Milwaukee murderer stalked blacks, gays
But Jeffrey Dahmer is not charged with a hate crime

by Jamakaya

Milwaukee, WI (GLN)—The gruesome mass murder uncovered July 22 in Milwaukee has sent shock waves through the gay community here. It has raised fears about the already alarming level of anti-gay violence, renewed charges of racism and homophobia against the Milwaukee Police Department and shaken the foundations of the social, political and criminal justice institutions in the city. Of the fifteen victims positively identified so far, ten were African-American, two were Hispanic, one was Asian, and two were white. Attorney Kathleen Hume said that her “greatest concern” was that no one has focused on hate crimes. Despite the fact that Dahmer was said by many to be strongly anti-Black and anti-gay, and despite the fact that his victims were overwhelmingly Black and some of them were gay, District Attorney E. Michael McCann did not charge Dahmer under Wisconsin’s Hate Crimes statute.

Several of the fifteen victims, whose dismembered body parts were discovered in the apartment of Jeffrey L. Dahmer, 31, had met the alleged killer at gay bars or Gay Pride events.

Tony Hughes, 31, a deaf man, was last seen May 24 leaving Club 2199, a gay bar, on Milwaukee’s south side. Jeremiah Weinberger, 23, of Chicago, was last seen July 6, leaving another gay bar, Carol’s Speakeasy in Chicago, in the company of a man fitting Dahmer’s description. Dahmer has confessed to Weinberger’s murder.

In addition, Dahmer is said to have murdered a 13-year-old boy, whose dismembered body was found on July 22 in a High Point apartment where Dahmer was found living in a hideous filth. That night, Dahmer was supposed to attend Chicago’s Gay Pride Parade on June 30, but instead he was charged with murder for the deaths of Weinberger, Turner, Lacy and Joseph Miller, 24; Anthony Sears, 26; and Eddie Smith (aka: Tony Hughes), 31, of Milwaukee, he performed a sex act on the dead body.

Along with the severed heads and limbs and the vats of acid and formaldehyde recovered from the foul-smelling apartment, police confiscated dozens of Polaroid snapshots of the victims—photos taken while they were still alive as well as of the dismembered body parts.

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Dahmer was previously convicted of disorderly conduct and fined in 1982 for indecent exposure at Wisconsin’s State Fair Park. He received one year of probation for another incident in which he exposed himself to children while urinating in public in 1986. Most recently, Dahmer served 10 months at the Milwaukee House of Correction (with work-release privileges) between May of 1989 and March of 1990 for second degree sexual assault and enticing a child for immoral purposes. That incident occurred in 1988 and involved a 13 year old boy.

Konerak Sinthasomphone, the 14 year old brother of the youth assaulted by Dahmer in 1988, has been identified as another of the victims whose remains were found in Dahmer’s apartment. Sinthasomphone was a Laotian immigrant who came to the U.S. with his family when he was four.

Other victims of Dahmer, all from Milwaukee, include: Ricky Beeks (aka: Raymond Lamont Smith), 33; Errol Lindsey, 19; Curtis Straughter, 18; Ernest Miller, 24; Anthony Sears, 26; and Eddie Smith (aka: Judy Nelson, the woman with whom she “lived [with] as man and wife” for seven years filed suit against Navratilova, seeking one half of all of the tennis player’s earnings during their relationship, which ended earlier this year. Navratilova told ABC’s 20/20 program that Nelson betrayed her by tricking her into signing a cohabitation agreement that could ruin her financially.

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Martina Navratilova won the Atlanta Tennis Championship on August 10. Will she return next year?
On August 11, over 200 protesters converged on Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc., to demonstrate against that company’s policy of barring gays and lesbians from employment. While nearly 150 marchers chanted and carried signs in front of Cracker Barrel #2 on South Cumberland Street in Lebanon, other protesters quietly waited for tables, eventually occupying 32 of the 36 tables inside the restaurant.

Protesters from across the southeast gathered at 9 am at Centennial Park in Nashville before driving to Lebanon, about 30 miles east of Nashville. Protesters were greeted at the restaurant by a lone counter-protester, who identified himself as Mel Perry, pastor of Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Madison, Tennessee.

"I'm totally and completely against gay rights," Perry said. "They have every human right that I have, and that's all they should have.”

Perry walked alongside gay and lesbian protesters for the duration of the march without incident, talking occasionally with protest organizers and media representatives.

As the outside protest continued, protesters quietly began a sit-in inside. Those participating in the sit-in joined the line waiting for tables and were seated. Once seated, they ordered lunch in the interest of proper treatment management but were apparently unaware that the sit-in was in progress until participants did not order food. Protesters were first seated around 10:30 am, and the last table of demonstrators was seated around noon.

Two, teenagers, noting the Queer Nation/Atlanta banner, commented that they thought it was too much. "It's too much for the community," one said. “The only people who are affected by this are those who are affected by AIDS.”

Local print media and three Nashville television stations covered the protest, along with the gay press and ABC-TV's 20/20. At least one television station's interview with a customer may have been set up by a Cracker Barrel official. That man implied that CB was right to hire homosexuals because of the "scariness of AIDS." Afterward, a Cracker Barrel official identified as "Claudia," who had been listening to the interview, flashed an "OK" signal to him.

Cracker Barrel officials and local police took numerous video and still pictures of the protest. In addition, some CB managers were microphones. As has been the case recently in Georgia, neither the media nor protesters were allowed to bring cameras or tape recorders into the restaurant. Organizers of the protest were pleased with the action. "This is a good step," said Bill Turner of the Tennessee Boycott Coalition. "It's a great impact on this town. There's no way that Cracker Barrel can ignore it."

Boycott organizers said that support for the boycott continues to grow. In addition to endorsements by many organizations, including Jobs With Justice and Tennessee's Central American Solidarity Association, the NGLTF's Ivy Young read letters of support from U.S. Reps. Ted Weiss and Gerry Studds, American Solidarity Association, the Southern Voice, ETC again and Etc. twice over the weekend of August 3. Protesters called police to the scene once again.

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Despite only five reported cases of patients contracting HIV from health care workers, the Georgia State Board of Medical Examiners has voiced on August 8 its intent to report all physicians who test positive for HIV to inform their patients. The Medical Association of Georgia supported the board's decision, which makes Georgia one of the first states to require doctors to follow guidelines put out by the Centers for Disease Control.

Doctors who do not follow the CDC's guidelines may have to face action against their licenses. The guidelines state that health care workers "should know" if they are infected, but stop short of any penalties.

The decision caught AIDS activists by surprise--and some doctors were so unconscious about the issue, which are infection control and universal precautions.

