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Finally Some "Recognish"

Lil Receives Grammy Nod

The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences announced last week that *Cruise* staff writer Diamond Lil has been nominated for a 1984 Grammy Award for Comedy/Satire for her song *Silver Grill Blues*.

Silver Grill Blues appeared on an album called *Test Specimens* released earlier this year by Atlanta-based Dance-A-Thon/Hottrax Records. The album includes selections by eight other Atlanta groups. *Test Specimens* was distributed nationally and has received praise from several influential music publications.

Originally, the Awards Selection Committee considered nominating Diamond Lil for Best Country/Western Female Newcomer, however, they nominated her and *Silver Grill Blues* for Best Comedy/Satire Performance instead. Other nominees in this category are Robin Williams, Bill Cosby, Eddie Murphy, Joan Rivers, Monty Python and fourteen others.

Voting for the Grammy is done in two stages. From the hundreds of possible choices, The Awards Selection Committee chooses twenty nominees in each category. These nominations are announced in early December and the voting is completed within two weeks. The top five vote-getters in each category are voted on again, and then announced on the Grammy Awards television special each year.

Diamond Lil has been performing in Atlanta since the late sixties. She was a regular contributor to the legendary Atlanta publication, *The Great Speckled Bird*, from 1970 to 1975. The song, *Silver Grill Blues*, however, has never appeared on a record until *Test Specimens* was released this year.

Diamond Lil has two previous records to her credit, *Smooth Operator* on the Screaming Grease label, and *Love Generator* on her own Glamour & Grease record label. She has always been one of the very few local gay entertainers to consistently perform with a live band.

Long a well-respected fixture on the Atlanta entertainment circuit, Diamond Lil has performed with her bands at gay clubs, punk bars and in traditional avenues. Along with her records, she sold Diamond Lil wine glasses, posters and church fans. Her merchandising techniques were con-

sidered bold for their time, but several national artists have credited her with their inspiration. In 1975 *Hit Parade* magazine published a major story on the influence of Diamond Lil on younger southern musicians.

Early this summer Diamond Lil disbanded her musicians and moved toward semi-retirement. She devoted her time to business investments and continued writing her columns for *Cruise*. According to her manager, James Lovell, she has been working on a book.

The Grammy nomination did not come as a complete surprise, according to Lovell. "We knew it was a possibility," he said, pointing to the fact Angela Bowie, who performed last month to benefit The Atlanta Gay Center, specifically asked to confer with Diamond Lil during her stay in Atlanta. "They got along famously," he added.

From her home in Los Angeles, Ms. Bowie told *Cruise News*, "I'm delighted with Di's nomination. I think she has a far better chance of winning the second nomination than people think. Remember: 'A prophet is usually without honor in his own land.' This nomination is the National Recording Industry's way of tipping its hat to a performer and writer of considerable talent.

When asked for comment about the nomination, Diamond Lil said she was "very pleased for the honor," but has no plans to return to live stage performances, "I've been studying video, sugarfoot."

Cruise asked Diamond Lil what she thinks of herself after this nomination: "Oh dear, I'm no different now. I stay at home a lot. I work with my video equipment. I write for *Cruise* and tend to my business. Occasionally, I'll have dinner with friends or my manager, but essentially I'm a writer, so I spend much time alone, as most writers do. How best to describe me? Darling, just say I'm a regular fish, that's all."

In honor of the Silver Grill Blues Grammy nomination, T's and Things, 896 Peachtree St., N.E. is giving a Diamond Lil Autograph Party Sunday, December 18, between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The public is invited. Diamond Lil's record and other products will be available. A few of the limited edition gold vinyl copies of Test Specimens containing Silver Grill Blues will also be available at T's and Things.



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Candidates Confront Gay Issues In Runoff

The race for one of the seats in the General Assembly that is most important to the gay community will be concluded next Tuesday, December 20, when Cynthia Fuller faces Jim Martin in a run off election.

Fuller with 25 percent of the vote and Martin, who won 30 percent, were the highest vote getters from a field of nine candidates in a general election held December 12 to fill the vacancy in the 26th District for the Georgia House of Representatives created by the death of Sidney Marcus.

