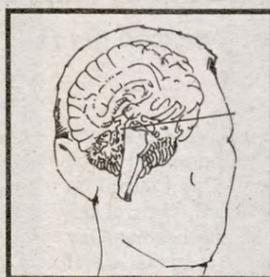


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CDC wants HIV testing of hospital patients

by KC Wildmoon

Atlanta —On September 20, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released a draft entitled "Guidelines for HIV Testing Services for Inpatients and Outpatients in Acute-care Hospital Settings." The guidelines encourage testing of hospital patients both for the patients' benefit and to decrease risk of infection of healthcare workers. AIDS service providers call the guidelines unrealistic and shortsighted, and some activists fear the CDC's recommendations portend more drastic measures.

"The word that comes to mind to me is 'overkill,'" said Sandy Thurman, executive director of AID Atlanta. "I understand their concerns about wanting to test certain patients under certain conditions, but it is simply unrealistic to have hospitals test patients."

The new guidelines recommend that patients be tested so that they can take advantage of early treatment and counseling. Tests are not required under the recommendations; rather, hospitals are urged to "offer and encourage" the testing to patients. And while the guidelines state that results of HIV testing should be confidential, those results "should be available to the appropriate personnel" at the hospital.

Another provision in the guidelines suggests that hospitals should not use the testing "as a substitute for universal precautions." Most AIDS activists say that strict adherence to already existing CDC guidelines regarding universal precautions during invasive procedures is adequate to protect both health care workers and patients.

While recognizing that the guidelines do not require testing, Thurman said, "They're giving a clear indication that they think it ought to be done. And we all know that means it will be."

"We're not opposed to testing per se," said Pat Grindel, AID Atlanta's director of education, "but that's not really the issue here. The word I have a problem with is 'encourage.' What people will hear is 'we encourage you to be tested, and here are all the benefits for that.' What they won't hear are the drawbacks. There are just not enough social or health services available. We can't guarantee confidentiality in a setting like that, and as a result there's no guarantee against discrimination."

"And then there's post-counseling," she continued. "What about someone who tests positive but the effects don't sink in for two or three weeks? And all that says nothing about the cost of testing and counseling. I'd rather see the money spent on services for people who are already sick."

Patients or the patients' insurance companies will foot the bill for the testing. Thurman says that means "all of us will pay."

"First the insurance company will charge, then the doctors, the hospital, the government, the laboratory. We'll pay for it fifteen times over," she said. "The CDC keeps coming up with these 'recommendations' but no money to pay for it all."

Representatives of the Georgia affiliate of the American Hospital Association said that most of its members would have to hire more staff to comply with the guidelines' recommendations. They estimate that testing could cost over \$60 million annually in Georgia.

According to the CDC, the new guidelines were prompted by concern over the rate at which persons with "unrecognized HIV infection" were being admitted to hospitals. AIDS activists, however, say it's a step toward mandatory testing.

"This clearly shows what we've been saying for a couple of years—that the CDC's true agenda is mandatory testing for everyone in the United States," said Jeff Graham of ACT UP/Atlanta. "Anyone who really believes that these guidelines are to help patients get the treatment they need is blind."

Graham said that the time to act is now. "We've been fighting this battle for a long time, and this just shows we're losing ground. No one can afford to be silent on this issue," he said. "We thought in 1987 that everybody understood that voluntary anonymous testing was enough. I wouldn't be surprised now if we need to start worrying about quarantine again."

The proposed guidelines are being distributed to doctors, hospitals and health departments for their comments. The CDC plans to release the final version in November.

Project Open Hand's Story of Love

by Adrian King

Just before noon three years ago on September 12, Atlanta artist Michael Edwards wheeled his 1986 Chevy van around St. Bartholomew's circular drive in northeast Atlanta and down its gentle incline onto LaVista Road.

With a life-sustaining cargo stacked neatly beside him, Edwards drove to his first stop. On that "beautiful fall-like day," Edwards delivered cartons containing sandwiches and salads for lunch; and chicken with brown rice, garnished with chopped vegetables, a roll, apple and banana for dinner.

Other drivers followed Edwards out of the driveway, headed in different directions with their own stacks of nourishing food for people with the dreaded AIDS virus, patients for whom fixing a nutritious meal required too much energy and for some too much money.

Edwards and his squad of 10 volunteers prepared and delivered 28 meals that day to 14 people afflicted with AIDS—launching Project Open Hand/Atlanta. The volunteer-driven agency today literally provides the food of life for a growing number of AIDS-weakened people, pre-

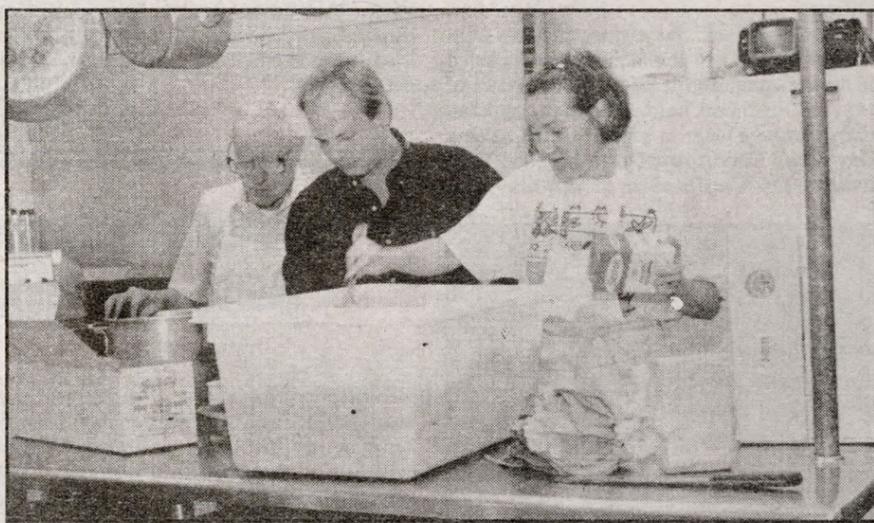
venting major malnutrition for some, and giving others extra stamina for prolonging life.

On that first day, the project "consisted of a \$1,500 donation, one legal pad and two pencils," Edwards remembered this week, "and us volunteers." One woman and 13 men received those first packages delivered three years ago.

Prior to developing the meals program, Edwards had been involved as a volunteer at AID Atlanta, helping deliver food to a few of the neediest AIDS patients. During that time, he saw a film which briefly described Project Open Hand/San Francisco, founded by Ruth Brinker.

Edwards went to see the San Francisco operation first hand in July 1988. Two months later, armed with a name, logo and the support of a band of volunteers that was to grow along with the need, Edwards launched Project Open Hand/Atlanta.

In the intervening three years, Project Open Hand/Atlanta has become a dramatic illustration of the power of compassion, one of the country's remarkable stories of no strings attached love.



Jimmy Morrison, Jimmy Leland and Jan Franklin are three of the 550 volunteers of Project Open Hand/Atlanta.

From those first 14 people who received 28 meals that first day, the daily client tally today is right at 300 who receive cumulatively 600 meals.

Project Open Hand/Atlanta officials project that number to grow to 650 AIDS and HIV recipients who will need 1,300 meals each day by this time next year.

With its simple mission — to prepare and deliver freshly cooked meals to those people with AIDS or HIV-related illnesses and disabilities who need them — Edwards' squad of volunteers has grown to a brigade-sized corps of 550.

The growing platoons of volunteers for Project Open Hand/Atlanta have donated 86,000 hours so far to the project, equivalent to 80 years of work. Volunteer drivers have driven 332,852 miles delivering Open Hand meals since the project began, a distance equivalent to driving around the world 13 times, being now on the 14th loop at the equator.

The number of HIV or AIDS patients who have received Open Hands' meals has grown from the first 14 to 1,222, as of August 31 this year.

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Bar owners get response from APD over bashings

But Chief Bell will have to answer for his unresponsiveness to the Police Advisory Board

by KC Wildmoon

At a September 20 press conference at the Gallus, Zone 5 Captain Wesley Derrick announced a new foot patrol assignment for Midtown on weekends. Two officers will patrol the area between the Gallus, Metro, Bulldogs, Backstreet and the Armory from 11 pm to 7 am on Friday and Saturday nights. Bar owners and police hope that the presence of the officers will help deter gay-bashings in that area.

"I wish we had it seven days a week," said Gallus owner Don Hunnewell, who worked with other bar owners and Captain Derrick to arrange the assignment. "But this is an excellent step."

Hunnewell said that Captain Derrick "bent over backwards to make this work."

"It was hard to get the officers freed up to do this on that particular shift," he said. "It's a major accomplishment." The Gallus owner said that Captain Derrick "hand-picked" the officers, who will carry beepers so that employees of bars can signal them if their assistance is needed.

"This is a major step for Atlanta City Police," said Hunnewell.

Meanwhile, other community leaders took problems with Police Chief Eldrin Bell to the Public Safety Committee of City Council on September 11. Cathy Woolard, chair of the Police Advisory Board of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union/Georgia, told the committee that there have been "consistent and long-term problems" in dealing with Chief Bell, including what is now a four and a half month wait for the chief to respond to a proposal about recruitment and hiring of lesbian and gay police officers. The proposal, written by the Police Advisory Board, offers eight recommendations to facilitate hiring of openly gay officers.

Keith Stanley, a member of the Police Advisory Board, showed the committee a copy of a job listing for police officers, which does not add sexual orientation to the equal opportunity clause as required by the city. And Jack Pelham, news editor of *Etc.*, brought copies of the hate crimes data supplied to him by the police department, which show that only two hate crimes were committed during the first half of 1991 and leave out the now

infamous Michael Jordan-Handcuff Man attack.

Saying that the committee couldn't deal adequately with these issues at that meeting, vice chair Jabari Simama ordered Chief Bell to attend the next meeting to answer the charges. "We have confirmed a chief and we have given him what he needs," said Simama. "We need to hold him accountable for getting this done. We need to let him know we want this done."

The committee's next meeting will be on October 2. Members of the Police Advisory Board as well as Bell and members of his staff are expected to be present.

Woolard said she was pleased with the response from the committee. "We'll see what happens at that meeting," she said.

Special Assistant to the Mayor Marcia Okula, who attended the committee meeting, said that she has scheduled a meeting with Chief Bell to discuss the problems on October 1. She also will be observing the Atlanta Gay Center's training session at the Police Academy on September 23.



Chief Eldrin Bell will face the Public Safety Committee on Oct. 2 to answer questions about his lack of response to the gay community.

Mayor appoints gays to city commissions

Okula gathering support for domestic partnership

by KC Wildmoon

Problems still exist between Atlanta's lesbian and gay community and city administration, but progress is being made in some areas, including at least one of Mayor Maynard Jackson's campaign promises.

Marcia Okula, recently appointed special assistant to the mayor, said that the mayor has appointed members of the lesbian/gay community to city commissions, as he promised to do during his 1989 campaign. Carol Loewan, Linda Gray and Pamela D. Smith were appointed last month to the Civilian Review Board, Jim R. Hurt to the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission, Cathy McAfee to the Tree Preservation Review Board, and Robert D. Schwartz as Procurement Appeals Hearing Officer.

Okula also said that eighteen leaders from the lesbian and gay community were included in the invitation list for the U.S. Conference of Mayors luncheon held last week, and the mayor wrote a letter in support of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus' attempt to hold the 1993 Leadership Conference of the Gay and

Lesbian Association of Choruses in Atlanta.

