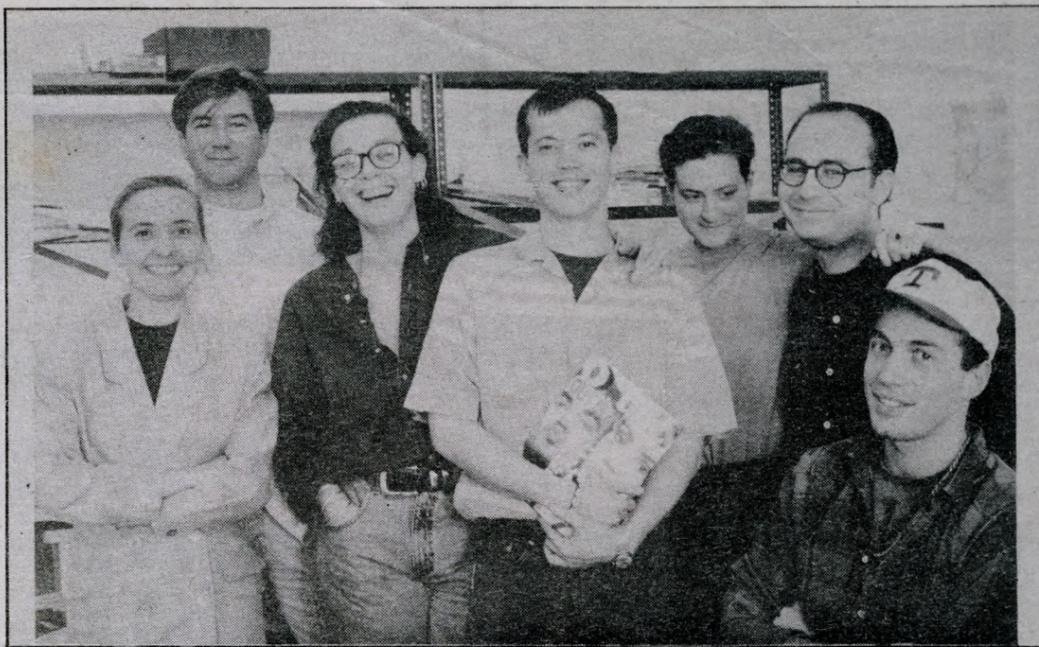


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The word is OUT

June is traditionally the time to celebrate historic events in the lesbian and gay community, and a new magazine called Out hopes to be one of them. While Out is far from the first magazine to address the lesbian and gay community, it is perhaps unique in its positioning — a glossy general-interest magazine that the editors, pictured above, describe as “a gay and lesbian Mirabella or Esquire with a little bit of gay and lesbian Cosmo thrown in.” Already, the magazine has made history with an impressive list of firsts in the industry.

Out magazine probably marks the first time that a large group of prominent lesbians and gays from mainstream publishing have come together to work on a gay publication. Heading the ship is president Michael Goff, who worked on new magazine startups at Hearst Publications and was also a columnist for Outweek. He is joined by executive editor Sarah Pettit, who was arts editor at Outweek and assistant editor at St. Martin's Press.

“I've been starting magazines for other people for a long time, none of them I felt totally passion-

ately about,” says Goff. “This is the one I wanted to start.” It was this determination that prompted Goff to assemble a group of publishing experts to create what they consider a different kind of lesbian and gay magazine: slick, feature-oriented, upscale, and a comfortable atmosphere for major mainstream advertisers. “There hasn't been this type of editorial offered nationally yet,” adds Pettit.

While comparisons are already being drawn with magazines like The Advocate, Pettit explains that the editorial content will set the two apart, and there should be no more competition than there is between Time and Esquire. In the diverse lesbian and gay community, “there are different reading needs,” she says. “We're not a newsmagazine the way The Advocate is. It's like comparing apples and oranges.”

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Pictured: The staff of Out: Eva Leonard, Will Williams, Mary Connelly, Alexander Chee, Sarah Pettit, Michael Kaminer and Michael Goff. Photo by Carmine Red

Gay candidates angry over decision to not allow political speeches during Pride

Atlanta—The May 21 meeting of the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee almost bogged down over the issue of allowing political candidates to speak at this year's Pride rally. The conflict occurred when two openly gay candidates for the Georgia House of Representatives and their supporters asked the committee to name them as speakers.

The Pride Board voted several months ago that there would be no political campaign speeches at the Pride rally this year, and reconsidered the vote when Jeff Corrigan and Samantha Claar, two long-time community activists, announced their candidacies for the state House. The board again voted against such speeches, but decided as a compromise that they would ask the pair to serve the parade as grand marshals. Following a heated discussion during which Corrigan, Claar and their supporters contended that the pair should be allowed to speak, the members of the committee voted against the grand marshal proposal.

As this issue went to press, the Pride Committee announced that Atlanta entertainer Charlie Brown and Gloria McCreary, publisher of Friends, the new gay and lesbian African-American monthly, had been chosen as grand marshals.

“The majority didn't want [Claar and Corrigan to be grand marshals] based solely on the way they were treated at the meeting,” said Duncan Teague, who facilitated the meeting. “There was no concern for the kind of hostility brought into that meeting. I felt like they wanted to define our agenda, tell us what we ought to do, which is all good

conversation, but six months, or a year earlier when you're developing goals.”

“It was insinuated that because we're not working on Pride we're not doing anything for the community,” said Karen Geney, who attended the Pride meeting at the behest of Corrigan. Geney said she attended the meeting because she felt it was important for participants at Pride to hear from openly gay candidates.

“We were told that [Pride] is not a political event,” she said. “I'm really annoyed by the whole situation. It's hard for me to see how you can not think this is a political event.”

Claar, running for the House 67th district seat, said she was disappointed by the committee's decision.

“They offered us what they considered a compromise—the grand marshal spot—which we didn't really feel was adequate,” she said, “and which they voted against anyway.”

“It's short-sighted not to acknowledge Pride in the fact that we have actual candidates instead of the usual ‘friends and allies,’” Claar continued. “They told us that Pride was going to be a big party, with no political overtones. I find that mind-boggling.”

Pride organizers said the disagreement may be more one of semantics than anything else.

“We're all political because of who we are,” said Pride co-chair Shelley Robbins. “There is a difference between being political and being a politician.”

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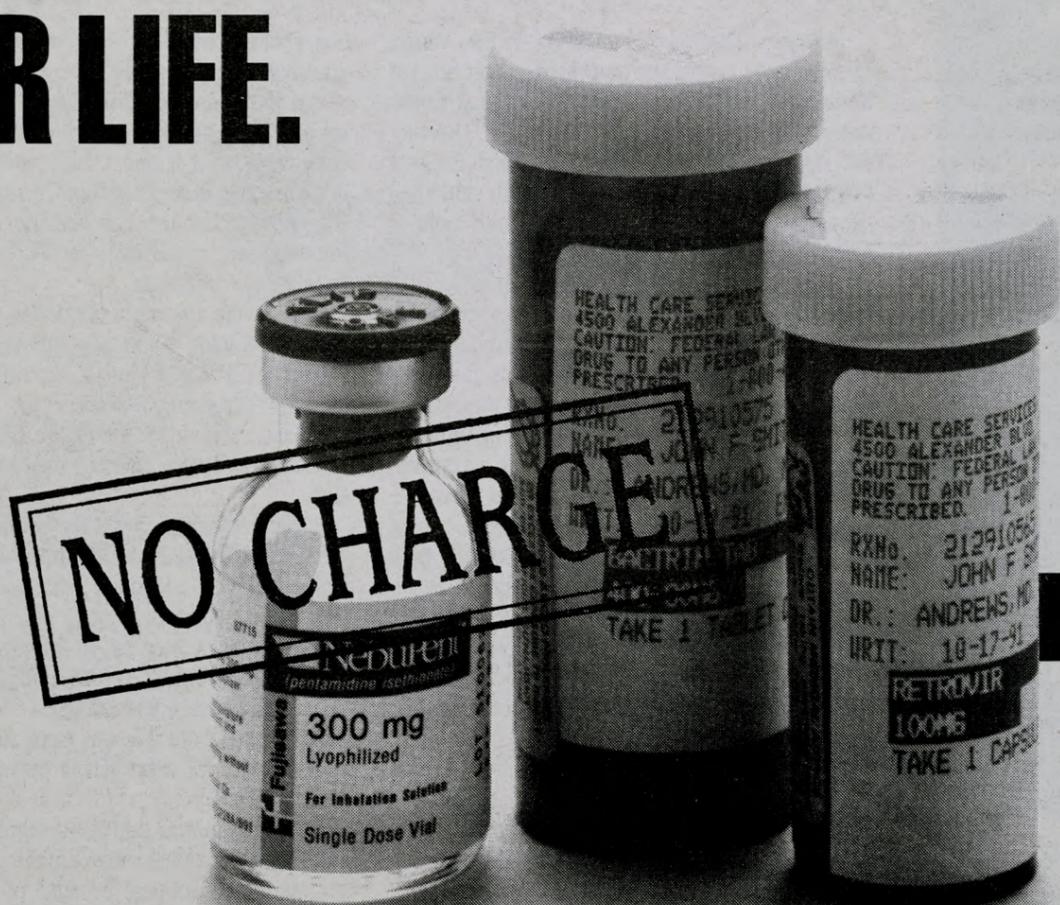
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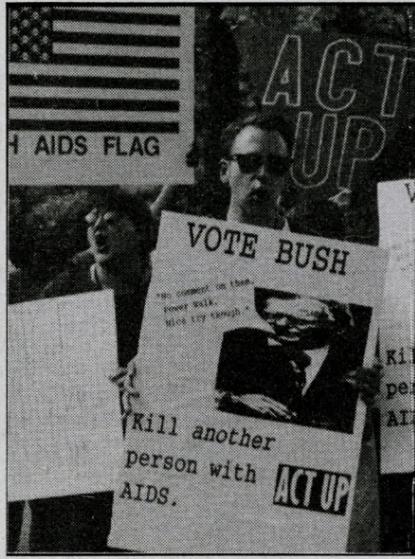
Atlanta—About 65 protestors from the Sierra Club, ACT UP/Atlanta, and other organizations demonstrated during a \$1000-plate dinner for President Bush's re-election campaign last week. The demonstrators gathered during the president's visit to the dinner. About fifteen demonstrators were threatened with arrest when they almost accidentally stepped into the entryway of the Waverly Hotel that was being used for the president's exit.

ACT UP's Jeff Graham said that from the beginning of the protest, the group was told by representatives of Childress-Klein Properties that they could not demonstrate on hotel property.

"We ended up about two blocks away on Akers Mill Road," said Graham, "where we marched back and forth across the street, disrupting some traffic, hopefully some people going to the dinner."

The group later moved to the Cobb Parkway side of the Galleria complex, looking for the entryway to be used by the president's party.

"We stepped into an entryway by the theatre," said Graham, "and were immediately surrounded by police."



Cobb County Police, under the direction of Secret Service agents, moved the group about fifty yards away from the entrance.

"When the limo came out, we were there," said Graham.

The Sierra Club and ACT UP sponsored the demonstration, with the Sierra Club protesting Bush's apparent lack of concern and leadership on environmental issues.

"ACT UP was once again protesting Bush's complete lack of action or leadership in any of the issues associated with the AIDS crisis," said Graham. "Most specifically we were targeting his lack of a nationwide education program that truly gives out factual information about this disease."

KC WILDMOON

'93 March on Wash. adopts platform

Organizers of the 1993 national gay rights march on Washington adopted a controversial 55-point platform this month which includes 29 planks on issues beyond gay rights and AIDS.

In addition to calling for long-standing gay rights objectives, such as a national gay rights bill and the repeal of state sodomy laws, the platform calls for repealing laws that ban bilingual education in the nation's schools; and supporting affirmative action programs, abortion on demand, and self-determination for "all of the indigenous people of the world." Other items in the platform include calls for free treatment of substance abuse, an end to "sterilization abuse" against women, "equal economic opportunity and an end to poverty," "appropriate health care for differently-abled and physically challenged" people, and an end to racism, sexism and anti-Semitism.

About 90 members of the march's 120-member National Steering Committee, meeting May 9-10 in Dallas, Texas, approved the platform. According to Pittsburgh gay activist Billy Hileman, one of the march's four co-chairs, there was little or no opposition.

Hileman said Steering Committee members adopted the platform through a "consensus" process following about 90 minutes of discussion. He said the document was drafted by a platform committee which met for many hours on the weekend of the Steering Committee meeting.

Ivy Young of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Eric Rosenthal of the Human Rights Campaign Fund were among the lopsided majority that joined the consensus to approve the platform. Under march rules, NGLTF and HRCF, along with other national gay groups, are each given a seat on the Steering Committee.

March organizers have said their goal is to draw one million gays and their supporters to Washington, DC, on April 25, 1993, for what they say will be the world's largest gay rights demonstration.

In a meeting in Los Angeles in January, the Steering Committee voted to call the event "The National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation."

Moving left or widening the circle?

Among those attending the Dallas meeting were DC gay activists Leonard Green and Phil Attey, who represent the Steering Committee from the Mid-Atlantic Region, which includes DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Green and Attey criticized the platform as being too broad. The two predicted it will alienate "mainstream" gays and diminish rather than expand the number of people who attend the march.

"It's a laundry list for the left," said Green, a Republican columnist for an African-American weekly newspaper. "This represents a fringe group within a fringe group."

Attey said many of the platform's planks were proposed and accepted by platform committee members in meetings that lasted until 5 a.m., Sunday, May 10. He said as few as nine people remained in the meeting at the time. According to Attey, the full Steering Committee "rubber stamped" the platform shortly after 10 a.m. that same day, when only about 60 or 70 people were present.

However, lesbian activist Shirley Lesser, a Steering Committee member from Richmond, Virginia, disputed Green and Attey's assessment of the platform.

"I think it's wonderful," said Lesser. "Gay and lesbian people are not isolated on an island. We are part of the larger community."

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Lesser, who did not attend the Dallas meeting, said she was informed of the platform's content by an alternate who attended the meeting on her behalf. The fact that the document was approved by the Steering Committee without anyone calling for major changes, Lesser said, indicates it enjoys "widespread support" among march organizers.

The platform contains at least three gay-related items which represent new additions to the agendas of most gay groups. One plank, for instance, calls for the "legalization of multiple-partner unions," a measure that Hileman said was proposed by the Steering Committee's bisexual caucus. Another plank calls for laws that recognize sexual relationships "among youth between consenting peers." According to Hileman, members of the Steering Committee's youth caucus said this plank is intended to advocate changes in age-of-consent laws to allow gay youth below the age of consent to engage in sex with each other if they are within a close age range.

Hileman noted that the "consenting peers" plank was the most controversial of the platform items, prompting over an hour of heated debate in the Steering Committee. An initial version proposed by the platform committee called for legal recognition of sexual relationship "with youth, between consenting peers." At the request several Steering Committee members, the word "with" was replaced with "among."

Another plank calls for changing the medical profession's classification of "sex-reassignment," or sex-change surgery from

a cosmetic to a medical treatment. A separate plank calls for removing "gender dysphoria" from a list of psychiatric disorders. Gender dysphoria has been defined as discontent or dislike for one's gender. The two planks were proposed by the Steering Committee's Transgender Caucus, which represents transsexuals and transvestites.

Derek Livingston, another of the march's co-chairs, said the march platform committee is preparing "explanations and clarifications" for most of the planks and that the final, printed version of the platform will include these explanations.

"For many of us, these other issues cannot be separated from gay issues," said Livingston, a Rhode Island gay activist. "We decided to tie all oppression together."

Livingston said he does not believe the platform will prompt large numbers of gays to stay away from the march.

"For some people the platform will be important, but for a lot of people, it will not mean a lot," he said, adding that most people will join the march because they support its overall goal of equal rights for gays.

DC gay activist Barrett Brick, a Steering Committee member representing the World Congress of Lesbian and Gay Jewish Organizations, said most people had concerns with some of the platform planks but decided to respect the wishes of those who supported them.

"We asked ourselves, 'Is this something we could live with?'" he said. "Most of us said we could."

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SF marches on Harvey Milk's birthday

San Francisco—In observance of Harvey Milk's 62nd birthday, gay and lesbian San Francisco Supervisors Harry Britt, Carola Migden, and Roberta Achtenberg, long-time lesbian activist Sally Gearhart, and gay School Board member Tom Ammann led a march through the streets of San Francisco to City Hall.

According to organizers, the May 20th march, vigil, and rally was also intended to be the final event in a long series of protests about the Rodney King verdict and the police brutality in San Francisco that came in its wake. In a pointed decision by planners, no permit was sought for the march. The event proceeded without trouble.

