Baby* has only improved since the opening of its world premiere run at the Alliance. But no matter what editing or directing changes are made, playwright Sandra Deer needs a major rewrite if *Gal Baby* is to strut outside the South.

Deer's central idea is sound: depict 48 hours in the life of 40-something Gal Baby Summers (Brenda Bynum) as she vanquishes adversity to become an independent and electric self. Except she's still dependent. Whatever our heroine does she is defined by men, first her cheatin' husband and then her "fop" nephew, whose fast lane lifestyle she co-opts at the climax.

Fop seems a euphemism for grotesque stereotype as perpetrated by Deer, director Kenny Leon and actor Jeffrey Watkins, all of whom know better. If you long for the days of hiccuping and sobbing and scarf-slinging dipsy doodles, then Leonard Partain is your man. As written, he borders on the clichéd. But as played, Watkins and Leon make him a Dixie Church Lady with cheap laughs stuffing the collection plate. Hey! It's 1990! Why not reflect the legions of gay people in theatre to render a real being instead of yet another Auntie Tom..

Like refugees from *Guess Who's Coming*



Gal Baby and her gardener

to *Dinner?* the Japanese gardener and Black sugar daddy show themselves to be little more than noble plot devices.

Peter Thomasson entertains as Gal Baby's loving but restless spouse, and Brenda Bynum makes her character a colorful enhancement to any party. The rub is that Gal Baby is virtually the whole show and there's too little characterization in Deer's writing and Bynum's acting. *At the Alliance, through April 15. 892-2414.*

Topical Truths

Substitute two men or two women for the black/white couple in Onstage Atlanta's *Wedding Band*, and much the same would occur in the play's 1918 South Carolina setting—or today for that matter: rejection by peers, social isolation, prohibition against marriage, and all the attendant suffering.

Add *Wedding Band's* white man stricken

with influenza and get reverberations of PWAs and their lovers and friends versus their families. Top off with an affecting production by Onstage Atlanta, and you have a show powerfully worth seeing.

Seamstress Julia (Stephanie Roberts) and baker Herman (Stephen Kilpatrick) merely love each other. Everyone else could use a hefty dose of it, from Julia's condemning neighbors to Herman's tormented sister (Tracey R. Gilbert) and Medusa-like mother (Fran Casselman). Alice Childress' script clambers onto its soapbox in Julia's tirades, burying characters alive in their politics. At the same time *Wedding Band* scours our conscience as it punches home a black point of view on white presumptions. See it as gays reading the riot act to straights for further gusto.

Director Marcia Edwards capably drives the action while occasionally indulging Childress' melodrama, and Bruce Starr designs a sumptuous backwater set replete with Spanish moss and working water pump.

Through April 7, at Onstage Atlanta. 897-1802 for reservations.

Familiar Plot

According to Jennifer McNair, SAME may produce Bill Bagwell's comedy-drama *Glass Hearts* about author John Cheever and his wife and boyfriend in their fall season, read last week as a work in progress. The actors were sterling and Bagwell's dialogue is memorably clever. But his bisexual bathos plods along the same worn pathway repeatedly. *Glass Hearts* needs a transfusion of dramatic action and some variety to match its glittering repartee.

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Writers Conference Links Writing and Activism

What has so long been silent in our hearts now also lives on paper

by Jorjet Harper

Black and gay poet and essayist Essex Hemphill stood and told the crowd. "There was no gay community for Black men to come home to in the 1980's." At the baths, certain bars, and cruising zones, Black men where welcome because they "enhanced the sexual ambiance," he said, and "only needed to whip out a penis of almost any size to obtain the rapt attention withheld in other social and political circumstances." But "open fraternizing on a level of companionship or love between the races was not tolerated in the light of day."

For a moment Hemphill was overcome with emotion, unable to go on.

"We're with you," shouted a lesbian in the audience, and he continued his speech, urging Black gay men to return to the Black community. "I am coming home," he said. "There is no place else to go that will be worth so much effort and love."

In an atmosphere of celebration and pride, more than a thousand gay and lesbian writers, editors and publishers gathered at San Francisco's Cathedral Hill Hotel March 3-4 to honor the elder generation of pioneering writers, exchange thoughts about the state of gay and lesbian literature today, and encourage each other to continue in their work.

"We are here today to mark the coming of age of gay and lesbian writing," said Jeffrey Escoffier, co-publisher of *Out/Look* magazine, which, along with a group of Bay Area writers, organized the conference. "We now have a literature. The creative imagination that once flourished only in spoken words in dark rooms, bars, and in our silent hearts now also lives on paper, in words that can be read and remembered, that can move us, that can protect us. We are here today to nourish that imagination."

The roster of famous names was long and impressive; established writers met and mingled with the up-and-coming in conferences, on panels, at workshops, and in social settings.

"To tell you the truth, I thought you might all run out when the going got a little tough," poet Judy Grahn told the rapt audience during her keynote speech. "But here you are, ready to take on the world in all its agony and glory. And I'm excited for you and your writing careers." Grahn added that gay men and lesbians are not in the habit of thinking of ourselves as leading

our civilization, but we do. "This power to influence is the major reason for our suppression. We now have a mass public gay presence, and we are an indication of huge changes."

Keynoter Allen Ginsberg spoke about the history of the repression of free speech and the power inherent in speaking the truth of our experiences. "If we base our art on the accuracy of our perceptions, we don't have to worry about the word gay, straight, bi, or anything," he said. "All we have to do is represent ourselves with exquisite accuracy and clarity and we have a place to stand on earth that's our own place that nobody can, finally, put down."

Saturday's plenary session, "AIDS and the Responsibility of the Writer," focused on the role of activism. "The responsibility

that is most threatening to those structures. That means in person as well as in print."

Author John Preston described how a writer's notions of what constitutes literature are overwhelmed and confounded by the reality of AIDS. "I think quite frankly that all we can do right now is get it all down and not worry about things like literature." Working as Writer-In-Residence of the AIDS Project in Portland, Maine, he said, had profoundly changed his thinking about the writer's role in society. "I discovered that people who were desperately enraged felt no ability to write a letter to the newspaper. I found people who are terrified of their mortality thinking they had no right to leave some piece of themselves to others."

Publisher Sasha Alyson of Alyson

Reading drew in excess of 200 to hear Jewelle Gomez, Minnie Bruce Pratt, Kitty Tsui, Eileen Myles, Dorothy Allison, Chrystos, Sarah Schulman, Marilyn Hacker, and Cherrie Moraga. On Monday night, 60 gathered for a gay men's reading where Bruce Boone, Tim Dlugos, John Gilgon, Robert Gluck, Bo Huston, Kevin Killian, Stan Leventhal, Patrick Moore, and David Frechette read.

