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Pride '91 — 20 Years of Pride

This year marks the 20th anniversary of lesbian and gay pride in Atlanta. In our center section we have a history of the 70's and 80's and all the info you need to celebrate Pride '91.

Jackson to Appoint Gay Staff Member

Some activists doubt mayor's commitment, question process

by KC Wildmoon

Following a press conference on June 13 proclaiming "Lesbian and Gay Pride Human Rights Days" in Atlanta, Mayor Maynard Jackson announced that the interviewing process had begun to hire the city's first openly gay member of the mayor's administrative staff. He also used the opportunity to explain his absence from the city during Pride activities. Jackson will be attending the Georgia Municipal Association meeting in Savannah.

The announcement about the staff position marks the first time that an openly gay person will be hired into an Atlanta mayor's administration. Several openly gay people have served on various city commissions.

Senior Advisor Maury Weil says he "feels positive that the position is being created and filled. As we were working [on the lesbian/gay issues of the mayor's platform] the position surfaced as our number one priority. We felt that without a knowledgeable advocate, none of our other agenda items would have a chance."

The mayor's Chief of Staff Donald Scott explained that the person chosen for the staff position would be "given a charter to develop a human relations program—not just gay and lesbian issues, but also ethnic diversity, AIDS, the homeless." Scott said that part of that person's duties

would be to coordinate and develop relations with other agencies.

The mayor's senior advisors for lesbian and gay issues said that they hoped for a number of qualified applicants. "The more in the mix," said Jay Neely, "the wider choice the mayor will have." Chief of Staff Scott said last Friday that he had five applicants, some coming from the senior advisors and some directly to him. The names of those candidates were not released.

Scott said he hoped to have the interview process completed by the end of the month. "I'd like this person to get started by the end of July," said Scott. The mayor will make the decision on who gets the position after he sees recommendations from Scott.

Some members of the lesbian and gay community are skeptical about the new position and the process for hiring a person to fill it. "I'm concerned that this is going to be a hand-picked position," said Rich Jones of LEGAL (Legislate Equality for Gays And Lesbians). "And that's fine as long as the mayor realizes that the person he chooses is not necessarily a spokesperson from the gay community." Jones also said he is doubtful that the mayor is committed to gay and lesbian issues. "If he had done

things like get domestic partnership legislation together, or insist that all contracts let by the city include anti-discrimination clauses, then putting this staff person in would be credible," he said. "But as it is, I think it will be a waste of taxpayers' dollars."

Lynn Cothren, Chair of Queer Nation, said "It looks like an exclusionary process, the good old boy network. I'm quite concerned that no ads have been placed in gay and lesbian publications. Again, I'd like to point out that the mayor has failed on another of the many points in his platform." The mayor's platform for the gay and lesbian community, issued during his 1989 campaign for mayor, did include statements that the city of Atlanta would advertise city positions in city-wide publications "including such Gay and Lesbian publications."

City officials pointed out that this position is an appointment, and that advertising for an openly gay candidate would be illegal. Cothren scoffed at that suggestion, saying "You just have to announce the position. You don't have to say 'You have to be Queer.'"

Cothren, as co-chair of the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, and Samantha Claar, of the Pride

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Mexico City Journal:

A Profile of Colectivo Sol

by Mark Chestnut

With the upcoming conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association in Guadalajara, the eyes of the international lesbian and gay community are focused on Mexico. The conference, which is being held June 30 to July 6, will bring together groups from all over the world for workshops, discussions, and to compare notes. While talk will be global, many attending will undoubtedly learn more about the local lives of lesbians and gays within Mexico.

Several of the organizations represented at the conference will be from the host country. One of these groups is Colectivo Sol, based in nearby Mexico City. Colectivo Sol is led by Juan Jacobo Hernandez, who has been working with the group since its start in 1981, when the group began working on its multi-fold mission of pressing for gay rights, archiving Mexico's gay and lesbian movement, and providing information about AIDS and safer sex. Just a few months ago, Colectivo Sol moved its headquarters from a cramped apartment to a two-story space in a quiet residential neighborhood in Mexico's capital city. Here, Hernandez took some time out to discuss the state of gay and lesbian life in Mexico City.

"I remember when I was 18, I used to wear my shoes without socks, because I saw it in some American magazine," recalls Juan Jacobo Hernandez, who grew up in a small town in northern Mexico. The response to his sartorial statement was worse than he expected: "I was stoned. I was literally stoned because I was not wearing socks."

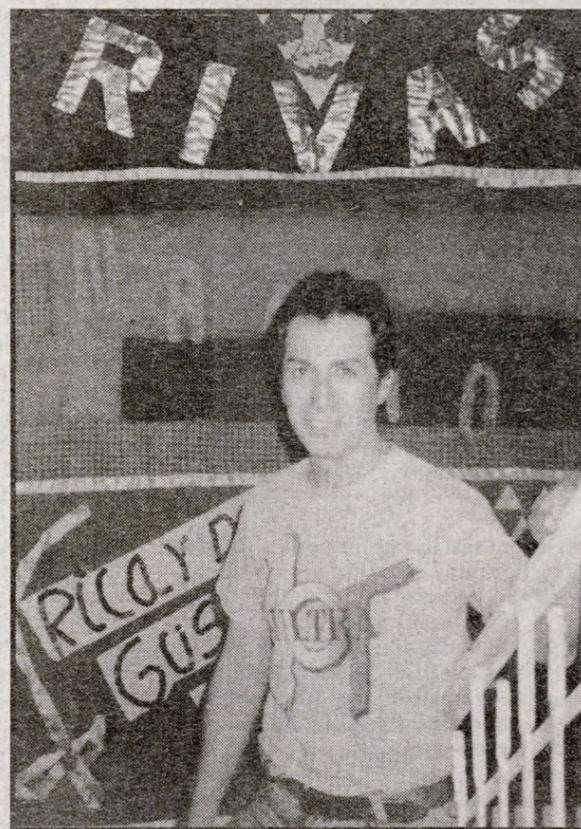
This wasn't the only example of intolerance he experienced: When Hernandez was 21 years old, he was teaching in a strict private school in Mexico City. One day, he wore a pink shirt to work. This caused such a scandal at school that the principal ordered Hernandez to go home and change his shirt to a more respectable color.

Sitting now in the brimming archives of Colectivo Sol, Hernandez lives a life that is a far cry from the oppression he felt as a gay man over 20 years ago. "Things have changed," he notes. Still, there is much work to be done.

AIDS in Mexico

The biggest problem facing Mexico's gay community, according to Hernandez, is AIDS. Cumulative figures for AIDS cases in Mexico range from 5,679 to over 5,900, with 2,682 deaths reported, according to the Pan American Health Organization's AIDS surveillance unit. Hernandez showed me several of Colectivo Sol's scrapbooks, filled with photographs of members and friends who had died from AIDS-related complications. Last year, a sizeable candlelight vigil was held in Mexico City in memory of those who had died, and panels are being prepared for an AIDS memorial quilt made of panels from throughout Latin America. Several patches were on display in the stairwell leading up to the second floor offices of Colectivo Sol.

Hernandez criticized the government and the church for not doing enough to fight the epidemic. The government operates a program known as CONASIDA, which



MARK CHESTNUT

Juan Jacobo Hernandez in the offices of Colectivo Sol.

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18 Queer Nationals arrested for criminal trespass

Cracker Barrel appeared ready for talks before arrests

by KC Wildmoon

Atlanta—Amid chants of "The whole world is watching," eighteen protesters at Queer Nation's June 9 Cracker Barrel action were arrested by Union City police. The arrests began only minutes after a Cracker Barrel lawyer told QN lawyers that the Tennessee-based restaurant chain "wanted to talk." Queer Nation has demanded that Cracker Barrel rescind its anti-homosexual policy and rehire those employees fired under the policy.

The latest action protesting Cracker Barrel's policy was another sit-in designed to disrupt the restaurant's busy after-church lunch business on Sunday. All the protesters were seated without incident. Once seated, they ordered tea and coffee, with some ordering biscuits or a salad. Cracker Barrel District Manager Jody Waller had threatened the protesters with arrest at the last sit-in, claiming that the protesters were not ordering from the menu. At almost the same time that the last of over 100 protesters was seated, Cracker Barrel lawyer Raoul Lerow told Michael

Hauptman and Bruce Harvey of the ACLU that Cracker Barrel wanted to set a time to talk about QN's demands.

QN Chair Lynn Cothren was preparing a statement about the breakthrough when Waller, accompanied by police, began asking the seated protesters to leave or face criminal trespass charges. Waller and police went to each table one at a time, telling the protesters that they had been seated "long enough to have ordered from the menu."

In his statement to the press, Cothren urged "the rest of the community to join us in continuing the boycott against Cracker Barrel." He was discouraged by the arrests, but said later that if Cracker Barrel is sincere in its request for talks, they would take place. At press time, no details on possible negotiations were available.

Unlike previous actions, the Union City demonstration was heavily covered by mainstream news media. Local TV channels 2, 5, 11 and 46 were on hand, as well as reporters

from WSB and WGST radio, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, and *Mother Jones* magazine. The heavy coverage prompted some Queer Nationals to wonder if Cracker Barrel would go through with its threats to arrest protesters, especially since police who were present at the restaurant before the protesters' arrival were sent away by Cracker Barrel management. The police were called back to the scene however, when protesters had completely filled the dining room.

Those who chose not to be arrested paid their bills and joined the line between Cracker Barrel's front door and the parking lot, where police cars stopped to pick up those arrested.

The arrested protesters were taken to the Union City jail, processed, and released on their own recognizance. The arrestees were Cheryl Summerville (a lesbian fired by the Douglasville Cracker Barrel on Feb. 16), Karen Geney, Cathy Woolard, Lynn Cothren, Richard Cantrell, Sandra Riley, Charles LeDuc, Joe deRose, Michelle Gross, Camille Martin, Martha Ann Mitchell, Genny McKeown, Mark Broe, Robin Reid, Zan Thornton, Niky Bunting, Susan Ferron, and Delmira Hunt. The group's trial date is set for August 15.

On Monday, the Fulton County Democratic Party passed a resolution urging Cracker Barrel to incorporate a non-discrimination policy, and to rehire all the fired employees. A letter from the FCDP is being sent to Cracker Barrel management.

Late this week, Queer Nation announced



KAREN DUNIGAN

Cheryl Summerville, fired by Douglasville Cracker Barrel in February, was one of 18 demonstrators arrested on June 9.

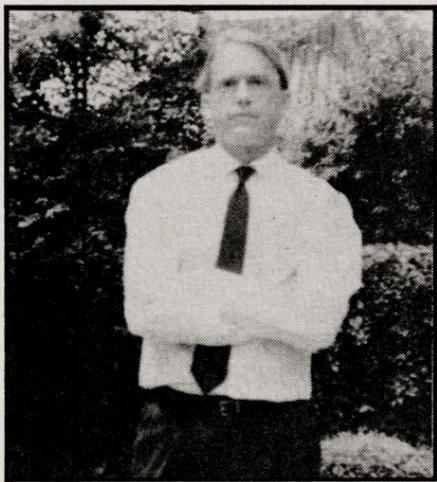
that demonstrations would continue. The next action is scheduled for June 30 at the Lithonia Cracker Barrel at I-20 and Panola Road. Demonstrations will continue at that location every 2nd and 4th Sunday for the rest of the summer.

Alabama man fired for being gay

Pres. of U. of Ala. Gay & Lesbian Alliance too "public" for employer

by KC Wildmoon

Tuscaloosa, AL—A University of Alabama graduate student was fired last month from his job as an art exhibit tour guide because of the "public aspect" of his homosexuality. John Howard, president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at the University, had been employed at Gulf States Paper Corporation since November 1990. He was a tour guide for a large private collection of American art, owned by Gulf States chairman Jack Warner and housed at the company's corporate headquarters in Tuscaloosa.



John Howard, President of the University of Alabama Gay & Lesbian Alliance.

Howard said that his immediate supervisor, Lou Lombardy, asked him in a meeting on May 20 if he were gay, and if he were a member of an organization. When Howard replied that both were true, Lombardy said that he was "sorry to hear this." While indicating that Howard's work performance was "perfect," Lombardy said that he would think the issue over and make a decision "in a day or two."

Five days later, Howard was fired during a phone conversation with Lombardy. In the course of that conversation, Lombardy said that he would be "comfortable saying you resigned," but Howard refused to do so. Howard was then told not to report to work as scheduled.

"It's not a matter of you being gay," Lombardy said, "it's the public aspect of it, since you're president of this organization. It puts you in a different light."

Howard wrote to Jack Warner, chair of Gulf States, requesting a meeting to discuss his firing. Mr. Warner did not respond, and his secretary told Howard that he would not meet with him.

When contacted by *Southern Voice* on June 14, Lombardy said that both he and the company would prefer not to comment on the matter.

Handcuff Man suspect out on bail

by KC Wildmoon

Robert Lee Bennett Jr. was arrested in Atlanta on June 5 and taken to Tampa on attempted murder charges. He is charged with attempting to murder Gary Clapp, who was found ablaze in a field in Tampa. Mr. Clapp identified Mr. Bennett as the man who paid him to drink vodka. Tampa police released Mr. Bennett on June 13 on a \$200,000 bail.

