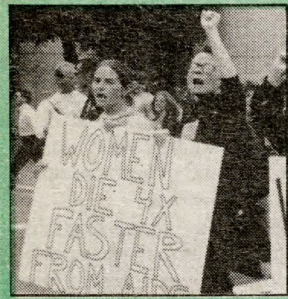


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ACT UP
storms the CDC in an attempt to get the government to pay attention to women with AIDS.

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Five looks at the many ways lesbians and gays celebrate December's many holidays.

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ACT UP STORMS CDC

Agency appears to move slightly in face of demands

(Because today's demonstration at the CDC began after our deadline to take this issue to the printer the information in this story does not include details of the demonstration itself; those will appear in our next issue.—Ed.)

Atlanta—Furious at the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) continued refusal to expand its definition of AIDS, more than 400 demonstrators stormed the agency's Clifton Road Headquarters here on Dec. 3. The demonstration was the culmination of a "Week of Outrage" activities coordinated by ACT UP and affiliated organizations around the country.

ACT UP staged a similar demonstration at the CDC 11 months ago. Forty-nine activists were arrested in that action, the focus of which was expansion of the definition of the opportunistic infections which are used to legally define AIDS.

Members of ACT UP and representatives of the CDC met here on Nov. 19 to discuss the expansion. Maxine Wolfe of ACT UP/NY says that CDC representatives at the meeting never countered the group's claims about the fact that women affected by HIV were being excluded from the CDC's studies and definitions. What Wolfe and others present at the meeting said they did hear was a line of reasoning which suggested the CDC was not willing to expand its definition of the disease. It would appear that the agency was doing so in an attempt to get more funding at a time when the federal budget was hostage to the twin demons of recession and deficit.

As the group left the meeting, Katrina Haslip a woman with HIV told the group, "I hold you personally responsible for the deaths of all the women I know infected with HIV, including my own."

The CDC's response to that meeting was to issue a statement that it would release a summary of studies on the link between abnormal Pap smears, cervical cancer and HIV-infected women.

As the demonstration began, sources inside the CDC were saying, not for attribution, that agency would soon expand certain existing groups of opportunistic diseases to include some of the conditions which affect HIV-infected women.

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A recent study, co-authored by a CDC researcher, estimates that 48% of women who die with HIV infection are never diagnosed as having AIDS. And HIV infected women die

four times faster than infected men. Why is the agency charged with tracking and defining communicable diseases so reluctant to admit the devastating effect that HIV is having on American women?

The CDC, apparently swayed by the same myths and institutionalized sexism as the rest of our government, has focused few studies on women with AIDS; The studies it has compiled have concentrated on women who are HIV infected and pregnant or women who prostitute their bodies. The pregnant women have been treated as fetal containers that might pass HIV on to their child and prostitutes are seen as walking disease carriers delivering death wherever they roam. In other words, women are treated as vectors for HIV rather than individuals suffering from a devastating condition themselves.

Under pressure from activists, the CDC last revised its definition of exactly what conditions define AIDS in 1987. Federal, state, and

local health and social service agencies, as well as many doctors, use only this definition for diagnosis.

All this is not to say that there has been no research on HIV infected women and the opportunistic infections that are unique to them. ACT UP's extensive material on the subject references 22 studies which show a whole spectrum of chronic gynecological conditions that affect these women.

The CDC's definition of AIDS includes not no gynecological conditions whatsoever.

The list of persistent gynecological conditions that are the manifestation of HIV is abundant and well documented in non-CDC studies. Vaginal thrush (candidiasis) is the most persistent example although there are numerous others—including certain types of pelvic inflammatory disease, human papilloma virus and several kinds of cancer. Thrush, a yeast infection that affects both sexes, in its oral form invades the esophagus, trachea, bronchi, or lungs and is listed in the CDC definition as an opportunistic infection indicative of AIDS.

The CDC claims that vaginal thrush, which of course affects only women, is not included in its definition because it also affects many who are not HIV infected. Activists respond that they are talking about cases of thrush which are persistent and non-responsive to conventional therapies—a similar requirement to the one placed on oral thrush in the CDC's AIDS definition.

In fact according to the CDC, only 30% of all the nation's new cases of AIDS in 1989 fit only the 1987 definition. Even with the restrictive definitions, women are the fastest growing group in the U.S. to be affected by AIDS. The litany of similar evidence which suggests that the CDC is consciously trying to keep the size and severity of the AIDS epidemic from being made public is overwhelming and far beyond the space available here to document. Readers who are interested in further information are urged to contact ACT UP/Atlanta at 286-6347.



Activists protesting the treatment of HIV+ women at this year's AIDS Conference in San Francisco.

JIM MARKS

QUEER NATION GOES UNDERGROUND

Police and security offer support

by Carrie Wofford

Underground Atlanta—"Look, there are only two single women in that bar. Just shows how lonely those men must be; they're holding hands!" This comment came from two slightly inebriated men as they watched the lesbians and gay men of Queer Nation visit Atlanta's premiere tourist attraction on Sat. Dec 1.

Roughly 75 lesbians and gay men from Atlanta, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Tallahassee, and other cities (here for ACT UP's demonstration at the CDC) descended on Underground for a "queer visibility action," bringing new meaning to the "homosexual underground" often rumored by the '70s straight press.

An initial confrontation occurred when Queer Nation gathered at the entrance to Underground. As chants of "We're Here,

We're Queer" rose, security guards pulled aside one Atlanta man saying that the group was welcome but could not yell (relating to a general concern about limiting altercations between groups or gangs). That man was temporarily evicted, but quickly rejoined the group.

The contingent then walked en masse, greeting shoppers with, "Hi, we're just a bunch of happy, well-adjusted dykes and fags doin' our holiday shopping. Have a nice night!" Most shoppers responded politely with "Well, good for you." Five women even responded by saying, "We're lesbians, too!" Only a few individual young men challenged the group, and were immediately confronted.

In front of the food court, a security guard grabbed one lesbian couple as they kissed, but was immediately chastised by his supervisor who reportedly said, "Leave them alone. Don't bother them."

A group of 25 concluded the outing with dancing in one bar, where one waitress so pleased with their presence paid for their beer. Police and security guards monitored a gathering of straight men outside the bar, and escorted a group of departing lesbians as they walked towards their hotel, shaking their hands and wishing them a good night.



EVETT BENNETT

Queer Nation rides MARTA to an action at the Atlanta Airport.

CITY MOVES TO FINE PRO-LIFERS

by S.M. Clarke

Atlanta—Protesters, waiting on the curb of 14th and Curran approach cars that pull up to the Feminist Women's Health Center and attempt to dissuade clients from entering the non-profit clinic. Escorts place themselves between protesters and clients as the women make their way inside. Music from a radio on the Center's porch drowns out some of the protesters' pleas. The scenario repeats itself like a broken record as the morning passes.

In late March Georgia Superior Court Judge Isaac Jenrette issued an injunction bar-

ring members of Operation Rescue from protesting within 50 feet of an Atlanta clinic or within five feet of an entering patient. After the much publicized ruling, media attention to the protests dwindled, but the harassment did not.

Operation Rescue members challenge the injunction, saying that it infringes on their right to free speech. "Their behavior infringes on our client's right to privacy," said FWHC's Rheta Barnes. "The Supreme Court has ruled time and time again that you have an implicit right to privacy guaranteed by the Constitution.

The demonstrations this particular day are fairly tame. According to volunteer escort Elizabeth Knowlton protesters sometimes mass themselves around cars that arrive at the Center. And more protesters appear on days when Georgia Tech is playing at home; police detailed to cover the Center are diverted to traffic control. Since March, police have spent 1,300 man hours trying to enforce the injunction at a cost of more than \$31,000.

"That guy over there pulled a knife on a client's boyfriend the other day," said Barnes. "He's so brave. Then he went zooming off because he was afraid that the police might want to talk to him."

On Nov. 20 Barnes, coordinator for the Center, went before Jenrette to testify against 11 members of Operation Rescue who had been arrested for violating the injunction.

No lawyer was present to represent Operation Rescue. "The lawyer for Operation Rescue said that Operation Rescue wasn't any more. Because the injunction is against Operation Rescue his tact was to say that Operation Rescue was unincorporated and didn't exist, so you can't hold these people in contempt because there's no organization," said Barnes.

Dialing 221-3321 produces a recording that thanks you for calling Operation Rescue and provides updates about where to protest on Saturdays.

"These people have no compunction about lying," adds Barnes.

At the hearing Assistant City Attorney Bruce Johnson asked Jenrette to fine each member in contempt of the injunction \$500

for each violation. Jenrette replied that he thought sentencing the violators to 20 days in jail would have more of an effect. The Judge instructed Johnson to write a contempt order which Jenrette will look over, perhaps revise, and then seek to enforce.

"The order is supposed to be written by November 30, and then it's in the Judge's hands, but I don't know how long it takes because this is the first time we've ever taken this far with the process," concludes Barnes.

Meanwhile the illegal harassment of women seeking health care continues.

BIAS CRIMES TURN VIOLENT

Atlanta—The Lesbian and Gay Police Advisory Committee reports three bias incidents since our last issue: two assaults and one incident of police abuse. Arrests have been made in both assaults and preliminary hearings are scheduled for both cases in the next week. The much delayed assault case against Thomas Germain reported here in January of this year is also scheduled to be heard this week.

In the first incident John Wilcox has been charged with aggravated assault after he ran over a gay man in a parking lot at Peachtree & 7th Streets. Friends with the victim got the license number of the car enabling police to arrest and charge Wilcox.

In the second incident a gay man was slashed with a box knife at the intersection of Myrtle and 6th Streets by two men who he met in a nearby gay bar. APD Officer Lear drove past the scene, observed the incident and arrested Stefan Todd Astin and Damen Stiles who are charged with armed robbery, aggravated assault, carrying a concealed weapon, profane language and obstruction. Lear was also the officer responding to the incident where the man was run over.

Readers are urged to report all bias incidents to 286-BIAS.

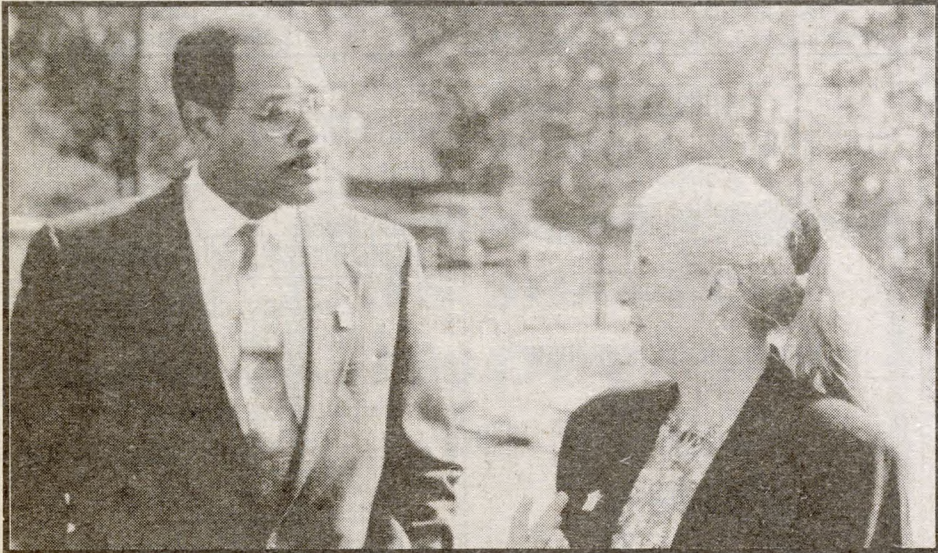
NEWS

CITY DROPS CHARGES AGAINST BRIGGS

The Atlanta Police Department has dropped charges of obstruction against well-known activist Bob Briggs. The charge came as a result of Briggs presence at Queer Nation's Nov. 10 action at Jock's 'n' Jills. "That a[n] openly gay person can be arrested, taken to jail and forced to hire an attorney merely for being in a straight bar proves the need for groups like Queer Nation," commented Briggs.

Israeli Gays Gain Business Protection: Judge Haim Eilat has ruled that discrimination against homosexuals in business transactions is illegal in Israel. The management of Gan Ha'ir Mall management had refused to honor a signed lease with Etian Horowitz for his Club Piccolo when they learned the club would be gay. Israel's gay rights group, The Society for the Protection of Personal Rights, collected 32 signatures from other mall tenants who supported the club adding that "generally gay people attract upscale shopping; they certainly don't repel it". Eilat's ruling comes two years after Israel's decriminalization of gay sex.

Researchers Document 1959 AIDS Case: A group of physicians at Manchester University Medical School have submitted a letter to the British medical journal *The Lancet* claiming to have discovered the earliest known case of AIDS. The patient, a 25 year-old sailor, died of an unexplained immunodeficiency condition in 1959 so tissue samples were kept for possible further study. The samples reveal HIV infection. The researchers contend that the man likely contracted HIV at a port of call in Africa.



Meeting Produces Promises for Change in Park Policy: "If the things being said are true, I'm appalled," boomed Parks Commissioner Harold Morgan, "every law abiding citizen has the right to use the park....I don't want an overzealous Gestapo here..." Morgan (shown here with City Councilwoman Mary Davis) was addressing a group of area residents, Parks and Police Department Employees and lesbian/gay activists in Piedmont Park's only public parking lot. The Nov. 20 discussion juxtaposed residents' concern about traffic and property values with activists' worries about escalating harassment of park users—particularly single men and men in pairs. After listening to the litany of horror stories from both sides, Morgan directed Parks Supervisor Hilliard Lee to have a report and list of recommendations to him by Dec. 4. Similarly Morgan asked Atlanta Police officer W.G. Gordon—who has apparently been responsible for the way regulations in the park are being enforced—to produce recommendation by Dec. 18. Since the meeting at least one report of harassment similar to that in Piedmont Park—where single men in cars are told to either get out of their cars or leave the park—has been reported in Shady Valley Park on Lenox Road where neighbors have reportedly been complaining about cruising in the park. Readers who have experienced any type of harassment in Atlanta Parks are urged to report the incidents to 286-BIAS and to Councilwoman Davis office, 330-6049.

Lesbians and Gays Target Big Apple's WNET-TV: On Nov. 28 a coalition of activist groups, including ACT UP/NY, Queer Nation, and GLAAD, held a demonstration at New York's WNET to kick off a lesbian and gay boycott of the well know public TV station. In the year ending last November, WNET aired only 9 hours of lesbian and gays specific programming—less than 1/10 of one percent of its total programming hours. Women, racial minorities, the disabled and the elderly were similarly under represented in the stations programming. Having spent three years in unsuccessful negotiations for increased coverage, the activists said they felt that a boycott of the station's Dec. 1-9 fund drive was their only alternative.