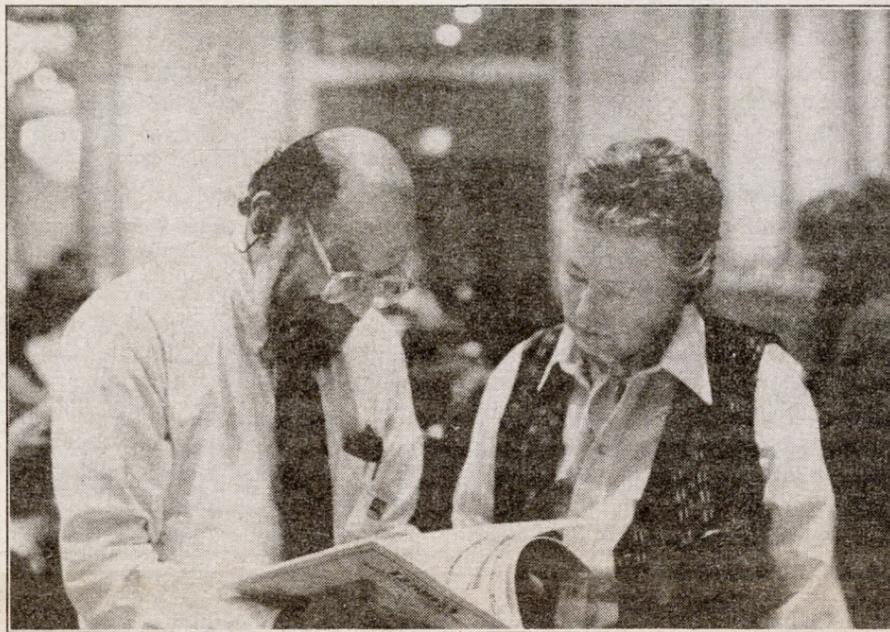
Another highlight was the Reception for Honored Authors and Sponsors. Vito Russo, Roberta Achtenberg, Dorothy Allison, and Bo Huston led the awards ceremony honoring six writers.

In the emotion-charged event that left Grahn with tears in her eyes, she, Ann Bannon, Allen Ginsberg and Samuel Steward accepted awards for their "outstanding, pioneering contribution to lesbian and gay writing." Grahn said such events were important to "dispel the bitterness" of years of working in isolation. Samuel Delaney and Ann Allen Shockley, who could not be present, were also among those honored.

The intergenerational nature of Out Write '90 was definitely inspiring, as was the balanced representation of gay men and lesbians. A general spirit of mutual respect prevailed among different currents, both political and esthetic, and between groups in the community who generally don't see eye to eye. Everyone seemed to plug in to the upbeat, hopeful mood. Number wise, it was the largest gathering of lesbian and gay writers in history.

"It was a way in which writers came out as writers in the gay and lesbian community—an acknowledgement of their role," commented Escoffier at the conference's close. "It was even a kind of healing, an acceptance of people with different perspectives."

Thirty-two workshops were audio taped. For a list of the topics and speakers available, contact Conference Recording Service, 1308 Gilman St., Berkeley, CA 94706, (415) 527-3600. An East Coast Gay and Lesbian Writers Conference, "With Our Own Words," is set for June 15-17 at Columbia University in New York City. For information on that event, call (212) 529-1600.



JORJET HARPER

Alan Ginsberg and Judy Grahn, pioneer contributors to lesbian and gay lit

of every writer is to take their place in the vibrant, creative activist movements, along with everybody else," said Sarah Schulman, author of *After Dolores* and *People in Trouble*. Writers must be free of formal and political constraints in their work so that a culture can grow in many directions, she said. "But when they're finished with their work, they need to be at demonstrations, licking envelopes, and put their bodies on the line with everybody else. We live in the United States of Denial—a nation where there is no justice. The way we get justice is by confronting the structures that oppress us in the manner

Publications addressed the concern of many gay and lesbian publishers that major publishing houses are moving into their territory. "I think rather than worry and complain too much," he said, "we should give ourselves a pat on the back and look ahead to where we are moving now." The solution, Alyson said, is not to try to "guilt trip" writers who are lured toward the larger houses. "As publishers we need to start doing what we did ten years ago, creating new markets."

The conference was bracketed by two readings, both benefits for the presenter's travel fund. Friday night a Lesbian

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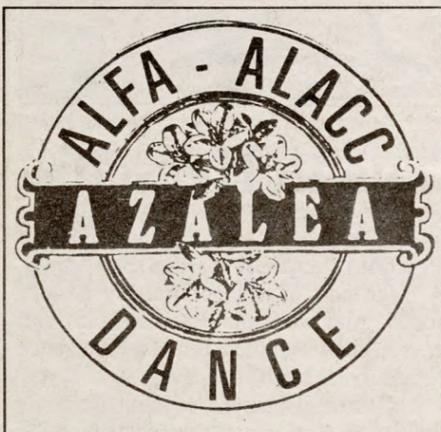
Process to Progress

ALACC works to form a statewide network

by Gale Reter

These days I go to meetings way more than I ever went to church, which must mean I am experiencing a kind of religious dedication to the cause. And sometimes I wonder how much processing a person can take before they turn into Velveeta cheese.... It's enough to make one close one's datebook. However, there is just one more conference you might want to put in your lesbian must-do list: the coming together next weekend (March 31 & April 1) of like-minded women from across Georgia.

Like-minded, that is, in their sexual orientation, but perhaps little else.



The ALACC's (Atlanta Lesbian Agenda Conference Committee) first statewide conference is twofold: to network the women of our fair state into a more firmly knit group; and to prepare for next spring when 5000 women from across the country will be merging on Atlanta for the first national lesbian conference ever. We are required to be gracious hostesses, and a year is not long when you've got that much company coming.

ALACC's name has the ring of sensible shoes about. There is nothing cute or flippant about it—these women mean business.

The attempt at statewide organizing is a first—Georgia Network is the tentative name. The network created will have a life and purpose of its own with the development of a statewide political voice and better intra-community communications, initial goals.

To facilitate the state network and the

national conference, diverse women's groups from Atlanta have begun working towards a common goal. It shows true group spirit to have such disparate organizations as ALFA and Fourth Tuesday throwing a dance together.

Particularly meaningful in this coming year will be the interaction with the Women of Color Caucus, which is providing a year-long, "cross cultural reaching for racial integration and understanding process group" for members of the community. Facilitated by Lillie Allen [584-9671], those entering this group commit to participating for the entire year. A sliding scale will be charged to participants.)

Next weekend's processing promises to be as eclectic as those who will choose to attend. Focus will be offered by the keynote speaker: well-known Helms-Buster from N.C., Mandy Carter works with Lady Slipper music and has been active in the national networking that reaches into even the darkest corners of the closet. Lesbians will descend on Atlanta like lemmings in a year. Their progress from there is yet to be decided. That is, after all, the whole reason for the conference: Direction.

In addition to sharing, joining, interfacing, and discussing, the participants will be treated to a performance by some or all of the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, and a genuine back-to-the-prom-again Spring dance celebrating Azaleas. The SAME Improv Group has been disinvited to perform because it was sexually mixed. Sorry, boys.

There will be expert panels sharing information on Hate Crime legislation and other legal ramifications of our sexual divergence from the mainstream. Additionally, a panel will discuss women's health problems and issues.

The meeting will be wheelchair and mother accessible, as well as interpreted for the hearing impaired.

It promises to be a monumental gathering ... perhaps comparable to the caucus that started putting together the Bill of Rights. Whatever happens, it will be a party to be remembered.

