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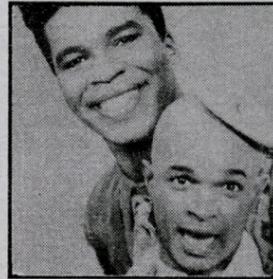
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## Chief Bell pledges to end long-standing problems

Activists demanded meeting after arrest of Queer Nation members for jaywalking

by KC Wildmoon

Atlanta—Police Chief Eldrin Bell told lesbian and gay activists at a meeting last week that he and his staff would meet "weekly or daily" to resolve problems between the gay community and the Atlanta Police Department (APD). The February 4 meeting was hastily arranged after activists, angry over the arrests of seven Queer Nation members for jaywalking, cornered first Mayor Maynard Jackson and then Chief Bell at City Hall the day before.

During the two hour meeting, which was closed to the media, Bell heard complaints about police harassment, the police sensitivity training, and bias crimes data collection, as well as concerns over the January 31 arrests of Queer Nation members as they requested donations at the corner of Lenox Road and Buford Highway.

Deputy Chief Julius Derrico, who is in charge of the investigation of the arrests,

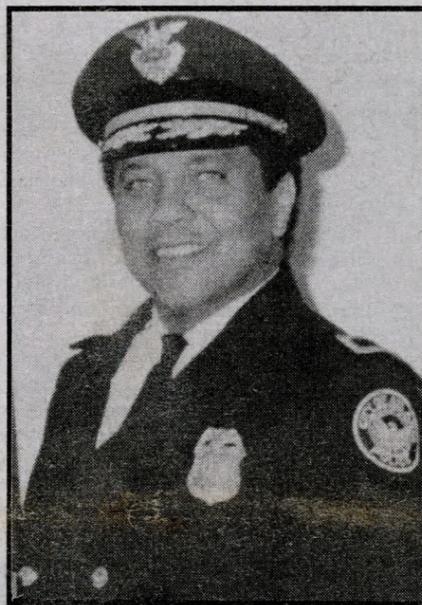
admitted that "all options were not exercised during the incident," according to Larry Pellegrini, president of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU of Georgia.

"He said they would not drop the charges because they are true charges," said Pellegrini, "but he did say that they are continuing to investigate to determine if any harassment was involved."

On Friday, January 31, the seven were on the Lenox/Buford street corner with signs about Queer Nation's ongoing work against Cracker Barrel. Like any number of other groups, such as the ROTC, the Shriners, and members of the Unification Church, they were "car-tagging," or walking by cars waiting at the stop light and requesting donations. Queer Nation has been "car-tagging" in recent weeks to increase visibility and raise money for the organization.

Just before 6 pm, a plainclothes policeman came from a nearby apartment complex, followed closely by the arrival of four cars of uniformed officers, according to Don George, one of those arrested.

"We were taken to the local station [Zone 2 at Lindbergh Plaza]," said George. "I don't recall anyone every saying I was under arrest until the captain [G.L. Gam-



Atlanta Police Chief Eldrin Bell

ble) came in and said we were under arrest, and to take us downtown."

The seven were taken to the Pre-Trial Detention Center, where they were held for 6 hours, and finally released after paying \$121 bond each. A court appearance on

the charges is set for February 14.

Activists charge that the incident was simple harassment, and went to City Hall on February 3 to demand action. The group met in front of City Council chambers with Mayor Jackson, who told them, "We will handle this matter. You have my assurance on that."

The mayor then summoned Chief Bell, who was also confronted by the activists, including five of the seven arrestees, on his arrival a few minutes later.

"I didn't know this was what I was coming for," Bell said. "Had I known I would have brought something with me to explain the position of the officers." He listened to the activists' charges of unfair treatment, adding only that he was investigating the incident, before Mayor Jackson led him away for a private conference.

The meeting between Bell and lesbian and gay activists was set up for the next afternoon. Activists who attended the meeting were encouraged by the quick response.

"I felt very good about it," said Lynn Cothren, co-chair of Queer Nation/Atlanta. "There's so much more work to be done, but we finally got a start."

Garnering a significant amount of atten-

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## Black gay filmmaker Isaac Julien has another hit with *Young Soul Rebels*

by Steve Warren

Hopefully you'll get to see Isaac Julien's latest film, *Young Soul Rebels*. Although it has recently shown in other cities across the country including Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, San Francisco, Los Angeles—even Minneapolis—Atlanta theatre owners have not seen fit to bring it here. Maybe it's too "black" or maybe it's too "gay" or maybe it's just too British. The film did stir controversy in both Dallas and Houston when it screened in December. Several newspapers refused to carry the ad for the film which pictured two men embracing. Gay and lesbian activists responded quickly, however, and the ads ran in most papers. Hopefully, the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Film Festival folks can get their hands on *Young Soul Rebels* and you can see for yourself what all the excitement is about.

Julien, you may remember, wrote *Looking For Langston*, which has been a big hit at most gay film festivals in the past few years, including Atlanta. While *Langston* was a non-narrative and surreal semi-documentary, *Rebels* is a mystery thriller set in 1977 London with a terrific story line about two couples—one gay and one straight—the gay couple being interracial.

The story, which director Julien co-wrote with two others, is about two black teenage friends, Chris (Valentine Nonyela) and Caz (Mo Sesay), who call themselves the "Soul Patrol" and broadcast soul music on pirate radio station WEFUNK. Caz is all black and all gay, and Chris is half black and all straight although he and Caz fooled around together when they were 10. It's June, 1977, an explosive time for traditionalists versus both black and white counter cultures, because England is celebrating the Silver Jubilee, the 25th anniversary of the queen's coronation. The counter-celebration is known as either "Stuff the Jubilee" or "Funk the Jubilee." The film's kitschy cardboard cutout of the queen waving gets more laughter in the U.S. than it did in the U.K., Julien noted during a conversation we had when he was in the U.S. for a publicity tour for *Rebels*.

The film opens with TJ (Shyro Chung) a young black whose a friend of both Caz and Chris, picking up a leather-jacketed white boy in a local park who freaks out and kills him "because he can't handle it." But the murder mystery plot soon takes a back seat to the love interests of both Caz and Chris. Caz finds romance with



SUNIL GUPTA

Valentine Nonyela (Chris) and Mo Sesay (Caz) are friends who broadcast soul music on a pirate radio station in *Young Soul Rebels*.

a white punk named Billibud (Jason Durr) who wants to have sex in the park to "show they can't stop us from coming here." Chris falls for Tracy (Sophie Okonedo), a stylish black woman employed by an "establishment" radio station. Each couple had one love scene, both on the mild side; but the gay scene is the more passionate

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# Auburn students say shooting was a hate crime, 500 rally on campus

by KC Wildmoon

Auburn, AL—Lesbian and gay students in Alabama are facing increased opposition from student government groups, with problems at Auburn University spurring a demonstration on February 8. That rally came ten days after several members of the Auburn Gay & Lesbian Association (AGLA) were fired upon by a freshman student wielding a pellet gun.

The shooting incident took place on the evening of January 28, when several AGLA members returned from putting up flyers about the group's meeting, scheduled for the following evening. Kim Wills, one of the students involved, said the group was standing outside Noble Hall when they heard a noise, and something hit the light near where they were standing.

"We didn't think it was at us at first," she said. "In fact we kidded about it."

Then Wills and another student went to that student's car parked behind the dorm. When they reached the back of the

building, another shot was fired.

"When that happened," said Jim, another student, "we knew he was firing at us."

An 18-year-old freshman was arrested by campus police and charged with discharging a firearm within city limits. One of the students also signed a warrant charging him with reckless endangerment. The freshman admitted to shooting the gun, but said he did not know the other students were there. He is out on bond, and university officials say the incident is still being investigated.

"A student upon registration agrees to conform to the university's regulations," said Grant Davis, Director of Student Activities. "We expect students to follow regulations."

The students involved in the incident believe the shooting was a hate crime directed at them, but Auburn has no ordinances that could be used to classify it as such.

In response to the shooting, five hundred lesbians, gays and

supporters from across the southeast rallied last Saturday on a grassy hillside at Auburn's free speech area near Shug Jordan Stadium. Speakers included Queer Nation/Atlanta's Lynn Cothren, the ACLU of Georgia's Larry Pellegrini, Jim Sears, author of *Growing Up Gay in the South*, and representatives from AGLA and other student groups in Alabama. About one hundred people gathered to watch the proceedings, and although some jeering taunts and gestures were reported, there were no serious problems.

"People attended from St. Louis to Washington, DC," said Michael Strickland of the OutSouth Foundation, the Atlanta-based southeastern advocacy and support organization that organized the demonstration.

Both AGLA members and OutSouth were pleased with the turnout at the demonstration.

"It was great to see so many people from all over," said Jim,

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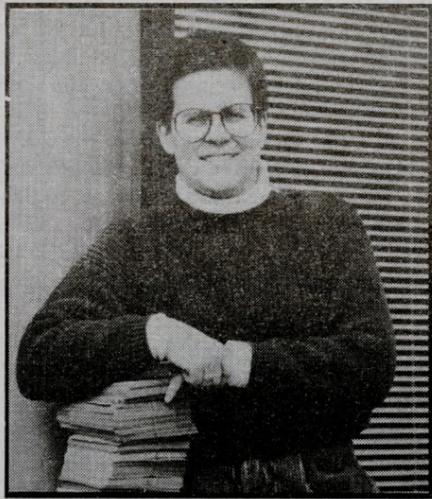
## Woolard headed for DC

by KC Wildmoon

A long time activist says good-bye to Atlanta later this month, when Cathy Woolard heads for Washington, DC, to become the Public Policy Advocate for the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). Woolard, who currently is HRCF's Southeastern Field Representative, will head up lobbying efforts in the U.S. Congress beginning March 2.

"It's a great opportunity," said Woolard, who began six years of constant work with the lesbian/gay community as the southeastern representative to the steering committee for the 1987 March on Washington. "I think we're going to have huge movement on the lesbian/gay civil rights bill, on the military ban, in health care. To be in the middle of that is professionally exciting to me."

In addition to her position with HRCF, Woolard served as president of the Lesbian/Gay Rights chapter of the ACLU of Georgia for three years before turning the reins over to Larry Pellegrini last year.



Longtime Atlanta activist Cathy Woolard has accepted a job as a lobbyist with the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"I think it's going to be great to have a person from our community up there," said Pellegrini. "We're sorry to lose a person who has contributed so much. She has knocked herself out to make things better here in Atlanta, and I think she'll knock them out in Washington."

Woolard also served on the board of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Vice President of the board of the Ga. ACLU.

"I'm sad to leave, excited to go," she said. "But I'll be back. I have family here."

Woolard's partner of four years, Karen Geney, will join her later this year.

### CORRECTION

*Southern Voice* incorrectly attributed the idea for "queering the Olympics" to Robin Tyler in a news brief in our last issue. The idea of using the 1996 Atlanta Games to draw attention to lesbian/gay issues was discussed in Atlanta several months earlier than Tyler's comments in November 1991. We regret the error.

## New Atlanta Lambda Community Center closer to reality

by KC Wildmoon

Atlanta—A new lesbian and gay community center is coming closer to reality here, following a meeting late last month that joined two groups of people who had been meeting independently to discuss just such a center. The groups began meeting because of concerns that the lesbian and gay communities in Atlanta had become too splintered to be effective.

"Our group had been meeting to discuss problems with political unity," said Marcia Okula. "And we came out of it saying that we need a center, a physical focus for our community."

At the same time, Jeff Corrigan, an Atlanta activist, put out a call to meet with community members interested in forming a "community center for all lesbians and gays."

"When we got wind of Jeff's work," said Okula, "we talked with him, and then we all got together."

Twenty-two members of the two original groups, along with 27 other individuals and representatives of organizations, "got together" on January 29 to move forward.

"We're responding to a need voiced by many segments of our community," said

Joan Garner. "We're looking to be a hub for the community, a place where we can all participate as equals."

The center is being incorporated as "The Atlanta Lambda Community Center," and will be run as a non-profit organization. The organizing group hopes to launch an extensive fund-raising campaign during Pride Week this summer.

"We have some very viable ways to get the money we need," said Okula. "But people have to really work now, and get involved."

"We have an appropriate representation from almost all the community," Garner said. "We have lesbians, we have gay men, we have older people, younger people. We want to make sure we include people from the disabilities community. And we're looking at the health issues, people with HIV. We'll be doing our best not to exclude anyone."

Organizers insist that the new center will not be designed to "speak for the community." Instead, the center will function as a sort of clearinghouse, referring requests to the appropriate group or individual, as well as serving as a center for community activities.



EAGLE

Jeff Corrigan and about 30 others got together on January 29 to discuss a new lesbian and gay center for Atlanta. Fund-raising will start during Pride Week '92.

## Lesbian activist removes son from school due to anti-gay harassment

by KC Wildmoon

Bremen, Georgia—A lesbian activist removed her 16 year old son from school last week, following harassment by fellow students and concerns that school officials were pressing the boy for information on his home life. Cheryl Summerville, a lesbian fired by Cracker Barrel last year because of her sexual orientation, said that she transferred her son, Chris, out of Bremen High School in Bremen, Georgia, because of increased harassment following her appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show last month.

"I'd be walking down the hall and hear them talking," said Chris. "They were staring at me and laughing. Teachers too."

Chris said that his counselor, Cindie Sewell-Morris, questioned him extensively about his home life.

"The impression I got," he said, "was that she was trying to scare me, to make me feel like my home life was bad."

Sewell-Morris said she was only trying to help. "I was saying that my personal beliefs as far as lesbianism are irrelevant, but the fact that society in general feels this is deviant behavior is a problem," she said.

"I feel that his problem has to do with his emotional upset because of the teasing," she said, adding, "and a home life that goes against the majority."

Cheryl Summerville said that she has talked with Chris extensively about her activism following her firing last year. "It's funny," she said. "This is a year old now. In the beginning I was really scared for him. But nothing was ever really said."



SKYE MASON

Cheryl Summerville (center), pictured here with son Chris and partner Sandra Riley, removed Chris from his school in Bremen because of anti-gay harassment following her appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show last month.

Chris, who attended schools in the metro area until two years ago, said he is not concerned about his mother's sexual orientation. "The only thing that gets to me is whenever it hits the schools," he said.

Summerville told *Southern Voice* she withdrew Chris from Bremen, a school of about 300 students, because she feared for his safety.

"My sister heard some of the bad boys talking about him in the grocery store after the Oprah show," she said. "Chris shouldn't have ended up in this. There's no reason to bother

him at all."

Chris said that Bremen is too small and insular to feel safe. To keep a presence at the family home, Sandra Riley, Cheryl's partner of eleven years, recently gave up her alterations business in Atlanta.

Cheryl was struck with Bremen's suddenly increased knowledge of her sexual orientation and activism.

"It must be that Oprah reached a hell of a lot more people than *20/20* or the papers," she said.

## Kickoff for 1992 Pride

The Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee held a kickoff party for the 1992 celebration on January 26, announcing dates, plans and the theme for this year's festivities. Atlanta lesbians and gays will "Celebrate Your Individuality" on June 27 and 28, with line-up of activities similar to last year's successful events. Saturday will again be "Family Reunion Day," with sports, entertainment, and a commitment ceremony. The annual parade will start off Sunday's activities, followed by a rally with entertainment. Organizers have set a goal of 50,000 for this year's celebration, and help is needed for all events. Call 662-4533 for information.

**Disney Says Yes To Queers:** The Walt Disney Co. has revised its corporate non-discrimination policy to "provide equal opportunity without regard to sexual orientation." *The Weekly News*, a gay newspaper in Miami, reported that the issue was a bargaining point during last year's labor negotiations with the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union. The new policy covers all Disney companies in the U.S., including Disneyland in Anaheim, California, and the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, and Disney-MGM in Orlando, Florida.

