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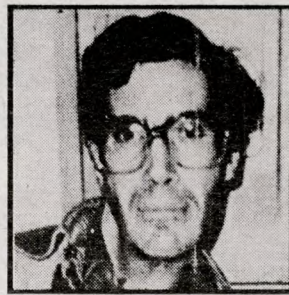
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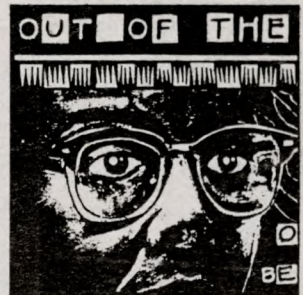
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Philip Morris Strikes Deal to End Miller Boycott

by John Zeh

Washington, D.C. — Responding to a boycott by the gay and lesbian community of Marlboro cigarettes and Miller beer, consumer product giant Philip Morris announced May 30 that it will increase its charitable contributions to AIDS research and services. The boycott, initiated about a year ago by ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power), was a response to Philip Morris' financial backing of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) who is one of the most vociferous opponents of AIDS funding and gay rights in Congress.

In exchange for ending the boycott, ACT UP/DC and the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) won a pledge from Philip Morris to "strengthen its commitment to fighting the AIDS epidemic by helping those who are providing direct services and education in communities across the country." In a statement written on ACT UP/DC letterhead, the corporation also pledged to combat discrimination against PWAs and homophobia. Philip Morris, the statement read, "continues to stand against all forms of intolerance." Since 1987 Philip Morris has contributed \$1.3 million to several gay groups including Gay Men's Health Crisis. Alice T. McGillion, spokeswoman for Philip Morris, said the company would double the figure it gave last year but would not be more specific.

Although the dollar amount the company will spend on its promises is still unclear, Michael Petrelis, ACT UP/DC member and originator of the boycott, said "it's going to



Members of ACT UP/DC dumped Miller beer in the streets on July 26, 1990 to signify the beginning of the national boycott against Philip Morris. Similar actions took place in New York, San Francisco and Dallas.

be at least \$2.6 million annually." Petrelis called on "ACT UP's local chapters and gays, lesbians, AIDS activists, their supporters and all fair-minded people to end the boycott of Philip Morris products."

Because of Philip Morris' refusal to end all contribu-

tions to Helms and renounce its past support, some groups are reserving the right to continue the boycott. ACT UP/San Francisco, which added Miller to the original Marlboro boycott, has pledged to continue the struggle against Philip Morris. ACT UP/SF member Bill Haskell said he studied the proposals for over a month, pushed for statements against Helms' homophobic positions and then vowed to carry on the boycott. "PM can't have it both ways," he argued. "Supporting Helms is inconsistent with funding AIDS research and other homosexual causes."

Veteran activist Maxine Wolfe of ACT UP/NY disagrees. "I don't mean to undermine what people are doing," she said "but the boycott was tenuous to begin with. The money Philip Morris gave to Helms was miniscule and understandable." They're in a tobacco state, plain and simple." Philip Morris says it contributed \$200,000 to the Helms museum and only \$19,000 to his re-election campaign.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), which supported the original boycott, has declined to endorse the settlement until it can poll its staff and Board of Directors. "The underlying reason for the boycott, support for the Senator and the legacy to honor this bigot, seems to be untouched," said NGLTF director Urvashi

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DeLaria Does

by David Story

The Atlanta Pride Week Committee '91 is riding high this year with an impressive offering of entertainment, spread out over June 22 and 23. Emceeing the festivities will be nationally known lesbian comic Lea DeLaria, who in '86 was awarded Provincetown's Golden Gull Award and Backstage magazine's award for Outstanding Cabaret Entertainer.

Never at a loss for words, DeLaria defines her humor as such: "Lesbian comic seems like a contradiction in terms. Lesbians can be funny—hey, look at the way we dress."

And folks, listen up! Lesbian humor is in vogue. After outing herself on Madonna's "Truth or Dare" docu-(melo)drama, Sandra Bernhard popped up in Bruce Willis' "Hudson Hawk," where she uttered that memorable line, "Bunny, BALL, BALL!"

Also, according to this month's *Vanity Fair* magazine, country music superstar Dolly Parton has been known to savor lesbian humor. Perhaps one day DeLaria will make a cameo in a Willis flick or be booked into Dollywood. After all, DeLaria's wry, witty and often vulgar sensibilities garnered her San Francisco's Cable Car Award for Outstanding Cabaret Entertainer in '84 and Outstanding Comedy Entertainer in '85.

DeLaria will be sharing the honor of emcee along with Channel 11's Rick Mitchell, who is a news producer at WXIA.

On June 22, at Piedmont Park between 11:30 and 3:30pm, look for Michelle Martin and Kay Busbey, The Opal Fox Quartet, Insane Jane, Moral Hazard and Face of Concern. These performers range from "on the edge music" to "lesbian new wave."

June 23 will bring, between 1:40 and 9:30pm, the Atlanta Feminist



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Pride '91

Women's Chorus, the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, Southern Stampede, Ann Coombs, Angela Motter, J.G. Greenway, Leigh McClelland, Tory Beatty, Daryl Lanza, Adam Patterson, Jim Chapeleaux, Venus Envy, Intac, Southern Line, Straight From the Heart, Funny That Way, and excerpts from the Harvey Milk musical "Dare to Dream," as well as an appearance by the renowned Atlanta jazz greats Bernardine Mitchell and Mose Davis.

Drag performances will include the talents of the Armorettes, Charlie Brown, Big Ruby, Eleganza, Deandra Peek and a special appearance by cast members of LaVita's.

Aside from the drag, the presentations on the 23rd range from clogging and modern dancing to improvisational comedy and jazz. Undaunted by the unfortunate cancellation of Rita Coolidge, the Committee has planned a well-rounded program with something for everyone.

The Committee is especially pleased to offer the talents of Bernardine Mitchell and Lea DeLaria, Recognized by *Nightlife* magazine as one of New York's Ten Funniest Women in '87, DeLaria also wrote, directed and appeared in "Girl Friday," which won the Golden Gull Award for Best Comedy Group in '89.

Founder of San Francisco's "Gay Comedy Nights" and New York's "People Who Are Funny That Way," DeLaria says that she spends her summers in Provincetown, adding, "The rest of the year I tour and occasionally have sex."

Let's hope she gets lucky in Atlanta.

Handcuff Man suspect flees to Pennsylvania

Police investigation now in full swing

by KC Wildmoon

Atlanta, GA - Police are continuing their investigation of a string of brutal attacks on hustlers brought to light after a 21 year old Florida man was found badly burned behind the Ponce de Leon Hotel on May 13. Michael Jordan, of Crystal Springs, Florida, identified Robert L. Bennett, Jr., from a photo line-up as the man he was drinking with on the night of May 12. He remembers nothing of the attack that left him with 3rd and 4th degree burns over much of his body.

A man fitting Bennett's description has been known to prey on hustlers for at least 20 years. The man known as the Handcuff Man lures hustlers into his car with offers of money for drinking vodka, then brutalizes the victims, often handcuffing and burning them.

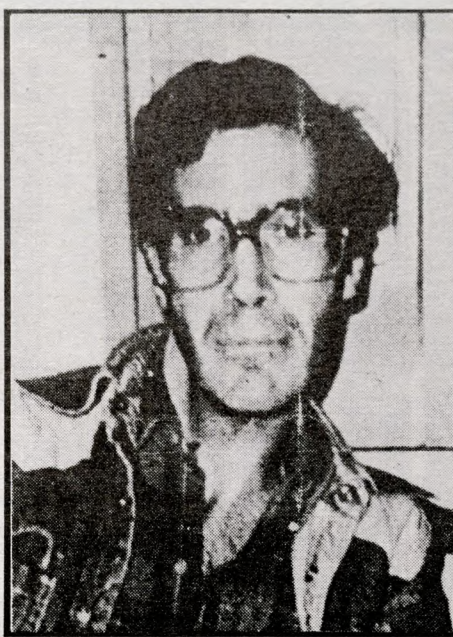
Bennett, an Emory law School graduate who was located in Towanda, Pennsylvania, late last week, was identified as the Handcuff Man by DeKalb County Det. A.L. Thomas during Bennett's 1984 divorce trial. Bennett denied the charges, saying at the

time that Det. Thomas had a vendetta against him.

In 1982, Bennett was charged in the murder of James Johnson, who was last seen when Bennett picked him up on Cypress Street. Those charges were dropped after a key witness disappeared just before the trial date.

In addition, Bennett was arrested in 1974, charged with kidnapping and aggravated assault on an undercover police officer near Cypress Street. The kidnapping charge was dropped, and Bennett pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of simple battery.

The Georgia Bar Association lists Bennett's address in a wealthy section of Clearwater, in Pinellas County, Florida. Lt. Dewey Williams of the Clearwater Police Department said that Bennett "has family here." Lt. Williams also said that he knew of no reports of similar cases in Pinellas County, but as this issue went to press, at least one local television station reported that similar crimes against hustlers had been turned up in Tampa, across Tampa Bay



Call Officer J.D. Kirkland at 871-2563 if you have seen Robert L. Bennett, Jr., a suspect in the Handcuff Man cases.

from Clearwater.

The police investigation is now in full swing, following allegations that investigators were slow to respond when Jordan was found and after reports of the Handcuff Man began surfacing. Following a meeting at City Hall on May 29 with members of the lesbian/gay community and three police officers, Cathy Woolard, president of the

Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU, said "[the investigation] is on the right track. We feel confident it is proceeding the way it needs to in order to get results."

Woolard went on to say that "we still have reservations about Chief [Eldrin] Bell's lack of response to our community, and lack of communication. We feel we wouldn't have had even the perception of slow response if we'd been having a productive relationship with him all along."

Just prior to that meeting, Jordan's case was transferred from the assault division to sex crimes and added to the now ongoing investigation of the Handcuff Man. The original investigator, Inspector Ray Whittaker, was dropped from the case, and two detectives from sex crimes were put in charge.

Captain Ken Boles, head of sex crimes investigations, said that the investigation was making progress. "We want to get this man off the street," said Capt. Boles, "but we've got to make sure we have our evidence lined up right. It's just a slow process. I know it seems like we could just throw him up against a wall and handcuff him, but it doesn't work that way."

In addition to Jordan's identification of Bennett, at least one hustler has identified him as the man who paid him to drink vodka and burned him 5 years ago. Investigators did not release the man's name, but say they are investigating this story as well others.

Moonie group at GSU under review

CARP has anti-gay reputation

by R.S. Kezh

Collegiate Association for the Research of the Principle (CARP), the organization at Georgia State University founded by Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, is under review according to King Buttermore, Dean of Student Life Programs. Possible outcomes of a review are that the club could not hold meetings on campus or that it might lose its status as a group altogether.

The decision to investigate the club came after numerous complaints from GSU students of "harassment and intimidation" Buttermore said. As a result of complaints Buttermore directed Roy Lee, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of the University Center to send a letter to CARP questioning the terminology and intent of several CARP-sponsored programs. At an April 4 presentation, Richard Cohen (Unification Church member and "former homosexual") gave a lecture on transitioning from "the pain and suffering of being gay...to the freedom and joy of being married and having children. Cohen proclaimed that individuals have the "freedom to choose" their sexual orientation.

A second CARP program on May 22, titled "Are Gay Rights Right? A Historical Perspective on the 'Gay' Movement" was a videotaped lecture by Cohen. Dean Lee questioned a line on the CARP flyer that stated, "If homosexuals get their so-called 'rights' such as blacks and women have rightfully won..., you can just imagine what will happen." Dean Lee affirmed, "It brought up a red flag for me. They put quotes around rights as if they were quasi-rights. Everyone has rights and will have rights here."

Complaints have also been made by Bill Boozer, faculty advisor to the GSU Gay and Lesbian Alliance, that several of CARP's officers are not enrolled at the university. School policy states that only GSU students are eligible to hold office in a club. In a telephone interview with this reporter, Vice-President Felicia Cartegena admitted she

had not been enrolled this year. Dean of Students, William Baggett, stated that the allegations against CARP officers would be one topic at the June 27 meeting of the GSU Student Life Committee. "I am going to check the membership of CARP to make sure it is indeed an organization of GSU students," he said.

CARP's official campus advisor Dr. Jacqueline Boles, who terms herself "absolutely sympathetic to the gay and lesbian community," foresaw the impending review. She advised the group to "drop the issue of gay rights." "If they get reviewed by administration and go down the chute, I'll tell them in a nice way, I told you so. There is a difference between expressing your views and having a program set out to incite other groups. I told them that their programs...were inflammatory. I also [said] that the Dean could take away their right to be here...if they disrupt."

CARP is a direct offshoot of the Unification Church (sometimes called Moonies). One alleged teaching of the church/CARP is that the Rev. Moon, who is currently serving a jail sentence for tax evasion, is the third messiah (after Adam and Jesus). It is also associated with mass arranged weddings.

According to Bill Boozer, "Moon's focus on the 'perfect union' of male and female... the female must subject herself to the male, and this reinforces chauvinistic stereotypes. The insistence on the heterosexual relationship also means that homosexuality is unacceptable. Homosexuals who have been entrapped...are forced to repress their sexual identities and pretend to love the man or woman whom the Rev. Moon has chosen for them."

Dispersal of Ryan White Funds decided

by KC Wildmoon

Metro Atlanta's HIV Planning Council approved its Allocations Committee's recommendations for distribution of \$900,000 from the Ryan White emergency AIDS

fund. Approval of the distribution had been delayed from an April 30 meeting, when the council rejected the Executive Committee's recommendations. Citing the significant cut in funds from the council's original proposal of \$5.6 million, the members requested that the Allocations Committee obtain revised applications from those organizations that had originally requested money. The Allocations Committee was charged with reviewing those applications and coming up with new recommendations for dispersal.

Fulton County Commission Chairman Michael Lomax approved the recommendations, which included \$463,000 for Grady Hospital's Infectious Disease Clinic; \$57,000 for Grady's Pediatrics Unit; \$60,000 for the DeKalb County Board of Health; \$40,000 for the Fulton County Department of Health; \$30,000 for Southside Hospital Comprehensive Care; \$90,000 for the Visiting Nurses Association; \$40,000 for Project Open Hand; and \$120,000 for AID Atlanta. The council's vote was 23-3 in favor of the recommendations, with one abstention.

"We're pleased with the way the council operated," said Executive Committee Co-Chair Jim Martin. "Of course we're disappointed that we didn't get the \$5.6 million, but there's value in the fact that we worked together to get this money allocated."

The HIV Planning Council had received an extension of their deadline for the decision on allocations following the April 30 vote. Distribution of the actual monies should begin soon, according to Martin.

QN changes tactics

Educates motorists about Cracker Barrel

by Larry Pellegrini

Lithonia, GA. - Management's previous tone of intimidation changed to one of mockery, as Queer Nation held a "teach-in" at the Lithonia Cracker Barrel Restaurant on May 25. Threatened with arrest just two weeks ago, Queer Nation faced no resis-



KAREN DUNIGAN

tance when its members focused on educating customers about Cracker Barrel's discriminatory anti-gay employment policy. "When all management did was laugh and point at us, I thought, big deal, we're used to that," said one demonstrator. Neither Cracker Barrel management nor police had any direct contact with demonstrators.

Picketing along the restaurant's perimeter enabled protesters to distribute hundreds of flyers seeking additional support for the ongoing boycott. When Queer Nation invited passing motorists to honk their horns if they advocated an end to "Cracker Barrel's bigotry," the busy intersection turned into a symphony of honks.

"Educating the public was the focus of our action. We were overwhelmed by the support we received. It certainly confirms our belief that non-violent actions are appropriate for this human rights struggle," said protest organizer Lynn Cothren.

As this issue goes to press, Corporate Cracker Barrel has remained silent in response to inquiries regarding the protests led by Queer Nation. In light of this, the next action was announced for Sunday, June 1 at 11:30 am at the Union City Cracker Barrel.

Call Queer Nation at 286-2355 for further information.

ACT UP Protests Inadequate IDC



R. S. Kezih

Atlanta- "People are dying, can't you see? It's time to expand the IDC," echoed off Grady Memorial Hospital and surrounding buildings on Friday May 31 during lunch hour. About 70 protesters marched to call attention to the lack of space, personnel and funds at the Infectious Disease Clinic (IDC). Protesters carried signs proclaiming "Red tape kills", and "Health care is a right" while Grady staff members and others observed.

