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AID Atlanta May Have to Share Funds With Other Organizations

AID Atlanta may have to share a \$140,000 allotment next year with at least five other AIDS agencies, legislators confirmed last week. The money is a continuation of funding from the previous year, which totalled \$100,000 at that time, and was then dedicated solely to AID Atlanta.

The funds are a part of a \$1 million AIDS education, prevention and service funding package approved by the 1989 General Assembly.

State Rep. Bob Holmes (D-Atlanta) announced at a Helping Hands, Inc. fund-raising event that five Atlanta organizations would share in the appropriation totalling \$140,000, although a spokesperson at the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) said she was still awaiting corroboration of the "redirection" of the money.

The five agencies which Holmes said will share in the state funds for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, are Childkind, Outreach, Inc., the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), Project Open Hand, and Jerusalem House. All five currently receive partial funding from Helping Hands, Inc. as well as technical assistance in grant-writing proposals.

George Sinclair, public relations officer for AID Atlanta, told *Southern Voice* on Wednesday he was unaware that the appropriation apparently will be shared by AID Atlanta and the other five agencies. "The money is earmarked for us," he said.

Holmes, who is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and the Budget Subcommittee, said Thursday there had been "no attempt to exclude AID Atlanta" from the appropriation, but he felt that the money could be more wisely spent by allowing other groups to share in the allotment in addition to AID Atlanta. Holmes said AID Atlanta "has a focus primarily on adult males," and that other groups serve more diverse demographics, such as minorities, children and infants, and IV drug users suffering from AIDS.

Holmes said that "any group is eligible to apply" for the new funds prior to July 1. He said he will be sending out a letter "in a couple of weeks" to all groups in Atlanta that may have an interest in applying.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson in the DHR, Joann Chance, said Thursday that the \$140,000 remains officially earmarked solely for AID Atlanta, but said she had heard that the appropriations may be "re-directed." Chance said she had yet to hear from Rep. Lauren McDonald (D-Commerce), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, "to see what is the intent of the committee."

Chris Hagin of Atlanta, who is registered as a lobbyist with both Metro Business Publications and Georgia AIDS Lobby, said he recommended to Holmes in February that AID Atlanta be excluded altogether from any future appropriations. "I told Rep. Holmes that the money would be better spent with (the Helping Hands) organizations," Hagin said. "The money is going to be spent better now and will go farther."

Requests for funding from the \$140,000 appropriation, Holmes said, will be evaluated by the DHR, members of the House Appropriations Budget Subcommittee, and by the legislative budget staff.

-Matt Moline



Celebration '90 - Gay Games III and Cultural Festival, the world's preeminent gay/lesbian athletic event, will be hosted by a city other than San Francisco for the first time since its founding in 1982. The 8-day amateur sporting and artistic extravaganza will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, August 4 - 11, 1990. Organizers expect over 10,000 entrants to participate in the 28 sports competitions or the still evolving artistic venues. See story, page 11.

NGLTF Issues "Report Cards" on 100th Congress

Lewis and Darden Shine, Nunn and Fowler Flunk

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) distributed Report Cards evaluating the records of all 535 Members of the 100th Congress to activists around the country. Each Congressperson's voting record was tracked on a variety of issues important to the lesbian and gay community such as: civil rights legislation, anti-lesbian and gay violence, federally-funded programs and educational materials regarding the AIDS epidemic, and anti-discrimination provisions for disabled people including PWAs, PWARCs, and those who are HIV positive.

"The Report Cards are our way of holding Members of Congress accountable to their lesbian and gay constituents," said Jeffrey Levi, executive director of NGLTF. "We want to make sure that the promises politicians make are reflected by their voting records."

The report cards reveal that while many Members of Congress support lesbian and gay issues, a great deal of educational work remains to be done. NGLTF found that over half the Members of the House of Representatives (56%) earned a grade of 'A' or 'B', and almost three-quarters (72%) earned a passing grade by voting with the NGLTF position at least 60% of the time. By contrast, only one-third of the Senators (34%) earned a passing grade of any kind, and 66 Senators received an 'F'.

The report cards from Georgia's House Delegation revealed few surprising results. Rep. John Lewis (D-5) proved that new members of Congress can take a stand for civil rights issues and still gain respect and authority by scoring a perfect 100% with his voting record. At the bottom of the list were former Rep. Pat Swindall (R-

4) and Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-6) with 29% and 31% respectively. Both Representatives, along with Rep. Doug Barnard (D-10) were the only members of the Georgia delegation to vote against the Civil Rights Restoration Act. Barnard, it should be noted, scored near the bottom with 56% while missing 41% of the votes tallied in this survey. The big surprise of the 100th Congressional Session came from Rep. George 'Buddy' Darden (D-7) who scored a whopping 96% on his report card. This extraordinary score earns Darden the distinction of being targeted by NGLTF to become a cosponsor of the federal lesbian and gay civil rights bill (Rep. Lewis is already a cosponsor). Constituents of Rep. Darden are urged to either call or write letters of support for co-sponsorship of the bill. Also worth noting is the fact that every member of the Georgia House delegation supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

Georgia's Senate Delegation presented few surprises with Sen. Fowler scoring an unimpressive 50% and Sen. Nunn trailing closely with 46%. Sen. Fowler's only break with Sen. Nunn came with his support of DC Home Rule vis-a-vis the DC AIDS Insurance Bill which prohibits insurers from discrimination against individuals who are HIV positive, perceived to be HIV positive, or are at risk for HIV infection. Given the fact that Fowler supported every Helms amendment included in this survey, one might conclude that Fowler supports DC's right to Home Rule, but does not necessarily have enlightened views regarding discrimination against PWAs, lesbians and gay men. Georgia ranks in the top 10 nationally in number of AIDS cases, but the Senate delegation, according to their records, are not displaying stronger leadership with regard to progressive AIDS-related legislation.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Barbara Makes "History" By Embracing PWA

Washington, DC—First Lady Barbara Bush openly embraced a gay man with AIDS, following her visit last month to a local shelter for AIDS-infected babies.

Bush had just finished visiting the children's shelter, and then escorted a small group of AIDS activists outside to a waiting corps of photographers and reporters when she "gave me a great big hug in front of everybody," said Lou Tesconi, of Washington, who heads another shelter in the city for adult AIDS patients.

"This was really a splendid opportunity," said Jim Graham, one of the activists who briefed Bush on AIDS during the visit. "Her holding Lou Tesconi was historic. It was totally on her own impetus, she came forward, it was very emotional but warm, she gave him a real body hug."

Tennessee May Revise Sodomy Law

Nashville, TN—Tennessee's criminal code could be revised to reduce homosexual acts from felony to misdemeanor status, if the general assembly passes proposed changes in the code this spring.

Legislators are considering reducing homosexual crimes against nature to a misdemeanor carrying sentences of not more than 30 days imprisonment and/or fines of not more than \$50.

The state's criminal code currently calls for jail sentences of not less than five years but not more than 15 years for convictions resulting from homosexual charges.

"Our ultimate goal is to have the sodomy laws taken off the books," said Deborah Burks, co-chair of the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance's lobbying group. "But there is a feeling among some people that even the reduction to a misdemeanor is better than the law as it now stands."

If the revision becomes law, Tennessee will join three other states—Texas, Arkansas and Kansas—which classify homosexual acts as misdemeanor crimes. More than half of the states classify crimes against nature as felonies, including Georgia.

Woo Wins, Reinstated at UC

Berkeley, CA—The University of California last month reinstated lesbian-feminist Merle Woo to the UC faculty, following an arbitrator's order that Woo be restored to the faculty post she lost seven years ago.

Woo, a self-described Trotskyist, in 1982 was denied reappointment to her position as lecturer of Asian-American studies. She had charged the University with discrimination based on race, sex, sexual orientation and political ideology.

Although the arbitrator, Leo Kanowitz, did not find evidence of discrimination against Woo, he said that UC had acted "unreasonably and arbitrarily" in not reappointing her in 1982. Kanowitz also ordered the University to give Woo seven years' back pay and seniority.

Nancy Katz, coordinator of the Merle Woo Defense Committee, hailed the settlement as "a tremendous victory for everyone who believes in freedom of speech and gay rights."



FAMOUS FACES

Lily and Jane Search for Intelligent Life in Boston

Boston Fans of Lily Tomlin and her partner Jane Wagner are thrilled to have "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe" back in their town. The one-woman show's first ever performance happened in Bean Town back in 1985. The "Search" eventually took Broadway by storm, winning top honors at the Tony Awards. Lily says she and Jane, the show's writer, work every day trying to improve it. The "Search" has already visited several major cities in the U.S. and Canada, taking on tour characters like punk-rocker Angie Angst and her band, the Manic Depressives as well as the philosophical Trudy, the bag lady, who explains reality is just "a collective hunch".

And the Winner Is...

At the same time as members of the Academy and television viewers on five continents held their collective breaths for the Oscar announcements, Sylvester Stallone was stunning the world by winning his third "Razzie" in five years. Stallone was the number one choice again as worst actor of the year. Stallone's movie "Rambo: First Blood Part III", a favorite to take the honors for the worst movie, however, did not win. Tom Cruise's hit flick "Cocktail" beat "Rambo", taking Golden Raspberry for worst movie. Among other winners was everyone's favorite, Ronald McDonald, honored with the worst-new-actor "Razzie" for his starring role as himself in "Mac and Me". Dan Aykroyd took the honors as worst supporting actor in "Caddyshack II" and Kristy McNichol got the gong as worst supporting actress in "Two Moon Junction".

Louganis and Former Friend Fight It Out in Court

Olympic diver Greg Louganis took his trouble with men to a courtroom last week, asking for protection from a man he says held him hostage for the four months since he retired from diving. Louganis told a Los Angeles judge that his fired business manager, James Babbitt, threatened to reveal confidential information about the gold medalist unless he was rehired. Babbitt denied the charges, but the judge ordered him to stay away from his former protege.

- F. G.

Kennedy Nominates Gay Man to AIDS Commission

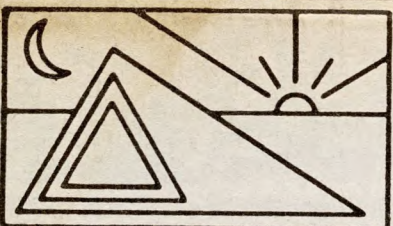
Larry Kessler, director of Boston's AIDS Action Committee, was nominated by Senator Edward Kennedy to the National AIDS Commission. This 15-member commission will advise Congress on AIDS-related issues. Kessler is the first openly gay man appointed.