**Florida Gets Gay Judge:** Florida Governor Lawton Chiles has appointed a gay man to serve as a Judge of Compensation Claims in Daytona Beach. Rand Hoch, an attorney specializing in labor and employment law, began his tenure on the bench on February 1. He will serve a four year term. Hoch is a long time gay activist, working in Florida and with national gay rights advocates.

**Mobile Group Confronts Alabama Senator:** The Mobile Area Lesbian and Gay Assembly (MALAGA) confronted U.S. Senator Richard C. Shelby (D-AL) at a public forum on January 21, asking the Senator to support gay and lesbian rights in Congress. The Senator refused to support a resolution asking President Bush to repeal the military's ban on homosexuals, and said he would not sign as a co-sponsor of the Lesbian/Gay Civil Rights Bill. "I don't promote the Gay and Lesbian Task Force's being mainstream America," Shelby said, "in the best interest of America and especially our armed forces."

**Students To Send Message To Bush:** The National Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Student Caucus, an affiliate of the United States Student Association (USSA), is sponsoring a post card campaign to urge President Bush to rescind the ROTC's and the Department of Defense's ban on homosexuals. The cards will be delivered to the president on March 9, USSA's National Student Lobby Day. USSA passed a resolution last April urging Bush to sign an executive order rescinding the policy.

**New York Judge OKs Adoption For Lesbian:** A Surrogate Court judge in New York City approved a lesbian's petition to adopt her partner's 6-year-old son. The decision granted "legal recognition of their mutual status as parents," said the judge in the ruling issued on January 30. Activists hailed the ruling as an important step toward legal recognition of gay couples. The unidentified couple said in a statement, "We have been a family through all of [the boy's] life and we are relieved that the court has formalized [his] relationship with both of us."

**No NAMBLA In SF Library:** The San Francisco Library has banned meetings of the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) after a local television station aired an "exclusive, special investigative report" on the controversial organization. For that report, KRON-TV stormed a meeting with a live camera, shot footage of meetings from a concealed camera, and interviewed parents about how they felt having "child molesters meeting in your library?" NAMBLA has long been controversial with many in the gay community, amid claims that the organization perpetuates the myth that gay men are all child molesters. NAMBLA members claim they have the right to love whom they choose, regardless of age difference. Alan Davis, a NAMBLA spokesperson, said the organization is considering a lawsuit against the television station.

**San Diego Lesbian Sues Sheriff:** Laura Shands, a Deputy Marshal with the County of San Diego, is suing the San Diego Sheriff's Academy because of sexual orientation harassment. Shands, who is represented by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., claims that she endured daily harassment because of her sexual orientation while at the academy. The lawsuit has been brought under the Unruh Civil Rights Act, the California constitution, and a local ordinance banning anti-gay discrimination.

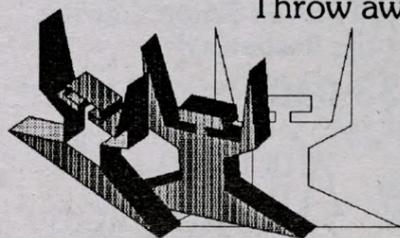
**Lesbian Pastor Under Fire In New York State:** In November 1991, the Downtown United Presbyterian Church in Rochester, New York, voted overwhelmingly to offer Rev. Jane Spahr, a lesbian, a position as one of four co-pastors of the 800-member church. That decision has come under fire, first by the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley, the regional organization, which defeated a motion to deny Spahr the job. Now, complaints filed by several individuals and nine churches have reached the Synod of the Northeast, and will be heard in April or May of this year. Spahr was chosen over 85 other candidates for the position, and was the first openly lesbian or gay minister ever hired by a congregation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

**New Jersey Establishes Bias Crimes Unit:** New Jersey, which last month became the fifth state to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation, has now become the first state to establish a bias crimes unit. The new unit will concentrate its efforts in two areas: education of youth to prevent such crimes and education of law enforcement officers to improve investigations.

**Judge Nixes Dallas Police Ban On Gays:** A state District Court Judge in Texas ruled last week that the Dallas city police ban on homosexual officers was unconstitutional. Judge Larry Fuller made the ruling two weeks after the Dallas City Council upheld the ban. The policy is based on a Texas law making sodomy a misdemeanor, but that law was recently struck down by a district judge and is currently under appeal.

**California Court Declares Right Wing Initiative Unconstitutional:** The Fourth District Court of Appeals in California has declared an initiative put forward by "Riverside Citizens for Responsible Behavior" to be unconstitutional. The initiative would have repealed Riverside's anti-AIDS discrimination law and prohibited the city from taking any action or spending any funds to "promote, legitimize, or justify" homosexuality. The Riverside City Council had earlier refused to place the measure on the ballot, prompting the "Citizens" to appeal to the district court.

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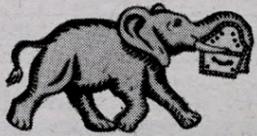
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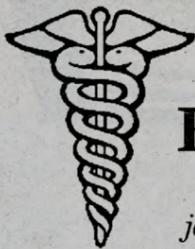
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**ARCA seeking CMV Retinitis patients for experimental drug trial**

by Matt Pieper

The AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA) has brought an experimental drug trial to the Atlanta community that may prove to help patients who have cytomegalovirus (CMV) retinitis, an opportunistic infection of the eye which causes blindness. CMV retinitis affects approximately 15 percent of people with AIDS.

The experimental trial will be known as the "Oral Ganciclovir Maintenance Therapy Study." The study will compare the safety and efficacy of intravenous ganciclovir with a new oral form of ganciclovir for maintenance therapy of patients with CMV retinitis. ARCA is actively seeking patients for possible enrollment.

According to Dr. Melanie Thompson, ARCA's president and principal investigator, study participants may benefit in a number of ways. They have access to a form of ganciclovir not yet available and, they may be among the first to be helped by it. Furthermore, they will receive ganciclovir free of charge. In addition, ARCA will pay for study visits to the patient's primary care provider and a designated ophthalmologist and required lab work.

Dr. Thompson also points out that study participants face certain risks by enrolling in the study. "There is no guarantee that the patient's condition will improve while taking oral ganciclovir. Also, as with many drugs which are used to fight HIV disease, there are possible side effects including a decrease in the number of white blood cells which help to fight off infections and a decrease in the number of platelets which help to prevent bruising and bleeding," she said. Dr. Thompson went on to explain that patients may leave the study at any time, for any reason. Also, if a physician determined that the drug was doing harm, he or she would take the patient off the trial.

To be eligible for the study, patients must have CMV retinitis of no more than four months' duration and will have tolerated at least four weeks of ganciclovir therapy, resulting in stable retinitis. The duration of the study will be 52 weeks. Patients will be seen by both their primary caregiver and one of the following ophthalmologists: Dr. Edward Fineberg, Dr. Alan Kozarsky, Dr. Scott Lampert and Dr. Bruce Becker.

To inquire about possible enrollment in the oral ganciclovir study, patients should consult their physician or call ARCA Research Nurse Bill Emery at (404) 876-2317.

The AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA) is a non-profit association of healthcare providers, patients and patient advocates who have come together for the purpose of sponsoring clinical drug trials of promising treatments for people with HIV disease.

**Church Funds Project Open Hand:**

Project Open Hand/Atlanta last month received the last of three \$25,000 checks from the North Fayette United Methodist Church. Project Open Hand was granted \$75,000 from the church's Stewart Huston Charitable Trust. The funding is part of North Fayette's AIDS ministry, and represents one of the largest religious AIDS ministries in Georgia. Pictured are (l-r) Catherine Jefferson, volunteer; Rev. D.B. Shellnut Jr., North Fayette pastor; Samuel A. Cann of Savannah, Stewart Huston Trust trustee; and Ron Kazmirski.



GARY ABRAMS

**HRCF Hires AIDS Policy Analyst:**

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has created a new staff position to focus on federal HIV/AIDS treatment and research issues. Terry Beswick, formerly the Information and Education Director of the San Francisco-based Project Inform, has been hired as HRCF's new AIDS Policy Analyst. Beswick will analyze and critique federal policies and practices relating to the treatment of HIV disease, as well as work with other AIDS groups.

**ACT UP/DC Interrupts Presidential Candidates:**

Members of ACT UP/DC disrupted a forum sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors for Democratic presidential hopefuls, asking why the candidates weren't speaking about AIDS. While protestors gathered outside the January 22 forum, Margaret Cantrell of ACT UP/DC climbed onto the speakers podium inside to demand answers. She was escorted from the room by security staff.

**OBITUARY**

**Joey Nathan Thomas**

Joey Nathan Thomas, age 32, died on January 14, 1992 of AIDS related complications. He was a graduate of the Univ. of Georgia with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, and a Masters' Degree in Mental Retardation, with further graduate studies at West Georgia College.

Thomas was employed by the Clayton County School System.

He is survived by his parents, Perry E. and Luree M. Thomas of Watkinsonville; two sisters, Joy T. Elder, Watkinsonville, and Jane T. Wood, Statham; two brothers, Jerry M. Thomas and Jimmy E. Thomas, both of Watkinsonville; five nieces and nephews and a number of uncles and aunts.

A memorial service was held at Morningside Baptist Church, 1700 Piedmont Ave., N.E., Atlanta, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 19, 1992. A second memorial service was held at the Living Word Baptist Church, 2761 Monroe Highway, Bogart, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, 1992. A private burial followed at the Bethabara Baptist Church Cemetery.

Donations can be made to the following: AID Atlanta, 1132 W. Peachtree St., N.W., Atlanta, Morningside Baptist Church, Hymnal Fund, or Living Word Baptist Church Building Fund.

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# Dahmer sanity trial underway: victims' families charge racism

by Jamakaya

Milwaukee (Wisc.)— Testimony in the sanity trial of serial killer Jeffrey L. Dahmer, now underway in Milwaukee, will be dominated by a battle of the psychiatrists, with one side arguing that Dahmer is a calculating killer, the other that Dahmer is insane and incapable of understanding the wrongfulness of his conduct.

"This was not an evil man," said Dahmer's attorney Gerald Boyle in opening arguments January 30. "This was a sick man, whose sickness rose to the level of mental illness."

District Attorney E. Michael McCann countered: "Mr. Dahmer knew at all times that what he was doing was wrong. This is not the case of a psychotic man who didn't know the difference between right and wrong."

Dahmer has already pleaded guilty to 15 counts of homicide for murders committed in Milwaukee between 1988 and July, 1991. Most of the victims, who were drugged, strangled and dismembered, were young men of color. Many of them were gay men Dahmer picket up at gay bars in Milwaukee and Chicago.

In the sanity phase of the trial, the burden of proof shifts to the defense, so to keep him out of prison, Boyle needs to prove his client's insanity.

Boyle contends that Dahmer suffers from necrophilia, "a disorder of the mind in which there is an uncontrollable desire to have sexual contact with dead bodies." Psychiatrists called by the defense have supported that conclusion.

But D.A. McCann argues that Dahmer exercised lengthy periods of control over his alleged "compulsion." He scored some early points by emphasizing Dahmer's deceitfulness and calculation in luring the victims to his apartment, drugging them and then disposing of the bodies.



MARNY A. MALIN

Carolyn Smith and Shirley Hughes, family members of two of Dahmer's victims.

McCann also cited Dahmer's own admission to police that he was "fully aware" of the acts he committed were wrong and that he was "horrified" that he was able to carry them out.

Both attorneys tried to defuse the racial and homosexual aspects of the case.

Boyle said: "This is not a case about homosexuality... This was not racial." He said Dahmer's obsession was for a particular body form—tall, slim, smooth-skinned—rather than for a particular race.

McCann also stress that homosexuality—legal in Wisconsin—was not the issue. He told the jurors that whether they approved or disapproved of homosexuality, the issue in this case was one of control, of Dahmer's choice "to take men unwillingly."

Some gay activists in Milwaukee were upset with the District Attorney's failure to lodge hate crimes charges against Dahmer. In the city's gay bars, Dahmer was known to be a racist and a homophobe.

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# P-FLAG ad set to air in March

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Washington, D.C.—These are the images of gay America that officials of one organization hope will convince the mainstream that homosexuals are just like everyone else.

The Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) is ready to begin distribution of the first national public service announcements with a gay or lesbian theme in March. P-FLAG officials have granted Jonathan Mitchell Reports an advanced look at on-the-scene photos for this historic effort.

The spots, which will be shipped to local television stations across the country, depict gays, lesbians, and bisexuals expressing their love for, and unity with, their families. According to Tom Sauerman, executive director of P-FLAG, the ads are designed to make two statements at the same time.

"The first statement... is that lesbians and gay men are an integral part of many loving families," he says. "The second statement, which will attract those who are still in crisis or in need of assistance, is that Parents FLAG exists to support and educate people at all levels of acceptance and understanding."

P-FLAG officials are realistic about the success of this venture. Many station programmers will be reluctant, possibly hostile, to airing such pro-gay spots. Those that do run the announcements may banish them to obscure times like early morning.

It is for that reason that the gay community must lobby on a local level to get the ads seen, says P-FLAG's Laurie Coburn.

"Personal contact between P-FLAG volunteers and TV station officials will be of key importance in getting the PSAs aired on local television," agrees Sauerman. P-FLAG is also working on getting the Ad Council, the advertising industry's arm for promoting various



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PSAs, to approve the new spots. The group will distribute the spots even if the Ad Council rejects its request for support, however.

The 10-, 20-, and 30-second spots were created by Impact Studios in consultation with Richard Bond of the public relations firm of FCB-Lewis, Gilman, and Kynett, both of Philadelphia. An 800 number that will be shown at the end of the announcement will be used by P-FLAG to track who viewed the effort and where.

P-FLAG hopes the spots will air for at least six months. To help get the PSAs aired in your local market, contact P-FLAG at 1012 Fourteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005 or call (202) 638-4200.

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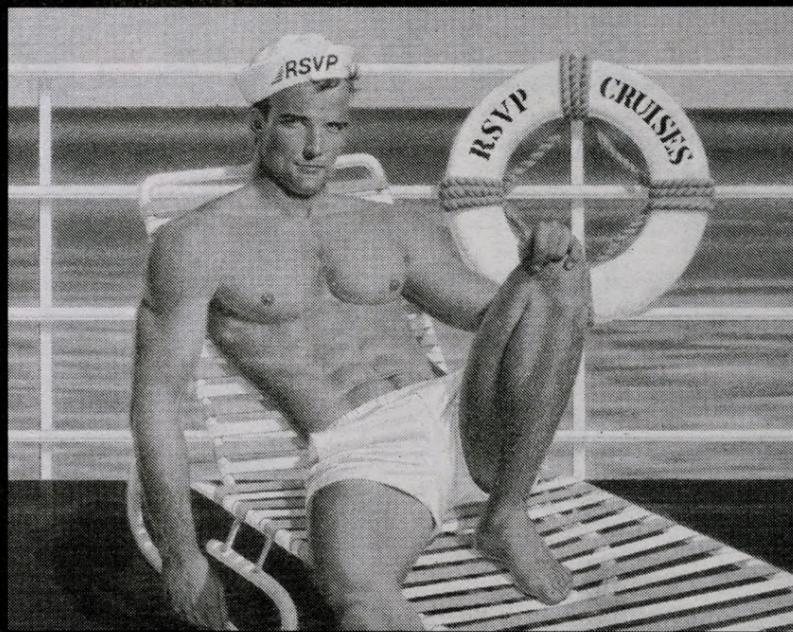
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## Isaac Julien: *Young Soul Rebels*

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and romantic of the two.

Racial tension in the film is symbolized by soul and punk music, and the filmmaker accepts as a "very good comparison" today's rap and heavy metal. The (white) punks had their own pirate radio and their own heroes. A graffiti in an early scene has an A in a circle next to "Sex Pistols." The A, Julien confirms, is for Anarchy.

Having visited Brazil, where the caste system is based on the relative amounts of European, Indian and African blood, with whites at the top and blacks at the bottom, I asked Julien whether the gay character, being all black, is supposed to be of lower racial status than his half-and-half friend.

