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**Taking Pride in Our Culture**

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# Pride '91: Queers Take Peachtree

by Debbie Fraker

Record numbers of gay men and lesbians flooded Peachtree Street and Piedmont Park for the 1991 Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration. With over 10,000 chanting "Queers Take Peachtree," Sunday's Pride Parade was the largest in the 20 year history of Pride in Atlanta. After the march, an estimated 30,000 people collected in the park for speeches, entertainment, and shopping at the Artists' Market. On Saturday, thousands stayed the day to enjoy the entertainment and shop at the Artists' Market.

"When I walked into the park and saw all the thousands of people, I knew we'd done it," said Pride organizer Shelly Robbins. "There's nothing to compare to the feeling I know all of us on the committee had in how successful and positive the whole event was."

The parade stretched for 15 blocks and featured a little bit of everything: several drag floats, horseback riders, the outrageous hats of the Digging Dykes of Decatur, a flag-spinning team called Six Flags and a Babe, faeries, leathermen and women, as well as what the AJ/C called "more ordinary-looking men and women in shorts and brush haircuts." At the rally, trophies were given to the winners of the float contest: 1st place to the Bar Owners Association, 2nd to Backstreet, 3rd to the Armory, and a special award for originality to the Digging Dykes.

The only problems came when the parade reached the churches between 4th and 5th Streets. Marchers near the front of the parade who were passing out red and pink carnations (thanks Ansley Coles) had mixed receptions from the church-goers they encountered. In front of the Lutheran Church one lesbian was grabbed roughly on the arm by a man who told her to "get your goddam ass out of here." In front of First Baptist Church, another lesbian approached a group of girls who promptly ran for protection. A man carrying a Bible told two women who offered him carnations that he was afraid of getting AIDS if he took the flowers. Few congregants were near Peachtree Street as the march went by, however, because both churches had let their congregations go a few minutes earlier to avoid confrontations.

The first marchers turned the corner at 10th and Peachtree chanting "we're here, we're queer, we ain't goin' shopping!" At the end of the parade, many who had watched along Peachtree and on 10th joined the marchers to walk into the park.

During the afternoon's program, emcees Lea DeLaria and Rick Mitchell kept the crowd entertained between speeches, though most of the politicians were mercifully brief and often witty. Dale McCormick, an openly lesbian

state senator, encouraged the crowd to get involved with the story of her campaign victory in a rural district of Maine. The crowd vigorously applauded DeKalb Commissioner Sherry Sutton's words of caution about politicians who "talk the talk but don't walk the walk," and delighted in seeing HRCF Southeastern Representative Cathy Woolard escorted on stage in handcuffs by one of the attractive policewomen on hand for the event. In between speakers, three proposals of marriage were made over the course of the afternoon, through the emcees.

Sunday afternoon's entertainment, in addition to wisecracks from emcee DeLaria, included acoustic guitar played with talent and aplomb by Angela Motter and sensual dance by Jim Chappelleaux. DeLaria rounded out her participation in the day's entertainment with a tireless performance in the evening of music and comedy.

A Lesbian/Gay Pride event could not be complete without the lip-synching camp of drag queens or the smell of leather. Sunday evening's sunshine cooled as the remaining crowd settled in for drag shows emceed by MP Breslin and Wes Decker, Ms. and Mr. Southeastern Leather. The Armorettes brought the audience to their feet, everyone holding hands in the air, swaying and

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## An Independence Day Salute to

# Gays in the Military

by Steven N. Alper

The twenty-five year old man refused to give his name as he squinted uncomfortably at the camera. "I'm sure that if someone recognized my face, like from that camera, there'd be a lot of trouble. But it's worth it. The rule is stupid. I was overseas for eight months. We went over there to defend the rights of the Kuwaitis and we don't even have our own rights here."

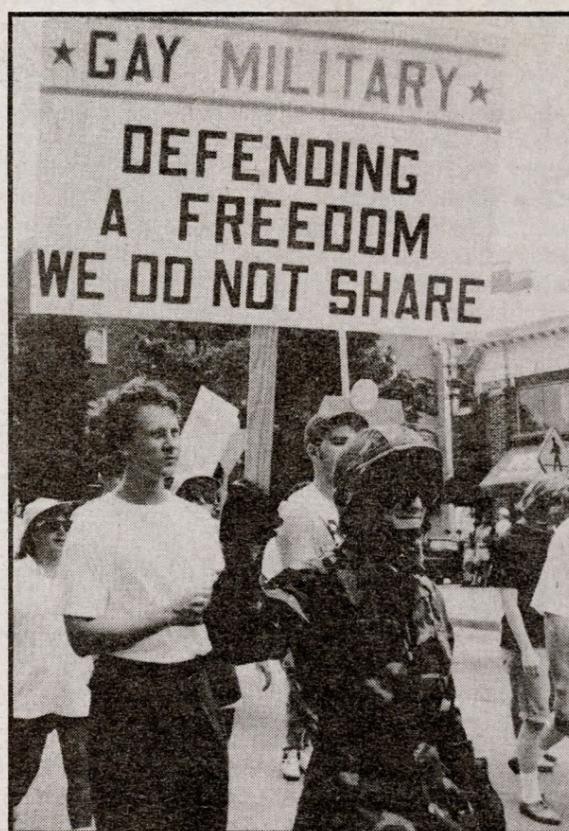
The young man was part of a June 15 march of 100 men and women against the Norfolk Naval Station. The march, organized by the Hampton Roads Lesbian and Gay Pride Coalition, was to honor the gay troops who served in the Persian Gulf. Gay Pride and Independence Day celebrations following Operation Desert Storm both frame the dilemma that gay service persons face in serving in the U.S. armed forces, and set the stage for the struggle to change Department of Defense policy excluding gays from military service.

For the gay men, lesbians and bisexuals who choose to serve in the armed forces there is the potential threat of humiliation, loss of livelihood, punitive demands for reimbursement of tuition costs and scholarships, imprisonment and less than honorable discharges upon discovery. Those who serve also face the daily hardship of remaining tightly closeted in a highly homophobic institution. But many gay people continue to choose military service, revealing a patriotism so strong it withstands all the hardships the Department of Defense can throw at it. The long fought legal cases of Leonard Matlovich, Miriam Ben-Shalom

and Perry Watkins, all discharged from the military for being gay, are testimony to the patriotism felt by many gay people. And there are young gay people who continue to struggle with the same discrimination within the institution they have chosen to serve.

"I wanted to be a soldier. That's all I ever wanted to be. You're looking at what should be a third generation soldier," stated Tracy Timmons as she shared her story at the march on the Norfolk Naval Station. Timmons was in her second year of a ROTC program when she was asked whether she had ever "intended or desired" to have sex with a member of the same sex. She answered truthfully and was discharged from the program. For Timmons, "The Army was my life, my community, my support. The Army was the only life I knew. Being thrown out from the only institution you've ever known, being ostracized by the only community you've ever known, is a devastating occurrence."

Kit Kling, co-president of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Veterans of America, joined the Army in 1972, during the Vietnam War. In testimony to the US House of Representatives, Committee on Veteran's Affairs on May 3 of this year, she related that although she did not support the war and was exempt from the draft because she was female, she "felt a strong sense of obligation and duty to aid my country in some small way." She also recognized "the military would afford me the best opportunity for job training and job skills." However, Kling quickly discov-



EVETT BENNETT

A veteran expresses her feelings about the military's policy on exclusion of gays in Atlanta's '91 Gay and Lesbian Pride march.

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## Cracker Barrel adopts hardline response to Queer Nation

*Demands \$5,000 bond for arrestees; fires more gays*

by KC Wildmoon

Cracker Barrel management took a hardline stance against Queer Nation on June 30, as they first barred protestors from entering the Lithonia restaurant and then pressed for a \$5000 per person bond for those arrested attempting to defy the ban. The \$5000 bond was denied by DeKalb County Magistrate Hop Kidd. Kidd set a \$200 per person bond, and Queer Nationals paid bond plus processing charges for all 11 arrested.

Protestors first approached the restaurant, at I-20 and Panola Road in DeKalb County, and were told by district manager Jody Waller that they would not be allowed inside. After regrouping, eleven protestors approached the restaurant, were again told they would not be allowed inside, and were arrested when they refused to leave. Some 150 additional protestors picketed on the sidewalk at Panola Road and on the overpass above the interstate.

At one point during what was otherwise a peaceful picket, Queer Nationals were harassed by a Cracker Barrel attorney, Alan Arfken, who refused to identify himself until Queer Nation members indicated they might press charges against him, came to the sidewalk with a video camera and began filming in the midst of the protest.

"He tried to get people to engage with him," said Queer Nation's Larry Pellegrini, "but nobody reacted to him. He pointed fingers and said he would have us all arrested."

While passing through the crowd, Arfken grabbed an American flag held by a protester. Pellegrini said that Queer Nation's own video camera captured most of Arfken's disruptance. He was finally

asked to leave the picket area, at QN's insistence, by DeKalb County police. Queer Nation coordinators will be meeting later this week to decide whether or not to file charges against him.

Missing from the June 30 action were any local media representatives. "We let them know where and when," said QN Chair Lynn Cothren, "but they declined to be here, saying that there was 'nothing new to cover.'" ABC-TV's 20/20 cameras were on hand, however, prompting chants of "The whole world is watching."

DeKalb County At-Large Commissioner Jackie Scott was also at the demonstration. "I'm here because I am opposed to all forms of discrimination," she said.

While the protest continued on the sidewalk outside the restaurant, those arrested were taken to Dekalb County jail.

"The four men arrested were put in a holding cell upstairs with the regular inmates, who taunted us constantly," said Cothren. "One man in particular was kicking stuff around, I thought he was drugged or something. He called us 'goddamn AIDS-infected queers' and was obviously trying to provoke a fight."

Eventually the men were removed from the holding cell and taken to the chapel. "They [the prisoners] spit on us as we were marched out," said Cothren. "They were drinking water and spitting it out. It was like a shower." The seven women arrested reported no difficulties at the jail.

DeKalb County Commissioner Sherry Sutton said that she and Jackie Scott were talking with jail officials about the incidents. Indicating that the protestors "should never have been put in a cell with the gen-



KAREN DUNIGAN

Cracker Barrel attorney Alan Arfken is asked to leave QN's picket area by DeKalb County police.

eral jail population," Sutton said, "Jackie and I are in total support of the community on this issue. We're concerned about the incidents at the jail, and are in communication with those responsible to make sure that it doesn't happen again during the next wave of arrests."

Officials at the jail have denied any problems.

The jailed protestors were completely unaware that Cracker Barrel management had demanded a bond hearing. Calling the protestors a "threat to society," district manager Waller requested that bond be set at \$5000 per person. ACLU attorney Michael Hauptmann, representing QN protestors, argued that the actions are a "classic civil rights struggle." Magistrate Kidd, while disagreeing with the assertion that the protestors were a threat to society, did set a higher than expected bond. He cited QN's announcements that they would be returning as reason for the \$200 bond.

"Only one bond company offered to pay the bond for us," said QN's Pellegrini. "The amount was just too low for them to both-

er." QN did not need the bond company, however, after a non-picketing supporter provided the money to assure that the arrestees were released.

"The first time we got arrested [June 9 at Union City] it was easy," said Cothren. "This time it was ludicrous. But nobody said it would be easy. Whatever it takes, we will continue this fight, and we will win. Cracker Barrel's intimidation is not effective."

As this issue was going to press, *Southern Voice* learned that three gay men had been fired last week from a Cracker Barrel in Mobile, Alabama. One of the three, who asked that his name not be used in print, said that at first he was not given a reason for the firing. "Later I went into the office and raised hell. The supervisor told me I was fired because I am a homosexual," he said. "He wrote 'homosexuality' on my termination notice as the reason." The former employee also reported that since an article about the firing appeared in the Mobile daily newspaper, Cracker Barrel management has harassed him by phone.

## HIV+ Swimmer Focus of Lawsuit

by KC Wildmoon

An Atlanta man has filed suit against an apartment complex on Briarcliff Road charging discrimination under the Fair Housing Act Amendment of 1988. Jerrod Beasley, a resident of Kenco-Briarcliff Apartments, charged that the resident manager violated the amendment prohibiting discrimination based on handicap and familial status by removing Drew Averitt, a friend and former roommate, from the complex's swimming pool.

Averitt, who has AIDS, was swimming in the pool on June 21, 1990, while Beasley made sandwiches for the pair in his apartment. According to Beasley, Judy Allison, the resident manager, ordered Averitt out of the pool because of his HIV status. Beasley went to discuss the matter with Allison, whom he found on the phone. She told him she was talking with the Centers for Disease Control to determine whether she needed to "drain and sterilize" the pool. She told him that a woman swimming in the pool at the same time was pregnant and would be afraid she might catch the disease or pass it along to her fetus. Allison has been out of town, and could not be reached for comment.

Allison said in earlier news reports that

she asked Averitt to leave the pool because he was an unattended guest.

"The woman in the pool with Drew was also an 'unattended guest' of another resident," said Kathy Zickert, Beasley's attorney. "And she wasn't pregnant."

"We filed the lawsuit on June 21, and they have 20 days to respond," she added.

Beasley said that while he's not looking to "become a millionaire over this, the way to get people's attention is to hit them in the pocketbook. Laws have been broken, basic human rights have been violated. We're doing this more to educate than anything else. This kind of hysteria is unacceptable."

Averitt has since moved to Miami, Florida, but will return to Atlanta later in July to videotape an affidavit.

## International Gay Conference Cancelled

*Mexican authorities had threatened arrests*

The 13th International Lesbian & Gay Association Conference, scheduled to be held in Guadalajara, Mexico, from June 30-July 6, was cancelled after local Mexican authorities threatened harassment and arrest. An alternative conference was

## SF Police Captain Suspended Sans Pay

The San Francisco Police Commission voted 4-1 to suspend Captain Richard Cairns for 45 days without pay. The Commission agreed that he used excessive force against two women during a 1989 protest in the Castro District. Cairns struck J.D. Taylor and Brynis Tobin with his nightstick during a police sweep of the District. In addition, Cairns had another officer write a false report on the arrest of Taylor.



