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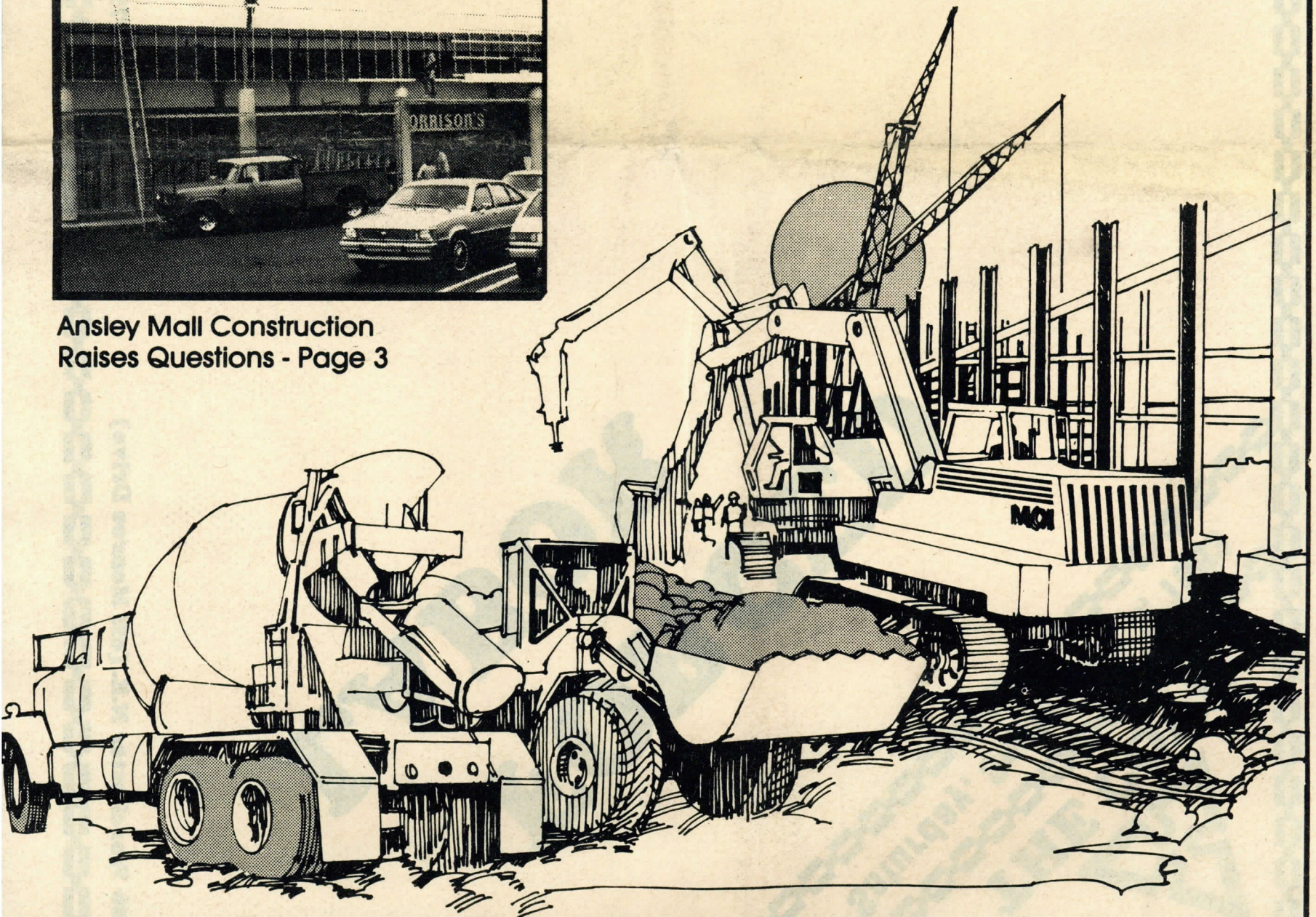
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# In Black A Night

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Club owner Al Zeller and fitness assistant Joan.

# Bath Owner Diversifies With Local Fitness Center

by S. Christopher Hagin

ATLANTA — Will Jack Campbell, president of the Club Bath Chain, and his Atlanta partner Ray Zeller be allowed to diversify and go into the legitimate health spa business here? That question only the Atlanta police, the License Review Board and Mayor Andrew Young can answer. The in-depth investigation has just begun.

There's a definite need to diversify," said Campbell, who is financially connected to 43 gay bathhouses around the nation. He and Zeller, who used to own two baths, want to open the "most posh and attractive" legitimate health club in the city. They want both male and female members using the club at the same time with separate bathing facilities.

"AIDS has caused a considerable drop-off in business (at the bathhouses)," says Campbell. Due to the financial slump and because of the trend for baths to come and

go from generation to generation, according to Zeller, is the reason the two well-known bath operators are looking to the health spa business.

Campbell says the business at his baths in San Francisco and New York have dropped tremendously, while clubs in "Kansas City, Toledo, and Chicago have not been affected at all." "Where AIDS is a problem our business is dropping," Campbell asserts; however, he would not give specific drop-off figures.

The reason for the local controversy is because Campbell and Zeller are buying out a facility which was going to be a gay bathhouse, but was denied a business license for several reasons, including organized crime connections, and also partly due to Campbell's and Zeller's involvement in gay bathhouse operations.

Zeller has tried to alleviate neighborhood and city-wide fears that his proposed busi-

ness will be a bathhouse. In the conflict over the organized crime connected bath, press attention centered on what Atlanta City Council Member Mary Davis called "sex stalls." Zeller invited Davis, a pro-gay member of the Council, and residents of the area to tour the facility. Many of their fears were quashed when they saw the 46 dressing rooms had been removed.

Other residents, including Charles Barden, an AIDS victim, still remain unconvinced that Campbell and Zeller are not going to operate a gay bath later out of the same location. Barden, who lives next door to the converted warehouse, lead the successful fight against the proposed bath. He believes he contracted the deadly disease in a bathhouse in San Francisco.

Zeller has met all of the conditions that the Virginia-Highlands neighborhood residents and Davis mentioned. He even plans to

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# Ansley Mall Remodeling Produces False Rumour

Rumor began circulating through Atlanta's gay community this past week that businesses in Ansley Mall were losing their leases due to the fact they were gay owned. As far as Cruise can determine, there is no truth to this.

