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GA Supreme Court to hear "domestic partnership" case

Lower court ruled couple's agreement invalid due to "illegal and immoral" nature of relationship

by KC Wildmoon
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Atlanta—In a case that could have a far reaching impact on gay and lesbian couples, two former lesbian lovers are asking the Georgia Supreme Court to decide on the validity of a joint ownership agreement the two signed when they became partners in 1982. A Fulton County Superior Court judge previously ruled that the agreement is invalid because the pair entered into that agreement to "facilitate a relationship which in Georgia is considered illegal and immoral." Oral arguments are scheduled before the state's highest court in late September.

According to court documents filed in late 1989, Mary Patricia Gagne Gilden moved into a home owned by Florence E. Croke in 1982. The two signed a "joint ownership agreement," in which Gilden and Croke stated that each agreed that "all of her property and property rights, presently owned or hereafter acquired during the term of this agreement...is and shall remain the joint property" of the pair. The document further stated that Gilden was contributing money toward renovations of Croke's home, and that Croke would transfer half interest in the property to Gilden in consideration of that fact. A Warranty Deed transferring half the property to Gilden was signed and recorded in 1984.

In the fall of 1989, Gilden and Croke separated, and

Gilden requested her half of the pair's property and assets as per the agreement. When Croke refused, Gilden filed a complaint in Fulton County Superior Court, asking the Court to order Croke to abide by the agreement. Croke filed a complaint of her own, asking that the Warranty Deed be voided.

In her defense against Gilden's complaint and her complaint about the warranty deed, Croke argued that because of their homosexual relationship, the agreement was unenforceable. She argued that even though the joint ownership agreement contains no mention of the women's personal relationship, she signed the document expecting to continue a sexual relationship. Citing Georgia's laws prohibiting sodomy and fornication between unmarried adults, Croke said that her relationship with Gilden was immoral, illegal, "contrary to public policy and injurious to the public interest."

Judge Luther Alverson ruled on the complaints in February 1991. Alverson accepted Croke's testimony that the agreement was signed in consideration of a lesbian relationship, and voided the agreement. Since the Warranty Deed transfer had been completed, Judge Alverson agreed with Gilden that the deed would stand.

Alverson's court order left Gilden and Croke on their

own as to how to divide the property, saying that "the Courts of this State will not assist the parties to an illegal or immoral relationship."

Both parties have appealed the lower court's decisions.

Attorneys for Croke and Gilden did not return *Southern Voice's* phone calls before press time for this issue.

With a lack of domestic partnership legislation and no legal right to marry, many lesbian and gay couples turn to written agreements spelling out each other's rights and responsibilities in a relationship. The ramifications of this case could mean that such agreements are unenforceable, especially in a jurisdiction with sodomy laws, such as Georgia.

"The Superior Court is washing its hands of it all," said Atlanta attorney Jeri Kagel. Kagel said she has worked with a number of lesbian couples, helping them to write similar partnership agreements.

"I do a lot of mediation," she said. "That's my preference, concentrating on cooperation at all stages, regardless of how you feel about each other at the time."

Kagel is dismayed that Croke and her attorneys are using the fact of a lesbian relationship to void a contract.

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Third national march on Washington set for April 25, 1993

50% of organizers will be women and people of color

by Jonathan Mitchell

Chicago—Organizers set a date, April 25, 1993, and made preliminary decisions for a third gay and lesbian march in the nation's capitol to press for greater gay civil rights.

Meeting here for a two-day session August 3-4, representatives from a cross section of the gay community, including Atlanta, set the date for what is being billed as one of the largest gatherings of gays and lesbians in history.

Gay and lesbian leaders feel it is time for another rally in Washington, D.C. to energize the gay rights movement and build on the momentum of past victories in the battle for equality. The '93 march follows previous marches in 1979 and 1987.

A 15-member Interim Coordinating Committee (ICC) was selected in Chicago and charged with the task of beginning national organizing for the event, and creating a National Steering Committee that will have final authority over the 1993 march. Pat Hussain of Atlanta was elected to the ICC and was named one of three co-chairs along with Jamie Rodriguez of Anchorage, Alaska and Scout Weshchler of Chicago. Hussain is a member of GLAAD-Atlanta.

The issues of inclusiveness and outreach dominated all aspects of the Chicago meeting. Original proposals called for all committees to consist of at least 25 percent persons of color and 50 percent women.

After lively and sometimes heated debate on the parity issue, that proposal was modified after three votes to mandate that all march committees must include gender and racial parity at a 50 percent minimum.

Some participants, particularly delegates from rural areas and small cities, expressed concerns about being able to meet those mandates. Such communities do not have large minority communities to draw upon, they said, for such leadership.

According to 21-year-old Luke Massie, a delegate from the Revolutionary Worker's League of Detroit who was vocal in his opposition to the modifications, the mandates are a window dressing, not real solutions.

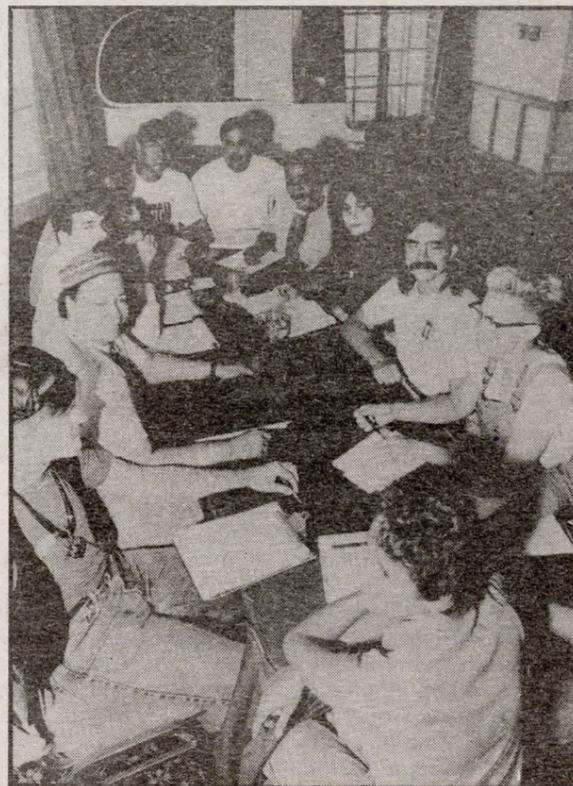
"The white liberals who voted with them (the pro-mandate delegates) are absolving their own consciences," he said.

But proponents of the 50 percent mandate said it would force such communities to improve their outreach efforts. "That vote symbolizes the national gay and lesbian movement accepting a partnership with the communities of people of color," said Chris Gonzalez, director of the Indianapolis Youth Group and member of ICC.

He pointed out that it was persons of color who sparked the modern gay movement at the Stonewall Inn in New York when they fought back against a police raid of the gay bar. The gay community since that time, however, has been dominated by white gay males who have set the movement's agenda.

"Now the communities of color are standing up and saying, 'You are going to include us,'" he said.

Hussain said, "I have no doubt that we have enough resolve to accept this as a challenge and handle it. Cherokees are native to Georgia. I'm determined to find a Native American in Atlanta and offer them the opportunity to participate."



The 15-member Interim Coordinating Committee for the 1993 March on Washington. Pat Hussain of Atlanta (second from left) was elected one of the three co-chairs.

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Dental group profits from AIDS hysteria, say protestors

by KC Wildmoon

Marching against what they called "AIDS Profiteers," about fifty protestors circled in front of the Metro Dental Services office in Ansley Mall on August 24. The group has been running a television commercial featuring Dr. Douglas Henson touting the HIV negative status of their staff. ACT UP and other AIDS activists contend that Metro Dental Services is trying to profit from the hysteria surrounding HIV and healthcare workers.

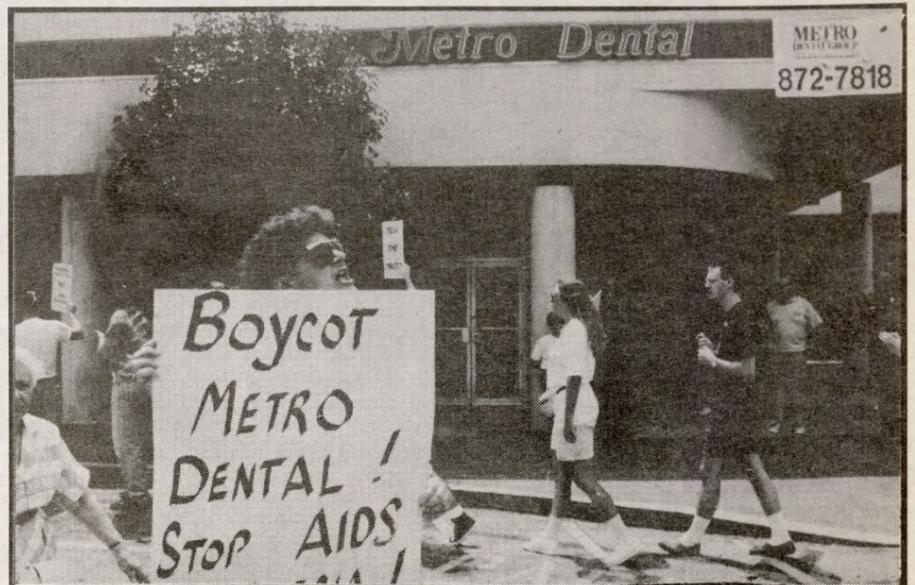
Dr. Henson watched from the sidewalk as the marchers carried signs and chanted in the parking lot for about an hour on Saturday afternoon. There was no interaction between the protestors and the dentist, who has previously threatened to fire any of his employees who test positive for HIV. Henson also allegedly threatened that picketing his business would cost activists the support of his wife, State Representative Michelle Henson.

"The protest was very successful," said

Kathleen Brockel, executive director of the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS. "We did what we intended to do, which was to bring community attention to the fact that Metro Dental is doing something wrong."

Brockel said she doesn't believe that Henson is ready to pull the commercial from the airwaves. "I think he wants the free publicity," she said. "But we'll continue the pressure. On Saturday we used our bodies and our voices to let him know that what he's doing is unacceptable. From here forward we can use our money by refusing to buy his services."

Activists say that dentists and dental groups should be emphasizing universal precautions in dental techniques rather than caving in to public fears. In addition, they call for more education on transmission of the HIV virus.



KAREN DUNIGAN

Soviet gays help Yeltsin get word out

In an exclusive interview with the *San Francisco Sentinel*, an American intern at the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) office in Moscow told how Russian lesbian and gay activists reacted to last week's coup attempt by hardline communists in the Soviet Union. Tom Boellstorff said that *Tema*, the first lesbian/gay newspaper in Moscow, printed Boris Yeltsin's demands and distributed them to protesters and soldiers in front of the Russian Parliament.

Soviet activists feared arrests after coup leaders issued a statement saying that "criminals and immoral elements [are] a threat to stability." Reports also surfaced on August 20

that authorities were demanding lists of people with AIDS from doctors at AIDS clinics.

American activists reported relief when they saw some of their Soviet counterparts in CNN news reports. "We knew they were OK," said IGLHRC Executive Director Julie Dorf, "because we saw them on television."

Roman Kalinin, one of the Soviet Union's best known gay activists and editor of *Tema*, printed fliers and published a special edition of the Soviet gay paper. Since no printing presses were available, the office copy machine did the job.

"We have already run off 4,000 copies of *Tema* and Yeltsin's proclamation," said Kalinin, "and distributed it in the streets and even to soldiers in the tanks."

Dorf said that even though he feared arrest, Kalinin refused to leave the country. "[He] would rather die in a labor camp fighting... than to live in exile."

AT&T gives \$250k to AIDS groups

by KC Wildmoon

Atlanta-AT&T took the lead in corporate donations to AIDS-related organizations on August 21 when the company announced grant awards to thirteen local organizations. The grants, which were funded by the AT&T Foundation and the local corporate office, totalled \$250,000.

According to Southern Region Vice President Stan Kabala, AT&T has given over a million dollars since 1985 to organizations provided AIDS services. "We refuse to assume this epidemic is someone else's problem," he said. "We believe corporate America has a responsibility to assist in addressing this crisis."

"We thought that in Atlanta corporations needed to step forward and that we needed to take the lead," said AT&T spokesperson Phyllis Weiss. "We believe this is the most comprehensive corporate grant package [awarded] in one city at one time."

The local organizations receiving grants were the Metropolitan Community Foundation, Grady Hospital's Infectious Disease Clinic, the Visiting Nurse Association, ChildKind, Project Open Hand, Jerusalem House, AID Atlanta, Mercy Mobile Health Program, Outreach, AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta, Southside Healthcare, Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network, and the National Association of People With AIDS/Atlanta. The grants ranged from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

legislation in Georgia.

"Certainly lawmakers and judges should be willing to recognize that there should be ways to handle "divorce" from a relationship as well as from so-called legal marriages," he said.

As for using Georgia's sodomy laws to invalidate partnership agreements, Pelligrini said "I would hope that the court would see that those laws are so erratically enforced and interpreted that they would not be a valid argument in this case."

City Council censures Cracker Barrel

by KC Wildmoon

The City Council of Atlanta on August 19 passed a strongly worded resolution calling Cracker Barrel's employment practices "discriminatory and contrary to traditional American values" and urging the Tennessee-based restaurant chain to end all discriminatory practices. Cracker Barrel officials issued a memo earlier this year stating that the company would not employ those "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values."

The resolution was introduced by Council member Myrtle Davis and signed by thirteen other members before passing the Council unanimously on a voice vote.

"It seemed to us that any company with that kind of written policy should be called on the carpet," said Council member Davis.