RINK FOTO

hastily scheduled for Acapulco City on the same dates, but that conference will not be an official ILGA World Conference.

Guadalajara mayor Gabriel Covarrubias Ibarra announced on June 12 that he would withhold police support for the conference, after initially stating he would use his police to protect conference attendees. In addition to withholding support, the mayor announced that he would order police to arrest delegates. Government officials in neighboring areas also indicated they would arrest conference delegates.

The conference was initially planned for Guadalajara precisely because of the homo-

phobia prevalent in the region. ILGA organizers had hoped to use publicity on the conference as an educational tool.

ILGA Information Secretary Micha Ramakers said that the conference was cancelled "after trying every possible way to save it."

The alternative conference in Acapulco, which had been originally suggested as host city for the conference, will have no official ILGA business. No elections or ratifications will take place. The next official World Conference will be held in Paris next year.

## NEWS

### Handcuff Man Indicted in Georgia

Robert Lee Bennett, Jr., was indicted on June 21 by a Fulton County Grand Jury on 2 counts of aggravated battery. Bail was set at \$100,000, "the highest we have out right now," according to Fulton County District Attorney Lewis Slaton. Slaton said that no trial date was set, pending the outcome of Bennett's trial in Tampa, Florida, on a charge of attempted murder. The Georgia charges stem from a May 13 attack on Michael Jordan and a 1985 attack on Max Shrader. In both cases, Bennett is alleged to have offered the men money to drink, then set them afire and dumped them out of his car. The Florida case has similar circumstances.

**DeKalb Commissioner Refuses To Sign Proclamation:** All but one DeKalb County Commissioner signed the Commission's proclamation naming "Lesbian/Gay Pride Week" and "Stonewall Anniversary Day." Commissioners Jean Williams, Sherry Sutton, Hosea Williams, Robert Morris, Annie Collins, Jackie Scott, and CEO Manuel Maloof all signed the proclamation. The lone holdout was District 5 Commissioner John Fletcher, who was present at the commission meeting on June 18 but refused to sign. District 5 includes Stone Mountain, Lithonia and Avondale Estates.

**AID Atlanta Founder Named To DC Post:** Caitlin Ryan, a founder of AID Atlanta, was picked to head Washington, D.C.'s Office of AIDS Activities last month. Ryan has worked in a variety of AIDS-related research and policy positions since 1982. She takes office on July 15.

**ACT UP vs. INS:** Fifteen members of ACT UP/Atlanta held a lunchtime demonstration outside the offices of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service on June 26. The activists charged President Bush with acquiescing to right-wing pressure to keep HIV on the list of diseases used to bar people from entering the country. Craig Winkler, ACT UP member, said "PWAs are being killed by this policy which keeps them from life-saving medical treatment. Also, if this ban isn't lifted, the U.S. is in danger of losing the 8th International Conference on AIDS [to be held in Cambridge, MA, in June 1991]. That would be a major setback to research and education efforts worldwide." The demonstration was part of a national action of protests at INS offices across the country. —Eve Bennett

**Monks Give Up Plans For AIDS Hospice:** Monks at the Monastery of the Glorious Ascension have dropped plans to operate a hospice for AIDS patients on their property in Whitfield County, Georgia, near Dalton. Whitfield County residents vigorously opposed the hospice. "The neighbors have not been kind to them," said Florence Brent, board chair of the proposed St. Raphael's Residence, Inc. The Whitfield County Commission had passed a resolution discouraging county residents from volunteering, and the county landfill refused to accept waste from the monastery.

**ALFA Discussions Continue:** On June 26 about 25 women met and continued the discussion of the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance's future that began at a meeting on June 8. The women agreed that the organization needs a narrower and more clearly defined purpose, as well as a more visible profile within the Atlanta lesbian and gay community. Further discussion will be held at the next ALFA general meeting on July 14.

**ACT UP Protests AMA:** About 25 members of ACT UP were arrested on June 24 while protesting outside the hotel where the American Medical Association was considering requiring AIDS tests for health care workers. More than 200 protesters took part in the demonstration in Chicago. The AMA rejected the proposal on June 26, instead endorsing voluntary testing of those health care workers with the highest risk of contracting the disease.

**CDC Looks To Redefine AIDS:** Dr. Gary Noble, deputy director of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, told a House Government Operations subcommittee that the CDC is currently "exploring expansion of the case definition" of AIDS patients. The proposed change would add to the definition those with HIV who have T-4 cell counts of 200 or less.

**Gay Man Wins Discrimination Suit:** Dr. Jeffrey Collins was awarded \$5.3 million in a wrongful termination lawsuit against Triton Bioscience, a division of Shell Oil Company. The suit was filed in Alameda County, California. Dr. Collins was fired after his secretary found an invitation to a safe sex club left in the office laser printer. The secretary mailed the invitation to Shell corporate headquarters in Houston. Dr. Collins' manager, Richard Love, falsified his work performance evaluations in order to justify firing him for not doing a good job.

**Heartland, Outweek Fold:** The Midwest's largest lesbian/gay newspaper announced on June 21 that it was ceasing publication due to "sluggish ad sales and Midwestern conservatism." *Heartland*, an eight-state regional publication, was launched in October 1989. Publisher and founder Joseph F. Miller said that while the newspaper was successful, "Midwestern gay advertisers were too scarce." Also the *New York Times* reported last week that *Outweek*, a weekly gay and lesbian magazine in NYC, is ceasing publication.

**MA Coalition Moves To Legalize Gay Marriages:** The Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights announced a drive to legalize same-sex marriages at a rally at the State House on June 11. If successful, Massachusetts will become the first state in the U.S. to abolish discrimination in marriage laws.

**University Includes Protection For Lesbians And Gays:** The George Washington University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to add the words "sexual orientation" to the school's Equal Opportunity policy. The policy applies to students, faculty and staff and covers "all programs, services, policies, and procedures of the University."

**104 Cosponsors of Lesbian/Gay Rights Bill:** Virginia Democratic Rep. Jim Moran became the 104th cosponsor of the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill on June 25. 13 US Senators and 91 Representatives are listed as cosponsors. From Georgia, only 5th District Congressman John Lewis has signed.

**ACT UP 1, Lloyd's Of London 0:** Following a 7-month long campaign, ACT UP successfully pressured Lloyd's of London to change its policy of denying insurance coverage to persons who had contracted HIV through sexual contact or drug use. The insurance company agreed to issue a new, non-discriminatory policy, and to drop the discriminatory clause from any contracts already sold in the U.S.

**Next Planning Meeting For '93 March Set:** The next organizational meeting for the planned 1993 March on Washington for lesbian and gay civil rights will be held August 3-4 at the Allerton Hotel in Chicago. The March is scheduled for April of 1993. The MOW hotline is 1-800-832-2889 for more information.

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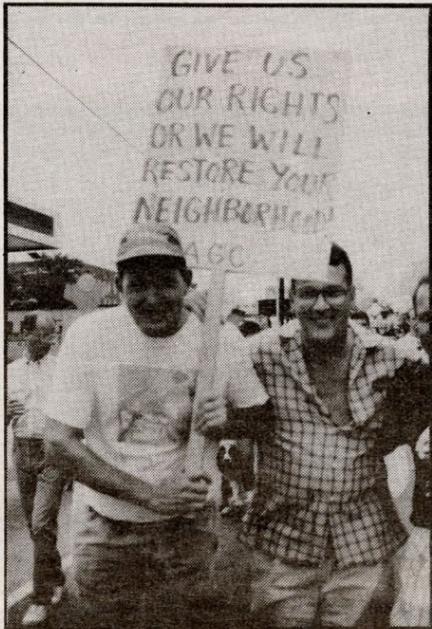
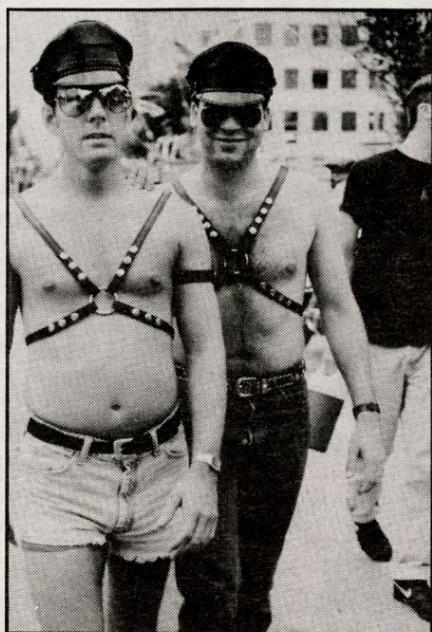
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singing along to "United We Stand." Despite problems with staying on schedule and some technical problems on the stage, the Family Reunion Day in the Park on Saturday and the number of people who came out for it should make the lesbian and gay community proud. Rain only temporarily interrupted the festivities, sending people running for shelter under the tarps set up by artists and organizations. Highlights of Saturday's entertainment included The Opal Foxx Quartet's rendition of the theme from The Mary Tyler Moore Show and Moral Hazard's "Bisexual Girl."

The Commitment Ceremony Saturday afternoon was briefly delayed by rain, but 83 couples stood under umbrellas and tarps waiting patiently to get married. Speakers praised the determination of the couples and remarked on the romance of getting married in a storm. Becky Butler used the occasion as a metaphor for the odds against which gay and lesbian cou-

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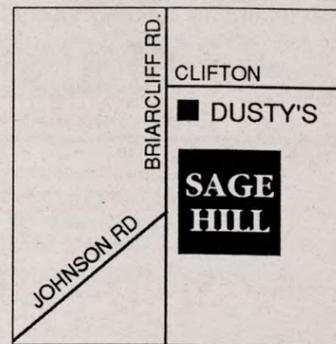
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ples determinedly make their relationships work in a homophobic society. According to Shelly Robbins of the Pride Committee, a straight couple chose to take part in the ceremony as a show of support for their lesbian and gay friends' right to marry. At least half of the couples had rings to exchange; one couple exchanged beaded necklaces instead of rings. The end of the ceremony brought loud applause from the large crowd of friends and supporters who had stayed through the rain.

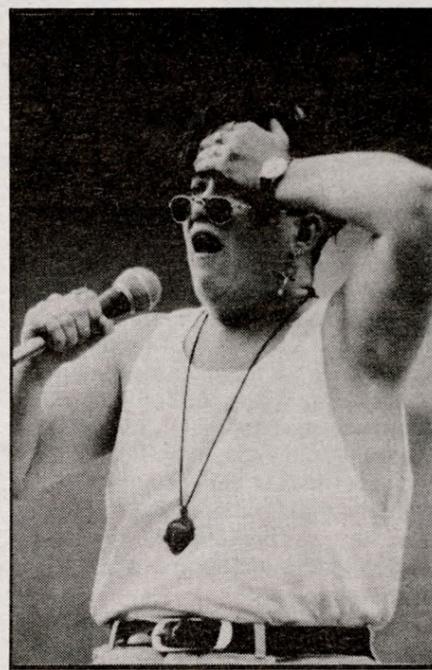
Saturday evening about 500 people walked from Piedmont Park to John Howell Park, where they met another 100 at a Candlelight Vigil for those lost to AIDS and Hate Crimes. Marty Worsham, who is living with AIDS, pointed out that not everyone who has AIDS dies and that those who are struggling to survive also need to be remembered. Cathy Woolard read a list of people who had died as victims of hate crimes, and friends of victims were there to talk about their dead friends

and about finding the bodies. Though these stories were sometimes graphic, the point was made that this awful violence is real.

The Pride Committee announced that the first organizational meeting for Pride '92 will take place on July 18, 7 pm at the Ponce de Leon Library, 980 Ponce de Leon Avenue. Floor nominations for next year's Pride Committee Board, with elections taking place at the August meeting.

"The influx of a diverse group of people made this Pride special," said Pride organizer Samantha Claar. "Next year's board will reflect that same gender and racial diversity on a larger scale. This year was just the beginning of what Pride Celebrations will be in the future."

*KC Wildmoon contributed to this article.*

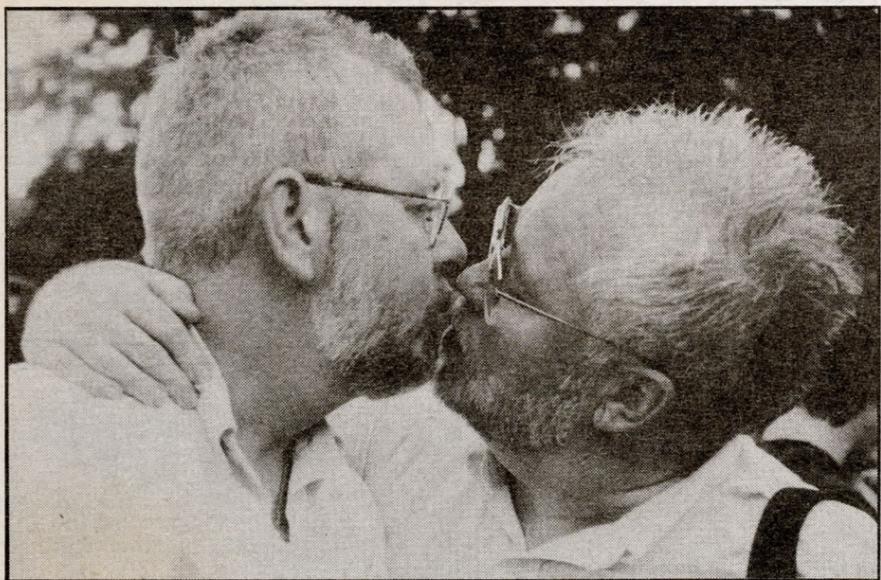


Pride '91 emcee, Lea DeLaria

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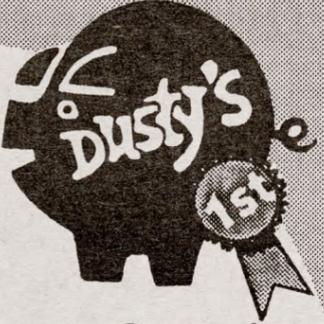
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EDITORIAL

**AJC Survey Says  
—Come Out**

Did you read the article on lesbians and gays in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* on Pride Day? Most of you probably did, and it's likely there are varying opinions about the article's premise, process and portrayals. It's likely to be the topic of conversation for some time. But for mainstream media in the South written by straight folks, it was a decent attempt to show the many sides and the complex issues of our community. We're probably prejudiced since SoVo got pretty good coverage, but still it was good to see so many queer images and words in the daily paper.