Five commission members will be nominated by the Senate, and five by the

House of Representatives. Three nominations will be made by Democrats, two by Republicans. The Executive Branch will appoint the remaining five. Other nominees range from a Dallas clergyman to the president of the National Hemophilia Foundations to singer Dionne Warwick.

If confirmed, Kessler would be the first representative of a community-based AIDS organization to serve on a national AIDS commission.

- from *The Washington Blade*



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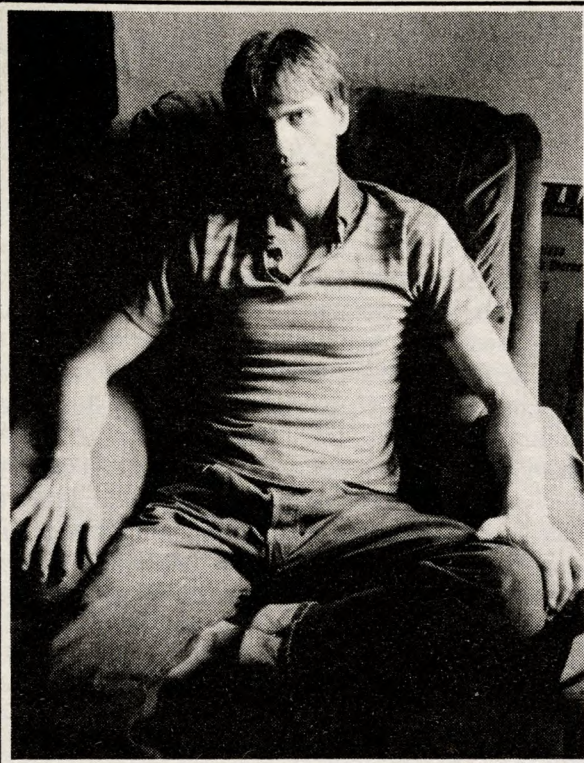
"Tomorrow, I pull out all the stops," said Stuart A. McDonald, a 33-year-old San Francisco attorney who has placed himself on a hunger strike in protest of what he calls the "genocide of gay people."

Likening the AIDS crisis to homosexual genocide may seem a bit too bleak of an outlook for some. But McDonald, who is gay and suffers from ARC (AIDS-Related Complex), has literally put his life on the line in support of his strong beliefs and feelings about AIDS issues. He began his hunger strike from his Castro Street apartment on January 2, and has survived on water, juices, coffee, tea, gatorade, and other liquids since then.

McDonald's weight has dropped from 210 pounds, when he started his hunger strike, to 140 pounds. On April 6, the day after this interview was conducted, he switched strictly to water—a momentous decision which coupled with ARC-related stress may cost him his life. So far, however, his health has held up well.

"I've still got my mind intact," McDonald said. "I have not only been amazed at my own health throughout this, especially with my ARC condition, but so have the doctors."

It seems almost callously ironic that a hunger strike would be someone's method of drawing attention to the AIDS crisis,



RINK FOTO

Stuart McDonald, who has been on a hunger strike since January 2 believes that a decade of "sitting around on committees discussing the AIDS issue" is long enough. He plans to see his hunger strike through to the end unless one of his five demands are met.

since one of the trademarks of the ravaging disease is rapid weight loss. But McDonald feels strongly that his strike embodies more the spirit of Mohandas Ghandi, the Indian political and spiritual leader who was successful (with his non-violent principles like hunger strikes) in reforming the

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Military Freedom Project Increases Watchdog Activities

Testimony by several women veterans concerning "witchhunts" against service members based on allegations of lesbianism begins April 19, according to information from the Military Freedom Project (MFP). The veterans will present their testimony during a public comment session of the Spring meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service—a civilian and military panel which assists the Department of Defense in the development of policy on issues affecting women in all branches of the service. The witnesses were recruited by MFP to testify.

In Congressional action, MFP has spoken with the staff of several Congresspersons to urge investigation into the sexual harassment of gay and non-gay women in the military. Congressman Robert Matsui (D-CA) has asked the commanding officer of a woman accused of lesbianism and incarcerated in the Marine Corps Brig at Quantico, VA, to appear in his office to explain why the woman is still in the brig with no review of her case.

Lesbians and gay men who are Armed Forces veterans or who are currently in service, are being asked to submit first-person accounts of discrimination or other improper actions they have experienced to the Military Freedom Project c/o NGLTF, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, D.C., 20009. Requests for confidentiality will be respected. The stories will be used as testimony before Congressional or Defense Department officials, as well as in outreach and educational materials.

\$5 Million AIDS Education Money Will Fund AZT

Washington, D.C.—A last minute decision was made by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to remove \$5 million in funds targeted for AIDS education, and use the monies to continue a program that provides AIDS fighting drugs to low income people with AIDS (PWAs). The additional money will allow many states to continue providing assistance to PWAs who cannot afford AZT (Retrovir), the only anti-viral drug approved by the government for fighting AIDS. The announcement of the new funds came just hours before Georgia would have had to cancel its program.

The decision by HHS secretary Dr. Louis Sullivan was prompted by a letter from Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and other prominent senators, asking that the program be extended for humanitarian reasons. Although Dr. Sullivan and the Bush administration agreed to the request, Dr. Sullivan emphasized that he did not think a series of emergency appropriations is the correct solution to the problem of AZT funding for indigent PWAs.

"While we don't like to see the money come from already existing AIDS efforts, we believe the financial crisis faced by so many people with AIDS is urgent enough to warrant such measures," said Carlton Lee, a lobbyist for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. He added that Sen. Kennedy's "leadership on this issue will help thousands of individuals receive life-prolonging AIDS treatments without facing additional economic hardship."

—Chris Duncan

It Could Be Easier

Chapter One

It was a dark and stormy night. Eloise lounged in the large comfortable chair that was her favorite. Flip the Cat slept peacefully in her lap as she read the latest issue of *Southern Voice*. Down the hall in the study, she heard Carmen muttering obscenities. Suddenly a cry pierced the quiet. "Damn press type!" It was Carmen, having an unbearably difficult time with the flyer she was doing for the next dance. Carefully putting the paper down on the table, Eloise apologized to Flip, padded down the hall, and slipped a business card under the locked door.



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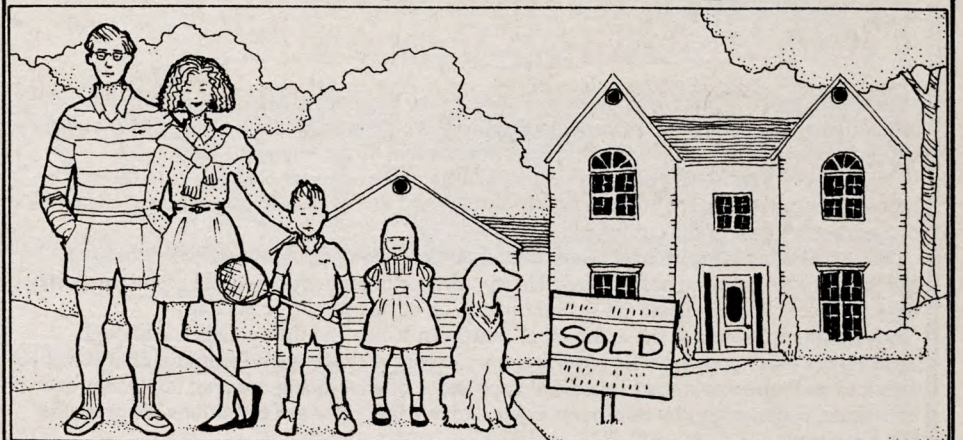
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A Letter From Commissioner Napper

There seems to be confusion among some in the gay/lesbian community regarding my commitment to providing the best possible public safety services to the gay/lesbian community. I would like to clear up some of this confusion. First, let me state unequivocally that I am as concerned about the safety and well-being of the gay/lesbian community as I am all citizens who live, work and visit our city. And I am clearly aware of my professional, personal and moral responsibility to provide the best possible services. This commitment was part of the reason a gay/lesbian advisory committee was formed several years ago, and why we have sensitivity training on this subject for our recruits with plans to include other officers. I believe much has been accomplished over the past years regarding the positive behavior and attitudes of our people towards gays and lesbians and, I believe, of gays and lesbians toward us. Admittedly, there is still much to be done and I am committed to seeing that it is. There are points of disagreements that can and should be discussed without rancor. Indeed, there are apparently those who disagree with me on some issues, but it is an error of the highest magnitude to equate our disagreements as a statement of my lack of concern.

Two specific issues have been raised. The first is the issue of my commitment to addressing gay bashing. I have made a public service announcement decrying hate crime. I have also directed my staff to explore other cities' techniques for dealing with hate crime. The model best suited for our organization is the use of Intelligence to develop strategies and to vigorously investigate crimes which have all the earmarks of hate crimes. Accordingly, an order was drawn up to institutionalize this procedure and I am provided with monthly reports on the subject. I believe that we are receiving reports of only a very small proportion of those crimes which are occurring. In order for our attack on hate crimes to be meaningful, however, we need information on these crimes. I urge you to report any such crimes to the police and to indicate that you believe it to be a hate-inspired act. Without such community support, we are limited in the actions we can take.

A second issue that has been raised is that of computerization of hate crime statistics. As you may know, BPS statistics gathering is based upon requirements set by the FBI and U.S. Congress. Congress is considering revisions in the crime categories and among those being considered is the requirement to capture hate crime data. Decisions are expected to be made in the coming months and my decision on how best to deal with the issue will be contingent on that report. At that time, we will be compelled to make major changes in the computer system, incident forms and so forth. This will be an extremely expensive proposition and it would not be a wise allocation of resources to prematurely provide new computer data fields, produce new forms and alter training of police officers, only to repeat the process in several months. Once it becomes clear what changes must be made, they will be made expeditiously. Until that time, I believe that the recently instituted procedure will serve adequately.

I trust this expresses my concern for the gay/lesbian community and my position on issues raised in recent publications.

Statement by Public Safety Commissioner George Napper. Submitted to *Southern Voice* 4/7/89.