As the crowd arrived at City Hall, some began plastering the edifice with twinkies, in symbolic protest of Dan White's infamous "twinkie defense" which excused him from heavier sentencing than voluntary manslaughter in his trial for the deaths of Harvey Milk and SF Mayor George Mosconi.

"We're here tonight to celebrate not only Harvey Milk, but also all gay militants of San Francisco," Carmen Vazquez, the rally's emcee, explained. "There is no price too high for civil rights."

Vazquez and other speakers made the connection between the injustices that came from the Dan White jury and the Simi Valley jury. They linked the "White Night" riots to the street actions of the past month. They meshed the fury of gay people and their straight allies in 1979 with the fury of black people and their allies of all colors in 1992.

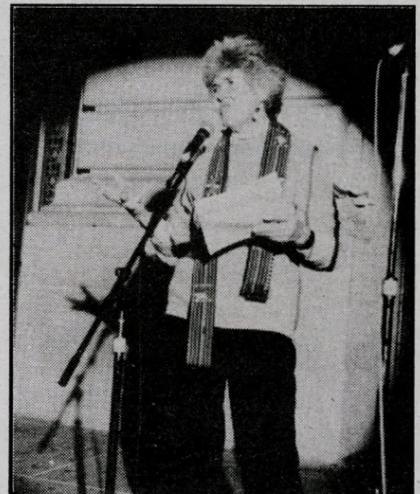
Sally Gearhart, Milk's long-time friend and ally, invoked the slain leader's voice to address today's crises.

"To the rioters, Harvey would say: 'The violence was done first to you by the rich

and the greedy. I am a gay man and I abhor that violence, and I will march with you to end the injustice,'" Gearhart projected. "And to the police of San Francisco, he would say: 'This is my city and I am its citizen. I am a gay man and I am marching for justice and freedom. Get out of my way.'"

The most ground-breaking speech of the evening came from Jose, a representative of Roots Against War, the grass-roots predominantly people of color organization that spearheaded the San Francisco protests against the King verdict.

"We have witnessed the largest multi-racial uprising in our history. The '90's



will be an incredible collision between the haves and the have-nots," he said.

"(RAW) is in solidarity with the lesbian and gay community that stood up and joined forces to support the uprisings in the last weeks. We learned about Harvey Milk, about how respected he is with gay and lesbian people. We made the connection between what happened with Dan White and the case of Rodney King."

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Pictured: Sally Gearhart

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**\$500,000 donation to SF gay library is
largest ever made to gay organization**

San Francisco—When Jim Hormel, a gay San Francisco businessman and philanthropist, announced a gift of \$500,000 to support the most extensive gay, lesbian, and bisexual library collection in the world on April 23, it was the largest single contribution to a gay, lesbian, and bisexual organization in history.

The gift went to the Gay and Lesbian Center at San Francisco's new Main Library, which is expected to open in 1996 in San Francisco's Civic Center and contain gay, lesbian, and bisexual fiction, non-fiction, films, videos, recordings, and a periodical collection that will have more than 100 gay, lesbian, and bisexual magazines and newspapers in full volumes.

"When I first heard of the project, I thought it was a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Hormel said. "It's quite an opportunity to protect and maintain an archive of our history, an archive of the fact that lesbians and gays have and do and will continue to exist and make enormous contributions to society. That's something straight society has not been willing to recognize."

Hormel added that the lack of recognition from straight society has created "an enormous burden on lesbian and gay people," but said that in the new library "the lesbian and gay past can be preserved and the future shaped."

According to Chuck Forester, co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Center committee, the collection will be accessible nationwide, through electronic transfer to other libraries and state-of-the-art reproductive capabilities. "This is really a national institution. There's nothing else like it," he said.

Randy Shilts, author of "And the Band Played On" and "The Mayor of Castro Street," Peter Adair, maker of the films "Word Is Out" and "Absolutely Positive" and Rob Epstein, creator of "Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt," and "The Times of Harvey Milk," both of which won Academy Awards for Best Documentary Feature, have already announced that they will contribute their collections to the center. The Gay and Lesbian Center committee is currently negotiating with the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California for acquisition of the latter's collection as well.

But on April 23, in conjunction with Hormel's gift, Barbara Grier and Donna McBride, the founders of Naiad Press, announced the largest material contribution to the center: Grier and McBride's personal collec-



tion of more than 10,000 books, periodicals, and photographs, amassed over the past 42 years with some dating as far back as 1860, and described by San Francisco librarian Ken Dowlin as "the most complete personal library of lesbian and gay books in the English language."

According to Forester, Grier and McBride had been offered \$500,000 by Duke University for the collection, but chose to donate their library to the Gay and Lesbian Center instead, because Duke would not make the collection accessible to the public.

"Even before Naiad was founded I was committed to preserving our words, our stories, our legends," Grier said. "Now, for the first time, a public library is eager to preserve our collection. The new Gay and Lesbian Center, with its public access, will be able to do a far better job getting these stories, these words, into the hands—and the minds—of women and men who need to read them, now and in the future."

According to Forester, the center has raised \$700,000 of its \$1.6 million goal to fund long-term acquisitions by the center.

Hormel called on lesbian and gay people across the country to lend financial support to the Gay and Lesbian Center, expressing hope that his donation would encourage others to do the same.

RACHEL TIMONER

Pictured: Jim Hormel. Photo by Rink Photo

Pride (cont.)

"Pride will be a celebration," she continued. "That's what it's set up to be. We want Atlanta to see that we're here. And tens of thousands of us walking down Peachtree Street is a political statement."

Participants on both sides of the Pride meeting were angry, however. Teague said that he felt the pro-campaign speech supporters showed little respect for the committee and its process.

"Nobody on the board is lacking in understanding of the significance of open gays running for office," he said. "It was hard to be treated with such disrespect simply because someone wanted something we couldn't give them."

Teague said he was concerned that people who were trying to make a decision about getting involved working with Pride would be deterred because of such conflict.

"We're just going to have to be mature enough to learn how to do business," he said. "It's not a matter of liking everybody; it's about respecting everybody."

Organizers said that the decision to not ask politicians to speak was based in part on complaints from last year over the length and tone of speeches, and in part over concerns of being fair to all candidates.

"We can't be fair to all candidates by picking and choosing who we allow to speak," said Board member Laura Bevins.

Robbins said that the eight speakers chosen by the board were "a good mix."

"They're all political because of who they are, because of the organizations they're involved with," she said. "We tried to cover as much of the community as we could."

The speakers will include author James Sears ("Growing Up Gay in the South"), co-founder of OutYouth Kelly Patillo, national gay Latino activist Martin Ornelas, and local activist Joan Garner, among others.

In the aftermath of the Thursday night meeting, rumors flew about a possible boycott of Pride, but all parties involved denied support for such an idea.

"Absolutely not," said Claar. "I'm certainly disappointed, but I've got my Pride t-shirt and my prom tickets. I'll be there."

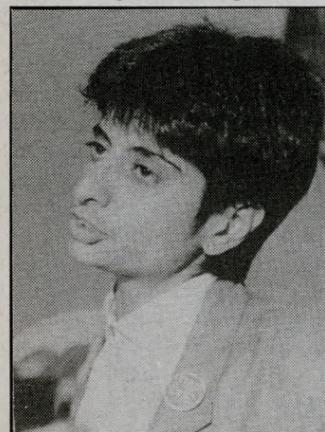
Meanwhile, the issue for Corrigan became a moot point when his candidacy was disqualified last Wednesday because he failed to resign as a voter registrar six months before qualifying as a candidate. Corrigan, an Atlanta attorney, was out of town and could not be reached for a comment by deadline.

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Stiff Sentence For Houston Gay Basher: An 18-year-old pleaded guilty to the July 4 1991 murder of a gay man in Houston, receiving a 45-year sentence for the plea. John Christopher Buice was part of a gang of 10 teenagers who attacked 27-year-old Paul Broussard with boards studded with nails. Buice made the plea when he was caught by authorities making preparations to leave the country. Gay bashing in Houston received national attention following Broussard's murder last year, when Houston police posing as gay men were attacked by gay bashers. CBS's Street Scenes also aired a segment on the issue, showing young male teenagers bragging about spending their evenings looking for "fags." The teens told CBS's Ed Bradley that they "didn't see fags as human."

Nunn Would Support Hearings On Discriminatory Military Policy: Georgia Senator Sam Nunn told lobbyists for the Human Rights Campaign Fund last week that he would support Senate Committee hearings on the military's ban on lesbian and gay personnel. Nunn, who is chair of the Senate's Armed Services Committee, told the HRCF group that he was not prepared to support a change of the Pentagon's policy at this time, but said he would examine the issue further. "We went to the meeting expecting the Senator to hear our views, but we never expected him to agree so readily that hearings were necessary on this issue," said HRCF lobbyist Cathy Woolard. HRCF officials plan to follow up with Nunn's staff to try to arrange hearings.

NC Baptists Kick Out "Gay Supportive" Churches: The North Carolina Baptist Convention expelled two NC churches that took gay positive stands. The Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh was voted out because the church blessed the union of two gay men in March; and the Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church was expelled because last month it licensed a gay divinity student to preach. The Southern Baptist Convention, the parent group for the NCBC, will hold its annual meeting next month, and the issue of those church's expulsion is expected to be brought before the delegates.



Vaid To Leave NGLTF: National Gay and Lesbian Task Force director Ursushi Vaid announced last week that she will step down from her position at the end of this year. Vaid, who has been involved with NGLTF for nearly eight years, said that "This is a perfect time for me to move on, personally and organizationally." Vaid has been director of the organization since 1989. She plans to take 1993 as a sabbatical, visiting family in India and writing.

Photo by Jim Marks

Navy Pilot Tells All On Nightline, Gets Desk Job: A Naval aviator told Ted Koppel's "Nightline" last week that he is gay, saying that he had seen "too much discrimination" to remain silent. Lt. (j.g.) Tracy Thorne, a 25 year old graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, told Koppel that "I love the Navy...but I

have to stand up on this issue." Following his appearance on the ABC news program, Thorne was assigned to a desk job at his Virginia Beach post, "the first step in an 'administrative' process that normally leads to a discharge," according to USA Today.

Domestic Partners Win One In NY: A five-judge panel of the New York State Appellate Division unanimously ruled on May 13 that the denial of health care benefits to domestic partners of lesbian and gay employees of the New York City School system may violate civil rights laws prohibiting sexual orientation and marital status discrimination. The judges ruled that an earlier court had properly denied a motion for dismissal brought by the defendants in a lawsuit brought by the Gay Teachers Association against the NY City Board of Education.

Lynchburg, VA Gets First Pride, But Who Knows Where: Gays and lesbians will hold their first ever Gay Pride festival this year, but organizers are not announcing the celebration's location out of fear of anti-gay violence. In addition to being the hometown of lesbian songwriter Meg Christian, Lynchburg is also the seat of Jerry Falwell's fundamentalist operations. According to the Washington Blade, the festival is being publicized by word of mouth.

Presidential Campaigns And Gay Issues: Democratic candidate Gov. Bill Clinton issued a statement last week saying that he would ask the Arkansas legislature to repeal that state's sodomy law, and told reporters that he backs Rep. Pat Schroeder's (D-CO) bill that would repeal the military's anti-gay discrimination policy. Meanwhile, the Republican National Committee denied the request of three gay rights organizations to testify before the party's platform committee. Representatives from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the National Federation of Log Cabin Clubs, a gay Republican organization, were told they could not testify because of time constraints. HRCF, NGLTF and two AIDS organizations were allowed to testify before the Democrat's platform committee.

Religious Organization Files Suit Against NJ Gay Rights Law: The Rutherford Institute, a religious defense organization, has filed suit against the state of New Jersey charging that a recently enacted law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation is unconstitutional. "It could prohibit freely preaching against sexual sins such as adultery and homosexuality," said Rutherford attorney Thomas Neuberger. The Institute has also filed a suit against a similar law in Hawaii.

VA Gay Organization Adopts A Highway: The Hampton Roads Lesbian Gay Pride Coalition (HRLGPC) has joined the Virginia Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway clean-up program, adopting a stretch of Interstate 64 that passes in front of fundamentalist preacher Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network. HRLGPC members say that their entire name will appear on signs marking the stretch of highway, which the organization must maintain for two years.

Working Assets Fund Gay, AIDS Organizations: Using monies raised from the Working Assets VISA, MasterCard and long distance programs, the Working Assets Funding Service announced its distribution of funds for 1992 earlier this month. Among the organizations receiving money were the AIDS Action Council and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, with both organizations receiving over \$16,000. The distribution of the money is determined by Working Assets customers, who mail in ballots provided by the company. Over \$500,000 was distributed to 36 organizations working in environmental, human rights, economic justice and peace areas.



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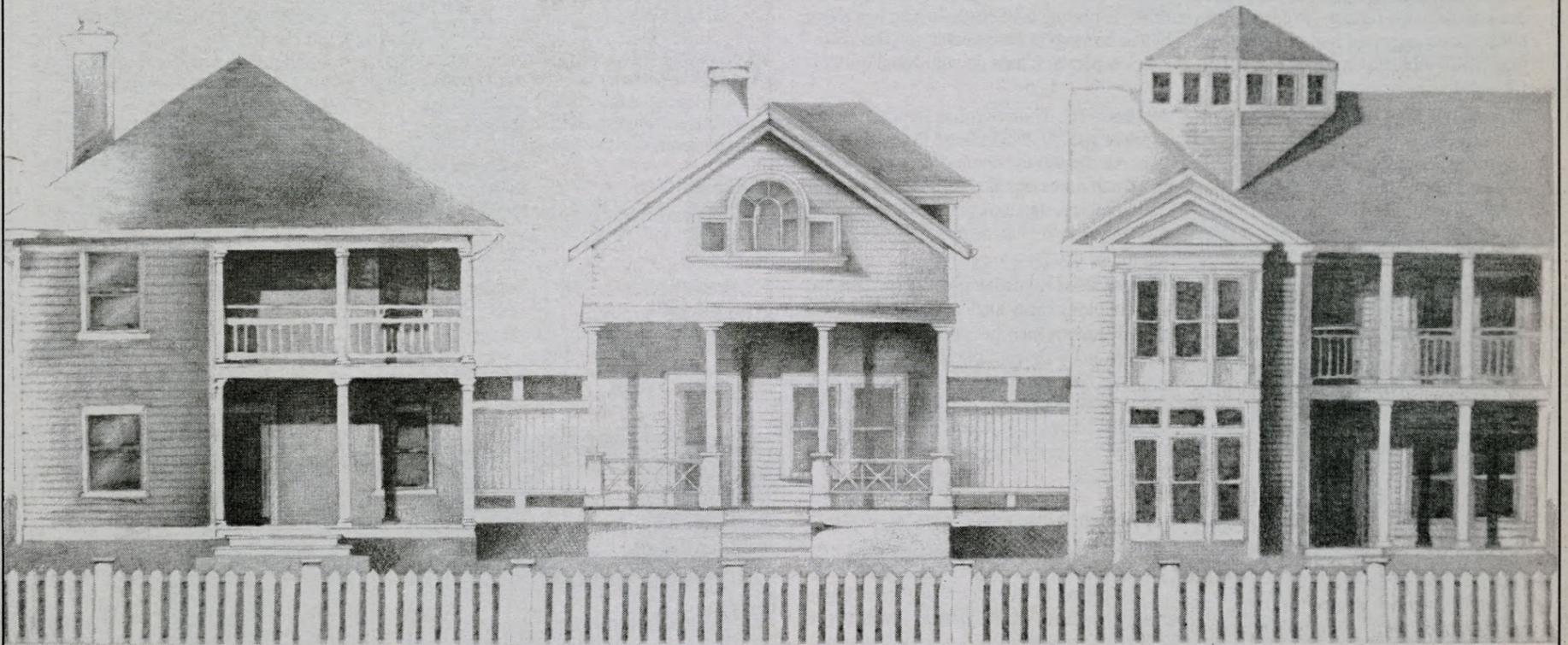
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Budget crunch squelches AIDS tracking study

Anthony Fauci, the government's top AIDS research administrator, says that he remains committed to carrying out all aspects of AIDS research, but that the current era of no-growth budgets make "prioritization" the key word. One of the first large-scale investigations to feel the full weight of this word is the San Francisco Men's Health Study (SFMHS).

Begun eight years ago, this continuous follow-up of over a thousand men from a San Francisco neighborhood of high AIDS incidence has yielded many new insights into how the epidemic spreads in the community and how disease progresses in the individual. Last September, its funding was renewed for another four year period, although the annual budget was reduced from \$2.5 to 1.7 million.

Suddenly last winter, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) told the Health Study that its funding was to be terminated in October. Negotiations are now in process to salvage at least part of the study. The study's epidemiologists in the meantime have been invited to apply for funding to do

preparatory work for a large-scale vaccine trial involving thousands of people.