Local gay activists were pleased with Council's action. "This resolution indicates the broad range of groups opposed to Cracker Barrel's employment policies," said Larry Pelligrini of Queer Nation, which has spearheaded protests against CB in the Atlanta area. "It also indicates that this issue is not going away, that it continues to attract people of conscience speaking out against the bigotry and discrimination."

The resolution also notes that no members of Cracker Barrel's Board of Directors are women or other minorities. "I think that fact is an indication of how their discriminatory policy against gays and lesbians could have come about in the first place," said Council member Davis. The resolution urges the company to "further end its discrimination in appointment of or election to its Board of Directors," in addition to adopting a policy stating that all discrimination is against company policy.

Copies of the resolution are being sent by the Municipal Clerk to Cracker Barrel C.E.O. Dan Evins and each member of the company's board of directors. In addition, activists are sending copies to other government leaders around the Southeast.

"I doubt we'll get a response from Cracker Barrel," said Davis, "but I hope that other governments across the region will soon be adopting similar resolutions."

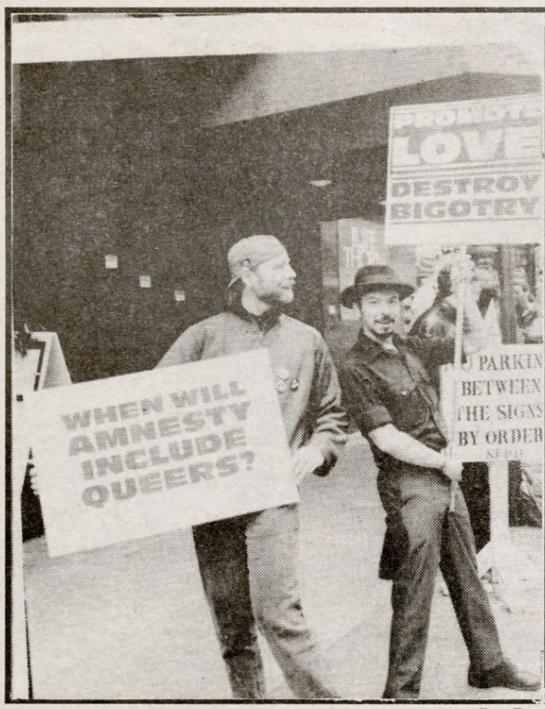
Amnesty decides on gays in September

Inclusion of gays and lesbians in Amnesty International's mandate and the decision to defend gays will be put before the organization for a vote at its international conference in September in Japan.

Amnesty officially recognizes discrimination suffered by gays as a problem but has continued to refuse to adopt as prisoners of conscience those arrested on the basis of sexual orientation.

At Amnesty USA's conference in June in Washington, D.C. one top AI executive, Michael Schelew of Canada, told the audience that homophobia among high-level AI administrators was "appalling". He cited this as the reason for his recent resignation as chair of Amnesty's Mandate Review Committee. He called for all Amnesty sections to include gays and lesbians as a protected group in Amnesty's charter. Amnesty USA already supports the inclusion of gays as prisoners of conscience.

Amnesty's inclusion of gays and lesbians is regarded as important by activists because of the group's clout. The 30-year-old organization is the largest to monitor human rights abuses worldwide. It has succeeded in bringing international pressure to



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Protestors in San Francisco

bear on governments with poor human rights records and has obtained prison releases for people throughout the world.

The Gay & Lesbian Task Force to Change Amnesty International, a coalition of groups including ILGA, ACT UP, Queer Nation, GLAAD and NGLTF, says it will call for a major boycott of Amnesty if their vote is negative.

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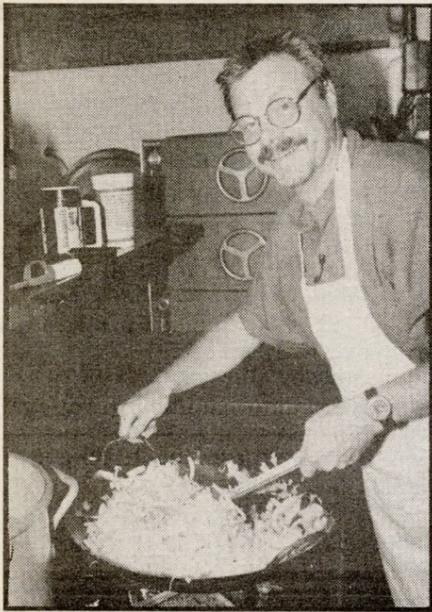
"They're essentially asking a court system that we already know doesn't care much about us to say that a lesbian relationship is a bad thing," she said. "Using the courts to invalidate our relationships like this is a tragedy."

"There's obviously no way to fully protect yourself," said Robin Leonard, editor of *A Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples*. That book, written by Hayden Curry and Denis Clifford and first published in 1980, offers sample contracts and advice for couples coping with a legal system that often works against gays and lesbians.

"Even if you do everything you should do," said Leonard, "the legal system is still overwrought with homophobia. This case is further evidence that the courts are not there to protect gays and lesbians."

Larry Pelligrini, President of the Lesbian and Gay Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia, said that this case points out the need for domestic partnership

Edwards Is Citizen of the Week



Atlanta sculptor Michael Edwards has been named "TBS 17 Super Citizen of the Week." Edwards is the founder and current board president of Project Open Hand/Atlanta, an organization which prepares and delivers meals to people with AIDS. The "TBS 17 Super Citizen of the Week" Award celebrates individuals who have contributed distinguished service, volunteerism, public service or humanitarian service to their communities. Nominations for the "TBS 17 Super Citizen of the Week" may be submitted by members of the general public. To request an official nomination form, write to: TBS 17 Super Citizen of the Week, Public Affairs, Post Office Box 105366, Atlanta, Georgia 30348-5366.

ALGPC Elects 1992 Board: The Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee is set to begin organizing the 1992 Atlanta Pride March after electing its new board at a meeting last month. The eleven-person board now consists of Dale Biggers, Lynn Cothren, Shelly Robbins, Duncan Teague, Bev Cook, Duade O'Connor, Jamie Morrison, Dan Rhoney, Lynn Manning, Jeff Black, and Paul Stone. New officers will be elected at a meeting of the board this week.

HIV+ Restaurant Manager Fired: *The Front Page*, a North Carolina lesbian/gay newspaper, reported last week that an HIV+ man was fired from his job as a manager at a Pizza Hut in Edenton, NC. Representatives of Bergen Enterprises, which owns a number of Pizza Hut franchises in the South, denied firing Wesley Aman because of his HIV status. Aman said that he intends to file anti-discrimination charges.

North Carolina Group "Adopts" Highway: A North Carolina group won a settlement against the North Carolina Department of Transportation on July 16, allowing it to participate in the state's "adopt-a-highway" clean-up program. The Southern Appalachian Lesbian and Gay Alliance (SALGA) originally applied for the program last summer, and was told by DoT officials that they could not participate because of "safety concerns." The DoT later agreed to let SALGA participate as long as the words "lesbian" and "gay" did not appear on the sign posted on the segment of highway maintained by the organization. SALGA filed a lawsuit in December 1990 and withdrew it on August 6 after the settlement. Following the settlement, DoT officials again requested that SALGA reconsider use of their name on the sign. SALGA said that the sign will be erected with the group's entire name.

1992 Int'l AIDS Conference Cancelled: Harvard University announced that the 8th Annual International Conference on AIDS, scheduled for Boston in 1992, would be moved out of the U.S. The move was made when the U.S. government refused to remove a ban preventing AIDS-infected foreigners from entering the U.S. When asked about the decision to move the conference, President George Bush told reporters, "They'll find other ways to get together." The new site for the conference is expected to be announced next month.

Police Attacked By Gay Bashers: According to a report in *The New Voice*, police working a sting in Houston were attacked in three separate incidents by gay bashers on August 4. In one incident, an officer was beaten with a club; in another two officers were maced; in the third, occupants of a car threw rocks and beer cans at officers. Two teenagers were arrested and charged with aggravated assault and attempted murder in the first attack. Officers involved were posing as gays in an effort to curb gay bashing.

GLAAD Founder Dies: Craig Davidson, founding Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, died on August 3 of complications related to AIDS. Davidson served as executive director of GLAAD from 1987 to 1990. He is survived by his lover of 12 years, Michael Valenti, his parents, Donald and Jean Davidson, and his sister, Kathryn Davidson.

Court Reinstates Lesbian's Suit Against Reserves: The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco reinstated a lesbian's lawsuit stemming from her discharge from the Army reserves. Dusty Pruitt had filed the suit after an involuntary honorable discharge in 1986. She had given an interview to a Los Angeles newspaper about being a lesbian in the military. The Court ordered the lawsuit reinstated by finding that the Army's ban on homosexuals was at least in part due to other people's prejudice. Recent court rulings around interracial marriages have determined that other people's prejudices are not justification for discrimination.

PBS, Producers Knuckle Under: The Public Broadcasting System and the producers of *Point of View* have pulled a documentary about ACT UP's 1989 die-in at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral. *Stop the Church* was to have been aired on August 27, and was pulled because of its "pervasive tone of ridicule" of the Roman Catholic Church. By way of explanation, *P.O.V.* president David Davis cited "tremendous stress" on PBS-affiliated stations following last month's broadcast of Marlon Riggs' *Tongues Untied*. PBS's Jan McKinven denied that last month's controversy was related to the cut.

P-FLAG Grows Internationally: The Federations of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays announced that outreach efforts have added the Soviet Union and France to the International Federation of P-FLAG. "There remains much work to be done," said national president Paulette Goodman, who initiated contact in France, "not only in the U.S. but internationally as well." A feminist publisher in Leningrad and a therapist in Moscow volunteered to initiate chapters in those cities.

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First Atlanta AIDS Walk hopes to raise \$350,000

by Candace Chellew

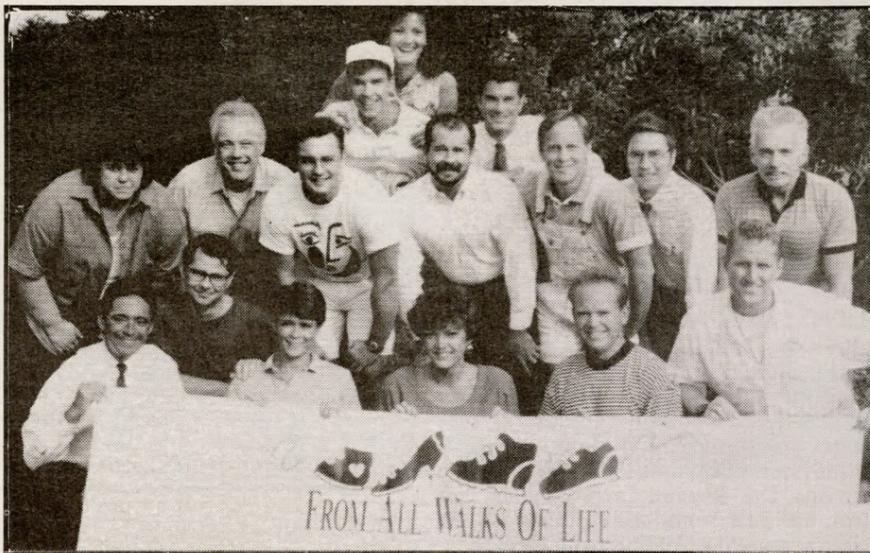
What has 20,000 feet, wears walking shoes and is gay and straight? You got it — From All Walks of Life, the first Atlanta walk-a-thon for AIDS scheduled for September 8. Walk Project Director Harry Brown says over four hundred walk teams of fifteen to twenty people have already signed up. Such response has forced them to move the gathering point for the walk from Grady High School to the stage at Piedmont Park.

Other problems have cropped up, too. Volunteers are pouring in so fast, Brown says, they are having to turn them away. One Atlanta ad agency is donating workers, and will even pay those employees to participate, prizes are being donated from big and small businesses, radio and TV stations are getting involved and even Elton John will be walking through Atlanta.

All in all, not bad problems to have, but such "success" comes only after many lives have been lost. Brown says, "Now there's so much media attention being paid to the spread of AIDS into the heterosexual community, women and teenagers. People are learning that AIDS is everyone's concern, and that sooner or later, they are going to be touched by AIDS."

If the response is any indication, Atlanta should do well with its first AIDS walk. Brown is encouraged by the success of other walks around the country. Chicago's first walk attracted 10,000 people and raised \$700,000. Brown hopes From All Walks of Life will raise \$350,000.

The money raised will go to help eight agencies in Atlanta: AID Atlanta, AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta, Inc., Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network, Inc.,



The Volunteer Steering Committee of From All Walks of Life hopes Atlanta's first walk for AIDS will rival the success of other cities.

Childkind, Jerusalem House, Outreach, Inc., Project Open Hand, and the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People With Aids.

Brown says that contrary to reports, walkers cannot directly send their money to a chosen organization. All eight will receive funds from the walk, but each are competing for a \$15,000 incentive to the one that recruits the most walkers.

"In order for them to get credit, the walker must put the name of the recipient coordinator for each agency," Brown explains. "We'll total those names up and that's how they get credit."

The plan for dividing the money has

changed during the course of preparing the event. AID Atlanta will receive fifty percent of the net collected and, originally, the rest of the money was going to be made available to the other agencies in the form of grants that they must apply to receive. Now, Brown says, twenty percent of the balance will be divided among the agencies, and thirty percent left for grants.

"This is new to the walk," Brown says. "Other cities are awarding everything in the form of grants, so there is no guarantee that the participating agencies will receive anything."