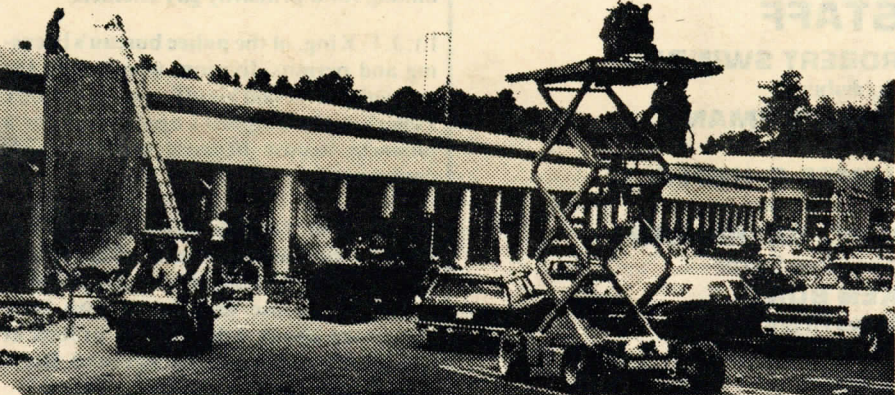
Ansley Mall is in the process of a \$3 million renovation by Selig Enterprises. The upgrading of the mall and the attendant disruption seem to be the basis for the rumor. The shop that is gay owned is leaving the mall and another, Music City, is in negotiation over their lease.

Regalo's, a gift store in its sixth year at Ansley Mall, will soon be moving to a new location at St. Charles Square. "We had a sub-lease with Ides of March," explained owner Bob Williams. "The main lease has been sold back to Selig Enterprises. As a result we were recently given a 60-day notice to relocate." The colorful little shop which had built a clientele with a line of multi-greeting cards, could not sell them under the terms of an alternative lease offered by Selig. "My line would conflict

with a company who they've already signed a lease with," Williams said.

Steve Selig, who handles Ansley Mall for Selig Enterprises, when contacted, flatly denied that there was any attempt to remove gay tenants from the mall. "I have no way of knowing which shops are owned by gays or straights," Selig stated, "and I don't really care! From what I understand, one or two of our new tenants are gay owned businesses." Selig recognized that a large percentage of business at the mall was from the gay community and said he welcomed it.

Other gay business owners at the mall expressed dismay that a rumor about anti-gay bias was being circulated and agreed with Selig in his contentions. Everyone who is staying at the mall just considers it a part of the massive upheaval required in upgrading the mall. Howard Walters, owner of the New Order, a gay bar on the mall, said, "If some people are getting hurt in the process, it's not because they are gay or straight, it's just the way the chips are fall-



Ansley Mall is in the midst of a \$3 million renovation.

ling. I think it is unfortunate... but under the circumstances what can you do?" He resents that people are saying the owners of Ansley Mall are trying to "dump on" gay businesses. "In seven years I've had no

problems whatsoever." Another basis for the rumor may stem from a stipulation in the new leases that

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**NATIONAL AIDS VIGIL**

**OCTOBER 8, 1983 ■ WASHINGTON, DC**

ADA has organized a national coalition to push for a full-scale campaign against Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

The coalition will conduct a Washington, D.C. candlelight vigil in October. The vigil, sponsored by the bipartisan and broad-based coalition of congressional leaders, consumer organizations, and health professional associations, initiates an intensified national public-awareness campaign about the syndrome that already has claimed 1500 victims. Current members of the coalition include Representatives Ted Weiss (D-NY), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), and Bill Green (R-NY), as well as the National Gay Task Force and the Gay Rights National Lobby.

"The vigil will draw attention to the fact that our country is facing an imminent health crisis for which the Administration is totally unprepared," said ADA's national

director Leon Shull. "Assistant Secretary for Health Edward Brandt, Jr., finally, has said that AIDS is the number-one health emergency in the nation, but this is like giving the patient first-aid when he should already be on the operating table. Because of the Reagan Administration's resistance to increased research funding for AIDS, our nation is now facing a health crisis of unimaginable magnitude."

Shull said the purpose of the planned national candlelight vigil is:

- to remember those who have died from AIDS;
- to recognize the valiant struggle of those currently afflicted;
- to increase public awareness;
- to demonstrate to Congress and the President the public recognition that a health crisis threatens the entire U.S. population and
- to urge increased federal funding for

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research and health care delivery in order to prevent and control the spread of AIDS.

Local candlelight marches already have occurred or are planned in New York, Houston, and San Francisco.

The call for a national candlelight vigil on AIDS was endorsed unanimously by delegates at ADA's 36th National Convention. The ADA resolution also asks federal, state and local governments "to release funds to establish health care centers for treating and accommodating AIDS patients who otherwise would not receive adequate medical attention."

## Club Body Center Continued from Page 3

enter into a contractual agreement with residents and the city stipulating concerns. Campbell and Zeller plan to have facilities for bodybuilders, aerobics, karate, fencing, indoor jogging, bodytech, nutrition plans, a health food store, a greenhouse swimming pool, exercise area, and a nursery for children. There will be a lot of greenery inside and it is beautifully decorated.

The neighborhood the spa is located in is populated by a near majority of gays; however, neither partner would say they are aiming for a primarily gay clientele.

I. J. King, of the police bureau's licensing and permits division, who toured the spa with Davis said his office will scrutinize Zeller's and Campbell's application for a business license because of the earlier controversy.

A person in Young's office who did not want to be identified said, "This health club looks legit to me. It is nothing like the earlier bathhouse that many gays were concerned about. I do want us to look at Campbell's and Zeller's background. But, I believe, this place will receive a license."

According to Campbell the health club will be named Club Body Center. "Notice the initials, are CBC," said Campbell who will host a cocktail reception for stockholders of the Club Bath Chain at the spa on September 2nd.

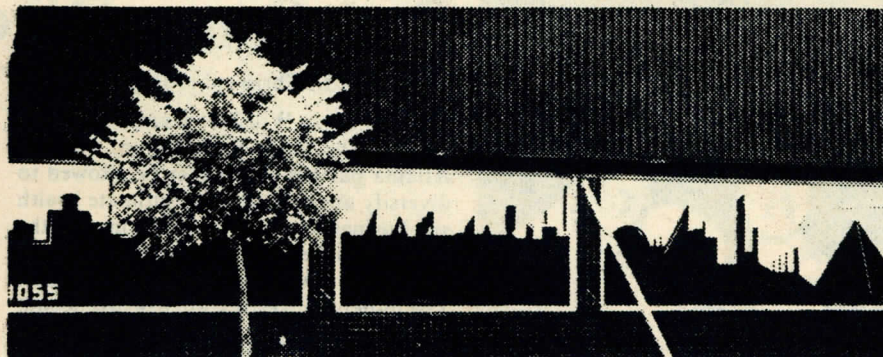
The CBC stockholders are conducting their annual meeting in Atlanta that day.

Campbell and Zeller say they plan to open spas in other cities, but have not yet decided on any particular locations.

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forbids the sale or display of nudes or pornography. Selig emphasized that this applied whether the material was straight or gay. "We are just asking for our merchants to comply with Fulton County code. There is no problem with tasteful gay material," he added.

