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## GEORGE R. KISH

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Tuesday night dinners at the Shrine won't be quite the same anymore. And those big white teddy bears won't find their way to the hospital rooms of people with AIDS.

The warm, sweet-smelling man who talked about AIDS as a "blessing" in his life, and meant it, is gone. Atlanta won't be quite the same. George Kish is dead.

Kish, who died on May 30 at the age of 58, was an 11-year survivor of AIDS — a "long-term" survivor. And what he left behind was the belief that there is reason for hope.

"The last thing George would want is for people to think, because of his death, that there is no reason for hope," said John Kappers an 8-year survivor of HIV disease. Currently, a long-term

survivor is defined as someone who is alive more than three years after an AIDS diagnosis. That group of people comprises about 15% of all people with AIDS.

Kappers, AIDS Service Coordinator with the Visiting Nurses Association, believes that long-term survivors such as Kish and himself are not alone. "I believe there are lots of people out there who are still alive, they're just not public about who they are," Kappers says. "When George was diagnosed there were no treatments available," he continued. "People now have a greater chance of staying alive. We really don't know what is possible."

Kish was diagnosed with GRID (Gay-Related

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## Gay man sues lover for giving him HIV

Atlanta—A gay man has filed suit in Fulton County Superior Court, charging that his ex-lover gave him HIV. The lawsuit, filed on June 1, states that James Rosenbalm and Timothy L. Winkler agreed to "confine their 'unsafe' sexual activity to their relationship and to practice 'safe' sex should they engage in sex with others."

The suit contends that Rosenbalm and Winkler "began living together in an intimate relationship" shortly after they met in 1981. The relationship continued between then and February 1992, except for a few brief periods when the pair separated. During one of these separations, Rosenbalm alleges that Winkler engaged in unsafe sex with another man. When the pair resumed their relationship, Rosenbalm, assuming that Winkler had lived up to their previous agreement to have safe sex outside their relationship, continued to have unsafe sex with him.

In February, Rosenbalm and Winkler stopped off in Naples, Florida before a scheduled trip to Europe. The pair had a disagreement, and Winkler left Rosenbalm with a \$3000 check at the motel desk. Rosenbalm contends that he used that money for living expenses, and "is now destitute" since his credit cards have been canceled and Winkler cleared the couple's joint accounts.

During the course of their eleven-year relationship, the two bought and held property together, were business partners, and shared living expenses through joint accounts. Rosenbalm's lawsuit asks that he be paid his share of the partnership's assets, including a home sold for over \$500,000 in January.

Rosenbalm's attorney, Russell G. Burnett, said that attempts to come to an agreement with Winkler

since February have failed.

"We regret having to take this action, but we weren't getting anywhere," he said, adding that "initially we just wanted enough money to get [Rosenbalm's] business started again."

During the partnership, Rosenbalm had become a glass artist, but had sold a \$5000 oven, necessary for his work, upon assurances from Winkler that he would not need the income.

"Jim really just wants to start his business again," said Burnett.

The lawsuit asks for an accounting of Winkler's assets, and unspecified damages for both Winkler's business actions and "the willful and wanton negligence" which resulted in Rosenbalm's contraction of HIV.

Winkler's attorney, Winston Morriss, said that his client had not been served as yet with the lawsuit, and had no comment on the suit itself, except to say the pair "have a lot of disputes."

Morriss did say that he knows of no precedent, especially in Georgia, of someone suing another over HIV contraction. He also said that he believes the courts are an inadequate place to deal with the disease.

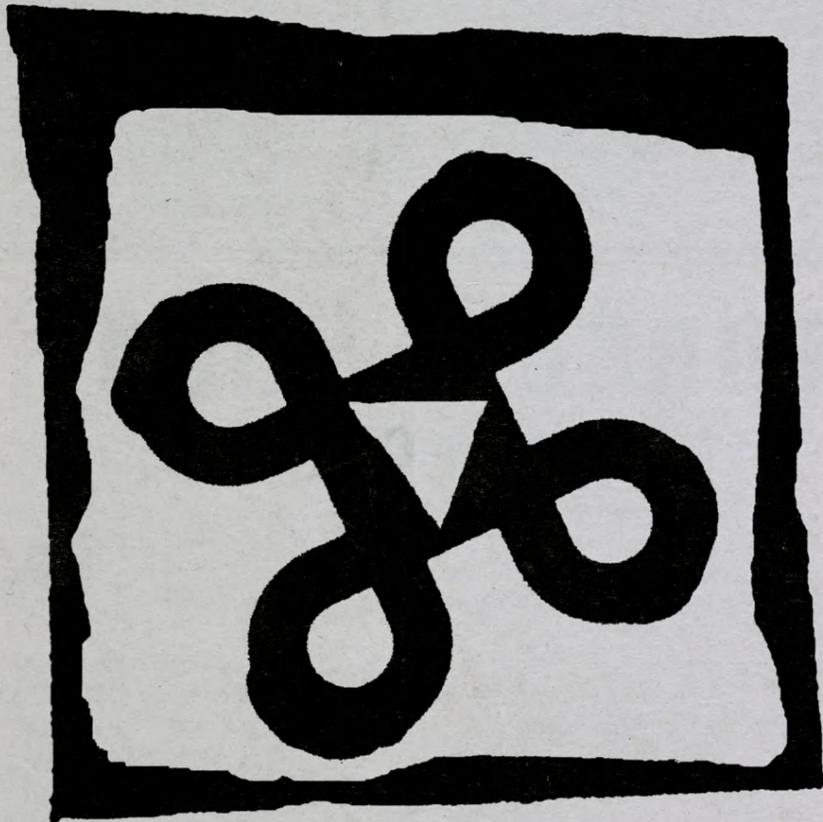
"Everyone has the responsibility to protect themselves," he said. "Anyone who is relying on the courts for protection is playing with fire."

"And," he added, "I really don't see how anyone can say that any one person did this."

Winkler has 30 days from the time he is served with the lawsuit to respond. If the case is not dismissed outright, attorneys estimate it will be 8 months to a year before it is heard by a judge.

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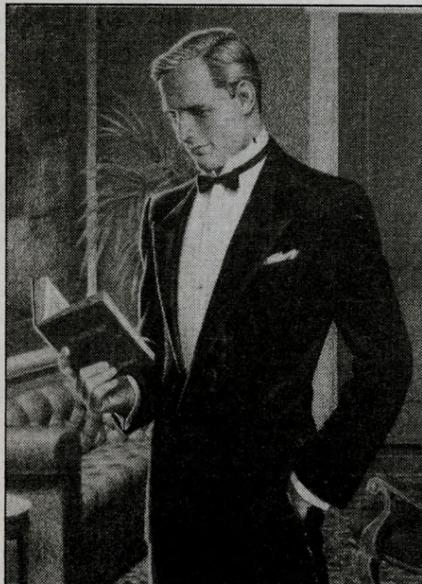
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## Jackson wants commission to protect gays, other groups

Atlanta—Mayor Maynard Jackson submitted legislation to City Council on June 1 re-establishing the city's Community Relations Commission (CRC) and including lesbians and gays in the categories of people protected under the city's bill of rights. Some community activists, however, fear the new commission will not have the enforcement power necessary to make it truly effective.

The mayor's legislation, sponsored by Council Members Thomas Cuffie, Bill Campbell, C.T. Martin and Davetta Johnson, gives the commission subpoena power to hear complaints of discrimination, including that based on sexual orientation, in the city.

"[The CRC] will be like a human rights commission," said Marcia Okula, the mayor's special assistant on lesbian and gay issues. "The legislation the Mayor is looking at is based on human rights legislation in other cities."

Okula said that she did "a lot of the research" for the proposal, and that she is pleased that Jackson is submitting the legislation. She said that Jackson's idea is to strengthen the already established CRC.

"The really good news of it," she said, "is that for the first time it will say that [gays and lesbians] are not to be discriminated against."

The CRC was first established during Mayor Ivan Allen's tenure in the early 80s, but was allowed to disband during Andrew Young's term as mayor. The Commission was originally set up to mediate community concerns. Jackson's revitalized Commission would have subpoena power and increased responsibilities to "intervene in issues related to tensions among ethnic groups, sexual harassment, hate crimes, discrimination based on sexual orientation, discrimination against poor people, among others."

"If they really do their job, they'll generate a lot of work," said Okula. "And it's supposed to be proactive. In addition to hearing complaints, they'll be thinking of things to do to ease tensions among all these groups."

Members of the commission will be appointed by the Mayor and the City Council, and are to come from a "broad cross-section of Atlanta citizens and communities" including gays and lesbians and high school and college students. The proposed legislation calls for a 75 member commission.

## DeKalb police recruits get gay sensitivity training

Lithonia, GA—For the first time, new recruits at the DeKalb County Police Department received training on the hate crimes statistics act and sensitivity on gay and lesbian issues from an openly gay person. Larry Pellegrini, president of the ACLU of Georgia's Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter, spoke with a class of 22 cadets on May 27, doing a session on the paperwork involved in the hate crimes act and then a question and answer session on working with the lesbian and gay community.

"It was essentially a sensitivity class," said Pellegrini. "I talked with them about a number of issues of concern to our community—about what to expect with gays and lesbians, why it's important to report verbal harassment. They gave the information a very good reception. I think when we were all through they felt a lot better about our issues."

Sgt. Ellen Black, who conducts DeKalb County's training, agreed.

"We were very pleased. What we wanted recruits to understand is that regardless of per-



Larry Pellegrini, president of the Georgia ACLU's Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter, said that while he is pleased that Jackson's legislation recognizes that discrimination based on sexual orientation is wrong, he is concerned that the commission will not be able to enforce any anti-discrimination decision.

"Jackson made the promise to restart this commission during his campaign," said Pellegrini. "It remains to be seen whether or not, or how long, it will take to make Atlanta a safe place for our community."

Angelo Fuster, the senior executive assistant to the mayor, said the Commission itself will determine how it is organized, and how it will operate. He said that the delineation of powers for a community relations commission is a complex one.

"The mayor has decided to do what we can legally do right now, which is set up the commission," he said, "and charge that commission with reviewing itself as to what powers it can have."

He added that the commission will have the power to impose penalties on parties who do not comply with subpoenas, and that the question of penalties based on the findings of the CRC will be determined by the panel.

Fuster said that whether or not the commission will be too big to be effective will be determined by "how the commission is organized to operate and how strong its leadership is." He added that the staff provided by the Mayor's Action Center will help.

The legislation has been referred to City Council's Human Resources, Executive, and Finance Committees. Those committees will work with the mayor's office to fine tune the legislation before it comes before Council for a vote, probably later this summer.

KC WILDMOON

Pictured: Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson

sonal prejudices, we have a job to do," she said, "and we're going to be professional."

"I think we changed some minds," she added.

The training, which will be conducted for all new recruits, came about through the efforts of activists Dick Rhodes and Don George, and DeKalb Commissioner Annie Collins, who said she was pleased with the first effort.

"For a long time we've had the NAACP and the Anti-Defamation League [speaking with recruits]," she said, "so it seemed appropriate to have gays and lesbians added to this."

"The next step is training for existing officers," she added.

Collins said that DeKalb Public Safety Director Thomas Brown has made a commitment to make his department responsive to the lesbian and gay community, and that the training is part of that effort.

Black, Collins, and Pellegrini all agreed that the session last month was an important step toward improving relations between police and gays and lesbians in DeKalb County. Pellegrini said that they will work with the trainers to develop more sensitivity training.

"There's a lot more that we can do," said Pellegrini, "and we'll be back to do it."

KC WILDMOON

## Perot says no to gays in Cabinet, military

Washington, D.C.—Staff who opened campaign offices for presidential candidate Ross Perot here June 1 locked out gay and lesbian activists protesting the Texas billionaire. The action protested Perot's comments three days earlier that he would not hire adulterers and homosexuals for Cabinet level positions, nor overturn long-standing Pentagon policy against gays serving in the military.

Perot told ABC-TV that he doesn't want Cabinet members who "will be a point of controversy with the American people" and "distract from the work to be done."

Pairs of gay men and lesbians staged a quick doorstep kiss-in at Perot's kick-off in a downtown building that, ironically, housed headquarters of the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

At the sidewalk action's conclusion, Perot staffers tore up signs saying "Homos Say No to Perot" that protesters had placed on a window along with Perot posters and t-shirts.

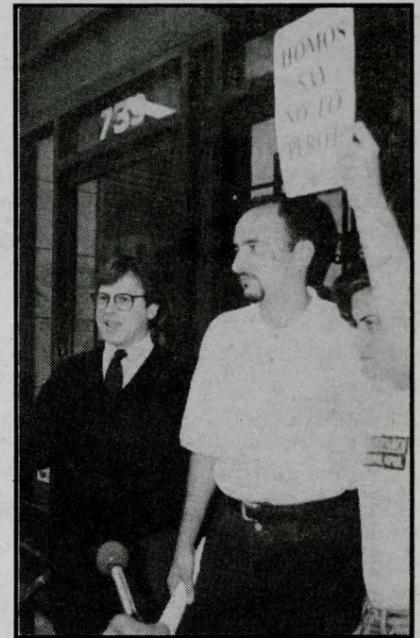
"It's like (former Alabama governor and reputed racist) George Wallace at his '60s presidential campaign headquarters door not allowing African Americans in," said Robert Bray, media director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"His statements are alarmingly similar to those in the far right such as Pat Buchanan and David Duke," Bray said. He pledged that NGLTF will confront Perot, "hounding him at every campaign stop in this country."