The telephone survey was disappointing but not surprising. (Did you really expect most people to say we have had a positive impact on this city?) And remember some of those surveyed lived in Cobb, Clayton and Gwinnett counties. We probably don't have to tell you how different life is outside of I-285.

However, there was a very strong and we think positive message in the survey we'd like to point out if you missed it—people who know a lesbian or gay man don't have the fear and hatred of gays as those who said they don't know any gay people. That makes a very strong case for coming out to family, friends and neighbors. Coming out, as we have been trying to get across for years, is the single most important step a gay person can take—for themselves and for their community. The simple act of not lying about who you are to the people you know carries more power than any march, banner, protest, supportive politician or community newspaper. It's more powerful than all of those combined.

And speaking of coming out and the power it has, we want to extend our warmest congratulations and thank you to this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee for the best attended Pride Day in Atlanta's history. The goal of 20,000 participants was surpassed by thousands, surprising even the most cynical of us who have witnessed year after year of pitiful Pride showings and wondered if there really are 300,000 queers out there. 1991 will mark the turning point for Atlanta; we think we've seen the last of small-time Prides for the Gay Mecca of the South.

Congratulations to all you marchers, too. For you who publicly came out for the first time on Pride Day—a special thanks and pat on the back. You made us proud this year, folks, you really made us proud.

GUEST EDITORIAL

**NGLTF vs. Capitalist Amerika**

by Paul Varnell

A glance through this newspaper and a couple of others turns up advertisements not only by gay bars but also (pay attention now, there is a point to all this) clothing stores, travel agencies, car dealerships, hardware stores, dentists, photographers, futon shops, bookstores, opticians, rental agencies, moving companies, restaurants of all types, drug stores, laundries, radio stations, guest houses, poster shops, attorneys, condominiums, gourmet and specialty food shops, office supply stores, cleaning services, theaters, bike shops, computer stores and grocery stores. And, of course, those 900 telephone numbers. All these people want you.

Some of these are specifically gay-oriented businesses, others are ordinary businesses owned and operated by gays; the rest are simply businesses that are happy to provide goods and services to the gay community and hope for your patronage. In any case, these businesses are our community's economic infrastructure: they root the community, provision it, and help provide stability and prosperity. This newspaper itself is one of those businesses: our business is keeping you informed. If we did not make money at it, too, we would not be in business very long.

And each of these businesses, large, medium-sized, and small, is by definition a capitalist business; its owners and managers are capitalists, and by conducting business they are engaged in capitalism—one might say "performing capitalist acts with consenting adults."

In that light, it seems strange that a national gay leader would attack capitalism as an enemy of the gay movement. Strange but true. The executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Urvashi Vaid, gave a speech recently in which she opined that "The world in which we strive to live as openly lesbian has taken off its ugly white hood to show its sexist, anti-gay, racist, and capitalist face as never before."

Now, no one doubts that there is a

great deal of racist and sexist and homophobic sentiment in the world and that these are bad things. But is capitalism part of that evil cluster? Rather the opposite, one would think.

It is impossible to know what personal meaning Vaid gives to the word "capitalism," but most of us understand it to be a system of secure private property, the right to start a business (or work for one), to sell a product or provide a service, and to try to conduct business well (i.e., make a profit rather than, say, a loss). Nothing very homophobic there. Nor racist nor sexist.

In a sense, capitalism is not even a thing: it is simply the name we give to all that plethora of individual marketplace acts of producing, buying, negotiating and selling. That is probably why the philosopher Adam Smith called it "the system of natural liberty" (distinguishing it from systems in which the government imposed limits on what individuals could do).

Ironically, at the same time a lesbian community leader was attacking capitalism in the United States, the Soviet Union's most prominent gay activist, Roman Kalinin, was running a quixotic campaign for the presidency of the Russian republic, attacking communism and calling for greater civil and economic liberties.

One way to understand what is going on here is to suspect that people who feel oppressed or victimized by prejudice tend to blame the most prominent aspects of the social system of their country—whatever they are. It was certainly the dream of the 19th-century social science to find a few basic determinants to explain all social beliefs and behavior. And it was the interesting hypothesis of Marx that the economic system was determinative of everything else—religion, legal system, family arrangements, social structure, national character, etc.

Such a view now seems charmingly innocent. Cross-cultural analyses, our own greater historical experience, and

more careful thinking have shown that religion, family structure, the economy and the rest tend to be quasi-autonomous, developing and changing according to their own internal dynamics. Each has some influence on the others, but they more often contend with one another rather than reinforce, causing conflict, which in turn is part of what fuels the dynamic in each. The world is more complicated and interesting than most people imagine.

My own inclination, for instance, is to find homophobia rooted more in our religious tradition and the philosophical tradition it so massively simplified for mass consumption.

Historically it has been the marketplace, and people's potential to make their way in it on their own, that freed people from their ties to land, family, religion, and traditional structures. Then, too, the incessant, restless, Brownian movement of the marketplace also tends to draw people's attention from their old ties and old prejudices, tending to undermine any traditional stable social order. Popes have always been eager critics of capitalism for just that reason and fundamentalist Protestants are uneasy about "modernization" and "commercialization" for the same reasons. They are right to worry: capitalism is a threat to them.

Finally, while a free market does not in itself end prejudice, far from producing prejudice, it imposes a mild cost on those who practice it: Business owners and managers who try to practice prejudice find their potential market reduced, their sales lessened, their supply of talented workers limited accordingly: the more zealous capitalists they are, the less likely they are to act prejudicially.

Such considerations suggest that instead of attacking capitalism, the role of the NGLTF should be to foster and support gay and gay-friendly businesses and reach out to assure other businesses that we are not hostile, and that we understand their role in providing a dynamic where prejudice is at least inconvenient.



# Homoville, GA

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

by Al Cotton

## Fabulous Pride

"Fabulous"—defined by Webster as "resembling a fable esp. in incredible, marvelous or exaggerated quality"—is the only word for it. Atlanta finally created the Pride Celebration it has always been capable of. The Gay Mecca of the South finally delivers on the promises of its reputation. The best ever. Ever. EVER.

Some miscellaneous Pride moments and reflections:

**Favorite Saturday Moment:** Opal Foxx Quartet, with Opal's (a man in a dress) raspy rendition of "Who Can Turn the World on With Her Smile?" Who needs Mary Tyler Moore?

**Weekend's Strongest Metaphor:** Saturday afternoon's storms, interrupting

the commitment ceremony. It was such a rich symbol, with even the heavens trying (and failing) to prevent our relationships. Watching all those couples standing under a tarpaulin waiting to announce their love for one another to the world was a forceful message that gay relationships are here to stay.

**Most Frustrated Image:** A candlelight vigil during the lingering daylight of the longest day of the year. Let's try again in November.

**Best Weekend Question:** Where were the Indigo Girls?

**Best Weekend Answer:** To the question, where lies the future of drag? The answer is Eleganza, with their refried 70's camp, their "You're so sweet, you're Nutrasweet, Lurleen" sensibility. Just for reminding us that fashion once consisted of one-piece yellow jumpsuits for men and dresses with sleeves longer than hemlines is a public service—we don't want to be condemned to repeat that phase of fashion history.

**Most Richly Deserved Tribute:** Charlie Brown performing "For I Am Your Lady." Yeah, it was a bit self-serving, but if anyone has earned it, it's Charlie.

**Best Lie:** 30,000. But far be it from me to contradict the Atlanta Police Department

—maybe they're trying to make up for their Handcuff Man inaction.

**Most Popular T-Shirt:** Queer Nation. **Bluntest:** from the Georgia Lesbian Eco-Feminists for Animal Rights: "Stop animal research—Use bigots instead." **ACT UP's latest:** a picture of Dick Tracy and Clark Kent kissing. The caption—"Clark Wants Dick. Dick Wants Condoms." And when is Macy's going to start stocking that ACT UP line of ACTIVE wear?

**Worst Speaker:** Padraig McManus McLoughlin, for taunting supportive politicians on-stage. Thank goodness Nan Orrock set the record straight, or else the reputation of one of our hardest-working supporters would have been unfairly tarnished.

**Pet Peeve:** SoVo booth staffers who don't show up at their appointed hours. Right, Debbie?

**Kudos:** For Lea DeLaria—bring back the Vulva dance, darlin'! And, with reservations, for Rick Mitchell, who was an energetic and courageous emcee, but from the looks of the coverage we got on WXIA, might have been needed more in the production booth at work.

And for the Pride Committee for setting such a wonderful stage for us all to appear on. And for the professionalism of the

artists' market. And for the person who put Leathermen, Drag Queens and Queer Nationals on stage simultaneously—there were Nancy Schaffer's three worst nightmares all rolled into one big production number.

And finally, for the *Journal/Constitution's* superb coverage of our community on the front page—above the fold, no less. Reporters Deborah Scroggins and Holly Morris (and their bosses) need to hear from us.

**Most Desperate Need for Next Year:** new chants. I got real tired this year of "Whadda ya want?" and "Hey, hey/Ho, ho." A SoVo t-shirt, then for whoever comes up with the best new chant for next year. Any ex-cheerleader terrorists out there?

And, finally, **The Lesson To Be Learned:** even though Sunday was a smashing victory for local activism and awareness in Atlanta, it will only be important if it also becomes a foundation upon which to build something even better, stronger, fiercer. Atlanta actually heard us on Sunday as we were marching down Peachtree. Let's make sure this Fabulous Pride of Lesbian and Gay Lions (thanks for the image, KC) keeps on roaring.

## Carbon Copy

Editor  
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Editor:

I refer to the case of the south Florida dentist who, according to the CDC, infected some of his patients with HIV. The anger of one of them, Kimberley Bergalis, is sad, understandable, and all too familiar. I am certain that the families and friends of the 110,000 people who died of AIDS before her know exactly what she and her family are going through right now. I am writing to ask you and your readers what it takes to get through to you. If this is the first case of AIDS that touches you, if the death of Ryan White did nothing for you, then all I can say is, welcome to the epidemic, America. It's not fun.

Think of it. One hundred and ten thousand human lives over the last ten years; another one hundred thousand in the next

two years! What does it take?

Unfortunately, Miss Bergalis may be misdirecting her anger. Her condition is not the fault of bumbling bureaucrats in Tallahassee, or some terrified "caring, but sloppy" dentist already in his grave. They, too, are victims. She would do better to aim her rage at Washington where, over the last decade, morally weak politicians have succumbed to the outrages of the right wing bigot lobby, which too often disgraces the garb of religion.

These bigots with influence are the ones who made it possible for the AIDS virus to find its way into Miss Bergalis' body, not Dr. Acer. He was merely the conduit. For ten years the bigots have paralyzed our government, whose leaders are terrified to give the appearance of helping someone who might be homosexual or a drug user. What is so wrong with that? Does every family have to lose its oldest son or daughter before America realizes that this epidemic belongs to all of us? If these bigots realized that their heterosexual children, now in college, will be the next to die in large numbers from this disease, would they still try to smother effective action against AIDS?

We are now in the midst of yet another outrageous game of moral hot potato. Responding to "conservatives" and ignoring his scientific advice, President Bush has re-erected HIV infection as a barrier to entry into this country by non-Americans. Bush weeps at the Southern Baptist Convention but his tear ducts run dry over the deaths of thousands caused directly by him with this one action. *What does it take?*

As I write this letter the world's scientists are wrapping up the 7th Annual World Conference on AIDS in Florence with a resolution condemning Bush's immigration ruling. Why will our president listen to half-educated, self-appointed moralists and not to the best minds our civilization has to offer? Where is the leadership we pay him for?

The sad lessons of Ms. Bergalis' approaching death are quite simple:

1. AIDS belongs to all of us,
2. It is not a moral issue, but a scientific problem, and
3. We need to solve it *RIGHT NOW!*

Sincerely,  
Thomas A. Blount

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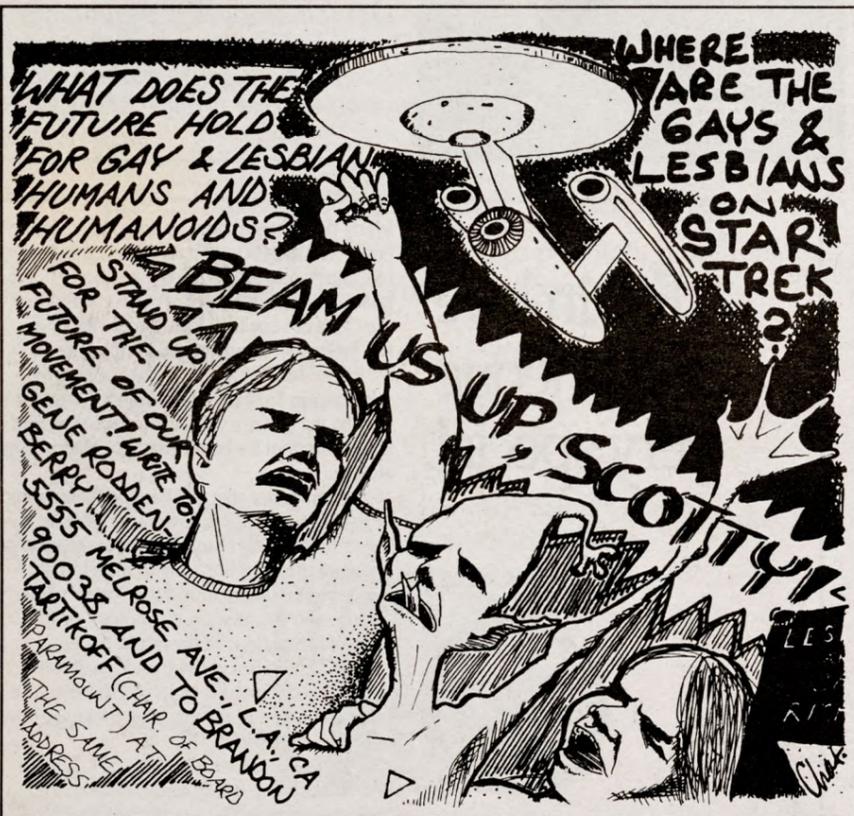
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I just wanted you to know we do appreciate it and are pleased to support FM-90 and GPTV.