Working merely on hearsay, some elements within the community had already called for a boycott of Ansley Mall. Cruise Newsmagazine has made every effort to provide the facts in this matter to the community. It is the contention of Cruise that there is no basis for a boycott. We hope you agree.



The entrance to Atlanta's new video dance bar, Metropolis.

## Metropolis Opening Brings High Tech Video Along With Community Theatre To Atlanta

Atlanta's new state-of-the-art video dance bar, Metropolis, opened to rave reviews Thursday. After a successful private showing Wednesday evening, Metropolis opened its doors to a standing room only crowd. The former home of Poodles, Metropolis will be the home of Stagemasters, Inc. and "state-of-the-art" video entertainment, announced Sunny Moon, who has formed a partnership with former Poodles owner Jerry Pyska. Moon estimated that the cost of renovations and new equipment ran about \$50,000.

"New York, Chicago, San Francisco and LA all have video bars," Moon explained, "and Atlanta, with such a large population should not be left out in this latest trend in gay entertainment." The format already being successfully employed in many video bars includes strategically placed "monitors" near cruise bars and dance floors on which film clips programmed by "Video Jockeys" are shown.

Metropolis' new equipment includes the hardware to film in-house video programs, Moon said. A warehouse area will be turned into a workshop where props and sets can be made. The theatrical equipment will also come in handy for another reason live theatre.

Stagemasters, Inc., will begin a six-month theatre season with the gay themed "If Th Isn't Love," Moon announced. "This is the heart of Atlanta's entertainment district," he said, "and it's time for a permanent gay theatre."

## GayPac Seeks Voters For Coming Election

The National Gay Political Action Committee, GayPac, announced today a new voter registration drive for 1984.

In making the announcement, J. Shepherd Chairman GayPac, said, "too many Gays have yet to register and vote. Too many Gays have yet to participate in the political process. All that will change in 1984. Gay Pac's voter registration drive is set to begin this fall and go right up to the 1984 elections."

The National Gay Political Action Committee is fully registered with the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C. and supports candidates who support Gay Rights and opposes those candidates who oppose Gay Rights.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGREGATION BEIT BREIRA

Congregation Beit Breira is a group of concerned Jewish Atlantans who, believing that there are hundreds of unfiliated Jewish families and individuals in the Atlanta area, seek the alienated, the disenchanted, those who are searching for the spiritual experience they have not found in traditional synagogues, whether Orthodox, Conservative, or Reform.

They offer a Jewish religious alternative Congregation Beit Breira — where you can explore and experiment, but always within the Jewish tradition. Services will begin on Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday evening, September 7th, at a location to be determined.

If you are interested, please contact Rabbi William H. Feyer, 939-9831.

### INTEGRITY MEETING ANNOUNCED

Integrity, a support group for gay Episcopalians and their friends, will meet at All Saints Church, 634 West Peachtree, NW, Atlanta, at 7:30pm Friday, September 9th. Call 633-9309, or write Integrity at PO Box 13603, Atlanta, GA 30324.

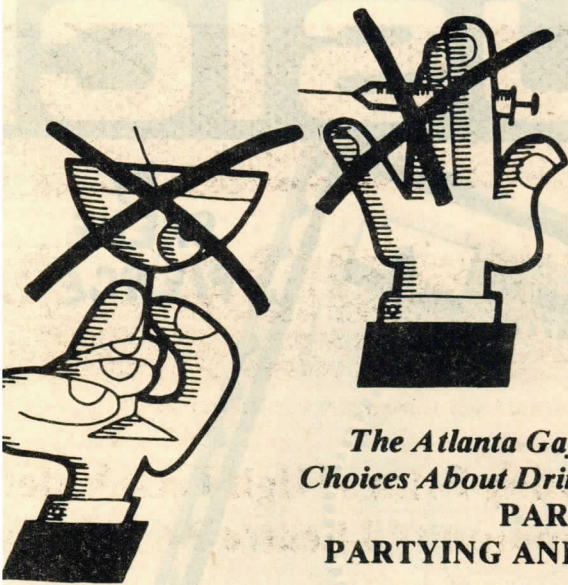
### CINEMA 'N' DRAFTHOUSE OFFER MOVIE PASSES

In a continuing effort to cultivate a diverse clientele and to show appreciation to all customers, the Buckhead Cinema 'n' Draffthouse is making available free movie passes to businesses and organizations in Atlanta's lesbian and gay community. This week passes were distributed to the Centers for Disease Control, the Bar on Peachtree, Sportspage, Crazy Ray's, the Pharr Library, the Atlanta Business and Professional Guild and several Midtown laundromats. Other organizations or businesses which would be interested in free movie passes for their members or customers should leave a message at 875-4348.

### LOUIE CREW TO TEACH ENGLISH IN CHINA

Gay activist and English Professor Louie Crew left his home in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, August 27th, to begin a one-year assignment to teach English at a language institute in Peking, Peoples Republic of China. He will return to Wisconsin in September, 1984.





**The Atlanta Gay Center's Series  
Choices About Drinking and Drugging  
PART IV:  
PARTYING AND SOCIALIZING**

Research says that people who closely link socializing with drinking and drugging are more likely to be alcoholics and drug users. Most drinking and drugging is done at home or at your friends' homes. Therefore, the gay and lesbian alcoholism and drug abuse epidemic must be confronted directly in our homes and with our friends. When we get together with friends, each of us can take personal responsibility to discourage people from getting drunk or drugged. We also need to develop more pastimes that don't involve alcohol and drug use.

**Party and Socializing:**

Within the gay and lesbian communities so much of our socializing revolves around drinking and drugging. Drinking or recreational drug use should not be the only reason for getting together. Good conversation, sports, hobbies, etc., should be the main events when friends socialize.

Drinking on the job is tolerated in some of our occupations. Many people have a habit of coming home from work and drinking or drugging with friends or alone. Lunches and dinner parties often become an excuse for heavy drinking. There is a feeling that nightly partying is a reward for those things gay men and lesbian women live up to. Drugs like cocaine, marijuana, and expensive liquor are associated with glamorous, sophisticated living. However, what is seen as life in the fast lane is really more like speeding around Dead Man's Curve. The truth is that heavy use of alcohol and drugs won't make you elegant, respectable, mature or a member of the jet set. Perhaps we could value safety and health as part of our social responsibility.

Here are some ideas about alcohol use and being a good host. These ideas were written for parties, but also can be used when just getting together on informal social occasions.

**Home setting:** Provide seats for all, plan for people movement and keep the lights on.

**Be a bartender:** Choose a bartender of your own discretion. The eager volunteer may turn out to be a pusher who uses the role to give every glass an extra "shot."