AIDS Article is "Bullshit": That's what Project Inform's Martin Delaney says about the *New York Times* front page story several weeks ago which claimed that researchers withheld news about the use of steroid hormones to control PCP. Delaney claims that the information was presented at the '89 International AIDS Conference in Montreal and again at the '90 Conference in San Francisco. "The only person who didn't know about it" was the article's author Gina Kolata, Delaney told the *San Francisco Sentinel*. Kolata's AIDS reporting for the *Times* has come under fire from N.Y. activists on a number of previous occasions.

Anti-Gay Graffiti at Emory: The Emory University Police (EPD) reports the discovery of "obscene drawings of homosexual acts" along with comments about the Emory Lesbian and Gay Organization (ELGO) in several places on campus according to the *Emory Wheel*. EPD Director Ed Medlin calls the incident a violation of Emory policy, and "the kind of thing we could all do without."

Openly Gay Man Addresses Alcohol/Drug Conference: Don Wert, Executive Director of the Pride Institute in Minnesota, is the first openly gay person to have made a presentation to the Southeastern Conference on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, held here last week. Wert said that the Pride Institute will soon release a study which shows that participants in Pride's lesbian and gay program stay in recovery as long as or longer than heterosexuals in similar programs. Heterosexist addiction theory has long held that the rate of recovery among lesbians and gays is lower than for heterosexuals.

Silence=Death Designer Dies: William O. Johnson co-designer of the famous logo and a founding member of ACT UP New York died of complications due to AIDS on November 13 in New York City. Johnson was a graduate of Parson's School of Design and a native of Charlotte N.C.

Kresge Gives Jerusalem House \$150K: The Kresge Foundation has donated \$150,000 for the renovation and expansion of Jerusalem House, Atlanta's only residence for the homeless PWA's. J.H. must raise the \$300,918 still necessary to complete funding of the project before December 1, 1991 in order to receive the Kresge grant. J.H. representatives say they are confident that they can raise the money by late summer, permitting construction of an addition to the Briarcliff Rd. facility to begin in early fall. The Kresge Foundation is an independent, nonaffiliated, private fund composed of gifts from Sebastian Kresge.

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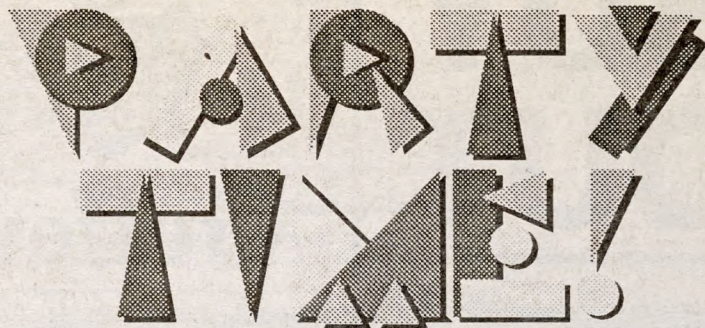
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Queries

Holiday Queries

This week that paragon of consumer consumption, Shoppa T. Drop, joins Dr. Shirley Complain, our resident parapsychologist, and Eartha Treefriend, the penultimate professor of environmental studies with advice on how to more easily traverse the treacherous terrain of the holiday landscape.

Queries from readers to our panel of experts are welcome; sorry but we cannot respond in person. So share your questions, your confusion, your woes and your worries with lesbian and gay Atlanta. Jot 'em down on a piece of paper and send them to Queries, Southern Voice, PO Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316.

Dear Shoppa:

My lover and I have just moved to Atlanta...well Gwinett County. The holidays are like heaven on toast points to her, but they give me hives—especially going to malls. She has already scoped out five different ways to get to Gwinett Place when the traffic is heavy while I sit here shaking in my Birkenstocks at the very thought such over-commercialized Christmas cheer. Short of divorce, got any suggestions?

Holiday Grinch

Dear Grumpy One:

First please, immediately if not sooner, move yourselves inside the road which we here not so euphemistically call the The Perimeter. Are you aware of the fact that 70% of the residents of your county voted not to extend MARTA service to their area? Lesbians (especially those who wear Birkenstocks) have no business living in a place with such a callous lack of concern for the environment (Eartha told me that one) or who exhibit such openly racist behavior.

Next, be honest with your sweetie. Tell her that you'll drop before you shop for the first bauble if she takes you to that noxious mall. Request that she accompany you to Atlanta's several excellent intown shopping districts—Little 5 Points, Ansley/Clear Creek, Rio and Virginia Highlands. All are within a 5 minute drive of each other; all sport small (generally owner-operated) shops; and most know that lesbians and gay men are also human beings and tend to treat them as such. If you simply must go to a department store, both Macy's and Rich's have downtown branches that are aesthetically superior to those at the malls.

That should help ease the physical pain associated with holiday dollar discharge; Eartha's advice later in this column should address some of your political and spiritual issues with our annual orgy of consumption.

Shoppa

Dear Dr. Complain:

I'm 34, and, except for semi-regular relationships-of-the-month, have never had what I could call a lover or significant other. Most of the time that's ok, but when the holidays arrive, my loneliness really starts to get to me—sometimes the pain is so intense that it makes my body hurt. My alcohol consumption goes up, I eat like there was no tomorrow, I spend money and my friends tell me that my charm quotient goes to less than zero. What's going on?

Tired of Trying

Dear Weary:

Holiday advice columns are replete with advice and suggestions about how to deal with the stress of the season—get plenty of rest, curb consumption, exercise, nurture the spiritual side of self. But I sense that the state you are describing requires more than these albeit smart tidbits of self-nurturance. The excessive consumption patterns that you describe suggest that you are trying very hard to stuff your feelings; this may work in the short run, but continuing such for long will damage your body and your soul.

Pay attention to these warning signs and do it now. Try being honest with one or two of your closest friends about how you feel; see if they can recommend a therapist, counselor and/or a 12-step group. The Health section of this issue mentions two excellent books for those who may be ready to begin the process of recovery from the pain that you are describing. If you aren't getting touched in a loving way regularly, consider seeing a massage therapist. The important thing is that you pay attention to your feelings and not deny them; the longer you wait to deal with them the more difficult the task will be.

Shirley Complain

Dear M. Treefriend:

All these holiday gifts to buy! The thought of so much consumption makes me sick with worry about how I'm contributing to the destruction of the environment as I spend my way merrily through the holidays.

Out In the Ozone

Dear Politically Aware:

First off, forget the furs. Totally non-PC! No minks for Momma. Next, stop buying cheap synthetic stuff at K-Mart and putting it boxes from Neiman's. None of your friends are fooled anyway. Go for quality products made from renewable materials—wood, paper, natural fibers. And get things that will last. Be creative. Try some natural cosmetics or fragrances for the fashion queen next door, an organic gardening magazine for your rose freak sister-in-law and a vegetarian cookbook for the budding Julia Child in the office. Buy from socially responsible companies (get a copy of "Shopping for a Better World" from CEP, 30 Irving Place, NYC 10003; the cost is \$5.95, postpaid).

Better yet, think of ways to share your love without buying things. Try concert tickets, dance lessons, museum memberships for friends who think they have culture. A Silence=Death T-shirt or a membership in NGLTF or HRCF for those who are on the way to political awareness. A gift certificate for a massage is one of Eartha's most fave gifts. Sweet Aunt Hattie—whose hair weave looks like an old bird's nest anyway—would probably love a membership in the National Audobon Society. Ponder a tire pressure gauge—they come in all shapes and sizes—for someone who is newly environmentally aware; underinflated tires in the U.S. waste the equivalent of 100,000 barrels of oil a day. Or your new flame might enjoy a Save the Manatees T-shirt—the whiskers may remind her of her first lover.

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Celebrating the Season

Five looks at the many ways lesbians and gays celebrate December's many holidays

The Solstice Marks The High Point of the Dark.

We come together in celebration of the season. Evergreen boughs on the mantle. A brightly lighted tree in the living room. Holly and mistletoe. We celebrate the season by bringing Nature inside. We gather for feasting, for sharing, for prayer. We exchange gifts and remember those far away. And beneath all the trappings of civilization and religion, we take part in one of humanity's most ancient rites—the observance of the Winter Solstice.

Today, we come together by tradition. Our families expect us, we get time off from work. Millions of dollars of retail hype barrages us with images of Santa and his consumer madness. But all this—Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah—is an affirmation of something deeper. Without any of it, we would still come together in response to our inherent connection with the Earth and the rhythm of her seasons.

Since the moment of summer solstice, six months ago, we have watched the long days make their gradual slide into darkness. Each day shorter, each night gaining time. At the fall equinox we poised for a moment of equilibrium and then the darkness overtook the light. In this time of electric lights and around-the-clock shopping, we may think we don't notice. But, deep within, we do.

It is imprinted in our cells. All around us, Nature slows down. Trees notice, and enter into rest. Birds notice, and flock together to migrate south. We notice it, too, in the most primitive parts of our nervous systems, far below the level of conscious awareness. We slow down. Our attention turns inward. We may call it "holiday blues" or "winter depression," and think there is something wrong. Yet, while there are ways to heal the associated issues of family and stress, the underlying feeling is part of our natural rhythm.

We come together for comfort. We come in to warm ourselves by the fire, both literally and figuratively. We have parties, and gather to share love with family and friends. So called "primitive" cultures recognized our need to gather, to acknowledge our connection with each other, our mutual support against times of darkness. Through ritual and festival, they made it a time of richness, an affirmation of human love and spiritual oneness. They made it a time to celebrate the victory of Light over Darkness, Life over Death.

We come together even now, for the profound healing that comes from remembering the real roots of our feelings and activities. As the Earth pauses between cycles of growth, we take a moment to realign. Those of us who mark the season with ritual celebrations do so from a sense of joy at our connection with each other, with the Earth, and with all life. We draw upon our gay and lesbian heritage as medicine people, sacred priests and priestesses of many cultures.

Our celebrations vary according to personal taste and our traditions. Most are simply a circle of friends who gather to share food and offer prayers of thanks and healing for the Earth. We might

extinguish a candle to symbolize the passing of the old year, and relight new ones for good beginnings. We might state our gratitude for the past year's blessings, and join together to affirm our resolutions and intentions for the coming time of growth—the seeds that we nurture within.

And so, finally, we come together in hope and optimism. The solstice marks the high point of the dark. From this day, the light begins to grow anew. As we sing our songs, we remember that all darkness encloses the seeds of returning light. As we hold one another's hands in circle, we acknowledge those parts of ourselves that connect with all life. We

sounds like the name of a great warrior chief, very strong and very Black. The more I learned, the more fascinated I became. Finally, I thought, "I've found that bridge to a greater understanding of Afrocentric values and customs." And perhaps a better understanding of a part of me never explored before.

Maulana Karenga came up with the idea of Kwanzaa in 1966 as a way of reaffirming and restoring the African and the African-American heritage and culture. The name is not that of a warrior chief but instead originates from Kiswahili, meaning "first."

My friends told me that each of the seven days of Kwanzaa has a special

Kwanzaa is celebrated December 26 through January 1. On Wed., Dec. 26 the African American Lesbian Gay Alliance will celebrate the first day of Kwanzaa with a pot luck and the offerings of visual artists, poets and dancers from the community at 7:30pm at First MCC, 800 N. Highland. On Sun., Dec 30 AALGA will host a roundtable discussion on the focus of the African American lesbian and gay community in 1991, also at First MCC. On Jan. 1 there will be a panel discussion on homosexuality and spirituality in the lesbian and gay African American Community at the First E Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive. Call 755-7531 for more info.



SKYE MASON

Members of AALGA celebrate Kwanzaa

rejoice in that connection, and remember that we share support, that trials and darkness always pass. Life continues, and we are conscious of being part of the flow.

We come together again, in celebration.

—John Stowe

Kwanzaa: Exploring My Heritage

There is a time in everyone's life when there is a need to connect to something greater than just your immediate surroundings. You begin to explore and learn more about other cultures and people. You begin to explore and learn more about the world. You yearn to know more about yourself and your own people.

Recently I began to think about my life: My mother—and the other women and men who had a role in molding me into who I am today—reared me with a thirst for knowledge. Eurocentric knowledge. Eurocentric history, behavior, and the Puritan work ethic were instilled in me from an early age. They constantly reminded me of my Blackness, but didn't teach me much about it. Coupled with the fact that I'm gay, this has always made what I call "bridging" or connecting emotionally between me and my people more difficult.

Several weeks ago, at dinner with friends I heard of the celebration called Kwanzaa. I was thrilled and fascinated just by the name itself. Kwanzaa—it

meaning: The celebration begins with unity; then self-determination; next is collective responsibility; then cooperation economics; purpose; creativity; and, on the final day, faith. All of these elements are important parts of the foundation of the African-American community. I think of Kwanzaa as a celebration of what has sustained us and kept us strong.

On each day the family (nuclear or otherwise) gathers around the kinara (candle holder) to light a candle and discuss the principle of the day. Some families do this just before or after dinner. It's a must to invite friends, for they are your extended family.

Zawadi (gifts) are normally exchanged on either the 6th or final day. Gift-giving is important in several ways: it allows one to share; it teaches giving of one's self as a symbol of love and appreciation; it rewards positive attitudes and actions during the past year; and it promotes our culture and strengthens our heritage. These gifts can be purchased from or personally created by African people.

Kwanzaa is a welcomed addition to my life. The sharing of gifts and the coming together of relatives and friends with communal support is the very essence of what has helped my people survive for so long, against such overwhelming odds; thus I can especially appreciate the teachings of Kwanzaa in that it does not end on the seventh day, they can be made a part of my daily life all year long.

—Patrick Bell

The Only Atheist Children I Ever Knew

I had a very unusual religious upbringing for a kid in the United States: my parents were atheists. Their parents were Protestants, but my brothers and I were raised as opponents of religion. We were the only atheist children I ever knew.

When I began to go to public school, Mom had to explain who God and Jesus were. She said believing in God was silly, like believing in magic, but that my brothers and I mustn't tease other children about their beliefs.

I'd been introduced to Christmas before public school, though. Mom and Dad went in for all the trimmings: the tree and presents and cards. Our family carried on the festive and materialistic traditions, while ditching the reason behind the season.

Over the years, most of us who made up that atheist family-of-origin have become agnostic or Unitarian or something else not positively anti-religious. But, I never have come to terms with Christmas. It is a weirdly ambiguous part of my family heritage, and our culture, for that matter.

I wrote an article on "surviving the holidays" for *Southern Voice* last year, including a list of ideas on how to bring holiday expectations and reality a little closer together. I need to work on that trick for myself again this year, big time. As I look at the list, it seems wise and helpful and timely and—at this moment—beyond me to surpass. So, please indulge me and review these suggestions in reprise.