ACT UP/Atlanta (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) chastised the Fulton/Dekalb Hospital Authority for "dragging its feet" in expanding the clinic. "The IDC now receives 75 requests for new appointments each week (up from 45 per week 4 months ago) [but only] has a capacity to see 28 new patients per week", said ACT UP member Judy Siff. "IDC at Grady is vastly overcrowded with up to a six month wait. It has to expand."

The IDC will soon receive slightly more than half of the \$900,000 from the Ryan White emergency AIDS fund for expansion of space and services, but many believe the funds will only provide temporary relief. — R.S. Kezih

No HIV Positive Visitors in US: The U.S. Government has halted a plan to allow people infected with the AIDS virus to enter the U.S. The regulation would have gone into effect on June 1, but Bush Administration officials bowed to conservative pressure and agreed to drop the proposal. The government received nearly 40,000 letters opposing the proposal. "This is a perfect example of political cowardice," said Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.).

Ga. Coroner Accused Of Obstructing Justice: Former Bibb County medical examiner Dr. P. Denis Gauthier has been charged with falsifying autopsies in four murders committed in late 1989 and early 1990. All four murders were committed by the same man, Earl Lewis Jones, who admitted robbing and killing the four men after meeting them at or near a gay bar in Macon. Jones was sentenced to life in prison last July. The Composite State Board of Medical Examiners has ordered Dr. Gauthier to appear at a hearing on July 1 to answer charges that he willfully concealed the facts of the four autopsies. Because of the false autopsies, investigators did not realize they were dealing with a serial killer for several months.

Lesbian/Gay Rights Still On The Books in Denver: Activists in Denver, CO, portrayed anti-gay forces as "outsiders," and the voters rejected a referendum that would have removed "sexual orientation" from that city's human rights law. The referendum was sought by a group called "Citizens for Sensible Rights," comprised largely of pro-life activists from outside Denver. Lesbian and gay activists also enlisted the aid of U.S. Rep. Pat Schroeder to bring out the vote against Initiated Ordinance No. 1. The referendum failed, 56% to 44%.

NGRA Folds: The National Gay Rights Advocates, a San Francisco-based public interest law firm, has closed its doors for good, according to a report in the *San Francisco Sentinel*. The fourteen year old organization had seen its revenues fall from \$1.5 million in 1989 to under \$500,000 this year, according to Leonard Graff, spokesperson for NGRA's Board of Directors. Graff said that the organization's ability to raise money was severely curtailed after negative publicity following the 1989 resignation of executive director Jean O'Leary and the firing of two staff attorneys.

Beer Thrower Gets Time in Gay/Lesbian Office: Manhattan Criminal Court sentenced Michael Burke to a week of duty in the Mayor's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community. Burke had thrown a can of beer at NY Mayor David Dinkins as the mayor marched with Irish gays and lesbians during NYC's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Burke was charged with reckless endangerment and disorderly conduct, and pleaded guilty after expressing remorse for his crime.

CNN Anchor Dies of AIDS Complications: CNN business anchor Tom Cassidy died on May 26 of complications from AIDS. Cassidy's condition was the topic of his show, "Pinnacle," last March. "It was unbelievable the pressure that was lifted off my shoulders when suddenly everybody knew," he said at the time.

AIDS Vaccine Trials Begin: Johns Hopkins and St. Louis Universities have begun human trials of gp120, developed by Genentech Inc. as an AIDS vaccine. The trial will enroll 28 HIV-negative men and women age 18-60. "The trial will see if the gp120 vaccine is safe and can stimulate the immune system to produce antibodies," said Hopkins Center director Dr. Mary Lou Clements. Johns Hopkins and St. Louis are the only two sites that will administer the experimental drug.

Lesbian Relationship Does Not A Marriage Make: The 9th Ohio District Court of Appeals ruled that Danny L. Gajovski must continue paying alimony to his ex-wife, Sandra Lee Grace Gajovski, despite her live-in lesbian relationship with Vicki Johnson. The court determined that Ohio does not recognize homosexual relationships as marriages. Mr. Gajovski had alleged that since his ex-wife was living with a woman in a sexual relationship, it terminated his agreement to pay alimony until his ex-wife died, remarried or lived "in a state of concubinage," generally taken to mean a man and woman living together in a sexual relationship outside of marriage.

Military Update: The Department of Defense issued a memo on May 3 defending the military's anti-gay policies. The memo was in response to a March 15 letter from 40 members of Congress urging President Bush to rescind the policy. Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA), author of the letter, said "The Pentagon is essentially saying that it has the obligation to mirror the worst of society's prejudices." Capt. T.D. Keating of the Legal Policy Requirement & Resources (USN), who signed the DoD's memo, also refused to meet with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force about the issue.

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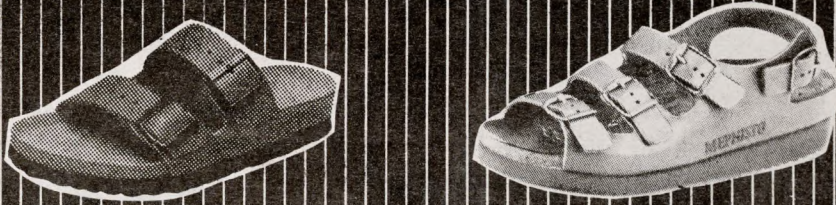
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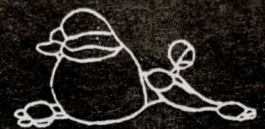


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Exploring the Financial Power of the Lesbian and Gay Community

by Debbie Fraker

Targeting the lesbian and gay consumer market is becoming more common for business owners as the practice becomes increasingly lucrative. One quick look at *Southern Voice* and you can see that many businesses, both gay and straight, are appealing more and more to our community. As gay and lesbian business owners target their own community as a way of showing support, they are discovering that this decision is an equally good one for economic reasons. These are the messages of the third annual Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Business Expo, originally organized by 4th Tuesday and this year, co-sponsored by *Etcetera* and Lazer Age-Partners in Publishing with contributing sponsor *Southern Voice*. This year's theme is "Networking With Pride" and the Expo will officially kick off Pride Week this year on June 15.

The realization that the lesbian and gay community has financial power is not a particularly new one. A report by Simmons Marketing Research Bureau of New York released in 1989 showed that gay men have higher than average incomes, higher education levels, fewer dependents, and larger amounts of discretionary income. In an article in *The New York Times Magazine* in 1982, Jerry Della Femina, a New York advertising agency chairman, estimated the gay and lesbian market in most major cities to be up to 15%, "and that's conservative," he added; "probably in major cities it's 20% to 22%."

The Lesbian and Gay Business Expo

offers businesses the opportunity to tap into that market. Professional photographer Lynda Wiggins says that as a result of her participation in the Expo last year



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Many of last year's vendors at Business Expo will return this year along with a number of other lesbian, gay and supportive businesses.

"I got a lot of good leads, and I got to meet other business people in the community." This year, she adds, "I'm hoping to increase business."

This is Chuck Henley's first year at the Expo with his shop, Crystals Unlimited. He wants to show support for Atlanta's lesbian and gay consumers. "It's my hope that this will be kind of like a coming out party for Crystals Unlimited," he says; "I want to say, 'Hey folks, here I am!'"

Many business owners or managers who get involved in Expo to support the gay and lesbian consumer, come back a

second year because of their successful networking experiences.

The Expo also offers lesbian and gay consumers a chance to discover businesses that are gay or lesbian owned or supportive. Michael Phillips, owner of Maddix deLuxe, a flower and gift shop in Virginia Highland, agrees. "Money is power," he says. "Unfortunately we are measured by our financial power, and we'll never be a united force until we

about recognizing the financial power of the lesbian and gay community. "The business at hand is very serious, keeping our money in our community," he says, "but it's also designed with fun in mind." He adds, "you may or may not be able to come out at your job or with your parents, but you can vote and you can spend your money wherever you want, and you should spend your money at gay businesses or gay supportive businesses, especially those that put money back into the community. And this [the Expo] is the best way to find out who those businesses are." But Weston and other business owners who encourage support of the community are not asking for a free ride based simply on their sexual orientation or their supportive attitude. "I don't expect anybody to do business with us just because we're gay, but I do hope they'll give us a shot at their business and we'll prove our worthiness," Weston insists.

In addition to the booths and networking opportunities, this year's Expo offers entertainment and seminars. Though most of the seminars are business or financial, like Dan Osborne's seminar called "Money: What you don't know can cost you," there will be a variety of topics discussed, including Franklin Abbott's seminar on "Love, Sex and Relationships."

This year's Lesbian and Gay Business Expo has something to offer you. Besides, Don Weston says that between door prizes and giveaways, "everyone will walk away with something." Express your pride this year by using your buying power!

The Expo is Saturday, June 15, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel in the Grand Ballroom. Admission is \$3.

Don Weston, a sponsor of the Expo and owner of Lazer Age, is adamant

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New York Gay Men's Chorus Lives On

by Kenneth J. Altman

Love Lives On, a self-proclaimed celebration of gay, lesbian and bisexual pride by New York Gay Men's Chorus, is significant for several reasons.

One reason for its significance is that it is the first CD by an openly gay ensemble on a major internationally distributed label. No surprise, then, that it would be released through such a progressive-thinking, innovative company as Virgin Records. In a recent article about racist and anti-gay lyrics by heavy metal and rap groups, Virgin co-director Jeff Ayeroff was quoted as saying, "I don't need to go to sleep at night thinking that I made my profits off the misery of any oppressed minority group. If somebody else can rest easy putting that kind of stuff out, let them. I'm just not going to do it." The gay community needs more allies like Ayeroff.

Love Lives On is also significant because the NYCGMC is now in its eleventh year, as is the AIDS crisis. While figures are not readily available, it can probably be assumed that the NYCGMC has lost as many members to AIDS, proportionately, as the entire gay community has in the past eleven years. But like the community they so proudly represent, the NYCGMC has carried on in the face of tragedy and overcome obstacles and prejudices from groups such as the American Choral Directors Association, who tried (unsuccessfully) to keep them from performing for their organization with their full name intact. In this spirit, the NYCGMC raises their voices in song for

CD REVIEW

Love Lives On

New York City Gay Men's Chorus
Virgin Variations (Virgin Records)

all those in our community who refuse to be silenced.

Music Director Gary W. Miller has done a commendable job of bringing the chorus through a collection of 18 songs, old and new. On the old side, I was particularly taken by "I'll Be Seeing You," featuring a solo vocal by tenor Bill Pooch. Written by Sammy Fain and Irving Kahal in 1938 and featured in the 1944 film of the same name, Larry Moore's arrangement takes on an almost ethereal quality here as one imagines it might be sung to or by someone who is taking his/her final journey and knows that, one way or another, we will all be together again.

Also enjoyable on the "tried and true" side of the collection were "Tuxedo Junction" (I'm a sucker for anything that features a lot of brass—it was the hard rock of the 1940's!), one of Glenn Miller's biggest hits, and "Taking A Chance on Love," featuring a verse that was recently found on one of Ethel Waters' recordings. The brass comes through here again and the mood is set—whether you like it or not, you're in love. "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" is also a lot of fun, as any recording of that song should be.

A collection of songs by a gay men's chorus would probably not be complete without a Stephen Sondheim song, and



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NYGMC's CD, *Love Lives On*, is the first by an openly gay ensemble to be released by a major internationally distributed label.

here there are four from which to choose. I was particularly pleased to find "Another Hundred People," a song I remember seeing performed live in New York over 20 years ago from the show "Company," whose cast recording I never got around to purchasing. Also included here are Merrily We Roll Along's "Not a Day Goes By," Into the Woods' "No One is Alone," and the first complete recording of "That Old Piano Roll," from *The Girls Upstairs*, which was the original version of *Follies*. Sondheim, by the way, is an honorary member of the NYCGMC.

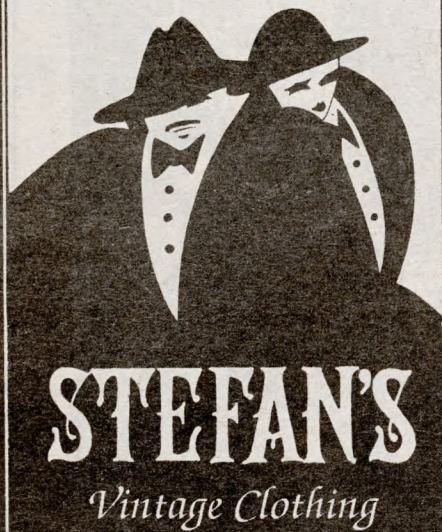
Some newer songs, as well, get a good turn, such as "Wind Beneath My Wings," and the title track which, strangely enough, came from the film *Harry and the Hendersons* (a love song to Bigfoot?!).

While most of the album's songs are about falling in love and having fun (wit-

ness the closing track, a medley of Duke Ellington songs), its most poignant moment comes during "Love Don't Need a Reason," which has become somewhat of an anthem for the annual AIDS Walks and the People With AIDS Coalition, whose founder, Michael Callen, co-wrote the song with Peter Allen and Marsha Malamet. To hear the song sung by 150+ gay men brings the message home all the more—love doesn't need a reason and it doesn't need to rhyme...love is all we have for now, for what we don't have is time.

Both the New York City Gay Men's Chorus and Virgin Records are donating a portion of their proceeds from *Love Lives On* to the T.J. Martell Foundation for AIDS Research. Martell, whose father Tony is a music industry executive, died of leukemia in 1975 and the Martell Foundation carries on in his memory.

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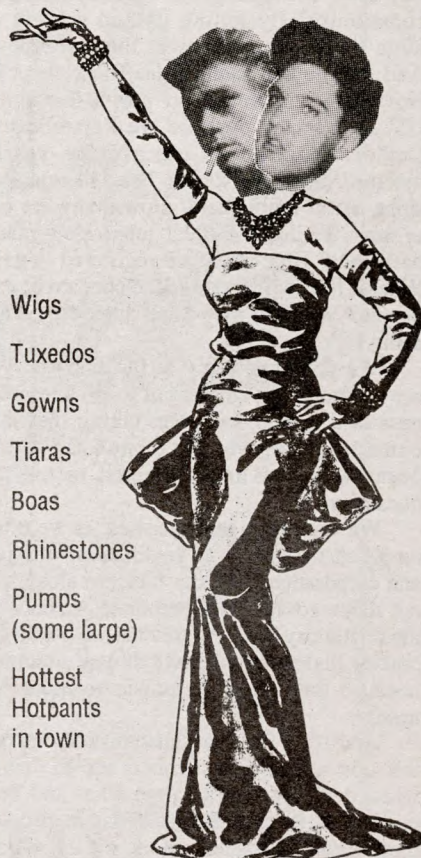
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EDITORIAL

It's Miller Time

ACT UP and Philip Morris have reached a settlement (see cover) that appears to be a real victory for the lesbian/gay community and people with AIDS. Activists will call off their boycott of Marlboro cigarettes and Miller beers, and Philip Morris will double their donations to AIDS organizations. ACT UP says that means \$3 million a year, a P.M. spokesperson says it is less than that.

ACT UP's boycott was far from fully supported by the lesbian and gay community. Some, in fact, opposed it vigorously. But the activists' tenacity and tactics eventually produced acknowledgement from, and action by, one of America's corporate giants. It's hard to argue with results of this magnitude. Especially when it appears that most bar owners and their Miller distributors strengthened their communications and relationships as a result of discussions that the boycott engendered.

Having a model which demonstrates that we don't all have to agree on the same tactics in order for all of us to benefit from those tactics is very good news indeed.

Equally important is the lesson learned about the support that the boycott got from the arts community, where P.M. has been a major funder of both mainstream and avant garde works for years. Had ACT UP not been successful getting artists and arts organizations to pressure P.M., the smoke and beer mongers might not have come around.

Knowing that we have friends who are willing to stand beside us and raise as much hell as we do lets us rest a little easier in these difficult times.

Congratulations ACT UP.

