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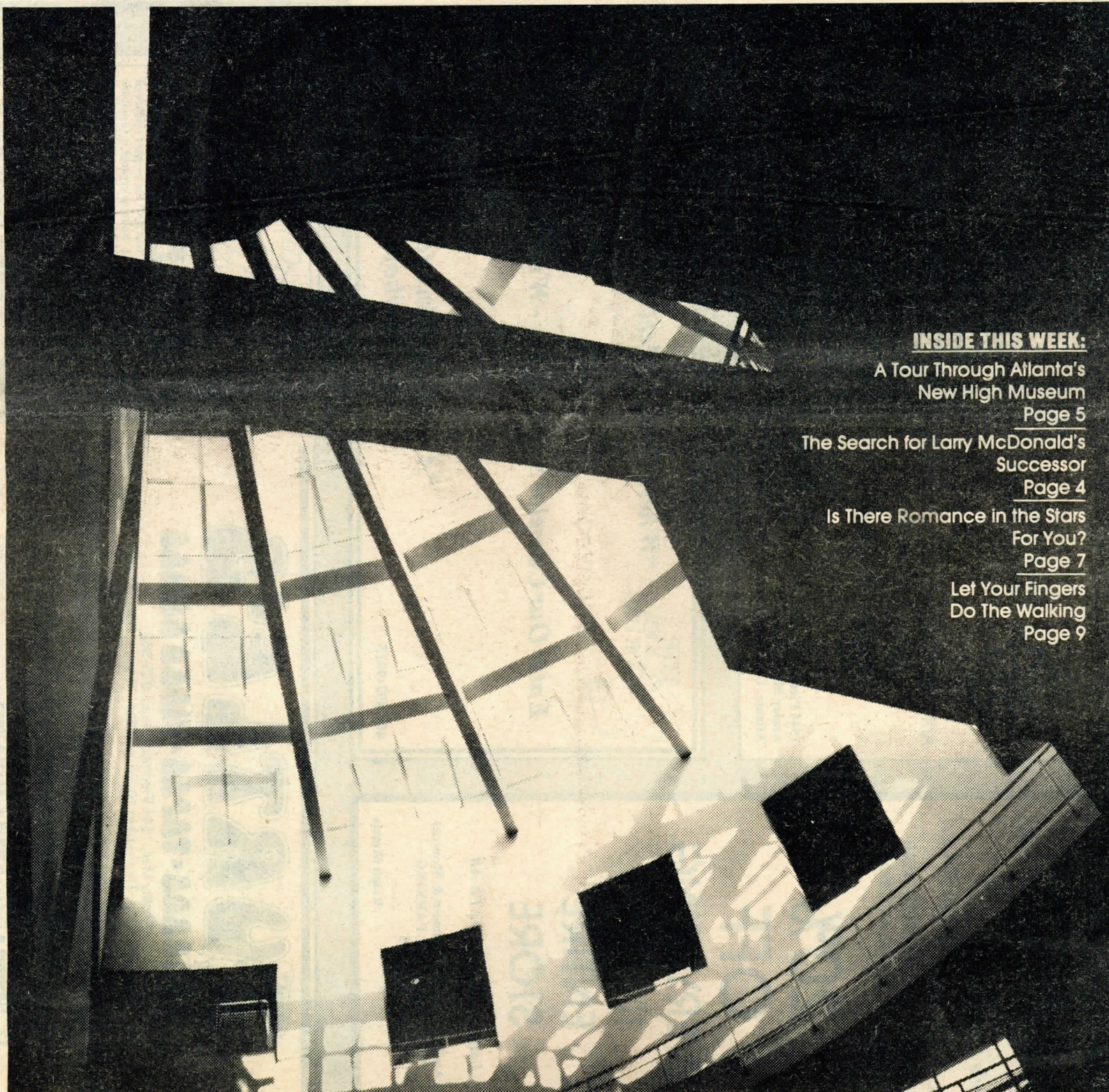
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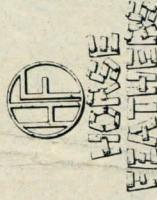


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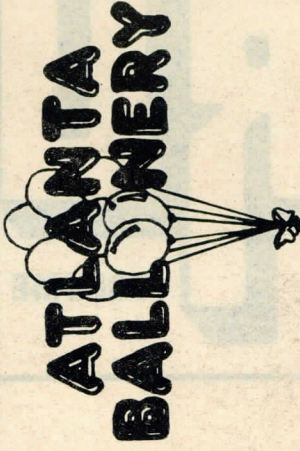


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Fowler Sought As Co-Sponsor

Georgia 5th District Congressman Wyche Fowler was asked to co-sponsor a gay civil rights bill last week at a meeting in Washington with representatives of Gay Rights National Lobby, according to GRNL's director, Steve Endean.

A member of the Atlanta Democrat's staff, Susan Gold, told Endean that Fowler would respond within three weeks.

The bill, H.R. 2624, would extend the coverage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, to forbid discrimination against gay men and lesbians in employment, housing and public accommodations, as racial minorities and women are protected now.

The bill is now co-sponsored by 73 members of Congress, but Endean hopes to have 84 signed on by January 1, 1984. "It's ambitious, but do-able," Endean said.

"Fowler is vulnerable now because he'll have some stiff competition next year," said Endean, referring to the re-appointment of the 5th District.

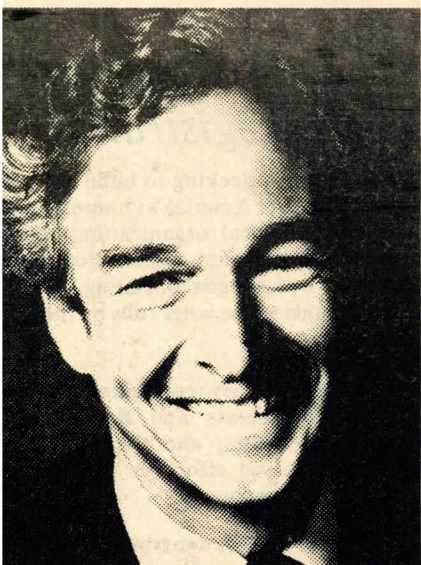
Fowler, who is white, has represented the Atlanta district for a number of years, but following the 1980 census the district lines were redrawn to include a large black majority.