**Space the drinks:** Serve drinks at regular, reasonable intervals. The length of the interval will depend on whether the guests are enjoying the company or the drinks more. A drink-an-hour schedule means good company prevails.

**Don't double up:** Many people count and pace their drinks. If you serve doubles, they'll be drinking twice as much as they planned. Doubling up isn't hospitality; it's rude.

**Don't push drinks:** Let the glass be empty before you offer a refill. And then don't rush, especially if someone comes up empty too fast. When a guest says "no, thanks," to an alcohol drink — don't insist.

**Push the snacks:** Do this while your guests are drinking, not after. This is important because food slows down the rate at which alcohol is absorbed into the bloodstream. It also slows the rate at which people drink.

**Serve nonalcoholic drinks, too:** One out of three adults chooses not to drink at all. Occasional drinkers sometimes prefer not to. Offer a choice of drinks besides alcohol — fruit and vegetable juices, tea, coffee and soft drinks.

**Offer more than drinks:** When guests focus on the drinks, the party is slipping. Stir up conversation. Share a laugh. Draw out the guest talent. A good host or hostess has more to give than just food and drinks.

**Serving dinner:** If it's a dinner party, serve before it's too late. A cocktail hour is supposed to enhance a fine dinner, not compete with it. After too many drinks, guests may not know what they ate or how it tasted.

**Set drinking limits:** When a guest has had too much to drink, you can politely express your concern for him by offering a substitute drink — coffee, perhaps. This is a gentle way of telling a guest that he has reached the limits you have set for your home.

**Closing the bar:** Decide in advance when you want your party to end. Then give appropriate cues by word and action that it's time to leave. A considerate way to close the drinking phase is to serve a substantial snack. It also provides some non-drinking time before your guests start to drive home.

**Alternatives to Drinking and Drugging:**

We want to encourage you to look for constructive and enjoyable pastimes. Atlanta has many diversions including, concerts, theater, film and sports. Many things are free or not expensive, including dollar movies, libraries, Piedmont Park concerts and events, the Chattahoochee River, Lake Lanier, and Stone Mountain.

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# CRUISING THE STARS

WITH MIKE VOSS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIRGOS

### VIRGO

(Aug 22-Sept 22)

Secret affairs favored all week. Happy birthday wishes should go out to Fritz Rathmann, Ron Ellis, Michael Poole, Dwayne Turner, Jim Teague and of course, yours truly, Mike Voss. You'll know who they are by the "Beware of Aging Queen" stamped on their foreheads by thoughtful friends.

### LIBRA

(Sept 23-Oct 22)

Potential lover material enters your life through close friends this week. Some of you may even consider making close friends lovers. On the 4th romance may be in the air everywhere. Great day to party and have fun. After the 4th expect to be everyone's confidante. The dumping of one's problems in your direction could get cumbersome. Fresh career slants on the 7th come from helpful co-workers. Job changes possible. Females hold all financial cards on the 8th. Career and money can be escalated on the 9th by putting yourself out front. Hold court; others should be spellbound.

### SCORPIO

(Oct 23-Nov 21)

New loves possible over this weekend. No need to go looking. They seem to find you. Best energies spend are in career changes and making more money. On the 5th don't miss wonderful financial luck. If you have the chance to gamble, go ahead and do so; you'll win. Friends and new love interests are made through career matters all week. Most things should go your way. Physically you could be drained from all the changes going on now, but they are undoubtedly worth it.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 22-Dec 21)

Bathe in flattery and enjoy being pursued all week.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Career should be receiving helpful boost from loved ones and good friends this week. People please and make more money. Finances look terrific on the 5th as new solutions to old problems are offered. Love life might have a dual nature to it until after the 7th when you're heard more clearly. Best career opportunities fall in your lap on the 8th. Get out there in the world nice and early. The same holds true on the 9th but add some romance to the equation.

### AQUARIUS

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

Long-awaited career changes can be made this week. Financial advantages still come

from mate or close partners. Great time to apply for loans. On the 6th, job offers may come from unexpected sources. Take special note of anything presented to you on that day. Small things turn into big things even in romance. Business deals should be finalized on the 8th if possible when all the cards are stacked in your favor. Love life has a dual approach all week. Make up your mind on the 9th.

### PISCES

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

New and refreshing friendships can be made all week through career matters. Both are of benefit to each other. People please for more bucks. On the 5th fall in love again. Aspects for future returns on your love are excellent. Disappointment in business matters after the 6th is due to poor communication in the first place. Money and career should be looking great right now. Don't sweat the small stuff anyway. Expect domestic changes after the 8th.

### ARIES

(Mar 21-Apr 19)

Pleasure, romance and travel are probably on your mind constantly, but aspects are best for digging yourself out of that financial hole you've dug. Opportunities from joint partnership affairs couldn't be better. New jobs and positions possible all week. The 6th and the 8th should be red hot sex days. Not a bad week for those of you who are ambitious and horny.

### TAURUS

(Apr 20-May 20)

Changes in the domestic scene you've been considering for a while now may finally take place this week. On the 4th enjoy one of the best days for emotional satisfaction from loved ones. Everyone's in the mood to cater to your needs. Let them. After the 5th love matters may get sticky again. Someone may be demanding more than you are willing to give. Career matters should be on an upswing as more responsibility thrown in your direction is handled with ease all week. On the 6th and 8th attend orgies. On the 9th tolerance tester comes from family members that feel neglected.

### GEMINI

(May 21-Jun 21)

Domestic changes may be proposed by mate or close partner this week. I hope you're included in the plans. Maybe you better be on your best behavior.

### CANCER

(Jun 22-Jul 21)

You're probably feeling great this week. It's nice to have things go your way for a change isn't it. There may even be a new lover on the horizon for you folks. If not, then renewed marriage bonds with the one you've got are necessary.

