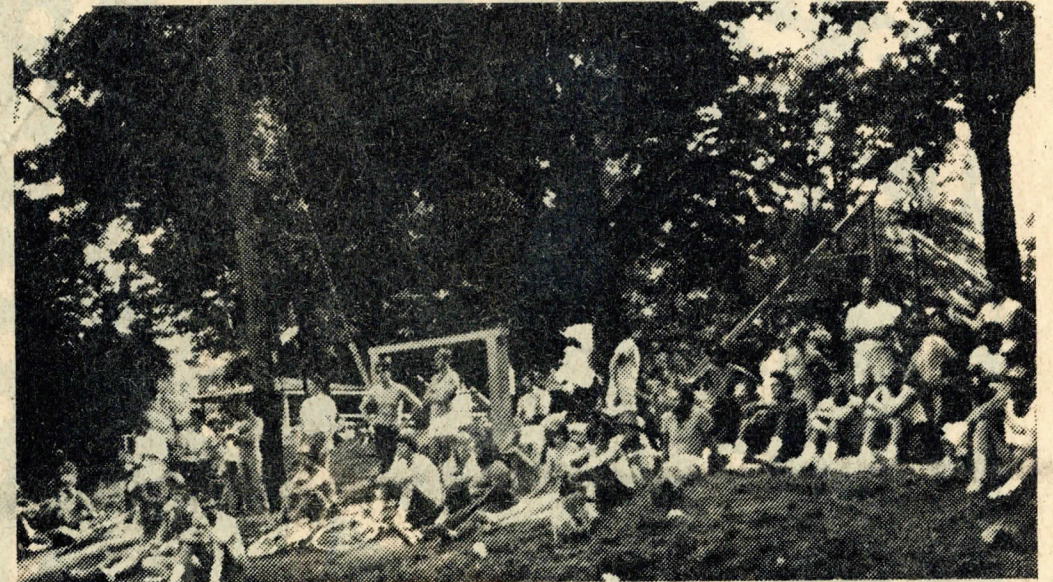


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GAY SOFTBALL TEAM SWEEPS DOUBLEHEADER FROM ATLANTA POLICE TEAM 20-6, 7-6



by David Francis

On a warm Thursday evening in Piedmont Park, two men's softball teams met on the southeast fenced diamond. Two games were to be played to help prepare one team to travel to the Gay Softball World Series in Chicago, August 31st through September 3rd. One team hailed from the Pharr Library, a disco and cocktail lounge in Buckhead, and the other from Zone 2 of the City of Atlanta Police Department. The Zone 2 contingent had previously played a different all-gay team during the celebration of Gay Pride Week. The police team in that game was very surprised to find itself behind 4-0 in the first inning and 9-0 in the second inning. The gays emptied the bench and the final score stood at 11-5. Police Commissioner George Napper sat dismayed — the gay-occupied hillside rejoiced.

For the rematch, the police had beefed up their line-up and were boasting a more formidable team. At least one officer commented, "Let's end it quick; win our two games and go home."

"Go home" they did. The Pharr Library cracked out six runs in the first and eight runs in the second inning to lead 14-0 at the end of two complete innings. Final score; a convincing 20-6 victory for the Pharr Library.

In the second game, the police scored early and held the Pharr Library at bay through the 5th inning with a comfortable 6-2 lead. In the bottom of the sixth, however, Pharr bats exploded for five runs and a 7-6 lead. In the top of the seventh, Atlanta Police were unable to get a man aboard as the impregnable Pharr Library defense stood strong. The Library defense as a unit is quite simply one of the best in the city, bar none. And when their offensive machine is in gear, they are very tough to beat.

The moral of the results was certainly not that the "gay alternative" breeds better softball players than the Police Academy. Nonetheless, one of the issues, subtle as it may have been on last Thursday evening, was and is that the sexual preference of an individual does not limit his or her ability as an athlete, or in broader terms, any of life's endeavors.

On the other hand, this was not competitive hair-dressing or the like (where the seemingly gay lifestyle enhances one's creative abilities and discerning taste).

No, this was the all-time favorite All-American sport known as "Softball," and the opposing team was not the "over 40 bunch from Joe's Bar

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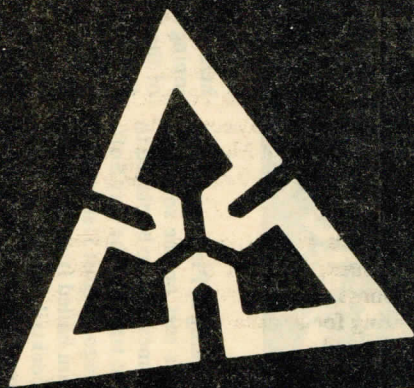
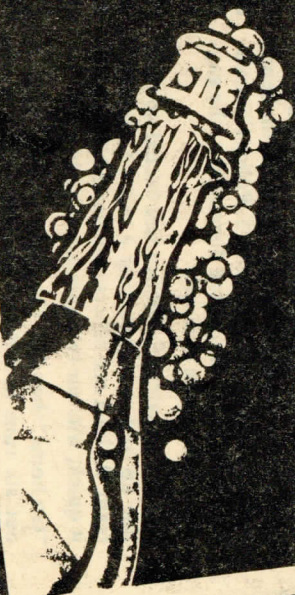
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NEW ORGANIZATION FOR YOUNG GAY ATLANTANS

The Association for Young Gay Atlantans (TAYGA), which will cater to people between the ages of 19 and 25, is now being formed by Michael Parker. The purpose of the group will be to bring people together for discussions and group activities. Interested young gays are asked to call Parker between 9am and 5pm at 252-2604.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST KINSHIP KAMPMEETING

The fourth annual lesbian/gay Seventh-day Adventist Kinship Kampmeeting was recently held in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Sixty-two members from seventeen states, Canada and Australia attended the week-long retreat. Various workshops, worship services, business meetings and social activities were held.