First, look within

- This week, take a little time to yourself in a quiet place to think about what you want your holiday to be.

- You might try this exercise, which has been used in gay rap groups. Sketch a picture showing the holiday you expect. Then draw a second one, showing how you would like it to be. Compare the two. Are there ways for you to bring this year's holiday a little closer to what you really want?

- Discuss holiday plans, expectations, and feelings with your lover or partner well ahead of time. Try to resolve any differences of outlook so that your only surprises will be joyful ones!

Celebrate with your expanded family

- Honor your own sense of "home" and "family." Surround yourself with people you care about, in places where you feel comfortable and secure.

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- Find ways to make peace with people you want to avoid. A brief phone call, or even just a card with your name signed, can be a healing gesture.

- Holiday meals are especially important. No one should have to eat alone on special nights. Invite friends to share the festivities at your home, or go to one of our community's perennial potlucks.

- Religious and social groups welcome newcomers and infrequent visitors to join their holiday celebrations. Call or drop by when you feel ready.

- Closeted people who visit unaccepting relatives face a very stressful time. If this is your situation, plan little "escapes" and rewards for yourself within your visit. Bring along phone numbers of a supportive friend and a gay/lesbian hotline. Call from a phone booth if you need to.

Create your own holiday rituals

- Mark the holy days or the beginning of the winter season with activities that suit you. Continue old traditions or begin new ones.

- Play music that you like. Buy a new holiday album. If traditional Christmas music bugs you, bring a Walkman when shopping.

- If you grew up with special homemade holiday foods (and you liked them), introduce your friends or co-workers to these specialties. Swap recipes.

- Fill your home with good smells: scented candles, hot spiced cider, potpourri, clove-orange pomanders, fresh greenery.

- A fir or pine tree brought indoors is an ancient tradition, shared by people of many religious faiths. If you've never yet cut your own tree, maybe this is the year

to try it. Bring along some friends and make it a holiday outing.

- Have a tree-trimming or an ornament-making party.

Take it easy

- Don't overdo it. For example, don't try to follow every suggestion on this list!

- When life gets too frenzied and hectic, make some room for quiet time. If the phone rings too much, unplug it.

- Even the best holidays may include times of sadness, loneliness, and grief. Everyone has these feelings sometimes. When they steal up on you, try giving yourself permission to experience them. Take a walk, step away from the party for a moment, go home from shopping a little early, or take time for prayer or meditation.

- Be gentle with yourself and others. Simple acts of love and goodwill capture the true meaning of the season.

—Gareth Fenley

I Don't Like Hanukkah

I don't like Hanukkah. Well, actually there are a couple of things I do like about it: I like the traditional potato latkes, and I like lighting the candles. Candlelighting and potatoes are two of my favorite things in the world, and you would think that since they're an integral part of Hanukkah, I would like the holiday just by association.

It doesn't work that way, though. For starters, the holiday was originally a festival to celebrate a military victory. I have a hard time with that. It's true that this was a big deal. The Greeks at the time pretty much had the run of things,

and had outlawed all religions but the Greek. This didn't sit too well with most Jews, although more than a few kowtowed to the "wisdom" of the Greeks and (gasp) Assimilated. At length, there was a revolt, and the Jews, led by some priestly brothers, defeated the Greeks and reclaimed Jerusalem.

Some early rabbis didn't like the military part either, especially since the leaders of that revolt (and their successors) set themselves up as kings and invited the Romans to move in as "protectors."



Since the festival was quite popular however, the rabbis emphasized a related, but more mystical event: After the big victory, the Jews decided to hold an eight day feast. The only problem was that they only had enough oil to light the lamps for one day. They decided to go for it anyway, and miraculously that one day's oil lasted for the entire festival. That's the beginning of the rationale for lighting the eight candles, the menorah, on Hanukkah.

The real reason I don't like Hanukkah, though, is that it seems to me over-

emphasized.

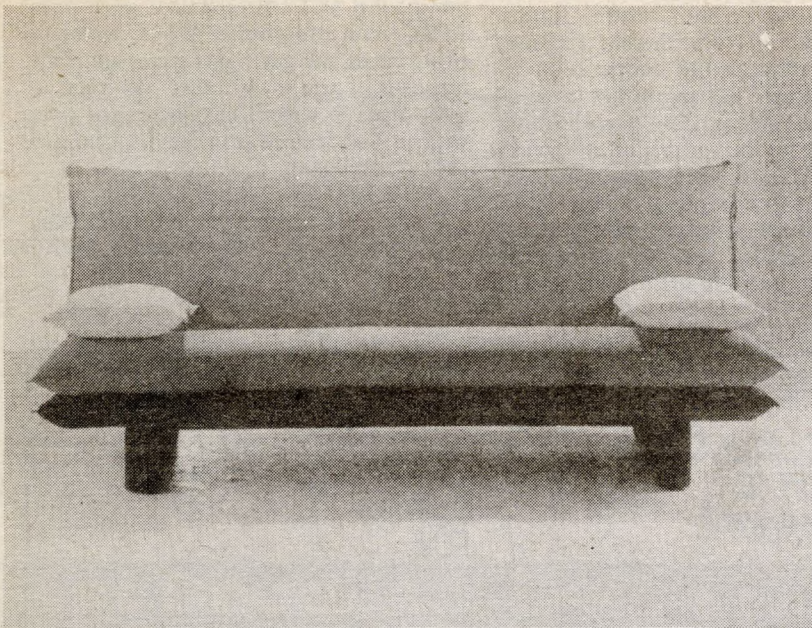
When I first heard of Hanukkah, it was described to me as "Jewish Christmas," and by a Jew no less. But the fact is, it's not even remotely related to Christmas.

I certainly understand how it came to be viewed as such, especially here in the good old U.S. of A. This particular "holiday season" is an overbearing testament to the overwhelming Christian majority in this country. And it's a Christian majority that often doesn't look too kindly on difference. So gradually Hanukkah began to pick up the trappings of Christmas, to dim the enormous discrepancy between Jews and Christians. I've even known some Jewish families who have a Christmas tree every year.

I should tell you that I'm in the process of converting to Judaism. I'm doing this with a Reconstructionist rabbi who grew up Orthodox and is very steeped in tradition. I love tradition. I don't like trappings. I don't like commercialism. I didn't much like Christmas when I was a real and true Christian, and I definitely can't abide by a Jewish Christmas.

But you know, maybe Hanukkah's not so bad after all. Aside from the potato latkes and the candlelighting, there's a lesson in there about cultural identity. I live in a culture that wants me to think, act, be like everybody else. But I'm not. I am gloriously Queer, and proud of it. Sure, I could dress up and play the game. I could even have a Christmas tree and light a menorah underneath it. But I'd know, and anybody near me would know, that it was all a facade designed to make me more acceptable to the culture at large. But if push came to shove, it

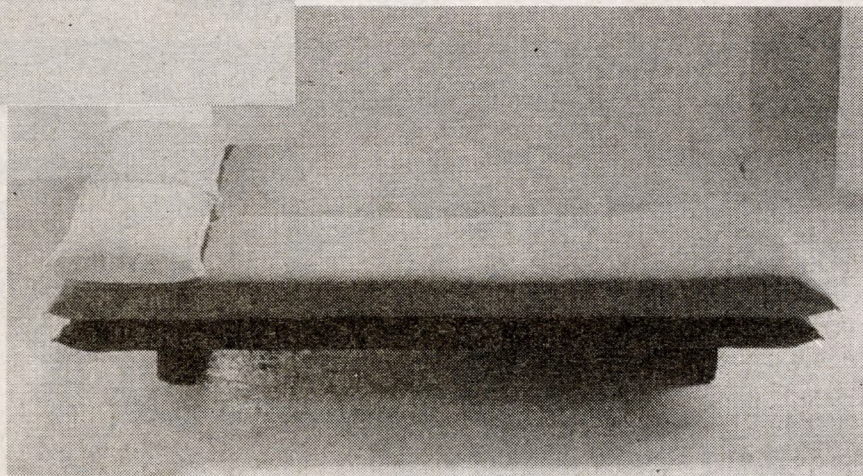
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GUEST EDITORIAL
**LESBIAN ARRESTED
 BY U.S. GOVERNMENT**

by Teri Kai

It was not unusual for me to pick up several newsletters in the local feminist bookstore. But this time one particular item changed my life.

In a piece from the Atlanta Committee for Latin America I read about thousands, last year alone, dying at the hands of U.S. trained troops in El Salvador. And if that wasn't shocking enough, the numbers included innocent women, children, clergy. Then came the clincher: these troops were being trained at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA.

This Colonel's daughter was devastated. I grew up on bases similar to Fort Benning. As a child, I walked the halls of the School of the Americas—where the U.S. trains such murderers—in Okinawa; it

was only by the grace of Goddess that I was born after my father's stay at Ft. Benning.

I decided to attend a march and protest scheduled for that weekend and to properly educate myself on U.S. and El Salvador relations. Being a lesbian for peace, I felt it appropriate to wear a t-shirt with a pink triangle across my chest.

I was lucky enough to spend the two-hour ride to Columbus with an ACLA organizer, who gave me the history of the U.S. intervention in El Salvador along with an account on the atrocities that followed—and are still being committed today.

I was glad to see that the police had already formed into what I innocently assumed was an escort for our stroll through town when we arrived at our march site about two miles from the base. We were told

that we didn't have a permit and therefore could only march in groups of three, a hundred feet apart. We also were told to remove all wood from our signs. So, three by three, we marched and soon found strength in a maneuver that had been intended to weaken us since it made our numbers look greater and allowed us to draw more attention.

Outside the base, we discreetly planted a rose bush—in memory of the six Jesuit priests and two women who were murdered by U.S. trained military on November 16, 1989. Seven of us decided to walk on to Ft. Benning and to our final destination, The School of the Americas training facility.

I crossed the military line, not knowing what would happen next, but clearly understanding it had to be done. Almost instantly I felt a hand firmly grasp the back of my neck. Simultaneously, my left arm was immobilized and locked in the air by an M.P. Pressed onto the hood of a car by the same officer, I reached over and held the hand of my road trip teacher and friend who found herself in a similar situation. This was my first act of civil disobedience and—though alone and frightened—the presence and

acceptance of my fellow activists told me that I had taken the right action.

The entire process consisted of hours of waiting. Alone at one point, I heard a familiar voice reading out loud and I was instantly filled with courage, pride, and peace. Finally, when we were all placed together and sang, talked, and shared a single juice box to quench our thirst, I realized that I, an out lesbian, was a part of a World Cause. I realized that my presence was welcomed and appreciated.

On November 17, 1990 I became a political activist; Baptized in the Truth, confirmed by my right action and made aware by my associate and friend that I too had a responsibility to act upon the knowledge I had received.

I hope that more lesbians and gay men will educate themselves about our government's actions in El Salvador and elsewhere. We need to stand visible amongst our brothers and sisters of the world. And realize that there is no justice for any of us until there is justice for us all.

CORPORATE CRAP

To the Editor:

In recent months, you printed a list of corporations and to whom they donate money.

I wrote to Coca-Cola about their donations, sadly naming the wrong person, but... they categorically deny making ANY political donations. Copy of the letter I received enclosed.

If it's against the law, as they claim, why have you listed them, or any corporation?

Could you check into this? Would you print it loudly and clearly just what is going on? You have resources I do not have access to and I am really puzzled over this denial, especially when I see it in the papers all the time that this or that corporation donated to some politician or other. Is my information terribly wrong?

If your information is incorrect, would you please print a new listing?

Sincerely,
 M. D.

Coke's Dawn Ringo, who wrote to you, is right—it is illegal for corporations to donate directly to political campaigns. What we wrote was that Coke's corporate political action committee had donated to Jesse Helms. According to the Federal Elections Commission, Coke's PAC gave \$2000 to Helms' reelection in the last election cycle. We made repeated calls to Coke's consumer and public information departments to try to get them confirm or deny the FEC's report. Each resulted in our be shuttled to yet another person who never called us back. We'll let you draw your own conclusions.—Ed.

formed statements, in whatever language they appear, concerning lesbians and gay men, whether societally or individually, and to promote positive images and improve public understanding and knowledge of the history, achievements, and contributions of gay men and lesbians;

- Publicize and counter assaults on the safety, status, rights and images of lesbians and gay men in any segment of our society;

- Secure justice and fair treatment for all people regardless of sexual orientation, sex, race, age, creed, national origin, profession, physical capability, or HIV status, and, to further this goal, to work with other groups that face arbitrary discrimination, bigotry and misinformation, toward the common goal of eliminating discrimination and bigotry in our society; and,

- Succeed in securing the aforementioned goals through the use of the principles of non-violent social change as expounded upon by Mahatma Gandhi, Leo Tolstoy, Henry David Thoreau, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

We, therefore, have as our motto: 'Get used to it!' We seek no approval, no excuses, and certainly no hostility.

We are concerned that there is renewed homophobic violence that is thrust upon our community, so we are actively seeking creative non-violent solutions for our community to respond to this threat. Our organization is very interested in working with the Atlanta Police Department in finding positive ways

to secure safety for members of our community.

The above mentioned activities are just the beginning...we hope anyone interested will come to a Queer Nation meeting. We meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Little 5 Points Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

Padraig McManus-McLoughlin

**A THANK YOU
 TO ACT UP**

To the Editor:

On October 28th, approximately 3,000 anti-choice protesters from churches all over the country lined both sides of Peachtree Street in an action called the "Chain for Life", sponsored by the Christian Action Council (CAC) of Falls Church, Virginia, and organized with the cooperation of Operation Rescue. The purpose was to create a media event demonstrating overwhelming public support for the banning of abortion in Georgia. At 2:00 p.m. the protesters emptied out of busses, churches, and private dwellings with the military precision of an invasion force as they took their assigned stations along the sidewalk from Lenox Square to 14th St.

Only minutes after two o'clock, opposition to CAC's finely tuned machine of intimidation began to appear. The Coalition Opposing Operation Rescue (COOR) counter-demonstrated across the street from viewpoint for media attention. A few minutes later the Atlanta Pro-choice Action Committee's (APAC) "Caravan for Choice" began its drive down Peachtree Street. Over forty vehicles, brightly decorated with streamers of green and purple (the APAC colors representing women's choice) and displaying hundreds of pro-choice signs provided the seed for action by area residents and bystanders.

Contributing to the success of the car caravan was support from members of ACT UP. APAC would like to take this opportunity to openly thank ACT UP members for their support in people, vehicles, and materials. APAC would also like to thank ACT UP the organization, as well as its members, for its long standing support of pro-choice issues, proving that ACT UP recognizes, as do we in APAC, that pro-choice issues, women's rights issues and gay rights issues are really branches of one main issue: our right as individuals to control our bodies and lives without interference from government and organized religion.