The district includes the Midtown, Virginia Highlands and Morningside neighborhoods and is said to be the most heavily gay House district in the state.

Only 13.9 percent of the district's 21,483 voters went to the polls in the special election, and turn out in the run off is predicted to be as low as ten to twelve percent. As few as one thousand votes could decide the race.

Fuller was the only one of the candidates

with actual experience as a legislator. She served one term in the House before losing her seat to reapportionment following the 1980 census. Prior to her election she had several years of experience managing various campaigns and in the Democratic Party.

In 1977 she was the first non-gay speaker to address the then-fledgling First Tuesday Association for Lesbian/Gay Rights. Since then she has facilitated gay involvement in campaigns she worked on and in the state Democratic Party.

Martin has never held public office, but his campaign has focused on his years of experience as staff attorney for the General Assembly and several of its committees. He also has experience as a legislative advocate for consumers, children, senior citizens and the Atlanta Legal Aid Society.

Georgia is one of the states with laws against homosexual activity. Sodomy is a felony punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment. Martin has reservations

about introducing legislation that would repeal the statute.

"The problem is in the selective enforcement. It shouldn't be against gays only," he told us. "I don't think it's possible to change it, given the General Assembly now. The time to do it was in 1981 when we got a new set of laws, but the legislators then didn't do anything about it."

Fuller is also opposed to the anti-sodomy law. "I'm in favor of revision of the statute. It's one of many outdated pieces of legislation," she said. However, Fuller had been criticized by some First Tuesday activists for not working hard enough to exploit an opportunity to reform the statute during her term in the legislature.

In a candidates forum Monday evening, both candidates refused to commit themselves to sponsoring or introducing legislation dealing with changing the sodomy statutes. The forum was held in front of a mixed gay and straight audience of neighborhood organizations.

Both candidates see the need for state money to deal with the AIDS crisis.

"I favor funding for the cure and study of AIDS," Martin said. "It's a great and tragic public health issue."

"I would look for the capacity to divert funds, possibly through the Department of Human Resources, for education about AIDS. That's very important," said Fuller.

We asked the candidates about job discrimination against gays, and about the only state agency, the Georgia Office of Fair Employment Practices, that deals with employment discrimination. GOFEP protects only state employees, and does not include discrimination against gays within its scope.

Martin has no problem with expanding it to include gays. "In public employment the issue should be if the person can do the job for which he's hired, and there should be a mechanism to redress grievances."

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Atlanta Gay Center Seeks New Government Funding

The Atlanta Gay Center is seeking continual funding from Fulton County to Washington, D.C.

The Board of directors of the Atlanta Gay Center has submitted a \$19,000 grant proposal to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. The grant, which would be used for expanded health care, will be considered by Chairman Michael Lomax and the Commissioners in January, an AGC officer said. The grant would expand the Center's V.D. Screening Program to include treatment. "If they provide some of the basic underwriting, we'll offer a two-for-one return," explained an AGC officer. "We'll provide a lot of volunteer help."

Another grant proposal has been resubmitted to the National Institute of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse for a study of Alcoholism in the gay community.

Other local funds are being sought by the board of the AGC, a non-profit health,

education and information delivery service originally formed by members of the community in the early 70's. Some board members privately express dismay that the center is overlooked by the gay community's potential donors. "Why not give to our own institutions, instead of national charities, some of whom are oppressive to homosexuals?" they ask.

That the AGC has lasted this long is a tribute to the dedication of many volunteers and the civic-mindedness of individuals and bar owners, who have given much time and money. "It's amazing we're able to do as much as we do on practically nothing," said Bill Gripp, Chair of the AGC Board.

Of course the AGC does not run on "practically nothing," but delivers roughly three-to-one return based on volunteer hours and in kind donations. The Atlanta Gay Center would gladly appreciate the thoughtful generosity of all "good fairies" and Ms. Santas in our community.