Some of the speakers included: Barbara Gittings, an activist in the gay movement for the past 25 years, discussing the history of gay liberation; Richard Hamilton, MD, a gay physician from San Francisco, on the AIDS crisis; Daniel Pinello, Esq., a gay attorney from New York City, on gay legal rights; and a variety of services conducted by Seventh-day counselors and clergy.

A highlight of the week-long meeting was the exchange visits between SDA Kinship members and participants in Quest Learning Center, a program funded by the fundamentalist denomination which endeavors to help those enrolled change their homosexual preference.

Officers elected at the annual meeting were: Robert F. Bouchard, New York, New York, president; Richard Russell, Rancho Cucamonga, California, vice president; Errol Chamness, W. Hollywood, California, treasurer; Douglas Ota, San Diego, California, secretary; Vicki Shelton, Denver, Colorado, newsletter editor; Ronald Lawson, Sunnyside, New York, SDA Church Liaison; Van Johnson, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, public relations director; Lin Shepard, Indiana, women's director; and Jym Stuart, San Francisco, California, information services director.

In its six-year history, SDA Kinship believes that it "has placed foremost emphasis on serving the gay Adventist community, but it is also a prime mover in removing the

stereotypes, misconceptions and fallacies plaguing homosexuals in the church," said president Bouchard.

SDA Kinship may be contacted at P.O. Box 1233, Los Angeles, CA 90028-1233, (213) 876-2076.

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN MINNEAPOLIS

The Lesbian/Gay Interfaith Alliance will hold its national convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 13th through 16th, 1983. The LGIA is a coalition of religious organizations for lesbians and gay men both within and outside the Judaeo-Christian traditions. It was officially organized in Atlanta in November, 1982, after nearly three years of preliminary organizing efforts. Convention planners are optimistic.

"I am excited about the potential for LGIA as it brings together people of faith from many backgrounds," said Robert Bouchard, a New York City attorney and president of the Seventh Day Adventist lesbian/gay group, Kinship International. "We have an opportunity in the Alliance to be sign to mainstream religious organizations about the possibilities for interfaith cooperation.

Development of the LGIA began with a May 1979 conference on homophobia in the Christian churches. Ideas for cooperation to combat homophobia in religious organizations emerging there became the basis for a May 1982 meeting in Washington D.C. with the theme, "Toward an American Lesbian/Gay Christian Movement." After considerable controversy, delegates to the conference (where Jewish participants were invited observers) determined to express the organizations' commitment to inclusiveness of women and Third World peoples by adopting a parity rule. The rule requires that a three-member organizational delegation include at least one woman and at least one Third World person. Though initially adopted to apply only to the subsequent (November 1982) meeting, the parity rule was affirmed by delegates to the later meeting as a principle for the new organization.

The November 1982 constituting convention in Atlanta also resolved whether the coalition would include only member organizations from the Judaeo-Christian traditions. Lengthy debate resulted in the decision to make membership in the Alliance available to groups representing all religious faiths. The LGIA statement of purpose includes four objectives: (1) to enable cooperation and development within the lesbian/gay interfaith community by facilitating the sharing of resources, tasks and strategies; (2) to assert that God affirms lesbians and gay men for service and participation in all aspects of religious life. (3) to encourage supportive outreach furthering human rights, spiritual freedom, justice, liberation and social equality for lesbians and gay men. (4) to constructively oppose homophobia, sexism, racism and other forms of invidious discrimination in our organizations, religious institutions, and in the society as a whole. LGIA convention registration information may be obtained by writing: 100 North Oxford Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55104.

CONGRESSMAN GERRY STUDDS INTERVIEW FOR GAY PRESS

Gerry Studs: "My approach to everything, including politics, is more confident."

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In one of his first extended interviews with the gay press, Congressman Gerry Studs (D-Mass.) reveals his emotional reaction to "coming out," his political agenda and his advice to the gay community. The interview, conducted by Mark Segal, appears in the August 19-25 issue of Philadelphia's *Gay News*.

On his speech before the House: "I was *damned* if I was going to indicate in my words, tone or demeanor that I was apologizing for or ashamed of my personal orientation."

On the response of his constituency: "... what has struck me [is] the extraordinary decency and common sense of the people, far beyond what they've been given credit for both by people who purport to represent them in public life and by the media."

On his political obligations to his constituency and to the gay community: "If I felt that the two obligations were in conflict, I'd come apart at the seams. Fortunately, not only do they not come into conflict, they're both best fulfilled in exactly the same way."

On the reaction of his colleagues in Congress: "I think people respond to someone who is functioning on all cylinders in a positive way. I think it's contagious."