Larry Dunn
 Vice President, APAC

QUEER PURPOSES

To the Editor:

The membership of Queer Nation/Atlanta asked me to write this letter to express our deep-felt thanks to everyone at *Southern Voice* for your excellent article and editorial coverage of the birth of Queer Nation/Atlanta and our first action.

Many persons within and outside of our wondrous community are, however, perplexed by Queer Nation/Atlanta, for we have not stated publicly our goals and purpose. This problem exists partly because there are 8 other Queer National chapters across the U. S. and each individually controls its own agenda. So, Queer Nation/Atlanta is distinctly Atlantan.

The purpose of Queer Nation/Atlanta is to:

- Promote positive visibility of the gay and lesbian community by confronting and tearing down age old and incorrect stereotypes;
- Identify and respond to public expressions of homophobia and bigoted and misin-



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

a monthly column by KC Wildmoon

A FINAL WORD ON DRAWING THE LINE

"Please do not draw or write on the wall. Instead, put as many comments as you like in the men's comment book.

"While we do think it is important for men and women to have a dialogue on sexual imagery, that is not the purpose of this piece. Maybe in the far future the imbalance of silence and oppression around lesbianism will be redressed, and it will be appropriate for men to express their limits regarding our images. That time is still far away.

"Please respect women's right to a safe space in which to react to what may be

painful, difficult, or extremely personal."

These words to men opened the Kiss and Tell Collective's photo exhibit, "Drawing the Line," at Nexus, a part of *Against the Tide*. You've heard of that exhibit: a series of erotic shots of women, and the comments by women on the wall about drawing the line. The comments were interesting, some frighteningly Helms-like. I expected that.

But the comments in the men's book angered me, hurt me. I was surprised that 2 out of every 5 comments (yes, I counted) were not about the photos at all, but were complaints about not being able to write on the wall. It's true that the book was there for men to write whatever they wanted. I'm not saying they shouldn't have been bitching about that, if it was so damned important for them to be able to write on the wall. It just bothers me that some men still get their fur rankled when someone, especially women, says "No, stay out."

The first comment that hit me was a man who said that "as a man" he wanted to write on the wall, but that he would

"play by your rules." Thanks, fella, for the respect of our safe space, but let me tell you something: This is not a game. We are not "playing."

Lesbian sexuality has long been ignored, or at best trivialized. Women are taught almost from birth that sex is something not to be discussed in "polite" society, that our bodies are shameful, that both our sexuality and our bodies are to be reserved for "our" man when we find him. And subtly, ever so subtly, we are taught that the sole purpose of our sexuality is to keep that man, to create "family." When we consider that one of every three women has been sexually abused, the result is some very warped ideas about sexuality.

We carry those teachings with us into our lesbian relationships too. I don't think it's too much to ask that men, for once in their lives, stay out of our way so that we can cope with something that is painful, difficult, and most definitely extremely personal.

One man wrote: "You're never going to get rid of that 'imbalance' by confining

us to a damn book." Get real, buddy. Our ideas about *our own* sexuality have been shaped by men for centuries. I for one am grateful whenever women stand up and say, Here is a place for us. Let's talk about it amongst ourselves. We've got to do that before we can ever talk about it with men.

I should make clear to you that I do not consider myself a separatist. But sometimes I need separatist space. It's hard enough for me at times to feel safe with women, and at those times it is impossible to feel safe with men—*precisely because of the attitudes expressed in that book.*

I too am "saddened by the sense of separation" articulated by one man, but I am convinced that it is necessary. Men do not, cannot, understand what it is to be a woman, a lesbian, to explore our sexuality. I don't want to know what men think about lesbian sexuality. That's where I draw the line. But I need to know what lesbians think and feel, how we can redress our own wounds, and finally own our place as sexual beings.

COMMUNITY SUCCESS

Dear Editor:

On behalf of IMAGE and SAME I wanted to thank you for *Southern Voice's* co-sponsorship of this year's Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival. I can't adequately convey how much your support meant to the success of the event.

Attendance was quite strong this year. Half of the events were sell-outs which required second screenings—also very well attended. The remaining four events, while not sell-outs, had very solid attendance.

So, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Atlanta gay and lesbian community for its support of the Festival. We have made tremendous strides in just two years—moving from one weekend to two made it possible for us to respond to one of last year's complaints concerning the small size of our theater. We were able to add extra screenings as demand warranted, which meant we didn't have to turn people away this year. And we were also able to bring in one of artists whose work we presented (Ellen Spiro). We could not have made these changes without the enthusias-

tic support of the community.

This year we inaugurated a support structure for individual screenings, and wish to thank Doug Bonner, the EMSA Fund and The Atlanta African Film Society for their generous support of individual events within the Festival.

The Festival is also made possible by those wonderful people who just show up to help—all the SAME staff and volunteers, and especially Wesley South and Michael Moore, who were ever-present when we needed them. We'd also like to express our thanks to Charles St. John, who tirelessly combs film reviews to keep us informed throughout the year about films we should be considering for presentation. Doug Bonner, Chris Walker and Rebecca Ranson worked with IMAGE programmer Shellie Fleming to guide final selections.

In short, this is truly a community event. IMAGE is very proud to be part of this Festival, and even prouder of its success. With the continued support of the community, we look forward to its future growth.

Ruby Lerner
Executive Director
IMAGE Film and Video

FOOT SOLDIER FOLLOWS ORDERS

To the Editor:

Recently several local publications reported on the arrest of two men in Cincinnati for holding hands. I am a native Cincinnati and I felt compelled to get the entire story. How could two men be arrested for holding hands? Could it be true? The answer is yes it is true and it could happen again.

I made some phone calls to Cincinnati and got hold of an attorney associated with Stonewall Cincinnati. He directed me to an attorney who was a co-counselor for the two men at their trial.

The time of the arrest was 9:15 p.m. The policeman was a white man in his middle thirties. The two guys that were arrested are about twenty-five years old. One is black and one is white. The two men were sitting in a parked car in a public park. The white man had recently had a death in his family and the black man, a long-time friend, was consoling him. The policeman was making his rounds in the park. He apparently noticed a can of beer on the dash of the car. According to his police

report he found an open can of beer and two guys sitting close to each other. One guy's hand was on the other's thigh and the other guy had his hand on top of that hand. Their hands were about one foot from the guy's zipper. The policeman arrested them for having an open container of liquor and disorderly conduct, for creating a physically offensive condition.

Before actually placing them under arrest the policeman separated them and grilled the black guy for forty-five minutes with embarrassing questions.

At the trial the judge dismissed the disorderly conduct charge after the policeman testified. The officer testified, over the objection of the defense attorney, that he would have made the same arrest if it had been a heterosexual couple.

After the trial, the policeman apologized to the judge for bringing the case to court. He told the judge he was a foot soldier following orders. Then he, the police officer, walked over to the defense attorney and assured him that he had nothing against gays as long as they did whatever they do at home or in a motel room.

Charles Pique



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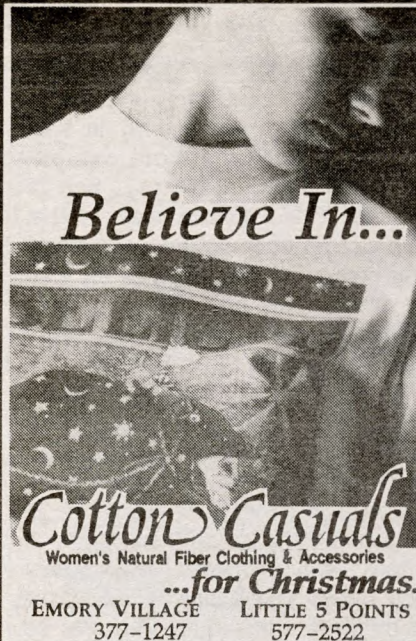
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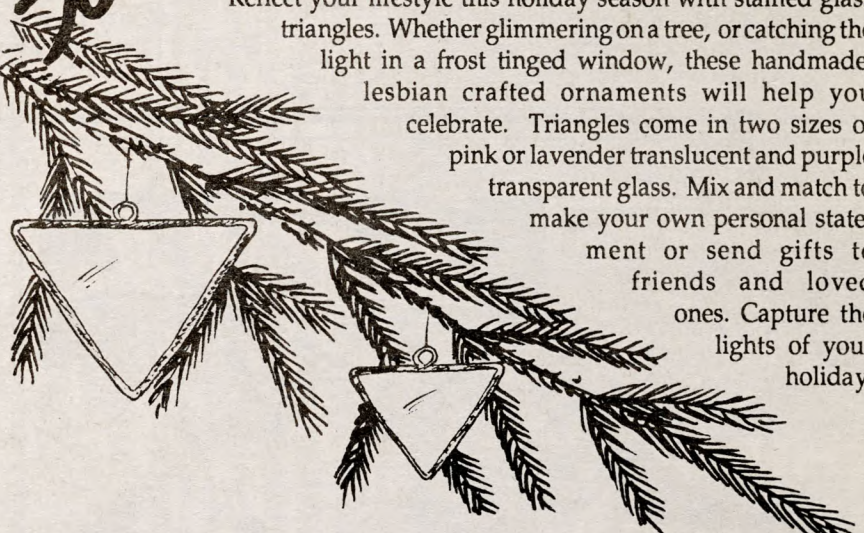
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Significant gains in domestic partnership issues also made in NY, CA and Washington

Washington, DC—Craig Dean and Patrick Gill have been together for five years. Recently they came to the decision that it was time to further solidify their relationship by getting married. Pastor Candace Sultes at the Metropolitan Community Church agreed to perform the ceremony—if they could get a marriage license.

So on Nov. 19, Dean, a 27 year-old attorney, and Gill, 23 and a marketing and sales person for a national corporation, marched upon the District of Columbia marriage license bureau and requested a license.

They got a flat "no," says Dean. "We were told that the bureau does not authorize same-sex marriages."

So Dean went to work researching the law. What he found was that the D.C. marriage code "does not require that two people being married be of opposite sex." And of course the District has one of the most comprehensive human rights ordinances in the country, gays and lesbians are included on most every level.

So on Nov. 26 Dean filed a suit, on behalf of himself and Gill, demanding that D.C. pay the couple \$1.25 million in damages. "Someone has to take the first step," says Dean comparing himself and his lover to civil rights activist Rosa Parks.

The suit asks for \$250,000 in compensatory damages—benefits such as taxes, insurance and medical leave that couple will not receive if they cannot be married—and \$1 million in punitive damages



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Craig Dean and Patrick Gill

for "willful, unlawful and malicious denial of our rights," says Dean. "We thought that was a good amount, that it would definitely get their [D.C. officials] attention."

So far Dean and Gill have not received an official response from the District government. But, says Dean, he has spoken to Mayor-elect Sharon Dixon and she told him that she would support passage of legislation that would clearly make it legal for same-sex couples to marry in D.C.

The case has drawn massive attention in the mainstream media; all the major

TV networks carried the story according to Dean, who adds that the lobby of his DuPont Circle apartment building has been packed with reporters. Most of that response has been very positive he says, "Pat Larson on the CBS morning news sat down and talked with us for quite a while after our interview aired; she was truly interested and supportive."

More news on other domestic partnership issues around the country:

The first known lesbian wedding announcement in a mainstream newspaper ran in the December 3 edition of an Everett, Washington daily. Sally Hudson and Jennifer Quall were married August 5 and requested *The Herald*, circulation 54,000, to announce their partnership. The paper decided to rename its Wedding Book page as the Celebrations page. Publisher Stan Strick told *USA Today*, "We had to grant equal access. It's a lifestyle in our community. We try to reflect what happens here." The decision was a local one; *The Herald's* parent paper *The Washington Post* says it has never had a request to run such an announcement.

A proposed New York City bill would protect unmarried couples. The proposed ordinance would protect heterosexual and homosexual unmarried domestic partners against discrimination and allow official documentation of their relationship. The bill would cover such areas as health benefits, municipal hospital benefits, prison visitation rights and city-owned housing and shelters. The bill

would require unmarried domestic partners to file a statement with the county clerk or to have it notarized in order to publicly declare their partnership. "It's time we realized that these nontraditional families contribute just as much to our society as everybody else," Councilwoman Carolyn Maloney told *The New York Times*.

Despite angry protests, Stanford University continues to stand by its policy to allow gay and lesbian couples to live in campus housing. On-campus opposition has come from the conservative student newspaper *Stanford Review* and from foreign student organizations (such as the Islamic Society of Stanford), whose cultures are hostile to homosexuality. An on-campus poll, however, found 64 percent of students indicated support for the policy. Tom Henning told the *San Francisco Sentinel*, "I'm heartened by the support we've gotten from single people and a lot of married couples. The university has taken a step, a courageous one, and stuck to its guns."

San Jose, Calif. teachers can now claim a "significant other" as a member of the immediate family, sidestepping the arduous process of passing domestic partnership legislation. The change was achieved in labor negotiations between the San Jose teachers and the district Board of Education, reports the *San Francisco Sentinel*. "Significant other" is defined as "two people who have chosen to share one another's lives in a committed relationship of mutual caring." San Jose's teachers do not have to live under the same roof or agree to be responsible for one another's expenses, which is more lenient than in San Francisco's domestic partnership law.

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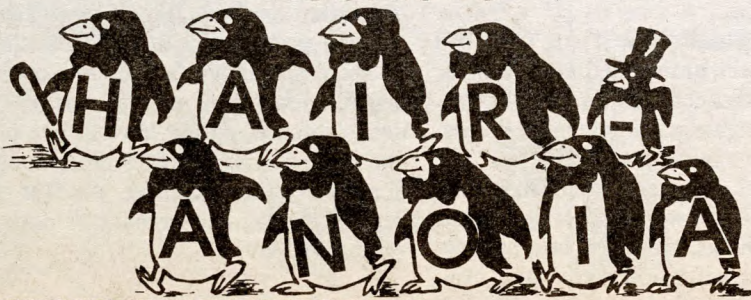
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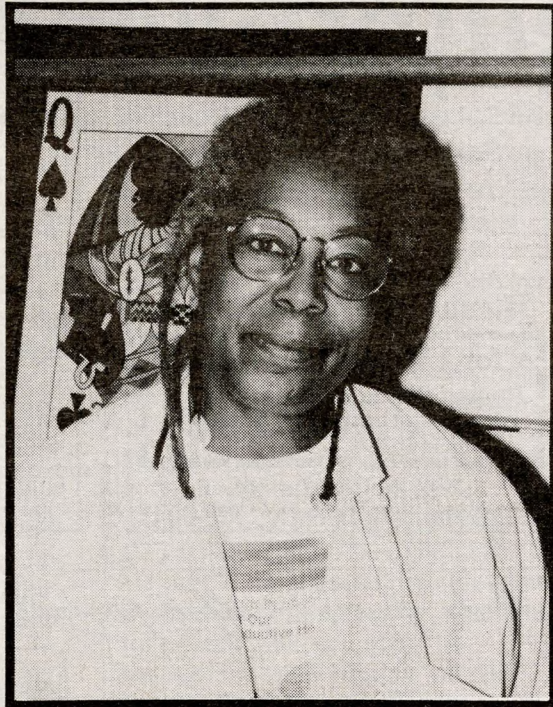
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MARY LU LEWIS: People are her passion

Hearing the name Mary Lu, for some, may bring back memories of the strong-willed black woman next door who was typically named after several matriarchs. Mary Lu Lewis, however named, is nowhere near typical. She is a strikingly handsome, more mature version of Angela Davis—an articulate soft-spoken dynamo who never seems to tire. And this Mary Lu is the national coordinator for the first ever National Lesbian Conference (NLC) to be held in Atlanta, April 24-28, 1991.