Fulton County District Attorney Lewis Slaton said last week that he expects to ask a grand jury to indict Mr. Bennett with aggravated assault in relation to a May 12 attack on Michael Jordan. Mr. Jordan was found badly burned behind the Ponce de Leon Hotel. He identified Mr. Bennett as the man who picked him up hitchhiking and offered him money to drink vodka. Mr. Bennett has been identified by some members of the gay community as well as some authorities as the "Handcuff Man," who has been terrorizing male prostitutes in Atlanta for over 20 years.

In 1982 Mr. Bennett was charged with the murder of James Johnson, previously reported to have been a male prostitute. Friends of Mr. Johnson have since told *Southern Voice* that he was not a prostitute, but in fact worked as a dishwasher at the Coach & Six Restaurant. Mr. Johnson is alleged to have been involved in a 2 year relationship with a man named "Robert" whom he met at the department store where "Robert" worked. Mr. Bennett was employed for a time in the jewelry department at Davison's (now Macy's). Mr. Johnson's friends said he told them he was terrified that "Robert's gonna get me" during the last few weeks of his life. The 1982 charges against Mr. Bennett were eventually dropped for lack of evidence.

Ralph from Ben Hill airs "gay show"

GLAAD gets no response from WGST

by R. S. Kezh

Atlanta-WGST radio talk show host "Ralph from Ben Hill" has again provoked the Atlanta lesbian and gay community. During his June 3rd program, Miles Smith (a.k.a. Ralph from Ben Hill) referred to himself as "Rachel from Ben Hill" and repeatedly asserted that he was gay. When asked by a caller why he called himself Rachel he replied that he was expressing his feminine side. "The more feminine the better. That's what gays do," he said.

Upon hearing promotions for the show in which a feminine-voiced Ralph said, "This is Rachel from Ben Hill. Tonight I'm coming out of the closet on my gay show," GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) co-chairs Padraig McManus McLoughlin and Pat Hussein called station manager/news director Eric Seidel to ask about the program's content. Seidel would not answer questions about the show. McManus McLoughlin and Hussein had already met with V.P. and General Manager John Hogan on May 14 to express concerns about the controversial talk-show host. At that meeting Hogan had said that "anything inappropriate" would be deleted from Ralph's programs. He also said that "the subject of Ralph's shows must have prior approval from Seidel."

GLAAD responded to the June 3rd program with a letter to Seidel requesting equal air time. At press time no response had been received.

GLAAD co-chair Pat Hussein said of the host, "He (Ralph) is entitled to his opinion. What he does wrong is try and speak for us. He distorts the facts. [He] was representing himself as a gay male [on the June 3 show] and yet saying things that were not consistent with gays."

McManus McLoughlin stated that "further action is planned" and encouraged people to stop by the GLAAD booth at the Pride Festival to participate. The three major advertisers on the June 3rd program were Isuzu, Rolands and Motel 6.

At 5 p.m. on the day of his show, Ralph called the offices of GLAAD and said, "This is Ralph from Ben Hill. You'd better check out my show tonight." He called GLAAD again during the show, played their answering machine message over the air and gave the address and phone number using the feminine

voice of "Rachel." When asked by a caller why he was doing the show, he replied, "Because of all those mean things they said of me in *The News*." He was referring to the April issue of *The (Atlanta Gay Center) News*, in which a portion of his March 14th show was quoted on the cover in which he said that "how to deal with the gay community" was to "drop a scud missile on them" (sound effects included).

A source at WGST who is close to the program told *Southern Voice* that "Ralph thinks that [being gay] is morally wrong. He had a friend who died of AIDS and I'm sorry a friend had to die to bring it closer to home for him. Some [of his] relatives are gay and he hates them but he loves them. I think it's really pitiful. I think he's homophobic enough that he cannot [come around]. It seems so strange that a black man should have such a bad feeling about another minority."

Other GLAAD news

On June 4 McManus McLoughlin and Hussein traveled to Augusta, Ga. to meet with staff members of the *Augusta Chronicle*. In an editorial published on May 1, editorial page editor Philip Kent described gays as people "who spread the AIDS virus by refusing to curb their perverted lascivious appetites." The editorial was that paper's response to a newly-formed chapter of Queer Nation in Athens, Ga.

"We went seeking either a retraction or a guest editorial. We didn't get either," said McManus McLoughlin. "There was no movement on their part."

Hussein described the meeting with Kent and another staff member as "two hours of living hell." She summed up the meeting by saying, "The *Augusta Chronicle* didn't budge one bit on their bigotry. Their ideas about the gay community were so distorted that I don't believe they could possibly have ever met an out gay/lesbian. They have a one-dimensional view of [our] community based on propaganda."

Kent told *Southern Voice* in a telephone interview that the article was "the opinion of *The Augusta Chronicle*" and refused to retract any portion.

On a positive note, the city of Augusta will have its first Gay Pride March Saturday, June 29. Some Atlanta activists, including Lynn Cothren of Queer Nation and Samantha Claar of Ga. NOW are scheduled speakers. Call Morgan Eubanks at *Triangle Times* (803) 588-6321 for more information on the march.

AID Atlanta Cutting Costs

Citing a "significant decrease in grant funds, gifts, and donations," AID Atlanta announced on June 3 that it is trimming its staff to cut costs. Executive Director Sandra Thurman said that the agency remains committed to its mission of providing services to the community, and that all case manager and other direct client contact positions are being maintained.

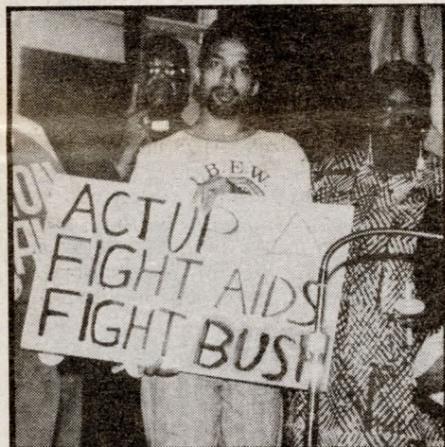
Video Club Raided: Back Alley Video on Cheshire Bridge Road was raided last week, with police confiscating 1600 allegedly pornographic tapes. Owner Ed Chitty says that the store is still open for business.

Man Slashed In Morningside: A 27 year old Villa Rica man was badly injured in an apparent robbery attack on May 20. The man, who requested that his name not be used, said he believed he was struck in the head while getting out of his car at the Cove and driven a few blocks away. He was repeatedly slashed with a box knife while struggling with the perpetrator, who demanded his watch and ring. The victim was taken to Grady Hospital with multiple cuts on the face, head, back, arms and legs. Police have no leads in the case, although several witnesses said that the perpetrator drove a white Pontiac Sunbird.

ALFA Decides To Keep Talking: At a potluck discussion on June 8, thirty-seven lesbians took up the issue of the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance's future. After months of declining interest and funds, ALFA announced the meeting to "see what women wanted to do." According to ALFA member Betty Irwin, most present wanted the 19 year old organization to continue, but with some changes. No decisions were reached on exactly what kind of changes were needed, but Irwin was encouraged by the response. "I feel positive," she said, "but who knows? Whatever happens, we gave it a shot." Another discussion meeting is planned for 7 pm on June 26 at the ALFA house. At the ALFA general meeting on June 9, 15 women made plans for Lesbian/Gay Pride participation, and announced ALFA's 19th birthday party, to be held on July 20.

GA NOW Elects Lesbian: The Georgia National Organization for Women elected an open lesbian as its president on June 1. Samantha Claar, who had been president of Atlanta NOW, is currently co-chair of the publicity committee for the Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. Goldy Chrisuolo and Charlotte Gillis will be acting co-chairs of Atlanta NOW until the September elections.

Baptists Criticize Bush, CDC: The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta last week, issued two resolutions aimed at "immorality." The first resolution criticized President Bush for not firing NEA Chairman John Frohnmayer, and the second called on the federal government to "refuse any government funds to groups or programs which encourage sexual immorality in any form." That resolution was prompted by a \$25,000 grant from the Centers for Disease Control to support the HIV Prevention portion of the National AIDS/HIV Forum and National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference scheduled for July in New Orleans.



EVETT BENNETT

And ACT UP Criticizes Bush Two members of ACT UP/Atlanta disrupted President George Bush's keynote speech at the Southern Baptist Convention held at the Georgia World Congress Center on Thursday, June 6. David Lowe and Craig Daniel blew whistles, chanted "10 years you can't hide; your politics mean genocide," and unfurled a banner reading "Fight AIDS Not People" before being detained by Secret Service Agents. Outside 150 protesters criticized the President's reversal of an earlier promise to drop HIV infection from the list of diseases used to bar people from entering the U.S. Demonstrators also protested the President's actions on AIDS, civil rights, abortion, health care, and freedom of expression.

Lesbian Ordained Episcopal Priest: The Episcopal Bishop of Washington ordained a 44 year old lesbian on June 5. Bishop Ronald H. Haines said that he ordained Elizabeth Carl after much "soul-searching," and that while "sexual relations outside of marriage trouble me greatly," Carl has "for a number of years openly lived in a loving and intimate relationship with another woman." The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, was said to be "surprised and upset."

Presbyterians Reject Task Force Report: The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) rejected a 200-page report that recommended ordaining homosexuals and condoned sexual relationships outside marriage. The Presbyterians gathering accepted a second report that affirmed the "sanctity of...one man and one woman" and reaffirmed the Assembly's 1978 position that "homosexuality is not God's wish for humanity." After the vote, several hundred supporters of the original report marched silently through the meeting hall. The General Assembly also called on congregations to continue to study sexual ethics issues.

Congress Told That AIDS Definition Excludes Women: The House Government Operations Committee's Human Resources Subcommittee opened hearings on June 6 regarding women and AIDS. Witnesses told Congress that the standard definition of AIDS does not take into account many of the symptoms experienced by women. Other witnesses reported that an increasing number of AIDS patients are women, up to about 12% in 1990.

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Mayor Cont'd from page 1

Committee's Publicity Committee, accepted the proclamation, naming June 22 and 23 "Lesbian and Gay Pride Human Rights Days," on behalf of Pride organizers. In accepting the proclamation, both made clear the displeasure of the lesbian/gay community with Mayor Jackson's decision to attend the Georgia Municipal Association convention instead of being present at Pride.

"I told him that proclamations were wonderful," said Claar. "but they don't come close to a physical presence. I reminded him of [New York City] Mayor Dinkins marching with lesbians and gays in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. I think that

made an impression on him."

Cothren said that no one from the mayor's staff will speak at Pride. The Pride Committee had requested either the mayor or Mrs. Jackson, but when neither were available the committee decided that no one from the administration would speak. At last year's rally, city spokesperson Aaron Turpeau was roundly booed when he spoke in the mayor's absence. City Councilperson Mary Davis will attend, and senior advisor Joan Garner will be there representing the African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance.

Gallo Drops Virus Discovery Claim

Dr. Robert C. Gallo, of the National Institutes of Health, has dropped his claim that he isolated the AIDS virus independently of Dr. Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute in Paris. The claims have been in dispute since 1984 when Dr. Gallo claimed he had isolated the virus in an American patient. Recent findings however have determined that Dr. Gallo's virus was sent to him from the Pasteur Institute a year earlier, from the virus isolated by Dr. Montagnier.

AIDS Vaccine May Be Promising: A report in the June 13 *New England Journal of Medicine* says that an AIDS vaccine tested for the last two years appears to at least temporarily stabilize T-cell counts. Dr. Robert R. Redfield, of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Rockville, MD, directed the testing on 30 infected volunteers. The vaccine is a genetically engineered copy of the virus's outer coat. While it is too soon to know if the vaccine will in fact prolong lives, Dr. Redfield said that "it's very promising."

Two More Of Dentist's Patients Infected With AIDS Virus: Two more of Dr. David Acer's patients have been diagnosed with the AIDS virus, bringing the total of the Florida dentist' patients infected to five. Dr. Acer's case is the only one in which a health-care worker apparently transmitted the virus to a patient.

Hodges Threatens To Jump: A man convicted of murdering a NC conventioner in Atlanta threatened to jump from the roof of Nashville, TN's criminal justice center last month. Henry Hodges, convicted of killing Michael Whizant in his hotel room, was in Tennessee awaiting trial on charges of murdering two gay men in Nashville. Hodges, a male prostitute, came down from the roof after three hours of negotiations. A Davidson County Circuit Court judge had set an October 7 trial date for the Tennessee charges a few days earlier.

Supreme Court To Look At Hate Crimes: The Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether laws banning "hate crimes" infringe upon First Amendment rights. The case stems from a local ordinance in St. Paul, MN, that prohibits the display of symbols "including but not limited to a burning cross or Nazi swastika" that "arouse anger, alarm or resentment in others on the basis of race, color, creed, religion or gender." The Court will review a decision by the Minnesota Supreme Court in which a 17 year old was found guilty of burning a cross in a black family's yard.