Regards,  
Ray Mims  
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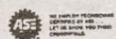
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## Gays in the Military

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ered that the military mindset mirrored that of the general public, that, in her words, "all WACS are either lesbian or sluts."

To avoid any possibility of suspicion from frequent witch hunts, Kling married a friend. "It never really occurred to me that because I didn't fit society's image of a heterosexual woman that I might ever have to fear my choice of service and career."

When the prospect of going to war became a reality, Sgt. Sam Gallegos decided it was time to reveal the fact that he was gay to other members of his unit.

"Whenever there's the possibility of going to war, I think most people try to come to terms with everything in their life," Gallegos said. "I didn't want to go into this without at least trying to make everything right. All I would have had to do was lie, and I could still be both gay and in the military. Believe me, a lot of other people do it, and they are good soldiers. But I want to show people the real lie is that a person can't be gay and serve in the military."

While many enlist in the military knowing that they are gay or lesbian, it is not uncommon for men or women to enlist, enter service academies or join ROTC programs before they become aware of their sexual orientation. According to a report commissioned by the Pentagon, the median age of coming out is nineteen or twenty, which coincides with the age when most traditionally enter the service.

Such was the case for Orlando Gotay, Jr., 26, who became aware of his homosexuality during his senior year at the Naval Academy but kept it secret for fear of discharge. The Academy sought repayment of \$23,000 in tuition costs from Gotay who was discharged from the Navy because he was gay. Gotay enlisted the support of several members of Congress and successfully resisted demands for repayment of the tuition.

In a similar case, Joseph C. Steffan was questioned and discharged for being gay only six weeks before his graduation from the Naval Academy. Steffan was one of the ten highest ranking members of his class with direct command over 800 fellow midshipmen. He has sued the U.S.N.A. and his case now is pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Despite these efforts to exclude gays, lesbians and bisexuals from the military, the struggle for inclusion continues. A sign at the demonstration at the Norfolk Naval base expressed the prevailing sentiment: My Country, My Right To Serve. But service is strongly discouraged by the Department of Defense' policy on homo-

sexuals which states that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service. The presence of such members adversely affects the ability of the Armed Forces to maintain discipline, good order and morale;..." The Department of Defense uses tactics such as witch hunts, intrusive personal investigations, spying by the military investigative services, threats and harassment of gays to weed them out of all branches of the military.

While the Department of Defense strongly continues to defend this policy, studies commissioned by the DoD as far back as thirty-four years ago refute the validity of the premises upon which it is based. In the most recent of these reports the question of homosexuals' suitability for military service was re-examined. The study concluded, in part, that a same gender or an opposite gender orientation is unrelated to job performance. The study called for further inquiry into the question of whether "persons with non-conforming sexual attitudes create insurmountable problems in the maintenance of discipline, group cohesion, morale, organizational pride and integrity."

A follow-up study considered whether homosexuality is an indicator that a person possesses characteristics separate from sexual orientation that makes one unsuitable for positions of trust. The results showed that, in general, homosexuals demonstrated better preservice adjustment in areas related to school behavior and in the development of cognitive abilities levels than did heterosexuals. However homosexuals showed less preservice adjustment than heterosexuals in the area of drug and alcohol abuse. The study concluded that homosexuals showed preservice suitability-related adjustment that is as good as or better than the average heterosexual.

The results of these studies were buried by the DoD, says Congressman Gerry Studds. According to Studds it took five months of requests, cajoling and the assistance of the House Armed Services Subcommittee Chairperson, Pat Schroeder, to secure the release of these studies. Studds also discovered memoranda from Pentagon officials to their own researchers chastising them for reaching these conclusions. The report and the memoranda are available in *Gays in Uniform: The Pentagon's Secret Reports*, Kate Dyer, editor.

In an effort to publicly defend its anti-gay position, the Pentagon recently issued an official response to a congressional letter from Studds and thirty-nine other House members which called for a reversal of DoD policy. "It has long been the Department of Defense policy that homosexuality is incompatible with military service," wrote Capt. T.D. Keating, Pentagon Director of Legal Policy. He continued,

"There are numerous reasons for this policy, including the necessity to maintain good order, morale and discipline; foster mutual trust and confidence among Service members; recruit and retain members of the Military Services and maintain the public acceptability of military service."

Keating distinguished between current policy concerning homosexuality and past policy which upheld racial segregation, arguing "Racial discrimination is unlawful because it is based upon the color of their skin. Societal attitudes about homosexuals, however, derive from conduct that defines the class, not from a neutral characteristic such as skin color." Studds responded, "The Pentagon is essentially saying that it has the obligation to mirror the worst of society's prejudices. That is ignorant and that is wrong."

In its attempt to enforce its exclusionary policy the DoD discharges approximately 2000 service persons a year, the majority of whom are lesbians. In her testimony before the Subcommittees on Oversight and Investigation of the House Committee on Veteran Affairs, Kit Kling described the waste occasioned by the DoD's actions. According to Kling, the DoD's policy results in a loss of over \$25,000,000 from "training qualified lesbians and gay personnel and then kicking them out when their sexual orientations are revealed."

But the damage extends beyond financial loss. Admiral Joseph Donnell, Commander of the Navy's Surface Atlantic Fleet issued a confidential memo as his ships were being deployed to the Persian Gulf. In it he described lesbians as "hard-working, career-oriented, willing to put in long hours on the job and among the command's top professionals." He then directed his officers to immediately discharge all lesbians.

The policy also has had a devastating effect on military personnel who have served this country in times of war. Americans were called upon to mail letters to soldiers in the Persian Gulf to boost morale, and letter writing campaigns were organized across the nation. But for gay, lesbian, and bisexual service persons, mail was the enemy. These letters which often were a soldier's sole link with civilian lovers, companions and friends had to be read and burned, or dumped overboard to avoid suspicion or disclosure. One soldier was moved to plead with his companion to stop writing entirely as the letters could be incriminating.

Similarly, gays and lesbians serving in the Persian Gulf constantly were aware of the fact that if anything happened to them during the war their families would be notified; the only notice that their lovers and companions would receive would be their failure to return after the war's end. The human impact of the military's policy

is described in Bert Wylen's radio documentary "Unfriendly Fire: Lesbians and Gays in the Military" offered free of charge to Public Broadcast Stations with satellite down links. (To hear this broadcast, contact your local PBS station and express your interest.)

The DoD's policy is coming under increasing fire through court actions, lobbying and the efforts of a variety of organizations. The Human Rights Campaign Fund recently conducted a survey which revealed that more than 80 percent of the American public opposes the Pentagon's policy of discharging gays and lesbians from the Armed Forces. Citing this study and based upon his own expertise, Dr. Lawrence Korb, Assistant Secretary of Defense during the Reagan Administration called for the end of the DoD's policy of excluding homosexuals from military service. Addressing the recent HRCF leadership conference Korb said, "What people can't seem to get through their heads is that (they) are not keeping lesbians and gay men out of the military. They're already there. The question really is 'Do you allow them to live normal lives and express themselves...and make things better?'" Korb acknowledged that the Bush Administration would be an unlikely place to look for help.

Korb's statements are supported by Miriam Ben-Shalom, National Chairperson of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America. On June 27 Ben-Shalom disclosed that recent demonstrations at local military bases, including the Norfolk Naval Station have played a significant role in causing military planners to re-think their continued refusal to allow homosexuals to serve. It appears that a document released from the Department of the Army, pursuant to a discovery order in the case of Joseph C. Steffan, proposes sweeping changes in regulations prohibiting service by gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. The document calls for a dramatic policy change which reads, in part, "The Army shall not discriminate in recruitment, promotion, or retention practices based on sexual orientation."

According to Ben-Shalom, this is just one of the many documents produced by the military which call for a change in current policy. She has called for weekly non-violent demonstrations at all local military installations, coordinated with letters to base commanders and to the editors of local newspapers. In Ben-Shalom's words, it appears that change is "just around the corner." If she is right, gays and lesbians serving in the military may soon be able to celebrate Independence Day as open gay soldiers—proud of their country, and proud of who they are.

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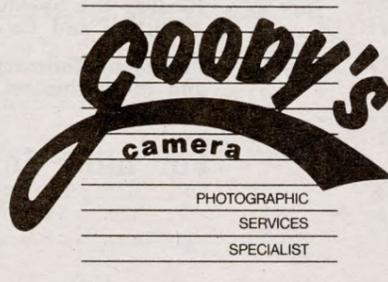
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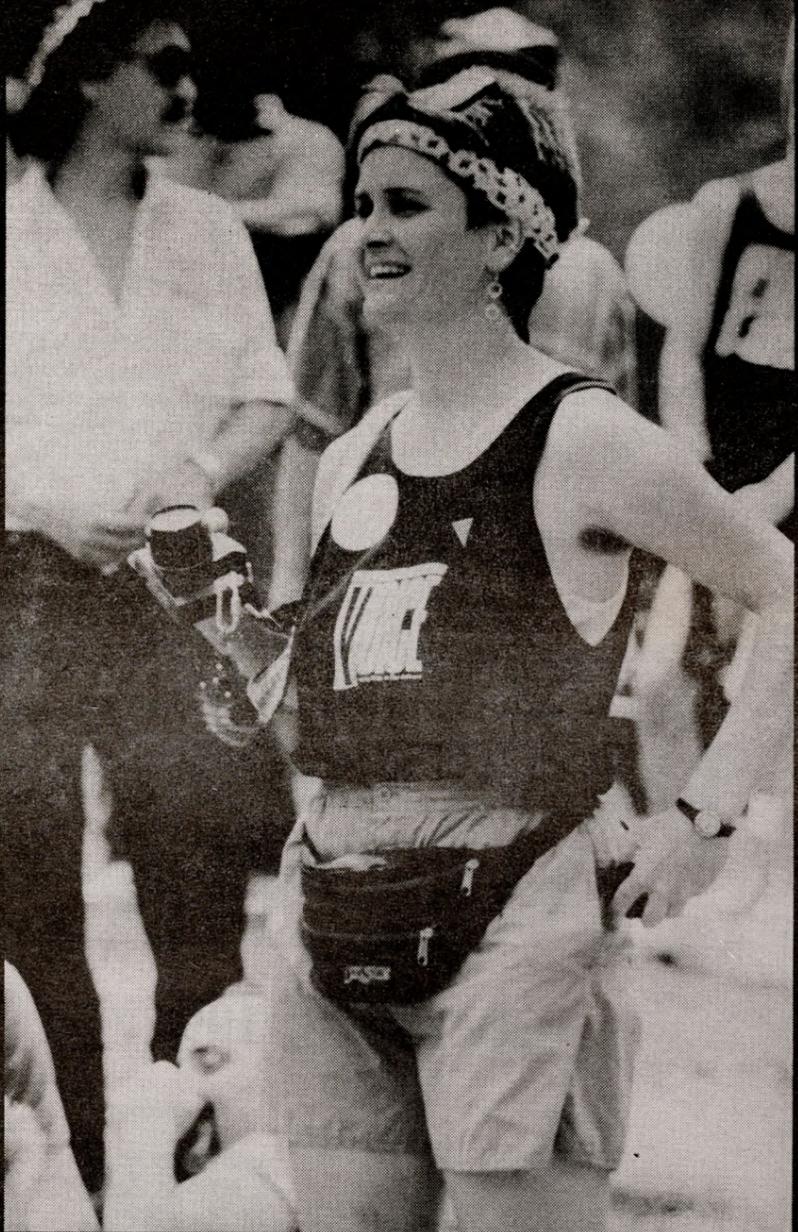


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# Stylistic Poison

by Terry Francis

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Poison

**Poison** ★★ 1/2 "The world is dying of panicky fright," reads the opening title of Todd Haynes' *Poison*, which arrives in Atlanta necklaced in the condemnation of Reverend Donald Wildmon, a self-anointed CEO for galactic morality and taste, who is exploiting Haynes' film to promote his own political agenda, one of whose goals is to cleanse America of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The film itself is anointed in a truer sort of distinction: a first prize for best dramatic film awarded just this year at the highly regarded Sundance Film Festival. And it comes to Atlanta courtesy of the irreplaceable George Lefont.

*Poison* is composed of three separate stories, each of which bears its own title and is made in a style formally different from its counterparts. "Hero," which focuses on a seven-year-old boy's reasons for shooting his father, uses pseudo-documentary techniques as its framework.

"Horror," about a scientist maddened after accidentally drinking the fluid responsible for the human sex drive, is shot in the style of a 50's black and white sci-fi B-movie. And "Homo," centering on the conflicts and sexual tension between the inmates of a 1940's French prison, suggests the purpled eroticism of another era.

Together, the different stories examine how violence, hysteria and repression grow poisonously out of the same ground in this world.

At the same time Haynes makes his central points in each of his stories, he weaves them into a larger tapestry through the thematic use of crosscutting. Thus,

each story implicates the others, widening the arc of the film's concerns.

*Poison's* structure derives from D.W. Griffith's mad, majestic *Intolerance* (considered by Pauline Kael as perhaps the greatest film ever made). But in its drifting mixture of moods, textures, and narrative, Haynes' film moves in territories rarely tread upon by other American directors.

Now, if only Haynes' film were better. *Poison* is a highly, highly stylized and searching piece of work, but ultimately one gets from it the uneasy feeling that Haynes is interested perhaps less in the issues he raises than in the process of their stylization.