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

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

AGLA- Athens Gay & Lesbian Association, at the University of Georgia. All welcome at meetings, every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Tate Student Ctr.; call 404/548-0580 for more information.

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.

AIAN-Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network. Direct pastoral services, education and a day program, Common Ground, for people with AIDS or HIV disease. 1053 Juniper Street. 874-8686.

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/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.

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.

A Different Voice- A community-oriented choral group for men. Membership open to singers and non-singers alike. Rehearsals every Tuesday at MCC-Blessed Redeemer, 800 N. Highland Ave. 7:30PM. For more information call 955-0296.

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 Pk. Dr. 355-8894 or 435-4498.

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

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

CODA-Codpendents 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. 1053 Juniper St., Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network. Proudly serving the lesbian/gay community. Info line:642-3467.

Dykes With Tykes-A support group for lesbians with children meets monthly. Call 378-1203 for information and meeting date & location.

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 Wed at 7:30 PM. 800 N. Highland Ave. Office hours Noon-6:00 PM, Tues-Fri. 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.

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.

GAPHR-A social and professional association of gay and lesbian picians, dentists and veterinarians providing support, social & educational svcs. and information. P.O.Box 14652, Atlanta, GA 30324.

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

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

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

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. Migs. on 3rd Mon. of the month. 7pm at P'tree 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.

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

MAGGLO- 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.

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.

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

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 Mon of each month. 7:30pm. N. Highland Branch Library. Facilitates women meeting together 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

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Relationship status:
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Favorite vacation spot:
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Personal Goal: To strive to remain true to my higher self.



EVETT BENNETT

Joan Garner: True to Herself

Joan Garner's spacious, sunlit apartment has a patio, simple, elegant furniture, polished wood, a delicate hint of incense in the air. A book on the table is by the psychic Edgar Cayce; a framed poster of Shay Youngblood's, *Shakin' The Mess Outta Misery*, hangs on the wall. Everything is harmonious, elegant, comfortable.

Joan is tall and as simply elegant as her home. Her warm smile and direct manner give the impression of intelligence, great poise and self-possession, charm, cultivation, warmth. Here is a woman who knows what her priorities are, a woman who is oriented outward towards action in the world.

Joan talks articulately and thoughtfully about her political activities. She is co-chair of AALGA, the African-American Lesbian and Gay Alliance. She joined AALGA a year and a half ago, when "I went to a meeting and I liked it."

What are AALGA's priorities now? "We're looking at ways to reach more of our community. Also, we're looking at ways of educating the straight Black community about lesbians and gays."

Asked about the conservatism of the Black community, she answers: "Black people have been discreet about being gay. But we're in an era now in which gayness is one of the major political issues. So Blacks are having to face that challenge. We want straights to be aware of us and of our issues."

But AALGA is not all politics, nor is it all serious. "AALGA is also a social entity. A large part of our community is very social. And we want Black lesbians and gays to know that there is a place where we can be social and be ourselves."

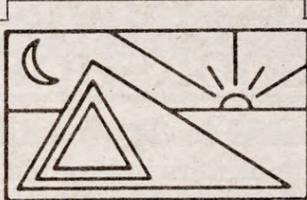
"We're also involved with women's issues. As a co-sexual organization, we're bridging the gap between gay men and lesbians—though for me, the gap was never there. From men, we often hear that they don't realize there is a problem. I've had men approach me and say that they never realized that women had problems with men, and that they would like to know what the problems are, and ask me to give them some examples. I'll tell them, and they'll say: 'Oh. I never realized that. I'll work on that.'"

Joan worked with the Michael Lomax campaign, and when Lomax withdrew, she was asked to lend her services to Maynard Jackson's campaign. "I was part of Jackson's transition team. It was an interesting learning experience. I was somewhat frustrated; there was not much room for specific agendas."

Does Joan have any political ambitions? "Not at this point. I'm just learning about politics now."

Making a difference—for herself and for others—is what this gracious and determined woman concerns herself with, and she's not likely to stop trying to make that difference any time soon.

—Charlene Ball



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HOOVER'S HOEDOWN. Sun., April 8, 6-11 pm. A benefit for Project Open Hand, country music and dancing. Info and tickets: 266-8793.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE. Sun. Apr. 8, 3-5pm. A celebration of Paul Robeson's 92d Birthday with Vinie Burrows, Paul Larke, Bern Mitchell & Mose Davis, and Denise McLendon's Performing Company. At 3pm the award winning Ms. Burrows will perform her acclaimed one-woman show "Sister-Sister." Only \$5. At the Arts Exchange, 750 Kalb St. 624-4211.

Festivals

APRIL FOOL'S FESTIVAL. Sat., Mar. 31 - Sun., Apr. 1. Second annual Little 5 Points brouhaha, with lots of sidewalk sales, special promos and bands performing on the Davis Plaza stage. Smaller groups will be at Findley Plaza stage. From Noon 'til dark, both days. Free. Call 524-1931 for more info.

Video/Film

BURNED and EYE FOR AN EYE? Fri., Mar. 30. Part of "Voices of Dissent", "Burned" - by Nancy Lewis - deals with the true destructiveness of continued production of hazardous wastes; "Eye for an Eye?" is a documentary inquiry into the death penalty in Texas. Other video artists may also bring works (video only!) with a social or political statement to be shown at this screening. 8PM. Free. Image Film/Video Center, 75 Bennett Street, Suite M-1. Call 352-4225.

BREAKING NEW GROUND. Fri., Apr 6 - Sat., Apr 7. Presenting the works of a number of artists dealing with social and cultural issues through postmodern techniques. An exciting event in Atlanta's video and film community. 8PM. \$5-3. Image Film/Video Center, 75 Bennett Street, Suite M-1. Call 352-4225.

Music

SILEAS. Sat., 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 at 8:15PM. \$10, advance; \$12, door.

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SHARON KLEINBAUM, WOMAN RABBI. Thurs., Apr. 12. Just what are the issues for women and/or feminists in religion? Part-time rabbi at Beth Aeverim, Sharon will join her audience for a challenging evening of lecture and discussion. 7:30PM. Free. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

Television

DANCING FOR MR. B. Sun. Apr. 1, 2pm. Part of the "Dance in America Series" this segment takes an intimate look at the careers of six Balanchine ballerinas. WGT Channel 8.

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP: THE ENVIRONMENT. Sun. Apr 1-Apr. 7. A series of 6 programs targeting important environmental issues. Check TV listings for times and topics.

Theatre

HEATHEN VALLEY. Fri., Mar. 30-Apr 29. This haunting Southern vision by Romulus Linney is a must for those enamored with rural lore. (In rep with "Beautiful City", see below.) Thurs.-Sat. 8PM; Sun. 5PM. Horizon Theatre, Euclid at Austin Ave. Call 584-7450.

BEAUTIFUL CITY. Sun, Apr. 1-Apr. 29. A hilarious comedy by George Walker, the long-time residents of a booming town are waging war against high-powered developers. In repertory with "Heathen Valley". Recommended. Call Horizon Theatre at 584-7450 for details.