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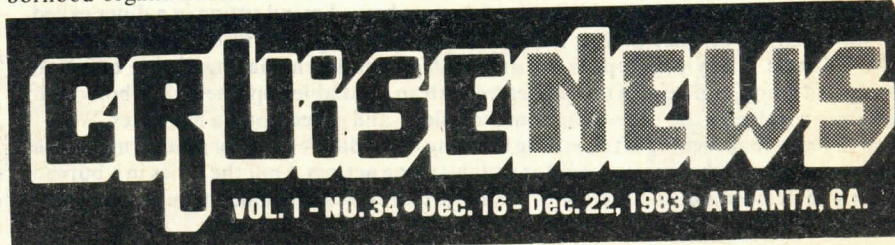
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As we worked with the paper, we have attempted to provide the same quality that people have come to expect from *Cruise*.

Unfortunately, good writers and good reporters cost money. As we do not sell the paper, we must rely on advertiser support to pay for these along with the production and printing costs that are incurred each week. Since most publishing businesses are hard to mouth enterprises, we could not afford to lose money on the newspaper.

At this point in time *CruiseNews* is not paying for itself. This next week's issue will be the last unless the advertising situation changes. If you, the reader enjoy *CruiseNews* and feel that there is a need for a news source in Atlanta let our advertisers know. If they feel that people read the paper they will feel justified in spending their advertising dollars there. We have enjoyed producing *CruiseNews* and we hope that we will be able to continue its publication.



Jim Lovell (l) and the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Gay Center.

Atlanta's First Gay Candidate Sees Race In A Successful Light

by Gil Robison

The December 6 special election for the heavily gay 26th District's seat in the Georgia House of Representatives marked the first time anyone who had been active in the gay and lesbian movement had run for office in the Atlanta area.

As in most special elections, voter turn out was low. Only 13.9%, or 2,980, of the district's 21,483 registered voters went to the polls. Although Coonan came in fifth in a field of nine candidates, an analysis of the vote shows that her vote was nothing to be ashamed of, given the vagaries of a special election.

Like many Atlanta elections, the race became a battle of the neighborhoods. Except for Coonan, the six top candidates were fairly well known in their home neighborhoods, and the precinct results reflect this.

Coonan was unique in that she did as well as she did with no concentration of votes in any single area.

These results are in line with political observers' perception of the gay vote.

"It was scattered throughout the community," said Carl Hartrampf. "They were homeowners, renters and parents of school-age children. No particular area of the district or type of voter was gay."

This scattering is also evident when one looks at the percentage of the vote candidates got outside their home turf: Fuller, 21%; Martin, 20%; Hartrampf, 16%; Coonan, 6%; and Davis, 5%.

"I was impressed by the precinct count," commented Coonan. "My name recognition was zero at the beginning of the campaign but my support was spread out all over the district."



DIAMOND LIL!

CRUISING THE STARS

by
MIKE VOSS

For Dec. 17th - Dec. 23rd

Oh, the agony, the ecstasy—how could it be? Kitty-Belle, how does one in semi-seclusion get nominated for a Grammy Award in the category of Comedy/Satire for my song entitled, *Silver Grill Blues*, while one has “taken the veil” temporarily? Well, maybe I’ve done something right for a change. You must be dying to know just a little bit more about this song, which is contained in a revolutionary and unusual variety artists’ album called *Test Specimens*. The story begins this way:

Somewhere in the early '70's—only heaven knows when—I recall sitting in a diner called the “Silver Grill.” At that time, a meat (chicken, naturally) and three veggies sold for \$1.15... If that in any way depicts the date with you children. Gazing at rare beauties, coming and going, and being a lass possessed with an insatiable appetite, I then borrowed a pen from a waitress, took a napkin from the holder, and jotted down a few notes. Well, I got so nervous that evening after writing the song that I didn’t sleep for several nights—a thing that might not be that unusual for a high-strung actress. I put the lyrics in a bureau drawer and decided not to hassle with it any further. If it’s this much trouble, forget it! And, who needs it?