In no way does this film deepen or render more vivid our knowledge of any of its themes. Haynes' own understanding of the matters dealt with in the film is simply out of proportion to the exaggerated forms he uses to present them.

To put it crudely, he takes the obvious, stylizes the hell out of it (borrowing heavily from David Lynch and R. W. Fassbinder), and then supposes the audience won't notice the banality of his ideas.

It's the lightweightness of the thinking behind the film that never convinces us that Haynes' use of unconventional (but by now familiar) film techniques is requisite to his purpose or that the techniques themselves represent an act of artistic protest against current values.

Though the film deals with serious and potentially moving issues, it lacks the emo-



tional and intellectual resonance of art. You walk out of the theatre thinking less about the film's thematic concerns than the mannerisms of its director. Serious artists invent and then use methods of stylization out of artistic necessity, giving their themes, their ideas, their characters new radiance in the face of our preconceptions.

By far, the most effective story in *Poison* is "Homo." Watching it, you sense that Haynes is working out of the deeper reaches of his own imagination, his own instincts as an artist. He creates figures that, superficially at least, amount to icons of force and repression.

But even here Haynes doesn't go nearly far enough with his materials. Everything on the surface seems right: in the shadowy, mythmade past of "Homo," Haynes recreates an era in which homosexuality was heightened by a stronger sense of isolation than is now intellectually possible to most of us. He recreates a time in which self-disclosure was a deep breath fraction of a second between opposing kindoms of comprehension or menace.

But unlike, say, Volker Schlöndorff's *Young Torless* (from the novel by Musil),

*Poison* never chills us by implicating society as a whole through the power and details of its observations. *Young Torless* gives us in skeletal form the machinations of fascism, of oppressor and oppressed, of idle bystanders cloaked in silence, and places them squarely in the context of those sectors of society most politically and religiously empowered. One is never convinced of any such context in *Poison*.

Musil and Schlöndorff understand completely that it is victims who breathe life into their oppressors.

Yet Todd Haynes has talent. The failures of his film are those of a director reaching high above the usual Hollywood product. And I would unhesitatingly declare him an artist if only on the basis of *Poison's* opening sequence. In the pearl gray light of a room seemingly closed off from the rest of the universe, a child's hand gently traces the surfaces of a trail of silvery objects, until his parents, misconstruing his privacy, burst into the room. This moment of shattered intimacy with oneself conveys more powerfully the delicacy of human feeling than all the rest of *Poison* put together.

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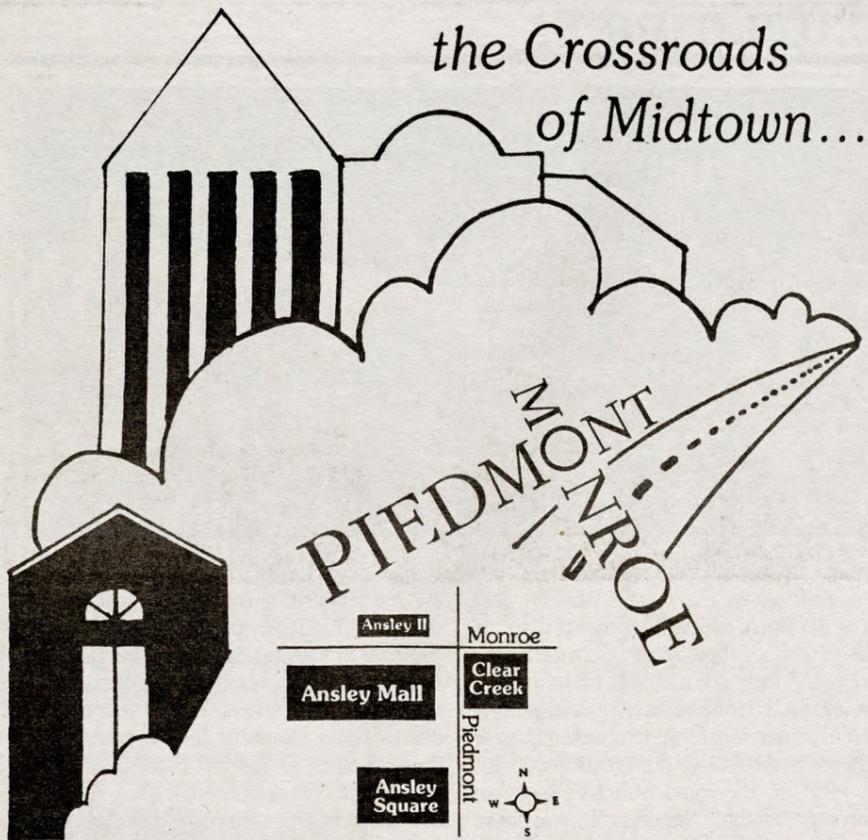
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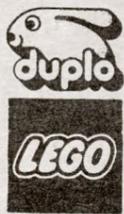
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# And the spirit rises above

by Charlene Ball

*Daytrips* is an experience, a celebration. Of love between mothers and daughters, of endurance, of the inevitable decline and debilitation of the human body and mind, and of acceptance of these with humor and strength. The play raises a primary question: is it ever morally right to enable or speed the death of an Alzheimers' patient or a person suffering the debilitating physical effects of age?

*Daytrips* shows us three generations of women living in the mountain country of author Jo Carson's native East Tennessee up around Bristol and Johnson City and Clinch Mountain of Carter Family fame, where roads make hairpin turns around mountains and blood is thicker than water. Ree (Carol Mitchell-Leon) has Alzheimers'. Her mother Rose (Elizabeth Williams-Omilami) is simply old. Her daughter Pat (played by two actresses, Marguerite Hanna and Margo Moorers) functions as part-time caretaker and chauffeur to both mother and grandmother, taking them on weekly errands to drugstore and grocery store—the "daytrips" of the title. Humor, frustration, love, memory, and despair make up the fabric of their daily lives.

Daughter Pat is the focal character, and we see her mother and grandmother through her eyes. She is portrayed by two actresses, a device that I thought

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**Daytrips**  
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might be confusing at first, but which turned out to be effective. Margo Moorers plays Pat the Narrator; she also slips into various minor characterizations as required: a kindly old druggist, a nosy neighbor, a pompous doctor, an indifferent orderly. Moorers brings quiet strength, versatility, and intelligence to her performance; and her graceful movements are a joy to watch.

Marguerite Hanna plays the Pat who interacts with the two other characters. Being in the thick of the fray, so to speak, this Pat reacts with frustration, anger, hurt, yet an irrepressible humor to these two old women who have become her children. Hanna's character is the younger Pat, the one who is actually living through the events that Pat the Narrator is looking back on. Hanna brings out Pat's appealing resilience, humor, and vulnerability, as well as her occasional despair.

Elizabeth Williams-Omilami is right as the grandmother; stubborn, determined, tough, infuriating. She insists on going to four different Revco drugstores to find the same pharmacist that filled her prescription last time, even though



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Actors clockwise from lower left: Carol Mitchell-Leon, Margo Moorers, Elizabeth Williams-Omilami, Marguerite Hanna from *Daytrips*.

her granddaughter tells her that the prescription can be filled at any drugstore by any pharmacist. Her logic is irrefutable: "How does he know what kind of medicine I'm supposed to take? He don't know me!"

And the marvelous Carol Mitchell-Leon adds another real, true character to her gallery of wonderful characterizations. Every gesture, nod, smile, word, is believable and right. She plays old age that has suddenly and inexplicably dwindled back into childhood, but is still sometimes lucid. She reminds us all of real old women we have known. "My brain has turned to jelly," she laments. "Grape!"

All the actresses are wonderful to watch; I found myself sometimes in a

quandary as to where to look next, because something interesting was going on with every character.

The play jumps back and forth in time. It has no plot or resolution, only the ongoing tension between the daughter on the one hand and her mother and grandmother on the other. This is enough. This play proves that a play does not have to have a plot or a conflict resolution; what it does have to have is real human emotion. And this play has that in abundance.

Yet it is not grimness and despair that we bring away from *Daytrips*. It is the love, loyalty, and humor that the characters manage to find in living, even though their lives are at times almost intolerable.

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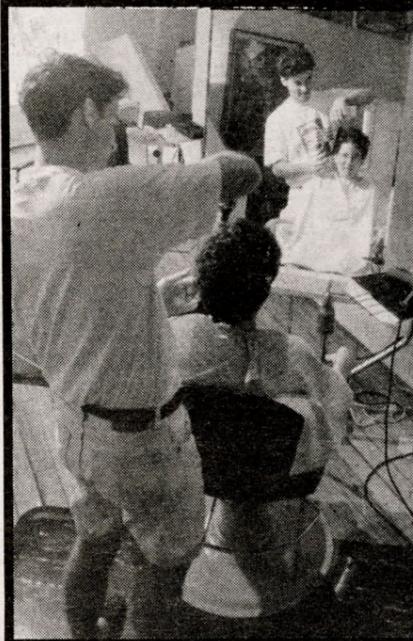
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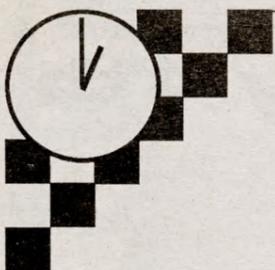
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# Camelot's Castaway: In Her Own Words...

by David Story

More than a legend, more than an icon, she has achieved immortality through her legacy of sex appeal and innocence. The vulnerability of screen goddess Marilyn Monroe has permeated every layer of our pop culture. And "Marilyn...In Her Own Words," which opens at Center Stage on July 10, holds the key to the Monroe mystique in Julie Miller's performance.

Every word of dialogue in this recreation of the acclaimed star's last photo session was spoken by Monroe herself:

*MM: "Oh, how did I become a sex symbol, I wanted to be an actress...a good actress. I've had enough of all this...they tell you to cry one tear...and if you cry two...it's not good. If you change...your lines, they correct you..."*

But were these the words of a victim or a realist? Was she a clinging waif adrift on a sea of celluloid illusion or was she a calculating Salome miscast in the court of Camelot? Theatre goers, historians and critics may all have their varying opinions, but Marilyn's 60's television counter-part, Tina Louise, believes that she has the real answer. "She was not a weak person," says Louise, who portrayed the Monroe-like Ginger Grant on "Gilligan's Island" for three years.

Louise describes Monroe as a very strong, serious person who was able to steer her career well enough to make quality films.

*MM: "I wanted to be an artist, not an erotic freak. I don't want to be sold to the public as a celluloid aphrodisiac. It was alright for the first few years.*

*But now it's different...An actress is not a machine, but they treat you like one. A money machine."*

According to Louise, what was often perceived as fragility was simply Monroe putting on the "put-on" role of sexpot, such as she did in the film "The Seven-Year Itch." And of course, the biggest put-on of all came in May of 1962 when Monroe sang "Happy Birthday" to President John F. Kennedy at Madison Square Garden. Jackie was noticeably absent.

*MM: "The Kennedys were cute. And funny. And smart. President Kennedy... didn't look like a president. He didn't act like one either...Most everyone thought I was scheming and two-faced. No matter how truthfully I spoke to them or how honestly I behaved, they always believed I was trying to fool them...You're judged by how you look, not what you are."*

"I was a great fan of hers," claims Louise. "I knew the quality she had and how to play it so it would work."

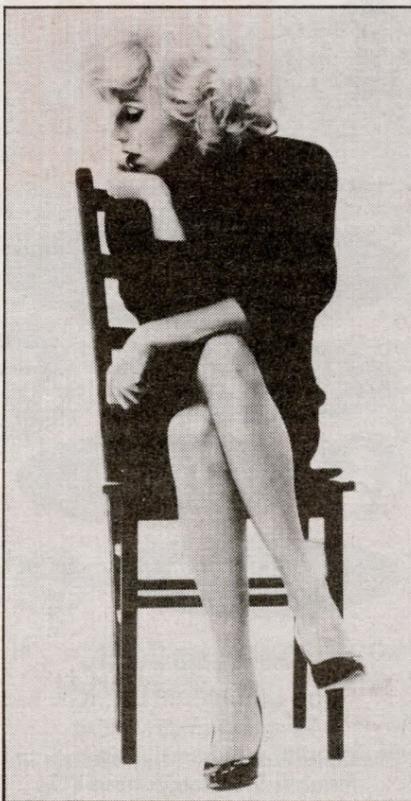
Perhaps the flipside of Monroe's vulnerability was, as Louise says, her strength, if not in her personal life, at least in her career. But when her inner resolve to excel fell prey to the demons of her boozing and pill-popping, her survival instinct failed her. That illusive quality was still there and at times she could still play it, but in the end, as we see in "Marilyn...In Her Own Words," she could no longer make it work.

Directed by Sheri Myers, "Marilyn... In Her Own Words" has been lauded by

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by R.S. Kezh

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**Art**

**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.

**SUMMER SOLO SERIES.** Thru 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.

**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.

**SENSUAL IMAGES '91.** Thru Aug. 12. Nude figure studies in black and white photography and dazzling glass sculpture. Nipples and asses and thighs, oh my! Burnhoff Gallery. Clear Creek Center. 875-3475.

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

**AFRICAN AMERICAN ART.** 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 Peebles St. 752-8730.

**Benefits**

**ARTCARE '91.** Sat., July 13. 8 pm. This marks the third year for this charitable art auction which benefits more than a dozen local AIDS organizations. 130 of Georgia's best artists put their work up for bid. Suggested bid prices range from \$25 - \$3,000. Hotel Nikko, Grand Ballroom. \$25. 873-4088.

**Community Action**

**JERUSALEM HOUSE GROUNDBREAKING.** Tues., July 9. 5:30 pm. The home at 831 Briarcliff Rd. for homeless PWAs has expanded its capacity from 6 to 23 rooms. Come celebrate. 237-2700.

**REPEAL THE SODOMY LAW.** Thurs., July 11. 7 pm. A public meeting to discuss the best way to use the media attention generated by the 1996 Olympic Games to change Georgia's archaic laws regulating the use of body parts. Ponce de Leon library, 980 Ponce de Leon Ave. 688-1954.