EDITORIAL

Sharpen your pencil

In this issue you will find two surveys, one from the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* on and one from Experiential Conferences. We encourage you to respond to both. Not just to be nice, although we're sure both companies will appreciate your help, but to help yourself. How does filling out a survey help our community? By telling us and society at large more about ourselves than we know. And we know precious little. Think about it. How many lesbian and gay people live in the US? How many of those are Republicans? Democrats? What is our average yearly income? How many have been in relationships ten or more years? How many are out to their families? At their jobs? How many have kids? How many are registered voters? What is the number one social concern of gay people? What do they think should be done about it?

We don't know any of the answers. We are a community ignorant of itself. Closetedness is a reason, but even taking that into consideration, we don't know anything because so few have bothered to ask the questions.

We can make good guesses, as we often do when we appeal to government officials and corporations. But our hunches alone will not make government, corporate America or the media pay attention to what we need. It's crucial that those institutions pay attention because they have the power to meet our needs.

And it's a fact that those institutions pay the most attention to numbers and to money when deciding who's to get what and how much of it. Because we are invisible, because there are no "statistics" on us, we are seldom taken into consideration. Funny thing is, if they knew our numbers and the power of our financial clout, we wouldn't have to worry about the fundamental right wing again.

Think about it. Fill out the surveys. The AJC will publish their results in late June. Help give them as clear a picture of us as they can get.

A letter from Tonie

Dear Editor,

I would like to share something very private that happened to me recently. I was admitted to a nearby hospital where I was pronounced DOA. Luckily the doctors did not give up on me and continued to work frantically until I once again had a pulse. I was in a coma for three days. All of this took place because I was willing to die rather than face the fact that society was going to shun me for something I prefer. So I took countless amounts of prescribed sleeping pills.

The day I was to be released from the hospital I received a visit from a school teacher who taught me in grade school. She said to me, no matter how big your problems are, nothing is worth dying over because once you are gone there is no coming back. I do not know what the problem is but what I do know is you can't always run from your

problems. So what is it she asked me. At that moment I broke down and told her. She extended her arms and held me as I cried. She softly asked if I had her number. I said yes and she said call me and we will have a long talk because baby - you are not alone. Then she gave me a big hug and a kiss on the cheek.

A short time after I got home I walked over to the television and turned it on. I took off my jacket and lay on the sofa, the same sofa where a couple of days ago I tried to kill myself. I thought to myself "nothing has changed, there is nobody like me and no one will ever understand me." I walked over to where I kept my gun, had a seat on the sofa again and pointed the gun towards my head. I was praying that this time I would die. Just then I saw Amanda Donohoe (CJ) and Michelle Green (Abby) on L.A. Law. Because of those two characters I put the gun down and I am alive today.

I wish I could thank Amanda Donohoe and Michelle Green for their beautiful portrayal. If I could say anything I would say

thanks to the way you presented your characters and thanks for making me see that life does in fact go on. Thank you from now a happy heart is what I would say. And also thank you to *Southern Voice* editor Christina Cash for taking the time to listen. You will never guess in a million years how much this has meant.

*Yesterday I was embarrassed,
But today I will embrace my homosexuality.*

Thanks,
Tonie Van Sheldon

Editor's note: I called Tonie and asked permission to print her letter. I offered her anonymity since her letter was so personal, but she requested that I print her name. She also agreed to let me forward her letter to the producers of L.A. Law. Tonie is nineteen years old.

Where were the gay brothers?

To the Editor:

In the near steam of Saturday, May 11, the Concerned Black Clergy, an ecumenical group of African-American ministers sponsored Atlanta's first march to address the plight of the Black male, the Brother's Day March. In spite of the heat, the march was estimated at some 6,000, most of whom were Black men and boys. The event is one of several planned to foster awareness, but more importantly to involve the masses in the solutions to the homicide rates, the unemployment problem, the overwhelming negative images usually portraying "Brothers" and the full plate of issues impacting African-American men and boys.

The march began at Morehouse Field. The first distinguishable group were twelve or so young men from the Muslim religion dressed impeccably, as Malcolm X and the Panthers of the past did, with their newspapers under one arm. They were in some type of line formation that was very militaristic looking.

The other groups present were a patchwork, Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts in full medals, some fraternities with some very mature senior members present, men's groups from local congregations, and what looked like fathers who were determined to have their post-toddler sons there marching.

There was an easily noticeable group of white men there, their banner revealed they were environmentalists. One known lesbian friend was there with her group, the coalition to end poverty.

But where was the African-American Lesbian Gay Alliance, the Black men from Black & White Men Together, or one of the many party networks that cater to Atlanta's BGMs? A young man asked me, "Where are the queens from Loretta's?" When I said something about the visible lack of drag queens he corrected me, "not the drag queens, all the boys that party all night?"

I then began to notice the crowd as individuals and there they were, the gay men of African decent. We were interspersed in every group and many were wearing the little orange vest to signify an organizer. I knew many of these men from gay day and night life. Why no pink triangles the size of the posters of Dr. King?

Not only were we invisible in the crowd we were also invisible in the talks given by rally speakers. Dr. Joseph Lowery spoke of Moses who won the battle (using drugs in our community as the enemy) because he had help in holding up his arms. Mayor Jackson (who did not have a schedule conflict with this march) outlined strategies for solving some of our problems. Several ministers including a very eloquent Muslim spoke on how to "gain what we need." Michael Lomax and some other leaders read a manifesto of the day's activities.

Not once was the word gay mentioned.

The word homophobia was not uttered or heterosexism. Many women marched all the way too, and the word sexism was never spoken. The very intelligent men who put this march on also left out any references to the AIDS epidemic stalking our community. I did not feel that we were truly welcome there.

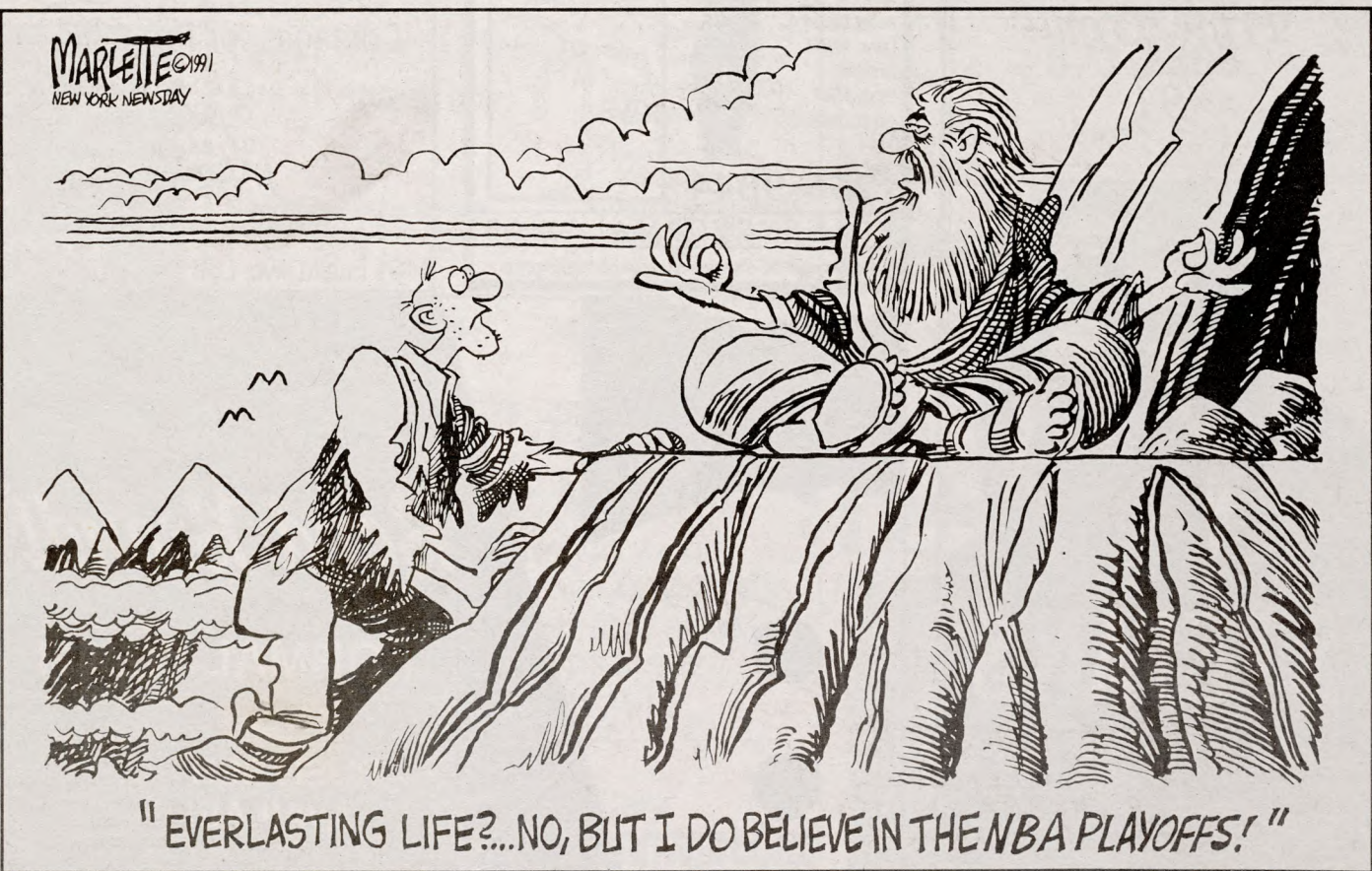
This may shed some light on the complex relationship that African-American gay men have at "home." We are of course welcomed. It is the simple truth that such events cannot take place without our presence. It is also the historic truth that the events like the Brothers Day March have never happened without us. I look forward to the day we can march under pictures of James Baldwin, Langston Hughes, and Bayard Rustin in real unity with our Brothers.

Sincerely,
Duncan E. Teague

Corrections

The photo on page 3 of last issue (Vol. 4, #7) of Cathy Woolard and Rep. John Lewis should be credited to R.S. Kezh.

"Lessons of the NLC" on page 12 of last issue was written by T. Lavonne Casey.



Homoville, GA

Notes from a GWM who lives where the City meets the South

by Al Cotton

A Visit to Madonna-ville

I had another topic in mind for this month's column, but after seeing "Truth or Dare," that other topic has got to wait. It's time to talk about Madonna.

My introduction to Madonna was on, of all places, Album-88. Yes, when she first started recording, she was ever so briefly classified as "New Music," up there with R.E.M., Kate Bush, Joe Jackson, and Talking Heads. And gay men must have been responsible for her airplay, because my straight "New Music" friends hated her. Even in

"Truth or Dare," Madonna acknowledges that she is not the best singer. Back then, my friends heard the music, but not the message.

But for some reason, I didn't change the radio station when "Like a Virgin" came on. The music wasn't great, but it was catchy and danceable, and she had an interesting look—all those mismatched thrift store clothes. I think it was her attitude, though—thumbing her nose at society—that, in some instinctive, even tribal sense, was resonating with me.

Then "The Material Girl" showed up. Here's Madonna as a Marilyn wannabe, wearing that "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" dress. She had a completely different image, yet was still thumbing her nose. Take the video, which completely contradicts the song—this "Material Girl" avoids gifts, is winnable only by someone who doesn't try to buy her. Already, Madonna demonstrates the classic gimmick of her career—sending mixed messages to different audiences simultaneously. "Material Girl," the song, echoes 1980's greed, while "Material Girl," the video, mocks it. Take your pick.

Gay men have been the primary nurturers

of the career of this huge gay-positive star who Straight America has absolutely no idea what to do with. We understand her. Like us, she wants love from people who don't accept her lifestyle, like the Catholic Church or her father. We buy and dance to her records and give her power. And for god-damn fuckin' once, someone we give that to decides to give it back.

"Truth or Dare" shows all of this. When was the last time you saw a movie in a theater where someone deep-throats a bottle? Or dares a gay man to show his dick, or french-kiss another man on camera? Or calls someone (Warren Beatty) a "pussy man" to his face? Or tells her gay dancers they have to be nice to the lone straight dancer, because he doesn't have their support and defense systems? Or ignores the Toronto police department's threat to arrest her for simulating masturbation on stage? And wins.

In "Truth or Dare," we see both a ferociously strong woman (shouting at technicians, working Beatty relentlessly before the camera) and a vulnerable woman (mothering her dancers, visiting her mother's grave). We

understand this combination, too—Corporate Ballbreaker and Wounded Child, a Joan Collins with talent, a Judy Garland with strength.

Madonna is not afraid to show all of this while teaching society by example. Never has there been anyone with such a position of wealth and power and high profile who has been as willing to say the things Straight America doesn't want to hear.

And with this movie, she'll get the chance to say them, not just to the comfortable gay communities in Atlanta and San Francisco and New York, but to young and lonely people in Tupelo and Dubuque and Provo and other places no one else has access to. Madonna won't win over her detractors with this movie. But by displaying such Truth and Daring on camera, she has created a traveling safe space for a vision of life not often seen in movie theaters. And she is planting dreams in the minds of many little faggot-wannabes out in our country's heartland.

Amen and hallelujah.

Lost Saints

To the Editor:

On one hand, I applaud you for exploring such a touchy subject as gay spirituality in your May 9-22, 1991 issue. On the other hand, I was disappointed at how unbalanced the article was.

A lot of churches are mentioned in the article, even some mainstream churches with reconciling congregations. But as I eagerly read the article, I noticed my own congregation, All Saints MCC, was left out again.

It seems, from a journalistic standpoint, that this was an easy article to research. Within the pages of *SoVo*, there are listings of churches that minister to gays, and the first one listed, just by alphabetical luck, is All Saints MCC.

I admit, I don't know why All Saints was overlooked. I certainly hope it was an honest mistake, but it concerns me. Church is sometimes a taboo subject among homosexuals, who have come to believe the mainstream lie that they cannot be a gay Christian. We at All Saints, and all the other churches listed, are striving to reach the gay community with the good news that God made us, and loves us as we are. That's why it's so important for them to know all of the resources available.

All Saints MCC is sometimes very invisible. We rent space from Grant Park Aldersgate Methodist Church (mentioned in the article, by the way) so we don't have a building where we can hang out a shingle like

First MCC. When you pass the church on Boulevard, you have no idea we are there. All Saints needs all the publicity we can get, to make people aware of our ministry.

I am a loyal reader of *SoVo*, and I feel it is one of the best resources our community has to reach out to people in need of this kind of information. Please, in the future I only ask that you try to be fair and complete in your coverage.

Sincerely,
Candace Chellew

We regret the oversight of All Saints MCC in the article. Thank you for writing and doing what we should have done - let everyone know you are there.

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Mayor Maynard Jackson
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Dear Mayor Jackson:

I was optimistic that progress could be made between the city and its citizens, but it is becoming increasingly apparent that the City of Atlanta and its Police Department do not care about all of its citizens, particularly the Lesbian and Gay community. Recent

events support my statement.

The most outrageous incident is the police response to the crimes that have occurred on Ponce de Leon Avenue in the past few weeks. Two, perhaps three, men have been beaten, raped and tortured in the same vicinity and virtually nothing has been done. Are Gay men not worthy of police protection in Atlanta? If this had occurred in Buckhead to a heterosexual male or female, the media and police would not give it a rest until something was done. My sources tell me that the victim and witnesses have not been questioned by police. The suspect continues to roam the same area and has been spotted by several people.

In addition, Chief Eldrin Bell continues to ignore our request that he give us his position on hiring openly Gay and Lesbian police. The Police Advisory Board of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union met with Chief Bell on April 5th. We presented him with a reasonable proposal for recruiting Gay and Lesbian officers to the force and he promised a response in two weeks. We understand the police force is not currently recruiting, but that does not mean these measures cannot be implemented in the absence of active recruitment. Chief Bell can issue a statement opposing discrimination based on sexual orientation. He has not even said he will do that. I guess we got our answer—Lesbians and Gays are not welcomed on the Atlanta City Police.