But first, the walk must take place. It will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, September 8th

in Piedmont Park. Monica Kaufman from WSB-TV and Steve Goss from WPCH-FM will co-emcee the opening ceremonies. At 2:30 p.m. Mayor Maynard Jackson and singer Elton John will cut the ribbon and lead the walk.

The 5k (3.2 miles) route will go from 10th Street to Peachtree to 15th Street. A quick left will wind the walkers to Peachtree Circle and then the Prado. The route then crosses over Piedmont and back into the park at the Botanical Garden and then back to the stage area. There will be two rest stops along the walk with refreshments and entertainment.

After the walk there will be speeches and entertainment, followed by a closing ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

Brown, assisted by a hard working volunteer steering committee, has worked diligently to bring all of the details together. The response has been astounding, and Brown says it's fulfilled a personal goal.

"I wanted to get people from all walks of life involved," he explained. "I felt I could count on the gay and lesbian community for support, and the hard struggle would be bringing in other segments of the community."

He says it's been easier than he thought. Brown projects that thirty-five percent of the walkers that Sunday will be from the heterosexual community. To them, he says, "This is not a gay walk, it's an AIDS walk, and there is no reason why everybody should not be a part of this."

If you need more information on the AIDS walk call Harry Brown at 404-885-6800.

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Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus celebrates 10th season

Music Director Jeffrey McIntyre looks back on the last decade of AGMC

by Ian Ginsburg

"Ten years ago, when our audience heard 'Can't help lovin' that man' sung by a gay chorus for the very first time in Atlanta, the crowd went crazy!" recalls Jeffrey McIntyre, Music Director of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus. "It is a moment I'll never forget."

With thinning brown hair, unwavering blue eyes and a thick moustache, Jeffrey exudes energy, charm and a passionate enthusiasm as he talks about his love: the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus. He jokes that working with the AIDS Legal Project of Atlanta Legal Aid (where he is Program Administrator, a job which he freely admits he enjoys) "is what I do... a musician is what I am."

The Chorus observes September as their anniversary since their first rehearsal was held in that month in 1981. This year marks the Chorus' 10th anniversary.

McIntyre says the Gay Men's Chorus was born out of his frustration with "the way things were politically back in the early '80's. The Gay Community was not well organized—there was a lack of pride. Then my whole world changed—the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus sang here on their national tour and I thought: I can do that—and this is what the community needs."

The Gay Chorus soon began to break sexual barriers all over Atlanta. "That first year, I called up Rich's and asked if we could sing during the Christmas Celebration, on the risers set up outside the Lenox Mall Store. To my astonishment, they said 'yes' and we told everybody to bring their friends." When the concert got



AGMC at Pride '91

underway, Lenox Mall was packed from the Rich's end to the hallway leading to Neiman Marcus. "It was incredible, all those gay folk, celebrating their lifestyles and the holiday—the security guards said they had never seen such a large crowd there for any other chorus."

Staying visible in the community and integrating with all Atlanta was a goal Jeffrey sought actively. On July 4th of 1984, the Gay Men's Chorus made a quantum-leap between the gay and straight communities. "We were invited to be in the WSB Parade. So," Jeffrey recalls with a grin, "we got a float together and—we were scared witless. In fact for the entire 45 minute duration of the parade, we never

stopped singing because we didn't want to hear what people were saying."

The early novelty of the chorus wore off and as the decade of the '80's continued, AIDS took its toll on the Chorus. Glancing with fondness at a picture taken of the chorus from the early '80's, Jeffrey remarks, "almost the entire front row is now dead. It's very sad."

After a five year self-enforced absence from the Chorus ("I had to do some personal growth with my music by doing things like singing with the Atlanta Symphony Chorus"), he's now back at the helm "at the Board's behest."

"It's exciting, we're rebuilding, re-energizing and we've moved our concerts to the

heart of Midtown at the 14th Street Playhouse. We're singing at the upcoming AIDS Walk (on September 8 in Piedmont Park) and becoming visible in the community again." The Chorus will also perform at the St. Bartholomew Olde English Festival on September 28.

Jeffrey feels that the vastly rich choral community didn't need "another classical chorus. We're here to provide pride and entertainment. That's why our Tenth Anniversary season is built around entertainment themes like 'Men on Christmas' (featuring the characters made famous by 'In Living Color') and 'WGAY Radio' or what a gay radio station would sound like."

Along with the entertainment comes a message. "I think we try harder to say something with our music than in the early years. And lesbian and gay choruses across the country are now commissioning works and adding to the serious repertoire, so we have much more music to choose from."

"I used to get notes from chorus members saying 'this is the proudest thing I have ever done.'" He concludes, "I want the people in the Chorus...to have that feeling again."

The schedule for the 10th season of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus is as follows: Holiday Concert — "Men on Christmas," December 15 at 8 pm; Spring Concert — "WGAY Radio," March 29 at 8pm; Pride Concert '92 — "The Best of the Last 10 Years," date and time to be announced.

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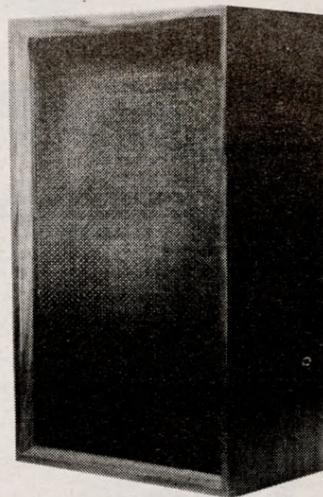
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A Labor Day Look at AIDS in the Workplace

by Valerie Monk

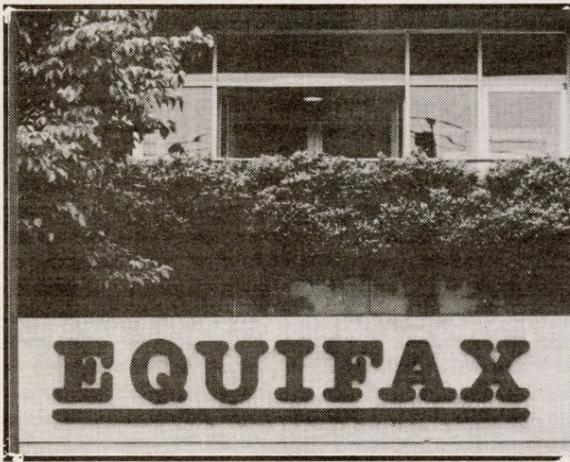
"AIDS is a long haul commitment...conflict and controversy regarding the disease will intensify...the competition for resources will increase and AIDS will heighten and exacerbate unresolved social and racial conflicts...no single resource, private or public, is sufficient to bear the burden imposed by AIDS."

The speaker is not a member of ACT UP; he's William Baumhauer, CEO of Daka International, the parent company of Fuddrucker's. You may be wondering why this man is speaking on AIDS, especially since he is in the food service business serving over 100 million customers. He is one of several executives in the United States who is fighting the epidemic in the manner he knows best—telling his story to anyone who will listen.

Baumhauer has spoken before many groups, as recently as August 13 when he addressed the Academy of Management meeting in Miami Beach. He is not afraid to stand up and say that he employs people at high risk and that he has both homosexuals and heterosexuals in management positions who have died or are dying of AIDS. He tells his audience about the policies and educational programs his company has developed and tries to get them to understand that this is a real world problem that will not go away.

Is Daka International unique? No, there are other companies, especially the larger ones, who have stepped forward and addressed the issues of HIV/AIDS in the workplace. Robert Haas, CEO of Levi Strauss & Co., has been known to pass out AIDS pamphlets to his employees as they came to work. Levi Strauss is considered to be the corporate leader in addressing AIDS in the workplace. Their programs and policies have been used as models and starting points for many other companies, especially in the San Francisco area.

Even Modine Manufacturing, a company with 4500 employees in 27 small towns throughout the Midwest, has a very responsive AIDS program. They have a trauma team of mental health professionals and the corporate jet available to assist any Modine employee or family member deal with an AIDS-related problem. Modine started its program when its CEO was embarrassed and confused over his lack of knowledge about AIDS.



KAREN DUNIGAN

Equifax considers itself the most pro-active Atlanta-based company in dealing with AIDS.

Atlanta Businesses

No one has specifically surveyed Atlanta's businesses to determine how well they perform on this vital issue. However, Letitia Sweitzer, in *Business Atlanta's* June 1988 issue, discussed what several Atlanta-based companies are and are not doing about HIV/AIDS in the workplace. Unlike Bill Baumhauer, the restaurant owners in Atlanta (noted were the Peasant Restaurants and Bones) are disinclined to discuss the issue. Williams Brothers is cited as being typical of many of Atlanta's companies — they are waiting until they have an AIDS case before they have an AIDS policy.

While noticeably absent in Ms. Sweitzer's discussion, The Coca-Cola Company, perhaps Atlanta's best known world-wide corporation, was contacted for an update. A spokesperson there stated that, "The Coca Cola Company educates its employees on infectious and life-threatening illnesses through an educational program designed to help all levels of supervisors and employees manage issues

related illnesses, such as cancer, hepatitis, and the various stages of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome." The recommendations on how they would deal with AIDS in the workplace were made by a company task force with additional input from various medical agencies, such as the World Health Organization, the US Public Health Services, and the Centers for Disease Control. In addition, employees may consult with their in-house medical staff as needed.

A call to another major Atlanta corporation, Delta Air Lines, that employs nearly 60,000 people worldwide, provided the information that Delta treats HIV/AIDS in the workplace as they would any other similar disease; that is, they provide no special education on company time. Employees are encouraged to participate in community programs and handle their medical programs through the normal company channels. In addition, videos and other materials are available from the corporate library.

Those companies that have gone beyond contributions, according to Ms. Sweitzer, are Bell South, Days Inn, IBM, and Equifax, developing policies and/or programs for their workers in the Atlanta area. Equifax "considers itself the most pro-active Atlanta-based company in dealing with AIDS." Equifax availed itself of the American Red Cross' program of instruction on HIV/AIDS in the workplace to present "Beyond Fear" to most of its employees. The Red Cross also trained several of Equifax's management and human resources staff to present the program. In addition, Equifax remains involved in relating their programs and policies to other corporations by attending and speaking before national conferences on wellness issues.

IBM, a company that wrote its first policy on AIDS in 1985, "is very committed to the communities where our employees live and work." To that end, in addition to an on-going educational program on AIDS and counseling available through their medical service, they encourage employees to use the IBM Fund for Community Service. One such employee who has used the fund for AID Atlanta is George Kish, a senior systems analyst with the US Marketing and Services Group here. Kish obtained funds in two separate years to obtain personal computers

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Why abortion is a gay man's issue

by Bruce Mirken

This summer the group known as Operation Rescue, which blockades health clinics in order to keep women from having access to abortions and other medical services, came back to L.A. And once again I got up at the ungodly hour of 4:00 A.M. on a Saturday morning in order to try to prevent them from doing it.

At first this may seem peculiar. I am a gay man. I can safely predict that I will never get pregnant. I will never get anyone pregnant. The availability or lack thereof of abortion services will almost certainly never have a direct impact on my life.

So why does it matter? Because the battle over abortion goes to the heart of the same issue that underlies every fight over lesbian and gay rights: Who controls your body, you or the government? If the answer, as the anti-abortion crowd would like, is the government, then none of us are safe.

It's an issue we'd better start thinking about seriously, because the right to safe, legal abortion is in more danger than in nearly two decades.

Any doubts about that were erased this spring when the United States Supreme Court issued what has become known as the "gag rule," upholding federal regulations which forbid a clinic receiving federal dollars from advising patients regarding abortion. Mind you, we're not talking about performing abortions or even advocating them, but simply telling patients that the option exists. Unless Congress passes a law (over President Bush's veto) removing the rules, the result will be that women whose medical condition makes their pregnancies dangerous will die because their doctors will be forbidden to even men-

tion an option that might save their lives.

The 6-3 vote of the court in that case makes clear that there is now a solid majority ready to overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that legalized abortion. And if Clarence Thomas is confirmed to replace Thurgood Marshall, the margin is likely to become 7-2 against abortion rights.

It may not be long before the court gets to make that decision. The state of Louisiana recently passed a bill banning virtually all abortions in what appears to be a conscious attempt to create a case which will overturn Roe. The Louisiana bill permits abortion only when necessary to save the life of the mother or in cases of rape or incest—with restrictions so severe that even many rape victims will not have access to abortion.

The situation on the Supreme Court looks so glum that pro-choice groups are now planning future strategy on the assumption that Roe will be overturned. They are gearing up to fight to preserve women's right to choose on a state-by-state basis.

There will be plenty of victories, of course. Relatively liberal states like New York and California will undoubtedly retain abortion rights with relatively few restrictions. But many states, particularly in the south and mid-west, will pass laws nearly as repressive as Louisiana's. Eventually the map of this country will come to look somewhat as it did before the Civil War, divided between "free" states and "slave" states—states where women may decide what goes on within their own bodies and states where they may not.

Actually, such a map already exists, dividing the "slave" states from the "free" ones. It's the map that shows which states have laws

against "sodomy," "buggery," or "crimes against nature"—states in which the government regulates what two consenting adults in their own bedrooms can and cannot do with their own bodies. Right now the numbers of free and slave states are just about equal.

Mark my words: By the end of this decade, the abortion-rights map and the sodomy map will look remarkably similar.