Perot's reps who refused to admit the activists to the 15th Street storefront later agreed

to open up talks. "We're working to schedule a meeting," said Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Perot's homophobic statements, said King, have disqualified him from serious consider-



ation as a Presidential candidate. The same day, HRCF endorsed Clinton's candidacy.

"We cannot stand on the sidelines," King said. "We must be a part of this election. Too many people will die if we don't elect a president who will focus on AIDS and gay and lesbian civil rights."

JOHN ZEH

Pictured: Robert Bray of NGLTF

Photo by John Zeh

## Brown speaks to gay journalists

"I didn't get my flaky reputation for nothing," presidential candidate Jerry Brown told a gathering of lesbian and gay journalists in San Francisco on May 23. Citing his achievements as governor of California, Brown said he was happy to sign the consenting adults law in 1975, and that his appointments of the first openly gay and lesbian judges helped him earn his reputation for flakiness.

Brown's address was the most newsworthy, if not the most interesting event of a weekend Writer's and Editor's Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA).

Stressing "economic justice" as the most significant issue facing the American people, Brown included gays with welfare recipients, blacks, liberals, and other "hobgoblins" politicians use as scapegoats to get elected.

As for H. Ross Perot, Brown said, "If I had a billion dollars, I'd be a leadin' in the polls, too...[but] for some guy to be able to buy the presidency...doesn't sound like 'power to the people' to me."

About 70 registered for the weekend, which

included the giving of annual awards. As some names were heard repeatedly during the awards ceremony, it became obvious that only a handful of media had submitted entries in the competition. For instance, Philadelphia's Bert Wylen took all five awards for gay and lesbian radio with his *Gaydreams* program, heard locally on KALW, and various specials.

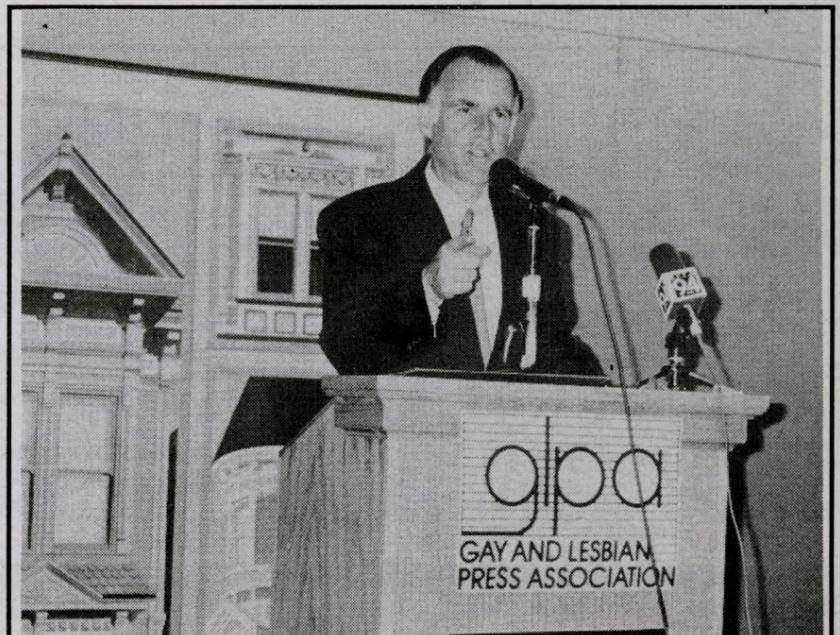
On a lighter, more musical note, the journalists were treated to the first solo performance in ten years by Ron Romanovsky of Romanovsky and Phillips, introducing his solo album, *Hopefully Romantic*.

The comprehensive weekend also included an update on plans for the April 25, 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation.

GLPA also presented a number of workshops and seminars. The growing reliance of lesbian and gay publications on non-gay wire services and continuing questions on outing were the hottest topics of the weekend.

STEVE WARREN

Pictured: Jerry Brown. Photo by Steve Warren excerpted by permission from The San Francisco Sentinel



## Kish (con't.)

Immunity Deficiency) in 1982. It was several years before the name of the syndrome was changed to AIDS, and another year or so before HIV was identified. The HIV antibody test and treatments followed.

Kish became active in Atlanta's AIDS community soon after his diagnosis. "We crossed paths in 1986 when I was doing outreach to people with AIDS," said Father Alan Dillman of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. "We would find ourselves in the same hospital rooms, at the same funerals. George was a very giving and caring man. He was a wounded healer, but a healer nonetheless."

Kish always seemed to be everywhere. He could be found most Tuesday nights at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception's dinner for people with HIV disease. Kish constantly wrote letters to the daily papers and to the archdiocese of Atlanta trying to educate those institutions about the reality of AIDS. He was interviewed on television, on

the radio. He constantly spoke out and asked for understanding, not just for AIDS patients but for the gay and lesbian community as well.

"George was a mini AIDS agency," says Kappers. "He didn't get into the politics of it, he didn't need an organizational structure. George could have been on the board of 20 organizations, but he wasn't into status or recognition. He just did what needed to be done."

Roy Griffin, a social worker who facilitates empowerment workshops for people affected by HIV, was diagnosed in 1985. Griffin met Kish that same year in an AID Atlanta support group.

"I had recently attempted suicide when I met George. My family had rejected me and I felt my life was over. George gave me the courage to fight back — and I'm still fighting. I credit him and other members of my group for me being alive today."

Griffin points out that he is the only remaining living member of his original support

group. But still he remains optimistic. "What George would say is love yourself and fight like hell. I'm realistic about my chances, and death is not a defeat. George did not lose the battle. He won because he lived his life fully every single day."

Kappers is also the only living member of his original support group. "Things like George's death knock you for a loop, but you recover. And that was George's lesson — keep going. His life demonstrates the power of love and reaching out, those are more powerful than HIV."

For 25 years Kish was a systems analyst for IBM Corporation where he developed a software package still used today called "Kish Magic."

He is survived by his sons, Brian and Stephen, both of Atlanta, and George, Jr. of Sacramento, Calif. Funeral services were held June 1 at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. Alan M. Dillman officiated.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Project Open Hand or AID Atlanta.

CHRISTINA CASH

Photo: The cover photo of Kish is from a book entitled "Epitaphs for the Living: Words and Images in the Times of AIDS" by Atlantan Billy Howard. Kish and other Atlantans with AIDS were featured both in photos and in their own words. Kish's last words in his piece were: "Thanks dear Lord, for making my life with AIDS worth living! But please, an end to this holocaust."

For information about HIV support groups and other resources in the Atlanta area and across Georgia, call the Emory AIDS Training Network at (404) 727-2929 for a copy of their directory "Key Contacts: Resources for HIV/AIDS."

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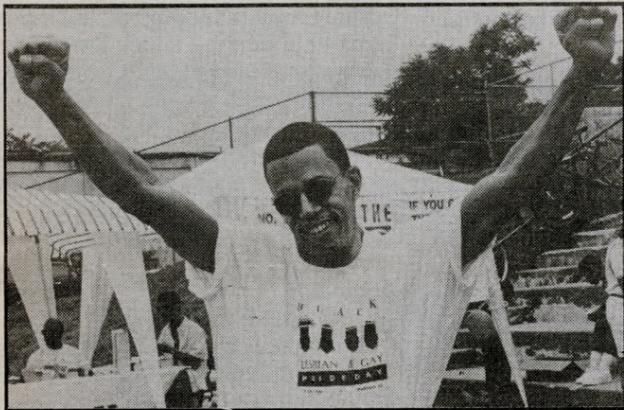
**Canadian Province OKs Gay Rights:** The New Brunswick legislature approved an amendment to its human rights code that provides protection for the province's gays and lesbians. The amendment, which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, age and pregnancy in the areas of housing, employment and access to public services, passed by a vote of 34-8. New Brunswick joins Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Ontario and the Yukon territory with similar legislation. According to the Washington Blade, Saskatchewan and British Columbia are expected to join those provinces soon.

**Senate Votes Restrictions On PBS Broadcasts:** The U.S. Senate authorized the Public Broadcasting System funding bill last week, but overwhelmingly voted restrictions on programs that PBS could broadcast. Conservative senators had tried to cut funding to the agency, but when that failed they successfully added the restrictions. Under the amendment, programs considered "indecent" will be relegated to after midnight broadcasts, and all programming will be reviewed to determine whether or not it is "one-sided." Controversy erupted last summer over the broadcast of Marlon Riggs' film on black gay men, "Tongues Untied." Right wing conservatives considered the film "indecent," prompting this latest round of attacks on public broadcasting.

**Special Election In DeKalb County:** DeKalb County is holding a special election on June 16 to fill a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners. Sherry Sutton resigned her District 2 post last month to run for CEO of DeKalb County. Candidates to fill the remaining time on her term are Gale Walldorff, John Allen, Judy Yates, David P. Stillerman and Bob Stem. District 2 comprises much of DeKalb County in the City of Atlanta, including Candler Park and Lake Claire, and also includes much of the City of Decatur, the Emory area, Medlock, Clairemont, and Fernbank.

**Iowa YWCA Includes Lesbian/Gay Couples:** The YWCA of Greater Des Moines, Iowa, has redefined "family" to include lesbian and gay couples and unmarried heterosexual households. "Household is the key word," said membership coordinator Susan Skinner. "A family used to be mom, dad, two kids. It's not that easy anymore." The newly redefined families will now be able to purchase family memberships to the Y.

**DC's Black Lesbian And Gay Pride Celebration "Fabulous:"** A mid-afternoon rainfall on



Sunday did not deter over 3000 celebrants for the 2nd annual Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration held in Washington, DC from May 21 to May 24. The four day festival raised over \$10,000, which will be donated to local AIDS organizations serving the black community. Organizer Carlene Cheatam, who said she and other

organizers were very pleased with the event, called the weekend "fabulous."

**HRCF Endorses Clinton:** The Human Rights Campaign Fund announced last week that it would endorse Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton's campaign for the U.S. Presidency. "On issues ranging from discrimination in the military to AIDS education, Bill Clinton is on the side of lesbian and gay Americans," said Tim McFeeley, HRCF executive director. "George Bush and Ross Perot offer us a future of more delay, more discrimination, and more death and denial. The endorsement of a presidential candidate was the first in the organization's 11 year history.

**Seattle ACT UPer Gets 2% Of Republican Vote:** Steve Michael, a Seattle, Washington member of the ACT UP Presidential Project, topped David Duke in Washington's recent Republican Presidential Primary. Michael received 2% of the vote, compared to 1% for Duke. He received 4% of the vote in King County, which includes Seattle.

**Activist Found Guilty In Cracker Barrel Protest, Will Appeal:** A DC Gay activist was found guilty of trespassing and fined \$100 for his part in a March 29 Cracker Barrel protest near Fredericksburg, Virginia, but Tim McCarthy says he will appeal. McCarthy, who says he was taping the protest for the Gay Cable Network in New York, was asked to remove his video camera from the restaurant. He refused, but did put away his camera. Later, he was arrested and charged with trespassing. Cracker Barrel management says that they asked McCarthy to leave, but McCarthy denies he was ever told to leave the restaurant.

**Victory Fund Candidates Win In Oregon:** Oregon State Representative Gail Shibley, the first and only openly lesbian member of the legislature, won the Democratic Party nomination with an overwhelming 87% majority vote over two primary opponents. Shibley and another gay winner in Oregon, Jerry Keene, were recommended by the Victory Fund, a donor network of members who join the Fund and then make donations to recommended candidates. Keene ran unopposed for the Republican nomination for the Oregon house in another district.

**Lesbian Spear Chuckers?** Rep. Robert Dornan (R-CA) told a KNBC-TV reporter as he was winning his primary election that "Every lesbian spear chucker in this country is hoping I get defeated." When contacted by the Orange County Register, he said he had meant to say "javelin thrower," and was unaware that "spear chucker" had racial connotations. Dornan did not explain what he meant by his statement, either with "spear chucker" or "javelin thrower" inserted, but lesbian track and field participants were said to be unamused.

**Harassment Of Gay Student Not A Prank:** A lawyer for a man who left threatening phone messages for a gay Hofstra University student told a District Court judge that his client's actions were "just a prank," but the judge responded that it was a "prank that won't be tolerated." Judge James Madden set bail at \$2000 for Marc Szafianski, another Hofstra student, on charges of aggravated harassment and violation of the gay student's civil rights. Szafianski allegedly left a message saying "In my world, there are not faggots. When we're done, we're going to need a mop to mop you up."

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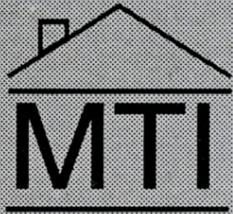
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**MICHAEL STRICKLAND**

**Age:** 30  
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**Relationship Status:** Single  
**Favorite Performer:** Barbra Streisand



Michael Strickland is from Augusta, Georgia, and spent most of his childhood there. As a result of growing up in and around Augusta, Strickland became intimately aware of the needs of small town and rural Southern gays and lesbians.

"In Augusta, at that time, you either went to rest stops, bus stations, or adult bookstores, and that's sad," says Strickland, "and God knows those things scared me."

Most of his memories of growing up in rural Georgia, as in many Southern families, include a heavy dose of religion — from both his Baptist mother and his Catholic father.

"Growing up in both a Baptist and Catholic background," says Strickland, "I got it with both barrels. I got Jim and Tammy on Sunday and nuns slapping me on the knuckles the rest of the week."

High school in Augusta for Strickland was "hell." "I was going through the ugly duckling syndrome. I was an outcast," he explains. Strickland feels that much of his feeling of difference came from being gay in an intolerant environment. "There are a lot of young kids that still go through those things," he says, "that's hard for any child to go through."