"All this will do is scare health care workers out of testing, and getting the treatment they need out of fear that it will jeopardize their livelihood," said the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Ivy Young, who participated in the sit-in. "They're putting so much attention on the real issues, which are infection control and universal precautions." Three older women waiting for a table complained that "innocent people were being confused" by the "hysteria," say AIDS activists.

"We had the usual shouts and posturing," said Larry Pellegrini of Queer Nation/Atlanta.

"But we also had a number of people tell us they understood the guidelines." The decision on an isolated incident, he continued. "They have every human right that I have, and that's all they should have."
Cabbage Patch Creator Donates To AIDS Walk

Original Appalachian Artworks, the parent company for Cabbage Patch Kids, presented a $10,000 check to the "From All Walks of Life" AIDS Walk Atlanta. "[This event] represents people coming together in support of each other," said Xavier Roberts, creator of the Kids and Chairman of the Board of Original Appalachian Artworks. "The HIV virus knows no bound-aries of sex, race or religion." The AIDS Walk, sponsored by AID Atlanta, will be held Sunday September 8, beginning at 2 pm. The walkathon through Midtown will help raise money for nine local direct AIDS service agencies.

New Officers For Lesbian/Gay ACLU: The Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia confirmed a new slate of officers on July 24. The candidates were approved unanimously by chapter membership. Larry Pelligrini takes over the presidency of the chapter from Cathy Woolard, and David Van der Griff is the new vice president. Both Pelligrini and Van der Griff said they hope to revitalize the chapter, beginning with expansion of chapter membership. "A strong Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter could have a good deal of political influence on city government in terms of addressing lesbian and gay issues," said Pelligrini. Outgoing president Woolard commented that she was "really excited about the new officers and their energy and ideas.

CDC Redefining AIDS: The New York Times reports that the CDC is revising its definition of AIDS, with the change taking effect in January 1992. The new definition allows doctors to base diagnosis on CD4, or T-cell, counts. Under the new definition, HIV infected persons with T-cell counts of less than 200 per cubic millimeter of blood will be diagnosed with AIDS. Dr. James W. Curran, director of the AIDS division of the CDC, said the broader definition may add up to 200,000 Americans to the list of those diagnosed with AIDS.

Gays/Lesbians Win Protections in Tampa: In a joint session, the governing councils of Tampa and Hillsborough County, Florida, approved amendments to their respective human rights ordinances adding "sexual orientation" to the list of protected characteristics. The ordinannces concern employment, housing and public accommodations; Hillsborough County's also extend to public contracting and procurement. Tampa mayor Sandy Freedman signed the measure into law on the day of its adoption. The same measures failed when brought before the councils in October 1989, largely because of religious fundamentalist opposition.

Navy Changes USS Iowa Story: Navy and independent scientists studying an explosion aboard the USS Iowa fifteen months ago have made new discoveries that challenge the Navy's original conclusion about the cause of the blast. According to a report in the New York Times, the new discoveries indicate that the explosion was an accident caused by unstable bags of gun-powder in the Iowa's inventory. The Navy originally said that the explosion was sabotage, a murder-suicide set off by a sailor despondent over a homosexual relationship with a shipmate.

Outed Congressmen Responds: Rep. Steven Gunderson (R-WI) responded to allegations made by Michael Petrelis of Queer Nation/DC and others that he is gay by not attacking the out-ers. In an interview in the La Crosse Tribune, Gunderson refused to say whether or not he is gay, saying that "I can't answer that because I can't prove it to you." Gunderson also said that he feels threatened by gay groups such as Queer Nation, and called those participating in the outing "pathological liars." Gunderson also said in the interview that he was too busy with dairy and education matters to consider gay rights legislation.

Noble To Run For Cambridge City Council: Elaine Noble, who made history in 1974 by becoming the first openly gay person elected to state legislature, has announced her candidacy for the Cambridge, Massachusetts City Council. If elected, Noble will be the first openly gay member of the council. Noble served two terms in the Massachusetts state legislature, and was the first president of the Pride Institute, an alcohol and drug rehabilitation clinic for lesbians and gay men in Minnesota.

Newspaper Editor Accused Of Gay Conspiracy: The openly gay editor of George Mason University's student newspaper has been accused of making staff and editorial decisions to suit his "Stains" and of creating a "gay conspiracy." According to the Washington Blade, the problems began when editor-in-chief Ray Evrent, who founded the campus gay rights organiza-tion before joining the newspaper staff, hired an open lesbian to be the executive editor and urged the university's Media Board not to renew the paper's faculty advisor. The university has consulted the Virginia Attorney General's office on how to proceed with the charges.

California City Council Blocks Anti-Gay Measure: In a 6-1 vote, the Riverside, CA, City Council kept an anti-gay voter initiative off the ballot for November elections. The measure would have prevented the city from "directly or indirectly funding any individual, activity or organization which promotes, endorses, endorses, legitimizes or justifies homosexual con-duct." The measure also would have repealed earlier city ordinances banning AIDS discrimina-tion as well as preventing the council from ever adopting such measures in the future. The Citizens for Responsible Behavior, a voter group which initiated the measure, have indicated they may sue to block the ballot initiative.

Burroughs Wellcome's Monopoly On AZT Ends: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has licensed Barr Laboratories, a generic pharmaceutical company, to manufacture AZT. According to a report in Gay Community News, the licensing is a challenge to six AZT-related patents giving Burroughs Wellcome exclusive manufacturing rights to AZT, the only FDA-approved drug for use in treatment of HIV infection. NIH spokesperson Mark Stem told GCN that "If the ideal scenario... the FDA will approve Barr's generic version, and Barr will begin production of a pure, generic form of AZT that is 40 percent cheaper from Day One."
Jeffrey Dahmer has confessed to murdering 15 people in the Milwaukee area, most of them black and some gay.

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The Sheriff, 28. Smith was last seen at Milwaukee's Gay Pride Parade on June 16, 1990. Smith's remains were not recovered at Dahmer's apartment, but Dahmer has told police he was murdered as well.

On July 29, Dahmer admitted to police that he killed two Hispanic men he had picked up in Milwaukee gay bars. Dahmer has also confessed to murdering Steven Hicks, 19, in Bad Township near Akron, Ohio in 1978. A search has revealed hundreds of bone particles in the backyard of Dahmer's former home there.

Patrons at several Milwaukee and Chicago gay bars recall seeing Dahmer. They described him as a loner, distant and moody, who didn't seem quite comfortable or able to fit into the gay bar scene. Several men related stories of Dahmer trying to pick them up for the evening, often on nearby streets after Dahmer had left the bars.

Prior to being sentenced for the sexual assault charge in 1989, Dahmer told Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge William D. Gardner that he was an alcoholic and a homosexual with serious sexual problems. On the other hand, several people who met Dahmer or knew him over the years, including a woman who said she dated him, said that Dahmer had often expressed hatred towards gays and African-Americans.

