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INDECENT PROGRAMMING

Recent restrictions placed on the Public Broadcasting Service seem to be rooted in a fear of gay and lesbian themes

It has all the makings of a great PBS drama: controversy, sex, political intrigue, paranoia, and it keeps you on the edge of your seat waiting to see what happens next. Unfortunately, the drama is all too real for the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), as the Federal Government tries to place restrictions on programming—restrictions which many believe are rooted in homophobia.

The Senate recently voted 84-11 to authorize \$1.1 billion to keep public television's funding in tact — that's the good news.

The bad news is the money has strings attached. The bill contains an amendment, which passed 93-3, to restrict so-called "indecent programming" to after midnight. If the station signs off at that time, the programming cannot appear until after 10:00 p.m.

Right now, that is already the policy of GPTV. Carolyn Kowalski, Director of Community Outreach for Channel 8 says, "If you remember the 'Tongues Untied' brouhaha, we aired that at 11:00 p.m., and Masterpiece Theatre airs at 10:00 p.m. Sometimes that program contains questionable material according to some people."

Such is the case, it appears, with the upcoming Masterpiece Theatre "Portrait of a Marriage" (pictured above) which chronicles the life of Vita Sackville-West, her husband Harold Nicholson and Sackville-West's lover Violet Trefusis. Although the press release minimizes the relationship between the women ("despite Vita's relationship with Violet, which lasted three years, her marriage to Nicholson lasted 60 years..."), and there is no mention of any sex or love scenes between Vita and Violet, the subject matter is obviously questionable enough to make programmers nervous. After all, what might the home folks in Albany say?

And what is "indecent" programming? The Senate amendment defines it as programs involving "sexual or excretory activity or organs" in terms "patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards."

Community standards can be a hard notion to nail down, when you're dealing with a station that broadcasts all over the state, according to Kowalski.

"There is a large number of people in the metropolitan Atlanta area who would be interested in seeing 'Tongues Untied,' but in Camilla, Georgia, they may not feel the same way," Kowalski explains. "But, I don't know that it's our responsibility to decide someone's community standard by saying, 'Well, we don't feel the people in Camilla can handle this.'"

It's not a coincidence that while Presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan was using scenes from "Tongues Untied" out of context in his television ads to prove that the Bush administration was "pro-gay," that seven powerful Republican Senators were trying to cut PBS's funding. Included in that list were Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Bob Dole of Kansas, who wanted to slash the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's funds cut from \$1.1 billion to \$285 million, arguing for greater accountability.

That accountability is spelled out in the amendment to the Senate bill. It requires Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) to keep extensive files on program funding and selection. The public would then be able to comment on quality, diversity, creativity, balance and objectivity of the programs and those comments would

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Pictured: Cathryn Harrison (left) as Vita Sackville-West and Janet McTeer as Violet Trefusis in the upcoming PBS Masterpiece Theatre production of "Portrait of a Marriage."

Southern Baptists say no to gays in church

Indianapolis—The largest religious denomination in the nation has voted to amend its constitution to exclude homosexuals from its congregations.

Members of Southern Baptist church, meeting here for its annual convention, voted overwhelmingly June 9 to rewrite its governing policies to forbid congregations from embracing what it calls "the sinful lifestyle" of homosexuality. The measure, backed by fundamentalist and conservative factions of the church, passed on the first ballot by the more than 17,000 delegates.

The measure amended the SBC's constitution to prohibit the seating of delegates to the convention from churches that "act to affirm, approve or endorse homosexual behavior." To take effect, the amendment must

be approved again at next year's convention.

In a related development, the assembly also voted to censure and evict two North Carolina churches that broke with church tradition by acknowledging gay relationships and ordaining an openly-gay minister. Officials at those two churches, Binkley Memorial in Chapel Hill and Pullen Memorial in Raleigh, say they will not change their stances. Both churches had already been booted from the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

The landslide vote was not a surprise to most observers. The leadership of the church, comprised of members of the faith's right-wing, strongly backed the measure. And National Public Radio reported after the vote that

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KKK condemns Lesbian and Gay Pride

No reason for fear, say Klan watchers

Atlanta—As they do every year, hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan have taken note of Lesbian and Gay Pride season, with some Klan "hot lines" leaving messages condemning "faggots coming to town to do a parade." Most of the hate messages appear on hot lines run by members of the Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the second largest Klan faction in the country.

Locally, a message hot line run by James Spivey, the Grand Dragon of the Georgia chapter of the Invisible Empire, currently urges listeners to call the Atlanta Pride line and "tell 'em what you think about 'em."

Lynn Cothren, co-chair of the Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee, marvelled at Spivey's tactic.

"It's interesting that he used this innovation of having his people call our voice mail and leave messages," he said. "That's the same tactic that Queer Nation and ACT UP have been using for years."

Spivey, who is characterized by Klan watchers as a "do-nothing," claims in his message that gays and lesbians are worse than black people "by a long shot" and says it "looks to me like that the Health Department could do something about it because these people you can... some of 'em you can smell a block away."

According to the Center for Democratic Renewal (CDR), the hot line run by John Baumgardner in Orlando recently featured a diatribe against lesbian/gay pride in Tampa. When Southern Voice called the line however,

Baumgardner, the editor of the Invisible Empire's newsletter The Klansman, had changed his message, referencing only a mistaken journey into a "queer bar," which he called a "scale model Sodom and Gomorrah."

"This doesn't represent a new thrust of the Klan," said Danny Levitas, executive director of the CDR, formally the National Anti-Klan Network. "At every rally there are signs saying 'Thank God For AIDS.' This is just the latest in a long history of Klan diatribes against the gay and lesbian community."

"I do think it's wise for the Pride organizers to take some extra precautions," he continued, "at least to notify law enforcement. That's appropriate."

Lynn Cothren, co-chair of the Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee said that the committee has done just that.

"We spoke with the all the right agencies, and we'll keep them informed," he said. Cothren added that so far, no Klan members have called the Pride line.

Spivey's message contained no threats, and Pride organizers and Klan watchers said they do not expect any Klansmen to show up in Atlanta for Pride. Both Cothren and Levitas said that Spivey's message should not keep gays and lesbians away from the Park for the Pride celebrations.

"Sadly, the reality for gay men and lesbians is that they are much more likely to be beaten and harassed on any given day by any given person than to be assaulted by the Klan," said Levitas. "The greatest threat comes from 'everyday people' who carry all this hatred toward gay and lesbian people."

"That's not to minimize the Klan's activity," he added. "These people use violence as a means of social control, but this hot line message should not keep people at home for Pride. That would be what they want."

KC WILDMOON

Grady IDC expansion still bogged down

Atlanta—Despite neighborhood and business owner protest, Grady Hospital administrators still plan to move the Infectious Disease Clinic (IDC) to the old Presbyterian Center on Ponce de Leon Avenue. Hospital officials have bid on the property, and expect to close the deal late this month.

At least two county commissioners, Nancy Boxhill of Fulton County and Annie Collins of DeKalb County, have either attended or called meetings of Ponce corridor business leaders and residents to address the issue.

Boxhill did not return phone calls for a comment, but Collins said she became involved in the controversy when she was contacted by a resident of Druid Hills about the issue. The DeKalb commissioner said that while everyone involved agrees that the IDC needs a better facility, she is concerned over the cost of the move and Grady's lack of communication with the counties that provide most of the hospital's funding.

"The question is," she said, "is there a better piece of property at less cost so that more services can be provided."

Hospital officials estimate the cost of buying and renovating the property will be around \$9 million, and also project that the clinic will be self-supporting.

Collins acknowledged that the IDC needs a new location immediately, but said she questioned Grady's actions in the process of finding and buying the property.

"They should have conducted the whole business action differently," she said. "I question why they did not plan for the AIDS clinic in the current renovation project."

Jeff Graham of ACT UP, which has sponsored numerous protests surround the IDC issue, agrees with that assessment, but says the seriousness of the AIDS crisis makes such ques-

tions moot.

"Fingers need to be pointed at all sides," he said. "They are all playing petty politics, and by doing so they are playing with the lives of what could be thousands of Georgians."

As part of the hospital's current renovation project, the IDC recently moved from a tiny home in the hospital's main building into the newly redone Hughes-Spalding Annex. Despite that move, the clinic is still cramped—at 15,000 sq. ft. staff members share offices and sometimes desks, and the clinic has money but no room for an AIDS dental clinic. With a caseload expected to nearly triple in less than five years, expansion in the Annex will be impossible. The clinic will initially occupy 30,000 sq. ft. in the Presbyterian Center, which offers an additional 60,000 sq. ft. for expansion.

"[Grady and the business/neighborhood people] must settle their differences immediately and get that clinic moved," Graham said flatly.

Graham also charged that Ponce corridor opposition to the move may stem from a fear the clinic will mean a further influx of homeless people into the area.

"If it were just an AIDS clinic, it would be one thing," he said, "but since it's the 'Infectious Disease' clinic, who knows what kind of people it could draw."

"But we are talking about human beings here," he continued. "The business and home owners need to realize that."

Curtiss Morriss, the acting assistant director for the IDC, said that the opposition to the clinic's move seems to come from a small group of very vocal people.

"I understand their concerns," he said, "but we believe we are serving the community by putting our clinic there. The reason that site was selected is because our patients are there."

Morriss said that concerns of an influx of "undesirable people" are unfounded.

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"Sixty percent of our patients drive to the clinic," he said, "and the Presbyterian Center is very convenient to MARTA."

The Center, according to Morriss, is physically well suited for the clinic.

"It's already been gutted," he said, all we have to do is add plumbing, electricity, etc. From an economic standpoint it's a good price."

Morriss said he hopes the controversy surrounding the clinic's move will smooth over,

and that Grady can adequately address the neighborhood and business concerns.

"We thought we had done a good job of thinking this through," he said. "I imagine that when we do get there, they'll see that having us is a vast improvement over the vacant building that's there now."

KC WILDMOON

Pictured: The Presbyterian Center on Ponce de Leon where the Grady IDC hopes to move. Photo by Evett Bennett

ACT UP plans political rally for Pride

Atlanta—As a response to criticisms leveled at this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration over a perceived lack of political involvement, ACT UP/Atlanta has called for a political march and rally on Saturday, June 27 of Pride weekend. The march will begin at 5:30 pm in Woodruff Park and end with a rally at 6:30 in front of the State Capitol.

The rally, according to organizers, is intended to be a "companion event" to the rest of the weekend long Pride Celebrations.

"This is a creative solution to what we see as a genuine problem," said ACT UP's Jeff Graham. "We have a lot of respect for what the Pride Committee is doing in creating a celebration that all people can feel comfortable taking part in."

"On the other hand, we felt that people should have an opportunity to express the po-

litical nature of our lives," he continued.

ACT UP did not announce the event in time to be included in most of Pride's printed material, but Pride organizers are pleased with the rally's addition to the weekend's activities.

"This is probably the best example of pro-activism—when there is a void, fill the void," said Lynn Cothren, co-chair of the Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. "ACT UP is doing just that. This rally and march is a welcome addition to Pride."

Graham said that the line-up of speakers is still being finalized, but representatives of Queer Nation, ACT UP, LEGAL, GLAAD and other organizations will be on hand, as well as lesbian candidate for the Georgia House of Representative Samantha Claar.

"Hopefully, this will alleviate some of the controversy," said Graham, "which is unfortunate. Pride should be a time we unify."

Graham also said that he hopes the political rally will become an established Pride event.

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Baptists

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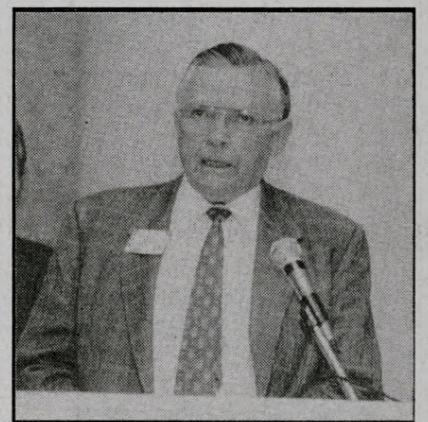
most moderates also supported the resolution opposing any support of gay and lesbian issues.

Delegates afterward said their decisions to approve the anti-gay proposals were based on scripture. "I believe that the Bible teaches us that homosexuality is wrong," said delegate Sue Williams of Texas. "Our church cannot condone such sin."

Gays and Lesbians Working Against Violence (G/L WAV), a local gay activist group, quickly issued a statement calling the vote an example of "spiritual violence" against lesbians and gays.

"Gays and lesbians in this country can no longer stand silent as the country's largest Protestant church spews out hatred in the name of God," said G/L WAV's Chris Gonzalez. "Being gay or lesbian and a Christian are totally compatible. God loves gays and lesbians just as we are."

"Where will this end?" asked Rose Zee Miller, also of the group. "The have now kicked us out of their churches. Will they now begin



to discriminate against our children, parents and families?"

The Southern Baptists will be joined by most major American denominations in grappling with the homosexual issue at their conventions over the next several years.

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Pictured: Ray Fuller of Joliet, Illinois, member of the Administrative Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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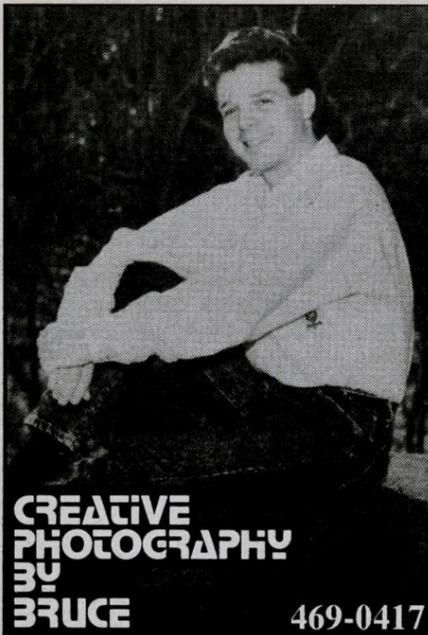
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8th graders protest
banning of Queen song
at graduation

Clifton, NJ—School officials at the Sacred Heart School here have cancelled 8th grade graduation, following protests over the administration's banning of a Queen song at the ceremony. Students at the school had planned to play "We Are The Champions" during a slide presentation of the school year.

Principal Donald Quinlan banned the song, saying it was inappropriate at a religious school. But students charged that the song was censored because Queen's lead singer, Freddie Mercury, was a bisexual man who died last November of AIDS.