DREAMING WITH AN AIDS PATIENT. Wed., Apr. 4, 5, 7, 11, 13, 14, 19, 21. New York-bound play adapted from the samename book by therapist Robert Bosnak, recording his own experiences with one of his patients, a real man named Christopher, and his journey to self-knowledge and acceptance. (In repertory with Anton Chekov's classic, **THE SEAGULL**. Apr. 6, 7, 12, 14, 18, 20, 21. 58-6-4. Mary Gray Munroe Theatre at Emory Univ. 727-6187 for reservations and performance times.

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THE DREAMER EXAMINES HIS PILLOW. Opening Fri., April 6 and running every Friday and Saturday night in April. From the author of "Moonstruck", directed by the acclaimed Chris Coleman ("Traps", "Light up the Sky"). 8PM. The Actors Express. 280 Elizabeth Street. Call 221-0831 or 523-7647.

Upcoming

AN EVENING WITH RAM DASS. Thurs., Apr. 12. A Benefit for Seva Foundation and Hanuman Foundation. 7:30 til 11:15PM. \$12 donation. Central Presbyterian Church (across from the Capitol). Call 284-9071 or 766-6899.

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GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY. Fri. Apr. 13. 7:30pm. Integrity/Atlanta offers a Good Friday Service and Holy Communion. At All Saints Church, W. P'tree. at North. 642-8183 for info.

CHANGING MEN. Fri. Apr. 13-15. Films and videos, part of the 15th Conference on Men and Masculinity (in Atlanta May 31-June 3); Works by James Broughton, Doug Bonner, Issac Julien and Marlon Riggs. Including the exquisite "Looking for Langston" and the powerful "Tongues Untied." Panel discussions follow most films. At Image Film and Video, 75 Bennett St. Advance tickets at Charis Books, 430 Moreland Ave. Call 352-4225 for schedules, info.

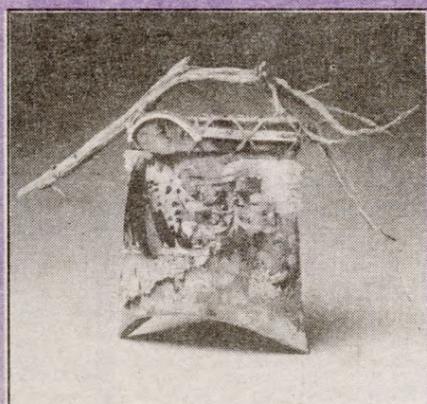
THE POWER & THE GLORY. Sun. Apr. 15, 5pm. A contemporary Easter Musical by John E. Coates will be presented by the choir as part of All Saint's Metropolitan Community Church's Easter Celebration. 575 Boulevard. Call 622-1154 for information

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Question: What do you do when you get angry?



Maria Helena Dolan

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Victor Tamayo

I get even. Or keep it inside. Or I scream.



Jen Fitch

I scream.

Question asked at Terry Galloway's March 17 performance. Photos by Evett Bennett.

About Anger

Ways and places to learn more about it

Tapes/Books

- "On Releasing Anger", by Lazaris; Produced by Concept Synergy
- "Letting go of Stress", by Steve Halpern and Emmett Miller
- *The Dance of Anger*, by Harriet Lerner, Ph.D.
- *The Angry Book*, by Theodore Isaac Rubin, MD

Workshops/Places to go

- "The Anger Workshop for Women". Led by Lynne Magner, Ph.D. 881-6300
- Men Stopping Violence runs workshops and makes referrals. 881-6300
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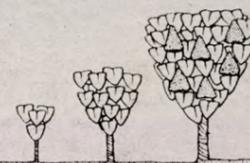
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Anger

Turned over it is the energy of personal power

by Beverly Buttwomon

Anger has significant impact on our health and well-being. When it is responsibly processed and expressed this impact is positive. Anger not handled is a source of tension, pain and even disease of the body. In our hearts and minds, unexpressed anger feeds fear and addictions, creates resentment, self righteousness, self pity, punishment, depression, anxiety, arrogance...the list goes on.

We each have our own destructive pattern of living in unprocessed anger. Some of us stuff it. Some of us cover it up. We deny, lie to ourselves and others about how we're feeling or what we are thinking: The "I am fine, I'm *not* angry, I can handle it" syndrome. Often we use punishing behaviors—creating blame and shame, hurting ourselves and others—as an inappropriate style of dealing with our anger.

The ways we manage our anger are learned. Much as we may think we are separate from our parents or our past, unless we have reprogrammed and changed our beliefs and attitudes, chances are we are dealing with our anger in much the same way we did when we were children and adolescents. As adults we may be mimicking the grown-ups that were around us when we were younger. The truth is that our parents didn't have decent models or teachers for dealing with their anger either. We have all grown up with social and cultural influences about what anger is, what it means and how to deal with it.

Some of us come from families where anger was readily expressed. We were allowed to yell and fight and get over what was at issue. We learned that anger was a valid expression of who we were at that moment.

Others of us learned that anger was unacceptable. We were not allowed to admit and express it. We were shamed and blamed or made to believe we were somehow guilty for having the feeling. We were definitely "in trouble".

As children, we believed adults. We couldn't always tell the difference between the truth and a lie. We accepted the view of ourselves, our feelings and our actions that parents and other adults mirrored. Those of us who currently have a belief that we don't deserve to feel our anger or are afraid to express it, grew up in a family that didn't know how to constructively handle anger.

What are the benefits of feeling and handling our anger? Here's what some experts say: In, *The Dance of Anger*, Harriet Lerner,

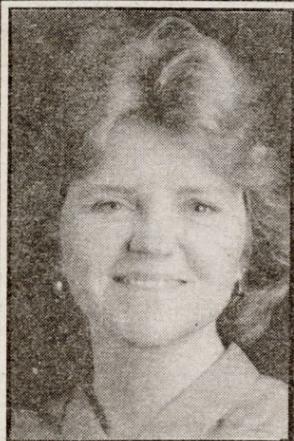
Ph.D., offers: "Anger is a signal, and one worth listening to. Our anger may be a message that we are being hurt, that our rights are being violated, that our needs or wants are not being adequately met, or simply that something is not right. Our anger may tell us that we are not addressing an important emotional issue, or that much of our self—our beliefs, values, desires or ambitions—is being compromised. Our anger may be a signal that we are doing or giving more than we can comfortably do or give. Just as physical pain tells us to take our hand off the hot stove, the pain of our anger preserves the very integrity of our self. Our anger can motivate us to say 'no' to the ways in which we are defined by others and 'yes' to the dictates of our inner self."

Lynne Magner, a local psychologist, regularly conducts an Anger Workshop for Women. She says, "The anger workshop is a place to look in depth at what anger is, why we have trouble dealing with it as women, and how to express it responsibly and safely. Anger really informs us of what we care about and what might be interfering with our desires. Expressing anger begins with talking to ourselves about what and who we are angry with. Using our imagination and other visualization methods. We can each ask ourselves, why am I holding on to my anger? It may be because we haven't yet learned how to let go or it may be that we are getting a payoff. A major reason we hold on to anger is to punish ourselves and others. We believe in the myth that punishment leads to change. Actually releasing anger creates the difference."