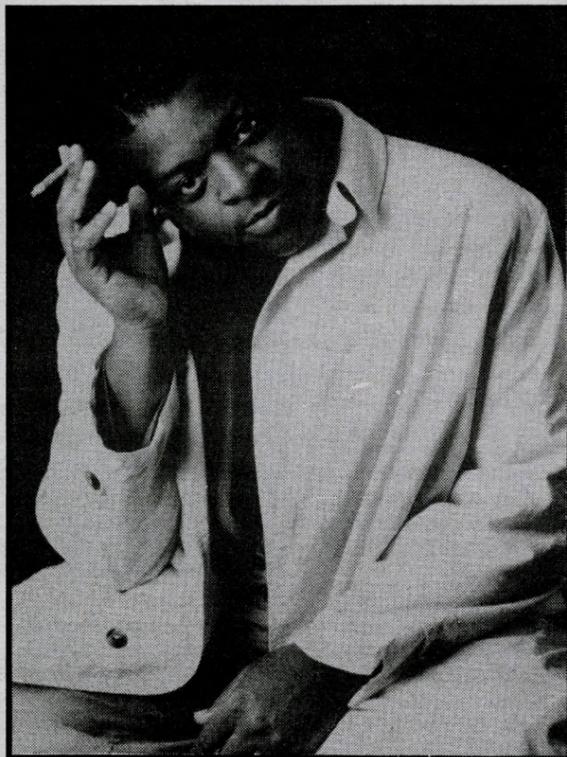
The filmmaker, who is proudly black and gay, replies that Chris isn't fully accepted by blacks or whites, and is therefore as marginalized racially as Caz is sexually.

"Both can be questioned by the mythic 'Straight Black Man,'" he says. "I wanted to ask the question of who is black and who is white... The black community does encompass all these characters."

He sees blacks being as easily split by infighting as gays are; while oppressive external forces are aiming to divide and conquer us, "we want to separate ourselves as well," Julien believes.

Another aspect of what Julien calls "old-time machismo" among straight black males is brought out in a scene in a garage, the point of which may be lost to some American viewers because of slang and heavy accents. The men are expressing a double standard, that it's okay for a black man to fuck a white man, but not to be fucked by one.

Julien considers himself part of a group of black filmmakers who emerged from art schools in the late '70's and are beginning to become more widely known.



Isaac Julien: "While oppressive external forces are aiming to divide and conquer us, we want to separate ourselves as well."

Others are John Akomfrah, Karen Alexander, Martine Attile, Reece Auguiste, Maureen Blackwood and Julie Dash. In 1983 Julien and three others founded the Sankofa Film and Video collective with funding from Britain's Channel Four.

His emergence from the group with *Looking For Langston* and now *Young Soul Rebels* is not an ego

thing like Diana Ross leaving the Supremes, Julien says, but a bow to economic reality. "The idea of keeping a group together in the current funding crisis is difficult to imagine," Julien says.

Rebels had assistance from the British Film Institute as well as Channel Four, but was also partly financed by companies in Spain, France and Germany. "The only way you're going to be able to make films in this budget range (about \$2 million) in the future is by European co-financing," he says.

Sankofa, which is being forced to diversify, has "done what we set out to do," Julien believes. In addition to producing their own work, they used funding comparable to our NEA grants to conduct a number of community workshops that brought other young blacks into the arts.

Today the filmmaker sees Britain "really becoming a Third World country... There's immense pressure on gays and lesbians politically, but culturally it's exciting. There are lesbians doing great things in photography..."

But on the down side, Julien notes, "Section 28 and the like encourage a kind of self-policing, like your NEA controversy. People are inhibited. They say, 'I can't do that because I won't get funding for it.'" At the same time, he points out more optimistically, this repression encourages a counter culture to rise up in response.

Julien is already working on several new ideas. One is with a white protagonist, someone he refers to as a "gay Lawrence of Arabia figure," and he is already writing a screenplay entitled *Confessions of a Snow Queen*. While *Rebels* and Julien's future projects may be a long way from seeing mainstream movie houses, he is, as he puts it, "... participating in culture, definitely."

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Our goal has always been to offer you the highest quality newspaper possible—one that treats you with respect and thus allows us to keep ours. And if our growth in readership and advertising is any indication, it has worked for all of us.

We want to take a little space here to thank you for making our dream of becoming a weekly paper come true.

We started very small, primarily staffed by volunteers. Many of those volunteers are still with us—they simply refuse to go away. Thank you for not going away.

There is another group of people we'll call "friends" of Southern Voice. They have supported us either financially or emotionally, sometimes both, during times of need.

And of course there are the SoVo writers, cartoonists and photographers whose talents have established this paper as one of the best in the country. Your work is appreciated from here to San Francisco to D.C.

We would be still sitting on go if not for our advertisers. In the beginning, there was little reason to believe that anyone would read Southern Voice, much less use it as a resource when looking for a "friendly" place to shop or eat or buy a house. The paper is now filled with a wide range of advertisers who know and appreciate the value of a gay or lesbian customer. We thank you all.

Then there are our readers. Thanks—for giving us a chance, for writing us letters, for calling us. For telling us what we do right and wrong. You're the reason we do this.

So, look for us weekly beginning Feb. 27. We'll keep the same high quality you've come to expect, and we have some ideas that will make Southern Voice even more readable and indispensable to you.

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COMMENTARY  
**Blaine and Antoine: friends or 'phobes?**

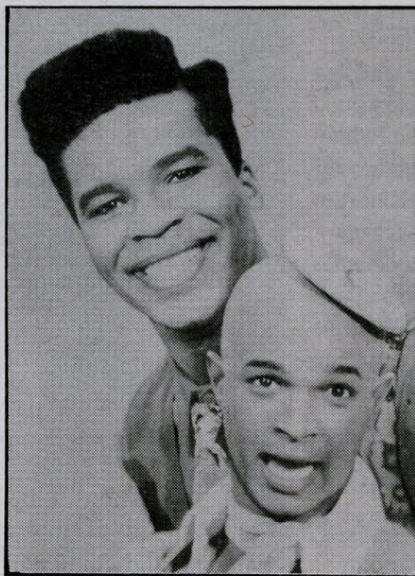
by Christopher Wittke

By the time the Fox television network unveiled its *In Living Color Live Super Bowl Halftime Show* recently, my love/hate relationship with the two mad queen characters Blaine Edwards and Antoine Merriweather had simmered down. In fact, after three seasons of semi-regular appearances by the pair, my reactions to their skits had ranged from "loved it" to "hated it" to "no longer particularly interested in it."

For readers unfamiliar with *In Living Color*, or the queens in question, a little background is in order. *ILC* is a weekly sketch comedy series conceived by Keenan Ivory Wayans, auteur behind that mid-'80s movie parody of blaxploitation films, *I'm Gonna Get You Sucka*. Wayans parlayed the success of that movie, as well as his eye for identifying and skewering easily recognized personality types and stereotypes, into a half-hour Fox TV show.

Like such sketch comedy predecessors as *The Carol Burnett Show*, *SNL*, and *Laugh-In*, *ILC* quickly developed recurring characters with broad audience appeal. Arguably the most popular were Blaine and Antoine—two campy diva queens who host a public access cable TV show that looks at everything from film to travel "from a men's perspective." Filled to the brim with gay sexual double entendre and such Black gay cultural symbols as elaborate finger snaps and a tendency to make points with rapier sharp humor, the seismic readings from the studio audience alone indicate that Blaine and Antoine had hit a very real nerve.

When the two debuted in the original "Men on Film" sketch (with its joyous Weather Girls anthem "It's Raining Men" quickly establishing the theme), many gay and lesbian viewers found themselves in a quandary. It was obvious that someone, somewhere in the creative pipeline that invented Blaine and Antoine knew exactly what he was talking about. It seemed as if the studio audience was laughing with, not at, Blaine and Antoine and as if they loved the pair because they recognized them from their own lives.



But was it actually possible to trust where the sketches were "coming from?" The sketches often contained misfires. For instance, Blaine and Antoine always respond with "Hated it!" whenever the subject of a movie or TV show featuring a woman is brought up, which is funny enough in a "skewering the myth that gay men are gay because they hate women"-kind-of-way. But it became painfully obvious that the creators really meant this. Why else would they caustically dismiss women with such misogynist lines as, "They should have called *Pretty Woman A Fish Called Julia!*"

By the end of the second season, when Blaine got amnesia and thought he was straight, I was one of the many gay viewers who stopped caring about the characters because it was obvious that the men who played them, Keenan's brother Damon as Blaine and David Alan Grier as Antoine, were completely out of touch with the reality of the lives of such characters. Even if this was the fault of the writers and not the performers, "Men on..." was obviously straight men's fantasy.

Some time after giving up on the pair, I saw "Fierce Love," a show by San Francisco's Black gay performance artists, Pomo Afro Homos. In a brilliant parody called "Men On" that featured perfectly rendered versions of Blaine and Antoine, the bit pointed out that, once again, culturally specific behaviors as fabulous as "two snaps up" had been appropriated (for fun and profit) by people outside of the community that had created them (for fun

and/or survival). Although the Pomos seemed to have an ambiguously wary fondness for the characters, their questions solidified for me, a squeamish white guy unsure of how to interpret the Fox duo, the need to critique them.

So it was with this consciousness that I returned to Blaine and Antoine for the Super Bowl halftime special. And although the sketch was filled with hilarious lines like "I wish [the Super Bowl was being played by] the Oilers and the Packers," and "I love any sport with players named Dick Butkis and Bob Greasey," these two straight actors actually used their live-with-an-eight-second-delay national platform to out a famous Black Olympian and trot out the tired Richard Gere "gerbiling" rumors (although an out-of-the-loop Wayans mentioned a hamster). Yes, I laughed because I was shocked, but upon rewatching my videotape of the sketch I felt more ambivalent.

Although I hate to approach anything even resembling the love-the-sinner-hate-the-sin approach of the Religious Right, I find myself thinking that I love the characters, it's their context I hate. How can we trust Wayans and Grier when, for example, Wayans responded to early criticism of Blaine and Antoine from the gay community with a terse "If you can take a dick up your ass, you can take a joke?" Or how about Grier's appearance on Arsenio Hall's show to discuss the "controversy." Grier explained that he and Wayans were "getting crazy" with the energy of the live show and just assumed the censors would bleep out the controversial bits during the eight-second delay. Besides, he and Arsenio chuckled, "It was just a joke."

Well, no, it was more than just a joke. It was a deliberate political act with real implications for the lives of the actual public people they were dishing. The final image for me is of two straight actors, Wayans and Grier, feeling empowered enough to use the emotionally charged tactic of outing (a tactic that has been debated extensively within the gay community without arriving at a consensus), and then feeling free enough not to own up to the responsibility of their actions. In other words, it was a couple of straight guys appropriating tools they don't understand and misusing them while cloaked in the costumes of gay men. It calls up two words in my mind—"Hated it."

Christopher Wittke is the Features Editor of Boston's Gay Community News. He contributed to the recent anthology *Hometowns: Gay Men Write about Where They Belong*, edited by John Preston (NAL/Dutton).

**What about Charis?**

To the Editor:

On page 7 of your January 30 issue of *Southern Voice* there is a half page headed: "A Gay and Lesbian Bookstore for Atlanta?" The survey that follows can be "dropped by the *Southern Voice* office," it says. The day the paper came out I started getting calls from local readers and from out of town friends who subscribe to *Southern Voice*. Every caller said, "What is this? Don't they know that Charis exists?" "They" refers to *Southern Voice*, which seems to be involved with an effort to open a new bookstore in Atlanta. What is the truth of this connection?

Some time ago I had a lengthy conversation with a local gay man who told me that he and some other folks were looking to start a gay and lesbian bookstore. He wanted my response and I told him that I would be delighted to have another bookstore in town, especially one that would meet more of the needs of gay men than Charis does. We spoke of cooperating with one another—he of not locating near enough to Charis to be seen as competition, and both of us as being able to send customers to one another depending on their needs.

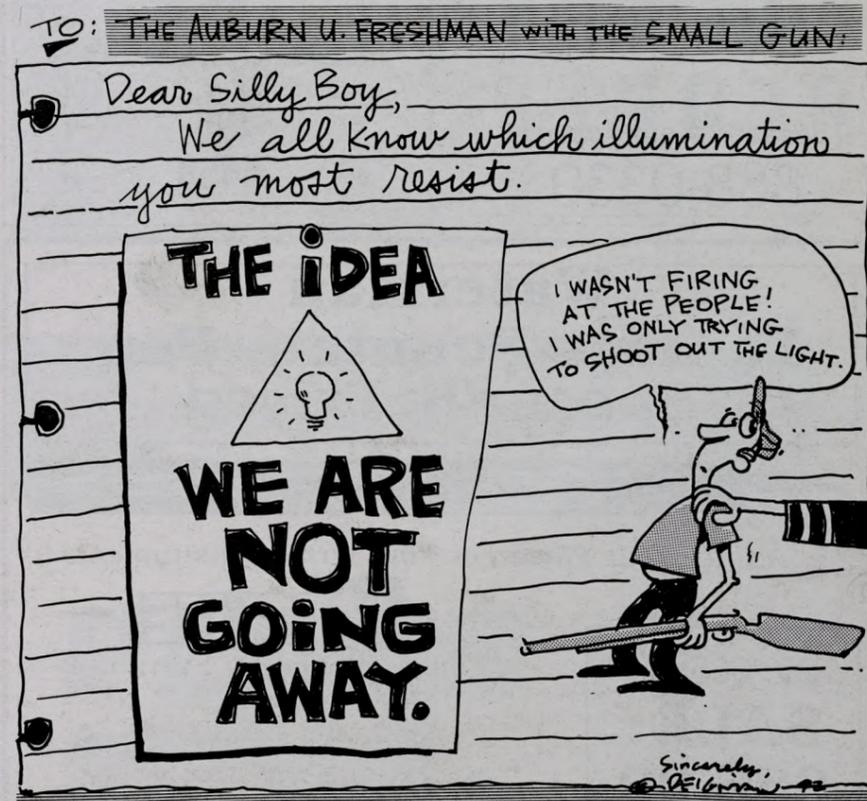
The ad—and I have to suppose that it was a paid ad—does not seem very cooperative to me! In fact, it ignores the fact of the existence of Charis and the service we have provided for the lesbian and gay community for almost 18 years now. I was shocked to read "Little Five Points" as one of the locations to vote on in the survey. There is no way to see Charis as a "Full-line gay bookstore" since our self-definition is "feminist bookstore," but I do see Charis as a full-line

lesbian bookstore with a decent selection of gay male fiction and non-fiction and a friendly willingness to order whatever is requested for a customer. And, yes, we are locally owned and operated.

*Southern Voice* has been very supportive of Charis—and whenever we manage to get some money from the "big boys" of publishing we always place ads for events in addition to our regular ads. So I have experienced us as mutually cooperative. Even though I know that ads can contain whatever copy the client chooses, I am troubled by the apparent connection between *SV* and this bookstore ad and by the erasure of women's work that the ad does contain.

Sincerely,  
Linda Bryant  
co-owner Charis: Books and More

*Editor's note:* Thank you for giving us the opportunity to clear up this misunderstanding. *Southern Voice* has no connection with the planned bookstore, and the survey which ran in our last issue was a paid advertisement. Several people have written or called us concerning this matter. The appearance of the survey itself (which can be construed as "copy" and not an ad) and our decision to allow surveys to be dropped off at our office was a mistake on our part since both have contributed to the perception that *Southern Voice* is somehow involved with the bookstore. Yes, we very much know that Charis exists and appreciate its long-standing contribution to Atlanta's lesbian and gay community. We do hope this clears the air, and that the same relationship that Charis Books and *Southern Voice* have enjoyed in the past will continue.