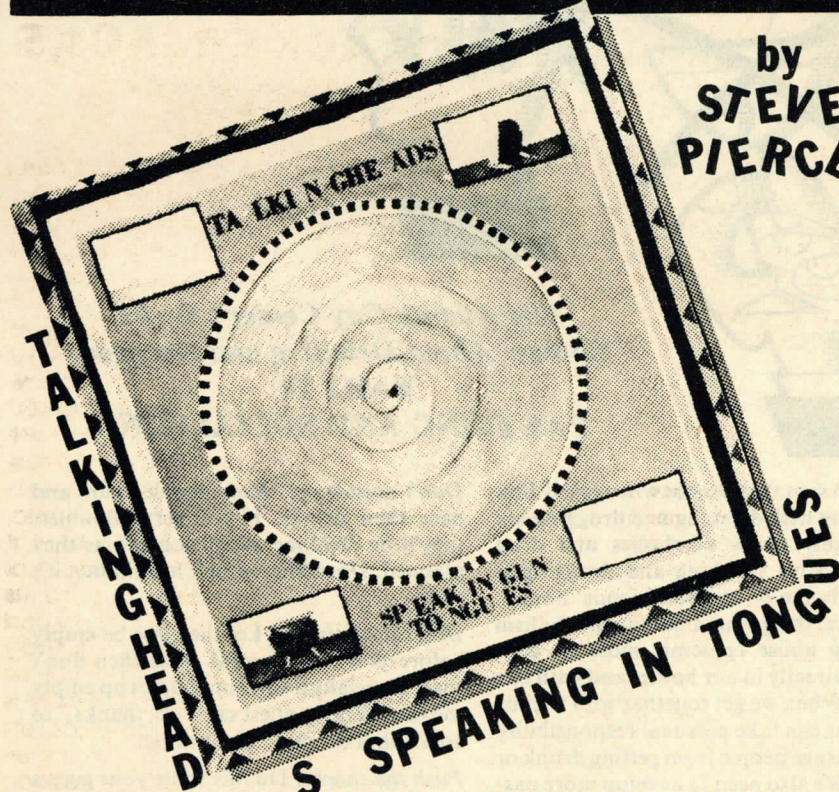
### LEO

(Jul 22-Aug 21)

Your personality this week might be touched with erratic mood swings. One minute you may feel like purring and the next minute burst out into a ferocious roar. Needless to say, loved ones won't know what to expect. On the 6th and 8th take advantage of best financial aspects around. Legal affairs and domestic issues are favored on the 9th. Expect changes in domestic scene. Love life might be exciting but unpredictable at the moment.

# MUSIC

by  
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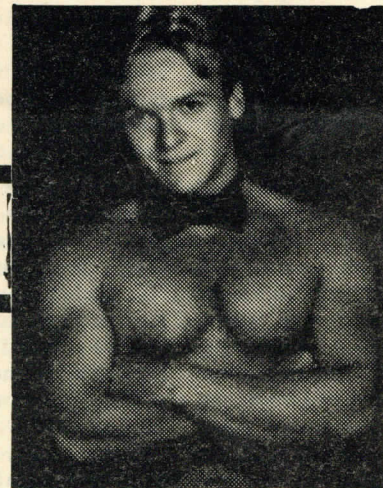


What is all the fuss about this new Talking Heads release?

I heard and read that "Speaking In Tongues" was an album I should screw my ears to. So I went out, bought a copy, and

took it home for a spin. I had a little trouble staying awake for the album to end, but my concern for David Byrne kept me awake. I worried about him because he

## MAKING IT HARD FOR YOU



### Will working out decrease my chances of contracting diseases?

Yes, Obesity increases the odds of heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, and other degenerative illnesses. You chickens may think that you have nothing to worry about, but I recommend you start working those tight buns now. We are talking prevention here, not treating. The appropriate definition of an obese (fat) person is one with excess fat, or a drag queen who buys her panties at the army surplus store. You know the ones. You may weigh more than most books advise as the correct weight for your height. "Cool Beans." That has nothing to do with body fat, since muscle weighs more than fat. The full grown male, mmh mmh, should have about fifteen percent of his weight as body fat; and a female should carry close to twenty percent. The more flab that you have, the greater the best of

becoming a sick queen. Cut back on the food, and exercise. Helen, you will feel so much better.

### How can I prevent lower back strain when lifting?

Stop and analyse the amount of weight that you are lifting. Is it possible that you are doing more than necessary? You pushy sissy. We all know that you are macho! Always drop from the knees — I know that's right — instead of stooping from the waist and putting a disastrous pull on the back muscles. Utilize those leg muscles rather than the back. It is imperative that you never bend over stiff-legged. Mary Jane is just laughing, she knows that your legs have never been stiff. Nevertheless, loosen the knees, tuck the hips and tighten the abdomen when lifting. Anytime that you have a persistent pain, consult the professional of your choice.



seems torn between Rock & Roll and Muzak.

The Rolling Stone refers to "Tongues" as an "art rock album", and goes on the muse over "the incorporation of disparate elements from pop, punk and R&B into a coherent, celebratory dance ethic". After listening to "Tongues" I interpret this to mean that "Tongues" sounds like many almost danceable songs we've heard before.

David Byrne wrote all the lyrics on this release and is apparently the heart of Talking Heads. Many of his lyrics seem to make an attempt at profundity by being vague and ambiguous. "I Get Wild/Wild Gravity" is particularly bad in that the lyrics are totally self indulgent rock star jabber with an incredibly uncreative musical backdrop.

"Burning Down the House" is a cut that is getting some air-play and does work as a song, as long as you don't listen to the words.

"This Must Be The Place" is definitely the best cut on the album. It is musically imaginative and lyrically coherent, although like the entire album, it is written from an intensely jaded perspective.

Byrne's vocals do nothing to help this record along. He does very little singing. Most of those lyrics are spoken in rhythmic ones, many of which are off pitch. He also does a fair David Bowie imitation in the chorus of "Swamp", which seems to underline lack of imitation. His style does work well on "Burning Down the House" and "This Must Be The Place", but those two cuts do not save this record.

Perhaps it will sell because of the album cover, which was also done by Byrne. In fact, I think the cover is the best part of the whole album. That being the case, I still want to know what is all the fuss about this new Talking Heads release.

Answers to Health and Nutrition  
by Dwayne Turner

Will vitamins help my memory? My friends say that I am so dizzy.

Your problem doesn't exclude just you. My friends have often called me a dip, dizzy blond, dumb queen, and endless other flippant titles. Your memory is controlled by the transmission of nerve impulses which are fed by acetylcholine. If your body is to properly synthesize this substance, your diet should be supplemented with B vitamins and choline. Taking these vitamins will not transform a Marilyn Monroe into a mental giant; but in any case, it couldn't do any damage. Michael Voss, you can expect a large supply of these supplements for your birthday. As the queen through the looking glass remarked, "It is a poor sort of memory that only works backwards."



# MARKET PLACE


## CRACKERJACKS ATLANTA

Crackerjacks is a one-of-a-kind concept in men's casual sportswear and activewear. The want to show that clothes can be fun to wear. You can show on the outside what is glowing on the inside. It's time to shed that droll cocoon and spread your wings. If you have passed 978 Peachtree Street you've certainly noticed magnetic window displays by David Stark beckoning you to enter. Answer the call and you will realize that you have found a shop that you will return to many times. The selection is great of such brands as Brittonia, Henry Grethel and Members Only; all at affordable prices. The adaptability of items like reversible knits is a bonus which can't be overlooked. Monty and Roger are ready to give you friendly assistance as well as hear from you as to how they can better provide what is best. A new line of light leather jackets will be arriving along with Gim underwear from Spain that may start a fashion movement in the community. Together with the late summer and autumn lines will come gift accessories that are fail-proof.

