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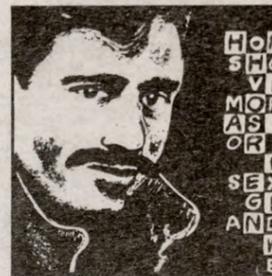
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# Is Racetrac Another Cracker Barrel?

by Gary Kaupman

Dalton, GA—William Carl (a pseudonym) says he was fired from his job on April 5 at the Racetrac gas station on Walnut Avenue because he was seen in a gay bar. "I was fired Friday a week ago," he said. "I'd been there for two months and worked doubles and came in when other people didn't show up and they told me that I was fired because I'd been at Alan Gold's (a Chattanooga gay bar).

Carl, who lives in Ringgold, GA, says that he missed a day of work because he had car problems. When he arrived at work the following day, Carl says he had been scheduled to work only two hours the next week and none the week following that.

"I called Terri (Thomas, the district supervisor) and asked her why I had been fired," Carl recounts, "and she said, 'I feel you were at Alan Gold's instead of coming to work.'" Carl says he does sometimes go to Gold's, but claims he was not at the bar either the night before or the day of his missed shift.

"I was scheduled for an interview for a promotion (before the termination)," claims Carl, "and she (Thomas) told me to be sure and butch up my act. 'They don't like fags and niggers,' she said." Carl also says that Thomas told him, "I don't want any pump-wearing, wig-wearing queers behind my counter."

Carl's cousin Richard Shannon also believes he was

## Two employees claim Racetrac Petroleum fired them because they are gay

fired from his job at the Racetrac station on Ross Boulevard in Chattanooga because he is gay. "I'd worked there for two or three months and everybody liked me except the district supervisor (Thomas). Then I was on a cable TV show in drag. After the show they started making it hard on me; they cut my hours back from 40 to 18 or 20 (per week).

Shannon says that one of his immediate supervisors eventually told him that he was being fired. "They didn't give me any reason," he added, "but I knew it was because I was gay." Shannon says that he used only his drag name (Kellie Holland) on the TV show and never mentioned his place of employment.

Carl says he never told any of his co-workers or supervisors that he was gay, but feels that Thomas obviously knew.

Both Shannon and Carl say they know other gays who have been fired because of their sexual orientation, but none could be confirmed before deadline for this story.

Racetrac Petroleum is a privately held company headquartered in Smyrna, GA. Its representative, Dianne Gunn, refused a verbal request for information about the company. "We're privately held; all requests like that (number of stores, number of employees, employment policies) have to come in writing," she said.

District Supervisor Terri Thomas returned a telephoned request for information about the firings promptly, but said that she was unable to comment on Shannon's and Carl's accusations because it was Racetrac's policy that all questions be directed in writing to its legal department. She added that the company, "has a policy that we do not discriminate against anyone." Asked if that policy included sexual orientation, she replied, "you'll have to ask the legal department."

The deadline for this story did not permit a written inquiry.

"Apparently this shows that Cracker Barrel isn't the only company that discriminates against gays and lesbians," said Queer Nation's Lynn Cothren. "You can be sure that Queer Nation will be looking into this and attempting to get a clear written policy about sexual orientation from Racetrac as well as other Georgia companies where this kind of discrimination has been reported."

Carl also claims that Racetrac's health insurance policy has a "\$25,000 lifetime coverage for AIDS."

"We would want to investigate this before we would take action," said ACT UP's Jeff Graham. "But in the past we have held that caps are discriminatory and that if it exists we would work to have it lifted." ACT UP/Atlanta has been successful in getting three Georgia corporations to lift their AIDS caps.

## WELCOME NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

# Fun Will be a Big Part of the NLC Package

by Gale Reter

Good times are not always necessarily part of a conference package. Mostly people attend them to educate themselves. The National Lesbian Conference, happening in Atlanta April 24-28, will be educational too, but let's face it, a lot of lesbians will go just for the fun part. After all, it's the first gathering of its kind ever held in the United States, and it's an opportunity to meet interesting women from all over the country. The organizers probably missed a great opportunity by not having a computer match-up dating service at the conference. It won't be easy sorting out the ones who live close enough for a commuter romance. It would be awful to fall in love with someone from Tulsa, your phone bill couldn't handle the tele-dating.

Especially exciting is the Saturday night Extravaganza at the Civic Center. The first set will open with a special premiere appearance of the Native American Dance Troop/Two Spirited, Thunder People. They formed last year to serve as a means of expressing the culture and heritage of Two-Spirited Native Americans. The group will open with dances and cere-

monies taken from the tribal heritage of the thirteen different tribes represented. (The terms "Two-Spirited" and "Thunder People" come from traditional tribal references to Lesbian and Gay American Indians.)

The Native American Dancers will be followed by Tammy Why-Not's southern-style humor, and the wit and song of Alix Dobkin. The wonderful Washington Sisters with Melanie Monsur will round out the first half of the program. The second half of the entertainment will begin around 9:30 with California comedian Karen Williams, followed by Sue Fink. She will perform songs off her new album, "True Life Adventure," and hopefully some old favorites will be included. Lea Delaria will take the stage by storm next. She always does. Teresa Trull, one of the founding mothers of women's music, will close the concert.

One regret about the concert is that it means some people won't get to see the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus perform this time. Through an oversight, both presentations are taking place Saturday night. However, there are two



IRENE YOUNG

The Washington Sisters with Melanie Monsur will appear at the Saturday night Extravaganza during The National Lesbian Conference, April 24-28.

shows, at 7pm and 9pm. In order to accommodate those who wish to take in both performances, the Civic Center Extravaganza has been divided into two sets and a \$3 discount will be given off the ticket price for those who have bought tickets for the chorus. The Civic Center performance and the Chorus concert are open to the public, including men, although the rest of the conference is open only to women.

Some people, men and women, still question why it is necessary that lesbians hold a separatist gathering, and wonder

what they can hope to accomplish that other lesbian and gay organizations have not already tried. While it is true that lesbian caucus groups have been meeting in conjunction with other conferences, there has never been an opportunity to focus on the Lesbian Nation as a whole, and to understand its needs and goals.

The Conference has sought out the wide diversity of the Lesbian Nation, feeling that "only if everyone's needs are included, will the outcome of the Conference truly reflect the issues most

## Queer Nation Sends Video Message to Cracker Barrel

Activists say they plan to continue actions and pressure

by Gary Kaupman

Atlanta—Members of Queer Nation/Atlanta have sent a video taped compilation of their demonstrations against Cracker Barrel to the company's CEO, Dan Evins.

"The tape is just like a letter to let him [Evins] know what's really going on," said QN spokesperson Lynn Cothren. "We want him to see the diversity of the people that have been involved in our actions protesting his company's discrimination against lesbians and gay men."

The 30 minute tape includes interviews with individuals who have been fired and those who have participated in the demonstrations, as well as scenes from QN's actions at the restaurants. "I think he [Evins] will get the message when he sees

us marching out of one of his restaurants singing 'We Shall Overcome,'" Cothren added.

Cracker Barrel, which operates 90-plus restaurants in the Southeast and Midwest, fired at least 11 lesbian and gay employees in late January and early February of this year. After those firings and a written company policy against the employment of lesbians and gay men were made public, Cracker Barrel issued a statement that it claimed rescinded the policy. However, activist groups (including Queer Nation Atlanta, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance) have refused to accept the statement as sufficient. The groups continue to press their demands that: the

fired workers be rehired and paid back wages; that the company issue a clear statement of anti-discrimination in its hiring and employment practices; and that the company make a public apology and restitution for its actions.

Representatives of Cracker Barrel have steadfastly refused to speak to the activist groups or to comment to the press. QN's Cothren says that his group's decision to send its video tape came from their concern that "...Evins may not be getting the message. We don't know what his store managers are reporting to him [about our actions] and we don't know whether he is getting our phone messages and letters."

Evins did receive, and respond quickly to, a letter from New York City Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman and City Finance Director Carol O'Cleireacain. The two women—trustees of five New York pension and retirement funds which together own more than \$3 million in Cracker Barrel stock—voiced their concern over the company's actions.

In his reply to Holtzman and O'Cleireacain, Evins wrote, "As publicly stated the policy has been rescinded... We

have no morally discriminating policies in this company."

Holtzman and O'Cleireacain replied to Evins with a request for a "clear statement of the company's policy relating to the role of sexual preference in employment." They also requested information from Evins on what "remedial steps" had been taken in regards the employees who had been fired. Evins had not replied to these requests as this issue went to type.

Also after this issue went to type, QN Atlanta staged yet another sit in at the Morrow Cracker Barrel. Cable TV personality Deandra Peek was scheduled to tape her weekly show at the demonstration and representatives from several groups and organizations planned to voice their support for QN's actions against the restaurant chain.

Queer Nation will stage legal sit-ins at the Norcross Cracker Barrel on Sun. May 5 and at the Douglasville store on Sun. May 12. The second action is on Mother's Day; participants are urged to invite their mothers. See the calendar in this issue for more information or call 286-2355 for info.

## Elton John to be AIDS Walk's Spokesperson

by Larry Pellegrini

Atlanta—Atlanta's first annual benefit AIDS Walk, dubbed by its sponsor, AID Atlanta, "From All Walks of Life," was announced April 15 at a City Hall Press Conference. The walk is scheduled for September 8, at 1:00 p.m.

Elton John will serve as the Walk's Celebrity Spokesperson. Elton commented about his well-known involvement with Ryan White and how it had changed his life. He emphasized his commitment by saying he was willing to "raise money, consciousness—whatever I can do to help so that people will suffer less or to hopefully find a cure. I'm not going to rest until one day there is a cure. Let's all do what we can to end this tragic disease."

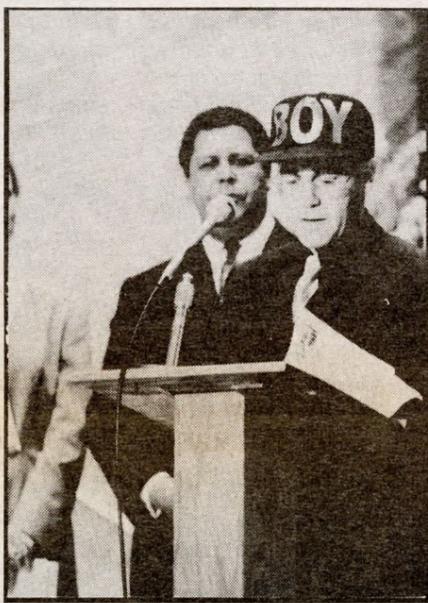
The Walk sponsors have enlisted Mayor Maynard Jackson and his wife Valerie as well as President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalyn to be honorary chairs.

The nine AIDS direct service agencies that the Walk will benefit are: AID Atlanta, AIDS Research Consortium, Atlanta AIDS Legal Project, Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network, Childkind, Jerusalem House, Outreach, Project Open Hand, and the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association for People With AIDS.

"The AIDS Walk will be the largest fund-raising event ever held in the state of Georgia to promote community-wide awareness of the AIDS crisis. We are anticipating between 7000 and 9000 people from 'all walks of life' to participate," said Harry Brown, Project Director for the Walk.

The route for the 5k (3.2 miles) walk will begin at Grady High School and wind through Midtown and Piedmont Park with all walkers eventually returning to Grady for live entertainment, celebrity emcees and refreshments. Maps of the route, registration information and other details are now available by calling the Walk hotline at 885-6800.

Speakers at the Press Conference emphasized education as one of the priorities in the battle against the spread of AIDS. Elton revealed, "I didn't know what a condom was when I was young. I knew



KAREN DUNIGAN

"I'm not going to rest until one day there is a cure," Elton John claimed during the announcement of the AIDS walk benefit, "From All Walks of Life," scheduled for September 8.

what it looked like, but I didn't know what to do with it."

It is rumored that John has recently purchased a condominium in Atlanta and will be spending a significant amount of time in the city.

## HIV Planning Council Recommends Six Groups for Ryan White \$

by KC Wildmoon

Atlanta – The executive committee of the HIV Planning Council announced on April 18 its recommendations for dispersal of \$900,000 made available by the federal government for HIV health care services in the metro Atlanta area. The money is available through Title 1 of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990. The full council will vote on the recommendations on April 30.

The committee recommended \$600,000, the largest portion, to Grady

Hospital. "Grady has a six month waiting period to get into the outpatient clinic (for AIDS care)," said committee co-chair Jim Martin. "We felt that had to be addressed, and granting them \$600,000 was how we did it."

Other recommendations for fund dispersal were \$90,000 each to AID Atlanta and the Visiting Nurses Association, and \$40,000 each to Southside Hospital adult care, Project Open Hand, and the Fulton County Health Department.

"Each group that applied had a strong case for the money," said Martin. "The committee had very hard decisions to make. We did the best we could."

The HIV Planning Council originally asked for \$5.6 million from the supplemental grant program. Martin said that metro Atlanta "probably should have gotten \$2 million if everything had been going absolutely right, based on the number of AIDS cases we have."

Martin could only speculate on why the city received only \$900,000 out of \$46 million allocated for the entire country. "Probably other cities are further along in organization, or have a stronger track record. This council has only been together for 6 months," he said. "But that's only a guess. I really don't know."

## Ga. State, Tech Protest Military Ban on Gays

by Ian Ginsburg

Shawn Badinger, a Tech student and highly decorated ROTC captain in high school was planning a career in military service. "I was encouraged by ROTC commanders in High School to pursue a career in the Military because I was good. I was aiming for West Point and I had a spotless ROTC high school record as an officer. To deny me this opportunity now because I am openly lesbian is simply stupid," she said. Badinger was denied admittance to ROTC because she is a member of the Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance (GALA) at Georgia Tech.

Badinger, and other gay and lesbian students are frequently denied admittance to ROTC because of Military Directive 1332.14 of the Department of Defense

which reads, "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

On college campuses nationwide on April 10, this directive was challenged through protests, sit-ins, press conferences and information sharing activities. Locally, GALA of Georgia Tech and Georgia State University combined their efforts to protest the Army ROTC's discriminatory membership directives at a press conference held inside the University Center at Georgia State. According to its policies, the University asked that the informational protest take place in an indoor environment. GALA protest organizer David VanderGriff complied with the University's request.

Noting that there are 24 ROTC scholarship students at Georgia State, VanderGriff said, "these scholarships are not open to gay and lesbian students, regardless of ability, aptitude, strength or intelligence. It is purely an exclusionary directive based on ignorance and fear."

The Student Government Association of Georgia State did not overtly support the GALA action. However, they made clear in a statement their, "support of a discrimination-free environment at Georgia State. All discrimination should be banned in the military."

GALA member John Jenkins, a graduate student at Georgia Tech, read a statement that the Tech Graduate Student Council had passed. It voiced the Graduate Council's opposition to on-campus discrimination of any kind against lesbians and gays.

At its conclusion, the informal press conference moved outside to the library steps in order for GALA members to hand out fliers. VanderGriff was pleased at the "curious and friendly reception" from passing students. He observed that "there was no negative reaction." No position was taken by faculties or staff at either school. GALA members at Tech informed their president John Patrick Crecine about the Army ROTC's discriminatory practices in writing. There was no response.

ROTC headquarters at both Georgia State and Georgia Tech refused to comment on the protests.

## NEWS

### Rita Coolidge Will Perform on Pride Day



Atlanta's Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee announced April 18 that Rita Coolidge will be the headline entertainer at this year's Pride celebration. Coolidge is well known for her work in AIDS, holding an annual AIDS fundraiser concert in San Diego. Coolidge is also a founding member, along with Aaron Neville and Allen Toussaint, of NOAAH (New Orleans Artists Against Hunger and Homelessness). The Pride Committee continues to meet to finalize plans for this year's celebration. Meetings are at 7 PM the first Monday of each month at 2069 The Page and on the third Thursday of each month at the Ponce Branch Library. Call 662-4533 for more info. The Pride Committee also needs financial help to insure the success of this year's celebration. **Donations may be sent to: ALGPC; PO Box 77007; Atlanta, Ga. 30357-1007.**

**Same-sex couples plan to apply for marriage licenses:** Atlanta - Same-sex couples will participate in a Queer Nation sponsored action slated for Wednesday, May 22 at the Fulton County Marriage License Office. The lawful protest will focus attention on lesbian and gay domestic partnership issues by

having couples ask for marriage licenses. Interested couples should call Queer Nation (404-283-2355) for information about an upcoming meeting planned to discuss details of the action. You don't have to be a resident of Fulton County to participate.