Jean-Paul Ranieri, a lay brother in the Episcopal Church who ministers and counsels gay men, said that after a long talk with Dahmer he concluded that Dahmer was "extremely homophobic," with an almost Christian fundamentalist view of homosexuality. He recalled over the years, including a woman who said she was a homosexual with serious sexual problems. On the other hand, several people who met Dahmer or knew him over the years, including a woman who said she dated him, said that Dahmer had often expressed hatred towards gays and African-Americans.

Gunkel said that after the disappearance of Tony Hughes in May, Hughes' family members came around to the gay bars and to the Gay Pride Parade in June to mingle with the gay community, ask for tips about his whereabouts and generally spread the word. Gunkel noted that during the time when the victims were disappearing one by one, Milwaukee police were focusing instead on raiding strip shows at gay bars. On March 28 this year, almost 30 officers in a dozen squad cars closed down Club 219 in the midst of a "Hot Buns" contest. Thirteen citations for disorderly conduct were issued. As recently as July 19, two male strippers were arrested at the Triangle bar for indecent exposure. Ironically, the Triangle's strip show that night was a benefit to raise funds to combat hate crimes against gays.

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A Candlelight Vigil to Remember the Victims of Jeffrey Dahmer brought thousands of concerned people into the streets of Milwaukee on Monday, August 5. It was sponsored by a coalition of gay and lesbian, African-American, civil rights and neighborhood organizations.

DeBraska insisted that only a probe by the U.S. Justice Department can expose the full range of police misconduct.

Leaders of Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community held a news conference on July 29. In addition to lambasting the media for its sensational coverage of the murder, they attacked the police department for its apparent negligence in the Dahmer case. They insisted on a comprehensive, independent investigation of the police department and ongoing education on gay and lesbian issues for all police department staff. They also demanded an official liaison in the Milwaukee Police Department to work with the gay and lesbian community and called for greater leadership from the Mayor's office and the Police and Fire Commission in implementing these reforms.
I know you are, but what am I?

by Michael Bronski

At first it sounded like a bad Saturday Night Live skit: Pee-wee Herman, TV’s loveable retro-lag, ’50s-Playhouse-nerd, was arrested on Saturday, July 28 at an adult porno theater in Sarasota, Florida. The local police has charged Reubens with indecent exposure, a charge that could result in six months in jail and up to a $500 fine. The immediate fallout included the cancellation of last five episodes of the Emmy-winning Pee-Wee’s Playhouse by CBS.

The arrest may have been nothing more than a local news item if the national media had not picked it up. The first reports of Reubens’ arrest were on the television stations in a relatively non-judgmental way. Radio stations, however, treated the arrest as a venue for a slew of off-color, homophobic jokes. Pee-Wee’s Playhouse became Pee-Wee’s Pee-Wee House. There were jokes of “Pee-Wee showed his wee-ree” remarks.

By the next morning, the print media had really seized on the story saying that Reubens’ career as Pee-Wee Herman was completely ruined. There was every question- ing of why the police were arresting men in the relative privacy of a dirty movie theater where the exposure of genitals is not as unheard-of action.

Perhaps the most telling aspect of all the stories was the irony that the story could have been Paul Reubens and his character Pee-Wee Herman are constantly being confused. “Pee-Wee’s Pee-Wee” was the headline after all. This may be partially because he has denied the charge. Under appearances as himself—even in television interviews, he always remained in character. But this does not completely explain the hysterical Pee-Wee-bashing that has occurred since the arrest.

Pee-Wee Herman is a brilliant creation. He is the eternal ’50s nerd: overly fastidious and so repressed that his sexual energy is only escaping in nervous giggles. He approaches innocence but never really attains it. In his recent film, Pee-wee’s Big Adventure and his slightly made-up face, he resembles nothing less than a contemporary Little Faszi-Storoni crouched with horror in Cabaret. Pee-Wee is both funny and frightening, highly entertaining and slightly appalling. He is also one of the best representations of 1990s behavior and gender expectations ever-created: a mini-monster of repression and thwarted desire who manages to be simultaneously wondrous and wonderful.

It is no wonder that adults found Pee-Wee upsetting. He is a living example of how the cultural repression we all live with distorts our lives. The police and the media have been having a field day not only about Reubens’ arrest, but also about his creator Paul Reubens. “Pee-Wee’s Playhouse,” Pee-Wee Herman himself, caused such a stir that the world that characters inhabited was supposedly childlike and innocent, which, in our warped culture, means anything. But Pee-Wee’s arrest has also reflect- ed in the attacks on Madonna and certain MTV videos, and on the refusal of some PBS stations to show Marlon Riggs’ Tongues Untied.

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And, amazingly, the issue of his sexuality is not completely irrelevant. There are rela- tively several reasons why reports have refused to discuss Reubens’ sexuality. Given the veh- enment that the mainstream media is out to get Pee-Wee Herman of humor unbound of on TV. Once, after Pee-Wee showed an interest in Curtis’s boots, the cowboy replied, “Well, you know what they are, Pee-Wee: Big feet, big boots.” This was clearly a reference to the old gay folk wisdom, “Big Feet, Big Meat.”

The show was in part a post-modern Captain of repression and thwarted desire who man- aged: a mini-monster slightly appalling. He is also one of the best a contemporary Little Lord Fauntleroy crossed- with Joel Grey in released versions of the story saying that more than a local news item if the national media has been having a field day not only for a slew of off-color, homophobic jokes, but also for an imperfect heterosexual is preferable to a beloved homosexual.

The bottom line is that these news reports came about to prove to the public at large that they were right to be made uncomfortable by Pee-Wee Herman and Pee-Wee’s Playhouse; that all the usual tired homophobic innuendos, and the pronouncements of how bad it was to be gay. He is a living example of how the cultural repression we all live with distorts our lives. The police and the media have been having a field day not only about Reubens’ arrest, but also about his creator Paul Reubens. “Pee-Wee’s Playhouse,” Pee-Wee Herman himself, caused such a stir that the world that characters inhabited was supposedly childlike and innocent, which, in our warped culture, means anything. But Pee-Wee’s arrest has also reflected in the attacks on Madonna and certain MTV videos, and on the refusal of some PBS stations to show Marlon Riggs’ Tongues Untied.

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a monthly column by KC Wildmoon

Us and Them

I've got something to tell you that you probably don't want to think about. But because you are my Friends, you need to know. It's a frightening prospect, but the quicker we accept it as fact, the better things will be for us. Something about getting out of denial and accepting the truth... which is that most Americans are homophobes.