When it was time to choose a college to attend, "my mother wanted me to go to a Southern Baptist college," says Strickland. So he went to Brewton-Parker College in Mount Vernon, Georgia near Vidalia.

"I learned to pick tobacco and dig up those onions for two years," he says. And he also came out there.

But coming out was one of Strickland's few good experiences at Brewton-Parker. He remembers himself as "the flunkie student of the year two years in a row."

"A lot of that had to do with still trying to discover what was going on in my own life. So I dropped out of school and returned to Augusta," he says.

But Augusta held little more for him. He moved to Atlanta for a brief period in the mid-'80s. "I felt that to be gay in the South, that was the only place I could live," he says; "I basically spent my time waiting tables and bartending, and at night, roaming through bars looking for Mr. Right."

He did not find "Mr. Right," but he did find new friends who helped him closer to a healthy understanding of being gay.

Strickland returned to Augusta for two years to go back to school. "It was wonderful; I loved it; I was lucky," he says. Fortunately enough to be taken under the wing of a lesbian professor at his new college, Strickland was able to pursue his education in a slightly

more supportive environment. Gaining confidence in himself, Strickland sent a letter to the editor of Augusta's newspaper "that basically outed me to the whole town." I wrote a letter in reply to an editorial, and a series of letters others had written in which bashed gays and lesbians."

Until that time, his mother was the only family member who knew he was gay. "I was glad, and I was relieved in a way. But I was really worried how, not only my family, but how the community was going to handle it," he explains.

But he received no negative responses. "The thing that impressed me more than anything was the positive responses I got from heterosexuals, not only in school but in the community. It amazed me," he says.

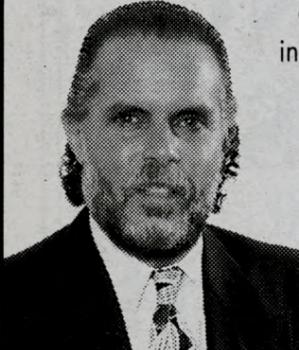
His letter to the editor was published in the spring, and Augusta's first Gay Pride celebration was held that June. The same year Strickland became involved in Queer Nation/Atlanta and began traveling around the Southeast to Cracker Barrel demonstrations, where he discovered many other lesbians and gay men struggling in small towns and rural communities with little or no support and few positive role models.

Though Strickland had found a supportive community in Augusta, he found himself again moving to Atlanta, this time brought by the economy. Shortly after moving to Atlanta, he founded Out South, a regional support organization for Southern lesbians and gay men. With the foundation, he is producing the Out South Feste, a festival of bisexual, gay and lesbian art being held September 24-27 in Asheville, North Carolina, and he has exciting plans for the organization's future.

But first he will celebrate his birthday in a big way. "Atlanta's Pride is on my birthday this year," he explains. So if you see Michael Strickland in the park on June 27, the Saturday before the parade, say Happy Birthday!

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## Non-AIDS KS raises questions

The questions surrounding the nature of Kaposi's Sarcoma continue to grow. This week, in a cable television broadcast sponsored by the Physicians Association for AIDS Care, Centers for Disease control expert Dr. Thomas Peterman describes finding some two dozen gay men across the country who have had Kaposi's Sarcoma while remaining HIV-negative.

Kaposi's Sarcoma, or KS, previously was known as the most frequent AIDS-associated condition. The extensive purplish skin and internal lesions it causes have been seen almost exclusively in gay men.

Peterman insists his gay men are definitely free of HIV, having tested consistently negative on all the usual HIV tests. The appearance of KS in the group was similar to traditional, pre-AIDS KS—one or two skin spots that frequently go away and don't come back.

The existence of Peterman's group suggests that an as yet unidentified KS microbe

struck the gay community a little before HIV did. Without the immune-destroying AIDS epidemic, KS would have been rare.

The CDC study provided "no good answers," in Peterman's words, as to why gay men should be singled out for KS. One recent published study claimed to find an association between KS and rimming, but Peterman says that he could find no such association.

The CDC researcher believes that the HIV-negative men with KS seen by him have some kind of "subclinical," or undetectable, immune dysfunction. The KS cases he has found may just represent biological accidents.

In an interview with this writer, Peterman stated, "We have not found that many people with HIV-negative KS despite a lot of publicity. This could be because there aren't many people out there with the microbe, if there is one, or because so far only a small number of people have developed the condition. There's frustration at now knowing how to resolve the issue. Either time will tell, or if we discover the microbe, we can develop a test for it and really zoom ahead."

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## Project Open Hand gets \$25,000 from DeKalb County

The Human Service Coordinating Board of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners has awarded a \$25,000 grant to Project Open Hand/Atlanta. The grant will provide over 15,000 meals to persons with AIDS. "By contributing to Project Open Hand, DeKalb County is providing freshly cooked meals to the homes of people with AIDS and HIV related illness," said Commissioner Jean Williams. "No other organization fills this great need and is as deserving of our support."

## NYC Board of Education orders abstinence

The New York City Board of Education last week approved a resolution requiring all AIDS education in public schools to spend more time stressing abstinence over other methods of AIDS prevention. The resolution spurred a flurry of criticism from Mayor David Dinkins, Schools Chancellor Joseph A. Fernandez and Bronx borough president Fernando Ferrer. Ninfa Segarra, a Ferrer appointee, cast the deciding vote as the resolution passed 4-3.

Board member Michael J. Petrides, who voted in favor of the resolution, told The New York Times that the resolution "just says we're

going to abide by" state regulations. The New York Civil Liberties Union announced at a press conference that it would be filing a lawsuit to overturn those rules, and Manhattan borough president Ruth W. Messinger said that her office would be a party in the suit.

## 20,000 march in New York AIDS Walk

Over 20,000 marchers took to the rainy streets of New York on May 31 for the Gay Men's Health Crisis 7th annual AIDS walk-a-thon. Actor Tony Randall joined the walkers for the 10K event, which is expected to raise nearly \$4.5 million by the time all monies have been counted.

## Treatment of CA HIV+ prisoners protested

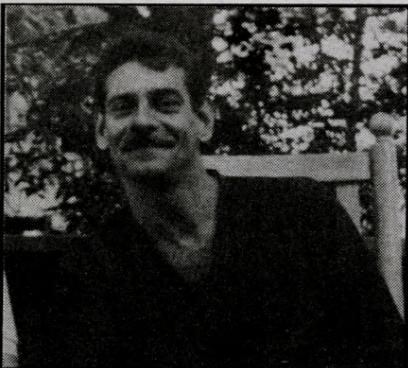
More than 100 AIDS activists protested in front of the California Department of Corrections last week, demonstrating against poor treatment of HIV+ inmates. According to statistics in California, an HIV+ inmate dies every six days from AIDS-related complications, having lived half as long as people with AIDS outside prison walls. The activists demanded access to clinical trials, no forced segregation of HIV+ prisoners, voluntary anonymous treatment, and AIDS education.

## OBITUARY

### Dean Philips Chateaufort

Dean, born September 10, 1946, passed from this plane on May 28, 1992. An accomplished actor and singer, he was a former member of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, and a peer counselor for NAPWA. Missing him are his lover, Steven Albano, and his wonderful friends and family.

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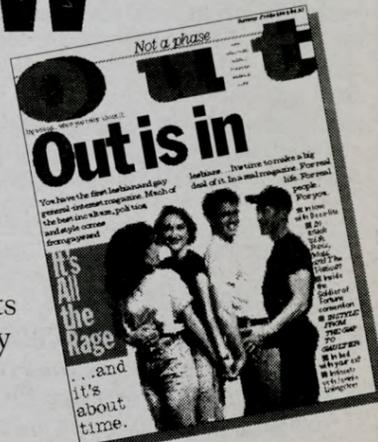
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**An open letter to the Governor**

Gov. Zell Miller  
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Dear Gov. Miller:

For some time, I have wanted to write you and commend you on the progressive leadership you've provided the State of Georgia since taking office. For too long, the South has been caricatured as bumpkinish, backward, regressive and unwilling to change. You clearly see the need to make Georgia a progressive voice in the South, and I agree with you.

I finally decided to write because of your courageous choice to ask the Legislature to change the Georgia state flag. As you did when you worked for a state lottery, you have confronted the forces in Georgia that oppose change simply for its own sake. I am originally from Alabama, so I'm not used to seeing someone at the top of state government work actively to change things. I applaud your leadership and would be very pleased if you changed your mind and chose to run for reelection.

Today, I ask you to support another progressive issue, one that is opposed by the same people who oppose changing the flag and starting the lottery. I urge you to call for the repeal of Georgia's sodomy law.

The problems with this law are obvious. It makes potential criminals of every adult in Georgia in an area that is of no concern to anyone except the adults in question. It unfairly stigmatizes lesbian and gay Georgia taxpayers. It is clearly unenforceable, and just having it on the books encourages a general lack of respect for the law. And it perpetuates the ridiculous idea that the government can regulate what goes on in the bedrooms of consenting adults.

To cite only the two most outrageous examples, in the last ten years a gay man has been arrested by an overzealous policeman for breaking this law in his own bedroom, and a straight man has spent 17 months in jail for admitting to consensual sodomy with his own wife. These incidents would be laughable if they didn't represent tragedies in the lives of real people. Attempting to enforce this law is an unconscionable invasion of personal privacy for a civilized society, and a foolish waste of law enforcement resources to boot.

This law is especially disruptive of the lives of gay and lesbian Georgians. It seeks to prevent us from expressing our love for another person. It may be used against us in any legal proceeding, from child custody cases to contract enforcement to employ-

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ment and housing discrimination. Just this year our Attorney General used this law as an excuse to rescind a job offer to an otherwise exceptionally well-qualified individual. A woman trying to make a living is denied employment because someone presumes she has committed sodomy. Is this justice?

And I would remind you that gay people don't pay lower taxes as compensation for being second-class Georgia citizens. This type of discrimination is unacceptable in a state that aspires to being progressive and forward-looking.

Georgia has the opportunity here to lead our region by example, as we did in racial matters in the 1960's. A majority of states have repealed their laws against consensual sodomy in the last 25 years, but not one of them has been from the South. (Kentucky, Texas and Florida are currently reviewing this issue.) At a time when Alabama attacks gay and lesbian groups in its public colleges, we can send the message, across the

region and nationwide, that Georgia intends to stay out of the private lives—and the bedrooms—of its citizens.

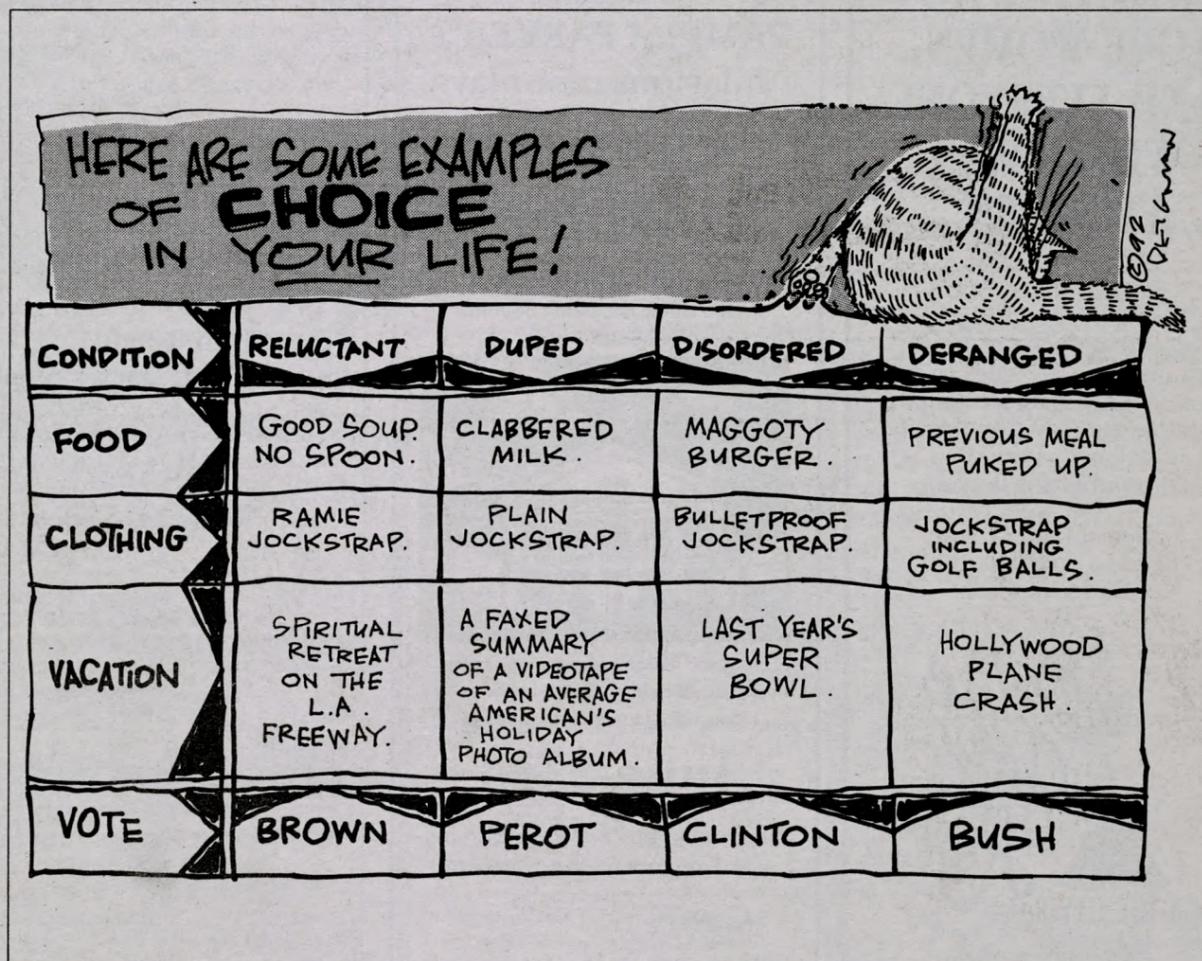
This is something we must do before the 1996 Olympics to put this issue behind us as quickly as possible. Militant groups like Queer Nation will protest if we don't repeal these laws, calling to the world's attention the status of human rights in Georgia. And it is for our own good. Can you imagine our embarrassment in 1996 if another over-zealous policeman decides to arrest two Olympic tourists in their hotel room, with the eyes of the entire world watching us?