Okula acknowledged that progress on the mayor's lesbian/gay platform has been slow, but attributed part of the problem to Jackson's tendency to have "too many irons in the fire." She said that complaints of mayoral neglect are not unique to the lesbian and gay community.

"But because I'm here now, I can keep paying attention and keep pushing," she said. "It's a case of the squeaky wheel getting the grease."

Okula noted Jackson's recent authorization of a commission to study domestic partnership legislation for the city, announced at the AIDS Walk on September 8. "I've gotten someone from the city attorney's office to go over a packet of information, and we'll be meeting in a couple of weeks," she said. "In the meantime I'm contacting city council members for their input and support."

Many community activists charge that Jackson is still not doing enough, however. "Where is the action on housing for PWAs?" said Queer Nation/Atlanta's Lynn Cothren after the mayor's announcement at the AIDS Walk. "And advertisement of city jobs in lesbian and gay publications? So far all I've seen is whatever is politically expedient, and that is not enough."

Dahmer pleads not guilty, cops fired

by Jamakaya

Milwaukee, WI (GLINN) - Accused serial murderer Jeffrey L. Dahmer entered pleas of not guilty and not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect to fifteen charges of first degree murder and intentional homicide in a Milwaukee courtroom September 10.

The dual plea means that the trial will take place in two stages: the first to ascertain whether Dahmer committed the crimes, the second to determine whether he was insane at the time of the murders. The first day of the trial was set for late January, 1992.

Dahmer has admitted to killing seventeen young males, many of them gay men of color. Police discovered the grisly remains of some of the victims in Dahmer's west side apartment in July. The murders set off a wave of protests in Milwaukee, with gay and African-American groups charging that racism and homophobia within the city's institutions allowed the murder spree to go undetected for

so long.

On September 7, Milwaukee Police Chief Philip Arreola fired two officers involved in the May 27 incident in which they returned the naked and bleeding Konerak Sinthasomphone back into the custody of Dahmer. Dahmer has admitted to killing the 14-year old shortly after police left. A third officer, a rookie, had his firing suspended pending good behavior over the next year.

"I have concluded that the three officers did not follow basic investigative procedures by failing to obtain the names of any witnesses," said Chief Arreola. "Their memo books contained almost no information pertaining to the investigation."

QN members slapped with \$1,000 bond in Union City

by KC Wildmoon

On September 10, eighteen members of Queer Nation appeared before Union City Judge Donald J. Parrott, who issued \$1000 per person bonds on criminal trespass charges stemming from their arrest at the Union City Cracker Barrel restaurant. The activists, who were arrested on June 9 after refusing to leave the restaurant when asked by Cracker Barrel management, were bound over to Fulton County Superior Court. The protest was part of Queer Nation's continuing protest against the Tennessee-based restaurant chain's policy of firing homosexual employees.

"It was obvious from the moment we walked in that the judge didn't like us," said QN's Larry Pelligrini.

Judge Parrott originally demanded that the bond be posted immediately, but QN attorney Michael Hauptmann negotiated a 48 hour delay. QN's legal defense fund posted bond on September 12 for fifteen of the activists. Three arrestees from New Orleans were given ten days to post bond.

"The \$1,000 was the maximum Parrott could give us," said Pelligrini. "It's ludicrous, really. [The eighteen] have been out on their own recognizance for three months and now they have to post that much to insure they'll come to court?"

Queer Nation members complained that the proceedings were weighed against them. Over



EVETT BENNETT

DeKalb Co. police escort Bill Hall, who has cerebral palsy, from the Lithonia Cracker Barrel on Sept. 15.

Hauptmann's objections, Parrott allowed Cracker Barrel attorney Raoul Lerow to present Union City's case. Parrott then bound the case over to Superior Court despite Cracker Barrel witnesses' inability to recognize any of the defendants or to answer questions about why they were protesting.

No date has been set for the group to appear before the Fulton County court.

In DeKalb County, a tentative court date of October 28 was set for 11 activists arrested at the Lithonia Cracker Barrel on June 30. Appearing before a magistrate on September 11, the eleven pleaded innocent to criminal trespass charges. Queer Nation attorneys plan to file a motion for dismissal of those charges.

Queer Nation returned to the Lithonia Cracker Barrel on September 15. Cracker Barrel representatives used "picture books" of photos taken at previous demonstrations to look up QN/A members and deny them access if they were found. Several members were not recognized, however, and demonstrators occupied eight to ten tables inside for about two hours. Cracker Barrel allegedly used a lip reader to locate QN/A members as quickly as possible once they were inside the restaurant.

Additionally, at least ten potential customers of the restaurant were denied entrance because Cracker Barrel officials thought they were with Queer Nation. "We didn't know them," said Pelligrini.



KAREN DUNIGAN

Marcia Okula hopes her presence in city hall will speed fulfillment of Jackson's campaign promises to the gay community.

New Home For NAPWA

The Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS moved into its new offices, celebrating the move with 500 people at an open house on Sept. 6. "We're still getting settled in," said Deputy Director Jamey Rousey. "This space is much larger than our old offices." Rousey said that NAPWA is sharing the old house at 44 12th Street with ACT UP and the Atlanta Buyer's Club. Rousey also said that the organization will continue offering peer counseling, advocacy programs and support groups from the new location. "We've also got a physician cataloging our treatment info library," he said, "which will make the library much easier to use."



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Home For HIV+ Children: ChildKind broke ground on September 16 for a new transitional/day care facility which will serve as a temporary home for children with HIV disease or AIDS. ChildKind, an Atlanta-based organization, operates three such facilities in Atlanta and one in Savannah. The new facility is slated to open in November, and will have a live-in housekeeper, support staff and community volunteers.

SALGA Signs Stolen: Six days after they were erected, the "adopt-a-highway" signs marking the portion of I-40 being maintained by North Carolina's Southern Appalachian Lesbian and Gay Alliance (SALGA) were stolen. On July 16, SALGA reached a settlement on a

lawsuit filed against the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the right to have its full name posted on the signs.

Hudson Lover Settles: Marc Christian, the former lover of rock Hudson, has settled his \$5.5 million lawsuit against Hudson's estate, but will not divulge the dollar amount he will receive. Christian filed the suit following Hudson's death in 1985, claiming the actor did not tell him that he had AIDS.

Battered Lesbian Pleads Guilty: Annette Green, who was convicted earlier this year of second-degree murder in the death of her lover, pleaded guilty to manslaughter after a Florida appeals court threw out the original conviction. Green had used battered-spouse syndrome as her defense in the case. Green had been sentenced to twelve years in prison in the original conviction. She was sentenced to five years in prison and five years probation following her guilty plea on September 13.

AIDS Activists In Kennebunkport: AIDS activists took their dissatisfaction with what they call President Bush's "murderous neglect" of AIDS to the streets of his summer home on September 1. Over 1000 activists marched through Kennebunkport, Maine, until they were stopped about two miles from Bush's home by police. Bush told *The New York Times* the next day that he was more impressed by the homeless advocates who protested in Kennebunkport last month. "That one hits home," he said, "because when a family is out of work, that's one I care very much about."

AIDS Panel Member Dies: Belinda Mason, the only member of the National Commission on AIDS who was infected with the disease, died on September 9 of AIDS-related pneumonia at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville. Mason, 33, was an outspoken critic of President Bush's AIDS research policy. "I was perfect," she once said about why she was chosen for the commission. "I was Southern, I was white, I was articulate, and I got AIDS in a nice way." Mason was infected during a 1987 blood transfusion. She later helped found Kentuckiana People With AIDS, and served as president of the National Association of People With AIDS.

Phillip Morris Doles Out Dough: Phillip Morris sent a \$20,000 check to Food and Friends, a Washington, DC, organization that provides meals for AIDS patients. The money is the first to be given out under Phillip Morris' settlement with ACT UP/DC of the Miller/Marlboro boycott. The company promised to increase its corporate donations to community based AIDS organizations as part of the settlement.

Libertarian Candidate Supports Gays: The newly nominated presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party pledged to support the rights of gays and lesbians to marry and to reject the U.S. immigration ban on HIV-infected people. Andre Marrou made the promises during an appearance before Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend.

Openly Gay Writer Fired, Rehired: Juan Palomo, a *Houston Post* columnist, was fired on August 30 after a series of conflicts with his employers stemming from their refusal to run a column about hate crimes in which Palomo came out as a gay man. Following a week of protests in Houston, Palomo was rehired on September 7, and offered a position on the paper's editorial board. "In the end," said Palomo, "what matters most to me, and I hope to my readers, is that my voice will still be heard in Houston."

NY Elects Gay City Council Member: In a race between two openly gay candidates, Thomas Duane defeated Liz Abzug to become New York City's first gay City Council member. Duane was elected in a newly created district that included Greenwich Village, SoHo, Chelsea and Clinton, an area that includes the city's heaviest concentration of gay voters. A second openly gay Council Member was elected in a nearby district. Antonio Pagan narrowly defeated incumbent Miriam Friedlander. "It's always nicer to have a caucus," said Duane.

Gay Day At The Ballpark: San Francisco gays and lesbians had their own day at the ball park on September 14. For the first time ever, Lesbian and Gay Day was celebrated at Candlestick Park, home of the San Francisco Giants. The event was a benefit for the Shanti Project, a San Francisco AIDS service organization.

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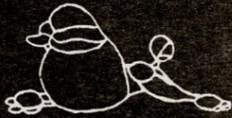
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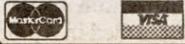
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Thomas hedges on sodomy

by John Zeh

Washington, D.C. - During confirmation hearings here in mid-September, U.S. Appeals Court Judge Clarence Thomas declined to directly answer questions about the U.S. Supreme Court's 1986 decision which upheld Georgia's sodomy law.

Senators Alan Cranston (D-Ca) and Alan Simpson (R-Wy) both asked President Bush's nominee to the Supreme Court how he felt about *Bowers v. Hardwick*, which sought to overturn states' bans on sex acts not conducted in the missionary position.

Thomas hedged, as he did on several questions about abortion and broad privacy issues. "The Supreme Court, as I noted, has wrestled earlier with the contours of this issue," he said. "It's a difficult area."

Pressed for an opinion on legal precedents used by the tribunal's majority, all Thomas would say was he "did not quarrel" with precedents cited in that case. "I'm not expressing agreement or disagreement," he claimed. "It would be inappropriate for me to comment on the outcome of that case."

Human rights Campaign Fund media directory Gregory King told *Southern Voice* that Thomas' "failure to strongly support Constitutional privacy rights for all Americans and his unwillingness to support women's right to choose, and his failure to defend a decade's worth of offensive remarks indicate that he is unsuitable for the highest court in the land."

HRCF's request to testify at the Capitol Hill hearings were rebuffed by the Judiciary Committee. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force did not ask to appear, said director Urvashi Vaid, because there is "less of an extensive record in this case compared to the David Souter nomination, in which we did testify." HRCF will counter conservative support for Thomas by dumping members' Speak Out messages on Senators' desks.