One spin-off of the SF Men's Health Study is being allowed to continue. This is the "Young Men's Health Study" a new, limited survey of the level of HIV infection in gay San Franciscans under the age of 26. It turns out that this data is important for the vaccine trial as a yardstick of vaccine effectiveness.

Objecting to arguments that vaccine test preparations have begun too early, SFMHS chief epidemiologist Warren Winkelstein said, "Tooling up for these trials takes a long time. It's better to be ready than to be unprepared. We may find people don't understand vaccines. They may be scared or mad at the NIH and unwilling to enter trials."

That anger already exists among some of the dedicated SFMHS volunteers, who have been showing up every six months to give blood samples and answer lengthy, intimate questionnaires about their lifestyles.

One volunteer wondered, "They are willing to use gay men to help Middle America in the vaccine trials but are abandoning an epidemiology study that could help advance therapy for gay men already infected. Is that what is going on with the Bush administration?"

DAVE GILDEN

FDA approves fast HIV test

An HIV test developed by a Georgia company has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The test, which provides results in ten minutes, was developed by the Murex Corporation in Norcross. It tests for HIV-1 only, but the company is reportedly developing tests for HIV-2.

According to Robert K. Shockley, director of infectious disease reasearch and development for Murex, results from the test are 99.8% accurate. Further tests are called for if a patients tests positive, but unless a patient has been engaged in high risk behavior, further testing is generally not required following a negative test.

The test works by combining a blood sample and a variety of chemicals, which will change color if HIV is present. Dr. Schockley said the test will not be sold for home use, and will be sold to health care providers for \$7-\$8.

Mayors of New York, San Juan sign AIDS-care agreement

New York Mayor David Dinkins and San Juan, Puerto Rico Mayor Héctor Luis Acevedo signed an agreement last week intended to provide better access to health care for HIV+ Puerto Ricans who travel to

New York for treatment. The agreement will identify and coordiate services in San Juan and New York City for patients who need them.

According to The New York Times, the action was denounced by many AIDS advocates, who claim that both mayors are using the AIDS issue to shore up popularity. The agreement does not provide any financing or set timetables for reaching goals.

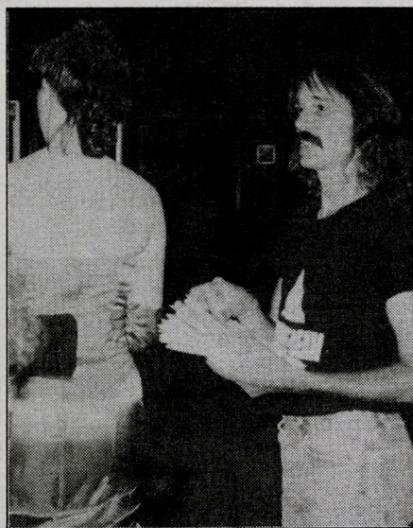
Brady dad had AIDS

Robert Reed, the Shakespearean trained actor most remembered as Mike Brady on "The Brady Bunch," had AIDS, according to his death certificate, acquired by AP. Reed's spokesman, Michael Hartig, earlier denied the actor had AIDS, but the death certificate stated that HIV infection was among "significant conditions contributing to" Reed's death. Reed died on May 12 of colon lymphoma.

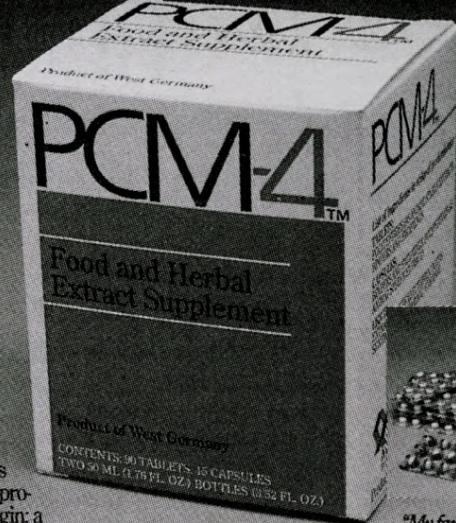
Geraldo Rivera devoted a segment of his "Now It Can Be Told" program to the actor, assembling a group of people who claimed that Reed was gay. Reed, who was divorced in 1959, was nominated for three Emmy awards during his television career, including an episode of Chad Everett's "Medical Center" in which he portrayed a transsexual. Reed is survived by his daughter, Karen.

ACT UP goes to the prom

Shamrock High School (Clarkston) prom-goers were greeted by ACT UP/Atlanta members distriuting condoms and condom instructions at the May 22 event. Over 250 condoms were distributed in front of the Fox Theatre as the students entered the Egyptian Ballroom. Although there was nervous laughter from some students, the condoms and distributors were generally well received. "A teacher and a parent thanked us for being there," said action facilitator Brad LaFoon. "It's very important that teens get these condoms. These people are having sex and they are one of the fastest growing populations who are contracting HIV." ACT UP/Atlanta has distributed over 1000 condoms at four proms this year.



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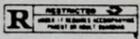
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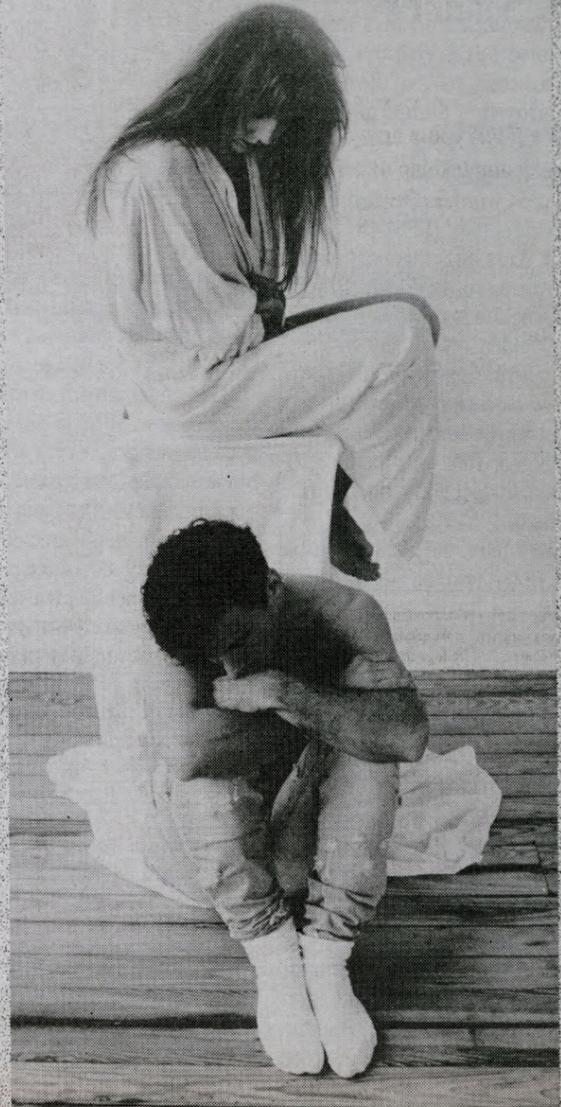


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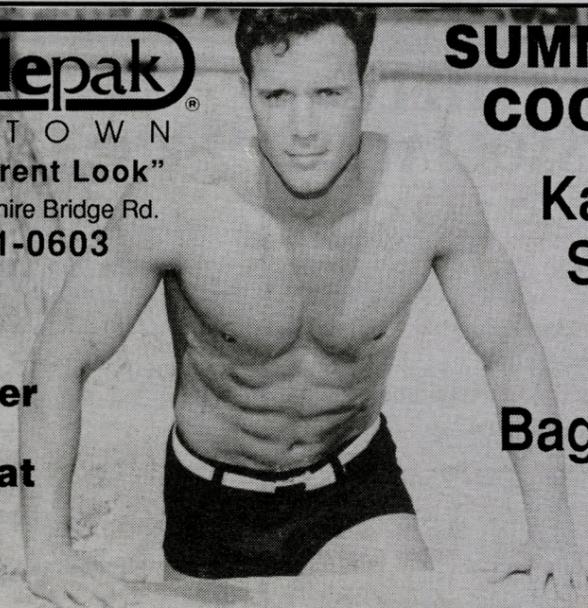
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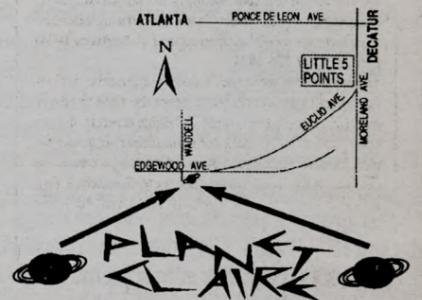
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New grit

We're hard upon the big day in the park. Expected is a fair sampling of the quarter-million of us who live in metro Atlanta. It's a far cry from 1987 when an emergency committee rescued the Pride celebration after the organizers threw in the towel late in the eleventh hour.

In two weeks, a miracle happened. A rally at the state Capitol made up in spirit what it lacked in numbers. The Career Obstructionists in our midst did their usual sad little act, going so far as casting the emergency committee as villains, but the men and women on it were too busy to care. Those who missed that fine, warm afternoon at the Capitol missed some good talk and some good singing.

Joseph Beam came down from Philly. Sam Baker made his Atlanta debut. Both are gone now. The mayor of West Hollywood flew in. Charlie Brown emceed, and beautifully. Of course, the Talking Coifs from Channel 11 focused on the man in a dress and ignored poet Beam's words about being black and gay in racist, homophobic America.

Out of that committee came the energy and creative thinking that shaped Pride observances ever since. Atlanta Pride is big-league now. It's nice. And fitting.

It's fitting because this city is one of a half-dozen major lesbian and gay centers in North America. If we gay Atlantans all moved tomorrow to the west Georgia hamlet of Gay, it would be the second largest city in the state and one of the largest in the South. We have the numbers. What we haven't always had is grit.

Anyone who was here in '87 and recently returned can tell you that since the March on Washington in the fall of '87, we've begun to come of age; we are maturing. I think it's because of a change in leadership. There are new faces. New ideas. Good ideas. No longer is the community driven by the negative voices who serve no

other interests but their own. No longer are we so self-absorbed.

I went to a Queer Nation meeting the other night. They weren't talking overthrow of the capitalist system; they were talking about adopting a stretch of state highway and picking up the trash.

We ain't there yet. But, lordy, compare us now to what we were only six years ago.

This is an entirely different town.

Let's count some of the ways.

Having a lesbian/gay liaison in City Hall is the rare thing in America.

Having allies such as Mary Davis on City Council and Jim Martin and Nan Orrock in the state House is rare down here where the Bible Belt is used to whip up on anybody who's "different."

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GUEST EDITORIAL

And having this newspaper (I don't get paid by it, so I can toot its horn) is not only rare but also integral to our survival as a community.

Except for SAME, all that has come about since '87.

But all that is nothing compared to the guts and resolution that infuse the bold warriors among us. Compared to '87, there's a revolution going on. It is mobilized by the belief that you gotta go at 'em from all directions. ACT UP and Queer Nation, both new in town since '87, have a mandate to storm the barricades while the negotiations and lobbying go on inside.

Boy, howdy, it's a strategy that consternates some folks. A Gay Leader explained to me in '87 that demonstrations weren't "civil," and, he added, "If you can't be civil, you might as well move to New York City. We don't do things that way in Atlanta!"

There's a very good reason why we must do things that way.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was the greatest American of this century, but it wasn't his mind and heart and local boycotts that cut Jim Crow off at the knees. He won the media and then the Congress only after 300,000 people met in front of the Lincoln Memorial, one summer's day in 1963. This ain't no democracy by a long shot, but anyone who says nothing has changed didn't live under Jim Crow in the South. There was no presumption of prejudice; the bigotry was law, it was taught at school, in church, at the supper table. A display of strength, of numbers, led to the civil rights legislation that Lyndon Johnson signed into law.

That's our cue. In '87, a half-million of us met in Washington, and we let the media jerk us around. Ronnie and Nancy and the Congress were out of town. We got thirty seconds on the six o'clock news, and the story was that we said we were a half-million and the Park Service said maybe fifty thousand.

Maybe we'll have learned how to work the media by the March on Washington next year. And maybe here in Atlanta, we can give Channel 11 and other media no-thanks more than images to delight the philistines in suburbia.

In a few weeks, we celebrate the anniversary of the uprising at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village. Not a few thousand, not even ten or twenty thousand, but two hundred thousand of us can give Mayor Jackson, City Council, Governor Miller, and the General Assembly a message they'll take with them always. In '87, 500 of us raised our voices outside the state Capitol, and we weren't even a ripple. Who in power heard us? But two hundred thousand! City Hall will hoist the rainbow flag the very next day. And anoint Lynn Cothren a saint.

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It can't happen to me

To the Editor:

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And I'm talking from experience. Sure, I knew about condoms, safer sex and no sex but it had nothing to do with me. After all, I wasn't going to get such a dreadful thing as AIDS. How wrong I was.

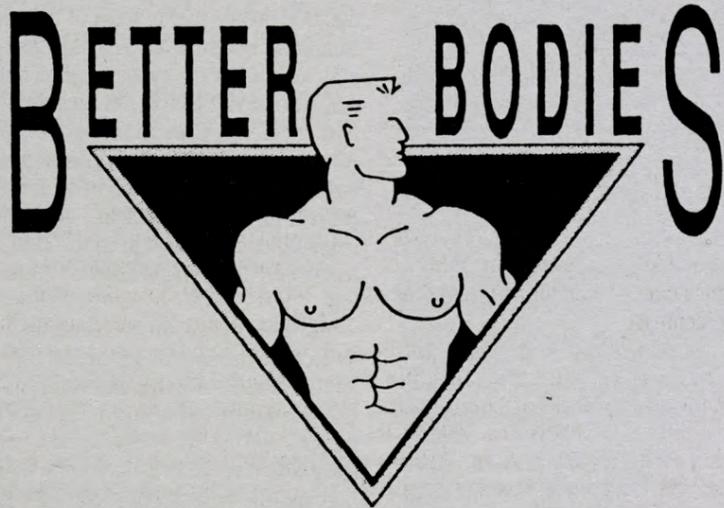
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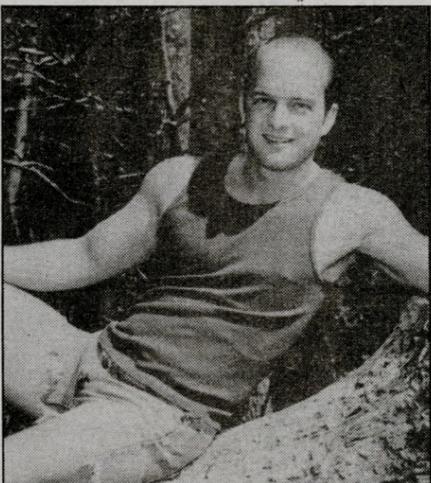
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Now everybody who's confused, angry or just doesn't know what to think, raise your hands.

All right, I see, uh-huh, that seems to be just about most of the rest of us.

For the few of you who haven't got a newspaper, or a clue what I'm talking about, here's the background. An assistant professor of psychology at a Milwaukee, or Kankakee, or East Anywhere, Nebraska University interviewed a whole bunch of gay men to find out whatever assistant professors of psychology can find out from doing research with active cultures.

The research showed that just over half, 52%, of gay males with an identical twin had an identical twin who was gay. That was compared with fraternal twins who had a 22% homoaffectional same birth sibling. And only 11% of "genetically unrelated (adoptive) brothers." (Those guys whose mother wasn't even in the same room at the same time).

Aha! So what does this prove? That gay blood is thicker than water, I guess. But also, and I'm quoting from the Associated Press newswire here: "... exactly the kind of pattern you would want to see if something genetic were going on."

Add to that another study that autopsied dead guys. (Which is of course the best way to do autopsies. On dead people.) This research showed that the hypothalamus or the hippocampus, or the hyposomething in the brains of gay men were a lot smaller than in straight men's brains. Sure, smaller. So what else is new? Again quoting from the AP wire service: The results added "to the argument that sexual orientation does not result from maladjustment or moral defect."

Add to that the response of an identical twin (female) who we all know, Ann Landers, who is biological proof that one set of female identical twins who writes advice to the lovelorn has a statistical propensity to have a twin who engages in similar behavior. (What? You didn't know that Dear Abby and Dear Ann were identical twin sisters? Must have been Abby's non-genetic nose job that fooled you. Or was it Ann's?) Ann was asked "Since there is now some scientific proof that homosexuals are born that way and their lifestyle is not something they choose, do you think people will be less hostile to and more tolerant of homosexuals?"