On the media's reaction: "The media were up there looking for the worst and not finding it, and in many cases they were disappointed... The press can't get it through its head that I'm not nervous before each of the meetings that have gathered so much attention."

On Bob Bauman: "I told Bob Bauman that I don't give a damn about his sexual preference. I'm waiting for him to change the rest of his benighted views."

On political strategies for gay lobbyists: "Many members of the House and Senate... think that they don't have gay constituents. You can't make the point by throwing statistics, documents, books and articles at them. You have to have them encounter living human beings."

On his attitudes toward personal visibility as a "gay Congressman": "One way to elicit respect for one's lifestyle... is to show respect for other people's by not flaunting one's own. That's true for gay and non-gay people."

BUSINESS GUILD SETS DATES FOR MEETINGS

The Executive Committee of the Atlanta Business and Professional Guild (ABPG) has set the dates for the 1983 Holiday Party and for the 1984 Awards Banquet. The Holiday Party is set for the first Sunday in December, the 4th. The annual Awards Banquet, at which new officers will be installed, is set for January 15th. Officers of the organization will be elected in early January.

PIA RESUMES LUNCH PROGRAMS

Psychiatric Institute of Atlanta begins a new quarter of its Third Thursday series of informal lunchtime programs on contemporary topics September 15, with a program on non-traditional relationships.

The programs are held from noon to 1 p.m. in All Saints Episcopal Church's Ellis Hall. The format is informal and those attending are invited to bring their lunch. Coffee and tea are provided and free parking is available at the church.

Upcoming topics and speakers are:

Sept. 15—"Marching to a Different Drummer": Non-Traditional Relationships — Stephen L. Sloan, Ph.D.

Oct. 20—"Laughter: The Best Medicine!" — Randolph W. Kline, M.D.

Nov. 17—"Home for the Holidays—By Choice, not out of Guilt" — Beatrice S. Lampiris, M.S., M.P.H.

The Third Thursday series is a free information exchange offered by the Psychiatric Institute of Atlanta as a community service. For additional information, contact Michael Campbell, 881-5806.

EOM HOSTS BAPTIST CHURCH WOMEN

The Rev. Jan Williams and Ms. Tere Canzoneri, two Oakhurst Baptist Church women will be the guest speakers at the meeting of Evangelical Outreach Ministries this Sunday, August 28th, at 4pm. They will be sharing with the group their own struggles to be all that they feel called to be in the face of what so many see as "the place of women in the church." There is much correlation between the struggle of women for full equality in the church and the struggle of gay Christians. For more information and new location call 261-5701 or 885-1943.

GAY COMMUNITY FILM AVAILABLE AT ATLANTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

A film on the Atlanta Gay Community was taped August 25th by local Cable Television and will be broadcast in about six weeks. Afterwards, it will be available for local use at the Atlanta Public Library. For more information contact Janet Page at the Atlanta Public Library.

GPA RECOMMENDS GUIDELINES FOR WRITERS/PUBLISHERS

During its recent national convention, the Gay Press Association passed a resolution governing the relationship of writers, editors and publishers. The resolution speaks to these topics: fees, basic writer's rights, basic publishers' rights, and GPA and GPA members' responsibilities.

The resolution also solicits publication of its provisions within the gay/lesbian media. Due to difficulties in assembling the minutes of the final convention sessions, GPA Executive Director Mike Rutherford has extended the deadline for publicizing this resolution until December 1, 1983.

This document is an important step forward in strengthening professional editorial relationships in the gay/lesbian media. The next national GPA convention is obli-

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gated to review these guidelines by terms of the resolution.

Further information on the GPA Freelancers' Committee is available from either Rich Grzesiak, c/o Masco Communications, 1108 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107; or Phil Nash, PO Box 405, Denver, CO 80201.

AIDS CASES NOT REPORTED

S. Christopher Hagin

ATLANTA— At least 75 percent of the AIDS cases are not being reported for one state by the Centers for Disease Control here. Dr. Richard Seleg, of CDC, has said, "The number of reported AIDS cases might be only half the number of cases."

A source within CDC's AIDS project said, "These figures are incorrect because Dr. (Edward) Brandt (Asst. Sec. of Health) wants it that way. Less money will be appropriated for AIDS research if the numbers are smaller."

Brandt could not be reached for comment.

In July, Tennessee reported having eight confirmed cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, but CDC in its monthly report states the Volunteer State only has two cases. In late June CDC issued the same report, but the Tennessee Department of Public Health was reporting five cases then.

Dr. Gary Swinger, Asst. State Epidemiologist, for Tennessee's Public Health Department, has written in a letter, "As of July 19 we have eight confirmed cases of AIDS with four deaths in Tennessee."

In the August 5th, issue of CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* (MMWR), it was stated as of August 1st, Tennessee had two reported cases.

The five total cases as of July still had not shown up on the August report.

In explanation, Chuck Fallis, a spokesman for CDC, said in response to why the Tennessee cases were not being properly reported, "I don't know, but my best guess is that there is a lag time in reporting from the state health departments to CDC. The most accurate information on the number of cases, at any particular time, can best be obtained from the state health departments, not CDC."

Fallis also explained, "There's a lag time after the reports are received. The cases have to be logged in and numerous forms

must be filled out; this has to happen before they (the number of cases) appear on our computer printout."