# Homoville, GA

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

by Al Cotton

## Raining on someone else's parade

KC Wildmoon wrote last issue about her peak experience at last month's King march. I was there also, but my experience was quite different from the one described in Heterodoxy.

I have some history with this event. I marched in the very first King Day parade in 1987. Not quite 50 of us huddled together for warmth and support on a blustery January day. Since no single group had enough peo-

ple to march separately, we all marched together—SAME and ALFA, BWMT and ACLU and even the Gay Center. (When will that happen again?)

Unlike some friends, I remember the support of the crowd more than the abuse—the smiling black women, thumbs up, noting our courage and happy to see us. I can still hear chants echoing off Peachtree Center, and feel the afterglow at the late, lamented Bar on Peachtree, where we adjourned for congratulatory shooters, basking in feelings of accomplishment and exhilaration. This was one of my peak experiences.

And I'd not marched since. Perhaps it was my southern sense of politeness in not hording in where I'm not wanted. Other friends who continued to march indicated no change in support—neither the crowd nor the organizers seemed overly interested in having us at "Their Parade." But this year, when I heard that a gay man was an official marshal, I thought, "We've finally been invited. If Barney Frank shows up, it's time to march again."

And I did. And it was real different. Right off, I noticed that the G/L contingent was the furthest from the start. Uh, oh—

looks like we're at the back of the bus. (That was, just barely, not the case—a rag-tag group of impromptu Iranian marchers showed up about ten minutes before we stepped off. Gay people are not, apparently, on the Very Lowest Rung of Heaven in the Civil Rights Universe.) As it was, we missed the first three blocks of the march entirely and didn't get to pass by Peachtree Center at all. So much for reliving fond memories.

As for the crowd, since Saturday's Celebratory Parade had attracted the people looking for fun, floats and Blair Underwood, those who showed up to watch Monday's Commemorative March were fewer and more somber than six years ago. So subdued, in fact, that I saw only one negative image—a hand-lettered "Homosexuality is a sin, not a right" poster.

But the idea that perhaps we were finally welcome in the Civil Rights Movement was not borne out. Dead-faced and impassive, the crowd was neither angry nor sympathetic to our presence—they just didn't respond. No energy, no passion, basically nothing but ennui as far as the eye could see.

I did realize some personal successes by marching. Specifically: I showed up in a not-

necessarily-friendly place, helped a Special Someone through some of his personal stuff about marching, and presented myself for inspection to the African-American Civil Rights movement as an openly gay white man. Not the big steps forward I hoped for, but perhaps worth a few karma points.

But I'll remember more clearly what didn't happen: I didn't relive old memories of marches past or feel the exhilaration of five years ago; I didn't meet the Congressman from Massachusetts, who was busy rubbing and interlocking elbows with Winnie and Coretta at the front of the parade; and I didn't feel my effort rewarded, my presence appreciated, my activism energized, or my soul stirred.

However the problem is diagnosed. I left this march feeling that it was still Someone Else's Parade. And while I'm not thrilled about swapping "Gay, Straight, Black, White / Same Struggle, Same Fight" for "Wait til Next Year," I will if I have to. Peak experiences are wonderful, but the task of securing our civil rights will require crossing a few valleys, as well.

## Give the kids a break

To the Editor:

Accessibility—a major issue in all communities; an issue which is addressed more consistently it seems in our own community. But is that actually true? It seems to depend on what type of accessibility we are discussing.

I am glad that our community makes places and events accessible to those those who are handicapable—ramps, signers, etc. But what about those of us in the community who are parents? There are some facilities at some events that will accommodate children, but even those are sometimes restricted in age, abilities of the child and sex of the child. Some are also restricted as far as the financial ability of the parent. In most cases I am very proud of our community, but this is a matter that deeply disturbs me.

To be prejudiced, discriminatory or oppressive in any way is doing the same thing that has been done to us for years. We, of all people, should not exclude our sisters and brothers who have chosen to be parents. We should try to include them and make them feel welcome—not condemn them for becoming parents.

In my case, I was a parent before I realized I was a lesbian and I am now a grandpar-

ent and caregiver to a four year-old girl. And if I had realized my sexuality before, I probably still would have become a mother.

Some people in our community are co-parenting, have adopted, have been artificially inseminated or have custody of their children from a heterosexual relationship. Some are even foster parents. And sometimes we would like to have good, inexpensive child-care available at some of our community events. I think that some of the events would be frequented more if child-care was available—and available to small children, including boys.

Truthfully, I am disgusted by the separatist and bigoted attitude of some of the people (both men and women) in our community. I think they would be surprised to find out how many parents there are and that our ranks are increasing all the time.

It is time that Atlanta moved out of the oppressive past and into a positive future for all rights for all people. It is my strong belief that "As long as one person is oppressed—no one can be free."

Sincerely,  
Judi Jones

## Carbon Copy

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

We applaud many of your statements in your State of the Union address before Congress. It is our hope that your proposals will lead America out of this recession very quickly.

From our perspective as gay Republicans, we would like to offer some observations about your speech. Republicans for Individual Freedoms works to fight homophobia in the Republican Party and against Republiophobia in the gay community. We have over 125 members in New York and have just started a chapter in Atlanta.

You talked about the importance of "family." Mr. President, the American "family" is no longer just "Mom & Dad and 3.2 children, a dog named Spot and a house with a white picket fence." There are "families" with two men or two women all over America from Houston to Kennebunkport to Seattle—in every city, village and town across our nation. Gay couples are just as much a part of our national presence as straight couples and families.

You discussed health care, but have not fully addressed the one disease that could destroy America—AIDS. You must provide more leadership, both financially and morally to fight this killer.

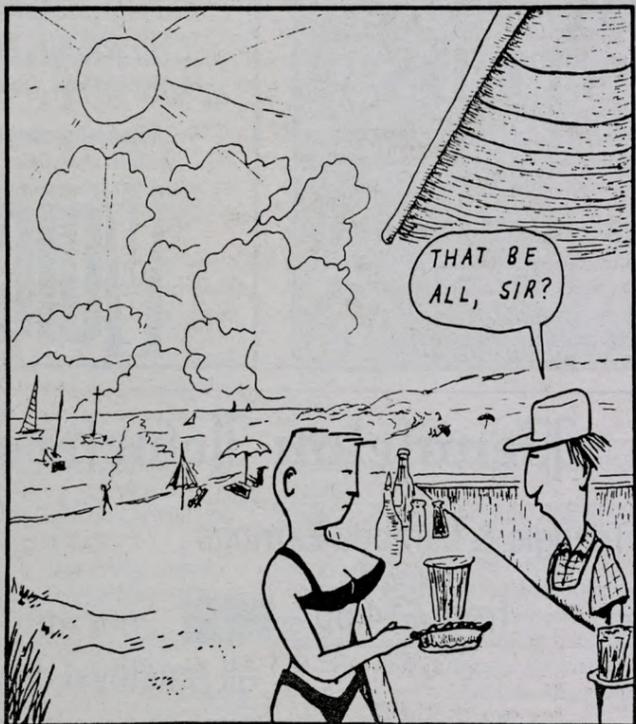
Racism is a concern to you and you mentioned anti-Jewish or anti-black sentiment. You must add anti-gay to this category of hate since thousands of Americans, each year, are subjected to verbal and physical abuse simply because they are gay.

Mr. President, please be a leader for all Americans, straight and gay.

Sincerely,  
Gary D. Bastian

Republicans for Individual Freedoms

BY ANDREA NATALIE



STONEWALL RIOTS

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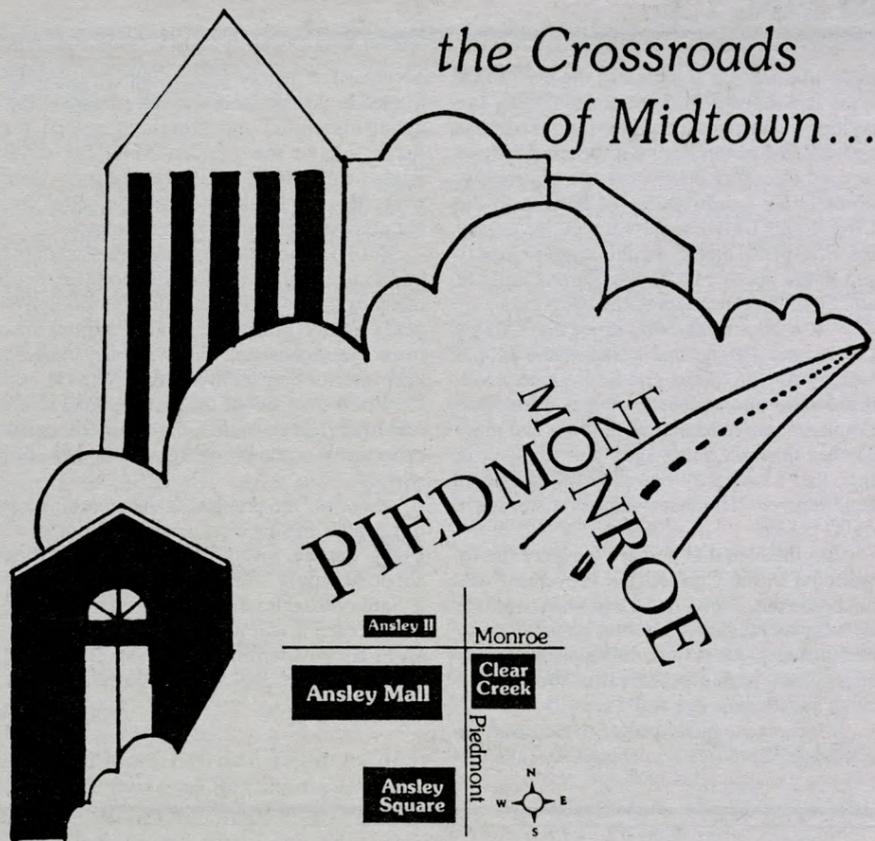
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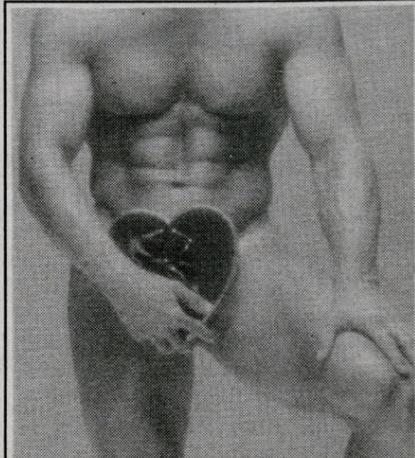
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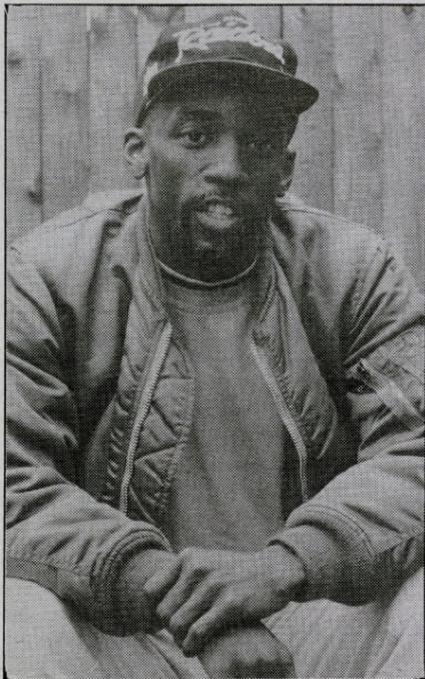
Reviewed by Michael Bronski

The gay publishing boom of the past two decades which has produced a wealth of novels, poetry, newspapers, biographies, magazines, non-fiction and art books has, for a variety of reasons, hardly dealt with the experience of black gay men. In 1986, Joe Beam, a black gay activist, published *In the Life*, a groundbreaking anthology of writings of queer men of color. Beam died of AIDS-related causes in 1988 while working on a new collection of black gay male writings. This project has been completed by poet Essex Hemphill and the result is the wonderful *Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men*.

Bringing together the works and words of 35 black gay writers, Hemphill has drawn an incredibly complex portrait of the contemporary African-American gay male writer, which ranges from the sexy to the somber, from the celebratory to the inflammatory. Much of *Brother to Brother*, like any gay anthology, is a celebration of gay male sexuality.

But not all of *Brother to Brother* is about sex.

AIDS haunts the pages of this book the way that it haunts our everyday lives, lurking around every corner, never quite out of mind. What makes *Brother to Brother* so important is that it documents the specific ways in which AIDS affects the black gay male community. Sometimes this is a matter of health care—like noting that Kaposi Sarcoma lesions do not register as “purple spots” on brown or black skin as they do on white—and other



JIM MARKS

times it means placing AIDS in perspective as only one of a myriad of life-threatening problems with which black gay men have to deal.

*Brother to Brother* is an important book not only because it gives voice to a whole range of African-American writers who have not yet been widely read, but because it creates a space, a readership and an audience for a new way of exploiting the ideas and feelings about race, ethnicity and sexuality in all our lives.

## NABWMT Releases Second Edition of Resisting Racism Manual

The National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT) has issued a manual to help the gay and lesbian community explore the issue of racism. “Resisting Racism: An Action Guide,” edited by Gerald Mallon and published by the Racism Task Force of NABWMT, is a useful tool which should be a part of every gay and lesbian organization’s library.

The revised manual is divided into four parts: Workshop Outlines; Resource Materials; Essays; and Bibliographies. The first is a series of 20 ideas for workshops to be used by groups to delve into the issue of racism in individuals, in groups, and in our society at large.

Gays and lesbians as members of our society are no freer from the racist conditioning than any other members of our culture. They are therefore trapped by institutionalized racism, which goes on subtly and overtly every day. The manual points the way toward exorcising the racist attitudes that are part of everyday life in this country.

The third section, Essays, provides the reader with a selection of writings by nationally known gay and lesbian activists. It also provides the reader with NABWMT’s position on racism, bar discrimination, and the importance of multi-culturalism in our gay and lesbian movement.

Section Four, Bibliographies, is perhaps the most thorough section of all. It is made up of three exhaustive lists. The first was compiled by John E. Bush, Ph.D., former NABWMT National Co-Chair, and its title is “Recommended Reading List on Race and Racism.” The second bibliography was compiled by Ronald L. Trospen, and is entitled “Suggested Readings on Racism and Native Americans.” It deals with Native American views on their history,



treaty rights, cultural diversity, and how institutionalized racism in this country has separated the original inhabitants of our continent. The third bibliography, compiled by Dr. Bush, is made up for more than 90 reading selections and provides a sound basis for anyone wishing to know more about how to combat racism.

The value of the manual is well summed up by Michael Warner—“A source of indispensable information that pursues unity among diversity. Those utilizing this manual will be the beneficiaries of powerful knowledge that will expand our community well into the next decade.”

The Resisting Racism Manual can be ordered by sending a check or money order for \$19.95 payable to NABWMT Publications, P.O. Box 408641, Chicago, Illinois 60640. It is also available at most gay and lesbian bookstores.

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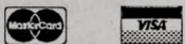
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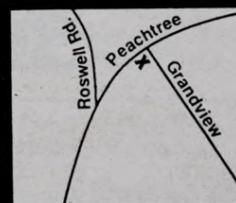
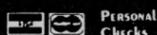
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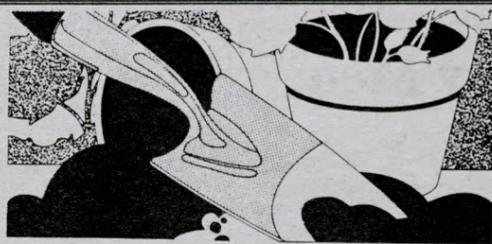
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# This old hoe

Earthshakin' observations  
by Maria Helena Dolan



*Plant porn fiends, cheap thrills time is here again*

I salivate profusely and repeatedly this time of year. No, it's not from the wildly alternating cold and heat, nor the sight of galoshes. This phenomenon arises every January and February, when the seed catalogs arrive. Such a mouth-watering array of sizes, colors, offerings!