"He said it was wrong for us to sing the song because it would put Freddie Mercury on a pedestal," Ernie Juray, an 8th grade student at Sacred Heart, told AP.

"All the lessons they learned in eight years of Catholic school were negated by the principal," said Lucy Matijakovich, grandmother of a 7th-grader. "They're learning there's hypocrisy in Catholic education."

Joseph Slawinski, an 8th grader, agreed. "Some Catholics say gay people are bad people and are committing mortal sins. And some Catholics say we should love everybody," he said. "That's the side I'm on."

Nine of the school's 19 graduates invited members of ACT UP to the school last Mon-

day for a protest. Two ACT UPers were arrested for obstructing traffic when they blocked a driveway.

School officials said that diplomas would be mailed to the graduates, but AP reported on June 8 that the students had charged that the administration planned a graduation ceremony for the 10 students who did not protest the song's banning. Meanwhile, the nine who did protest were said to be considering an offer to graduate on Sally Jesse Raphael's syndicated television show.

In addition to the graduation cancellation, Principal Quinlan last week cancelled a field trip and refused to allow students to attend a Board of Education picnic.

"[He] said he can't let the children off the campus," said Nina Decker, the mother of another Sacred Heart student, "because he feels the media would take control."

Quinlan banned the song from graduation last month, but students protested his decision. National Public Radio aired a report last week saying that the students had relented and agreed to drop the song, but by then the principal had cancelled graduation plans.

Ernie Juray's mother likened the situation to life in her native Hungary.

"I left a communist country where they did things like this," his mother, Katalin Juray, said, "and now the Catholic Church is doing it here."

Ernie put the matter closer to home. "It's pitting friend against friend," he said.

Judge says no again to
gay marriage license

Washington, D.C.—For the second time, a D.C. Superior Court judge has ruled that two gay men cannot obtain a marriage license.

Craig Robert Dean and Patrick Gerald Gill contended in their filing for reconsideration of their earlier lawsuit that D.C.'s marriage law violates the Constitution's guarantee against establishment of a state religion due to references to Biblical passages in the law.

Judge Shellie F. Bowers on June 3 called their claim "totally frivolous," ruling that the law does not advance or endorse religion," but is properly "motivated by religious convictions."

The couple, which has sought and won national attention, will appeal to the D.C. Court of Appeals, where a three-judge panel will rule after Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union file friends-of-the-court briefs.

Dean and Gill have won support from activists protesting "hypocritical" federal policy that "contradicts" D.C.'s human rights law that protects lesbian, gay, and bisexual citizens in partnerships. And history may be on their side.

"Married couples receive preferences for tax deductions, exemptions, and benefits that unmarried couples can't take advantage of," said Dean, who sued the city in 1990 for a marriage license to exchange vows with Gill.

He and Gill were guest speakers at the commitment of Atlanta's 1991 gay and lesbian pride celebration.

The idea of gay marriage isn't new, said D.C. activist Jeffery R. Nickel, citing Professor John E. Boswell of Yale University's history department, who noted in "Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality" that the Christian church performed gay marriages throughout the medieval period in Europe.

And Karl Heinrich Ulrichs argued publicly for gay marriage in Germany during the nineteenth century. "It's not a new idea," Nickel said, "and it's not going away."

Allies call D.C.'s domestic partnership legislation inadequate, and argue that D.C.'s policy prohibiting same-sex marriages "di-

rectly contradicts" and undermines the effectiveness of the city's Human Rights Code (HRC).

"The nation's capital is one of the few areas that boasts a Human Rights Code prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation," said Eve Faber of Oppression Under Target! (OUT!).

"D.C.'s policy prohibiting same-sex marriages directly contradicts the [HRC]," she said, "undermining the effectiveness of a powerful piece of human rights legislation."

"There are over a hundred marriage-based rights in D.C. alone," said Dean, "ranging from the ability to make wills and trusts, to protect each other's property from creditors, to hold property jointly, to be on each other's health insurance, and to adopt."



He claimed that D.C.'s domestic partnership legislation "really only affects D.C. government employees for non-cost items." It is incomplete, Dean stressed. "The right to marry is a demand for immediate equality now in all areas."

"Our efforts with the mayor and City Council have proved fruitless," Dean said. Mayor Sharon Pratt (Dixon) Kelly "made a campaign promise to legalize same-sex marriage, but we have been rebuffed in efforts to get meetings with her. And she hasn't answered any of our letters."

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Pictured: Craig Dean and Patrick Gill.
Photo by Evert Bennett.

Oregon Town Bans Protections For Gays: Springfield, Oregon is the first city in the country to pass a charter amendment outlawing civil rights for gays and lesbians. The measure amends the Springfield city charter to prohibit the city from passing or enforcing any law "that recognizes any categorical provisions such as 'sexual orientation,' 'sexual preference,' or similar phrases...nor shall the city of Springfield, its agencies, departments, bureaus, properties, or monies be used to promote, encourage, or facilitate homosexuality..." The amendment passed by a vote of 5693 to 4540, while a similar measure in Corvallis, Oregon was soundly defeated. The Oregon Citizens Alliance, which spearheaded both drives, is gathering signatures to place anti-gay initiatives on statewide ballots in November. Those measures declare homosexuality to be "abnormal behavior," mandate discrimination on a statewide level, and require public schools to teach that homosexuality is wrong.

Homophobia Bad For The Heart?: While self-avowed homophobe Sen. Jesse Helms recuperated in a North Carolina hospital from quadruple bypass and heart valve replacement surgery, acknowledged homophobe Rev. Donald Wildmon suffered a heart attack in Mississippi. Wildmon, the head of the American Family Association, is well known for leading boycotts against companies that support lesbian and gay issues. He recently called for a boycott of Levi Strauss when that company announced that it would no longer fund the Boy Scouts of America because of the BSA's anti-gay stance.

Lesbian Teen Sues Classmates: According to the Washington Blade, a 16 year old girl has filed a lawsuit against 16 of her former classmates at New Miami High School in Oxford, Ohio, claiming that they repeatedly harassed her because she is a lesbian. Faith Elliot and her mother filed the lawsuit last year. Hearings were held last month, and AP reported that two of the students reached an out of court settlement before the trial began. During the hearings, Elliot told of students throwing food at her, a student who exposed himself to her, "lewd drawings," and "obscenities and derogatory remarks." The Elliots originally sought \$25,000 from each defendant, but the judge, Michael Sage, limited damages to \$2000 each.

Murder Of 25 HIV-Infected Prostitutes In Burma Protested: ACT UP and "Queer & Asian" members picketed the Myanmar Embassy in Washington, DC, on May 29 to protest



Burma's "genocidal murder" of 25 or more HIV-positive women prostitutes injected with poisonous cyanide to stop the spread of AIDS. Burmese officials at the chancery refused to discuss the protesters' request for a meeting on the scandal, while other Burmese leaders denied the murders. The U.S. Secret Service police cooperated with the activists' direct action, allowing them to chalk-in symbols representing the murdered women directly outside the Dupont Circle chancery. Activists said they will appeal to the U.S. State Department, the United Nations, Amnesty International, and U.S. businesses in Burma for intervention to prevent further killings.

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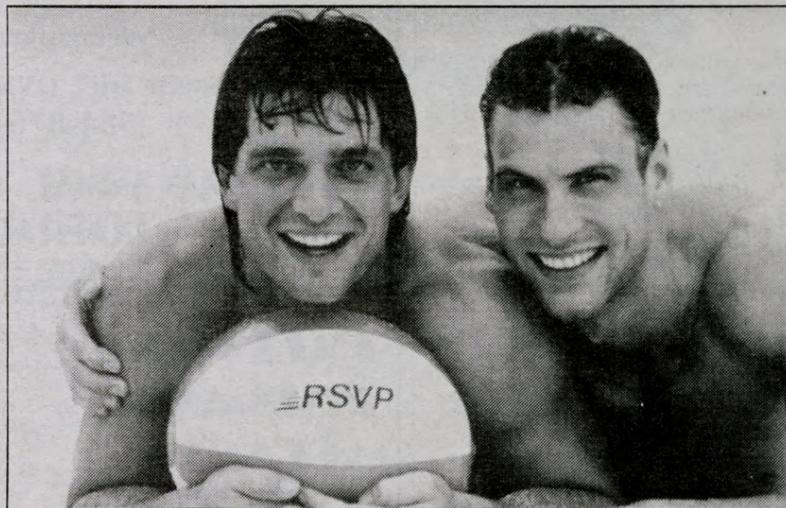
Queer Nation, Straight But Not Narrow Get Grants: The Fund for Southern Communities, a grassroots funding organization based in Atlanta and headed by Georgia state Rep. Nan Orrock, has awarded its Spring 1992 cycle of grants, dividing \$54,000 among 27 groups, including Queer Nation/Atlanta and Straight But Not Narrow, an Atlanta group of straight people supportive of lesbian and gay issues. QN, which received \$2500, and SBNN, receiving \$1000, joined Lowcountry Gay and Lesbian Alliance in Charleston, SC (\$3000) and North Carolina Pride in Asheville (\$1000) in the Gay/Lesbian categories. Other grants were awarded to groups working on Community Organizing, Disability Rights, Racism, Women, Youth, Environment, Workers, and Culture and Media.

NEA "Decency Standard" Ruled Unconstitutional: A federal judge in Los Angeles ruled unconstitutional the so-called "decency standard" used by the National Endowment for the Arts in awarding grants. The ruling came in a lawsuit filed by performance artists Karen Finley, Holly Hughes, John Fleck and Tim Miller. Grants to the four were denied by former NEA chief John Frohnmayer based on a standard that banned grants to projects considered obscene, sadomasochistic or homoerotic. That standard was later changed to a vague rule that decreed art was to be judged on "general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public." The NEA had no comment except to say it was reviewing Judge A. Wallace Tashima's decision.

Gay Writer Charges Gay Press Assoc. With Discrimination: San Francisco writer Keith Clark, whose news articles appear in many gay publications across the country, has asked the San Francisco Human Rights Commission to investigate his treatment at the hands of the Gay and Lesbian Press Association during its national conference last month. Clark claims that he was denied press credentials to cover the conference even though he was covering the event for a non-gay San Francisco paper. Randy Curry, GLPA's executive director, stated that in the 11 years since the convention existed they had never granted press credentials to the gay press. "Most of the money for the conference comes from registration fees, Curry said, and "if we had given Mr. Clark press credentials every single person who attends the conference could say, 'We are going to write a story and should be allowed to attend for free.' We never make money on these conferences and would lose even more." Curry added that since Clark is a gay reporter who writes for the gay press, his assignment by the San Francisco Weekly was "irrelevant."

Detroit Paper Proposes Anti-Gay Column: A newspaper in Dearborn, Michigan, reacted to Detroit paper's addition of a gay issues column by proposing an anti-gay counterpart. Dearborn Time-Herald executive editor Ed Plaisted wrote in the paper's May 13 edition wrote "There are many rapists, child molesters and other perverts who could be attracted to The [Detroit] News by columns aimed toward their sexual preference. How about a column on date rape by Mike Tyson." According to the Washington Blade, Plaisted proposed a column called "Dear Leslie" [sic] that would ridicule lesbians and gays. Deb Price, news editor at the Detroit News' DC bureau, writes that paper's once a week gay issues column.

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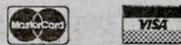
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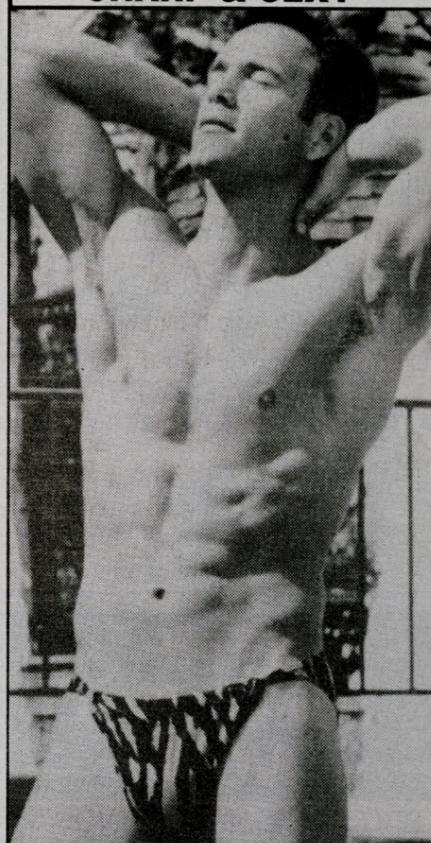
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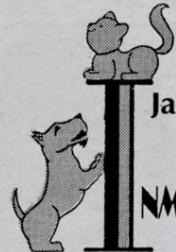


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OCCASIONS

Anniversaries

Danny Roble and his partner Dan celebrate their 16th anniversary on June 11! Our hats are off to any two people who can stay together that long. What's the secret, guys?

Birthdays

Gary Glass, manager of The Boy Next Door, will be thirtysomething on June 20. He wouldn't cut a limb off to let us count the rings so we can't report his exact age.

Happy Birthday to Gareth Fenley. She will celebrate her birthday June 23 in Fortuna, California...and attend her first San Francisco Pride Rally. Take lots of pictures to share when you get back in July, Gareth!

Frank Behrens turned 38 on June 14...and is keeping busy for a "man his age." He is the secretary of LEGAL and GAPAC, the general secretary of POOH (Positive Outlook on Health), and a member of Queer Nation.

Julie Wilson celebrates her 30th birthday on June 20 with her partner, Lee Ann Hopkins, who recently joined Julie in Atlanta following her graduation from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. in May. Together at last! Let the celebration begin!

Nina Colman celebrated her 25th birthday on June 9. Your wondertwin says she loves you and thanks for the rose — you're finally in the paper!

Congrats to Jeff Addison, an HLM employee, who will celebrate his 33rd birthday on June 24. Good counting, Jeff.

Moves

K.T. Slaughter and her Clayton County school teacher roommate (that's why her name isn't here) made the move on June 10 to a lovely new abode in Decatur. K.T. wants to stress the word "roommate" here. Welcome to the neighborhood, girls. When's the first cook-out?

Ordinations:

Marsha Mitchener (pictured here with Andy Weischoff) was ordained at the First Existentialist Congregation on Sunday, June 7. The ceremony was

beautiful, touching and the jam-packed room rocked to some of the most inspired singing those walls have heard in some time. In case you don't know, the E Cong is one of the most lesbian and gay positive spiritual homes in the entire city. Thank you Marsha for your love and grace. And thanks to Lanier for the beautiful place he has helped to create.