**Sting Operation Nets 33 in Marietta:** Marietta - A. L. Burrus Park in Marietta has been the site of thirty-three "sexual battery" arrests since March 23, 1991. The park, according to Marietta Police Lieutenant Fant, is a "known" gathering place for informal sexual liaisons between consenting strangers. Fant denies that there is any entrapment involved in the sting operation. Arrests were only made "when either a man showed [his] penis to the officer, touched an officer or unzipped," Fant stated. Marietta Police Chief Ralph Carter says the undercover crackdown on public sex is nothing new. "We periodically have to go undercover to rid the park of this type of activity. We've done it before and we'll have to do it again." While all those arrested have been male, Fant adds that he thinks "it's not a gay problem. When total strangers congregate in a public park to have sex," he continued, "then this becomes everyone's problem. When we explain this to the offenders, they seem to understand." Fant concluded with a question. "Over 50% of those arrested are married and have children, now can you explain that to me?"

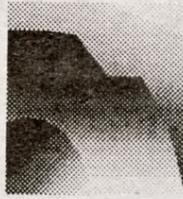
- Ian Ginsburg

**The Experience Appoints New Director:** Dan Osborne of Atlanta has been appointed the new executive director of The Experience, a weekend workshop designed for lesbians, gay men, and non-gay men and women who want to be more effective in their lives. Osborne replaces Steven Sabin, who resigned for personal reasons. With the appointment of Osborne, The Experience's national office will move to Atlanta. "The move...recognizes that the strength of the lesbian and gay community extends well beyond the borders of California," said Osborne, who first brought the Experience Weekend to Atlanta with business partner David Dupree in 1986. Osborne has been a co-facilitator of the Workshop since 1989, and was elected to the national board of directors in 1990.

**4th Tuesday Seeks Applicants for Scholarship:** Fourth Tuesday, Atlanta's networking organization for lesbian professionals and entrepreneurs, will award a \$1500 scholarship to an Atlanta-area lesbian at its monthly meeting in August. The Fourth Tuesday Scholarship Fund is an annual award given to a lesbian who "seeks to further her professional abilities through higher education and whose goal is to contribute to the welfare of the greater Atlanta lesbian community through such education." Applicants must be a resident of Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, Douglas or Clayton counties. Send inquiries to: Fourth Tuesday, c/o Terrie Weakly, PO Box 7817, Atlanta, GA 30309.

**Hawaii Passes Gay Rights Law:** Hawaii became the third state, after Wisconsin and Massachusetts, to pass a law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation when Gov. John Waihee signed an employment discrimination bill into law on March 21. The action took many activists in the continental U.S. by surprise, but Hawaii activists have been working on a non-discrimination bill since 1974. The bill was already on the governor's desk when fundamentalists found out about the bill. The opposition did take out an ad warning parents that the bill meant that "homosexual men and women would be teaching your children," but the governor, dismissing the ad's claims as "groundless fears," signed the bill into law.

**National Poll Finds Widespread Support for Lesbians and Gays in Military:** Washington, D.C. - Over 80% of the American public opposes the current Pentagon policy of discharging lesbians and gay men from the U.S. armed forces. That is the major finding of a national survey released April 18 by the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The results were found in an omnibus telephone poll of 800 randomly selected U.S. residents from April 6 to April 7, 1991. An 81% majority of Americans say that gays and lesbians should not be discharged from military service solely because of their sexual orientation, according to the poll. "This is a major finding of support for the tens of thousands of lesbian and gay Americans who currently serve our nation in uniform," said Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Campaign Fund. McFeeley called on President Bush to issue an executive order ending the Pentagon's policy of discrimination. "Just as President Truman ended segregation of African Americans in the military by executive order, President Bush could bring the witch hunts to an end through the stroke of his pen," McFeeley said.



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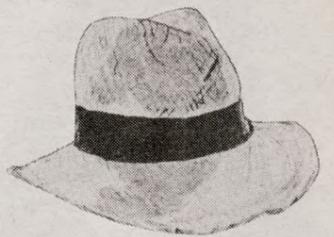
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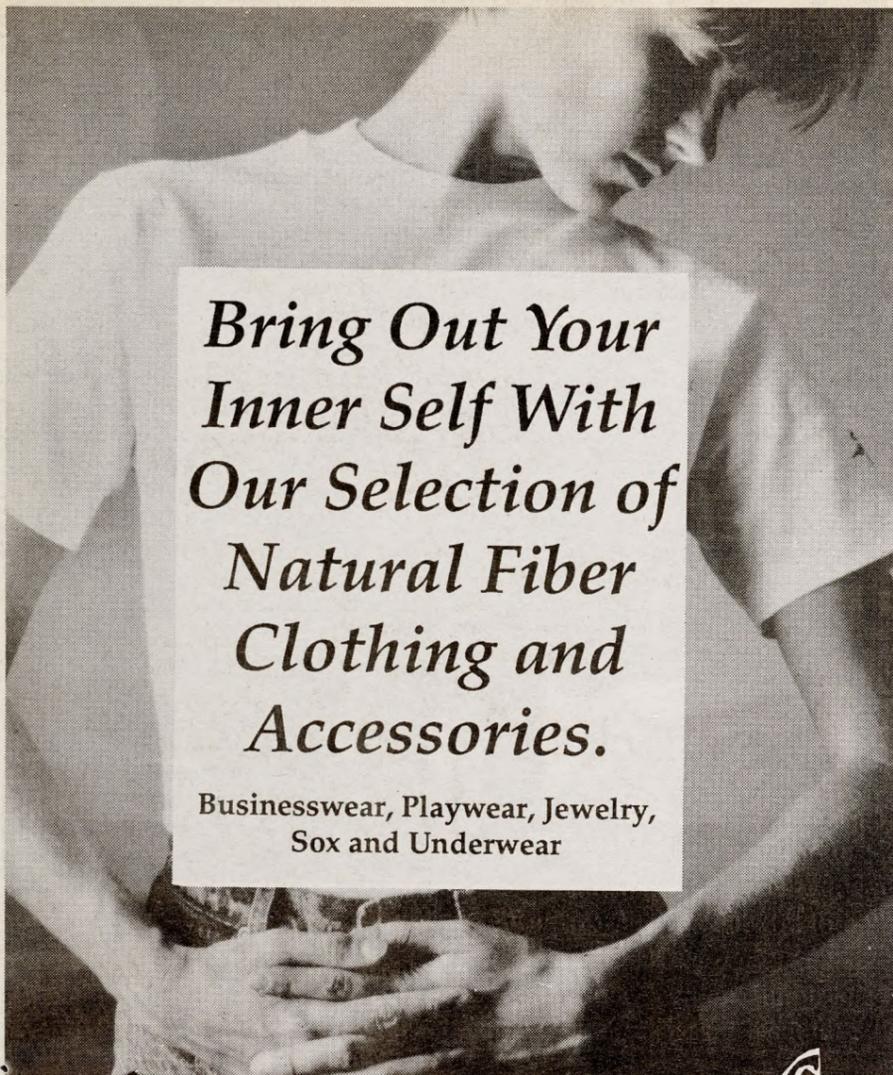


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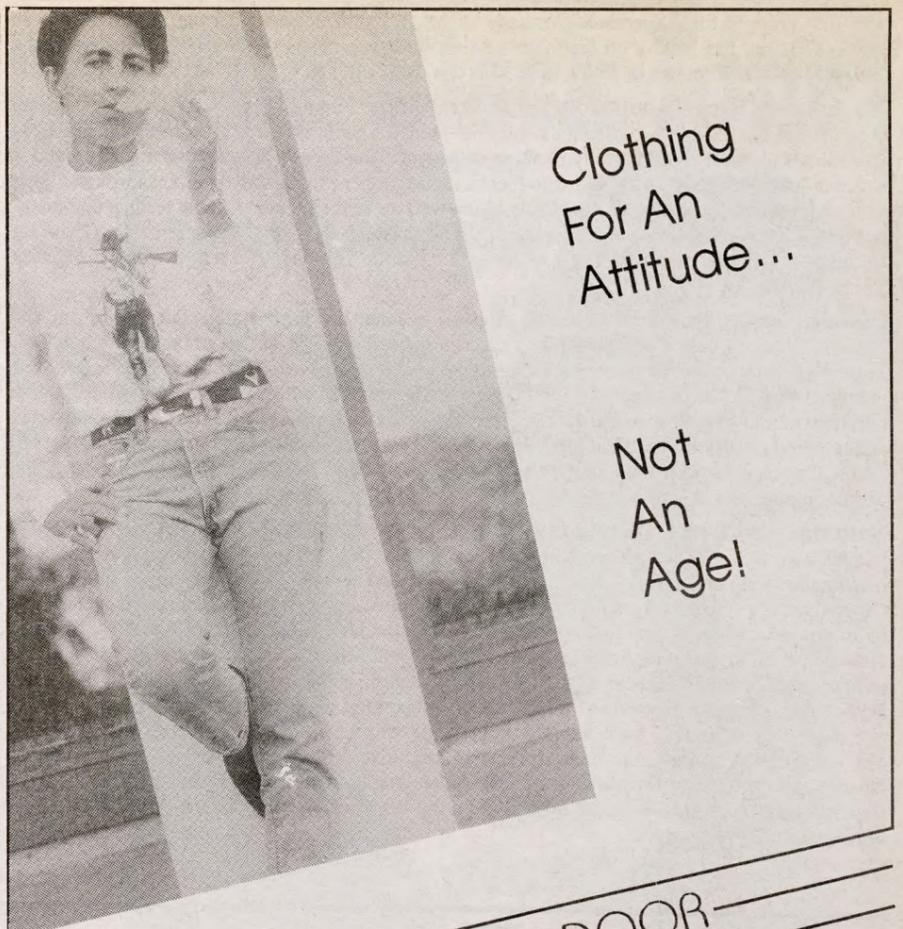
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# Lesbian Fashion...

by Debbie Fraker

Just what is lesbian fashion? Jodie Foster at the Oscars? Martina at her sweaty best? And what makes fashion any different for lesbians than straight women? Well, if you believe the old saying "clothes make the woman," it can make a world of difference. For example, lesbians have often turned fashion into a political statement, usually a statement of rebellion against traditions of femininity or of freedom from the fashion industry itself. And sometimes traditional feminine clothing on lesbians is a statement of the freedom to be feminine amidst the pressures from the lesbian community to avoid the trappings of the patriarchy. The bottom line, however, is that most lesbians wear whatever makes them comfortable. Not to say that a lot aren't fashion conscious, too. And it's quite possible to have both.

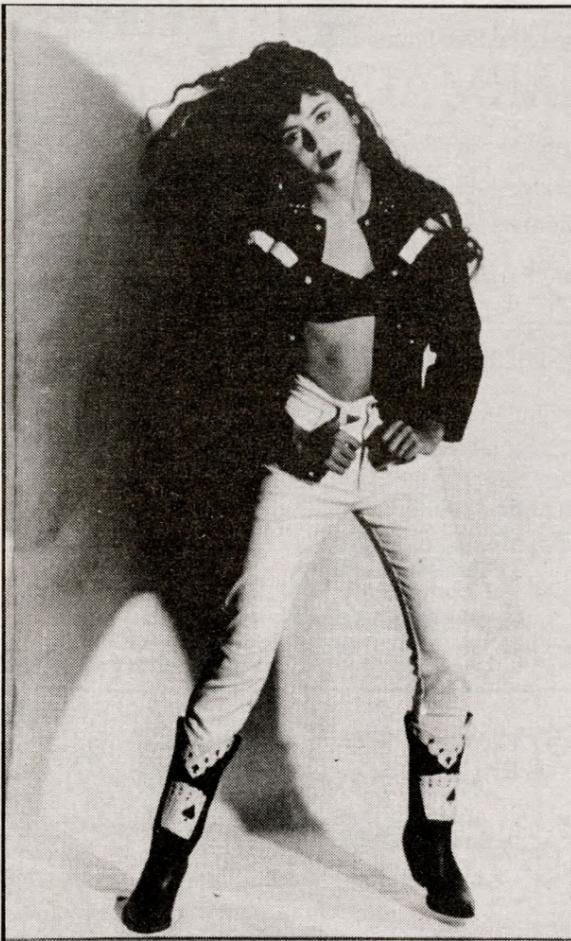
Fashion magazines are currently full of tips for Spring and Summer wear. Bright colors are prominent, particularly bright pastels and primaries, although fashions for women of color include shades of gold and bronze. In the magazines, casual wear is mostly cotton and knits, close-fitting, and designed for women who don't eat well. Skirts are short and ass-hugging, and shoulders are bare and tanned. Since Little Five Points is a veritable garden of lesbians in Spring and Summer, it proved to be the perfect place to check out the realities of fashion for lesbians in the upcoming season.

At Abbadabba's, owner Janice Abernethy balked at trying to predict trends for Spring fashions. "Everybody's wearing everything," she diplomatically replied. But she excitedly showed off the new line of colors in Birkenstocks, the staple of so many lesbian wardrobes. A limited edition series for Spring includes new colors called "desert hues" in "new buck" leather. In lilac, rose, teal, and light blue, these Birkenstocks will even complement painted toenails. Abernethy says that Birkenstocks "are now on the cutting edge of fashion as well as comfort."

Bright colors and pastels in floral prints adorn the windows of Cotton Casuals, where Judy Atkinson, in addition to the pastels, has lots of "primitive colors like crayon colors." Among her customers, natural fibers that are easy to wear and comfortable are popular, particularly if the cotton is grown locally and the clothing is made domestically. Environmental issues are fashionable, especially on t-shirts. She also says that hats are strong this year.

Atkinson doesn't have any particular buying strategy for this season. "I just buy what I like and hope other people will like it too," she says. Lipstick lesbians may particularly want to check out the line of floral sundresses she has for Spring.

At the Junkman's Daughter, Pam Majors also says that florals are popular. But she has a wide variety of styles and customers. She sells vintage 1890 clothing and "punk leather," and leather sales don't necessarily drop in Spring. Regardless of the season, black is always a big part of her line. "No matter what we buy, we always have at least half in black, whatever season," says Majors. Junkman's Daughter is also the denim headquarters for L5P.



*Butch or Femme, black is a year-round fashion foundation, and Junkman's Daughter is headquarters for black, be it leather or denim, motorcycle jackets or sexy hot-pants. What would the PC lesbian's wardrobe be without a pair of Birkenstocks? And for the femme fashion edge, dabble in Abbadabba's selections of Birk's new soft desert hues; they work oh so well with the floral dresses and separates carried next door at Cotton Casuals.*

## ...Not an Oxymoron in L5P

Sonya Scott, a buyer for Stefan's, specializes in vintage clothing and offers the best selection for cross-dressing lesbians. Women borrowing from men's fashions or mixing women's and men's clothing is popular in Stefan's. Scott asserts that colors will replace basic black for Spring.

"Color in men's wear is one thing we are not afraid of," she says, showing off light weight men's sport jackets in mustard and teal and in herringbone and tattersoal prints as well as a large selection of colorful silk ties.

Scott has some creative ideas for turning men's clothing into women's fashions. Ties can be simply flipped or tied in an asymmetrical bow, or brightly colored smoking jackets and silk robes can be worn with slacks. Scott is also expecting hats to be popular and has a line of straw skimmers in sage, mustard, and bronze. But the item that she is most excited about is a recently acquired line of never-worn no-lapel cardigan style jackets in seersucker, a Spring jacket she says will

complement shorts, skirts, or even jeans. Print acetate linings contrast with the seersucker on rolled-up sleeves.

Stefan's also has a variety of colorful skirts and dresses. "They go anywhere from 50's sock hop to Greta Garbo and Lauren Bacall," says Scott. "I think the neat thing for anyone buying vintage is that they can get a one-of-a-kind. You can have fun in it, but you can also look professional."

Spring flowers always seem to inspire brightening up the wardrobe, even if it only means wearing cheerier colored t-shirts with your Levis. This Spring, evenings at Options, the Otherside, Deana's, etc. will no doubt look like the inside of an extra-jumbo crayon box. And downtown, the National Lesbian Conference will be busting out all over.

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# How to Spend Your Summer Vacation

by Patsy Lynch

Ah, the sweet smells of Spring. The flowers are blooming, the bees are stinging and you and your love are trying not to kill each other while deciding how to spend the summer. Last year, you wanted to work in the garden while she trudged all over the country with her softball team. You both vowed to spend more time together, even going so far as getting brochures from that Women's production company that is now promoting cruises as well as records.