There are immediate benefits when we handle our anger responsibly. First we feel more relaxed physically. We can experience less tension in our body. The knot in our stomach is gone. The headache disappeared. We also feel different emotionally. We have a clearer sense of who we are and what we need to do to be fully ourselves.

Anger lets us know our bottom line. This awareness increases our self-confidence and self-worth. We create the opportunity to take actions that increase our ability to value who we are and what we are doing. Anger, when responsibly expressed is changed, transmuted. Turned over, the flip side of anger is the energy of personal power.

Beverly Buttwomon is a Partner in Health at *Chrysalis Women's Center*. She may be reached at 881-6300.



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Elizabeth Marsala is chair of the 1990 Expo and board member of Fourth Tuesday, one of the Expo's sponsors. She says, "Businesses that welcome us or that we ourselves own and operate are a powerful part of our increasing strength and visibility in the larger community."

Gays have been called "a marketing dream" because we're considered easy to reach (through our publications) and affluent. Most of us have no financial dependents, the reasoning goes, so we have more money to spend on luxuries. Research has suggested that we may control as much as 19 percent of U.S. disposable income. A 1988 survey by Simmons Marketing Research Bureau found that urban gay men had a median annual income three times the national median. That's an economic force to be reckoned with.

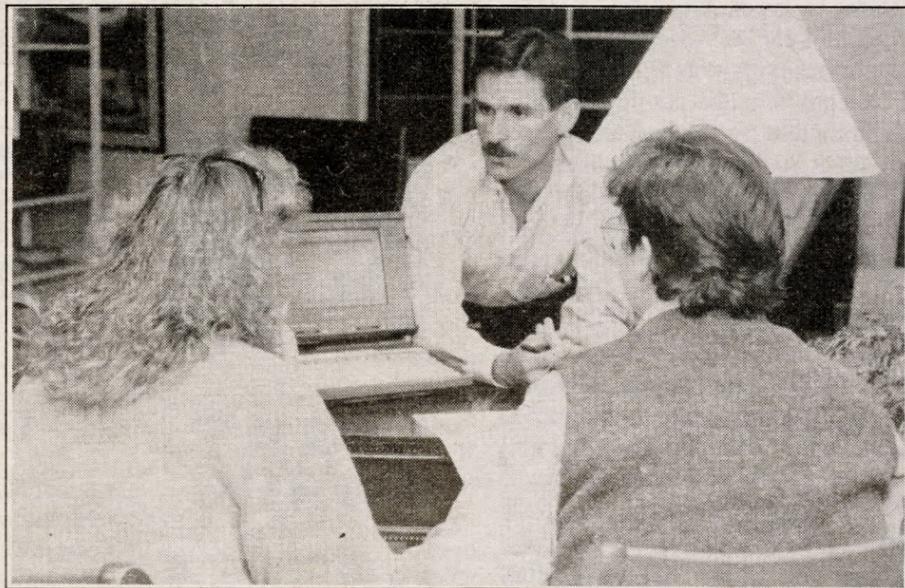
When Rob Farrow, a heterosexual, opened The Party Station a year ago, he saw it as plain good business sense to market to gays. "Of all my competitors in town," says Farrow, "none of them has attempted to reach the gay community for 15 years." Yet most professional party decorators he's met in Atlanta are gay. "To me, it was a wide-open market that's never been touched."

All in the Family

For business owners who are themselves gay, the decision to market to the gay audience has a more personal dimension. Vincent Quelle of the Buckhead Mortgage Company says he enjoys "seeing the family get ahead." He likes to have an office where gay lovers can hold hands while they

do their banking. Quelle says that in a business where lenders need "to go through the top drawers of their client's dressers," more and more gay people "say that they want to do business with somebody in the family."

Charles Livermore and his lover Gary Harris have been joint owners of Optical Stores, Inc. for about 5 years. "When we



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first opened, we had a majority straight following," says Livermore. "When we let it be known we are a gay-oriented business, most of those customers moved on."

When Livermore says the store is gay-oriented, he means more than just gay-owned. Gay posters and publications are

openly displayed. Transvestites (both gay and straight) shop there in full drag. About 75% of the customers are gay. Livermore believes his store is one of the largest gay retailers in the Southeast.

"We're locked in," adds Livermore. "If we wanted to open more stores, we'd have to hide our orientation. We feel better being ourselves."

In Search of Gay Dollars

During its 10-year life, the Atlanta Business and Professional Guild has seen a tremendous increase in conscious marketing to the gay consumer. APBG's main goal, says president John Hausler, is "to promote the business interests of its mem-

bers by bringing together gay businesses and professional men and woman as an acknowledged economic force." Its annual directory helps lesbians and gay men locate gay-friendly businesses of every kind in Atlanta.

Younger than the Guild, but substantially larger and more visible is Fourth Tuesday. This year the lesbian group's Business Expo sports a record 100 exhibitors. And for the first time participation in the event is almost equally divided between men and women.

Advertising in gay publications and word of mouth are the most effective ways to put out the welcome mat in the gay community. "Your promotion makes your business," says Danny Donahoe, manager of Gallus, whose clientele is almost entirely gay. He explains that since he got the word out about two-for-one dinner specials, the 200-seat restaurant has been filling to capacity.

Jimmy Hollingsworth, marketing director of Petrus nightclub and cafe, makes a detailed effort to include the gay audience in his marketing strategy. Although the club's busiest night is Saturday, when the crowd is largely straight, Hollingsworth says "marketing to the gay audience means good business in Atlanta..." He adds, "The gay crowds are less trouble. Security guards and bartenders fight to work on those evenings."

Every Sunday night, Petrus attracts about 2,500 mostly gay patrons for "T-Dance." Tuesday night's "Club BAD" (Boys After Dark) has an almost all-male gay clientele. A full itinerary of gay-ori-

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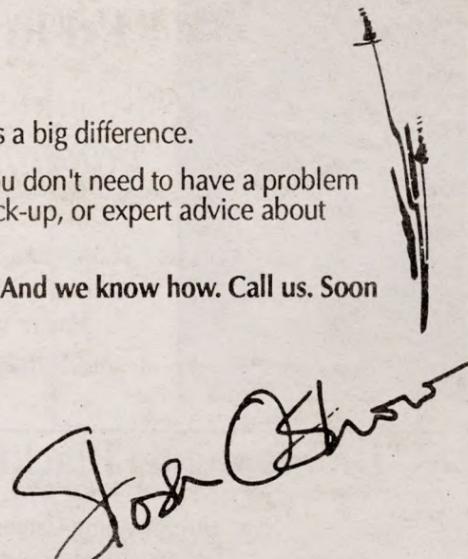
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ented entertainment helps keep people coming. Club BAD, for example, features male-model searches and appearances by gay nostalgia groups like The Village People. Besides hosting AIDS and gay-related benefits, Petrus charges no cover and has drink specials on its gay-oriented nights.

Welcoming gay customers doesn't always involve special plans and programs. For Lainey Papageorge, it simply starts with a "feeling in the heart." Papageorge designs jewelry for customers of Illumina,



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a boutique that she and her husband own. Without particularly intending to, she came to have a substantial gay clientele. Couples buying rings and other symbols of commitment felt comfortable talking with her. She began advertising in *Southern Voice* to reinforce this positive impression and to attract new customers.