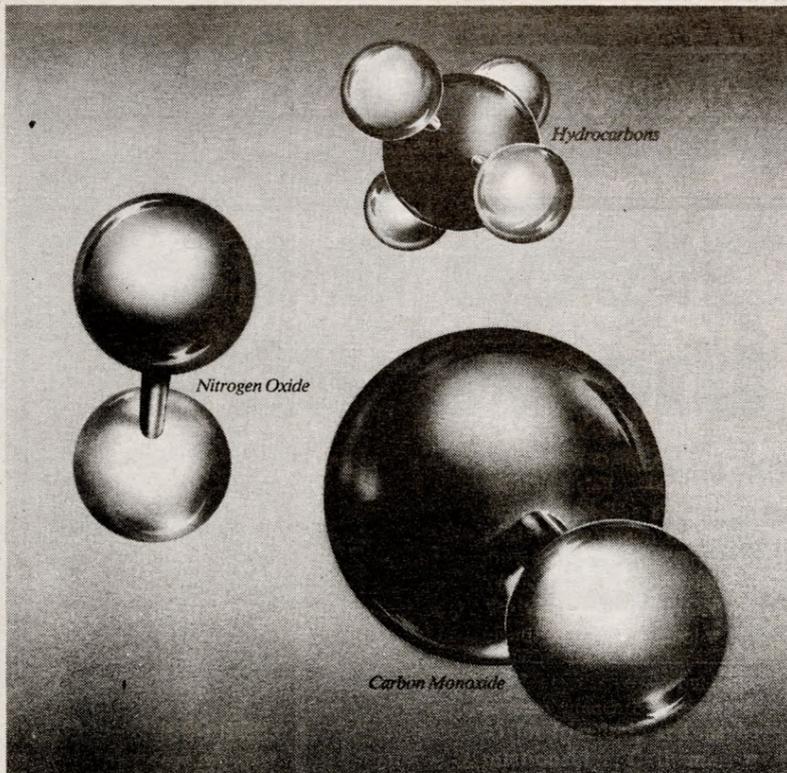
PATSY LYNCH

Vaid detailed criticism of Thomas' "particularly troublesome" views on natural law, noting his favorable citing of "deeply anti-gay professor Harry Jaffa, whose 'horrifying' positions 'leave no room' for homosexuals' existence. If Thomas shares his views, she charged, gays would be "tyrannized."

At press time, Thomas was expected to be confirmed in time to take his seat at the Oct. 7 opening of the Supreme Court's fall term, where the stakes will be high. Two key cases affecting gays and lesbians are on the court's docket, and three other important challenges could be heard in future sessions.

The tribunal's new round of cases will include a bisexual farmer from Nebraska targeted by U.S. Postal Service agents, who spent three years aggressively soliciting him to order photos of naked boys. And, the constitutional validity of hate crime laws will be aired in a case brought by skinheads who argue that St. Paul's statute, which includes a provision on anti-gay attacks, violates First Amendment rights to free expression.

Cases that could move to the high court involve the discharge of a lesbian Army reservist, the firing of a Kansas heterosexual thought to be gay, and a suit by performance artists (three of whom are homosexual) against the National Endowment for the Arts.



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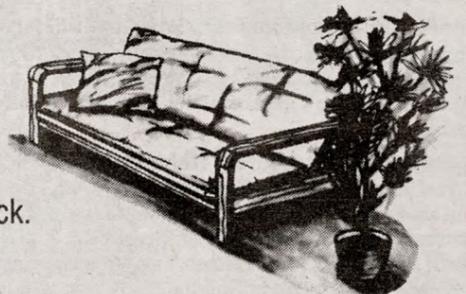
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Project Open Hand



Michael Edwards, founder of Project Open Hand/Atlanta.

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With the number of daily recipients approaching 300, that means more than 900 of the project's recipients have dropped off the rolls during the past three years, either because of death or because they moved. Of those first 14 recipients three years ago, only one remains alive.

Karen Boyles, executive director, says the agency's client profile "mirrors" the AIDS-affected population in general:

- 43% minority
- 8% women
- 50% white males
- 50%+ 18-35 years of age
- 60% with incomes below the poverty level

Operations began in St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church's kitchen on LaVista Road. But as the number of clients grew, it soon became apparent that new facilities more conducive to a large operation would be necessary.

Through an arrangement with the Atlanta Board of Education, the project moved April 1990 to a more adequate facilities at Bass High School in Little Five Points.

Boyles heads the professional staff of eight also housed at the school. The kitchen staff, who receive nutritional advice from Dr. Christine Rosenbloom at Georgia State University, are directed by Stephen Woods.

The paid professionals are required to manage what has become a mammoth community enterprise, one which would "cost millions and millions of dollars each year if we had to pay for all the help that's required to deliver what we promise," Edwards said.

Open Hand's current budget hovers around \$630,000 which produces healthy, first rate meals at the incredibly low cost of \$2.50 each, and that's with all the overhead thrown in.

As the disease continues on its rampage through Atlanta, Boyles expects that it will require a \$1.1 million budget next year to provide food for the anticipated 650 who will need help with their meals.

Boyles, whose first association with the project began as a 1988 volunteer driver, said, "I think we all thought that we'd do this (prepare and deliver meals) for a while, and then go back to something else."

"But that doesn't seem likely to be the case, certainly not in the near future."

In the meantime, the philosophy for Project Open Hand/Atlanta remains "what it was that very first day: deliver-

ing nutritious meals, seven days a week, and doing it with a great deal of care, dignity and respect for our friends and clients," Edwards said.

To get on a Project Open Hand/Atlanta food route, one only has to call the project's office at 525-4620, and make the request. Your first meal is guaranteed to be at the front door the very next day. No requirements to be met, other than a certification from a physician within two

Come celebrate Open Hand's 3rd birthday

Come and celebrate Open Hand's third birthday on October 6 from 3-5pm at All Saint's Episcopal Church. Ruth Brinker, founder of Open Hand in San Francisco will be the featured speaker.

weeks that you have AIDS or an HIV-related illness or disability.

"We feel our job is to help in the simplest, most compassionate way possible," Aubrey Bowie, director of development for the project, says.

The project's files contain poignant testimony to the positive impact the meals program has had on human life.

It's obvious from several letters that some people with AIDS or HIV-related illnesses would be even sicker because of diet if it weren't for Project Open Hand.

Other thank you letters have come from friends and relatives of people with AIDS who died. "Thank you all very much for your great work and endless caring," Patty and Gary Kepner wrote, sending a contribution in the name of Martin Reece who died in April.



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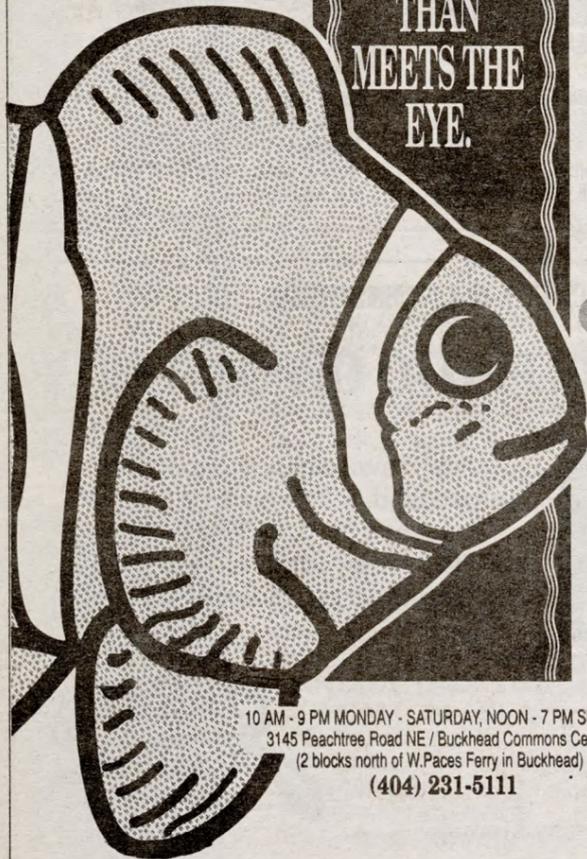
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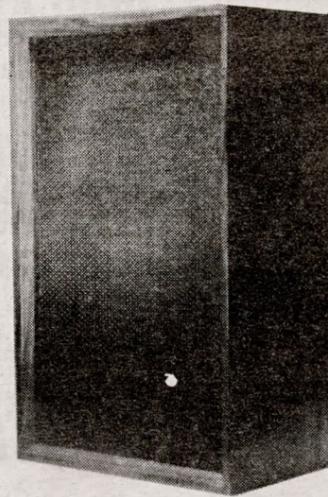


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Study suggests biological cause for sexual

by Jonathan Mitchell

The long-standing debate over what "causes" homosexuality has been renewed with a recent report in *Science* that a researcher may have found a biological basis for sexual orientation.

A recent study of 41 people conducted by Simon LeVay, a neuroscientist at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego, found that a portion of the brain thought to control male sexual drive was different for heterosexual and homosexual men.

LeVay was studying a portion of the endocrine system, a chemical network in the body affected by the release of various hormones from the brain. These hormones, which regulate many different bodily functions, are largely controlled by the hypothalamus.

Using brain tissue samples taken from 41 people from metropolitan hospitals in New York and California as part of routine autopsies, LeVay found the tissue from the anterior hypothalamus of presumably straight men was twice as large as the sample taken from those thought to be gay.

Nineteen of LeVay's study group thought to be gay men, had died of complications from AIDS infection. Of the 16 straight men, six had died from AIDS-related causes. The other six were thought to be heterosexual women. No tissues from lesbians were able to be found for the study because they are not considered a high-risk group for AIDS transmission by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Therefore, hospitals reporting AIDS cases do not track a female PWA's sexual orientation as closely as a male PWA's.

LeVay discounts the idea that the differences he found in brain tissue might be AIDS-related, pointing out that the straight

PWAs he studied still had larger tissue samples than their gay counterparts. He also looked at neighboring cells to see if there was any "disease effect" in those parts of the brain. None was found.

In an interview with this reporter, LeVay shied away from saying his findings prove that there is a biological cause for homosexuality. "That would require knowledge of the how the brain and mind develop. That's very difficult and would have to be done in future studies," he said.

Still, LeVay is convinced that someday science will be able to explain homosexuality, and most other behaviors, in biological terms. "I think that all mental processes are biological in nature," he said. "It's just a matter of if we have the means of explaining that."

Of particular interest is the fact that LeVay is a gay man. He admits that his work has been driven by curiosity about his own sex drive.

Dr. Alan Bell, director of counseling psychology at Indiana University, and co-author of the landmark research on homosexuality, The Bell-Wienberg-Hammersmith Study, conducted in the late 1960s and early 1970s says that LeVay's findings back up what has already been learned. "As far as I'm concerned, it makes a lot of sense for biology to be at least one substrata for many gay males," he said. "I think, at least in a large majority of homosexuals, there is a biological foundation."

LeVay feels his own work does not invalidate the work of psychologists in this area, but rather enhances it. "I wouldn't rule out the possibility that early childhood experiences might affect sexual orientation," he said.

Rather he feels individuals might be

born with a genetic potential to be gay that is triggered by early life experiences. LeVay said studies of identical twins raised separately have shown that often times one will be gay and one straight. Such findings indicate that there is a strong, yet incomplete, genetic link to sexual orientation.

There is other research being done in this area to back up LeVay's claims.

Rochelle Diamond, chair of the National Organization for Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals, calls LeVay's study "a beginning". She points out that UCLA Researcher Roger Gorski has also been looking for a cause for homosexuality in brain structure, specifically the hypothalamus. "Any hypothesis regarding a biological origin must be found there," she said. Diamond expects findings from Gorski's 25 years of research will be released within the next year.

Not everyone in this field of study welcomes the latest findings, however. Dr. C. A. Tripp, author of *The Homosexual Matrix*, places little stock in LeVay's work or others like it.

"There's hardly a year that goes by that someone doesn't come out with a new theory to explain homosexuality," Tripp said.