During the last legislative session, Rep. Jim Martin introduced a bill that would have revised Georgia's sex laws, which date back to the 19th century. His bill would have decriminalized consensual sodomy between adults in private, but would have continued to prohibit public sex, non-consensual acts and sex between an adult and a minor. All of these positions are appropriate and correct. But in spite of Speaker Murphy's pledge not to actively oppose this legislation, the bill never made it out of committee.

I hope you will actively support a bill similar to Rep. Martin's in the next session of the Georgia Legislature. You've shown a willingness to fight for Georgia's progressive reputation in the face of major opposition. The issue of sodomy repeal cries out for similar leadership, to fight the people who oppose any and all change, and push this bill through the legislature. On behalf of progressive Georgians, I call on you to assume a leadership role to repeal this unfair, unenforceable and regressive law.

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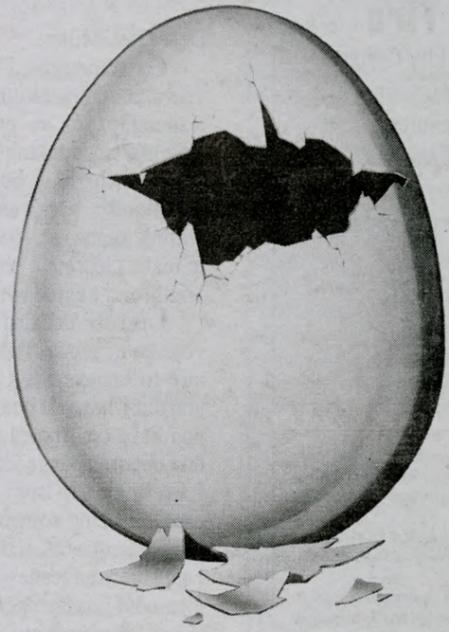
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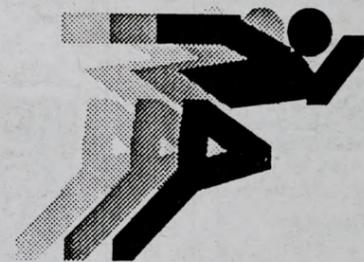
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"You're only as sick as your secrets," is one of my favorite expressions, lifted from a popular twelve-step program. All lives comprise a dramatic series of coming outs; I came out gay, came out as a recovering alcoholic, came out as a person with HIV. Each of these events ultimately enhanced the quality of my life—no matter how traumatic it may have seemed experiencing them in the moment.

Since revealing my seropositive status, I've visited the temples and tombs of Egypt, performed my theatre work in Sydney, Australia, and acted on a segment of ABC's *Life Goes On*. More importantly, I have been energized by the depth of human spirit on a daily basis—whether through a longtime friendship or through a story I read about an anonymous stranger in the newspaper.

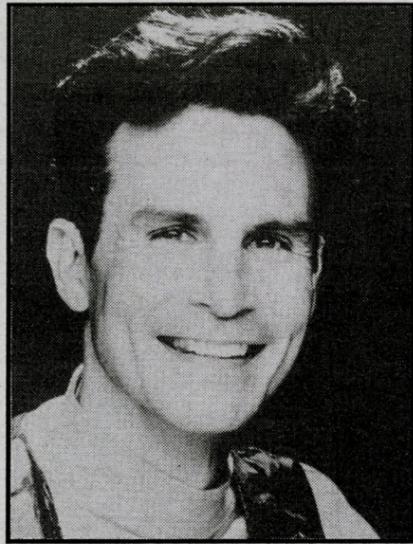
Here are ten reasons to come out as HIV positive:

1. **You'll stand tall.** Being HIV positive is nothing to be ashamed of, period. But you won't be able to alleviate a sense of shame until you stand up for yourself. If you're crouching in the closet, you're confirming to yourself the negative publicity about being a person with HIV. When you come out, you are saying "I deserve to be counted; I deserve to be treated with respect; I deserve to be heard." Be part of the solution.

2. **You'll know where you stand.** If you are afraid of being rejected, you must ask yourself: Do you really want someone in your life who is incapable of loving you for who you are? If you're looking for acceptance, look to yourself first. Then find out who your true friends really are.

3. **You'll increase your self esteem.** You are jeopardizing feelings of self worth if you don't feel worthy enough to share this intimate part of yourself. Do not allow yourself to be diminished. Be proud of the person you are, HIV and all.

4. **You'll decrease stress on your immune system.** Being dishonest (which is



the same as avoiding the truth) will stress your precious immune system. Take care of yourself; by opening up, you are contributing to your well being.

5. **You'll make new friends (and/or lovers).** There are plenty of individuals out there more than willing to befriend you. Honesty is a personal virtue. People will be attracted to you because of your openness; being candid can be alluring, even sexy.

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9. **You'll set yourself free.** If you're hiding, you are probably bound to the constraints of a secret life, a double life. When you come out, you'll no longer have to lie, make excuses, avoid certain topics. You'll discover a new found freedom.

10. **You'll be more of who you really are.** If you are HIV positive, it is part of your true self, like the color of your hair, your sense of humor, your ethnicity. It's certainly not all you are but to deny it is to deny an important part of yourself.

Be brave, take a deep breath, and come out—wherever, whomever, and whatever you are—including HIV positive.

MICHAEL KEARNS

for the  
1992 National Coming Out Campaign

## An open letter to Nancy Schaefer,

Since you read many gay publications, I thought I would give you the facts:

- People are still going to have sex whether gay or straight
- AIDS is now growing in the heterosexual population faster than the gay
- All gay people are not promiscuous
- 65% of married heterosexuals have extra marital affairs
- 10% of the population cannot destroy the "traditional Family"
- It is an invalid theory that someone is gay

because of a dominant mother and submissive father or vice versa

- There is a fair chance that one of your five children will or might be gay
- Most people are headed for hell according to your interpretation of the Bible

You claim that you are not a bigot or hate homosexuals, yet you don't want us to have the same job, housing, and spouse protection you have.

Nancy, why don't you just leave us alone?

John Rutkowski  
Decatur, GA

## Where are the condoms?

To the editor:

The threat of the anonymous AIDS memorial letter-writer over Easter was a serious and desperate plea to see the epidemic truly realized in our community.

As a PWA, I understand the frustration of this anonymous brother. Although I don't condone his tactics, I respect his tactics. I respect his concerns and disappointment. Fear and violence are not the right motivators. We should leave that up to the establishment.

The efforts of recent fundraisers, as well as those of other gay bars, businesses, and individuals over the past ten years, have raised a lot of money. They should be applauded and appreciated.

However, a few words, donation buckets here and there, and other fundraisers are not appropriate memorials of consciousness raisers. The truth about this city is that we

ignore the epidemic the rest of the year, as if it were another unpleasantness. There are no constant reminders in any establishment of the AIDS epidemic.

Over the last few years, I have noticed a decline in the availability of condoms, or literature, (if any) in the bars. This is a disservice to the patrons.

There are examples of solutions in other cities in this country. On my last trip to Boston, a bar called Herbies devoted an entire wall to AIDS education, prevention, and treatment information. In San Francisco, most of the bars do the same, using sex-positive visuals and message. None of these efforts have damaged their businesses. The message is that they care, and they may even save a life. I only wish that was happening when I was part of the scene.

Sincerely,

Dene R. Greenough

## We must take care of our own

To the Editor:

On May 27, 1992, the Atlanta Journal & Constitution ran an article describing the trouble that the Grady AIDS Clinic has encountered attempting to move to a larger space. While the problem of neighborhood disapproval is one that can only be countered by a continued show of responsible behavior, the monetary problems can be met, as has almost every other aspect of this crisis, by people volunteering time and services to reach a resolution.

The concerns expressed have covered all aspects of moving a necessarily state-of-the-art medical facility to a location that has been virtually abandoned for several years. The Grady medical budget is tight, but not as tight as the need for space. At the moment, the AIDS clinic is spread over two floors in the Hugh Spalding building. The clinic has encountered such a space problem that, although they have the funding, they cannot find the room for a dental clinic.

The cost of the move is, of course, a major concern for the management at Grady. This cost can be greatly defrayed by people donating time, energy, and materials, put-

ting the gay community in the position, once again, of taking care of their own. We have learned that the government on many levels has been willing to go up to a certain point to help combat this epidemic, but it seems that the greatest strides in this battle have been taken by our community for our community. Many of us have at times felt drained by the necessity to continue to do more, always more; but we know that this is the only way to accomplish things.

The need to move the facility cannot be denied. When a clinic does not have the space to function properly, the only result can be a loss in quality of care. Fortunately, finding medical staff willing and able to deal with this health crisis isn't a problem. However, as the number of people with AIDS is expected to triple within the next few years, there is no way that quality care will be possible in the same space.

Thank you,  
Joseph Brock

Editor's note: Thanks for your letter. We will have an update on the move in our next issue.

## Let the candidates speak

To the Editor:

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my concern that the Gay Pride Committee has decided to exclude the participation of local gay and lesbian candidates. Gay Pride should be a celebration of all aspects of our community, not only through the arts and entertainment, but also through our impact on local politics.

In a state where sodomy is still illegal and discrimination against gays is (at the very least) acceptable, politics should be at the top of our agenda. By denying our local gay candidates the opportunity to participate in Pride, we continue to suppress and ignore the power of the gay vote. We talk about educating the gay community each time we have an embarrassingly poor showing at the polls. This cannot happen by chance. What forum do our candidates have to reach out to their constituents so they can create an awareness and generate excite-

ment? We offer them no funding (although last week we raised \$150,000 for the national Agenda) and now deny them a right to speak.

This year two candidates that represent gay/lesbian interests have courageously stepped into the public spotlight and announced their candidacy in Atlanta. Next year I would like to celebrate the fact that our community finally exercised their political clout, and is represented in both state and city politics by some of our own.

I know that the Gay Pride Committee has very capable and experienced people involved, and I implore them to reconsider their stance. In an agenda that includes drag queens and comedians, I feel the opportunity for serious candidates to address their constituents is not only fair but critical.

Sincerely,  
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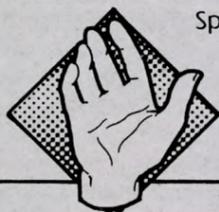
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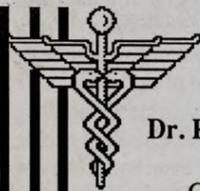
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**OCCASIONS**

**Anniversaries:**

On June 22 Myra Elayne Webb and Nikolai Danyale Cooper will be celebrating their 5th anniversary. Now a fifth anniversary may not sound particularly interesting but think again. Myra is 20 years old and Nikolai is 19. Nikolai sent us a lovely poem written for her love and we're sorry we didn't have space to print it. Congrats to both of you.

**Birthdays:**

Bruce Weinkauf is celebrating a "fortysomething" birthday with a big party thrown by friend Judy Kolb on Friday, June 12.

Amanda Gagnon enjoyed her 24th birthday May 22nd. Partner Candace Chellew gave her a lovely framed Van Gogh print for their wall, and topped the day off with a front row table at Chastain Park for the Indigo Girls show that night. Candace's 27th birthday is coming up June 25th. Watch this space to see if her presents are as good!

**Graduations:**

Julian Helms will graduate from Georgia State University on June 20 with a BA in Journalism. Julian says she's looking hard for a job and in the meantime she's busying herself performing with ACME Theatre and producing a news show on GSU's radio station, WRAS.

**Jobs:**

Debbie Fraker recently left her job at IMAGE Film & Video to join the staff at Lazer Age. The folks at IMAGE threw her a big bash last Wednesday night, and now Deb wants to know if new boss Don Weston has any plans for a welcoming party.

Gene Gabriel-Moore, writer and former editor of Creative Loafing and ETC, just got a grant from the Bureau of Cultural Affairs to write a play about a mentally retarded man who is executed. Moore's play, "The Trouble with Charlie Parr," will debut in the fall at Carroll Street Theatre, an upcoming theatre in Cabbagetown, where Moore is artistic director.

**Politics:**

About 50 people gathered at Stosh Ostrow's home on Sunday, May 31st to show community support for DeKalb Councilwoman Sherry Sutton as she makes a run for CEO of the county.

The Georgia Civil Rights Network, a coalition of about 90 groups, has elected Larry

Pellegrini as their Treasurer. Other officers will be elected later this month, and among those will be a special place on the board for a representative of the gay and lesbian community. A happy Larry is pictured here as he is released from jail following a Cracker Barrel arrest a few months back.



**Pride:**

The gay and lesbian community in Chattanooga, Tennessee will hold their first ever Gay Pride Parade and Celebration on June 13 and 14. They are sending out an open invitation to queers around the South to come and join them in showing some down home Southern Pride.