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Police/Community Relations Must Not Be Jeopardized

Over the past several weeks, the Atlanta Gay Center *News* has printed a series of articles chastising Atlanta Commissioner of Public Safety George Napper and accusing the Lesbian/Gay Police Advisory Board of a number of offenses. As chair of the Police Advisory Board, my first instinct is to avoid any interaction that will lead to the escalation of an outpouring of public name-calling. But the situation has degenerated to the point that police-community relations could be seriously jeopardized by the distortions being disseminated by *The News*.

Atlanta, just like any other major metropolitan area in the United States, has a problem with hate-related violence. In the past several years we have recorded instances of swastikas and other epithets painted on the walls of a suburban Jewish school; a rash of robberies and violent assaults on Korean shopkeepers; skinhead violence in Little 5 Points; gay-bashings in Midtown and the rise in visibility of the white supremacist movement locally. All are Hate Crimes in their own right, but categorized as vandalism, robbery, assault, and murder for the purposes of the police report form. As a result of this categorization, the data needed to analyze the level of hate crimes in Atlanta is not available for our use at this time. Without this information, there will never be adequate police and community response to the problem.

Understand as well that the Department of Public Safety and the issue of Hate Crimes do not exist together in a vacuum. The Atlanta Police Department is woefully understaffed and underpaid. The Department is fighting a serious war on drugs that has defeated larger and more sophisticated departments in other cities. And, unbelievably, the APD is not fully computerized for efficient data collection and analysis. None of these conditions are good reasons not to address the issues of bias-motivated violence in a timely and aggressive manner. As a grassroots activist, I find it odd to be defending the very bureaucratic reasonings that I have fought against and despised from an early age. However, an understanding of what you are up against helps determine an effective strategy for creating change.

In the course of the past year, the Police Advisory Board has provided the Atlanta Police Department with very detailed information regarding hate crimes data collection procedures within police departments in other areas, i.e., Los Angeles, Boston, New York City, Philadelphia as well as the State of Connecticut. The Commissioner, in turn, asked the relevant department here to look into the possibility of adopting those procedures. Their internal report concluded that we were definitely not capturing that data and could benefit from some update in procedure. To make a long story short, the inadequate result was a directive from the Commissioner that the Intelligence unit be charged with the responsibility for collecting that data from the examination of police reports. As we suspected, the Intelligence unit did not gather evidence of Hate Crimes of any type from September 1988 - February 1989 in the metro Atlanta area. A positive point of view suggests, however, that we are coming a tiny bit closer to creating at least some recognition of the problem at the management level. A more realistic appraisal offers the opinion that this is really too little, too slow.

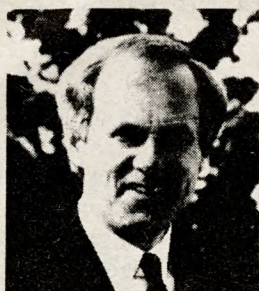
So what do we do now? What we do is solicit assistance from organizations representing other people who are dealing with these same issues, and get them to help us apply pressure as a broader based constituency. We lobby, we make phone calls, we educate, we follow up on the few incidents that we hear about and make sure police response is efficient and sensitive. We keep the pressure on and behave in a politically responsible manner.

What we do not do is cry wolf repeatedly by elevating every situation to the level of a grand and immediate emergency. We are not inflexible regarding the demands of the Commissioner's schedule and refuse to meet with his representatives when circumstances warrant it. We do not exaggerate in the media about the level of data we have collected yet refuse to document or share such data in a public manner, as The Atlanta Gay Center has done. In short, we do not further victimize our community by behaving so irresponsibly, so hatefully, that no reasonably intelligent politician would ever give a second thought to our issues beyond how best to avoid us.

Widespread community response is what is called for now. If you are the victim of a Hate Crime (or any crime), please report it to the police. Tell them that you believe that it was a bias-motivated hate crime. If you are the victim of police harassment, you must file a complaint in order to stop the offending officer(s). (We'll go with you!!) Call the ACLU or me (I'm listed) and let us know the details so that we can monitor the police response and identify any trends in criminal activity against our community. Talk about it, talk about it! If we don't identify the problems, we cannot begin to solve them. Our community and this city have made bigger changes than this, we simply must keep on working and focus our response on the next level of action.

Cathy Woolard
Chairperson
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Women in the Military: "There Will Never Be Lesbian Rights Without Women's Rights"

To the Editor:

After recently meeting with two lesbians in the military, I feel compelled to share their story. We were at a meeting of approximately 150 lesbians. When they rose to address the large group they requested that no pictures be taken while they were speaking. They, unlike the rest of the group, did not wear name tags.

Why? Because being queer in the military can subject you to any number of things - including harassment, dishonorable discharge or imprisonment.

Male service members use the allegation of lesbianism to intimidate female service members into having sex with them. Female service members are reluctant to report this harassment. Instead of questioning the male, her superiors want to know, "Well, are you a lesbian?"

Whether or not a woman is a lesbian is not the issue; any allegation can be sufficient "evidence" to launch an investigation. And since one gives up constitutional rights when entering the military, these "investigations" can resemble inquisitions.

One of the women I spoke with (who is currently under investigation) described it as "gestapo-like harassment". She had a wiretap put on her phone, had her mail opened (the

investigators have photocopies of a personal letter she sent to a friend) and is constantly under surveillance.

The Administrative Board (the military's version of court) can, and does, consider any and all evidence. That is, all of the above-mentioned items are acceptable. There are no appeal rights. She has been in the military for 8 years and stands to lose all her benefits. She told me that people who are gay or lesbian cannot even express an interest in gay issues that are in the newspaper in order to protect themselves.

She, however, is not advocating for gay rights. "There will never be lesbian rights without women's rights first," she said. "Sexual harassment is institutionalized and approved of at every level. Women are afraid to speak out because they're afraid of the repercussions."

For her own reasons she has chosen a life in the military. She is not asking for special consideration - only to be left alone to do her job. These women feel that we (civilians) can help by putting pressure on Congress and the Department of Defense to investigate the way people in the military are investigated. We should also demand an end to sexual harassment of females in the military.

Last November, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, in coalition with two other groups, founded the Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project to collect reports of military discrimination. If you have experienced gay-related discrimination or sexual harassment while in the military, please report it to NGLTF.

While these issues may not directly affect us, we are all in this struggle together. I promised these women I would write their story and ask for your help. Please write to your U.S. Senators and Representatives and request an investigation be undertaken to examine how military personnel are "investigated". We should also demand that sexual harassment be stopped immediately. Women should be able to freely report sexual harassment and expect that those found guilty will be punished.

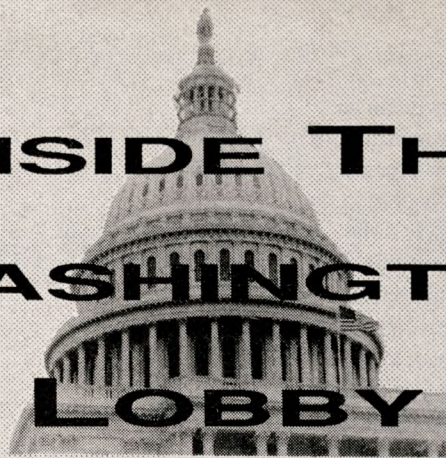
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INSIDE THE WASHINGTON LOBBY



Congressional Maneuvering to Fund AZT

There are no cures, not even any treatments leading to a cure for people who have AIDS, but there is one drug - AZT - that is currently known to prolong the life of a person with AIDS. Up until May 1987, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) tested AZT and administered the drug at no cost to people who had AIDS and were participating in the experiment. But in May 1987, these experiments ended. NIH felt sure enough of the effectiveness of AZT to recommend it to people who had AIDS.

This apparently good news was actually a disaster for many people with AIDS. Since the experiments were completed, the government no longer paid for the drug, and at an estimated \$10,000 a year, AZT was priced out of most people's range.

Senator Lowell Weicker (R-Conn), an ardent and consistent supporter of people with AIDS, introduced a rider onto an appropriations bill in May 1987, proposing federal assistance for AZT users. The money was to be distributed to states, which would then distribute the money to individuals who needed AZT. The federal government would give money to each state according to how many people with AIDS lived there, and it was up to the states to determine the qualifying income level for an individual to receive the money.

Weicker's rider was a one-time deal - the money was meant to last for 18 months. Weicker hoped it would act as a bridge from the end of the NIH experiments to, hopefully, the beginning of payment by Medicaid or insurance companies. The bill was passed in May 1987.

By September 1988, Weicker's rider was nearing expiration and neither Medicaid nor private insurance companies were picking up the tab for AZT to the extent hoped for. AIDS lobbyists were working with various members of Congress, including Senators Weicker and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) and Congressman Henry Waxman (D-Calif) to figure out a strategy for extending the program. There was even talk of including such an extension in the Omnibus AIDS Bill, which had just passed the House of Representatives in September. Lobbyists were waiting for the Senate to appoint conferees who would negotiate the final Omnibus AIDS Bill.

The extension happened much quicker than even the best strategy could have anticipated.

One late afternoon in September, AIDS lobbyists had gathered in the conference room of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), where there is a TV monitor that displays the proceedings in the House and Senate. The lobbyists were waiting to see if the lockjam had been broken and if conferees were finally going to be appointed on the Omnibus AIDS Bill. Suddenly, Weicker stood up and offered a bill to extend the AZT program for an additional six months, through March 1989. Weicker explained that the bill authorized \$15 million to extend the program, but that only \$10 million would actually come from the government; the other \$5 million would be given by the manufacturers of AZT, Burroughs-Wellcome.

The lobbyists watching the events on TV were somewhat surprised at Weicker's move and watched with eager anticipation. The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, who was on the Senate floor, asked Weicker whether he was trying to authorize the program or also appropriate the money. These are two separate issues. Any number of programs may be authorized, but that does not guarantee that the government will appropriate money for it. Weicker assured the committee chair that he was only offering an authorization bill and with a quick flick of his pen, he made it true. The bill was then passed by unanimous consent.

AIDS lobbyists did succeed in finding money for the AZT program without having to go through appropriations channels. The 1988 budget had given the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) approximately \$800 million for all AIDS research, education and testing. Members of Congress and lobbyists were able to get HHS to reprogram \$10 million of that amount to support the AZT program. People who needed AZT were set for another six months, through March 1989.