He said that the gay and scientific community are asking questions that are "all wrong". Before studying homosexuality, or anything for that matter, Tripp said the terms must first be defined. "What are you calling homosexuality?" he asked.

He points out the Kinsey's landmark study on sexual behavior asked his subjects if they had ever been moved to sexually "respond to a member of the same sex". Tripp said that 50 percent of the people questioned replied they had. Kinsey felt that number was probably closer to 70 per-



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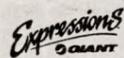
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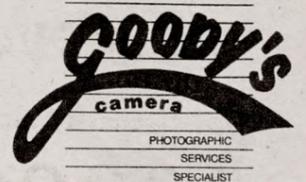
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cent, but was sure some respondents felt societal pressures to say no.

Tripp asked if that means science is trying to study half the population. "It's all a presumption," he lamented.

Leaders of the gay community also have their own more political concerns about the latest findings. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force issued a statement that cautions against the misuse of LeVay's work.

"Used ethically, the study's conclusions can shed light on human sexuality and prove that we have believed all along—that being gay and lesbian is not necessarily a matter of choice," the statement said.

NGLTF warns that the research opens up the possibility of attempts to "cure" or "repair" homosexuals by way of the "dark specter of selective human engineering and anti-gay eugenics."

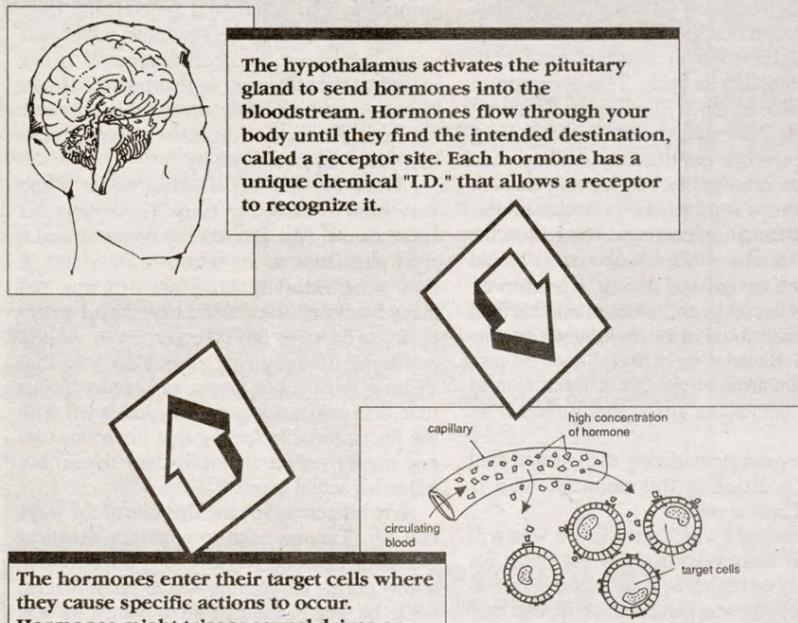
LeVay said such such fears are ungrounded, at least for now. "That's not possible at the moment," he said of fears that fetuses found to be homosexual might be aborted. "We just don't have the medical technology. As a gay man, I would find it very distasteful to change a person's sexual orientation prenatally."

Diamond agrees, saying that the brain cells LeVay is working with are generally thought to be too small for any in-vitro techniques to be useful.

LeVay said that recent events in birthing research should give gays and lesbians optimism that such genetic horrors won't come to pass. Parents can now know the sex of their child before birth, he said. When that technology was first introduced, many critics claimed that a fetus of the "wrong" sex would be aborted or altered in the womb through hormonal therapy. That

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has not happened.

Bell said he feels that research might be useful to the gay rights movement, as science empirically proves what gay leaders have pressed all along. "It seems that sexual orientation is not something that one chooses," he said. "It is born of very deep biological and psychological foundations."

It cannot be changed by a whim."

The potential for gains by the gay community if a biological cause for homosexuality is established are obvious. "It would put an end to the idea of a nature difference on the sexual spectrum," said Diamond.

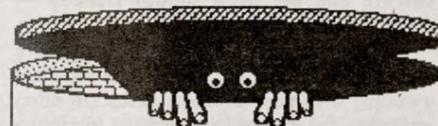
Bell agrees. "Hopefully, it will create a better climate for change," he said.

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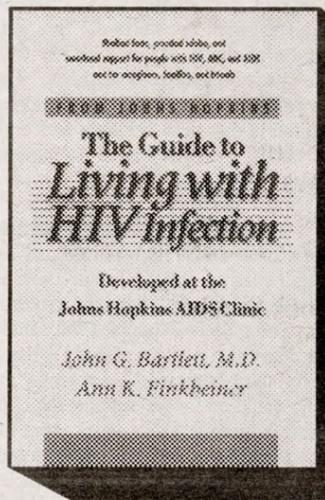
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Pet your dog, not your date

by K.T. Slaughter

"Sex education?" Mom snorted, taking a hit from her cigarette and giving her friend a gaudy show-girl wink, "She knows more about sex than I do." Giggles ensued as she put down her warm can of Tab long enough to sign the consent form and brush me off to watch TV while she and her pal discussed what a bastard my father was.

Little did she know she was signing her baby girl off to learn sex education from a football coach who spit tobacco in class and insisted on using the term "dick" instead of "penis" (while he continually adjusted his) throughout the term. That was sex education for me and my high school friends — Clayton County style.

Since my classroom was so progressive and open to learning (I even taught the class a couple of times, as smart asses are often invited to do), I was quite shocked to see the system from which I alumned in the news recently. Yes, it seems the new sex education manual for Clayton County school kids is out and under fire from more progressive types. But how could a tome such as *Sex Respect/The Option of True Sexual Freedom* go wrong?

"Control Your Urgin', Be a Virgin"

This witty sample is one of many throughout the text. These positive snippets encourage abstinence, marriage and conformity—three things that rule my life—not.

"Pet Your Dog... Not Your Date"

Well, what about the queer kids? How do they fare in Clayton County's offering? The board of education has forbade "teaching" homosexuality and masturbation as acceptable to impressionable tots, but *Sex Respect* still saw fit to give us a mention in Chapter Six, entitled "AIDS: A Risky Business for Everyone." In the pie graph of infection sources, homosexual males are a whopping 60% "... in such [homosexual] activity, body openings are used in ways for which they were not designed. During such unnatural behaviors, additional damage is done to blood vessels and other parts." Is that what that was?

"Do the Right Thing... Wait for the Ring!"

Reading this workbook certainly did not make me want to change my lifestyle—nor did it make me want to become a "Secondary Virgin." (Really, that was in there.) It made me feel kind of ill.

"Say No to Sex and Yes to Fun!"

I can remember long back when I was a kid, a couple of years ago, how impressionable I was. Even though my group would have laughed over phrases like "Score on the Field... Not on Your Date!" they still would be planted in our minds. Repetition is remembering, and stereotypes aren't being reinforced—they're being created by this manual.

"Contact your local chapter of Operation Rescue to have someone speak to your class..."

So this is Clayton County. This is the South. What do you expect? We can hide in our little queer capital and fool ourselves into thinking that this doesn't affect us, but it does. All of us are not the intelligent, well-dressed upper class folk you see us portrayed as on TV.

When I went to high school, I knew ten other gays and lesbians who were just as confused as I was. Is this what we want them to hear? Is this what we want our property taxes to buy them—repression, oppression and depression?

You know, now that I think about it, my mother probably knew exactly what she was getting me into.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Will the real Clarence Thomas please stand up?

by Salome M. Heyward

The appointment of Clarence Thomas once again demonstrates the Bush administration's skill and ruthlessness in its use of racial politics to accomplish its goals. This appointment is the flip side of the Willie Horton controversy. Clarence Thomas is a man that right wing conservatives can comfortably embrace and liberal Democrats cannot comfortably attack.

Nowhere was this more evident than during the confirmation hearings. Where was the predicted vicious attack which was to be led by Senator Kennedy and friends? The champions of civil rights and individual freedom were curiously mild-mannered in their posturing. Why? Because their liberal doctrine prevented them from subjecting a black man to the same unrelenting attack that Robert Bork endured.

But beyond symbolizing the tortured soul of racial politics in this country, who is Clarence Thomas really?

Is he the right-wing conservative who will ensure that conservatism rules the Court for the foreseeable future, or is he a cunning political animal with Machiavellian skills who will surprise everyone by revealing his true self once he has captured the ultimate prize of his career?

Which man is Clarence Thomas? Despite his testimony during the confirmation hearings, he still represents the great unknown. Mr. Thomas did a masterful job of subtly raising questions regarding the validity of his previous conservative statements, while avoiding adopting any positions which would alienate his conservative power base. It is not at all

surprising that a national poll at that time reflected that 65% of the American public was undecided about his confirmation. It is our inability to comfortably compartmentalize Mr. Thomas and his beliefs which makes us fear the man. We cannot decide whether to view him with respect or hostility.

When I review Mr. Thomas' career, I find very little to quiet my fears. Throughout his entire career, Mr. Thomas has demonstrated a rigid allegiance to the conservative views of right-wing Republicans. While it is true that many blacks in recent years have found it necessary to dance to this tune in order to achieve positions of authority, it is also true that Thomas has danced longer and harder to this tune than his contemporaries. One is left with the uncomfortable feeling that his actions do not simply reflect the obligatory dance, but rather his actual beliefs.

It is interesting to note that one of the ways that Mr. Thomas used to convince skeptical Democrats that he was not such a frightening fellow during the hearing was to assert that (a) while he was in the executive branch he was merely following the orders of his superiors, i.e., the "Ollie North defense," and (b) his distasteful conservative statements and opinions were merely a product of the dance, i.e., since his audience was conservative he was merely expressing the view they were receptive to.

Query: If Mr. Thomas was willing to make conservative statements which he did not necessarily agree with in order to "bond" with his audience during his tenure in the executive branch, why should anyone believe his sudden

conversion to a more moderate, likable fellow during his confirmation hearings?

In addition to the problems of not knowing which Clarence Thomas to believe is the fact that he does not have the necessary judicial experience to serve on the Supreme Court. Mr. Thomas' less than two years of service on the appellate bench is insufficient to justify his appointment. He simply has not had enough time to learn and demonstrate the type of legal expertise that is necessary for service on the Supreme Court. Further, he does not have sufficient federal litigation experience to compensate for his lack of judicial experience. With these obvious deficiencies, it will be extremely difficult for Mr. Thomas to resist the pressure to follow the lead of the conservative majority on the Court, even if he were inclined not to do so.

As a Black American, what I fear most, is that this man who was only able to obtain such professional prominence because of the struggles and achievements of other black people, such as Justice Marshall, would repudiate and dishonor that legacy.

Who is Clarence Thomas?

We are about to find out—I for one hope that we will be pleasantly surprised.

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Carbon Copy

The following "letter to the editor" appeared in the New York Times, and is reprinted with their permission and the permission of the author.

Dear Editor:

Your July 7 article about Judge Clarence Thomas' intellectual journey on the path of self-help reports his oft-repeated quotation about his sister, then on welfare: "She gets mad when the mailman is late with her welfare check. That's how dependent she is." The rest of the quotation condemns her children: "What's worse is that now her kids feel entitled to the check, too. They have no motivation for doing better or getting out of that situation."

This is an appallingly callous statement and contrary to the facts. As reported in *The Los Angeles Times* on July 5, Judge Thomas' father deserted the family when the children were small. The mother supported the family by picking crabs at 5 cents a pound. When a fire destroyed their home and belongings, the mother, who could no longer support the children cleaning houses at \$15 a week, sent the boys—not the girls—to live with their grandfather, an independent small-business man.