"I have heard of (Fulton County Commissioner) Reggie Eaves, (state senator) Julian Bond and (Atlanta City Councilmember) John Lewis mentioned as possible candidates, and they're all supposed to be good on gay issues. Bond is even on Human Rights Campaign Fund's (a Washington-based gay rights political action committee) board of directors," said Endean, who is HRCF's treasurer.

Fowler has met with local gays on several occasions, and his staff members have attended meetings and receptions held by the Atlanta Gay Center, the Atlanta Business and Professional Guild and other local gay organizations. Although Fowler made local headlines when he spoke against an anti-gay bill introduced by Georgia Congressman Larry McDonald in debate on the floor of the House three years ago, he has consistently declined to co-sponsor the gay rights bill.

"Constituent services and sending representatives are important," said Endean, "but I think people also need to look at what he's doing in Washington."

The GRNL director expressed the hope that Fowler's gay constituents would contact his office in support of the bill.



5th District Representative Wyche Fowler is being urged to support the national gay civil rights bill.

High Court Rules in Favor Of Ousted Gay Scoutmaster

From the Atlanta Journal

Los Angeles — A former scoutmaster, expelled by the Boy Scouts of America because he admitted being a homosexual,

FTA Denied By Fulton County

First Tuesday Association's proposal for mobile voter registration vehicles was turned down by the Fulton County Board of Elections.

The associations plan for travelling yellow buses was deemed not viable as a method of registering gay voters.

The FTA is seeking space at retail locations (that do not serve alcohol), where temporary voter registration stands can be set up. The Fulton County Board of Elections requires that voter registration be done in a permanent structure "readily accessible to the public." If you can offer some "space" call the FTA at 875-4348.

The FTA is also seeking volunteers to become deputy voter registrars. "We can realistically expect to register 5000 voters," said a spokesperson for the FTA, "but it will not work without volunteers."

plans to use a favorable court ruling to get his job back.

The 2nd District Court of Appeals ruled Timothy Curran, 21, an Eagle Scout, could not be dismissed because of his homosexuality. The decision clears his suit for trial unless the Boy Scouts appeal to the California Supreme Court.

"I knew we would win all along but this is very gratifying," Curran said Wednesday.

"If it stands before the (state) Supreme Court, it will be the leading case on the subject in the country. I think the Boy Scouts will have a very hard time proving I'm immoral in a trial."

Curran, a senior at the University of California at Berkeley, brought suit against the Boy Scouts in May 1981 when he was expelled because Scout officials learned he was gay.

Curran said an official from the Mount Diablo Council, which supervised Troop 37, told him a homosexual was not a good role model.

"If we take it on their terms of merit, I can't get it (the role) if I'm gay, so it can't be on their terms of merit," he said. "I think I merit the job. I'm trying to regain my position of assistant scoutmaster."

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About 200 people marched to Piedmont Park in a candlelight AIDS Vigil here last week. The local march was held in conjunction with a national vigil in Washington which was attended by 1500. Dr. Lewis Katoff, speaking here, said, "We must not turn our backs on this crisis. AIDS affects us all."

Much Ado About Midtown Has Second Successful Year

The second annual "Much Ado About Midtown" attracted an estimated 300,000 people during a two-day period last weekend, organizers and city officials say. "The artists, the vendors, the food sellers . . . everybody said they did twice as much business or better compared to last year," reported Pat Bernstein, spokesperson for the event. "The gods were on our side," Bernstein chirped. "It couldn't have been better. The weather was beautiful. Everyone was so jolly. There were no fights, no heart attacks, not even a skinned knee. We literally were blessed."

Bernstein said that the Atlanta Ski Club, which operated an artificial ski slope on 10th Street sponsored by Budweiser Light, passed out more literature and signed up more new members than at any time in their history. The event was coordinated by the Midtown Business Association with a host of sponsors and volunteers. Prior to the festival Peachtree Street was spruced

up with fresh flowers by volunteers from the Midtown Business Association and the Atlanta Business and Professional Guild. The assortment of performing artists was arranged by David Sheppard, who worked by walkie-talkies with Maria Lago and Rick Flynn in keeping everything operating smoothly. WSB Radio and Cruise News provided "invaluable" publicity, Bernstein said.

A group of 400 student volunteers from Emory University, coordinated by Laura Hoagland, were praised by Bernstein for their service. "One of the nicest things," Bernstein concluded, "was that the crowds stayed until the very end. At the corner of 10th and Peachtree, where a Gospel group was performing, you couldn't even get a seat. And nearby, where a steel calypso band was performing, people were still dancing in the streets, ready to party all night. It was a nice way to end it all."



The gay community enthusiastically supported Much Ado About Midtown this past weekend.

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Gordon Paddison (l) will revive his role in the off-Broadway version of "Della's Diner."

Local Actor Revives Role In "Della's Diner" in New York

From the Atlanta Journal

Only one original actor from the Atlanta hit "The Della Syndrome" is cast in the upcoming off-Broadway production of the country-western musical comedy.

Gordon Paddison will revive his Atlanta role as macho Sheriff Ronnie Frank Flaughter in the New York show, entitled "Blue Plate Special." Paddison was last seen onstage here this past spring in a minor role in the Alliance Theatre's "Twelfth Night."

Despite the title change, "Blue Plate Special" is basically the same show as "The Della Syndrome," which has been playing at Upstairs at Gene and Gabe's on Piedmont Avenue since June 1982. It is the longest-running show in Atlanta.

"I feel awkward at being the only one of the original cast selected," said Paddison, 28. "I feel honored, but I miss my friends." However, he said, "The New York cast is very talented and very professional."

"Blue Plate Special" will be produced at the Manhattan Theatre Club, the same theater that helped launch "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Crimes of the Heart" to Broadway. Rehearsals began at the theater last week.

The opening is tentatively scheduled for early November. Preview performances are to start Oct. 18.

Tom Edwards, the Atlanta playwright who wrote "The Della Syndrome," assisted in casting the New York show. "The cast is fabulous," said Edwards, who returned to Atlanta for a weekend visit.

McDonald Wife Favored in 7th District

Next Tuesday voters in Georgia's 7th Congressional District will decide in a special election who will replace Larry McDonald, the arch-conservative killed last month in the Korean airliner disaster.

The 7th District includes Cobb County in northwestern metro Atlanta and extends through the north Georgia mountains to Tennessee. Although the area is by no means a hot-bed of gay activism, the race is important to gays because the seat has often been used as a national pulpit for anti-gay sentiment.

Twenty candidates qualified for the non-partisan election. This week we will take a look at the major contenders and the effect they would have on the gay movement if elected.