**QUEER NATION AT CRACKER BARREL.** Sun., July 14. 11:30 am. QN keeps doing it every other Sunday at the Lithonia Cracker Barrel. Now that 20/20 came to visit, maybe things will change. Meet at Lindbergh MARTA to carpool at 10:30. 286-2355.

**Conferences**

**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.

**Literature**

**THE CONCH REPUBLIC: A PHOTOGRAPHIC AND POETIC ESSAY OF OLD KEY WEST.** Thurs., July 4. 4 pm. Ronald James DeNardo signs his photo/poetry collection celebrating the Key West loved by Hemingway. Bygone beaches and footprints washed away by the storms of yesterday. Oxford Bookstore/ Arts Connection. 360 Pharr Rd. **CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FOR ALL.** Thurs., July 11. Connie Tuttle takes us on a looking glass tour of Charis' selections for the younger set and the kid in us all. Reading to grow on and memories for a lifetime. Children welcome. Charis Books & More. 524-0304.

**Music**

**ELLEN JAMES SOCIETY.** Fri., July 5. The James gang is joined by Big Fish Ensemble and Dahli Llama for an evening of southern rock. Variety Playhouse. 1099 Euclid Ave. 524-7354.

**MAINLY MOZART.** July 11-30. A Viennese Summerfest celebrates Wolfgang's Greatest Hits including his "Jupiter" Symphony and the debut of the concert opera, "The Magic Flute." Also works by other homeboys like Mahler, Strauss and Brahms will be featured. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

**GIL SCOTT-HERON AND THE AMNESIA EXPRESS.** Fri., July 12. Politically charged rhythm, blues and jazz. Variety Playhouse. 524-7354.

**Radio**

**On WRFG-FM 89.3:**

**STILL AIN'T SATISFIED.** Thurs., 5:05-7PM. Music and public affairs from a Heretic Woman's view. A good program to listen to when you're wondering if there's anyone else out there.

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**THE GOODEARTH.** Tues., 1PM-1AM. New Wave and Alternative Music with Eric Price.

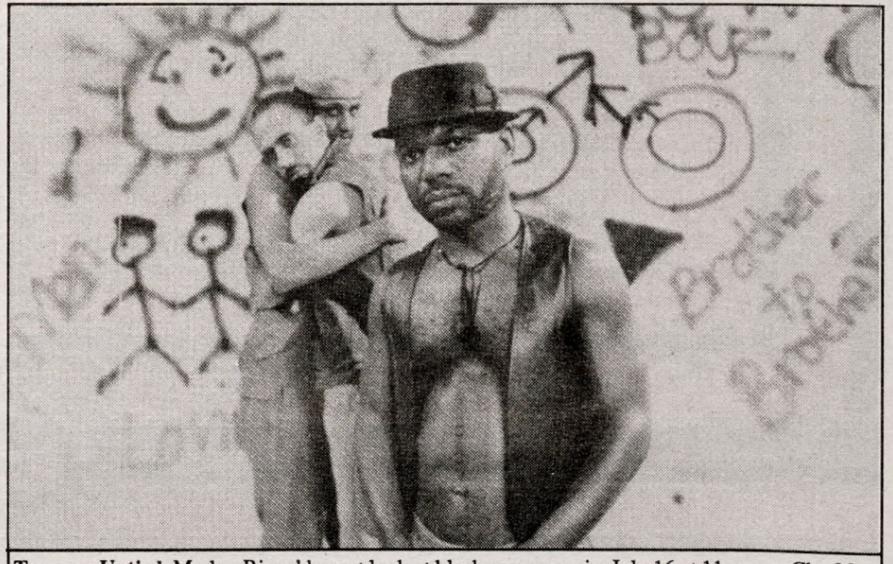
**GAY GRAFFITI.** Sun., 8-9PM. Good music and good talk by and about Atlanta's lesbian and gay community.

**LES CHANTEUSES AFRICANES.** Mon. 1-6AM. A unique radio exclusive! Featuring musical and literary voices of black women. Strong ethnic/lesbian flavor. Produced and hosted by Alicia Banks.

**Sports**

**7th ANNUAL ARMORY SOFTBALL CLASSIC.** July 5-7. Grease your glove and gather your balls for this huge gathering of softball aficionados. Southside Park. Jonesboro. Call the Armory for complete details

**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.



Tongues Untied, Marlon Riggs' honest look at black gay men, airs July 16 at 11 pm on Ch. 30.

**AVS BOWLING.** Every Monday, 8:30pm. Come down and see why Judy Tenuta says bowling fingers are so much fun. A sport with excitement to spare. 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. Men play at noon at Glenlake Tennis Center, call David Black at 399-5010. Women's division Wed. and Sat. afternoons at Chastain Park thru July 31 includes lessons and round robins. 662-GAME.

**HOTLANTA VOLLEYBALL.** Fridays, 7:30-10:30pm. Hands-on fun for spikers and spectators alike. Fall leagues are now forming. Helenic Center gym on Cheshire Bridge Rd. 621-5062.



Marilyn...In her own words, is a powerful play based only on the star's own words. Julie Miller is Marilyn Monroe. Opens July 10 at Center Stage Theatre.

**Television**

**DeAUNDRAS PEEK'S ULTRA STYLEBIN.** Wed. and Fri. at 11:30 pm. A program for those who are farther out than most. This week's movie section features the classic film "The Wild Thing" with RuPaul as an abandoned child raised by possums in the kudzu who fights to save his wilderness from the Presidential Parkway. People TV- Channel 12 on Prime Cable.

**TONGUES UNTIED.** July 16, 11 pm. Marlon Riggs is sure to set some tongues wagging with his experimental documentary on the black gay experience in America. Some PBS stations are refusing to run it because of its explicit language, full frontal nudity and no holds barred format. Channel 30.

**Theatre**

**GEORGIA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL.** "Richard III," the bad boy of British royalty, kills his way to the crown. On alternate nights, "The Three Musketeers" protect it. Daggers, diabolical plots, and delightful dialogue. More action than mud wrestling Tina Turner. Oglethorpe University. 264-0020.

**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. July 3 is "pay what you can" night. 7 Stages. 1105 Euclid Ave. 523-7647.

**THE COLORED MUSEUM.** Thru 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.** Thru 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.

**THE GOD OF ECSTASY: A RETELLING OF THE BACCHAE.** Thru July 28. A contemporary, athletic retelling of Euripides' classic "The Bacchae." The God of wine, sexual roles and madness knew how to have a good time. His party scenereos sound a bit like a Gay Pride celebration held in the Roman baths. Actor's Express. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

**MARILYN... IN HER OWN WORDS.** Wed., July 10. Julie Miller has received rave reviews for her torid, 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 Theatre. 249-6400/873-2500.

**ARTHUR, KING.** July 15 - 20. John Stephens captures the magical story of the boy who would be king in original music and puppets. An evening for children the whole family will enjoy. 14th St. Playhouse. 876-1138.

**Upcoming**

**JOANNOULAN.** 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. I'm looking forward to JoAnn's discussion of 25 distinct lesbian sexual styles and identities. Hope there's a handbook for easy reference. 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. **LAMBDA LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP.** July 20 & 21. A weekend of work, learning and fun for Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual youth and students will bring together leaders and active members of groups to discuss goals and strategies for the coming year on campuses in TX, OK, LA, AK, and NM. Other regions welcome. Dallas, Texas. (214) 526-5417.

**13th NAT'L. LESBIAN AND GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE.** July 24-28. More than 225 presentations dealing with topics 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.

**JOHN BRADSHAW.** July 25-28. Sharing his 20 years of experience as a marriage and family counselor, and alcoholism and drug abuse counselor, John brings new methods to combat dysfunctionality, and hope for a healthy and fulfilled life. A nurturing and healing weekend of discovery. Hyatt Regency Ravinia. 1 (800) 745-1364.

**STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.** Wed., Aug 21. 5:30 pm. NOW sponsors a rally to help make women equally safe and free from fear and physical retribution on this Women's Equality Day. The escalating problem of violence directed at women and girls will be emphasized outside a special session of the legislature. Georgia State capitol. 270-7934/377-8054.

**RHYTHMFEST '91.** Aug. 29-Sept 2. Look-out Mt., GA will ring with music and laughter as the newest of the women's festivals returns to the hallowed hills. Send SASE to 604 W. Chapel Hill St., Durham, NC 27701 or call 919-682-6374.

**LESBIAN AND GAY YOUTH CONFERENCE.** Sometime in August. New perspectives will be discussed as young gays and lesbians bring a world perspective to the problems of individuals and communities. Goeteberg, Switzerland.

**THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA.** Tues., Oct. 8. Tickets are already on sale as the Phantom comes to the fabulous fox. The classic story of obsession unfolds under the stars in the fall season. Fox Theatre. 873-4300.

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**COMMUNITY**

**AIDS ORGANIZATIONS**

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

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

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

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

**Atlanta Buyers Club**—provides access to altere treatment for the HIV community in the Southeast. Currently we can help you obtain ddC and clarithromycin. We are working on access to several additional treatments. For further information contact us at (404) 874-4845, or PO Box 77003, Atlanta, 30357.

**Childkind**—Foster care, day care, and emergency assistance for children with HIV and their families. For info or to volunteer, 936-9655.

**First MCC AIDS Ministry**—Spiritual and emotional support for PWA's and Families. 872-2246  
**Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network**—Examines current info on HIV/AIDS therapies. Meets twice quarterly. Call the GA AIDS info-line for info. 1-800-551-2728

**The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project**—Meets 1st Tues. of month, 633-0634.

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

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

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

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

**ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT**

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

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

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

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

**BARS**

**The Army**—836 Juniper. 881-9280

**Backstreet**—845 Peachtree St. 873-1986

**Blake's**—227 10th St. 892-7535

**Buddies**—Cheshire Square. 634-5895

**Bulldog & Co**—893 Peachtree. 872-3025

**Burkhart's**—Ansley Square. 872-4403

**Conference Room**—1086 Alco St. 634-6478

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**Crazy Ray'z**—1492 Piedmont. 873-4655

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**DIRECT ACTION/POLITICAL**

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

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

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

**Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation**—Works to lessen public expressions of homophobia, especially in the media. Meets First Mon., 7pm at Peachtree Library. 286-7477.

**Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition**—Meetings vary. The gay and lesbian political action committee monitoring and acting in the local political scene. 368-7420.

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

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

**National Organization for Women**—reproductive rights, lesbian/gay rights, civil rights, human rights. Stop Violence Against Women Rally on Aug. 21, - Capitol Steps at 5:30pm. Located at the YWCA, 957 N. Highland Ave. Call 875-0176 for more info.

**Neighbors Network**—counters hate crime and hate group activity/threats with with information, organizing, and non-violent direct action; to aid communities and individuals victimized by hate-motivated violence and intimidation. Special emphasis on youth concerns. 874-5171.

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

**PROFESSIONAL**

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

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

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

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

**SPIRITUAL**

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

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

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

**First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta**—A Christian church proclaiming God's love for lesbians and gay men. Counseling available by 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.

# COMMUNICATIONS

**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.

## SPORTS/OUTDOOR

**Atlanta Team Tennis Association**—Men and women's divisions. All levels of players welcome. 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 Nurturist 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.

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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.

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**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.

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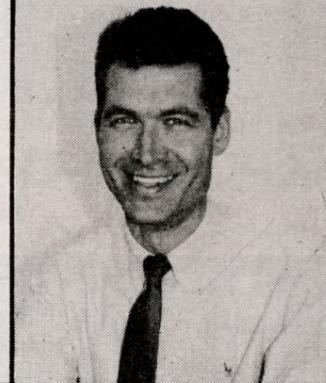
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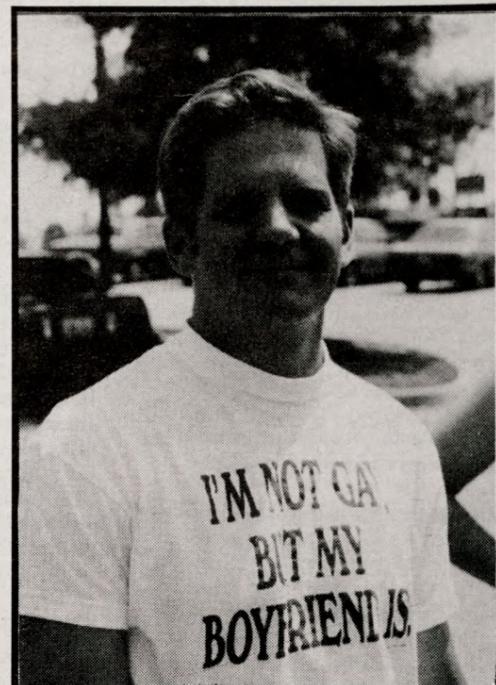
Relationship status:

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for five years

Favorite book: *A People's  
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by Howard Zinn.

Personal/Professional Goal:

"To get rid of the closet in  
everybody's life by making it  
easier for people to come out."



## Work that's close to the heart

Jeff Corrigan is a busy man. He is on the Board of Directors of LEGAL (Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians) and on the regional Board of Directors of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association. He has worked with the Georgia Privacy Coalition and as a lobbyist for the Georgia AIDS Coalition during the past legislative session, and has plans to do the same during the 1992 session. Last year he was elected to the Fulton County Democratic Party Committee and in October helped organize the Lavender Law Conference here in Atlanta. Jeff also works part-time as a self-employed attorney, and part-time for a friend who is a dealer of folk art.

Though one might not expect him to have time for a home life, Corrigan and his lover, Marty Worsham celebrated their fifth anniversary on May 12. It is the anniversary of their first date.

"We met at a queer bar in Jacksonville," Corrigan said. He was in law school at the University of Florida and they met while he was home in Jacksonville Beach for a break. Worsham was a reporter for the *Florida Times Union* in Jacksonville. "But, he was living with his parents, and my grandparents were living in my house," says Corrigan. "We didn't consummate the relationship for a while. We couldn't afford a hotel."

When Jeff finished law school in May 1987, he and Marty moved to Atlanta to live together. "We thought Atlanta would be the best place. It was really difficult to coordinate careers."