Reckless Endangerment?: A 37 year old Martin, TN, woman was charged with reckless endangerment for failing to tell emergency personnel that her fiancé was infected with the AIDS virus. Connie Lewis called rescuers when James Cobern suffered a heart attack. Police and ambulance attendants attempted mouth to mouth resuscitation but failed to revive Cobern. Lewis was arraigned in Weakly County General Sessions Court.

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ACT UP/Atlanta says continue boycott

To the Editor:

We at ACT UP greatly appreciate the extensive article and the positive editorial in the June 6-June 19, 1991 issue of *Southern Voice* on our boycott of Miller beer. However, we are writing primarily to re-affirm our commitment to combating the company that supports Senator Jesse Helms.

There are a number of urgent reasons to fight Helms. He has tried four times to invoke mandatory HIV testing for the general population and has voted eight times to block federal funding for the publication of AIDS prevention materials. Recently, he tried to block the "Care Bill" which will annually provide 600 million federal tax dollars to cities and states hit hardest by the AIDS epidemic. In addition, along with the likes of Congressman William Dannemeyer, Helms led a well-organized campaign against the proposed 56 Federal Regulation 2484, which would have removed HIV infection from the list of dis-

eases used to bar people from entering this country. Clearly, Helms is one of the most dangerous opponents we face today.

Nevertheless, what is clear to us is being thoroughly obfuscated by Philip Morris, Miller's parent company. Quite simply, Philip Morris wants to have it both ways. By pledging money to AIDS service and education organizations (money, which ACT UP, as a direct action political organization, would never receive) and contributing to Helms' campaigns and the "Jesse Helms Museum," Philip Morris is demonstrating that they are interested solely in not offending potential consumers. They and corporations like them must understand once and for all that we are engaged in a total war against bigotry, hatred and governmental neglect. Their cowardly refusal to unabashedly support justice will only prolong this war that needs to be won immediately.

As stated so forcefully in your recent

editorial, ACT UP and all supporters of the boycott have achieved a great deal. We demonstrated to Philip Morris that we are a powerful constituency deeply committed to politically aware purchasing. We forced them to the bargaining table and obtained considerable concessions. However, we must go still further. Along with ACT UP/San Francisco, we must demand a complete corporate rejection of Helms and his venom. And incredibly, because of their vociferous support of the boycott, ACT UP/San Francisco and other groups were called before the Federal Elections Commission on charges of interfering with the Jesse Helms campaign!!! For the very work undertaken by groups around the country, these people face federal prosecution and potentially fines or imprisonment. The lack of a clear and favorable resolution to this issue is yet another reason ACT UP/Atlanta believes the boycott should not be called off yet.

Finally, a few words on the internal structure of ACT UP seems in order. ACT UP has no central body that delivers edicts for all chapters to follow. Using the consensus method and opposed to the appointment of "leaders," each chapter conducts debate and makes its own decisions. Therefore, although we are obviously in synch with the overall goals of ACT UP/DC's Michael Petrelis and the activist negotiators with Philip Morris and are sympathetic to their struggle to "do the right thing," we are fundamentally opposed to the current settlement. The boycott continues!

ACT UP! Fight back! Fight Helms!

Gratefully,
Aaron Taub
ACT UP/Atlanta

Do the right thing, do anything

To the Editor:

As Pride '91 approaches and the second decade of the AIDS epidemic begins, I would like to make a plea to the community to help reach this year's goal of having 20,000 people participating in the parade and festivities. I am continually disappointed at the low turnouts every year in a city with an estimated 300,000 gay men and women. I am afraid this year will not be any different.

I attended the Joining Hearts benefit on Friday, April 27 and was heartened to see hundreds of men and women together to benefit and support our community. But the hundreds that turned out to show their support are only a fraction of the hundreds of thousands of men and women in our community who benefit directly and indirectly from the activities of organizations like Joining Hearts and the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

While I fully support both of these efforts and regularly attend, I am also frustrated weekly by the absence of any of this support the rest of the year. The Sunday

after the Joining Hearts Benefit I met a total of *twelve other* people at the Living AIDS Memorial Park (LAMP) a/k/a John Howell Park in Virginia Highlands. We spent over five hours planting hundreds of flowers as a beautiful memorial to those friends and family we have lost, those that continue to struggle against great odds and those in our community still to be touched by this plague. Maybe if these organizations could move their operations to Backstreet or Petrus they could insure a weekly commitment from a fairly sizable number of our community. I hate to think that the only way to involve people in the Atlanta community is to offer an open bar.

Why can't people give two hours a month to the organization of their own choosing and have some active involvement with LAMP, Project Open Hand, AID Atlanta, Jerusalem House, the Atlanta Gay Center, the Pride Committee or any of the number of volunteer organizations who are begging for help? The same core group of people in this city seem to be

struggling to keep all of these organizations afloat and it does not work. People burn out, get sick and/or die and just plain give up for other "priorities."

Even the most well-organized and well-funded communities like San Francisco and New York are having to close excellent programs because there is no money or help to ensure their operation and good works. For those people who feel left out because they cannot afford to pay \$30 or \$150 respectively for attending Joining Hearts or the Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner, volunteering is also a way to get involved and make a real contribution.

Clearly this is not a condition endemic to gay and lesbian society. The majority of people in this country take little or no responsibility for the welfare of others. At best they may make a painless donation of money to organizations, but they are unwilling to make time to give themselves. Money is great, but 1,000 men and women marching in the Pride Parade carrying checks of \$1.00 each has a lot less impact

than 100,000 marchers with only a penny each.

We have got to begin to demonstrate that being a gay and lesbian man or woman is not an embarrassing situation we have to be ashamed of. If we refuse to recognize our own right to exist peacefully in the community why should we expect others to see our lifestyle as a legitimate condition and not a perverted "choice" worthy of ridicule?

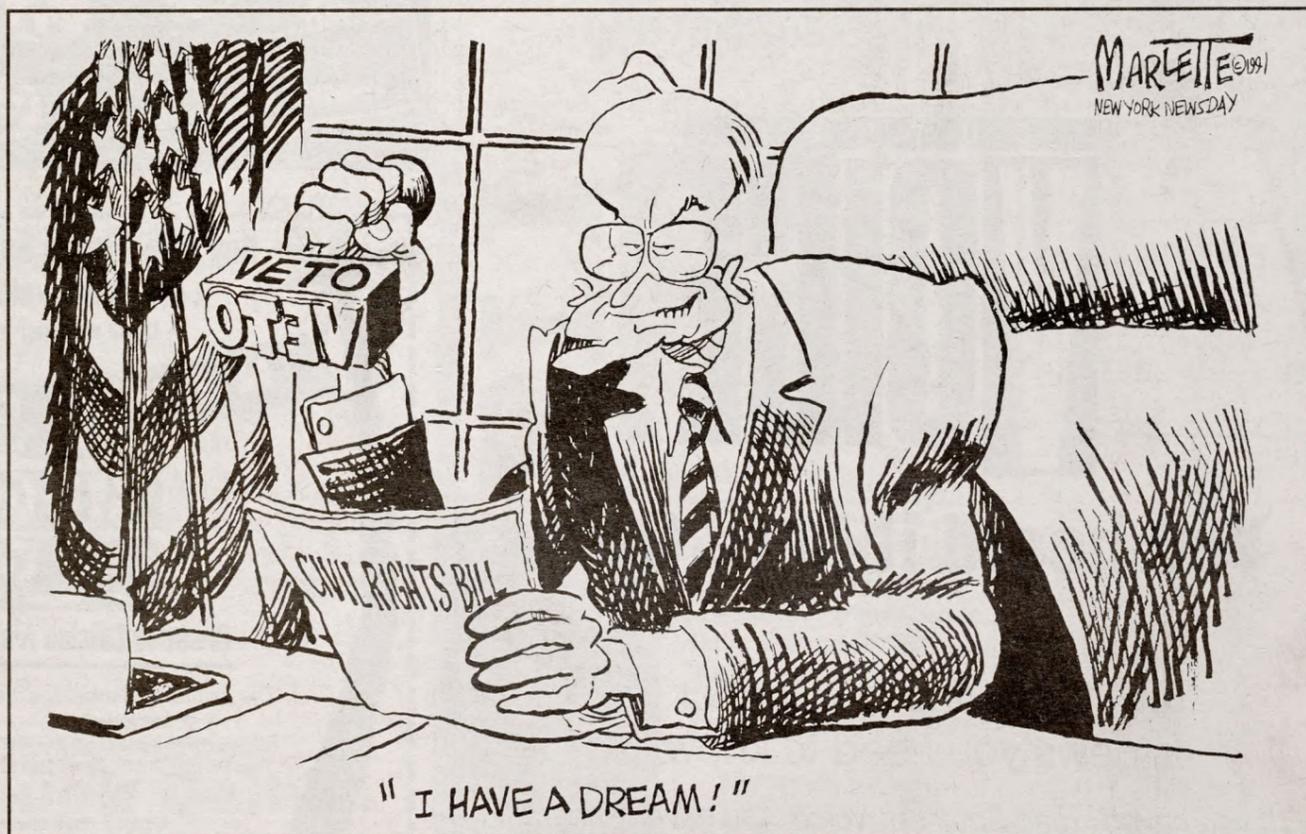
Accomplishing this visibility does not mean that every gay man and lesbian has to take to the streets in militant protest, but we do have to begin building a community of proud individuals willing to express our validity and humanity in the most basic way. Help those who cannot help themselves and prove that no one is alone. Show the world that we are loving, caring members of society who have more on our minds than bars and partying.

Sincerely,
R. Stephens

Correction

In our May 23 issue (Vol.4, #7) we forgot to credit OUT/LOOK, a lesbian and gay quarterly magazine, for "Androgyny Goes Pop but is it Lesbian Music?" The article by Arlene Stein first appeared in OUT/LOOK in their Spring, 1991 issue and was reprinted in *Southern Voice* with permission.

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Take Pride

Well, Friends, that season of Pride is upon us. The end of June, and time for all good little Queers to trot into the streets in celebration of our Queerness, to remember that night in New York City oh so many years ago when dykes and drag queens had had enough. Sick of constant harassment by New York's Finest, they fought back. It all happened at Stonewall. Yeah, I am Proud of that spot in

our collective history.

And I'm Proud to be Queer, too, although that's not a sentiment shared by all homosexuals. I looked up "Pride" in the dictionary after one gay man told me "I don't see what all this Pride Shit is about. I certainly am not Proud of my sexuality." Mmm, too bad, I thought, and headed for my bookshelf.

The Oxford American Dictionary defines Pride four ways. One is "a feeling of pleasure or satisfaction in one's actions or qualities or possessions etc." The second is "a person or thing that is a source of pride." And then: "a proper sense of what is fitting for one's position or character, self-respect."

I have no problem with any of those definitions. They're pretty accurate, actually, about how I feel about all of who I am. I especially like the last part of that third one: self-respect.

Self-respect, for me, means I don't let other people, or society, dictate how I should act. As an example, I don't think twice about,

say, walking into a crowded movie theatre on Saturday night holding hands with my girlfriend. It's a little thing, I know, but I'm Proud to be Out with the woman I love. I also know that doing something even that little would utterly terrify some people.

Hell, something awful could happen. While in New Orleans last year, we were called "Bull Fucking Dykes" by some drunk fuckin' frat boys. Just a few days ago some very young boys in their mama's car yelled "Dykes" as we walked by. They were more scared than we were when we stopped and confronted them.

I know, I know, worse things could happen, do happen, to Queers all the time. We could be hurt or killed. But you know, the chances of that happening because we're Lesbians are much less than because we're women. And there are some things, like being a woman, that I couldn't hide even if I wanted to.

What usually happens though, when I'm

out holding hands with my girlfriend, is that strait couples back away from us and seem to become physically attached to each other. Queer couples back away from us too, and strangely enough, grow further apart. And then sometimes folks both strait and Queer smile and acknowledge us as who we are. And then I feel Proud.

Proud enough to do it again the next time, and the next time, and then when the end of June comes around I'm more than ready to walk Out with the rest of you for all the world to see. That's what it's going to take to end homophobia—more and more and more of us Proud of every part of our lives.

Oh, yes. The last Oxford definition of Pride. It's this: "a company (of lions)." That's my vision of us marching down Peachtree Street. A company of Queer lions unafraid and Proud of where we came from, where we're going, and who we are. What a roar that will be.

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What Ms. Blankinship failed to realize is that I AM "one of those other kind!" She assumed that because I am masculine, well-educated and professional that I am a heterosexual. I am not. I am part of the very large gay community in Atlanta which patronizes Rich's.

Ms. Blankinship's comments were bigoted and highly insulting to me. I do not appreciate being the object of homophobic remarks,

especially when I am contributing to the profit of the company represented by this salesperson. I can only hope that Ms. Blankinship's comments do not reflect the opinions and attitudes of Rich's management.

As you must be aware, members of the Atlanta gay community have been contributing significantly to Rich's sales figures and have been working in your stores for years. I cannot imagine that you would risk offending such a large group of consumers, especially when department stores are having such a difficult time financially.