Scratch the surface of a so-called right-to-lifer and you'll find a homophobe every time: Jesse Helms, Pat Robertson, Donald Wildmon, Pat Buchanan, Lou Sheldon, Jerry Falwell, William Dannemeyer—the rabid right is remarkably consistent in its approach. Look through the American Family Association newsletter and chances are you'll see anti-gay items right next to anti-abortion material. The same Traditional Values Coalition publication which decries the "politicizing of the homosexual agenda" and advocates "reparative therapy" and counseling for those desiring to leave the lifestyle" also declares that "TVC stands for the unborn declaring their God-given and Constitutional right to life and calls for legislation to free these silent victims of legalized murder."

The hypocrisy of these people is unbelievable. The same folks who staunchly claim to "defend life" by "fighting for the unborn" regularly try to strangle safe-sex information which might prevent people from dying of AIDS. They regularly oppose efforts to provide birth-control information to teenagers, an action which could actually help reduce the need for abortions. Pro-life? Not a chance.

But they've figured out something that a lot of us haven't yet. Our enemies understand that what is occurring is not a bunch of sepa-

rate little battles over gay and lesbian rights, abortion or AIDS. It's one battle, and the issue isn't sodomy laws or abortion rights or safe-sex education, it's control. Who controls your body? Who controls your future? Who controls your life? The "family values" people want the state to be in control, with them calling the shots.

What's scary is that they're doing a pretty good job of advancing their agenda. It's almost everywhere you look—in the chipping away of abortion rights, in the increasingly hysterical calls for HIV testing of health care workers and patients (i.e., everybody), in the attacks on gay-themed television shows, in the repeated and often successful efforts by the far right to use the ballot box to repeal lesbian and gay civil rights laws.

It's time for us to catch up. It's time for us to recognize that we are just a piece of the broader agenda. It's time to get involved and get serious about making alliances with others whose rights are under attack.

It doesn't have to involve getting up at 4:00 A.M. Write your congressperson and tell him or her to overturn the gag rule. Tell your senator not to confirm Clarence Thomas for the Supreme Court unless he'll say that the constitutional right to privacy includes control over your own body, specifically including the right to choose abortion. Call the nearest chapter of the National Organization for Women or other pro-choice group and find out what they're doing and how you can get involved—and if you volunteer for one of them, don't hesitate to educate them about gay and lesbian issues as well.

If you think your body belongs to you and not the government, this is your battle.

Upright citizens

To the Editor:

I just saw the August issue of Concerned Women for America's newsletter. Yes, I must confess that my mother is "one of them." Every family has its skeletons I guess. Three of the articles in that issue were attacking gays, but the one that really got to me was the one about "taxpayers' money" being spent on gay issues. Do these people really think that tax dollars are heterosexual property exclusively? Apparently so.

I urge every one of you to write letters to this crowd and remind them that gay people pay taxes, too, and usually at the higher "single" rate. Compose your letter so that it is respectful and dignified. Don't stoop to their level of ignorance and hate-mongering, but do let them know that gays will stand up for equal rights as taxpaying citizens.

Really now, folks, can you begin to imagine how much money would be available for social programs if heterosexuals would just stop committing crimes for one month? Just try to imagine how much tax money DFACS would save if heterosexuals stopped molesting and abusing their children. How much would the police department save if heterosexuals stopped raping women? It boggles the imagination.

Let these right wing people know that they don't have a monopoly on paying taxes. Write: Concerned Women of America News 370 L'Enfant Promenade, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20024

J. Giancola

CORRECTION

An article entitled "7th International AIDS Conference Focuses on Third World" which appeared in our July 4 (Vol. 4, #10) issue was credited in error. The writers of the piece were Dave Gilden and Michael Botkin of AIDS News Service.

Carbon Copy

E. Douglas Henson, DDS
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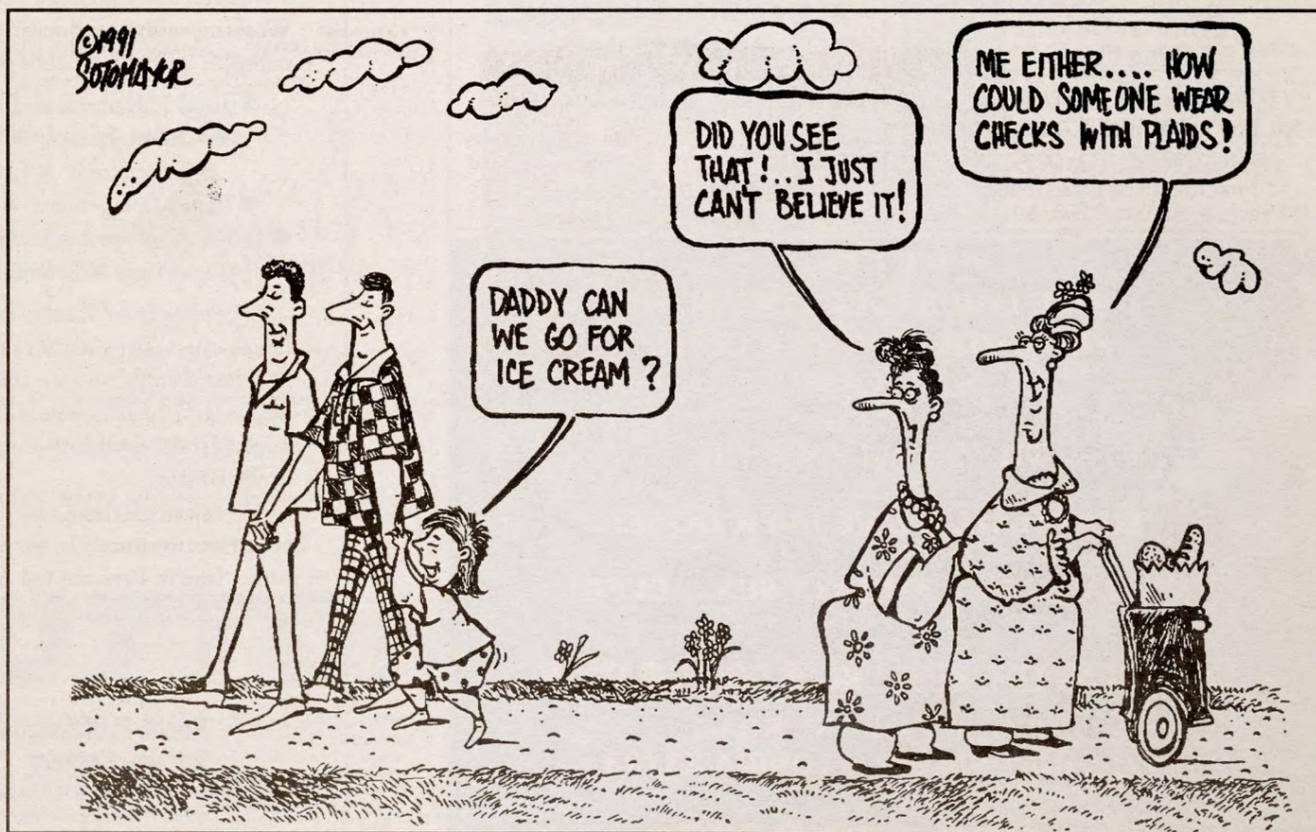
I was just about to call your office to set up an appointment when it came to my attention the TV commercial that your staff is HIV negative. I am appalled that Metro Dental has so gullibly given in to the glibness of a misguided PR shop, to put it mildly, and endorsed a statement which is as meaningless as patently homophobic. When I choose a professional — a dentist, an attorney, a car mechanic — I am concerned with his/her professional expertise and ethical standards; whether he/she is single or married, young or old, or anything of personal nature — including the HIV status — is just that: personal, therefore irrelevant to me as a client.

As long as Metro Dental will persist in this very unethical attitude of exploiting the hysteria involving the issue of AIDS, I shall refrain from using or recommending its services.

A copy of this letter is being mailed to the local media.

Sincerely,
George Roderick

cc: Southern Voice



Homoville, GA

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

by Al Cotton

Walking to the bar on a foggy night

For me, fog is lonesome weather, especially in summer. Like that gray Wednesday we had earlier this month. That whole day had that eerie feel—a high of only 73, fog rolling in all evening. San Francisco sees this stuff all the time; in Atlanta, fog in August is something special.

Of course, special does not always mean good. Work that Wednesday was just as gray

and impending as the weather, a quiet evening hiding the chaos that was baying at the office door. I felt simultaneously threatened, unchallenged and helpless. Concentration comes and goes when there's nothing but gray staring at you outside and inside high-rise windows.

Home was no better. Exchanging one high-rise for another, I watched from my window as the fog cut off the northward gleam of the IBM building. The cool breeze flowing through this restless evening was calling me out—*Red Rover, Red Rover, send Alvin...* I knew I couldn't stay in. I decided to be lonely in the midst of people, if lonely I must be.

I decided to walk to the bar. The main advantage: no distractions—no car radio to break the mood, no lights or intersections or pedestrians or other traffic stress. I wanted to collect my thoughts amidst the well-lit sleaze of Ponce, to claim this foggy night as my own, to marinate in its cool, thick humidity.

Foolish, perhaps, but I wasn't scared. Maybe because of the foglight, which always seems to just hover around, reflecting the city light back to the pavement instead of broad-

casting it up to satellites. Does fog make you any less vulnerable to muggers and bashers? No, but this night felt tame to me, like my uncle's German Shepherd; Peg was fierce til you saw her tail start wagging.

As the sidewalk slowly curved toward the bar, my gray thoughts turned to childhood. Riding with my parents at night through pea-soup fog on two lane country roads. All those Jack the Ripper movies, where Who-Knows-Who is lurking Who-Knows-Where. The quiet is also eerie—sounds are muffled, as if nature is using the damper pedal on her piano. Til someone across the street yells "Hey, shorty;" mentally, I jump out of my skin, but keep on walking. No problem.

When I get to the bar, the bartender is the only one who knows me. There are the usual three or four nameless, semi-familiar faces—people seen for years, cruised and given up on more than once. One of them speaks, but tonight my mind is not very shareable.

The evening's theme, Melancholy Remembrance, kicks in again. Childhood memories are replaced by bar memories, of this place that has seen some of my best

nights and some of my worst, has spawned some awful fights and some wonderful fucks. I indulge myself and order a Miller, once my favorite beer, boycott be damned.

As one fog gradually replaces another, I stand and linger, play my pinball, and try to ignore those disco lyrics. "Is it for real or is it just another dream?" she asks. "Just another dream," he answers. A second beer, and my attention span shortens as the crowd sparsens.

Then a Jack Daniels and water, and someone almost changes my lonesome mind. I reposition myself within his line of sight, but another friend comes up, and cruising gives way to small talk. I am ultimately thankful, remembering that "Safe in the Arms of Love" is my favorite disco lie.

Then the evening's final revelation: the safety and boredom that have fled from work and oppress at home have found me in the bar. I point myself back out into the fog and toward my apartment. There, I realize, is the only truly safe, unborning place my life—in front of my word processor.

Carbon Copies

Dear Pride Board Members:

Congratulations on your recent election to the board of directors for Pride 92. I was a candidate for the board. Since I was not elected, I want to be sure that you know I am willing to help with the preparations for the Pride celebration when I am needed.

That however is not the reason I am writing to you. I am concerned with this board and the pride committee using the by-laws for their intended purpose. I am referring specifically to the gender and racial parity called for in article 3 of the by-laws.

That article reads as follows:

"Affirmative Action"

"In all its activities, efforts, and policies, the ALGPC shall have as a central purpose the achievement of gender and racial parity through genuine affirmative action, and the committee shall not discriminate with regard to age, race, sex, religion, national or cultural origin, sexual orientation, or disability."

As a new board you will have the opportunity to correct the oversights of the old board. The by-laws speak of parity as a central purpose. The same is reflected in the MOW 93 structure. The difference is that the national structure requires parity. The ALGPC by-laws have no such requirement. Without a plan, genuine affirmative action becomes genuine affirmative intentions.

If any of you do not believe such a

requirement is necessary, you have only to look at how far we have come in achieving the goals of article 3. The Pride board for '91 was composed of 8 men and 3 women. All of them were white. This year the nominees were diverse: 9 women, 11 men, and 3 African-Americans. The eligible voters consisted of 8 women, 21 men, and 2 African-Americans. Yet the results did not change enough to notice. Your board is composed of 3 women and 8 men. There are 10 white members and 1 person of color. This is not reflective of a city that has 50% of its citizens categorized as people of color. Nor does it give equal status, or should I say achieve gender parity, for women.

It is time for Atlanta to take the bold steps necessary to establish policies that can ensure a representative board for a culturally diverse city along with gender parity. The MOW '93 has reached this goal by requiring 50% gender parity and 50% people of color on the National Steering Committee. The same composition is required of the Regional Committees. These are important steps. We decided that pretty words were not enough. We needed to back them up with actions that reflect our commitment to inclusiveness.

I feel the ALGPC should require that same composition because it will show other organizations, and this city, that you can and will do the right thing. But the election is over. It's too late to do anything until next year, unless you all share a desire to make the central purpose of article 3 a reality. I suggest

that you add 4 seats, for women or people of color, to your board for Pride '92. That will expand the board to 15. I also suggest that you have co-chairs, 1 male, 1 female. Then you can give the by-laws the power it needs to ensure that gender and racial parity are a reality in the future.

I am sure you can build an organization that will serve as a model for others. I look forward to the day when I see a picture of the ALGPC that reflects the rich ethnic diversity of the city with women as equal partners.

Sincerely,

Pat Hussain

National co-chair

Interim Coordinating Committee

1993 March on Washington

cc: ALGPC

Etc.

Southern Voice

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Dear Mr. Herbst,

The report I read of your station's "coverage" of the Pride Week Events in Iowa City are astounding!