Politics

LEGAL held a successful fundraiser and cookout at the home of Lynn Manning and Laura Bevins on June 8. Many local politicians showed up to lend their support...among them Samantha Claar, Sherry Sutton, Ron Slotin and Annie Collins. Proceeds of the event go to send the four lesbian and gay delegates to the Democratic Convention in New York City in July.

Pride

About 20 people from Atlanta are planning a trip to Chattanooga's first Pride March on June 14. Queer Nation members David van der Griff, Pat Hussain, Lynn Cothren and Cheryl Summerville will speak at the rally.

Queers in Augusta, Georgia will hold their Pride March on June 13.

compiled by
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Pictured: Marsha Mitchener and Andy Weischoff

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Harvard group predicts 110 million HIV-infected by 2000

In a report to be released this August, the Global AIDS Policy Coalition warns that the international AIDS epidemic is not slowing down. Rather, it is set for an enormous expansion.

"The global implications are clear; during the next decade HIV will likely reach most communities around the world," said Dr. Jonathan Mann, coordinator of the Harvard-based Coalition as well as director of that university's International AIDS Center.

"Geographic boundaries cannot protect against HIV—the question today is not 'if' HIV will come, but only 'when,'" Mann continued.

The Coalition projects that by the year 2000, as many as 110 million adults will be infected by HIV, the virus that triggers AIDS. This compares with a current level of about 13 million HIV-infected individuals. The sharpest increase will come in Asia, where countries such as Indonesia, Bangladesh, India and the Philippines were labelled "highly vulnerable" to the epidemic.

The Coalition's projections are based on the opinion of 22 AIDS epidemiologists around the globe. These experts did not do new research, but reviewed previously collected data to arrive at a "consensus estimate" of the situation's gravity. The epidemiologists' predictions came in the form of ranges whose low end differed little from previous forecasts by the UN's World Health Organization (WHO).

For example, the Coalition predicts that as a best case scenario, as few as 38 million people will have contracted HIV by the time the year 2000 arrives. The WHO sets that level at 40 million.

One of the report's coeditors, Thomas Metter, observed, "The WHO is more conservative than us. We're pretty sure that the high end will occur."

Netter edited the book-length report along with Mann and Daniel Tarantola. They hope the report, entitled "AIDS in the World 1992," will become an annual review of the epidemic. All three men worked in the WHO's AIDS Program (Mann was its director) until they resigned.

Netter said that he did not want to criticize the WHO, which does "necessary and important work." But, he said, "There is need for a broader, more coordinated approach integrating science, social issues, health promotion and the ethic of caring."

The WHO's anti-AIDS budget was severely pared this year, and Netter said, "We're trying to send the message that things are moving out of control. People are beginning to lose sight of what's going on. We don't want to see their efforts collapse in a pool of complacency."

The Coalition claims that the number of people developing AIDS in the next eight years will be up to nine times larger than

the number that have developed AIDS so far. The Third World countries where the major increases will occur will experience extreme dislocations.

"In Africa, the AIDS epidemic will peak when between 25 and 35 percent of the sexually active population is HIV-positive. The health care system will be unable to cope with the demands, and those with HIV will be excluded. They will be sent back home or to hospices for support, not treatment," said Alan Whiteside, a South African economist who studies the impact of AIDS on Third World economies.

Whiteside thinks that the biggest financial impact of the epidemic will be hobbling of economic development as educated and skilled workers are lost. The danger is that large parts of the world will be written off by rich nations as permanently stagnant precisely because of a disease that thrives on underdevelopment and social stress.

One as-yet-unfathomed effect of AIDS is the tuberculosis rate. TB is both the most common HIV-related infection in Africa and the only such disease that is dangerous to HIV-negative casual contacts. TB rates already are soaring in Africa and elsewhere.

This secondary epidemic, especially if it involves drug-resistant forms, will further burden medical and economic systems while demoralizing care providers and exhausting human compassion.

To remedy the crisis, Jonathan Mann proposes a four-pronged strategy to fight the epidemic. His points include introducing proven AIDS prevention strategies worldwide, ensuring that care and support are provided for all, accelerating vaccine research, and confronting the underlying health and social inequities that create vulnerability to the epidemic.

Many are concerned, though, that it is already too late for prevention. Said Whiteside, "I don't underestimate the importance of prevention, but those efforts won't be quick enough. So we have to start planning for the epidemic's impact."

Similarly, Dr. Ronald Francis, an AIDS expert who has worked in Africa on anti-small pox and Ebola fever campaigns, pointed out, "The health budget in a lot of countries is only two or three dollars per person. Even distributing condoms isn't going to do a lot of good—you don't get much sex for that much money."

Francis is pinning his hopes on the development of cheap vaccines, which, he says pharmaceutical companies don't seem interested in developing because of their low profit potential.

"We need some other model of research and health care delivery," Francis said.

"Yes," responded Netter, "How to get vaccines to the people—that's precisely the kind of question we want to discuss."

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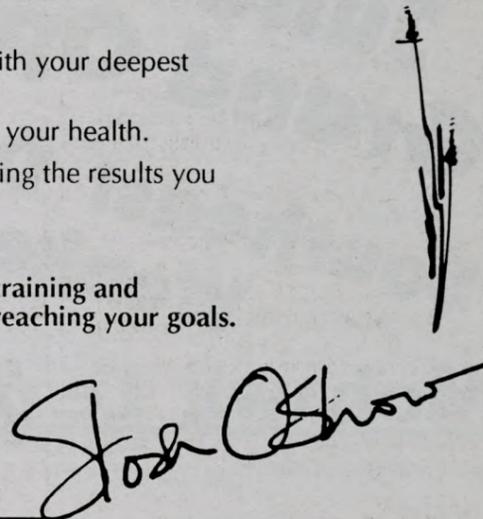
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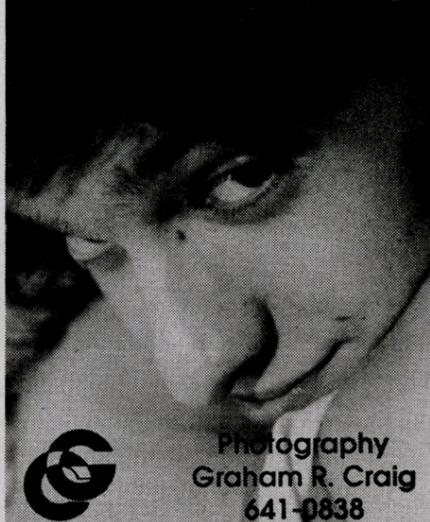
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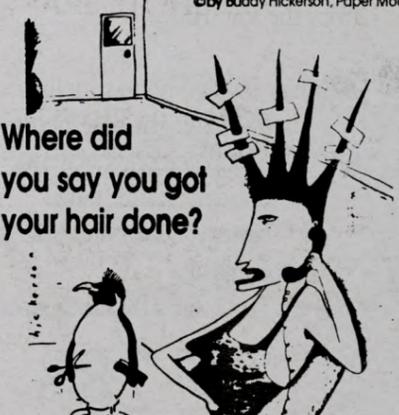
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An open letter to the community from ACT UP-Atlanta

In ACT-UP we shout "Action=Life!" in addition to "Silence=Death!" Action is as relevant and essential to the lives of Gays, Lesbians, and Bi-sexuals as to the survival of People With AIDS (PWA). Action is necessary because our community is under attack. Violence against Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals, laws which criminalize our sexuality, repression of non-traditional family structures, malignant neglect of PWAs, and a structure which marginalizes and dehumanizes us all conspire to rob us of our pride and dignity and threaten to destroy our community. To be out may threaten your job, custody of your children, even your very life.

Therefore, the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration is not only a day to celebrate and take pride in our achievements as a community, but also a time to look toward our continued survival and to take action against our oppressors. We celebrate our leaders, our healers, our entertainers, our activists, our archivists, and our artists. We honor and applaud our story tellers, our spiritual guides, our professionals, our ser-

vice providers, and our organizations. In short, we take pride in all of the individual elements which make up our vibrant community. At the same time, we must acknowledge those who would oppress us and take action to create positive change. Bigoted political leaders, a homophobic media, and hate-mongering religious organizations must be pushed to accept Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals as valuable and integral members of the human community, deserving of the same respect, rights, and privileges as all others.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Because political change is necessary for our survival being Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual, being part of and celebrating our community, is inherently political. Any activity which has an impact on the structure of our society, which creates some kind of change, is a political act. Contributing time and money to our community, lobbying elected officials, taking part in a Pride celebration, running for public office, working in a social service organization, taking direct action against our oppressors, or simply being out are all examples of ways in which we are politically active.

Pride is both an important time to celebrate how much we have overcome and the magnificent accomplishments of our community, but it is also an opportunity to come together and explore ways to improve our future. In harmony with the activities planned by the Pride Committee, ACT-UP is calling for a march and rally to give voice to political activism as an essential component to being Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual. We will march from Woodruff Park to the steps of the State Capitol to celebrate our traditional Queer activism which is the history of our civil rights movement: fighting back. This rally and march will generate a sense of empowerment and recognition of the power of our community to create change. We will actively demonstrate that we are willing and able to demand our rights and take our liberation in the face of our oppressors.

If you give a damn about the future of our community, if you are proud to be part of a tradition of resisting oppression, if you recognize the importance of taking action to create political change, join us on Saturday, June 27th, at 5:30 pm at Woodruff Park for a march and a 6:30 rally at the State Capitol.

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An open letter to the community from the Board of Pride '92

As members of the Board of Directors of the ALGPC, we want to promote greater participation in the 1992 Pride Festival.

The ALGPC is supremely supportive of the ideal of artistic freedom. Previously we had received erroneous information regarding the regulation of communications in public arenas. Upon further research, we have found that no such regulations apply to situations like the Pride Festival. We sincerely apologize for any misunderstandings that arose from our error, and look forward to a weekend of uninhibited entertainment.

The ALGPC is very proud that the speakers for the Pride '92 rally will represent a broad cross section of society. Speakers will include members and directors of

Legislative Equality for Gays and Lesbians (LEGAL), Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition (GAPAC), the American Civil Liberties Union, the African-American Lesbian and Gay Alliance, the Gay and Lesbian Task Force on Public Safety, the Latino/Latina Lesbian and Gay Conference, Out Youth, and the Atlanta Lambda Community Center. Additionally, the Pride Committee is providing at no cost to GAPAC and LEGAL a tent during the Pride rally for their use as a venue for discussing political matters.

We have permits in hand and are truly excited about the upcoming Pride Festival. In 1991, more than 30,000 people took part in an empowering and enjoyable experience, and we're hoping that many more people will participate this year. We encourage everyone to participate in the wide range of activities that are planned.

Sincerely,
Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee
Board of Directors

Sorry for the stereotype

To the Editor:

Upon returning from a sponsor's meeting for the 1993 Business Expo, I read your article in this week's Southern Voice about the 1992 Lesbian and Gay Business Expo. I noticed a line that read:

"It's nice to know that not all gay men are florists."

Being that I am a florist and a gay man, in addition to being one of four sponsors responsible for creating this year's expo, I take offense to this statement. I am concerned to be reading this in my own community paper. I write this letter in defense of all gay male florists who have spent years and countless thousands of dollars reconciling their career choice and sexuality.

Sincerely,
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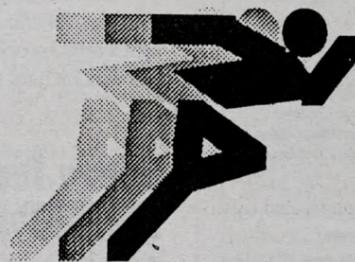
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Privatizing Sexuality

Several years ago two University of South Carolina professors in the College of Education were overheard saying, "I don't understand why people like *that* just can't keep *it* to themselves. Why does he have to flaunt *it* in our faces?" What these two female faculty members really fail to understand is that *it* (one's sexuality) is not a private matter.

All but two Southern states have some type of sodomy statute. South Carolina, for example, classified sodomy, "the abominable act of buggery....," as a felony. Under this same statute, the state also restricts the rights of heterosexual married couples from engaging in sexual acts which it terms as "so horrible they cannot be described." The State, through this sodomy legislation, moves consensual, adult sexual relationships from the privacy of the bedroom into the public domain.

Though few people have been charged and fewer have been convicted since the adoption of these aged statutes, their removal is a principal demand of Gay Pride marchers throughout the South this month.

Beneath the veneer of ethnic restaurants, high-tech industry, and interstate cloverleaves of the New South, there rests the underlying social codes of the Old South. One of these is a respectful politeness and another is a strict division between public and private knowledge.

In the South, there is a respect for an individual's privacy or, less gingerly, an unwillingness to confront private idiosyncrasies in public. The whole town might know about Cousin Randolph's fondness for men; but as long as these behaviors are kept to himself, no one will discuss them. This storehouse of collective private knowledge, in part, is what identifies a Southern community. Southerners evidence as the wonderful writer Mab Segrest, a Southern lesbian, writes: "a determined ignorance of the seamier facts of life. Even the most innocent Dear Old Thing knows what Town Fairy is and what he does, but the blue-rinse set simply refuses to think about it. Their blind spots are so calcified that eventually they actually forget that Town Fairy is Town Fairy."

Carefully preserved in the hidden recesses of the Caroliniana Library are a series of letters written in the spring and autumn of 1826 which were recently unearthed by historian Martin Duberman. According to Duberman, 22-year old Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Whithers, eventually to assume the judgeship of the state's Court of Appeals, wrote to his friend, James H. Hammond, legendary Congressman, Senator and Governor, of their playful bedtime exploits. Writing from his college residence in Columbia, Jeff asks Jim:

"I feel some inclination to learn whether you yet sleep in your Shirt-tail, and whether you yet have the extravagant delight of poling and punching a writhing Bedfellow with your long fleshen pole — the exquisite touches of which I have often had the honor of feeling."

In publishing his article, Duberman faced numerous obstacles from the curator who painstakingly sought to avoid a conflict between the interests of the historian and the honor of the family. The curator's reluctance to publicize these behaviors (about 150 years after the event) is a legacy of the Old South.