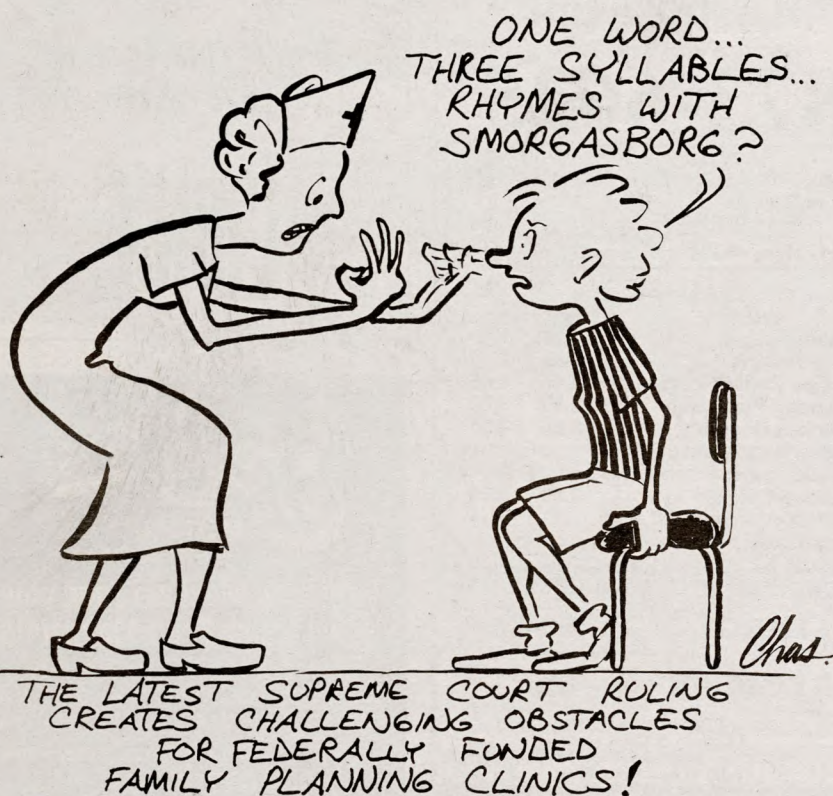
Finally, it is almost a year since you appointed a member of your administration in

July of 1990 to study the effect of implementing domestic partnership benefits for city employees. Nothing was done until January of this year when, after inquiries were made, the task was given to another person. Again, no progress was made, and you have asked yet another group to look into the issue. To make matters worse, the issue has been given to volunteers from the Lesbian and Gay community. Domestic partnership laws are in effect in cities and counties all across the country. The information is there if someone would take the time to look at it. In fact, I called and wrote to the person you appointed in July to offer my assistance and to share the information I have. I never received a reply. Maybe the reply is, "We don't care about domestic partnership benefits."

It is disappointing that a city with a proud civil rights history continues to ignore the rights of its citizens. I had expected better.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey M. Corrigan

cc: Atlanta Journal-Constitution
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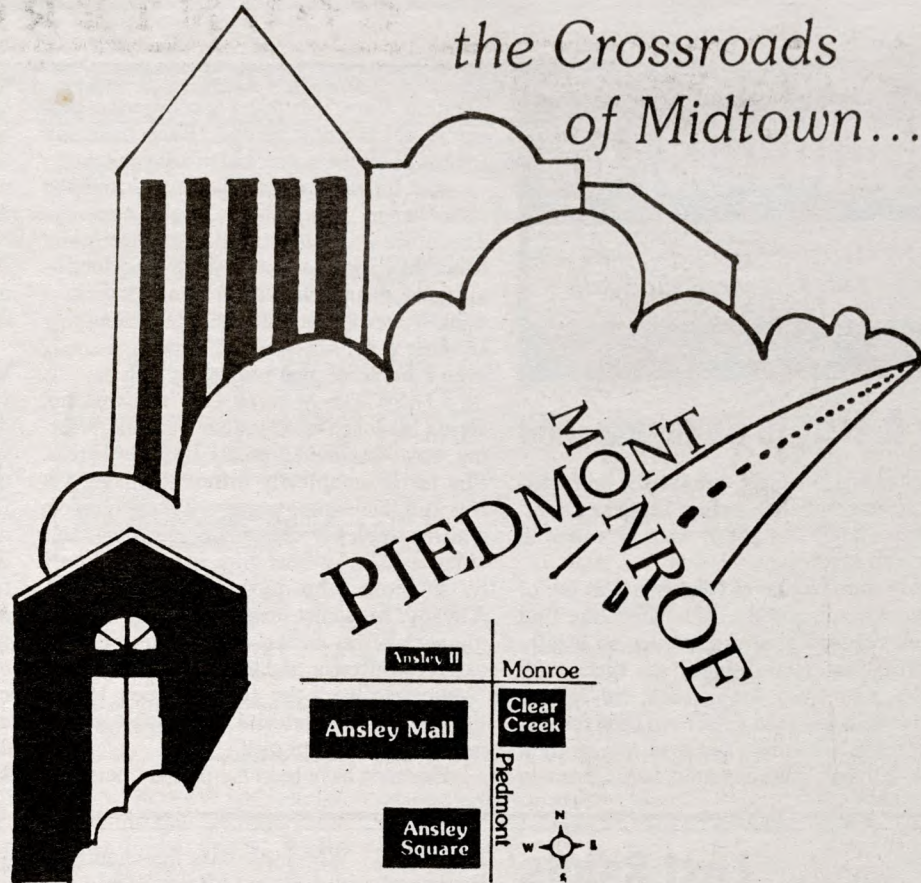
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Absolutely Positive: Living with HIV

Premieres June 18 on Channel 30

by David Salyer

Peter Adair has been a filmmaker for 30 years. He says making movies has always been a way for him to explore subjects of personal interest. When he realized he was gay, he made a film about it. The result, an inspiring landmark 1978 documentary called "Word Is Out," examined the lives of ordinary lesbian and gay Americans and aired on PBS television stations throughout the country in the late '70s. "Word Is Out" was an engaging celebration of that era, a revolutionary period for gays and lesbians.

A decade later, four years ago to be more exact, Peter Adair's doctor told him he'd tested positive for the HIV virus. And, characteristically, Adair decided to make a film about it. The completed documentary, entitled "Absolutely Positive," will make its national broadcast premiere June 18th on PBS. Locally it can be seen on Channel 30 at 10 pm.

When Adair and producer Janet Cole decided to make a documentary chronicle of people living with HIV infection their first step was to interview 120 men and women who carry the virus. They chose

eleven to share their stories on camera: five gay men, a Puerto Rican man and his HIV negative wife and child, a black mother, a white heterosexual couple, a white female former I.V. drug user and a Hispanic lesbian. The film is not statistically accurate because gay men still account for the majority of the people affected by the epidemic. Notably however, the film succeeds in representing a cross section of those living with HIV.

Surprisingly, "Absolutely Positive" is not a relentless downer. In less skillful hands this documentary might have been one long dive into despair. Instead, these eleven portraits are full of strength, sometimes hopeful and occasionally funny. Adair narrates as well as directs the film. His tone is personal and introspective. At times Adair even appears at the edge of the frame or is reflected obliquely in a mirror during interviews. He manages to become an active participant without being a distraction.

At one point in his narration, Adair keenly observes that "this epidemic has brought together eclectic groups of people

whose names seem to have been pulled out of some kind of celestial hat." However dissimilar these eleven people are, shared experiences resonate throughout. They relate their stories about what drove them to be tested, hearing the results, breaking the news, and coping with a heightened sense of morality in straight-forward, lucid terms.

A particularly searing moment occurs when the heterosexual couple, a retired logger and his wife, explain how a hospital sent the husband a letter three years after surgery informing him of possible infection via a blood transfusion. The hospital offered testing to verify. For \$16. The logger's doctor assured him he had

nothing to worry about because he'd run a hundred of those tests and only two were positive. "When he got mine back, that was three," the husband wryly adds. Later, his wife would test positive as well.

A black mother named Doris confides she had "a bit of history" behind her and never knew it would come back to haunt her. Doris learned of her own HIV status after her six month old on was diagnosed with AIDS. "It's not the stereotype as to who has it," she says. Then she pauses, rolls her eyes and chides herself. "Who has it...," she repeats. "Boy, that's tacky."

"Absolutely Positive" is remarkably honest and frank, allowing its worried but well subjects to openly discuss the various psychological ramifications of HIV infection. These eleven people are obviously past the point of denial, but each grapples with one question: Why?

The logger's wife says she thinks all those living with HIV ask "do I really deserve this?" She believes it's human nature. Others admit it feels like a punishment or judgment. Johnnie, the youngest gay male of the group, felt testing positive was like "you've done something bad and you're really gonna pay for it." Greg, a San Francisco model, was a good Catholic boy who felt he was "about as angelic and white bread as you can get... I wasn't sleeping with a billion guys," he exclaims. Greg wants to know what happened but is quick to tell anyone suffering from the "I deserve this because I'm gay" syndrome to cut themselves some slack. And the former I.V. drug user wisely remarks, "I don't think there's an answer to every question in this universe."

"Absolutely Positive" poignantly affirms what is so often obscured in this modern tragedy: there's still much living to be done.



Peter Adair who wrote about extraordinary lives of ordinary gay men and lesbians in "Word Is Out", has a new documentary about living with HIV, "Absolutely Positive."

Philip Morris

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Vaid. Last year Philip Morris invited NGLTF to apply for a grant designated for AIDS advocacy but the group refused.

HRCF, whose director Tim McFeeley helped negotiate the settlement, has backed ACT UP/DC's call for an end to the boycott. "Philip Morris is showing a willingness to take an active role and make a good faith effort to increase contributions to AIDS organizations and lesbian and gay groups," said Gregory King, HRCF's media director. "I think it's time to move on. Let's get other corporations to make the same commitment. There's an opportunity to build on this."

According to Petrelis, an ethical choice

had to be made whether or not to end the boycott. "Either we remain politically correct and continue the boycott, or settle and actually do something."

Jeff Graham of ACT UP/Atlanta says that from early reports he believes "everything looks very positive." Graham could not speak for the group as they have yet to meet to make an official statement, but would say that the promise made by Philip Morris "really shows the power of the lesbian and gay community when we work together for a common goal."

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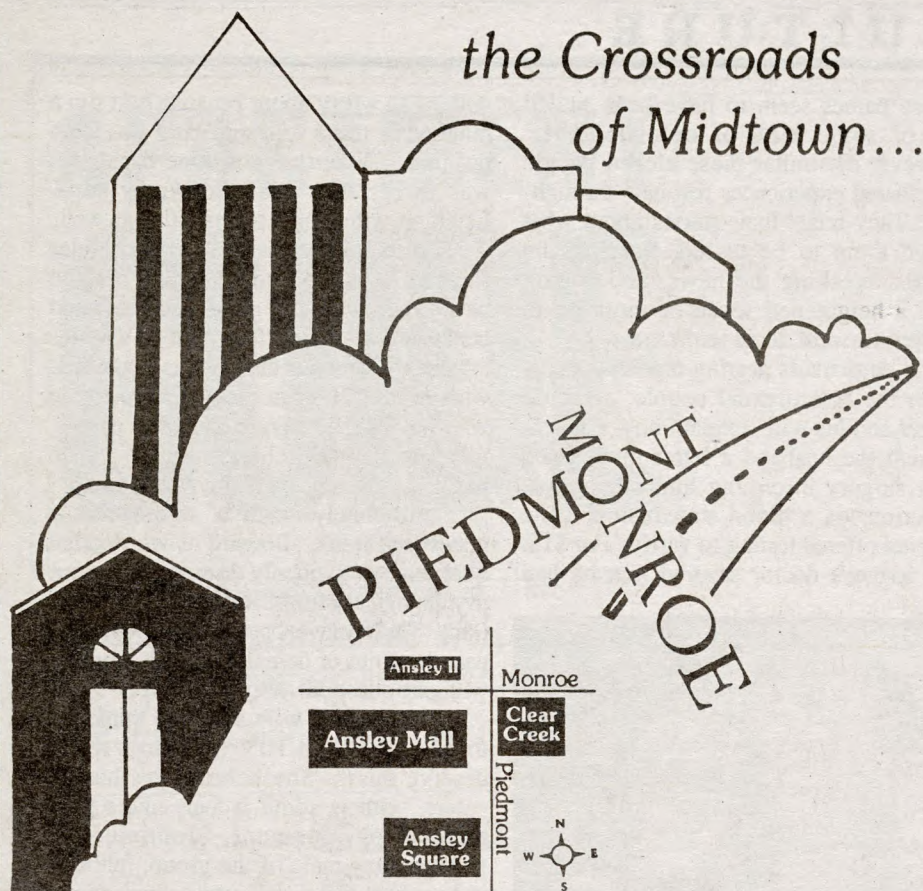
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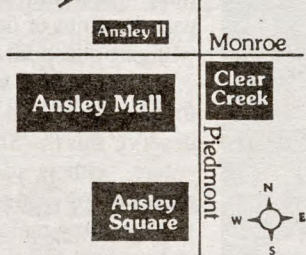
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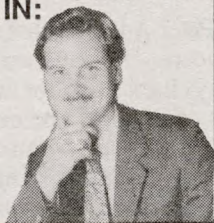
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Fond Farewells to Atlantans Lost to AIDS

by David Story

In her new book, Marla Anker, songstress and former business executive, speaks unspoken words, and invites others to do the same. Thus the title—*Unspoken Words: Volume 1 Atlanta*.

"Sometimes death strikes quickly for a person with AIDS," explains Anker. "No

her deceased friend, Atlanta designer David DeAngelis, was the genesis for *Unspoken Words*. According to Anker, that was the point at which the healing process began, ultimately leading her to fully accept David's death.

"The power of the book stems from the

I've made a decision not to hold back anything. I've decided to tell everything I'm feeling, not just the good stuff I'm feeling. I've decided to share myself, all of myself, because that truly is everything I am. What I am doesn't belong just to me. It belongs to everyone because I belong to everyone. We can't hold back our self from giving until what we have to give is all sweet and clean. It's that very act of giving that sweetens and cleans us.

Marla Anker

one is really prepared for death. Friends and family spend so much time hoping and praying for prolonged life that preparation for death is often overlooked.

"With the end comes the sad realization that so many words have gone unspoken; so many emotions unexpressed. This work is a collection of letters sharing publicly those unexpressed feelings," continues Anker.

"The concept evolved from my desire to accept the death of a dear friend from AIDS. This is an opportunity for individuals such as myself, to complete and to share their relationships with loved ones. My book will help them to deal with loss, as well as to express their feelings on the subject."

A personal letter written by Anker to

collection of personal letters. Everyone who reads it will realize that AIDS sufferers are loving, caring, emotional human beings, who could be a friend, a family member, a neighbor, a colleague—or a spouse. There's no one in our community who hasn't experienced the devastation of AIDS on some level."

"There's so much I wanted to say," concludes Anker, "and now I've had that chance."

Editor's note: If you'd like a chance to have closure with a loved one who died from AIDS, write to *Unspoken Words*, 3100 Briarcliff Rd., Suite 599, Atlanta, GA 30329. Letters will be accepted through September 1.

Making the Connection: Where Mind Meets Body

by David Story

Dr. Bernie Siegel, author of "Peace, Love and Healing," will appear in Atlanta for the first time on June 13, 14 and 15.

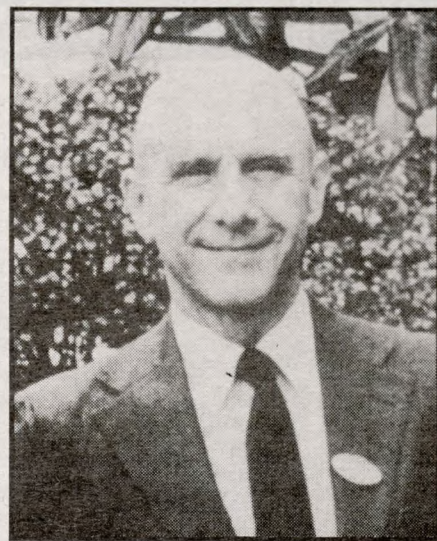
"I first saw Dr. Siegel on the 'Today Show' about 12 years ago," says Atlanta astrologer Shelia Conrad, a coordinator for the three-day workshop. "After that I saw him about five years later, again on the same program.

"As I became familiar with his books, I began trying to bring him here to Atlanta for a seminar," explains Conrad, obviously pleased that her persistence paid off. "I have several friends who have healed themselves through his teachings. The mind/body connection is definitely there."

On June 13 at the Pavillion in Sandy Springs, there will be a special dinner in Siegel's honor, to benefit his non-profit organization Exceptional Cancer Patients, which provides ongoing support groups for cancer and AIDS patients and their families.

On June 14, Siegel will present the lecture "Keys to Health: Living, Loving and Learning," and on June 15 he will conduct his "One Day Workshop." Both of these sessions will be held at the downtown Marriott Marquis Hotel.