I would appreciate your prompt attention to this problem to ensure that it never happens again.

Very Sincerely,
 Paul Edwards

cc: Mr. Jerry Becks, Manager - Domestics
 Mr. Jack Pelham, ETC
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President George Bush
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President,

The last time I wrote a member of your family it was directed to your wife Barbara, and it was occasioned by her beautiful gesture of putting candles in the White House windows for the AIDS vigil last Fall. I told her that simple acts of humanity by people of her

position created healing waves of love that roll across the nation, giving people hope and determination to fight against this terrible virus. I also told her that in her brief time in the White House she had probably saved more lives than all the scientists at the FGDA and the NIH simply by caring, by holding AIDS babies, and by acknowledging the inalienable humanity of adults with AIDS, recognizing that these drug users and homosexuals did not "deserve" what they got but were just as innocent and victimized as those poor children. I really felt that your vision of a kinder and gentler nation might indeed be coming a reality.

Then I was stunned to read on page one of *The New York Times* that you had rescinded HHS Secretary Sullivan's removal of HIV infection from the Immigration Service's list of diseases that prevent entry of non-Americans into the country. The article said you did this in response to pressure from conservatives, but I just can't believe that you would play politics with human lives if you knew what was at stake. If not overcome, your action will directly lead to the deaths of hundreds of contributing members of our society as surely as if you had set a bomb in the cargo hold of a 747. "Conservatives" will try to tell you that this is not true but they are wrong, and I know because some of these potential victims are friends of mine. I feel certain that if you were aware of the result of this action you never would have taken it, and I know you have the courage to admit that you were wrong. I pray that you will take another look at this issue and come to the right decision.

Another effect of this action will be to set

back the "cure date" for AIDS by politicizing international cooperation. While America has an overwhelming number of cases, it often seems that most of the progress is being made elsewhere, in the research labs of France, the drug companies of Britain, Belgium and Japan, and even in the fields of Kenya. Your action erects a barrier that will be glaringly visible next summer in Cambridge, Mass., where the Eighth International AIDS Conference is scheduled. The Conference probably will be relocated to a more enlightened country, but if not, it will be trivialized because many of the world's best AIDS researchers and doctors are HIV-positive. They would be prevented from attending and their colleagues would boycott in sympathy, thus setting back the free exchange of ideas and causing who knows how many useless deaths.

Somebody gave President Reagan bad advice on HIV issues, and the fight against AIDS lost five years until the inertia of the Executive Branch was overcome in Congress. Reagan listened to his political advisers rather than to his scientific advisers on this health issue, and as a result hundreds of thousands of people will die needless deaths during the last five years of the epidemic. Somebody now is giving you bad advice and I am writing to beg you not to listen to them. This is a health issue, not a political issue, so please listen to those advisers of yours who know what the real issues are in the world of HIV disease.

See you in Atlanta on June 6.

Thomas A. Blount

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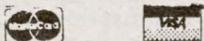
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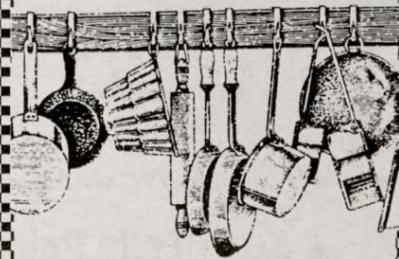
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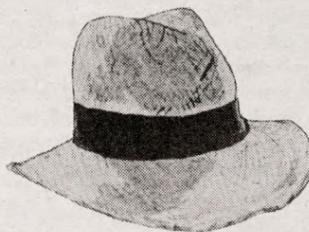


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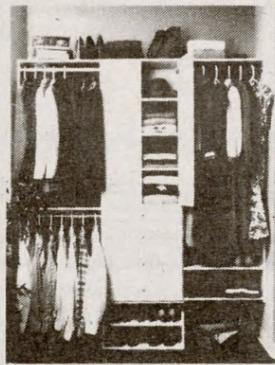
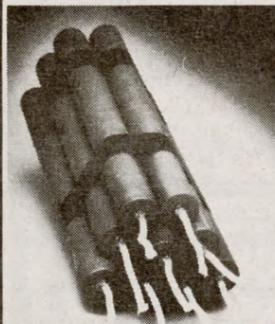
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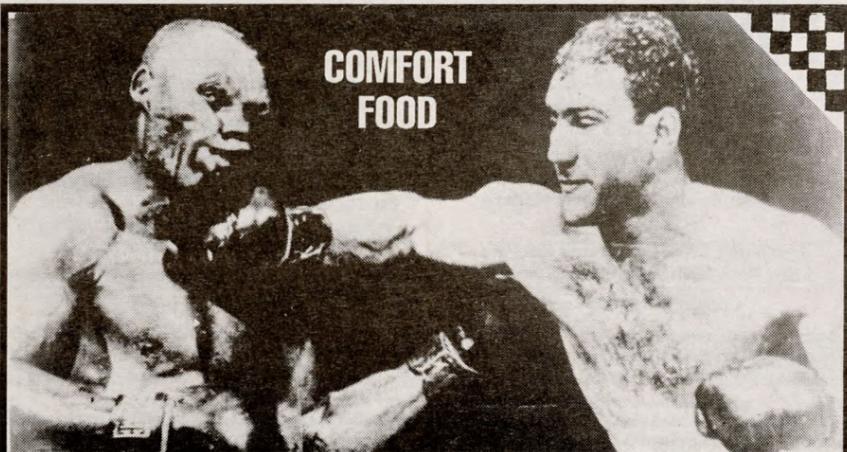
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Restlessness and the places it leads

by Terry Francis

Thelma & Louise ★★★ 1/2 Over the past several years, nearly all the films most richly detailed in their truthfulness about women's lives have been the work of foreign directors, some of them women. Now comes an American film *Thelma & Louise* (directed by the English Ridley Scott), about two best friends in Arkansas—Geena Davis as Thelma, and Susan Sarandon as Louise, whose dream of a weekend mountain respite from the disappointments of their personal lives, turns deadly.

When the pair stop for a beer and some music at a roadside dive, Louise rescues Thelma from an attempted rape in the parking lot. The assailant, ruthless and insulting, strikes a complex emotional nerve in Louise, who shoots him dead for reasons that the film makes reticently clear.

Space limitations prevent me from doing anything like justice to this movie, but it must be noted that the film has its weaknesses. Probably most of us would agree that the American legal system is chauvinist. Nevertheless, fleeing the scene of an attempted rape and a killing seems to me a bow to fear and anarchy. In terms of narrative coherence, the film is structurally flawed.

However, to contradict myself, the best parts of the film lead from this central flaw. And out of it, the film moves toward some emotional and political truths.

Thelma & Louise is no revenge fantasy. Within the confines of its outlaw, picaresque form, it suggests the accrued stresses and the demoralization understood by many women in their personal relationships and within a legal system that has built-in sanctions designed specifically to repress them.

Ridley Scott brings a special radiance to the look of the film, which manages to reflect the pleasure taken by the audience in its heroines. The script, an unusually slangy and eloquent one, is the work of Callie Fhoury, who shapes scenes that are illustrative without being sermonizing. Leading the sterling cast are Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon, who play their roles selflessly (they never call attention to themselves the way Julia Roberts and Kevin Costner lately always do), embodying individual American temperaments driven to their particular limits, and finding a clearing that is poetically the right

FILM REVIEWS

Thelma & Louise
The Comfort of Strangers
Jungle Fever

place for these characters of fiction to go. **The Comfort of Strangers** ★★★ An unmarried young English couple (Natasha Richardson and Rupert Everett) on holiday in Venice finally admit to each other the subtext of their journey: does the receded nature of their lovemaking mean that they have lost their passion or their love for each other; or are they settling into the order of a committed, long-term relationship in which the passion, though still powerful and animate, now expresses itself less forcefully?

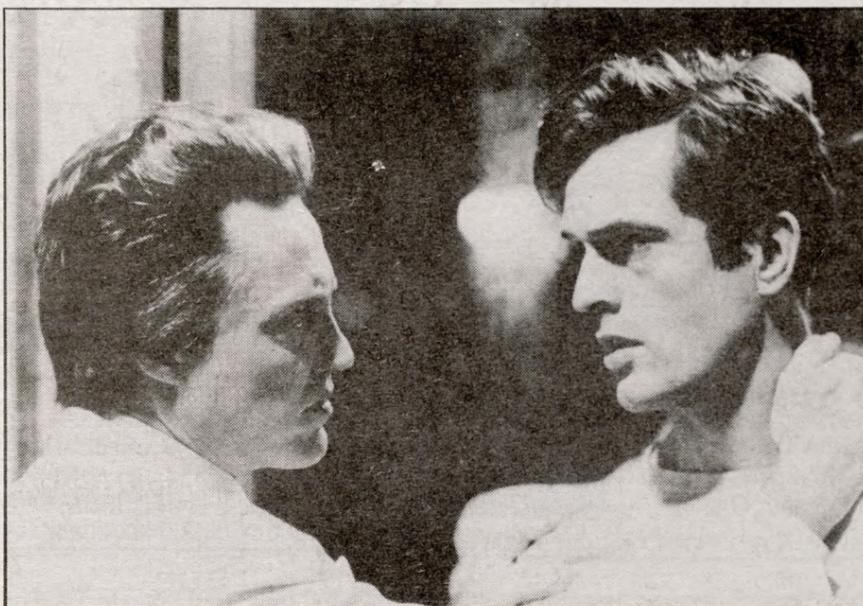
On a nighttime walk through the gallery of streets that forms the maze of Venice, the couple becomes lost until they are rescued by a native Venetian (Christopher Walkin), who guides them to a nearby cafe that has the ambience of a gay bar.

Yet a veneer of menace hangs heavily over everything. The Venetian has been secretly photographing the couple, and he implicates them in his life by telling them intensely personal stories drawn from his childhood and by introducing them to his wife, now partially debilitated after a night of sado-masochistic sex with him.

What does the entrancing couple want of their young guests? What danger or revelation will grow out of their meeting? Paul Schrader's film, by far the best work of his in a career of increasing interest, never reaches the genuinely substantive, but the order of the filmmaking here and the suggestiveness of the cast give the film the patina, if not the metal, of art, and that's an accomplishment.

Jungle Fever ★★ 1/2 After the disastrous *Mo' Better Blues*, Spike Lee partially regains his voice with this sprawling, angry social document. It's nominally the story of a gifted African-American architect (Wesley Snipes) who mistakes his sexual attraction to his Italian-American secretary (Annabella Sciorra) for love. This is the least interesting, and the least convincing, aspect of the movie.

Where Lee takes us home is in the scenes in which he evokes the collective anger, the hypocrisy and despair, that increasingly appear to characterize relations between the assembled racial groups



Venetian aristocrat Robert (Christopher Walken), shares the reason he and his wife have stalked Colin (Rupert Everett), in *The Comfort of Strangers*.

that make up American society and culture.

And Lee scores in the sequences involving Snipes' crack addicted brother, who knows he's wasting his soul and tearing apart his family every time he blasts off into orbit, but finally just doesn't give a damn when his next high represents all the secrets to the universe.

Aesthetically, the film is marred by Lee's narrative impatience: numerous themes lie unmade. The central relationship between Snipes and Sciorra is so rushed it never grows beyond the stage of a thesis construct, leaving the remainder

of the film to hang precariously around it.

Beyond that, the picture is more like a series of discussion groups intended to ventilate opposing points of view rather than to dramatize those views.

And a crucial, early scene in which Snipes badly mishandles an incident of probable racial bigotry at his workplace—he's passed over for a promotion—is sadly undeveloped. But Lee's film has moments that are near incendiary in their anger, and it's the rare American film that can honestly be said to make audiences think, and re-think.

So, C'eaux Dances with no secrets

by Dave Hayward

"I have no secrets because I tell them all!" blurts Jim Chappelaux, describing his *So, C'eaux Dances* playing at Seven Stages Monday, June 24 at 8pm and Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30, at 2pm.

A dedicated dancer, Chappelaux hones his choreography and acting in pieces ranging from pure movement to comedy stand-up and political protest. *C'eaux's* movement pieces cover a romantic and passionate encounter with a one-night stand in "Temporary Satisfaction," an intimate duet with New York dancer Tommy Parlon.

"It's about taking someone home and how you play male and female roles back and forth" exclaims Chappelaux. "We discard both our clothes and our masks, it's peeling away the layers of your mask besides just the sex." Real life fire between the dancers enhances this selection.

"Revelation" follows the duet as Chappelaux flicks his friend's condom across the bedroom, and wakes up in a hospital bed. "It says play safe or else" confirms Chappelaux as his character surges out of bed,

sluffs off his nightgown and writhes to free himself from physical ravages. "Revelation" can be viewed as both living after dying and vanquishing disease.