The greaseful song remained put physically, but certainly not mentally—for its message would pop into my brain now and then, at random. Finally, after I could take no more, I traipsed into a recording studio in May of 1978. Now, K.B., had you asked for anything more to go wrong, it certainly couldn’t have happened. After the music tracks were laid, there was a big debate about how the song was to be vocally delivered. Then, the flip side of this proposed 45 rpm masterpiece began giving me the blues. It was to be the *greatest* country disco of all time, rightfully called, *Cabbagetown Katie*. (Now they have Cabbage Patch Dolls—was I ahead of my time again?) Anyhow, the arrangement just didn’t gel, so I called in a producer friend of mine, Aleck Janoulis, to get this *thing* out of the quagmire. With the rearrangement of a few tracks, guess what came out? You got it right, girlfriends—*Love Generator*! Again, *Silver Grill Blues* was shelved, so that I could hand-peddle this new song—*Glamour and Grease* versions, of course. I opened the old bureau drawer once more—this time slipping in the tape of *Silver Grill Blues*, and trying to stamp out the frustration of not being able to get it on vinyl.

But, somehow the Lord must look out after actresses who have really tried. My friend, Aleck, had been contemplating a decision on putting out a variety album of local Atlanta talent. He contacted me in the Summer of '82 and wondered if I would be interested in being on this new disc. Of course, I said yes to the proposal. What a nice idea to be with a collection of other recording artists! At last, in early '83 Aleck's *Test Specimens* came forth; and for just pure grease, he had a very limited number of albums pressed on *gold* vinyl—the factories having run out of *silver* that day! These *gold* records, if you can find one, are really the collector's edition, Kit B.

Oh, I simply must share with you children what a straight music rag had to say: “Atlanta’s own version of Lola, Diamond Lil, continues to feed us good with her *Silver Grill Blues*, breathy and bluesy, country and corny, humorous and horny—a smorgasbord of lust set in your basic greasy spoon. Pass the gravy, please. Lil and Darryl Thoades possibly make this album required listening. Should you imbibe from the gold-vinyl *Test Specimens*? I say, ‘Drink up!’ You might leave the table with a funny taste in your mouth, but you won’t go away hungry.” Folks, ain’t that some grease? Does make one feel right proud, especially with all the suffering that went down.

Ah, the agony and the ecstasy of—and how could it be? Just last week, your basic actress was informed that The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences had placed my name with only 19 others to vie for the coveted Grammy Award, which will be on National T.V. in February 1984. Oh, how could it be, how could it be? Please tell me no. I DON’T want to have to write a *Silver Grill Blues II*—I’ve had it! A woman settles down to her typewriter to mind her own business, and someone turns the spotlight on again. Oh, tell me no, tell me no. If the bureau drawer were just a little longer, I think I would crawl in it and stay until Spring; but somehow, the show must go on. By the way, would one of you children out there pass the gravy, please?

Diamond Lil

Editor's Note: Diamond Lil's records are available at the new Music City in Ansley Square, Turtle's at Ansley Mall and Peachtree Battle, and The Poster Hut on Cheshire Bridge Road.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Friends may seem more hostile this week. Aggressions no doubt stem from frustration in love matters. Your love life may be going very well. Jealousy may be at the bottom of all friction encountered. Forgive them this time. On the 19th surprise gifts are given from loved ones. Financial matters that have been pending for awhile may suddenly be solved on the 20th. Domestic issues and friends are favored. Career stabilization can be achieved on the 21st for those of you not too afraid to take a chance. After the 22nd expect lots of money opportunities. Many come from the travel industry. Communications with loved ones may be fraught with misunderstandings on the 23rd. Terrible day for marriage proposals.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

More may be demanded of you in career matters all week. It may seem like you have no time for yourself. On the 19th moodiness of others can be capitalized on. Fortunate meetings on the 20th may open doors to a more successful love life. Friends hold all financial cards on the 21st. Many business opportunities available. After the 22nd vitality returns to personality. A sense of drama may leave others spellbound again. On the 23rd expect wonderful financial news but collect the cash much later. Domestic changes may be proposed on that day also.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Tedious delays in just about all that you do may be driving not only you crazy, but loved ones around you. It may be time to do some serious attitude adjusting.

PISCES

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

Friends and money could be a disappointment this weekend. On the 18th expect some domestic upsets. Surprises no doubt will be pleasant. Guests may appear from nowhere. On the 19th seize all career offers. Relocation may be offered for some of you. Love life on the 20th implies age differences, which only enhances your extremely active fantasy world. Stable and exciting partners can be met that day. After the 21st energy from career may be shifted to energy in recultivating friendships. Old friends may be very glad to see you. On the 23rd travel might be fraught with stupid delays.