During his presentations, Siegel, a surgeon as well as an author, explores the roles of hope, love, belief systems and spirituality in the healing process, addressing the importance of conflict



Dr. Bernie Siegel's message is that we are each responsible for our own healing.

resolution in life.

John Rumph, another workshop coordinator, is an Atlanta businessman and reflexologist, who works with AIDS patients.

"I got involved with Dr. Siegel about four years ago when I was ill," he explains. "He has had an incredible influence upon my life. Through his teachings, I've turned my health around. I highly recommend his book 'Love, Medicine and Miracles.'

"I feel tremendous joy when I watch friends have similar experiences. We are each totally responsible for our own healing. This is Dr. Siegel's main message: the workshop in June could save your life. And that can't be measured in dollars and cents."

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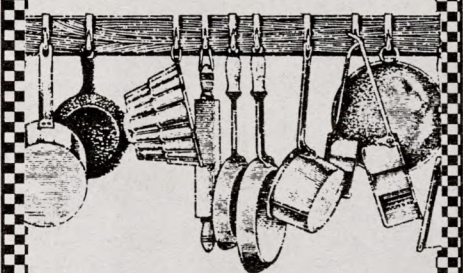
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Coming Out: Challenging Systems and Finding Transcendence

by Gary Kaupman

Whatever appellation we give to the feelings that result from coming out as a man who loves men or a woman who loves women, the results often seem to be similar. Transcendence does not seem to be too strong to describe what happens when we fully understand and accept the fact that "coming out" has the power to mean far more than just having sex with someone of the same gender and telling your friends that Bruce has replaced Bev. Or vice-versa.

I'm talking with Lavonne Casey, sitting on the front porch of her Candler Park home.

"Is the kind of 'coming out' that we're talking about like finding your spiritual G-spot?" I ask.

"Yea, I could relate to that." She smiles.

If someone could put Lavonne's peaceful and open demeanor in a bottle and sell it, they'd get rich in a hurry. I ask how a 34 year-old, black lesbian who works in corporate America can be so calm and easy about discussing her life. Isn't she worried about coming out in print?

"I almost wish that the people at work would read *Southern Voice*," she says. "If every lesbian and gay working for a Fortune 500 company in Atlanta were to just stand up... well, they just couldn't run if we all left. We really are everywhere and sometimes I think that the companies are more O.K. with that than we are."

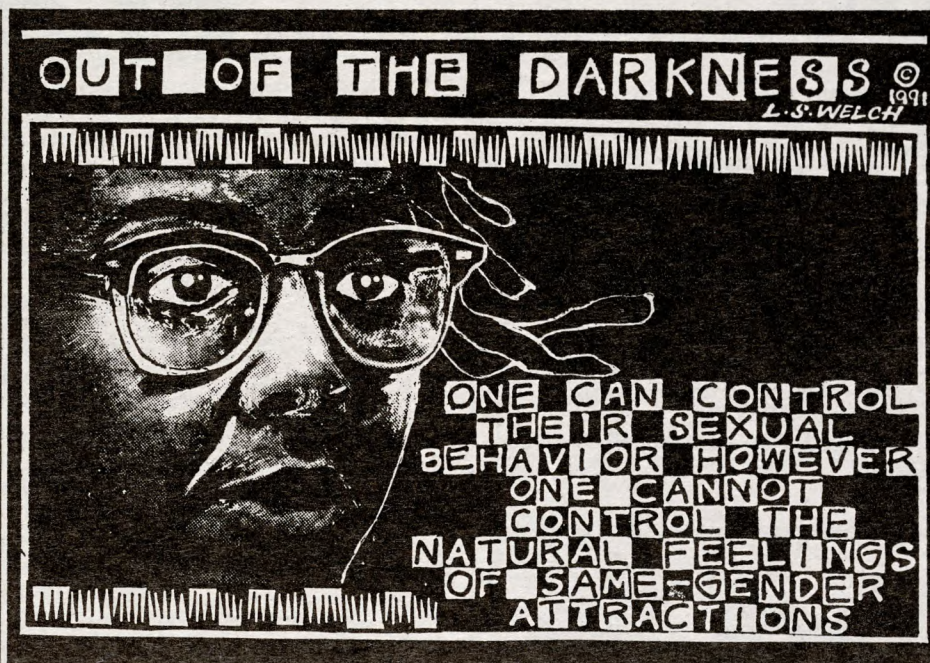
Lavonne says she probably came out for the first time when she wrote "maybe I am a lesbian" in one of her high school journals. But, the coming out that tweaked her spiritual G-spot came four and a half years ago when she was pushed out of her job "because I wouldn't play politics... and because I wasn't a white man."

"For so long I had identified myself as what I did, as my occupation," she adds. "Well, the first thing I did when I got fired was I said, 'I am a lesbian and I'm heading to a large city with a lesbian community.'"

That decided, Lavonne moved to Atlanta, found her community, and began to experience "the gentle, loving, caring connections" that "only two people of the same sex who are being honest with each other can have.... Once a woman has been with another woman, even if she goes back to men, she just can't forget the mutuality."

Lavonne credits much of her confidence, her sense of purpose, her ability to be open, honest and caring with friends and family to her simple, yet brave, decision to utter the words, "I am a lesbian."

John McCadden—"the first black person to play Jesus in the Easter play" at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn.—puts it this way: "Much of our behavior tends to come out of desire or



fear. Being openly and fully identified as someone who is the member of a marginal group has some surprising benefits in those areas. Fear and desire are stripped away from you—at least the polluted forms are."

Strong words, but that's how John experiences being gay. "When I realized that I was gay, it was 'Oh, this is why I think this way,' and 'this explains everything.' The really magical thing that happened was the fun; I mean how could straight people possibly have this much fun? How could it *not* be thrillingly sensual and exciting to press your body up against another man's body? Just to think that there are men who don't want to do that, well..."

What we're talking about "is being on the edge and being safe at the same time." How does John do that? In some ways that might be expected—like choosing jobs where his flair for style and detail are appreciated and well rewarded. By developing "incredibly rich and full relationships" with friends.

And by taking even more risks. "Issues of sexuality can make people pretty crazy," so John decided to explore by doing the 'Healing the Body Erotic' workshop several years ago when he lived in San Francisco.

"When you do a workshop that both offers alternatives and surpasses previous levels of experience and you're able to do that with people who you don't even know.... Well, when they asked for comments, I said, 'I've found something that could create world peace.' The whole system would fall apart if we all rubbed hot oil on each other and breathed. It would, it really would."

"There are tremendous opportunities when you belong to a subculture, but you have to be willing to look at the options. The magic that allows you to look at those

options doesn't just come from being gay, but from being gay and aware."

Michael Wyatt is an Episcopal priest who is both openly gay and aware. Primary in our discussion is his need "to find a religion that was world affirming, one that was affirming of human contact. I couldn't deal with one that split reality and thus split me."

Sounds like a tall order, but an understandable one from a man who grew up as the child of Southern Baptist missionaries. "I never had any questions about a religious construct on reality. I experimented looking at the world in other ways and well..."

Finding a Christian religion that would permit and encourage "affection, loyalty, love and kinship with other men" didn't seem unreasonable to Michael. After all there is that image of Jesus, "a man who when he had his last meal, had another man's head resting on his breast."

It was at The Parsonage—a ministry to the gay and lesbian community of the Episcopal Diocese of California in San Francisco—that Michael discovered the "idea of Jesus, not primarily as savior, but also as lover."

Lover? In what sense?

"Well, for some it had an erotic component," he explains, "for some not. The boundaries blur, they should blur."

"At the parsonage I found a way of retelling the Christian tradition in the context of my spiritual and social realities, ones that stress friendship and mutuality. As openly gay men we have the responsibility to reinterpret the Christian experience...with our willingness to trust, to have faith it's like reexperiencing the spirituality of our childhood."

Is he suggesting that gay people merely ignore the great harm wrecked on us over the centuries in the name of

Christianity?

"Absolutely not," replies Michael. "Because I'm gay, I must realize that a great deal of the Christian tradition is toxic, we've got to be careful about what we do and don't appropriate."

"But, had I not been gay, I would never have asked the questions that I've asked, I would never have discovered the toxicity. Had I not been gay, and open about it to myself to my friends, I would never have discovered that I have a spirituality of my own. I would have just accepted what was handed to me."

Gary Kaupman says he stopped accepting what was handed to him on July 4, 1979 by "telling everyone I knew, and quite a few who I did not, that I was ending a 10 year marriage because I was gay. I began having sex with men; it was fun and felt great. I went to gay bars and parties; again, fun, though oftentimes exhausting and distracting. My friends' faces changed, but my attitudes, my perceptions of life and reality remained pretty much the same."

Then Gary's friend Patrick asked him to go to a gathering of Radical Faeries. "The name put me off a bunch—I still lived in Buckhead, drove a fancy, silver German car, and had just voted for Ronald Reagan—but I wanted to support my friend. And I was just a mite curious."

"Clean shaven, short-haired and prepped to the max in Weejuns, Izod and Brooks Brother's gabardines," Gary says he "felt like a token sacrifice to the Goddess of genderfuck" when he walked into the room of 80-plus exotically dressed men. More than half wore women's clothes, "not in parody like the performers I'd seen at the Sweet Gum Head, but with a sense of comfort, sensuality and playfulness. Those who wore pants did so in a way that was unlike anything I had ever imagined."

Gary describes the scene as each man took his turn giving voice to what was in his heart, "I made eye contact with a man across the room. A strikingly beautiful American Indian, hair to his butt, clad in a richly patterned skirt, wearing a shawl and the most outrageous collection of necklaces I had ever seen. We smiled, rose, walked to the middle of the circle and hugged. He wrapped his shawl around us, I buried my face in his hair. We kissed, drew deep breaths together, stared lovingly into each other's eyes, and kissed again."

"I have no idea how long Eon and I stayed together in the center of that circle—more than five minutes and less than 30, I suspect. Our agreement to separate was as mutual, easy and without contrivance as our joining had been."

"As I rejoined the circle, another man embraced me. I whispered, 'I think I just figured out what it means to be gay, I think I just came out... again.'"

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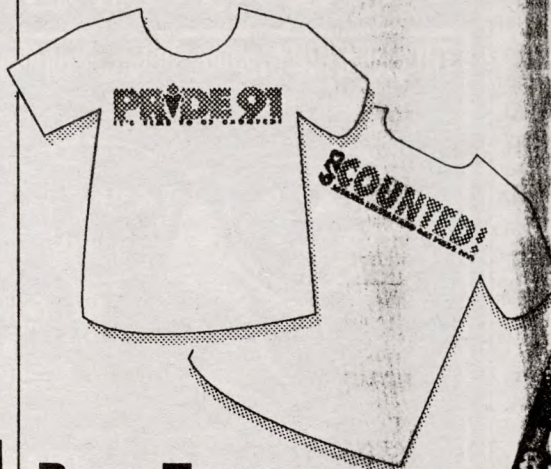
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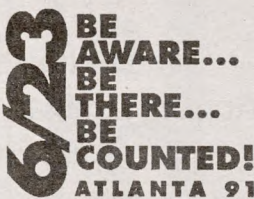
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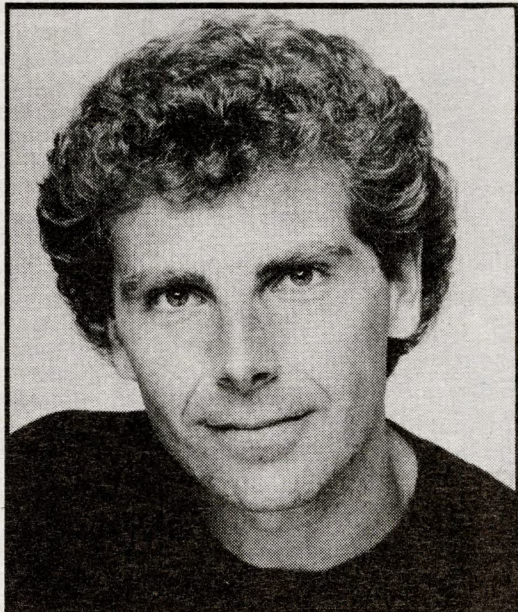
- Sun, June 9:** Traxx T-Dance, 306 Lucky St.
- Sun, June 9:** Deana's Pride Cookout, 1890 Chesapeake Bridge Rd.
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OUT LINES

BOB PUTNAM



Age: "Somewhere between 25 and death"

Occupation: Manager, 14th Street Playhouse

Relationship status: Single (!)

Favorite theatrical experience: Seeing *Nicholas Nickleby* on Broadway

Personal/Professional Goal: I'd love to be an artistic director of a regional theater.

Keeping theatre alive on 14th St.

Bob Putnam is the manager of the 14th Street Playhouse. When the Academy Theatre closed in January, 1990 the Alliance Theatre and the Woodruff Arts Center decided that a Midtown performance space was needed for local theatre companies. The 14th Street Playhouse opened in August, 1990. Putnam is determined that the Playhouse will continue to be "affordable and accessible to all those groups that need it."

In his job at 14th Street, Putnam brings together the creativity of his artistic background as an actor/director and the organizational skills of a manager. "I am a naturally organized and structured person. That comes from my father," he says. "He is a conservative, Republican businessman."

Though he came to Atlanta from New York, his first experience with Southern theater was in 1986 when he was hired by the Springer Opera House in Columbus, Georgia. In Columbus, he directed four productions for the Springer, including their presentation of *Steel Magnolias*. "I went to Columbus, Georgia in August in a dark green car with no air conditioning," he exclaimed. "I had never experienced walking out of my door into a wall of heat. You could literally see the air you breathed."

After his stay in Columbus, Putnam went back to New York, only to find theater work more frustrating than it had been when he left. "I was one of the lucky ones," he says about his earlier experiences in New York, "working eight months out of the year in theater." Deciding to relocate permanently, he began looking around. "I was looking in about five areas of the country before I decided on Atlanta," he says. "I was scared to death before I moved. But I knew pretty quickly that it was the right thing for me to do." He has bought a house in Atlanta recently. Like many other Atlantans, he may be losing his Yankee status.

Putnam is currently engrossed in planning for his next production of *Tennessee in the Summer* for Lesbian and Gay Pride week. *Tennessee*, he may recall, is the play based on Tennessee Williams' memoirs pro-

duced by SAME (Southeastern Arts Media Education Project) and directed by Putnam at the 14th Street Playhouse in April and May. Putnam has two reasons for presenting the play again during Gay Pride week. The first is "for the production itself. It's a good script," he explains, "that got four extraordinary performances from the actors. The audiences who came to see it said it was the best performance that SAME has presented." But for some reason the play did not get very large audiences, and SAME lost money on the production. "I rarely fight for a production by sinking my own money into it, but this one is worth it," he insists.

The play will run June 19 to 29 at the 14th Street Playhouse, and the June 20 performance will be a benefit for SAME. In addition to offering a benefit for SAME, however, Putnam hopes to raise funds for other gay and lesbian organizations during this run of the play, offering any interested organizations a night of the run as a fundraising event. AIDS Interfaith/Common Ground and ACT-UP Atlanta have already taken advantage of the offer and taken a performance each. "They will get one third of the ticket price off the top," he says. "I did this kind of thing in New York, and I'm trying to do the same here," says Putnam about doing what he can to support the lesbian and gay community.

Putnam is committed to getting an audience for this play during Gay Pride week. "Obviously something went wrong in April. All you can do is say here are nine more performances. During Lesbian and Gay Pride week, this is my offering to the community and my first statement here. This is also a chance for me to meet everybody else, and, if they need a place for benefits in the future, I want them to know that I am here."