We all, however, pay a price for this conspiracy of polite sexual silence. State legislators shudder when schools expose adolescents to sexuality education while we wring our hands at images of children bearing children and parents burying children. Stressing

Rambo-like strength or Debutante-like appearance, we translate the importance of *acting* like a male or female into rigid sexual roles and an inability to express qualities "inherent" in the other gender. Heterosexuals seldom see a relationship between themselves and the struggles of lesbians and gay men while the U.S. Supreme Court upholds a Virginia court's conviction of sodomy against a heterosexual married couple when a passerby spotted their sexual act from an open bedroom window.

Prominent citizens enjoy private homosexual lives of affluence while fearing being "outed" from their Confederate closets. Roving bands of adolescent boys prey on gays as fundamentalist ministers roam the AM bands praying for the "deliverance" of homosexuals — through violence or religion each group represses their own sexual fears. The Alabama legislature links the "support or fostering" of sodomy to universities' sanctioning of lesbian and gay campus student organizations.

Sexual expression between two consenting adults *should* be a private matter. The sodomy statute transforms the private into the public criminalizing many Southerners. The state's power to define and delimit appropriate sexual behaviors further legitimizes the discrimination and harassment faced every day by lesbians and gay men. This archaic section of criminal code helps to justify job and housing discrimination and to foster intolerance and hatred. As a symbol, the statute creates sexual outlaws. As a law, it is an ever present threat to an emerging segment of the Southerners.

While some state legislators privately admit that the sodomy statute is archaic, none come forward to lead its repeal. From their vantage point, the political costs outweigh the social benefits. "After all," one legislator argued, "when is the last time someone in this state has been prosecuted for buggery?" This, of course, misses the point. The sodomy statute is an affront to Southerners. It is a visible reminder to a minority of the population of its second class citizenship; it is also nourishment for those who breed on ignorance, hatred, fear and indifference.

Discrimination and harassment of lesbians and gay men is the business of everyone: heterosexist adults ignorant of the pain of growing up gay in the South; legislators and educators who choose timidity over courage and excuse over action; homosexual adolescents and adults who escape in a fog of drugs or a sea of alcohol; and ordinary citizens whose fear of public ridicule outweighs their sense of civic outrage.

Legislative debate must begin on the sodomy statute throughout the South. The intent of the sodomy statute, of course, is to criminalize sexual behavior. One of its impacts, however, is to stigmatize persons with homosexual or bisexual identities.

Oppressions based on race, gender, age, religion, and sexual identity intersect to make the world a difficult place in which to live. Thus, the agendas of people working to end oppression and foster human dignity and social justice must also intersect. Ending discrimination and violence against lesbians, gays, and bisexuals cannot occur without a coalition of agendas among *all* who are despised or dispossessed.

The liberation sought by the bisexual who writes torrid letters to a local paper, by the Chicano migrant worker laboring in our harvests of shame, by the female activist lobbying state legislators on pro-choice issues, by the once middle-class Black family who now has entered the ranks of our working poor, by our African-American children in rural schools who year after year receive substandard education, and by those darkened

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with despair who have yet to be touched by the "thousand points of light"—we are all inextricably woven together in this tapestry we call humanity.

We must work in solidarity on this march toward social justice and human dignity. We must choose action over silence. We must transform fists of hatred into hands joined in solidarity. We must act in concert with conviction and courage. It is time to end the hegemony of self-appointed religious vigilantes and the divisive politics of sloganeering

What you can do about the "Family Channel"

To the Editor:

There is something going on in Atlanta and the nation that I thought might be of interest to Southern Voice readers. A few years ago, the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), the home of the "700 Club" and Pat Robertson, changed its name to the "Family Channel" (GCTV 39). It is still run by Robertson and the 700 Club remains a major presence. (Last week, for example, they argued that "radical feminists and militant homosexuals... are the cause of pornography..." So much for Playboy.) Not many people are aware that CBN now is the Family Channel. I suspect that the reason for the change was to trick people into watching it.

However, the CBN to Family Channel "metamorphosis" is not the reason I am writing you. Recently, CBN has been running an insidious show purporting to "tell the truth" about AIDS. The show stated that the government has hidden the fact that condoms fail and are useless against HIV infection and that you can easily get AIDS from kissing, from someone's sneeze, toilet seats, someone bleeding on you, insects, etc. Granted, some of these actions/activities do pose a risk, but it is very small. No case has ever been reported of someone getting HIV from a kiss, for example.

This show is remarkably well produced and "convincing" to the ignorant. On Sun-

and political correctness. It is time to be heard; it is time to privatize sexuality through public action.

James T. Sears is an associate professor at the University of South Carolina. The author of several books including the critically acclaimed Growing Up Gay in the South, Professor Sears is editor of the Southern-based, national magazine Empathy. Sears will speak at Atlanta's Lesbian and Gay Pride '92 rally.

days at 11:30, the J. Ankerberg Show serves as an effective pulpit for groups like Americans for a Sound AIDS Policy, groups that wish to end sex education in the schools in favor of exclusive abstinence education. The show condemns homosexuals, drug users and others and implies that they should be fired because their mere presence (infected or not) will surely put people at risk for infection. They use gay employees in restaurants as an example. The show is unbelievable and dangerously influential. They even managed to get an interview with the head of the CDC to support their position, albeit through the use of selective (and obvious) editing.

Clearly, letters to Pat Robertson are useless. He owns and controls the network. Letters to GCTV may be helpful in getting the cable company to run a disclaimer at the bottom of the screen. It is doubtful they will drop the Family Channel, however.

But, there is something I have discovered Atlantans can do. Chick-Fil-A, a local fast food chain, is a big supporter of this network. The restaurant goes beyond mere advertising on the network, it actually puts promotional for the channel on its take-out boxes! By boycotting this restaurant, maybe we can make the owner, a fundamentalist Christian, think twice about his support for the Family Channel.

Sincerely,
An Emory Law Student

Straight readers deserve better

Mr. Gary Kaupman
Food columnist
Southern Voice

I'm writing about an offensive comment you made in your recent column about eating out for couples. In that column, you write that you tried to avoid restaurants that don't take reservations so you won't have to wait in crowds of heteros.

I am one of the "hetero" readers of Southern Voice. I read SoVo to find out about things the mainstream media will never inform me of. The editorials are intelligent and persuasive. The comics are hilarious. I was thrilled when SoVo went to a weekly issue, because I got four issues a month instead of two.

Maybe because I'm Jewish, I identify with discrimination. Not too long ago, in Europe, Jews were forbidden certain jobs, not welcome in many public places, quarantined like animals, thought of as dirty or abnormal. Sound familiar?

Maybe because my family originally had problems with the husband I chose, the thought of being hated for loving someone makes me sick.

I am not totally devoid of a sense of humor; I understand that what you said was somewhat tongue-in-cheek. Also, I'm not a

real fan of political correctness. I just wanted to remind you, in case it isn't apparent, that both you and SoVo have a lot of hetero readers and supporters. And we *wouldn't* mind being stuck in a waiting area with you.

Sincerely,
Michelle Botwinick



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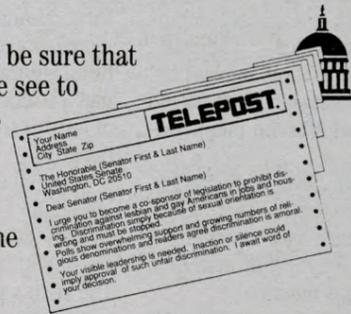
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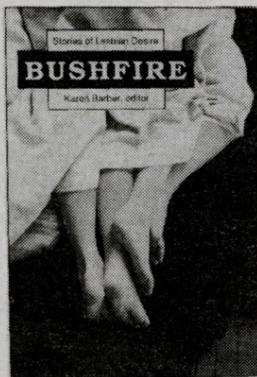
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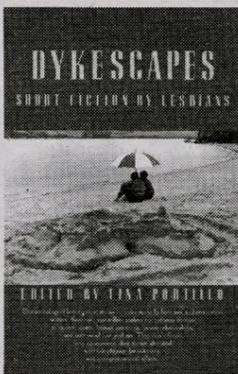
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LOST LANGUAGE

Skillfully adapted by Sean Mathias from David Leavitt's novel "The Lost Language of Cranes" is a very British telefilm, with all the quality and underplayed emotion that implies.

Eileen Atkins plays Rose Benjamin, the dutiful housewife and backbone of the family, always ready to make tea at the drop of a hat—or a bead. Her son and her husband both come out to Rose in the course of this 67-minute drama. While heterosexual marriage is reduced to something comfortable involving the occasional peck on the cheek, both men are shown naked in bed with other men (at least they were naked in the BBC version, which I reviewed; they reportedly shot an alternative version with the men in Jockey shorts to protect American eyes). While you're less likely to confuse *Lost Language* with porno than soap opera, it shows gay sex as beautiful and natural.

Owen Benjamin (Brian Cox, a Peter Finch type who deserves to be better known in the U.S.) has been fighting his homosexuality all his life. He married and raised a child as he was "supposed to," and confines his gay life to furtive encounters in a porno cinema when he takes Sunday afternoons "for myself." He's under pressure, not only from a need to express himself more fully but because he and his wife are being evicted from the flat they've lived in for 20 years and have nowhere to go—although with his income as a professor and hers as a book editor you'd think they could work something out.

Their son Philip (Angus MacFadyen) doesn't help by picking this particular time to come out to them. "It's not just a question of homosexuality, it's a question of secrets," he says. Mum shows her colors by responding, "We all have secrets. Does that mean they all have to be revealed?... Keeping certain secrets is essential to the general balance of life."

Philip spends the first half of the picture with Elliot ("thirtysomething's" Corey Parker), who is ultimately driven away by Philip's emotional needs. It's Elliot who warns him, "No matter how well you explain to your mother you like taking it up the bum, she's not going to be happy about it."

Neither is Philip's father. Owen weeps as his own life—that-might-have-been flashes before his eyes when his son comes out.

Owen gets the courage to go home with a man he meets in a bar. He's also had his eye on Winston (Nigel Whitmey), a young co-worker, and asks Philip how to tell whether someone is gay. "Gay people give off signals to other gay people," his son explains, connecting the main plot to a recurring theme of alternative communication systems that gives the work its name.

Arranging a dinner to fix Philip up with Winston, Owen discusses Proust and Greece to show he's found the lost language of queers. Meanwhile for Philip, a friendship with Robin (Ben Daniels), that rare bartender who looks better by daylight, is building into something more. Even Rose has a friend—an ex-lover, actually—she can turn to so the ending doesn't leave anyone totally devastated, even if some of them are facing hard changes in their lives.

A nice interlude features John Schlesinger and Rene Auberjonois as a gay couple who adopted Elliot when his parents died—as they requested in their wills.

Atkins and Cox give the kind of impeccable performances the British are famous for; the young actors are fine in less demanding roles. Under Nigel Finch's direction the adaptation is so thoroughly Anglicized it's hard to believe the story was ever set in New Jersey.

"The Lost Language of Cranes" breaks little new ground,



but it's a good, contemporary gay story executed in a praiseworthy fashion. Catch it on "Great Performances" June 24 at 11 pm on Channel 8.

STEVE WARREN

Pictured: Corey Parker (right) and Angus MacFadyen in "The Lost Language of Cranes"

GALA FUNDRAISER

HEART STRINGS '92

will present its gala finale in Atlanta on June 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the Atlanta Civic Center, topping off a 35-city national tour.

The Broadway-style show, billed as Act I of "An Event in Three Acts: Heart Strings, The AIDS Memorial Quilt, and You," features pop music within the context of a compassionate awareness of AIDS. The program includes surprise guest celebrities, a gospel choir and the men's chorus, in addition to the 20-member national cast. Stars who have made guest appearances in other cities are Nell Carter, Christopher Reeve, Julie Hagerty and Sandy Duncan.

The musical is a project of the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA), founded in 1984 by professionals in the interior design, furnishings and architectural communities, and now covering all areas of fashion, graphic, textiles, display and visual merchandising.

Heart Strings grants its proceeds to organizations and agencies which provide AIDS preventive education efforts, among ethnic and sexual minorities, IV-drug users and their intimate partners, women and families and school-age youth and young adults, as well as programs providing direct care services that meet the needs and lower the costs of caring for people with AIDS. Direct care services range from housing, food, emergency care, medical treatment, education, legal and financial support and counseling. DIFFA has contributed over \$5 million to over 250 community AIDS organizations.

The production was conceived and is produced by David

Sheppard, and since its inception in 1986 has grown to include the talents of David Bell, a two-time Emmy Award winner and former creative director of the Ford Theatre in Washington, D.C., as choreographer and director. The Los Angeles premiere early this year was taped by ABC for a two-hour special to be aired at a later date.

Those purchasing \$125 and up VIP contributor tickets will be treated to a festive celebration following the show at SciTrek. A \$250 VIP ticket includes VIP seating and pre- and post-show parties. The Atlanta pop group Cool Joe will provide the entertainment at SciTrek.

The theme of the post-party is "Get Smart" (about AIDS) and highlights include a bagpipe band, flash dancers, a calypso band, a mambo line, a '50s-style café, fortune tellers, magicians, jugglers, mimes, minstrels, dessert tables catered by 30 of Atlanta's leading restaurants and chefs, the unidentified girl group called "The Big Hair," and a special guest appearance by the cast of "Straight From the Heart."

The first Heart Strings was presented on February 23, 1986, raising \$120,000 for direct care AIDS services and preventive education. The second event the following year raised \$226,000 and in 1988, a 26-city National Tour of Heart Strings was announced, which premiered at the Fox Theatre on September 13, 1989. The original tour ended in March, 1990, in Washington, D.C., with over \$3 million in grants having been made to 131 communities in 40 cities.

June 25-28 will bring Act II: the AIDS Memorial Quilt at the Georgia World Congress Center.

Act III is You: how does AIDS affect you and your community? In 1981, 31 Americans died of AIDS, in 1985-6, 623, in 1990-22,236, and to date over 100,000. In Georgia there are 5,997 reported cases, with 3,500 fatalities. Ten percent of these reported cases are under the age of 13.

Georgia ranks 7th in reported cases of AIDS in the United States. Between January and March of this year, Georgia recorded 343 new cases. In the metro Atlanta area alone, 4,433 AIDS cases have been reported.

The goal of the local steering committee is to raise



\$500,000 with funds to go to AIDS-related agencies in the metro area that are granted by the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation's Atlanta AIDS Fund.