During their first visit, some customers may hesitate outside the door of a gay-owned or even a gay-friendly business. Once inside, though, they quickly warm to the surroundings. ABPG president Hausler points out that closeted people may fear association with what the establishment represents.

John Edwards, manager of Perfect Travel, tries to deal with that problem on an individual basis. "You have to be a mind reader," he says. "You have to know the right questions in order to reassure a client that you will do the best you can."

Adds mortgage broker Quelle, "We have tread similar ground, so I can provide my gay clients with an immediate level of comfort. I want to dispel their anxiety and help them work on buying a house."

A Long-Term Relationship

After the first visit, lesbians and gay men can become loyal customers, but Hausler reminds gay entrepreneurs never to take their gay customers for granted. "If they find a more competitive market somewhere else, customers may choose to take their business elsewhere," he says. He also adds that businesses can't afford to be exclusive: "Short of a gay bar, marketing to an exclusively gay audience is business suicide."

John Edwards agrees that quality service is more important to his customers than the fact that he is gay and can relate to their needs. He says, "Whether they are gay or straight, people are interested in service and commitment." Part of Perfect Travel's commitment is a \$100 donation to AIDS programs every time it books gays on a cruise vacation.

Grace Palmer and Jean James, a lesbian couple, overcame initial skepticism among East Atlanta Hardware's customers when they took over the store last year. "All you've got to do is solve a problem for a guy who's been crawling under his house all day to make him a believer," says Palmer. "It only takes once."

The store basically serves neighborhood residents, and it advertises in *Southern Voice* to make gay people in the Grant Park area more aware of its location. New customers sometimes mention the ad. "They



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Customers sometimes mention the ad. "They may say, 'Nice to see it's family'—or just grin from ear to ear," says Grace Palmer of East Atlanta Hardware.

may say, 'Nice to see it's family'—or they may just look at us and grin from ear to ear," says Palmer, who admits that "our gay customers may get a bigger smile and hello, or we may learn their names a little faster, just because they're family."

That warmth, along with service, quality, and value, can create a customer loyalty that verges on devotion. People drive miles out of their way from all over the metro Atlanta area and even from other cities in Georgia to buy eyeglasses at The Optical Store, for example.

At Charis Books & More, people often walk in and say they saw a book or record on sale somewhere else, but want to spend the money at Charis. This happens even when the items are available at mainstream outlets for discounted prices, or when Charis is out of stock and has to put the item on order.

"We have found a wonderful amount of loyalty among lesbians," says Linda Bryant, co-owner of Charis. "For 15 years, the primary support for our business has been lesbians, but gay men and straight people are also very important. Without their business, we'd go over the edge."

ABPG would like to see the straight business world viewing its significant minority of gay and lesbian customers with the same respect. "I think that any group can be an economic force, and certainly the gay and lesbian community is one," said Hausler. "But we are not going to be recognized as one until we recognize our own power."

Too often that power is discussed only in terms of negative actions, such as boycotts. Spending money at gay and gay-friendly businesses is a positive action that builds our local communities. Many of us support gay businesses whenever we can—just because it feels good.

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a Legislative Policy subcommittee and was for the most part, "impressed with the way the Transition Team process worked." He went on to say that "it was just another example of working through channels. If we are thoroughly integrated and assimilated throughout city government, we will achieve our end goal of implementing the gay and lesbian platform."

Used to working with bureaucracies, Robison felt that being included in the transition process at all, "was a substantive gain for the community. We don't need the words *gay* and *lesbian* trumpeted on every page of the report in order to feel like gay folk were included. You've got to read between the lines."

City Councilperson Debby McCarty, who chaired the Higher Quality of Life working group stated, "there were representatives of the lesbian and gay community scattered throughout the subcommittees but as far as my group—it was simply not part of our purview. We spent so much time staffing and trying to focus and really not receiving any direction from the management company that when it all came down, none of the charges or the (gay) subcommittee issues assigned by ABC were in our report."

McCarty seemed mystified that Press Secretary Fuster and ABC Management thought that lesbian and gay issues would be included in her report. "This may have been a perception, but it wasn't supposed to be there."

Laymon comments, "the perception that lesbian and gay issued would be in the

Higher Quality of Life Report was perpetuated by ABC. That's where they thought it should be, in fact that's where I thought it should be, but for us to have been integrated throughout all the committees was a better solution—so that as a group we were not pigeon-holed into one committee."

Nick Danna who participated on a Community Relations subcommittee was mildly critical of the process. "I wrote a paragraph at the behest of the management company in their format dealing with

agree that we need to go through channels and we need a dialogue with the new administration, but we must follow up in a persistent and more aggressive style."

Charges of Homophobia

Is naive the problem or were the roots of homophobia all too well developed in the Transition Team's garden?

Throughout the process, the "H" word has been bandied about. Off the record, various people have used it to describe

the general process of the Transition Team and his role in it. Asked about the fact that gay and lesbian issues were not included, he replied, "It was not an issue that came to the Executive Committee..."

When told that a member of the Transition Team had specifically targeted Sweat's homophobia as the reason that none of the gay-related platform issues made it to the final report, Sweat stated emphatically, "Absolutely not true. That issue was not one that I had any control over."

What's Next ?

Exactly what can be expected from the March 28 meeting with the Mayor? Implementation of the platform promises is the primary issue on the table, but establishing better communications between the Mayor's office and the gay and lesbian community may have to come first.

The necessity (or lack thereof) for a liaison is a bone of contention. Robison says "A bridge over troubled water sometimes has a strong investment in keeping the waters troubled," and cites examples from other cities where liaisons, "have not worked to the benefit of the community. It ends up being an issue of whom you are ultimately responsible to, the Mayor, or the community."

Laymon, on the other hand, feels that a "link with the Mayor is currently missing and one is needed to implement policy." Laymon, will be present at the meeting but denies any aspirations toward the possible post. Asked if he was interested in the job should it be offered, Whiteside declined to comment.



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September 13, 1989, shortly after Lomax's withdrawal: platform in hand Jackson declared, "First promises, then action, we want you to know we're serious..."

police sensitivity training and discipline for police officers who were abusive to lesbians and gays."

Like Woolard's contribution, Danna's also disappeared. "I think the gay community was being a little naive about the whole thing. We were playing softball when we needed to be playing hardball. I

ABC Management, Fuster, Wade Mitchell and Dan Sweat (Chair of the entire Task Force, former Director of Central Atlanta Progress)

Mitchell has not returned repeated phone inquiries from *Southern Voice*.