In June of 1990, Mary Lu moved here from Grand Rapids, Michigan to head the NLC. With a master's degree in social work from Michigan State University, the majority of her career background has been in the fields of education and social services.

"The move to Atlanta was not a big adjustment for me," she admits. "Working as a board member with the National Black Women's Health Project, I commuted between Atlanta and Grand Rapids regularly."

Amazingly, there has never been a national forum such as this, in which lesbians purposely unite to discuss who they are, perhaps announcing the formation of a national lesbian organization.

"Atlanta will host over 5000 lesbians—50 percent being women of color, 25 percent physically challenged, and 10 percent aged—meeting to form a national agenda."

Issues of concern for the conference, and thus for Mary Lu, include accessibility rights for all lesbians with disabilities, environmental adaptability for women with chemical sensitivities, as well as the continued battle against racism and any other form of oppression.

Unfortunately, there are still some lesbians who are hesitant about attending the conference. "We have had some to voice concern regarding the [Jesse Helms] type mentality that is often associated with Southern cities." Facing opinions such as these makes Mary Lu's job all the more challenging.

Mary Lu acknowledges that the concept of having 50 percent involvement of women of color was appealing. "This inclusion was the catalyst in my applying for the coordinator's position. Being selected though was somewhat of a shock."

As one of only a few staff members for the NLC, Mary Lu has her work cut out for her. "I was in Los Angeles October 27-31 meeting with lesbians trying to

mobilize and generate revenues for the conference. We have got to make it known that fund raising efforts are still very much needed."

One fund raiser being promoted is called *Dollar-A-Dyke*. With over ten million lesbians throughout the country (who collectively control over 100 billion dollars) contributing only one dollar each, funds generated would support the conference for the next five years.

Another program put to use is, *Brothers for Sisters*. Many gay men's organizations deal with the some of the same issues that affect lesbians. Many have expressed interest in supporting the NLC. Gay men are being called upon to contribute and support their lesbian sisters attending the conference.

With Atlanta hosting several major events in the next few years, it seems only apropos that the National Lesbian Conference be held here. "Atlanta was one of various cities we looked at for the conference. The deciding factor however, was that its convention bureau was the most receptive. The city is willing to meet our accessibility requests. Moreover, Atlanta has a strong base of women interested in being actively involved."

During those rare times when she is not working with the NLC, Mary Lu enjoys watching people. "People are my passion. I love to watch the things they do, listen to what they say. Recently, I had a chance to see the 'Against the Tide' exhibit. There were several pieces by an Asian artist, Gaye Chan, that I enjoyed." Other than delighting in 'social observations,' Mary Lu confesses to creating more than a little excitement at the whist table, "I play a mean hand."

When asked if she is currently in a relationship, Mary Lu simply smiles. These days meetings, workshops, and fund raisers are her major priorities. "Eventually, I'd like to move to Belize. It would be nice living in a country where people of color are the ruling majority. One of my most empowering experiences was visiting Ghana. It struck something in my soul. It was wonderful, I would like to feel that again."

Whatever it is that Mary Lu Lewis decides to do after the conference, it obvious that now she is a potent force in getting the message out that, as one sign in the NLC headquarters reads, **THE LESBIANS ARE COMING!!**

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Experiencing The Flirtations is like stumbling upon a family of otters at recess. Playfulness is obviously important to them as they do things that vocally tiptoe up behind you and tickle you in the ribs. This, however, is only half of the story.

On the jacket of their cassette, they list, anonymously, facts about members of the group which, to me, speaks of the importance they place on group solidarity. A few of these facts are: "One of us had the same lover for eight years; One of us

coached high school wrestling; One of us has never seen a porno film; One of us took his boyfriend to the high school prom; One of us has smuggled AIDS drugs into the country; One of us was fag-bashed with a 2 x 4. And two of us have AIDS."

Individually, The Flirtations are Jon Arterton, Michael Callen, Aurelio Font, TJ Myers, and Cliff Townsend. All of them are politically active in word and deed. In fact, the group was originally formed to perform at political rallies.

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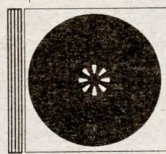
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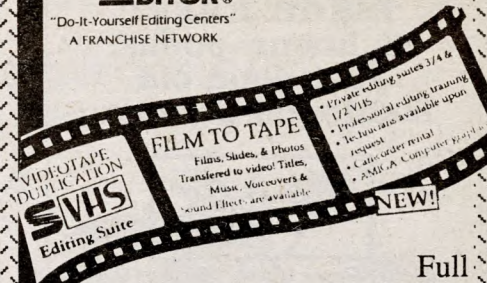
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A Quartet of Holiday Performances

by Dave Hayward

Atlanta's holiday theatrical fare isn't just for nuclear families this year; four performances with unique appeal to gays and lesbians show that the season and producers can embrace all of us.

SAME's Gay Holiday Cabaret leaves no doubt what it's about. "We show how gays and lesbians spend the holidays and get over this very heterosexist institution called Christmas" declares playwright Jeff Shanks.

To this end Shanks has revised familiar lyrics, so that "Chestnuts Roasting On an Open Fire" becomes a hymn to how "a person's parents can really mess them up if they're gay." Meanwhile the holiday can breed strange bed fellows, as in "Christmas At the Cove." And "Take Me Back to Toyland" becomes not only a haven for the child within, but also a sanctuary from AIDS.

But generally the mood here is one of gaiety as grande dame Mimi Beverly Shondar Devon (Sally Robertson) hustles you into a nightclub with a revolving disco ball, cabaret tables, and fawning waitrons, all in a transformed annex of the Little Five Points Community Center. "Mimi is larger than life, thinks she is extremely sexy and is the greatest" Shanks laughs.

Holiday's other denizens include the "ultimate gay nerd" Tanda Doo Pwee (Actors Express' David Crowe), an "Italian-Greek sex god in polyester plaid" (puppeteer Charles Smith), and Beatrice (Lenny Lasater), "the butch contingent lesbian activist to the point of nausea."

Gay Holiday Cabaret plays Thurs-Sun, Dec. 6-16, at 8pm in the LSP Community Center. Tickets are available at Charis Books and E.D.'s Gourmet Records. Call 584-2104 for information and reservations.

Ferron is Coming! Ferron is Coming! OK, it's not a Holiday show, but people should be in the streets screaming about it, signs should be up all over town, rock, folk and country radio should be announcing it every

hour on the hour. Of course there are no such proclamations. But then genius is seldom realized while the genius is alive, especially if the genius is a woman—and a lesbian at that.

Who's Ferron? Listen to this from the title cut from her new album, "Phantom Center: *Round and Round the spirit tumbles/With half a chance it still believes/That cities fall but minds don't follow/And goodness hides up someone's sleeve.*"

Ferron is a Canadian-born songwriter (and an out lesbian) whose 1985 album, "Shadows on a Dime", was given four stars by *Rolling Stone* and picked as one of the best albums of the year by *The Boston Globe*. There were comparisons to Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen. Wrong. Blake maybe, Yeats maybe. Ferron is a Poet, not a folk-rock poet.

"Phantom Center" is no letdown from "Shadows." If perfection can be improved, it's even better. Because not only has Ferron mastered the words and the images, this time around she's mastered the music. It matches and opposes the lyrics so there is always a surprise and that surprise always fits just right.

Rumor is that Ferron's performing presence is as big as her music. This I gotta see!

Ferron will perform at 8p.m. on Sat., Dec. 8 at the Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid Ave. Tickets are available at all TicketMaster locations including Turtles and the Variety Box Office. Call 524-7354 for more info.

Truman's Delectable Fruitcake. "Everyone becomes like a child and Tommy reads to them" smiles Tom Key of his Alliance Studio Theatre presentation of Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory* and *The Thanksgiving Visitor*. Of course Capote's work relates directly to gays and lesbians, especially that sense of difference that bonds funny little Buddy (Capote) with his eccentric Aunt Sook. Readers may fondly remember the piping narration of Capote to the winsome acting of Geraldine Page in the TV versions

of both stories, a legacy to these late talents.

In *The Thanksgiving Visitor* Capote contends with the schoolyard bully Odd who beats him up. Key recalls "At one point Buddy asks Odd, 'Why are you doing this to me?' and Odd says 'Because you're different and I'm trying to straighten you out.' And Capote realizes he is different, and 'There was nothing I could do but accept and defend the fact.'"

Key describes *A Christmas Memory* as more sentimental and funny in a poignant way, detailing elaborate preparations like hiking miles into the woods for the exact tree. "The way Capote describes it, the making of the fruitcake is so delectable no video could capture it!" Key chortles, anticipating the splendors of the staged reading he's done for 17 years. What he cherishes is the 1984 note from the author's publisher, Random House: "P.S. Mr. Capote is pleased to give you permission to do this."

Key's readings of *The Thanksgiving Visitor* and *A Christmas Memory* run through Dec. 23 at the Alliance Studio Theatre. Call 892-2414 for ticket info.

Lezbo a-Go-Go. She's loud. She's vulgar. She's very very funny. And she can sing. Lord, can she sing. Best of all she is unabashedly Queer.

Yes, it's Lea Delaria, the original Bull Dyke in a China Shop. Maybe you've seen her in Atlanta before: most recently she emceed the Sodomy Demo back in January. Or maybe you saw her last year with Kelly Edwards and Richard Weinstock in "Girl Friday—we're funny that way" (who could forget Lea's entrance: as a very pregnant Mary on Christmas Eve, Edwards' Joseph in tow, looking for a place to stay the night from fagele innkeeper Weinstock?).

Lea and Kelly Edwards were also in Atlanta in 1988 with the highly acclaimed "Dos Lesbos, a musical by for and about perverts." And she's been seen regularly at women's music festivals for years, most recently



ARIEL JONES

Believe it! Lea Delaria in a dress.

performing an abbreviated version of her new one-lesbian show at RhythmFest.

It's that new show, "Lezbo a-Go-Go," that she's bringing to town on Saturday, December 15, at the Variety Playhouse. You won't want to miss it. Why, just to see Lea in that dress (see photo) is worth the price of admission alone.

Lea appears for one show only on Sat., Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. at The Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid Ave. in Little Five Points. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door the day of the show. Show information: 524-7354; To charge tickets: 249-6400.

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CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI ARTISTS. Thru Dec. 29. The artistic subconscious of an ancient people is reflected in these works by artists from the Israel of today. At BurnNoff Gallery, Clear Creek Center, 875-3475.

ANDY WARHOL'S CELEBRITIES. Thru Jan. 6, 1991. 45 lithograph portraits of everyone from James Dean to Einstein. An exclusive show to be seen only in Atlanta. Where else would you find Mickey Mouse, Mick Jagger and Santa Claus on the same bill? At the High Museum; 892-HIGH for information.

POSTER ART OF THE SOVIET UNION. Thru Feb 8. 80 contemporary post-glasnost posters reflect the changing Soviet scene as propaganda is packaged for public consumption. At the High Museum at Georgia Pacific Center and Schatten Gallery of Emory University. 577-6940 and 727-6861.

THE JOHN L. JACOBS JAPANESE PORCELAIN COLLECTION. Thru Feb. 24. Ceramics dating back to the 1600's provide a remarkable look at the originals that became the yardstick of porcelain perfection. In the High Museum. For more info, call 892-HIGH.

REVERED EARTH. Mon. Dec. 3-Jan. 11. Art for Earth's sake is reflected in this collection of 20 artists whose focus goes beyond the canvas into the very fabric of life. At the Atlanta College of Art Gallery and Nexus Gallery; call 898-1157 and 688-2500 for details.

Fundraisers

NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE BENEFIT WITH FUNNY THAT WAY. Dec. 7, 9:00 pm. Laugh a lot for a good cause with the nation's only gay and lesbian improv comedy troupe. They make "Saturday Night Live" look dead. Tower Lounge, 735 Ralph McGill, 875-5463, \$4 cover.

A CELEBRATION OF HOPE 1990. Sun. Dec. 9, 2-8pm. Join us in a day of celebration and fellowship. Bless the tie that binds. A special healing mass will be celebrated at 4 pm. The \$5 admission will benefit the Shrine's Tuesday night Dinners for PWAs. At the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 48 MLK, Jr. Dr. Cal Thomas Williams at 262-3727 for more info.

HOPE IN HARMONY. Fri.-Sun, Dec 14-15 8pm, Dec 16, 3pm. 30 vocalists and a full orchestra combine to produce beautiful music and help raise money for PWAs. A \$5 donation will give your ears a treat and lift your spirits in this joyous holiday celebration of hope, light and life. Fri. & Sat. at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 48 MLK Jr. Dr.; Sunday at First MCC, 800 N. Highland. Call Ed Gibbs, 627-1191.

ANGELA'S BIRTHDAY BENEFITS THE E CONGREGATION. Sat., Dec 15, 8pm. Angela sings and turns 30 simultaneously. Joining her will be Dede Vogt and other special guests. \$7 admission benefits the good works of the First Existentialist Congregation. First E Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr.

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QUEER NATION. Meets Mon. Dec 10 at 7pm. Just the ticket for lesbians and gay men who are tired of talk and want to take some action. A Midtown Christmas Caroling action is tentatively planned for Dec. 23. See calendar next issue for details. Call 286-7476 for info. At the Little 5 Points Community Center, Euclid & Austin.

GLAAD/ATLANTA. Mon. Jan 7; 7pm. Atlanta's Chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is in its formative stages. Come and find out how you can combat public expressions of homophobia. At the Peachtree Branch Library, across from the High Museum. Call 286-7476 for info.

Events

SHIRLENE HOLMES, POET. Thurs., Dec. 6 at 7:30pm. The "sum of one African/American woman's quest for self" is explored as Shirlene reads from her fiction and poetry. Charis Books, 419 Moreland, 524-0304.