Besides asking homosexuals who read her column to respond on whether or nor they're glad they're gay — giving her the second highest response (almost entirely positive) since she asked straight women whether they'd rather "do it" or cuddle — she also said, "I think that if people believed homosexuality was not merely an alternative lifestyle but the result of genetics, there would be less hostility toward the gay population."

Phew! There's something wrong with this picture. Where do I start?

Well, yes, I suppose it would be nice to have the rest of the world know that we are a naturally occurring phenomenon, as innate as the seagull population, most of whom turn out to be lesbians. And, of course, it would be nice for Mom not to have to worry that it really was something she did. Or didn't do.

But it's the whole question of fault that I find fault with. The idea that our lifechoice was not the result of "maladjustment of moral defect" makes me kind of shudder to be further categorized with the paramcium following our single-cell destiny into each other's beds.

Either we're abominations or helpless pitiful slaves to our DNA. Whatever happened to free will? I always kind of liked the possibility that I'm doing this because I want to. That given a choice, I am making one.

And who are we rushing so fast to prove ourselves to? Anita Bryant? The Right Reverend Jerry Falwell? Senator Jesse Helms? The Clue Clucks Clan? The telephone installer? On this one I tend to side with Henry Ford III who said: "Never complain. Never explain."

I don't want to see one more reason to have us live, nose down and kicking gravel, saying to anyone, "Oh, well, gee, gosh. It's not my fault. I couldn't help it. It's genetic, you know." Phooey!

It dumps us into a category that already contains folks who aren't all that thrilled with how they're treated because of their genetic circumstance. People with cerebral palsy. And Down's syndrome. And dark skin. And blonds. We can trade revulsion for pity. Or grudging permission. Or "tolerance." Yipee.

As I said, it is okay, I suppose, to have something for Mom and Dad to say to Aunt Minnie about why we are the way we are. But why would we want them to be saying it? "You know, Min dear, about one in every ten is born that way. And it's a damn shame, too. But they can't help it. It just happens. Genetics, you know." Be nice if they said instead, "Oh, my, yes, she just became dictator of a small Latin American country. We're so proud. Or, "Why, yes, you did see him on Elm Street in his new Mercedes. Paid cash."

By the way, did you notice that all of the experiments were conducted on men, she asked lesbianically. It's a small point perhaps. Like all those heart and cancer studies done on males, then blanket-applied to those of us of the other gender. They got that wrong, too. Our biologies are different. Maybe lesbians have larger hypo's. Maybe not. Nobody knows. Because nobody asked. Or did autopsies. Although this is one activist activity I'm not putting my name on for anytime in the near future.

What we do know for sure is that 56 gay men in that study have a gay twin brother. Which may have some statistical significance. We also know, statistically that 99.85276% of all the convicts in federal institutions who ate tomatoes before 1889 are dead. Which should tell you something.

I wonder if any of those homosexual twin boys in the study ate tomatoes in the last hundred and three years?

Maybe that's what caused it. Somebody should do a study.

Shelly Roberts is a nationally syndicated writer, and author of "The Dyke Detector: How to Tell the Real Lesbians From Ordinary People."

Ghetto idea short-sighted

To the Editor:

I've just finished reading Al Cotton's guest editorial in the May 21, 1992 issue of Southern Voice, ("Let's get a ghetto"), and feel that he is way off base. He suggests that Atlanta's gay and lesbian community would be well-served to identify an area of town and move there as a group. He points to the predominantly queer districts in other cities, showing how such districts provide a "home" for gays and lesbians, especially those who are coming out and searching for some community identity.

I think this view is very short-sighted. While there may be some instant gratification in having a few blocks of the city loaded with queer folks, I believe that Atlanta is much better off because gays and lesbians have infused themselves throughout the city. To form a ghetto is to separate ourselves from other parts of society. Such separation does not provide the queer community a realistic sense of the straight world, and does not provide opportunities for the straight world to get to know and accept our com-

munity. By developing better relations with our neighbors we can reduce homophobia and help to prevent hate crimes.

Rather than forming our own little queer cocoon, I call on the gays and lesbians in our city to get involved in community activities, civic organizations, and political efforts to increase our visibility and promote harmonious living with our straight neighbors. A quick glance at the announcements in this paper is evidence enough that gay organizations here want and need more participation from community members.

Gays and lesbians are a minority, so why should we shut ourselves off from the benefits of living with the majority of the population? If Mr. Cotton really wants to be able to cruise other men on a city street, and feels there are not enough gay-friendly businesses, then he should work toward improving the current climate rather than trying to form a separate world. I believe a gay ghetto would be a step backward rather than a progressive move.

Best regards,
John Burger

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Vice President Dan Quayle
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dan,

Your recent comments blasting "Murphy Brown's morality" amaze me. I would think that someone in your position would be more responsible when making public statements. Connecting her with the recent unrest in L.A. is asinine.

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Executive Director, Northern Exposure
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I truly believe rich, white, straight males like yourself have done more than Murphy Brown ever has to cause violence in America. Please be aware that I will do everything legal in my power to make sure that you and your like are put out of office.

J. Bruce Almost

other.

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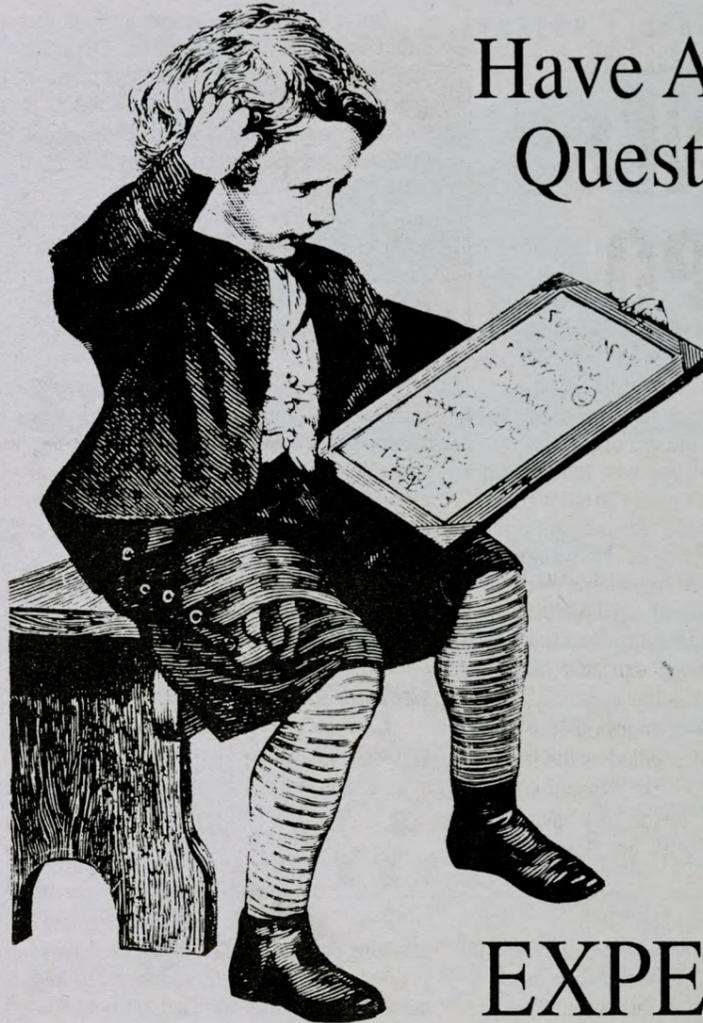
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The Expo has grown enormously over the past four years, and is billed as the largest gay and lesbian business exposition in the southeast. It's easy to see why business people and consumers alike are flocking to it.

Demographic research has shown that the gay community is a good audience to focus on, though it continues to be largely ignored by large corporations. According to a 1988 study of eight male-oriented gay publications by Simmons Market Research Bureau, the average individual income of readers was three times the national average and 60% of the readers were college graduates.

Those extraordinary numbers bear themselves out when one takes a look at the crowd that the Business Expo attracts. Atlanta Market Researcher Jan Sudhowski did an informal survey of 146 of the 500 attendees at last year's Expo and found similar results. Forty percent of the respondents had an income of \$35,000 or over (which is about the national average), but nineteen percent of those responding had an average annual income of over \$50,000.

"The results speak very highly of the event and the exhibitors that they can attract this type of crowd," Sudhowski surmises. She says her findings surprised her because, "I've done a lot of research on trade shows and conventions and it's usually not this high quality of a crowd," but, she concludes, "The gay community is very different from the rest of America."



Another interesting figure in Sudhowski's research was that 97% of those polled said they patronized gay and lesbian businesses on a regular basis—a fact that is not lost on gay and lesbian business owners.

Mark Reinke, owner of Trips Unlimited says he understands the preference for gay and lesbian businesses. "I feel like a gay or lesbian person who's gone into business on their own has overcome a lot of obstacles that the average person in business hasn't," he says. "It seems to me that they do better work overall. They try harder."

And the Business Expo tries hard to find the gay and lesbian owned or gay and lesbian friendly businesses out there and present them to the consumer.

Expo Director Annie Archbold says the Expo is meant to educate the gay and lesbian community. "They can purchase items and learn about businesses for future reference," she explains. "You may not need a plumber, electrician or clothes today, but now you know where to go."

And an educated consumer is a powerful consumer. Archbold asserts, "The Expo demonstrates the economic power of this community. We have over 500,000 gays and lesbians here, we are a Mecca of the southeast, therefore, we have an enormous buying and political strength."

It can educate in other ways, too, according to Reinke. "It's nice to know that all gay men are not florists and all lesbians aren't in

stereotypical jobs either," he observes. "There is a lot of diversity within our community in terms of the kinds of businesses that people are interested in and getting into."

That's an assertion that rings true when you look at the list of participants. It ranges from restaurants, art shops, travel agencies, clothing stores to even a financial mortgage corporation.

Archbold allays any fears over whether those businesses in the Expo, who as she says, "couldn't pay for the type of advertising and outreach you get in a single day," are taking unfair advantage of an otherwise untapped market.

The businesses go through a selection process and work very closely with organizers, and Archbold concludes, "The business has to be willing to put themselves out in front of the gay and lesbian community. If they are homophobic, the chances of them doing that are very slim."

That's a statement that could be made about the national advertising market's opinion about gay and lesbian consumers. So far, no major companies have stepped forward to claim part of a market that is valued at \$359 billion annually. It's a high price to pay for prejudice, but it leaves the market ripe for the picking by gay and lesbian owned businesses and those friendly to the community.

Many businesses taking part in the Expo for the first time hope it works in their favor.

Ed Thomas, General Manager of Murphy's More Than A Delicatessen says they wanted to be seen as a gay and lesbian friendly business. "The Virginia-Highland area has a large number of gay and lesbian residents and consumers, and as a business in this area, we want to show our support for the community."

Other newcomers to the Expo include Sidewalk Studios in Virginia-Highland. The art shop is co-owned by Cathi Gurney and Gail Draughon. Gurney says, "We custom design jewelry, and we want people to know that they can come here no matter what their orientation and feel comfortable if they want to have matching bands made or other types of personal jewelry."

David Williams owns Rags to Riches, a new and recycled men's clothing shop on St. Charles Avenue. "When we first opened, we weren't supported by the gay population at all," he recalls. "But now, little by little, they have been coming in a lot more, but we want more!" Williams says other business owners who participated in the Expo in the past have told him it was great for business.

Judy Kolberg owns FileHeads and says, "Fully 20% of my year's business is obtained at the Business Expo." Byron Hamilton of Hamilton Flowers echoes the sentiment. "I saw an increase in new business as a result of the Expo," he remembers. "I met new clients including one who has a standing order with me every week."

It really seems that the Business Expo is a win-win situation for all involved; consumer and business owner alike. Archbold says it's no coincidence that the event falls in June—Pride Month.

"It really is quite a month to celebrate everything from economic strength in who we are, to our numbers and what we look like," she says.

The Business Expo will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel at the corner of Peachtree Street and International Boulevard, on Saturday, June 13 from 10AM to 5PM. Hotel parking is limited and guests are urged to park at United Parking and Macy's Parking behind the hotel on Carnegie Way. MARTA makes the journey easy since the Peachtree Center Station is directly underneath the hotel.

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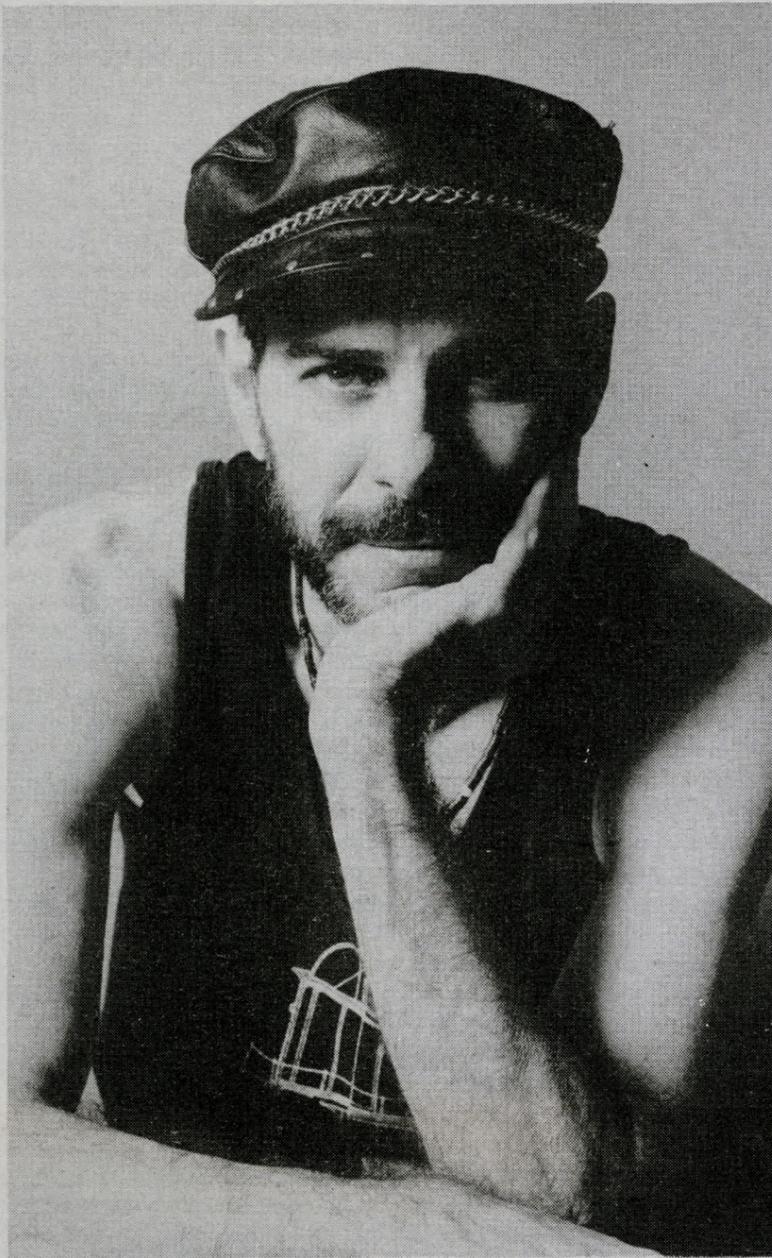
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Birthdays:

SoVo columnist Al Cotton celebrated his 35th birthday on Sunday, May 10th. “I’m halfway home,” remarked the birthday boy.

Quinn, new to Atlanta and loving it, will celebrate her 35th on June 10.

Sonny Saxton, bartender at Buddy’s Midtown location will hit the big 30 on June 11. You can kid him about it next time you stop in at Buddy’s.

Graduations:

David Lowe graduated from Emory with a degree in English and Philosophy. He will soon be California bound to attend Berkeley Law School in the fall. Lowe is pictured here being arrested at the sodomy demonstration at the state capitol a few years back. We’ll miss you, David.

Rob Harlow graduated from Berry College in Rome with a major in Psychology. He, like many other graduates, is beginning his job search hoping to go into the human services field. He says he loves to help people and would like to work for the state or federal government, but his dream job is to work at AID Atlanta.

David Vandergriff is most pleased to announce that he passed the bar exam. Way to go, David!

Holy Unions:

Helene Loper and Sheryl Miller were joined in Holy Union Saturday, May 16th, at All Saints MCC. Helene is a member of All Saints (as well as student-Clergy) and Sheryl is a member of First MCC, so the ceremony was conducted by former All Saints Pastor Stephen Fund, and First Associate Pastor Marge Ragona. The happy couple reside in Lilburn, and say they were too busy for a proper honeymoon.

Anniversaries:

Suzi and Laurie Kezh celebrated their 9th anniversary on April 4th with a big party at the SoVo offices.