Although no polling results have been publicly released, many informed political observers expect McDonald's widow, Kathy, to win the thirty to forty per cent of the vote that her late husband could always count on, in addition to an unmeasured sympathy vote. Ms. McDonald has been making the most of her uniqueness as a candidate to distance herself from the field of other contenders. She has refused to speak at the same forums with the other

candidates, and, as in many campaigns in conservative districts, neither she nor anyone in her campaign would speak to the gay press on gay issues.

However, Ms. McDonald has identified her positions on issues as being the same as her husband's, and presumably this includes his homophobia. One of the few bills sponsored by McDonald that was passed by Congress was the so-called McDonald Amendment that was attached to several bills funding Legal Services Corporation, the government-backed organization that provides free legal assistance to the poor. McDonald's amendment forbade the use of federal money in litigation that would promote gay rights.

"I don't think the government should fund people who are trying to tear it down," he once explained.

State Representative George "Buddy" Darden is probably the most progressive of the viable candidates. The Marietta Democrat is the only state office holder in the race, and is campaigning on his record as an effective legislator, rather than a hide-bound ideologue. Darden describes himself as a "progressive conservative," and although he has introduced several law and order bills in the General Assembly, he also

National Group Seeks Voter Registration

Washington — Seeking to build the political clout of America's homosexuals, national and local organizations jointly announced a voter registration drive Thursday with the goal of adding 1 million homosexuals to the voter rolls by the 1984 elections.

The groups said they represented men and women, Democrats and Republicans, blacks and whites, and they promised community-based efforts in many cities around the country.

"This effort reflects our continuing determination as gay men and lesbians to be involved in the decisions that affect our lives," said Virginia M. Apuzzo, executive director of the National Gay Task Force at the news conference announcing the drive.

These groups say that about 10 percent of the population is homosexual, which would mean about 16.5 million homosexuals of voting age.

Atlanta Evangelicals At Baptist Conclave

Evangelical Outreach Ministries, a Southern-based pro-gay ministry staffed a booth at a national Southern Baptist Conference on Social Justice Issues held in Atlanta October 6-8.

Prominent over the EOM booth was a large sign proclaiming "Evangelical Outreach Ministries, A Voice For Lesbian & Gay Men In The Bible Belt." The booth featured pro-gay religious and secular works for sale and free literature. Responses to this unprecedented event ranged from "shock," "grim resignation," to "glad you are here" and even "its about time we started addressing this issue."

voted for the Equal Rights Amendment.

"His opponents have accused him of having a liberal streak," said one of his supporters, "but he's a liberal only within the context of Cobb County, which is very conservative."

Socialist Workers Party candidate Sara Jean Smith undoubtedly has the most favorable position on gay rights issues. She is running on the SWP platform, which includes a demand for the repeal of sodomy laws and the passage of legislation that would protect gays from employment and other discrimination.

Republican Marietta Attorney Dave Sellers has the backing of the state and national Republican parties. He garnered 39% of the vote when he ran against Larry McDonald in last year's general election. There has been speculation that Sellers and Darden may win enough votes to prevent Kathy McDonald from winning without a run-off election.

Last year Sellers received a \$500 contribution from Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Washington-based gay rights political action committee.

"It was a token contribution, a shot in the

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A NEW HIGH FOR ATLANTA

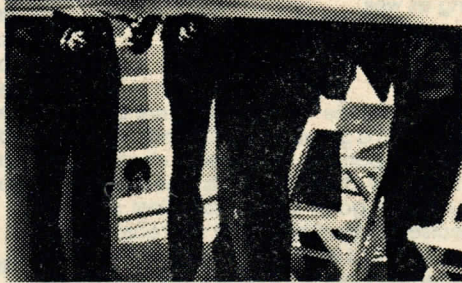
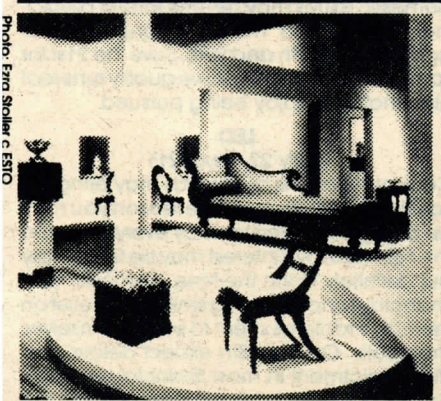
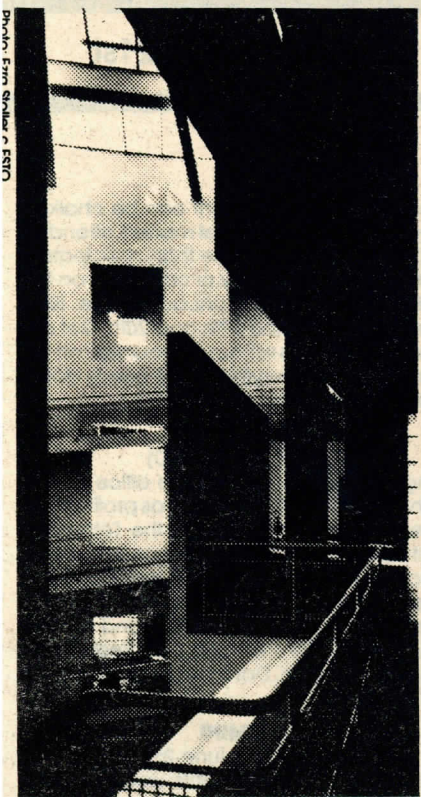


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Atlanta now has a museum too big to be seen in one day. In fact, it would take even the most casual visitor a good two days to "see everything," and dedicated culture-lovers will return again and again, always seeing something new and something missed — always coming away rewarded. While not as comprehensive or awesome as the Met or the Louvre, the High Museum of Art offers more than just an introduction to the initiate and plenty for the connoisseur to sink his teeth into. A very important element of going to the High will be experiencing the living architecture of one of that art's modern masters, Richard Meier.

Meier's Museum surrounds you, engulfs you, enlightens you, uplifts and educates you. You experience architecture on a Parthenon level: blinding whiteness, utter clarity of light and atmosphere, a mountain-top high — the building is a triumph! And yet, it does not overwhelm. Gallery spaces are often intimate, room-sized and human-scale. Many pictures are placed at just-below-eye-level: these are not icons to be worshipped — they are gorgeous pictures to be experienced for themselves. Even Rodin's sombre statue, "The Shade," given to Atlanta to commemorate the deaths, in a Paris air crash, of 114 Georgia Arts Patrons dominates now, in its new, less monumental location, as a masterpiece of the sculptor's art, not as a magnificent tombstone.