HOLIDAY DANCE. Fri. Dec. 7. A Fourth Tuesday toe-tapping extravaganza. Get out your glad rags and dust off your high heeled sneakers for an evening of dancing and good food. At Colony Square Hotel, call 662-6868 for reservations.

Music

CHRISTMAS WITH ROBERT SHAW. Weds., Dec 5-Dec. 8. ASO Chorus, Morehouse College Glee Club and the Young Singers of Callanwolde join with the Symphony Orchestra to lift our hearts with song. Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center. 892-2414 for ticket info.

CAROLS, TOYS AND SUGAR PLUM FAIRIES. Sat. Dec. 8, 8pm. The Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus presents its annual holiday bash under the direction of Jeffrey McIntyre. At Southside High, 801 Glenwood Ave. Tickets at Back Alley Video, The Boy Next Door and Charis Books. 458-8747 for info.

FERRON. Sat., Dec. 8, 8 pm. Canadian folk singer in a rare Atlanta appearance, her strong voice reaches even the back row with sweet music. Tickets \$12 in advance from Ticketmasters or at Variety Playhouse. Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid Ave. 524-7354.

ATLANTA BACH CHOIR. Sun. Dec 9, 4pm. Choral voices blend with a chamber orchestra as some of Bach's best stuff is featured in this really oldie but goodie presentation. At Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, 1026 Ponce de Leon. For info call 872-BACH.

CAROLINE AIKEN. Sun., Mon., Dec 9, 10 at 8:30pm. Cappuccino and Caroline, who could ask for anything more? At the Oxford Acoustic Cafe, 360 Pharr Rd., 262-3333 for info.

VALERIE KASSEL JR. & VENUS ENVY. Thurs. Dec 13, 20 at 8:30pm. Celebrate the season with Atlanta's scintillating mistress of swing and the smooth as silk Venus Envy—all in one night! \$8 at Upstairs at Gene & Gabes, 1578 Piedmont, 874-6145 for reservations and info.

DECEMBER 19

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ANDREW RAMER IN ATLANTA. Mon. Dec 10-Sat. Dec 15. Author, healer, artist and musician Andrew Ramer will be in Atlanta doing a series of readings and workshops of interest to all, especially gay men. Several of the events are free, there is a charge for others. Call John Stowe at 373-0111 for particulars.

CHANUKKAH & LATKE PARTY. Sun. Dec. 16, 5pm. Cook and eat lots of latkes and light the menorah to celebrate the season of lights. At Atlanta AIDS Interfaith Network, 1053 Juniper St. Call 642-3467 for info and directions.

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FRONT RUNNERS. Weds. Dec. 5, 12, 19 at 6:30pm in Piedmont Park. Also every Saturday 9am at the Chattahoochee River off Powers Ferry Rd. Call Shelton Haynie (622-0739) or Lynn Patterson (438-1421) for info.

Theatre

GAY HOLIDAZE CABARET. Thurs. Dec. 6-Dec 16, Thurs-Sun at 8pm. A night of comedy,

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LEZBO A-GO GO. Sat. Dec. 15, 8pm. Lea Delaria, bulldyke in a china shop, presents her new one woman show with costumes, songs and hard hitting humor. The sight of her in a satin evening gown is well worth the price of admission. It is the stuff nightmares are made of. At Variety Playhouse. Tickets at TicketMaster, 249-6400 & Variety box office. Info, call 524-7354.

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS. Thru. Dec 22. Mountain music and tales highlight this evening of family entertainment for those who need a reminder that there's more to Christmas than the lighting of the Rich's tree. At the Theatrical Outfit, 872-0665.

A CHRISTMAS MEMORY. Thru 23. Tom Key's exquisite reading of Truman Capote's most touching work is a holiday must-see for anyone who grew up feeling different. Also on the bill, The Thanksgiving Visitor demonstrates that it's sometimes most effective to kill your enemies with kindness. At the Alliance Studio Theatre. 892-2414.

THE GIFT OF THE MAGI. Fri. Dec. 7-30, 8pm. A musical adaptation of O. Henry's classic story. Sometimes it pays to tell other people what you plan to give them for Christmas. At Actors Express, 221-0831 for reservations.

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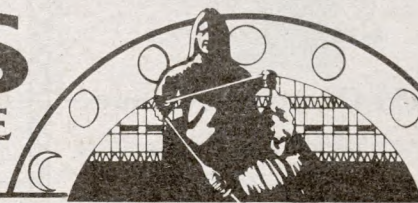
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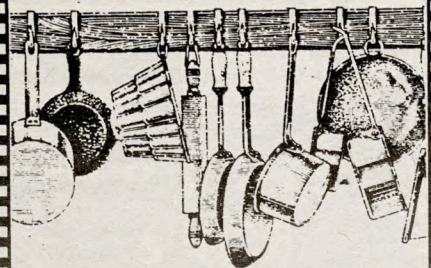
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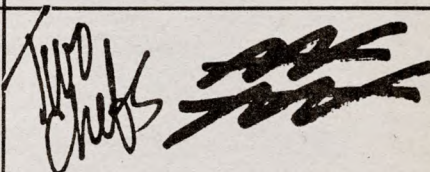
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Men, Women Met at Different Spots

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In the fall of 1988, Partners, a newsletter for lesbian and gay couples, undertook a major survey to develop an accurate portrait of lesbian and gay couples in America. The information seemed vitally important, given the major forces shaping the gay and lesbian community.

Southern Voice is pleased to be able to reprint the results of that survey in this and subsequent issues.

Lesbian couples were likely to have met under different circumstances than those common for gay male couples. Lesbian couples most often met through friends or at work, while male couples met at bars more often than any other way.

More than one in five of the lesbian couples met at work, while only 7% of the men did. Male couples were far more likely to have met through anonymous or sexually charged arenas, such as bars, baths, cruising, classified ads, or parks/public spaces.

Friends, an enduring source of introductions, were responsible for the meetings of 28% of the lesbian couples and 19% of the men.

Where female couples met

Friends	28%
Work	21
Social event	16
School*	9
Bar	4
Religious event	4
Political event	4
Support group	3
Park/public space*	2
Classified ad	2

Baths/cruising*	<1
Other	5

(*write-in response)

Where male couples met

Bar	22%
Friends	19
Social event	13
Religious event	7
Work	7
Park/public space*	6
Classified ad	6
Baths/cruising*	5
Political event	4
School*	3
Support group*	2
Other	6

(*write-in response)

Male meeting ground shifts

While 22% of the men met in a bar, the venue is becoming less prominent as a meeting spot. The newer the relationship, the more likely male couples had met at a social event instead.

Gender differences profound regarding sex

Nothing appeared to distinguish the lesbian couples from the gay male couples more than their sexual agreements. Female respondents heavily favored exclusive sexual relationships. While monogamy also was the preferred mode for male couples, the men made far more exceptions, and one in ten practiced non-monogamy.

The male couples also had more sex together, but the female couples enjoyed their sex much more.

Sexual agreements	women	men
Monogamy	91%	63%
Monogamy with agreed exceptions	7	26
Non-monogamy	3	11

The term monogamy properly refers to individuals who marry only one person (as opposed to polygamy). However, the term is widely used to connote exclusive sexual relationships, and this survey adopted the term in that context.

While the category "monogamy with agreed exceptions" is technically contradictory, it handily accounts for those relationships that are not entirely open, but which allow for outside sexual contact under special circumstances. For instance, couples may permit or encourage outside sex with selected individuals or during extended absences.

How often monogamous respondents broke sexual agreements

	women	men
Never	90%	63%
Rarely	8	28
Sometimes	1	8
Often	<1	2

Of the partners who broke their agreements, 24% were monogamous with agreed exceptions.

Agreement-breaking respondents were more likely to argue, to suffer abusive behavior, and to give their relationship lower quality ratings to sexual interaction with their partner.

Long-term partners were more likely to have broken their agreements. On the other hand, partners with children broke

them less often.

How often partners of monogamous respondents admitted to breaking sexual agreements

	women	men
Never	93%	73%
Rarely	7	21
Sometimes	<1	6
Often	<1	<1

Of the respondents who listed sex as a relationship challenge, 46% said they or their partners had broken their agreements regarding sexual exclusivity.

Frequency of sex with partner per month

	women	men
None	3%	6%
1 time	15	5
2 times	12	8
3 times	10	5
4 times	15	10
5-9 times	19	27
10-15 times	14	25
16 or more times	11	15
Average frequency	7.1	10.1
Median frequency	4	8

Male couples had sex 10 times per month on average, while lesbians averaged seven times. However, these figures were boosted by the 21 percent of men and 14 percent of women who averaged sex at least every other day. Most active were couples together one year or less, who had sex about twice as often as the average couple.

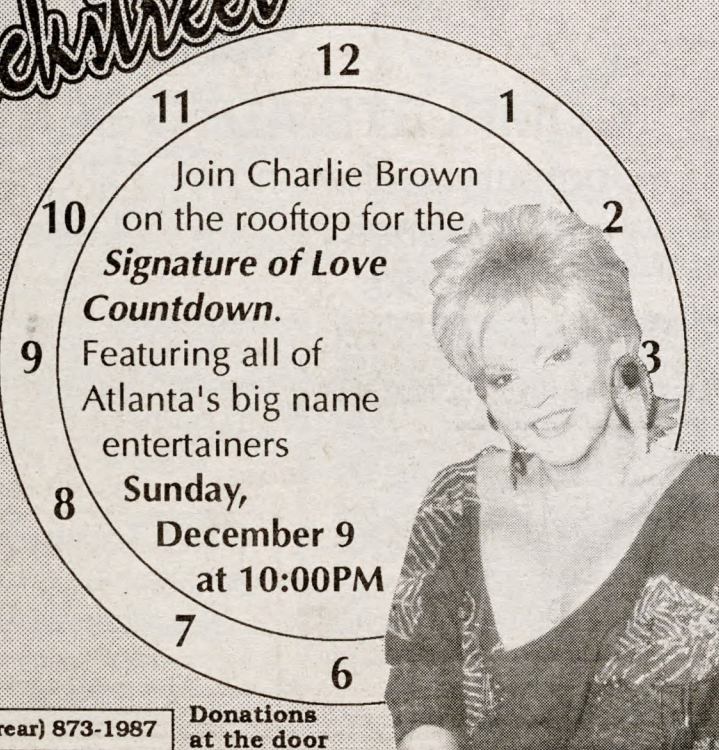
But half of all the gay male couples had sex no more than twice a week, and about half the lesbian couples had sex no more than weekly.

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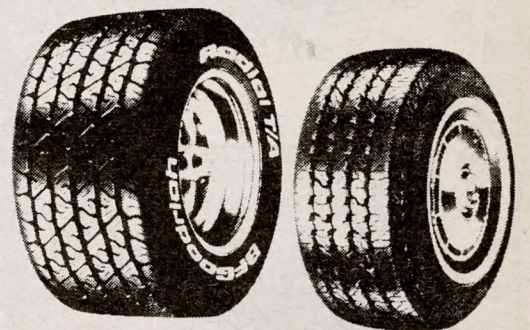
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Celebrating the Season

Five looks at the many ways lesbians and gays celebrate December's many holidays

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wouldn't make a difference how much I looked the part. Fact is, I'm not the part.

So the lesson is this: When you abandon the culture that gives you your identity, you lose that identity. I'm a Lesbian, I'm becoming Jewish, and I'm going to think about this, and be thankful for it, as I light the candles on my menorah.

— KC Wildmoon

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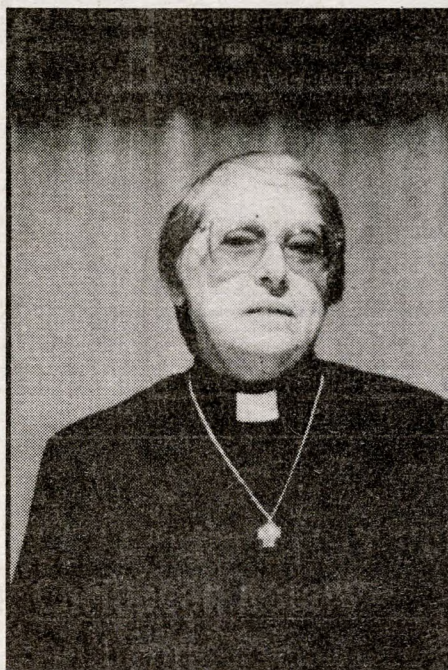
The Biblical Promise Finally Began to Make Sense

I grew up in New York City during the Great Depression, so Christmas was often meager, but always as special as my folks could make it. My father orchestrated the event, making certain that what we lacked in worldly goods was made up by a sense of magic. He and my stepmother would stay up way into Christmas morning in order to surprise us with a fully decorated tree, wrapped presents, and a special Christmas breakfast. Our lives didn't center around things but more around the Christmas services at the big church downtown where he was assistant pastor, and the simple home-made signs of love.

When I had my own children, I tried to recreate that kind of family Christmas, sometimes with more success than at others. As a single parent it wasn't always easy. The year Jon was born our Christmas tree was two cast-off trees (unsalable because they were both flat on one side) which I had picked up after the lots were all closed Christmas Eve, wired together, and decorated. The boys, bless them, never saw the wires!

Then there was the year of the divorce, when my ex-husband turned off the gas and lights on the coldest night of the year. We would have had only a few five-and-dime store toys, had it not been for a friend who put together his teenaged sons no-longer-played-with tracks and cars, and mounted them on a board which fit under the boys' bunk beds. Little did he know that it was probably the best toy the boys had ever had. My daughter called the other day to tell me that she, too, remembered only the magic.

Probably my worst Christmas was the year the kids were teenagers, and all three were spending the day with friends. I was alone and headed for the Village, hoping that at least at my favorite bar I would find some others alone like myself. When I got there, the door was padlocked to give the employees time off on this special day. I cannot remember ever feeling lonelier. It was very hard that year to mouth the old platitudes, or even to tell myself that Christmas, after all, is for the children.



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Rev. Marge Ragona

As the years passed, I became a fairly well-known gay activist in New York and Boston, and pastored a number of MCCs around the country. I made it a point to always open my home to those who might have been as lonely as I had been, and often found myself trying to put into words what Christmas really means.

For me, that true meaning came only after I had become a gay activist and MCC pastor, for then the Biblical promise finally began to make sense.

What this day celebrates is the incarnation among us of One whose mission was "to preach the good news to the poor, to proclaim release to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty all those who are oppressed..." It was only when I became aware of my own oppression that I understood the true meaning of Christmas, and why that One was revealed to ritually unclean shepherds, to an unmarried peasant woman who would become "the oteka—the God-bearer," or to astronomers who didn't even believe in that God; primarily to those outside the accepted norms.