Now that summer is here, your plans are once again up in the air. Maybe there are a few things you can do together. How about golf? Sure you think it's a stupid game, but hundreds if not thousands of women play or at least watch while others play. The LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) has weekend tournaments which seem to attract an ever-growing number of women. The biggest draw seems to be the Dinah Shore Nabisco Golf Classic in Palm Spring, CA. Often called "The Desert Dyke Classic" this tournament brings thousands of women out. Other LPGA tournaments include the Sara Lee Classic in Tennessee in May, the Mazda LPGA Championship in Maryland in June and the U.S. Women's Open Championship which takes place in Ft. Worth, TX July 11-14. For further listings, contact your local golf pro or the LPGA in Florida.

If golf is not your style, there are the ever popular music festivals. Starting around Memorial Day weekend, the SWMCF (Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival) in GA to the Michigan Women's Music Festival in August, you will find hundreds of women gathering to listen to "name performers" and local singers hoping to be discovered. (See sidebar for a complete listing and contact information.) In addition to the music, you can rediscover those long lost camping skills and commune with nature au naturale. Of course, you can also browse through the craft fairs, pick up another pair of earrings and for the really daring, get a long desired but afraid to apply, tattoo.

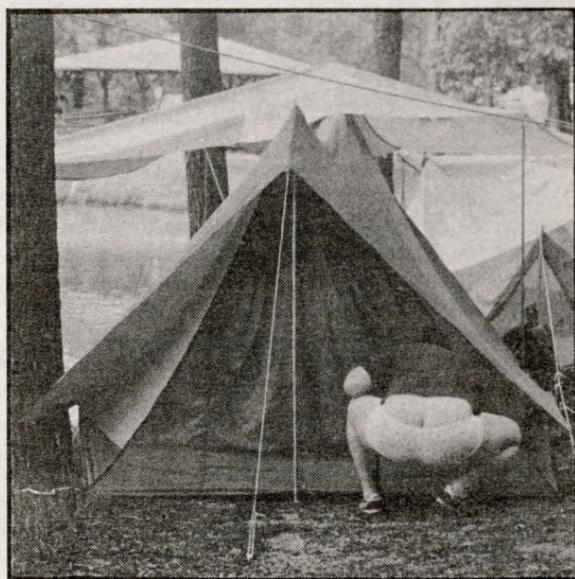
For those on a tight budget, or for whom the call of nature is limited to bathroom needs, check out your local gay/lesbian Pride march. Here you can walk with your friends, show your solidarity with the community and run the chance of appearing on the local news. Well, you had

been planning to come out to your family.

Finally, there is the old standby: softball. Every summer, bats, balls and gloves are hauled out of the closet, oiled or varnished and readied for action. Evenings are filled with the sounds of pings, grunts and cheers as young and not so young Amazons rush around the ball field. Spectating is as much of the sport as playing. Who else is going to offer support or a hug when one wins or loses? In Atlanta, Hotlanta Softball plays every Sunday in Piedmont Park beginning at 11 am.

Or check out Hotlanta Soccer at 577-0418 or Hotlanta Volleyball at 875-0700. And Atlanta Venture Sports offers a wide variety of sporting activities. You can reach them at 242-4899. Tennis buffs call Atlanta Team Tennis at 622-GAME. All skill levels are welcome. For you runners and walkers call Front Runners at 622-0739 and plan to run in the 5k race that kicks off Pride this year.

Not interested in sports? Take a walk or a ride in the car. Visit the local museums or attend a concert in the park. Go to the beach or work on your suntan. Spend the day in bed alone, with your cat/dog or lover. Your options are limited as much by imagination as your budget. It's summertime and the living is supposed to be easy.



PATSY LYNCH

If nature beckons you this summer check out the schedule for the women's festivals.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

# Avoiding Political Sinkholes

In the two and one-half months since Queer Nation/Atlanta issued its report card on Mayor Maynard Jackson's administration, the Mayor has taken virtually no positive action towards or for the lesbians and gay men who helped elect him.

Consider the facts: Jackson replied obliquely and incompletely to our report card; his lobbyist at the Georgia Legislature offered no help on efforts to pass comprehensive hate crimes legislation or to repeal the sodomy statute; he has refused an invitation to speak at this year's lesbian and gay pride ceremonies; he has refused a request to light City Hall lavender during Pride month; and he has refused Queer Nation's request to make a public statement condemning Cracker Barrel's discrimination against lesbians and gay men.

At last week's press conference announcing AID Atlanta's upcoming walkathon, the mayor did manage to utter the word "homosexual" in public and in a positive context. It is, we believe, the first time he has publicly acknowledged the presence of Atlanta's lesbian and gay community since his election. But he did so in the context of discussing a disease that our enemies have regularly used as reason to suggest that we be quarantined or otherwise denied our rights as human beings.

It's not a pretty picture. Nor one that appears likely to change in the near future.

Gay men, lesbians, and people with AIDS are not the only residents of Atlanta that the Mayor is ignoring. Advocates for the poor, housing activists, neighborhood

groups, and those concerned with efficiency and honesty in government are all looking askance at Jackson. All are asking why this man—who in his first term as Mayor of Atlanta was an unrepentant advocate for the rights of individuals—is now acting like an apologist for a system that seems to have maintenance of the status quo as its ultimate goal.

The answers to that question are, of course, myriad and complex. But, in the case of lesbian, gay and AIDS issues, we think the answer is simple: Maynard Jackson is a proud and stubborn man who fully understands the inherent power of inaction on requests made by minorities. A psychologist might refer to his tactics as passive aggression. Someone prone to literary allusion could liken the situation as, "trying to punch out a tar baby." We like the term entropy, which Webster's defines as "a measure of unavailable energy in a closed thermodynamic system..." Just substitute "political" for "thermodynamic."

In a thermodynamic system, the

amount of heat that it takes to reverse entropy is enormous. Ditto in politics. Maynard Jackson's stance on lesbian/gay issues is like a vast sinkhole for energy. The amount of political heat that Queer Nation (or any other lesbian/gay group) needs to generate in order to reverse Jackson's inaction on our agendas is almost unimaginable. Given the reality of the issues that we face daily, expending that amount of energy in one place is certainly not practical.

Activists who tried to work with former mayor Young on lesbian and gay issues learned a lesson about the power of political inaction. We had hopes that Mayor Jackson would keep his campaign promises and not become another Andrew Young for queer Atlantans. It is with no small amount of sadness that we acknowledge Maynard Jackson has proven our hopes wrong.

— Queer Nation/Atlanta

FROM THE EDITOR

## What Coolidge Can Do for Pride

Congratulations to the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee for getting a "big name" act for this year's Pride celebration. Rita Coolidge, who is active in AIDS and other social causes, has agreed to appear.

Some will say, of course, that a "big name" is not necessary for Pride—that it should be "our" celebration, and only open gay and lesbian people should entertain. Others will complain that Coolidge is not a big enough name and will whine that the Committee should have done better. And others still (mostly those under 35) will ask "Rita who?" They're forgiven, however, because they didn't have the good fortune of seeing Joe Cocker's incredible "Mad Dogs and Englishmen" tour of which Coolidge was a big part.

But hopefully most people will appreciate the time and money it takes to put together an event the size of Pride, and will delight in the news that for the first time in our Pride history we have a headliner act of national prominence.

So why is a big name important? Two reasons: numbers and numbers. Many—make that most—of the 200,000+ queers in Atlanta view Pride as a minor event not worth attending. And for the Pride Committee to get the 20,000 people they want this year, they must offer something to those who would otherwise choose to go out for brunch or party with their friends beside the pool. And, yes, it is important that those people be there. We all need to be there... guppies, drag queens, leather folks, lesbian separatists, radical fairies, all of us. Sheer numbers speak loudly to the public about our power.

Perhaps more important than numbers alone are the numbers of potential activists that can be born from a Pride event. And Atlanta desperately needs activists. For those of you who remember your first Pride or March on Washington you know the power therein. For those of you yet to experience it, all-queer events can be downright life changing. And not nearly as scary as you think.

Congrats Pride Committee. We think you may have changed the face of Pride in Atlanta forever. We hope so.

## Tell it to the Moon

Dear Editor,

I found your article "Is Sexual Orientation a Matter of Choice?" particularly disturbing, and here's why.

Two days prior to picking up your paper, I gave an old friend a call. (Prior to this call, I wrote another letter to another publication, disagreeing with a straight Christian, whom I felt had insulted and patronized our community.) I discussed my letter with my friend who then shocked me by telling me that she was now a born-again Christian. I'll be the first to say there are some really good people who are Christians, gay or straight. But I couldn't believe this lesbian was telling me how much better the straight lifestyle was, but how it was okay, that Jesus still loved us even if we were going to burn in hell. I ended the call as gracefully as possible, remembering that in my letter I wrote about respect for diversity.

Then I picked up *Southern Voice* and read the article. I'm tired of being polite to these Christians, or anyone else who would have me "change" my sexuality,

including "moonies." I love myself and that includes my sexuality. I don't want to change.

We certainly need to keep our eye on these 'homosexual exorcists.'

Jim Mattingly  
Atlanta

## Honor Your Mom

To the Editor:

Unless you are an ingrate of a child (like me) who habitually forgets to honor the woman who raised you, you are beginning to contemplate Mother's Day with that old sense of vague indecision. What's the dutiful gay son or daughter to send?

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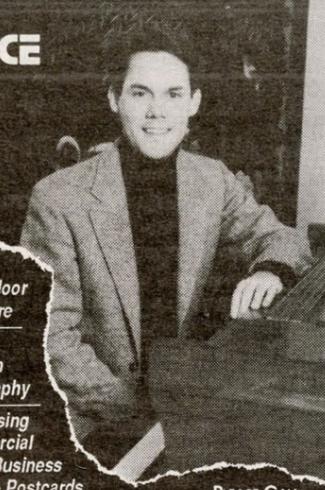


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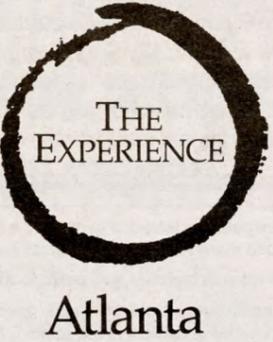
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# OUT OF THE DARKNESS: At the Office

by David Salyer

Many lesbians and gay men choose to "pass for straight" on the job, preferring to blend in or even disappear into a throng of co-workers. Some become adept at concealing their sexual orientation, living one life at work and a totally different one away from the office. The reasons for not coming out at work are deeply rooted in self-preservation and fear. Fear of being treated unfairly. Fear of being passed over for a promotion. Fear of being fired. No one can deny those possibilities and how they effect a gay person's decision to come out or remain closeted. But there are those among us who've filed fear away in the pursuit of living openly and come out of the office closet.

Patrick Sims is a 34 year old Ticket Agent for a major European airline. He was recommended for the position by a straight female acquaintance who knew he was qualified—and gay.

Patrick began the coming out process his first day on the job. He and another Ticket Agent began work the same day.

"I never sat her down and said 'I have something to tell you.' It wasn't a melodramatic revelation; it came up in context when she made a friendly attempt to get to know me," Patrick says.

Patrick believes coming out to coworkers is evolutionary. "I don't throw too much at someone until I think they can handle it. Gradually, I reveal things."

But he admits there will probably always be someone who sees you only as the office faggot. He also acknowledges that acceptance often comes after someone respects you as a competent, reliable coworker first.

Still, for Patrick Sims, it remains a



matter of honesty. "I don't have to lie or fabricate things about my life. As a result, I think my working relationships are better and I think it makes the people I work with more sensitive to gay issues."

Another Patrick, Patrick Bell, agrees with Sims that coming out is like evolution. Bell first came out as a junior in college and now, at 25, says "I'm out wherever I am." He approaches life positively, but admits it's hard to be gay and black.

"Most definitely. There are so many prejudices and misconceptions about gay men and black men. Nobody knows what the hell a black gay man is. It's like fighting two battles at the same time."

Bell is a Tumor Registrar at Georgia Baptist Hospital which is owned by the

Southern Baptist Convention. He is aware that no Georgia law protects him from being fired because of his sexual orientation, but refuses to let the threat of termination govern his life.

"Very polite" are the words Bell chooses to describe his mostly female coworkers. "They know they can ask questions about my life, and they know I might not want to answer. My work and my private life are two separate things." Still, he considers it a personal goal to be as honest as he can be in any situation. "I challenge myself to be honest. Then I don't have to cover any tracks or remember what lies I told last week."

Patrick Bell believes his immediate coworkers are sensitive to the fact that he

is gay. But he continues to live the moments when some unwitting visitor from another department seizes an opportunity to make unflattering comments about us.

One incident Bell remembers vividly happened last year after the Rock Hudson docudrama was televised. A woman entered his area and made derogatory comments about the film and gays in general to another employee. Patrick heard the exchange and chose to quietly take the woman aside and explain that her prejudices are her own, but when she chose to preach them openly she hurt his feelings. He wanted neither a confrontation or scene. He just wanted her to know how it made him feel. The next day that same woman returned with an apology and a gift.

Patrick Bell says it's a good feeling to have an impact, even a minor one, on somebody else.

Karen Boyles spent six years working for the DeKalb Community Council on Aging. Karen liked her position, felt effective, and didn't feel as though she worked in a repressive environment. She was out to a few close coworkers whom she trusted and admits she and her boss probably played the, "I know you know and you know I know you know" game. It was not an unpleasant experience for Karen, but there was frustration. She even felt guilty sometimes when straight coworkers with whom she'd never discussed being lesbian nevertheless felt comfortable confiding in her about their personal lives.

Karen wanted to come out and be out at the DeKalb Community Council on

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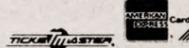
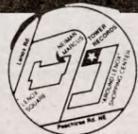
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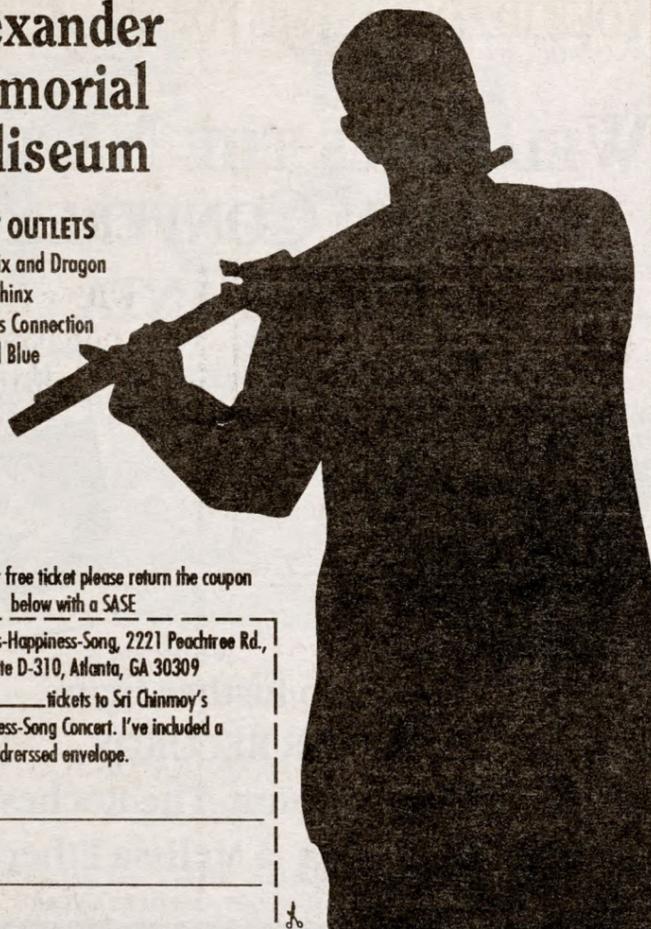
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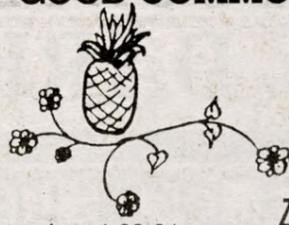
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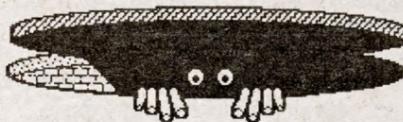


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# Christianity, Southern Gothic and Gay Sensibility

by Charlene Ball

"Mr. Universe," Jim Grimsley's award-winning play, is back at Seven Stages, running in repertory with a new play by Grimsley, "Belle Ives."

Mr. Universe, back after first seeing the light of day at Seven Stages, then going on to win an award in New York, is a Christian myth in terms of a gay male sensibility. As such, it has the strengths and weaknesses of most symbolic drama: either the symbols work for us or they don't, and if they do, is the world view they convey one we can accept?

The premise is that a mute young man with a well-developed body, wearing a loincloth and wounded, with blood all over him, is found and taken home by two drag queens, street hustlers. One is good and wants to take care of him; the other is bad and wants him lustfully.