Opening to the Public Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, with a lavish festival of the visual and performing arts — Artlanta — the gleaming white High Museum of Art will fast become a "must" on everyone's list. If you do go during the Artlanta Opening Weekend, count on long lines and plenty of entertaining performances by local artists while you wait. (A full schedule of Artlanta events was printed in last week's *Cruise News*.) Spotted throughout the two days will be dancers, mimes, jugglers, concerts by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and a performance of "High Brass," a fanfare composed for the dedication of the new High Museum of Art by Atlanta Martin Herman.

Once you enter the Museum up the long, narrow ramp — how to proceed? You'll be smack in the middle of the soaring four-story central atrium, dazzled by the light pouring in through the overhead skylight, dizzied by the ship's railing ramps circling up the sides of the sparkling well of light. Two choices: walk the ramps to the fourth floor and let the architecture engulf you, to get a thorough feel for the building, or, elevator up to the top gallery and leave the "atrium experience" til last. If you want, do the third floor galleries first — they contain European and American Paintings, the Photography and Print Collections and provide a good introduction to art on a cultural and historical basis.

Beginning with the fourth floor, start with the "Mark Rothko: Subjects" loan exhibition, made possible by a grant from the IBM Corporation, on view October 15 through February 26 and collected by Anna Chave. If you are not impressed by abstract expressionism, Rothko's huge canvases of blocks of acidically contrasting color will still intrigue or anger you. For a complete contrast, view "The Rococo Age: French Masters of the 18th Century," curated by the Museum's Eric M. Zafran and made possible by a grant from the Forward Arts Foundation of Atlanta. While the richness and sensuous sentimentality of this work may at first cloy, it very soon utterly charms with its underlying frankness and honesty. Even the frames are masterpieces!

On the third floor you will encounter the Museum's collections of European Old Masters, American Painting, the Ralph K. Uhry Print Collection and the Lucinda W. Bunnell Photography Collection. Among the delights here are works by Granach, Tintoretto, Bellini, Carpaccio, Monet, Boudin, Corot, Vuillard and enough gilded saints to get anyone to heaven! In sharp contrast to the many religious ecstasies is an anonymous polychromed wood "Bust of a Man," starkling depicting all the human pain and suffering inherent in the Age of Faith.

Also on this floor you'll find the aforementioned Rodins and a huge Max Ernst, "Tree of Life," a recent purchase by the Museum.

The entire second floor is given over to the Virginia Carroll Crawford Collection of the Decorative Arts: 1825-1917. Containing an enormous quantity of items for the home, lightly bound at either end by breathtaking examples of 18th and 20th Century furniture, the Crawford Collection of what can loosely be called Victoriana takes the Museum to an era other institutions have largely neglected. Comprehensive and growing, the High Museum's collection is the one other experts will have to come to. While reflecting the robber-baron richness and mentality that led the Nation into rampant Capitalism, the items on display disturb as much as they astound.

Returning to the first floor, which house offices and the Gift Shop, pause and reflect. As Roberto C. Goizeuta, Chairman of the Coca-Cola Company and Principle Speaker at the Dedication Ceremonies said, "Atlanta . . . is . . . certain to continue to grow, because we offer everything . . . but just as important, with the opening of the new High Museum of Art, we are improving our state of mind. The gifts of things are never as precious as the gifts of thought. With this opening . . . we are demonstrating that the citizens of Atlanta are now thinking . . . as citizens of the world. This structure stands as a living symbol of our people's willingness to open their minds and hearts to new ideas, new images, new expressions, new experiences. It is not how far we go, but how deeply we go that extracts the gold of experience."

The new Atlanta High Museum of Art is an incredible experience. Go, enjoy . . . and learn.



DIAMOND LIL!

CRUISING THE STARS

by Mike Voss

FOR OCTOBER 15th - 21st

Oh, the mystique and the intrigue of the most famous night of them all — October 31st...

And I remember so well when I was a little "girl" (we certainly do need to keep this tidbit an eternal mystique, positively an actress' prerogative if ever I knew of one) how it was always whispered throughout the neighborhood that Halloween would soon be approaching. Of course, at one point I was far too young to know what all of this hullabaloo really meant. Soon I was to learn that somewhere in the old, Manila police files it was "written" that it would be "okay" to give queens a day to do drag, without "legally" arresting them for this horrendous crime. (Actually, there never was such a "trumped-up" charged — it was all "Vera-Vice's" vociferous voice screaming, "Arrest them 'quars' fer puttin' them 'drisses' on!") Oh, praise the Lord for you children who do not know the agony and torment of not being able to put on a dress for an entire year!

Now, girlfriends, in early years there was no such thing as false eyelashes or wigs; that is, unless you happened to live in Hollywood or New York City. I'm sure one or two of you out there must recall the famous "doe" eyes. It was a very inexpensive way of lining your entire eye with cheap Maybelline pencil, usually purchased at McCrory's for a mere 12 cents. You wanted to look as much like a "deer" in the face as possible — and usually did! If you were extremely lucky and happened to know a downtown window-dresser, maybe she would snatch one of those twenty-pound, heavily-lacquered, pressed pieces of hair, made from hardened syrup candy, (very similar to an Ann Miller-do) and used primarily for mannequins' head-pieces, and lend this "treasure" to you for the eve! Such was the case on a certain night when your actress was in her late teens.

Being a young, budding belle, I was able to sweet-talk a mutual friend of mine into lending me a honey-colored hair ensemble that was guaranteed to steal the "shew." Donning my older sister's tight black crepe frock with hot fuchsia satin panels streaming down the back of my derriere, I knew I was capable of taking the "shew" at the old Bamboo Ranch, your basic, hot, red-neck trick bar, located on Highway 80. With Billy Joe (Down in the Boondocks) Royal on the bill with his killer band, I was a torrid smash, with no one suspecting that I was a lady of impersonation. However, lads in blue suede shoes, with hungry, frothing mouths and lusty eyes, made me come to the realization that, for safety's sake, it might be a darn good reason to depart the tepid, smokey night club.