Yes, I said most. Maybe not to the outloud degree of, say, Jesse Helms, but most Americans will do nothing to stop a Jesse Helms. Sorry, but it's not a disease peculiar to the South. North Carolina didn't invent bigotry, nor does it have a stranglehold on it.

Homophobia, and other bigotries, abound all across the Great U.S. Of All.

OK, time out for the disclaimer. Please note that I said most, not all. There is a distinct difference. I know a number of Americans who are less homophobic than the average citizen, and even a few who aren't particularly homophobic at all. But those people constitute a small minority. Face it. We haven't had gay candidates for President, or our brother Roman Kalinan in the Soviet Union. The enemy is an old world order that continue to analyze the situation in terms of economics.

We are hated with a passion that clouds reason and clear judgment. Most Americans do not care one iota about us, or what happens to us. And they don't want to know anything about us. We are sick, perverted, degenerate, etc etc etc, and that settles it. We are not worth knowing about, or caring about. Education doesn't work on these people.

Hell, there's not even an agreement on whether or not we should be Queen, often among our own people. That would kind of settle it, really. If we choose Queerness, then we can unchoose it. If we didn't, then we are a benefice, born this-way minority, and who cares what they think.

But see, they think we choose it. I can't figure for the life of me why on earth they think we'd choose to be beaten, called names, fired from our jobs, have our businesses spraypainted, and killed, but then we'd think it. I guess they think that for some reason we've decided to rebel against the law for ever and have chosen this most despised thing in their Book in order to get back at them. Please.

These people actually believe they don't know any Queens. Gee, wonder why that is? Could it be because the Queens that you and I know are all over the place are too damn scared to tell us who we are? And with good reason! Because we are so disgusting, it is perfectly OK to do whatever with us. Those fine stalwarts of American citizenry will judiciously not notice.

Take Cracker Barrel, for example. You would think that this is such an obvious example of homophobia (You can't work here because we have Family Values and since you're Queer you don't) that people would be crawling out of the woodwork to tell CB that all people have a right to gainful employment.

Don't hold your breath. Remember now, most Americans are homophobes, and proof of it. Many of them are apologizing CB for the gay and lesbian community are doing local, state and national lesbian and gay liberation.

Instead, Paul Varnell did what too many in education doesn't work on these people.

We are concerned about the discrimination and intolerance in Guadalajara that forced the ILGA to cancel its 13th Annual Conference in Guadalajara. Following insurmountable opposition to the gathering by state and city officials, ILGA was forced to move the conference to Acapulco. We understand the rescheduled conference attracted some 100 gays and lesbians from 30 nations-a strong showing but far less than were expected before the Guadalajara cancellation.

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Lesbian golf tournament slated for August 31

by Candace Chelliew

Imagine a sunny August morning on a suburban Atlanta golf course. At 7:30 a.m. sharp, a sea of "fore!" goes out as four lesbians tee off on all 18 holes of the course. They dominate the course for the next four hours.

If this is a pleasing picture to you, then be a part of it when it becomes reality in the form of the First Annual Golf Classic, sponsored by The Otherside of Atlanta and Fourth Tuesday. The tournament begins on Saturday, August 31, at Tup Holmes Golf Course off the Lakewood Freeway.

―A lot of people are real skittish because they think they have to be a good golfer. They think they've got to be fun."

organizer Pat Garland. "It's going to be fun."

The tournament will be a Ft. Lauderdale style, four person best ball, where only the ball hit the furthest by a team member will be played at each hole.

"That takes some of the pressure off, according to Garland, but not all. She and her partner have been playing golf together for years and she says, "When we play alone on the course, we do so well, but when we take a couple of friends along, it's a disaster. So, we know we're going to be bombs at the tournament."

The entry fee for the tournament is $40, but Garland says that's not as expensive as it sounds. "The fee includes 18 holes of golf, including your cart, a free sleeve of balls, trophies, prizes, free admission to The Otherside after the tournament and a catered buffet." Visa, Mastercard, American Express and checks can be used to pay the fee. Entry forms are available at The Otherside and in the Fourth Tuesday newsletter. If you are paying by check you can mail it to Pat Garland at Suite 302, The Carnegie Building, 333 Carnegie Way, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Checks should be made payable to The Tournament. 

"Maybe Martina got some bad advice. Navratilova says she paid Nelson a salary starting in 1985 and that it reached $90,000 a year in 1990. She also said she would have married Nelson if it were legally possible.

Another tough fight for Navratilova this year is her struggle to get on the Olympic tennis team. She had made a commitment to play TeamTennis before the International Tennis Federation reiterated its standing ruling that stipulates women must be available to play in the Federation Cup. That tournament took place while Navratilova was playing TeamTennis.

Navratilova thought that her participation on the U.S. team that won the Federation Cup in Atlanta last summer would be sufficient. But, U.S. Tennis Association spokesman Ed Fabricius said, "I really would like to play in the Olympics. It's the only thing I haven't done yet."

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Garland hopes the Golf Classic, the brainchild of Chris Bishop of Fourth Tuesday, can become an annual event for lesbians. "Maybe, Garland says, "it could grow into a lesbian golf club."

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Martina

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Fabricius said it's unlikely the USTA will reconsider, but Navratilova is determined, saying, "I really would like to play in the Olympics. It's the only thing I haven't done yet."

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Southern Country Atlanta will celebrate their third year of Country and Western activities during the weekend of August 23-25 with "ROUNDUP '91". Activities begin Friday night at Deana's with registration, dancing and a country and western show. Activities continue Saturday afternoon from noon to 4:00 PM with a "City Picnic" at Backstreet, followed by a country/western show and dancing in the evening from 8:00 PM to midnight. After midnight, Bulldogs will feature an after hours party. The fun continues Sunday with a cook-out and t-dance from 1:00 to 5:00 at the Otherside and a grand finale at The Cove Sunday evening with a comedy show and dancing.

Southern Country Atlanta was formed in November 1988 to promote Country and Western activities in the gay and lesbian community. It provides a casual, non-presured atmosphere for people to meet and enjoy other people interested in country and western dancing. It started with one night a week at the Cove and has expanded to six nights a week at local bars. The Cove features free lessons from 8 to 9 and dancing till midnight on Thursday, and a hoedown on Sundays from 7 to midnight. Deana's features free lessons from 8 to 9 on Tuesday evenings followed by dancing till midnight. Backstreet provides free lessons on Wednesdays from 8 to 9 with dancing till midnight. Backstreet also hosts country and western dancing Friday and Saturday evenings from 8 to midnight. The Otherside has free lessons on Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 followed by dancing. Options offers free lessons on Wednesday evenings from 8 to 9 followed by country and western dancing.