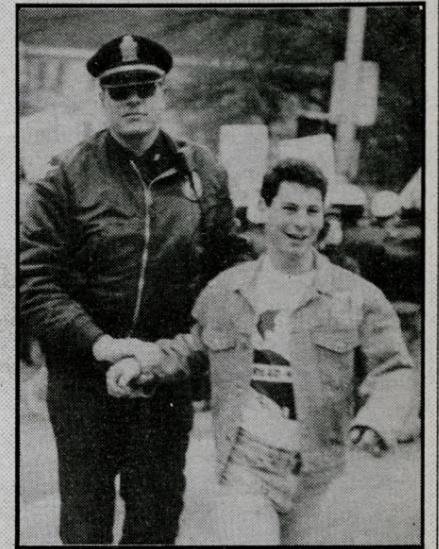
Brad LaFoon and Joel Diamond quietly celebrated their 10th anniversary on May 28. Ten years ago it was a basic case of love at first sight, and lots of love and mutual respect since. Congratulations Joel and David.

Vacations:

Ivan Bailey took time out from his blacksmithing business to enjoy five days at the Grand Canyon. Bailey spent three nights camping in the canyon. Bailey says he and his camping buddy hiked 15 miles (!) to their first campsite and were lightly dusted with snow that night. “The weather kept many other campers away so we practically had the entire Canyon to ourselves,” Bailey says. Bailey couldn’t find a t-shirt that proclaimed his experience of camping in the Canyon, so he plans to have one made. Speaking of making things, you can admire Bailey’s blacksmithing handiwork the next time you are at the Lakewood Amphitheater. He made the cast iron gates at the main entrance.

Moving on:

Susan Strange and Maui Porter, Atlanta residents for three years, say they will pack it up and move to San Francisco on June 30. The two say they plan to take the city by storm. Strange is a local DJ and says she will spin her farewell gig at Velvet on June 12.



Preparations:

Chris Carroll had so much fun at the HRCF Dinner this year she’s already bought her ensemble for next year, a (very cool) black velvet sheath. “I plan to fit into it next year,” she says. Also, Carroll and her lover Barbara plan to visit the Pisgah National Forest in mid-June, but say they will be back in plenty of time for Pride.

Events:

The Southeast Regional Meeting of the National Organization for Women at the Penta Hotel Downtown was picketed by a Queer Nation contingent Saturday, May 16th. But, it was a “friendly picket,” according to QN’s Larry Pelligrini. “We carried signs into the meeting thanking NOW for carrying on the struggle for choice.”

Promoters of the film Edward II are contacting gay organizations and giving them free tickets to the new movie. The flick details the life of the gay King of England.

Queer Nation members collected funds at the intersection of Piedmont and Monroe Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30.

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OUT Magazine (cont'd)



The impressive list of those involved with Out has drawn much attention, particularly from the mainstream press. Roger Black, a magazine consultant who recently redesigned Esquire has been brought on board as publication director. William Guilliams brings experience in direct marketing to his position as general manager of Out.

The board of advisors includes such editorial luminaries as Susie Bright, former editor of On Our Backs, Howard Karren, senior editor of Premiere, John Mather, fashion editor of Esquire, Richard Pandiscio, art director of Interview, Michelangelo Signorile, former editor of Outweek and columnist for The Advocate, Essence senior editor Linda Villarosa, and Ms. executive editor Helen Zia.

Out's ability to attract such people is due in large part to the magazine's location in New York City, long considered the publishing capital of the nation. Most of those involved with the magazine are people that Goff or Pettit already knew, or had connections with.

Pettit says lesbian and gay writers and editors from the mainstream are hungry to put their skills to work on a high-quality publication that is relevant to their lives. "There aren't many outlets for gay and lesbians to speak to one another," Pettit points out, saying that the time has come for a new style of lesbian and gay editorial. "People are sick of reading between the lines."

Attracting Advertisers

The professionalism of those assembled to produce Out no doubt has influenced the publication's ability to attract big-name mainstream advertisers: so far, the list includes Benetton, Sire Records, and Rizzoli books.

But what about phone sex ads? "There are a lot of hard and sticky decisions that you have to make, especially on the business side of running a gay publication," explains Pettit. "And a lot of them are not necessarily in tandem with your greatest political ideals. But the fact of the matter is that once you decide to accept sexually ex-

PLICIT advertising, you simply rule out other options. You're not going to get mainstream advertisers. They will use that as an excuse."

Goff is quick to add that an advertiser's supposed dislike for phone sex ads is sometimes a thin veil for homophobia. "Rolling Stone has sex ads in the back," he points out. "And New York Magazine has personals. For us to do it, it's an excuse for them not to advertise. But no one seems to notice that the Voice and Rolling Stone have [sexually explicit ads]."

Phone sex notwithstanding, mainstream advertisers have begun to take note of the lesbian and gay market, partly because of companies like Overlooked Opinions, a Chicago-based firm that conducted research revealing that gays and lesbians tend to have more disposable income and are loyal consumers. This marks a potential gold mine for advertisers. "You don't have to sell them on the market anymore," says Goff, "They're just looking for the right magazine."

"There hasn't really been a medium that advertisers have felt comfortable with," adds William Guilliams. "Not that there's something wrong with the papers that are out there, but they provide a different need than what the needs of the advertisers are."

Guilliams said that regional gay presses could benefit from Out's advertising successes, by setting a national example for local advertisers. For example, he explained, if Ford Motor Company were to buy ad space in Out, local dealerships would be more likely to advertise in local gay papers.

While Goff and Pettit focus on the editorial firsts they hope to accomplish, Guilliams has high hopes for the impact Out will have on the corporate side. "I think it will radically change the perception these large corporations have of the gay community," he says. "It's also a breakthrough in distribution. The magazine will be in places that are commonplace, where gay publications have not been in." Out is slated to appear in selected supermarkets and malls nationwide, reaching new audiences that would not ordinarily be exposed to lesbian and gay publications.

Another first that marks Out's debut is the assemblage of a host of well-known recording artists for "Get Out," a CD available only by subscribing to Out Magazine through its toll-free number (800-876-1199). Probably the biggest gathering of pop stars ever for a gay magazine, the Sire Records CD features 17 tracks from the likes of Debbie Harry, David Byrne, Lou Reed, k. d. lang, and Morrissey.

Out plans a massive introduction highlighted by booths at gay pride festivals in several major cities nationwide. Once the CDs and June issues run out, there won't be another issue until September and December. In 1993, Out plans to reach a monthly circulation of 200,000.

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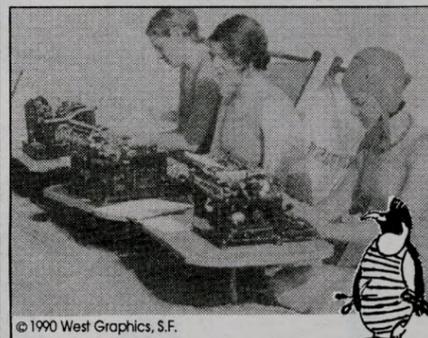
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HOTLANTA SOFTBALL

The bats are swinging and the teams are chanting on the red clay fields in the heart of Piedmont Park's green. At press time, the Hotlanta Softball League had completed six weeks of its regular season schedule with four more weeks of ground balls, double plays, home runs, and strike outs to go. Eleven men's teams and eight women's teams are competing for the opportunity to represent Atlanta in the Gay World Series to be held in Los Angeles in August.

Marking its twelfth season of play, the men's league combined its two previous divisions, Competitive and Recreational, into one. The result has been a much more competitive field, according to Jim Marks, Commissioner of the Hotlanta Softball League.

"The entire league seems more even without any one team dominating as in the past years. Eight of the eleven teams still have the possibility of representing Atlanta in the Gay World Series in one of three divisions," Marks said.

Playoff games will be held during Gay and Lesbian Pride weekend, June 27 & 28, to determine who will travel to Los Angeles to play in the Gay World Series. The league champion will compete in the A Division, the runner-up will compete in the B Division, and the best team below a .500 winning percentage will compete in the C Division.

The women's division, formed in 1988, will send one team to Los Angeles this fall. The league champion is decided by a best of three series that pits the regular season winner against the playoff winner. "The competition is tough," says Assistant League commissioner Robin Grindle. "The women are as competitive as you can possibly think."

The Atlanta teams are among the best in the nation. "With one exception, Atlanta teams have finished in the top five at the Gay World Series in each of the last ten years," says Marks, "and the women's division may be the best in the country." The women finished second in the nation two years ago and the men finished second at the Gay World Series last year.

Approximately 310 men and women participate in the Hotlanta Softball League. Both the women's and men's teams attract new players throughout the year. "I get calls every week," says Marks, "from people wanting to play in the league."

The women's league draws in many participants from outlying communities. "Probably more women are from outside the city, from places like Douglasville and Stone Mountain," says Robin Grindle. The teams are limited to an 18-person roster and a team member must have played in at least half of the regular season games to be eligible to participate in the playoffs.

While the facilities at Piedmont Park are not the best in the city, the teams are able to attract greater spectator support at this location. "It's like a gay beach," laughs Grindle. "We have to pay to rent the fields and they are not in good condition, but we get a lot of support here."

To help pay the cost of sending four teams to the Gay World Series, the league has four fund-raisers during the season. The men will hold the Mr. Hotlanta Softball on May 29 and the women will hold car washes and yard sales to raise funds that allow them to participate in any of the thirteen tournaments held throughout the nation. Atlanta is the host to the Armory Classic Tournament to be held Fourth of July weekend.

The 8th Annual Armory Classic Tournament will be held July 2-5 at Southside Park on Jonesboro Road. 30 teams are expected to play in three divisions: Men's Recreational, Men's Competitive, and Women's. Competition will include teams from Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, Texas, California, Virginia, Florida, and Washington, D.C. Mark Taylor, tournament director, describes the Armory Classic as "a lot of good sportsmanship and a lot of fun." The weekend of softball will be concluded by an awards banquet to be held at the Sheraton Colony Hotel.

The standings as of May 24, 1992 are:

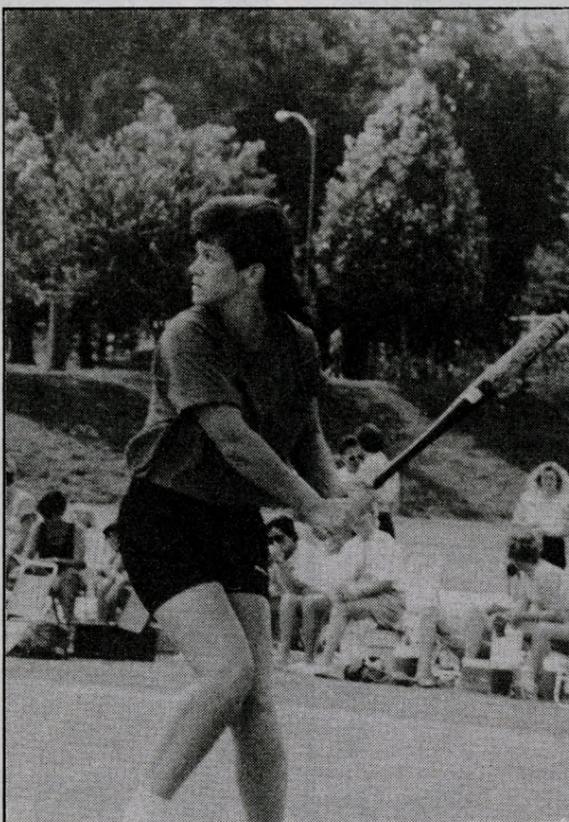
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Men's Division		
Armory Angels	9	1
Blake's Bad Boys	9	1
Heretic Griffis	7	3
Armory Falcons	7	3
Backstreet Boyz	5	5
Bulldog Lushpuppies	5	5
Pear Garden Sluggers	4	6
Backstreet Alleykatz	4	6
Otherside Cream	2	7
Boot Camp	2	8
Otherside Hotnotes	0	9

CRAIG PATE

Pictured: (Below) A Southern Voice team member hits a long one in the May 17 game against the Backstreet Bangers. (Above) Boot Camp and Bulldogs go at it in a close game. Photos by Evett Bennett



NEW FESTIVAL

OUT SOUTH FESTE

may be looking for you. An arts festival for bisexual, lesbian and gay artists in the southeast, Out South Feste will take place September 24-27 in Asheville, North Carolina and will incorporate more than just the art of the Southeast's lesbian, gay and bisexual community. Though many artists, performers, businesses, and organizations have committed to participating, festival organizer Michael Strickland says, "we're still in dire need of visual artists."

The Out South Foundation, the festival's parent organization, is committed to providing a regional network for the South. Strickland, who is also founder of the organization, says it is the first ever regional organization serving the lesbian, gay and bisexual community. "From the research I've done, I have not found another," says Strickland.

The foundation originated in Strickland's roots in the rural South. "Being from a small rural community, most of my focus was on looking to cities like Atlanta for direction," he says, "A lot of times there's the feeling that there's no hope out there." Strickland was looking for something that would bring a "positive visibility" to lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals in those communities.

The arts festival is an attempt to bring together lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals from all over the Southeast to celebrate our regional talent. Out South Feste will also be multi-dimensional, however, offering a wide range of resources and activities to those who attend. A visual arts exhibit will be held in the Broadway Arts Building, a three level gallery building.

Some performances will take place in the Carolina Green Door, a small beer and wine theatre on the lower level of the Broadway Arts Building. "It's going to be kind of an old cabaret-type atmosphere," says Strickland. The University of North Carolina's Pisgah Players drama club will host other performances in the Lipsky Auditorium on the UNC campus.

There will also be a market place at the festival for lesbian, bisexual, and gay-owned businesses. Strickland offers particular encouragement to arts and crafts, book stores, and antique shops. But all gay, lesbian and bisexual business owners are invited to participate.

In addition to arts exhibits, performances, and a market place, the festival will offer a seminar in non-violent protest. "The Human Rights Campaign Fund is doing a conference during the festival," says Strickland.

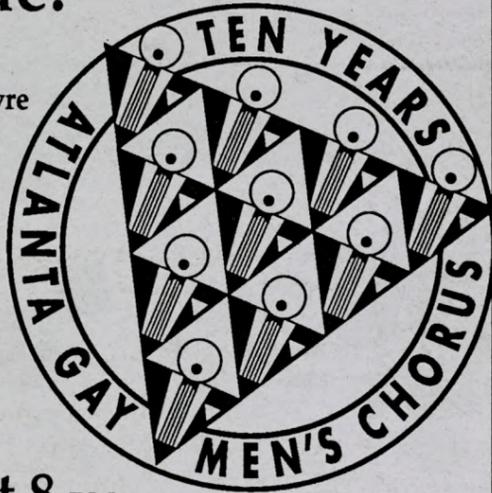
"This has been set up primarily for social, cultural, and political organizations throughout the Southeast to get together and meet," says Strickland. Mark your calendars and make your plans to visit Asheville this fall. In the mean time, if you are an artist, performer, or business interested in participating, or an individual or group interested in attending, contact Out South at Post Office Box 8569, Atlanta, Georgia 30306 or call (404) 874-8761 or FAX at (404) 874-8628.

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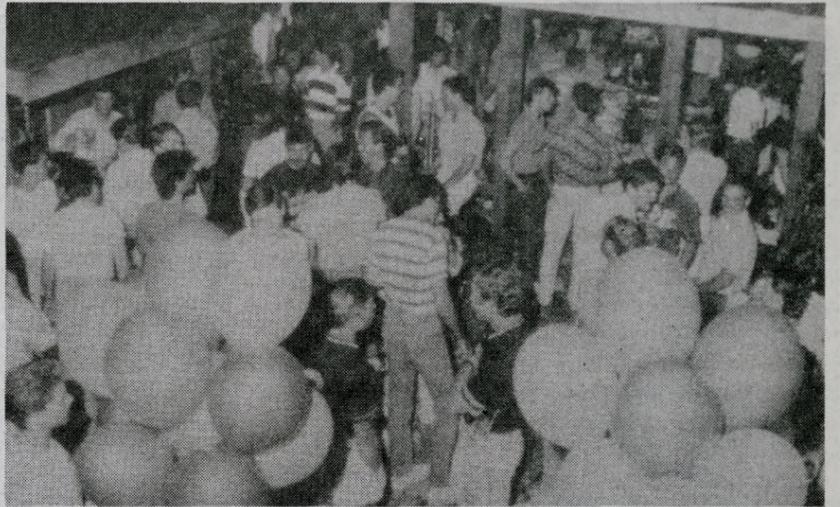


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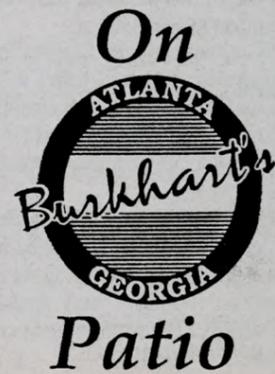
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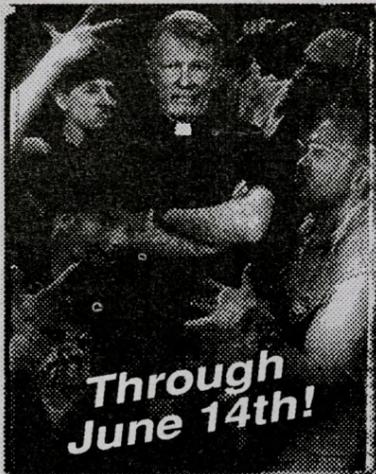


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4 THURSDAY

TERRY McMILLAN. A daring new voice in contemporary fiction, McMillan will read and sign her new book "Waiting to Exhale"—an intimate portrait of 4 African American women. 7 pm. Borders Book Shop. 3655 Roswell Rd. 237-0707.