Somehow, our party wound up in some old flea bag hotel with a pile of hell-raising paratroopers, just in for a few days' leave. There was drinking and merriment in their room — a little too much — to be more precise. A more daring and blatant "friend" of mine began a lewd act in front of God and everyone, thusly "freaking-out" a drunken, newly-enlisted man to this type of unfamiliar behavior. He picked up an empty quart gin bottle and broke it over my head. Thanks to Odin and the overdone syrup candy wig, it did not fracture my skull. Through the grace of God, I was able to stumble from that room of approximately 15 paratroopers into the hall and to the room we had rented. The daring queen was spared any consequence because she had insisted her guy take a solemn, gentleman's oath that he would not pound her upon the agreed completion of their act of love.

Leaving the hotel with a couple of girlfriends of mine around 4 in the morning, we began being chased. They managed to escape in a passing cab, while I was pommelled severely by several. It was a fortunate circumstance that the police happened to stumble upon this scene, thusly I am able to bring you children this bit of histrionic, oops, historic piece of ancient info. So, you need to remember that on the night of the pumpkin, the fiends and goblins could be out to get you, also.

While things have changed beautifully and much for the better in current years, you "sinful" children need to keep abreast that there are still some redneck pieces lurking about and up to a little devilment. And that reminds me of what happened last Halloween after my show at Claiborne's in Buckhead. I arrived at home, "The Temple where Time Stood Still," and placed my key in the lock. Looking down the stone stairwell, I spotted a strange, darting figure of a young man, lurking beneath the banks of ivy and boxwoods. As I peered, he would jump to and fro. I thought it too mysterious. I enclosed myself on the glass veranda and peeked from behind a column. The lad was as naked as a jay bird and would leap across my front steps, masturbating vigorously as he did so. The intrigue was too compelling, and I eased open the door. Cautiously, I slipped down the stairs, as he slipped away into the night — forever.

But, perhaps as Halloween can weave a magic or a mystical spell or even an uncanny one, somehow I wonder: "Will he be back this year?" "Will you?" "Or, anyone?"

Diamond Lil

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Bragging about recent secret affairs that should have been kept that way may keep you in hot water this weekend. Surprise trips may be short but pleasant on the 16th. Organizing new career directions on the 17th may allow you to rest the remainder of the week. Don't get into bad health on the 18th. Your own or anyone else's. Friends may mean money on both the 19th and the 20th. New love concerns on the 21st are unrealistic. Friends could be a mite disappointing as well.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Shaking off the "blues" might not be easy. You are in a growth cycle. Old attitudes and thought patterns may need changing. If they're not changed at this time then enjoy nursing a good depression. Feel sorry for yourself. That will help a lot. Best career days are on the 17th and the 21st. Women are extremely beneficial on both days. Love life may involve age differences. More mature and stable partners look attractive on the 19th and 20th. You're not in the mood for fly by nights.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Sudden romances probable all weekend. When you're hot, you're hot! Extravagance and a big ego may be a turnoff on the 16th. Others may interpret generosity incorrectly. Walk softly. On the 17th friends and investment situations go hand in hand. Cancer and Scorpio figure prominently that day. Cash in on people pleasing on the 19th. Both love and money look great all week. Friends may be only true source of annoyance. They're in the mood to criticize. Who cares??

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Burdens having to do with career are obviously lifted this week. Enjoy success in most areas of life. Love life might be experiencing a few ego problems... but what else is new?

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Relationships need re-evaluation this week. Set priorities now or it's going to get real sticky. On the 16th enjoy sentimental journeys with good friends. Earning power could increase for those of you who are awake on the 17th. Jump at all offers. Credit issues solve themselves on the 18th and the 19th. On the 20th "dream lovers" could very much be a reality. Minor health issues interfere with work on the 21st. What a great way to get the day off.

PISCES

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

Expect the unexpected all week. Relationships seem to run mysteriously hot and cold. Career seems up for grabs but money will be there when you need it.

ARIES

(March 21 - April 19)

Friendship, love and domestic issues take up most of this harmonious weekend. On

the 16th all entertainment can be chalked up as a success. financial matters attended to on the 17th yield more than anticipated. Career may seem hazy or confusing on the 18th. Co-workers look uncooperative. New loves appear on the 19th and 20th. Get out there. Most things will not go your way on the 21st. Try to get everything that needs doing done before then.

TAURUS

(April 20 - May 20)

Bringing work home from the office on the 15th may be satisfying as well as profitable. It does not go unnoticed. On the 16th pleasant news comes from a distance. Romance, pleasure and work are well balanced this week. Travel plans with friends may be the big issue on the 17th. Career and money days are on the 19th and 21st. Best sexual day is on the 20th. Don't be afraid to venture out.

GEMINI

(May 21 - June 21)

Short trips are favored this weekend with loved one. Go ahead and get away. On the 16th partner seems more sentimental and appreciative than may have been the case for awhile. Eat it up. On the 17th conditions are great for career advancement. Opportunities are all around you, even if they seem hidden. Your ears may be ringing that day. Friends appear critical most of the week. Stand back and let them fight among themselves... especially on the 18th and 19th. On the 20th creativity means money. Friends look like more problems on the 21st. Ignore them.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 21)

Tension in career matters seem to be in not getting what you're worth. This situation can be amended on the 17th. Be patient let it solve itself. On the 18th financial and domestic issues may be temporarily disturbing. Career and money changes occur again on the 19th and 20th. Save the 21st for someone special. Attractive quality runs real high that day. Enjoy being pursued.

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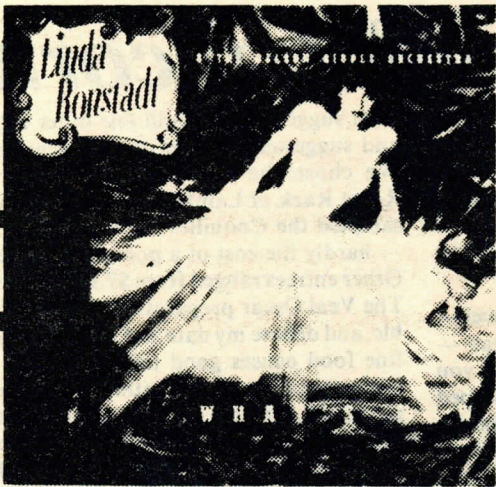
(July 22 - Aug. 21)

Communications of all kinds may bring difficulties this week. For some reason you may be being misunderstood by everybody. On the 16th new love interest may be temporary but definitely worth the time. Domestic and financial concerns bring smiles and relief on the 17th. Problems seem to solve themselves magically. On the 18th expect delays and disappointment in most financial dealings. Career boosts can be surprises on both the 19th and the 20th. Long distance affairs appeal on the 21st. Some of you may be thinking of relocation.