Vic, the good drag queen, played by Peter Thomasson, behaves like the classic Good Samaritan, taking in the man and tending to his wounds, that keep mysteriously reopening. In fact, the audience sees the musclemans applying red paint to his body from a bowl throughout the play.

Judy, the bad drag queen, played by Don Finney, is evil incarnate, with the face and body of a malevolent cherub.

Brenda Bynum—with a remarkable accent that I couldn't place, but that I am told is characteristic of New Orleans—plays Katy June, a streetwalker with a heart of tin. And Rebecca Ranson has a delightful small role as an addled widow lady who constantly talks to her dead husband.

The play works for me only in

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**Mr. Universe; Belle Ives**  
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moments, however. The symbolism seems heavy-handed and too much insisted on. People making the sign of the cross with knives on their bosoms or splashing red paint on their torsos did not move me so much as put me off. And the characters—Vic is so self-sacrificing that I want to send him to the nearest Al-Anon meeting posthaste. While Judy (Judas, obviously) is only a one-dimensional villain. His tantrums are not theatrical but merely annoying.

Some of the play's premises are questionable as well. For example, why is making a sexual pass at God so horrible? Can't God handle it? Is sexuality so dangerous that good people don't dare let God know they have it? And selflessness may not always be that good. Christianity has nurtured a split in the human psyche that says we can't be good and have what we desire, and that the physical and sensual can't be holy. And so we have people like Vic who spend their lives serving others and denying themselves, and who enable irresponsible monsters like Judy.

Rebecca Ranson, as Juel Laurie, delighted me the most. She used that drawly North Carolina voice—not Deep South, not genteel, but country-slow and deliberate and working-class and funny and sad all at once, to create a believable, non-stereotyped, recognizable character.

In "Belle Ives," a mostly delightful play, working-class North Carolina meets Southern Gothic in the late Sixties. This play's main character, Alberta, played by Brenda Bynum, does not suffer from any impulses to be self-sacrificing.

Alberta, a working-class Southern white woman, deserted by her husband, with a teen-age son who is growing up too fast, has the opportunity to go back to work as a caretaker for crazy, dope-fiend Miss Belle up at the mansion. But Alberta is wary of the big house; she doesn't like the imperious Ives family—and their house holds evil secrets.

As Alberta, Brenda Bynum gives a masterful characterization. Her voice, her movements, even the bra strap hanging down over her arm—all are real.

And Bynum gets excellent support from Theresa O'Shea—two skilled character actresses here—and Rick Rogers—also recognizable. We who grew up in the South know such people; they are not Southern stereotypes; they are our relatives. Del Hamilton is pure sleaze as small-town drug dealer in bell-bottoms and a Nehru jacket.

The first act is a gem, with its engaging Southern characters and dead-accurate language. I'm telling you the truth, sure as I'm sitting here. Yes sirree bob.

But the second act is contrived when Alberta and her teenage son run afoul of crazy old Miss Belle and her brittle, soulless daughter, Miss June, both played by Janet Metzger. Before we're through, drug addiction, incest, murder, and integration have all been traipsed across the stage.

Yet these horrors do not carry as much impact as one scene that is the heart of the play for me: Alberta's son has just confessed to her that he has gotten a black girl pregnant. Alberta tells him that he is



CHP SIMONE

Janet Metzger (top), Brenda Bynum and Theresa O'Shea in Jim Grimsley's new play "Belle Ives."

not going to slough off his responsibility to the girl, and also that he does not have to face this dilemma alone. In that scene, we get a sense of how a poor woman like Alberta becomes strong and compassionate as she is—through her sense of being connected to her child and her family and her community. That is the strength of the South; that sense of connectedness to one's place and people.

Jim Grimsley is at his best when he presents realistic dialogue, believable characters, and humor. His symbolism, however, comes across as heavy-handed. And drag queens and crazy Southern women have both been used too many times to symbolize decadence and evil.

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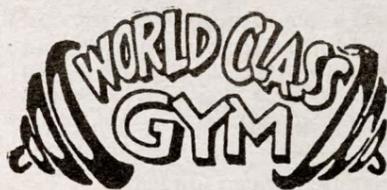
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# Blowing the Lid Off Sexual Subterfuge

by Dave Hayward

"*M. Butterfly* is not a gay play, but the fact is it's about two men," proclaims playwright David Henry Hwang, on the eve of *Butterfly's* opening May 3rd at the Fox. "However disguised it's literally a gay relationship, and it challenges the visibility of putting people into categories."

Reflecting a real life story, *M. Butterfly* recounts the 20 year affair between a French diplomat Rene Gallimard and a Chinese Opera star Song Liling, who beneath massive headresses and voluminous kimonos happens to be a man—a fact the diplomat ever denies knowing, along with Song's spying for the Chinese government.

Hwang sees that his drama of sexual and self-deception is simpatico with gay audiences, and local groups Jerusalem House, Childkind and Project Open Hand are capitalizing on its appeal to stage their first joint fundraiser—a theatre party and lavish reception hosted by ten caterers on opening night May 3rd. With almost everything donated, "95% of everyone's



Philip Anglim and A. Mapa in *M. Butterfly*, David Henry Hwang's Tony Award winning drama at the Fox May 3-5.

passionate stand for honesty, and by extension coming out. "Some people are attracted to the opposite sex, some are attracted to the same sex, and some are attracted to both sexes. And it's all okay, there shouldn't be any need or oppression for us to conform." Speaking for himself, Hwang says he's basically straight, yet "I haven't really had a gay relationship, but I like to feel I'm open to that part of me."

Hwang occupies an important historical place as the first Asian-American to have a play produced on Broadway, and a highly successful one, winning three Tonys, including Best Play and running longer than any drama since *Amadeus*. Closing on Broadway in January 1990, *M. Butterfly* began its national tour in Boston in September where it broke box office records.

As Broadway's first direct Asian-American statement, Hwang emphasizes "*Butterfly* is as much about the East and West as it is about sexuality. An Asian man knows the West. Here he knows the stereotypes, and he fulfills them." Gallimard claims he never knew Song was a man because he never saw him naked, which he attributes to Oriental modesty, while Hwang denies Asian women are at all inhibited when they are alone with their lovers.

"*M. Butterfly* is supportive of feminism, it's putting down the male desire for submissive women," Hwang stresses. "In the Kabuki onnegata, the men in Kabuki who play women's roles, they say a woman can only be a woman, but a man can be an idealization of a woman." And we can all pay dearly for those delusions, as *M. Butterfly* indelibly demonstrates.

Hwang sees that *Butterfly* thus makes a

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"I'm not aware of anything in *M. Butterfly* directly related to AIDS, but the audience response is conditioned by an awareness of AIDS," allows Hwang about *Butterfly's* relevance. "It's about how difficult it is to know the people we're in love with. We wake up and wonder who was that person, how could I have thought they're actually like this! It's also the age we live in and our uncertainty about our partners - they're not telling us something, they could hurt us in some way, and not just emotionally."

# Tennessee, Blanche and Maggie Burn Themselves Up

"*Tennessee in the Summer*" is a harrowing object lesson for any creative person, especially for gay men. Dramatizing one of the world's greatest playwrights, author Joe Besecker relentlessly exposes Tennessee Williams' drugging, drinking and fornicating into creative and final oblivion. Amazingly, Williams' writing literally kept him alive, even when he had little to say.

heroes Blanche duBois and Maggie the Cat aren't overlooked via a fascinating device of splitting the author into a man and a woman. Amusingly costumed by Lee Shiver, Nan McElroy sprawls in lavender slips and white negligee, burning up the bedcovers while Johnny Walsh as Tennessee clucks and tsks. It's great fun to watch Walsh and McElroy entice Frank into their collective beds.

Nan McElroy is a quintessential Williams woman, as fastidious as she is erotic, and much of Tennessee's irreverent humor comes out of her.

Director Putnam elicits a capable performance from Chuck Tedder as Williams' lover Frank, and as a hustler and Williams' brother. Seeing Tedder and Walsh share an affectionate bed is refreshing, a foray for once into intimate male union.

Johnny Walsh is mixed as Williams, overwrought initially in the Kirk Douglas school of chin acting. Walsh modulates his performance so by Act Two he is convincing as a sodden Williams who has seen better days. He deftly delivers the playwright's lust as well as his prissiness.

As a whole, *Tennessee* pinpoints Williams' triumph and ultimate defeat: "My vulnerability has always sat at the center of my plays."

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Fortunately, Williams' legendary

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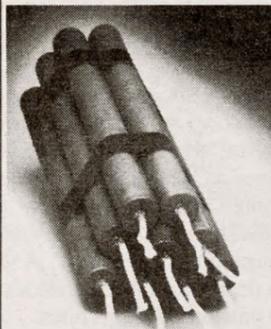
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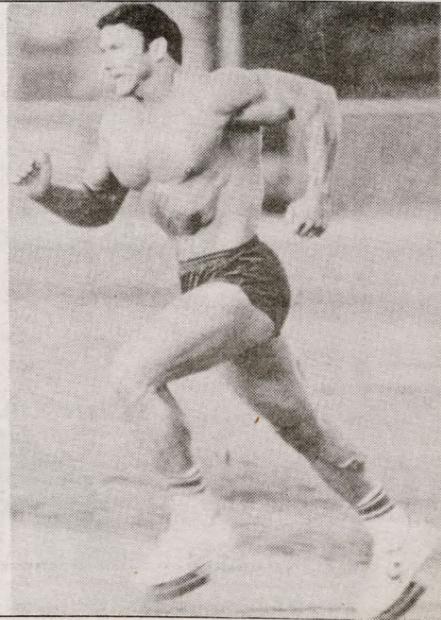
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FILM REVIEW

# The Marrying Man and Defending Your Life

*Basinger and Baldwin flop; Streep and Brooks Advance*

by Terry Francis

**The Marrying Man** ★ Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger have taken considerable heat for their alleged unprofessional behavior on the set of this film, which has received the most negative advance press of any movie in recent memory. Basinger is reputed to have said within earshot of Neil Simon, the film's scenarist, something like, "Whoever wrote this script doesn't know anything about comedy." And after seeing the film, I'm inclined to agree with her.

But it's a pity that nobody had the nerve to mumble within Ms. Basinger's earshot, "Whoever told her she could sing?" In a related incident, Mr. Baldwin, in a flurry of temper presumably borne of mounting tensions on the set, is alleged to have shouted at the crew in a state of near hysteria, something like, "You bunch of faggots!"

In the film, Baldwin plays a rich, handsome playboy about to marry Elisabeth Shue (sweetly beguiled) for respect rather than for love. Then, in a pre-wedding bachelor celebration at a Vegas dive, he lays eyes (and before the night is over, everything else) on Kim Basinger, the resident saloon singer and girlfriend of mobster Bugsy Siegel (Armand Assante, sexily menacing and the best thing in the movie, as always).

In the course of the film, the Vegas pair marry and divorce repeatedly, and we're meant to find them irresistible. But everything about this movie seems tired and crude and pulled out of cold storage. The cliches fly. The picture feels like a disappointing run through for the real thing that turns out to have been not worth doing in the first place.

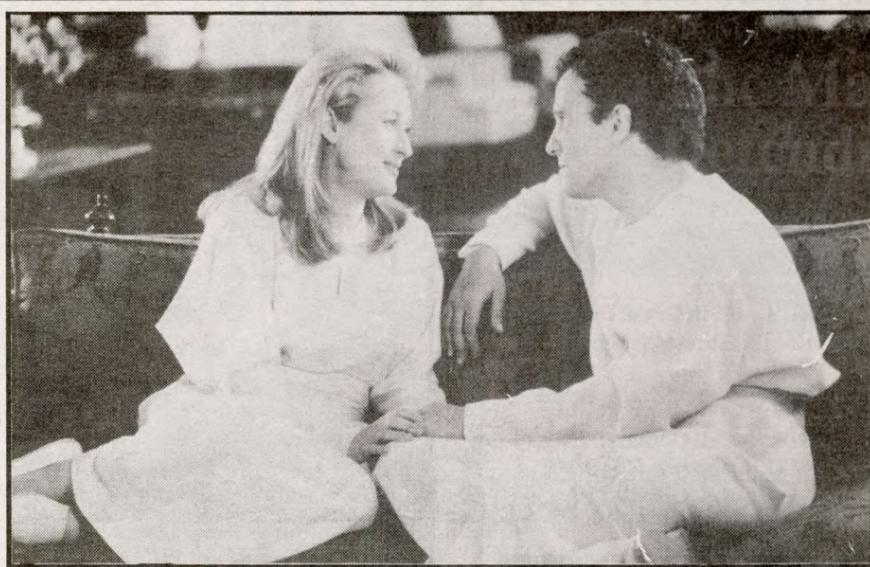
Baldwin and Basinger, for all the passion of their reported off screen romance, have virtually no rapport together on screen. They appear to express their contempt for the material by simply walking through their roles. When singing, Ms. Basinger, particularly, hangs herself out to dry—the combination of her voice and Jeffrey Hornaday's dumb-sleaze choreography insult the audience's taste and intelligence.

What's going on when an actress allows herself to be this sadly exposed (and Basinger "is" an actress, as she proved so movingly in *Fool for Love*)? Ms. Basinger rubs her hips and thighs as if trying to fit into a dress now far too small for her at the same time her indifferent singing goes on and on.

Mr. Baldwin, apparently believing that blue eyes and self-confidence constitute a performance, mugs his way through his role, finally arriving at some private clearing of arrogance and narcissism. Apart from the sloppy editing, the film has been made with uninspired care (direction, acting, writing, visual design, all are predictable).

It is sometimes the case that people in positions of power lose their bearings in terms of assessing their own talent and limitations. Surrounded by sycophants either unwilling or afraid to tell them the truth, writers and actors are apt to diminish themselves publicly in ways that linger in the audience's memory. This awful movie is merely the latest testament to that process.

**Defending Your Life** ★★ 1/2 An agreeably mild and sometimes witty film, starring Albert Brooks (he also wrote and directed)



Meryl Streep and Albert Brooks in "Defending Your Life," which asserts that it's courage in this life that advances you to the next.

as a rising L.A. advertising exec who zooms into the next world when he gets smashed by a bus while driving his new BMW. The sensibility depicted in the film is watered-down New Age: we advance to the next plane of existence on the basis of illustrations of our courage in this one.

The film dwells on the theme that fear of taking the lead in one's own life is what holds most of us back. Well, nothing new there. But is the lack of an assertive facet to one's personality really an emblem of a lower consciousness, of deficient morality? (Would that some of our political and religious leaders understood the virtue of doubt.)

But Brooks manages to wring some laughs out of admittedly banal material, and the film is socially on target in some of its satire. The casting is very fine. Meryl Streep brings humor and flashes of authentic feeling to her role as a woman with whom Brooks falls in love. And Rip Torn is

impeccably cheerful as Brooks' "defender" before the tribunal that will decide if Brooks should advance to the next world or return to Earth for some extra fine tuning. Tom's phrasing and the spin he gives to his line readings are satirical embroidery.

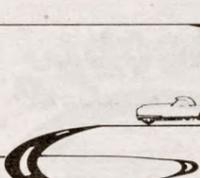
And Lee Grant, as Brooks' prosecutor, vividly embodies the modern philosophy of "Nothing personal, it's only my job when I do everything I can to ruin your life." (There's also a brief cameo appearance by an actress whose radiant manner nearly causes the film to give off surreal sparks.)

Far less successful are Brooks' efforts to bring some measure of humor to the modern pang in all our minds of AIDS. Clearly, he doesn't mean to offend; he simply hasn't thought through exactly what he's trying to say, and the damaged humor can only lie there, uncomfortably. In the end, there's not too much to this film, but now and again parts of it are lovely.

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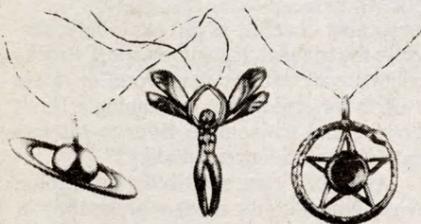
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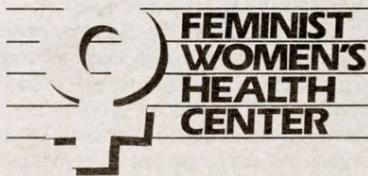
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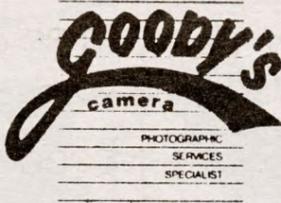
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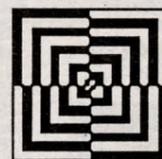
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relevant for lesbians in the future."