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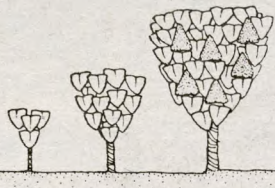
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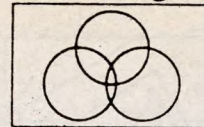
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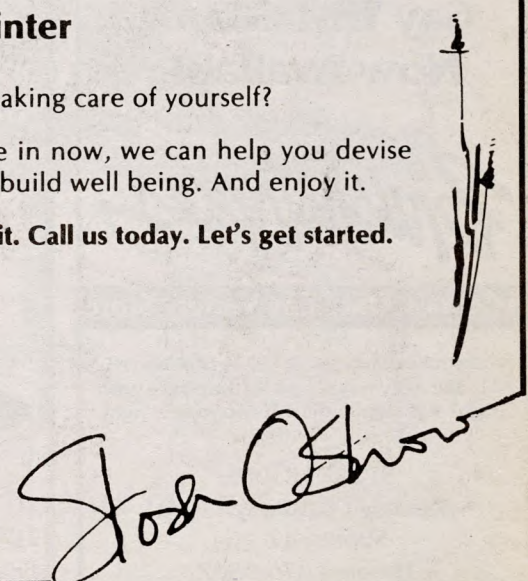
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Ratner's *The Other Side of the Family* and Kominars' *Accepting Ourselves* Sensitive, Honest Approaches to Recovery

If the season of stress and strain has you ready to snap, read on.

by Cynthia Moore

In *The Other Side of the Family, A Book for Recovery from Abuse, Incest, and Neglect*, Ellen Ratner strips the ambiguity from recovery. She discards the label of codependence, saying, "I don't believe in it. It's not that I don't think there is such a thing, whatever codependence is. It's just so broad." For specificity, she opts for, of all standards, the government's. Skeptical? Check out Appendix 1 of the book which offers definitions for abuse and neglect. They may sit better with you than you suspect. Ratner's approach is sensitive without the hype.

She says she understands the temptation to conclude from messages the media sends us that none of us has escaped abuse. She suggests we all try to be aware of the abuser in ourselves rather than view it from the outside, with distance and blame.

"We live in a dysfunctional society. But abuse has a clear definition." She distinguishes between a parent who may send hurtful messages on occasion within a reasonable context (i.e. unusual stress) and a chronically and constantly verbally abusive parent. "One thing I discuss (in the book) in terms of self esteem is that people who have been abused often lack a sense of context." She says an abused person may not be able to understand the circumstances surrounding another person's losing control.

In the first chapter of this recovery manual, she explains her belief that addiction precludes recovery: "It is necessary to get help for any addiction before beginning to work through abuse." She says every addiction is an addiction to the process of mood change itself. If you are addicted to cigarettes, for example, and you are experiencing an unusually chaotic afternoon, you may poke a smoke to fill in those potholes for a smoother ride home. If so, you're just not quite ready for recovery, says Ratner. She suggests Twelve-Step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous or similar organizations to help you deal with addictive problems.

Her 317-page book is crammed with information, statistics, and gentle guidance

through exercises that explore some potentially painful memories and feelings. Beware: lots of blank spaces lie ahead. Ratner says you may feel you can work through parts of your recovery alone. Or you may incorporate friends, loved ones, or a professional into the process.

Ratner is a lesbian with an impressive resume. She is a founder of the Pride Institute, the first chemical dependency treatment facility for lesbians and gay men; she is inherently involved in the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation; she is vice president of Research Services for Addiction Recovery Corp. of Rockville, MD; she holds a master of Education degree from Harvard University; and she has worked in mental health and substance abuse for the past 16 years.

Though *The Other Side of the Family* is not a book specifically designed for lesbians and gay men, the author's openness about her own sexuality may prove comforting. "I don't advertise myself as a lesbian when I do radio shows. I purposely do that so I have the opportunity . . . to just hit them right on the head with it. Then they'll think they're hearing from an expert, and maybe they'll shut up and leave their kid alone."

"Their kid" may be someone who, throughout his or her life, has had to deal with the double whammy of shame: the shame associated with being gay or lesbian and the shame of having been abused. Ratner says, "The gay person is bathed in shame."

"Be sure you aren't in an abusive relationship right now that continues those feelings," she cautions.

"It's not that there is more abuse in the gay community, but that there's such a lack of resources for gay men and lesbians who have experienced abuse, and the lack of community support. What happens is that 80.8 percent of all child abuse is done by a parent, and when you add to that all the internalized homophobia in the family, for a gay person, it's a mess."

Ratner does not believe any correlation exists between being abused and being homosexual. "I do not believe that gay and



Ellen Ratner

lesbian people come from more dysfunctional families." Nor does she believe that the identity of the abuser relates to the choice of the sex of the abused person's partner. "Believe me, if they could show that boys or girls turned out to be homosexual because they were abused, the government would have found a way to show it. There's no way they can show that." She vehemently adheres to the idea that "we're gay people because of our genetics, not so much our learning theory. I believe that I was born gay."

Ratner, who was not abused as a child, says she is sometimes forced to face her own internalized homophobia, her own shame, "because it's so prevalent in our society." She tells of a call she received several years ago from someone she had worked with when she was 17 years old. In filling in the caller about her life, Ratner began talking about the Pride Institute. Dial tone. The old friend simply hung up the phone. Ratner says it took even her a couple of days to rebound. "Gay people who were abused have a double mission—not only to overcome internalized

homophobia but also the experience of being abused."

Toward the end of the book, she speaks about forgiveness and spirituality. "I believe people can only recover from abuse by giving to other people. Connecting with other people is not something this society values." She says she sees a sense of community evolving from the AIDS crisis. "In some respects we have built a helping, healing community because of AIDS."

"My view of recovery is to claim, to take back. You can't get back your childhood, but you can get back yourself, a sense of self-esteem, a sense of running your own life, and a sense of direction."

In our culture of options where addictions are seen by some as trendy, where people ditch old friends for similarly addicted, mistreated, or recovering ones, within the elusive whirlwind of self-help, around the confusing spiral of therapy, *The Other Side of the Family* offers a no-frills, straightforward, self-customized starting point for the self-exploration that can begin recovery.



Another, less task oriented look at the journey into recovery, *Accepting Ourselves: The Twelve Step Journey of Recovery from Addiction for Gay Men and Lesbians* by Sheppard B. Kominars, Ph.D. may be the best \$8.95 investment going.

Like Ratner, Kominars is gay. And like the effusive lesbian, he is clear that lesbians and gay men have a tough row to hoe when it comes to dealing with addiction: "For gay men and women there is a double dose of despair to swallow" when dealing with how our addictions and societal censure force us into a life of secrecy and denial.

Kominars' style is smooth, gentle and never sexist—by the time they are a couple of chapters into this book, women may well forget that a man is doing the writing.

Like the groundbreaking *Loving Someone Gay*, Kominars' *Accepting Ourselves* is an appropriate read not only for gay men and lesbians who are dealing with addictions, but also for their friends, families and lovers.

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Quote of the Month: "Heterosexuality is just a hunch, an agreement so 'natural and normal' that it must be relentlessly bolstered by buildings and rules and mores. We cannot take it so seriously. The seriousness of our belief makes it real."—Lesbian humorist Kate Clinton at NGLTF's Creating Change Conference in Minneapolis.

Ad of the Week: A four-color double-truck in last week's *NY Times Magazine* sports a picture of a tan and humpy man amidst many much-disheveled bed clothes. He is on the phone with the person who most recently left that bed. Part of their conversation: "I miss you already." "You're going to miss something else. Have you looked in the bathroom yet?" "Why?" "I took your bottle of Paco Rabanne cologne." "What on earth are you going to do with it...give it to a secret lover you've got stashed away in San Francisco?" "I'm going to take some and rub it on my body when I go to bed tonight. And then I'm going to remember every little thing about you...and last night." "Do you know what your voice is doing to me?" There's more, but Dish is too distracted to continue right now.

Birthday Bash: Dish offers most hearty 3rd Anniversary congratulations and thanks to the wonderful folks who produce the Tuesday Night Dinners at The Shrine. The very first such dinner—for persons living with AIDS, their friends and loved ones—was held three years ago; 18 folks attended. Soon the word spread and Fr. Alan Dillman and his staff of loving volunteers were serving 120-150 meals every Tuesday. Sometimes there's entertainment—from string quartets to comics to choruses; always there are flowers and candles on the linen covered tables along with an abundance of fun fellowship and good food. The volunteers are from the lesbian and gay community and from the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception's congregation. If you would like to join them call Fr. Dillman at 521-1866.



Who's on Top?: Dish had made the decision to keep our lips zipped about the fact that Madonna's latest squeeze—Tony Ward, he of the major pillow pecs—appeared more than once, sans clothes and at least semi-aroused—in the pages of *In Touch* magazine back in '85. (Try issue 101 for a closer look.) How Mr. Ward chose to pose *then* and how he chooses to pose *now* are indeed none of our business. But along comes MTV with word that they intend not to air Miss Virgin Material Blonde Bisexual Immaculate Ambition's latest video, "Justify My Love." It shows, gasp, "two women kissing"—one of them Madonna. And "two men snuggling"

(in bed)—one of them Mr. Ward. And mild sado-masochism. Now what Dish wants to know is who does Madonna kiss? And with whom does the toothsome Mr. Ward snuggle? And who's on top in the S&M?

No Smooching in Thatcher (Major) Land: Just in case you thought the brouhaha about same sex smooching at Jock's 'n' Jill's a few weeks ago was scary, listen up to this from the *Windy City Times*: Same sex kissing is illegal in Great Britain if and only if those who observe such osculatory activity become somehow scandalized. Britain's Bobbies are empowered to make the determination of when such behavior actually is offensive. About 400 members of Outrage—think of them as a Brit Queer Nation—demonstrated against this stupidity in September—in Piccadilly Circus, beneath the statue of Eros. Scandalized by the demo, Member of Parliament Sir John Stokes told police, "If people have these habits they should indulge them in private." Like in a gay bar, John? Guess again. In response to fear of persecution from the cops the owner of one of London's largest gay pubs has banned kissing. And hugging.

Extortion and the Capitalist Tool: George Warnock of the Bronx has pleaded guilty to attempting to extort thirty grand from (the late closet leather queen) Malcolm Forbes in return for withholding potentially damaging personal info about the infamous crier of capitalism—this all in August '89 before Mr. Forbes left this earthly scene. Back in March George told the *Globe* that Forbes had paid him \$200 a night to act as a "bodyguard." But nowhere is Dish able to discover the answer to the most important question in all this: Did Malcolm and George ever get it on aboard Malcolm's private jet, the Capitalist Tool? (Cross our homoheart, that really is what Ms. Taylor's well-heeled escort called his plane. Honest.)

December 6 - December 19

RULING PLANETS

by Mary Bailey-Rule

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Happy Birthday Sagittarians! Mars is retrograde in Gemini, Jupiter is retrograde in Leo and Mercury appears to turn back on Dec. 14. Hanukkah falls on the 12th and the New Moon is on the 16th.

ARIES—Mars is still retrograde in your 3rd house of communications and transportation, but moves back into your 2nd house of income and financial resources on the 14th, so be careful about holiday spending. Get plenty of rest.



TAURUS—With Jupiter now retrograde in your 4th house of home and family, you may want to have a more traditional holiday or spend more time with your family of origin. Also a good time to start new traditions for yourself.



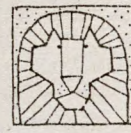
GEMINI—As Mars moves backward through your 1st house and enters your 12th house of the higher self, pay more attention to your dreams, intuition and instincts. Also eat good foods, exercise and get to bed before midnight.



CANCER—Venus and Mercury are moving through your 7th house of close personal relationships, opening channels of communication and avenues of appreciation. Take time to enjoy the company of friends and loved ones now.



LEO—With Jupiter retrograde in your 1st house of personal awareness, you may need more quiet time to reflect in order to be in harmony with and at peace with yourself. This is not the time to spread yourself too thin.



VIRGO—With Mercury and Venus entering your 5th house of creativity and self-expression, take this opportunity to create wonderful gifts or special occasions for close friends and any children who are in your life.



LIBRA—With the Sun in your 3rd house of communication, neighborhood and transportation, you may want to get in touch with or visit cousins, aunts, uncles or siblings over the holidays. Have your car serviced before traveling.



SCORPIO—The Sun is highlighting your 2nd house of income and material resources, so take some time to review or develop your financial plan for 1991. Also consider ways of using your creativity to increase productivity.



SAGITTARIUS—Happy Birthday! Celebrate and reconnect with old friends. Mercury and Venus in your 2nd house of income can create opportunities for greater productivity and abundance, but check your bank statement before spending.



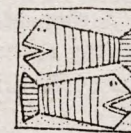
CAPRICORN—Mercury and Venus move into your 1st house providing an opportunity to understand yourself better as well as evaluate your progress and personal growth for the past year. Be discriminating, but not judgmental.



AQUARIUS—With Mars retrograde in your 5th house of creativity, self-esteem and passion, this is the perfect time to call forth your creative genius to find or make wonderful and unique gifts for your loved ones.



PISCES—The Sun in your 10th house is highlighting career while Pluto in your 9th house has the focus on learning and metaphysics for personal transformation. If you feel a conflict between self and career, consider new career options.



Mary Bailey-Rule is a professional astrologer who specializes in birth chart analysis, relationship charts, and astrological career counseling. Her office is at Partners in Health. For information or an appointment, call 881-6300



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Kent's name is well known in the community for another reason: he's also co-founder of the Annual Hollywood Hots AIDS Benefit which has raised over \$30,000 for PWAs. "The reason I worked with Hollywood Hots is because the gay community has given me a lot and I wanted to give something back," he says.