The middle of March came and the program was close to expiring again. Weicker had, unfortunately, been defeated in the November election, so Kennedy took the lead and tried to get a simple extension of the program through September 1989. He needed unanimous consent, however, otherwise his legislative proposal would have been vulnerable to extensive anti-AIDS amendments. Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) blocked consensus, despite Kennedy's vigorous perseverance. On top of that, the Senate was due to adjourn from March 24 until April 4. After March 31, however, the program would technically no longer exist and it would take an entire new bill to reauthorize the program again.

But there was another approach. Weicker's bill had authorized \$15 million, even though the government was only expected to pay \$10 million. So technically, there was still \$5 million authorized for AZT users. AIDS lobbyists and congressional staffers, groups like the AIDS Action Council, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign Fund and Kennedy's and Waxman's staff worked constantly in the remaining week of the program to get the administrators at HHS to reprogram \$5 million. Ultimately, on March 30, HHS agreed to do it, and on March 31 letters went out to the states informing them that they would be receiving the funds.

The additional \$5 million will help for another six months. In the meantime a more permanent solution must be designed. One of the main hesitations raised is one of equity: No other drug or disease is given special treatment of this kind. On the other hand there is a pressing need for such support. AIDS lobbyists argue that Congress should start funding AZT use then and extend the precedent to other drugs needed by those who have other diseases. To say "No one else gets money for drugs so people with AIDS shouldn't either," argue lobbyists, is not productive. In general, they say, what this proves is that our health care program needs to be revised.

Some of the proposals lobbyists are now looking at call for a matching grant program, in which states raise half the money for AZT and the federal government would match that amount. This issue will have to be addressed by Congress before next September, and while this is only one of many AIDS issues that need to be advanced, it is a high priority. AZT buys time for people with AIDS, and that is a life-or-death matter.

-Laura Markowitz and
Chai Feldblum

Chai Feldblum is an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union AIDS Project. Laura Markowitz is an editor of a national magazine and a lesbian activist.

NGLTF Report Cards, GOP's Gingrich No Surprise

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The NGLTF report cards can be important tools for constituents to use in keeping up with the many issues and often confusing legislation of concern to the lesbian and gay community. "The monitoring of the voting records of all Members of Congress augments our lobbying efforts," said Peri Jude Redecic, NGLTF lobbyist. "We plan to issue Report Cards for each session of Congress as a method of both letting Members know how they have done on our issues, and informing our community how well we are being served."

- Cathy Woolard and Urvashi Vaid

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HR 5142, mandatory marriage license testing	Y	N
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Rep. Gingrich voted with the NGLTF position 31% of the time.

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89 - 80% = B
79 - 70% = C
69 - 60% = D
below 59% = F

PWA Strike

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government of India. "I'm fighting for not only my own life, but for the life of the entire gay community," said McDonald. "Hopefully this will impress upon people the urgency of the situation. I blatantly come right out and accuse the government of the genocide of gay people. We are falling through the social cracks...while the religious right motivates our lawmakers."

McDonald is determined to see his hunger strike through to the end—even death—unless at least one of the following five demands are met: California Governor George Deukmejian publicly commits himself to support and sign previously-vetoed legislation which prohibits and redresses anti-gay and AIDS-related forms of discrimination; public commitments from enough state legislators to over-ride Governor Deukmejian's veto are made; U.S. President George Bush publicly commits himself to support and sign both types of anti-discrimination legislation on a federal level; public commitments from enough federal legislators to over-ride a Presidential veto are given; or Senator Pete Wilson (R-CA) publicly commits himself to support and sign both types of anti-discrimination legislation on a state level—if he's elected governor of California—and immediately signs on as co-sponsor of the federal Gay Rights Bill now being sponsored by Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA).

McDonald wrote to every member of the U.S. Congress, California lawmakers, and Governor Deukmejian on April 3 to tell them he is intensifying the hunger strike by switching to water. So far, he has had no national response to his problem, no word from President Bush and limited support from California lawmakers. Most of those he has written to have not responded at all to his letters or to the hunger strike.

"We're all dying here (in San Francisco) and it's just outrageous to me that we are all supposed to lay down and die peacefully. We are the victims, and I won't play that game," said McDonald, who claims he has been unable to find a job as an attorney since he graduated from law school last year because of discrimination against him when he was honest with would-be employers about his ARC condition.

"I want to live, but we need help on the federal level for AIDS. I am fighting hard. I've never worked this hard in my life for something," he added, noting over \$5,000 in mailings he has done since he began his hunger strike. "But, I am growing tired. I've lost my lover and my best friend from AIDS. I can't pursue my career...I don't want to live in a world so cruel, unless something changes."

- Kalan Brown

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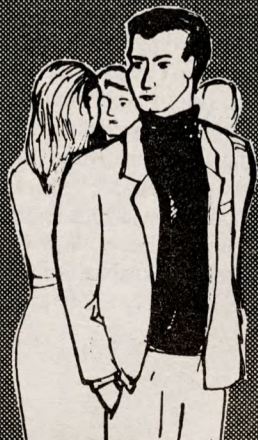
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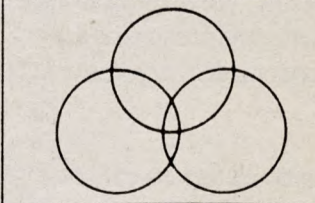
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Jerker Misses, But Has Its Moments



Will Harde as Bert and Kelly Hill as J.R. in SAME's production of *Jerker*.

Robert Chesley's 1986 *Jerker* has a seductively simple structure. Onstage two men, Bert and J.R., lie naked in bed while talking to each other across San Francisco on their telephones. The play is constructed around these phone calls, which extend over several days and increasingly reflect not only the two men's lives, but form a microcosm of a particular sector of present-day gay experience.

But with the advent of AIDS, the telephone calls also serve an erotic function. Often the men verbalize their sexual fantasies to each other while masturbating. Thus phone sex has become a popular form of safe sex. And Chesley shows us how people can let loose on the phone with perhaps their wildest fantasies, talking and experimenting sexually in their heads in ways they might never dream of trying in person.

Here *Jerker* is on to a great subject: the nature of shared sexual fantasies, what they mean to us personally and what they might tell us about ourselves as individuals. Yet Chesley never gets below the surface of this subject. He merely depicts it, and he appears to have no inherent view of what he does show us.

Unfortunately, I think this is only one of several superficial responses Chesley has to his own material. At one point, he has Bert exaltedly recall a particularly satisfying sexual encounter with a stranger. When the stranger reached orgasm, Bert recalls feeling that a bond of "love" grew between them and he describes their encounter as "so" San Francisco.

Clearly, at the same time Chesley idealizes what amounts to satisfying casual sex by attaching undue emotional (and even philosophical) significance to it, he also sentimentalizes San Francisco as if it were Walton's Mountain.

Beyond this, *Jerker* is startlingly predictable. Almost from the beginning we know precisely what turns this play will take, and must sit back and wait for them to happen. It's difficult to imagine anyone in the audience being surprised that Bert and J.R. quickly become friends and that one of them develops AIDS (a subject on which Chesley has absolutely nothing to add).

It's even more difficult to imagine anyone leaving this play with either new or deepened enlightenment on any subject it raises. At best, *Jerker* merely acknowledges some facts of gay life in the 1980's, and that

is simply not enough to enlist our emotional assent.

As Bert, Will Harde overacts in a variety of familiar cliches. He clutches the telephone cord melodramatically when he's distraught, sometimes even lifting it up to his mouth if he isn't already biting his knuckles. But Harde comes through in the finishing moments of a couple of the sexual fantasy scenes, in which he expresses himself forcefully.

Kelly Hill's J.R. fares better. Hill brings vocal range and phrasing to his line readings, and in a couple of scenes he suggests hidden recesses to his character. (A curiosity: in one scene, J.R., a physically impaired Viet Nam vet, engages in an overlong fantasy—it reads like an unimaginative guided imagery tape—in which he raises himself from his bed and walks over to Bert. Why, if it's J.R.'s fantasy, must he use his hands to lift his legs out of his bed, only to walk perfectly to Bert's bed? A pair of metal crutches perched above his bed already ring the message loud and clear that he's disabled. Doesn't Chesley trust the audience's intelligence?)

Jerker's appropriately bare set was designed by Greg Brown. The music, though a bit loud in J.R.'s extended fantasy, skillfully underscores whatever meaning we derive from several scenes.

I have said before that it is typically organizations like SAME (Southeastern Arts, Media and Education Project) that have the most to lose financially when taking artistic risks, but that in fact most frequently take those artistic risks. *Jerker*, in my view, misses badly. But I look forward to SAME's next project.

— Terry Francis

Jerker runs through April 16 at the Back Door Theatre at Seven Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. Thurs-Sat at 8 PM and Sun at 5 PM. \$10. 523-7647 for reservations.

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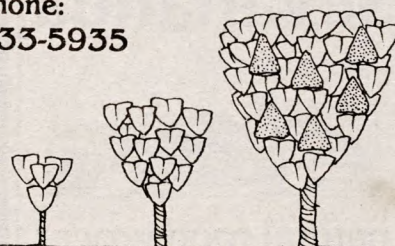
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THE SOUTHERN VOICE CALENDAR

This Week's Highlights

• **"Extending Beyond"**—Now through June 18th. Celebrating the 91st birthday of the late, controversial Paul Robeson, the Arts Exchange is sponsoring this event which brings out the arts *and* artists—privately and publicly. 750 Kalb Street, Atlanta. Call 624-4211 for details.

• **AIDS PROTEST RALLY**—April 14th. ACT/UP is sponsoring this rally in preparation for the national demonstration in Columbia, South Carolina. Focus will be on that state's repressive AIDS law and details of the April 20 demonstration. Music will be by Carolyn Mobley. First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Drive. 7:30 PM.

• **The Art Ensemble of Chicago**—April 14th. A creative force in jazz for over 20 years, The Art Ensemble plays "great black music: ancient to the future." They have toured around the world, performing at major festivals, concert halls and clubs, and have recorded more than a dozen records. Consistently winning major music polls and receiving critical acclaim, they are, according to *Village Voice*, "an exhaustively great band." Pictured at right. Rich Auditorium, Woodruff Arts Center. 8 PM & 10 PM. Advance tickets are \$14 and \$12 to High Museum members and are available by calling 377-7777. Tickets at the door are \$16 and \$14 for Museum members. For details call 377-7777.