Conference accessibility has been of paramount importance. All meetings will be held in wheelchair accessible space and dialogues will be sign language interpreted. The program book will be available in large print and braille and also on audio tape. In order to ensure access for some women with Environmental Illness, it is requested that conference attendees refrain from using scented products.

Mary Frances Platt, Access and Needs Coordinator for Lesbians with Disabilities, feels that "this will be the most physically and attitudinally accessible lesbian event ever held. I am pleased with the inroads that have been made regarding access and anti-ableism work." A packet delineating access and needs services for lesbians with disabilities is available through the office.

Poverty can be equally debilitating in preventing attendance. Therefore, the sliding scale for conference admission begins at nothing and slides upwards towards as much as you can afford.

Equally important to the success of the Conference is diversity in those attending. The divergent interests of the attendees is reflected in the wide variety of workshops. Everything from Midwifery to Lesbians in the Locker Room to 12-step programs will be offered. There will also be daily workshops to confront all the isms that have divided the Lesbian Nation for many years.

In addition to learning opportunities, there will also be recreational activities offered. Included free to registrants will be admission to the Labryst Lounge

which will be in the Radisson Hotel Ballroom where many of the conference activities are taking place. There, lesbians from all over the country will entertain. Several local groups will be performing including acoustic musical trio Boink Dee Deek. "Funny That Way" will premiere a new play by Deb Calabria called "Wet Dreams and Other Lesbian Tales." There will also be a room where videos will be shown continuously allowing us to see another whole side of the lesbian culture. Lee/Abbink Productions' "Women of Gold" will be used in a workshop as well as shown at the Conference. It tells the story of the Asian women who participated in the 1990 Gay Games.

Day passes will be available to those who want to attend just part of the Conference. They will get you into everything including the Market Place and Juried Art Show where over 150 lesbian artists will have their pretties and practicals on display. Registration will also get you into many of the bars and related activities for a reduced price. (See complete listing of NLC related activities in the calendar.)

Unregistered women may attend one of the two dances being held in the Radisson Ballroom for a small fee. On Wednesday from 10pm-12pm, a dance is sponsored by the Old Lesbians (over 50) for women of all ages. Friday night's dance will feature Kentucky-based dance-til-you-drop rock band "Yer Girlfriend" and a D.J. for continuous fun. All dances and activities directly under the auspices of the Conference will be chem-free.

What will come out of the Conference is, of course, unclear. Stephanie Jo Kent, media coordinator, says, "at the very least



Dance 'Til Dawn with dance band "Yer Girlfriend" Friday night at the Radisson Hotel, and don't miss local talent Tammy Why-Not at the Extravaganza on Saturday night.

we will discover how far we have come in learning to listen to each other, and at best we will form the nucleus of a national movement framed around specific issues and having a clear direction."

The direction of the NLC will soon be manifest as the Conference opens its doors on April 24th.

Information on all activities including registration may be obtained from the National Office at 1649 McLendon St., NE in Candler Park, or call 373-6080, 373-6152, or 373-0000.



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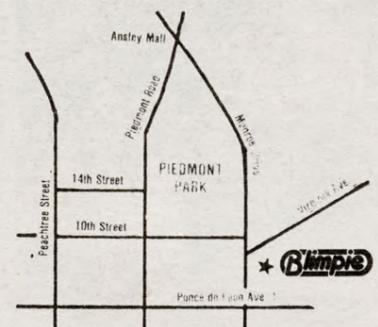
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**Art**

**OLD WIVES' TALES.** Thru May 4. An exhibit that disproves the old theorem that "women must choose between art and family". Multi-medium works by 15 mothers from many cultures. TULA, 75 Bennett St. 351-3551.

**"ROUGE, JAUNE AND BLEU."** Thru May 11. Industrial collages, oils, acrylics and photos make this an eclectic show indeed. BurnNoff Gallery, Piedmont at Monroe. 875-3475.

**900 YEARS OF AFRICAN ART & THOUGHT.** Thru June 16. More than 100 works trace the art history of the Yoruba people of Nigeria and Benin in West Africa from the 12th century to the present. Ancient bronzes, carved ivory, spectacular masks, costumes and much more to see and marvel over. At the High Museum. 892-3600.

**VITAL SIGNS.** May 5 - June 8. Mixed media from artists around the country who have been inspired or nurtured by Atlanta. Assorted works from photography to sculpture from over 85 artists review the accomplishments of the Atlanta art scene over the last 20 years. New Nexus Gallery. 535 Means St. near Ga. Tech. 688-1970.

**PHYSICIANS FOR A NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM, CHAPTER MEETING.** Sat. May 4, 10am. Discussions and information about health insurance options. Morehouse School of Med., Rm. 203, 720 Westview Dr., SW.

**LEGAL AWARDS BANQUET.** Sat. May 4, 7pm. The group, Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians, holds a dinner to award excellent work and accomplishments. Rep. John Lewis is the main honoree. Dress is semi-formal, cash bar. At the Lanier Plaza Hotel. Call 2867476 for info.

**RODEO WEEKEND.** Sat. May 4. Get along all you little doggies to the Waterworks for fun, food, country dancing, games and raffles. Brought to you by the Southeast Gay Rodeo Association who plan to produce the Southeast's first Gay Rodeo in 1993. Atlanta Waterworks. 874-6556.

**Film & Video**

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**Music**

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**NLC Related Events**

**DAY TRIPS WITH WOODSWOMEN.** Tues. April 23. Trip to Stone Mountain with picnic, hiking and boating. Mon. April 29. Trip to Red Top Mountain, easy hiking with bird watching in the lovely Cumberland Mts. See Woodswomen Booth at NLC for more details. 373-0000.

**MARKET PLACE OPENING AND ART SALE.** Wed. April 24, 2-4pm. 150 women artists display their pretties and practicals in the Radisson Hotel Hall of Nations. Most of the work will continue to be on display throughout the conference. Women only. Day pass required. Call 373-0000 for more information.

**HOME GIRLS PARTY.** Thurs. April 25. 9pm. A party for lesbians of color & their friends. 2069 The Page. 2069 Cheshire Bridge Rd. 728-9045.

**ROBIN TYLER IN CONCERT.** Thurs. April 25, 8:30pm. Funny feminist, organizer of the Southern Women's Music Festival, and traveling lesbian commentator shares a unique outlook on the world picture. The Otherside. 1924 Piedmont Ave. \$10. 875-5238.

**JURIED ART SHOW - OPENING RECEPTION.** Thurs. April 25, 3-6pm. Meet the artists and see a powerful exhibit featuring lesbians from across the country. Stained glass, textiles, wood, paintings, and more. Women only. Art show will continue to be displayed until April 28, 2pm. Many works for sale. Hall of Nations, Radisson Hotel, Courtland & International Blvd. 373-0000.

**DARE TO BE BARE.** Fri. April 26. 6 pm. A welcome to Atlanta cocktail party with FREE admission and buffet. Deana's One Mo Time. 1890 Cheshire Bridge Rd. 874-0980.

**DANCE 'TIL DAWN.** Fri. April 26. 9pm. Non-stop music with Kentucky-based dance/rock band, Yer Girlfiend and D.J. At the door, \$5-6. NLC attendees, \$3-4. Radisson Hotel Ballroom, Courtland & International Blvd. 373-0000.

**COME CELEBRATE WOMEN IN SONG.** Sat. April 27. 7pm and 9pm. Sweet harmonies blend in an evening of special songs from the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus. Local fave's Joyce and Jacque will join the chorus. Southside High, 801 Glenwood Ave. AFWC at 294-8983. Tickets at Atlantis Connection, Back Alley Video, Charis, Boy Next Door & Gallus Restaurant.

**CONFERENCE WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA.** Sat. April 27, 7:30 pm. A festival of entertainment with all the comforts of home: Teresa Trull, Lea Delaria, Washington Sisters with Melanie Monsur, Sue Fink, Alix Dobkin, Karen Williams, the Two-Spirited Thunder People (Native American dance troupe) and Atlanta's own Tammy Why-Not. Atlanta Civic Center, 395 Piedmont Ave., NE, \$13 at the door. 373-0000.

**Spirituality**

**FEMINIST SPIRITUALITY - ASKING THE QUESTIONS.** Thurs. May 2. 7:30 pm. Connie Tuttle, M. Div. leads a discussion for women who struggle to stay in their religious traditions and those who have chosen the difficult path of leaving. Charis Books. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

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**TENNESSEE IN THE SUMMER.** Thru May 5. This award-winning play by Joe Besecker is a conceptualized look into the life and mind of the late Tennessee Williams and goes beyond the white suit and panama hat to the naked man beneath. 14th Street Playhouse. Tickets at Charis & E.D.'s Gourmet. 881-0817 for reservations.

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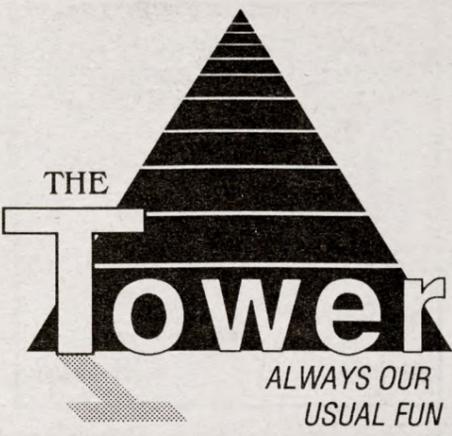
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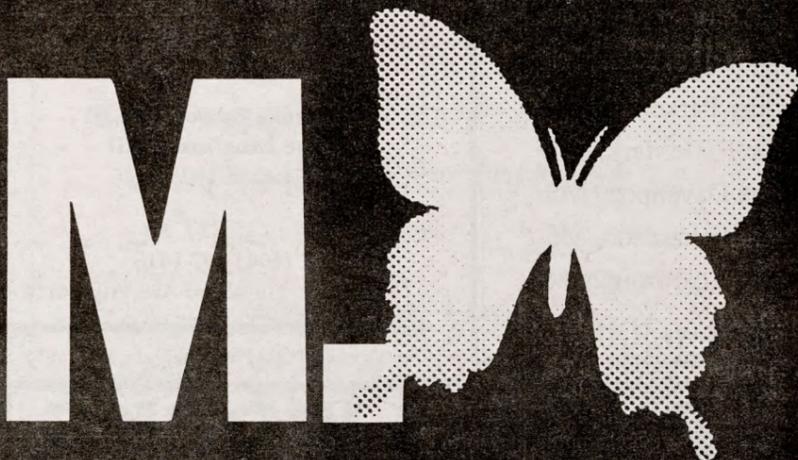
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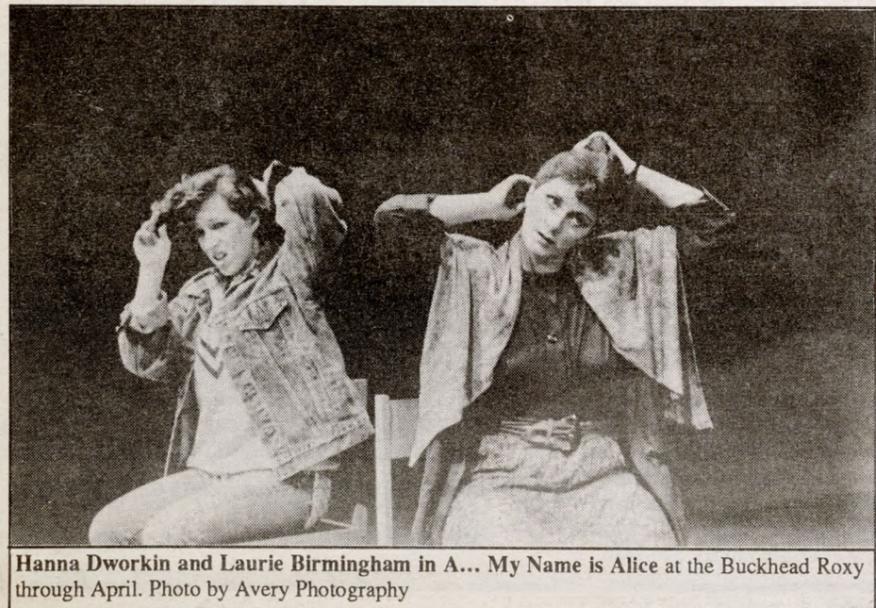
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**First MCC AIDS Ministry**—Spiritual and emotional support for PWA's and Families. 872-2246

**The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project**—Meets 2d Mon. of month, 874-8969.

**National Association of People with AIDS/Atlanta**—A political, social, and educational organization confronting the AIDS crisis. Membership open to all individuals with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV positive. 874-7926.

**The Names Project/Atlanta**—A National AIDS Memorial. Meets Tuesdays, 6:30pm at All Saints Episcopal Church. 286-6263.

**The Names Project Quilting Bee**—For those interested in creating a panel or helping others working on a panel. Thurs. 7:30pm at First MCC. 872-2246.

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**ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT**

**Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus**—A community-oriented chorale group of women's voices. Membership open to all women interested in singing. Practice each Sunday. 294-8983.

**Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus**—Community-oriented chorus of male voices. Membership open to all interested singers and non-singers alike. 627-7830.

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**DIRECT ACTION/POLITICAL**

**ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter**—Working for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men in the metropolitan Atlanta area. 523-6201.

**AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power**—Direct action group with the purpose of fighting homophobia, AIDS, sexism and racism. Meetings held Tuesday at 7:30 PM, NAPWA offices at 98 6th St. 286-6247.

**BIAS Crime Hot Line Line**—To report all bias/hate crime incidents and police abuse. 286-BIAS.

**Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation**—Works to lessen public expressions of homophobia, especially in the media. Meets First Mon., 7pm at Peachtree Library. 286-7476

**Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition**

— Meetings vary. The gay and lesbian political action committee monitoring and acting in the local political scene. 368-7420.

**Human Rights Campaign Fund**—The nation's largest Lesbian & Gay political + lobbying organization. Field office, 373-6330. Annual dinner committee, 365-8766.

**Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians**—A voice for lesbians and gays in the Democratic party. Migs. on 3rd Mon. of the month. 7pm at P'tree Library. 286-7476.

**Queer Nation**—Direct action countering homophobia and educating the public. Meets 2d and 4th Mon. at Peachtree Branch Library. 286-2355.

**PROFESSIONAL**

**Atlanta Business & Professional Guild**—A service organization of both gay/lesbian and non-gay professionals and businesspersons. Meets 2d Tues. 355-1800.

**Fourth Tuesday**—A networking organization for lesbian professionals and entrepreneurs. Regular dinner meetings on 4th Tues. Also special events. 662-4353.

**Success Oriented Networking Group**—Structured networking for gay/lesbian and non-gay professionals. Meets every other Weds. 662-4202

**SPIRITUAL**

**All Saints Metropolitan Community Church**—Serving metro Atlanta with positive Christian support for lesbians and gay men. Services 7 pm every Sun. at 575 Boulevard, SE. 622-1154.

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**Congregation Bet Haverim-Reconstructionist Synagogue** serving the Gay and Lesbian community. Services every Fri. at 8pm at AIDS Interfaith Network 1053 Juniper St. Shabbat Seder 2nd Fridays monthly at 7:30pm. 642-3467.

**First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta**—A Christian church proclaiming God's love for lesbians and gay men. Counseling available by appointment. Same sex Holy Unions performed. Sun. at 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM Also Weds. 7:30 PM. 800 N. Highland Ave. 872-2246.

**Gay & Lesbian Mormons**—Affirmation group organizing in the Atlanta area. For info call 570-2561 (dig. page).

**Gay Catholics of Georgia and Friends**—Support group for lesbian/gay Catholics and friends. Meetings and activities vary. 390-0739.

**Integrity**—Ministry of Gay Episcopalians 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. 7:30 PM. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3rd floor of Ellis Hall. 642-3183.

**Lambda Light**—A meditation group for lesbians and gay men. Meets weekly. 872-9088 or 875-4565.

**Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta**—A Christian Ministry for Lesbian and Gay Understanding. 636-7109.

**Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns**—Gays and lesbians gather over light foods to celebrate their Presbyterian heritage. 373-5830.

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**Friends Atlanta**—A social, recreational, and educational group for gays and lesbians. 662-4501.

**Front Runners/Atlanta**—A running/walking/social group for lesbians and gay men. Weds. 6:30pm in Piedmont Park and Sat. 9am at Chattahoochee and Powers Ferry Rd. 622-0739.