—Debbie Fraker

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The Atlanta newspapers will soon conduct a random telephone survey in the Atlanta area for a series of news articles about issues affecting gays and lesbians. Because some gay and lesbian Atlantans may not feel comfortable talking to a stranger on the phone, we are also conducting this parallel survey of Southern Voice readers. This is not a marketing survey. Please take a minute to answer this anonymous questionnaire and mail it before **June 13** to:

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12. If you are gay, lesbian or bisexual, have you: Told your family? ___ Yes ___ No If YES, were they supportive? ___ Yes ___ No Told your co-workers? ___ Yes ___ No If YES, were they supportive? ___ Yes ___ No		13. How would you feel about walking in your neighborhood holding hands with a same-sex partner? ___ Very comfortable ___ Comfortable only at night ___ Hardly ever comfortable ___ I would never feel comfortable	
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18. In the last two years, have you done any of the following? (Check all that apply) ___ Voted for a political candidate because of his or her stand on gay issues. ___ Volunteered to work for a political campaign because of the candidate's stand on gay issues. ___ Contributed money to a political campaign because of the candidate's stand on gay issues. ___ Attended a demonstration or parade for gay rights. ___ Volunteered to work for a gay rights or an AIDS organization. ___ Contributed money to a gay rights or an AIDS organization.		19. Compared to other large cities you have lived in, ___ Atlanta is more tolerant of gays ___ Atlanta is less tolerant ___ Atlanta is about the same ___ I have never lived in another large city	20. Do you: ___ Own your own home ___ Rent
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23. Rank the areas in which you think gays and lesbians have had the greatest impact in Atlanta, with 1 representing the greatest impact: ___ Civil rights ___ Neighborhood preservation ___ Business development ___ Arts and entertainment ___ Health ___ Social attitudes			

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VITAL SIGNS. Thru 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.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS. Thru June 15. Multi-media works by Cecile Broz, Lucy Mitchell and Jinger Stuntz. Everything from photography and oil paintings to serigraphs and reduced wood cut prints. ALIYA Gallery, 1402 N. Highland Ave. 892-2835.

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. High Museum, 892-3600.

JAPANESE TSUZURE-ORI. Thru Aug. 18. 55 examples of 19th century weavings using the slit tapestry technique in which the Japanese weavers beat down the weft threads with serrated fingernails on the left hand. Sounds eclectic, but being a fabric freak, I wouldn't miss it for the world. Atlanta International Museum, 285 Peachtree Center Ave. 688-2467.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ART. June 2-September 1. 19th and 20th Century paintings, sculptures and photographs show a rich cultural heritage influenced by life in America. Hammonds House Galleries, 503 Peoples St. 752-8730.

RED OCHRE SERIES. June 7-21. An installation sculpture by native American artist Truman Lowe. The name of the series comes from how a group of southern native Americans in pre-history buried their dead with red ochre sand and clay. TULA Gallery, 75 Bennett St. 351-3551.

Benefits

YARDSALE FOR COMMON GROUND. Sat., June 8. (rain date June 15) 9 am. A yard sale to benefit Common Ground, Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network's day program for HIV+ persons. Coldwell Banker, 1370 N. Highland. 874-8686.

HOLLYWOOD HOTS '91. Sat, June 8. A good time for a good cause will be even better if you can donate door prizes, refreshments, or assistance to help make it happen. Morningside Chase Apts. 1445 Monroe Dr. 875-5622.

Dance

BEYOND THE CANEBREAKS. Sun., June 9, 7 pm. The Harry Bryce African American Dance Theatre previews its current work-in-progress about Harriet Tubman, leader of the Underground Railroad. Choreographer Harry Bryce debuts his company to Atlanta in this special performance. 14th St. Playhouse.

Direct Action

ACT/UP AGAINST BUSH. Thurs., June 6, 10:45 am. Bush recently halted a regulation which would have allowed HIV+ persons into the US. He also accused ACT UP of "an excess of free speech." ACT UP is not happy with George. If you aren't either join them for this legal picket at The Omni. 524-0843.

QUEER NATION AT CRACKER BARREL. Sun., June 9, 11:30 am. If you haven't been to a Cracker Barrel demonstration yet, this is the one not to miss. We're sworn to secrecy though and can't tell you more. Be there. Union City Cracker Barrel, I-85 South, Exit 13. 286-2355.

Discussion

SHOULD ALFA CONTINUE? Sat., June 8, 6pm. A potluck gathering to look at what the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance is and whether it should continue to be. Bring your ideas, ALFA has always been whatever people made it with their interest and input. Now is a crucial time for the oldest lesbian organization in Atlanta. ALFA House. 378-9769.

Festivals

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS SUMMERFEST. Sat. & Sun., June 8 & 9. 10 am-6 pm. Two full days of arts, entertainment and volleyball in one of Atlanta's finest intown neighborhoods (which queers have made attractive to yuppies.) John Howell Park, Virginia Ave at Barnett St.

Health

SELF DISCOVERY SERIES. Thru June 25. Tuesdays only. 6:30-8:30pm. For HIV+ individuals. Six nights of "serious play" to help create more joy in your life. Group lead by Elizabeth Weathersby, ART. \$5. Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. 222-2440.

MARCH FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE. Thurs., June 6, 7 pm. Show your support for health care for all Americans. Medical insurance is becoming unaffordable, explore the options. Woodruff Park, next to Grady Hospital. 525-3559.

THE KEYS TO HEALTH: LIVING, LOVING & HEALING. June 14-15. Bernie Siegel, MD shares his techniques on coping, living and recovering from life-threatening illnesses. Marriott Marquis. 242-1240.

HEALTH QUEST '91. 'TO WORK OR NOT TO WORK' Mon., June 17., 6:30-8:45 pm. These free bi-monthly seminars are open to the public and focus on HIV- and AIDS-related issues. The program slated for the 17th will explore some of the employment, disability and insurance decisions faced by people living with HIV disease. Academy of Medicine. 872-0600.

JEALOUSY. Mon., June 17. The Women of Wisdom monthly gathering features Joanne DeMark, PhD discussing the green-eyed monster. Joanne will look at some theoretical concepts and practical tips for dealing with one of the banes of our existence. Chrysalis Women's Center. 2045 Manchester St. 723-1112.

Literature

KATHERINE V. FORREST. Sat., June 8, 7:30-9 pm. Reading and signing her latest, "Murder by Tradition." Charis Books & More. 524-0304.

KEN SIMAN. Tues., June 18, 7:30 pm. Ken will read from his new novel Pizza Face. The main character, a Holden Caulfield for the 90's, is a gay southern nerd whose life unfolds comically and teaches unexpected lessons about acceptance. Oxford Bks. 360 Pharr Rd. 262-9975.

Music

ANGELA MOTTER. June 5-8 and June 12-15. 6-8 pm. Acoustic rock and blues from this local hot (and single) talent. Deana's One Mo' Time. No cover. 873-1834.

FOUR BITCHIN' BABES. Fri., June 7, 8:30 pm. Christine Lavin, Julie Gold, Megan McDonough and Sally Fingereit. Folk music and humor to be enjoyed "From a Distance," or close-up. Variety Playhouse. 1099 Euclid Ave.

JAN SMITH AND THE ECLECTIC COWBOYS. Fri., June 7. With special guest DeDe Vogt. Avondale Towne Cinema. 299-9274.

PASSAGES. Sat., June 8, 8 pm. Jem Moore on hammer dulcimer, Irish flute and penny whistle joins with Ariane Lydon on twelve-string guitar, celtic harp, vocals and bodhran for an evening of "refined Celtic soul." Variety Playhouse. 1099 Euclid Ave. 249-6400.

HARP & SOUL. Sat., June 15, 8 pm. Judy Austin and Beth Heidelberg entertain in an intimate setting. Chrysalis Women's Center. 2045 Manchester St. 881-6300.

ASO FREE CONCERT. Sun., June 16, 7:30pm. Bring supper and enjoy dinner music by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra conducted by George Hanson. Grant Park. 898-1182.

LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III. Sun., June 16, 8 pm. Wainwright will surely sing his recently popular novelty hit about Helms, "Jessie Don't Like It," which parodies the Senator's views on art and censorship. Variety Playhouse. 1099 Euclid Ave. 524-7354.

Opera

TOSCA. June 13, 15, 17. Puccini's fiery thriller tells a story of a Roman diva caught up in a revolution and love. Symphony Hall. Woodruff Arts Center. 892-2414.

Pride Events

BENEFIT AT TRAXX. Sun., June 9. 6 pm. Dance, vogue and help Pride '91 all at the same time. Traxx. 306 Lucky St.

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BENEFIT AT THE ARMORY. Mon., June 10. Don't miss this one hosted by the outrageous Armorettes. Prizes galore. The Armory. 836 Juniper St. 881-9280.

NETWORKING WITH PRIDE. June 15, 10-5pm. 4th Tuesday's 3rd annual Business Expo. 100 booths of family and gay friendly businesses introduce themselves, their services and their products. Door prizes and demonstrations make this a fun, informative event. Westin Peachtree Plaza, Peachtree and International Blvd. \$3. 662-4399.

PRIDE PROM '91. Sat., June 15. 8 pm. Go get those tux and pumps. It's time for the annual gay and lesbian Pride Prom - the prom you always wanted to attend. The theme this year is "Over the Rainbow". \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. 2069 The Page. 2069 Cheshire Bridge Rd. 622-4533.

Sports

FRONT RUNNERS. Every Wed. at 6:30pm in Piedmont Park. Also every Saturday 8am at the Chattahoochee River off Powers Ferry Rd. Call Shelton Haynie (622-0739) or Lynne Patterson (438-1421) for info.

AVS BOWLING. Every Monday, 8:30pm. Its almost time to form summer leagues. Come down and see why Judy Tenuta says bowling fingers are so much fun. Express Lanes, Monroe Drive.

HOTLANTA SOCCER. Practice every Sun., 3 pm at Piedmont Park. Hotlanta is looking for a few good thighs for the 1991 season, and the upcoming International Gay Soccer Tournament scheduled for October in Atlanta. Men and women, beginners or pros are encouraged to participate. You'll get a kick out of it! Call Steve at 577-0418.

ATLANTA TEAM TENNIS. Every Saturday. Play to climb the competitive challenge ladder or just enjoy the game. Watchers welcome as well. Men play at noon at Glenlake Tennis Center, call David Black at 399-5010. Women start at 1:30pm at DeKalb Tennis Center. Call 662-GAME.

HOTLANTA VOLLEYBALL. Fridays, 7:30-10:30pm. Whether you love to spike or spectate, these games will net your interest. Fall leagues forming now. Hellenic Center gym on Cheshire Bridge Road. 621-5062.

Television

BRADSHAW ON HOMECOMING. Sun., June 9. 4 pm. "The Problem of the Wounded Child" explores how dysfunctional families create a "wounded inner child and how this wounded child can continue to contaminate adult life, through violence or cruelty, loneliness or addictive behavior." Channel 8.

THE COLOR OF YOUR SKIN. Tues., June 11. 10 pm. Taken from an intensive race relations course given by the U.S. military, a dozen Americans, black, white and Hispanic confront each other with their racial pain, anger and bewilderment. Channel 8.

INNOCENCE LOST. Wed., June 12. 10 pm. The trial in this American tragedy will soon begin. This 2-hour special examines the tangled roots of the charges of child sexual abuse and the history of the investigation that has poisoned the atmosphere and consumed a small town. Ch. 8.

NUMB... CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS. Mon., June 17. 9 pm. This hour-long dramatic presentation explores the plight of a bright, straight-A high school student who has become numb after years of enduring embarrassment, stress, isolation and loss of self-esteem due to his father's alcoholism. Channel 8.

ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE. Tues., June 18. 10 pm. Peter Adair, the filmmaker who brought us "Word is Out," takes a close look at 11 people living with HIV in this honest and introspective documentary. Channel 30.

Theatre

A... MY NAME IS ALICE. Thru June 9. Tues.-Thurs. at 8 pm; Fri. and Sat. at 7 & 10 pm; Sun. at 3 pm. What? A women only show in Buckhead? Yep, a cast of five women deliver 24 tunes and skits about the satisfactions and frustrations of being female. Buckhead Roxy. 249-6400.

ODD NIGHT IN AN ODD PLACE. Thru June 15. 8pm Wed-Sat.; 3pm on Sun. A musical homage to Ginsberg, Kerouac and the music of the Beat era. Wear black and come in a Lenny Bruce state of mind. May 29th performance is "pay what you can" night. Theatrical Outfit. 1012 Peachtree St. 872-0665.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME. Thru June 29. A classic comedy by Moss Hart and George Kaufman about the upheaval in Hollywood upon the introduction of the "talkies." A spoof that will have you laughing and realizing how little times have changed. Neighborhood Playhouse. 430 W. Trinity Place. Decatur. 373-5311.

ANGRY HOUSEWIVES. Thru June 30. A mad, mad musical where domestic goddesses wreck havoc in their lives as they abandon Betty Jean Cosmetics to form a "totally rad" punk rock band for a contest at the Lewd Fingers Club. At Horizon Theatre, 1083 Austin Ave. 584-7450.

TENNESSEE IN THE SUMMER. June 19-23 & June 26-29. Brings the private and creative playwright to life, revealing the funny, touching, scandalous and tortured side of this great American writer. 14th St. Playhouse. 892-0103.

Upcoming

INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE. June 19-23. Hosted by the East Coast Lesbians Festival, the conference attendees will have access to the fun of the festival while exploring issues such as lesbian rights worldwide, health care, anti-racism, and our own counter-culture. Lake Front Camp in PA. (718) 643-3284.

GAY PRIDE '91. June 22-23. Time to think about floats and signs and making our presence known. Be aware, be there. Last year's entertainment and speakers were great, this year let's double the number marching down P'htree under the lavender banner. For info call, 325-4435.

GAY & LESBIAN INTIMACY WORKSHOP. June 22 & 23. For singles and couples, the Into-Me-I-See workshop offers helpful insights into understanding and appreciating yourself and others. 333-0166.

GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE DAY RUN. Sat., June 22. 8am. Held in conjunction with Pride '91. A 5k Race/Walk from Grant Park to Piedmont Park. T-shirts to all participants and age group awards. Sponsored by Front Runners and Southern Voice. See application in this issue. Grant Park. Parking lot off Boulevard. 622-0739.

BWMT CONVENTION. June 23-30. The National Association of Black and White Men Together has a fun-filled, informative weekend scheduled with everything from a night on the town in Windsor, Ontario, Canada to workshops like "Homosexuality in the Bible" and "The Sensuous Side of S & M." St. Regis Hotel. Detroit, Michigan. (313) 569-8595.

WEAVING THE VISION: EXPLORING FEMINIST SPIRITUALITY. June 29 & 30. A workshop for women who want to understand their own spiritual journey and perhaps explore the pathways not taken. 377-6659.

MINNIE BRUCE PRATT. Sun., June 30. 7:30 pm. Reading from "Crimes Against Nature" and her forthcoming book of essays, "Rebellion." Charis Books & More. 524-0304.

MARILYN... IN HER OWN WORDS. July 10. Julie Miller has received rave reviews for her torrid, true-to life performance of the world's greatest sex symbol. Set at Monroe's last photo session, this powerful, one-actress play allows The Blonde to tell her life story with humour and perception. Center Stage. 249-6400/873-2500.

JOANN LOULAN. July 19 & 20. The Lesbian Erotic Dance, a new lecture and workshop examines mating rituals in dykedom and how to get in step with a partner. 231-0751.



Ken Siman will be at Oxford Books on Tues., June 18 to sign his book *Pizza Face*, the story of a North Carolina gay boy with bad skin and a Jimmy Carter obsession. Photo: © Marcia Lippman



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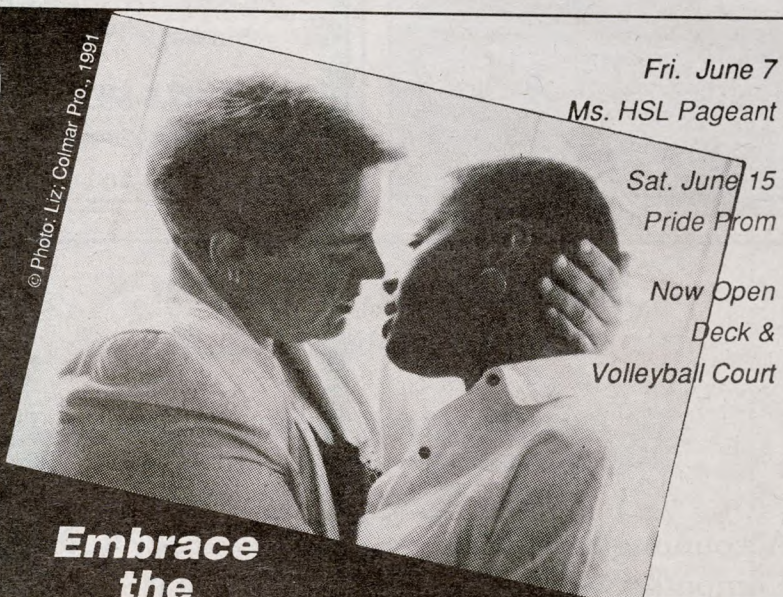
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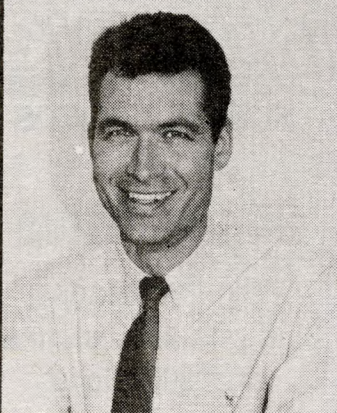
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AIDS ORGANIZATIONS

AID Atlanta—Non-profit agency providing services to people with AIDS, families and friends. 872-0600.

AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728 (State-wide). Answers about AIDS, referrals, etc., by trained volunteers staffing lines 9am-9pm daily.

AIDS Legal Project—Free legal services to low income persons with HIV; civil cases only with focus on employment disputes, discrimination and assistance with public benefits (Social Security, Food Stamps, etc.) 688-5433.

AIDSCHAIM—Congregation Bet Haverim (Atlanta's Reconstructionist synagogue serving the the gay and lesbian community) sponsors a predominantly gay support group for those affected by the AIDS crisis. Meets 1st & 3d Thurs., 7:30pm at AIDS Interfaith Network, 1053 Juniper St. Info 642-3467.

Atlanta Buyers Club (forming)—goal: to become a non-for profit source of treatment for PWAs. A.B.C., PO Box 55225, Atlanta, GA 30308.

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.

Project Open Hand Atlanta—Prepares and delivers meals to people with HIV illness. Volunteers needed for organizing, kitchen and delivery. 525-4620.

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.

"Funny... That Way"—Atlanta's Gay/Lesbian comedy improvisational troupe. Membership open. Workshops Sunday night. 875-2275.

Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc—Arts and media as tools for exploration, education, and change in human rights, especially those of the lesbian/gay community. 881-0817.

BARS

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Tower Lounge—735 Ralph McGill. 688-5463

Traxx—306 Luckie St. 681-5033

Weekends—688 Spring St. 875-5835

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. 286-7477.

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. Mtgs. on 3rd Mon. of the month. 7pm at Ptree 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.

HomeGirls—a business and social networking group designed to encourage entrepreneurial efforts among (but not limited to) women of color. 662-9101.

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.

Circle of Healing—Open to anyone in need of healing, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual. 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 7:30 PM. at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr. 378-5570

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. 876-2203 or 872-5772.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—Gays and lesbians gather over light foods to celebrate their Presbyterian heritage. 373-5830.
Roswell Unity—Gay-Bisexual Support Group. Time Square Shopping Ctr., 3000 Johnson-Ferry Rd. Thurs. 7:30, beginning 5-16-91. For more info call 368-7481.

SPORTS/OUTDOOR

Atlanta Team Tennis Association—Men and women's divisions. Friday nights and Sunday afternoons at Eastlake Tennis Center. 622-GAME.
Atlanta Venture Sports—An association in which the membership enjoys recreational, social, educational, and sports activities. 242-4899.
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. 8am 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.
Professional Tennis Network—Free introductory lessons. 1st time players welcome. Rackets available. 8 certified pro's on staff. Stay for the ATTA round robins afterwards. Call 325-2288 for info.
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.
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 Educational Gender Information Service—Information for persons interested in issues of gender. PO Box 33724, Decatur, GA 30033. (404) 939-0244 (evenings).
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.
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 out-reach 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 inter-racial organization committed to fostering a supportive environment wherein racial and cultural barriers can be over-come. 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.

Delphi—A fraternity of gay men. P.O. Box 14591, Atlanta, GA 30324.
Georgia Girth & Mirth—Social club for large gay men and their admirers. PO Box 9678, Atlanta, GA 30319. (404) 621-5710.
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. 627-7387.
Men of Little 5 Points—Socials and speakers on gay and community topics. Write PO Box 5425, Atlanta, GA 30307.

Name the Violence—Support group for battered and formerly battered lesbians. No fees. Share experiences, be empowered & empower others. A safe space in our community. Meet Tues. evenings at 7:30. 659-4520.

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.

Women In Kahoots—(WINK) Women-only group forming in the Cobb County area. Support, social, networking. Call 438-1421 for more info.

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—Meet every Wednesday during school quarters for discussion/speakers/activities. 497-0684.

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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d4T: new drug on the block

by Dave Gilden

One chemical now making the AIDS treatment scene is Bristol-Myers Squibb Company's d4T. The substance is a nucleoside analog very similar to AZT, but without the conventional drug's nitrogen atoms. Large-scale, second phase trials involving 140 people at seven sites around the country got underway in April. Already, popular anecdote has made d4T a focus for the desperate hope of people dependent on the United States' lumbering drug development system for life-saving medication.

Robert is a New Yorker who joined one of the earliest d4T trials. He has been taking d4T for two years. "Down at Gay Men's Health Crisis, I've run into other guys on d4T," he reports, "and we're all doing great." Robert got into the d4T program after AZT "made me a wreck" and a friend told him of the incredible improvements people were experiencing on d4T.

Over the course of the past two years, Robert watched his infection-fighting helper T-cells increase from 150 per cubic millimeter (normal is about 1,000) to nearly 700 before stabilizing at 500. The depletion of helper T-cells is characteristic of the immune system's downward slide in AIDS.

"Besides the rise in T-cells, my symptoms are all gone, too. The chronic tiredness, all the aches and pains and headaches went away and my weight stabilized," Robert recounted. He also noted that "once my lover started taking d4T, his blood work returned to absolute normal inside of three weeks."

There are two caveats to Robert's description: he also has been taking the antiviral drug acyclovir for the past year to fight his Epstein-Barr infection. This could well have something to do with his improvement. Also, he suffers from painful tingling in his toes. Painful neuropathy of this sort is a common d4T side effect.

Tales of dramatic improvements while using experimental treatments are not new to the AIDS epidemic. In Providence, Rhode Island, Dr. Kenneth Mayer, who is conducting some of the ongoing d4T trials, thinks, "It is premature to get excited. Not enough people have tried d4T to say how good it really is."

Nonetheless, Mayer's original study group of twenty had a quick boost in helper T-cells and amelioration of major AIDS-related symptoms. "d4T should be on the development fast track," he said.

Like other nucleoside analogs, d4T functions as a defective sub-unit of DNA, the substance that makes up human cells' genes. d4T's sole role is to stop the HIV virus from insinuating itself into those genes. It is active only when the virus is in the cell nucleus, trying to build a DNA copy of its own genetic material.

Should d4T miss that opportunity, the cell is irretrievably infected with HIV. Because of d4T's limited arena for action, it is difficult to see how a nucleoside analog alone could work as a cure or near cure for AIDS. At that stage, millions of infected cells exist, constantly manufacturing new virus particles.

Still, the excitement persists. At Davies Hospital in San Francisco, 45 people signed up for the 15 local slots available in the Bristol-Myer's national trial. And Davies is now the target of ACT UP protests because dosages in the study will range widely, from 140 down to seven milligrams per day. The low end of the range doesn't provide enough d4T, ACT UP complains.

In a strongly worded letter to Davies, ACT UP/Golden Gate said, "Frankly, we suspect the [seven milligram] dose is for all intents and purposes a placebo... The response curve may provide Bristol-Myers with the quick proof of efficacy given by a placebo control trial."

The letter continued that the lower dosages in the test "present a serious ethical problem. Given that the patients are all symptomatic, for the Davies d4T trial to be ethical there would have to be an equal probability of any of the three doses being effective."

At Bristol-Myers, spokeswoman Susan Yarin shot back, "One conducts controlled clinical trials to find the lowest feasible dose. Preclinical (i.e., nonhuman) studies indicate that the seven milligram dose could be effective. At the end of May, we will review the test data, and if analysis shows that this dose is ineffective, it will be dropped."

The principal investigator for Davies' d4T work is Dr. Stephen Follansbee. "ACT UP's concerns are legitimate and may seem even more so in several months. I don't want people to be treated like guinea pigs," he said.

But Follansbee defended the trial by pointing out an "added enticing characteristic." Any time after the first ten weeks of the 52 week study, the volunteers can have their doses increased if they show significant deterioration—a 75% decrease

in helper T-cell counts or a 70% increase in blood levels of free p24 protein from HIV's core.

In response to objections that such changes represent a disastrous decline in health, Follansbee stated that Bristol-Myers had promised to make individual exceptions to the dose escalation rules. "How to use lab markers like these in a clinical trial is a new area," he noted.

Follansbee's promises of eventual flexibility may be too little too late for David. Placed in the trial through a special dispensation from Bristol-Myers and after activist pressure, David cannot tolerate either AZT or its nearly approved alterna-

tives, ddI and ddC. He was at death's door when he found an underground source of d4T. He claims the d4T made him feel enormously better within three days. He was able to get out of bed and do household chores for the first time in months. Then, as his d4T cache was running out, he got put into the trial—where he was "randomized" into the group getting that low, seven milligram dose.

Sale of life insurance by PWA's poses SSI and Medicaid coverage questions

The rapidly expanding "viatical settlements" industry — which buys life insurance policies from persons with AIDS and other terminal conditions — will buy over \$100 million in policies this year, but leave sellers' vital Medicaid coverage subject to question, a new study shows.

"Living Benefits for the Insured, Terminally Ill Client: A Remarkable New Resource With Tax, SSI and Medicaid Implications" appears in the April, 1991 issues of *Clearinghouse Review*, the poverty law monthly. Co-authored by Thomas McCormack, a Washington public benefits analyst and PWA entitlements advocate, and David Petersen, a financial planner who serves as Financial Seminar Director of New York's Body Positive, the article reviews the eight firms currently operating in the field. The study covers contract terms, discounts against policies' face amounts, medical verification procedures and a review of the kinds of life plans eligible for sale by the terminally ill.

McCormack and Petersen point out that the government has few methods available to detect sellers' receipt of sales money which might disqualify them for the needs-based SSI and Medicaid programs, or even a reliable way to ensure taxation of such sales income. But, under current rules, where authorities do detect and count money from life insurance sales, they levy taxes and terminate SSI and Medicaid benefits. (Half or more of PWAs rely on Medicaid for access to

medical care.) The article warns that government efforts to get more timely access to income reports about insurance sales are now being planned.

McCormack, author of the recent *AIDS Benefit Handbook* (Yale University Press) and Petersen, who wrote *Personal Finances and HIV Disease* (Multitasking Systems) last spring, outline a variety of ways in which PWAs who sell policies — and whose sales are detected — can retain SSI and Medicaid. Some methods, like giving policy ownership to a trusted loved one who then sells it and officially receives the funds, are already used by the policy-buying companies; but the authors broach a number of other strategies which appear legal under present regulations.

Both Representative Barbara Kennelly (D-CT) and Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ) have introduced legislation in Congress to exempt proceeds from life insurance sales by the terminally ill from taxation and counting by SSI and Medicaid. The study calls for early passage of these bills to end the cruel dilemma which could face insured PWAs — to be forced to choose between desperately needed cash and even more crucial medical care.

Clearinghouse Review is available only in law libraries and at legal aid organizations. It is not sold on newsstands. Copies of the April issue can be purchased for \$6.00 from the National Clearinghouse for Legal Services, 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60605, (312) 939-3830.

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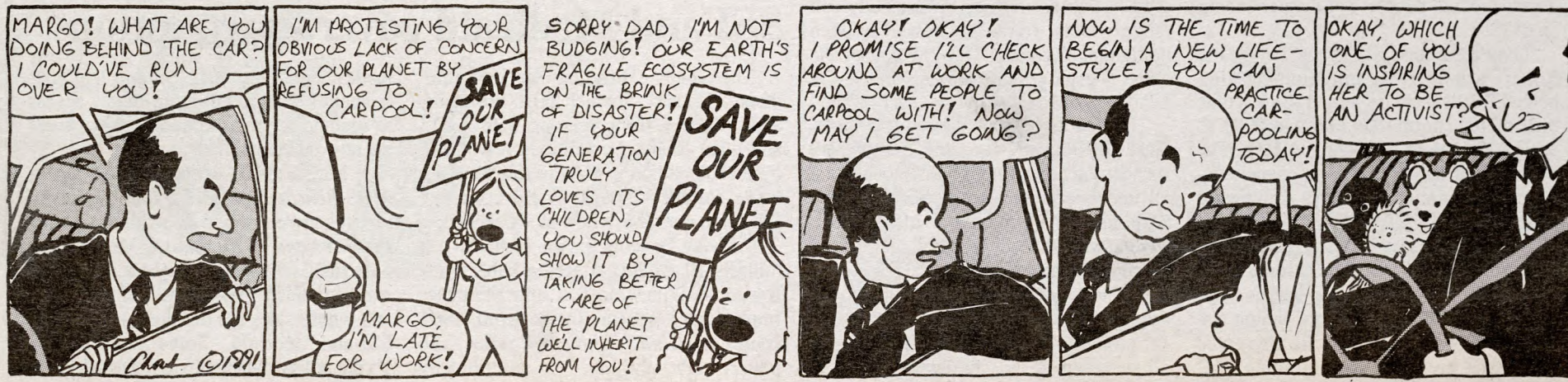
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DISH

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Necrophilia on the Ballot: You thought GA's electoral politics were scary? Get this from Upper Providence Township, Penn: the Republican Party is continuing to campaign vigorously for its candidate for Town Supervisor, Robert Kershner. That's despite the fact that Mr. K. is, er...well... dead. Kaput. Deceased. Has been for some time now. Weirder still: Kershner's Democratic opponent Howard Huber says he feels it is unseemly to use the fact that Kershner has gone to his reward as a campaign issue. And you wonder why people don't vote?

Discrimination Department: A 40 year old Englishman (Glenn Richards) who has spent five years (and a lot of pounds sterling) becoming an English woman (Carolyne Jayne Monroe) has been dismissed from his job as a disc jockey. Richards' boss offered to rehire him as Monroe, at a lower salary. Carolyne says its "pure sex discrimination."

And: A Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge has ruled that the Boy Scouts of America can reject gays as Scoutmasters because accepting them would violate the Scouts' First Amendment right to free speech. If that confuses you as much as it does Dish, maybe this will help: the Judge in question is named Sally G. Disco. Still no help? Sorry. **Some good news:** A Lynn, Mass. car dealer has agreed to pay two lesbians \$2000 in damages and make a \$500 contribution to AmFAR as an apology for calling the two women "fucking queers" and "lezzies." **And:** Officials at radio station KSD in St. Louis have agreed to direct their disc jockey's stop using the word "fag" on the air. The station will also air PSA's for gay groups. Dish wonders if WGST is listening?

10 K=\$4 Million: The Sixth Annual AIDS Walk New York has raised a cool \$4.1 million dollars for its organizer, the Gay Men's Health Crisis. That's about the same as last year. Approximately 26,000 men, women, kids, dogs and sundry other creatures participated. Dish is impressed.

Speaking of Elton: Elton John that is—celebrity spokesperson for Atlanta's upcoming From All Walks of Life walkathon, which organizers hope will raise about \$600,000. Seems that Mr. J. (resplendent in big blonde hair and a very frilly dress) wandered rather purposefully onto



Kind of a drag: Elton John (left) and Rod

the stage in London recently during a performance by his old buddy Rod Stewart. After listening to the lyrics of "You're in My Heart" for a moment, Elton plopped his tush in Rod's lap where he remained 'til song's end. Maybe the photo tells it all, but Dish sure does want to know more about that microphone.