LUCIA DI LAMERMOOR. The Atlanta Opera's production of Donizetti's bel canto opera features Martile Rowland in the title role. 8 pm. Tonight, Sat. and Mon. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

ROOSTERS. Different Voices, a new Atlanta theatre company, presents this story of a long absent father whose return brings confusion, conflict and poetry. 8 pm. Thursday-Saturday, and again June 11-13. Lupton Auditorium at Oglethorpe University. 370-1350.

THE WEBSTERS. It's the summer's hottest literary convergence and prayer meeting bringing together lesbian herstory, cooking lessons and zen-go-rounds. Who could ask for more? 7:30 pm. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

ATLANTA MUSICIANS UNITED AGAINST RACISM. A benefit for the Grady Hospital Special Fund for riot victims and the MLK Center for Non-violent

Social Change. 9 pm. Masquerade. 695 North Ave.

5 FRIDAY

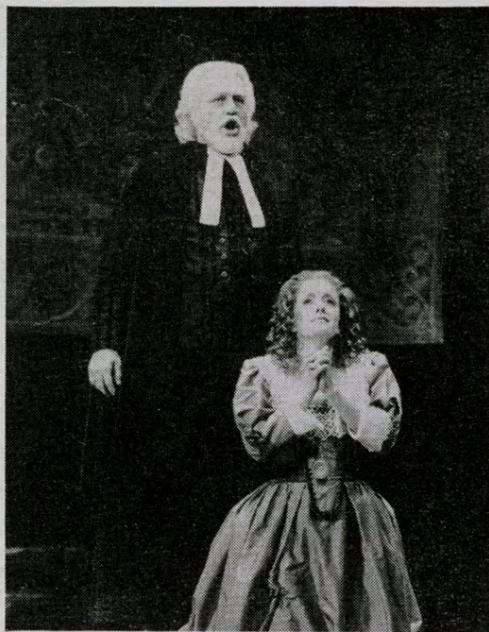
MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER. The Grammy-winning country-folk singer returns with her wonderful band. 8:30 pm. Variety Plhse. 1099 Euclid Ave. 524-7354.

SAMANTHA CLAAR FUNDRAISER. Claar is an openly lesbian candidate for the State House of Representatives Ga. District 67. Music and more. \$8 contribution requested. First Existentialist Congregation. 688-1954 for more info.

6 SATURDAY

VIRGINIA HIGHLAND ROAD RACE. A 5K, 1 mile fun run and tot trot. Part of Va-Hi Summerfest '92. Race begins at Inman Park Middle School. Late registration at Virginia Ave. Baptist Church on Friday June 5, 6-9 pm and Saturday morning, 7-7:45 am. 874-7114 for more info.

HOLLYWOOD HOTS '92. June 6. 7-11 pm. Last year's Hollywood Hots benefit raised over \$14,000 for local AIDS organizations. This year's event hopes to raise \$25,000. Entertainment,



food and prizes. Grand prize drawing is a free vacation for two in Jamaica. Morningside Chase Apartments. For more info call 496-4352.

PRIDE PROM '92. June 6. 8 pm. This year's theme "The Cotillion of Fantasy" is sure to draw a large and diverse crowd. Pride Prom is a fundraiser for Pride '92 so come out and join in. Cash bar. Howard Johnson's Midtown. 662-4533 for more information.

JUDY GARLAND SPECIALS. Judy would have been 70 years old this month. This salute to the legendary songstress features Garland performing some 20 songs from her 1963-64 television show. Also a program never aired in this country before—Judy and Liza in Concert—performed when

Liza was 18. 7:45 pm. GPTV. Channel 8.

7 SUNDAY

A TASTE OF VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND AND ARTS FESTIVAL. Va-Hi restaurants and artists converge on John Howell Park for a day in the sun. Hot air balloon rides, volleyball and more. 222-VAHI for more info or to volunteer.

ATLANTA GAY AND LESBIAN WIND SYMPHONY. The first rehearsal and organizational meeting for this new musical group. 6 pm. North DeKalb Cultural Center. Room #4. 872-3135 for more info.

BRADSHAW ON HOMECOMING. This

10-part series explores dysfunctional family experiences, the resulting behaviors in adults and how to face them and move on. The first 5 parts air today; subsequent programs air Sunday afternoons. 10:45 am. GPTV. Channel 8.

8 MONDAY

OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's own gay and lesbian television program is back for its third season. 10:30 pm. Channel 12. People TV. Same show airs on Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

ARBITERS OF STYLE. Before Out in Atlanta watch this new public access show which offers a behind the scenes look at fashion furniture, art, music, food, film and theatre in Atlanta. 10 pm. Channel 12. People TV.

9 TUESDAY

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE SHRINE. A free weekly dinner for all persons with HIV. 6 pm. 48 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. 521-1866.

10 WEDNESDAY

NAPWA TREATMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. Questions on HIV progressive treatments? Want to help get more treatments available in Atlanta? 5 pm. Atlanta NAPWA office. 44 12th St. 874-7926 for more info.

GAY GAMES UNITY '94. The Atlanta and Southeast meeting to be a part of Team Atlanta in the upcoming historic Gay Games. 24 sports are included. 7:30 pm. Ponce de Leon Library. 875-0700 for more information.

ROBERTA FLACK. Grammy-award winner Flack soared to the top of the charts with "Killing



Me Softly," She returns to the Chastain stage with the Atlanta Symphony. 8:30 pm. Chastain Park. 892-2414.

Pictured:
ABOVE RIGHT: Terry McMillan reads from and signs her book, "Waiting to Exhale," at Borders Books on June 4. Photo by Marion Ettlenger.
BELOW: Robert Singleton and Graciela Marin in "Roosters," from the newest Atlanta theatre company, Different Voices. Photo by Colleen Casey.

ABOVE LEFT: The Atlanta Opera presents "Lucia di Lamermoor" June 4, 6 & 8. Photo by Billy Howard.



ATLANTA FEMINIST WOMEN'S CHORUS BENEFIT DANCE. Co-sponsored by 4th Tuesday and AFWC Auxiliary. DJ Lenny Lassiter. Refreshments. 8 pm. First Existentialist Congregation. 470 Candler Park Drive. 355-8894 for more info.

LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE 5K RUN/WALK. Last year's run was a huge success with over 200 runners. This year's run will be even larger and all proceeds will benefit Project Open Hand. Sponsored by Southern Voice. Registration is \$10 before June 13, \$12 after.

For more info or to register call 621-5007.

LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE '92. June 27 & 28. A week-end full of activities culminating with the March on Sunday. Lea Delaria emcees at Piedmont Park afterwards. 50,000 are expected. See you there.

O N G O I N G A N D U P C O M I N G

SAGA! THE WHITNEY BONNEVILLE STORY. SAME brings back Jeff Shanks' drag-musical-documentary-spoof-comedy about the "life" of Whitney Bonneville. Runs thru June 7. 14th Street Playhouse. 881-0817.

GEORGIA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. The 7th annual event returns. Take a step back in time to a 16th century England country faire. Shows, food, crafts and more. 10:30 am — 6 pm, rain or shine every weekend \$10; \$5 for kids. 964-8575 for more info. Thru June 7.

CRIMES OF THE HEART. Beth Henley's award-winning play opens at Centerstage North

Theatre, 3330 Sandy Plains Road in Marietta. Wed. thru Sun, thru June 13. 565-9541.

DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS. Neighborhood Playhouse presents Eugene O'Neill's poignant drama about a New England farm family's battle for property, love and immortality. Thru June 13.

STAND UP TRAGEDY. A tough new play about the violence in which many young black men live — and die. Directed by Chris Coleman. Actor's Express. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-08312. Thru June 14.

SPECIAL PALS. The Atlanta premiere of

Pamela Parker's latest play about a couple's 65th anniversary. Mercer Fine Arts Auditorium. Fri. and Sat. at 8 pm. Sun. at 2 pm. Runs through June 20. 378-8646.

B-MOVIE, THE PLAY. Tom Wood's wild and wacky comedy has Blonde Bombshells, Handsome Hunks and lovestruck Girl Fridays. See Horizon Theatre's wind-up production of the season. Thru June 28. 584-7450.

REV. TARTUFFE: A DIVINE MUSICAL. Moliere's classic study of religious hypocrisy updated and set in the modern South. Moliere's

Tartuffe was first performed in 1664 for one of those Louis guys. Cast includes Megan McFarland of Della's Diner fame. Theatrical Outfit. 872-0665. Thru June 28.

SIMPLY PLAID. The Alliance's hot summer production gets kicked off in style with "The Plaid Explosion." Alliance Theatre. 892-2414. Thru July 26.

4th ANNUAL LESBIAN AND GAY BUSINESS EXPO. June 13. Over 100 lesbian and gay businesses show their wares. A great opportunity for businesses and consumers alike. 662-4599 for more information.

"It's BooBoo's birthday and I want to take him (her) some place that's really special. But...we don't want to have to get dressed up...and I don't want to spend *too* much money...and we just hate places where they sling so much attitude."

Of course, gay or lesbian couples have to be treated with the same deference and respect that their non-gays cousins would expect. And reservations really are a must—there's not much romantic about being packed cheek-to-jowl into a tiny waiting area with hordes of heteros.

The answer is simple: **Chef's Cafe (2115 Piedmont Road, 872-2284)**. I reviewed Chef's shortly after it opened almost six years ago and was unabashedly enthusiastic. Since then, the dining room has doubled in size, the menu has become more ambitious, and a clone (Chef's Grill) has been spun off. And despite the fact that every detail is not always perfect, I still recommend it whenever the opportunity arises.

I had dinner at Chef's a couple of weekends ago. No special occasion, just a Saturday night when a friend and I wanted a good meal, with no wait, in civil surroundings. We would have been happier spending half as much money—and I would have not cooked the fish so long—but otherwise it's difficult to fault any part of the experience. And, when food and service are this good, I really don't begrudge spending \$40 a head, I just wish I could do it more often. Fact is you can spend half that much and eat well here, it's just not as much fun.

Standouts included a sublime carpaccio studded with fried capers; salmon and scallops sauteed in sesame oil and tossed with angel hair pasta; grilled halibut garnished with tiny onions glazed in balsamic vinegar; and a pastry cream filled tart topped with blood orange sections.

Top it all off with a knock-out bottle of Carmenet sauvignon blanc and it's hard to imagine a more pleasurable experience, at least one that involves food and keeping your clothes on. Check it out.

Two Thumbs Down

I wish I could be so enthusiastic about the **Sundown Cafe (2165 Cheshire Bridge Road)**. But for its excellent salsas and collard greens, I had little kind to say about this place when it

EAT

opened six months ago. Several friends have told me that I'm out to lunch and urged me to go back—especially to try the veggie enchiladas.

So I did just that last week. Sorry gang, I dislike this place even more now than when it opened.

The much touted enchiladas were loaded with naught but sour cream and a few chards of onion and red pepper. The rice that accompanied them was lackluster, the beans that preceded them bland, bland, bland. Our waitress made fun of the fact that we chose not to eat meat and then admitted that she knew nothing about the various Mexican beers offered by her employers. She did tell us "I drink vodka" in a tone which suggested that she might have consumed some fairly recently.

I said it six months ago and I'll say it again now: I really want to like this place. But it takes more than a friendly host and a convenient location to make a decent restaurant.

Easy Onions

When Vidalia onions are in season I use them liberally in most everything I cook. Up 'til now my favorite way to prepare them has been baked (in the microwave or regular oven) with a dab of butter and a good dose of freshly ground pepper.

That was until I visited some friends for Memorial Day and found a crock pot full of fat Vidalia slices simmering in butter and (dry) sherry—it doesn't take much of either. Once they're cooked you can add parmesan to the pot or sprinkle it on the onions. They make great garnish for other foods (like burgers or dogs, or mashed potatoes) or serve as a side dish.

This method of preparation suggests some easy and yummy sounding options. Try substituting pepper flavored vodka for the sherry. Or balsamic vinegar. Add some sliced new potatoes and/or leeks to the mix. How about green peppers or fresh basil? Serve atop crisp, dark greens and top with warm, crumbled bacon. Or pile the onions on bread rounds, top with parmesan

and throw them under the broiler for a minute or two.

My crock pot died years ago, but now I'm busily cruising yard sales looking for a new one.

C You Later

For years now vitamin and health food fanatics have encouraged us to use vitamin C for everything from curing the common cold to preventing heart disease and cancer. Naysayers have pooh-poohed the concept as little more than hucksterism for oranges and vitamin supplements.

Now, from researchers at the UCLA School of Public Health, comes word that daily intake of 300 milligrams of vitamin C (from both food and supplements) adds approximately six years to the lifespan of men when compared to those who consumed about 50 milligrams daily. The difference for women was only about one-quarter that amount.

Still there are those who doubt the benefit of extra dose of C in the diet. They claim that the folks who consumed more of the vitamin also tended to take better care of themselves—eat more fiber, get more exercise, weigh less—than those who consumed less.

It seems unlikely that the question will be resolved any time soon, but until we know for sure, an extra glass of OJ can't hurt.

Taxing Issue

The government of the state of Alabama, which has lately been the originator of some really unattractive legislation designed to discriminate against gays and lesbians, has taken a far more progressive stance when it comes to taxing food. If all goes as planned, beginning January 1, residents of our neighboring state will no longer pay sales tax on groceries.

Seems like such a measure was all the talk here in Georgia a couple of years ago, but disappeared because the logistics were said to be too complicated. Sales taxes (especially on products required for survival) are incredibly regressive and really serve no one other than bureaucrats and the wealthy. Finding a way to take the taxes off unprepared food should be high on somebody's shopping list in next year's legislature.

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One of the most popular Atlanta entertainers, **Chocolate Thunder**, has been discovered it seems. Unlike Lana Turner, Miss Thunder was not discovered sipping a soda at a drugstore fountain. Rather, she came to the attention of rhythm and blues singer **Millie Jackson** about six weeks ago when the latter came into Blake's on 10th Street looking for a "drag queen who could sing."

Jackson originally had a white entertainer in mind to play the role of Connie Vertible, a psychiatric nurse who narrates the musical comedy show, which Jackson has put together, called "Young Man, Older Woman." But after seeing Chocolate perform, and hearing her sassy repartee with the audience, Jackson asked for Chocolate's number. A luncheon interview was scheduled in which Jackson sought to determine if Chocolate was "crazy enough" to work with her. "Everyone who works with me is crazy," Jackson told Chocolate. "There's only one sane person, and we keep her locked in an office in New Jersey."

Chocolate, aka Kenny Montague, passed the insanity test with flying colors. In his Midtown apartment a few days later, Chocolate awaited word on Jackson's decision. Finally the phone rang—it was HER. "I told her, Millie, I've got a bottle of champagne in the refrigerator with a prayer cloth on it, waiting to hear from you." Jackson replied, "You go get that champagne and pop that cork cause you gonna be my ho'."

Jackson's career began in the early seventies when she burst on the scene with a catchy single called "Ask Me What You Want." Several other hits followed and over the years Jackson's style became more sexually explicit. Her albums were punctuated with long raps to her audience wherein she delivered a message of raw female power. This message is expounded upon in "Young Man, Older Woman," written by Doug and Helen Smith.

Chocolate and the rest of the cast have completed a week's run in New Orleans, Birmingham, and Louisville, and will perform at the Fox Theatre beginning June 2 and running through June 7.

There is good news for musicians and lovers of music in general as plans are afoot to form a **Wind Symphony** composed of, by, and for our community. Frank Steel, who is an

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



active member of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, is planning a first rehearsal and organizational meeting for interested musicians on Sunday, June 7, at 8PM at the North DeKalb Cultural Center. The term "wind symphony" is used to differentiate this type of ensemble from a marching type of band.