ARIES

(March 21 - April 19)

Tensions in career matters stem from communication problems with co-workers. For the holidays the temptation to get everybody a muzzle might be great.

TAURUS

(April 20 - May 20)

Romance over the weekend looks promising. On the 17th expect to be adored by

many. On the 18th you may be expected to make up your mind. Don't do it. Travel after the 20th may be offered by loved ones. Love life receives another welcomed boost on the 21st. Being in the right place at the right time is the key. Get out there. After the 22nd professional men enter your life. At least one will be suitable marriage material. You seem to be in a great partnership cycle for a change. On the 23rd confusion experienced with loved ones revolves around financial obligations.

GEMINI

(May 21 - June 21)

Domestic and career matters bring most satisfaction simultaneously this week. Advantages in both areas are only enhanced by fortunate partnerships. On the 10th surprises may be many. Friends look pretty uncooperative. Best money days should be on the 20th and 21st. Communications of all kinds are in your favor. Credit issues clear themselves up like magic after the 22nd. Santa Claus will no doubt be very good to you this year. On the 23rd being moody could dampen the holiday spirit of those around you. Keep your mouth shut that day. You've got a lot to be grateful for.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 21)

Temperament may be touched with anxiety this week. There may be too much to do and not enough time to do it in. Relax, Tim Ragan. There really are no big deals—especially in romance. On the 19th and 20th domestic issues may finally be solved. Love affairs may be successfully started on the 21st—just in time to get a nice sentimental holiday gift. How convenient. After the 22nd a shift of energy may go from career matters to love matters. You're ready to take partnerships seriously then. On the 23rd things done in the past may crop up and be a problem. Don't be too revealing about anything unless it's absolutely necessary.

LEO

(July 22 - Aug. 21)

Travel and career matters may be in conflict this week. Changes in career directions may be making fellow employees hostile. On the 17th and 18th save some time for you and someone special. You need it and deserve it. On the 19th speculative powers are great. Follow all business hunches. Domestic questions find satisfactory answers on both the 20th and 21st. Career brings welcomed recognition after the 22nd. Others are willing to give the credit which is due. Dealing with the problems of friends may be very time consuming but rewarding on the 23rd. Your own problems may seem small in comparison.

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EYEWITNESS CRUISE

Seasons Greetings, Girlfriends. Murmers has been out Christmas gossiping all over town this week. **Mother Swinden** is due back in town for the "Merry Holiday" and it took two weeks for the Post Office to deliver the butt-plug the **Cruise** staff ordered her for Christmas. Well, pull up a chair, order me a bourbon and coke and get ready for some really good dirt this week:

Remember **Terry Douglas**? Drag queen extraordinaire is happily married to a real woman and selling insurance in Nashville.

Speaking of insurance; Murmers hopes **Dennis Wirzman** has plenty on the gorgeous new Volkswagen Jetta he just purchased. Is his father really Evel Knevel?

Diana Jacuzzi wants to tell **Claude** of the Cove, "Chicken, my ass!" What about **George at The Bar**?

Whoever stole **Ron Sanford's** drag bag, please return it. He's tired of carrying around Kroger shopping bags.

A special award this week for cutest cakes at **The Locker Room's** Young Man Night (every Monday evening) goes to little Terry. We must have lunch . . .

A big congrats to all the winners of the **Omni Awards for Women** held at **The Sportspage** last Thursday.

And was that **Arlene** and **Kim** being not so lady-like after the Awards? (Fist Fight of Death)

The Royal Court's "Babes in Toyland" benefit at **Illusions**, December 7th, was flawless. **Sonny Moon** emceed and directed the event and all the entertainers did a great job to collect toys for the kids at the Georgia Retardation Center.

What **Backstreet** happy hour bartender has a certain moistness in his groin over their newest bartender, **Dennis**?

Speaking of moist crotches, **Steve Buffington**, beware! Little **Buddy** of **The Bar** wants yours! . . . but what about Margaret?!