THURSDAY

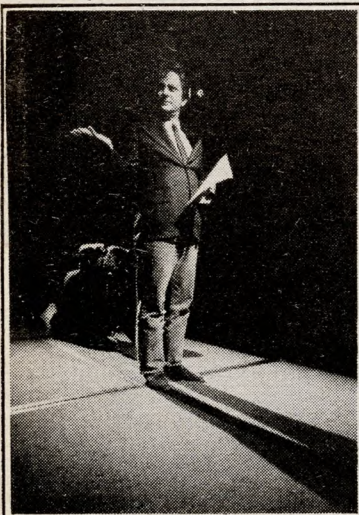
13 "This Way Out" — International Gay and Lesbian Radio Magazine. 6PM. WRFG-89.3 FM. Sponsored every Thursday by Southern Voice.

"Extending Beyond," — through June 18th. Celebrating the 91st birthday of Paul Robeson. Sponsored by the Arts Exchange. 750 Kalb St. Call 624-4211 for more.

Of Love and Glory—Atlanta Author Evelyn Kennedy's second novel from Naiad Press. *Glory* is the story of two women who fall in love in England during World War II. Research for her novel led Kennedy to the largely untold stories of women involved in the frontlines of war. Charis Books & More, 419 Moreland Ave. 7:30 PM. Free.

"Soundings" — Unusual music, information and interviews on the arts. Co-hosted by Franklin Abbott and Lanier Clance. 1PM. WRFG-89.3FM.

20 ACT/UP Atlanta will sponsor a national demonstration in Columbia, South Carolina, due to that state's repressive AIDS law. For more info, call 286-6247.



WHITE PEOPLE — a surrealistic "shopping mall comedy" by Jim Grimsley. Through May 7th. Thurs-Sat, 8 PM; Sun-5 PM. Tix, \$10.50. Seven Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. Call 523-7647. Pictured: Del Hamilton.

Klimchak—performs his solo show "Off The Beaten Path" which via stories and a wide variety of percussion instruments, explains the making of a drummer. Picasso's. 9 PM. \$3. 373-8255 for reservations.

FRIDAY

14 AIDS PROTEST RALLY — ACT/UP is sponsoring this event. 1st Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Dr. 7:30 PM. Focusing on So. Carolina's repressive AIDS law and details of upcoming national demonstration at Columbia, S.C. Music by Carolyn Mobley.

"Capitol Hill Report." — A special program on AIDS related issues including AIDS and the Georgia prison system and a look at the legal aspects of AIDS. WGTU-8. 7:30 PM.

The Art Ensemble of Chicago—tonight only! Rich Auditorium, Woodruff Arts Center. 8 PM & 10 PM. \$14, \$12 for High Museum members in advance by calling 377-7777. A Quantum production.



21 "A Forrest Avenue Farewell." — Through May 27th. Nexus Art Center presents its last exhibition with a public reception tonight at 8 PM. Nexus, 608 Ralph McGill Blvd. Tues-Sat, 11 AM-5 PM; Fri, 11 AM-8:30 PM. Call 688-1970 for more.

The Quilt — Through April 23. It is on display in Birmingham, Alabama for those interested in seeing it again or for the first time. Birmingham—Jefferson Civic Center, South Exhibition Hall. Call 205/322-4197 for info.

The Loss of Iris—tonight and tomorrow night. Images of traditional Japanese culture in juxtaposition to visions of a corporate world...in movement, masks and music. Presented by GAME. Horizon Theatre. 8 PM. \$10. 377-5268.

SATURDAY

15 *Beauty & the Beast*. — Part of the Alliance Family Performance Series. 11 AM and 2:30 PM. (Afternoon performance interpreted for hearing impaired.) Woodruff Arts Center. \$5. Call 892-2414 for more.

Pictured: Brad Sherrill as the Beast and Jill Jackson as the Beauty.

VOTE '89! — Voter registration booths are in various locales for YOUR convenience and your RIGHTS. Fulton County residents, hie thee down to Ansley Mall; DeKalb Co. folks, go to Charis Books & More in Little 5 Points. 10 AM-4 PM.

22 Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus Spring Concert. With special guests: Joyce & Jacque—OIC Auditorium, 818 Washington St., SW. (Behind Atlanta Stadium.) two shows—7 and 9 PM. \$7. Advance tix at Charis Books and Atlantis Connection.

VOTE '89! DeKalb residents can look for voter registration booths at Toco Hills on North Druid Hills (Drug Emporium) or Charis Books at 419 Moreland Ave. in Little 5 Points. 11 AM-4 PM.

Garrett Factory — Picasso's Performance Cafe. 9 PM. \$4. 373-8255 for reservations.

SUNDAY

16 Midtown Neighbors—Tour historic homes in Atlanta's neighborhood. The examples of Midtown design and architecture. \$8 in admission. Advance tickets available at 14 West Realty, Highland Hardware Shop. For further info call 876-3333.

Circle of Healing — "Experiencing the topic. First Existentialist Church. 3:45-5:30PM. Free and open to all.

23 **VOTE '89!** Fulton Ansley Square between Ray's. 5 PM-10 PM.

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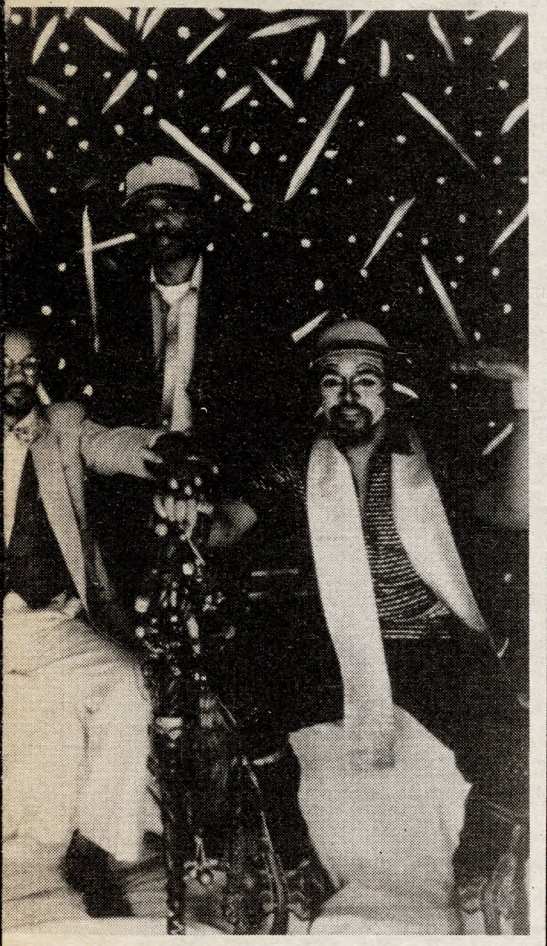
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Next Week's Highlights

• **VOTE '89!**— April 15, 22, 23. Look—we need the votes. Without the votes, there is no voice and as we all know, silence = death. Fulton residents, on April 15th, go to Ansley Mall and register, 11 AM-4 PM; DeKalb County residents, go to Toco Hills' Drug Emporium or Charis Books, 11 AM-4 PM; on April 22, DeKalb folks, check it out at Charis Books or Toco Hills again, 11 AM-4 PM; April 23—Sunday—from 5 PM til 10 PM, Fulton Co. people register at Ansley Square between two hot spots: Burkhart's and Crazy Ray's.

• **White People**—April 20—May 7. Jim Grimsley's new play is a topsy-turvy look at commerce, bureaucracy, consumerism, family values and sharing information the American way. The theatre is transformed into a performance mall where the consumer audience will be free to browse. Grimsley, author of *Mr. Universe* and *Math And Aftermath*, is the 1988 winner of the Oppy Award for playwriting. By the way, *White People* is not about white people—it's about blank, generic people. Makes sense, right? Seven Stages Theatre, 1105 Euclid Ave. Thurs-Sat at 8 PM, Sun at 5 PM. \$10.50. 523-7647 for reservations.

• **Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus Spring Concert**—April 22nd. Special Guests: Joyce and Jacque. These women just won't stop! And it's a good thing, too, or we would all be missing a real fun time. OIC Auditorium, 818 Washington St. (behind the Atlanta Stadium). 7PM and 9PM. \$7. Tickets at Charis Books and Atlantis Connection (North Highland Ave.).

MONDAY

17 W.O.W. Meeting - "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do" with Kris Miesel. North Highland Library. 7:30 PM.

BWMT (Black & White Men Together)

Rap Group: "A Look at Depression." Call 373-5111 for more info. 8 PM.

Phoenix Rising - The Southeast Playwrights Project will hold a rehearsed reading of this new play by Karyn Traut. Two sisters tell of growing up in Phoenix during the Depression through hilarious stories which they "act out." 7 Stages Backdoor Theatre, 1105 Euclid Ave. 7:30 PM. 242-5906.



TUESDAY

18 "AIDS: In Search of A Miracle" - Channel 8. 8 PM.

I'm Not Rappaport—through May 7. The Tony Award winning Best Play of 1986. Theatrical Outfit, 1012 Peachtree St. Tues & Wed at 7 PM, Thurs-Sat at 8 PM, Sun at 3 PM. \$8-\$15. 872-0665. Pictured: Kenny Raskin (l) and Rob Cleveland.

GARAL (Georgia Abortion Rights Action League). Every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Intown YWCA, 957 N. Highland Ave. 7:30 PM. Free and open to public. Call 377-2181.

WEDNESDAY

19 Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU of Ga - This Agenda: "Test Case of Georgia Sodomy Laws." 1315 Peachtree St. (Peachtree Branch Library). 7:30 PM. Call 523-5398 for more.

"Southern Expressions: Point of View" - Through June 23rd. From photography to traditional paintings to sculpture. HMA at Georgia-Pacific Center, 133 Peachtree St. Call 577-6940. Pictured: Storrs, Conn., 1984 by Lawrence Huff, Athens, Ga.