Southern Country Atlanta sponsored the Halstead Hoedown with proceeds close to $5,000 given to Project Open Hand. SCA is joining SEGRA (Southeastern Gay Rodeo Association) for the first AIDS Walk in Atlanta on Sun., September 8.

Other groups sponsored by SCA include the clogging team "Southern Stampede" and the "Southern Line" line dancers. Anyone interested in joining the dance groups or desiring information on Southern Country Atlanta may call (404) 938-9609 or write P.O. Box 8262, Atlanta, GA 30306.

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And The Ritz-Carlton Was Hot, Too

When Southern Voice interviewed a star and a producer of the hot new film Paris Is Burning

by Dave Hayward

The civilized world only knows about voguing courtesy of reigning culture archetype Madonna. That is, until the documentary Paris Is Burning splashed across screens, winning prizes and making counterculture heroines of black and Latino divas headlining Harlem balls.

"Poor Madonna!" laments softy Queen Mother Dorian Corey—a staple on New York's drag scene for over 30 years. Batting her Liza Minelli eyelashes and fluffing her Marilyn Quayle flip, she reclines in the stuffy clubroom splendor of a Ritz-Carlton dining salon. "Everyone felt very flattered and grand when the song came out, and the routines were taught to her by ball children. Two of the dancers in her video are from the House of Xtravaganza."

"On the other hand," Corey smiles sweetly and carefully, "voguing doesn't really have anything to do with Marlene Dietrich, Rita Hayworth, and anybody else she mentions." Touch.

"I don't think Madonna's business people had any desire to let people know it was essentially a black/Latin gay song," underscored Paris co-producer Barry Swimar. "On the other hand, aside from Elizabeth Taylor and a couple of others, Madonna's probably raised the most money for AIDS research and services. So it's a Catch-22—you're happy that it's out in the world and a little bit bewildered that it's not properly credited."

As a mass culture corrective, Paris takes voguing far beyond white-bread videos and into the genesis of its poses, not as a way to dance, but to fight. "That's really what the balls are all about. They're all competitive categories," instructs Corey, summarizing the changes on the Harlem ball scene. "The new balls became more a physical thing, more movement and less accent on creating the costume. Labels, style, attitude became popular."

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Indeed the whole world of legends, houses and "realness" is cut-throat competition for the mantle of stardom at the balls. The leading "families" of performers vie for the title of being the most persuasive evocation of womanliness (femme queen), malnliness (butch queen), and other cultural icons like town and country aristocrats, buppie executives and mean streets muggers (banshees).

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The film contains some vivid, trashy character touches, and Branagh is fine company as an L.A. private eye on the trail of an amnesiac woman's past (his American accent is excellent), but there's a sexist subtext to the film's approach, and it finally degenerates into a slasher movie steeped in the sort of conservative Freudian thinking that blames Mother for all manner of psychopathology.

The wasted cast includes the great Hanna Schygulla in the barely visible role of a Swiss maid; Andy Garcia as a sweaty, egotistical reporter; Derek Jacobi (sharp and ironic, until he camouflages his own performance in the celebrated L'Arlesiennes) as a hypnotist antiques dealer; and Emma Thompson, an absolute blank, as the amnesiac for whom Branagh unaccountably falls.

Mobsters ★★ A kids' gangster movie that appears to have been cast by the Ford Modeling Agency, dressed by the editors of GQ, and written by the marketing department of some cheesy brokerage house currently under investigation. They are: Christian Slater, Patrick Dempsey, Richard Grieco and Costas Mandylor—Hollywood Canteen 1991, assuming cooler-than-thou attitudes and poses in an incomer plot edited for a five-second attention span. All dressed up and nowhere to go, the film substitutes gore and an embarrassingly gratuitous sex scene in place of character and theme. Directed by Michael Kertsnikoff, who comes from commercials, and it shows. Good period photography by the gifted Hungarian Lajos Koltai (best known for his films with Szabo), whose work here is chopped to pieces by the MTV editing.

Point Break ★★ Kathryn Bigelow's movies are noth-
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KATHLEEN BROCKEL

Age: 29
How long in Atlanta: 4 years
Relationship Status: Single, and looking for a straight man who can handle her line of work.
Personal Goal: To enjoy people and laugh a lot.
Pet Peeve: Hypocrites.

The Peace Corps likes to boast that it's The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love, but if you ask Kathleen Brockel, she'll tell you it's AIDS activism.

Brockel is Executive Director of NAPWA, the National Association of People With AIDS. She says she chose to get involved with the AIDS issue when she was attending college in Wisconsin.

"It's very hard to do something about AIDS without it being pretty life consuming, because it involves so much of life and death, and love and hate. It's all the elements, to me, of what life is, and they're all extremes. And for better or for worse, I'm a person who deals in extremes. AIDS teaches you life everyday," Brockel explains while reclining in a couch at the cramped NAPWA offices on 6th Street.

Those offices probably seemed pretty plush compared to the Dekalb County jail cell, where she recently spent seven hours. Brockel and Chip Rowan were arrested after they handcuffed themselves to the front door of the Centers for Disease Control to protest recent guidelines concerning HIV and healthcare workers. Jail would be a nightmare for some people, but not Brockel.

"The people that were in there were people I deal with everyday. I deal with prostitutes, criminals, drug dealers and addicts. I didn't have any problem. I went into the cell and they asked me what I was in for. I told them and they said, 'Great!' So, I had a great time in jail," she laughs.

Not everyone agrees with that type of activism, but Brockel feels it is effective. She says it makes policy makers think twice, and bureaucrats and officials don't need the embarrassment such actions bring.

"It's very dramatic," she says, "and many situations connected with AIDS require dramatic action because we don't have time on our side.

"Which doesn't make for a lot of time to slow down and relax. Brockel does take one weekend a month and gets out of town to renew her perspective, but she says it's at work where she gets most of her enjoyment.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say that this wasn't a pretty life consuming job, because it is," she admits, "But my work is fun and very fulfilling."

Brockel started her AIDS work with AID Atlanta nearly four years ago as a grant writer and fundraiser. She was hired as NAPWA's first paid Deputy Director a couple of years ago, when they moved their operation out of AID Atlanta's location and set out on their own. NAPWA is a membership organization with many programs and services to promote self-empowerment of people affected by HIV.

"Brockel says it's those people she deals with that make her job fun. She calls them all fighters who keep their organization very strong. But dealing with AIDS everyday can take its toll.

"The highs are definitely high, and the lows are very low," she says. "But, it's the people with HIV themselves that are the highs. That people die is a part of life. That people suffer is hard to deal with, especially those who suffer unnecessarily."

Brockel's personal suffering may be the fact that she lives with a sort of "guilt by association". Being a straight woman heading an organization that deals with a disease perceived as a "gay" disease is not easy.