What can you do to contribute to increased funding in AIDS health care services and education? Support Heart Strings '92 by reserving a seat for the show (\$75 and \$25) at any Ticketmaster location (Turtle's, Sound Warehouse, Cocunuts, Tower Records, Princess Pamela's, Bo-Jo's, or Macon Mall). Or charge by phone at (404) 249-6400.

DAVE STOREY

Pictured: The cast of Heartstrings. Photo by Joan Alden.



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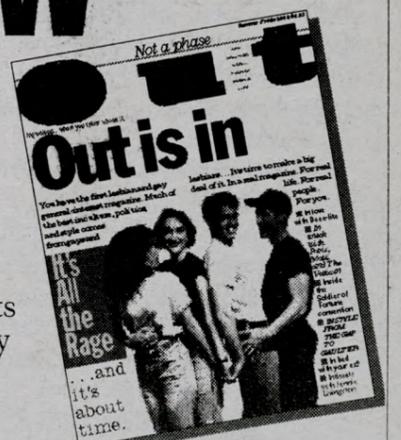
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18 THURSDAY

ALIVE WITH PRIDE. Out/Proud Theatre presents its theatrical production for Pride '92. Over 60 cast members including Southern Stampede. Runs through June 20. 14th St. Playhouse. 8 pm. 881-0817. Tickets available at Charis Books and E.D.'s Gourmet Records.

19 FRIDAY

NAPWA OPEN HOUSE. Joseph Wilbur, MD, Director of Epidemiology, Ga. Dept. of Human Resources will be honored, and dedications made in memory of Jeffrey Shinn and Francis Scott Ayres. 4:30 pm. 44 Twelfth Street NE. Sponsored by Atlanta NAPWA, ACT UP/Atlanta, Atlanta Buyers Club, AIDS Hotline for Women and Straight From the Heart. 874-7926.

ATLANTA FANTASY FAIR. Atlanta's oldest science-fiction and fantasy fair returns, and runs

through June 21. Lance Henriksen of Terminator and Aliens and Alien³ will be present, as well as other celebrities. Airport Hyatt and Georgia Convention and Trade Center. 961-2347 for more info.
DANCE FORCE. Three premieres by Atlanta artists including Jim Chappelleaux. 8:00pm and again at the same time on Saturday. Seven Stages Performing Arts Center. 892-8232.

20 SATURDAY

THIRD ANNUAL SUMMER SOLSTICE ART PARTY. Featuring artists Cecil Broz, Jane Leslie Kreisman and musician Angela Motter. 8:00 pm. First Existentialist Congregation. 378-5570.

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MICHAEL McDONALD. Former Doobie Brother will take center stage at Chastain Park performing hits from his new album "Take it to Heart." 892-2414.

21 SUNDAY

COLOR ADJUSTMENT. Season Premiere of the "Point of View" series. Filmmaker Marlon

Riggs (Ethnic Notions, Tongues Untied) blends humor, insight and thoughtful analysis to explore the evolution of black and white relations. Channel 8. 11:00 pm.

GARDEN CONCERT ON THE GREAT LAWN. A pops performance featuring the Mac Frampton Show on the Atlanta Botanical Garden's beautiful front lawn. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner. \$20. 7:30 pm. 491-6049.

22 MONDAY

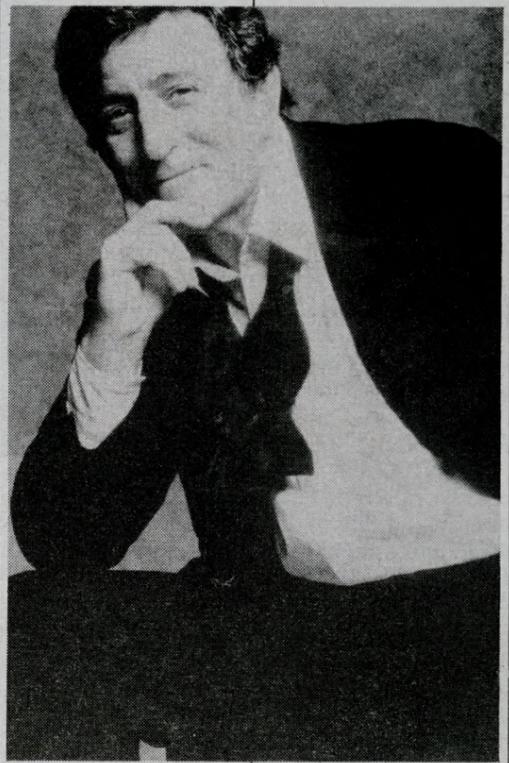
ARBITERS OF STYLE. Before "Out in Atlanta" watch this new public access show which offers a behind the scenes look at fashion furniture, art, music, food, film and theatre in Atlanta. 10 pm. Channel 12. People TV.

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 Wed. at 5:30 pm.

23 TUESDAY

PRIDE INTERFAITH CELEBRATION. Numerous lesbian and gay religious organizations will participate. Reception will follow. Shrine of the Immaculate Conception 7:30 pm. 48 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. 320-6610 for more info.

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.



BRIGADOON. Lerner and Lowe's spellbinding musical fantasy of classic love and Highland flings. Stars John Schneider. Runs through June 28. 8pm with Sat. and Sun. matinees at 2 pm. Fox Theatre. 249-6400.

24 WEDNESDAY

TONY BENNETT. The smoothest voice since cane syrup can still do things to you with "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." Chastain Park Amphitheatre. 8 pm. 892-2414.

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Summers (?), John Lennon and others. 9:00 am until 9:00 pm. Sheraton Century Center Hotel. 2000 Century Boulevard, NE. 325-0000.

THE LOST LANGUAGE OF CRANES. A film adaptation of David Leavitt's novel about a closeted (and married) father and the effect his gay son's coming out has on the family. A beautiful and praiseworthy work. GPTV. Channel 8. 11 PM.

Pictured:
Left: Sculptor Richard MacDonald
Above: Tony Bennett.
Photo by Annie Liebovitz
Below: "Peace and Love" by John Lennon on exhibit at Image Makers of Rock 'n Roll

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

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.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS. ATC Productions brings back Seymour, Audrey's I & II and the whole gang, in this

hit musical with songs by the late Howard Ashman and Alan Mencken—those Little Mermaid guys. Variety Playhouse. 249-6400 for tickets. Runs through July 5.

BRADSHAW ON HOMECOMING. This 10-part series explores dysfunctional family experiences, the resulting behaviors in adults and how to face them and move on. Programs air Sundays at 2pm through July 5. GPTV. Channel 8
FOREVER PLAID. The Alliance's hot summer production gets kicked off in style with "The Plaid Explosion." Alliance Theatre. 892-2414. Thru July 26.

ATLANTA FEMINIST WOMEN'S CHORUS. June 25. Will present a mini-concert at 8 pm. First Existentialist Congregation. Donations accepted at the door. 872-4432.

THE NAMES PROJECT QUILT. June

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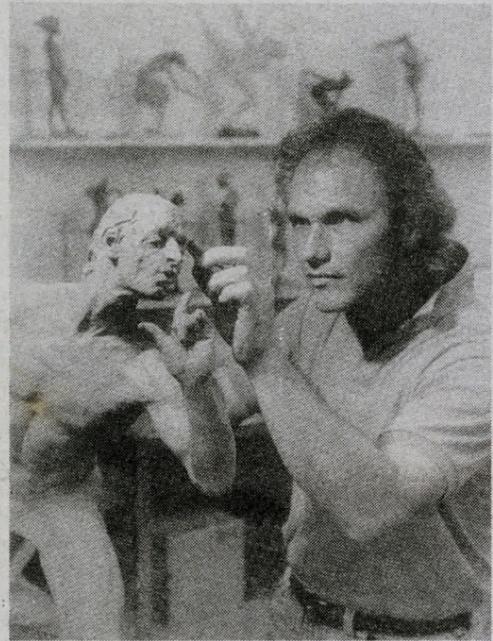
ACT UP MARCH & RALLY. June 27. ACT UP/Atlanta sponsors a political march & rally for Pride. Starts 5:30 pm at Woodruff Park; rally on the Capitol steps at 6:30 pm.

HEARTSTRINGS. June 27. The gala finale of the Heartstrings tour as it returns to its Atlanta home. All proceeds benefit AIDS organizations. The fundraising goal is \$500,000 for local organizations. 249-6400 for tickets

LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE 5K RUN/WALK. June 27. 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.



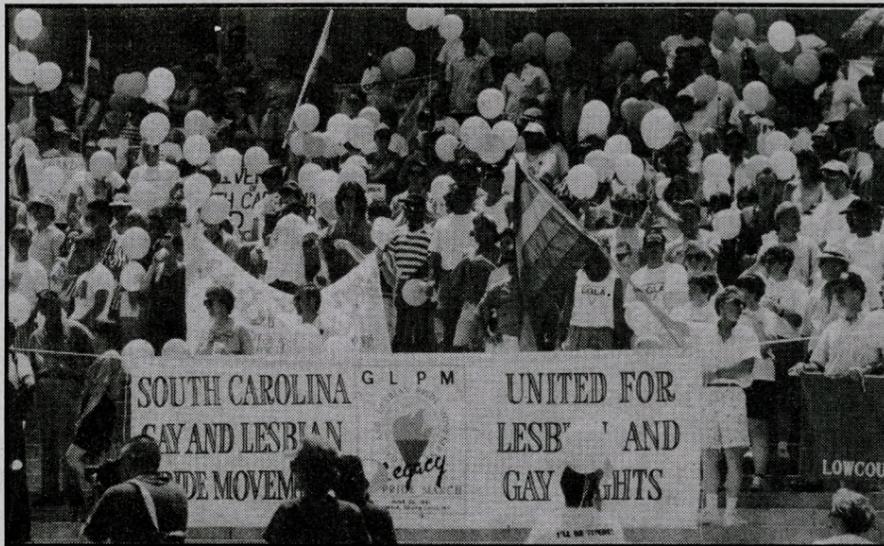
SOUTHERN PRIDE

Pride groups are popping up all over the country these days in places that one might not even think there were lesbian and gays, much less active and involved communities. But since the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights there has been a surge of energy and activism throughout the South. This new found courage to be "out in the South" is illustrated best by the number of pride celebrations scheduled for this month. Although many might seem small compared to Atlanta and other parts of the country, what is important is that a tradition is being set in all of these communities which will be built upon over the years. Some of the events had taken place by the time we went to press and we were unable to report on turn-outs except for Chattanooga.

Alabama

MONTGOMERY- On June 13th Montgomery held its very first Pride celebration. 500 participants were expected. The march ended at the Capitol building with speakers including: Jay Neely, the MCC district Coordinator from Atlanta; the Reverend Felecia Fontaine of the Montgomery MCC; Stefan from MALAGA in Mobile; and Michael Strickland from Out South here in Atlanta. After the speakers and activities a PRIDE dinner was scheduled. Music for the dinner was provided by guitarists Lisa Bussler and Harry Wingfield. After the dinner a candlelight service took place.

MOBILE- Pride Week this year will have the theme "Get Free" with the Rainbow Flag and red, white, and blue for colors. Friday, June 12th was the 2nd annual Ms. Mobile Pageant (for women), a fundraiser for the MCC church. On Saturday, June 13 Mobile lesbian and gays carpoled over to Montgomery to show support



in their first Pride Rally. On Sunday the 14th the 2nd annual Pride Toga Party took place at Sparky's. Monday the 15th is the day for the First Annual Pride Film Fest. On Tuesday the 16th, Golden Rod host the Jukebox Runway Show, a Mobile AIDS Pride benefit. Saturday is the 2nd annual Miss Pride Pageant, which is MALAGA's AIDS project fundraiser at Sensations. The Pride parade starts at 1:30 on Sunday, June 21 and then at 2:00 the Gay and Lesbian Games begin.

Florida

TALLAHASSEE- Tallahassee Pride week will start on June 15th and last until the 20th. Monday night will be movie night. Tuesday will be Womyn's Music night with various womyn artists. Wednesday night will be performance night and will feature local talent in the Tallahassee region. Thursday night there will be a community discussion on the problems of discrimination and diversity. Friday there will be a dinner and the bands Tryst, Venus Envy, and Stop the Madness will perform. Events will culminate on Saturday with a rally and march to the Capitol building, speakers at noon, and then a march back to the Park for food and fun.

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BEACHES-On Sunday the 14th at noon, was the Palm Beach picnic at Haverville Park in West Palm. Sunday, June 21st at noon will be the Dade County picnic located at South Pointe Park and the Rainbow Pride Prom "COLORS" will be held at the War Memorial auditorium in Ft. Lauderdale. On Monday June 22nd at dusk there will be a candlelight vigil at Stranahan Park in downtown Ft. Lauderdale. Tuesday June 23rd at 7:30, there will be a festival of music at the Metropolitan Community Church in Boca Raton. Wednesday June 24th there will be the Broward WIN 2nd annual Lesbian Film Festival in Ft. Lauderdale. Thursday June 25th at 8:00 there will be an interfaith service at the MCC in Ft. Lauderdale. Sunday, June 28 will be the day for the Pride march and rally starting at 9:00 am. Entertainment for the rally will include Lynn Lavner, Diva Pamela Stanley, Nikki Adams and two surprise guests. 10,000 are expected.

North Carolina

ASHEVILLE-North Carolina hosted its 7th annual pride celebration on June 13th and 14th with the theme "History in the Making." Last years event drew 2,000 participants. On June 13th there was a dance sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Lesbian and Gay Alliance featuring Loose Canaries. The march to the City-

County plaza began at noon, with a rally following. Speakers included: Michelle Crone as emcee, Mab Segrest of the North Carolina Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Equality, Gary Lipscomb of Men of All Colors Together, and Asheville city council member Barbara Field. At 7:30 the Asheville Gay Chorus performed at Asheville Middle School.

South Carolina

COLUMBIA-From June 17th to the 21st South Carolina celebrates its 3rd annual Gay and Lesbian Pride with the theme "Out With Dignity." Over 3,000 participants are expected. Thursday at 8:00 is "Family Night" at Trustus Theatre. Bluestocking Books hosts a book signing and reception honoring Naiad Press authors Amanda Kyle Williams (from Atlanta) and Phyllis Horn. On Friday "Paris is Burning" shows at the Nickelodeon Theatre. At 8:00 Artists Against Aids occurs at the Koger Center. The march will begin at 12:00 and a rally will follow at 12:30. Scheduled speakers: Roger Bell, cofounder of Voters for Equality; Gilda Cobb-Hunter, member of the South Carolina General Assembly; Joe Herzenberg, Mayor Pro-Tempe of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Candy Kern, the State Coordinator for NOW; and Atlanta's Cheryl Summerville. At 2:30 there will be a GALA Celebration featuring The Washington Sisters, Kathy Hartman and "Rock Against Homophobia."