When asked if the lag time was two months or more, Fallis retorted, "I don't know how long it takes. The five cases probably haven't shown up yet, but they will eventually." As of August 18th, Tennessee was still listed as having reported only two cases.

Fallis said that he would have the head statistician on AIDS, Tom Starcher, return this reporter's call to explain the possible shaving statistics; however, in six hours Starcher nor Fallis ever called.

The Texas Public Health Department of August 18th, reported 62 cases, but the MMWR indicated only 47 AIDS cases in that state.

Representatives of the National Gay Task Force and a United States House of Representatives subcommittee indicated they might poll the states to see how many actual AIDS cases and deaths there are.

After being appraised of the situation Rep. Ted Weiss, D-Manhattan, chairman of the House subcommittee investigating the AIDS epidemic and the government's handling of it said, "I have serious concerns about the scope and accuracy of our national surveillance system for AIDS. My subcommittee is currently conducting an investigation at CDC to ascertain the adequacy of the agency's surveillance in the AIDS's crisis."

Susan Steinmetz, Weiss' subcommittee's staff director, said, "These are the kind of discrepancies we are looking for at CDC. We can't get them to admit it to us."

Lance Ringel, of NGTF, remarked about the comparison of the CDC and state figures, "It's outrageous! There have been problems from the beginning with CDC's reporting."

He continued, "To have the correct number of cases would help us in our lobbying to get the proper amount of funding for AIDS research and victims. These incorrect numbers hurt our lobbying effort."

A gay congressional aide, who did not want to be identified, said, "Bob Bauman, our new brother, says Reagan is good on gay issues. If he is, why is his Administration lying about the number of AIDS victims?"

"I'll tell you why. Because Reagan does not care about gay lives and he does not want to spend the money."

Inaccurate reporting of statistics is just one additional gay organizational complaint against the Reagan Administration's competency and dedication in the AIDS crisis.

THE ATLANTA GAY CENTER'S SERIES — CHOICES ABOUT DRINKING AND DRUGGING

PART III: THE BARS

The gay bar is such an institution that sometimes it is reduced to just one word "Gaybar." Without a doubt the bars are the focal point of our community.

The gaybar system serves as (1) an induction and training center for the gay community; the vast majority of gay people take their first "coming out" step simply by going to a known gaybar, (2) a communications center for the exchange of news and gossip about the gay community, much the same as the English pub provides for its neighborhood, (3) a center for security operations, circulating news of police or public harassment or news of assaults and danger spots in the city, (4) a sexual marketplace where casual encounters are negotiated, (5) a social center for meeting new friends, (6) a display stage for the ego needs of "body-beautifuls," (7) a visitor's center where a gay tourist can "check in" with the local community (several national international directors of gaybars are published and frequently revised), (8) a place for entertainment, dining, dancing, or floor shows, (9) a home for "drag" club or "leather/levi" club activities out of the immediate public eye, and (10) a public place where drug dealers and hustlers can be found.

Going to the bars is just expected of us. For some of us going to the gaybar and being gay is the same thing. After a day or week of passing in the straight world it is the way of being gay, being among friends, and having the comfort of being able to be who we are. Surveys show that one-third to one-half of the respondents go to the bars at least weekly. One survey done in bars found that the average bar user made nineteen visits to bars a month. (Two bars in one night would count as two visits).

Most gay men and lesbian drink to fit-in and not because they like alcoholic beverages. It is easy to fall into the pattern of nightly heavy drinking and looking for sexual partners.

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The use of alcohol and other drugs, particularly marijuana and cocaine, as well as quaaludes and poppers, sometimes become so strongly associated with sex that some of us have never had sex without them. We have to come to believe drugs are necessary.

Gaybars are not the cause of our drinking practices. The bars do provide a meeting place we want. However, some bars are set up so that we drink more and socialize less. Perhaps we can have an impact on the bars by looking for those that offer a fun evening without getting drunk.

How bars stimulate drinking

Atmosphere and pricing are the two most direct factors affecting our drinking in bars. When bars are extremely dimly lit, overly crowded and the music is too loud for conversation, patrons feel an anonymous part of a crowd with little else to do but drink. When there is no place to put your drink down, you are more likely to keep drinking it. And when bartenders or waiters push drinks you may drink more. Bars that offer all you can drink for one price or progressively lower the price of drinks, stimulate heavy drinking. Happy hours which offer two drinks at a time for the regular price of one promote more drinking. When you want to go to the bars be aware that some attract the heavy drinkers through atmosphere and drink prices. If you find you always drink heavily at bars, but not elsewhere, stay away from bars for a while and find other social outlets. The bars would rather have you as a long time customer than as an accident statistic.

The better bars

Most of our bars try to be responsible. In some, bartenders keep a watchful eye over the patrons and are concerned that we have a safe, good time. Many of our bars offer a better lit, quieter section where people can talk. Food is often available in addition to alcohol so that we are not drinking on an empty stomach. All bars could do a better job of meeting our needs if we asked that they offer non-alcoholic drinks at lower prices and advertise the availability of "perrier water," soft drinks and coffee.

Short stays, less drinks

Learning to use the bars in a constructive manner is up to you. Bars can help meet some of our needs particularly if we know what we want. Studies show that alcoholism does not seem to be related to the number of visits to the gaybars. Alcoholism is related to the length of time you stay and to the number of drinks you have while you're there.