"People assume that I am either gay or I have AIDS," she says, although many times people will not come right out and ask her. But when they do, Brockel says her answer depends on the situation.

"I don't intentionally give people the wrong impression," she explains, "but, usually the message you're trying to get across is, 'Look, we're all living with AIDS. Some of us are gay, some of us aren't. This is more of an 'us' thing than a 'we' and 'them' thing.'"

But what suffers the most is Brockel's love life.

"When a straight man finds out what I do, he freaks them out," she concedes. But even finding the straight men in Atlanta is a chore. A profile on her in a gay newspaper probably won't get her a date either, unless, she says, "Maybe someone has a brother."

—Candace Chellet
ESSAY

On being gay and Christian

by Steve Alper

I am a gay man and I am a Christian. A couple of years ago, I was straight and Jewish. You might say that recently my life has been a study in the struggle between accepting experiences as they are handed to me, and recognizing and claiming the truth of my own experience.

Six years ago, on a mountaintop in Kenya, I experienced God (Gaea, Allah, the Transcendental, the Universal Life Force, a Higher Power—whatever suits you) in a way that my Jewish religion said should not be. Two years ago at a chapel on Emory campus I experienced God in a way that my Jewish religion said could not be. I had to choose between what I was told about my experience and what I experienced. In so doing I lost my community of birth, I lost a father, and the relative comfort of the familiarity of the known. However, I gained a community of choice, I gained many new family members and I gained sense of freedom, healing and wholeness which came from accepting that which I knew to be true for me. Sound familiar? I came out—as a Christian! There are few Christians around who would not affirm the spirituality of my conversion, i.e. claiming my own experience as being in relation with God through Jesus as the Christ. Nonetheless, I am struck by the similarity between my conversion and my coming out as a gay man. On the other hand I feel an antagonism between being Christian and being gay.

I have found a way out of this paradox in the idea, offered by Christian Liberation Theology, that we experience God in our struggle for freedom from oppression. Thus in coming out as a gay man, no less than in coming out as a Christian, I found a sense of freedom. After all, isn't God a God of freedom and liberation from oppression, both the oppression of others and our own self-oppression? When I came out as a gay man I felt a sense of healing. After all, isn't God a God of healing? When I came out as gay man I felt a sense of wholeness, an integrity which gave me peace. And isn't it written that God is a God of Shalom (a Hebrew word which means both peace and wholeness)? Indeed, I know now that coming out as a gay man was the first uniquely gay spiritual experience that I had. Recently I discussed the concept of gay and lesbian spirituality with theologian and Episcopal priest Michael Wyatt. When I asked him to consider whether there indeed is any such thing as a uniquely gay spiritual experience that I had. opression, both the oppression of others and our own self-oppression. When I came out as a gay man I felt a sense of healing. After all, isn't God a God of healing? When I came out as gay man I felt a sense of wholeness, an integrity which gave me peace. And isn't it written that God is a God of Shalom (a Hebrew word which means both peace and wholeness)? Indeed, I know now that coming out as a gay man was the first uniquely gay spiritual experience that I had. Recently I discussed the concept of gay and lesbian spirituality with theologian and Episcopal priest Michael Wyatt. When I asked him to consider whether there indeed is any such thing as a uniquely gay spiritual experience that I had. opression, both the oppression of others and our own self-oppression. When I came out as a gay man I felt a sense of healing. After all, isn't God a God of healing? When I came out as gay man I felt a sense of wholeness, an integrity which gave me peace. And isn't it written that God is a God of Shalom (a Hebrew word which means both peace and wholeness)? Indeed, I know now that coming out as a gay man was the first uniquely gay spiritual experience that I had. Recently I discussed the concept of gay and lesbian spirituality with theologian and Episcopal priest Michael Wyatt. When I asked him to consider whether there indeed is any such thing as a uniquely gay spiritual experience that I had.
you're in church next Sunday. You may hear that we cannot engage in Christian service nor can we experience freedom, healing, wholeness, growth and peace by claiming our gay and lesbian sexuality. Or—and this is my personal favorite—you may hear that while we may think that we experienced the spiritual, we really didn't. It's just that we have been misled by our own selfish desires or we have been tricked by the Devil. Now isn't that special?

Despite my own misgivings and these protestations, I have found that I can both be Christian and gay without any loss of integrity. The answer lies in distinguishing between Christian spirituality and Christian religion. As I have come to understand it, spirituality is the individual's experience of God, including the trust that God will provide a commonality or universality to this experience. Religion, on the other hand, is spirituality by majority vote. It is religion which says "Kill a queer (Jew, Muslim, nigger...) for Christ." It is an experience of the spiritual to live Jesus' command: Love God, your neighbor, and yourself. It is religion which says you can only carry that love so far—if a man loves a man as he would a woman, he is an abomination. It is an experience of the spirit to find in the act of loving another human being the unity between spirit and flesh. It is religion which says that gay sexuality is a sign of a wounded creation, it is an experience of the spirit to find healing in the claiming of that sexuality.

The spirituality in the lives of lesbians and gays cannot forever be denied. Inroads are being made daily by those gays and lesbians who choose to serve as mediators between the edges and the center of Christianity. So, too, do those who stand only in the gay and lesbian worlds serve, by giving vocal and silent witness to the truth in their lives. It seems to me that there is room enough for all in this, God's Creation.

For some, the simple answer to such complex questions is religion—church every Sunday and unwavering faith in the facts as promulgated by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (and Paul). Let go, and let God. Faith, hope, and charity; that's the way to live successfully. (Or: Safe sex is easy, just use a condom.) And for many others (count me among them) such pablum is about as easy to swallow as hot lead. Why? Simple. It just doesn't nourish us. Sometimes it's downright poisonous.

Enough of the bad news. The good news is that more and more gay men are discovering that they have an inherent (if not well exercised) spiritual connection with each other. And to the earth Author and healer Andrew Ramer feels the roots of our connection date from the end of the Ice Age, when gay men served as guardians for the forests and midwives to the dying. Ramer describes lesbians and gay men as the "Stands Between People." We stand between men and women, night and day, heaven and earth, the living and the dead, "connecting them carrying their beauty from place to place."

Ramer will be one of the keynote presenters at the second annual Celebrating Gay Spirit Visions Conference, Sept. 20-22, near Highlands, N.C., less than two hours from Atlanta. Poet, seer, and all round amazing queer James Broughton will be the other keynote. Workshops running from art to erotic to exploring the warrior archetype to self-healing provide additional opportunity for learning, exploration, connection and fun.

Starting with the assumption that there is a distinct and powerful gay male spirituality, it is the goal of the conference organizers to bring men together in a setting that allows them to define and articulate that spirituality.