Of course, my knowledge of music could fit nicely into a tasseled pasty, but I can appreciate the talent and dedication of musicians such as Mr. Steele. My own childhood attempt at learning the piano was brought to a halt by my teacher, Mrs. Muff (even I wouldn't make that up), who sadly informed my mother that both my little sister and myself were not dedicated enough to the piano. Therefore, the only two things I remember about Mrs. Muff were her name and her constant admonition to strike the keys with a light stroke. "Tickle your ivories! Tickle

your ivories!" Interested musicians may call Frank Steele at (404) 872-3135 for further information.

In other music news, be sure to set your VCR to record a double dose of **Judy Garland** as GPTV presents "Judy Garland Sings" at 7:45PM on Saturday, June 7. This special will feature Garland singing a number of songs from her variety show from the mid-sixties. The second helping of the evening is "Judy and Liza in Concert" which is a concert filmed in London in November of 1964, when Liza was a mere 18 years old. This concert has never before been seen in the United States. This rare glimpse of Garland should spark many intimate parties around town as those of us who are proud to be "friends of Dorothy" gather to toast her memory.

On the art front, an installation by Radcliffe Bailey called "Places of Rebirth" opens June 5 at the **Tula Foundation Gallery** on Bennett Street. A reception with the artist will kick off the exhibit at 6:30PM.

Bailey makes use of bits of painting and sculpture to create his own art. The installation also includes a piece made in collaboration with local artist Paul Evans.

Tucked away on a quiet street in the Reynoldstown neighborhood is the **Hughley Gallery** at 142 Stovall Street. I visited this beautiful light-filled space recently to see an exhibit of hand-colored photographs and was impressed by the quality of the work presented there. Currently, the gallery is featuring sculptured bronzes by New York artist Helen Evans Ramsaran. The sculptures have an organic quality, some giving the impression of "fossilized detritus of some timeless religious ritual." The exhibit runs through June 13. Call (404) 523-3201 for more information.

I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of a tape of the recently held Miss USA Pageant, won by Tandy Andrews. Two weeks ago I mistakenly reported that Whitney Page had placed as first runner-up. The correct first runner-up was Bianca Page. My source, Miss Georgia USA, Tina DeVore had given me the correct information, but somehow I got my "Pages" mixed up. It was easy to do, as both Whitney and Bianca are my Nashville homegirls. I apologize to both Pages and my readers.

Pictured: Chocolate Thunder and Millie Jackson

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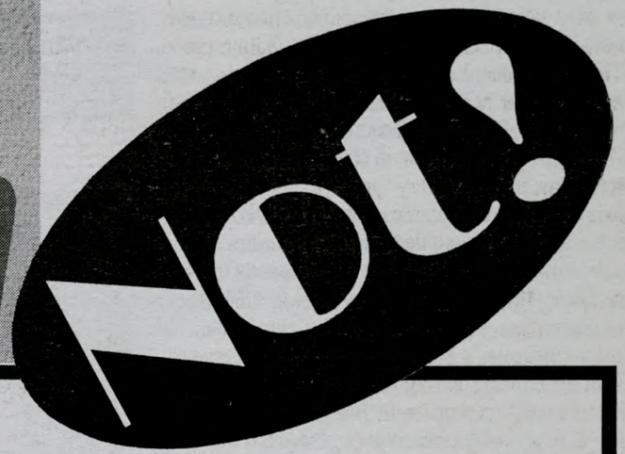
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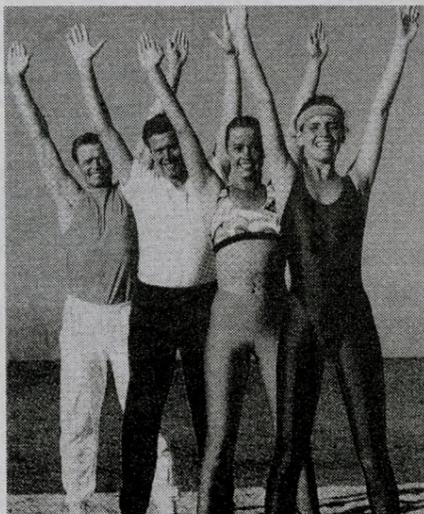
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OUT & ABOUT

Girlfriend(s): Capitol Records has released two new additions to its "Collectors Series;" one from The Journeymen (Dish remembers them) and one from The Honeys—Dish does not remember Marilyn, Diane, and Ginger, but then maybe it's like, because, we aren't from Surf City, y'know. We do however think that you may want to check out this re-release for two reasons: First there is a very funny cut entitled "Surfin' Down the Swanee River" that features Glen Campbell and Leon Russell. The other has to do with the tyranny of hairdos, then (in 1963) and now. A picture is indeed worth a thousand words.

Can't Stop the Bigot: Edward Margulies will doubtless be hearing from the folks at GLAAD for his "Bad Movies We Love" column in the June issue of "Movieline" magazine. The article is a re-review of one of Dish's all time camp favorites: "Can't Stop the Music" (which featured none other than those late '70s disco heroes, The Village People.) Mr. Margulies calls CSTM "deliriously bad." We agree. It is also funny as hell and contains some enticing images of manflesh. Like the dance craze that it claims to chronicle, this is a mindless and harmless movie. But Margulies seems to think otherwise; he is horrified by the movie's overtly gay aesthetic and uses the term "Twinky" in an especially cutting photo caption. If you haven't seen CSTM, check out a copy soon; the scene of all the men in Speedos diving into a YMCA pool is a bargain at twice the rental price.

Screw Equality? Well that's not exactly what she said in her interview in the May issue of Elle magazine. But country-kickass become swoon-n-croon songstress k.d.lang did tell interviewer Ann Magnuson this: "I used to think equality was the answer. Now I don't want to be equal. I don't want my worth being measured against a male standard. We're completely different animals. We all share the same emotions but we have different bodies, different approaches to life, we have different functions. I think being an example is a good way of being a feminist." And a separatist?

Please Stay Healthy Mr. President! Missing entirely from the massive media blitz over the wit (NOT!) and wisdom (NOT! NOT!) of J. Danforth Quayle on Murphy Brown's baby

Dish THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN TELLING THE TRUTH AND TALKING TRASH



has been comment on just what this country would be like if—Goddess forbid—George Herbert Walker Bush were to hurl on out of here and Danny boy were to become president of these United States. Dish is not amused by Mr. Bush, but we do offer daily sacrifices for his well being. And, by the way, we think that CBS is making a very large mistake if they don't name Murphy's baby either Danforth Brown ...or, better yet, Quayle Brown.

Crash Course: Kudos to USA Today for publishing an excellent commentary in its May 21 edition on the tyranny of "Compulsory Heterosexuality" that is the high school Senior Prom. The words of wisdom (including a note of the Sexual Minorities Youth Assistance League's 800 number) were penned by Deb Price, a lesbian who is news editor for The Detroit News' Washington bureau and a regular columnist for Gannett News Service. May Dish suggest that you pen a note to USA Today at 1000 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22229 and ask that they publish Price, specifically on gay/lesbian issues, regularly? ...Speaking of proms, did you see the news item on the two (hetero) women in Massachusetts who were denied permission to go to the prom together because they were not gay? Times do change!

Top Rated: To anyone who has ever eaten there, it will come as no surprise that Cracker Barrel restaurants came out at the top of the list when Consumer Reports magazine polled its readers on their favorite chain eating establishments. The Tennessee-based chain came out with the highest possible ratings in every department except noise. CR did acknowledge that CB has been a "protest target" because "advocacy groups claim that the chain refuses to employ homosexuals." CB's reply is slightly different from what we've heard in the past. CR says that CB "maintains that the company does not discriminate against gay workers" (tell that to Cheryl Summerville) and that such allegations are "unfair and unjustified." Dish thinks you may want to write to Consumer Reports, 101 Truman Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703-1057 and suggest that they do a little more investigation as to the facts in this case...and print them in an upcoming issue.

Saint Imelda Comes Out: Dish understands that the new (and very frightening) head of the NEA, Anne-Imelda Radice did not get her name from Imelda Marcos, but rather from a Catholic Saint of the same name. Not having been born Catholic, we are not sure just exactly what St. Imelda is the Saint of. But, we would like to suggest that in the homo-hagiography it might well be that she could be seen as the patron Saint(ess) of closets. And not the kind that you keep shoes in, either.

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We are now in the New Moon and 1st quarter phase which is good for starting new projects or new habits. The best way to get rid of a "bad" habit is to replace it with a "good" one. So, pick a behavior that doesn't work for you and put in one that does.

ARIES, what is going in your neighborhood? Do you know your neighbors? Are you staying in touch with aunts, uncles, cousins and childhood friends? This may be a good time for a visit with relatives. TAURUS, this is a good time to reflect on your financial situation and set some realistic goals that are in accord with your dreams and visions. The Universe will support you, so don't hesitate or doubt. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GEMINI! Even if you aren't sure what you want to be when you grow up, please remember that you contribute a great deal of joy and happiness to the lives of friends and family. Celebrate your life!

CANCER, this is an excellent time to focus on your dreams and intuition as well as your creative abilities. Please don't assume that you are not creative, just do it for fun and recreation. LEO, how

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is life in the fast lane? If it feels like things are moving too quickly, you may need some solitude in a beautiful and peaceful out-of-the-way place to regain your center. VIRGO, please remember, as the momentum of your life accelerates, that it is always important to take care of yourself...good food, plenty of water and rest, and recreation for your mind and soul.

LIBRA, your 7th house of close personal and intimate relationships may be very active right now, so be discriminating with your time and energy. You don't have to entertain everyone. Dear SCORPIO, your 12th house of dreams and visions may be more active now, so you may require more time for quiet reflection and creative activities. Possibly a healing time for you. SAGITTARIUS, with all the activity in your 7th house of close personal relation-

ships and partnerships, your house may feel like a bed and breakfast or a conference center. Relax and enjoy it, it won't last forever.

CAPRICORN, how is your stress level? Are you carrying around too much residual tension? If so, you may need more physical exercise, a weekly massage and relaxation exercises to keep your blood pressure down. AQUARIUS, this is not the time to Stress Out over little things in life. Do your best to keep everything in perspective. Seek out a mentor or older friend for advice or assistance with difficult decisions. PISCES, hopefully you have a wonderful vacation planned with your significant other, special person or close friend. If not, get on it and don't let the summer slip by without a fun trip somewhere. You can afford it. You are worth it!

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Dykes To Watch Out For



OUTLINES

JERRILYN LEVETAN

Age: 37

How Long in Atlanta: Native

Relationship: "Happily involved"

Last Book Read: "Prince of Tides," by Pat Conroy

Pet Peeve: People who say they're going to do something and then don't follow through.

Jerrilyn calls herself a "facilitator." In her own unique definition she says she puts people and things together or matches a product to a person's needs. This philosophy serves as Jerrilyn's gestalt. It pervades her work as an independent sales contractor and in what she calls her "real" work as a Board member of Southern Fried Productions.

You've got to talk to Jerrilyn for a while to realize what a dynamo she is. Soft spoken, with an authentic urban-meets-the-South accent, Jerrilyn doesn't push herself or her views. Her salt and pepper hair, warm brown eyes and ready smile are, however, convincing enough. On a recent bucolic Spring evening, Jerrilyn sat on her tree-lined deck, stoked the barbecue and reflected on her life and her work.

"I always tell people to call me after dark because I love the outdoors and I'll be playin' til dark." Jerrilyn's interest in the outdoors has manifested itself in some unusual ways. "I was a cowgirl one summer in Colorado," she remembers with a laugh. "My God, I had almost forgotten about that!"

Jerrilyn has received Degrees in Early Childhood Development and Education and Physical Education. "I don't use either one of them now," she comments, "but that's okay. I did however, teach kindergarten in DeKalb County when it was a pilot program."

Jerrilyn went on to different occupations as varied as owning her own apartment-locating firm to representing the sales aspect of art glass. Currently she is an independent sales contractor. "I work as an agent for different companies and while I sell their product I'm employed by me, not what I'm representing."

But the real love of Jerrilyn's life is her volunteer work for Southern Fried Productions. "A couple of years ago I went to a Southern Fried Production and I was absolutely blown away by the content and the acting, but there were so few people in the audience. So I decided to get involved and I asked if I could help with publicity." Jerrilyn began the all-important phone calls to different publications to gain publicity for the Playhouse and its productions.



"It's easy to be enthusiastic about Southern Fried," she continues, "because it's the only theatre in Atlanta that exclusively promotes works by Southern authors and playwrights." The theatre employs local actors as well as production personnel.

"In a time that is very difficult for small arts organizations, Southern Fried is growing," Jerrilyn states. She is now the only nonartistic member of the Board and her roll-up-your-sleeves attitude has extended into the area of funding.

Away from the stage, Jerrilyn rekindled an old friendship with playwright Pamela Parker, which evolved from friend to lover. When asked whether this close combination of art and love ever encroached on their relationship, the answer was an emphatic no. "Sure, the week before a production Pamela can be a bit edgy but that's normal anxiety, like anyone in a performance medium experiences before a show opens."

Jerrilyn's volunteer interests also extend to Fourth Tuesday where she is a member of the Business Expo committee. This year's Expo she says, "is going to be larger than ever. What is so exciting that we are not only going to have a broad base of exhibitors, we hope to also have a broad base of attendance."

Jerrilyn shares her easy-going household in Candler Park with Pamela, occasional house guests and Pamela's sixteen year old mini-dog, "Killer." She concludes that her involvement with the theatre is "what makes my life work. I've been able to put the right things together to make me happy with myself."

IAN GINSBURG

IN THE LIFE

Women in Kahoots (WinK)

Type of Organization: Social lesbian

Year founded: June, 1991

Recent accomplishments: Christmas party at Deana's raised about \$200 for Childkind

Future events: June 6 WinK birthday party

Contact info: 1003 Hicksmil Court, S.W., Marietta, GA 30060, (404) 438-1421

Women in Kahoots is a social group for lesbians in Cobb County. Founder Lynne Patterson says she started the group because "I dated women in Decatur, and I dated a woman in Little Five Points. The road only goes one way."

Out of her frustration with only meeting women who lived inside the perimeter and who refused to travel out of it, Patterson set up this apparently much-needed group. Though it was established for Cobb County lesbians, Patterson says, "We actually have women coming from all over: Decatur, Athens, Carrollton, Jonesboro, and even Winder, Georgia."

"We don't really have members," says

Patterson. "Essentially WinK is a mailing list and a party once a month."

"I emphasize the fact that it's not a support group because that allows us to say it's strictly lesbian," says Patterson, explaining that WinK does not include bisexual women.

In only one year, WinK has established some valuable traditions—name tags with gold stars. "Gold stars on your name tag mean you're single," says Patterson, "because the first party someone came up to me and said 'This would be great if I could tell who the single women are.'" About 35 to 40 women come to the parties each month.

Patterson is trying to turn the WinK newsletter into a community calendar for Atlanta area lesbian organizations. She understands intimately the need for social networking in the lesbian community. "It's just incredible the desire that lesbians have to get together in social situations," she says.