When you go to the bars, limit your time to a couple of hours and then go home. It is easy to get caught up in the carnival atmosphere, having fun tonight and paying the price of no sleep tomorrow. Waiting endless hours for prince charming, Butch the marine, Princess Grace or Joan of Arc is a source of stress. Go, talk to your friends, eat, dance, meet someone or enjoy the music or show but leave after two hours.

Don't drink like chain smoking with one after another. When you drink, sip your drink slowly. Stop after a couple of drinks. Being drunk or stoned will make you less attractive with less personality. And in this time of an AIDS epidemic, we recommend

you spend more time getting to know new people and increase the likelihood you have found a regular or long term friend.

If you drink four to six drinks while you're out, then you are most likely legally drunk. You are taking a chance with your life and other lives if you drink and drive. New DUI laws have increased the penalties for drunk driving. However, loss of life is the greatest penalty. Whether you drive while intoxicated or ride with someone who is, you take a great risk in either case. We urge you to avoid riding in a car with a drunk driver.

Drinking and Cruising:

Anxiety from the fear of being rejected and the knowledge that alcohol lowers inhibitions about meeting people probably increases our drinking in bars. If you can only meet people when drunk or stoned you need to slow down. Think and talk about and become comfortable with yourself and your sexuality. Here are some things to consider that may reduce these fears of meeting new people.

1. People go to bars for many reasons. Many people are not there to meet someone. You are looking for those people who want to meet you.
2. It is all right to want to meet someone for a regular sexual partner, friendship, love or any reason you have.
3. You don't have to do anything you don't want to do. Say no to anything that feels uncomfortable. Move at your own speed.
4. Long eye contact is the usual method for people to tell us they are interested. Look for people you want to meet who return your looks.
5. It is OK to ask anyone to dance or to start a conversation. Everyone in a bar should know that they might be approached. However, if someone doesn't want to be touched or talked to, leave him or her alone.
6. You don't have to say exactly the right thing. If you are interested in someone, it doesn't matter so much what you say if there is a feeling of interest and attraction. If there are no positive vibrations between you, all of the right words won't make any difference.
7. Be prepared for rejections but don't invite rejection. We have all lived through someone telling us no. A no does not make us a bad person nor do we need to feel wiped out. However, be aware that you may try to control the situation by setting up failure. Do and say only what you would think is okay to do or say to you.
8. If you feel uptight, relax and take slow deep breaths. Think about your good qualities.

IN SUMMARY

We hope some of these ideas will help you enjoy going to the bars. You can use bars without getting drunk or stoned. Don't stay too long. Try leaving after two hours and limit your drinks to two. When you cruise or go out, do it with self confidence, assertiveness, and patience. It is up to you to use the bar for their positive social and entertainment functions.

The Helpline is open from 6 pm to 11 pm at the Atlanta Gay Center — 892-0661. Lesbian and Gay Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Prevention posters are available for \$1.00 donation at the Atlanta Gay Center, 848 Peachtree Street, 3rd floor. Copies of previous articles from this series will be posted on the Center Bulletin Board.

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and Grill." They were from the ranks of the protecting force of our city, trained to be physically fit and alert, which, in fact, they were. The simple statement is that there is at least one assembly of gay men who can go out and play a respectable, competitive game of softball.

The Pharr Library now travels to Chicago where there will be fifteen other representatives from fifteen other cities in the United States and Canada. Atlanta will first meet Kansas City, and should they win that game, take on tournament favorites Los Angeles and San Francisco. Several players on several of the teams have played baseball professionally and, needless to say, enhance their teams chances to take the crown. Atlanta finished fourth in '82 and hopes to improve upon that in '83. They are the cream of the crop. May it rise to the top.

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(Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

Everything may seem confused right now as far as career direction. Hang in there. Changes are for your best interests anyway.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Travel with friends this weekend looks excellent. Honors and opportunities available through fortunate contacts all week. On the 28th expect romance to be confusing. It may be hard to keep secrets that day. After the 29th education plans may be slow to get off the ground. Plan accordingly ... do it now. Career may appear to be on shaky turf on the 30th but changes made can be to your advantage when approached on the 1st with a fresh outlook. Women are beneficial at that time. Best career and money day is on the 2nd when most things fall in your lap ... even men.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Friends and career are so interrelated it's hard to tell who is of more benefit to whom. All career endeavors seem to have a great deal of responsibilities attached to them right now. For those of you with big shoulders and patience, this is a great time to excel and get ahead. Expect surprises in the home on the 28th. Friends don't necessarily mix too well with your pocketbook that day. Partnership problems on the 30th are brief and should now be blown out of proportion. Have sex all day on the 31st. If you want to, you could even make some money at it. Cultivate new friendships after the 2nd. Love life might appear stale.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Superiors recognize your worth this week. Career advancements should come effortlessly. New directions possible. Creative endeavors favored. Travel may be offered suddenly over the weekend. Accept. It should be a great time. On the 29th marriage to a friend might look more attractive than the actual results. Skip this one. Secrets shared on the 31st strengthen existing ties to loved ones. Highly emotional & satisfying day. Save the 1st for sexual adventures. You shouldn't even get caught. Money and future career moves bring smiles on the 2nd.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Your life might resemble that of an 'X-Rated Movie' this week. Enjoy and ride this one for all it's worth. Literally.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Career complications might have you temporarily under the weather this week. Loved ones are supportive financially but could seem rather nagging when it comes to their idea of responsibility. I think you're both wrong this time. On the 29th financial disappointments might be the real reason for dissension in friendships. After the 30th acquiring a new skill could pay off big. Go for it. Best day this week is on the 31st when positive career moves can be made. Others just assume you're brighter than you are. Take advantage of the situation. Ask for more money than even you think you're worth. Financial advantages come from mate on

the 1st and 2nd. Business opportunities offered are sound. Listen.