Since then Corrigan has been trying to decide what his career should be. After moving to Atlanta, he says "I was working full-time as an attorney, but my heart wasn't in private practice. Everybody expects a lawyer to work ten to twelve hours a day, and I'm not into that." He seems to enjoy the political work he has been doing, however.

Most recently Corrigan has been working toward improving conditions at

Grady Hospital's Infectious Disease Clinic. There is a hearing scheduled July 20 to determine whether the state of Georgia is doing its fair share to fund Grady, particularly the IDC. "The ACT-UP demonstration increased visibility of the problem, now we can sit down and talk to legislators about the needs," says Corrigan. "He adds, "any PWA's who want to testify, call me."

The AIDS issue is one close to Corrigan's heart, as it is with many gay activists. Marty is HIV+. "Officially he doesn't have AIDS," says Corrigan, "because he doesn't have any of the opportunistic infections." But he was diagnosed in the spring of 1988 and has recently been showing signs of illness. "Fortunately he has good insurance," Corrigan says about his lover. "He gets to choose where he gets to go and who he gets to see [for medical care]. A lot of people don't have that choice, who still need to get good care. You hear about people at Grady," he sighs and pauses, "it shouldn't be that way."

Corrigan is still unsure about his future. "I've got it in the back of my head to someday run for office. I'm not very enthusiastic right now, though. It just doesn't seem to be the time." After pausing with a thoughtful look on his face, he added, "my number one priority right now is Marty."

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# 7th International Conference on AIDS Focuses on Third World

by Steven N. Alper

The Seventh International Conference on AIDS opened in Florence, Italy, on June 16, 1991, to warnings that the third world AIDS rate was about to explode and amid demonstrations by activists, including the newly formed ACT UP/Europe coalition. Italy, which hosted the conference has recorded nearly 10,000 cases, the second largest number of AIDS cases in Europe.

At one of the conference's early sessions, Dr. James Chin, chief epidemiologist at the World Health Organization's Global AIDS Program, predicted that AIDS cases in developed countries would level off by the mid-90's while the number of cases would continue to grow in the poorer areas of the world. "By the year 2000, worldwide annual adult cases are expected to be more than one million. Over 90% of the cases are projected to occur in the developing countries—about half in Africa, over a quarter in Asia, and over 10% in Latin America." He noted the decrease in the rate of infection among homosexual men since the mid-eighties and he predicted that heterosexual transmission will become the predominant mode of transmission with HIV spreading most widely in populations with high STD rates.

India's Dr. Vulmiri Ramalingaswami presented the third world's AIDS threat as a challenge to the industrial nations to act on behalf of those countries which lack the resource to deal with the crisis. Dr. Ramalingaswami's comments were underscored by the Conference's concentration on high-tech medicine which is not likely to be available in most developing countries.

The conference did allow one small, peripheral session to investigate alternative and indigenous treatments for AIDS. Introducing the session, Kaiya Montaocean of the Center for Traditional Medicine in New York noted, "Eighty percent of the people with AIDS in the world are being treated by traditional and indigenous methods." Another panel participant, Tanzania's John Rutayuga, observed, "The West is taking care of itself. Shall we sit and die?..." Traditional therapies and medicines are especially significant for developing countries such as those in Sub-Saharan Africa where the average yearly expenditure on health care is \$3.50 per person and mothers may have to walk twenty miles for aspirin for their children. Yoweri Musveni, President of Uganda, probably the country hardest hit by AIDS, proffered the solution that "Africa must develop strict taboos against extramarital sex."

On a more hopeful note, Marie Laga,

from Zaire, described a project promoting safe sex practices among prostitutes in the capital city of Kinshasa. The program included monthly examinations for sexually transmitted diseases and the distribution of free condoms. Among the prostitutes studied, the annual incidence of new HIV infection declined from 18% to 8% in 1991.

The opening of the conference was preceded by a demonstration of over 2,000 AIDS and gay activists organized by ARCI, Italy's gay and lesbian activist group. Also present were nearly one hundred representatives from ACT UP/Europe, a new coalition of activist groups from London, Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels and Cologne. Conference delegates helped swell the ranks of the demonstrators, who blew whistles, performed a "die-in" in front of the Duomo, Florence's famous cathedral. Although local media had played up the "invasion" of the city by "perverts and plague carriers," neither tourists nor natives responded negatively.

ACT UP members from the United States were conspicuous by their absence. Although over one hundred were present in Florence for the Conference, scarcely a dozen were to be seen at this march. This was due, in part to tension between the Americans, who favored more militant action, and the locals who pointed out the heavily armed military police guarding the parade route and conference.

ACT UP activists also zapped a press conference and denounced the organizers failure to cancel or move next year's conference from Boston. Carrying signs reading "Ban Boston," the activist marched to the front of the room shouting "Shut it down" and "Cancel it now." The zap was in response to the Bush administration's reinstatement of travel and immigration bans on people who test HIV positive.

Dr. Robert Wachter, program coordinator for last year's Conference observed, "The fragile coalition [between scientists and activists] is definitely splitting apart." Activists feel that organizers will cut a deal and hold the Conference in Boston if the travel ban alone is lifted. The scientists on the panel were unanimous in their denunciations of the ban, but declined to cancel the Boston Conference until the two month public discussion period regarding the ban ends on August 2, 1991. There is some question among scientists, AIDS activists, and the media whether these conferences need to be held every year.

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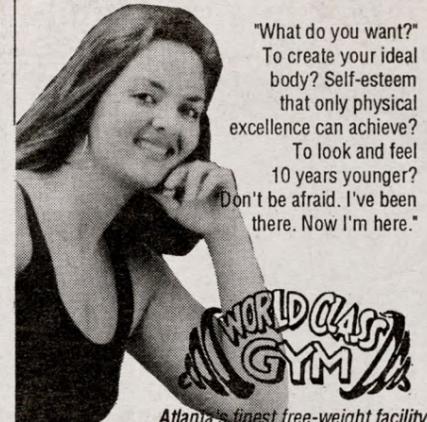
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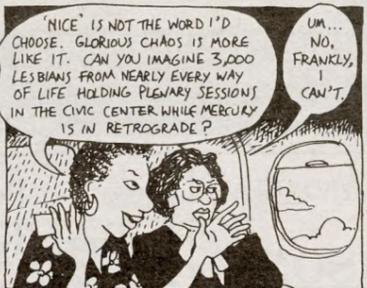
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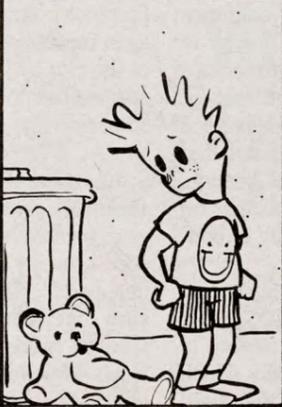
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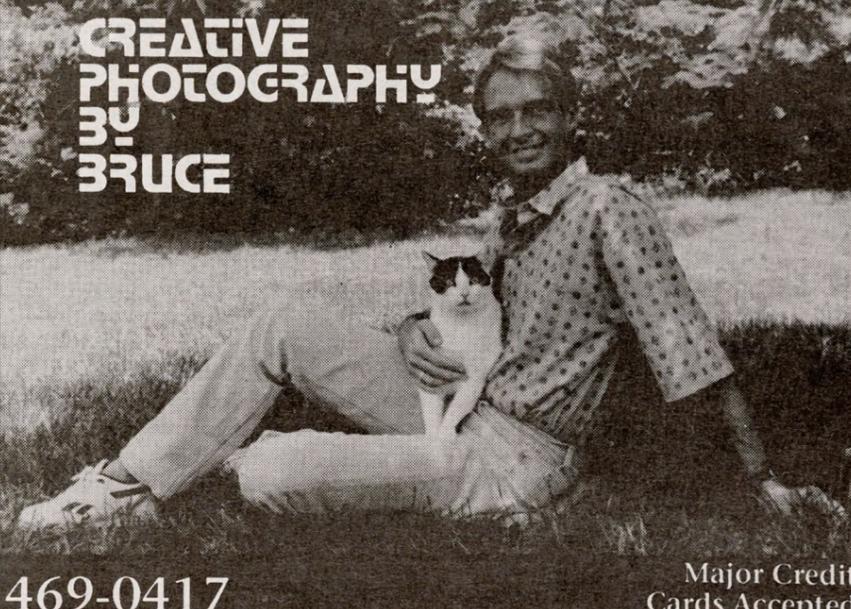
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**This is Progress?:** Response to the Atlanta J/C's highly touted and much researched feature on the impact of the gay community in Pride Sunday's edition has been tepid at best. After complaints about misquotes and statements taken out of context, the question that most seem to be asking is, "why doesn't the J/C's reporting on lesbian/gay subjects ever sound like my life feels?" The answer, Dish suspects, is simple: The daily is using neither writers nor editors who are openly gay/lesbian on most of its queer coverage. That makes a big difference. Speaking of mainstream papers not using the resources available to them, Dish also wonders why Anne Corwin (albeit an excellent writer and good friend of the community) rather than a lesbian or gay man was chosen to write Creative Loafing's Pride-related cover story? Don't hold your breath waiting for much progress on this front at either of Atlanta's most widely read papers.

**Strong Glue:** More encouraging is the Kennesaw State College Student Government Association's recognition of Jan Bethard at that group's recent Awards Dinner/Dance. Jan, President of Kennesaw's Gays/Lesbians United for Equality (GLUE to you), was recognized for her service to the organization. Post dinner and awards, same-sex couples were among the 300 or so attendees who, without incident, boogied their way across the dance floor at the Doubletree Hotel. Now that's progress!

**Bay Breeze:** Reasons number 511, 512, and 513 why people move to San Francisco: Fags and dykes all over the city are wearing T-shirts and jackets emblazoned with the words Incite (or Promote) Queerness. Dish's fave display of such was on the (attractive) chest of a man come to fetch his mother at the airport. (Dish wishes he had come to fetch us!) Mom, you'll be pleased to know, seemed fine with her son's proud display.... Queer Nation/S.F. has an international focus group (appropriately called Queer Planet) that has been actively harassing Amnesty International to include discrimination against



lesbians and gay men in its agenda. That, or rename the group something more appropriate, like Amnesty Heterosexual.... In late May, queers went en masse to a pre-party soiree at the police commission hearing where a homophobic police Captain was given "early retirement." After the hearing, 200 danced the night away in celebration on a closed-off street in the Castro.

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**The Naked Truth:** Dish doesn't know whether to clap or cry. Both probably. An otherwise flaccid article in the J/C last week on the dilemma of getting funding for explicit AIDS education did manage two statements of consequence. The full color reproduction of the poster showing two freshly fucked young men—naked, but wrapped in an American flag—holding up a condom probably caught your eye. What you may have missed is a quote from Fred Kroger (director of the CDC's National AIDS information and Education Program): "Once you start using tax dollars for what the majority of citizens will think is offensive, you'll get massive complaints. And that means you'll risk all of your funding." Activists have heard this "loss of funding" excuse from the CDC so many times that they are considering erecting a marble monument in its honor. But, to Dish's knowledge, this is the first time a CDC official has gone on the record admitting that funding is more important than lives. Talk about offensive!

**Queer Quotes:** A high school English teacher in Detroit has hit upon an idea that Dish thinks deserves both praise and emulation. Dorothy Winbush Riley has published "My Soul Looks Back, 'Less I Forget" a compilation of 5,175 quotes by 850 people of color. Riley's students have used her files, and now her book, to prepare academic papers. (To order the book send \$37 to Winbush Publishing, 16821 Muirland, Detroit, MI 48221.) An interested reader wrote Dish to ask "why not a similar book for lesbians and gay men?" Ask, dear reader, and ye shall receive. "Unnatural Quotations" by Leigh W. Rutledge (Alyson Publications, Boston) is a less exhaustive, less expensive (\$8.95), queer version of Ms. Riley's exhaustive tome. Most gay-friendly book stores stock it or can order it. The real trick here is to get it into school libraries. Anybody want to run for the

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by Mary Bailey-Rule

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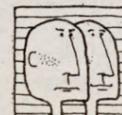
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**VIRGO**— Your 12th house of the unconscious is activated now by 3 major planets, so give yourself time for journal keeping, art projects, and dreaming. Important personal insight coming from within.



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**SCORPIO**— With the sun in your 9th house of higher education, it's a good time for a long-distance trip to the beach or even foreign travel. It will give you a new perspective on your life.



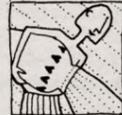
**SAGITTARIUS**— Venus, Mars and Jupiter trining (power flow), your natal placements provide energy for creative expression, expansion and energy for personal growth. It's important to stay focused.



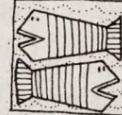
**CAPRICORN**— With the Sun in your 7th of personal relationships, you will have opportunities to meet good friends and have greater insight into old friends, business partners and significant others.



**AQUARIUS**— Venus, Mars and Jupiter in your 7th of close, personal relationships creates wonderful opportunities for developing partnerships and expanding your circle of friends. Relax, be expressive.