Misinformation, hate, and disrespect for

the dead are the themes I would use if I ever had an opportunity to make a memorial quilt for whomever was responsible for the reporting on your station.

By the way, I am Jewish and I do not have horns growing out of my head.

I am straight but I do not ALWAYS use the missionary position for sex.

I have some Polish friends who are not stupid.

I have many gay and lesbian friends and they are normal, healthy people who go to work, pay taxes, and try not to get as angry as I do when I read about idiotic things such as your station put forth.

I have made a memorial quilt for a kind, gentle, loving man who never harmed anyone. You do yourself a great disservice when you trivialize the deaths of and the memorial quilt to thousands of people who were loved by thousands of others. There are approximately 25 million gays in our country and when you count their parents and families you can keep a chart on hurting over 50 million people every time you spew hate.

I know there are ignorant, hateful people in this world. It is unfortunate when they are in a position to send their lies and their bigotry over the airwaves.

Mrs. Judith G. Colbs

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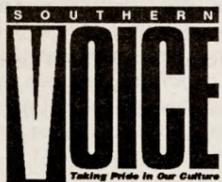
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Harvey Milk takes center stage

by Al Cotton

At a time when even Broadway is hurting for new musicals, Atlanta's lesbian and gay community may not realize how lucky it is to have in our midst Dan Pruitt and Patrick Hutchison, two local gay men who write gay musicals.

Their first joint effort was 1988's *Different*, a SAME-produced hit review that was revised and revived under Pruitt's and Hutchison's hands in 1989, both times to very enthusiastic crowds.

Now comes *The Harvey Milk Show*, opening September 6 at Actors Express. *Southern Voice* sent Al Cotton to ask the authors about *Harvey*, *Different*, and the creative process of writing a musical in the 90's.

Al Cotton The title of the musical, I understand, has changed from what you originally called it.

Dan Pruitt It's changed at least eight times. The original title was *Passion Play: The Legend of Harvey Milk*. Then we changed it to *Dare to Dream: The Legacy of Harvey Milk*. And then we learned that "Dare to Dream" was a corporate byline for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

AC So now it is called—
DP *The Harvey Milk Show*. Most of Harvey's public moments are presented as musical numbers in the grand Broadway sense of the term, since he was a great showman. His campaigns, and to a certain extent, his life, were like putting on a show. And I think he would have liked the spirit of the show. The fun spirit.

AC Whose idea was it to do a musical about Harvey Milk?

Patrick Hutchison I just always ask him, "Dan, what do you want to write about?" And when he tells me, I say "Hmmm, I can do that."

DP I guess it grew between us. I don't know what specifically prompted it. Certainly it is audacious to try to recreate someone who is such an icon.

PH You read the book...

DP *The Mayor of Castro Street*. And I watched *The Times of Harvey Milk*. Mostly I read some articles, and then put it away and came back to it. It's fictionalized, in that Jamie [the lover in the play] is not a single person, but a conglomerate of the four lovers Harvey actually had during the time the play takes place. I use him as a metaphor for the gay community, and its needs and dependency on someone to follow.

AC Why is it fictionalized?

DP Well, *The Times of Harvey Milk* is a wonderful work, and the actual story is there. I don't need to retell that. And any time you write a play, no matter how close you try to stay to the character, it's always fiction. But the events of Harvey's life and career that are dramatized are all based in fact, right down to our "Pooper Scooper" song.

AC What kind of person is Harvey in your play?

PH Harvey's always in control. Energetic. **DP** Harvey's a very intense, serious man about his politics, but he has an incredible sense of humor about what he is doing. That's what I wanted to capture. A remarkable human being. A hero.

AC How does *The Harvey Milk Show*

differ from *Different*?

DP Well, there's more of a plot here. Certain scenes are realistic, where you get a sense of Harvey the person. There are the production numbers, where you get a sense of Harvey the showman and campaigner. Then there's a running thread of "Mr. Homophobia"—such a corny idea, but it seems to work. He is literally the voice of homophobia in the show.

AC So, like *Different* was a "Gay Everyman," *Harvey Milk* is a gay passion play?

DP It's almost based on the Messiah—the Gay Messiah story. The parallels are there—Jamie is Mary Magdalene, Mr. Smith/Homophobia as Pontius Pilate, who is Dan White's mentor, with Dan as Judas. *Different* started more as a review with a tightly structured theme. The revision that we did resulted in it becoming a little more "bookish." We created a stronger narrative thread, hopefully to get it a life outside of Atlanta, which hasn't happened yet. We've had nibbles from several places, but nothing so far.

AC Is that because it's a musical? Aren't they harder to mount?

PH Yes, and they require more people with more special talents.

DP Singers who can act or vice versa. It's harder to cast and harder to mount. Not many other original local musicals have been mounted in Atlanta lately.

AC So the experience of *Different* led you in this direction.

DP During *Different*, I asked myself why the hell was I doing this. Why do a bunch of people sit in a dark room and a bunch of

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other people get up on stage and act out something? A book on directing that I found said "theater is ceremony." We are recreating legends in a ceremonial way.

AC Do musicals lend themselves better to this type of ceremony?

PH To me, the advantage musicals have is the emotional content of the music. It takes everything to another place.

DP Audiences in musicals invite you to take them into their own hearts and feel things that our intellectualism and critical senses don't allow us to get in touch with. You are allowed to be more emotional.

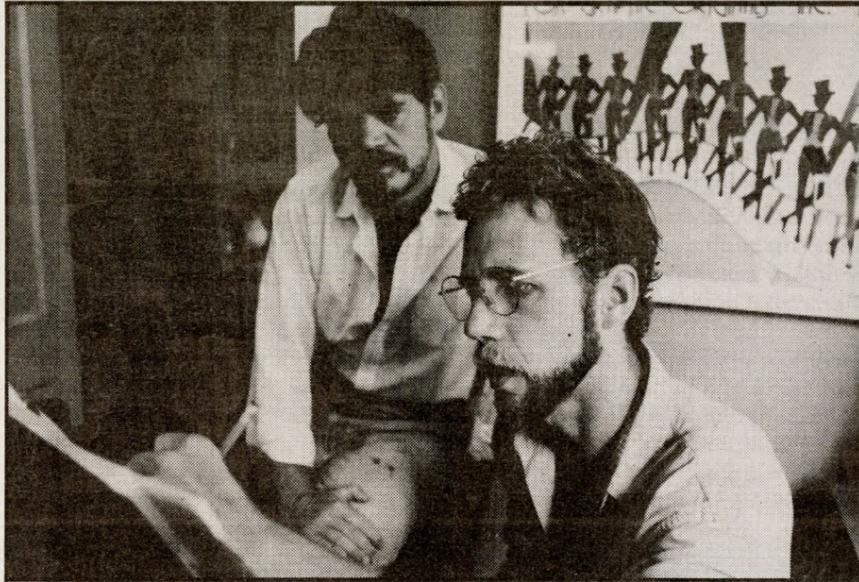
AC Lots of people reacted to *Different* that way.

PH And there's the fun part, too. Like Harvey and the Milk Duds [the backstage name for the male chorus], when they're in the scene in K-Mart doing "doo-wahs," it just sort of automatically gets you going.

AC What are your musical comedy influences?

PH I'm a big Sondheim fan. When I write something, I want the music to be interesting; I don't care about hummable tunes. After *Different*, everybody always came out humming all these songs. What I want is something that is interesting to the musicians, but also that everybody can relate to. And the most hummable song in this musical is sung while someone is being kicked around on stage. The song is about having a party, but it's really ugly and silly at the same time.

DP This show has both some of the prettiest lyrics I've ever written and some of the ugliest. There's another song about the infestation of America, which is practically



KAREN DUNIGAN

Dan Pruitt (l) and Patrick Hutchison put the finishing touches on their new musical *The Harvey Milk Show* which premieres in Atlanta on September 6.

the bigot's anthem. It has lines about roaches and rats and locust; when I realized that "maggots" and "faggots," "chiggers" and "niggers" all rhymed, I knew I had it.

PH That was a hard song to write, not because of the subject matter, but because of going back and forth about the feel of the song. I was trying too hard to make it dark, and it ended up an almost *My Fair Lady* patter song, with the lyrics having a completely different feel from the melody.

AC What is it like the first time you hear someone sing a song you've written?

PH I wish I could hear someone sing a song the first time, but I never do. When I'm teaching it to them, it's like, "Here's the melody, here's the words," in little bitty pieces. I wish I could just hand it to someone and hear it; then I'd be blown away.

AC How do you two write together?

PH Usually, Dan does the lyrics. Then I'll get them and get an idea a day or two later and write the song.

DP When the mood of the song has to be the most important aspect of a scene, that's when Patrick will just write, unfettered by a

rhythmic plan for words. "Young Man" is an example of that—Harvey's big private solo. I gave Patrick those two words and he came back with a melody.

PH "Young Man" is my favorite song. Ballads are my favorite to write. It's not a slow ballad, but a ballad with a driving beat.

DP There are wonderful flips, or juxtapositions, also. The only drag in the show is the homophobe dressed as Anita Bryant. And the term "Save the Children" is used, but it's Harvey who sings it to Anita. There's an anthem called "We the People" that could be adopted by ANY political faction in the country. It's an America-all the way kind of thing, but it's about ALL the people.

AC What has the production process been like?

DP Working with [director] Steve Petty has been wonderful. I've also found it interesting to watch the non-gay Actors Express participants slowly realize that this wasn't just "some little gay show." You almost see a little light go off—"God almighty, this is theater, not 'gay theater.'"

AC What trend do you see for "gay theater"?

DP I think the general trend of gay theater is an opening and ripening. It's getting better and better.

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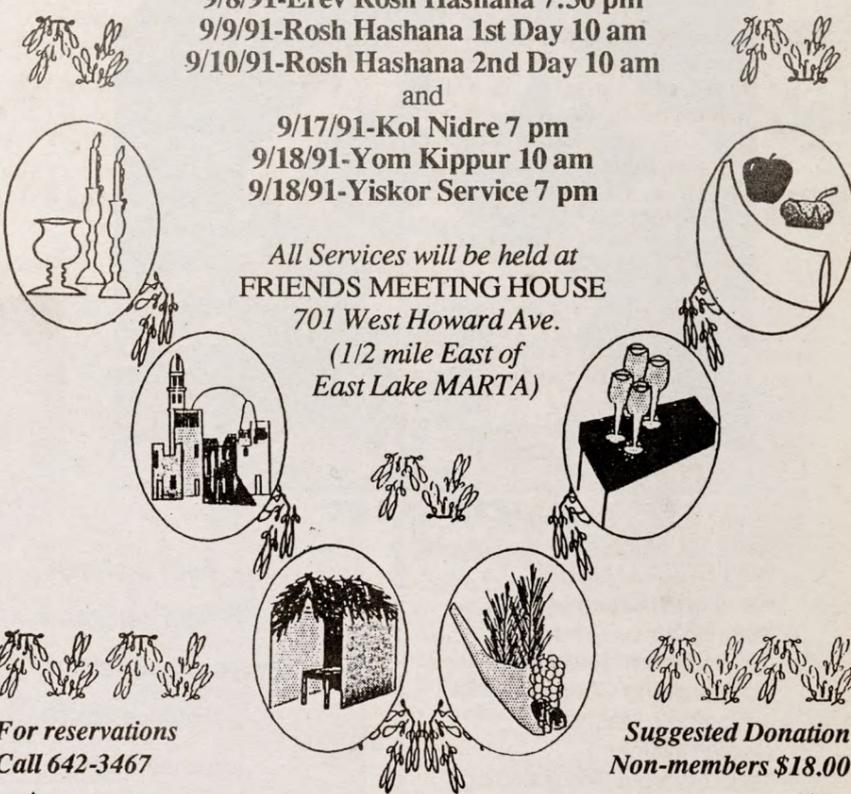
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AIDS in the workplace



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for the organization. Beyond IBM's community support fund, is the more important personal support he has gotten from his colleagues at IBM. George, a PWA who will be taking a sickness and accident leave from IBM next week followed by permanent and medical disability, says "My management — first line, second line, and director — as well as all the people I work with, have been of tremendous support to me." George is rightly concerned about where he will be getting his support from in the next few years.

On the other end of the spectrum, Agnes Scott College could be considered one of the most pro-active small businesses in Atlanta. They employ approximately 200 faculty and staff members to help educate their nearly 600 female students. Approximately three years ago the Board of Trustees approved a policy on contagious diseases that primarily speaks to AIDS. These guidelines call for an ongoing task force that evaluates the needs of their community, and helps to implement and evaluate their educational programs. The policy also discusses their non-discrimination policy, confidentiality, and a case-by-case assessment of the needs of the individual. Agnes Scott publishes their guidelines in the faculty handbook and provides pamphlets, audiovisual tapes, and confidential consultation in conjunction with the student health center (that is open to everyone on the campus). For medical and personal consultation, the student health center primarily refers people to other appropriate agencies in the community.

Job Discrimination and the ADA

Evidence of discrimination is frequently cited and often n to court. David Herold, a professor at Ga. Tech, has been pursuing greater understanding of worker knowledge and attitudes both nationally and in Georgia. In a 1988 survey of 2000 full time employees over 18 years of age,

65% said they would be concerned about sharing bathroom facilities with a person who was known to have AIDS, 63% would be willing to share tools or equipment with the individual, and 40% would be concerned about eating in the same cafeteria. That is the bad news.