PISCES

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

You can achieve anything you want to right now. Self doubt is your only enemy. Everything else is in your favor. Friends appear to have more confidence in your abilities than you do. Try taking things at face value for a change. Everyone wishes you well because you deserve it. Marriage may appeal to some of you on the 1st and 2nd. Difference in career directions could be the only snag.

ARIES

(March 21 - April 19)

Domestic and family matters may dominate most head space this week. Job opportunities are available to those with their eyes and ears opened. Even romance looks good so don't waste a lot of time worrying about people, places and things you can't change anyway. Go on. On the 29th surprises might come from complications in communication between friends who might want more than you're willing to give. Wear something unattractive that day. Save yourself some grief. Career and money look bright on the 1st and 2nd. Stash the cash.

TAURUS

(April 20 - May 20)

New loves on the horizon. Romance is favored this week. After the 29th start husband hunting. The people you attract at this time are not likely to give you your own way. You could finally meet a nice match. You don't need any more pushovers.

GEMINI

(May 21 - June 21)

Domestic and partnership activities should be main concern this week. Expect improvements in both. Career may take a turn for the better after the 29th when friends offer some unique opportunities. On the 30th money may be the root of most emotional upsets with loved ones. Best financial days are on the 1st and 2nd when you're able to pull rabbits out of hats.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 21)

Most energy this week might be spent on making money or thinking of more unique ways to do so. Travel may be required for some of you. Family responsibilities may take a backseat to ambitious career changes. Loved ones might feel neglected, especially on the 28th. After the 29th communication in this area might get difficult and sticky. A few kind words will go a long way. Sex couldn't be better on the 31st. Find someone to play with. On the 1st expect pleasant domestic changes. Personality brings in added cash on the 2nd. Smile pretty.

LEO

(July 22 - Aug. 21)

Finances improve this week. Collect all money owed to you. Changes in domestic situation you've been putting off might be too big to ignore after the 28th. On the 29th travel should be postponed. Aspects look tedious. Love life could be wonderful if you are paying attention. The best days this week to straighten out finances and career matters is on the 1st and 2nd. You'll get better results if you don't demand things. Be sweet. It's definitely more profitable.

MUSIC



"A, E, I, O, U, sometimes Y": EBN-OZN

Just when I thought that "Let's Dance," "Sweet Dreams," and "Safety Dance," were my only nominees for the best progressive dance songs of the summer of '83, along comes this late release: "A, E, I, O, U, sometimes Y" by EBN-OZN, (pronounced EEBEN-OHZEN).

EBN-OZN is one of the many duos that have sprung up as a result of the many advancements in electronic music.

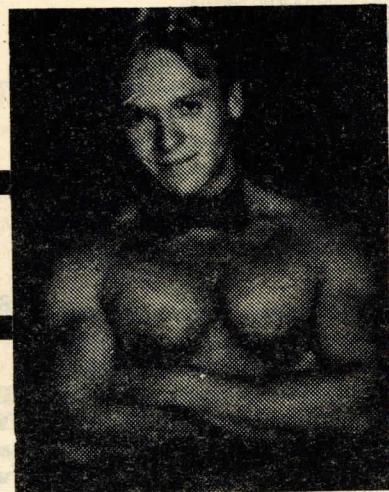
The growth in computer related musical synthesis has given progressive pop artists like EBN-OZN the ability to replace their drummer with a computerized programmable drum machine; their bassist and guitarist with polyphonic synthesizers; and their own piano technique, with polyphonic sequencers, all of which are controlled by a master keyboard/computer interface. Most people couldn't tell a polyphonic sequencer from an automatic phone answer-

ing machine; but to the pop artists, these gadgets are the things Sweet Dreams are made of.

The Eurythmics, Soft Cell, Yaz, and now EBN-OZN are all duos who are turning gold micro chip circuitry into gold mega-buck records.

"A, E, I, O, U, sometimes Y" has some really wonderful electronic sounds throughout. EBN-OZN show true imagination with this composition. At one point they satirize the movie "Poltergeist" with a synthesized voice that says; "Mommie, I can't see you, Mommie." "AEIOU" is a rap tune with a boy meets girl plot and a nicely twisted ending. I am particularly fond of the lush orchestration of the chorus and the extensive use of the synthesized voices. I look forward to hearing this campy song played often in the discos.

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Answers to Health and Nutrition
by Dwayne Turner

A friend of mine is dying to know how men can increase their "lat size." She

does tend to like her men with big ones.