DEBBIE FRAKER

ORGANIZATIONS

AIDS Organizations

AID Atlanta—872-0600
AIDS Hotline for Women—888-9991
AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta);
1-800-551-2728 (State-wide). AIDS Legal
Project—688-5433
AIDSCHAIM—Edie, 642-3467
Atlanta Buyers Club—(404) 874-4845, or PO Box
77003, Atl, 30357.
Childkind—936-9655
First MCC AIDS Ministry—872-2246
Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network
—1-800-551-2728
The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project
—633-0634
National Assn of People With AIDS/Atlanta
—874-7926
The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
The Names Project Quilting Bee—872-2246
Outreach, Inc.—(404) 346-3922
People's United Pet Support—370-0178
Positive Outlook On Health—872-9954
Project Open Hand Atlanta—525-4620

Arts/Entertainment

Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus—872-4432
Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—872-7830
"Funny...That Way"—875-2275
Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc.—
881-0817
Southern Country Atlanta—938-0609

Bars

The Armory—836 Juniper. 881-9280
Backstreet—845 Peachtree St. 873-1986
Blake's—227 10th St. 892-5786
Buddies—239 Ponce de Leon. 872-2655
Bulldog & Co—893 Peachtree. 872-3025
Burkhardt's—Ansley Square. 872-4403
Collier Rd Library—857 Collier Rd. 355-5189
The Cove—586 Worcester. 875-2477
Crazy Ray's—1492 Piedmont. 873-4655
The Eagle—308 Ponce De Leon. 87EAGLE
551 Downstairs—551 Ponce De Leon. 873-4052
Frank's Place—778 N. Highland. 881-0259
Gallus Bar & Restaurant—49 6th St. 892-8983
The Heretic—2069 Cheshire Bridge. 325-3061
Incognito—857 Collier Rd. 355-5189
Loretta's—708 Spring St. 874-8125
The Metro—48 6th Street. 874-9869
New Order—1544 Piedmont. 874-8247
Opus—1086 Alco St. 634-6478
The Otherside—1924 Piedmont Rd. 875-5238
The Pear Garden—11 Luckie St. 659-4055
Petrus—1150 Peachtree St. 873-6700
Phoenix—567 Ponce De Leon. 892-7871
Scandals—Ansley Square. 875-5957
Tin Lizzie—Ford Factory Square. 874-3961
Tower Lounge—735 Ralph McGill. 688-5463
Traxx—306 Luckie St. 681-5033
Visions—2043 Cheshire Bridge. 248-9712
Weekends—688 Spring St. 875-5835

Direct Action/Political

ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—523-6201
ACT UP—874-6782 (O) and 605-7458 (info)
Atlanta Committee for the 1993 March on Washing-
ton—(404) 662-4199 or PO Box 5282, Atlanta,
GA 30307
Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation
—605-7477
Gay Republicans—Republicans for Individual
Freedoms, 2980 Cobb Parkway, Suite 192-172,
Atlanta, Ga 30339
GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—
872-8095, FAX 874-8628
Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field office,
373-6330
LEGAL—605-7476
National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—
874-7926
National Organization for Women—875-0176
Neighbors Network—874-5171
Queer Nation—605-7396
Straight But Not Narrow—242-2256 (voice mail)
STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

Professional

Atlanta Business Networking Assoc.—621-5032
Bar Owner's Assn—1874 Piedmont Rd., NW, Suite
211-B/102, Atlanta, GA 30324
Fourth Tuesday—662-4353
Georgia Assoc. of Physicians for Human Rights
(GAPHR)—231-2251
HomeGirls—662-0105
Nat'l Federator of Career Women—(404) 659-0315
OUTstaff (Emory)—727-2787 (Donna)
Success Oriented Networking Group—662-4202

Spiritual

All Saints Metropolitan Community Church
—622-1154
Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—521-2962
Congregation Bet Haverim—642-3467
First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta—
872-2246
Gay & Lesbian Mormons—570-2561 (dig. page)
Integrity—642-3183
Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—636-7109
Oakhurst Presbyterian Church—378-6284
Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—
373-5830
Unitarian Universalists—634-5134 or George at
688-2242

Sports/Outdoor

Atlanta Team Tennis Assn—621-2699
Atlanta Venture Sports—242-4899
Atlanta Women's Social Tennis—662-GAME
Friends Atlanta—662-4501
Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
Greater Atlanta Naturist Group—SASE to: GANG,
PO Box 7546, Atlanta, GA 30357
Hotlanta Soccer—577-0418
Hotlanta Softball League—PO Box 14582, Atl.,
GA 30324, 873-4061
Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062
S.E. Gay Rodeo Association—PO Box 8262,
Atlanta, GA 30306. 874-6556
Women's Rugby—659-6916 or 761-8939
TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Parkway, Suite
192-172, Atlanta, Ga 30339
Underwater Escapes—289-0696

Service/Support

African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance
—458-3003
Athens Gay and Lesbian Association—P.O. Box
2201 Athens 30612-0201 or call 404/549-9368
Athens Lesbian Information Line
—(404) 613-7661
Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
Atlanta Educational Gender Info Service
—PO Box 33724, Decatur, GA 30033.
(404) 939-0244 (evenings).
Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
Atlanta Lambda Community Center—PO Box
15180, Atlanta, Ga 30333. 662-9010
Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—PO Box 5502,
Atlanta, Ga. 30307, phone 378-9769.
Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
Codependents Anonymous—239-1657
Chrysalis Women's Center—881-6300
Coming Full Circle—624-1799 (Sai)
Delphi—P.O. Box 14591, Atlanta, GA 30324
Emotions Anonymous—872-0979
First Women—Write G.G. Richardson, PO Box
724711, Atl. 30339, phone 612-9473.
Gay Fathers Association—296-8369.
Gay Help Line—6pm-11pm 892-0661
Georgia Girth & Mirth—PO Box 9678, Atlanta,
GA 30319. (404) 621-5710
Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085
The Group—892-0661
Gwinnett Lambda—PO Box 464848,
Lawrenceville, GA 30246
Interact of Atlanta—455-6795
Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous—237-6262
Leather S/M Discussion Group—873-2453
Lesbian Support Group—627-7387
Lesbians and Gays with Children—373-3089
Lesbians Over 50—Sarah, 850-1005
Lesbians With Children—740-1729
Men of Little 5 Points—PO Box 5425, Atlanta, GA
30307
Name the Violence—370-1317
Out Youth—Chance at 688-1954
Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)
—892-5868
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
—296-0830 or 875-9440
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous—239-8048
Single Lesbians Group—466-3287
Women in Kahoots—(WINK)438-1421
Women of Wisdom—723-1112, or write P.O. Box
451065, Atlanta, GA 30345-1065.
Wordsmith Society—Ron at 892-2815
Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
Zami—315-7684

Students

Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692
Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw
Comm. College 426-8160
Georgia Tech Gay & Lesbian Alliance—497-0684
S.E. Alternative Lifestyles Association—248-9307

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100 AIDS Services & Education

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AID Atlanta: the Southeast's largest non-profit AIDS service agency. Services include education, case management, transportation, housing, buddy program, practical support, homeless services, pediatric services, support groups, AIDS Information Line. Call 872-0600 for information.

Want to meet new friends and have community? Enjoy new activities? Join the day program at Common Ground for people living with HIV/AIDS. Mon-Fri, 10:30-3:30. Call 874-6425 for information. Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network.

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AIDS HOTLINE FOR WOMEN - 888-9991 - new project of the Feminist Women's Health Ctr. Learn how HIV is transmitted, testing locations, how to clean your "works," how to use condoms, dental dams or anything about HIV and AIDS. Trained phone counselors 5:30-9:30pm Mon-Fri, 10:30am-2pm Saturdays. Caller anonymity assured. To volunteer call Tonia at 874-7551.

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ACT UP/Atlanta: 874-6782 (office & 24hr. voice mail)

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200 Announcement

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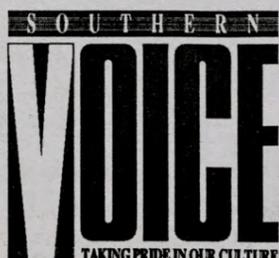


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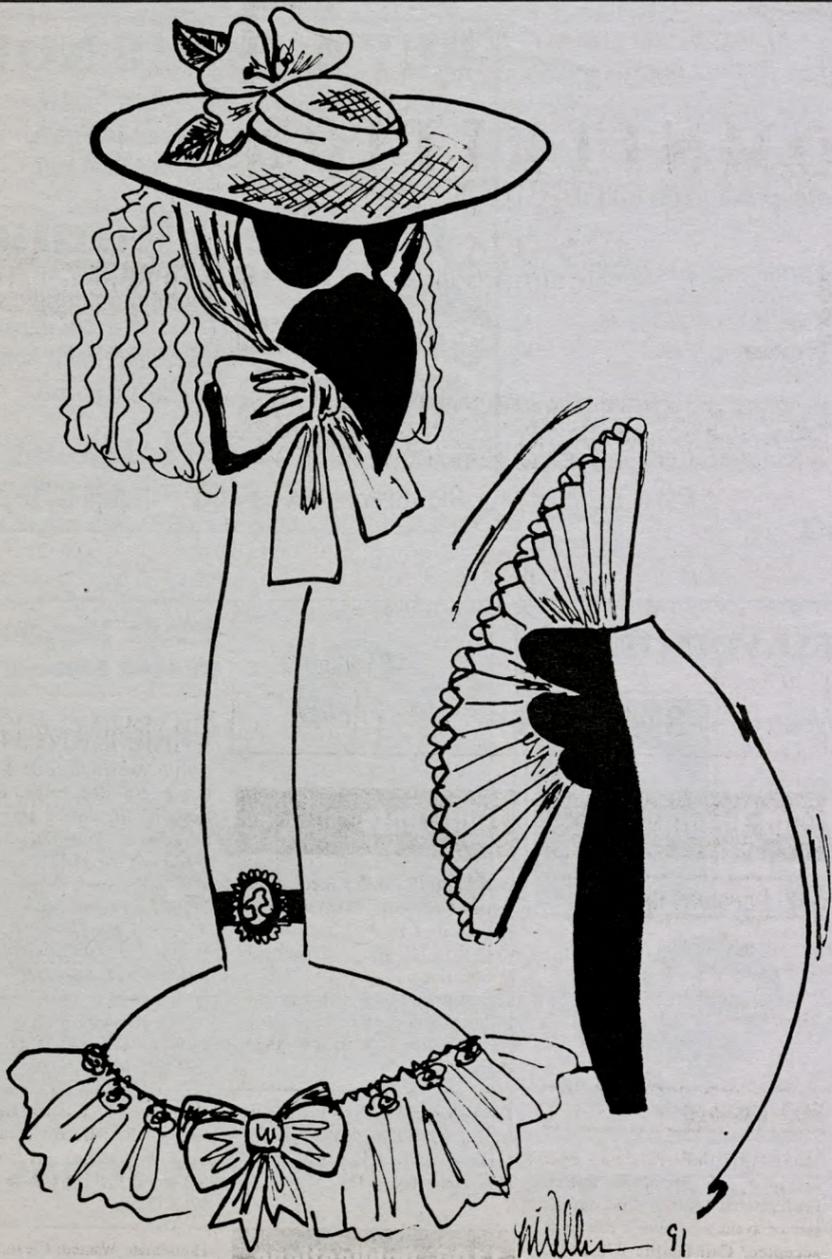
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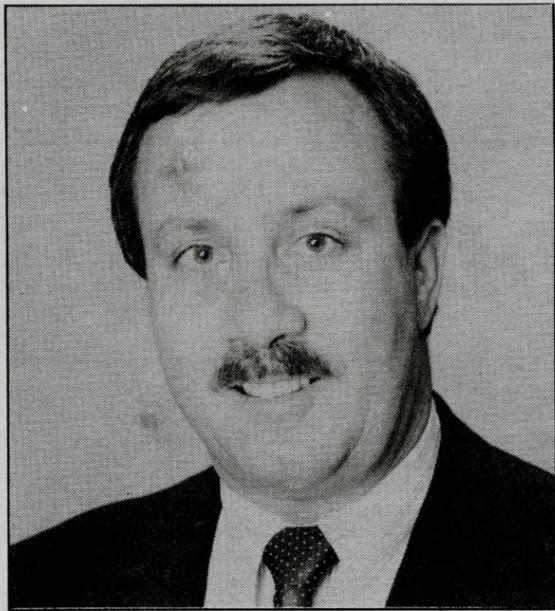


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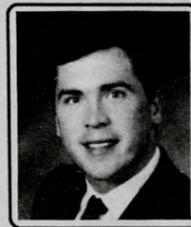
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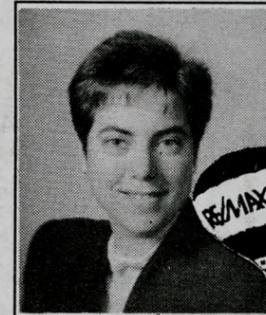
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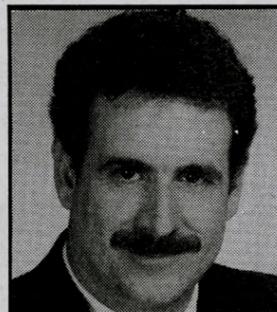
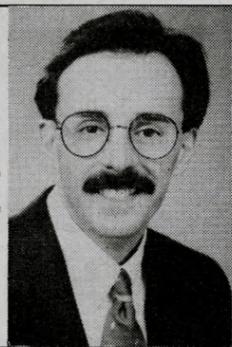
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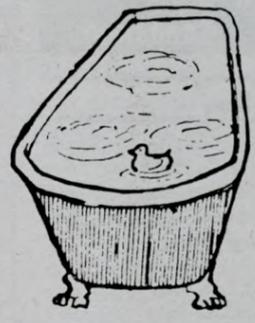
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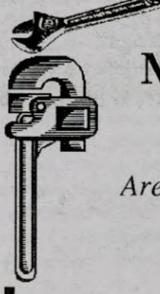
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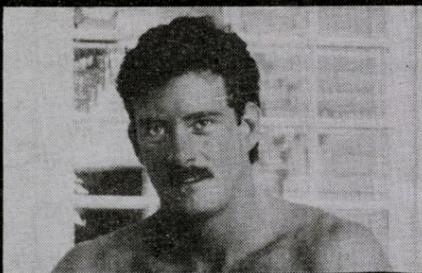
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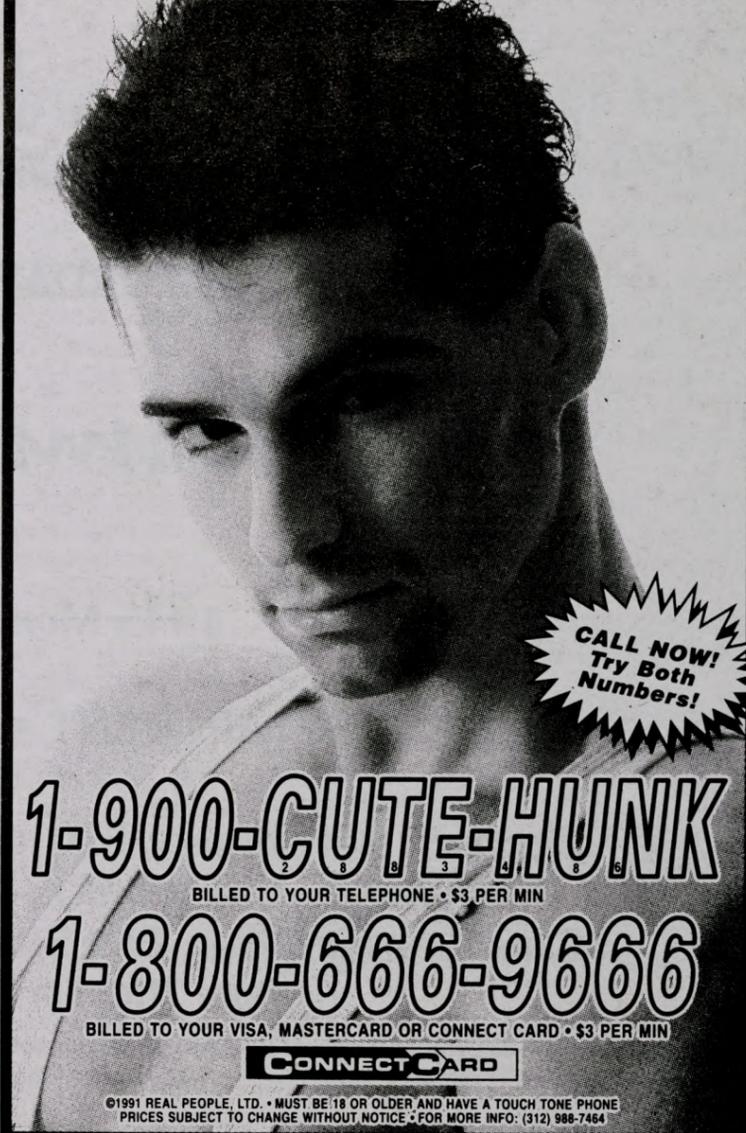
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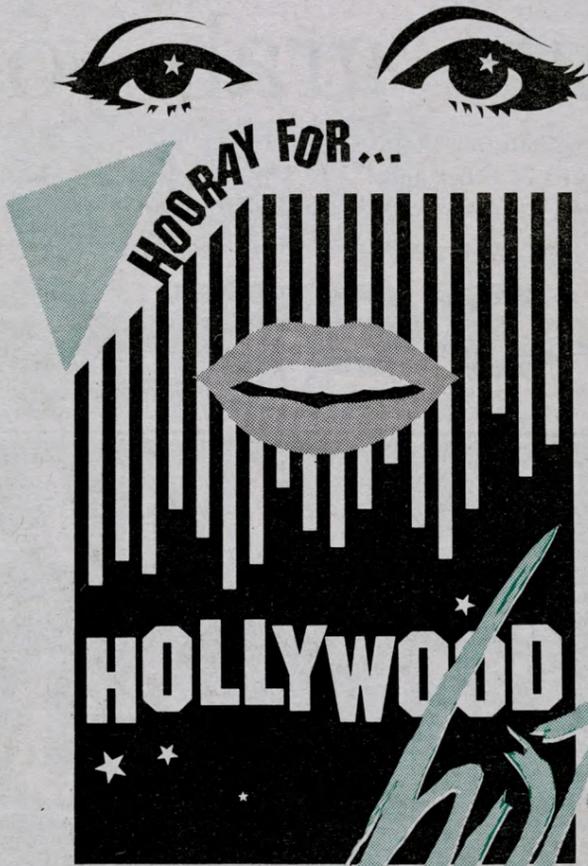
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