The good news is that 75% would favor making special work arrangements for the individual if his or her health had deteriorated, and 81% would be willing to help the individual perform aspects of the job with which he or she was having difficulty. And in fact, there seems to be as many stories of co-workers being supportive as co-workers being discriminatory.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (the ADA) of 1990 is the principle Federal law protecting workers who are HIV positive or who have AIDS. This law is being phased in. Currently applicable to most large companies, in 1992, it will apply to all companies who have 25 or more employees, and by 1994, it will apply to all companies with 15 or more employees.

Under this law, employers cannot discriminate in hiring or promotion against a person who has a disability if he or she is otherwise qualified for the job. This law applies to AIDS and HIV infection, and to the perception that someone may have AIDS. This law also requires businesses to make appropriate accommodation for an employee or potential employee who may be disabled. Furthermore, businesses are not allowed to deny goods and services to someone with AIDS, someone who is HIV positive, or someone who is thought to have AIDS.

Using these and similar laws, cases asserting AIDS discrimination have increased — from less than 400 in 1984 to over 92,000 in 1988. 34,000 of these cases were employment related. Unfortunately, while laws and court actions prohibit employment discrimination, they do not prevent fellow employees from being abusive or non-supportive. Make sure you know your rights and the rights of others. Become informed about the ADA and all non-discrimination laws that affect you as an employee or as an employer. Know what your company is doing about AIDS. Know what companies and organizations are available to offer assistance.

Listed below are a few organizations and contact information who can help both employers and employees assure that their workplace is doing all it can about AIDS.

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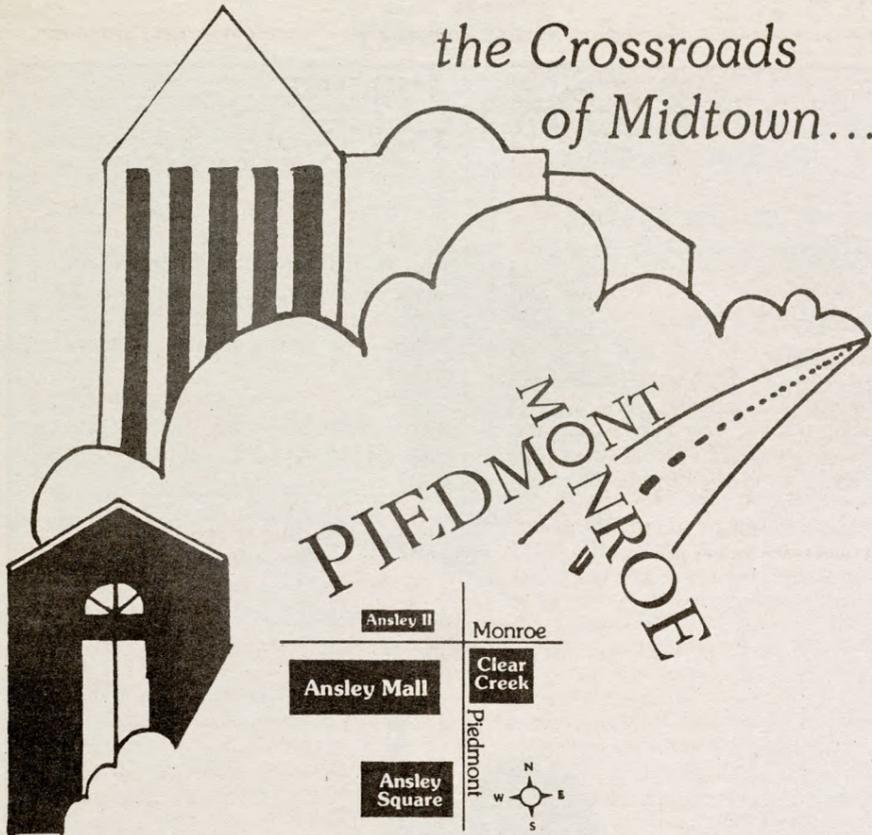
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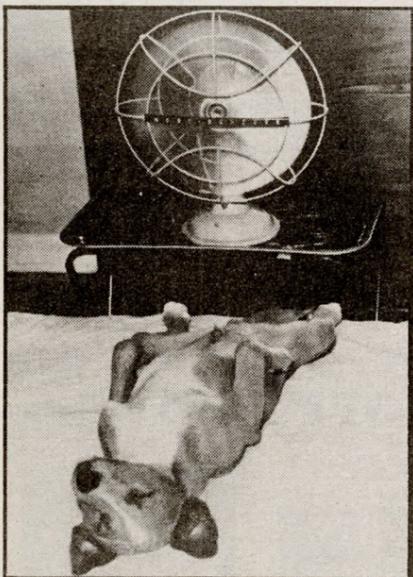
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Born in Detroit, Charlie moved to Atlanta in 1969. He was one of the people who formed the city's first Gay Consciousness Group (which later became the Gay Liberation Front) in 1970.

Mayor Sam Massel appointed Charlie to the "Mayor's Human Rights Commission" in 1972. He was the first openly gay person in Atlanta to hold such a position.

Unfortunately, this also made him a target for harassment from the GBI. He had to defend himself on numerous occasions from spurious charges. In 1983, he was arrested twice on "obscene material" charges while working as a clerk at Christopher's Kind, a gay and lesbian bookstore.

He moved to New York for five years, working on that city's Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, and helping out on "Greetings from Washington, D.C.", the documentary of the

First National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights (1979).

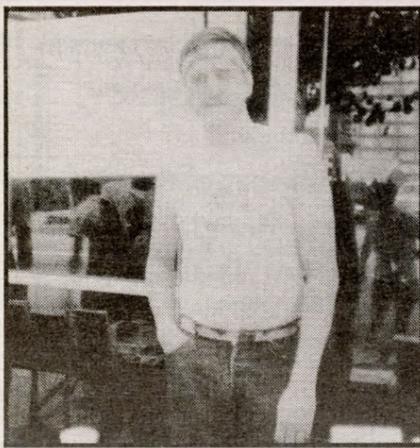
Upon returning to Atlanta, he was instrumental in producing the city's first and second Lesbian/Gay cable television series, "Triangle Video" (80-81 season).

He also organized Atlanta's first and second Lesbian/Gay Film Festivals in 1981 and 1982.

Over the past year and a half, while AIDS began to circumscribe his existence more and more, he seldom despaired and continued to fight for what he believed in. This included forcing bureaucracies to deliver services, as well as trying to interest people in preserving or at least documenting the Keith Haring murals in the pediatric ward at Grady.

Charlie was very gratified to be named co-Grand Marshal of lesbian/Gay Pride this year. He was one activist who never sought recognition or perks for doing the things he considered necessary.

When asked why he had fought all the 'isms so hard for so long (including sexism, racism and alcoholism), he replied, "I did



these things so that the world would be a better and safer place for gay people."

His outrageous sense of humor, contagious lunatic antics, and penchant for the grease/trash/ Mondo Hollywood side of life will be missed, as well as his passionate commitment to justice and the spiritual quest.

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DiSabato was 44 years old. He died at St. Vincent Hospital in New York City. He had lived in Plainfield, NJ since 1986.

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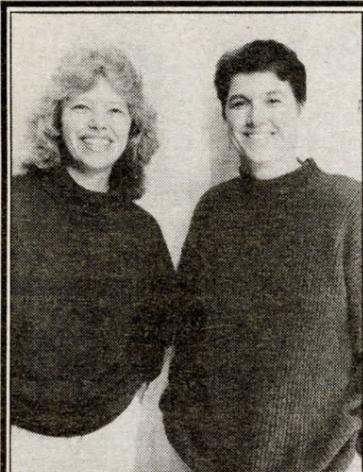
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**Art**

**RECENT WORKS.** Sept. 6-27. The latest figural works in pastels and oils on paper from the brushes of Margaret Dyer Hinton and Edie Morton. The Gallery at Museum Services, Ltd. 75 Bennett St. 352-6935.

**GRACE UNDER PRESSURE: THE MECHANICS OF THINGS.** Sept. 8 - Oct. 4. An exhibition of drawings by Randy Addison. Anatomical and high tech combinations depicting force and grace. For the diesel dyke in all of us. 7 Stages Theatre. 1105 Euclid Ave. 522-0911.

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

**ART OF OUR TIME: 20th CENTURY WORKS FROM THE COLLECTION.** Thru 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.

**PATRICIA.** Thru Sept. 30. A one-woman show featuring her latest serigraphs and lithographs which celebrate the strength and charm of today's international woman. Excellent examples from the new school of figurative expressionism. BurnNoff Gallery. Clear Creek Center. 875-3475.

**R.S.V.P.** Thru Nov. 15. An exhibition of unusual, innovative, and often humorous invitations dating from the 60's to the present. These announcements, many of which were done by artists for their own exhibitions, are interesting examples of art as a marketing tool. High Museum at Ga. Pacific Bldg. 577-6940.

**Benefits**

**FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.** Sun., Sept. 8. 2 pm. Thousands of walkers will gather in Piedmont Park, including Elton John, to participate in Atlanta's first walk-a-thon to benefit local AIDS agencies. Lots of fun, entertainment and food. See cover article in this issue for all details.

**Festivals**

**RHYTHMFEST '91.** Aug. 29-Sept 2. An exciting line-up of talented women will entertain under the stars as the 2nd annual festival returns to Lookout Mt, GA. Workshops, swimming, hayrides, canoeing, and on Monday, a gypsy carnival and picnic featuring jugglers, mimes, clowns, and flame eaters. See ad on page 4 for more info.

**POWERS' CROSSROADS COUNTRY FAIR.** Aug. 31 - Sept. 2. Take a time trip to the 1850's and see the living past where making whiskey was a backyard activity and tree

houses were more fun than video arcades. Also features more than 300 artists and craftspeople and a variety of entertainment and "down home" cookin'. Powers' Plantation. 253-2011.

**Health**

**HERBS FOR EVERY DAY USE.** Sept. 5. 7:30pm. Master Herbalist Theresa Finkbeiner will focus on how to use medicinal herbs safely and effectively. Products from Coyote Moon Herb Company will be on sale. Make the most of nature's aides to healing and health. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

**Music**

**ATLANTA SYMPHONY.** Sept. 4-7. Romantic music with a classical touch under the baton on Yoel Levi. Britten's Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes are sure to get you wet, bring a friend or swim alone. Sept. 7th features more contemporary tunes from Copland, Gershwin, and Bernstein to make you tap your toes. Symphony Hall. Woodruff Arts Center. 892-2414.

**GREEN GEORGIA JAM.** Sun., Sept. 8. 1pm-midnight. A day of music to benefit the Georgia Environmental Project featuring Joyce & Jacque, DeDe Vogt, Natalie Farr, Wendy Bucklew, Kristen Hall, Caroline Aiken and many more folk/rock and acoustic bands. Frolicking good fun. Trackside Tavern. 521-3731.

**Radio**

On WRFG 89.3 FM  
**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.

**THE SEEKER.** Sat., 5-8PM. Music and information which preserves, promotes and advances the true history and culture of African-American people.

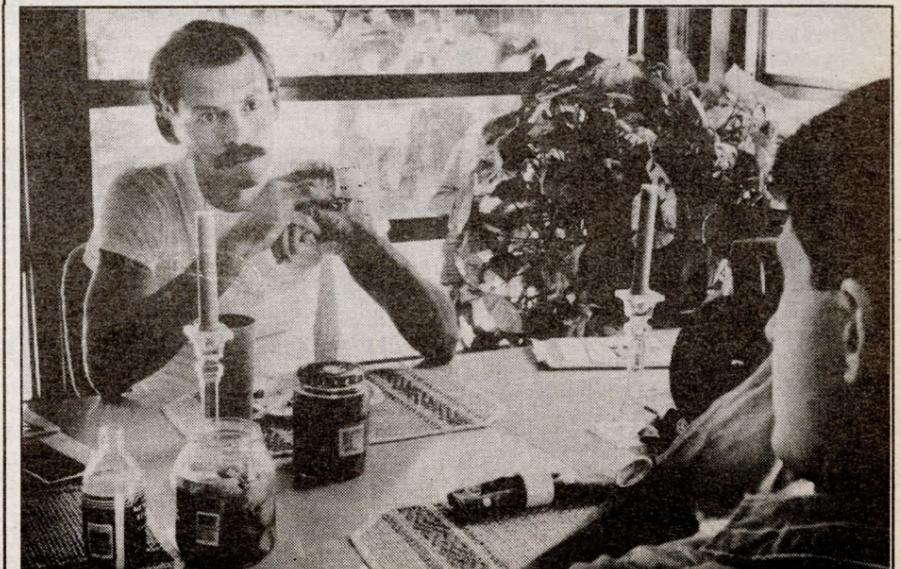
**THE GOOD EARTH.** Tues., 1PM-1AM. New Wave and Alternative Music with Eric Price.

**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.

**Television**

**SPIKE LEE & COMPANY DO IT A CAPPELLA.** Fri., Sept. 6 10:20 pm. The best in unaccompanied close harmony groups features Ladysmith Black Mambazo and the east London all-girl group The Mint Juleps. Also, the godfathers of a cappella, The Per-



**Mending Hearts**, an award-winning documentary about six Atlantans with AIDS, premieres at the 14th St. Playhouse on September 14. Pictured: Steve Warren. Photo by: Robyn Martin



**Second Samuel**, a sleepy Ga. town in the 50's, will never be the same after Miss Gertrude's secret is discovered. The play runs Sept. 6-28 at Mercer Fine Arts Bldg.

suasions and newcomers Rockapella and True Image. Not a sour note in the bunch. WGTV-Channel 8.

**CASTING THE FIRST STONE.** Sun., Sept. 8 11 pm. A film exploring both sides of the abortion issue. A thought provoking look at one of the most hotly debated topics of today. A Point of View production. WGTV-Channel 8.