No darling, sex doesn't work, but you can try. "Lats" are technically termed, latissimus dorsi. These muscles are located on the lower part of the back and assist with arm movement. Cartoonist

MARKET PLACE

ve often exaggerated the latissimus
rsi to give their male characters the
" look, upward from the waistline. This
performed with a machine having a
ng parallel bar. Grip the bar with a
de extension and pull it down behind
e neck. The pulley that connects the
ar with the weights lifts the poundage.
hen releasing, feel the stretch in lower
ack before your next pull down. If you
o not have access to this equipment,
ou can do a form of backward chin-
p. Sound kinky? Yessss. Grip the chin-
p bar with full extension; and raise
yourself, with the bar behind the neck
stead of under the chin. Dumbbell
ws can also concentrate on the lat
uscles. While bending over—I'm sure
at you can—and gripping a bench,
t a dumbbell (not me queen) from the
oor directly into the chest. Repeat on
ach side until exhaustion. Some of you
ay have to reread that. It's complicat-
ed. Whew! A combination of all
ree workouts has been proven very
ffective. Embellish that bod with huge
sts, and lets us make Ms. Holly Black-
ell smile.

ould I take vitamins before I go out
o cha-cha and party?
or precaution, you should. Alcohol
obs your system of vitamin B, especially
hiamin and B-1 for its metabolism. If
ou take the B's before drinking, you
can prevent cell breakage. The Body
as to get thiamine and B from the cells
o cope with the holy water. So disco
children, remember to take your pills
before your next little escapade; and
ou will probably be just dl-voohn.

m on the pill. Should I take vitamins?
listen La Wanda; I doubt that you need
the pill. Of course if your mind says do,
who am I to say that you shouldn't. The
pill increases your requirements for B-6,
olic acid, C, and E. I don't care what
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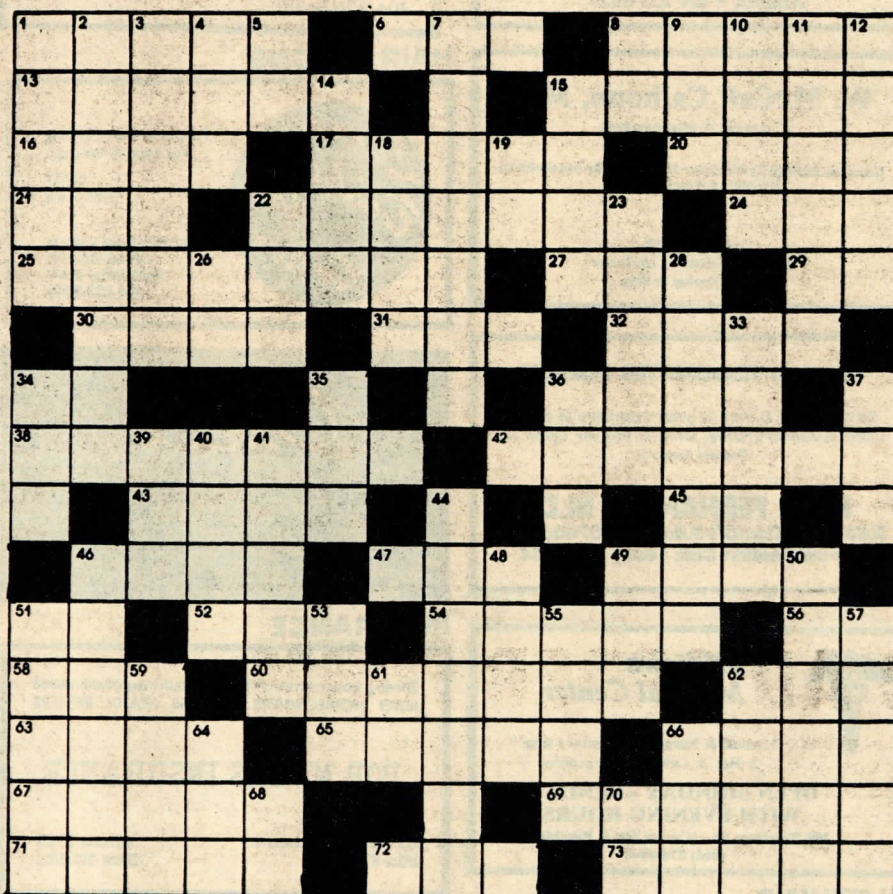
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1. Courageous
6. Ink's partner
8. Stationed
13. One thing not to be
15. French author
16. Certain Club
17. Amerind
20. Long time, var.
21. Nothing
22. Tearing
24. Remove
25. Maze builder
27. Brew
29. Route, abb.
30. Compass pts.
31. Hideaway
32. Chem. endings
34. Certain current
36. Comedian Johnson
38. Republic of ...
42. Shot a ray-gun
43. Guide
45. Northern Ireland, abb.
46. Not his
47. Dip in gravy
49. Pindar creations
51. Pater
52. Amerind
54. Pares
56. Lung ailment
58. Sprite
60. Dapple
62. Airline overseers
63. Baba and Muhammed
65. Brace
66. Attitude
67. Stand in
69. Menu item