Petula Clark's disco perversion of *I Could Have Danced All Night* intros Chappelaux's "tragic drag" Gladys Myrtle Wyntrop, a color-blind fashion expert. Gladys owes her development to Chappelaux's Seattle collaborator Rick Rankin of the Alice B Theatre, who co-wrote SAME's 1930s send-up *Gay Deceivers*. "She's definitely my alter ego because she's a bitch and I'm nice all the time" chortles Chappelaux. Gladys will insist the audience study their programs, being too embarrassed to explain the safe sex data therein out loud.

The dance/dramatic piece "Fucking Faggot" is the dancer's political statement of gay people's social and artistic status in the age of funding cuts. "Yelling and preaching at the audience turns me off" declares Chappelaux, denying any diatribe. "NYC According to C'eaux," "Don't Torture Me" and "Off Course" complete the *C'eaux* program.

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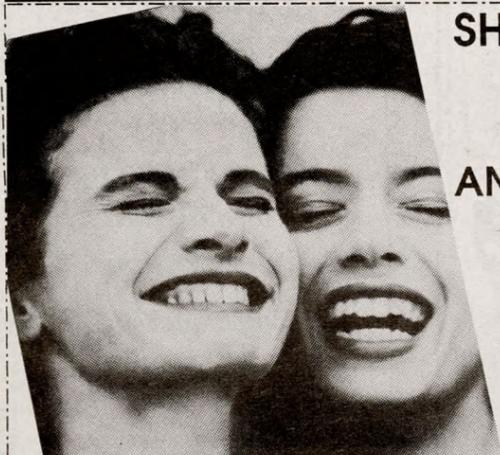
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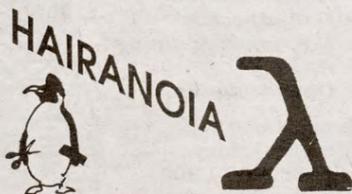
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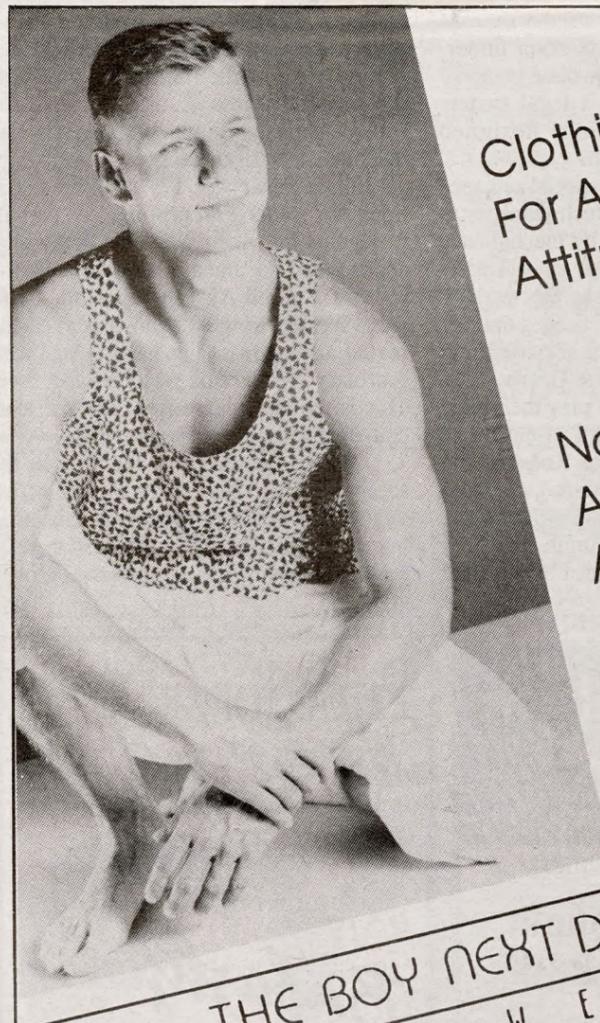
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How to tell your kids it's okay to have a gay parent

by Al Cotton

One of the most exciting aspects of gay publishing today is watching new frontiers open, seeing previously unmet needs satisfied. One recent unmet need has been addressed through Alyson Publications' new imprint, Alyson Wonderland, where our community's premiere publishing house is busy creating gay sensitive children's books.

Michael Willhoite is best known as writer/illustrator of the 1990 *Gay Desk Calendar* and his cartoons, which have appeared in *The Washington Blade*. His book *Daddy's Roommate* (cloth, \$14.95) is one of this year's Lambda Literary Award winners. It's a bright, accessible book that tells about the life of a boy whose family has divorced after Dad has come out.

Daddy's Roommate really doesn't have a story; it simply shows the boy's life—spending weekends with Dad and Dad's roommate, going to ball games or the zoo or the beach. The closest it comes to a message is when his supportive Mom tells him what "gay" is—"Being gay is just one more kind of love. And love is the best kind of happiness." This story would be nothing special if it were told in children's books as often as it happens in real life.

Willhoite's coloring book, *Families* (paper, \$3.00), is an encyclopedia in family diversity. The most heartening thing about it is how unspecifically gay the book is. It celebrates families that are tall, short, Hispanic, multiracial, dis-

BOOK REVIEWS

Daddy's Roommate
Families Coloring Book
Heather Has Two Mommies
Gloria Goes to Gay Pride

abled, adoptive—painting a picture of a world where love defines a family. The first gay couple doesn't appear until page 13, and if you incorrectly assume that the several single parents shown may not be gay (the dreaded "presumption of heterosexuality"), our representation in this book is not much over 10%. In *Families*, gay people take their place in the cornucopia of families, neither exaggerated or hidden, which is just as it should be.

Both of Willhoite's books are for younger children—their text and stories are minimal, depicting general situations rather than specific incidents in the child's life. Leslea Newman, Alyson's other children's book writer, tells more detailed stories that deal with a specific occurrence of the child's life, showing how her family situation is not typical.

Heather Has Two Mommies (illustrated by Diana Souza, paper, \$8.00) tells about three-year-old Heather going off to day care and discovering that she has no daddy. This upsets her until she sees children with two daddies (one a gay couple, one a father and step-father), no daddies, all sorts of families. And she learns that they're all special. "The most important thing about a family is that all



Kovick (cloth, \$10.00). It tells the story of a sister who discusses her father's homosexuality at "Show and Tell" and her brother, who is upset that this becomes known.

These books really are about much more than children in gay families—they tell a story of diversity and define a family by love instead of biology. Because of the breadth of this message, these books are not just for kids of gay parents; they're for anyone who wants to plant the seeds of open-mindedness in our next generation. Hopefully they'll find an audience far beyond our community.

These books also show why publishing houses like Alyson and Naiad and Firebrand are so important to our community. No mainstream publishing house would have touched a project like this—it's just too controversial. We've seen a smaller version of that here in Atlanta, where Oxford Books was recently subjected to the threat of a boycott from right-wing religious forces for stocking some of these books. So far, Oxford has resisted and the books are available in mainstream bookstores in Atlanta, as well as Charis Books & More.

Personally, I have twin "nephews" and can't wait until Seth and Galen are old enough to get one of these books as a very special birthday present from "Uncle Al."

the people in it love each other."

Gloria Goes to Gay Pride (illustrated by Russell Crocker, paper, \$7.95) deals skillfully with the touchier topic of taking a child to a Gay Pride parade. It's told from the child's point of view, and Newman wonderfully uses this innocence to make points about gay issues. For instance, Gloria asks Mama Grace why some people have nasty signs, and is told, "Some people think Mama Rose and I shouldn't love each other...That's why we march in the parade—so everyone can have a choice." Rarely has the cause of gay rights ever been summed up so directly.

Also available from Alyson Wonderland is *How Would You Feel if Your Dad Was Gay* by Ann Heron and Meredith Maran, illustrated by Kris

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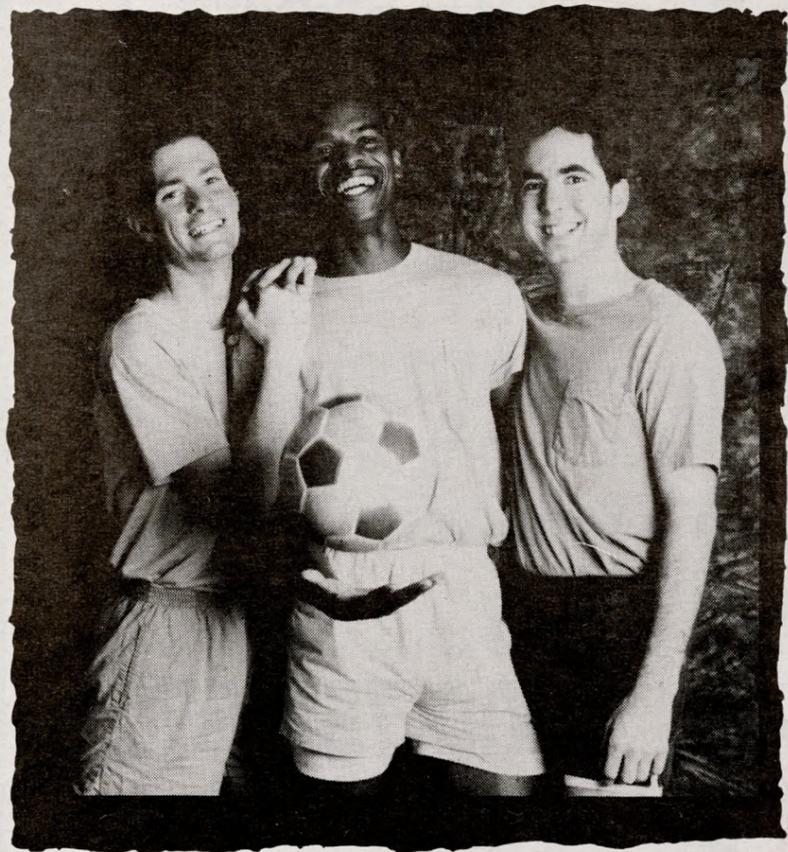


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CAROLINE MONTAGUE

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Age: 50

Hometown: Roanoke, Virginia

How Long in Atlanta: 13 years

Most Recent Show:

"Breathwork—Visions delivered
...by the unconscious mind and
pastels and mixed media"

Work Can Be Seen At:

Illumina Gallery; other work at
Brookhaven MARTA Station and in
front of the Equitable Building in
downtown Atlanta

Relationship Status:

In a relationship for 5 years



KAREN DUNGAN

A Breath of Vision

Caroline Montague's strong tanned face smiles serenely as she discusses her show of paintings, "Breathwork," now at Illumina Gallery. Caroline has very blue eyes, short dark-blond hair, and the look of a woman who likes the outdoors. She is wearing a simple cotton shirt and shorts, no makeup, her only jewelry a striking asymmetrical amethyst and silver ring. Her voice is slightly Southern, low, deliberate.

A commercially successful artist with many one-woman shows, exhibitions, and commissions, Caroline has done metal sculptures, using techniques and tools of auto body work. Her sculptures are part of the Brookhaven MARTA station and are in front of the Equitable Building in downtown Atlanta.

In this latest collection of paintings, Caroline has gone from a more intellectual process to a more inward focus. Her mediums are similar to what she has used in the past: pastels and acrylic on large canvases. But the subject matter is something else again. Animal images appear in dream-like landscapes where rivers turn into forests, then into deserts. The serene yellow eyes of an owl gaze straight into the viewer's, as the owl rises from behind the head of a deer. The deer, also serene, gazes straight at the viewer. A river and a forest behind the dreamlike shimmering animal figures. A ruby-colored globe seems to swell in the center of the canvas, just under the owl, as though a light is breaking through the image.

Another picture, a mandala (a picture within the circumference of a circle): a large spider emerges from the edge of the circle towards the center. Is it pursuing something? In another mandala, a nude female figure lies prone, her body circled by bands of light. An owl descends, wings up, feet outstretched as though to land.

Caroline explains that these paintings were inspired by Holotropic Breathwork, a technique developed by Dr. Stanislav and Christina Grof for getting in touch with the unconscious. "It's a process of breathing to get to an altered state, to other realms of reality. It gives you interesting insights and perceptions that you can

incorporate in your life.

"It's raw experience," says Caroline, "Not filtered through the intellect. I felt compelled to work with it."

People doing breathwork are asked to draw mandalas after the experience, as a way of focusing on what they have seen. Caroline's mandalas done in the breathwork workshops made the beginning of this series of artwork.

Caroline sees the animals as animal spirits from her own unconscious or the collective unconscious. "What I've encountered has been animal spirits I closely identified with, and I feel they have given me messages and have guided me."

Painters Caroline admires are Georgia O'Keefe, Paul Klee, and Kandinsky. And Caroline's paintings show a kinship with the works of those artists: luminous use of color, the unconscious mind, and a spiritual connection with nature.

Caroline lives in a warehouse near Little Five Points with her partner Dixie Card, two cats, a Standard Poodle, and an assortment of Japanese carp. The carp, exotically beautiful fish with iridescent scales and glowing colors, live in two ponds built by Caroline and her neighbor. "Carp have personalities," Caroline exclaims, describing how the carp respond to movement and sound, how they swim to the surface to eat out of her hand, and how they grow to be huge; one of hers that started out four inches long is now three feet long.