And oh, how those glossy pictorials transport me into positively lustful fantasies. Yes—I want that one, and that one, and this one. Ooh, and that one too. Pennie Black Nemophilia. White Baptisia. Mini Green Bush Baby Bean. Tan anatolia... oh, I can picture her growing in my very own plot, even as I write!

Well, pardon me while I fan myself. And might I recommend a few personal favorites? Aside from the glossies, such as Stokes, Thompson and Morgan, (the local) Hastings, Wayside Gardens, etc., I tremblingly leaf through:

*Seeds of Change*, featuring organic seeds offered amongst thoughtful articles and lovely illustrations. 1364 Rufina Circle, #5, Santa Fe, NM 87501; \$3.

*Niche Gardens*—an informative and entertaining compendium with a distinctively southern accent. 1111 Dawson Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27516-8576; \$3.

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*Peace Seeds*, "a planetary gene pool service," features organics on a global scale. 2385 SE Thompson St., Corvallis, OR 97333; \$4.

I can't leave this furrow without singing the praise of

*pisum sativum*. No matter the hybrid or form, the sugar pea is as indispensable to early Spring gardeners as catnip is to cats.

Peas are amazing little boogers. As legumes, they're indefatigable soil builders. In a sensuous symbiotic dance older than our kind, bacteria enable the plant to absorb airborne nitrogen, "fixing" it at the root. (Of course, you do need a fair Nitrogen source in the soil prior to the peas popping above ground.)

Soak the seed peas overnight—a crucial step. These now-engorged little jewels like a sweet (amended and not-too-acidic) soil. Not too deep, nor too shallow (1.5" will do it) and not where you put them last year.

You can easily "inoculate" them with locally purchased proper bacteria for greater yields. (Honestly, though, I usually forgo this, because tons of rotted horse manure mean no lack of nitrogen.)

When the plants greet you with their stunning greenery, support them: stake-n-string, wire mesh, brush-n-twigs, whatever (I'm a stake-n-string gal). Stagger plantings, so you'll be assured a continuous supply of succulents, until the weather proves too warm.

Your eventual reward for this minimal effort will be the incomparable delight of gently tweaking tender pods off the vine, running a thumbnail carefully across the pod's slit, and popping the raw spheres right into your mouth. (The sugar begins to turn to starch within 1-2 hours after leaving the vine, so eat 'em up quickly.)

In fact, I daresay that right-off-the-plant peas (and corn) have to be the second best thing I've ever had in my mouth!! Whoa, I get a rush, just anticipating how good it's gonna be... Hey—let's all have peas on earth, folks.

## EARTH ALERT #2: ADVICE FOR FIRE ANTS FOES

I had a growing problem last year, in the heart of a raised bulb bed: an ever-expanding fire ant mound. I couldn't even walk by the bed, much less weed it, without enduring dozens—nay, hundreds—of frenzied, tireless villains tearing at my tender flesh.

I'd tried all the natural stuff I'd heard about: digging them out (true, there was some satisfaction in transferring the demons to a troublesome neighbor's yard); pouring scalding water repeatedly on the mound; covering it with plastic; etc.

These ants were insectorous hydras from hell, multiplying in ever-greater numbers and ferocity. In despair, I briefly contemplated the (gasp)... chemical route.

Ecosanity stayed my well-covered hand, however. With the knowledge I osmosed from my Private Pesticide Applicator's license, I recognized the horrors in the recommended commercial compounds. Thanks, but no thanks—I/we need those earthworms, birds, bees, mammals, etc.

Instead, I decided to try my flea remedy: diatomaceous earth. Resembling a cross between flour and under-processed cocaine (not that I've ever *seen that*), DE is actually the ground-up fossilized remains of tiny marine creatures.

DE works because of its abrasive, crystalline structure. It cuts the pest's exoskeleton, causing death when the body fluids escape. Unkind, true; but then, they don't have to colonize in my environs, now, do they? (DE also makes a good soil amendment and chicken feed supplement, under certain circumstances.)

I donned a respirator, chem gloves, and long sleeves, and put about two cups of DE into and around the mound. I then nursed bites for about four days, hoping that the DE would prove victorious.

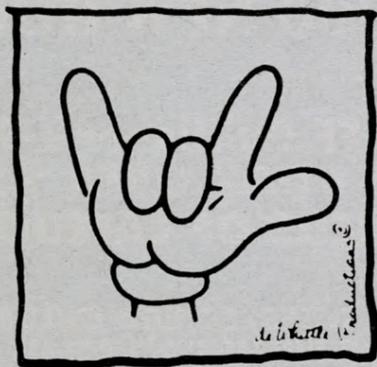
Wonder upon wonders!! When I checked, they were gone. It looked as though space aliens had beamed up the entire colony. The only trace of the rapacious devils was their mound and the incredible warren of tunnels they'd left behind.

So, if fire ants are (or will be) making your life miserable, try DE. You can obtain various sized bags (5-25 lbs) at better garden centers and hardware stores. (Home Depot had a 25 lb. bag for \$10 last summer. It was located in the pool section, under the snappy pseudonym "Diatom," as a pool purifier.)

Clearly, kids, the question here is, why poison when you can have a clean, soil-amending kill?

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# Something's fishy here

by Gary Kaupman

Driven by the media, our doctors, and just plain good sense, Americans are eating less meat. There's no survey on the subject, but my bet is that queers are on the cutting edge of that change. Along the way from Carnivoreville to Veggieburg many of us have paused in Fishtown. If you're among those who regularly consume seafood, you may want to blow three bucks on a copy of the February *Consumer Reports*.

The C.R. folks spent six months or so buying supposedly fresh and healthy finny and shell-housed creatures at supermarkets and seafood stores around the country.

What they found was not encouraging: spoiled fish; contaminated fish; mislabeled fish; and dishonest fish mongers. And not just a one or two of each: 29% of the fish they sampled was spoiled; 15% harbored potentially hazardous levels of fecal coliform bacteria; 31 percent were mislabeled and 40% bore questionable appellations.

Does all this mean you should abandon ship and go back to binging on beef? No, but it does definitely suggest that fish is not the health food that so many purveyors suggest. It means that you might want to take additional care in the way you select and cook creatures from the sea. Look for bright, clear eyes and red, clean gills when fish are whole. When selecting fillets avoid those that smell of anything other than seawater. If the flesh is not solid and firm, leave it alone.

Everyone (except foodie fanatics and sushi mavens) recommends that fish be cooked thoroughly. Do it. Or risk an attack of tummy trauma that may cause you to consider becoming a vegetarian much sooner than you had planned.

## Garlic Glitch

It's hard to imagine two foods with a more natural affinity than garlic and oil...especially olive oil. I don't know about you, but I always have a little bowl of one version or another of the mixture sitting around and it's never in the refrigerator.

Well, now comes word from the folks at the Fulton County Extension Service (in response to a recipe for garlic puree in the *Atlanta Journal/Constitution*) several cases of botulism have been traced to just such a mixture. The problem is that several strains of the bacteria can grow in low acid foods (such as garlic) when there is no oxygen present (such as when you immerse something in oil). Commercial garlic and oil products contain an additive that prevents the growth of the bacteria. Refrigeration may slow the process in homemade goodies, but it does not guarantee safety. In other words, eat garlic and oil preparations as soon as you make them.

## More Red Wine

In an attempt emulate my French cousins (who eat scads of saturated fat and hardly ever have a heart attack) I've taken up having a glass of red wine with dinner every night. OK, OK, the truth is I love red wine and any excuse to taste another variety is a good one for me. I've sampled four labels in the \$5-7 range over the past few weeks and Beaulieu Vineyard's '89 Beattour cabernet sauvignon is the winner by far. It's loaded with character and not overwhelmingly grapy as many inexpensive reds tend to be. Walnut Crest '87 cab was a distant second, Rosemont's '90 Shiraz-Cabernet a close third, and Glass Mountain '88 Cabernet a sad finale.

Second and third would doubtless have traded places had the Rosemont not tasted so much like red grape juice with alcohol added. Which brings up an interesting point. Scientists at Cornell U. say that you can get the same anti-cholesterol benefits that red wine offers by drinking red grape juice or eating red grapes. It sounds a lot healthier, if a lot less fun.

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Salad dressings and marinades that contain vinegar are safe because the botulism will not grow in the presence of the acid.

## Bad Times in Underground

You'll find no tears in this corner over the demise of Ruby Red's in Underground Atlanta. Both food and service were abysmal. Along with the news that R.R.'s was closing came this titbit of information (yes, the pun is intended): Underground's management is in negotiations with Hooters to take over the spaces formerly occupied by Lilly's and the Beach Club. You know Hooters, they're the folks who make their living selling spicy chicken wings and tasteless innuendo about women's breasts. Times are hard in the restaurant and club business, especially at Underground. But showcasing an operation that so openly belittles women is not the way to the yellow brick road of recovery.

## Safe Speed

I've often wondered how my friend John (nicknamed the Cayenne Kid because he uses it on, or in, almost everything that he cooks) gets to eat so much and stays so trim. Now comes the word that consuming capsaicin (the stuff that makes hot peppers hot) will cause your body to burn up to 25% more calories than it normally does. The formula is simple: the hotter the pepper, the more capsaicin, the more calories you burn.

A pound of the peppers of your choice to the first reader who comes up with an ice cream recipe that successfully uses cayenne.

## I Scream...

Speaking of ice cream, have you tried Ben and Jerry's latest—a combination of vanilla and raw chocolate chip cookie dough? Words cannot do justice. Healthier by half and almost as tasty is Sealtest's no fat cherry frozen yogurt. Do not confuse the latter with Sealtest's no fat frozen dessert of the same flavor which comes in a dark red box and has about as much taste appeal as the cardboard from which that box is made.

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# Saddle up, pardners

by Danny Roble

Okay all you rope swingin', toe tappin', thigh slappin' cowboys and cowgirls out there! Get those pointy-toed boots polished and starch those petticoats so y'all can git ready for the rootin' tootin' high falootin' Dance Contest put on by the members of the Southeast Gay Rodeo Association. This is quite a serious matter to the many men and women who have emerged from their musical closets to proclaim, "Yes! I listen to country music and I can dance, too!"

This contest will be professionally judged in categories of two step, waltz, and free style. It will be held at Backstreet on February 22 and will be the highlight of a weekend of dance fever, Nashville style. Contestants are saddlin' up and ridin' in from outposts in Florida, Alabama, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Divisions include Amateur, Pro-Am, and Professional so that everyone from novices to Grand Ole Opry grads will have a chance to win and go on to the Really Big Show in Minneapolis to compete in the International Gay Rodeo Finals.

Of course, this contest is only a warm up for the Rodeo "Play Day" which the folks at SEGRA are planning for March 28 in Conyers. I am told that this will be a rodeo with "horse and camp events" but no "rough stock." I was disappointed until I was told this meant no bulls.

At the other end of the spectrum of events, intown Atlantans will gather at the newly restored Georgian Terrace Hotel for "Masquerade—The Spirit of Mardi Gras" on February 22. This gala affair will feature live cabaret entertainment by Blue Notes, a grand parade of cos-

tumed Krewes, and Dionne Warwick as Celebrity Chairwoman (which means she may or may not put in an appearance). This evening promises not only to be the social event of the new year but proceeds go to Project Open Hand and their efforts to prepare and deliver hot, substantial meals to persons living with AIDS in our community. Tickets are only \$40.00 (call 525-4737).

There is still time this week to take advantage of the immense array of talent gathering on the stage at the Buckhead Roxy at 3110 Roswell Road in the third annual production of *Straight from the Heart*. This musical cabaret extravaganza boasts over 40 of our city's best performers, including Stacia Fernandez, David C. Willis, Hal Gresham, Todd Honeycutt, Joyce Forgeston, and Charlene Lavine who I am told does an indescribably beautiful interpretation of the show for the deaf.

Segments of the show I am anxious to see include Vicki Bowman, "Shaking the Blues Away," Kim Bow-



The Southeast Gay Rodeo Association will hold its Dance Contest on February 22 at Backstreet. Winners will go to Minnesota for the International Gay Rodeo finals.

## AFTER HOURS

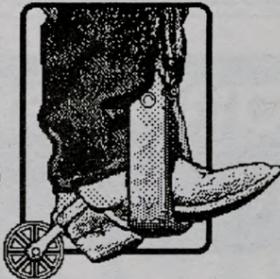
ers-Ray singing "Love in any Language," and Angie Bowie (the former Mrs. David Bowie), who will perform "The Time Warp" from Rocky Horror.

Two cast members who exemplify the talent and dedication of the entire cast, who donate their time and talents so unselfishly to insure the success of this production, are sisters Aimee and Meghan Shea. At the tender ages of 13 and 16 respectively, these talented siblings have (with the help of their equally dedicated mom) worked very hard to dispel the notion that an AIDS benefit such as *Straight from the Heart* is solely for a gay audience. Mom and daughters drove into Atlanta for every rehearsal from their home several miles south of the city, fitting right in with the more experienced cast members. Look for them in the "Floppy Shoes" number and take heart that not all teenagers are concerned only with *Beverly Hills 90210*.

Lauren Michaels, Miss World 1991, is entertaining the crowds at the newly relocated Toolulahs at the Nugget on Cheshire Bridge Road. Catch the sensuous siren there on Thursday nights with various other divas appearing just long enough for Miss World to change clothes.

Speaking of changes, Atlanta's Dina Jacobs is back in town from her native Hawaii and appearing at Crazy Ray's. You'd better rush out to see her quick...she has been bouncing back and forth across the Pacific like a tennis ball at Wimbledon. If you want to see some classic Dina, stop by Brushstrokes in Ansley Square and rent one of the videos of the Miss Continental USA pageant. 1984 is the year I believe. Dina is at her best as she sings live in the talent category and comes out as first runner up to Cherine Alexander of Chicago. Miss Jacobs would have made a wonderful Miss Continental. Welcome home.

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Malcolm X will be honored on February 21 as part of the African-American History Month Extravaganza at the Arts Exchange.

**Art**

**ANTEDILUVIA.** Feb. 21-March 31. An exhibition of new paintings by Atlanta artist Sandi Grow. The title "Antediluvia" (before the flood) describes the pre-conscious place from which the paintings came, before the flood of words and impositions upon art. Ariel Gallery at TULA. 75 Bennett St. 352-5753.

**ENCOUNTERS IN NEW YORK.** Thru Feb. 15. Colored pencil works by photo-realist Don Leicht. BurnNoff Gallery. Clear Creek Center. 875-3475.

**LULLABY.** Thru Feb. 16. Atlanta artist Thomasine Bradford's installation deals with the issue of overpopulation from the perspective of an individual woman. TULA Gallery. 75 Bennett St. 351-3551.

**THE LONG ROAD UP THE HILL: AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, 1870-1990.** Thru Feb. 28. In honor of Black History Month, the High Museum at Georgia-Pacific Center includes 25 photo panels with explanatory text about early African-Americans in Congress.

**THE SOUTH - A VISIT THROUGH THE PAST.** Thru Feb. 29. William Christenberry exhibits recent sculpture, wall constructions and drawings in a range of Southern subjects. Heath Gallery. 416 E. Paces Ferry Rd. 262-6407.

**ARTISTS OF THE FRENCH BARBAZON.** Thru March 28. Consisting of over 150 prints, watercolors and paintings from the Louis E. Boone collection which surveys the 19th century art movement of Barbazon, France. Features such masters as Corot, Millet and Daubigny. Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art. 30 Atlanta St. 424-8142.

**ROMANTICS, REALISTS AND REBELS.** Thru Apr. 9. 19th Century landscapes from the High Museum's Collection.

**Benefits**

**CASINO NIGHT.** Sat., Feb. 15. 6:30 - 10 pm. Gamble with \$25,000 worth of play money — craps, blackjack and roulette. Cash bar, door prizes. \$10. Sponsored by Atlanta Women's Social Tennis. The Atlanta Water Works. 662-4263 for info.