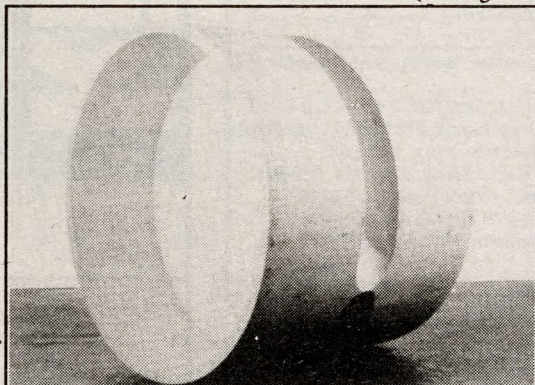


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Fulton Co. people, register at between Burkhart's & Crazy Ray's.

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Plant Part Gazebo. 3 PM. (WHITE BALLOONS.)



25 "Awards in the Visual Arts 8"—Through June 11th. Works by the 10 winners of the 8th Annual Awards in the Visual Arts featuring more than 45 works including sculpture, paintings, photography, and more. High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree St. Tues-Sat, 10 AM-5 PM; Wed until 9 PM; Sun, Noon-5 PM. Closed Monday. \$4 general admission. Pictured: "Ring" by Eric Levine.

Phoebe Snow - Tonight only. Center Stage Theatre. 8:30 PM. \$12.50. 873-2500.

"The AIDS Quarterly." Channel 8. 8 PM. (Note: Repeated at 9 PM on Channel 30.)

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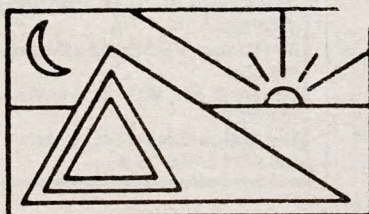
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ACLU/LG-ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter. 3rd Wednesday of each month. Peachtree Branch Library. 7:30 PM. Working for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men in the metropolitan Atlanta area. 231-5991.

ACT- Atlanta Couples Together. A non-political, non-religious, social organization whose purpose is to support the positive aspects of gay and lesbian relationships. Events and meetings vary. Info: A.C.T. Voice Mailbox, 365-2455, or write PO Box 723291, Atlanta, Ga., 30339.

ACT UP/Atlanta-AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power Direct action group with the purpose of fighting homophobia, AIDS, sexism and racism. Meetings held every Tuesday. 24-hr. info line - 286-6247. Outside Atlanta, call 800-342-7038 ext. 6247.

AFC- Atlanta Facrie Circle. 1st Sunday of each month. Location and time varies. Gay men who gather to support one another and explore their connections with the earth and white light. 622-4112.

AGC- Atlanta Gay Center. 876-5372. Operated primarily by volunteers, AGC offers services for lesbians and gays men as well as educational out-reach to society as a whole. AGC Help Line-892-0661.

AGMC- Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus. A semi-professional community-oriented chorus of male voices. Membership open to all interested singers and non-singers alike. 378-9676.

ALFA- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance. 2nd Sunday of each month. 6:00 PM. A lesbian feminist organization which welcomes lesbians of all races, religions, political orientation, economic status, occupation and degree of openness. Write PO Box 5502, Atlanta, Ga. 30307 for more information and to request newsletter.

ALGPC- Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. 2nd Thursday of each month. 7:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church. Needs volunteers to coordinate this year's lesbian and gay pride March to insure its success.

AMC- Atlanta March Committee- More Than a Phase. A community based activist organization that works toward promoting lesbian and gay rights through educational, social, cultural, and political events. 377-8312.

AVS- Atlanta Venture Sports. Activities and meetings vary. An association in which the membership enjoys recreational, social, educational, and sports activities. 242-4899.

AID Atlanta- A community-based, non-profit agency providing multiple services to all people with AIDS, their families and friends, and education to everyone regarding the disease and its prevention. 1132 W. Peachtree St. (Entrance 13th Street). 872-0600.

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Atlanta Business & Professional Guild- A non-profit service organization comprised of both gay/lesbian and non-gay professionals and businesspersons. 2nd Tuesday of each month. Place varies. Membership and further information: 662-4202.

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BWMT- Black and White Men Together. 1st Saturday of each month. 8:00 PM. Location varies. A gay inter-racial organization committed to fostering a supportive environment wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized. 794-BWMT.

Circle of Healing- 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 4 PM. First Existentialist Church. The Circle is open to anyone in need of healing, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual.

CODA - Codependents Anonymous - Lambda. A 12-step program of recovery from codependency for gays and lesbians. Meetings Tues. & Wed. at 8:00 PM. For info and locations call: 239-1657.

Congregation Bet Haverim- Services 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 8:30 PM. Shabbat Seder, 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Quaker House, 1384 Fairview Dr. Proudly serving the lesbian and gay community. Synagogue information line: 642-3467.

ELGO- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization. Meetings every Wed. at 7PM. Room 363E Dobbs University Center. Box 23515, Atlanta, Ga. 30322. 377-7421.

First MCC Atlanta- Metropolitan Community Church. Sunday Services at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM evangelistic service. Mid-week services on Wednesday at 7:30 PM. 800 N. Highland Ave. Office hours Noon-6:20 PM, Tuesday-Friday. A Christian church proclaiming God's love for lesbians and gay men. Counseling available by appointment for individuals and couples. Same sex Holy Unions performed. 872-2246.

Fourth Tuesday- A networking organization for lesbian professionals and entrepreneurs, operating through monthly dinner meetings and a variety of special social, sports and educational events. P. O. Box 7817, Atlanta, GA 30309, 662-4353.

Friends Atlanta- Activities and meetings vary. A social,

recreational, and educational group for gays and lesbians. Volleyball, bowling, dinners, theater nights, and dances are among the activities. 662-4501.

GALA- Gay Atheists of America. Meetings social in nature and at members' discretion. To assure freedom of speech; freedom from religion; to defend the separation of church and state; to assist in obtaining civil rights for gays and lesbians, and to offer non-believers an alternate social scene. 875-8877.

GALA- Georgia Tech Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Every Thursday at 7:30 PM. 676-1339 or 352-9213.

GALA, Programs Area, GA Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332.

GANG - Greater Atlanta Naturist Group. For gay men who enjoy nude outdoor and social activities. Not a sex club. Nude camping, swimming, parties, etc. several times per month. For info send SASE to: GANG, PO Box 7546, Atlanta, GA 30357.

GAPAC- Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition. Meetings vary. The gay and lesbian political action committee monitoring and acting in the local political scene. 885-0510.

GLPCI- Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. 7:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church. A support group for lesbian and gay parents. 296-8369.

The Group- Thursday nights. Call the Gay Help Line at 892-0661 or write PO Box 15191, Atlanta, Ga. 30333. A support group for gay and bisexual men who are or who have been involved in marital-type situations with women.

Hotlanta Volleyball- Serious and amateur players are welcome to join. Members compete in tournaments and regulation league play. Clinics held during the year to learn and practice new techniques. Call 875-0700 for info.

Integrity- Gay Caucus of the Episcopal Church. 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. 7:30 PM. All Saints Episcopal Church-3rd floor of Ellis Hall. 875-2720.

LAMP - The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project. Second Monday of every month. 7:30 PM. N. Highland Branch Library. For info: 874-3107 or 872-7568. Address correspondence to: LAMP, PO Box 301, 1579 F Monroe Drive, Atlanta, GA, 30324.

LEGAL- Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians. 3rd Monday of each month. 7:00 PM. Peachtree Branch Library. The voice of lesbian and gay Georgians in the Democratic party. 289-6358.

LIFE- Lesbians in Fun Endeavors. Meeting times and locations vary. Bringing professional gay women together for the fun of it, giving them the opportunity to make friends and enjoy a wide variety of events. 493-3966.

Lutherans Concerned/South Carolina- A society of gay, lesbian and non-gay Christians. All denominations welcome. We work to foster a climate of understanding, justice and reconciliation among all people. 3rd Sunday of each month. 4:00 PM. 728 Pickens St., Columbia, SC. Contact: PO Box 90537, Columbia, SC, 29290. (803) 732-0838.

MACGLO- Metro Atlanta Council of Gay and Lesbian Organizations. 3rd Thursday of each month. 7:00 PM. Peachtree Branch Library. A representative council of lesbian and gay organizations to facilitate the exchange of information. 242-2342.

MCC Southside- Serving the southside with positive Christian support for lesbians and gay men. 5:00 PM every Sunday. 575 Boulevard, SE. Office hours: Mon-Thurs. 10AM-Noon, and 1PM-4PM. 622-1154.

NAPWA- Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS. 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. 7:00 PM. 1132 W. Peachtree St. A political, social, and educational organization confronting the AIDS crisis. Membership is open to all individuals with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV positive. 874-7926.

The Names Project/Atlanta- A National AIDS Memorial. Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church. Send correspondence to: 375 Georgia Ave., Atlanta, Ga. 30312.

P-FLAG- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. 3rd Sunday of each month. 5-7 PM. Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. Committed to help parents learn what we have learned. To help change attitudes and create an environment of understanding, so all gay people can live with dignity and respect. 961-6085 or 296-0830.

PLGC- Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns/More Light. 3rd Sunday of each month. Gays and lesbians gather over light foods to celebrate their Presbyterian heritage. 373-5830.

Palmetto Gay/Lesbian Association - A support, education and civil rights organization in S. Carolina. PO Box 10022, Federal Station, Greenville, S.C., 29603. 24-hr. switchboard - (803) 271-4207.

Pride of Peachtree - Atlanta's Lesbian & Gay Marching Band. Every Monday night 7:30 PM-9:00 PM at First MCC, 800 N. Highland Ave. Instrumentalists and colorguard still needed. For info call David at 434-7826 or Susan at 951-1591.

Project Open Hand - Prepares and serves meals to PWAs, FWARCs unable to do so themselves. Volunteers needed for organizing, kitchen and delivery. 248-1788.

SAME- Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc. Utilizes the arts and media as tools for exploration, education, and change in human rights, especially those pertaining to the lesbian and gay community. 584-2104.

WOW- Women of Wisdom. Usually every 3rd Monday of each month. 7:30 PM. North Highland Branch Library. Aims to facilitate women meeting together with other women in a pleasant atmosphere. Offers timely programs of interest to the community, reaches out to older women and women with special needs. 984-9929.