Nature and its creatures have always fascinated Caroline. "I once did a series of dirt banks in Georgia. I got real involved in those dirt banks, all the life in them."

"I'm interested in the sea, in space, in the elements; in spirals of energy — the DNA, and how it all seems to have the same pattern. How a bird flies, the shimmer of light under water, or the movement of light and color on the surface of metal. People think of metal as cold and hard. But I love the way light and color move on metal surfaces.

What I do is find a mystery and follow it. Follow the mystery."

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AIDS

Atlanta's First AIDS Walk Gathers Volunteers

On June 2 a crowd of over 400 people attended the kick-off presentation of Atlanta's first annual "From All Walks of Life" AIDS Walk scheduled for Sept. 8 and sponsored by AID Atlanta. Bob Sheppard, Volunteer Walk Steering Committee Co-Chair welcomed the full house, and a brief history of the conception of the AIDS Walk was provided by Project Director Harry Brown. Brown also introduced a video presentation of the April 12 press conference announcing the AIDS Walk which featured Walk Celebrity Spokesperson Elton John.

The presentation closed with an emotional appeal for volunteer support given by 12 year old Walk Youth Spokesperson Brett Lykins, who contracted AIDS at birth. Lykins speech received a standing ovation from the audience.

Team captain packets and Walk information were made available to interested participants. Over 150 team packets were distributed to corporate representatives and individuals wishing to form walking teams. Also, volunteer committee sign-up sheets were avail-



Walk Youth Spokesperson Brett Lykins' speech received a standing ovation.

able for anyone interested in volunteering to help organize the AIDS Walk.

Anyone unable to attend the kick-off presentation can call the Walk Hotline at 885-6800 for more information about Team Captain Packets and Volunteer committees.

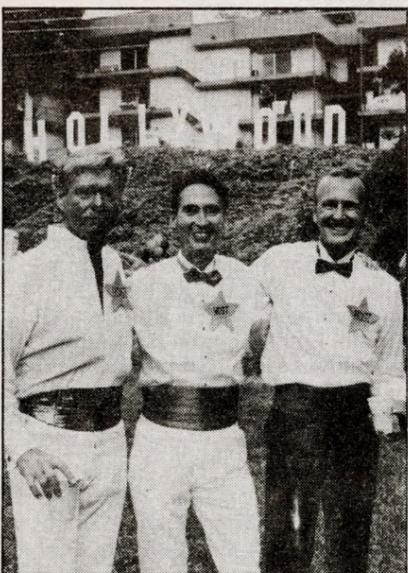
Hollywood Hots Makes Big Bucks for AIDS Groups

A festive crowd estimated at over 1200 attended the third annual Hollywood Hots fundraiser for local AIDS organizations held on June 8. Early estimates put the take for the event at 20% over last year's, with organizers hopeful the final count will be around \$24,000. The unique event has been organized since 1989 by the residents of the Morningside Chase apartment complex on Monroe Drive.

President of the Hollywood Hots Board of Directors Scott Harmon said, "we were ecstatic at the way people turned out and contributed. Charlie Brown was phenomenal."

Charities designated to benefit from the funds raised include Project Open Hand, the Infectious Disease Clinic of Grady Hospital and Charlie Brown's Signature of Love, and to subsidize living expenses for PWA's in Morningside Chase.

The festivities were emceed by Charlie Brown. Entertainment was provided by local artists and from the female impersonators in the casts of Charlie Brown's Cabaret, Crazy Rayz' and LaVita's. Food was donated by 27



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Pres. Scott Harmon, past president Wade Rogers and past vice-president Kent Curry (l-r) of Hollywood Hots.

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OBITUARY

Karl Timothy Boyce

June 2, 1965 - June 2, 1991

Karl Boyce died of complications from AIDS on June 2 after a three-week hospitalization. He was 26 years old.

A memorial service was held on June 9 at H.M. Patterson & Son. Karl requested that any memorial contribu-

tions be made to Atlanta Legal Aid, Project Open Hand or the Grady Memorial Hospital Infectious Disease Clinic.

Karl is fondly remembered by Southern Voice. He worked as a volunteer in 1988 and 1989.

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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

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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.

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

First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta—A Christian church proclaiming God's love for lesbians and gay men. Counseling available by appt. Same sex Holy Unions performed. Sun. at 11:00am and 7:30pm. Weds. 7:30pm. 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.

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. For more info call 368-7481.

COMMUNICATIONS

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 outreach to society as a whole. 63 12th St., 876-5372; Coming Out Group 4pm Sat; Young Adult Support Group 6:30pm Tues; HIV+ Group Fri. 8pm, Sun. 6pm; Clinic 6-9pm Mon., Tue., Wed.

Black and White Men Together—A gay inter-racial organization committed to fostering a supportive environment wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome. 794-BWMT.

Codependents Anonymous-Lambda—A 12-step program of recovery from codependency for gays and lesbians. Meetings Tues. & Wed. at 8 PM and Sun. at 7pm. 239-1657.

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

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

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 cafeteria of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 25 Boulevard, NE. 237-6262.

Lesbian and Gay Youth Group—Forming! Social outings, safe space, support. We want your help! Next meeting, July 9th at 6:00pm. Call Chance at 688-1954 for more info.

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 to 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.

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

YOUTH—For Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual young people. Support group, contact point, voluntary political org. Weekly meetings. Contact Randy or Michael at 633-9569 or Jefferey at 607-1967.

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.

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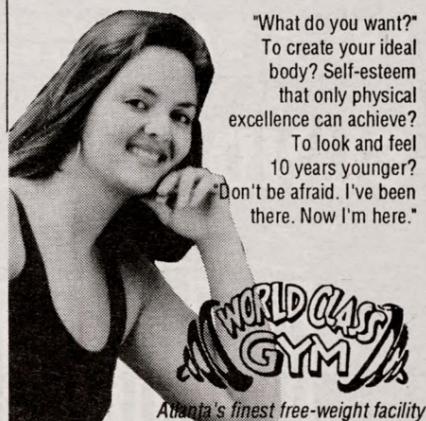


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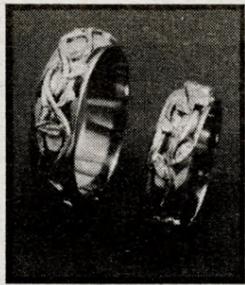
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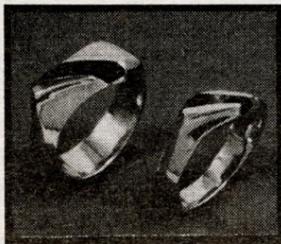


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Minnie Bruce Pratt, award-winning lesbian poet and essayist, will be at Charis Books on June 30 reading from her new book, *Rebellion*.

Art

RED OCHRE SERIES. Thru June 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.

IMPRESSIONISM/POST-IMPRESSIONISM. Thru Aug. 4. Lithographs by such greats as Degas, Cezanne, Renoir, Toulouse-Lautrec, Gauguin and the incomparable Mary Cassatt. High Museum of Art. 892-HIGH.

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. Atlanta International Museum. 285 Peachtree Center Ave. 688-2467.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ART. Thru 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.

SUMMER SOLO SERIES. June 21- Aug. 3. Four Southeastern artists present a visual feast with thought provoking themes. Sculpture, paintings, drawings and colorful monofilament orchids and butterflies; an unusual and enigmatic collection. Nexus Gallery. 535 Means St. 688-1970.

SENSUAL IMAGES '91. June 22- Aug. 12. Nude figure studies in black and white photography and dazzling glass sculpture. Burnhoff Gallery. Clear Creek Center. 875-3475.

ART OF OUR TIME: 20th CENTURY WORKS FROM THE COLLECTION. July 2- Sept. 1. Modern art from many disciplines including works of Picasso, O'Keeffe, Ernst, Ringgold and many, many more. An interesting overview of various approaches to art and how they have developed and influenced one another. High Museum of Art. Woodruff Arts Center. 892-HIGH.

Comedy

FUNNY THAT WAY. June 26th, 9pm. Atlanta's own gay and lesbian comedy improv troupe delivers laughter and musical mirth. Gender blending, mind bending and slightly twisted. \$4. Lavita's, Cheshire Square. 633-0452.

Community Action

ATLANTA LESBIAN FEMINIST ALLIANCE (ALFA) REORGANIZATION MEETING. Wed., June 26, 7:00 pm. The 2nd oldest lesbian organization in the country looks back and to the future to decide what its new goals should be, and how best to implement them. Call 378-9769 for information or transportation. TTY: 627-5619.

QUEER NATION AT CRACKER BARREL. Sun., June 30. 11:30 am. They're doing it again. Come on out and support the troops. Lithonia Cracker Barrel. To carpool meet at 10:30 am at the MARTA Lindbergh station.

THE GREENS: TO PARTY OR NOT TO PARTY? Sat., June 29. 7:30 pm. A public forum sponsored by the Atlanta Greens to answer the question, "What place is there in electoral politics for building a Green movement for fundamental change?" L5P Community Center, Euclid Ave. 368-7137.

Conferences

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.

Dance

GLORY MOMENTS IN SORROW'S KITCHEN. Sun., June 23. 3 pm & 8 pm. Judith DeWitt and women and children from the Achor Center transitional home for the homeless present a diverse work which includes "singin', dancin' and talkin' about life" from their unique perspective. 7 Stages. 1105 Euclid Ave. 523-7647.

SO, C'EAUX DANCES! Mon., June 24. Sat. and Sun., June 29 & 30. Dancer Jim Chappelleaux and playwright/director, Rick Rankin explore various issues from child abuse to safe sex to discrimination, from the perspective of a drag queen commentator. 7 Stages. 1105 Euclid Ave. 881-0817.

BEGINNINGS. Sat., June 22. 8 pm. The inaugural performance of a new company in town, Dance Force. 7 Stages. 1105 Euclid Ave. 523-7647.

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.

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.

PHYSICIANS FOR A NAT'L HEALTH PROGRAM. Sat., June 22. 3:30 pm. A possible legislative agenda for better health-care access is balanced against grim reality as Rep. Rita Valenti reviews what progress has actually taken place in the past year. Morehouse School of Medicine. Rm. 203.

Literature

POETRY AND HEALING. Sat., June 29. 5 pm. Readings by poets and psychotherapists Franklin Abbott and Sharon Sanders. 7 Stages. 1105 Euclid Ave. \$5.

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

Music

ANGELA MOTTER. June 20 - 23 and June 27 - 30. Wed-Sat., 8-10 pm; Sun, 6-8 pm. She just gets better all the time. Look out Melissa. Deana's One Mo' Time. 1890 Cheshire Bridge. 874-0980.

CINDY DIAMOND, ANN DUCKWORTH, ANNE McDONALD, DeDe VOGT. Fri., June 21. 10 pm. Some of Atlanta's finest female performers take the stage for an evening of old and new favorites. Who could ask for anything more? Trappers.

SALUTE TO COLE PORTER. Sat., June 22. 8:30 pm. The Atlanta Symphony proves that "Anything Goes" as it salutes the legendary, and gay, Broadway and Hollywood composer. Barry Manilow claims to the contrary, this is the man who wrote the songs the whole world sings. Chastain Park Amphitheatre. 892-2414.

PENELOPE WILLIAMS AND STEPHANIE PETTIT. Wed. - Sat. nights in June. Great jazz from these two hot performers. The Otherside Key Club. 1924 Piedmont Rd. 875-5238.

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LISA BUSLER AND THE RIVER BEND BAND. Sat., June 22. 8 pm. Their down-home, kick-ass music will make you two-step 'til the cows come home. Deana's One Mo' Time. 1890 Cheshire Bridge Rd. 874-0980.

FREE ASO CONCERT. Sun., June 23. 7:30 pm. George Hanson wields the baton and the music follows. Lakewood Amphitheatre. 898-1182.

LEON REDBONE. Tues., June 25. 8:30 pm. "Goodtime Charlie" presents his delightful interpretation of blues, ragtime and folk sounds with reverence and respect. Variety Playhouse. 1099 Euclid Ave. 524-7354.

THIS JOINT IS JUMPIN'! Fri., June 28. 8:30 pm. A toe-tapping, finger-snapping revue featuring music of Fats Waller, Scott Joplin and Irving Berlin. Chastain Pk Amphitheatre. 892-2414.

MANDY PATINKIN. Sat., June 29. 8:30 pm. The sparkling voice and sophisticated showmanship of the Tony Award-winning Broadway star will give you melodies to take home and enjoy in your head long after the concert's over. Chastain Park Amphitheatre. 892-2414.

Spirituality

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION. Fri., June 21, 7 pm. Join and share the high energy of this most ancient, cross-cultural holiday. Circling, singing, and sharing. Arts Exchange. 624-3413.
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.