**MASQUERADE.** Sat., February 22. A Mardi Gras gala to benefit Project Open Hand. Georgian Terrace Hotel. Entertainment by Blue Notes plus the grand parade of krewes. Dionne Warwick is Celebrity Chairwoman. \$40. Tickets, 525-4737.

**STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART.** Thru Feb. 16. A Benefit for NAPWA, this cabaret production at the Buckhead Roxy will premiere another work by Ken Berg, and feature other songs from Broadway, gospel and pop. \$20. Tickets available at the Roxy, Ticketmaster, or through NAPWA. 3110 Roswell Road. 874-7926.

**Celebrations**

**ALFA OPEN HOUSE.** Sat., Feb. 15. 4:30-7:30 pm. Come celebrate the re-opening of ALFA's library. (See story page 24). A women only event. 64 Clay St. 378-9769 for more info.

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH EXTRAVAGANZA.** The Arts Exchange presents a series of events in celebration of Black History Month which includes the premiere of *Legacy*, an evening with Sweet Honey in the Rock, a commemoration of the life of Malcolm X, and much more. All events take place at the Arts Exchange Paul Robeson Theatre at 750 Kalb St. except Sweet Honey who will perform at Spelman College. 624-4211 for more info.

**Conferences**

**BLACK LESBIANS & GAYS WEAVING THE FUTURE.** Feb. 13-17. The 5th Annual National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference & Institutes meets in Los Angeles. Those present will include Sherrie Harris, the first elected African American lesbian official, Drs. Billy Jones and Marjorie Hill of New York and Assoto Saint. Call (213) 666-5495 or write 2538 Hyperion Ave., #7, Los Angeles, CA 90027 for details.

**PEOPLE OF COLOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.** Feb. 22. The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches is sponsoring a leadership conference between MCC's Dept. of People of Color and its Div. of White People Healing Racism. 800N. Highland. For more info., call 325-5208.

**Exhibits**

**THE QUILT AT UGA.** Feb. 18-21. 192 panels of the NAMES Project Quilt, many from the southeast, will be on display. Started in 1987, the Quilt now has over 14,000 panels. Georgia Hall of the Tate Student Center on the Univ. of Georgia campus. 542-6396 for more info.

**Gardening**

**CAMELLIA SHOW.** Feb. 15 & 16. 1-6 pm. Brighten a cold winter day by visiting the Camellia Show where hundreds of varieties burst with color. Atlanta Botanical Garden in Piedmont Park. 876-5859 for more info.

**Health**

**POST-CANCEL NUTRITION FOR HIV+.** Wed., Feb. 19. 7:30 pm. Nutritionist Diane Petoskey will give a free lecture explaining the Post-Cancell Nutrition Program to build up the immune system in HIV patients. Sandy Springs Regional Library. 395 Mt. Vernon Highway. 256-4655 for more info.

**Music**

**BEST OF BROADWAY.** Feb. 13-15. 8 pm. The ASO presents a tribute to Broadway's greatest shows including favorite love songs from the Great White Way. Come hear your favorites from *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Evita*, *Cats* and more. Symphony Hall at Woodruff Arts Center. 892-2414.

**GERARD McHUGH.** Sat., Feb. 15. McHugh, a force in the Atlanta/Athens acoustic rock scene, toured nationally as an opening act for Indigo Girls in 1991, and contributed vocals on their album "Nomads, Indians, Saints." Catch him at the album release party for his first recording "More Than I." You never know who might show up. Trackside Tavern. Decatur.

**SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK.** Feb. 18. In honor of Black History Month, see this powerful African-American women's a cappella group at Sisters' Chapel at Spelman College. \$17.50 at Ticketmaster. 577-3178.

**ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.** Feb. 20 - 22. Guest conductor Yuri Temirkanov leads the ASO and violinist Miriam Fried in Prokofiev's Violin Concerto, as well as Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kije* suite & Rachmaninov's Symphony No. 2. Symphony Hall at Woodruff Arts Ctr. 892-2414.

**3rd ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH.** Sat., Feb. 22 7 pm. The African American Philharmonic Orchestra & Choral present an evening of music featuring Wings Over Jordan and special guest soloist Rita Graham, formerly with Ray Charles. Atlanta Civic Center. Tickets available at Ticketmaster locations or by calling 346-3417.

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Gerard McHugh, who toured with Indigo Girls in 1991, now has his own recording, "More Than I." The album release party is Sat., Feb. 15 at Trackside Tavern and you know who hangs out there.

**THE ERIC BURDON/BRIANAUGER BAND.** Tues., Feb. 25. 8:30 pm. Classic rock from the leader of The Animals who was among the first to appreciate San Francisco nights. Variety Playhouse. 1099 Euclid Ave. 524-7354.

**Personal growth**

**POSITIVE LESBIAN IDENTITY.** Thurs., Feb. 20. 7:30 pm. Psychotherapist Julia Strong describes the process of developing a healthy sense of lesbian selfhood. Topics will include how to minimize the psychological damage caused by homophobia and the need for a lesbian adolescence (no matter what your age). Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

**Photography**

**VALENTINE'S DAY PUSH-PIN SHOW.** Feb. 14. 7 pm. The Atlanta Photography Gallery presents its fifth annual non-juried photo exhibition. Open to both amateurs and professionals. People are encouraged to bring work to the show. Great food and entertainment by Wendy Bucklew and Gregory Graham. Atlanta Photography Gallery. 495 Peachtree St. 881-8139.

**Sports**

**FRONT RUNNERS.** Every Saturday 9am at the Chattahoochee River off Powers Ferry Landing. Every Wednesday at 6:30pm at Piedmont Park. Call Shelton Haynie (622-0739) for info.

**AVSBOWLING.** Every Monday, 8:30pm. Come down and see why Judy Tenuta says bowling fingers are so much fun. A sport with excitement to spare. Express Lanes, Monroe Drive.

**ATLANTA TEAM TENNIS.** Every Saturday. Play to climb the competitive challenge ladder or just enjoy the game. Men play at 1pm on Sat. and 7pm on Fri. at Glenlake Tennis Center. 621-2699.

**HOTLANTA VOLLEYBALL.** Fridays, 7-10pm. Hands-on fun for spikers and spectators alike. Clinics and open play in preparation for spring. 621-5062.

**Television**

**OUT IN ATLANTA.** Mon., Feb. 17 & 24 at 10:30 pm. Wed., Feb. 19 & 26 at 3:30 pm. The lesbian and gay public access tv show was such a hit in its first season, they're doing it for another 13 weeks. Ch. 12 - People TV.

**THE SECRET FILES: WASHINGTON, ISRAEL AND THE GULF.** Fri., Feb. 21. 10pm. A first on TV, this film reconstructs original U.S. commitments to Saudi Arabia and Israel—more than 40 years ago—that lay behind the U.S. involvement in the Gulf War. GPTV. Channel 8.

**NOVA: WHO SHOT PRESIDENT KENNEDY?** Tues., Feb. 25. 9 pm. With Oliver Stone's controversial film *JFK* and hundreds of conspiracy theories flying around, NOVA endorses this special that uses the latest in modern technology to probe the evidence in the assassination of John F. Kennedy. GPTV. Channel 8.

**Theatre**

**LEGACY.** Feb. 14-23. In honor of African-American History Month, the Arts Exchange and Seven-One Productions presents the story of a group of young men and women who challenge a drug gang who wants to take over their park. 750 Kalb St. 624-1572.

**AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'.** Feb. 25 - April 4. The Best Musical of 1978 returns to Atlanta with all the glamour and excitement of 1930's Harlem. The rhapsodic tribute to jazz great "Fats" Waller is directed by Arthur Faria who staged and choreographed the original production. Alliance Theatre. 892-2414.

**LOVE FROM A STRANGER.** Thru Feb. 15. A highly suspenseful thriller. Who is victim and who is perpetrator? Neighborhood Playhouse. 430 W. Trinity Place. Decatur. 373-5311.

**FULL MOON.** Thru Feb. 15. The Atlanta premiere of the sensuous southern love story by Reynolds Price. The play spotlights a triangle of lovers under the moonlight of a sultry summer night in a small town in 1938. Horizon Theatre. Euclid & Austin Ave. in L5P. 584-7450.

**THE PIANO LESSON.** Thru Feb. 15. August Wilson's (Fences, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom) look at a Black family in Pittsburgh in the 1930's. At the center of the play is a piano carved by the grandfather to commemorate his wife and son who were traded to another slave owner for the piano. Ellis Williams & Carol Mitchell-Leon star. Kenny Leon directs at the Alliance. 892-2414.

**ON GOLDEN POND.** Thru Feb. 16. Norman and Ethel Thayer visit their summer home and share memories of their 46 years together. Stage Door Players. N. Dekalb Cultural Center. 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. 396-1726.

**THE CAUCASIAN CHALK CIRCLE.** Thru Feb. 16. Bertolt Brecht's biting comedy of the triumph of the common man and the justice of the natural order comes to the Old South. Original

music by Patrick Hutchison, composer of The Harvey Milk Show. Actor's Express. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

**THE LION IN WINTER.** Thru Feb. 22. Atlanta Shakespeare Co. presents the modern classic with Stuart Culpepper and Carol Haynes as the battling King and Queen of England. Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern. 499 Peachtree St. 874-5299.

**MONTAGE: THREE NEW WORKS.** Thru Feb. 22. Three new short plays from the Center for Puppetry Arts. The plays include "The Yellow Wallpaper," "Par la longueur d'une corde" and "Bed and Breakfast." 1404 Spring St., at 18th. 873-3391.

**ALMOST ASLEEP.** Thru Feb. 23. A play by Julie Hebert and choreographed by Celeste Miller, this choreodrama studies one woman's journey beyond her psychological net of repressed anger and bitterness. Seven Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. 523-7647.

**THE BOY KING.** Thru Mar. 1. Onstage Atlanta presents Rand Hopkins' inspirational story about the youth of Martin Luther King, Jr. 420 Courtland St. 897-1802.

**SPUNK.** Thru March 1. Jomandi Productions presents three short stories by Zora Neale Hurston adapted to the stage by playwright George C. Wolfe (*The Colored Museum*). *Spunk* captures the spirit and culture of African-Americans from the 1920's-40's, from the rural South to Harlem. Jomandi. 1444 Mayson St. 873-1099.



*Ain't Misbehavin'*, the Best Musical of 1978, returns to Atlanta with all the glamour and excitement of 1930's Harlem. Previews begin Feb. 25. Photo by Tim Fuller

**Upcoming**

**TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE.** Feb. 28. A Conference on Women's Concerns about Health Care for Mid-life and Older Women. At the Civic Center. For info, contact Older Women's League, at 874-6430.

**SINGLEFEST.** Sat. Feb. 29. 9 pm. Chapter II presents a not to be missed opportunity to meet eligible gay and lesbian singles in Atlanta. Door prizes and more including a grand prize trip to Australia for two. He or she just might be there. Tallulah's. 248-9712 for more info.

**LEAP YEAR DANCE IN CHARLOTTE.** Feb. 29. Charlotte's Gay and Lesbian Chorus presents a dance, concert and dress-up occasion. Call (704) 536-1372 for details.

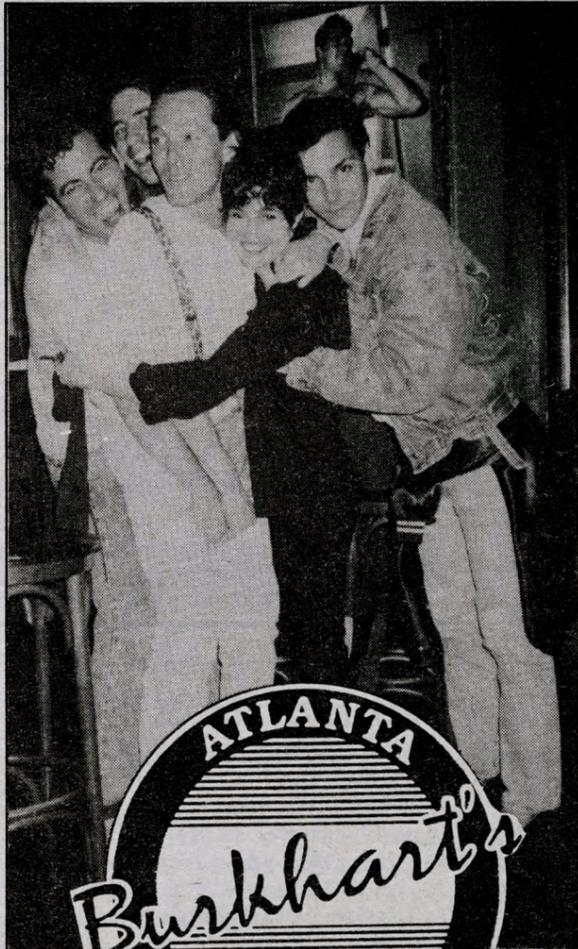
**ANNUAL WOMEN'S HEALTH AND HEALING EXPO.** Mar. 6-8. Gay women organizers and health consultants from around the nation will meet in Atlanta for the first workshop of its kind, sponsored by Women of Color National Network. Call (803) 556-7730 for details.

**OUTWRITE '92.** March 20-22. The third National Lesbian and Gay Writers' Conference will feature speakers such as Dorothy Allison and Melvin Dixon, and over 50 workshops, panels and discussions. Co-sponsored by OUT/LOOK magazine and Gay Community News. Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. \$40 until Feb. 15, \$50 after that. For more info call (617) 695-0511.

**FIRST ANNUAL COCA-COLA ATLANTA MUSIC AWARDS.** March 19. 8 pm. Will honor major label artists and up-and-coming musicians from Georgia or tied to the Georgia music scene. The Fox Theatre. 262-3000 for more info.

**SEGRA RODEO "PLAY DAY."** Mar. 28 (Rain day-Apr. 4). Southeast Gay Rodeo Association comes to Conyers. Watch the boys and girls in events such as Steer Riding, Chute Dogging, Flag Roping, Pole Bending and the ever-popular Calf Roping. Call 785 7807 for details.

**4th GULF COAST WOMEN'S FESTIVAL.** April 15 - 19. Music, workshops, crafts and more south of Jackson, MS. (601) 896-3196 for more info.



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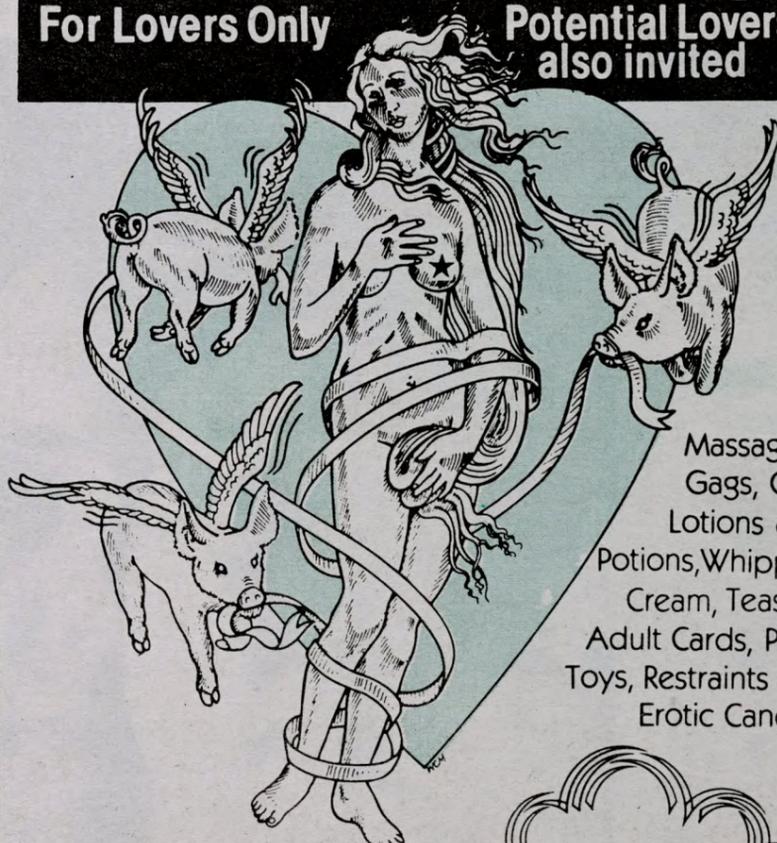
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**4. AND SINCE THESE FOLKS WOULDN'T INVITE YOUR LOVER EVEN IF YOU HAD ONE, YOU'RE GETTING A LITTLE DEPRESSED.**

WELL... A LITTLE NAUSEOUS MAYBE..