Judge Thomas' sister, Emma Mae, stayed home and graduated from high school. She got married and had children, and then her husband deserted her. While the judge was attending Yale Law School, she supported her family with two minimum-wage jobs. Her mother worked as a nurse's aide at the local hospital, and an aunt took care of the children.

This is hardly a story of welfare dependency. The women of this household worked hard at low-paying jobs, took care of one another and raised their children. It is a story not only of race and poverty, but also of sexism—desertion by husbands, lack of child support, giving boys, not girls, the opportunity to get ahead.

And when the elderly aunt needed care, it was the adult female relative—again, typical—rather than the men who assumed the burdens. This was when Emma Mae Martin had to go on welfare. What was she to do? Can you imagine the long-term care that might

have been available to an elderly African-American woman in rural Georgia?

Ms. Martin then left welfare, again worked hard, and her three children are in the labor market, or at school. In other words, in the face of great odds, she did exactly what Charles Murray and other conservatives have asked: she completed school, she worked, she got married. She has suffered because of irresponsible men, male preferences, lack of an effective child-support system, lousy jobs and a lousy health-care system.

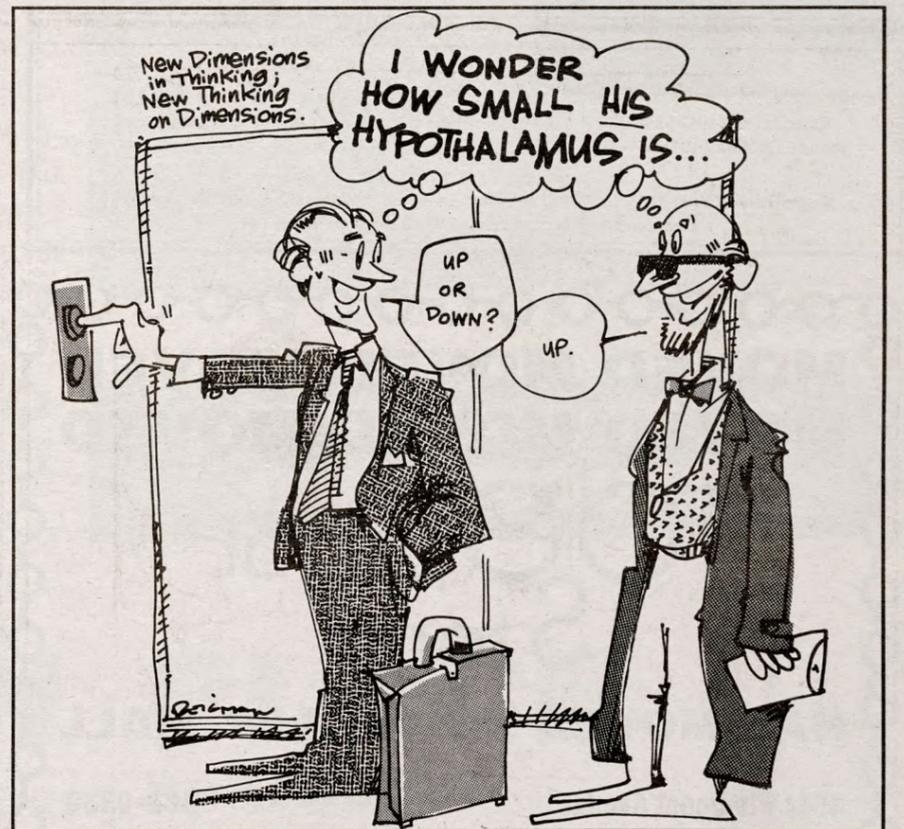
What can we say about her brother? He had the advantages. Yet he cruelly distorted her situation and publicly humiliated her and her children. Is this the kind of person we want as a Justice of the Supreme Court? In contrast, Emma Mae Martin has retained her

dignity, her tolerance and generosity—qualities one would like to see in a Justice. It's too bad she was not nominated for the Court.

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CORRECTION

In our last issue (Vol. 4, 15) the article on gay artists in the Atlanta Arts Festival mistakenly stated that the Arts Festival had censored a pro-choice billboard several years ago. The statement was attributed to local artist Phillip Carpenter. In fact, the Arts Festival did not censor the billboard and Carpenter did not say that they did. We apologize for this error.



Homoville, GA

Notes from a GWM who lives where the City meets the South

by Al Cotton

You Are What You Wear

It took Jeffery six months to wear the t-shirt he bought with the gift certificate I gave him for Christmas last year. He hesitated because he had never worn a t-shirt with a gay message on it in public. He bought it (Keith Haring's "Ignorance = Fear") only because gay is the only kind of t-shirt they sell at Brushstrokes. (Sneaky, wasn't it?)

Big deal? Well, it was for him, and he reminded me of what a big deal it was for me

when I first wore my Pride in public without a parade attached. My t-shirt wasn't pink, and the "G" word was real tiny, but as I walked out the apartment door that day, my "what-the-hell" attitude melted almost immediately, and without anyone saying a word.

You see, I had this Little Voice of Self-Conscious Insecurity in my head, and all day long, it kept saying, "What if someone from work sees you? What if someone says something about it? Or stares at it? Or makes a pass as you?" (I was quite the little optimist back then.) I was terrified someone would acknowledge this step I had taken.

Then the Voice made me even crazier by asking the exact opposite. "What if no one says anything about it? It took courage to wear this thing. If no one notices, then isn't it more trouble than it's worth?" By the time I got home, I was a nervous wreck.

Other friends have recounted similar stories, and these feelings make sense to me. One of the first big steps we take in coming out is being willing to be identified as gay in a straight context. Wearing a gay t-shirt just

because it's Saturday means that you're willing to make an honest representation of who you are, consequences be damned.

Also, as a sort of tribal thing, I think that we as gay people tend to wear our commitments on our chests much more than straight people. I've seen us advertise bars, organizations, politics, sexual practices (sometimes in great detail), musical tastes, alcohol preferences, aesthetic vision—just about anything, really—on t-shirts. We do it, I think, half to shock others and half to embolden ourselves.

Out of curiosity, I checked my "chester drawers" and was amazed to discover how much of our community's business is conducted via t-shirts. In my active t-shirt pile, I found five Pride t-shirts (three of which are Extra Large's, which means I got there too late—why do they never order enough Mediums?), six t-shirts which promote bars, seven from events, five which advertise organizations, six "almost gay" t-shirts (teddy bears, cities, etc.), four plains, and one "trick" t-shirt (loaned to replace one I lost in the sheets one night). We, as a community, seem

quite anxious to pay money to turn our backs into billboards that "promote the gay lifestyle."

Back to Jeffery. He wore his first gay t-shirt to his first Pride Parade, starting out on MARTA right at church time. I was impressed. He was nervous, but he got over it.

The lesson? The only way the first gay t-shirt is easy, is in retrospect. Any of these "coming out firsts"—first parade, first kiss, first kiss in public, first date, first bar, first fuck—are challenges to which we must rise to the occasion. And when we get to our hundredth "first," whatever that may be, we use that first "first" to remind us of the strength it takes to meet coming out head-on, every day.

That's the message I get from National Coming Out Day—that coming out is simply a procession of "firsts," a series of steps, and the only way they can hurt us is if we stop taking them.

Now wouldn't that make a good t-shirt?

Nasty words

To the Editor:

I was totally outraged by the appearance of a very degrading, nasty word that appeared in Michael Bronski's article about Pee-wee Herman in the August 15-28 issue of *Southern Voice*. The word to which I am referring is "fag hag." It was used to describe Pee-wee Herman's friend Miss Yvonne on his TV show, *Pee-Wee's Playhouse*.

I first heard the word on a Sally Jessy Raphael show—it was used to describe straight women who became romantically/sexually interested in gay men. It was very clear to me that the term was not meant as a compliment.

I am a straight woman who is in love with a man who is gay, which I can most definitely say has been the most painful experience of my life. And after the complete and absolute hell I have been through in this situation, I am outraged at being called names because I happen to have fallen in love with someone who will never love me. I find it especially outrageous to be called names by gay men who themselves should understand how terrible it is to be called names because they have been called so many themselves. People who cry out so often for understanding and respect from others should themselves be more willing to give understanding and respect.

No one has ever called me that—to my face, but considering the hostility I experienced from a lot of gay men who found out

how I felt about the man I am in love with—it would not surprise me to learn that some of them used it to describe me behind my back. I find that word very insulting and offensive, and I do not believe it has any place in your publication.

Of course, people on talk shows—especially in the straight sensationalist media will say anything—and those talk shows are not known for their objective portrayal of anything—especially gays. But I must admit I was shocked to see that word in a *Southern Voice* article. Since I began reading it, I have always respected *Southern Voice* as being a reliable publication that showed fairness to all people, regardless of race, sex, or sexual orientation.

I cannot pretend to speak for all women in my situation, but I can say this—being in love with someone who will never love me has been very painful, and the pain I have experienced has been made far worse by the hostility and lack of compassion I have experienced from gay men who found out about the situation.

I think I can speak for other women in this situation by saying we do not deserve to be called names, and that we deserve compassion and understanding.

Southern Voice demonstrated neither by allowing that word to be published in one of its articles. Even though the article was written by someone who is not a *Southern Voice* staff member—and originally appeared in another publication—it should have been edited out.

I agreed with the point Bronski was trying

to make about Pee-wee Herman. But that doesn't change the fact that I was very upset and enraged by his insulting, bigoted, nasty term for women in my painful and unfortunate situation.

For obvious reasons, I cannot sign this letter—I have gay friends and acquaintances who do not know about this situation—and for fear that they too will become hostile to me if they find out I must remain very much...

In the closet

3M educates on AIDS

To the Editor:

In response to your recent article on AIDS in the workplace (Vol.4, 14), I want to inform you of the progress we have made in AIDS awareness among our employees at 3M/Atlanta.

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This summer our employee safety com-

mittee felt that it was time for an update, and I was able to secure one of Georgia's foremost authorities, Dr. Joseph Wilber, Director of Epidemiology for the State Department of Human Resources. Last month he spoke for about 45 minutes to our 180 3M employees and took questions and answers. Although there were a lot of questions, there wasn't a single one regarding on-the-job safety, which indicates that our people have become fairly knowledgeable since three years ago.

Prior to the open discussions, Dr. Wilber reviewed the various means of virus transmission, limited resources available to AIDS patients, concerns regarding health care workers, impact on Georgia (5,000 cases reported, of which over 3,000 have died), and demographic trends. In the past three years, for example, he says there has been a 221% increase of reported cases among heterosexuals, vs. 36% among gay men. Black Georgians are being disproportionately infected, as are residents of metro-Atlanta.

We have recommended to our corporate executives in Minnesota that based on the success of these efforts in Atlanta, a corporate educational program should be developed to educate all of 3M's 89,000 employees. We believe that AIDS in itself is a tragic illness, but when coupled with fear and prejudice from coworkers, it can be traumatic and dehumanizing. Education and compassion can make a significant difference.

Sincerely,
Vern Lewis

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The ongoing KS debate

by Michael C. Botkin
AIDS NEWS SERVICE

The continuing Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS) debate was one of the few controversies that generated some heat at the International Conference on AIDS in Florence - an event generally devoid of scientific excitement. The debate began last year when it was revealed that a handful of men had KS but were HIV-negative.