Is it true that **April May June** (Rhett of Backstreet), who stole the Miss Congeniality Award from Murmers is starting silicone injections? . . . for her tits or her crotch?!!

Jim Nalley has sold **The Onyx II**. Will he reopen his **Poodle Parlor** or find another **Answer**? This just in from a close friend of **Alan Orton**: He ahs definitely been diagnosed as having T.B. and not AIDS! He is being successfully treated and we all want to wish **Lavita**, Good Luck!

Well, it didn't take **Roger Wilson** long to fill that empty spare in his bedroom. Roger will be **Laverne's** guest Monday at **Backstreet** and **Kelly** will be the dewy-eyed Juliet (as in Romeo and . . .) sitting in the front row.

Special weather report: While rain fell on most of Atlanta last Monday, the snow was about a foot deep at a certain apartment complex on Piedmont where **Miss Real** and company of the **Cove** lives. The **A-crowd** was snowbound all night!

Bobby's and **Herb's** post celebration party after the bash at **Backstreet's** 7th anniversary celebration was the "T." Murmers hears it was the party of the year.

Lisa King is due back in town for the **Miss U.S.A. Pageant** at **Illusions**. The line forms to the right boys but you must be under 21 and blond.

Was that **Maria** of **Saint** being escorted out of **The Cove** by a certain security guard?

And does **Julie Garden** really steal cocktails off the bar at **The Cove**?

Is **Bobby Bridges** (Weekends' DJ) really the personal chauffeur of **Bruce** and **Warren**?

Chett Lee video-taped his birthday party for anyone who didn't cum! You will when you see it, girls!

Speaking of birthday parties, **The Armorettes** threw a big bash for **Taisha Wallace's** and **Dawn Dupree's** birthdays, Tuesday night at **The Armorettes**. Naturally Taisha was two hours late, but the champagne and buffet were faboo and the girls managed to blow all the candles on their cakes out in one puff!

Tutti Frutti wants to wish her best girlfriend, **Rita Ramsey** a happy holiday . . . and she needs that green chiffon back as soon as possible.

Monty is really lonely with her lover **Leigh** away in China for the past month. Cheer up, girl. Maybe your China doll will be home soon!

Was that the **Montego** sisters (**Margaret** and **Cella**) cocktailing at **The Bar** Monday night? Now, they were the real **Cycle Sluts**!

Good to see **Todd** of **Backstreet** back on his feet. What would disco heaven do without you?

Well, girls, Murmers has got to finish her X-mas shopping and I can't find those cute little pink lace cockrings anywhere! A Special Happy Birthday Wish to **Scone**, with love, from **Scanyana**. Also, **Diamond Lil**, **Chett Lee**, and **Toni DeMarco** popped out of the womb this week. Don't forget. Only 9 more happy hours till X-mas.

Later, Girls . . .

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MARKET PLACE

Horoscope

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VIRGO

(Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

Financial pressures may be great this week. There may not be enough money to go around even though earning power has never looked better. On the 18th expect domestic upsets. Friends hold advantages on both the 20th and 21st. Domestic matters look very profitable then. Risks may need taking but by all means, leap! After the 22nd get ready for romance. It's out there if you want it. Being too self-sufficient has always been a problem for you. Meet someone halfway. It won't kill you. You could be very pleasantly surprised. On the 23rd expect tension in all career matters. You may witness many changes. Heads may roll... make sure it's not yours.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Partnerships and domestic issues may have you up in the air this weekend. Tension should subside by the 20th. Love life couldn't look better... especially on the 18th. Enjoy someone special. On the 21st expect wonderful financial news. You deserve it. After the 22nd all domestic issues are favored. New loves may suggest playing house permanently on the 23rd. Bad idea; stick with friends right now. Play the field. You're still in a great pursuit cycle. Keep them all guessing.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Concrete results can be achieved on improving your physical appearance at this time. Go ahead and start that new exercise program and succeed now. Others may be inviting you everywhere this week merely because they enjoy your company. Try not to be suspicious of all the attention received. On the 19th legal matters are favored. Financial news should be good on the 20th. Love life may be up for grabs on the 21st. After the 22nd travel may be obligatory but tremendously satisfying. You may be planning to have no fun at all and be pleasantly surprised. On the 23rd communication with friends looks difficult. Someone may be twisting the truth.