**JOHNNY MATHIS: CHANCES ARE.** Tues., Sept. 10. 9 pm. The living legend talks about his 40 years in show business and sings such classic favorites as "Misty" and "Look at Me." The man is never too much, too little or too late. WGTV-Channel 8.

**DeAUNDR PEEK'S ULTRA STYLE BIN.** Wed. and Fri. at 11:30 pm. An infotainment-type newsmagazine 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.

**Theatre**

**THE HARVEY MILK SHOW.** Sept. 6-October 27. Dan Pruitt and Patrick Hutchison, who also wrote "Different," present an astonishing story of inspiring power in this new musical about the first openly gay elected official. *Southern Voice* is the community sponsor for this not-to-be-missed production. Actor's Express. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

**SECOND SAMUEL.** Sept. 6-28. Second Samuel, Georgia is a sweet southern town where everyone is kind, and "even the mean ones are good to their mama." But the serenity of the town is suddenly shattered when Miss Gertrude passes on to her reward and her dark secrets finally come to light. Mercer Univ. Fine Arts Bldg. 390-9779.

**IMPERFECT LOVE.** Thru Sept. 1. The jaded might ask: "Is there any other kind?" and while Brian Smooke's play may not have all the answers, it is a compelling study of relationships, gay, straight and other. A realistic, humorous and entertaining evening of theatre. \$5. 14th St. Playhouse. 395-6215.

**THE YUKON AND BEYOND.** Thru Sept. 14. An evening of tall tales, verse, song, humor and pathos direct to you from the Malamute Saloon performed by David Califf. Onstage Atlanta. 420 Courtland St. 897-1802.

**OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY.** Thru Sept. 28. A funny and thoughtful boardroom thriller that explores the effect of the eighties economic boom on individual lives. The ruthless takeover artist Larry "the liquidator" is a corporate raider who considers himself a kind of Robin Hood, taking from the rich and giving to the middle class. Alliance Theatre. 892-2414.

**ANASTASIA.** Thru Sept. 29. Mary Nell Santacroce in her first role since her record-setting "Driving Miss Daisy" stars as the Imperial grandmother who must decide between reality and wishful thinking about the true identity of Anastasia played by Ruth Reid. Theatre in the Square. 11 Whitlock Ave. Marietta. 422-8369.

**Upcoming**

**ALFA SECOND SAT. SERIES: THE DEFINITIVE BUTCH/FEM DISCUSSION.** Sept. 14, 6:30-8:30pm. What is butch oppression and why do fems end up doing the dishes? The ins and outs of role playing and how they shape our relationships. Soft drinks available. ALFA House. Call 956-0413 for information.

**MISS GEORGIA PAGEANT.** Sun., Sept. 15. Come and cheer for your favorite female impersonators as they compete in swimwear, evening gowns and talent. The cream of the crop competes in this annual benefit for Project Open Hand/Atlanta. Glitter, glamour and knock-down gorgeous. 14th St. Playhouse. 874-7104.

**THE YEARNING FOR WHOLENESS: ADDICTION & THE SPIRITUAL QUEST.** Sept. 17-21. The second International Transpersonal Assoc. conference focuses on the intersection of the addiction and transpersonal fields. Music, dance, art, and ritual will be highlighted in an evening of Babtunde Olatunji and the Drums of Passion. Stouffer-Waverly Hotel. 1-800-533-3641.

**CELEBRATING GAY SPIRIT VISIONS.** Sept. 20-22. Gay and bisexual men gather in the Highlands to explore the relationship between their sexuality and spirituality. Poet James Broughton and healer Andrew Ramer present the keynote addresses. Mountain Retreat Center, Highlands, N.C. (704) 252-0634.

**10th ANNUAL P-FLAG CONVENTION.** Oct. 11-14. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays hold their 10th annual convention to help do away with isolation, myths and lies and help those parents having a difficult time accepting or understanding their gay child's sexual orientation. A weekend of healing and help. Omni Charlotte Hotel. (704) 364-1474.



The **Harvey Milk Show**, starring Chris Coleman as Harvey, has its world premiere on September 6 at Actor's Express. Photo by David Zeigler

**CREATING CHANGE.** Nov. 9-11. A National Conference for Gay and Lesbian Organizing and Skills Building presents 3 days of networking and information for those who want to help change their communities, their colleges, the world, or just themselves. Old Colony Inn. Alexandria, Va. (202) 332-6483.

**SPIRIT FEST '91.** Nov. 14-17. A womyn's spirituality weekend with workshops, arts, crafts, and circling. Featuring Z. Budapest, Morgana, Ariana Lightningstorm/Kiva and many other well-known teachers. Come weave a web of peace for the empowerment of us all. Close to New Orleans. (601) 896-3196.

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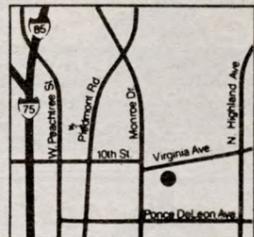


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**COMMUNITY**

**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 gay and lesbian community) sponsors a pre-dominantly 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.

**Positive Outlook On HIV**—A social network of HIV persons who want to meet similarly oriented people for social and emotional interaction. Meets 2nd & 4th Thurs. 8:00pm. For info call 872-9954 or 294-9407. P.O. Box 8569, Atl., GA 30306.

**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 Armory**—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

**The Cove**—586 Worchester. 875-2477

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

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**Lavita's**—Cheshire Square. 633-0452

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**Phoenix**—567 Ponce De Leon. 892-7871

**Scandals**—Ansley Square. 875-5957

**Tin Lizzie**—Ford Factory Square. 874-3961

**Tower Lounge**—735 Ralph McGill. 688-5463

**Traxx**—306 Luckie St. 681-5033

**Weekends**—688 Spring St. 875-5835

**DIRECT ACTION/POLITICAL**

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

**AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power**—Direct action group with the purpose of fighting homophobia, AIDS, sexism and racism. Meetings held Tuesday at 7:30 PM, NAPWA offices at 98 6th St. 286-6247 and 874-6782.

**Atlanta Committee for the 1993 March on Washington**—For info, call Jeffrey at 627-6603 or Laura at 659-0315.

**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.

**Nat'l Federaton of Career Women**—a connector for professional career lesbian organizations and individuals. Promoting success within the lesbian community. (404) 659-0315.

**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.

# COMMUNICATIONS

**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. 938-3531 or 873-3559.

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

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

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

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**SCUBA Club**—Join the community's newest SCUBA Club. Trips and classes ongoing. Call Colleen at 289-0696.

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

**Athens Lesbian Information Line**—Athens area lesbians call to find out about support groups, social gatherings, etc. (404) 613-7661.

**Atlanta Educational Gender Information Service**—Information for persons interested in issues of gender. PO Box 33724, Decatur, GA 30033. (404) 939-0244 (evenings).

**Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee**—Responsible for annual pride celebration. Meets the 1st Mon. of each month at 2069 The Page (2069 Cheshire Bridge) and the 3d Thurs. at Ponce Library (980 Ponce de Leon) at 7pm. All invited. 325-4435.

**Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance**—A lesbian feminist organization which welcomes lesbians of all races, religions, political orientation, economic status, occupation and degree of openness. 2d Sunday of each month. 6:00 PM. PO Box 5502, Atlanta, Ga. 30307, phone 378-9769.

**Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee**—A non-profit, non-partisan, organization created to support the right to reproductive freedom for all people. 239-8016.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Delphi**—An ancient, mystic brotherhood. P.O. Box 14591, Atlanta, GA 30324.

**Georgia Girth & Mirth**—Social club for large gay men and their admirers. PO Box 9678. Atlanta, GA 30319. (404) 621-5710.

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

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

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**Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous**—Addresses unique issues that lesbian and gay drug addicts deal with in their recovery. Meets Mon. & Fri. at 8pm in cafeteria of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 25 Boulevard, NE. 237-6262.

**Lesbian Support Group**—Discussion group open to all lesbians. Every Friday. 627-7387.

**Lesbians With Children**—Social support group forming for lesbians and children. Come plan child oriented outings & participate in monthly get-togethers. 740-1729.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Georgia Tech Gay and Lesbian Alliance**—Meet every Wednesday during school quarters for discussion/speakers/activities. 497-0684.

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

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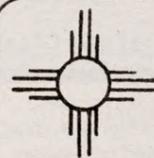
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Delegates also authorized an initial breakdown of the nation into 15 regional sections. Each region will organize activities and march responsibilities in its communities.

The delegates charged the ICC with authority to study and modify this structure as needed. The ICC also has a deadline of January 1992 to seat the National Steering Committee which will consist of four representatives from each region.

Organizers are also beginning to formulate a march platform, which will include a list of national demands for action. Some ideas being voiced in Chicago included: increased "spousal" benefits for gay and lesbian couples; more efforts to end employment discrimination, especially in the military; increased number of states with "hate crimes" legislation; greater responsibility from media in

portraying minorities; official representation of minorities in health studies and research; and abolishing harassment by police and other public agencies.

The demands list will be refined by organizers as more community input is received. "We are going to see additional demands about racism, sexism and women's rights," said Gonzalez.

Organizers are asking local Pride celebration committees to incorporate the '93 march into next June's slogans and themes. They are also asking that special consideration be given to the fact that 1992 marks the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' re-discovery of North America. Many indigenous cultures are planning to use next year to spotlight their own concerns.

Other delegates noted that 1994 will mark the 25th anniversary of Stonewall. Plans are already underway for massive celebrations in New York for that occasion. The '93 march could also serve as a kick-off for that event, they said.

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## DARRYL WALKER

Age: 45

How long in Atlanta:  
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Relationship Status: Single

Last Book Read:  
"The Body"  
by Richard Ben Sapir

Pet Peeve: Indecisiveness



Diversity is a hallmark of the gay and lesbian community. Darryl Walker should know about diversity, he lives it everyday. He is a black, gay man, a Christian, a Vietnam veteran, and an activist. Many things that mainstream society, and even our own community at times, say cannot go together have found a nice mix in Walker.

Born in Washington, D.C., Walker cut his activist teeth while still in high school in 1963. He and a half million others took part in the March on Washington for civil rights that year. Even 400 feet away from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Walker felt the power of the movement.

His next brush with activism came after a tour of Vietnam in the Navy. He came home opposed to the action in the area.

"The common people in Vietnam, the people in the rice paddies, their lives don't change, no matter who is in power," he said.

The Navy also marked Walker's first Christian leadership role. "When I first got on the ship," he remembered, "the person who was leading the Protestant service very soon left, and the Captain asked me to take over."

That leadership experience came in handy years later when he was one of the first people to found All Saints Metropolitan Community Church in Atlanta. "I really felt called to do that," Walker stated. "And up until then, I didn't really know what 'call' meant, but I think that when there is a persistent feeling that you need to do something it is a calling. Often times we expect a great voice to come out of the clouds, and it so far has not happened that way for me."

In July of 1984, Walker answered the call, and twelve people gathered at his home for the first formal meeting of Atlanta's second MCC congregation.

"Most of us were struggling because we didn't have a church home, and we wanted to identify with a church that would not condemn us because of our lifestyles," Walker said.

Today, All Saints MCC meets at Grant Park Aldersgate Methodist Church on Boulevard every Sunday night at 7 p.m., and boasts a membership of nearly 100 people.

One thing troubles him about the church to this day. That is, being a person of color involved in founding a church that ended up being predominately white.

"At the time people of color were very leery of MCC. It was seen as a white gay and lesbian denomination. I had no success in attracting people of color to come to the church," he remembered.

The church still struggles with that same issue today. But it points to a deeper issue. Black homosexuals must deal constantly with being a minority within a minority.

"There is an automatic racism there because of your skin color," Walker explains. "Because of the prejudices that existed, the minority communities are reluctant to embrace other minorities, because the one they have to deal with the most is so all consuming. Isn't it enough just to be black?"

The African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance (AALGA) is helping people of color deal with the issues. Walker is very involved in this five year old organization that serves as an umbrella group for about seventy members. Walker says sorting through the issues is no easy task. "I've found that I'm often asking myself, 'Do I go to a gay rights rally or a civil rights rally?'" Walker said. Minorities often give priority to what is affecting them the most be it skin color, sex, sexuality or handicap.

Priority is the one thing that Walker sees as lacking in the gay and lesbian community. For the past several years, AIDS has been a priority of the community, but now that it is getting more mainstream attention, Walker feels it's time for some new priorities.

"Our focus should be on legalizing consensual adult sexuality in Georgia," he stated.

He feels we were very close during the last legislative session, but blames the actions of ACT UP for the defeat.

"A group of us met with the mayor after that and asked why he had not come out in support of eliminating sodomy laws, and he said, 'After that piece of street theatre outside the capitol, I had to distance myself from it,'" Walker remembered. "I thought it was a very honest answer."

Darryl Walker himself seems to be, in one body, what the gay and lesbian community needs as a whole. For given all of his diversity, he is of one mind. His focus is uplifting the gay and lesbian community spiritually, socially, collectively and individually.

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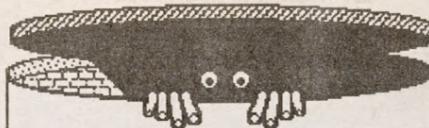
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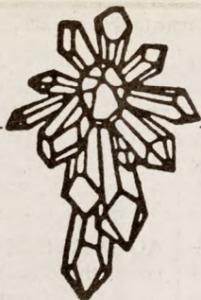
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**Maynard and Eldrin Take Note:** Police in Houston's heavily gay Montrose neighborhood have taken the gay-bashing bull by the horns. In an attempt to quash violence against queers, volunteer members of Houston's finest are wandering the streets of gay neighborhoods (singly and in couples) dressed like gay men out for a night on the town. Project Vice-Versa worked. Maybe too well. Three cops wound up in the hospital in the first week. But arrests were made. And Houston's top cop has vowed to continue the decoy patrols until gay bashing abates.