**Greater Atlanta Naturist Group**—For gay men who enjoy nude outdoor and social activities. Not a sex club. For info send SASE to: GANG, PO Box 7546, Atlanta, GA 30357.

**Hotlanta Soccer**—Practice every Sunday at 3pm in Piedmont Park. Beginners, men and women are welcome. 577-0418.

**Hotlanta Volleyball**—Serious and amateur players are welcome to join. in tournaments and Clinics held to learn and practice new techniques. 875-0700.

**S.E. Gay Rodeo Association**—For cowboys and cowgirls across the south. A number of activities, including a rodeo, are in the planning stage. PO Box 8262, Atlanta, GA 30306. 874-6556.

# COMMUNICATIONS

**S.E. Harlequins**—Women's rugby football team practices every Wed. night and Sun. afternoon. No experience is necessary and new players are always welcome. 659-6916 or 761-8939 for info.

## SERVICE/SUPPORT

**Athens Lesbian Information Line**—Athens area lesbians call to find out about support groups, social gatherings, etc. (404) 353-2211.  
**Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee**—Responsible for annual pride celebration. Meets the 1st Mon. of each month at 2069 The Page (2069 Cheshire Bridge) and the 3d Thurs. at Ponce Library (980 Ponce de Leon) at 7pm. All invited. 325-4435.

**Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance**—A lesbian feminist organization which welcomes lesbians of all races, religions, political orientation, economic status, occupation and degree of openness. 2d Sunday of each month. 6:00 PM. PO Box 5502, Atlanta, Ga. 30307, phone 378-9769.  
**Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee**—A non-profit, non-partisan, organization created to support the right to reproductive freedom for all people. 239-8016.

**African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance**—A political and social organization for black lesbians and gay men. Meets 1st Sunday of each month. 4pm, Ashby and Gordon Streets. 349-3739.

**Athens Gay and Lesbian Association**—Contact P.O. Box 2201 Athens 30612-0201 or call 404/549-9368.

**Delphi**—A fraternity of gay men. P.O. Box 14591, Atlanta, GA 30324.

**Gay Fathers Association**—Support group meets 4th Fri. 296-8369.

**Gay Help Line**—Phone, 6pm-11pm, daily. 892-0661.

**The Group**—Support for gay and bisexual men who are or who have been involved in marital-type situations with women. 892-0661.

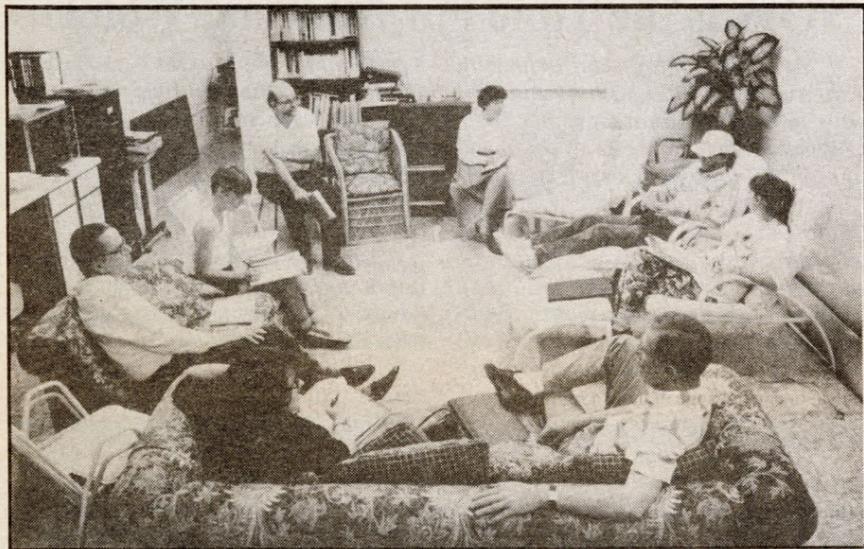
**Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous**—Addresses unique issues that lesbian and gay drug addicts deal with in their recovery. Meets Mon. & Fri. at 8pm in education building of Grace United Methodist, Ponce de Leon and Charles Allen. 237-6262.

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

**Lesbian Support Group**—Discussion group open to all lesbians. Every Friday. 672-7387.

**Men of Little 5 Points**—Socials and speakers on gay and community topics. Write PO Box 5425, Atlanta, GA 30307.

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**—Committed to help parents of lesbians and gays and too help change attitudes so all gay people can live with dignity and respect. 3d Sun., 3-5pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. 296-0830 or 875-9440.



KAREN DUNIGAN

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NAPWA members and volunteers helped find the space where they currently reside. If you have office space to offer, or are interested in helping NAPWA find a home, please call 874-7926, Monday through Friday, Noon til 5:00 p.m. Thanks!

**Atlanta Couples Together**—Social organization to support positive aspects of gay and lesbian relationships. Events and meetings vary. 365-2455.

**Atlanta Gay Center**. Offers services for lesbians and gays men as well as educational outreach to society as a whole. 63 12th St., 876-5372; Coming Out Group 4pm Sat; Young Adult Support Group 6:30pm Tues; HIV+ Group Fri. 8pm, Sun. 6pm; Clinic 6-9pm Mon., Tue., Wed.

**Black and White Men Together**—A gay interracial organization committed to fostering a supportive environment wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome. 794-BWMT.  
**Codependents Anonymous-Lambda**—A 12-step program of recovery from codependency for gays and lesbians. Meetings Tues. & Wed. at 8 PM and Sun. at 7pm. 239-1657.

**The Cobb County Group**—Monthly social and frequent recreational activities for those who live in Cobb. 438-1421.

**Chrysalis Women's Center**—Provides social, educational and informational programs and services for the community. Lesbian discussion group meets 7:00 every Friday; Support group for lesbian mothers meets 6:00 every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays; Support group for married lesbians meets 6:00 every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. 881-6300.

**Women of Wisdom**—A social and service organization that aims to facilitate women meeting with women in a comfortable atmosphere. Meets at Chrysalis Women's Center monthly, date varies. 723-1112. or write P.O. Box 451065, Atlanta, GA 30345-1065.

**ZAMI**—Women who work together as friends and lovers, a support group for women of color. Meets 2d Fri. of each month at Charis Books. 315-7684.

## STUDENTS

**Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization**—Meetings every Wed., 7:30pm, Room 362E, Dobbs University Center. Emory Univ. 727-6692.

**Gays & Lesbians United for Equality**—Kennesaw Community College's group is in the process of formation. 426-8160.

**Georgia Tech Gay and Lesbian Alliance**—Weekly meetings. 676-0183.

**Ga. State Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance**—Support group for the gay and lesbian community at Ga. State. Meeting/activity times vary, call 378-1370.

**S.E. Alternative Lifestyles Association**—Networking group for lesbian and gay student groups. 634-2524.

**Young Adult Support Group**—For men and women 14-24, meets at Atlanta Gay Center, 63 12th Street, 6:30pm every Tuesday. 876-5372.

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## SAMANTHA CLaar: NOW is the Time For All Good Women

You've probably seen Samantha Claar's house on McLendon Avenue near Little Five Points. It has a gay flag and a pink triangle flag on the front porch and signs in the window that say things like, "Sodomy, the Law is the Perversion," "Women at Work," etc. Of course you've seen her house, you just didn't know it was hers. You might have even seen Claar out front working in her stone-landscaped yard. The same signs and flags were also in front of her house when she lived in Cobb County, a slightly bolder statement out there.

Though President of the Atlanta Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), a volunteer position, Claar has mixed feelings about NOW's responsiveness to the needs of lesbians. "NOW doesn't address lesbian issues as openly or as much as I'd like, but they are still the best game in town," Claar says, "and I'm not willing to work just on lesbian issues. I think the category has to be a lot broader for us to get anywhere."

Claar has been actively involved with NOW for two years. "When I get discouraged about the way NOW works or is structured, I look around for a place to better use my energies, and I just haven't found a place that's better."

Claar makes her living as an independent contractor selling commercial lightning protection, which she describes as "basically old-timey lightning rod systems for high rise buildings." She works in her home where she moved from Cobb County almost a year ago. From her home office Claar operates both her business, called Samantha Systems, and the Atlanta chapter of NOW. "I need another desk," she says, "so that I can move all the NOW stuff to a separate desk."

Claar has been remodeling the house she shares with her 14 year old daughter Chance since they moved in. The fact that Chance Claar lives with her mother is the result of a hard-won court battle. Claar, as an open lesbian, was awarded custody of her daughter in a Cobb County court. When asked how she managed that, she replied simply "money...and being aggressive." After learning that her husband was planning to file for custody on the basis of Samantha's sexual orientation, she turned the tables and filed suit first for non-payment of child support. "In most respects,

I guess you could say that I was lucky," she explains. Claar feels that as a middle class white woman, she had both enough confidence and enough cash to fight for her daughter. "That's why we need a fund for women who don't have those privileges," she insists.

Chance has grown up with some privileges even her mother didn't have, though. "She not only has a choice of what she wants to be; she has a choice of who she wants to be, and it infuriates me that we didn't have those options," Samantha explains. Chance notices cute girls and cute boys, according to her mother. "She knows that if I had my preference, she would be a lesbian," Claar laughs, "but she also knows that I love her and that she can be whatever she wants."

Claar is also active in the Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. Though plans for Gay Pride events are going smoothly, she feels that the committee needs more involvement of lesbians and people of color. "I find more and more that gay men still need the same kind of education services that straight white men do, which is disappointing," she says.

She is looking forward to the National Lesbian Conference where she hopes to get a chance to interact with national figures in lesbian politics. In particular, she is looking forward to meeting Charlotte Bunch, a writer who deals with global feminism. "I think it's a unique coming together," she says, "I'm curious to see how it's going to work."

Claar is not one to back down from any struggle, or to pull punches. For instance, on her "SO•DO•MY" t-shirt, in addition to "So do my neighbors, So do my friends, So do my idols" she added "So do my legislators." But she struggles with herself in deciding the most appropriate and effective methods for civil rights activism. When considering whether to work politics from inside the system or fight against the system itself, she feels that NOW must, in most cases, do both. "I go back and forth about how much I want to play in the system," she says. "My gut feeling is that I'd rather not be in the system at all. I'd rather bring it all crashing down and start from scratch."

—Debbie Fraker

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## Bristol-Myers to Seek Marketing Approval for New AIDS Drug

by Dave Gilden  
AIDS NEWS SERVICE

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company has announced that it has filed a new drug application with the FDA seeking approval to market ddI. When the drug gets the official nod, ddI will be the first new direct anti-AIDS drug since AZT.

Like AZT, ddI is a nucleoside analog. It is a defective version of one of the repeated subunits, in this case adenosine, that makes up the DNA in a cell's genetic material.

When the AIDS-triggering HIV virus invades a cell and tries to insert a copy of its genes into a human cell's DNA, taking up an AZT or ddI molecule breaks the new DNA chain the virus is forming. The attempt at infecting the cell fails.

Past experience has shown that AZT loses effectiveness after someone has taken it for a year or two. Side effects such as anemia and muscle weakness accumulate, and the HIV in the person's body seems to become resistant to the drug.

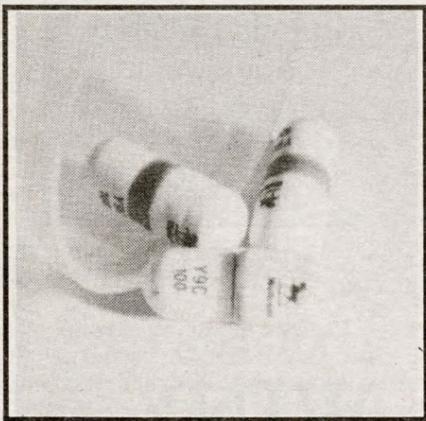
As people live longer with HIV and AIDS, and begin taking AZT earlier in the disease cycle, alternatives to AZT have become desperately needed. For many people with AIDS, their time on AZT is running out.

ACT UP, Project Inform in San Francisco and other groups across the country have conducted a vigorous campaign since last August to accelerate approval of ddI and the related ddC. Target dates of December 1 and then March 1 had been set for their approval.

The biggest surprise in Bristol-Myer's announcement was that the company was seeking approval for a very wide spectrum of use—in anyone with symptomatic HIV infection. Previously, the rumor had been that Bristol-Myers was going to request approval for prescribing ddI only to PWAs who were failing on AZT and to children with AIDS.

In March, Martin Delaney of Project Inform told AIDS News Service, "We were pushing for the broadest indications for ddI, but they said that would delay approval."

Bristol-Myers will not yet comment on what data caused the company to change its mind. More than 23,000 people worldwide are now taking the drug, either in official trials or through the company's free compassionate use



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"As people live longer with HIV and AIDS, and begin taking AZT earlier in the disease cycle, alternatives to AZT have become desperately needed. For many people with AIDS, their time on AZT is running out."

program, making for a very large body of experience to draw upon.

FDA approval under Bristol-Myers' terms should make the drug readily available to everyone, including those who want to experiment with combined ddI-AZT therapy. But ddI's price may be a major stumbling block. According to Bristol-Myers spokesperson Susan Yarin, "It is premature to speculate on the cost of the drug." It is clear, though, that the exceptional costs of distributing ddI free to 23,000 people will be reflected in its final price.

Another big question is how long the FDA will take to review the licensing application for the drug. In a statement issued April 10, Roland G. Chesemore, FDA Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs, promised, "We have assigned the highest priority to review and evaluation of ddI."

But according to AIDS authority Dr. Donald Abrams, the FDA Antiviral Advisory Committee, of which he is a member, has scheduled a meeting to discuss ddI in "June or July". Since the advisory committee does not have the final say on the drug, it is likely that approval of ddI is still many months off.

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Aging. She was, in fact, on the verge of coming out when she learned that Project Open Hand was looking for an Executive Director. Karen landed the position and began work last December. She calls the sequence of events and change in jobs, "really just coincidental." And then with a smile she says it's also, "one of the best things I've ever done for me...it's been good for my mental health."

Karen is all the way out at Project Open Hand. This particular career move has enabled her to strip away a layer of anxiety. She believes she worries less and trusts her own judgment more. She knows how difficult it is to be a woman and a lesbian in the workplace, but "not at Project Open Hand," she says.

Karen Boyles is obviously happy about the direction her life has taken recently, but now at 40, admits, "if I could do it over, I would have done it sooner...I wish I'd been more courageous."

Karen's already making up for lost time on the courage issue. Not long ago, a former coworker from the Council on Aging who didn't know Karen is a lesbian, applied for a position at Project Open Hand. At the end of the interview, Karen just told the applicant, Roberta, the truth, and asked if that would be a problem. Since it wasn't a problem, Roberta now works there and happily

agreed to be quoted. "It doesn't matter to me. I'm glad to have a job."

Rebecca Hart is 39, attends church regularly, loves cycling and sells Mary Kay Cosmetics for extra income. For over two years now she has worked as a Graphic Designer at CNN alongside David Salyer. Rebecca says she can't even remember how or when she realized David was gay. However it happened she says, "I guess I wasn't shocked or surprised." Does she remember working with any other openly gay men in the past? "Are you kidding," she laughs, "I'm from Conservativetown, U.S.A."

Last spring Rebecca and David grew closer during simultaneous break ups with boyfriends and discovered they were able to talk candidly with one another. Having survived Bruce and Scott, Rebecca and David like to talk about *thirtysomething* now. But sometimes they still like to talk about men.

Rebecca believes working with an openly gay man like David has made her more aware of the problems gay people face. She says, "it must take a lot of courage to come out because you're going against the norm." Then, after a pause, Rebecca adds, "courage is an admirable quality in anybody."

Next issue: "Out of the Darkness" turns to the spiritual and religious choices that open lesbians and gay men make. This installment of "Out of the Darkness" is part three of a seven-part series.