DON'T BE SILLY, I ALWAYS ENJOY A GET-TOGETHER WITH LOTS A TRADITIONAL VALUE..

NOT TO MENTION BAD DANCING..

**5. WELL HEY, WHY NOT MAKE YOURSELF A LITTLE DEAL; WHEN THE STRAIGHT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE CELEBRATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP, CELEBRATE THEIRS. WHEN THEY DON'T, FIRST, CHUCK THE INVITATION, THEN...**

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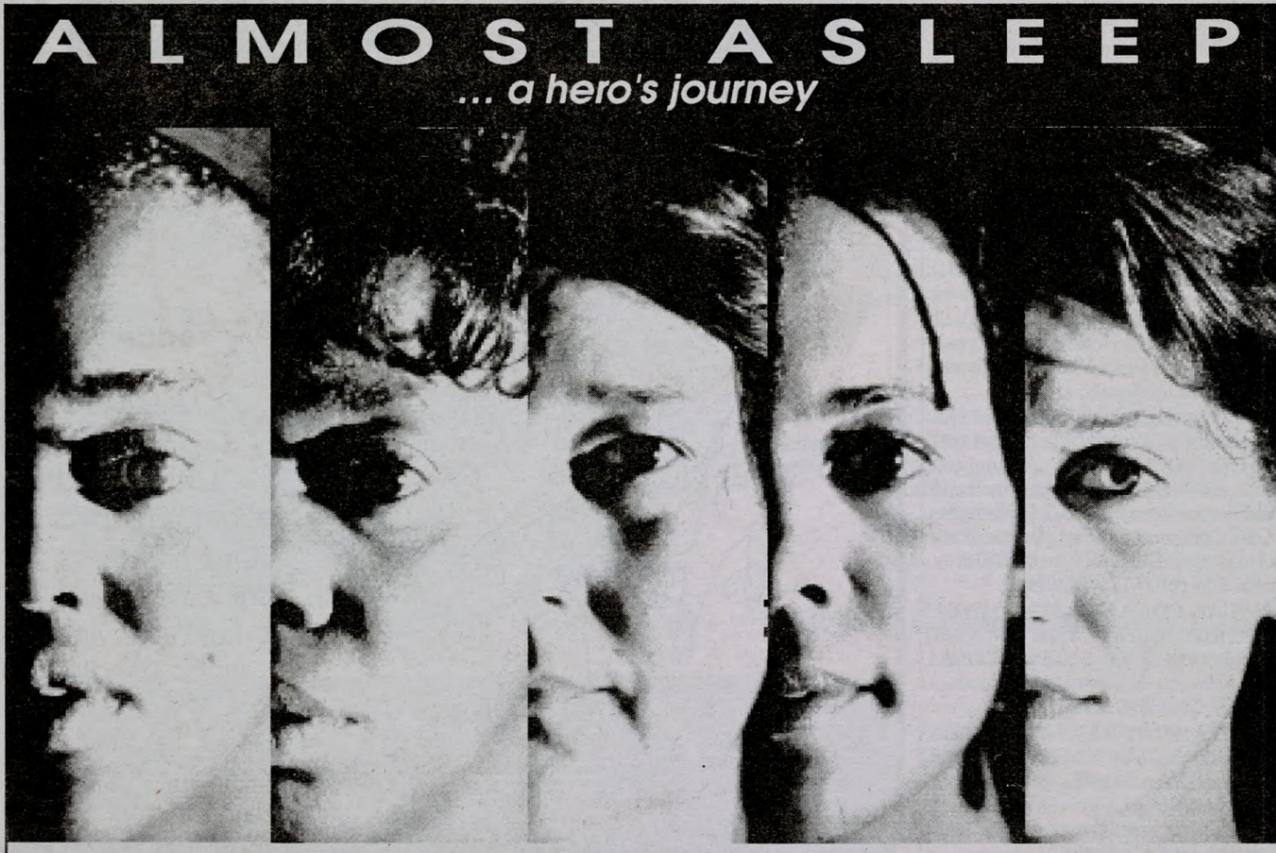
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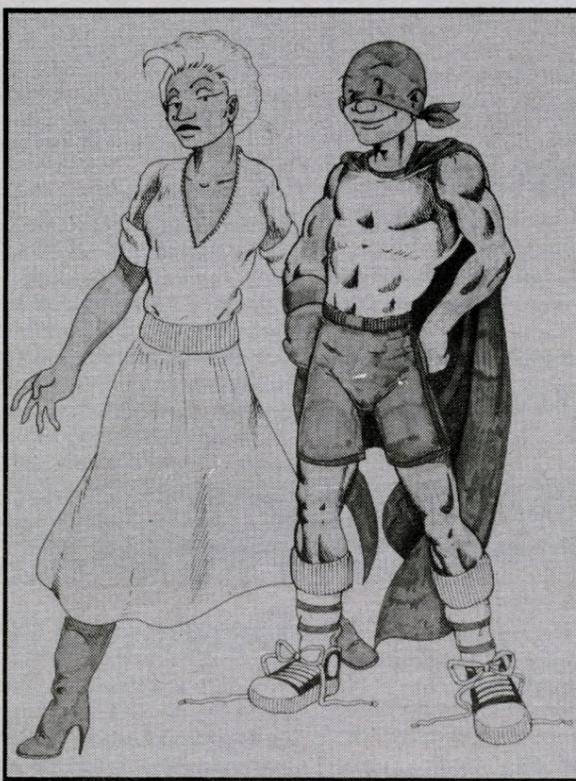
there's a fine line between telling the truth and talking trash

**No Doubt About It:** No one has ever suggested that San Francisco's new (and scarily conservative) mayor Frank Jordan might be gay. But lest you have any doubts, please note that Jordan recently (whilst presenting her a key to the city) referred to actress Audrey Hepburn as "Katharine." Dish thinks that even the most flaming heterosexuals should know the difference. On the other hand...playwright Edward Albee (who has been the recipient of no end of grief from queer activists who think he isn't queer enough) was recently charged with indecent exposure after exposing himself to the world, the sun, and undercover cops on a Key Biscayne beach frequented by gays in search of some rays.

**Good Works:** Dish hopes that you recycle your copies of *Southern Voice* and other newspapers. And we hope that you recycle them at the drop behind the Cheshire Bridge Dunk'n Dine. More than 51 tons of paper were recycled there last year and the nearly \$900 that came from its sale was donated to Jerusalem House by the owners of Dunk'n Dine. Manager Betty Bowman has also enlisted volunteers for lawn maintenance at the AIDS residence and held "linen weekends" to benefit Jerusalem House. Dish hopes that you drop by for a cup of coffee and say "Thanks" to Betty and all the staff at Dunk'n Dine.

**Good Works II:** Cute Christian Slater (who would be a whole lot cuter if he'd eschew violent flicks like "Kuffs") is the director of "The Laughter Epidemic" at the Cannon Theatre in Beverly Hills. Proceeds from the performances go to the Pediatric AIDS Foundation in L.A. If you're headed to Tinseltown before the end of the month call (213) 365-3500 for reservations and info.... The American Foundation for AIDS research has received its largest bequest ever (\$2.26 million) from the estate of the late Peter Pender who died from AIDS in November, 1990. Pender was the owner of the infamous "Fife's" resort on the Russian River. He was also a world champion contract bridge player.

**Two Snaps Up:** Look for the Brown Bomber (a young, gay, African-American superhero pictured here with his lesbian best friend Diva Touche Flambe) in Rupert Kinnard's



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recently released "B.B. and the Diva." Together the pair confronts such evil forces as George Bush, the Pope, Jesse Helms and "badmindedness in general." The latter sounds especially appealing to Dish since there is so much of it going around these days. We wish we could tell you more about the book (published by Alyson), but we haven't seen a copy yet.

**Good News:** Plans have been announced for a film version of Katherine V. Forrest's "Murder at the Nightwood Bar." Kelly

Lynch will star as Kate Delafield. Andrea Ross, her love interest in the film, has yet to be cast. Tim Hunter ("River's Edge") will direct and Edward Pressman ("Das Boot," "Reversal of Fortune," and "Wall Street") will be the producer.

**Bad News:** Well, maybe not so bad. The movie version of Randy Shilts' stunning "And the Band Played On" is still not in production. Latest glitch, it seems, is the departure of Director Joel Schumacher who left because he didn't like the fact that the docudrama style script fictionalized some conversations and events. Much of the film was scheduled to be shot in Atlanta. The "not so bad" part here is that HBO has stated that they "absolutely will make the movie." Shilts says he is not discouraged. His first book, "The Mayor of Castro Street," has had various film options on it for 9.5 years and is still not in production.

**Really Bad News:** "In my judgment, this presidency is going to rise or fall on how it performs between now and November." Those are the reported words of Richard Bond, the new chairperson of the Republican National Committee. Well, gee, Richard we reckon so. With George Herbert Walker Bush's popularity at an all-time low, could it be any other way? But scarier by half is the fact that Bond says that he will emulate the style of the late Lee Atwater who was responsible for such charming shit as the Willie Horton ad. Yuk!!!

**Bad Grammar?:** When Magic Johnson announced that he had "acquired" HIV last fall, Dish was not the only one who winced at the use of the word in this context. Acquire is such a chilly word and it has (for us, at least) such implications of willfulness, purpose and desirability. Well, now along comes the *Atlanta Constitution* (in an editorial) using the word again in the same way. So we got out our dictionary and decided that "to come to have a new...characteristic...through environmental forces" actually sounds pretty reasonable here. What is not reasonable is that Johnson (and the *Constitution*) continue to refer to the "HIV virus." That's redundant.

February 13- February 26, 1992

RULING PLANETS

by Mary Bailey-Rule

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Happy Birthday Aquarius & Pisces! The Sun goes into the mutable water sign Pisces on Feb. 19, following the Full Moon on the 18th. This could be an emotionally intense few days.

**ARIES**-Are you getting a bit restless? Ready for Spring to arrive? Well, it's just around the corner and you need to get your desk cleared off and your taxes done so you can enjoy your birthday month. You'll be glad you did.



**TAURUS**-Having trouble with all this constant change? Is it effecting you at work or at home? More personal time and creative expression may be the answer. Finish indoor projects now, so you can move outside with Spring weather.



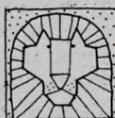
**GEMINI**-Still wondering what you're going to be when you grow up? Don't be afraid to make commitments and take root somewhere. Grab hold and dig in. It may release your creativity and it won't kill you, honest.



**CANCER**-Creative and intellectual energy will begin to increase around the 19th, so get ready. There may be lots you want to accomplish, especially around the house. You also might consider taking a few days off to travel a bit.



**LEO**-One of your greatest gifts is your inherent ability to assist and encourage others to believe in themselves and in their talents. You will succeed in any situation with genuine interest in others and their accomplishments.



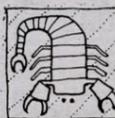
**VIRGO**-New friends are coming your way along with opportunities for close, personal and "intimate" relationships. If you are bogged down with career or a monumental workload, dig yourself out and have fun!



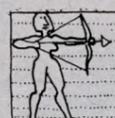
**LIBRA**-Are you taking good care of yourself? Eating well? Exercising? Getting enough rest? Life may be much busier after Spring arrives, so be sure you are ready for the new people and experiences coming your way.



**SCORPIO**-You are in for a surge of creative and expressive energy. It is time for fun, play, entertainment and relaxation. Spring will bring new experiences and new friends. Make room in your heart by releasing the past.



**SAGITTARIUS**-With the Sun, Venus and Mars in your 3rd house of communications, it is the perfect time to let your political representatives know how you feel about current issues. Be very clear and emphatic about your priorities!



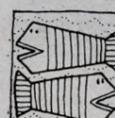
**CAPRICORN**-Are you getting weary of all this change? Well, take a deep, cleansing breath and get ready for more of the same. It is always helpful to know your own interests and priorities when the ground shifts beneath your feet.



**AQUARIUS**-With Venus and Mars joining Saturn in your sign, you may experience an increase in physical energy as well as more awareness of art, beauty, harmony, music and love. Maybe the perfect time for a passionate interlude.



**PISCES**-Happy Birthday! With the Sun illuminating your sign, you have an opportunity to see yourself more clearly and understand your sensitivities better. Find creative ways to express what you are seeing and feeling.



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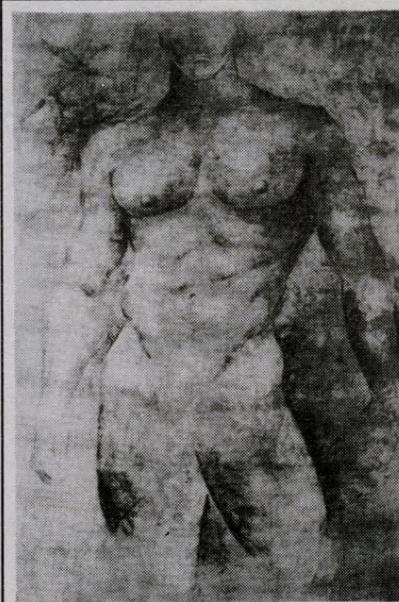


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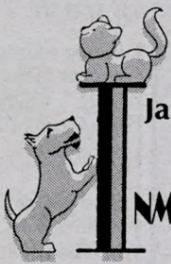
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**ALFA reopens library**

Join the celebration when the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance marks the reopening of its library at an open house on Saturday, February 15. A fixture in the women's community since 1972, the reading room temporarily closed in 1986 when ALFA moved from its Little Five Points home to an unrenovated location at 64 Clay Street, N.E.

Since then, a woman has built and installed sliding "pocket doors" at the new library entrance and the books sit poised on their shelves, according to Elizabeth Knowlton, a library committee member. Those who attend the open house will find "hundreds of books" added to the library's collection. As previous users know, the women-only space offers lesbian and feminist novels and poetry, lesbian non-fiction, books of feminist theory and our foremothers' biographies.

However, Knowlton said, "I honestly believe the best thing we have in the library is the periodicals."

Public and university libraries don't tend to subscribe to women's newsletters, and the magazines they have seem to disappear. At ALFA, women can lay their hands on the complete collection of original *Ms.* magazines. *Off Our Backs* also can be found at the library, as well as hundreds of other newsletters from around the Southeast and the United States, Knowlton said.

Women can look at the papers and books during the open house, which lasts from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Dessert and refreshments will be served, but "not, of course, in the library," Knowlton said.

The library will be open Thursdays between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., as well as when the house is open for events. Call (404) 378-9769 for further information.

**LEGAL wants gay delegates at Demo convention in July**

Where were you on March 8, 1988? That's the day LEGAL (Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians) assisted in getting two openly lesbian and gay delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

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LEGAL will again be assisting in getting as many openly lesbian/gay delegates as possible elected to the 1992 Democratic National Convention in New York City, to be held in July.

To get involved in helping LEGAL pull off another victory for our community,

please attend an "Open House Forum" on February 16th on the '92 Presidential Caucus. LEGAL will supply information about the process, responsibilities, and reasons for getting openly gay/lesbian candidates elected as delegates to the DNC. Electing lesbian and gay delegates will have a visible impact on issues concerning our community, reinforcing the concept that lesbians and gays are everywhere. With your assistance we can make a difference in the political process, promote equality for all, and proudly take our rightful place.