Tennessee

CHATTANOOGA- Friday June 12th started Gay Pride Weekend with a "Stonewall Remembrance" candlelight service. Saturday night there was a banquet with musicians from the Chattanooga Symphony who performed pieces written by gay people. Atlanta's own Cheryl Summerville was the keynote speaker. 140 people attended. Sunday there was a march and rally at Warner Park with about 75 people marching. A group of counter-demonstrators followed along carrying anti-gay signs and followed the marchers into the park. Police refused to tell the counter-demonstrators to leave, so the speakers at the rally began to turn their speeches toward educating the group. There was no confrontation and organizers said they felt some understanding came out of the day.

Pictured: The 1991 South Carolina Pride march.

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Programming

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be sent to public broadcast stations.

CPB would also be required to review national programming after it is aired, and if it is determined to be "one-sided," use its funds to air opposing viewpoints.

A precise system to do that has not yet been worked out, but CPB has until 1994 to do so. Dick Ottinger, Executive Director of Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission which oversees Georgia Public Television and Peach State Radio, sees many problems in this area.

"Objectivity and balance is something we all strive for. Programs per se are not necessarily objective and balanced," he says. "It's a precarious line to walk. Once you pin somebody down as the arbiter of 'community standards,' that can exclude and become an individual definition and could create a lot of problems," he says.

What will be excluded, many fear, is the voice of the gay and lesbian community.

"Any time there is oppression, the first thing that is attacked is the creative forces," says Arthur Kropp, president of the People for the American Way. "And within that group, the first group that is attacked is the homosexuals. It happened in Nazi Germany. It happened in the McCarthy era."

As with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), gay and lesbian themes seem to be the reason behind the attempts at restrictions.

"PBS is loaded with liberal, left, pro-gay,

pro-feminist stuff," says Reed Irvine, chairman of the conservative media watchdog group Accuracy in Media (AIM).

Fear of homosexual "stuff" could also be the reason for the recent move by Texaco Oil Company to pull its funding from Great Performances just weeks prior to the June 24 airdate of "The Lost Language of Cranes," a dramatic adaptation of David Leavitt's novel about the simultaneous coming out of a gay father and son. Gay and lesbian activists say it is far from a mere coincidence in timing.

"PBS and Texaco have colluded to create an alibi," claims Spence Halperin of Out In Film, a gay and lesbian media watchdog group. "Texaco is pulling out because it doesn't want its name associated with a gay program."

Texaco and Great Performances representatives deny that claim. "Texaco doesn't have its name on "The Lost Language of Cranes" because it never paid for it," says Great Performances spokeswoman Marie Salerno. She explains that the \$1 million Texaco has spent on the Great Performances season—\$400,000 for production and \$600,000 for advertising—accounts for 26 programs. "Lost Language" was program 27. However, according to a PBS insider, the film wasn't placed in that slot until late in the programming process.

"The Lost Language of Cranes" will air on Channel 8 at 11:00 p.m. June 24.

The next test may come with a new nationally aired variety series about gay and lesbian life called "In The Life." The pilot show will air nationwide this summer on PBS, and will air monthly by next year.

The hour long magazine/variety program will touch on many aspects of contemporary life in the gay and lesbian community. The special is produced by Emmy award winning producer John Scagliotti, and hosted by stand-up comedienne Kate Clinton. The June 25 sneak preview special and the "In The Life" series, to be aired in late autumn, are available to all public broadcasting stations.

However, "In The Life's" pilot show will not be seen in Atlanta. Channel 8 spokeswoman Marsha Killingsworth says the program is not PBS produced, but is a local production of WNYC in New York, and is offered free to PBS stations across the country.

"We get a lot of independent offerings from producers and local broadcasters," Killingsworth notes. "We are currently reviewing "In The Life," and if it is good enough we will certainly air it."

The quality of some of the locally produced material is not up to normal PBS standards, Killingsworth says and GPTV must screen it before it is aired.

CANDACE CHELLEW

What do you get when you combine perfect summer weather, music, great food, cool drinks, entertainment, and a diverse crowd of party people? Toss it all together and serve it up poolside at Morningside Chase and you have Hollywood Hots '92!

The event this year was bigger and better than ever, with entertainment ranging from top local vocalists to the zany antics of the Armorettes unchained. The crowd, which was made up of every conceivable segment of Atlanta's population, roared their approval as one entertainer after another took the stage. A large container on the edge of the stage quickly became filled as eager admirers tipped their favorites. Of course, all tips and other proceeds go to various Atlanta AIDS organizations.

This is Pride month of course and all types of events are scheduled not only for June 28, the day of the march and rally, but the previous week as well. "Alive With Pride," SAME's theatrical contribution to Pride opens on June 17 and runs through June 20 at the 14th St. Playhouse. The performance features 60 cast members including western dancers Southern Stampede and the comedy troupe of Funny...That Way. Tickets are available at Charis Books and E.D.'s Gourmet Records or by calling 881-0817.

On June 23 there will be an Interfaith Celebration of Lesbian and Gay Pride at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Numerous organizations representing Atlanta's lesbian and gay religious communities will participate. The celebration begins at 8 pm at the Shrine, one of the city's oldest and most historic structures, located at 48 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. A reception will follow the service. Call 320-6610 for more information.

On Friday, June 26 there will be a memorial service for AIDS and Hate Crimes victims at the World Congress Center starting at 8 pm. The largest display of the NAMES Project Quilt will be on display there June 25-28. Volunteers are still needed for the display, and if you are interested call the local NAMES Project office at 605-7386. The Quilt showing is one part of an "Event in 3 Acts" which also includes the gala finale of "Heartstrings" on Saturday night, June 27 at 8 pm at

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DANNY ROBLE



the Atlanta Civic Center. For complete info on Heartstrings see our story on page 15.

Art Mavens Ed Woodham and Wayne Sizemore are at it again. These two leaders of the alternative art scene at 800 East are presenting "The Goddess Show" on June 19, 20 and 21. The show, put together by artists Julian Helms and Holly Maxwell, will feature music, poetry, video, dance and visual arts. Starting things off on Friday, the 19th, will be perfor-

mances by dancers Leah Mann (Dreams), Amy Zager, and Shanti. Maggie Hayes of the Center for Puppetry Arts will present her own brand of avant garde puppetry. Ronnog Seaburg will present a poetry reading, and a video by Erin McGorrigle will be shown. Called "A Movement in Seven Acts," the video, I am told, features yards of Saran wrap, eggs in toilets, and lots of licking on bald heads. Hmm, sounds like another dull day at the office to me....

The visual art included in the show comes from a wide range of artists, many from the Athens area. The works are focused on but not limited to life-sustaining female principles embodied by goddesses throughout history. From Aphrodite to Kali, from Venus to Madame Pele, the female force expresses every human emotion from loving tenderness to purifying destruction. The art in "The Goddess Show" attempts to reflect these emotions.

I braved the heat of Sunday afternoon to stroll among the bright yellow and blue tents of the Festival of India at the Hare Krishna Temple on Ponce de Leon. A visit to the temple is a pleasure for all the senses: the sound of drums, bells, and chanting can be hypnotic; the heavy scent of incense offered to the dieties is intoxicating; the sight of devotees of every age and description dancing and clapping in ecstasy before the altar.

Booths were set up on the lawn of the three house complex offering jewelry, clothing, incense, food and music. I spoke with some visiting devotees from a farm commune in the hills of Middle Tennessee. They grow vegetables, keep bees, and care for a small herd of dairy cows. "Care for" is not quite accurate—cows are considered a gift from God because of their milk and their plowing abilities. They are known as "Go Mata," or Sacred Mother, and are venerated and pampered with the best of care. Some communes even offer "Adopt a Cow" programs where interested people can sponsor a cow. For \$15 a month, you choose which cow you want to sponsor, and they send you an 8 x10 glossy of Lila the cow. Moooooo.

Pictured: The Armorettes at Hollywood Hots. Photo by N. Bennett

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I cruised rapidly through the new Chef cookware store (1046 N. Highland Ave, 875-CHEF) more than a month ago and was taken by the great assortment of barbecue and grill accessories that they offered. I was especially impressed by a line of enamel gadgets that allow one to cook all kinds of veggies on the grill without sacrificing them to the flames.

It was my intention to go back, with pencil and paper in hand, and report more specifically on *all* that I had found. Well, here we are several weeks into summer, and although my grill has yet to make it out from under its winter wraps, everybody I know is cooking up an outdoor storm. And the folks at Chef are having their grand opening celebration—which includes a chance to win a very fancy grill or a great set of Chantal cookware. So get there between June 15 and 21 and check it out for yourself.

Maybe if I go and buy one of those veggie cookers that I liked, it will encourage me to clean my grill off and use it at least once before Labor Day.

White Wine Time

I have been much more efficient in my semi-annual tasting of white wines. I do so late every spring in an attempt to find a label or two that I like enough to drink regularly while the weather is warm.

There's good news about white wine on several fronts this year. First, the prices have not gone up much, if at all. Blame this on abundant harvests and the fact that demand is down.

Then there is word that white wine may well be as effective as red in keeping blood fat and cholesterol levels from being injurious. The jury is still out on this, but results of a recent study in Massachusetts suggest that a glass of wine with meals (especially those that contain animal fat) reduces the risk of heart attack. This is another piece in the puzzle created when research released this past winter showed that the French eat as much fat as we do but have far fewer deaths from heart failure. Be aware that this latest study shows that most of the animal fat in French diets comes from cheese, not red meat.

One thing is for sure though, too much wine is just as bad for you as too much meat—and even huge portions of the

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fattiest steaks don't cause people to drive their cars into telephone poles...and other cars.

The best news is that moderately priced whites have, in general, gotten much better—that, or I've learned how to avoid bottles that should be used solely to make vinegar.

In order to keep things simple, I tasted, with one exception, only chardonnays and sauvignon blancs. And \$7.50 for a 750 ml bottle was my limit; most bottles were within pennies of \$6.

The best chardonnay was, by far, **Wyndham Estate's Oak Cask (1990)**. It's rich, buttery and loaded with oak—not a characteristic that all find to their taste, but most pleasant here. The same bottle, sans the oak appellation, costs \$1.50 or so less and is quite good—reminiscent of Lindeman's chardonnay that has been quite popular for several years. Far more to my taste is **Lindeman's Semillion-Chardonnay Bin 77 (1990)**, which has a definite acid bite that makes it work well with food. Also good with food, although a bit on the thin side, was **Bon Marche Chardonnay (1990)**. Plenty of nuance here, though and, for those concerned by such, the label is ever so tasteful and courante in design. Bringing up the rear: **Orlando Jacob's Creek Chardonnay (1989)** had an interesting nose and got along fine with the front of my tongue, but by the time the second sip got to the back of my mouth I was less than enchanted. One glass was plenty.

Best of the sauvignon blancs was the **Buena Vista Lake County (1990)**. There's charter for days in this bottle with an excellent fruit/acid balance that makes this one both easy to sip and excellent with food. It's supposed to list for \$8 a bottle, but I find it plenty of places for \$6. Even at the higher price, it's a bargain. Also good for sipping and with food, **Undurraga Sauvignon Blanc (1991)** used to be a bargain-priced label. I paid \$6 for the one that I sampled and, had I not paid the same

thing for the Buena Vista, would have found it well worth the money. **Sutter Home Sauvignon Blanc (1990)** was more drinkable than I remember it being in earlier years, but no great treasure. Though at little more than \$4 a bottle, it's yards better than many of the generic white wines that cost only a little less.

I was pleasantly surprised with the character and delicacy of **Torresella Pinot Grigio (1990)**. Far and way the lightest and easiest to sip of all the wines I tasted, it had enough body to stand up to a sauteed trout and some mighty garlicky green beans.

Cookie Monster

I don't know about you, but I wish that the Pepperidge Farm folks had never invented their cookie line. Sure, they're expensive, but the tab is nowhere near as high as what you buy in bakeries...and bakeries aren't open at midnight.

Actually I've grown a bit bored with Sausilitos and Nantuckets, so the part of me that says "damn the calories" is more than pleased to find that A&P has introduced its very own line of "Patisserie" cookies under its Master Choice label. They come in three flavors: orange butter fingers; lemon butter fingers; and hazelnut crunch.

All arrive in little plastic trays that are sealed in foil, so breakage is minimal and crunchiness guaranteed. Don't laugh, at almost \$5 a pound, I want my cookies in pristine condition.

I think because they have a drizzle of milk chocolate on top (and pieces of orange in the batter), I prefer the orange ones. Actually the lemon variety tastes the best. The hazelnut are way sweet, but really good crumbled up ice cream or frozen yogurt.

If nuts whet your whistle, try Dare's cashew/Brazil nut "Harvest from the Rain Forest" cookies—also at A&P. Think of a pecan sandy made with different nuts and you've got the picture. By themselves, they're better than the aforementioned hazelnut crunch wafers—and equally yummy as an ice cream topping.

The part of me that says "watch the calories" hopes that, if you see me buying more cookies of *any* brand, you will lead me gently by the hand to the fresh fruit department.