This flew in the face of all conventional AIDS knowledge. KS is one of the "pathognomic," or AIDS-defining, opportunistic infections. The early definition of AIDS (dating from the days before the HIV test was available) was PVP or KS. So how could it be possible to have AIDS, but not the "AIDS virus"?

Some scientists favored ignoring the phenomenon. There are always a few exceptions to any rule, and a half-dozen cases out of several hundred thousand didn't seem like such a big deal.

Others favored the "second virus" explanation. Perhaps, they reasoned, KS was caused by a different virus than HIV, and the two interacted and exacerbated each other. This would explain why KS was found in gays but not in IV drug abusers or hemophiliacs; the hypothesized KS virus could be sexually transmitted instead of carried in the blood.

Finally, the small hard-core of anti-HIV theorists rejoiced in the data. They'd never believed that AIDS was caused by a virus (or at least not by HIV), and this was the first piece of solid supporting evidence they'd seen in a long time.

The Duesberg Revival

In fact, there has been a peculiar revival of interest in the leading anti-HIV theorist, Peter Duesberg. A number of publications have recently rediscovered and lionized Duesberg. Hailing him as "an internation-

ally famous virologist" and an outspoken critic of the U.S. medical mainstream, they ask why his alternative theory isn't taken seriously.

The answer, pretty clearly, is that it was decisively shot down by the success of AZT and the other "Broader babies" (e.g. ddC, ddI). These compounds work by attacking HIV, so if HIV doesn't cause AIDS they should have no effect. Duesberg insists that "AZT is poison", but its efficacy is so heavily documented at this point that denying it seems unrealistic and pointless.

A Second Virus?

So, if we believe that HIV causes AIDS, how do we explain the KSers who are HIV negative? This was the question that almost led to fisticuffs in the halls of Florence.

Scientists presented research that uncovered even more HIV negative KSers, bringing the total to over a dozen. Most of them were significantly healthier than the vast majority of PWAs.

One possibility would be that these people had "classic KS." Despite its name, this is not a soft-drink, but a term used to define the rare skin cancer found in Africans and Eastern Europeans, long before the advent of AIDS. However, few of the HIV negative KSers fall into either of these categories and no one accepts this explanation as resolving the mystery. The main appeal of the "second virus" theory, at this point, is that it would explain the general absence of KS outside the gay "risk group".

Incomplete Viruses?

Instead, the "incomplete virus" theory seems to be winning credibility. This hypothesis proposes that some people have a sub-lethal version of HIV, a virus that is missing some key components. Thus it

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Children.....	53
Total.....	5,369

DEATHS

Adults.....	3,238
Children.....	27
Total.....	3,265

SEX

Male.....	4,922
Female.....	447

RACE

White.....	2,936
African American.....	2,355
Hispanic.....	73
Other.....	5

Reported as of September 2, 1991

Taylor gets \$1million donation for AmFAR

Actress Elizabeth Taylor picked up a \$1 million donation from a Japanese artist during a brief stop there to raise funds for AIDS research.

Hiro Yamagata, a Japanese artist who lives in Los Angeles, presented Taylor with the check at a Tokyo hotel on August 26.

Taylor, 59, is co-chair of the International Program of the American Foundation for AIDS Research. She called for continued support in the fight against AIDS saying, "So long as AIDS exists, and so long as valiant warriors are fighting in the front lines to save lives, we cannot give up."

She praised Yamagata's commitment to fight AIDS. Yamagata said he was helped to understand "the urgency of the cause" after attending a recent AmFAR conference.



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lacks the elements that would identify it to current HIV tests, but still has enough effect to spark KS.

This theory has the potential to explain several other HIV mysteries. There are a number of cases where people test HIV negative on some tests and HIV positive on others. Maybe it's that the tests aren't reliable; but maybe the virus itself is, in these cases, incomplete and therefore hard to pin down.

This could also explain the phenomenon of "silent positives," people who test negative for years and then suddenly, despite the absence of "risky" activities, test posi-

tive. It may take less complete versions of HIV longer to show up on current tests.

Finally, variations in the virus could explain why some people get sick very fast, while others have been infected for over a decade with no sign of illness. Such variations could also be caused by, or interact with, differences in the host. Maybe some people inactivate the HIV that infects them.

But these possibilities are impossible to either prove or disprove, which is exactly why they sparked such controversy. The simple fact is that our knowledge about HIV is still pretty sketchy.

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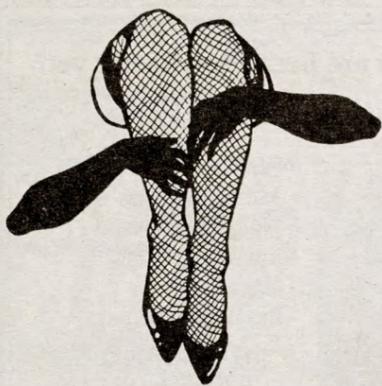
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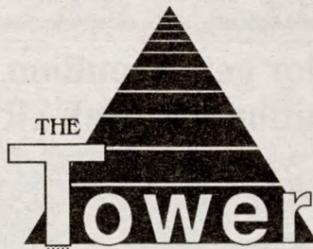
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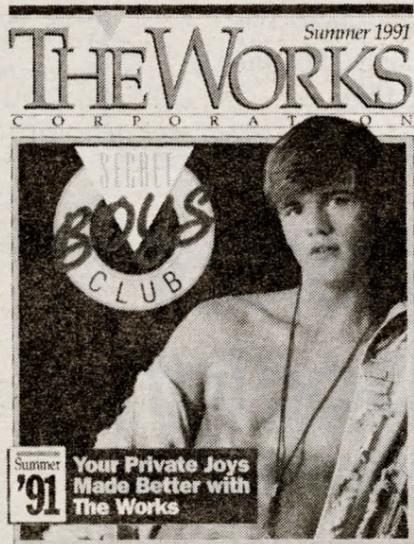
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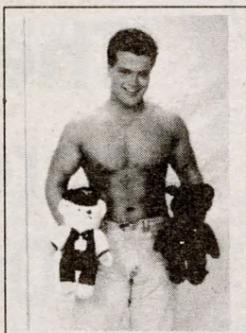
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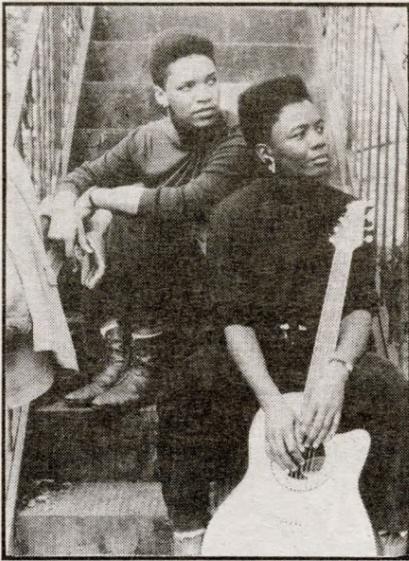
Music showcase spotlights southern talent

by B. Moody

This October the opportunity for anyone interested in music, or the business of music, has arrived in Atlanta in the form of the New South Music Showcase to be held October 2-6. The NSMS is in its third year and is one of the few nationally recognized showcases in the country. The purpose of the annual event is to educate and entertain while focusing well deserved attention on the talent developing down here in the beautiful South.

This year along with the informative panels, workshops, discussion groups and the entertaining performances by a wide variety of acts, there will also be the addition of an Awards Show. The categories for the New South Music Awards Show range from The Best Georgia Bands (from rock to reggae) to The Best Georgia Musicians (from songwriting to strings) to a miscellaneous section (from record producer to record store). The honors will be awarded on October 2nd at The Center Stage Theatre according to the number of votes cast thru ballots mailed in to the New South office by any interested party.

The New South panel received nearly a thousand entries and chose two hundred to perform before hundreds of music industry professionals, many of whom hold the keys to the desirable yet ever elusive record deal. So whether you like music that moves your heart like the acoustic magic of Joyce & Jacque, Blue Prayer or Natalie Farr, the soul of Wendy Bucklew or Kristen Hall, the acoustic rock-funkblues of Angela Motter or you prefer music that moves your feet like the power pop of Face of Concern, the soul rock of Caroline Aiken or the hard edge industrial



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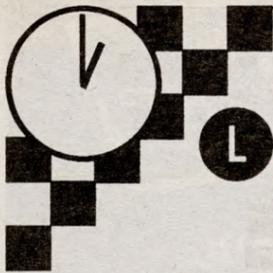
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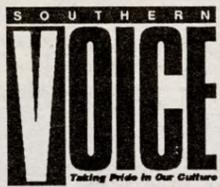
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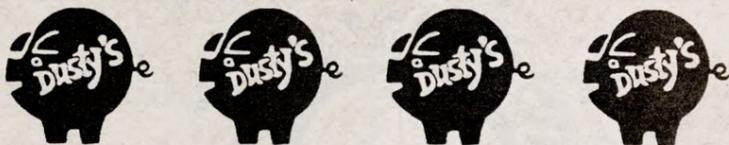


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THEATRE REVIEWS

Carmen Kittel
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Writes, Rites, Rights
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by Charlene Ball

The best theatre provokes thought while providing entertainment, and Seven Stages has always tried to challenge its audiences as well as entertain them. *Carmen Kittel*, by German playwright Georg Seidel, directed by German director Lore Stefanek using an original translation by Frank Heibert, does both.

Carmen Kittel presents life in East Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Carmen, ironically named after the heroine of Bizet's opera, works in a potato factory. Young and passive, she is beaten by her boyfriend and verbally abused by her co-workers. When Carmen becomes pregnant, she becomes important to her co-workers, who shower her with gifts and attention. So she keeps up the pretense. Her masquerade ends in tragedy.

Carmen becomes a symbol of the German people under a repressive state that provided care but usurped personal

power and responsibility. Carmen, surrounded by a cocoon of steel and plastic, has material goods but no power over her life.

Martin Kraemer's set deserves praise—a factory made of steel girders and wheels looms against the back wall, veiled by a huge plastic dropcloth. Carmen's apartment—a small rectangle made of old radiators and cushions—reminds one of a child's sandbox, and becomes by turn a play area, a cage and a grave. And potatoes fall endlessly down a chute, becoming a symbol of mediocrity and frustration.

The actors work together with commitment and energy. Rebecca Shroyer plays Sonja, Carmen's girlfriend, a punk street singer with an accordion, with arrogance yet wistfulness. Suzi Bass, Margo Moorer, and Elizabeth Williams-Omilami bring welcome humor as the factory workers. And Del Hamilton brings intelligence to his role as a disillusioned journalist.

The two young women, Carmen and Sonja, have a relationship that can be described as "pre-lesbian." They have been lovers, and obviously care for each other. But when a sensitive male shows up, Sonja runs off with him. The message is clear: lesbian relationships are not serious. It is a pre-feminist and pre-gay

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Three of *Kittel's* artists are gay

by Charlene Ball

Three German artists came over from Berlin to produce *Carmen Kittel*—director Lore Stefanek, set designer Martin Kraemer and translator Frank Heibert. Heibert's translation was especially commissioned by Seven Stages for this production.

Stefanek is a director and actress at the Staatstheater in Darmstadt. Kraemer has worked in Berlin with her on a number of plays, and Heibert has his own publishing house in Berlin.

The three are open about being gay and lesbian but see sexuality as part of their private lives. "I live with a woman," says Stefanek "but that is part of my private life."

"Most books I publish are by gay or lesbian writers, but I don't make a profession of being gay," says Heibert.

The three became interested in *Carmen Kittel* because it is a political play.