LEGAL Raises \$1200 For Projects

LEGAL (Legislate Equality for Lesbians and Gays) held a bowl-a-thon fundraiser on Saturday, March 25th at the Express Lanes on Monroe Circle. Approximately \$1,200 was raised for their general operations. Major projects planned for this year include sponsoring a mayoral debate in September between Maynard Jackson and Michael Lomax. The debate will be co-sponsored with the S.C.L.C.

The winners in the bowl-a-thon were David Alexander, men's high series, Jenny Cleveland, women's high series, and David Alexander for the most money raised by signing up sponsors. Plans are being made for another similar fundraiser this fall.

Anyone interested in LEGAL is invited to attend their meetings on the third Monday each month at 7:00 at the Peachtree Branch Library.

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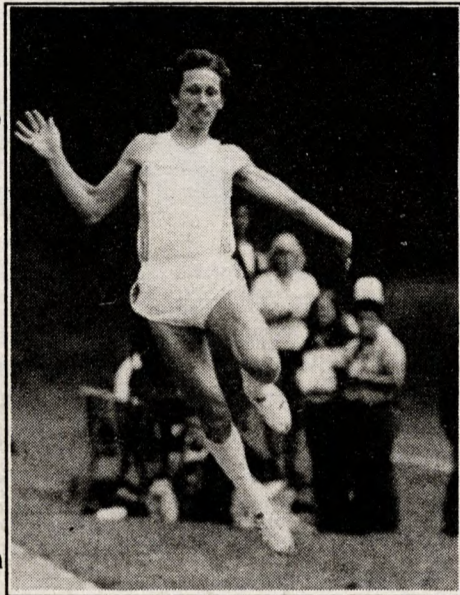
Gay Games III Slated For Aug. 1990 in Vancouver, Atlanta Gearing Up

Although the U.S. Supreme Court might forbid it, most gays and lesbians still refer to them as the "Gay Olympics." The sponsors of Celebration '90, Gay Games III and Cultural Festival don't really worry about what you call it, they just want to see you there.

"The subject (of the use of the word olympics) is now history ...," according to Celebration '90 Mary Brooks. "Why waste our energy on something like that when we have so much else to do."

The Gay Games have grown significantly from the first 14-sport competition in San Francisco in 1982, which drew athletes from 179 cities, to next year's 28-sport mega-event. Celebration '90, sponsored by the Metropolitan Vancouver Athletic and Arts Association (MVAA), is conservatively expected to draw 7,500 athletes, 3,500 cultural participants/exhibitors and 9,000 spectators to Vancouver, British Columbia August 4 - 11, 1990. And they are, for the first time, actively courting gays and lesbians in the South to participate in and attend the eight-day event.

The '90 games will mark the first time the quadrennial event has been held outside the San Francisco Bay area, and has inspired the evolution of a new international organization to oversee and award the games to cities worldwide. The new Federation of Gay Games was formed "to promote and develop the arts including ... athletics ... within the lesbian and gay community" and ensure that the games' principles of inclusion and co-gendering remain hallmarks, according to *Celebration '90*, a publication of MVAA. The move was announced by director Jean Nelson of the San Francisco Arts and Athletics, the Gay Games founding organization, in late winter 1988 to show that "the Gay Games belong to the world."



Celebration '90 will differ substantially from the 1982 and 1986 games, however, because the performing arts will play a major role in the events centered around Vancouver. Current plans for the Cultural Festival include a gay/lesbian Film and Video Festival, a Book and Writer's Fair, three different plays, a women's entertainment evening, art and photography exhibitions and a 1000 voice chorus. Although the inclusion of the arts caused a minor stir within the San Francisco and Seattle sports communities, organizers feel that the addition of the Cultural Festival will greatly enhance Celebration '90's drawing power.

"Why not (have a Cultural Festival)?" asked Celebration '90's Brooks. "It gives more opportunity for people to participate ... Even though the idea is that you don't have to be a top athlete to compete (in the games), the Cultural Festival does open the door to more lesbians and gays throughout the world participating."

The Gay Games have matured and expanded since the controversial high court decision that banned the phrase Gay Olympics but left intact its use by groups such as the "Crab Olympics," say Celebration '90 Gay Games III and Cultural Festival organizers. According to Vancouver director Barry McDell, however, Celebration '90 organizers have never wanted to use the phrase Olympics.

"Our current name, Gay Games, was our response to homophobic persecution which we overcame by creating something very special, wonderful and most of all, unique in the world of international sports. Our down playing of nationalism; our inclusiveness and freedom from age, race and sex stereotypes have made us quite different from any of the other olympics," McDell stated.



"It would be a backward step to take on their label at this point," he added.

Gay Games founder and Olympic decathlete Dr. Tom Waddell, who died due to complication from AIDS July 11, 1987, is credited with the founding wisdom behind McDell's statements. "To do one's personal best is the ultimate of human achievement." Waddell founded the Games to combat what he saw as a loss of the original olympic spirit in international athletic competition.

"The Games were conceived as an opportunity for thousands of individuals with their athletic skills at various levels of development to have the thrill and joy of international competition," according to Celebration '90 documents. They state that the Games are built

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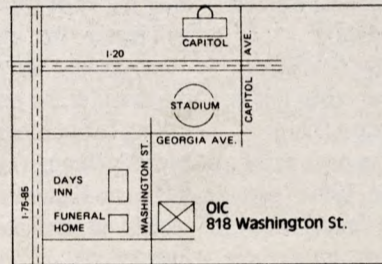
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Aerosol Pentamidine Gets "Treatment IND" Approval

On February 6, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration gave tentative approval to use of aerosol pentamidine for prevention of pneumocystis, under the "treatment IND" rules for providing early access to new treatments for life-threatening conditions. The approval was based on data from a San Francisco study started by the County Community Consortium and completed by San Francisco General Hospital.

Aerosol pentamidine was already in widespread use before this treatment IND. Several different doses had been used. The new approval specifies a recommended dose (300 milligrams every four weeks), and nebulizer (Respigard II). It recommends aerosol pentamidine for "primary" prophylaxis (i.e. for those who have never had pneumocystis) for patients who have a T-helper count under 200 - as well as for anyone who has had pneumocystis already. This criterion for primary prophylaxis is based on a yet-unpublished epidemiologic study supported by NIAID (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases).

The treatment IND allows the developer to charge for the drug to recover costs; this is the first time there has been such a charge. LyphoMed is charging the same price as for intravenous use of pentamidine, \$99.45 per 300 mg. dose. As a result, physicians have been slow to sign up for the program, as there is some paperwork required and no price break. Also, some have chosen to stay with

the doses they have been using, at least until they see the full justification for the 300 mg. recommendation, data which may not be published for several months.

The new official recognition for aerosol pentamidine should make it easier to get insurance companies to pay for the treatment. (One reason for physicians to sign up for the program, instead of continuing to prescribe aerosol pentamidine as they have done before, is that Medicaid is "likely" to decide to reimburse for treatment administered under it, and if so, reimbursement will be retroactive.) Another benefit of the treatment IND is that research protocols will probably be changed to allow patients to use aerosol pentamidine, if they do not already do so. And the U.S. approval may contribute to efforts to make aerosol pentamidine available in Canada, where lack of access has been a major problem.

LyphoMed has agreed to continue trials of aerosol pentamidine for 24 months, even after full FDA approval, so some patients will receive free treatment through this study.

Physicians and patients can obtain prescription and enrollment information by calling LyphoMed's hotline (800) 727-7003, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Physicians can request an enrollment packet with forms and instructions.

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Members and supporters of LEGAL (Legislate Equality for Gays And Lesbians) worked with the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) to provide a meal for Atlanta's homeless population April 3 as part of the annual commemoration of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Pictured is Dick Rhodes, local gay political activist, serving meals to the over 500 homeless persons who attended the dinner at the MLK Community Center.

Canada Allows Release of Experimental Drugs

Toronto—The Canadian government announced it will allow doctors here to prescribe experimental AIDS drugs to patients, according to a report in *Chicago Outlines*. The decision will allow Canadian doctors to prescribe any new or experimental treatment a drug company will release to them without having to wait for government approval.

"We've always said these drugs could be released with just the stroke of a pen," said Dr. Michael Hulton in an interview with *XTRA!*, Toronto's gay/lesbian newspaper. "It's just that now the Health Protection Branch appears to be exercising their discretionary power in our favor, rather than against us."

The new Emergency Drug Release Program was prompted by an "evolution" in thinking, according to Dr. Michelle Brill-Edwards of the Bureau of Human Prescription Drugs (BHPD). She said that complaints by AIDS activists and embarrassing media reports stimulated the quick action.

Members of AIDS Action Now! (AAN!), a direct-action group, say their battle with the Canadian health service is not over.

"They've unlocked a door but there's still no proactive government agency facilitating the wider use of AIDS treatment," said Tim McCaskell of AAN! "So, (if) you're aware of something and (if) your doctor understands it," McCaskell continued, "then, yes, the government will no longer block that for you. But that's a long way from doctors across the country being aware of what's out there."

McCaskell told *Chicago Outlines* that he did not believe PWAs from the U.S. would experience any Canadian interference in crossing the border to see a physician. U.S. citizens would not qualify under Canada's social health care system, however. The Emergency Drug Release Program's telephone number in Ottawa is (613) 993-3105.

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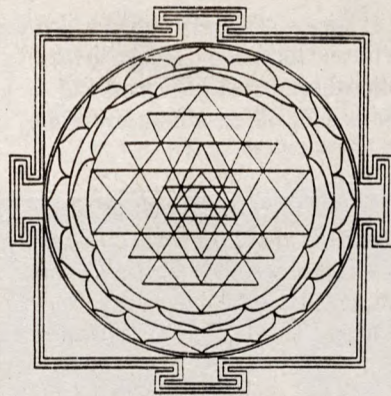
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Health and Healing

The gay and lesbian community is challenged to find and improve ways of maintaining our health and healing our hearts and our bodies. This column will offer insights and advice by various writers with a range of viewpoints and expertise. To submit an article or request a topic, contact Franklin Abbott in care of Southern Voice, P.O. Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316.

Coming Out to Health

Health is a lot like coming out. Coming out means we choose to take charge of our own lives, to accept ourselves as we are and not as anyone else would have us. Coming out means saying "YES!" to ourselves as valid, worthy human beings. Taken to its fullest measure, coming out goes far beyond just saying "I am gay". It says, "I value myself enough to be true to ME!". Coming out is a commitment to respect and affirm ourselves, to create lives that are meaningful and fulfilling. Health is an integral part of that commitment.