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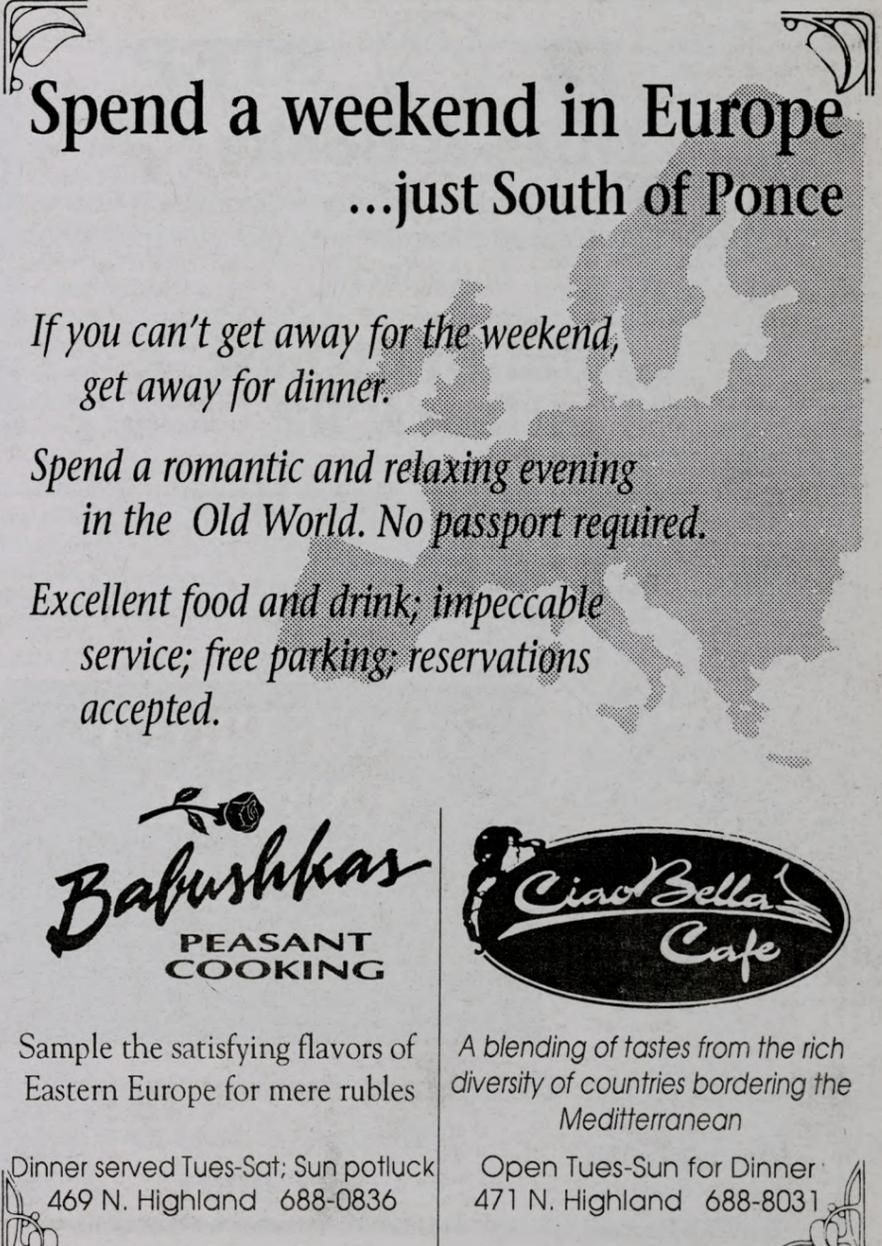


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Pride Prom: Unfortunately, Dish was not able to make it to the Prom this year but we heard through the grapevine that it was a particularly wonderful gender-bending time for those hundred or so folks who came to celebrate.

Couples in everything from traditional tuxedos (although shorts with tux jackets were also popular) to leather harnesses danced the night away with DJ Lenny Lassater. Pictured here is one young man who couldn't resist snuggling up to one of the boad-clad Grecian statues which adorned the stage.

Call Levi: The Levi Strauss Co. that is. Seems everybody's favorite homohater, Rev. Donald Wildmon, has gone off on a wild hair and is taking the Levi's folks to task for saying that their contributions to United Way cannot be used by the Boy Scouts because the Scouts bar gays from their ranks. Seems like a reasonable position to Dish. If you agree, call Levi's WATS number (1-800-872-5384) and tell them that you fully support their withholding funding from the Boy Scouts. The folks who answer the phone are pleasant and will give you no grief. They will ask your name and zip code.

Turn About is Fair Play: At least that's what some witches in Concord, California think. Two of them have demanded that schools ban the story of Hansel and Gretel because it "teaches that it is all right to burn witches and steal their property." What caused the stir about this fairy tale which has been around for hundreds of years is that a fifth grade class staged a mock trial charging young H. and G. with murder. A jury of their peers found the pair innocent, saying that they acted in self-defense. Quoth a teacher involved in the mock trial, "It's almost like you can't win. It was not our intention to offend anyone."

Bye Bye Penii?: The media has recently been filled with all sorts of references to the fact that penises apparently shrink with age. Our two favorites: a phenomenon called koro (which affects primarily SE Asian men) wherein spirits are said to steal penises from the living. Those in fear of koro use string, clamps, and even friends to hold on to their parts. Sounds like something else entirely to Dish, but then we're not from SE Asia. Our second fave is this quote from one Dr. Paul Costa of the

National Institute on Aging: "Some older men say their erections aren't as big as they recall them once being. But then their partners say, 'Well dear, you over estimated them back then, too.'" Notice that Dr. Costa said "partners" not wives.

Rudeness Exposed?: QW out of New York, a sometimes testy, sometimes slick heir-apparent to the defunct Outweek, evidently had a different experience with the people at CBS and the producers of Northern Exposure than did we here at Southern Voice. When we called and asked for photos, press info and even a preview tape of last season's final episode of Northern Exposure (the one that featured Cicely and Rosalyn), we were greeted with nothing but politeness and cooperation. The folks at QW describe their treatment in an attempt to obtain the same materials as "shoddy and dubious." And fruit-

less to boot. Gosh, guys, if you'd just called, we would have been happy to share.

Letters from Cicely?: And while we're on Northern Exposure, Dish thought you might want to know about a new book entitled "Letters From Cicely" by Ellis Weiner that uses letters from residents of the fictional Alaskan burg to tell us even more about this place of wonder than do the TV episodes. The letters aren't just reworks of episodes of the show, but rather all new material. Our fave is the one that chronicles Maurice's plan to sell Cicely to Kim Basinger. Dish wonders if this presages plans for a series called Southern Exposure, set in, of course, Braselton?

Homos Lauded: When he became theatre critic at the A-J/C five years ago, Dan Hulbert seemed not to have a homophobic bone in his body. But as the years passed, readers, at least some readers, began to feel that Hulbert was disposed to harp particularly harshly and gratuitously on plays by gay authors or those with gay themes. Local playwright Jim Grimsley and California performance artist Tim Miller seemed to bear the brunt of Hulbert's wrath. Now in his "best of" list for the city's past theatre season, Mr. Hulbert has handed two of his three honors in the best "original scripts, scores" to gay men and a lesbian: Dan Pruitt and Patrick Hutchison for "The Harvey Milk Show" and Pamela Parker for "Second Samuel." Chris Coleman and Stephen Petty won praise for their direction of "Stand-Up Tragedy." And Coleman got kudos for his portrayal of Harvey Milk. Dish offers congratulations to all concerned.

Dannemeyer Dumped: In addition to the good news that Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein both won their senatorial primaries in California last week is the word that longtime anti-gay activist, and member of the US House, Wm. Dannemeyer was soundly defeated in his bid for the Republican slot for one of those senate seats. Dannemeyer would have run against Feinstein had he won and, much as we want Dannemeyer out of politics, Dish really would have liked to have seen a race between him and the ex-mayor of San Francisco.

JUNE 18 - JUNE 24, 1992

Mars has moved from the fire sign of Aries to the stable and determined earth sign of Taurus. This helps us all to be more patient, but may also bring more fire energy into the arenas of politics and social change. Watch your temper carefully.

ARIES, with Mars now in your 2nd house of finances and material resources, this is the perfect time to focus on activities that will enhance your economic situation. Find a need and fill it. **TAURUS**, now that Mars is in your 1st house of personal expression, you can really get moving on projects that are special to you. Also a good time to start an exercise program, even if it is a walk around the block in the evening. Dear **GEMINI**, hopefully your month has been very exciting and productive at the same time. You need to focus on finances for a while which may mean picking up some new skills or polishing old ones so you are prepared for opportunities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! CANCER, this is your month to celebrate your life with friends and family. Hopefully, you have planned something special for yourself, maybe a weekend trip to the beach with friends or your significant other. **LEO**,

STARSIGNS

if you know someone who needs cheering up or a little bit of encouragement, you may be just the person to do it. You can trust your intuition and gut feelings right now, especially in volatile situations. Dear Conscientious **VIRGO**, if you have overdone it and are feeling stressed out or even close to burn-out, then you need to take a few days off, prop your feet up and ignore the phone. Most everything will wait a day or two, except your health.

LIBRA, hopefully your life will calm down a little, now that certain celestial bodies are out of an air sign. Take a deep breath, relax and check in with yourself to see how you are feeling and what "your" priorities are. Seriously, **SCORPIO**, this is the time to take care of yourself, meaning not to stress out

over the little bothers in life, eat right, rest and don't burn the candle at both ends even if you think you can get by with it. Dear **SAGITTARIUS**, if you have over-extended yourself on a recent wave of energy and excitement, then you need to schedule some rest and recreation. No need to burn yourself even if everything seems very pressing.

Concerned **CAPRICORN**, if it feels like everything around you is dissolving or that you seem to have very little control over the people or events in your life, then you can blame it on the dissolving influences of watery Neptune. **AQUARIUS**, if life seems to be passing you, relax, it really isn't, but you are having to change your priorities to fit your new sense of values. Not to worry, all this shifting around won't last forever, promise. Perturbed **PISCES**, this is not the time to indulge in morbidity of any kind. If you are concerned about your health, then for heaven's sake and your own, go get a check up. If nothing specific turns up, then take better care of yourself.

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Dykes To Watch Out For



OUTLINES

SANDY NICHOLSON

Age: 49

How Long in Atlanta: About 20 yrs

Relationship Status: Wonderful!

Favorite Recent Book: "Amazon" by Barbara G. Walker



Sandy Nicholson is passionate about women's sports, particularly women's soccer, which she feels gets too little respect.

"How many people know that the United States women's team won the first International World Cup for Women in China, and only seven people were at the airport to welcome them when they came back," she asks. Nicholson has coached soccer for thirteen years, coaching both boys and girls from four years old to eighteen.

Currently, however, she coaches a team of women over 30 who say they have come a long way with her help. "Much more than the wonderful feeling of working muscles, the beauty of soccer is the interdependence we develop in order to accomplish goals. We protect each other, score for each other and encourage each other," she says.

When Nicholson wanted to show her team a videotape of the first Women's World Cup, she met frustration with determination. "I called all over looking for a video of their game, and I finally got the producers and they said 'no, we're not releasing it because no one's interested in women's sports,'" she relates. Nicholson and her team disagree. She finally tracked down a copy through the coach for the United States team.

Also an avid whitewater kayaker, Nicholson does not seem to be slowing down as she turns 50. "I kayaked about 10 or 15 years ago when my kids were little. I was crazy, and I realized I was doing things that were dangerous; and I had little kids. So I quit. I'm just getting back into it," she says. Her goal is to kayak the Ocoee River. She has been spending a lot of time working out at a gym and kayaking the Nantahala River in preparation.

Nicholson is very proud of her three sons, ages 17, 18, and 22. "They're nice kids. I like them a lot," she says. The oldest is married, and the youngest graduates from high school this year. She has coached her two youngest sons in soccer

and is proud of her younger son for being named offensive player of the year for his high school team this year. "All three are supportive of my being a lesbian," she says. "They are wonderful."

In her second year on the Board of Directors of the First Existentialist Congregation, Nicholson lives by the axiom that what you get out of anything depends on what you put into it. "I love being in that community," she says. "I went to many churches throughout the city and finally found E Cong and stayed there."

She also works part-time at Charis Books where she has worked and volunteered for almost a year. But she has been a customer and supporter of Charis for much longer. "I coached one of the owner's son when he was under six years old," she remembers. "Now he's taller than me." She is a walking advertisement for the store. "I find that working for Linda Bryant and Sherry Emory is wonderful," she says. "They are very honorable people."

As Nicholson's October birthday approaches, she is looking for others to celebrate with. "If anybody else who's gonna be 50 wants to contact me for a birthday party this summer, please do," she says. "I'm gonna have a birthday bash with any other 50 year olds I can find, anybody who turns 50 in 1992."

DEBBIE FRAKER
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- 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.
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- First MCC AIDS Ministry—872-2246
- Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728
- The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—633-0634
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- The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
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- Positive Outlook On Health—872-9954
- Project Open Hand Atlanta—525-4620

Arts/Entertainment

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- Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—627-7830
- "Funny...That Way"—875-2275
- Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc.—881-0817
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- Atlanta Committee for the 1993 March on Washington—(404) 662-4199 or PO Box 5282, Atlanta, GA 30307
- Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
- Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477
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- GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
- Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751
- 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
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- 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
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- Hotlanta Soccer—577-0418
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- Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062
- S.E. Gay Rodeo Association—PO Box 8262, Atlanta, GA 30306. 874-6556
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- TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Parkway, Suite 192-172, Atlanta, Ga 30339
- Underwater Escapes—289-0696