If you have some friends who are reluctant to come out to the Pride Parade in Atlanta on June 28th, you may want to try Lee Bromoff's approach. He's inviting all of his friends over for brunch before the parade and offering them a ride to and from the event. Feed them and they will come, I suppose.

**Other good news:**

Dave Hayward wants everyone to know that the Advocate's "1992 Travel Guide" is out now and contains an article he wrote on Atlanta. Highlighted are local talents Charlie Brown and Penelope Williams, as well as plugs for SAME, Actor's Express and the return in September of the mega successful Harvey Milk Show.

First Metropolitan Community Church is celebrating their 24 years in Atlanta. They turned 24 in January, but are celebrating the occasion throughout the year with special speakers and events. For more information, call First MCC at (404) 872-2246

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# Pride Run hopes to become an Atlanta tradition

Whether walking or running, you can show your pride at the 2nd Gay and Lesbian Run/Walk for Pride, sponsored by Atlanta's Frontrunners Club.

The 5k (3.1 mile) road race will be held at Grant Park Saturday, June 27th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

"It's not a very competitive race," according to Frontrunner president Shelton Haney, "it's a very social, fun gathering. Although there are awards given out to the winners, last year just turned out to be more fun than anything else."

And it's no wonder, since 270 people registered to run in last year's event. Haney says the club was happy with the turnout for its first run since their own membership at 65 is relatively small. They are hoping to change that with the road race, and to establish the run as an Atlanta Pride tradition.

"Most other cities with Frontrunners Clubs also have road races and we thought it would be a good way to get more visibil-

teers with the program. "It only makes sense that our volunteers with the club, who are interested in their own health should carry that over into making sure others stay healthy," she says. "By picking us to benefit from this event, that shows their dedication."

Boyles hopes that the visibility will help them as well as they feed an average of 450 people a day. "All donations go directly to purchase food, prepare it, and get it to clients," Boyles says. They also are always in need of volunteers. Call Ralph or Cleve at 525-4620 for more information about Project Open Hand.

For more information on the race or the Frontrunners Club you can phone 621-5007. The fee to enter the race is \$10 or \$12 after June 13. The fee is tax deductible. Applications are available in this issue of Southern Voice (page 10), which is sponsoring the Fun Run again this year. You can also call Frontrunners to register, or you can



ity in the community," Haney explains.

They are also getting more involved in the community with all the proceeds of the race going to Project Open Hand. This is the first time that they have chosen a cause to support.

"Last year was the first race and we actually thought we might lose money," Haney remembers, "so we were a little leery of naming a beneficiary, but it went better than we thought."

Project Open hand was the overwhelming choice of the club's members to reap the benefits this year. "In our newsletter we asked which cause they wanted the money to go to," Haney says, "and Project Open Hand was the only response we had."

That's fine with Project Open Hand's director, Karen Boyles who is glad to be chosen, but is not surprised since many of the Frontrunner members are also volun-

sign up in advance and pay the day of the race.

Frontrunners holds runs/walks of varying lengths two times a week: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Piedmont Park, and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. on the Fulton County side of the Chattahoochee River Park on Powers Ferry Road. Haney says that most of the club's members are in their late 20's to early 30's, but some are in their mid 40's and 50's, so there is something for everyone. A \$15 annual membership fee includes a newsletter.

If you want to join Frontrunner's Club, you can learn how by phoning their number or by showing up at any meeting or taking part in the road race.

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Pictured: Members of Frontrunners.

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# OUT & ABOUT

## LITERARY AWARDS

### QUEER BOOKS

There was more than a tinge of irony in the fact that this year's 4th Annual Lambda Literary Awards were presented behind the "Orange Curtain" as lesbians and gays throughout Southern California affectionately refer to Orange County—the land of right-wing extremists and religious zealots like Rep. John Dannemeyer and Rev. Lou Sheldon.

Scheduled on Friday, May 22, these awards, sponsored by "Lambda Book Report," recognize excellence in gay and lesbian writing and publishing. Known as the "Lammys," they are to the lesbian and gay literati what the Oscars are to the film industry or the Tonys are to the theatre community.

What this year's Lammys seemed to be about, aside from the merits of good writing and fine editing, were in breaking barriers of our own within the confines of lesbian and gay publishing.

Women and people of color clearly dominated the gala dinner awards presentation at the Anaheim Hilton.

Two of the brightest stars of the evening were **Adrienne Rich** and **Jewelle Gomez**. Both women were not only terribly popular and inspirational with those assembled for the awards ceremony, but they were each twofold honored for their literary and cultural contributions to lesbian and gay life.

Rich, who won a Lammy in the Lesbian Poetry category for "An Atlas of the Difficult World" (W.W Norton), was further honored as the 1992 recipient of their prestigious Bill Whitehead Award for Lifetime Achievement.

In accepting her awards, Rich told the audience that she was "honored and challenged—honored for her visibility as a lesbian poet and challenged by having to address questions such as the true meaning of being a lesbian or gay writer in this society."

As keynote speaker, Rich provoked the audience intellectually and spiritually so many times that it's difficult to recapture the sense of urgency and empowerment that she brilliantly elicited. Not surprisingly, she received a standing ovation for her speech which will hopefully be reprinted in its entirety somewhere within the pages of a lesbian or gay publication within the near future.

Gomez, who was distinguished for collecting two Lammys—one in Lesbian Fiction and the other in the Lesbian Science Fiction/Fantasy categories for the same book, "The Gilda Stories" (Firebrand Books), thanked her "family of friends" as she credited Jodie Foster for saying upon receiving her Oscar this year. The guests sitting at her table even held up "Gilda Lives" t-shirts whenever Gomez's name was mentioned among the nominees!

People of color were recognized for their literary achievements in several categories. In the **Gay Men's Anthologies** category, "Brother to Brother by Black Gay Men" edited by Essex Hemphill, won a Lammy, surpassing its impressive competition, among them, "Hometowns: Gay Men Write About Where They Belong" edited by John Preston, and "Indivisible: New Short Fiction by West Coast Gay & Lesbian Writers" edited by Robert Drake and Terry Wolverton.

In the **Gay Men's Poetry** category, "The Road Before Us: 100 Gay Black Poets" edited by Assoto Saint beat out the volumes of single poets such as "Hand over Heart" by David Trinidad, "The Burnt Pages" by John Ash and "Sex-Change" by Pery Brass, among others.

In the **Lesbian Anthologies** category, "Chicana Lesbians: The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About," edited by Carla Trujillo garnished the Lammy, and judging from the audience response, this volume was a favorite among lesbian readers and writers alike as a surefire winner.

"What the Dead Remember" by Harlan Greene took the Lammy in the **Gay Men's Fiction** category, winning over an entire list of successful works this year, including "Frisk" by Dennis Cooper, "Halfway Home" by Paul Monette, "Language We Use Up Here" by Philip Gambone, and "Vanishing Rooms" by Melvin Dixon. Greene's poetic novel is the coming-of-age story of a young gay man in Charleston, S.C.

In addition to Gomez receiving a Lammy for **Lesbian Fiction**, there was a tie with "The Revolution of Little Girls"



by Blanche Boyd, so both writers gathered their own respective awards this year.

Lammys in other categories were given to "The Zuni Man-Woman" by Will Roscoe, "Putting on the Ritz" by Joe Keenan, "A Country of Old Men" by Joseph Hansen, "Murder by Tradition" by Katherine V. Forrest and "Gay Roots: Twenty Years of Gay Sunshine" edited by Winston Leyland, among several other awards.

Some trends in the current publishing world that were observed this year at the Lammys are the mixture of lesbian and gay titles within the humor category, the increasing number of co-gender anthologies and nonfiction books aimed at both the male and female reading public, and the preordnance by the mainstream presses in some categories such as Gay Men's Fiction.

Though there were many acceptance speeches throughout the evening that were moving, empowering and caring, perhaps the simplest and most poignant came from publicist Michele Karlsberg who accepted Assoto Saint's Lammy in his absence from the ceremony. She said, "Thank you for recognizing the importance of these voices that need to be heard."

THOM CARDWELL

Pictured: Adrienne Rich, Jewelle Gomez. Photos by Jim Marks

## GAY FILM

### THE MAYOR OF CASTRO STREET

Many of the fears that had been brewing among San Francisco queers about "The Mayor of Castro Street," the film in development by Warner Brothers, about the life of Harvey Milk, were put to rest May 29 when the film's three co-producers, two of whom are openly gay, met with more than 200 lesbian and gay activists in an open forum.

The consistent history of Hollywood's bigoted portrayals and crasures of gay existence led many San Francisco activists to initially distrust the efforts to put Randy Shilts' biography of Milk on film.

The film's three co-producers, Craig Zadan, Neil Meron, and Janet Yang, who may begin filming the screenplay based on Shilts' book as early as next March in San Francisco, kicked off the forum with announcements that appeased some and worried others.

They confirmed that Gus Van Sant, the gay man who directed "My Own Private Idaho," has agreed to direct the film, and is in the process of negotiating his contract, and that Robin Williams has expressed interest in playing Harvey Milk, though no final decision has been made about who will be the lead actor.

Though the gathering unanimously cheered the fact that Oliver Stone is no longer directing the picture, some worried that Van Sant does not create "broad-based" films that are widely distributed in middle America, a stated goal of the producers.

Others expressed worries about Williams, who some re-

membered to have ridiculed gay men on "The Tonight Show." The producers responded that they are convinced that Williams has changed over time, and is now sensitive to the experience of gay men and the story of Harvey Milk.

Marge Plum, the moderator of the discussion, dispelled some of the distrust in the room by acknowledging the producers' "openness to suggestions and commitment to the lesbian and gay community."

"We didn't have to beat down any doors to meet with them tonight. It was their idea," she said.

"We believe that Hollywood is absolutely homophobic. We are breaking down that homophobia with this movie," Zadan said. "This is something we are passionate about, care about deeply, and want to do correctly."

"We'll be here a lot and hopefully you'll get to know us and feel we're good filmmakers. This could be a watershed film. If we do it right, this could open the floodgates in Hollywood to gay-themed films," Zadan said.

Despite speculation among some members of the audience that the producers were there trying to avoid a similar fiasco to the one that befell "Basic Instinct," the producers said that their motivation for coming had no connection.

"We would have come here in any event. There was a great deal of misinformation out there, and we felt that the best thing we could do was dispel the rumors and hear what people have to say about the movie and about Harvey Milk. Being gay filmmakers we have something at stake. This forum is the healthiest thing we could have done," Meron said.

The primary concerns of forum participants were that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and HIV-positive people be hired for cast and crew, that the film be accurate in its representations both of Milk and the diverse gay community, that there be some representation of sex, and that lesbians be portrayed positively in the film.

Several members of Catherine Did It!, the secretive group behind the protests against "Basic Instinct," have somehow obtained copies of the script. They were impressed with what they read, but not convinced that what they read will end up on the screen.

"If they use the [current] screenplay in the final film, it will be a queer film," Annette Gaudino, a member of Catherine Did It!, said.

"But," Anne Keating, another member of Catherine Did It!, added, "They have no control over what will happen. They haven't hit the pressure from the religious right, boycotts, sponsors who will pull out of the film, theatres that won't show it."

Jim Rivaldo, a close associate of Harvey Milk, expressed a great deal of optimism about the film.

"I've been impressed with their commitment to seeking the feelings of the lesbian and gay community. That there are so many lesbian and gay people involved is encouraging. I get a sense that they appreciate the historical significance of what they're doing. They're creating a cultural breakthrough as well as chronicling an important historical period," he said.

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**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN ATTORNEYS.** A political forum with the candidates from the 4th and 11th Congressional Districts. 7:00 pm. Manuel Maloof Auditorium. 1300 Commerce Drive. Decatur. 691-5506.

**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. Tonight, Friday and Saturday. Lupton Auditorium at Oglethorpe University. 370-1350.

**12 FRIDAY**

**PERFORMANCE ARTIST GUILLERMO GOMEZ-PENA** Makes his Atlanta premiere at 8:00 at the Seven Stages



Theater, 1105 Euclid Avenue. Second show on Saturday at the same time. \$12, \$10 for Nexus members, artists, senior citizens and students. 523-7647.

**SUMMER SOLO SERIES.** Nexus Contemporary Art Center opens the Summer Solo Series with works by sculptors Dexter Buell and Bob Trotman. The Exhibition continues through July 18. For further information call 688-2500.

**SUMMER POPS SERIES.** The ASO will perform "Magic Of The

Olympics," a salute to the spirit of the Olympics featuring film clips from past Winter and Summer Games projected on a giant screen. The program will be narrated by past Olympic athletes including gold-medalist and track star Rafer Johnson. 898-1182.

**13 SATURDAY**

**4th ANNUAL LESBIAN AND GAY BUSINESS EXPO.** Over 100 lesbian and gay and gay-friendly

businesses show their wares. Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel. Grand Ballroom. 10 am - 5 pm.

Workshops include "Filing for Dollars" at 11:30 am; "Building Blocks for the Self-employed" at 12:30 pm; "If There's a Will There's a Way" at 1:30 pm; "Working Smarter, Not Harder" at 2:30 pm; and "Being Out in Business" at 3:30 pm. 662-4599 for more information.

**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.

**CINDY VORDENBAUM** current president of the Gay/Lesbian Alliance at the Tuscaloosa campus of the University of Alabama will speak at 7:00 at The Otherside. Call David at 377-8312 or Rachel at 284-3479

**14 SUNDAY**

**ATLANTA SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA BENEFIT** performs at 7:30 at Symphony Hall. The program will feature pops, country classics and folk tunes. 892-2414.