Cost for the weekend, including lodging and food, is $169. For a brochure write to Conference, 104 Trotter Place, Asheville, N.C. or call Ron Lambe at (704) 252-0643.

Celebrating Gay Spirit Visions
Conference set for September near Highlands, N.C.,
by Gary Kaupman

"Too much of the animal disfigures the civilized human being, too much culture makes a sick animal."
Carl Jung said it, not me. On one hand, it's the kind of thing I wish I would have said. On the other, it's the sort of articulated wisdom that I just hate. I mean, what the man is saying is obviously true, but he doesn't follow it with a neat set of instructions on how to strike a balance.

And while you're at it tell me where to find some answers.

Tell me just how do we find (and then maintain) a style of life that allows us to civi-

lize our animal without making him sick? (That's an especially prescient question for gay men, many of whom do daily battle with questions about their sexuality in the age of AIDS.)

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GENRE COVER MAN CONTEST. Sun., Aug. 18. 9 pm. Genre, the new lifestyle mag for gay men is looking for a man to grace its Spring 1992 cover and fashion spread. That special someone will be chosen from photo entries at parties all over the country. All contestants get neat free gifts. Petrus.

EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY: NUTRITION & HIV/AIDS. Sat., Aug. 17. 10am-5pm. Locally well known chefs, food samples and nutrition seminars will share the spotlight focusing on the nutritional needs of individuals at various stages of HIV infection. Free recipes for dishes that are good for you and easy to prepare. Crawford Long Hospital. 872-0600.

Fun.

RUPAUL: THE RETURN OF STARR BOOTY. Sat., Aug. 17. Midnight. All new music by RuPaul the Pop Tart is featured in the continuing saga of the spaceknight who must now save the world from an evil fascist chain that seeks to gain world dominance with its mind-numbing 13 herbs and spices. Velvet. 89 Park Place. Downtown. 681-9936.

TUCK AND PATTI. Sun., Aug. 18. 8 pm. The dynamic jazz duo features the amazing guitar of Tuck Andress and soulful vocals of Patti Cathcart. Come prepared to lose your heart.

SMALL BALL. Aug. 22, 24, 26. One of Verdi’s most intense tragedies features a story of the woe that follows finding your sweetheart. As Elvira could tell you: “that’s when your heartaches begin.” Of the woe that follows finding your sweetheart. Of the woe that follows finding your sweetheart. Of the woe that follows finding your sweetheart. Of the woe that follows finding your sweetheart. Of the woe that follows finding your sweetheart.

LEIGH McCLELLAND. Sun., Aug. 18. The sultry woman of song and a slew of surprise guests. No cover.

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ALL NEW... SUNDAIS PIGS & PUMPS?? races begin at 9:30 pm.
Sports
FRONT RUNNERS. Every Wed. at 6:30pm in Piedmont Park. Also every Saturday 8am at the Chattahoochee River off Powers Ferry Rd. Call Shelton Haines (622-0739) or Lynne Patterson (438-1151) for details.

AVS BOWLING. Every Monday, 8:30pm. Come down and see why Judy Tenuta says bowling fingers are so much fun. A sport with Judy Tenuta and the hallowed hills. Atlanta performers Joyce and Jacques, Bonk Dee Dee, Angela Moler and Funny That Way will be appearing in addition to many nationally known groups. Send SASE to 604 W. Chapel Hill St, Durham, NC 27701 or call 919-682-6374.

HOTLANTA SOCCER. Practice every Sun. 3pm at Piedmont Park. Hotlanta is looking for a few good thrills for the 99th season, and the upcoming International Gay Soccer Tournament scheduled for October in Atlanta. Men and women, beginners or pros are all encouraged to participate. You’ll get a kick out of it! Call Steve at 577-0418.

ATLANTA TEAM TENNIS. Every Saturday. Play to claim the competitive challenge ladder or just enjoy the game. Men play at 1pm on Sat. and 3pm on Fri. at Glenn Lake Tennis Center, 621-2699. Women’s division Fri., evenings and Sat. meetings at Chastain Park thru August 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. Helios Center gym on Cheshire Bridge Rd. 621-5062.

Television
DAUNdra PEEP’s ULTRA STYLELINE. Wed. and Fri. at 1:10 pm. An infotainment-type newsmagazine for those who are far out than most. This week’s movie section features the classic film “The Wild Thing” with RuPaul as an abandoned child raised by possums and lizards who fights to save his wilderness from the Presidential Parkway. People TV-Channel 12 on Prime Cable.

Theatre
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Sports
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Atlanta Educational Gender Information Service—Information for persons interested in issues of gender. PO Box 37224, Decatur, GA 30033. Phone 953-0244 (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 6pm in the Cobb County area. Support, social, demonstrations, safe space, and/or a monthly get-togethers. 740-1728.

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The issues of HIV testing of health care workers, women's and lesbians' health concerns and a controversial Centers for Disease Control grant were debated at the 13th National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and 9th National AIDS/HIV Health Forum held July 24-28 in New Orleans. Leaders called for a complete overhaul of the public health care system and condemned deep divisions within the gay and lesbian community.

The conference, the largest in the world concerning lesbian and gay health issues, was sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and the George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., with some controversial CDC funding. Proposed mandatory testing of health care workers drew the most heated response from lesbian and gay leaders during speeches at the opening plenary session, Thursday, July 25.

"Here is a time which threatens our kind with extinction," said Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "We face barriers now in our movement today," Vaid said Thursday, June 25. A statement issued by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation Board called the CDC "for their demonstrative commitment to supporting the further dissemination of AIDS education."

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"It is in the gay community we are most DbSet upon," said Cheri Pies, a Bay Area health care worker, said she knew personally of cases of HIV transmission from woman-to-woman sexual contact. "We have to pay attention to the growing number of facts that may not be contained in the scientific literature or that are also dismissed as anecdotal stories," Pies said.

Meanwhile, other leaders renewed the call for national health insurance and condemned continuing divisions within the gay and lesbian community during rousing speeches at Thursday's opening plenary session.

"I and a growing number of AIDS activists now realize that future change in the health care bureaucracy will be marginal unless accompanied by major changes in the government entities that... deal with health care beyond AIDS," said Jim Eigo of the ACT UP/New York. Eigo suggested that humane health care must be designed by citizens themselves.

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Also, Dr. Kenneth Fisher, founding member of the Arizona AIDS Project and Phoenix Shanti Project, offered a worst-case scenario. As mass testing fuels hysteria, Fisher warned, physicians will avoid treating HIV-positive patients, Fisher added darkly.

"We in the gay and lesbian medical community are aware that calls for mandatory testing grow out of fear and misinformation. Mass testing provides little in the way of prevention, none in the way of counseling or care and only leads to more testing," Fisher warned that HIV status could become a pre-employment screen with gay and lesbian candidates finding difficulty obtaining employment.