Cards and Letters: Left out of Dish last issue was where to write in order to protest the homophobic script of the new movie "Basic Instinct." Send those cards and letters to Alan Marshall, Producer, Basic Instinct, Inc., 101 N. Formosa Ave., Room 213, W. Hollywood, CA 90046. Or call him at (213) 850-2431. **While you've got the stamps out:** The Gaylactic Network is organizing a campaign to have openly gay/lesbian characters included in the TV show, "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and upcoming movies about the U.S.S. Enterprise

and her diverse crew. Write to Gene Roddenberry (series creator and Executive Producer) and Brandon Tartikoff (Chairman of Paramount Studios), both at the same address: Paramount Pictures, 5555 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038. For more info on the Gaylactic Network, write PO Box 1051, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117-1051. **Don't stop yet:** The folks at GLAAD/NY want you to write to Frances Lear, Editor, Lear's Magazine, 655 Madison Ave, New York, N.Y. Tell Ms. Lear that you are concerned about the homophobia expressed in "Coming Out in the Worst Way," an article by K.E. Otis-Scott—an account of her divorce from her husband because he was gay. The piece casts gay men, rather than society's attitudes, as villains. Ms. Otis-Scott calls homosexuality "unmanly, wrong and shameful" and refers to "men who become gay." Such bombast will do little to help either husbands or wives through the difficult situation of divorce when one spouse is gay. And Frances Lear, who is no dummy, should know that.

Locals Go Big Time: Atlanta author Shay Youngblood has agreed to sell the rights to her book "The Big Mama Stories" (which became the play "Shaking the Mess Outta Misery") to Sidney Poitier who is interested in making a movie from the material. And local writer David Story has signed a contract with Citadel Press for his first book "America on the Rerun: Unique TV Shows From the '60s." The J/C reported both events in Peach Buzz, but, naturally didn't mention that Shay is a lesbian and that David is gay. Does it really matter? Dish thinks so. Read on...

So They Say: Some recent quotes from the J/C: Arsenio Hall on his reputed love triangle with Mike Tyson and Eddie Murphy, "Why would I want a guy with a gold tooth?" **And** Zsa Zsa Gabor on Merv Griffin, "Maybe [[Merv] lusts after both sexes. Frankly, I always thought that Merv was too old and too fat to make love at all." **And**, in a review of "True Colors," actor John Cusack's line, "there are only two things that can really get a politician in Washington into trouble: a live boy or a dead girl." Dish wonders if the J/C has a new policy: "They're here, they're queer and we gotta cover 'em, but let's either disappear them or make them look as trivial as we can."

June 6 - June 19

RULING PLANETS

by Mary Bailey-Rule

The New Moon, a good time for starting projects, occurs in your sign on the 12th with Venus opposite Saturn; balance between organization/structure and your sense of harmony.

ARIES—Venus joins Mars in your 5th house of passion, play and creativity, so self-expression is extremely important, especially for your artistic side, whether you think you have one or not. Time to exercise the Right Brain.



TAURUS—Venus, Mars and Jupiter are lined up in your 4th house of experience involving home, family and parents, so expect to be dealing with these issues for several weeks. Be patient with emotionally hot situations. It will pass.



GEMINI—Happy Birthday! Venus, Mars and Jupiter are in your 3rd house of communications, neighbors and short trips. A good time to catch up with old friends by card, letter or phone and plan a weekend outing with friends or family.



CANCER—The next several weeks may provide new opportunities for increasing your income and material resources. Keep your eyes and ears open while giving some thought to your own personal needs and wants.



LEO—With Venus, Mars and Jupiter in your 1st house of self-awareness and personality, your life may be rapidly expanding. This is an excellent time for renewal and personal growth, so allow ample quiet time for yourself.



VIRGO—Your 12th house of the unseen and unconscious processes is activated by Venus, Mars and Jupiter, giving you access to the world of mythology and symbols. Use this time creatively and be sure you spend time in nature.



LIBRA—With the Sun traveling through your 9th house of higher learning and new experiences, you may want to do some traveling to exotic, or at least different places, yourself. New perspectives are always enlightening and refreshing.



SCORPIO—Are you experiencing any stress and tension around career choices or situations? This can be a very productive time by developing clarity about what you have to give and what you want from a career. Do 2-year planning.



SAGITTARIUS—Venus joins Mars and Jupiter in your 9th house of metaphysical studies and travel. This may be a busy month, full of interesting people and experiences. The perfect time to go to new places and do new things.



CAPRICORN—You may be experiencing many changes in your emotional and personal life as indicated by Uranus and Neptune in your 1st house of self-awareness and personal identity, so be patient and very gentle with yourself.



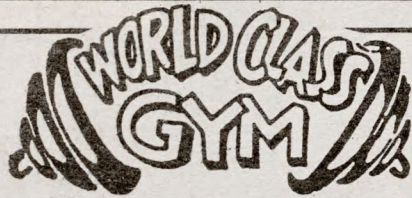
AQUARIUS—With the Sun in your 5th house of play, passion and creativity it's a perfect time to let your hair down and have fun. Express your creative, right brain side. Throw a party. Relax and unwind for better health.



PISCES—A good month for networking, connecting with business associates and distant friends. Plan lunch with friends you haven't seen for a while and consider giving some time to your favorite charity or community cause.



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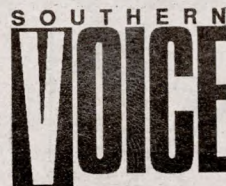
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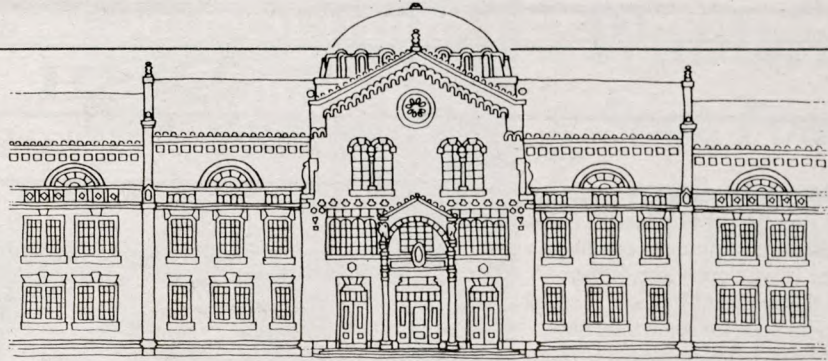
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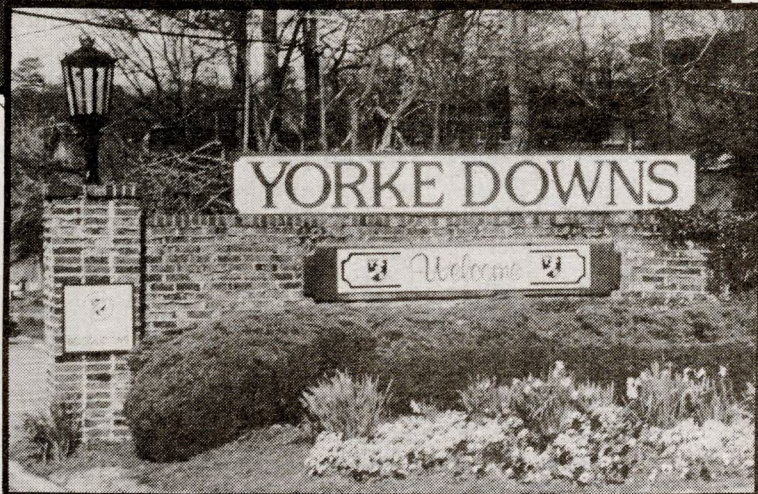
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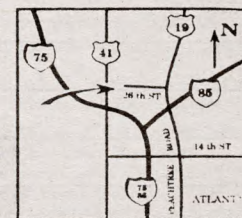
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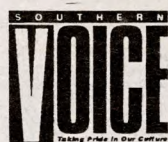
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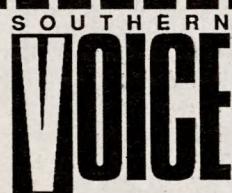
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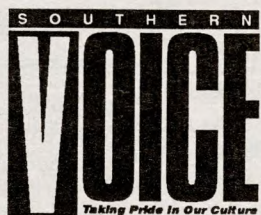
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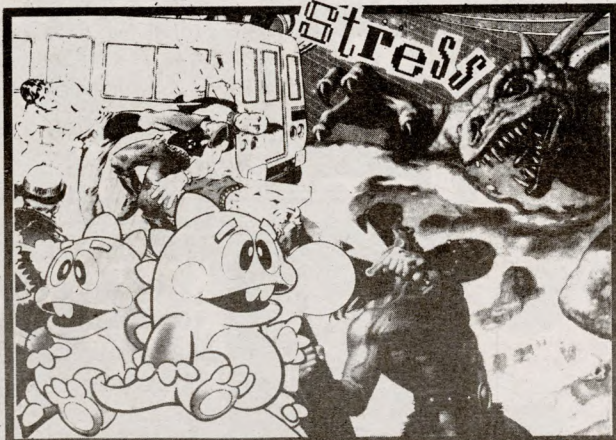
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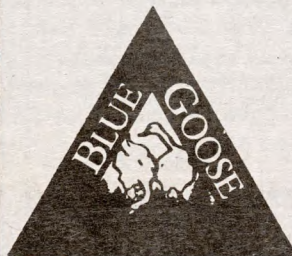
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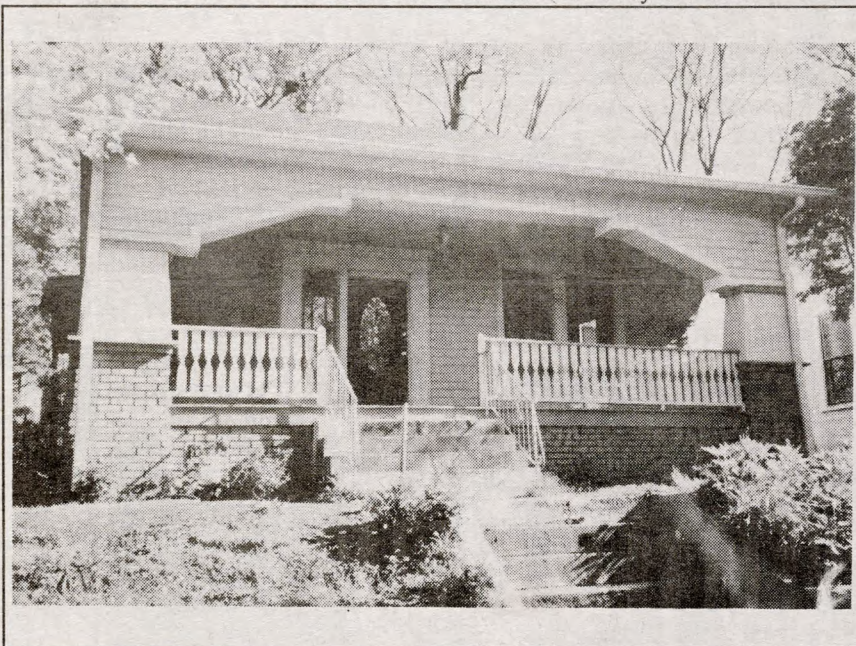
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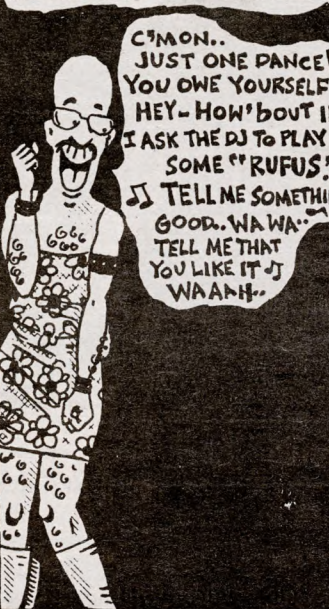
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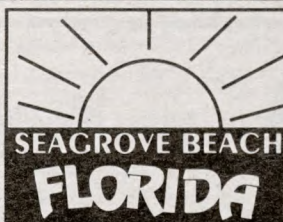
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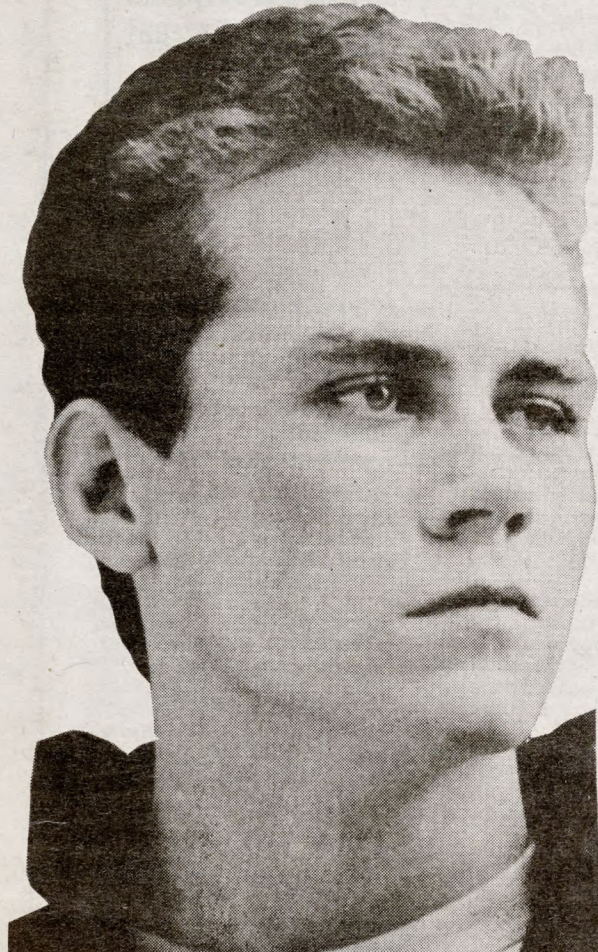
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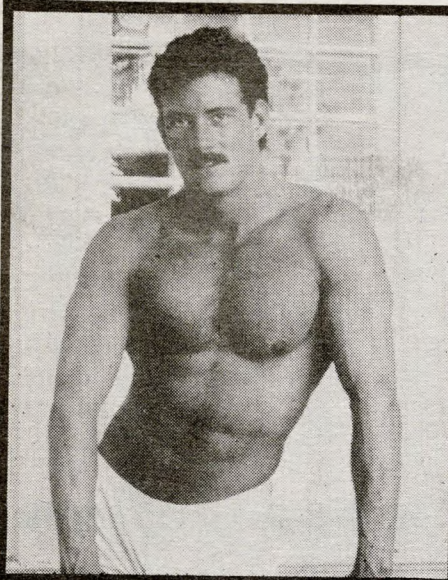
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 - Finding your Mission in Life
 - Gay Rights
 - Gay Relationships
 - Gay/Lesbian Masculinity/Femininity
 - Healing Grief
 - Healing Your Inner Child
 - Homophobia
 - How to be more effective in your personal life
 - How to come out to your employer
 - How to come out to your family
 - How to overcome employer homophobia
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 - Survivors of Abuse (physical, emotional, spiritual)
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 - 100 miles or less
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 - Mixed
 - Does not matter
- Would your decision to attend be based primarily upon topic, speakers, or location?
 - Topic
 - Speakers
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- Would your decision to attend be affected positively or negatively if non-gay men and women were there?
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Atlanta Int. Museum at P'tree Ctr.
Backstreet
Better Bodies Athletic Club
Binders (Lindberg Location)
Blake's
Boot Camp Fitness & Training Ctr.
Boy Next Door
Bulldog & Company
Burkhart's
Colony Square Athletic Club
Colorbox
Crazy Ray's
Dark Horse Tavern
Deana's One Mo' Time

First Met. Community Church
Frank's Place
Ga. Environmental Project
Georgia Tech Student Center
Graffiti Restaurant
International Records
Kitchen Fare
Little 5 Pts. Community Center
Lorella's
Madix C.D.'s
Metro Video Bar
Morningside Chase Apts. Office
Neighbor's Pub
New Order
Options
Otherside

Oxford Books (All 4 Locations)
Petrus
Piedmont Hospital (Reception)
Princess Pamela's Tchotchka
Palace
R. Thomas Cafe
Rocky's Brick Oven Pizza
San Jose Restaurant
Scandals
Sevenanda Natural Foods
Shrine of the Immaculate Con-
ception
Snake Nation
Tin Lizzie
Tower Lounge
Traxx
Tula Gallery
Weekends
WRFG Radio 89.3FM Office

WHAT WE NEED

Current Fiction & Non-fiction
Hardcovers & Oversized Paperbacks
Art/Architecture/Garden Books
Encyclopedias Under 5 yrs. Old
Rare Books & First Editions
Children's Books

WHAT WE DON'T NEED

Paperback Bestsellers
Books in Poor Condition
Text Books
Technical/Computer Books
Test Manuals & Study Notes

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