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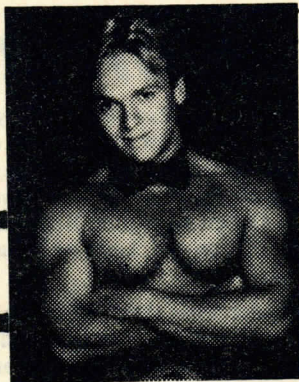
(Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

Others find you very attractive at this time. Use this to make more money. On the 15th and 16th expect domestic turbulence. Friends lend emotional support on the 17th. The opposite may be true on the 18th and 19th. New loves probable all week. Jealousy may run high from others. Good financial news can be counted on the 20th. Romance may figure here also. Stay in bed on the 21st.



by Steve Pierce

MUSIC



MAKING IT HARD FOR YOU

by Dwayne C. Turner

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"What's New" is certainly the most unexpected release of the year. What's even more surprising is that a re-release of 40's big band love songs would gain interest in the pop music scene of the 80's. I feel the situation leaves us with two intriguing questions: Why this particular selection of music and Why is it popular now?

It's fairly obvious that Linda Ronstadt is asking a question as well as making a definitive statement with her title choice of "What's New." Obviously, 40's big band love songs are not "What's New" in the 80's, although the romance of these songs. With that in mind, Linda has conjured all the magic of saddle oxfords, padded shoulders, argyle socks, and slow dancing. The 40's was a era when war and separation were balanced by romance. It was a time when USO dances brought your lover home or took him away, but in either case you held him close — very close — and danced slowly. Many people prayed that their love would keep them strong and sane in a world that had lost its mind with violence. The need for a balance of romance is as great as the world's problems tipped the scales of most people lives.

The 80's logged on with the most impersonal, jaded social attitudes that the human

race had ever experienced. The "Me" generation was constantly promoted by mass media blitz that heightened "self" awareness. The media took pride in its new high tech ability to say: "Moments ago John Lennon was shot in New York City."

Today our jadedness and apathy help us deal with his murder, the murder of innocent airline passengers, and arbitrary death of hundreds of innocent individuals whose only desire was to be held and loved, even if it was for only one night.

Today there is an imbalance in all of our lives, and the media reminds us everyday; AIDS is killing us; the threat of nuclear war is closer now than ever; and that we will live to be older than our parents but will run up big doctor's bills while they keep us alive awhile longer.

It's clear why we need romance in our lives at this time. "What's New" helps us feel that romance. With songs like, "Someone To Watch Over Me" and "Lover Man," it lets us pour out our hearts and confess our need for love. It also lets us confess our despair with "I Don't Stand a Ghost of a Chance With You" and "Guess I'll Hang My Tears Out To Dry." It's a record that puts balance back in our lives . . . even if it's only for one night.

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ely — the tiny, fresh water ones — were freshly cooked in a sherry cream and fresh mushroom sauce. I missed the baking shells and crumb crust, but the tender little prawns sure did taste rich and aquatic! I haven't been to Persia since Reza Pahlevi celebrated that country's 2,500 anniversary, "some years ago," so I can't guarantee the authenticity of The Rack of Lamb Parsee, but at The Lion and Unicorn — it was delicious! Twelve tiny succulent baby lamb chops, delicately roasted and separated, glazed in the oven in apricot jam, sauced with Cognac and artfully presented with asparagus, steamed carrot rounds — Rack of Lamb Parsee was fit for, well . . . for the Shah!

I chose a Joseph Drouhin Beaujolais Villages (\$12.50) for our wine: it was a bit pricey but settled down — this fresh, young red wine can have a difficult crossing. The fifteen selections on the Wine Card ranged from \$8.95 for the House Wines — all French — to \$23.00 for a Pouilly Fuisse and twenty-nine dollars for Moet — not bad.

It was not up to Desert, but the fresh, ripe strawberries, Triple Sec and whipped cream (\$2.75), served in a tall, elegant champagne

flute, disappeared down my Dining Date just like *that*! It certainly *looked* delicious! Cheese Cake (\$2.75) was basically New York — creamy but basically bland — do have it with the raspberry topping and whipped cream. The Lion and Unicorn also offers five "Dessert Coffees," from \$2.95 to \$3.95. Our entire bill, for two full dinners, a third entree, cocktails and wine came to \$74.00 — perhaps too much for some out-landers from Decatur happy with meat and potatoes, but well-worth the trip up North Decatur Road for any midtowner who enjoys the Renaissance ambience of The Abbey and an adventurous, eclectic menu.

I doff my culinary cap to the concerned and artful Chef — and suggest you put The Lion and Unicorn at the top of your "must" list!

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If I stop working out for a period of time will my muscle size decrease rapidly?

It is only natural for a weightlifter's muscles to shrink and weaken when they are not being used. Your physique and condition can be affected by a two day lay off, but a two month lay off can nullify up to a year of hard sweat and progress. A chemical process, not as in the disco at 6 a.m.; but an extremely complex process deteriorates extra muscle tissue when not stimulated. Next time you give yourself a month off from the gym — I know you only do this out of sacrifice — look in the mirror Mary Jane and laugh and laugh. Everyone else will.

Why do some body builders have garden hose size . . . veins (you thought I was going to say something else)?

In gym lingo, this phenomenon is called vascularity or cuts. There are several factors which determine vascularity. Fluid retention in the cells and in the spaces between the cells at any other time than

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dark to get rid of McDonald," said HRCF's administrative assistant Farley Peterson.

"It had everything to do with McDonald and not much with Sellers," explained HRCF treasurer Steve Endean. "We had indicated to our contributors that McDonald was a target."

George Pullen, a history professor at Floyd Junior College in Rome and the only candidate who was campaigning before McDonald's death, is a moderate on gay issues and sees himself as "quite different from McDonald, near the center of American politics."

Pullen admitted he had thought out no position on gay rights and said he felt that "generally, government has no place in the bedrooms of consenting adult Americans. On the other hand, government has the right to restrict public activity."

Although Pullen had an earlier start in the race than the other candidates, he has been unable to raise the money necessary to mount a major candidacy.

Two minor conservatives may have an impact on the race. Lon Day, an Atlanta realtor, is appealing to church groups on the need to put a Christian in Washington. Former State Senator Dan Fincher of Rome is also going after the same constituency.