In the few months since Crackerjacks opened in May, they have already outgrown the present facilities in their popularity. By mid-September they will make an overnight move several doors down Peachtree to a larger store. To just say thanks to present customers and welcome to new ones they would like to give free t-shirts to everyone for stopping in the new shop.

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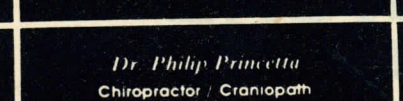
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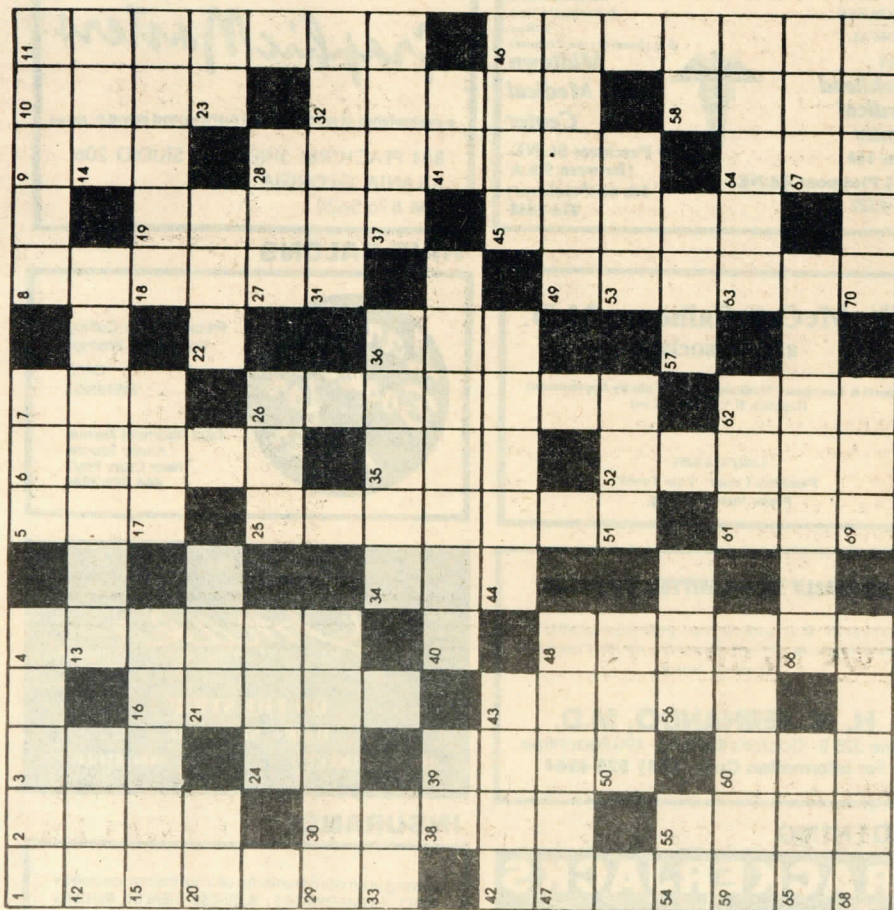
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17. Soak
18. War milieu
20. Tellurium, chem. sym.
21. National Teachers Association, abb.
22. Yoko
23. Either's partner
24. Consumed
25. School org.
27. Antiquity, old style
29. Mom
31. Administrator
33. Printer's measure
34. Sacrificial milnie
37. Stated
38. Against, abb.
40. Ship or trunk
41. French article
42. Diagonal
44. Company
45. Blackbird
47. Sea paints
49. Describe grammatically
50. Bitter vetch
51. Pindar opus
53. Announcements
54. Broadway hit
56. Pro

### DOWN

1. Disguise
2. Wings
3. Retired, abb.
4. Olden
5. By means of
6. Ward off
7. Latin, abb.
8. Baser
9. Route, abb.
10. Big little city
11. Longed
16. Stage direction
19. Paris
24. By
25. Sicilian capital
26. With ice cream
28. Certain card players
30. Blacksmith
32. Competitors
34. Attorney, abb.
35. Lao Tzu philosophy
36. Bodybuilding unit
39. Wise man

42. Bent
43. Abraham's wife
45. Angry with
46. Adds yeast
48. Avoid
49. Went by
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55. Girl's name
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## THE FIREMAN!

In the old days, some of us wilder and bolder "girls" used to cruise every nook and cranny of the "Big Peach" in search of a "piece of meat." Your basic discotheques and 30-odd other bars just weren't around at that time. The "Piccolo Lounge," with Frank Powell entertaining at the piano, was about the wildest place you could go to. Downtown Atlanta offered a little "rough trade" available for pick-up in front of the public library, but that usually came with a price too high for a poor girl's pocketbook. Around the YMCA or an all-night sandwich shop, one might spot a lonely lad who needed a place to crash for the night; and being one born with the nature of a "good time" Samaritan, I might be just the lass to make such an offer!

On a particular lonely night in the late 60's, I had an occasion to be out with a highly-painted, bosom buddy of mine — a gal they called Harvena, from days of yore. We both had put on our mini-skirts and thought it a nice idea if we could find some lively male companionship to "help us make it through the night." Miss Harvena, a Southern belle that didn't smoke dope or drink but got her high by relieving over-sexed males and popping an occasional diet pill, was really a hot wire on this special eve. However, trip after trip to downtown Atlanta by Davison's, Rich's, the Y. and the Library seemed to turn up nothing, but only added to the frustrations of the two hungry "Jezbies" in search of horny male company. Even the bus station offered no lay-overs that would have wanted to t parlayed or waylaid for an hour or so.

The search and the desperate hours continued. Then, on about our last go-round at 3 in the morning, we decided to swing by the fire station on North Avenue near the Varsity. We had remembered that sometimes the firemen were prone to sit outside and scratch their crotches and dish "queers" with frothing mouths who passed by. However, two "ladies" might be an exception to this rule of thumb. The car slowly eased up in front, and the pair of passengers ogled three very nice specimens of the male gender. A little giddiness and some quick heart flutterfs were in progress as I summoned the taller and the more friendly-looking guy toward us.

Although our attire might have been a little deceptive, in our hearts we had to be honest. We admitted we were guys dressed as dolls. For a moment, there was a strange silence. My foot was "on ready" at the accelerator. I waited, hoping Harvena would not be pommelled. Her arm kept nudging for me to go. Somehow, the rugged fireman seemed worth the tension and the anxiety. Then he said with twinklin eyes and his mouth in a half grin, "I can't believe it!" "Does that mean we have to leave?" I asked. He replied, "Please don't!" After some quick superficial exchange, he said he would like to see us after he got off duty at 8am that morning. Of course, we agreed and gave him my phone number!