From within the closet, coming out seems to be a single event, something we can do in one night with a special letter or well-rehearsed phone call. Yet all of us who have sent that letter or made that call know that it was just the beginning. Beyond coming out is living out.

Living out means being our own first priority. It means taking care of ourselves, expecting the best, and doing all we can to reach it. To do anything less is selling ourselves short, going back toward the old closet labeled "I'm not as good" or "I don't deserve". Living out means living fully, and living in health.

Health is not a thing or a one-time event, any more than coming out is. It doesn't come from one trip to the doctor, one shot in the arm or a single exercise program. And it doesn't come from anyone else. Health is a quality of life that comes from within us. We create it day by day, hour by hour, through a series of small, positive choices. Health comes when we value ourselves enough to make choices that support us.

Creating health is sort of like weaving a tapestry. Each choice we make is like a thread that either strengthens the fabric and adds beauty to its design, or weakens and mars its integrity. When challenges occur, whether they be physical, emotional, or psychological, we have the chance to test the fabric's strength. If we have woven well, it stands up strong

and whole. If not, it can fray or tear. How well we weave is up to us. We are weaving our lives in each moment. The threads extend into every area of our existence.

Living in health means that we choose to honor our bodies. We can take time each day to support them with clean diet, good exercise, adequate rest and a healthful environment. We can give ourselves time to be relaxed, to laugh, dance and have fun. We can choose to be in jobs that give us pleasure and fulfillment.

Living in health means supporting ourselves in thought, word and action. It means learning to lighten up, to be gentle with ourselves, and to do what we enjoy most. It means creating a network of friends who truly support us, who help us affirm our highest potential. It also means that we speak of ourselves with pride and respect, letting go of old language patterns that put us down, even in jest. Every thread, however small, affects the whole tapestry.

Attitudes are vital. Growing up gay (or anything else, for that matter) gave us all a chance to develop images of being different

or unworthy. Negative thoughts about ourselves, however subtle or well-hidden, affect how we face the world. Living in health means hunting out those old tapes and replacing them with new, positive affirmations. We can be openly gay, happy, loved and successful all at the same time.

Living in health means letting go of guilt, resentment, and brooding over past hurts. It means forgiving ourselves and others, and learning to express our emotions fully. It means learning to love ourselves as we are. It means working at relationships until they support us totally.

Even difficulties can contribute to health. Instead of feeling devastated or powerless, we can begin to take responsibility for our own condition. We can learn ways to help ourselves, even if only a little at a time, and learn to get appropriate help from others when we need it. Any condition can improve with a change in attitude. We can all learn from the increasing numbers of people who have survived serious disease conditions - even cancer and AIDS - by embracing their challenges as opportunities to grow and to love themselves more fully. Not easy, perhaps, yet possible.

So where do we begin? We can listen to our bodies, examine our lives and see what isn't working. And then take steps to improve it. We all start this process at different places. Each of us must determine our own highest priority and go from there. What would be a good first step? A diet or exercise program? Relationship counseling? A vacation? A more fulfilling job? Once we choose to help ourselves, there are abundant resources - books, professionals, support groups - to help us. The commitment and responsibility, however, can come only from ourselves. And we can do it!

Health is a lifelong process. OUR lifelong process. Only WE have the power to give ourselves health, just as only we could make the choice to come out. It is not always easy. But neither was coming out. It is vital. Every moment, every thought, word, and action, gives us a chance to cast a vote for ourselves. We can continue coming out, first as gay, and then as healthy, vital, fulfilled human beings. Shall we? I vote "YES!"

- John R. Stowe

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ARIES - The Sun leaves your sign on the 20th and goes into your solar house of finances and personal possessions, so it is a good time to review your budget and investments.

TAURUS - The Sun, Mercury, and Venus are all in your sign by the 20th, so enjoy life and consider having a party at home. Your efforts at work should be appreciated more this month.

GEMINI - Mars and Jupiter are still activating your sign, so be careful about over-extending and using up your reserves. You can't do it all, so be a little choosy.

CANCER - If you are in therapy, you may find the next several weeks very productive for discovering insights or forgotten memories. Ground yourself in the garden or with walks in the park.

LEO - Career and vocation is emphasized this month and you may find you have energy for new projects. Think about where you want your career to be in 3 to 5 years.

VIRGO - You may find it helpful to play more in the next few weeks. Find some way to be more creative or physically active, relax and enjoy Spring.

LIBRA - If your taxes aren't finished, get organized and stay with it so you can get them off your mind. When you finish, take a short trip as a reward.

SCORPIO - Personal relationships are emphasized now, so spend time with close friends and clear-up any misunderstandings with your spouse or business partner.

SAGITTARIUS - If you have taken on too much in the past two weeks, now is the time to slow down, decide what's most important and create some personal time for yourself.

CAPRICORN - You may need to unwind by getting back into your favorite sport or going to the theatre. Working in the yard or improving your house is also a good activity.

AQUARIUS - Focus on your home, start making any changes you've had in mind and pay attention to your dreams. There may also be some unexpected changes at work.

PISCES - Plan to spend time with family and friends. You may want to plan a backyard party to celebrate the beginning of Spring. Enjoy the beauty of nature to refresh your spirit.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Gay Games III

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on the "principle of inclusion - any person, of any age, race, ability or sex, may attempt any event. Wherever possible, women and men compete together, and each sport is available to the physically challenged."

Athletes and spectators from the South are expected to attend the Games in large numbers for the first time next year, according to Southern Coordinator Larry Lucas, because of the intensive outreach program that is gearing up here.

"There were about 10 people who went to the 1986 Games," Lucas said, "but we're expecting a couple of hundred people to attend the Vancouver Games. We are already expecting to send two volleyball teams, two bowling teams, a croquet team, a softball team and some independent tennis players."

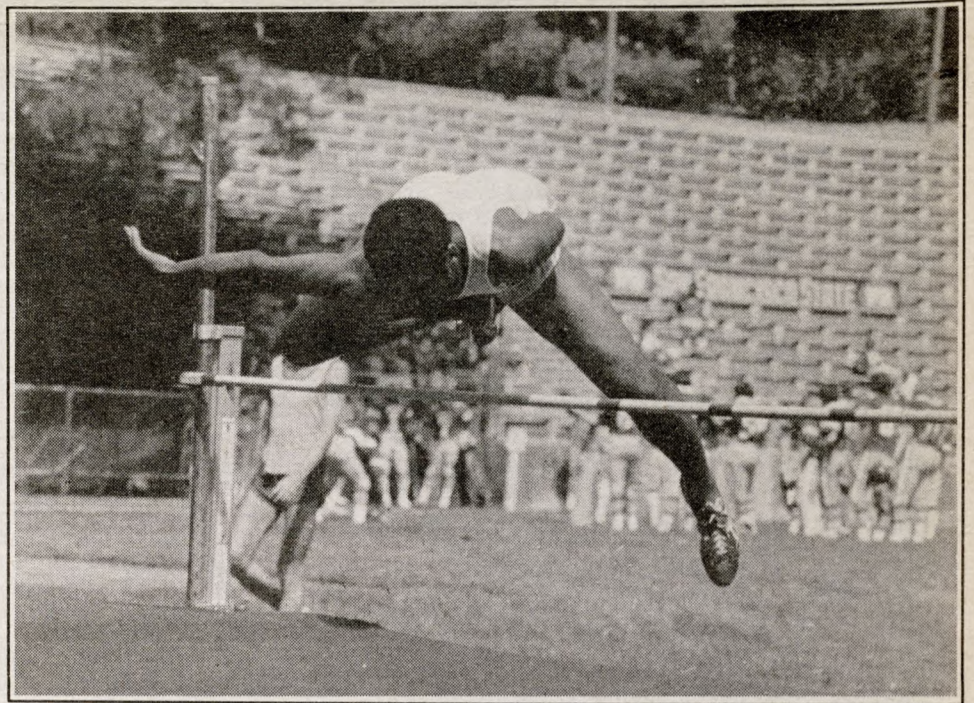
Lucas believes that the Gay Games III and Cultural Festival will do a lot more for the gay/lesbian community than provide a fun event for the sports minded. "Through conversations I've had, I believe that (the Games) will be as strong and important to the community as the March on Washington was."

"The Celebration '90 committee is really trying to make this a truly international event pulling people in from all over the world," he added.

Lucas has already begun the process for a mid-May meeting to plan an October Atlanta Games, which he hopes will help raise funds for the Vancouver committee and raise local awareness of the international Games.

In addition to the Atlanta Games, Lucas is pushing hard for individuals and businesses to back the 1990 events which have an estimated budget of \$1,250,000. He is offering businesses throughout the Southeast a Business Backers package which allows local businesses to capitalize on the excitement around the Gay Games III by selling promotional items and displaying official Celebration '90 posters in their store windows for \$250. Individual memberships are even more important to Lucas, who feels that the \$10 membership fee will form the backbone of the Games financing.

Lucas said that he and others will be at most of the major events in the gay/lesbian community over the next year as they try to raise enthusiasm for the trip to Vancouver. Among other projects, Lucas is selling a \$3 pin, \$1.50 of which will go toward establishing scholarship seats for the trip. His most ambitious plan of all, perhaps, is to charter planes to carry attendees to Celebration '90.



"Hardly anyone knew about the Games before this year, outside of Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles or New York," Lucas said. "(But) I believe we can send a strong delegation from the South that will bring us into the international gay/lesbian sporting arena."

The twenty-eight sports that will be offered at Celebration '90 are basketball, bowling, volleyball, soccer, triathlon, cycling, wrestling, powerlifting, billiards, racquetball, tennis, golf, water polo, swimming, diving, track and field, softball (fast and slow), marathon,

physique, touch football, squash, badminton, martial arts, equestrian, croquet, race walking, curling and ice hockey.

-Chris Duncan

Persons interested in supporting or participating in plans to coordinate a Southeastern contingent to Celebration '90 and the Atlanta Games should call Larry Lucas at (404) 875-0700. He will also be able to help those needing pointers on traveling to Vancouver. All photos courtesy of the San Francisco Arts and Athletics.

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