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"An individual's health status in this country is not just for doing our job."
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Hedging His Bets?: Don't you love it? Macho movie idol Tom Selleck has negotiated an out-of-court settlement with gay. What he has said is that he is not gay. He has said it is that he was (and is) married. And that he has fathered children. And this tidbit, "I am as proud of my sexual preference as those who happen to be gay are of theirs." Slick, Sellick. Mighty slick. 

No, No, No: It is with some dismay that we note the initiative by a group of Atlanta queers (calling themselves "OUTpent a caucus of QUEERage") to gather the names of closeted metro area residents in order to out those folks. Their announcement reads, "You got the info—had a famous Atlantan—call...." The abusive and sexist use of word "had" as a description for what ought to be sexual orientation tells us all we need to know about these folks. This is the sort of sophomoric B.S. that queer songsters Romanovsky and Phillips refer to when they say "there's no way out of your penis for a brain." Or, as Dish's friend R. would say, "Icky, poo poo, dren. And this tidbit, "I am as proud of my sexual preference as those who happen to be gay are of theirs." Slick, Selleck. 

ARIES-Mercury and Venus slide back into your 5th house of creativity, children and passion, joining expansive Jupiter and creating opportunities for creative expression and fun activities. A brief, but beautiful affair is a possibility. 

TAURUS-The Sun joins Mars in your 4th house of home, family and personal roots, so there may be some stress and tension around parents or the arrangement of your living space. If you are moving, take it slow and easy. 

GEMINI-The Sun joins Mars in your 4th house of family roots, parents and your current home life on the 23rd, squaring your solar placements. You may have to deal with issues around home and family, remember to be patient. 

CANCER-Mercury and Venus have backed up into your 12th house of the unconscious and the unseen, activating your dreamtime and your subconscious processes. A good time to keep a dream log and pay attention to your intuition. 

LEO-Happy Birthday til the 23rd. Mercury and Venus move back into your 1st house on the 19th and 21st, giving you an opportunity to complete unfinished personal business. Take care of any loose ends involving your personal life. 

VIRGO-Happy Birthday! The Sun joins Mars in your 1st house on the 23rd, giving you a surge of physical drive and energy. Be sure to plan lots of good times for yourself with close friends and loved ones. Celebrate your life! 

LIBRA-With the Sun and Mars traveling through your 12th house of the unconscious, your dreams, instincts and intuition may be very active. A perfect time to develop better use and more trust of your higher abilities. 

SCORPIO-The Sun joins Mars in your 11th house of casual friends and associates, as well as community causes and progressive ideas. Excellent for networking and investing time and energy in your favorite cause. Have fun! 

SAGITTARIUS-With the Sun and Mars in your 10th house of career and community status you may have some conflict between personal needs and career demands, so keep your cool and remember to prioritize your activities. 

CAPRICORN-With the Sun and Mars in your 9th, traveling natal placements, you should feel a boost of energy and enthusiasm. This is the perfect time for a regenerating and stimulating period of vacation with family or close friends. 

AQUARIUS-Mercury and Venus move back into your 7th house of close friends, sig others and business partners creating opportunities for clearing up misunderstandings and developing communica- 

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Dish
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Hated it!: Someone who can also only be described as heterosexually imperturbable is obviously the perpetrator of the latest bit of hate-related vandalism around the So-Vo offices. Spray paint on the windows and the distribution box is, of course, a fairly unimaginative way to express yourself. But it's the color of that paint as sprayed—that's a cross between red clay and puppy poop—that is the real give away here. 

Response to Pee-wee: Herman's run in with the Saturna purity patrol has been remarkably restrained. Of course there was Joan Rivers' patronizing comment "he was an adult and he was in an adult heterosexual movie theater at the time." And the A.P.'s story "on how to explain Pee-wee's latest adventure to kids" is a classical study in the denial of reality. But an amazing amount of comment has been focused on how absurd it is for a city to permit adult films to be shown and then arrest people who respond to those films in a perfectly natural way. One of the best of these commentaries (though it was meant to be funny and isn't) came from the Journal/Commission's redneck yolk-ster Lewis Grizzard. If Dish and Grizzard agree on something it can freedom and justice for all be far behind? Maybe, but more likely it's some weird and unexplained astrological convergence at work here. You can send letters of support to Pee-wee at 8500 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 520, Beverly Hills, CA 90211.

Judy, Judy, Judy: During the 91st Mr. Holliston National Finale at the Civic Center on August 2, comic Judy Tenuta breathed life into an otherwise limp extravaganza. This "Wild Orchid" take off, directed by Jimmy Hollingsworth and produced by John Foutz, was hosted by drag celeb Taisha. While Dish admits to being somewhat the omert, Tenuta quickly brought us around. Her irreverent exuberance was the most refreshing experience Dish has had since the decades '70s and the then-dive Miss M. Hais off to the Holliston Board for booking Tenuta. And congrats to local toy boy Tim Thompson who placed first runner-up. But the most appetizing dish of the evening was Mr. Holliston '91, Choo Usche, God's gift from L.A. Perhaps Mr. Holliston '92 will bring the return of Usche and Tenuta, minus all those dreadful birds and feathers. Encore! 

Hated this, too: While watching television a few nights ago (yes, we admit it) Dish happened to catch a commercial by the Metro Dental Group. Dentist Doug Henson piously stands Metro Dental Group. Dentist Doug Henson piously stands

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Jay Beard and Jim Pearce of Decatur sent in these gorgeous photos of Matisse, a Blue-point Himalayan, at 3 months old. He is now four, but is still shy (a two-person cat). Matisse abandoned the Igloo cooler and now hides out in his kitchen-cabinet catacombs.

Honorable Mention
Dexter and her pet frog.
Weekly support group for women and men who are HIV+ and in recovery from drug/alcohol addiction. Meetings Monday evenings 6:30-7:30 in Midtown and is facilitated by an experienced substance abuse counselor. For more info call Suzanne at 874-2641—leave message if no answer, (V, 410).

HIV + ACAP Carers- We are Atlanta’s Continuous Matching Unemployment. We understand the need for friendship/relationships with others who understand! Our service can help! Complete confidentiality! FREE details, and $30.00 dep. Dept. H Box 975242, Dahlonega, GA 30536. Start meeting others soon!

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

The People Project—Ready to assist PWA’s in locating services that are available in the community. This is a peer-for-peer program. Call Ron at 371-6039 or the Atlanta Gay Center at 876-3902.


AIDS Care Coordinated is a new service for PWA’s in need of housing and utilization services. Call for more info at 371-9433.

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