We drove to the Tropical Fruit Jungle and

bought a frozen pizza and some extra cheese and pepproni to go on it and returned to my house for baking, girl chit-chat, and waiting. Around 6 o'clock, Miss Harvena began complaining of having to stay in drag awaiting a number she was certain would never call. I told her it would be far worse if we took off all this paraphernalia and then had to put it back on. After all, if he did appear, he would expect us to still be glamorous. The hours drug by. At 8 o'clock, there was no telephone call. At 8:30, still nothing. We decided to call it a long, laborious night and put it to bed. Suddenly, at 8:35 as we were unhooking our brazziers, the telephone rang. Oh, dear God, it was the fireman's voice — deep, soft, and gentle. He had taken a hot shower to freshen up and had been delayed a bit. "Can I still come over?" he begged. "Of course, — we'd wait!"

The doorbell rang at nine, and I nervously scurried to answer it. Outside stood one of the handsomest men a gal would ever want to meet. He was wearing a dark dress uniform, highly polished black shoes, and a formal hat with a bill and insignia. Ooo, girlfriends, in this instance I felt understated and unqualified! Hmm, so this was what it was like to be a "lady"!!! I offered him a seat, and he removed his hat and asked for permission to smoke. After a little more idle exchange, I invited him to the boudoir. Harvena's and my hearts almost leaped from our bras as the brawny 6'5", 220 lb., (This is no bitch's arithmetic!), fireman took off his coat. We directed him toward the "workbench" and offered our assistance in the loosening of his shiny belt buckle.

I began slurping and licking his hairline and earlobes, as my "sister" began lapping his big toes and working upward. Although thoroughly enjoyed this action, he was reluctant to say that he would not be able to perform properly with both of us, being he was quite nervous at this first-time encounter. He said he would be more comfortable with one at a time. I motioned for Harvena to leave; but she left the door cracked so she could watch, unbeknownst to the fireman. When he whipped out his long, thick hose, he was more than any white woman could have ever hoped for — before or since! After our purpose was fulfilled, he sincerely thanked me and very courteously excused himself.

Several months later, the Southern gentleman telephoned me in a despondent mood and said he was divorcing his wife. He had been thinking of me and wanted to come over and visit. I was heavily involved in some project, and it was impossible for me to see him at that time. I asked him to call me the next day, and he assured me he would. Needless to say, it was the last time the fireman rang my bell and the last opportunity I would ever have to quench his fire. Although our brief affair has long been extinguished, my memory of the fireman, when I think of him, and I do, is still very much ablaze!



# Ten Atlantans Attend Annual Dignity Convention

A delegation of about ten Atlantans are attending the Sixth Biennial International Convention of Dignity in Seattle this week. About 700 to 1000 people are expected to participate in the year's largest meeting of gay and lesbian Catholics and their friends at Seattle's new Sheraton Hotel.

On Monday, August 29, the Greater Seattle Business Association hosted a welcoming cocktail party for dignitaries, the Dignity board of Directors, and their "lovers and mates" in the home and private gardens of landscape designer W. David Poot. The Dignity Board, including three officers and eleven regional directors convened Tuesday and Wednesday, the 30 and 31. Their work included setting out a budget, reviewing reports from various national committees and planning future direction. Tuesday night the Dignity Board was the honored dinner guest of the the Doran Group, a bi-partisan gay/lesbian political organization based in Washington State. Guest speaker at the formal dinner was Patricia Nell Warren, author of *The Front Runner* and *The Fancy Dancer*. Wednesday night all delegates were welcomed at a

cocktail reception at the hotel.

About 215 delegates from 100 Dignity chapters in the U.S. and Canada convened Thursday and Friday to review Board action and elect new officers. The Dignity House of Delegates meets every two years. The Seattle hosts arranged and evening ferry boat cruise of Puget Sound Thursday night for all conventioners. A press conference, talk show appearances and the official opening of the convention are set for Friday, September 2. A Seattle public relations firm has volunteered its services to set up a press headquarters and coordinate all press conferences and appearances. Welcoming statements will be given by King County Supervisor Randy Revelle, Charles Royer, Mayor of Seattle, and Charlie Brydon, president of the Dorian Group and former co-chair of the National Gay Task Force. Father Mike Ryan, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Seattle, will also deliver a message of welcome. The traditional ceremonies will also include a procession of banners representing various Dignity chapters and regions, followed by a party in the hotel's Grand Ballroom. Approx-

mately 15 workshops are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

Convention planners have organized a candlelight march from the hotel to the Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Seattle to be followed with a concelebrated liturgy on Saturday night. The main celebrant will be Father Tom Oddo, past secretary of Dignity Inc., and current president of the University of Portland. Sunday evening the newly elected officers of Dignity Inc will be announced at a formal banquet in the Grand Ballroom. Ginny Apuzzo, director of the National Gay Task Force, will be a special guest speaker at the banquet. Monday's agenda includes a final round of workshops, more press coverage, and an Exodus Litergy which includes the spiritual transfer of leadership by a laying of hands ceremony. Books, gifts, and other items will be available through the Dignity General Store. Vacation and travel packages, including trips to Mt. Saint Helen's, Mt. Rainier, Alaska and Hawaii have been arranged by It's Your World-Travel! of Seattle.

## Gay Center Series

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In addition there are no shortages of groups you can join. Gay and lesbian organizations are listed weekly in *Cruise Weekly*. *Creative Loafing* lists many groups as well. Our organizations are usually looking for active members. First Tuesday needs people to register voters. The Atlanta Gay Center needs volunteers to be at their front desk as well as other duties. In fact, most organizations are looking for people to help. There are also some gaps where no organizations exist. One friend would like to start a gay chamber orchestra. Another friend would like to start a gay and lesbian marching band. Why not spend some of your social time becoming involved with an organization and trying to help it.

There are many reasons people join organizations. Some feel certain tasks need to be accomplished. Others want to make business contacts. Many would like to meet new friends or lovers. You can join groups to practice your religion, learn, meet people or have fun.

Here are some ideas on joining organizations: Go through a list and check those you think may be interesting. Call and see when you might attend a meeting. Don't let the discomfort of being with a new group of people stop you. You don't have to do anything besides sit at the back of the room. However, you can go and talk to some of the members. Tell them you want to know more about their organization. Mainly listen during your first meeting. If you think you would enjoy the organization go back a couple more times, join, and participate in their events. If you want, join a committee and take on some of the work of the organization. Finally, if you are tired of an organization, quit and look for another social outlet or organization. Try to be clear what you want to get and what you have to offer. Below is a partial list of Atlanta Gay and Lesbian organizations. They are groups according to areas of interest in order to try to give more infor-

mation about them in a brief form. We hope we have included all the organizations and placed them in the most appropriate categories.