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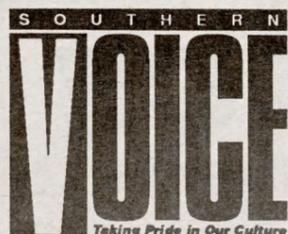
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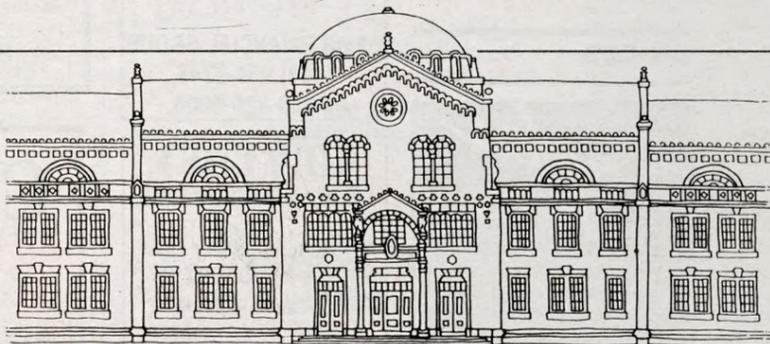
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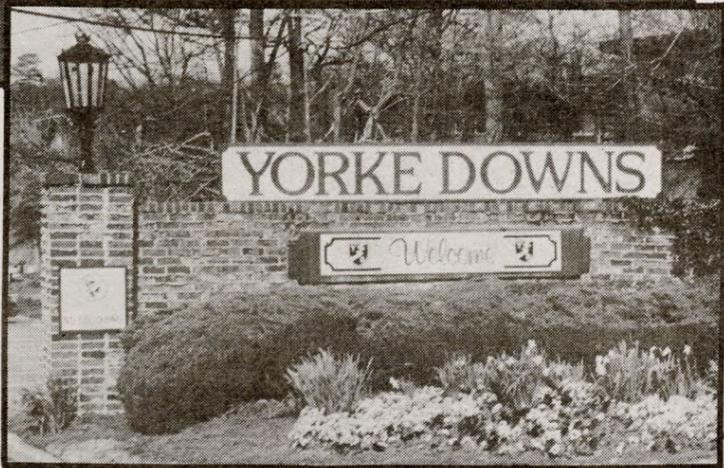
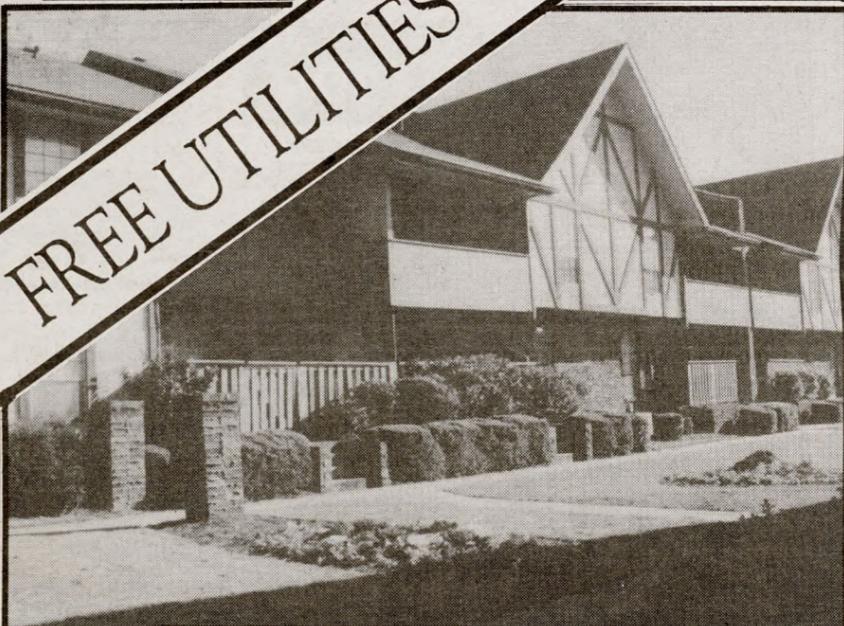
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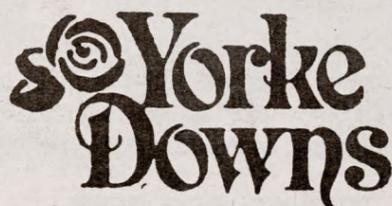


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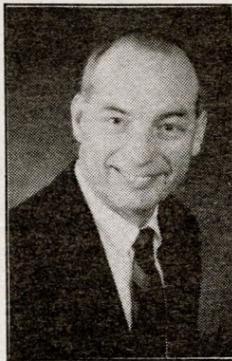


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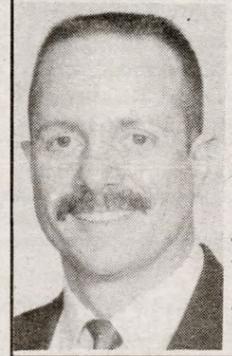
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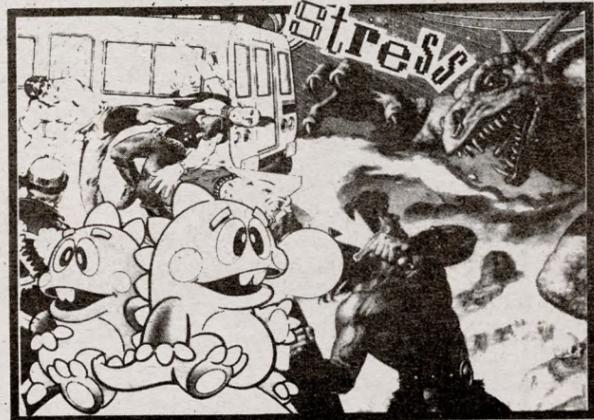
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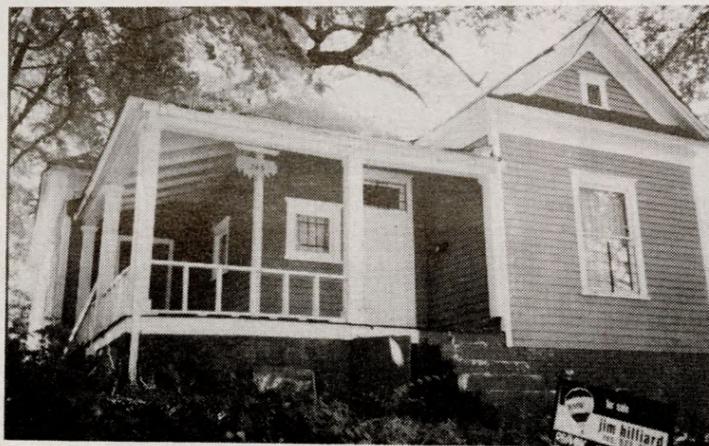
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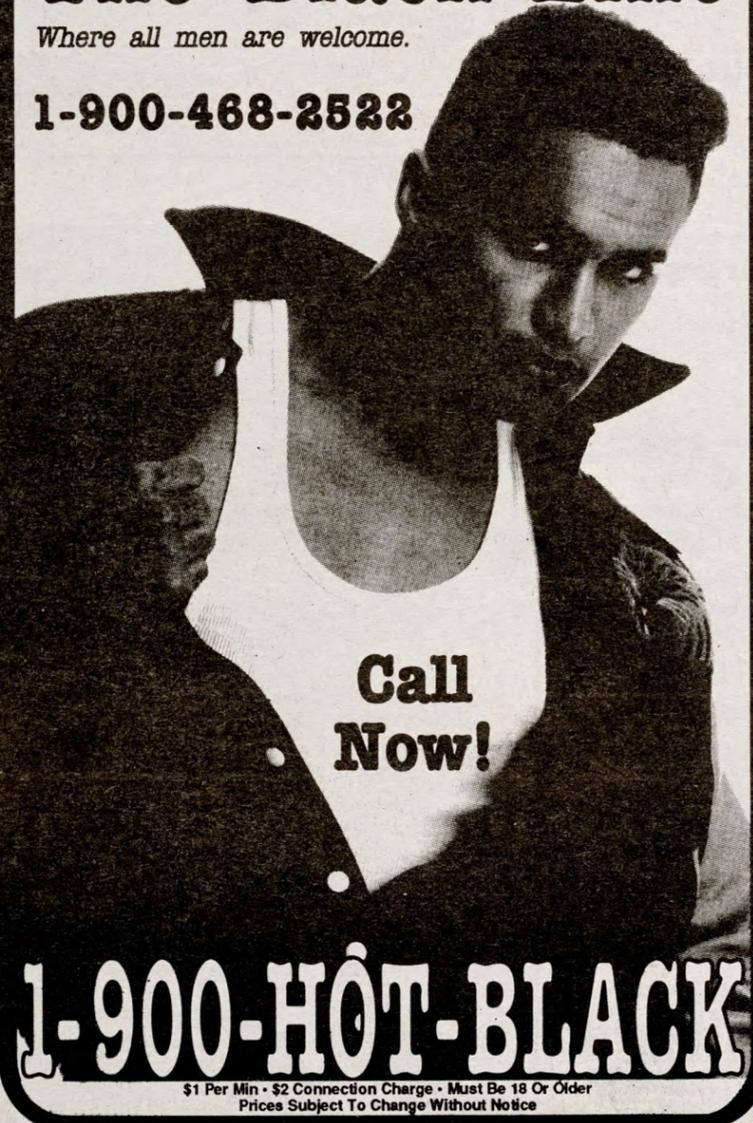
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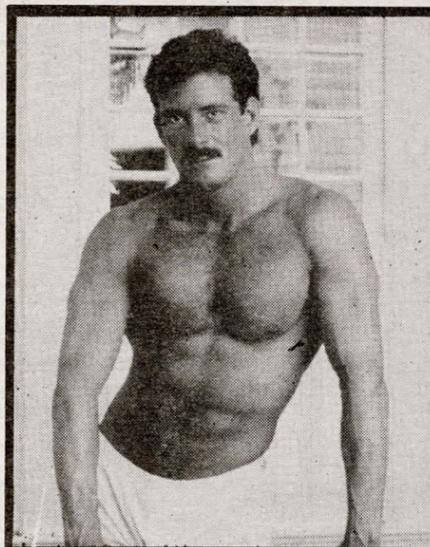
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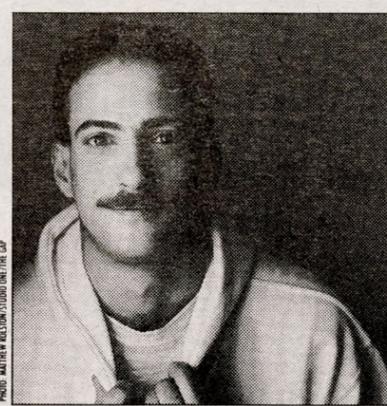
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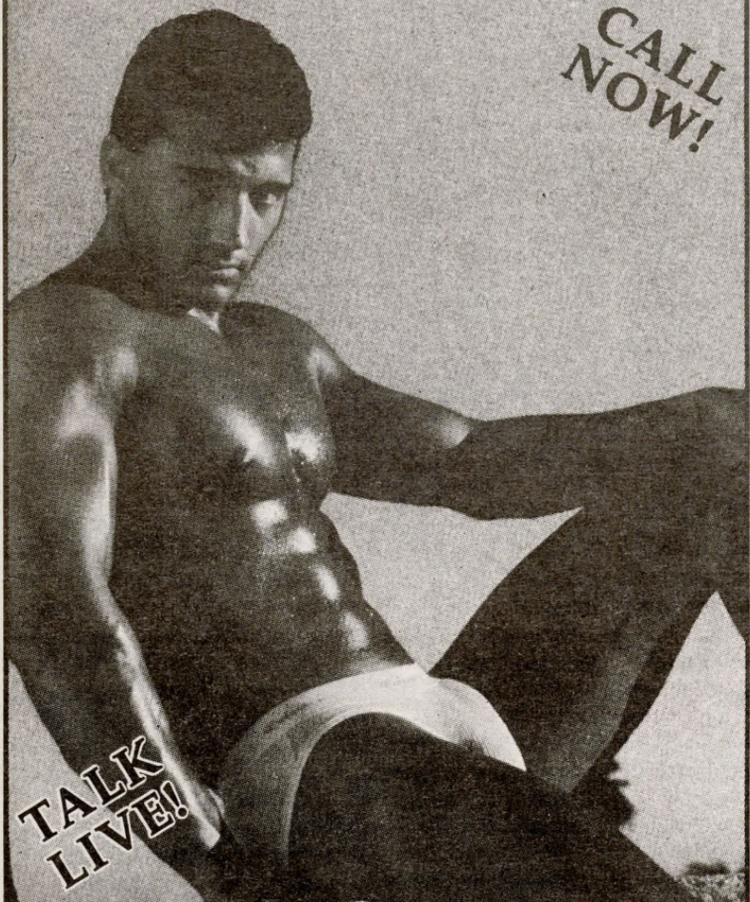
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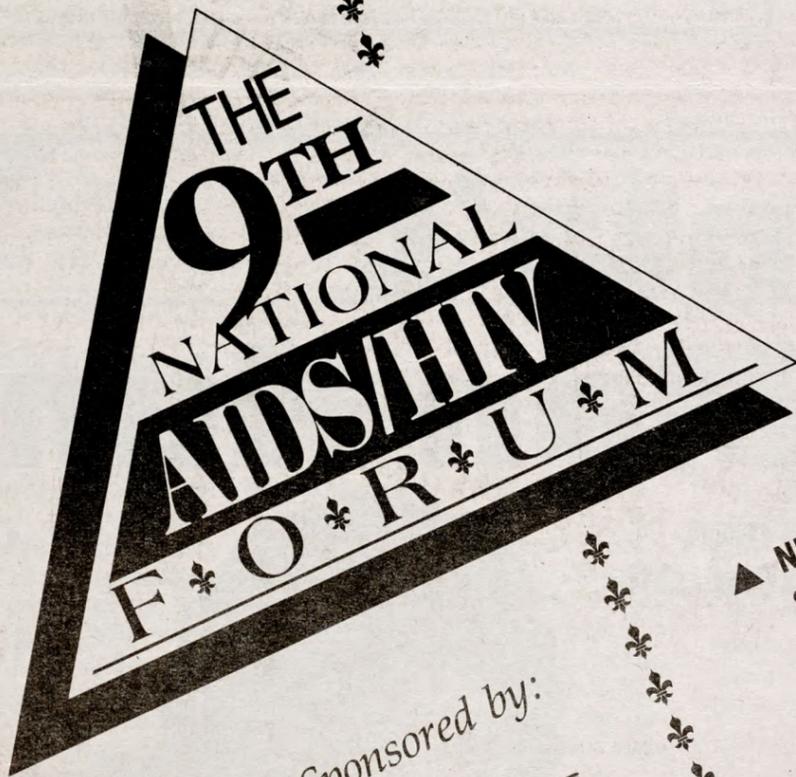
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