"Day will probably do well in the southern part of the district and Fincher in the north among the real conservatives opposed to women anywhere but in the kitchen and can't bring themselves to vote for Kathy McDonald," says Pat Smith, a progressive

your monthly. I'm talking water retention, and let's not forget the fat deposits. "Can we talk?" Puffiness and flab hide the veins underneath its layers. Your blood volume, as well as glycogen storage in the muscle, accent a veiny appearance; but the most important step is hard work and long term training. Hereditary assistance also cannot be denied.

Can physical conditioning assist in preventing impotence?

Don't you dare turn the page like you don't have any idea of what I'm talking about. Your exercising habit will slow down the inroads of the aging process and keep your sex life more active for a longer period of your life. Over ten percent of males suffer from impotence, at age fifty-five. Do you want to be part of that ten percent? If not, start pumping so that you can still pump at fifty-five.

Fact: A human body has approximately six hundred muscles, from large back muscles to tiny ear muscles. Get busy.

Cobb Countian active in Common Cause.

Although gay men and lesbians are scattered throughout the 7th District, especially in Rome and east Cobb County, there has been no discernible gay presence in any of the campaigns. One of the problems is a lack of voter registration and involvement among the more liberal residents of the apartment complexes and subdivisions in east Cobb, according to Pat Smith. "So many of them are transient corporate executives who were transferred here from the north. They don't even care about their property taxes because their companies are picking up the bills."

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has no plans for getting involved in any of the campaigns, according to its treasurer, Steve Endean. "We're not all that flush right now. We're just getting geared up," he said, "we're saving our money for the '84 (congressional and presidential) races and we haven't been approached by any of the candidates."

"The so-called Washington expertise says that McDonald's widow has a lock on it (the election), and most liberal PAC's (political action committees) are not getting in the race," said Endean, but added that HRCF might give financial backing to a candidate who approached it. "We would want to see where they are on the (gay) issues and their viability."

"In a weird way McDonald's death may have been a blow to the (gay) community," said Endean. "We had a good chance of beating a McDonald Amendment (to the biennial legal services funding bill) this time."

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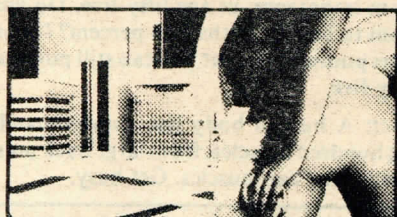
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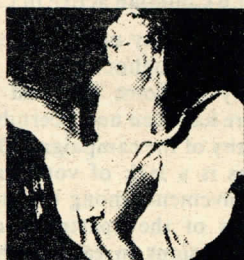
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Petronius at The Lion & Unicorn

Hark ye! Hark ye! Pay ye heed, all ye fair maids and, well... fair lads! Hi thee out to Decatur (yes, I said Decatur! It's not really the boondocks!), where ye may dine as a Prince or Queen should, in Renaissance splendour, at ye old Lion and Unicorn Restaurant!

'Tis a wonder what these suburban shopping centers possess in the way of undiscovered dining treasures and the Lion and Unicorn is certainly one of those — good food, surely; but keep it in mind for a romantic interlude with that special new person, 'specially if you want to keep the affair a secret for a while! Ask to reserve the "confessional-for-two" and pour out your secrets in Gothic privacy!

It's quite a place, is the Lion and Unicorn — one huge room painted medieval red, divided along one wall by a balcony cocktail lounge with intimate little dining nooks and crannies beneath, dominated by three huge, glittering brass chandeliers and an authentic, ornate antique Gothic confessional (a bitch for waiters, but the most romantic table in town!) Another wall boasts the largest and most magnificent etched glass windows in Atlanta — in fact, etched, frosted and stained glass are key elements in the decoration at the Lion and Unicorn — probably due to the close proximity of A Touch of Glass, Ltd!, stained and etched glass shop, right next door!

An artistic sensitivity is well-evidenced throughout the entire restaurant — table settings are mixed reproduction flow blue and China Trade porcelain, table candles are hand-made ceramics — a beautiful, grey nude photograph, expertly mounted, graces a claret-colored wall in... the Mens' Room! Even door-knobs are of gleaming brass. It's very dramatic and a handsome setting and much of the food is excellent too. A great deal of thought and experimentation have gone into the menu, with some minor failures and notable successes. Excellent, careful, knowledgeable service — in our case in the person of Paul, greatly adds to the luxury dining experience. The menu is ample and a la carte — the cuisine is eclectic and classic titles do not always produce classic interpretations, but your waiter will discuss the preparation of each dish (no blackboards here, thank Bacchus!) Appetizers, soups and salads are limited to two selections each: pirozhki (\$2.95), a "classic Russian meat pie," was wrapped in feather-light pastry and served with fresh,

hot, tangy Bernaise — which tended to dominate the ground meat. Oysters Churchill (\$2.95), two turnovers, could also have stood a stronger taste of the crustacea in order to compete with the tomatos, spinach and Hollandaise sauce — these too were wrapped in superb puff pastry.

The Black Bean Soup (\$2.50) was novel — spicier than a "traditional" black bean — image a very dark, beefy chili and you come close — served with optional chopped fresh onions, for the truly brave. Superior was a Seafood Bisque (\$2.95) — sherry-laced and all you could ask for in a landlocked city: the shrimp, lobster and scallops tasted fresh and at least were not overcooked — the bisque; creamy and rich — redolent of the sea. Two salad entrees are offered — an "Avacado-Shrimp Affair," (\$3.50) and Spinach (\$2.95) but we opted for the House melange — a bountiful harvest of seasonal goodies. A sweet-and-sour dressing was too vinegary — the Roquefort was excellent.

Carolina Quail (\$9.95) were not available,

Paul suggested we avoid one other entre and suggested three more as exceptional. We chose the Veal Oscar (\$11.95), the Roast Rack of Lamb Parsee (\$14.95) and sampled the Coquilles St. Jacques (\$8.95) — hardly the cost of a pound at Kroger! Other entrees ranged from \$7.95 to \$14.95. The Veal Oscar preparation was debatable, and debate my date and I did, but then fine food causes good talk and that's an important element of "eatin' out." Search as I might, through my cook books and ten years' of *Gourmet*, I could find no trace of this "Oscar" fella, but in his name, the Chef served a bountiful portion of tender veal cutlets, sauteed, topped with crabmeat and asparagus and sauced with a rich Hollandaise. I love veal, thought the "Oscar" interesting but my friend tasted a sweetness he did not like, which may have been caused by the wine used in cooking. Veal, like chicken, is very susceptible to booze: different wines affect its "mood" dramatically. The Coquilles St. Jacques — zillions of the only species that seem available

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Dance Marathon Cancelled

An all-night dance marathon in Boston has been canceled because of complaints that only mixed pairs — no gays — would be allowed on the floor.