**Health Organizations and Counseling:** The Atlanta Gay Center, (Helpline, Speakers, Police Training, Counseling, V.C. Screening, AIDS Information) 876-5372/892-0661; AID Atlanta, 872-0600; Galano Club - Gay Alcoholics Anonymous, 881-9188/892-7827; Narcotics Anonymous, 266-8179; Parents of Gays, 874-5253

**Religious Organizations:** Atlanta Church of Religious Science, 233-0364; Dignity - Catholic, 874-1694; Evangelical Outreach Ministries, 261-5710; Friends for Lesbian/Gay Concerns - Quakers, 588-1306; Haverim - Jewish, 457-5673; Integrity - Episcopalian, 633-9309; Lutherans Concerned, 875-4091; Midtown Protestant Church, 876-5356/3669; MCC, 872-2246; Unitarian Universalists Gay Committee 434-4743 634-5134

**Business Organizations:** Atlanta Business and Professional Guild, 892-8702

**Political and Legal:** ACLU, First Tuesday 876-5372, 848 Peachtree, 3rd floor

**Media:** Southern Gay Dreams, WRFG; Triangle Video, 70 13th Street

**Sports:** Atlanta Venture Sports, Box 7718, 30309; Hotlanta Softball, 627-3294; Hotlanta Volleyball, 873-2420

**Entertainment - Social, Arts and Fundraising:** Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, 872-4965; Atlanta Royal Court (benefits), 874-9048; Gay Atlanta Foundation (Mister Gay Atlanta Pageant) 872-4044

**Students:** Gay Student Alliance/GSU, 892-3307

**Social Issues:** Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance, 523-7786; Black and White Men Together, 892-8718/874-4223; PALS Partners and lovers (for couples), 432-2407

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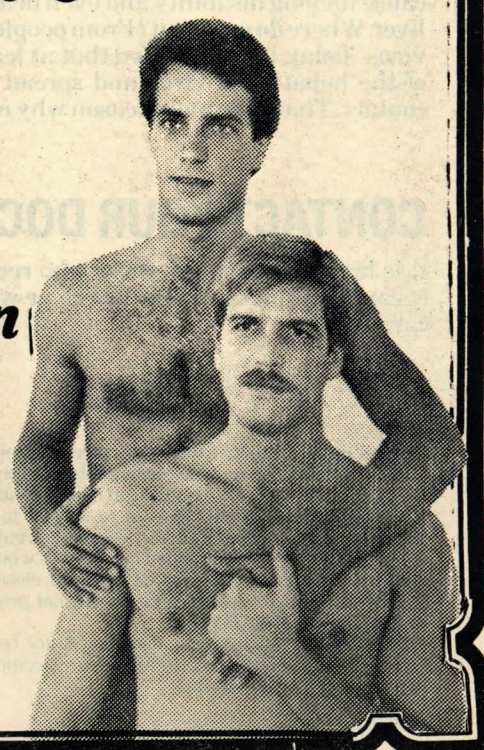
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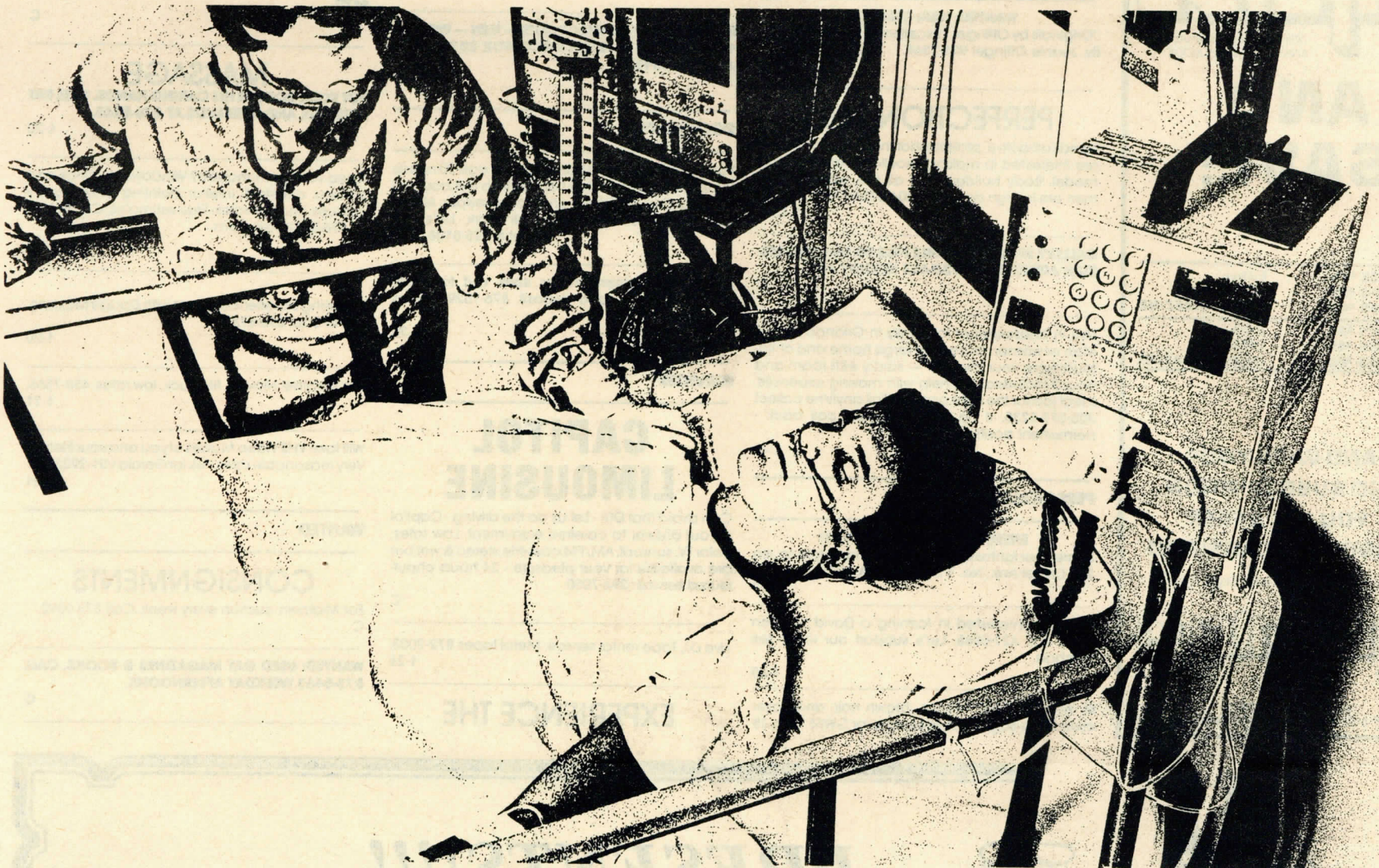
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