**FREDDY MERCURY AND QUEEN CONCERT VIDEO** Concert video of "We Will Rock You" will be shown on a five-story screen at the Lakewood Amphitheater at 9:00. 249-6400.

**15 MONDAY**

**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.

**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.

**WOMEN AND HIV - HEALTHQUEST 92** Learn how HIV impacts women, what services are available, and how to access services. 6:30 pm. All Saints Episcopal Church. Call 872-0600.

**16 TUESDAY**

**ANNUAL JUNE MOON STROLL** will take place from 7 to 9. Members only tonight, tomorrow night at the same time the Stroll will be open to the general public. Admissions is free for Garden members and children under six. 876-5859.

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

**17 WEDNESDAY**

**ALIVE WITH PRIDE** SAME's 5th annual gay pride celebration show. Theme will be March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian, and Bi-sexual Rights. 14th Street Playhouse 8:00 pm. Call 881-0817.

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**CRIMES OF THE HEART.** Beth Henley's award-winning play opens at Centerstage North Theatre, 3330 Sandy Plains Road in Marietta. Thru June 13. 565-9541.

**DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS.** Eugene O'Neill's poignant drama about a New England farm family's battle for property, love and immortality. Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur. 373-5311. Thru June 13.

**STAND UP TRAGEDY.** A tough new play about the violence in which many young black men live — and die. 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. Horizon Theatre. 584-7450. Thru June 28.

**REV. TARTUFFE: A DIVINE MUSICAL.** Moliere's classic study of religious hypocrisy

updated and set in the modern South. 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.

**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 our next few issues for all the details.

**14TH ANNUAL LESBIAN AND GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE.** This year's theme is "Making Health Care Human: The Impact of Age, Gender and Race." Special emphasis is placed on "Responding to the Changing Face of AIDS." More than 220 workshops. July 8-12. Los Angeles. For registration information and a program brochure call (202) 994-4285.

Pictured:

BELOW: The cast of "Alive With Pride."

UPPER LEFT: Brenda Williams stars in "Little Shop of Horrors."



18 OUT & ABOUT

Most bars around the country are winding down by 2:00 am, but this is Atlanta. We are lucky to have Backstreet, a club which serves the community 24 hours a day. So it really wasn't too unusual that the folks at Backstreet should schedule a recent show by Jimmy James at 2:00 am since this is considered prime time for the weekend party crowd.

And is there anyone out there who has to be told who Jimmy James is? I doubt it, but we can always hear about Jimmy as we don't see enough of him. Jimmy James is the foremost impressionist working in the entertainment industry today. He has appeared on all the major talk shows, singing and dancing as Marilyn Monroe, to whom he bears an uncanny resemblance. He could have built a very successful career on this alone but his talents go far beyond the portrayal of a single character. His show is divided in two parts, in the first of which he appears as the Blonde One herself, singing in his own voice the songs that made Monroe famous, "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend," and even the wonderfully sexy "Happy Birthday," which Marilyn sang to John Kennedy some 30 years ago this month.

Part Two features Jimmy sans the MM hair and gown which allows him to appear more as himself. Not for long as he slides smoothly from one famous persona to the next. The overflow crowd at Backstreet was treated to amazingly on-target vocal impressions of country-blues legend Patsy Cline, Cher, Judy Garland, and a side-splitting monologue as Bette Davis. This talented young man is going far and we should be very proud to call him our own.

On Friday, May 29, I drove to the magnificent edifice which lights the night skyline of our city so brilliantly, the NationsBank Plaza, for a wine tasting held on the 26th floor by the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta. The entire floor was an unfinished open space, making the perfect scene for the 200 plus people who attended. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and instead of clear skies and brilliant sunset, the guests could see only solid gray clouds through the walls of windows.

Between nibbles of cheese and sips of coke, (I get no

**AFTER HOURS**  
DANNY ROBLES



kicks from wine) I was able to speak with Atlanta City Council Member Mary Davis, Representative John Lewis, Monica Kaufman, and Brazilian born Carol Reuben, publisher of the Spanish language newspaper, *Mundo Hispanico*.

I spent a recent afternoon gallery-going along North Highland. I began at Modern Primitive where I was enlightened as to the differences between primitive art and outsider art by the husband and wife team of owners. Primitive, of course, refers to an artist who has had no formal training in art, while "outsider art" refers to art created by persons who are "outside" the usual circle of artists and art patrons.

An example of this outsider status is sculptor Anthony Milella. Though trained for two years at New York's Parsons

School of Design and briefly at the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence, Italy, Milella has suffered in recent years from delusions and schizophrenia. His autobiographical material at the gallery reveals how he became fixated with the Victorian Era. His room became a shrine of memorabilia from that period.

Occupying the light filled space on the corner is Aliya, an upscale gallery where they put the M in Modern. Currently on exhibit are paintings by Stephen Wolverine, R. John Ichter, and Robert Reid. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Wolverine in March when I bought a small painting from him for a gift. Of course, the canvases at Aliya are quite a bit larger than the one I purchased. Wolverine paints landscapes using layer upon layer of acrylic, creating a dreamlike quality which has an almost hypnotic effect on the viewer.

"Pete's Flame" is the largest of Wolverine's canvases and also the most somber. It captures the beauty of a lake as the last rays of a sinking sun descend below the horizon. It is named for a friend of the artist who died recently after a battle with the AIDS virus.

In a very different vein is the optical illusionary art created by Clarence Measelle. On first view, his canvases seem to little more than heavy strokes and slashes of thick paint laced haphazardly. But slowly the viewer sees the intricate detail and underlying illusionary shadows which make the painting appear to have been done on glass. By coincidence, I recognized Measelle's work from a trip to New York I made in 1989, when he was on exhibit at the Jack Gallery in SoHo.

Congratulations are doubly in order for my great friend Dominique Sanchez, who, in the course of one week's time placed as first runner up in the Miss Heart of America Pageant, as well as being crowned the 1992 Missouri Entertainer of the Year. She now qualifies to go to the national pageants of both contests. The Entertainer of the Year is a very new pageant system, won last year by Texas beauty, Tasha Kohl. Congratulations, Dominique!

Pictured: Jimmy James and Danny Robles  
CORRECTION: Last issue (5.15), Lena Lust was pictured with Chocolate Thunder, not Millie Jackson.

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**Hat Alert:** Word is that CBS will air a new show this fall—"The Hat Squad." Despite rampant rumors to the contrary, Dish has it from reliable sources that the comedy will not star Ethan Green's buddies the infamous Hat Sisters (pictured here). Eric Orner's always hilarious (and sometimes PC) butch boys who love gender-fuck do, however, appear in a new book of Orner's cartoons just released by St. Martins Press. Check the shelves of better bookstores.

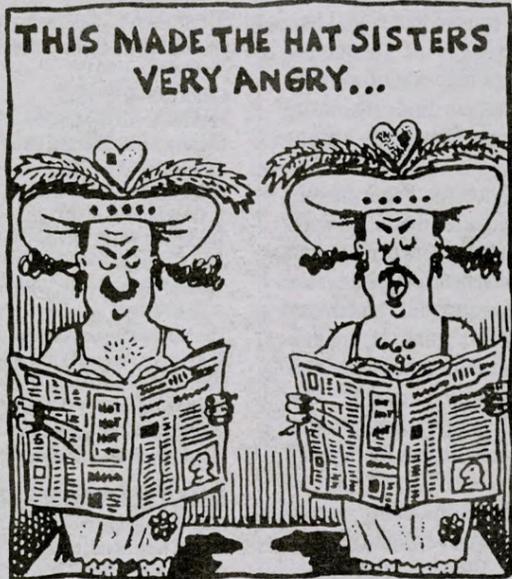
**Extraordinary Theme?:** Dish knows that the blurbs on the back of novels tend towards the hyperbolic, but the description that comes with Diane Salvatore's latest ("Love, Zena Beth." Naiad Press 1992) really does take some sort of a prize. The novel's namesake is "the most famous—and notorious—lesbian writer in America. Notorious for...her sexy attractiveness, her outrageous wit....Not to mention her sensational affair with a world-famous woman sports star." Sound familiar? Well, Zena Beth, it just so happens, lives in the South and her story is "dazzling in its erotic dimension, substantial and detailed in all its ramifications." Zina Beth may not rhyme exactly with Rita Mae, but the two sure do sound a lot alike from where we sit.

**Freddy Found?:** "Queen Fever Invades Lakewood Amphitheatre" reads the headline on a press release that recently passed across Dish's desk. The event is not, as we had hoped and assumed, a series of drag shows for southside queers and queens. It seems rather that the Queens in question are the British rock group as in "Freddy Mercury and Queen." And the event is a two-hour video of the group's "We Will Rock You" concert projected in a double-wide 70mm format and backed up by 100,000 watts of amplification. It will happen at 9pm on Sunday June 14 and tickets will set you back a mere \$7.50; plus "convenience charges" if you buy them at Ticketmaster outlets. All this sets Dish to wondering if and when the late and great Mr. Mercury will, like Elvis, be discovered to be alive and well... and living in Lake Edna.

**Bells are Ringing:** It took us a while to make the connection, but as soon as the new low airfares were announced people started calling the SoVo offices and asking "When is Pride in

# Dish

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San Francisco?" The answer is June 28 and, word to the wise, in Mecca, they call it Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day. Dish would be the last person in this world to suggest that you forsake Atlanta for the city by the bay on this important day, but we are reminded that Pride in S.F. is a really big deal with more than 500,000 queers, their friends (and a few foes) turning out for the event. The San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau will be happy to provide you with more info; just write them at PO Box 429097, San Francisco, CA 94142-9097.

**An Average Type of Man:** Vanessa Martinez is 14 years old

and lives in South-Central Los Angeles. Here's what she said about V.P. Dan Quayle after he visited her school a couple of weeks ago. "He seems like an average type of man. He's not, like, smart. I'm not trying to rag on him or anything. But he has the same mentality I have—and I'm in the eighth grade." Dish thinks that Ms. Martinez is wise well beyond her years.

**Good News:** Kudos to the editors at Newsweek for two good articles about gays and lesbians in their June 1 issue. The first was a rehash of the recent Navy/FEMA gay/lesbian witch hunts, the second a piece on the flood of slick queer lifestyle magazines now in the marketplace. But what Dish liked best about both articles was a sidebar that ran with the former. The point made by placing a story about the sexual harassment of women at a Naval aviators conference directly next to a piece about discrimination against gays said far more than either story alone could have attempted.

**Mending Fences:** Robin Tyler delivered her annual State of the Lesbian Nation address at the 9th Southern Women's Music Festival. The good news is she and Michelle Crone have mended fences and will be working together on entertainment for the upcoming March on Washington. Seems they had a falling out when Michelle remained friends with one of Robin's ex's because she wanted to be "neutral in the break-up." Robin complained, "Can I help it if I wanted her on my side?" Seems Robin has learned friends do not come under property settlement in dyke divorces.

**Rodents On a Rampage:** Members of the dissident group "Squirrel Nation" attacked a transformer downtown on June 1, 1992. Millions in damage was done and government buildings including the Capitol and Twin Towers were without electricity for most of the day. Head spokesman for Squirrel Nation, Xavier O. Bushytail, was on the scene. "We're burned, some of us no longer have arm hair," Bushytail stated, "but we've definitely got our point across. Trees should not be cut down for power lines. We've got mouths to feed." Exploding transformers lit the sky to high-pitched chants of "Hey girls! We're squirrels! Get used to it!!"

June 11 - June 17, 1992

With the Sun and Venus moving through the youthful and energetic mutable air sign of Gemini, our awareness of feeling and emotion is being enhanced. This is a wonderful time to communicate your feelings to others, including plants and animals.

**ARIES**, with Mercury in your 4th house of home and family, this is a good time to check in with parents, brothers, sisters and those you share a home with now. Find out what's happening on the home front. **TAURUS**, if you are nursing an old hurt or emotional injury from the long past or even a more recent time, it is to your advantage to find a very healthy way to release the pain and allow the damage to heal. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GEMINI!** With Venus in your 1st house of physical appearance and personality, you should be really glowing. You may even feel like updating your wardrobe or trying a new hair style.

**CANCER**, Mercury is moving through your 1st house, indicating a need for more communication, especially with those people

## STARSIGNS

who are near and dear to you. You also may need more personal time for quiet reflection. **LEO**, your 12th house of dreams, visions and unconscious processes is about to become very active. Pay careful attention to the overall feelings in your dreams and heed your intuition, especially with seemingly difficult situations. **VIRGO**, Mars in Taurus and Jupiter in your 1st house are moving toward a Grand Trine with dear ol' Uranus and Neptune. What does this mean? For sure it means more change and more energy flowing through, so stay focused.

**LIBRA**, if you are wondering what is going on with everyone else, remember it is probably going on with you, too. Even if you are among the world's best at keeping peace at home or at work, you too may need a break. Dear **SCORPIO**, if you feel too

many people are looking to you for support, understanding or friendly psycho-therapy, you may want to make it clear that you want to be a good friend, but not everyone's substitute therapist. **SAGITTARIUS**, with major planets in your 7th house of personal relationships, heading for your 7th house of intimacy and sexuality, you may be tempted to fall in love or at least a brief affair. Be careful!

**CAPRICORN**, for the next few weeks you may feel pulled between career responsibilities and those at home. Better to resolve things at home while they are minor and take care of yourself at the same time. **AQUARIUS**, if you find that close friends and business associates are not as appreciative or supportive as usual, you may discover that you are pushing yourself (and others) in addition to being too critical. **PISCES**, if you are feeling slightly overwhelmed by your feelings, please remember that you are probably feeling the feelings of other people as well. Don't take it all to heart and find a good movie.