"Some homosexuals threatened to sue," said Charles Cohen, promoter of the All-Night Strut contest — named for a long-running Boston musical revue of '30s and '40s music — scheduled for next Tuesday at a Boston night club. Contest spokesman Scott Sproviero said Thursday three people had complained about the fact they couldn't dance with partners of the same sex.

He said two of the calls were from women, the other from free-lance writer Eric Radack. Radack, who said he is not gay, said he registered for the contest without looking at the rules, which he later thought were discriminatory. "I think it's unfortunate they are canceling it," he said. "They should just open it to everybody."

Freedom of Information

The ACLU Foundation of Southern California will file suit in Federal District Court in Los Angeles on Tuesday, October 11, 1983 for the release of documents under a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request concerning unlawful FBI surveillance of gay activists over the last 33 years.

The suit is being filed on behalf of Dan Siminowski, a political columnist, lecturer and political consultant. He filed an initial request with the FBI for the documents in 1982.

A press conference announcing the suit is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 1983 at 1 P.M. at the ACLU office, 633 S. Shatto Place, Los Angeles.

Testicular Cancer

The American Cancer Society has tackled the un-ticklish topic of testicular cancer in a new pamphlet that advises men, to, ahem, check their balls.

"Your best hope for early detection," the pamphlet advises, "is a simple three minute self-examination," which should be done after a shower or warm bath when the skin is most relaxed. "Roll each testicle gently between the thumb and fingers of both hands," it continues. "If you find any hard lumps or nodules, you should see a doctor promptly." Testicular cancer can be effectively treated if discovered in the early stages.

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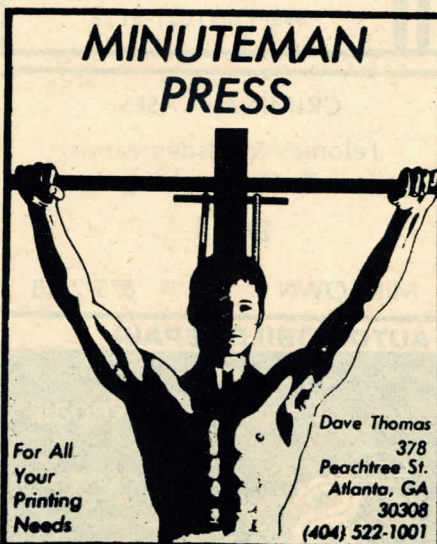
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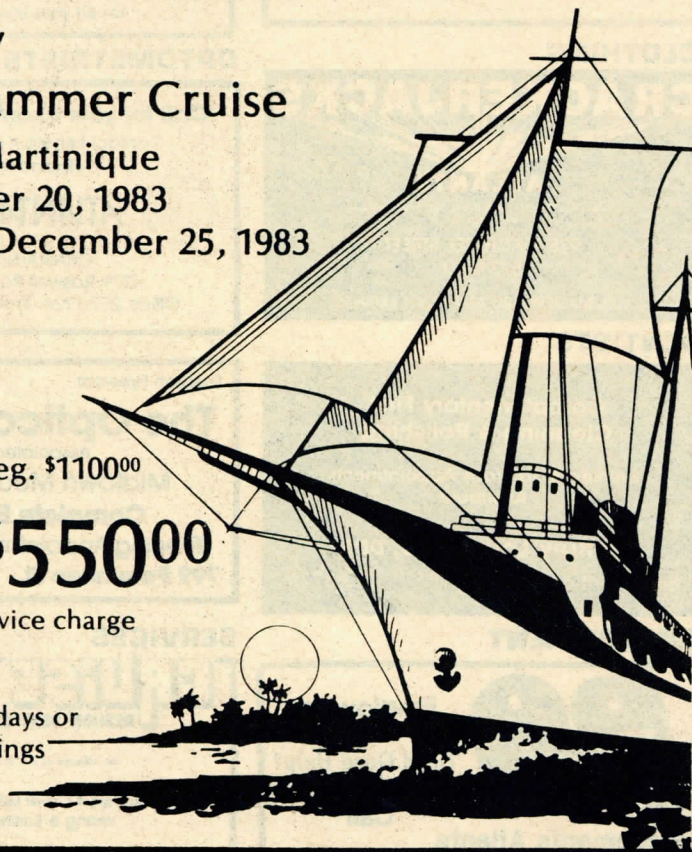
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Gay Democrats Selected For Convention Committee

The National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs announced today that three lesbian and gay democratic leaders have been appointed by National Chairman Charles Manatt to the Arrangements Committee for the 1984 Democratic National Convention in San Francisco.

The eighty member Arrangements Committee shall be responsible for assisting the Democratic National Convention Committee (DNCC) and its chair, Rosalind Wyman, in the conduct of all convention business. (The DNCC is the legal entity which handles all contract-related matters pertaining to the convention). At the local level, several gay men and lesbians already serve on the San Francisco Host Committee.

Early next year chairman Manatt will make appointments to other committees pertaining to the convention: Rules, platform and credentials. The National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic clubs continues to lobby the National Party on these appointments and all other matters of interest to the lesbian and gay community.

Working with 110 lesbian and gay organizations in 46 states and The District of Columbia, the National Association also hopes to encourage substantial gay involvement in the delegate selection process for the San Francisco convention. A summary of national rules plus a checklist of dates

and deadlines are currently being sent to organizations across the country.

The National Association is also addressing special attention to the topic of voter registration. Kurt Vorndran, a former official with the Washington, DC Self-Determination Coalition and a Democratic Party activist, is serving as the volunteer coordinator for the National Association's Voter Registration Drive. Vorndran is completing work on a voter registration manual targeted at the gay and lesbian community.



Copies will be available to all interested groups.

On the presidential campaign trail, former Senator George McGovern and his staff have already been included in the National Association's ongoing lobbying efforts with all of the Democratic Presidential candidates. Initial discussions have been very positive with the former Democratic nominee. Through these discussions which began officially in September 1982, a working relationship has been established with the seven announced candidates and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.



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