For location and time, please call (404) 325-7299 or (404) 605-9476.

**Heartstrings calls for volunteers**

A volunteer kick-off party is being held Sunday, March 1 at 3pm in Midtown for "An Event in 3 Acts: HEART STRINGS, The AIDS Memorial Quilt, and You." By press time, the location had not been determined, so call 888-0809 (Event in 3 Acts Office) for details on where to go.

"An Event in 3 Acts" comes to Atlanta June 27-28, the gala finale of a 35-city national tour to raise money for agencies that provide direct care services to people living with AIDS and prevention programs. The week-long festivities in Atlanta will include a gala black tie benefit party, performances of the musical production HEART STRINGS, student outreach events, and a display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Prospective volunteers get a sneak preview of the event at the volunteer kick-off party.

Significantly, all money raised in Atlanta stays in Atlanta. The last HEART STRINGS tour in 1989-90 alone resulted in

nearly \$1 million in grants being made by the non-profit Atlanta Metropolitan Community Foundation to AIDS-related agencies. The local committee has set a fundraising 1992 goal of \$500,000, which will grow significantly through matching funds grant opportunities.

Hundreds of volunteers will be needed to execute the event in Atlanta over the next few months. Assignments will be designed to suit busy lifestyles, whether you have time for a few hours of work or would like to serve on an on-going committee.

Come to the Volunteer Kick-off Party to learn more about the exciting "An Event in 3 Acts," which premiered in San Diego on February 7 with stops in 34 cities before the gala Atlanta finale in June. Major celebrities such as Tommy Tune, Michelle Pfeiffer, Nell Carter and Sandy Duncan are uniting with the traveling cast of HEART STRINGS to serve as volunteer narrators.

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## Gloria McCrary

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Aspiration: "I would like to see in ten years that some of the efforts and energies that I have put out over the years have made a difference somewhere."



Gloria McCrary is the publisher and editor of *Friends*, a new monthly magazine targeting the black lesbian and gay community. She considers herself a part of a team that puts out the magazine.

"It's kind of a collective staff," she says. But McCrary seems to be a guiding force for the project. So far the magazine has been supported through individual efforts from members of the community with no outside funding.

Produced in Atlanta, Gloria and *Friends* have national ambitions. "We're focusing local for right now," says Ms. McCrary. But the first issue, out for February, is being sent to Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. Issues will also be taken to the 5th Annual National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference when it meets in February. Each month, two cities will be added to the list until the goal of ten target cities has been reached. She plans to take advantage of a national network of black gay and lesbian clubs and organizations to attract contributions to the publication. The next issue of *Friends* will include a feature on Joan Garner, a member of the Mayor's Gay and Lesbian Advisory Committee.

The magazine is a relatively new project for a woman who has been active in Atlanta's black lesbian and gay community for many years. Sixteen years ago McCrary moved from Detroit, for "the weather." She had family and friends living here, making her transition easier. Already an open lesbian before moving to Georgia, McCrary seems to have fit easily into her new environment.

*Friends* is published by a production company, also called *Friends*, that McCrary formed fourteen years ago. Through this company, she has been producing parties and events in the Atlanta area for the black gay and lesbian community.

The name *Friends*, that McCrary has used so often, has obvious significance. "When we came up with the name, which was back when we began years ago, it was a matter of trying to think of something, and *Friends* was

just there," she says. "It said what we wanted the group to be about. Also when I was growing up there was a singing group called The Friends of Distinction. They were one of my all-time favorite groups, so it just kinda came together." She adds, "without the support of the friends I had we wouldn't have been able to get it going."

McCrary's primary means of support is from a t-shirt business she operates called Stuffed Shirts which she began about seven years ago. She hopes to make her other ventures profitable, including the magazine; "not just profitable in terms of the monetary end, but also I committed myself when I started to try to do something that was going to make a contribution as well," she adds.

Very active in the black lesbian and gay community, McCrary does not yet see much overlap between black and white activism in the gay community. "It seems to me that things are still quite segregated," she says. "Everybody has their own agenda." But she does not see this as necessarily a permanent state of affairs.

"Ideally, since we all are a minority collectively within a majority, it would be good to see (the two communities working together), because I can see that both sides would be strengthened by it. But it has to be done with a sense of equality on both sides."

The current level of activism within the black lesbian and gay community is encouraging to her. "I'm excited now more so than at any other time, because I see now so many different things evolving in our community. I can see a lot of good things happening."

Though McCrary says she would like to "retire to an island somewhere and bask in the sun," her energy level doesn't seem to be waning any time soon. She is driven by her desire to make a contribution to her community. But she is also gaining from her experiences, and she says that the most important thing she is doing right now is, "learning, and I'm growing every day, still evolving as an individual."

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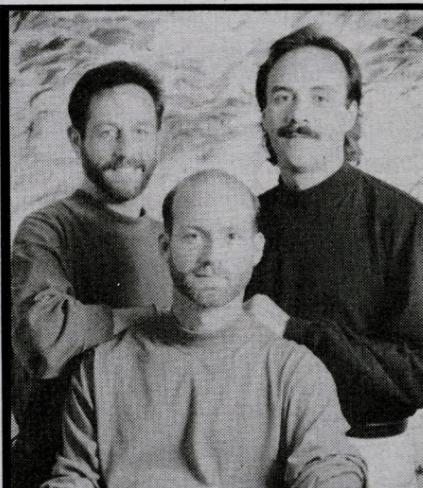
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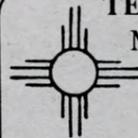
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**Gay & Lesbian Mormons**—Affirmation group organizing in the Atlanta area. For info call 570-2561 (dig. page).

**Gay Catholics of Georgia and Friends**—Support group for lesbian/gay Catholics and friends. Meetings and activities vary. 409-0203.

**Integrity**—Ministry of Gay Episcopalians 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3rd floor of Ellis Hall. 642-3183.

**Lambda Light**—A meditation group for lesbians and gay men. Meets weekly. 873-2137.  
**Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta**—A Christian Ministry for Lesbian and Gay Understanding. 636-7109.  
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**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 Couples Together**—Social organization to support positive aspects of gay/lesbian relationships. Events and meetings vary. 365-2455.  
**Atlanta Educational Gender Info Service**—Information for persons interested in issues of gender. PO Box 33724, Decatur, GA 30033. (404) 939-0244 (evenings).  
**Atlanta Gay Center**. Offers services for lesbians and gay men and educational outreach to society as a whole. 63 12th St., 876-5372.  
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**Black and White Men Together**—A gay interracial organization committed to fostering a supportive environment wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome. 892-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.  
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**First Women**—support group for women of color in the fashion & entertainment industry. All are welcome. Write G.G. Richardson, PO Box 724711, Atl. 30339, phone 612-9473.  
**Gay Fathers Association**—Support group meets 4th Fri. 296-8369.  
**Gay Help Line**—Phone, 6pm-11pm. 892-0661.  
**Georgia Girth & Mirth**—Social club for large gay men and their admirers. PO Box 9678. Atlanta, GA 30319. (404) 621-5710.  
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**Out Youth**—For lesbian, gay, or bi-sexual youth interested in socials, demonstrations, safe space, and/or a support group. For more information call Chance at 688-1954.  
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**S/M Discussion Group**—Leather, S/M, fetish lifestyle group meets Thurs 7:30-10 at The Eagle, 306 Ponce. All welcome. Call 87-EAGLE for more info.  
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**Young Adult Support Group**—For men and women 14-24, meets at Atlanta Gay Center, 63 12th Street, 6:30pm every Tuesday. 876-5372.  
**Zami**—Women who work together as friends and lovers, a support group for women of color. Meets 3d Sun. of each month. 315-7684.

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**Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization**—Meetings every Wed., 6:30pm, Room 355, Dobbs Univ. Center. Emory Univ. 727-6692.  
**Gays & Lesbians United for Equality**—Kennesaw Community College's group is in the process of formation. 426-8160.  
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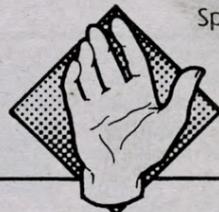
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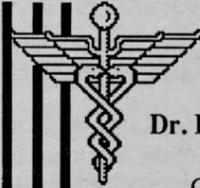
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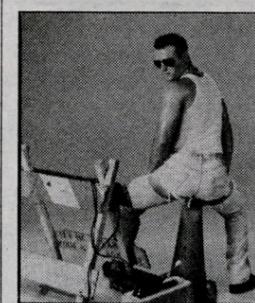
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## Chief Bell

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tion at the meeting was the issue of police sensitivity training, currently offered only to recruits as part of their police academy training. Bell directed Deputy Chief Beverly Harvard, who coordinates training, to expand sensitivity training to include veteran officers.

"We will be adding human relations training to in-service training for the first time this year," Chief Harvard told *Southern Voice*. "All officers will be getting this sensitivity training, not just recruits."

In-service training, including the new human relations curriculum, will begin by the end of this month.

Harvard also said she was open to reviewing the content of the training, and considering alternative lesson plans to the one currently presented by Bill Gripp of the Atlanta Gay Center.

In addition, Bell and Deputy Chief Derrico announced that the department was preparing to implement Zone Advisory Councils in each of the six police zones in the city. These councils will be made up of members of the various communities within the zones, and Bell promised that at least one lesbian or gay man would be on each council.

Lesbian and gay activists, led by the ACLU's Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter, have been pushing for this meeting between the community and Bell since the chief's appointment in 1990. They charged that Bell's lack of response, and Mayor Jackson's refusal to order Bell to arrange such a meeting, pointed to a lack of concern for the lesbian/gay community in city administration. Last Thursday's meeting may have begun a change in that

perception.

"I think the meeting went pretty well," said Marcia Okula, Jackson's special assistant for lesbian and gay issues. "I haven't been party to all the history, but I felt Bell finally realized he has got to deal with these issues. He can't keep saying one thing and doing another."

"We're going to have to stay on it," she continued, "but I think he showed a change of attitude."

## Dahmer

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### Charges of racism

The families of Dahmer's victims have continually attacked the racism they believe lies at the heart of Dahmer's crimes and within the criminal justice system, which they feel has ignored their rights.

The racial divisions which have characterized this case from the beginning are in evidence in the courtroom. The judge, all of the many attorneys on both sides, the sheriff's deputies, the clerical personnel and the hundreds of media people crowding the halls and the press room are almost exclusively white.

The small band of victims' families who quietly file into the reserved rows of seats in the courtroom are exclusively black and Hispanic.

When it was announced that the jury for Dahmer's sanity trial consists of 13 whites and just 1 black (2 are alternates), the families renewed their criticism.

"It's not fair," said Rita Isbell, sister of victim Errol Lindsey. "Most of the victims were black. This trial is a joke."

Other family members expressed anger that the details of how their loved ones died were withheld from them by police and the D.A. until all the facts could be entered into

the court record.

"Why do I have to hear it in court in front of millions of people—what he did to my brother—before I actually know? It's my blood," Carolyn Smith said of her brother Eddie.

No remains of her brother, who was known in gay clubs as "The Sheik" for his exotic headgear, have ever been recovered.

The repeated claims of D.A. McCann and Boyle that they want to "spare the poor families more pain" don't sit well with Smith.

"I want Mr. Boyle, I want Jeffrey Dahmer and I want E. Michael McCann to stop thinking for me because I know what I want and I know what I feel..."

"From Day 1 they've been playing with our emotions, our feelings, and we're not going to take it anymore," said Smith. "Since Day 1 everything has been to protect Jeffrey Dahmer."

"What it all boils down to is it's the system's fault for not investigating these boys being missing," said Janie Hagen, sister of Richard Guerrero. "They were minorities so they didn't care. This is a very racist city."

## Auburn

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who serves as AGLA's media contact.

OutSouth's Strickland agreed. "We're standing behind the students until the school gives them what they want," he said, "what they deserve."

"We've made basic demands that would indicate that the university supports the dignity of every student," said Jim. "We want to know that they support an environment that's conducive to academics. We're students first of all."

The student group has started a petition asking that Auburn include protection for "bisexual, gay and lesbian students" in its equal opportunity and anti-harassment claus-

es; that university officials implement some kind of educational program about lesbian, gay and bisexual issues; and that the university publicly condemn the shooting incident as an act of anti-gay violence.

Some confusion had been evident in Atlanta prior to the demonstration, when a group called the Auburn Lesbian & Gay Alumni Alliance (ALGAA) announced that they did not support the idea of a "March on Auburn." The announcement attempted to dispel what ALGAA termed "rumors circulating about Auburn," but members of Auburn's student group did not agree with that announcement.

"That was horrible," said Dave, an AGLA member who was not pleased with ALGAA's stand. Dave said the group sent an informational fax of its own to Atlanta, but that its transmission was not successful.

The shooting incident and subsequent rally are the latest round of troubles for AGLA. Last fall, the Student Government Association (SGA) of Auburn denied the group a charter, but Vice-President of Student Affairs Pat Barnes overturned that decision two days later. Since then, the SGA has presented a petition to the university's Board of Trustees asking them to overturn Barnes' decision. The Trustees have not commented on the petition, but last week the Alabama State Senate passed a resolution praising the SGA. The State House failed to pass the same resolution.

Meanwhile, three hours away in Tuscaloosa, the SGA of the University of Alabama (UA) met on February 6, passing a resolution asking the Attorney General of Alabama to determine whether it is legal to fund a lesbian and gay group. John Howard, who attended the rally in Auburn along with thirty other members of UA's Gay/Lesbian Association (GLA), said he was disappointed.

"We've had the GLA since 1983," he said, "and now people want to question that, given the new anti-gay and lesbian backlash. But we're drawing together in Alabama. It's exciting."

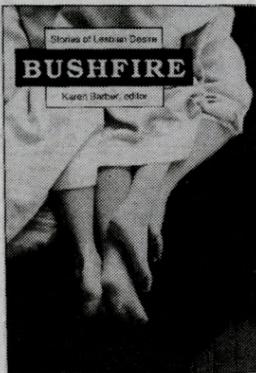
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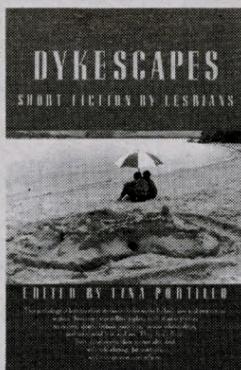
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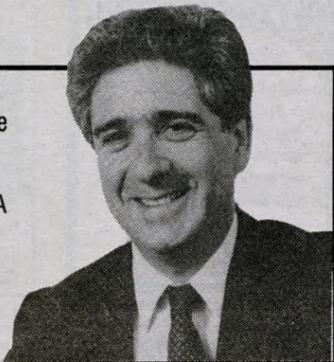
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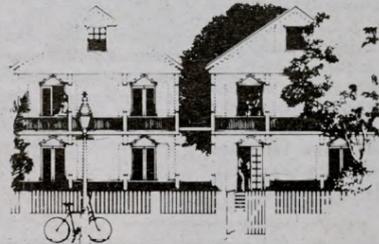
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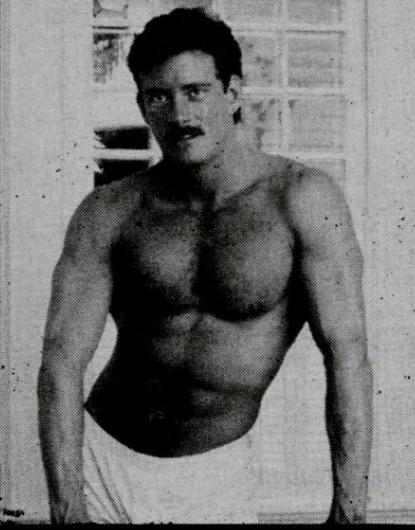
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