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I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A PEDICURE TEN MINUTES AGO, NOW MY DAMN FEET'S COLD!!

WHEN THE MASSEUR GETS HERE, TELL HIM HE'S FIRED ALSO..

## THIS OR THAT

EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS

MARIA HELENA DOLAN

This time of year, I particularly enjoy surveying the empire of my tiny plots' profusion of green offerings. See the grassy corn upthrusting 4" from birth mounds, with companion beans tiptoeing a little taller. Tomato plants put on daily spurts of growth, as do the cucurbit vines. (Amazingly, the lettuces have not bolted yet, even though the peas have faded. Plowing the peas under will make the soil sigh with the singular gratitude reserved for nitrogenous legumes).

Daily inspections of berry bushes yield prizes, now and to come: little nibs and flowers on the blackberries, edibles already on the raspberries. Plums are moments away from ripening, as are the nectarines; anticipation is a sharp, salivating sweetness.

The birds (mockingbirds, cardinals, jays, grackles, starlings, robins, two types of woodpeckers, chickadees, and robins) find our yard most agreeable.

When I appear on the scene, shovel in hand, they pace impatiently for the uprooted soil dwellers they know will be forthcoming. (In fact, a mockingbird and robin team have me trained. My orders are to place any grubs onto the sidewalk abutting the garden. As SOON as my back is turned, the grub will vanish. They are infinitely more efficient than any military operative; I wonder from whence came the expression "bird brain?")

Day lillies, which must thrive on less than six hours of direct sun in my tree-shaded patches, are now maybe 24 hours away from burst-out (both the nameless yellows and the named varieties).

The Monarda (Bee Balm) and all the herbs preen unselfconsciously and self-assurately in the sunny spots (thank Goddess for container gardening). And the eternally-proliferating "Purple Ruffles" basil is already 14" high around the bird bath.

Could life be sweeter? Well, my only

regret is that the January-June Iris season has now expired.

With typically unseasonable Georgia weather, I had blooms on the white *Iris albicans* January 5th. (Yes, they're regarded as too "common"...)

Well girlfriends, the Iris happens to be the flower for Aquarius. And with both my Sun and Venus in that sign, I like having the "messenger of the gods" around. It reinforces that side of my personality (whether others find this desirable or not, I'm characteristically unconcerned).

The blooming doesn't begin in earnest until March, but after that, it's "warp factor 5"... My mother gave me some deep lavender colored bearded Irises years ago. They have a wonderful, amethysty fragrance (sorry, can't think of another suitable adjective, and anyway, that's the Aquarian birthstone) which lingers for days after opening. (Anyone who knows the name, PLEASE enlighten me).

I love the little Siberian iris along the walkway, too. This deep purple charmer was another gift, also unnamed by the donor (I really loathe that).

One of the endearing traits of the Iris is that she does so much with so little. I only fertilize once a year (just manure, thanks), divide every two years, vacuum the aphids off once, and am treated to a sensory smorgasbord annually.

If this sounds good to you, consider a fall planting. Or even now, immediately after blooming, you can divide. Trim the fan down, and go lightly on the mulch to discourage borers.

I confess, I enjoy the legacy, too. Powdered Iris rhizome (also known as orris root) was/is used in many potions, medicines, perfumes, etc.

Minos gazed upon her petals in a wall fresco in palatial Knossos. The Egyptians held her in especial high regard, as a symbol of majesty and power (she adorns scepters, and the brow of the Sphinx).

The tripart flowers stood for courage, wisdom, and faith in their cosmology.

For me, Iris is a reassuring link with the ancient world. Even when her blossoms fade, her upright spears reach from the underworld towards the sun. I admire that greatly.



## 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  
Heartstrings of West Georgia—P.O. Box 633,  
Carrollton, GA 30117  
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—627-7830  
"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  
Burkhart's—Ansley Square. 872-4403  
Collier Rd Library—857 Collier Rd. 355-5189  
The Cove—586 Worchester. 875-2477  
Crazy Ray'z—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  
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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 Federaton 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  
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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  
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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  
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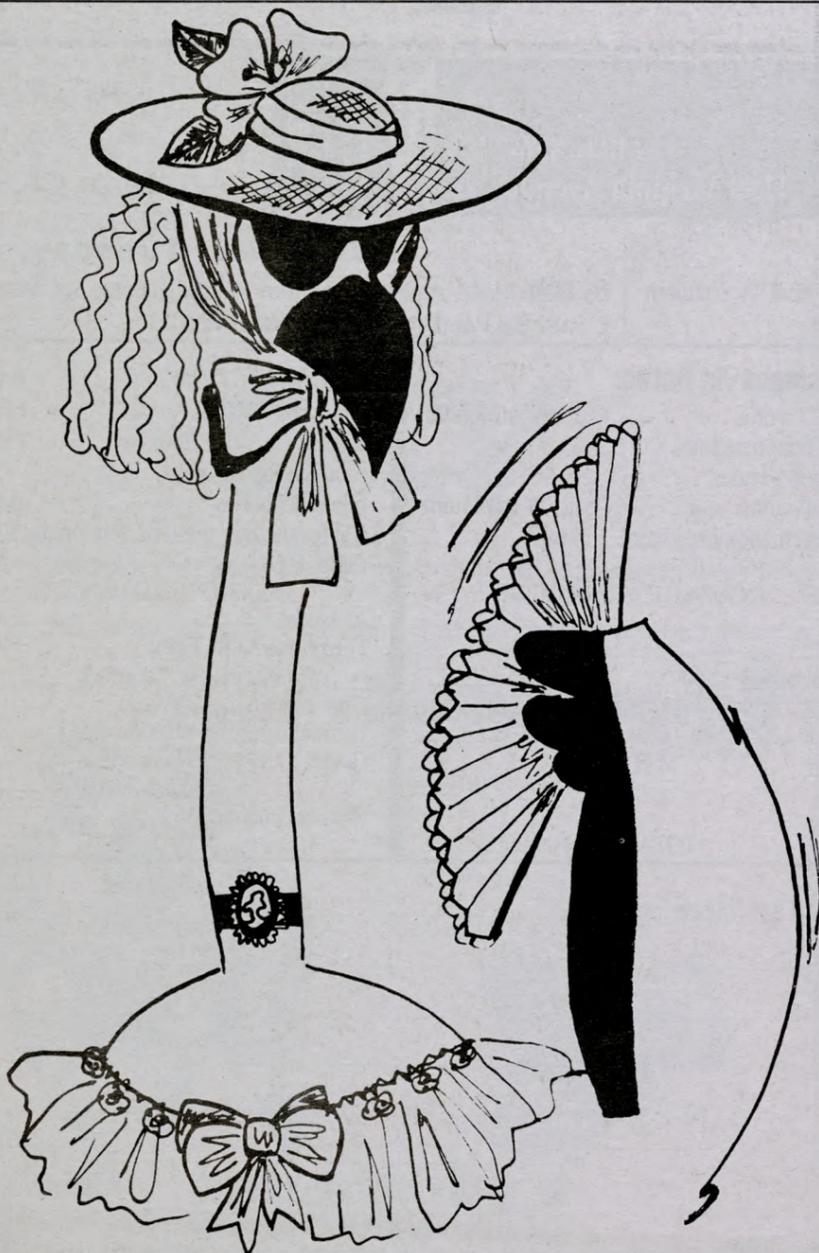
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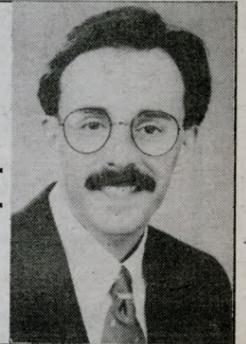
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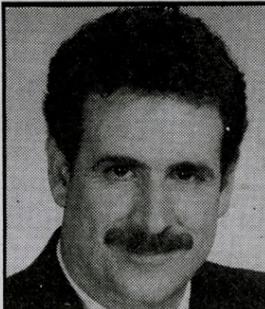