Sweat, who Laymon describes as, "no friend of ours" was jovial when discussing

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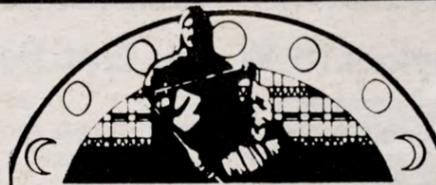


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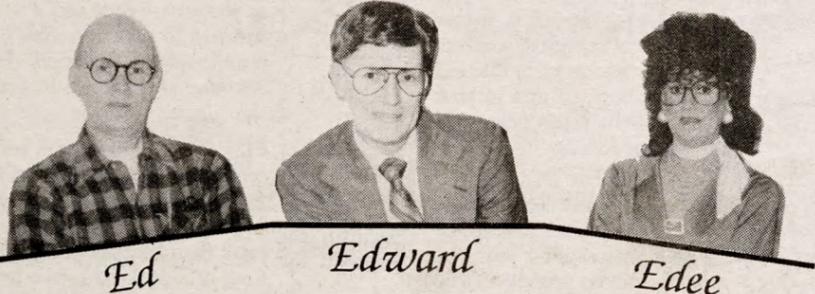
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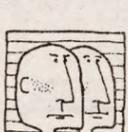
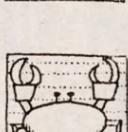
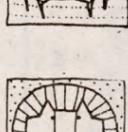
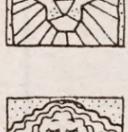


Ruling Planets

March 29 - April 11
 by Mary Bailey-Rule

Spring is here, the grass is green and everything is in bloom, so turn yourself loose to enjoy this explosion of life. Daylight saving time begins on April 1, which is also April Fool's day, do remember to move your clock ahead one hour.

The Full Moon occurs on April 9 in Libra with an emphasis on relationships. Passover falls on April 10, and Easter Sunday is April 15.

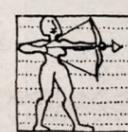
-  **ARIES** — Happy Birthday! The Sun and Mercury are in your 1st house. Enjoy your favorite sports and the great outdoors. A good time to communicate your hopes and dreams to those you love.
-  **TAURUS** — Mercury moves into your 1st house on April 4th, enhancing your ability to communicate and express your inner feelings. Avoid worries by defining the problem and then focusing on the solution.
-  **GEMINI** — Mars is in Aquarius, your 9th house of higher learning and travel, so you may feel restless. This is a good time to learn something new or consider a career move for summer.
-  **CANCER** — The Sun is in your 10th house of career and vocation. Bring your resume up to date and watch for opportunities in your field. Focus on assets rather than any seeming deficits.
-  **LEO** — The Sun is in your 9th house of higher learning and travel creating opportunities for expanding your horizons and your perspective. Expose yourself to new ideas to enhance your creativity.
-  **VIRGO** — The Sun is in your 8th house of inherited assets, taxes and personal transformation, so don't let income taxes change you into the worry monster. Get it done without poring over every detail, and enjoy Spring.



LIBRA — With Mars in your 5th house of creativity and passion, you may have need of a more intimate relationship or a better creative outlet. An evening of entertainment with a "dear" friend may be just the thing.



SCORPIO — With Mars in your 4th house of home and family, you may feel like painting the house, adding a room, or even moving to a new location. Be very clear in your own mind about what you want and then do it.



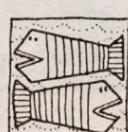
SAGITTARIUS — With Mars in your 3rd house of communication, siblings, and immediate neighborhood, you may find you are more involved with family or friends. If an old friend or long-lost relative is on your mind, give them a call.



CAPRICORN — Mars in your 2nd house of money and material resources may fuel your interest in investments that promise spectacular returns. Proceed carefully by obtaining the best advice and listening to it.



AQUARIUS — The Sun is in your 3rd house of communication, siblings and short-distance travel, so you may want to take a weekend trip to visit relatives or a favorite spot for relaxation. Take time to enjoy Spring and regenerate.



PISCES — With all the recent activity in your 1st house trining Jupiter in your 5th house of passion and creativity you may need a break from intensity. Some body work or a weekend by the beach may be just the thing.

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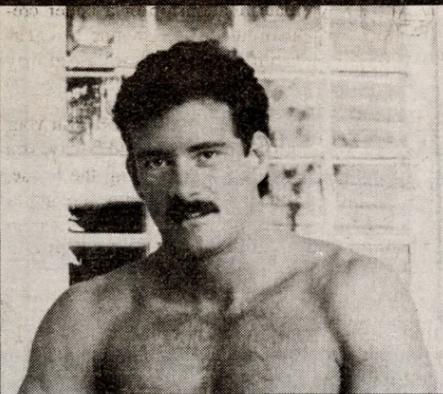
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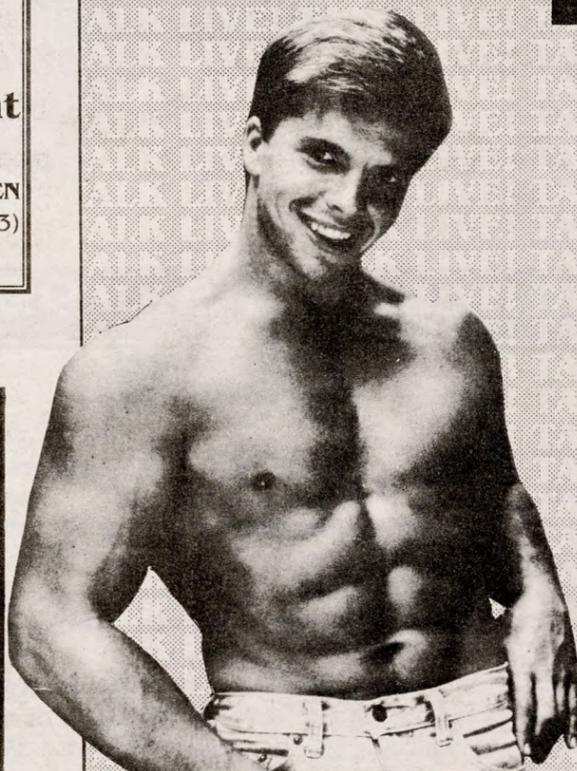
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AIDS SUPPORT AND INFORMATION GROUP being formed in Henry County and will serve the surrounding counties of Rockdale, Newton, DeKalb, Clayton, Butts, Fayette, Cowetta, Spaulding, Monroe, Pike and Meriweather as Henry. Meeting at 7:00 PM on the first Friday of each month in the Community Room of Henry General Hospital on Hudson Bridge Rd. (Exit #73) in Stockbridge. 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 diagnosed 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 SERVICES & EDUCATION

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.

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

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.

SPEAK OUT!, a new creative writing publication, sponsored by AID Atlanta, comprised of poetry and short prose written by PLWA's and people who are HIV+, requests submissions. Deadline is June 11, 1990. For info, call Lee at 872-0533.

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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)

Hotlanta (gay) Soccer is now organizing a co-ed team. For more info, call 264-7173. (Also, information on Gay Games '90.)

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 pri-

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mary interest of Nexus is on new and experimental art work. For information call Nexus Gallery at (404) 688-2500.

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Did you know that there is an organization of lesbian and gay physicians and medical students? For further information write or call American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) at (415) 255-4547 or 2940 16th St. #105, S.F., CA 94103.