Runoff Election

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"I spent time in my first term in strengthening GOFEP although the legislation didn't pass until the next session," said Fuller. "We need to strengthen it further and to separate it more from the MERIT system. We need administrative law judges that are more representative of claimants, and we need to provide staff attorneys for them."

If elected, Fuller would like to serve on the University System Committee, because it deals with Georgia Tech, which is in the 26th District, and the State of the Republic Committee that oversees the state MERIT system. She will also try to be appointed to the powerful Ways and Means Committee, which has much control over state spending. "I think I should be able to get on it since I'm not really a first term legislator," she said.

Martin would like to serve on the Health and Ecology Committee, through which funding to deal with AIDS would likely come. He is interested in Human Relations and Aging Committee because of his commitment to senior citizens' issues, and in the Judiciary Committee, which deals with criminal statutes. If, or when, the sodomy statutes are repealed, it will probably be done through Judiciary.

Gays are working for both of the candidates, although Fuller seems to have more gay support than Martin due to her previous involvement with the gay movement.

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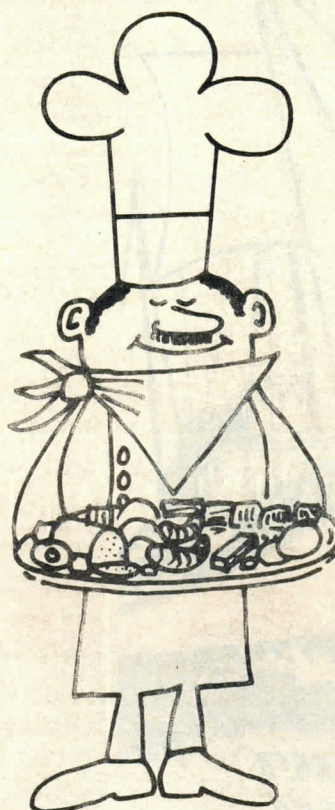
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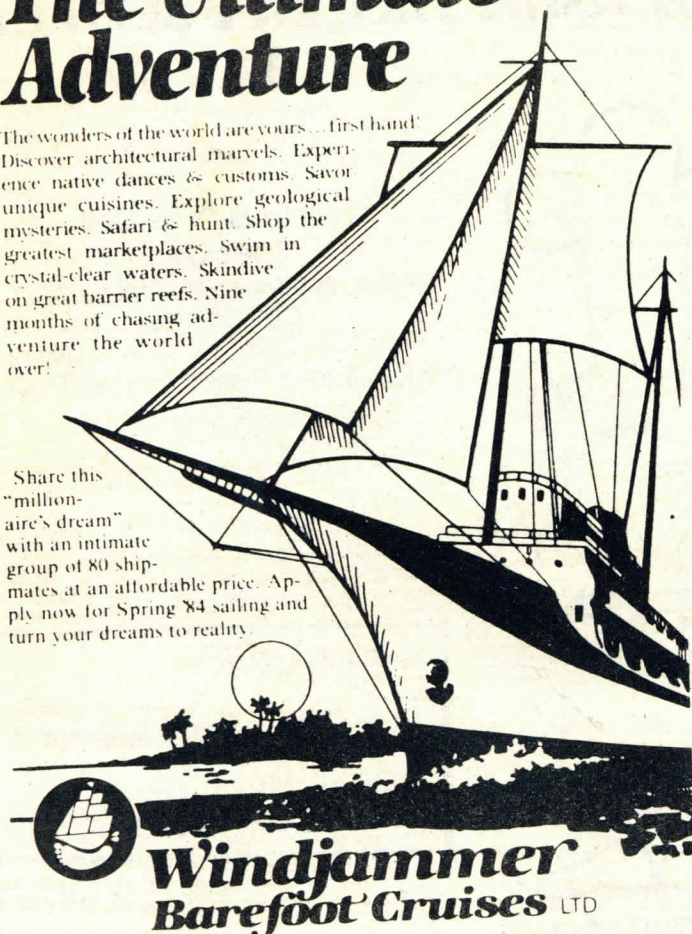


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