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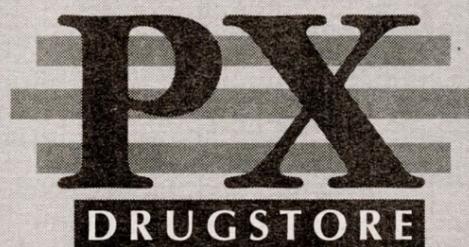
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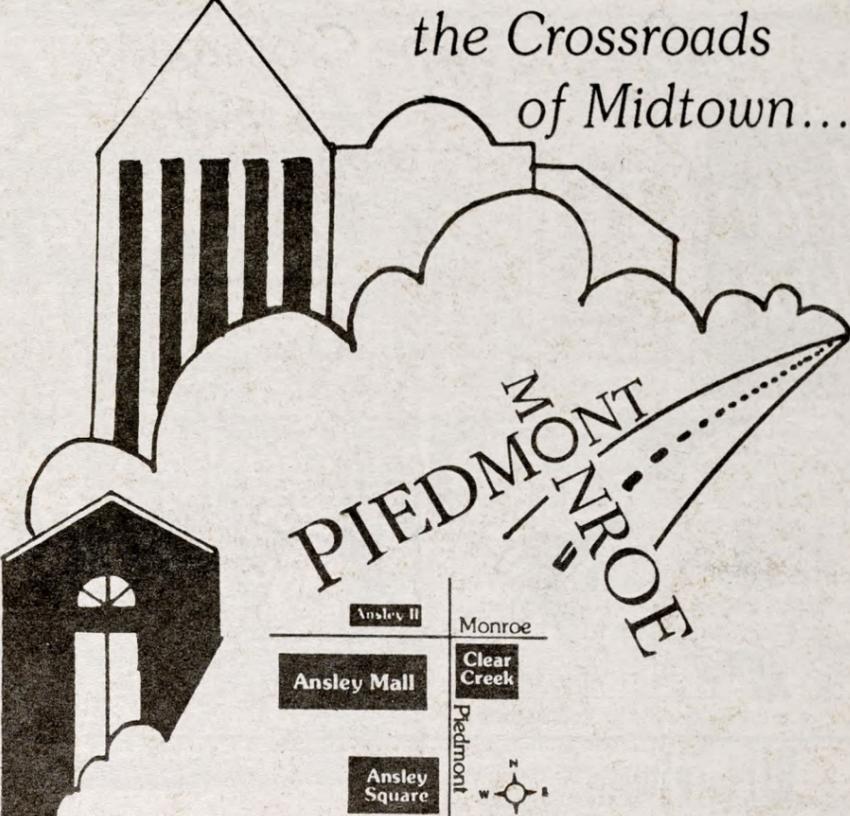
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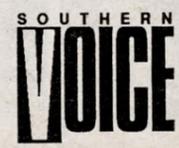
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PUH-LEEZE! I AM SO BORED WITH THAT RIDICULOUS TRIANGLE! AND LOIS NEEDS A NEW LOVER LIKE THE PENTAGON NEEDS A BIGGER BUDGET.

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WHAT'S A MATTER? YOU THINK FAT WOMEN DON'T HAVE SEX? HMPH! IF YOU ONLY KNEW WHAT GOES ON BACK HERE BETWEEN EPISODES!

JEEZIZ! LIKE, I CAN'T BELIEVE THE LEVEL OF DISCOURSE HERE! SEX, SEX, SEX!

I WANNA SEE MORE SERIOUS ISSUES DISCUSSED! LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S A WAR ON, REMEMBER? WHAT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF BUSH NUKING IRAQ?!

CLARICE AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT YOU STOP DRAGGING YOUR FEET ON THE BABY ISSUE COME ON! EVERYONE'S HAVING ONE! AND WE'RE RARIN' TO GO! RIGHT, HON?

HOMELESSNESS, GREED, THE SPIRITUAL BANKRUPTCY OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD, RISING CHOLESTEROL LEVELS, NANCY LIEBERMAN'S MARRIAGE... HEY!

DARN! TIMES UP! THANKS FOR YOUR INPUT! WE'LL RESUME ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMING IN OUR NEXT INSTALLMENT!

Bittersweet

By Charles Haver

WHAT'RE YOU TWO TALKIN' ABOUT?

WE'RE TALKIN' ABOUT WHEN IT'S OUR TURN TO BE BORN! WHEN IT'S TIME TO LEAVE THE WOMB!

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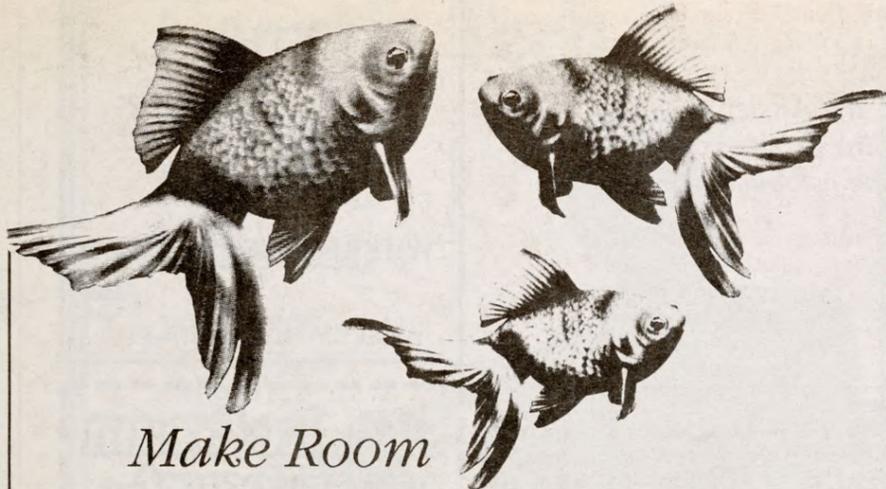
OH, NO! I'M NOT FIGHTING ANY WARS IN THIS LIFETIME! I SAW ENOUGH SUFFERING NURSING SHELLSHOCKED DOUGHBOYS BACK IN WWI! THAT WAS IN MY PREVIOUS LIFE!

OH, RIGHT! AND THE NEXT THING YOU'LL BE TELLING US IS THAT YOU WERE ONCE CLEOPATRA!

NO, BUT I ONCE STOOD ON THE SHORES OF LESBOS AND KISSED SAPHO WHILE THE AEGEAN SEA ROARED IN THE BACKGROUND!

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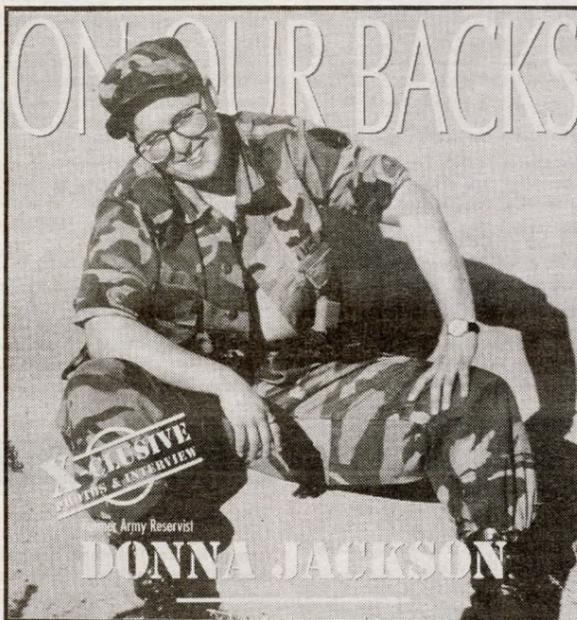
DISH

there's a fine line between telling the truth and talking trash

**Opportunity Knocks:** It's been some weeks now since the folks at the big paper down on Marietta Street took society/gossip maven Martha Woodham off of the Peach Buzz column and moved her back to doings on the Society (excuse us, the High Style) pages. Now we notice that the always effervescent (and often incandescent) Ms. Martha (not to be confused with Martha Stewart, please) is penning a new column: Newlyweds, a brief, albeit somewhat precious, profile of a recently hitched metro area couple. Dish thinks that this is the perfect opportunity for newly-together lesbian or gay male couples to have their relationships recognized by the J/C. We know Ms. Woodham has friends in our community, mayhaps they will lobby her on this idea whose time has most assuredly arrived.

**Eyes Right!** It's been some months now since Army Reservist Donna Jackson came out to her Commanding Officer as her unit prepared to ship out to the Middle East in support of the creation of preppy Pres. Geo. Bush's "new world order." (Dish fails to understand what's "new" when millions of kids and civilians suffer because the power boys want to posture while they play, but we always have been kinda killjoy about bombs and stuff.) Anyway, Jackson—discharged on Jan. 17 in retaliation for her blatant honesty—has a new career as a model. Check the latest edition of the lesbian erotic journal, *On Our Backs*, for a three-page spread on the ex-soldier in various states of seductive (military) undress.

**Role Model?:** Ex D.C. Mayor Marion Barry says he has given up drugs and sexism. Well, at least that's what a headline in the A-J/C said last week. Barry himself spoke of giving up "womanizing" and becoming interested in the "totality of a woman, not just her body." Dish has always been sure that vices of the spirit (like sexism, racism and homophobia) were probably just as addictive as those substances we sip, smoke and snort, it's just that few who are so hooked ever admit it. Maybe the (at least publicly) repentant Mr. Barry will start a 12-step group for others who objectify women? Or maybe he'll start a support circle for politicians who seem to have problems telling the truth. Just think of the size of the hall they'd have to rent to hold the meetings



of either group. Could be a productive off-season use for the new, domed stadium now lurching into the downtown skyline.

**Wise Words:** Dish congratulates Atlantan Cal Gough co-editor of the incredibly complete and eminently usable book *Gay and Lesbian Library Service*, which received a runner-up award in the 1990 Gay/Lesbian Book Awards from the American Library Association. We use our copy almost daily. More good news from the stacks: The L.A. Public Library (the nation's 2d largest) is the first in the country to establish an annual Gay and Lesbian History Month. (It's in June of course.) Public libraries everywhere are, of course, an immensely valuable resource for young men and women in the throes of discovering their sexuality. The pride month displays planned at many of L.A.'s 63 library branches are an idea which deserves duplication.

**Strange Bedfellows:** Don't you love it? HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan has asked sports fans and promoters to boycott sporting events sponsored by tobacco companies. (Pres. Bush has, natch, distanced himself from the idea with all the alacrity of a Izod alligator scurrying off to a swamp in Jesse Helmsland.) Sullivan is (rightfully) concerned that such promotion encourages impressionable kids to use addictive substances which will "ruin their health and send them to an early grave." Presumably this would mean that Sullivan supports boycotting events sponsored by Marlboro and that (since alcohol is also addictive) his concept might be extended to events sponsored by Miller beer. Does a Marlboro/Miller Boycott sound familiar to you? It does to Dish. Maybe Sullivan could put the squeeze on promoters to seek event sponsorship from condom manufacturers.

**ACT UP Stands Up Ralph:** Poor Ralph from Ben Hill of WGST radio, was ever so disappointed when ACT UP did not show at his broadcast on April 15 from the Buckhead post office. As far as we can tell our local radicals never planned to visit Ralph. We checked with Queer Nation too in case Ralph got his groups confused, and they had no such plans either. In case you haven't heard him, or heard about him via other local rags, Ralph makes it a habit on his evening talk show on WGST to spew his incomprehensible and just plain stupid views about queers. During the April 15 broadcast Ralph told his listeners, more than once, that ACT UP was coming and for them to "come on down and help him out." Dish wonders just what kind of help Ralphie meant, especially when he told one listener that ACT UP had "snipers in the building across the street." We'd like to help Ralph—to the nearest therapist.

**Mona Rules:** Dish and all the folks at SoVo want to give a big hug, kiss and thank you to Mona Bennett for her two-year volunteership here. Happy anniversary, Mona! Mona snaps pix, answers the phone, gets your subscription out to you and does a hundred other tasks that help keep the presses rolling. While we're on the subject, many thanks to all our volunteers for all the work they do. Couldn't do it without you.

April 25 - May 8

RULING PLANETS

by Mary Bailey-Rule

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The Sun is in the fixed earth sign of Taurus until May 21 and Mercury goes into direct motion on April 28, so sign important papers after that date.

**ARIES**—With Mercury going direct in your 1st house on the 28th, you may feel some relief from having to deal with details and other tedious things, but you do need to stay focused and not distracted by just anything interesting.



**TAURUS**—Happy Earthday! Taurus symbolizes the beauty and fertility of the Earth, so be sure to celebrate your special relationship with the planet and the natural world. Be grounded, but not entrenched and have some fun!



**GEMINI**—Mars is now in your 2nd house of material resources and personal income making this a good time to focus on your goals and projected needs for the next two years. Have a good sense of direction before going into hyperdrive.



**CANCER**—With Mars in your 1st house of personality opposing Uranus and Neptune in your 7th house of relationships, you may feel some tension with close friends or partners. Be sure to express your thoughts, hopes and worries.



**LEO**—With Mars now moving through your 12th house of dreams/visions and the unconscious, your sleep may be very active and you may be spending more time daydreaming. Pay attention, keep a journal and learn about yourself.



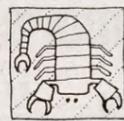
**VIRGO**—With the Sun in your 9th house of foreign travel, new perspectives and metaphysical studies, you may need to shake loose of your routine and do something wild and adventurous for fun and personal growth. Go for it.



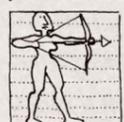
**LIBRA**—With Saturn moving slowly and methodically through your 5th house of fun, creativity, play and passion, you may feel a little constricted or pressured by time. Don't get the Saturn blues, but do get organized and prioritized.



**SCORPIO**—Mars is now cruising your 9th house of new perspectives and metaphysical studies, so travel to exotic places may be in order or, at least, a trip to the beach. Be open for growth in your awareness and understanding.



**SAGITTARIUS**—With Mercury direct in your 5th house of creativity/fun and Jupiter expanding everything in your 9th house of metaphysics, you may need to act your creative urges and begin to build your dreams into concrete reality.



**CAPRICORN**—With Mars in your 7th house of close friends and partners, opposing Uranus and Neptune your 1st house of personality and self-awareness, you may have conflict over spending time with others and having time for self.



**AQUARIUS**—Don't let Saturn in your 1st house of personality and self-awareness turn you into a grouch or a troll under the bridge. Use Saturn to organize and prioritize your personal life. Avoid worry and being critical of anyone.



**PISCES**—Saturn is now moving slowly and ponderously through your 12th house of the unconscious mind, so pay attention to dreams to increase your awareness and understanding of yourself and your inner motivations.



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The Atlanta Buyer's Club is now forming & currently has a limited supply of ddC. Other options will be available soon. 874-4845 (V4,#5)

A.B.C., (Atlanta Buyer's Club) is now forming. Goal: to become a non-profit source of treatment for PWAs. Have access to ddC. Would like to know what other treatments the AIDS community would like us to carry. Let us know by calling 874-4845, or write us at A.B.C., PO Box 55225, Atlanta, GA 30308. The Atlanta Buyers Club does not recommend any drug. Only your physician should recommend treatment. (NOTE): price subject to change depending on supplier. The drug has been chemically analyzed for purity. (V4,#6)

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AIDS 101 SEMINAR, Georgia Mental Health, 1256 Briarcliff Rd., Atlanta, GA. April 27 and 28. General Public - \$30.00. Discount for students and senior citizens. Call 872-0600 for more information. (V4,#5)

Greenville, SC Support Group - HIV+, PWA, Family, Friends, Significant Others. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. 7:00PM. For more information call Joe (803) 242-7180. (V4,#5)

Project A.R.I.E.S. - HIV-negative gay and bisexual men - meet other healthy men who want to stay healthy and have fun too. Groups meet Thursdays, 7pm-9pm for six weeks beginning February 28. Call AID Atlanta at 872-0600 for details. Confidential.

Atlanta Gay Center Clinic - M, T, W, Th 5:30-9:30 pm. Anonymous HIV antibody counseling and screening, \$15.00. Confidential Hepatitis B Screening, \$15.00. Confidential STD screening, free. Arrive by 9:00 pm, please. Call 876-5372 for more info.

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.

Atlanta Gay Center Helpline, 892-0661, for info, counseling and referral. 6:00-11:00pm 365 days a year.

ACT UP/ATLANTA: (404) 286-6247

Atlanta Gay Center People Project. Information and advocacy for HIV affected people in the metro area.

**AID ATLANTA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS\***

PWAs - Wednesdays; Hispanics with HIV - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays; Lymphadenopathy/ARC - Mondays; Families, Friends, Partners I - Mondays; Families, Friends, Partners II - Wednesdays; Bereavement - Mondays; Worried Well - Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm. \*All meetings are from 7pm to 9pm weekly, unless otherwise specified. Call 874-6517 for locations.

AIDS Information Line / GA Toll-Free AIDS Hotline Free, anonymous information and referral services. In Atlanta: 876-9944; Toll-free: 1-800-551-2728 (voice/TTY)

Support Group forming for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Living With AIDS. Contact Social Services, AID Atlanta at 874-6517 for info.