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

ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE. Sun., June 23. 11 pm. After testing positive for the HIV virus, filmmaker Peter Adair invited 11 other individuals who've also tested positive to speak openly and publicly from their hearts. A tribute to those living with AIDS and what they must endure. WGTV - Channel 8.
OUT AND PROUD. Wed., June 26. 11 pm. The first national television show to explore the achievements and obstacles of the struggle for gay rights in historical comparison to other civil rights movements. Film and panel discussion. WGTV - Channel 8.
ANDRE'S MOTHER. Wed., June 26. An award-winning provocative drama explores the impact of AIDS on Andre's mother and his lover as they meet at his funeral. Compelling theatre at its best. WGTV - Channel 8.
BRADSHAW ON HOMECOMING. Sun., June 30. 9 am - 6 pm. A program about reconnecting with your inner self through understanding the child within. Focus will be on toddler development and understanding how dysfunctional families may contribute to problems which don't arise until later life. WGTV - Channel 8.

Theatre

A... MY NAME IS ALICE. Thru June 23. 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.
THE GOD OF ECSTASY: A RETELLING OF THE BACCHAE. June 28 - July 28. The Bacchae, one of Euripides last plays written around 400 B.C., comes to life with music and dance. This play has it all - sex, madness, wisdom, and salvation. Actor's Express. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.
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 blast from the past 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 wreak 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.
THE WIZARD OF HIP. Thru July 7. Tom Jones returns to Atlanta with one of the funniest shows of the summer. Comedian Rex Garvin will open this Jomandi production with House of Cold Funk. A zany evening of comedy at its best. 14th St. Playhouse. 873-1099.
DAYTRIPS. Thru July 7. A funny and touching play that deals frankly with the challenges of caring for aging parents and grandparents. A story

of love, duty and madness as three generations explore the bonds of blood. 7 Stages. 1105 Euclid Ave. 523-7647.
THE THREE MUSKETEERS. Thru August 18. Fun and fighting in pre-Revolutionary France as the "All for one and one for all" fearless foursome try to protect the Queen and foil the evil Cardinal. Oglethorpe University. 264-0020.
THE COLORED MUSEUM. June 26- July 21. Jomandi brings its hilarious spoof to 10th and Peachtree for an evening of fearless, fiery and side-splitting humor in the tradition of "In Living Color." Stay home if you don't like to laugh. Theatrical Outfit. 873-1099.
SHIRLEY VALENTINE. June 26- July 28. A delightful comedy about what happens to a middle-aged housewife when she runs away from home to an isolated Greek island on her dream vacation. Will she return to her husband who is less interesting to talk to than the kitchen walls, or sip wine beside the sea forever? Theatre in the Square. 11 Whitlock Ave. Marietta. 422-8369.
LAVENDER LEGENDS. June 27-30. A tender, funny look into the lesbian and gay community of Atlanta and the south. This annual Pride Week production moves from the personal to the political in songs, dance and dialogue. John Howell and Ray Kluka are honored in a special segment. 7 Stages. 1105 Euclid Ave. 881-0817.

Upcoming

GOLDEN THREADS 5th ANNUAL CELEBRATION. June 28-30. A worldwide social network of Lesbians over 50 and women who are interested in older women gather to exchange ideas and enjoy one another's company. Dinner, dance and discussions. Write Golden Threads, Box 3177, Burlington, VT 05401.
SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN. July 4-7. This summer event is worth going to Baltimore for as gay and lesbian activists and supportive non-gay persons in states south and east of Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Arkansas and Texas gather to talk about community concerns and catch up on old friendships. Write Dana Rethemeyer, 1504 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD. 21231-1424. (301) 276-8468.
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.

13th NAT'L. LESBIAN AND GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE. July 24-28. More than 225 presentations dealing with issues such as: lesbian and gay health, mental health, substance abuse, and lesbian and gay youth issues. Hyatt Regency in New Orleans, LA. (202) 797-3578.
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.
GAYLAXICON '91. July 19-21. The 3rd annual convention broadens its horizons with an art show emphasizing Gay, Lesbian and Science Fiction themes. Guest of Honor is Samuel R. Delany. One of the panel discussions will explore S & M in Fantasy and S.F. A gathering chock full of amazing stuff. Tewksbury, Mass.
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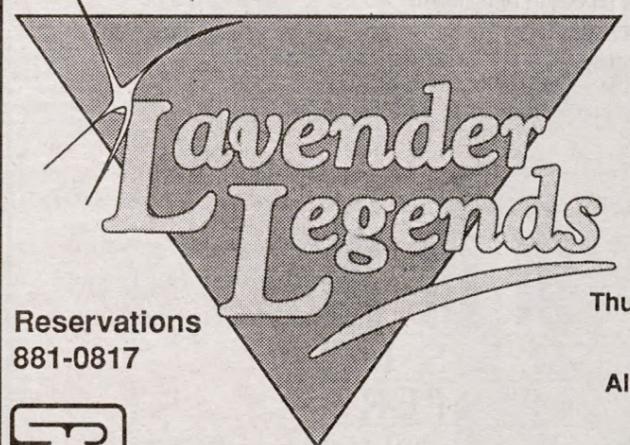
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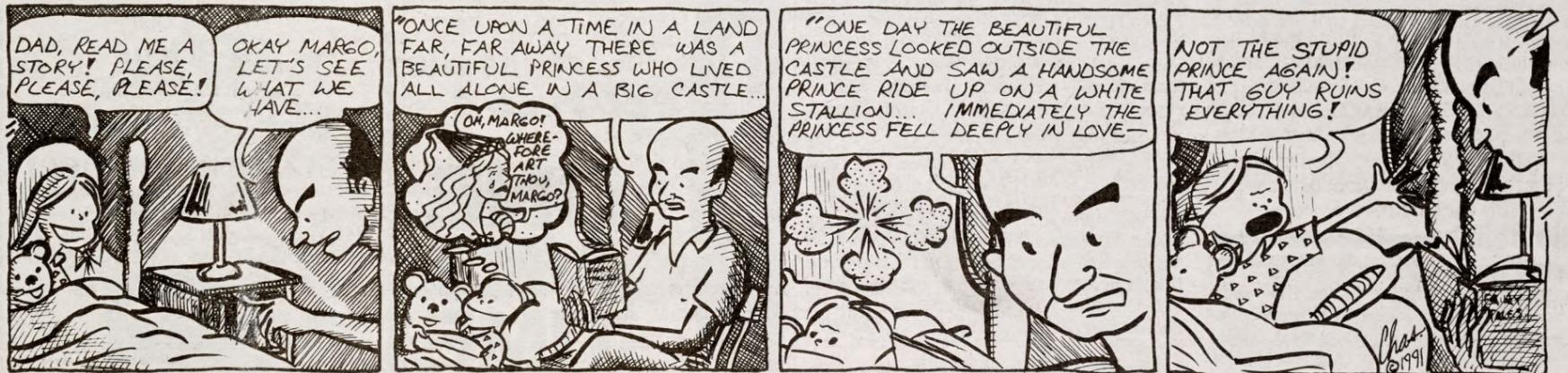
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there's a fine line between telling the truth and talking trash

Quote of the Week: "If my students or children come to believe that a good Jew cannot support gay rights, black rights, environmental rights, women's rights and other secular causes, then many will stop being good Jews, rather than give up their support of these important causes."—Attorney and author (*Reversal of Fortune*) Alan M. Dershowitz in his new book *Chutzpah*. Dish wishes that Mr. Dershowitz also spoke for a similar group of Southern Baptists.

Rotello Out: *Outweek*, the NYC gay mag beloved by activists and often assailed by assimilationists, is minus one editor. Gabriel Rotello—whose policy of outing public figures made him Gotham's cause celebre for a while last year—has been fired. Publisher Steven Polakoff told the *N.Y. Times* "The reader doesn't always want to be lectured and bored... The magazine is getting stale." Former News Editor Andrew Miller has replaced Rotello. He told the *Times*, "As far as radical, you ain't seen nothing yet." Since the editors of gay/lesbian publications come and go with more than a mite of regularity, what Dish finds noteworthy here is that the *Times* covered the story.

Porter In: Tributes were rampant last week in honor of the 100th anniversary of songwriter extraordinaire Cole Porter's birth. Several (including National Public Radio and the *NY Times*) actually acknowledged that the man who gave us "Love for Sale" and "Anything Goes" was (gasp!) a homosexual. Check your local Post Office for a spiffy 29 cent Cole commemorative. And, if the irony of jocks honoring the work of a gay man amuses you, check the halftime show at next year's Orange Bowl. The whole thing will be a tribute to the intelligent, elegant man who gave us the immortal line, "But if, Baby, I'm the bottom/You're the top." Even those beef brained tight ends ought to be able to figure that one out.



Homo Promo: Will wonders never cease? The San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau is mailing press releases (with photos such as the one above) that promote that city's status as a gay/lesbian mecca. Baghdad by the Bay's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade (June 30) and a walking tour of the Castro (Cruisin' the Castro from a Historical Perspective) are just two of the events being pushed. Dish, sadly, suspects that when (and if) Atlanta's beleaguered V&CB gets around to hiring a new boss, promotion of this city's lesbian/gay community will not likely be on the agenda. For info on S.F.'s Pride celebration call 415/864-FREE. For more on the walking tour of the Castro let your fingers stroll to 415/550-8110.

Looking for a Logo: The Gay Games folks have announced a competition to choose a logo for the fourth

edition of the event being held in NYC in 1994. The theme is Unity. A call for entries warns "The logo design should be active and exciting without being overly decorative." The last disqualifies Dish, but if you would like more info (and maybe an entry form) call 212/925-0999. Hurry, the deadline is July 30. The winner gets much fame and free tickets to many events, but, alas, no fortune.

Our Kinda Cops: Speaking of bullets, the cash register at the Atlanta Police office where one gets copies of arrest reports and other such interesting info produces receipts etched with these words: "Atlanta Police Central Records, Versatility and Flexibility." Woof!

We Don't Want Him: Seen the latest on Dish's least fave homo, J. Edgar Hoover? Seems that tricky Dick Nixon chose not to fire the near-Fascist head of the FBI in 1971 because Pat's husband and Trisha's dad was afraid that ol' J. Ed (who was getting pretty dotty by then) would "bring down the temple" by releasing unsavory info about him. The exact nature of the dirt in question has not been unearthed. Nixon, thank the Goddess, has never been accused of being queer. Dish trusts that this particular status will remain forever quo.

A World Without Grace: The American Bible Society has released what *Time* magazine calls "A Bible for Bart Simpson." The "Bible for Today's Family" deep sixes words like "whom" and "righteousness." And gender, so far as possible, has been made neutral—which may be why 62% of Southern Baptists polled said they still preferred the King James Version. So far so good. But here's the bad news: "Grace" has been replaced by "kindness." Even us atheists know that just will not do.

June 20 - July 3

RULING PLANETS

by Mary Bailey-Rule

Summer arrives June 21 at 5:19pm. Happy Birthday to Cancer folks and a warm welcome to Summer. It's time for ice cold watermelon, home-made lemonade and romance on the veranda.

ARIES - Take things easy for the next month as your life may be a little intense with the Sun and Mercury in your 4th house of home, family and parents, not to mention Venus, Mars and Jupiter all lined up in Leo (creativity and passion).



TAURUS - You may be focusing on close personal relationships and family issues for the month, so be prepared to be patient and diplomatic. Along with some stress and tension there will be opportunities to heal old emotional wounds.



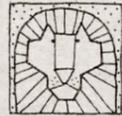
GEMINI - With the Sun and Mercury now in your 2nd house of income and material resources, this is the perfect time to focus on your financial priorities and set some general goals for the next year. Start saving for new experiences.



CANCER - Happy Birthday! The Sun and Mercury are in your 1st house of personal awareness and appearance, so treat yourself to new clothes, a massage, your favorite dinner or all of the above. Have a great time!



LEO - As your need for personal expression and growth continues to expand, it is important to find ways of nurturing and supporting yourself. Physical exercise or games may fill your need for fun and relaxation.



VIRGO - With the Sun and Mercury in your 11th house of community awareness, casual friends and associates, this is the perfect time to network and renew old connections. Also a time to contribute your talents to a favorite cause.



LIBRA - The Sun and Mercury are in your 10th house of career and status. You may find new opportunities to move ahead. You may encounter conflict and tension around your need for personal time and recreation. Be patient.



SCORPIO - You may be faced with some challenging situations at home or in your career, but the real issue will be to stay centered and focused on personal priorities and respond to your intuition. Humor may be helpful.



SAGITTARIUS - As the Sun enters your 8th house of personal transformation, self-mastery and inheritances, you may need to pay close attention to your higher self and have realistic expectations about what you can accomplish.



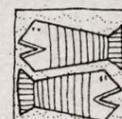
CAPRICORN - With the Sun and Mercury highlighting your 7th house of relationships, you may want to spend more time with friends and your significant other. A good time for making new friends and resolving misunderstandings.



AQUARIUS - With Saturn in your 1st house opposing Venus, Mars and Jupiter in your 7th house of personal relationships, you may feel like you are walking a tight rope. Stay centered, relaxed, keep your sense of humor handy.



PISCES - With the Sun and Mercury in your 5th house of childhood, creativity and passion, you may have an abundance of energy for fun, play and innovative solutions to current problems. Definitely a time to exercise your brain.