"It shows the tensions between personal destiny and political pressure, the very political and the very private," says Heibert.

The three agree that East Germany is



Lore Stefanek and Frank Heibert.

changing, and not for the better in some cases. For example, women may lose the right to abortion that they had under socialism.

"There are contradictions," Stefanek says. "We believe it is necessary to talk about what we see without offering a solution."

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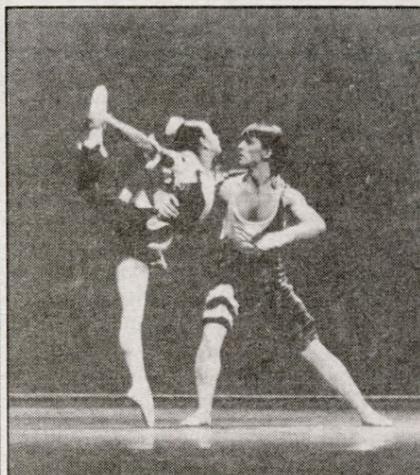
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Escape, set to the music of jazz composer Allen Shawn, is one of three works in the Atlanta Ballet's season opener on Sept. 26, "Theme and Variations." Pictured are Maniya Barredo and Thomas Shoemaker.

ROMANOVSKY & PHILLIPS. Sun., Oct. 20. 8pm. R & P are simply the best gay male performers around. Their "Be Political Not Polite" tour comes to town as a benefit for the Lesbian/Gay Rights chapter of the Ga. ACLU. Don't miss them! Variety Playhouse in L5P. 524-7354.

Celebrations

FIRST E CHURCH 15th BIRTHDAY. Sun. Sept. 29. 11am. Come and celebrate the b'day of the best little church in L5P. Potluck following service. 470 Candler Park Dr. 378-5570.

PROJECT OPEN HAND'S 3rd BIRTHDAY. Sun., Oct. 6. 3-5pm. The Atlanta meals-on-wheels program for HIV-homebound people celebrates with a visit from Ruth Brinker, founder of Project Open Hand in SF. Atlanta's founder, Michael Edwards, visited Brinker in 1988, came back home and began one of the most vital and successful service organizations in the city. All Saints Episcopal. 10th & W. Peachtree. 525-4620.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY. Fri., Oct. 11. There are no local events planned, but don't let that stop you from celebrating! You can take your step by reading SoVo in a public place, putting your lover's photo on your desk, contributing to a gay or AIDS organization (in your real name), or shopping with your lover for matching rings.

Conventions

10th ANNUAL P-FLAG CONVENTION. Oct. 11-14. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays hold their 10th annual convention to help do away with myths and lies, and help those parents having a difficult time understanding their gay child's sexual orientation. A weekend of healing and help. Omni Charlotte Hotel. (704) 364-1474.

Dance

ATLANTA BALLET. Sept. 26-29. 20th century choreographers are the focus as the Ballet opens its new season. Program includes "Escape" created by Lynne Taylor-Corbett (Footloose's fancy footwork creator) set to an original score by jazz composer Allen Shawn. Civic Center. 892-3303.

Ecology

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FALL GARDENING FESTIVAL. Sat., Oct. 12. 9am-5pm. A gardening extravaganza for the beginner to the experienced. Demonstrations, booths, music and food. Atlanta Botanical Garden at Piedmont Park. 876-5859.

Festivals

1991 OLDE ENGLISH FESTIVAL. Sept. 27-29. A good tyme for a good cause as a feast with Henry VIII benefits Jerusalem House for homeless people with AIDS and other services for low income families. St. Bartholomew's. 1790 La Vista Rd. 634-3336.

Music

GYPSY HEART. Fri., Sept. 27. 8pm. Kick ass bluegrass and more. DeDe Vogt sits in. First E Church. 470 Candler Park Dr. 378-5570.

ATLANTA SYMPHONY. Sept. 26-28 & Oct. 2-4. Yoel Levi leads the orchestra in two weeks of programs prior to the ASO's 15-city European tour. Selections from Mozart, Ravel and Beethoven. Symphony Hall. 892-2414.

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Personal Growth

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HOTLANTA ROUNDUP '91. Oct. 4-6. The first annual conference of the Atlanta gay and lesbian members of AA and Al-Anon. Recovery oriented workshops, discussion meetings, a banquet, show and dance. Workshops topics include sex and intimacy, grief and anger, spirituality,

Art

WOMEN'S RITES OF PASSAGE: THE MAZE SHOW. Sept. 27 - Oct. 27. Peg Morar and E.J. Joiner incorporate their work and poems and other writings of women since WWII into a visual and auditory sensation. Examines turning points in women's lives. Reception opening night at 7pm. TULA Gallery. 75 Bennett St. 351-3551.

NEW DIRECTIONS: BEGIN AT HOME. Oct. 4 - Nov. 2. An exclusive showing of work of two endangered species of humans — local artists and the women of Nagaland, in India. The artists are jewelry designers and the women of Nagaland are a weaving collective who offer their beautiful shawls for sale to support their community. Illumina Gallery. Clear Creek Center. 875-7617.

AN AUTUMN GARDEN PARTY. Oct. 11 - Nov. 9. Features the dynamic watercolors of local artists Betty Barclay. BurnNoff Gallery, Clear Creek Center. 875-3475.

RECENT WORKS. Thru Sept. 27. The latest figural works in pastels and oils on paper from the brushes of Margaret Dyer Hinton and Edie Morton. The Gallery at Museum Services, Ltd. 75 Bennett St. 352-6935.

GRACE UNDER PRESSURE: THE MECHANICS OF THINGS. Thru Oct. 4: Anatomical and high tech drawings by Randy Addison depicting force and grace. For the diesel dyke in all of us. 7 Stages. 1105 Euclid Ave. 522-0911.

ENGULFED: IMAGES INSPIRED BY THE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST. Thru Oct. 5. Arts Exchange's first exhibit of the season examines recent images of war. 750 Kalb St. 624-4211.

COMIN' FOR TO CARRY ME HOME. Thru Oct. 12. Tina Dunkley draws inspiration from her recent trip to Lagos, Nigeria to address the complexity of the contemporary African-American self-image in relationship to both African and European history. Hughley Gallery. 142 Stovall St., S.E. 523-3201.

THE WORKS OF KATHERINE MITCHELL. Thru Nov. 9. A retrospective of Ms. Mitchell's 20 year career as an Atlanta artist. An exploration of the concept and depth of reality through meditative painting and drawings. Chastain Gallery (135 W. Wieuca Rd.) and Heath Gallery (416 E. Paces Ferry Rd.). 257-1804 and 262-6407.

GUATEMALA: LIFE & ART UNDER THE VOLCANOES. Thru Dec. 22. The vibrant traditional craftsmanship of the Highland Indians of Guatemala. A mingling of native and European designs in sacred works and everyday objects. Atlanta International Museum of Art and Design. 285 Peachtree Center Avenue. 688-2467.

Benefits

A DESSERT, CHAMPAGNE AND JAZZ AFFAIR. Thurs., Sept. 26. 6pm. A fun time to benefit the Harry Bryce African American Dance Theatre. Also a sneak peek at excerpts from the new ballet based on the life of Harriet Tubman. Apex Museum. 135 Auburn Ave. 758-0127.

PICTURE YOU AND FLUFFY WITH SANTA! Oct. 5 & 12. 10AM til 5PM. Take the whole family for pix with St. Nick. These family photos will benefit the Humane Society and will make lovely cards to send for the holidays. Atlanta Humane Society. 981 Howell Mill Rd. 875-5331.

RICH'S FASHION SHOW FOR DIFFA/HEARTSTRINGS. Thurs., Oct. 3. 7 pm. Special guest, Sandy Duncan, hosts this gala show to raise money for the 1992 national tour of Heartstrings and the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Heartstrings has been a project of DIFFA, the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS, since 1986. Heartstrings has raised more than \$3 million for AIDS organizations. Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead. 242-4499.

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HEALING INTO LIFE AND DEATH. Oct. 5-6. 10 AM til 4 PM. Stephen and Ondrea Levine present a weekend learning experience aimed at integrating death into life and living that life to its fullest potential. Georgia World Congress Center. 1-800-755-2520.

LESBIAN BATTERING. Thurs., Oct. 10. 7:30pm. Three women "come out" as formerly battered lesbians and share their experiences. Discussed will be the dynamics of battering and how to identify it. Charis Books & More. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

THROUGH THE GLASS CEILING. Oct. 9-11. An outdoor empowerment workshop for and by women. Learn about the invisible barriers that keep women and minorities from progressing in organizations. 881-6300 or 373-2012.

Political

HRCF FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING. Tues., Oct. 1. 7-9pm. Find out about volunteer opportunities in the Human Rights Campaign Fund to help meet its federal agenda thru local politics. HRCF seeks to secure lesbian and gay civil rights, progressive AIDS and health care policies and to protect reproductive choice. American Friends Meeting House. 701 Howard Ave. Decatur. 231-5479.

ACT UP COMMUNITY MEETING. Tues., Oct. 1. A discussion of medicaid's decision to stop covering dental services after Nov. 1. NAPWA office. 44 12th St. 874-6782 or 605-7458.

ANTI-HATE SPEAK OUT. Sat., Oct. 5 1-5pm. If white-robed bigots, Nazis and gay-bashers make you angry, you'll feel better after this. Speakers and entertainment. Sponsored by Neighbors Network. Gregory Davis Plaza in LSP. 874-5171.

EMERGENCY DRIVE FOR HEALTH CARE. Sun., Oct. 6. 4pm. Meet at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Building and be a part of this nationwide event that uses ambulances travelling across country to raise visibility of the crisis in health care. The drive began on Sept. 19 and will end in D.C. on Oct. 10. The ambulances are stopping to gather testimony from people who are doing without health care because they cannot afford it. 240-0376 for more info.

Sports

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DeAUNDRA PEEK'S ULTRA STYLE BIN. Fri. at 11:30pm; Sat. at 10:30pm. SoVo columnist David Salyer says DeAundra reminds him "of the time my mother tried to dress herself after major

surgery while under the influence of medication." People TV- Channel 12 on GCTV.

LONGTIME COMPANION. Sun., Sept. 29. 10pm. An American Playhouse special of the acclaimed film about the impact of AIDS on a group of gay friends. Ch. 8-WGTV.

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CARMEN KITTEL. Thru Oct. 5. The U. S. premiere of East German playwright Georg Seidel's exploration of the conflict between an individual and her society—a vivid view of life before the fall of the Wall. Seven Stages. 1105 Euclid Ave. 523-7647.

PRIVATE LIVES. Thru Oct. 12. Fireworks go off in this Noel Coward play as a divorced couple on their honeymoon with their new spouses accidentally run into each other. Neighborhood Playhouse. 373-5311.