Service/Support

- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—458-3003
- Athens Gay and Lesbian Association—P.O. Box 2201 Athens 30612-0201 or call 404/549-9368
- Athens Lesbian Information Line—(404) 613-7661
- Atlanta Couples Together—365-2455
- Atlanta Educational Gender Info Service—PO Box 33724, Decatur, GA 30033. (404) 939-0244 (evenings).
- Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372
- Atlanta Lambda Community Center—PO Box 15180, Atlanta, Ga 30333. 662-9010
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—PO Box 5502, Atlanta, Ga. 30307, phone 378-9769.
- Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
- Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
- Codependents Anonymous—239-1657
- Chrysalis Women's Center—881-6300
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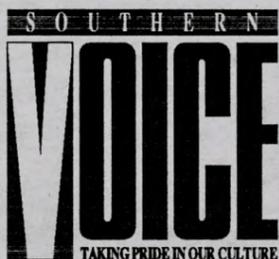
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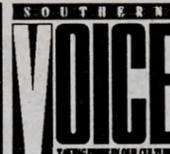
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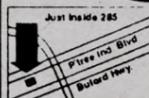
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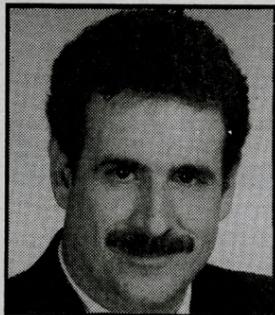
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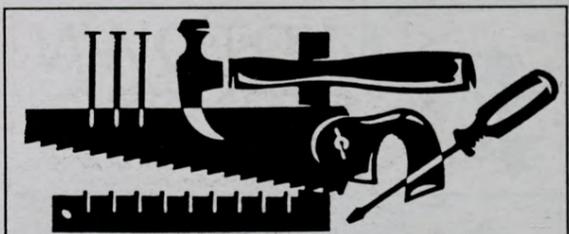
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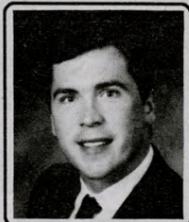
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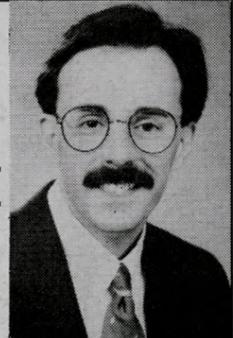
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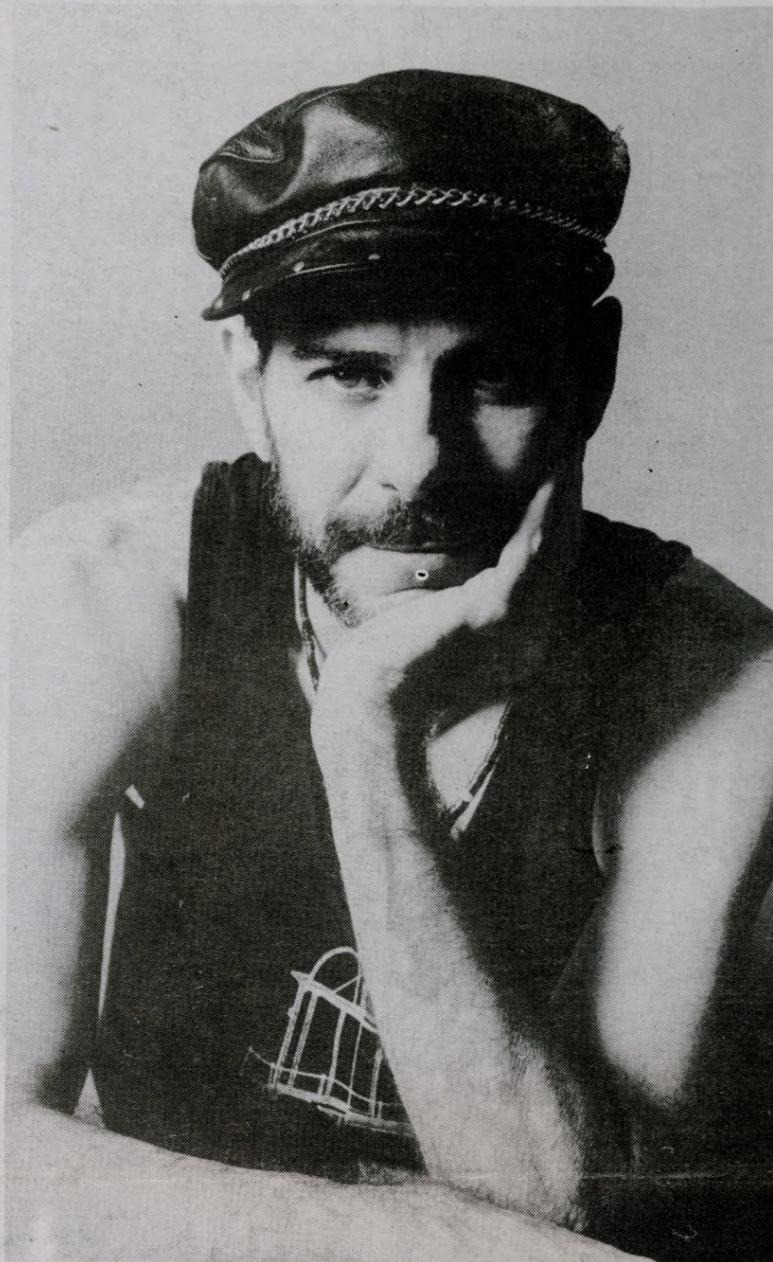
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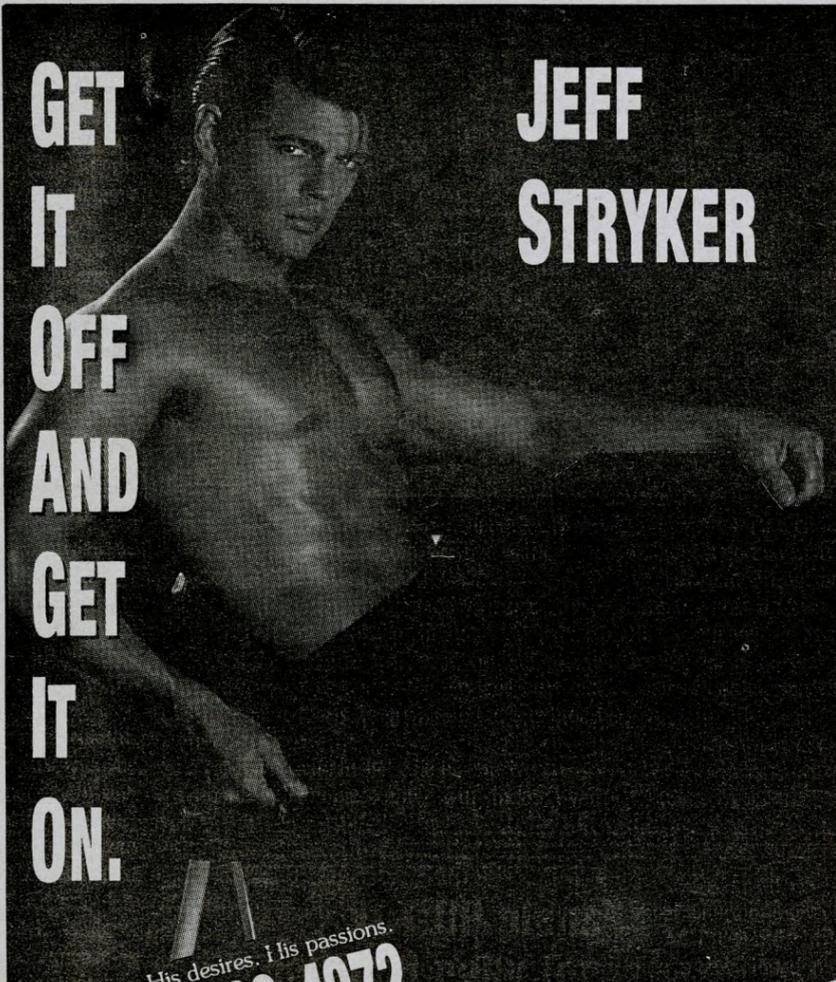
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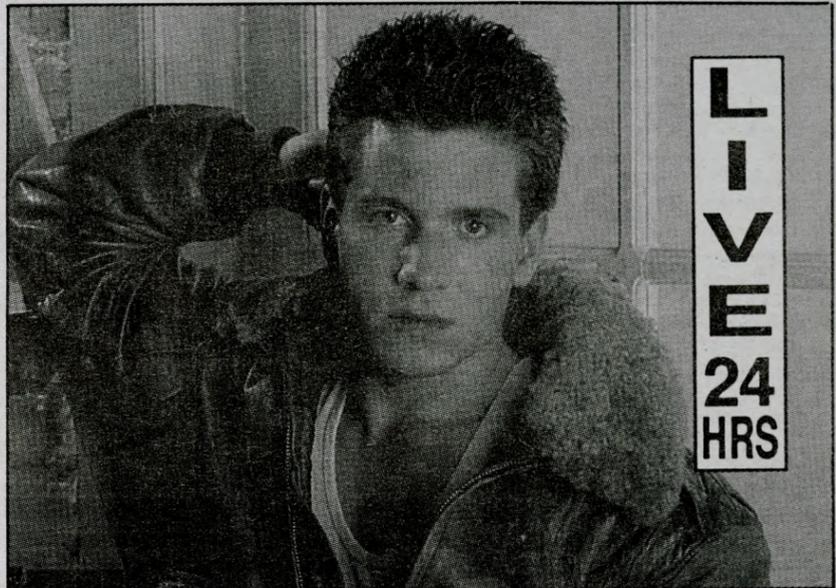
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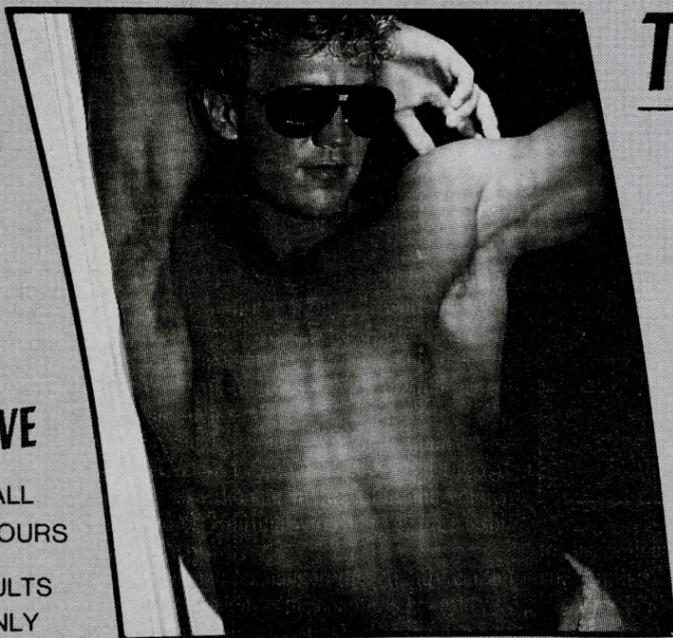
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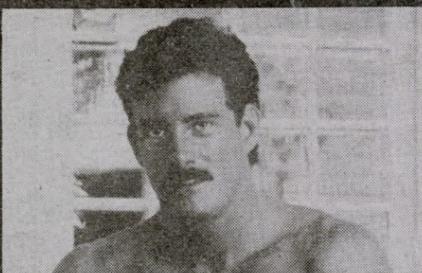
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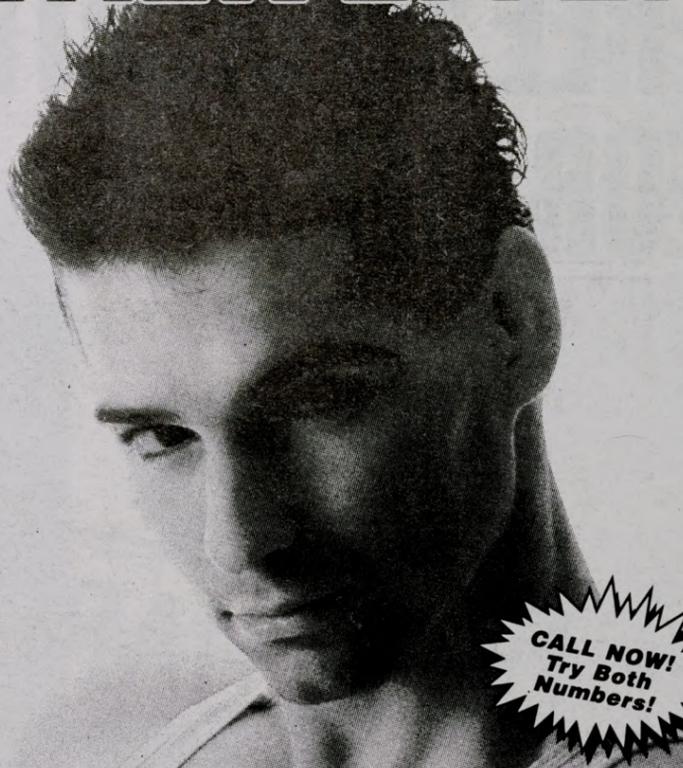
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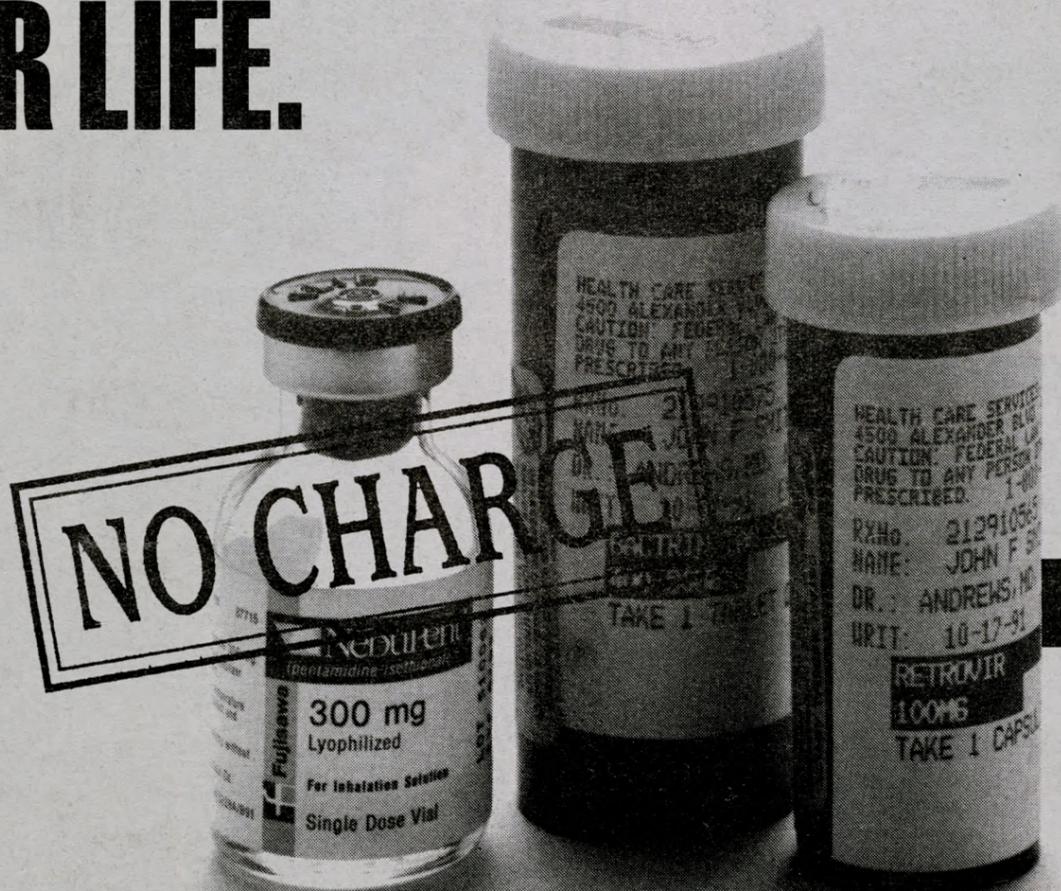
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