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Colectivo Sol

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provides safe sex workshops, HIV testing, and a telephone information line that is advertised in the media and the city's subway system. There is also a monthly publication, called *Sociedad Y SIDA* (Society and AIDS), produced by the daily paper *El Nacional*. But the Catholic church, which is the dominant religion in Mexico, has taken a stand against safer sex education and the use of condoms.

Colectivo Sol publishes its own Spanish-language newsletter, *Accion en SIDA* (AIDS Action), funded by a subsidy from a London-based group called Appropriate Health Resources & Technologies Action Group. This is one of the main focuses of Colectivo Sol, since AIDS-related activity is the only area of work that is subsidized. As a result, five of the eight people who volunteer at Colectivo Sol are involved with its AIDS programs. Colectivo Sol, like the other lesbian and gay organizations, receives no money from the Mexican government for any of its projects.

The relatively small size of Colectivo Sol is characteristic of most lesbian and gay groups in Mexico City, according to Hernandez. "Each collective is centered around their own issues. One organization, called Guerilla Gay, conducts weekly forums at El Taller, a popular gay disco. There is another group whose only work involves educating transvestite prostitutes about safer sex.

In spite of the organization of the com-

munity, there are sharp divisions between gay men and lesbians: Colectivo Sol is made up of gay men and straight women, but no lesbians. This is in contrast to the seventies, when everyone worked together in groups like the Frente Homosexual de Accion Revolucionaria (The Homosexual Revolutionary Action Front). "Right now I don't think there are any [lesbian and gay] groups that are working together," claims Hernandez. "Lesbians are organized differently than gay men. The lesbian groups are still doing very political organized work."

Homosexuality and Mexican Law

While the lesbian and gay community is unfortunately divided in its actions, both groups face much of the same discrimination. Homosexuality is not officially illegal in Mexico, but "there are...some police rules that say if you do indecent acts on the streets...they can take you for 36 hours." Nevertheless, "they cannot prosecute you for being gay. They cannot prosecute you for [committing] sodomy, for example. The only mention of homosexuality is in the penal code in regard to corruption of minors."

Arranging the upcoming ILGA conference has been a challenge in itself. The mayors of the city's four municipios attempted to stop Guadalajara's Grupo de Orgullo Homosexual de Liberacion (GOHL) from hosting the worldwide forum. The governor, meanwhile, has supported the conference.

So are any problems expected in June? "I don't think [the government] will do anything," predicts Hernandez, "because international eyes are going to be focussed

on Guadalajara, and there's going to be more pressure from within Mexico toward the mayors to stop the harassment." In fact, "some of us even hope they repress us," he said, because some activists would like a chance to fight back and challenge the government. Still, there has been little progress in the main political parties; the only political party to take a pro-gay stance is the Trotskyite party.

Lesbian and gay groups have made attempts to document the discrimination and harassment experienced by the community, but the biggest obstacle to successful documentation is often the victim. "If we as a gay organization try to move their case, they tell us not to. They don't want attention," claims Hernandez. But he also pointed out that in Mexico, "we don't have this institution that the Americans have, queerbashing. It very seldom happens in that way, that people specifically come out to hit faggots."

Native American Acceptance

The homophobia that one encounters in Mexico can be traced most closely to the Europeans who invaded the region, rather than to the native American societies that had already been living in what is now Mexico. "Homosexuality or homosexual acts are socially accepted within several of the indigenous societies," explains Hernandez. "A lot of their mixed culture is still intact. And I think that the attitude towards sexuality in these regions has to do with how they were before the Spanish came. But [the acceptance within indigenous groups] doesn't change the relationship of the mentality [of Mexico as a whole], because the mentality of the

Europeans was much stronger than the indigenous people."

Although activists in Mexico have many accomplishments to be proud of, Hernandez described a paradox that has in recent years caused activism to stagnate: "In Mexico, we have had 12 years of open gay movement. Every year Mexico City has the gay march, and every year there is the gay cultural week. You have gay theatre, you have gay magazines, gay movies, gay bars. There's a lot of gay issues on TV. But the movement is collapsed!"

What's caused this indifference? "The presence of the gay movement has given a lot of space. So gays don't need gay liberation on one side. They're having safe sex, they read about AIDS, but they don't care about anything that has to do with activism at all. And the other side is that a lot of the self-repressed gays are reactionary gays, so it's part of themselves. It's part of their own attitudes towards politics, towards life, towards Mexico. They're not interested in anything else but going to have some drinks."

With his involvement in Colectivo Sol and a full-time job teaching English at the nearby university, Hernandez keeps a busy schedule. Sometimes, it's hard to maintain the energy needed, Hernandez concedes, but like many other activists, he finds his involvement necessary. "My friend Mario died of AIDS a year and a half ago. And sometimes when you feel confronted with this loss, you feel like you don't want to go on. But it's something you can't stop doing even if you want to."

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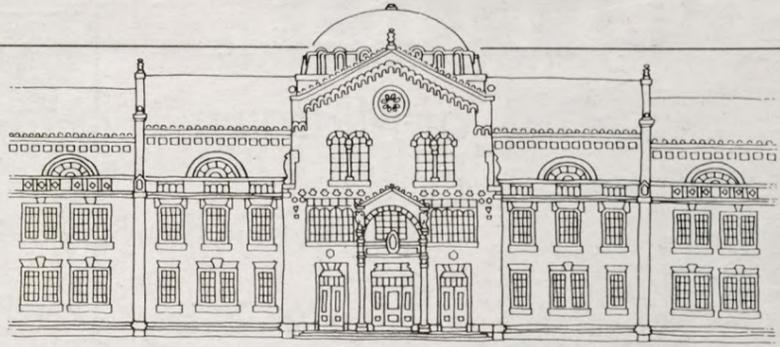
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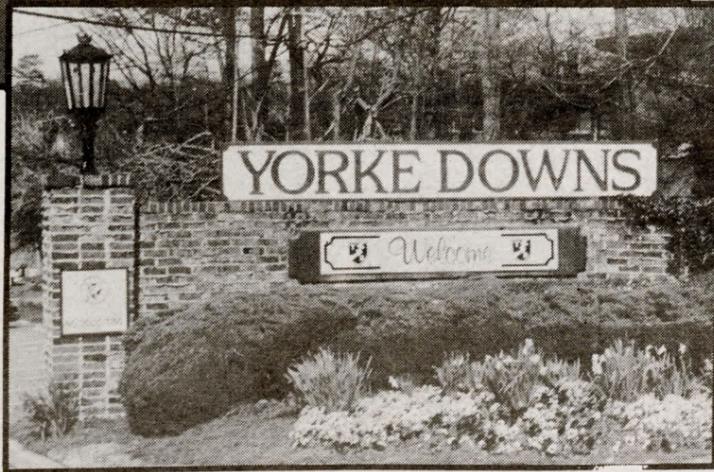
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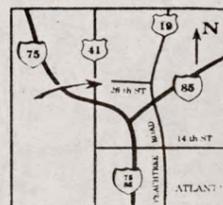
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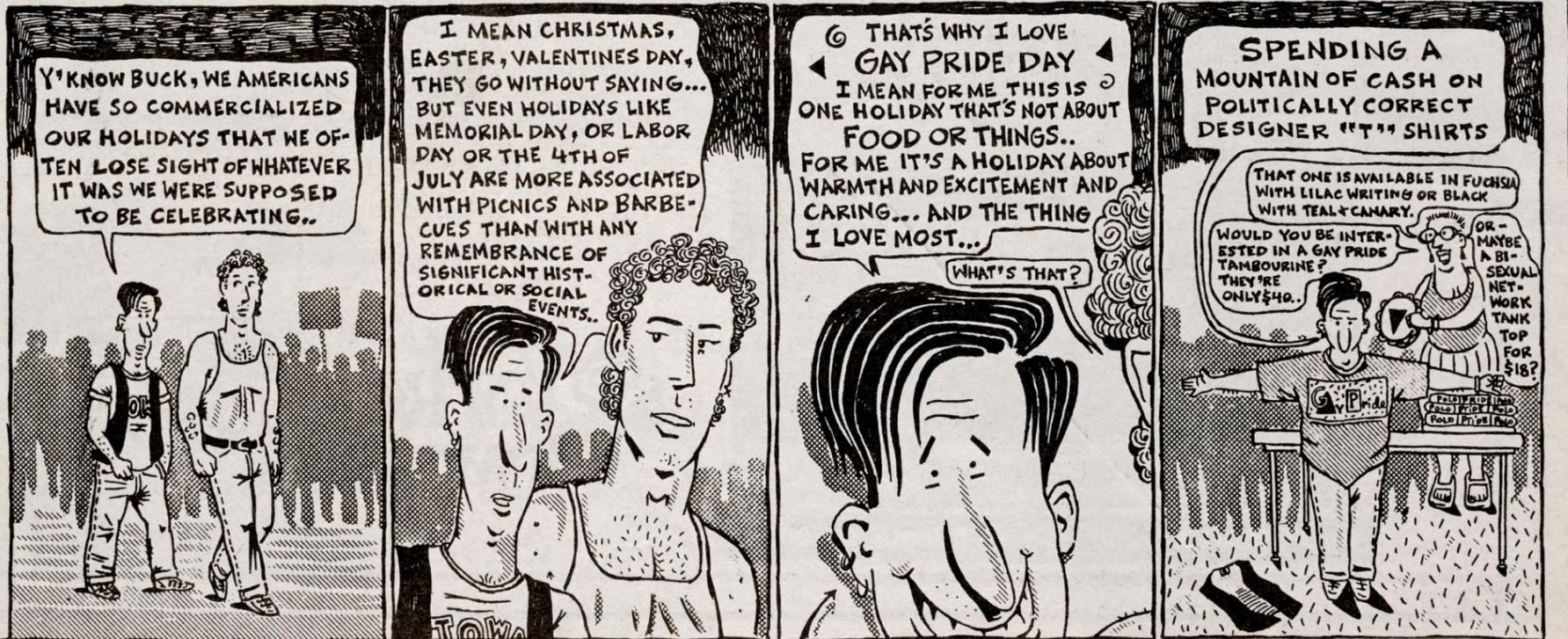
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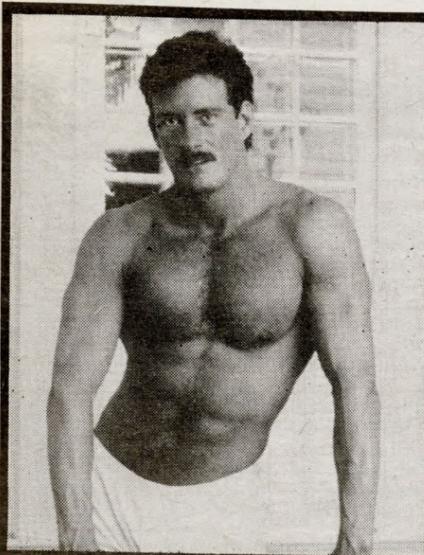
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ACT UP/ATLANTA: (404) 286-6247

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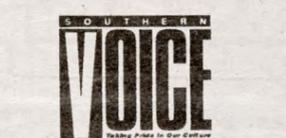
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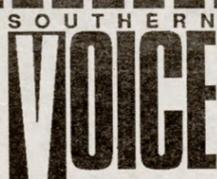
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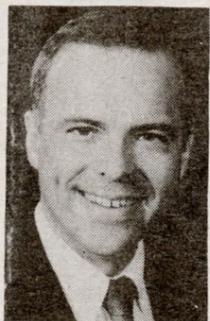
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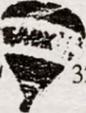


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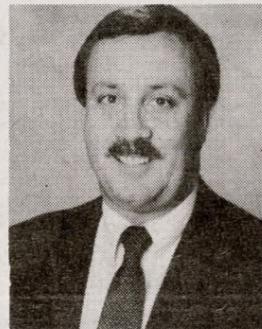
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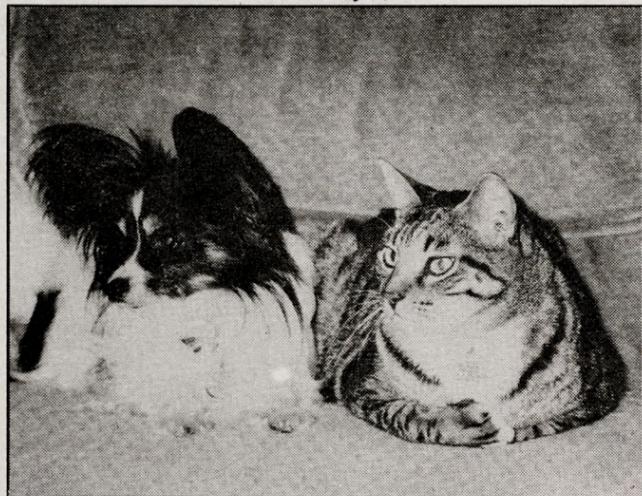
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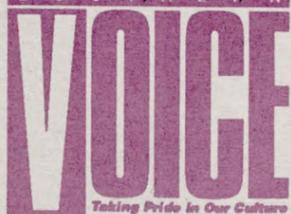
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