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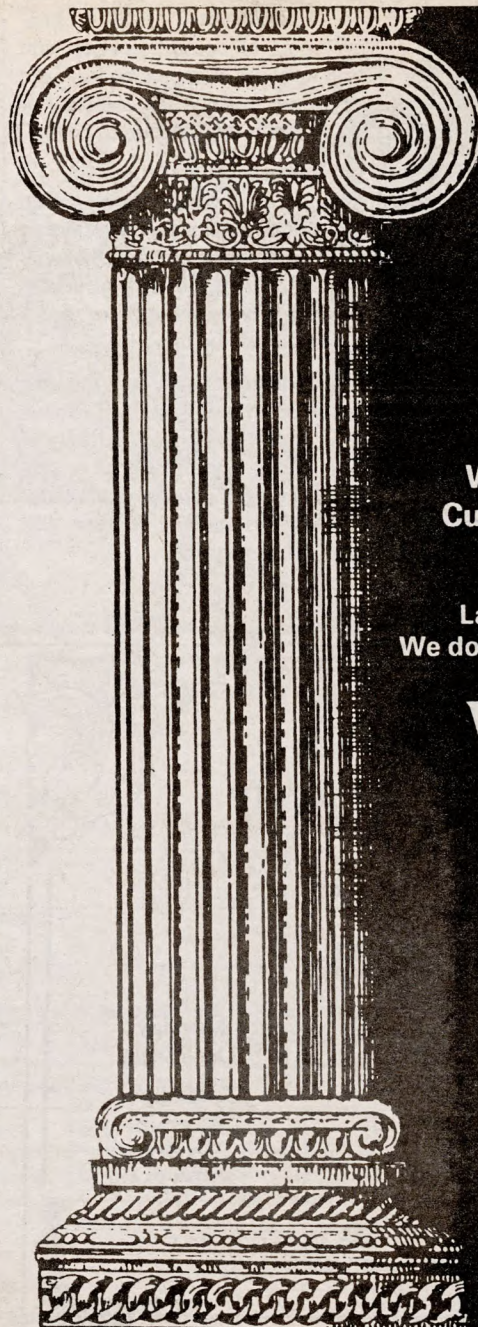
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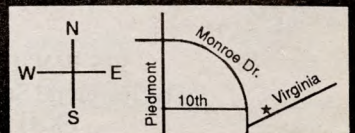
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Atlanta Gay Center Plus groups for HIV-affected people. Fridays, 8:00pm and Sundays, 6:00pm. 63 12th Street. Call 876-5372 for more info.

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The Atlanta Business and Professional Guild, an organization of Gay & Lesbian business owners and professionals, will hold its annual meeting and a holiday party on Sat., Dec. 15, 1990 at 8PM. For more info, phone 662-4202. (V3,#21)

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU of Ga will have an important meeting of Chapter members on Sat., Dec. 8, 1990 at ParkSide (corner Monroe Dr. and 10th St.) at 6:00pm. The ACLU of Georgia will be having its Annual Meeting and Bill of Rights Party beginning at 7pm that evening at ParkSide. Admission to the ACLU Bill of Rights Party is \$20.00. For more info about either function, call Cathy Woolard at 377-8312. (V3,#21)

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Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Atlanta has changed its meeting time for 3rd Sunday of the month support group to 3-5 PM. The next meeting will be held Dec. 16. For info: 875-9440, 691-4729. (V3,#21)

Entrepreneurs Network meets every Mon. 7PM @ Double Image Rest., 5299 Old Nat'l Hwy., College Park. For more info: 761-5005. (V3,#22)

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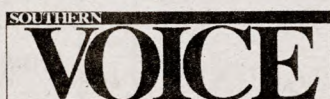
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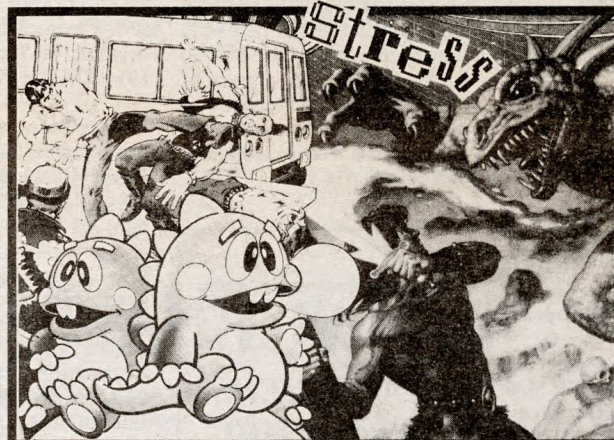
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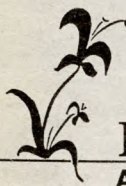
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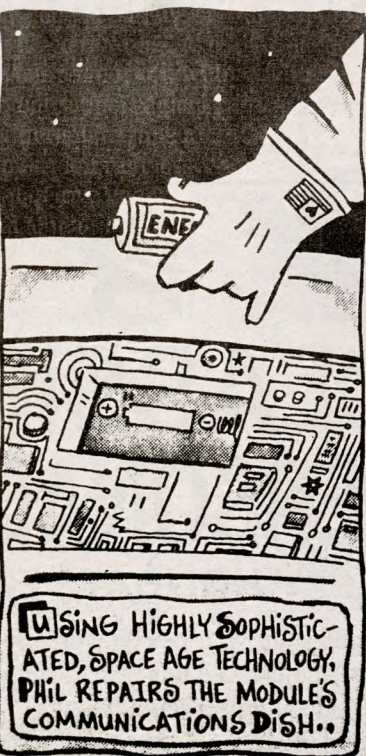
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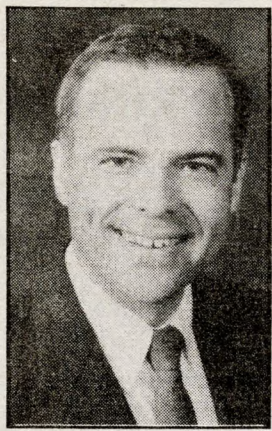
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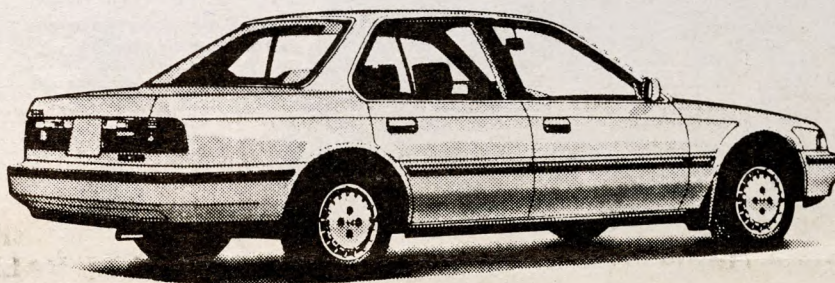
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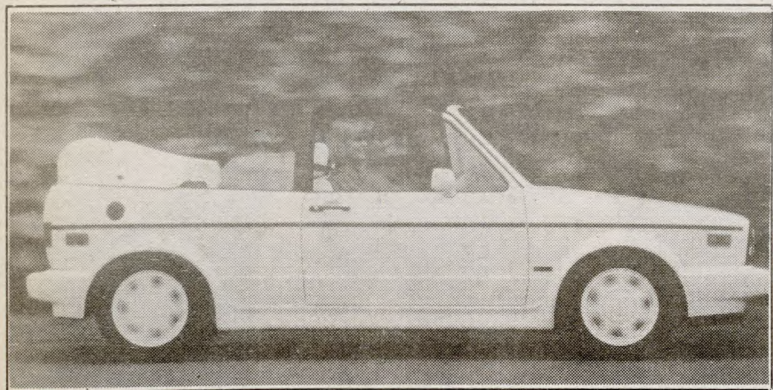
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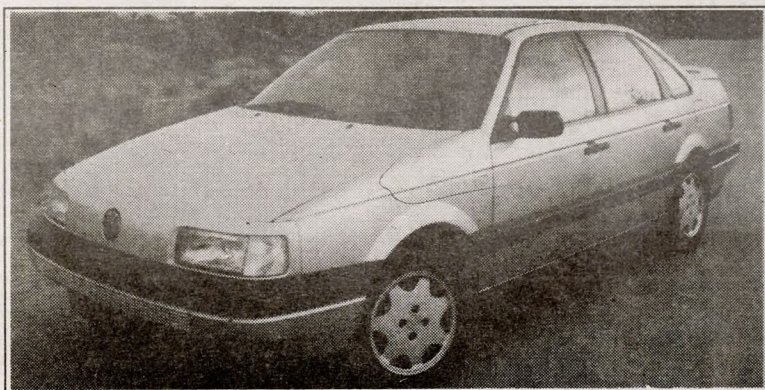
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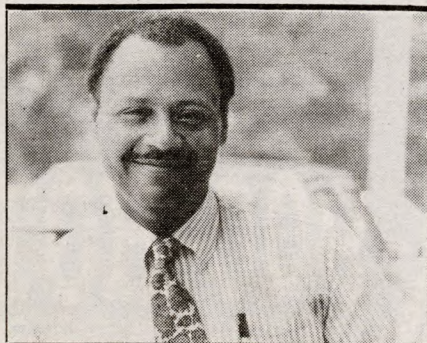
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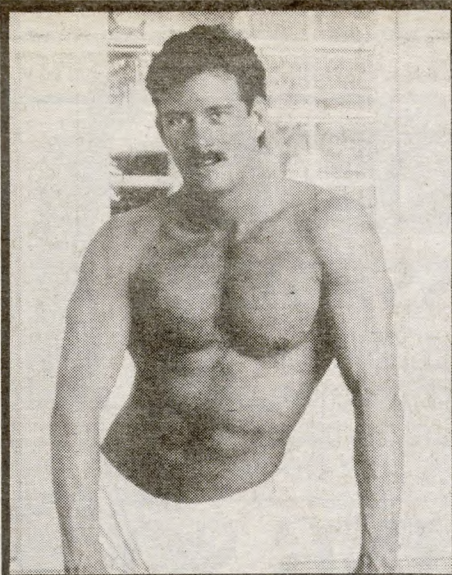
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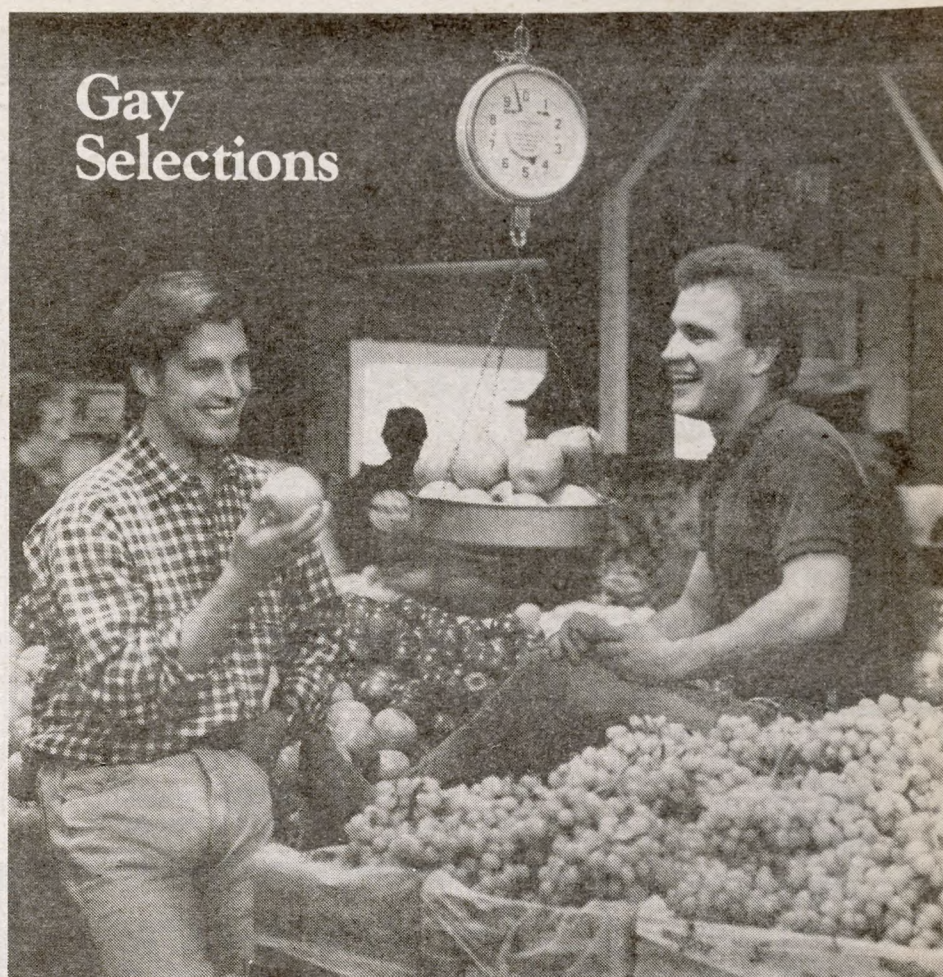


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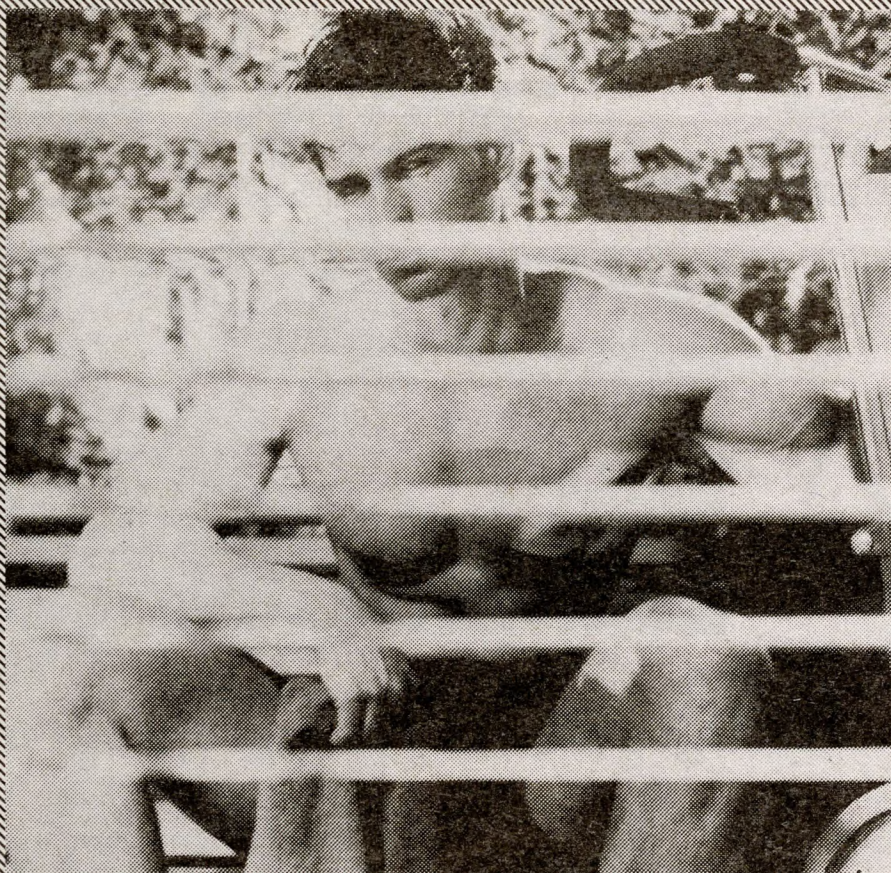
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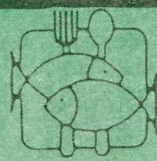
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