**Gag Me With a Merit Badge:** The Boy Scouts of Amerika has unveiled its newest and nauseating plan to avoid lawsuits. It's called "Learning for Life" and it (unlike the the real, red-blooded, all-American, macho branch of the BSA) will permit girls, atheists and homosexuals to join. The new groups will, however, not be led by anyone who admits to being a girl, a gay, or godless. Those jobs are reserved for "morally straight" men. The words "separate but equal" keep coming to mind. We'd kinda' hoped that they'd been relegated to the urinal of history wherein they so deservedly belong. Looks like we were wrong.

**Adaptive Reuse:** For a much more enjoyable and creative use of urinals catch the current issue of Metropolitan Home. Almost the entire issue is dedicated to the Met Home/DIFFA show house/benefit for AIDS held at a huge Armory in Manhattan. Since such buildings tend to have monstrous men's rooms and much smaller facilities for women, the affair's designers "reversed them for the evening." The urinals became "wall mounted vases" filled with huge bouquets of flowers. Reminds Dish of the wonderful line from Matt Crowley's Boys in the Band: "Mary, it takes a fairy to make something pretty."



KAREN DUNIGAN

**Signs of the Times:** You'd have to be blind to miss the banner adorning the exterior of Sig Samuel's Laundry & Dry Cleaners at Monroe & 8th, right next door to the Silver Grill. And you'd have to be a grinch not to take advantage of what the sign offers—10% of every dry cleaning bill donated to AIDS Walk Atlanta. Dish knows that you already plan to be walking and have solicited pledges from all your friends, neighbors and co-workers, but here's another way to insure the success of Atlanta's first "Walk." Dig all those winter clothes out of storage and drag 'em down to Sig's. Do it pronto and tell 'em Dish sent you.

**That's The Thanks We Get:** Dish is deeply saddened, but not surprised, to learn that a gay Marine was discharged for allegedly having sex with another Marine.

What makes this sadder than most is that Corporal Erik Barker served in the Persian Gulf and was not discharged until his return from that duty, even though the allegations began a few months before. And there's more to come: the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force says that it has spoken with about a dozen other gay veterans discharged after returning from the war. We take this to mean that to the military, Queers make great cannon fodder, but not much else.

**Only in Georgia:** From deep in the bowels of the numerous brouhahas about redistricting going on down at the Gold Dome comes this sexist tidbit. It seems that Leonard Meadows (the state rep from the fine town of Manchester) has—and, far worse, uses—the nickname Nookie. Dish is offering an all expense paid evening at the Gold Club to the reader who sends us the most creative explanation of how Rep. Meadows came by his repugnant alternative appellation.

**Cause & Effect:** Much read (and usually respected) psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers (who is normally pretty cool when it comes to gay issues) seems to be a bit confused. In one of her recent syndicated columns (not printed in Atlanta media) she counseled a father who was concerned that being too close to his son would turn the kid gay with these words: "The father who is cold, aloof or not physically present is much more likely to have a son who's gay." Dish thought even Jesse Helms was more up to date on queerfacts than that. In fact there is an emerging body of knowledge which suggests that dads may get scared and start to withhold affection and attention when they sense that their sons might be gay. If you are of a humor to write Dr. Joyce, (and set her straight, so to speak) do so c/o King Features, 235 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017.

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RULING PLANETS

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by Mary Bailey-Rule

Mercury moves into direct motion 8/31. Venus, Uranus & Neptune are retrograde 'til later in the month. New Moon on the 8th in Virgo is a good time to live a healthier and more natural lifestyle.

**ARIES-** With Mars moving into your 7th house of personal relationships, you can expect new friendships and more activity with long-term ones as well. Strong connections could develop into long-term close ties.



**TAURUS-** With the Sun entering your 5th house of creativity and passion, you may experience a surge of energy that must be expressed physically through arts, crafts, music or other avenues of fun and play. Relax, play and enjoy.



**GEMINI-** You may be even more fired up as the Sun enters the air sign of Libra, trining your natal placements. The focus is on your 5th house of fun, play and Peter Pan activities. Soar wherever you choose, but keep track of your shadow.



**CANCER-** As Mars enters your 4th house of home and family relationships, you may need to give more time and attention to parents, significant others (especially if you live together) or to emotional wounds from childhood.



**LEO-** With the Sun in your 2nd house of material resources and personal income, this is the perfect time to review your personal goals as well as investment and savings plans. Acknowledgement of your preferences is very important.



**VIRGO- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** With Mercury, one of your ruling planets, going into forward motion on the 31st, you may have more clarity and better sense of direction. Remember to enjoy your birthday and celebrate your life all month.



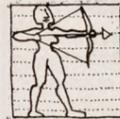
**LIBRA-** With Mars moving into your 1st house of personal appearance and physical activity, this is the perfect time to move into a pattern of regular and fun exercise. Also a good time to be carefully daring and impulsive.



**SCORPIO-** Mars, considered to be your ruling planet before Pluto was discovered, enters your 12th house of the unconscious on the 1st and will probably energize your dreamtime and activate your intuition. Look for patterns.



**SAGITTARIUS-** As Mars moves into your 11th house of community affairs and social causes, you may find great satisfaction by contributing your time and energy to your favorite charity of social/environmental issues.



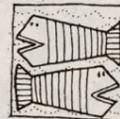
**CAPRICORN-** Mars enters your 10th house of personal ambition, community status and career, squaring (conflict and tension) your natal placements, so you may need to be in touch with your feelings in order to make good decisions.



**AQUARIUS-** With Mercury and Venus in your 7th house of relationships and Mars entering your 10th house of world travel and experience, you could easily meet wonderful folks while traveling to distant places. Bon voyage!



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# Sing along with Sunbeam at Burkhart's

by David Story

"The first thing I ever did on stage," says local drag celeb Sunbeam, a.k.a. David Williams, "was to dress up as Tammy Faye Bakker at Crazy Ray's and the next thing I knew I was working at LaVita's with Charlie Brown."

But Williams' career was almost cut short by a tragic fall at Petrus on Mother's Day of this year. Williams was dancing inside a cage suspended from the ceiling of the popular club when the apparatus holding the cage came loose and the cage fell approximately 40 feet to the floor, along with a portion of the ceiling.

As a result of the accident Williams suffered five broken ribs, three fractures in his right foot, a broken right ankle and received 40 stitches in his left leg.

He states that the City of Atlanta filed criminal charges against Petrus and that he has filed a civil suit against the club. But Williams is not sour grapes. He believes that life (and the show) must go on, crediting his remarkable recovery to the efforts of the entertainers within the gay and lesbian community and to Mary and Palmer Marsh of Burkhart's.

During the late '80s, Williams, who is also a talented hairdresser, appeared at Pharr Road Library as one of the infamous, original Buckhead Boys before going on to help found the hunky Burkhart Boys, featuring local talents Adam Adams and Billy Andre. But in '89 stripping gave way to drag.

Williams has extensive experience as a performer on the city's drag circuit, having performed with Charlie Brown at Crazy Ray's, as well as at Charlie's



David Williams, aka Sunbeam, fell at Petrus but rises to the occasion at Burkhart's.

Cabaret prior to the accident.

As a patron of Burkhart's, Williams was actually participating in Karaoke before he was temporarily put out of commission. When Williams returned to Burkhart's following his convalescence it was as host of the event rather than as a participant. As only six weeks had passed since the accident and he was on crutches, the Marshes allowed him to perform sitting on a stool. Now Williams is hosting the Burkhart sing-alongs four nights a week.

"Karaoke is a lot of fun and the people at Burkhart's have been fabulous," says Williams, who believes that the purpose of the event is to reveal hidden talent. "The sing-alongs are not about whether you can sing or not, but about having a good time in a very casual and informal setting."

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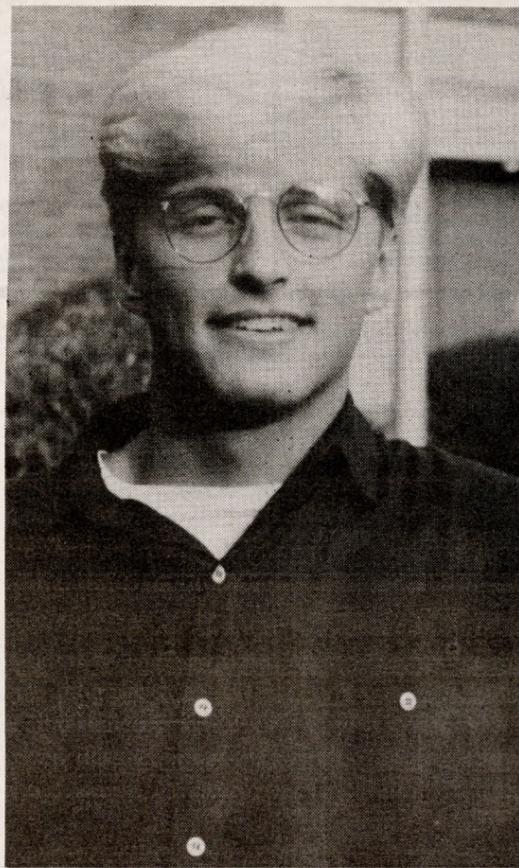
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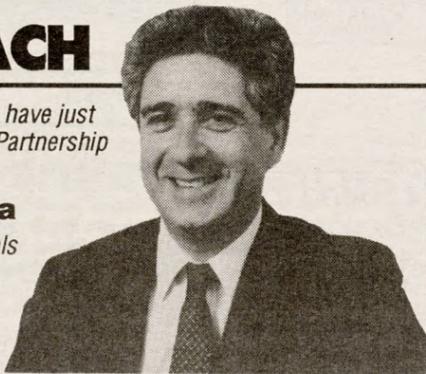
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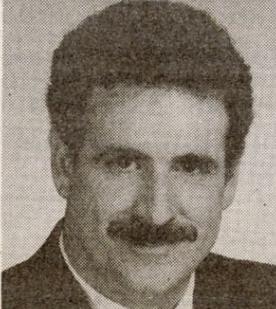
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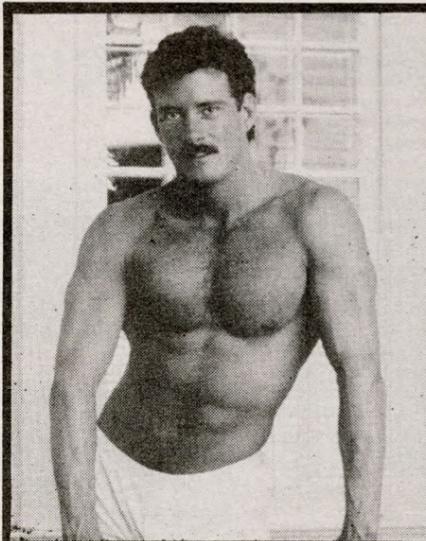
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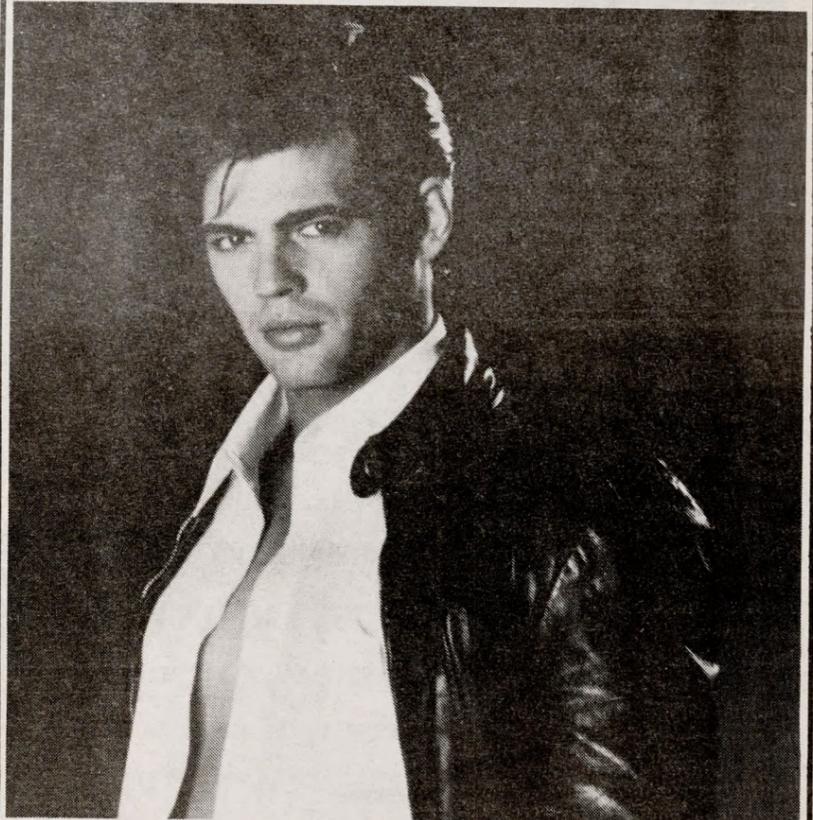


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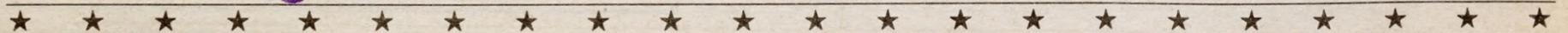
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