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Help! The People Project is in need of clothing space for PWA's. This program can expand no further without your help. Call Ron at 371-0819

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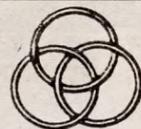
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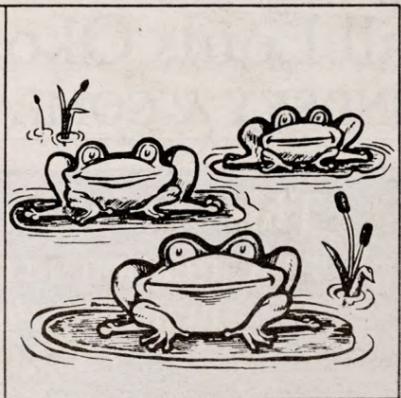
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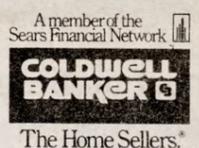


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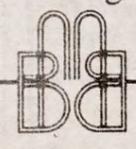
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Race/origin: 3___ Black 4___ Latino/Hispanic
5___ Asian 6___ White 7___ Other _____

Sexual orientation/preference:
8___ Gay/lesbian/homosexual 9___ Bisexual 10___ Heterosexual

Age: 11___ Under 20 12___ 20 to 29 13___ 30 to 39
14___ 40 to 49 15___ 50 to 59 16___ 60 or over

Your home zip code: 17_____

Education completed: 18___ High school or less 19___ Some college or voc. school
20___ Undergrad. degree 21___ Master's degree 22___ Doctorate

Annual income: 23___ Less than \$10,000 24___ \$10,000 to \$19,000
25___ \$20,000 to \$29,000 26___ \$30,000 to \$39,000 27___ \$40,000 to \$49,000
28___ \$50,000 to \$59,000 29___ \$60,000 or more

How many people are in your household (including yourself)?
30___ One 31___ Two 32___ Three 33___ Four or more

Are you a parent? 34___ Yes 35___ No
If so, do your children live with you? 36___ Yes 37___ No

Are you in a coupled relationship? 38___ Yes 39___ No

Do you own a car? 40___ Yes 41___ No
a computer? 42___ Yes 43___ No
a home? 44___ Yes 45___ No
a CD player? 46___ Yes 47___ No
a VCR? 48___ Yes 49___ No
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a cat? 52___ Yes 53___ No

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How many times a week do you eat in a restaurant?
54___ None 55___ Less than 1 56___ 1 or 2 57___ 3 or 4 58___ 5 or more

How many times a week do you go to a bar?
59___ None 60___ Less than 1 61___ 1 or 2 62___ 3 or 4 63___ 5 or more

How many times a week do you go to a movie, play, concert, or lecture?
64___ None 65___ Less than 1 66___ 1 or 2 67___ 3 or 4 68___ 5 or more

How many times *per month* do you see a health professional (physician, therapist, chiropractor, massage therapist)?
69___ None 70___ Less than 1 71___ 1 or 2 72___ 3 or 4 73___ 5 or more

To how many gay/lesbian organizations do you belong?
74___ None 75___ One 76___ Two 77___ Three 78___ Four or more

How would you describe your level of openness about your sexual orientation?
79___ Out only to close personal friends 80___ Out to friends and some family members
81___ Out to friends, family, and business associates 82___ Publicly out

You and Southern Voice

How often do you read *Southern Voice*? 83___ Always (every 2 weeks)
84___ Once a month 85___ Less than once a month 86___ Never

How many other people read your copy of *Southern Voice*? 87___ 4 or more
88___ 3 others 89___ 2 others 90___ One other 91___ No others, just me

How much time do you spend reading each issue?
92___ Over an hour 93___ 1/2 to 1 hour 94___ Less than 1/2 hour

How long do you usually keep your copy?
95___ A month or more 96___ A week 97___ A few days 98___ A day or less

Please tell us how much information you believe *Southern Voice* provides on the following subjects:

	Enough	Not enough	Too much
National news	99___	100___	101___
Atlanta news	102___	103___	104___
Regional news	105___	106___	107___
AIDS	108___	109___	110___
Non-AIDS health issues	111___	112___	113___
Politics	114___	115___	116___
Spirituality	117___	118___	119___
Couples	120___	121___	122___
The arts	123___	124___	125___
Interviews	126___	127___	128___
Opinion	129___	130___	131___

Please tell us your opinion of the following regular columns and features:

	Don't recall reading it	Love it	Like it	Dislike it
Outlines	132___	133___	134___	135___
Business Clips	136___	137___	138___	139___
Heterodoxy	140___	141___	142___	143___
Famous Faces	144___	145___	146___	147___
Restaurant reviews	148___	149___	150___	151___
Film reviews	152___	153___	154___	155___
Bittersweet	156___	157___	158___	159___
Dykes to Watch Out For	160___	161___	162___	163___
Ruling Planets (horoscope)	164___	165___	166___	167___
Staff editorials	168___	169___	170___	171___

How do you perceive *Southern Voice*? 172___ Equally for gay men & lesbians
173___ Basically for lesbians 174___ Basically for gay men

Would you rather read movie and theater reviews in *Southern Voice*:

175___ Focusing on gay and lesbian themes
176___ Focusing on what's good & popular, even if it has nothing to do with gays/lesbians

Are you more likely to select a business, product, or service that you see advertised in *Southern Voice*? 177___ I often go out of my way to choose it

178___ I try to choose it if it's convenient 179___ No effect on me at all

Do you use coupons from *Southern Voice*? 180___ Yes 181___ No

Where do you look *first* for gay or lesbian personal ads?

182___ *Southern Voice* 183___ *Etc.* 184___ *Ovation*
185___ *Creative Loafing* 186___ *Journal-Constitution*
187___ Other: _____ 188___ I don't read personal ads

Which other gay/lesbian publications do you read? (Check all that apply.)

189___ *Etc.* 190___ *Ovation* 191___ *The News* (Atlanta Gay Center)
192___ *Advocate* 193___ *Guide* 194___ *Gay Community News*
195___ Other (please list them) _____

How do you perceive *Creative Loafing*? 196___ Basically for heterosexuals
197___ Basically for gays/lesbians 198___ Equally for both

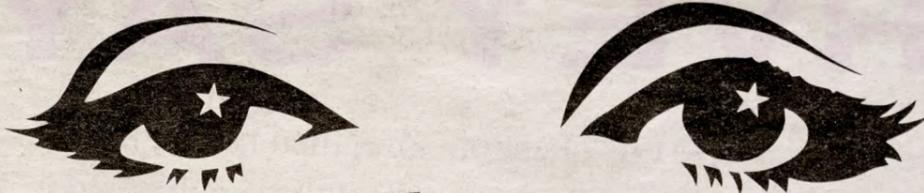
How do you feel about sexually explicit graphics in ads?
199___ Don't want to see them 200___ Don't mind them 201___ Want more of them

What's on your mind?

What is your top problem or concern as a lesbian or gay man right now?

What new article or feature would you like to see in *Southern Voice*?

Thank you; your comments will help us improve *Southern Voice*. Please mail your completed survey to: **Southern Voice Survey, P.O. Box 18215, Atlanta, Georgia 30316**, or drop it by the Southern Voice office at 1179 Virginia Ave., NE by April 20.



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