71. Pitchers
72. Employ
73. Sows

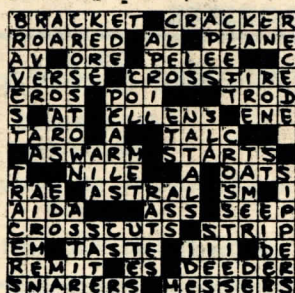
DOWN

1. Mix
2. Dependence
3. Joints
4. Syph. and Clap
5. Elementary Education, abb.
7. Passes
8. Degree
9. Constellation
10. Proofreaders' word
11. Mistakes
12. Meted
14. Disturb
15. Shipped
18. Mailed
19. Military
22. Uncooked
23. First, second, et al.
26. Prefix meaning from
28. Is present
33. Weird
34. Mimic
38. Surround
36. German river
37. Fuss
39. Raw metal
40. South American nation
41. Leans
44. Stimulants
46. Sanctify
48. Spanish nickname
49. Cheer
50. Ogled

51. Harmony

53. Little green men
55. French pronoun
57. Foundations
61. Pronoun
62. Flame
64. Indian measure of weight
66. Consumed
68. Right side, abb.
70. Nova Scotia, abb.

Answers to previous puzzle:



Diamond Lil!

"I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree...."

In my front yard on the right bank, a little catywampus to the side of the veranda, stands a stately elm tree with picturesque, sweeping branches that drape themselves across the sky. At night time, as you gaze through the ancient arms of the old elm, you can catch the moon in the East; and with the spidery dogwood branches that stretch across the descending stairs, you can imagine you're in an exotic spot far, far away from where you really are - downtown Atlanta. There, on the left bank of the front garden, is the old elm tree's life-long companion - a towering, gnarled, majestic oak. Both have stood tall and watched as the neighborhood changed time and time again throughout the passing years. It seems apparent that the first homesteader here must have planted the two trees in front of the home, originally built with no bathrooms.

In very recent years, they have stood witness to a parade of "johns" driving 'round n' 'round the block in their pursuit of "street jezzies." Gals, "who really work for the money," paced up and down the avenue looking to score a little "trade." As I peered from the veranda, I could view the action in the front seats of pick-up trucks - so hot it made the leaves on the trees wilt. Oh, if only the early homesteader could have known it would come to this! Or, that a flaming "lady" of Savannah street renown was destined to become the "mistress" of this terrain! Tsk! Tsk!

The morning is cool, and your actress has been up since the crack of dawn. It has been one of those toss-and-turn nights. I plug in the coffee pot and take an early morning cup into the garden in the back. I feed a cute little stray cat who has taken residence here for the last several days. It sits in my lap. In the solitude of it all, I reflect upon the last several years and the changes that have taken place here... In the very rear of the garden was the most magnificent cherry tree, with blooms that could outshine any in D.C. It had a fat trunk with three plump limbs that jutted forth. Each year one of the limbs died, and it had to be sawed away. I left the remaining one that had become covered with wisteria vine to hide the ugly shot-gun apartment building in the back. It has since rotted and

fallen down, exposing the horrid '60's complex; and I'm wondering how long it would take bamboo to grow and conceal me away from "this thing!"

Winter before last, the 5-below temperature froze the life from the pomegranate tree - save for one branch only, which still survives. I took the fig trees almost entirely. They are attempting a comeback this year and have a few small figs on them. The peachtree is gone - it looks like it will never return. And, one of my neighbors has decided to fence in my pecan tree and claim it as their own. Could this be life in the city?

A husband-friend of mine has been helping me to weed out the honeysuckle, grape, and wisteria vines from a terraced garden along the sloping portion of the side yard. I've had to clip my fingernails, as well as the vines, in an effort to reclaim this long-lost wall that hasn't been seen in several years. I started this "kick" after I read an article on stress reduction, which emphasized the importance of exercise. Why I chose hundred-degree temperatures to begin this project is something on which I'm not so clear. I've accomplished the stress reduction, but my body aches and pains are now at a cautionary level.

The morning light is increasing rapidly, and the temperatures are becoming hot and muggy. Over the spire of my roof-top, I glimpse the foreboding elm tree. Its sprawling limbs have become gray and ashen and look covered with mildew. It is an ominous feeling for, you see, it has Dutch elm disease. Three or four weeks ago the leaves began looking a funny color of yellow-green, and I suspicioned it was a bit early for fall. Last week I took a branch of it over to Atlanta Botanical Gardens in Piedmont Park for diagnosis. What I feared was true. The kindly gentleman informed me there was no cure. At best, with pruning and fertilizing, there was only a possibility it would live for another year or two. He suggested its removal.

I feel sure the big oak tree is going to miss her companion, the elm. They've weathered many a storm and year together. And the three of us have been friends for an awfully long time now and have shared many a lonely night. The oak tree is strong, and it will survive. But now and then, I'm sure there will be an evening or so when just the two of us will lament our long, lost, most beautiful friend, the elm...

— Diamond Lil

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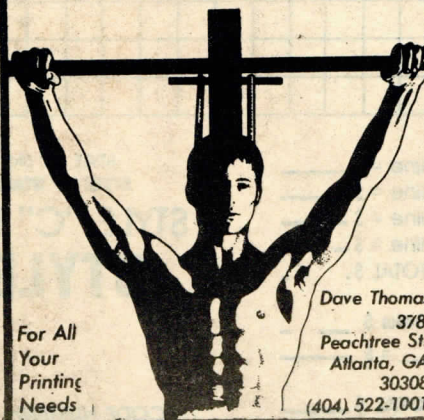
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