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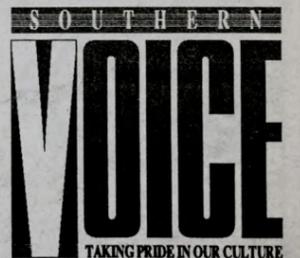
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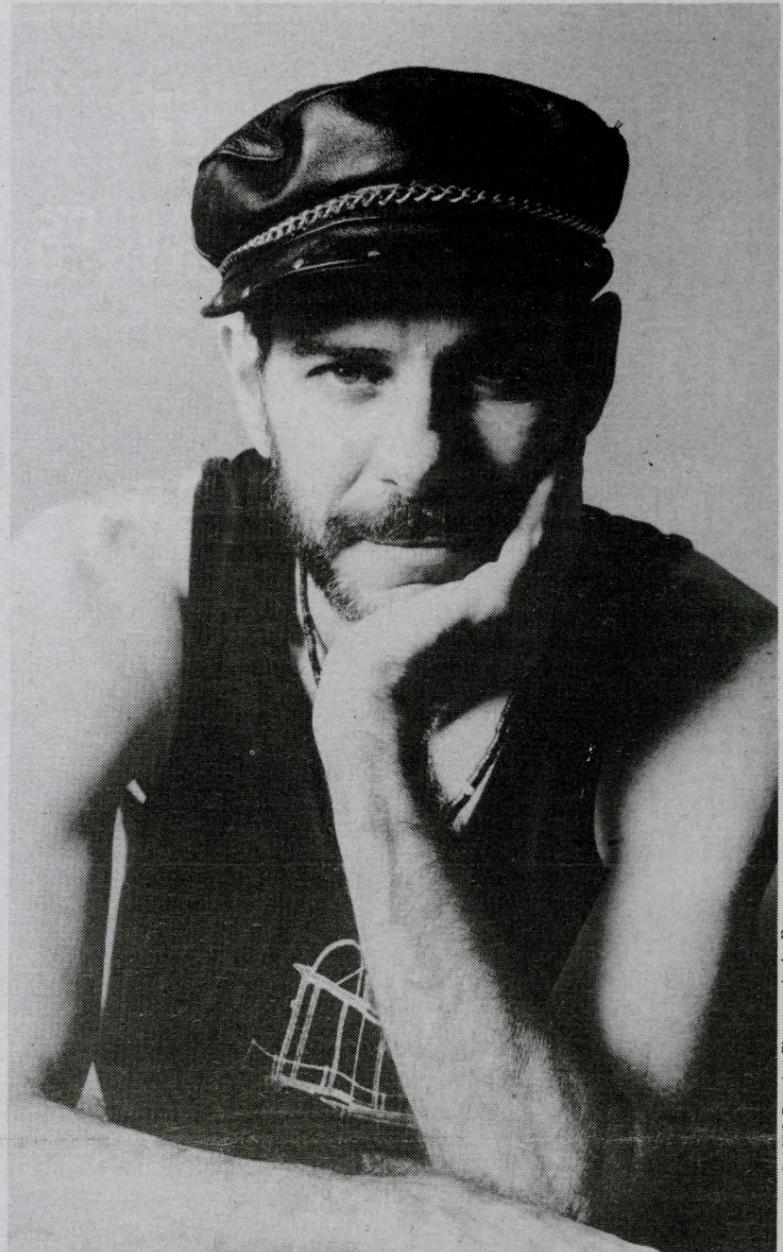
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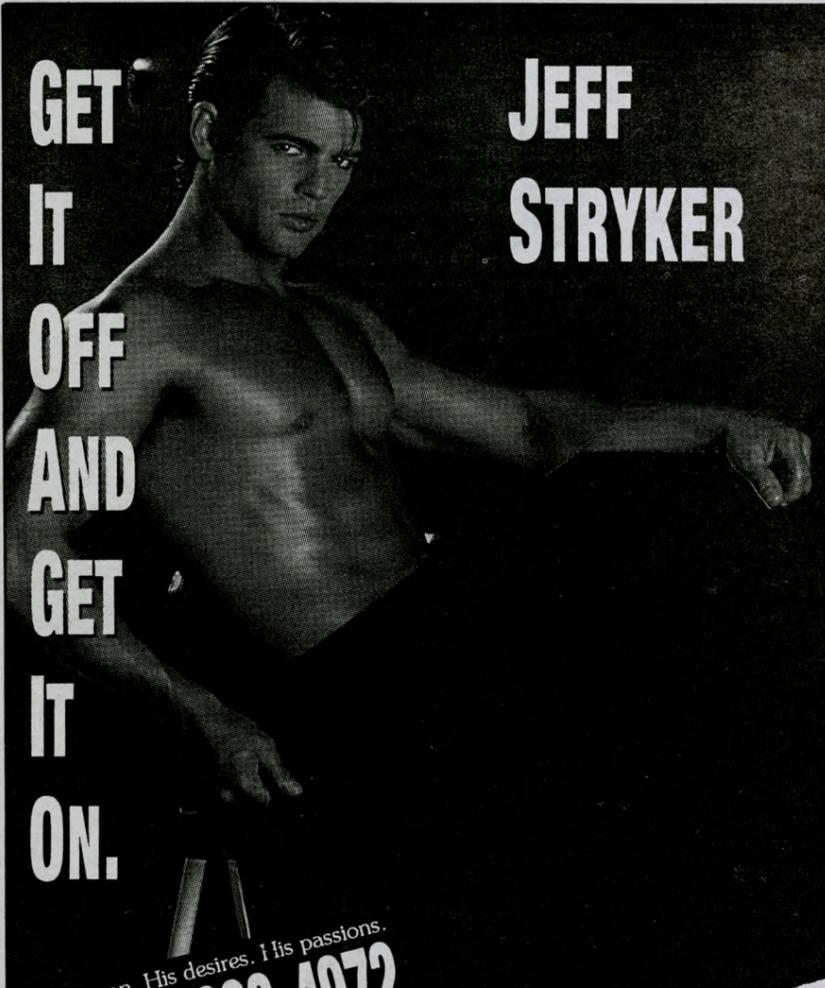
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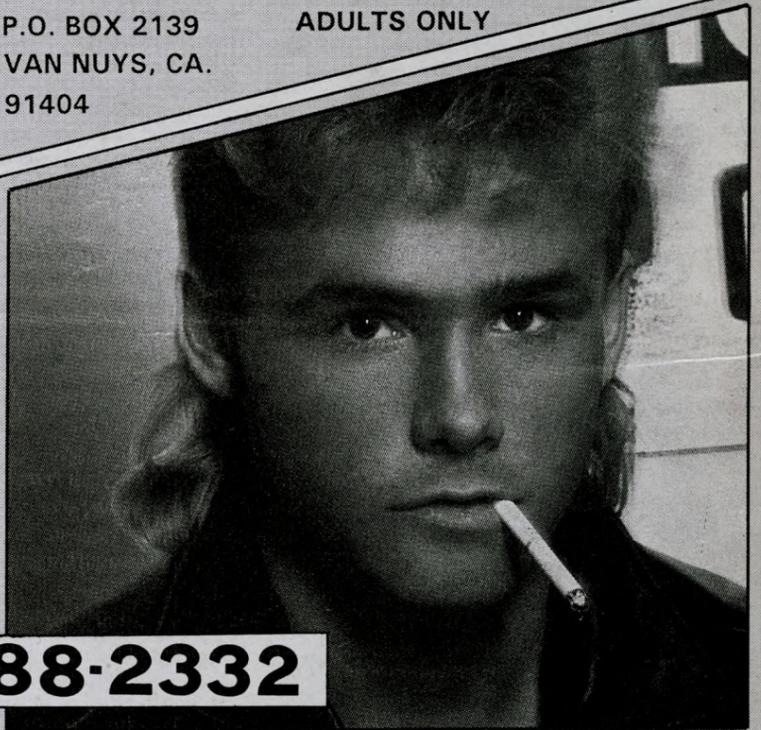
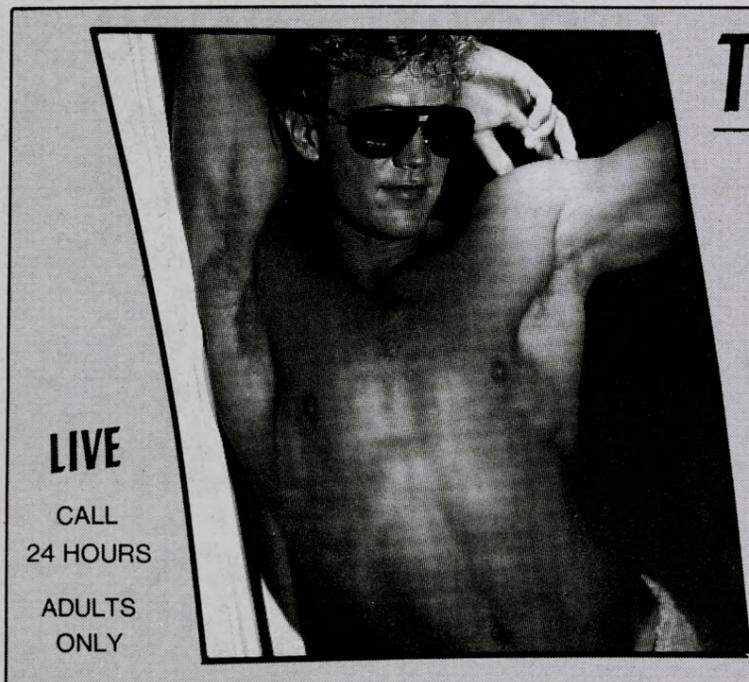
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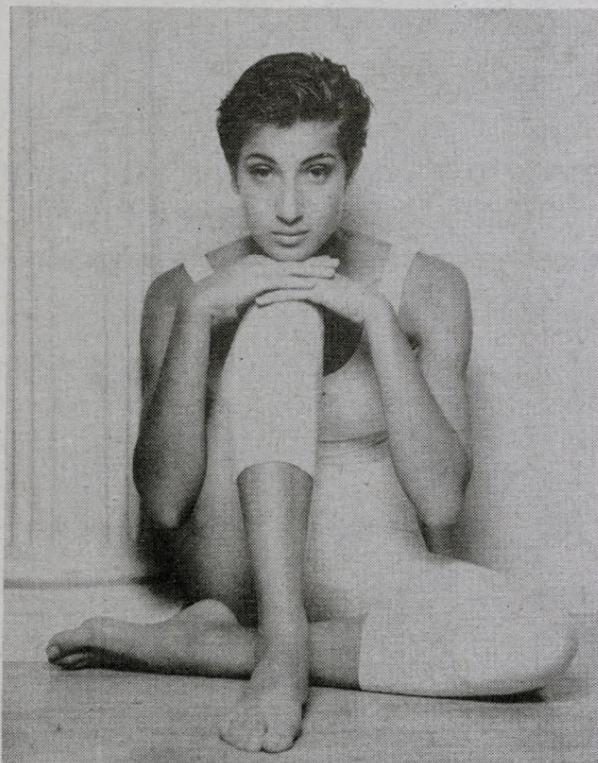
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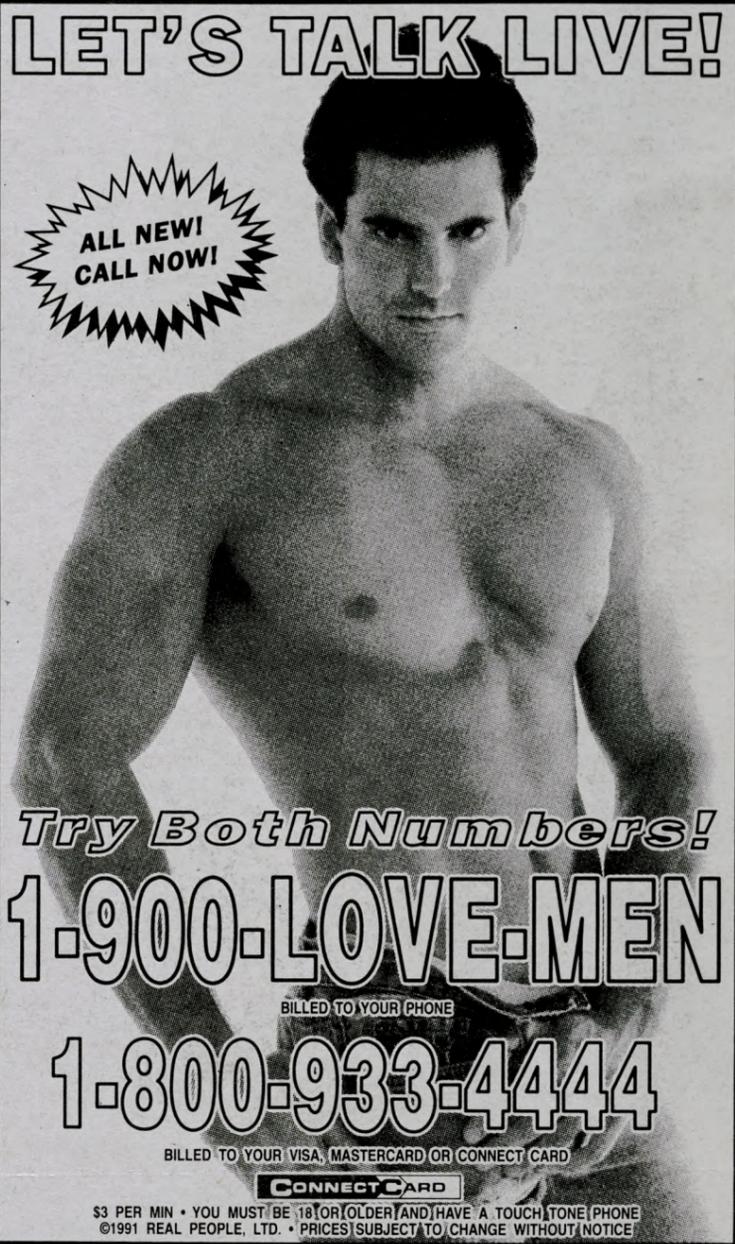
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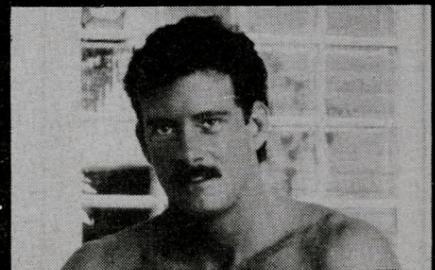
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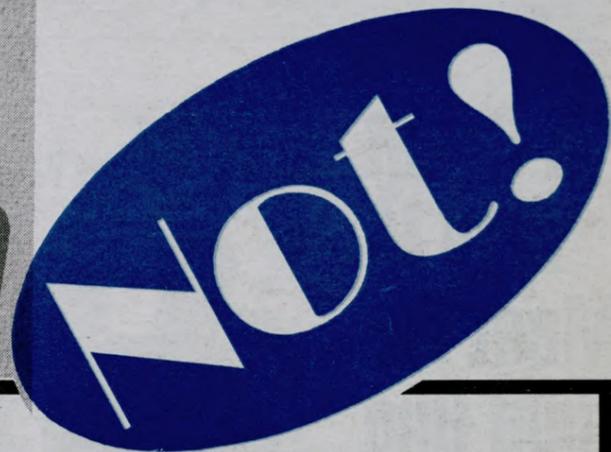
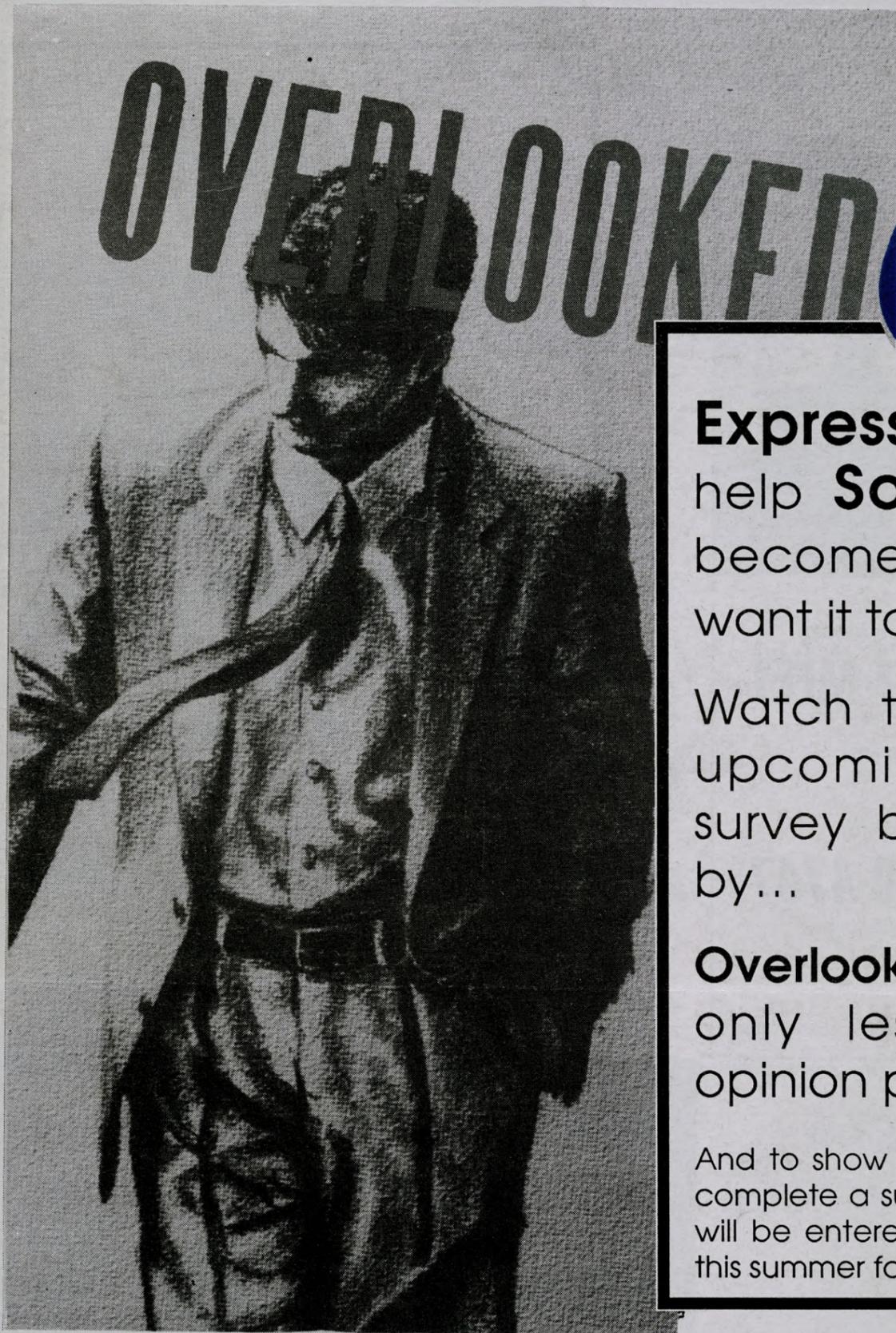
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