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

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

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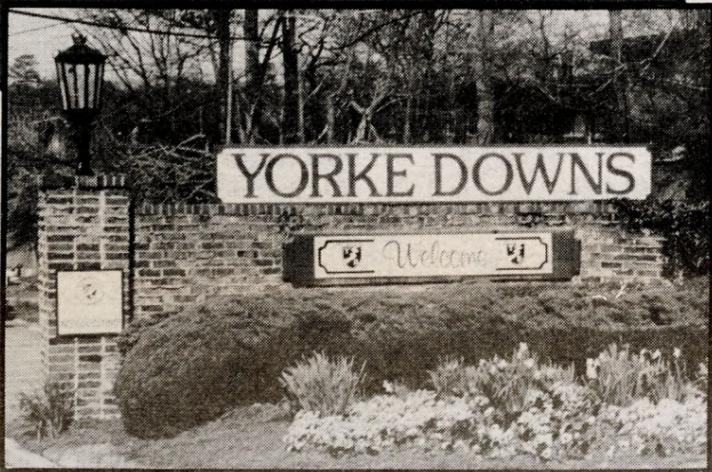
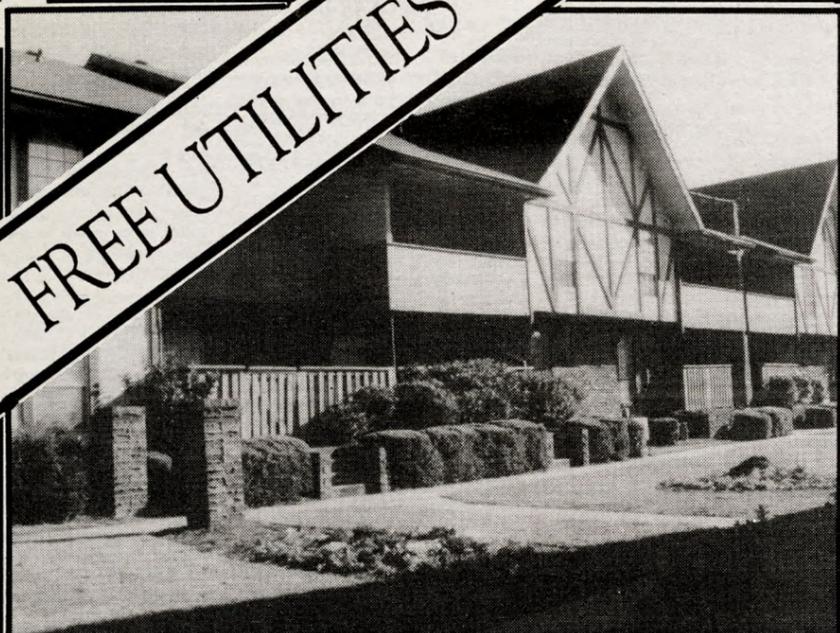
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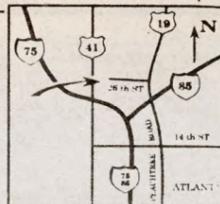
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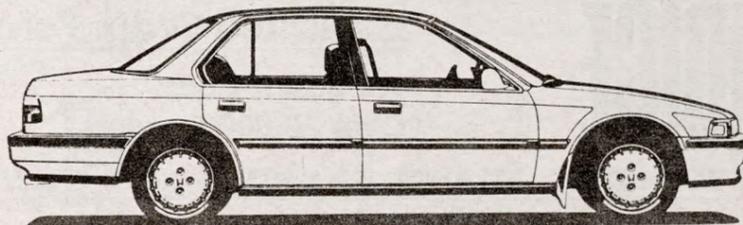
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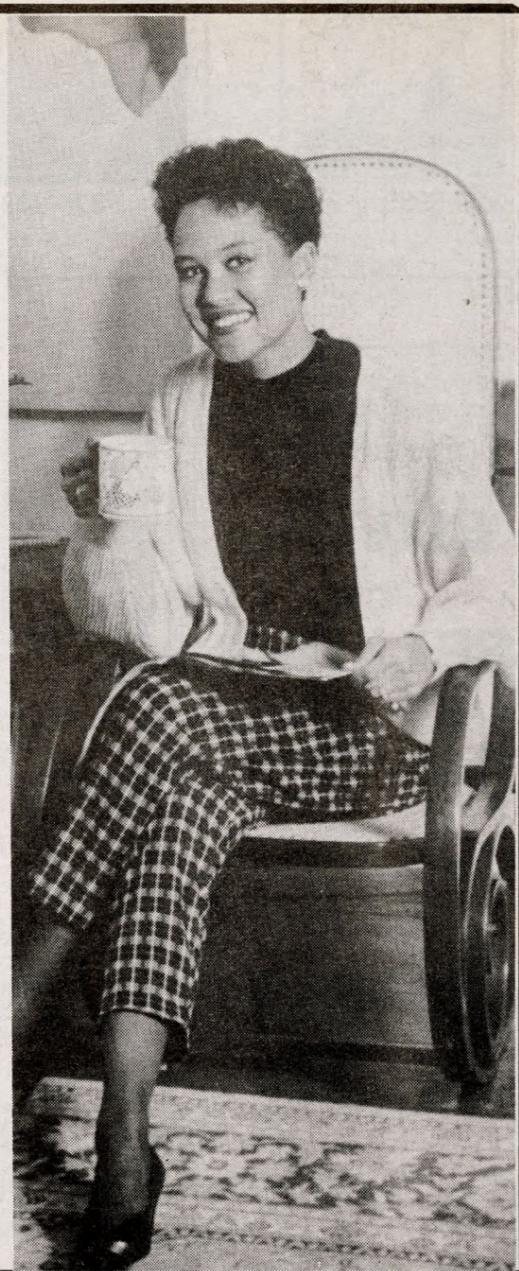
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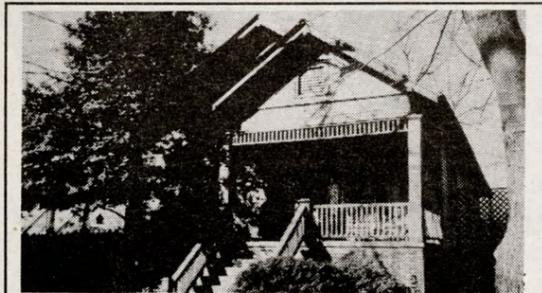
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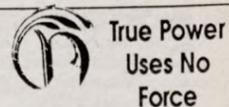
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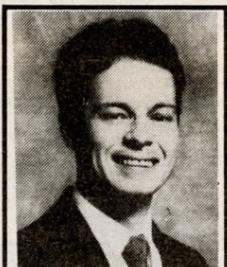
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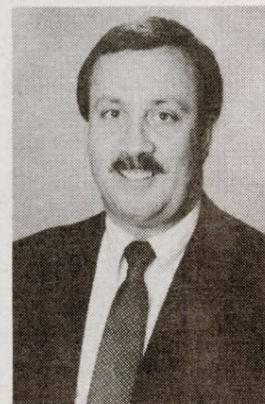
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**ETHAN, STILL DEPRESSED BY HIS RECENT BREAK UP WITH LEO, TAKES UP A LONGSTANDING OFFER TO VISIT TERRY, AN OLD COLLEGE PAL. HE ARRIVES FRIDAY NIGHT FOR A WEEKEND STAY.**

**GOD IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU ETHAN.. I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS LEO GUY, BUT IF HE'S HALF AS CONFUSED AS YOU MAKE HIM SOUND, YOU'RE BETTER OFF WITHOUT HIM.**

**I JUST WISH I WASN'T STILL IN LOVE WITH HIM... I MISS THE WAY HIS BODY FEELS... HIS VOICE ON THE PHONE... HIS SNORING, THAT KIND OF STUFF.**

**BUT HEY, ENOUGH ABOUT MY MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE, HOW ARE YOU? WHERE'S TOM?**

**DIDN'T YOU READ MY LAST LETTER?.. TOM LEFT ME FOR A WOMAN AT WORK.. THEY'RE GETTING MARRIED...**

**YOU'RE KIDDING! OH TERRY I'M SO SORRY! I CAN NEVER READ YOUR HANDWRITING. OH JEEZ, I'VE BEEN BLABBING ABOUT LEO WHO I'D ONLY BEEN SEEING FOR 6 WEEKS, AND YOU'VE BEEN DUMPED BY YOUR LOVER OF 4 YEARS, GOD I'M SORRY..**

**DOES SHE KNOW THAT HE'S GAY?**

**DOESN'T CARE.. FUCKED UP.. TELL ME ABOUT IT HONEY.**

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**TER..? YEA ETHAN?**

**I'M JUST REALLY GLAD I CAN COUNT ON OUR FRIENDSHIP.. IT'S NICE TO THINK THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP NEVER CHANGES..**

**ME TOO ETHAN.. G'NITE SLEEP TIGHT.**

**3 HOURS LATER**

**TERRY, HAVE YOU DETECTED A RECENT CHANGE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP?**

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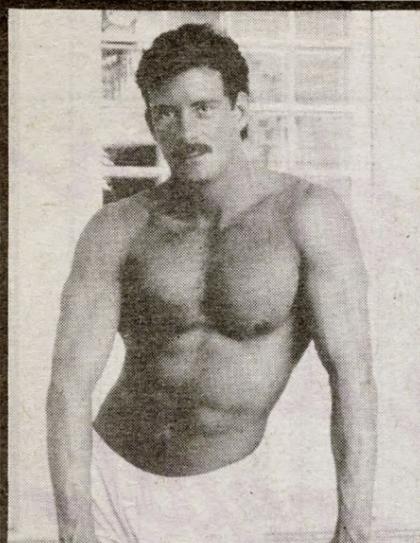
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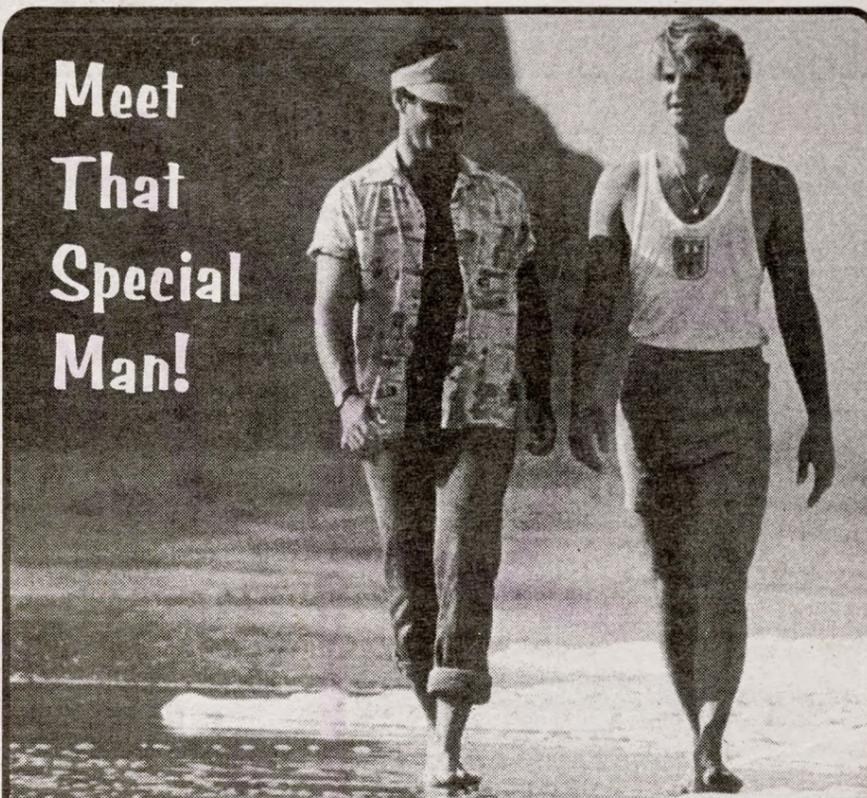
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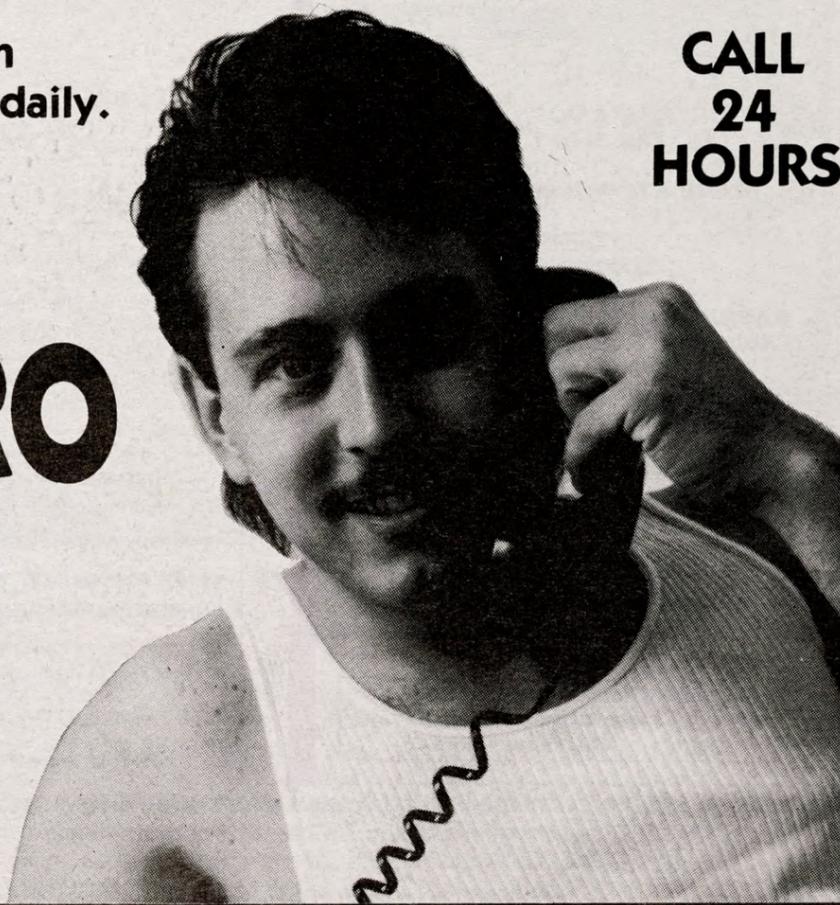
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**15%-20% Discount on Cruise if ordering Cruise tickets and Festival tickets at the same time!**

**TICKETS**— 5-day Thurs.-Mon.; 4-day Fri.Mon.; 3-Day Sat. noon-Mon.  or  accepted  
**CABIN**— 350 spaces available (showers & toilets in cabin). Cabins hold 12-24 women (bunk beds).  
**RV's**— Only one woman per RV is required to purchase an RV ticket. The other women in the RV purchase camping tickets. RV's have no hookups. No tents in RV Parking. Extremely limited space.  
**CHILDREN**— 3-8, \$40; 9-16 old women (& 9-10 boy), \$60 to help defray food costs. All children must be pre-registered for childcare by April 20th.  
**PAYMENT**— U.S. currency only. NO PERSONAL CHECKS AFTER April 20th. Money order, certified check or cash only. For tickets send **SELF-ADDRESSED, LEGAL SIZE, STAMPED ENVELOPE to: SWMCF, 15842 CHASE ST., SEPULVEDA, CA 91343 (818) 893-4075 FAX: (818) 893-1593.** Office hours: Mon. - Fri. 9am to 5pm PST. **NOTE: PERSONAL CHECKS ARE HELD 3 WEEKS TO CLEAR.** Tickets then sent. Money orders clear immediately. Tickets, brochures & maps will be sent starting April 1, 1991. (Sliding Scale: if working, please pay top of scale.)  
**PRICE INCLUDES:** Music, comedy, crafts, sports, dancing, workshops, camping, food & fun! Showers & portable toilets provided. Everything within walking distance. A dance every night.  
 Accessible to disabled women. Concerts interpreted for hearing impaired. Food and childcare provided (NO OVERNIGHT childcare, "POTTY-TRAINED" only); Boys under 10 welcome. There will be some Woman-Only space. No dogs permitted, except seeing-eye or hearing-impaired (must be registered).  
**FESTIVAL ENDS Monday, 3 PM.**

(please cut on dotted line and send order form in only)

**TICKET ORDER FORM:** More than 1 person per envelope - use an extra stamp per person. At gate, tickets \$20.00 more than top of scale — Tickets CASH ONLY at gate.

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How many children (12 and under, boys 10 and under) \_\_\_\_\_

sex(es) and age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1991 West Coast Women's Music & Comedy Festival — near Yosemite, California (Aug. 29-Sept. 2)
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- 1992 Australian Lesbian/Gay Mardi Gras Tour (Fri. Feb. 21 — Mon. Mar. 2)
- 1992 Southern Womens Music & Comedy Festival (Memorial Day Weekend)
- All Future Women's Cruises, national & international tours.

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