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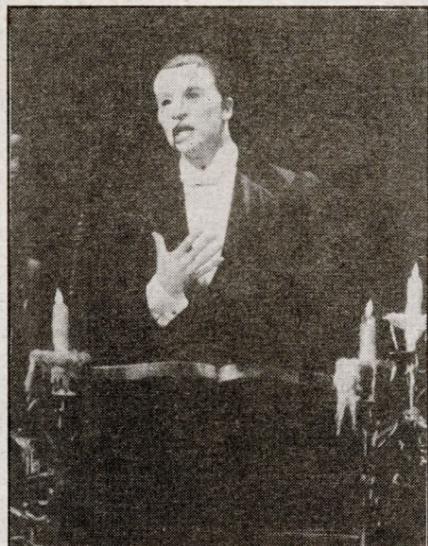
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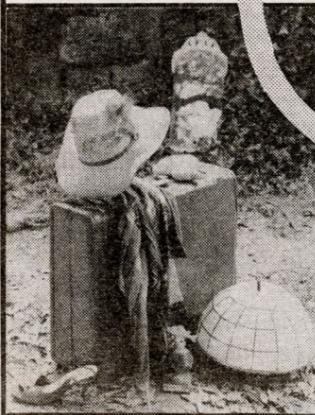
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AIDS Legal Project—Free legal services to low income persons with HIV; civil cases only with focus on employment disputes, discrimination and assistance with public benefits (Social Security, Food Stamps, etc.) 688-5433.

AIDSCHAIM—Congregation Bet Haverim (See listing) sponsors a predominantly gay support group for those affected by the AIDS crisis. Meets 1st & 3d Thurs., 7:30pm at AIDS Interfaith Network, 1053 Juniper St. Info 642-3467.

Atlanta Buyers Club—provides access to altere treatment for the HIV community in the Southeast. For further information contact us at (404) 874-4845, or PO Box 77003, Atlanta, 30357.

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Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—Examines current info on HIV/AIDS therapies. Meets twice quarterly. Call the GA AIDS info-line for info. 1-800-551-2728

The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—Meets 1st Tues. of month, 633-0634.

National Association of People with AIDS/Atlanta—A political, social, and educational organization confronting the AIDS crisis. Membership open to all individuals with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV positive. 874-7926.

The Names Project/Atlanta—A National AIDS Memorial. Meets Tuesdays, 6:30pm at All Saints Episcopal Church. 286-6263.

The Names Project Quilting Bee—For those interested in creating a panel or helping others working on a panel. Thurs. 7:30pm at First MCC. 872-2246.

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ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—Working for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men in the metropolitan Atlanta area. 523-6201.

AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power—Direct action group with the purpose of fighting homophobia, AIDS, sexism and racism. Meetings held Tuesday at 7:30 PM, 44 12th St. 286-6247 and 605-7458.

Atlanta Committee for the 1993 March on Washington—GA Org. Committee for the March on Washington (GOCMOW). Second Thurs of mo. 7:30 at 118 E. Trinity Ave., Decatur. (404) 662-4199 or GOCMOW, PO Box 5282, Atlanta, GA 30307.

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—Works to lessen public expressions of homophobia, especially in the media. Meets First Mon., 7pm at Peachtree Library. 286-7477.

Greater Atlanta Political Awareness Coalition—Meetings vary. The gay and lesbian political action committee monitoring and acting in the local political scene. 368-7420.

Human Rights Campaign Fund—The nation's largest Lesbian & Gay political + lobbying organization. Field office, 373-6330. Annual dinner committee, 365-8766.

LEGAL—A voice for lesbians and gays in the Democratic party. Seeking to expand. Help elect gay delegates to '92 Democratic Nat'l Convention. Mtgs. on 3rd Mon. of the month. 7pm at P'tree Library. 286-7476.

National Organization for Women—reproductive rights, lesbian/gay rights, civil rights, human rights. Located at the YWCA, 957 N. Highland Ave. Call 875-0176 for more info.

Neighbors Network—counters hate crime and hate group activity/threats with information, organizing, and non-violent direct action; to aid communities and individuals victimized by hate-motivated violence and intimidation. 874-5171.

Queer Nation—Direct action countering homophobia and educating the public. Meets 2d and 4th Mon. at Peachtree Branch Library. 605-7396.

STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—To report all bias/hate crime incidents and police abuse. 605-STOP.

PROFESSIONAL

Atlanta Business & Professional Guild—A service organization of both gay/lesbian and non-gay professionals and businesspersons. Meets 2d Tues. 355-1800.

Fourth Tuesday—A networking organization for lesbian professionals and entrepreneurs. Regular dinner meetings on 4th Tues. Also special events. 662-4353.

HomeGirls—a business and social networking group designed to encourage entrepreneurial efforts among (but not limited to) women of color. 662-9101.

Nat'l Federaton of Career Women—a connector for professional career lesbian organizations and individuals. Promoting success within the lesbian community. (404) 659-0315.

Success Oriented Networking Group—Structured networking for gay/lesbian and non-gay professionals. Meets every other Weds. 662-4202

SPIRITUAL

All Saints Metropolitan Community Church—Serving metro Atlanta with positive Christian support for lesbians and gay men. Services every Sun. at 575 Boulevard, SE. 622-1154.

Circle of Healing—Open to anyone in need of healing, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual. 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr. 378-5570

Congregation Bet Haverim Reconstructionist Synagogue serving the Gay and Lesbian community. Services every Fri. at AIDS Interfaith Network 1053 Juniper St. Shabbat Seder 2nd Fridays monthly. 642-3467.

First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta—A Christian church proclaiming God's love for lesbians and gay men. Counseling available by appt. Same sex Holy Unions performed. 800 N. Highland Ave. 872-2246.

Gay & Lesbian Mormons—Affirmation group organizing in the Atlanta area. For info call 570-2561 (dig. page).

Gay Catholics of Georgia and Friends—Support group for lesbian/gay Catholics and friends. Meetings and activities vary. 409-0203.

COMMUNICATIONS

Integrity—Ministry of Gay Episcopalians 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3rd floor of Ellis Hall. 642-3183.

Lambda Light—A meditation group for lesbians and gay men. Meets weekly. 938-3531 or 873-3559.

Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—A Christian Ministry for Lesbian and Gay Understanding. 636-7109.

Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—Gays and lesbians gather over light foods to celebrate their Presbyterian heritage. 373-5830.

Roswell Unity—Gay-Bisexual Support Group. Time Square Shopping Ctr., 3000 Johnson-Ferry Rd. For more info call 368-7481.

SPORTS/OUTDOOR

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

Friends Atlanta—A social, recreational, and educational group for gays and lesbians. 662-4501.

Front Runners/Atlanta—A running/walking social group for lesbians and gay men. Weds. 6:30pm in Piedmont Park and Sat. 8am at Chattahoochee and Powers Ferry Rd. 622-0739.

Greater Atlanta Naturist Group—For gay men who enjoy nude outdoor and social activities. Not a sex club. For info send SASE to: GANG, PO Box 7546, Atlanta, GA 30357.

Hotlanta Soccer—Practice every Sunday at 3pm in Piedmont Park. Beginners, men and women are welcome. 577-0418.

Hotlanta Volleyball—Info at 621-5062. Fridays 7-10pm at Mercer Univ.

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S.E. Gay Rodeo Association—For cowboys and cowgirls across the south. A number of activities, including a rodeo, are in the planning stage. PO Box 8262, Atlanta, GA 30306. 874-6556.

S.E. Harlequins—Women's rugby football team practices every Wed. night and Sun. afternoon. No experience is necessary and new players are always welcome. 659-6916 or 761-8939 for info.

Underwater Escapes—Join the community's newest SCUBA Club. Trips and classes ongoing. Call Colleen at 289-0696.

SERVICE/SUPPORT

Athens Gay and Lesbian Association—Contact P.O. Box 2201 Athens 30612-0201 or call 404/549-9368.

Athens Lesbian Information Line—Athens area lesbians call to find out about support groups, social gatherings, etc. (404) 613-7661.

Atlanta Educational Gender Information Service—Information for persons interested in issues of gender. PO Box 33724, Decatur, GA 30033. (404) 939-0244 (evenings).

Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm.—Responsible for annual pride celebration. Meets the 1st Mon. of each month at 2069 The Page (2069 Cheshire Bridge) and the 3d Thurs. at Ponce Library (980 Ponce de Leon) at 7pm. All invited. 325-4435.

Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—Welcomes lesbians of all races, religions, political orientation, economic status, occupation and degree of openness. PO Box 5502, Atlanta, Ga. 30307, phone 378-9769.

Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—A non-profit, non-partisan, organization created to support the right to reproductive freedom for all people. 239-8016.

African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—A political and social organization for black lesbians and gay men. Meets 1st Sunday of each month. 4pm, Ashby and Gordon Streets. 349-3739.

Atlanta Couples Together—Social organization to support positive aspects of gay and lesbian relationships. Events and meetings vary. 365-2455.

Atlanta Gay Center. Offers services for lesbians and gay men and educational outreach to society as a whole. 63 12th St., 876-5372.

Black and White Men Together—A gay inter-racial organization committed to fostering a supportive environment wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome. 794-BWMT.

The Cobb County Group—Monthly social and frequent recreational activities for those who live in Cobb. 438-1421.

Codependents Anonymous-Lambda—A 12-step program of recovery from codependency for gays and lesbians. Meetings Tues. & Wed. at 8 PM and Sun. at 7pm. 239-1657.

Chrysalis Women's Center—Provides social, educational and informational programs and services for the community. 881-6300.

Delphi—An ancient, mystic brotherhood. P.O. Box 14591, Atlanta, GA 30324.

Gay Fathers Association—Support group meets 4th Fri. 296-8369.

Gay Help Line—Phone, 6pm-11pm, daily. 892-0661.

Georgia Girth & Mirth—Social club for large gay men and their admirers. PO Box 9678, Atlanta, GA 30319. (404) 621-5710.

Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—a local chapter of Feminists for Animal Rights. Stimulating conversation, vegan potlucks. 525-9085.

The Group—Support for gay and bisexual men who are or who have been involved in marital-type situations with women. 892-0661.

Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous—Addresses unique issues that lesbian and gay drug addicts deal with in their recovery. Meets Mon. & Fri. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 25 Boulevard, NE. 237-6262.

Lesbian Support Group—Discussion group open to all lesbians. Every Friday. 627-7387.

Lesbians With Children—Social support group forming for lesbians and children. Come plan child oriented outings & participate in monthly get-togethers. 740-1729.

Men of Little 5 Points—Socials and speakers on gay and community topics. Write PO Box 5425, Atlanta, GA 30307.

Name the Violence—Support group for battered and formerly battered lesbians. No fees. Share experiences, be empowered & empower others. A safe space in our community. 370-1317.

Out Youth—For lesbian, gay, or bi-sexual youth interested in socials, demonstrations, safe space, and/or a support group. For more information call Chance at 688-1954.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—Committed to help change attitudes so all gay people can live with dignity and respect. 3d Sun. at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atl. 296-0830 or 875-9440.

S/M Discussion Group—Leather, S/M, fetish lifestyle group meets Thurs 7:30-10 at The Eagle, 306 Ponce. All welcome. Call 87-EAGLE for more info.

Women In Kahoots—(WINK) Women-only group in the Cobb County area. Support, social, networking. Call 438-1421 for info.

Women of Wisdom—Aims to facilitate women meeting with women in a comfortable atmosphere. Meets at Chrysalis Women's Center monthly, date varies. 723-1112. or write P.O. Box 451065, Atlanta, GA 30345-1065.

Wordsmith Society—A Gay/Lesbian literary group. Seeking members. Open meetings every 4th Sat. thru Feb at Peachtree Library. 1-3:30pm. Call Ron at 892-2815 for info.

Young Adult Support Group—For men and women 14-24, meets at Atlanta Gay Center, 63 12th Street, 6:30pm every Tuesday. 876-5372.

YOUTH—For Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual young people. Support group, contact point, voluntary political org. Weekly meetings. Contact Randy or Michael at 633-9569 or Jefferey at 607-1967.

ZAMI—Women who work together as friends and lovers, a support group for women of color. Meets 2d Fri. of each month at Charis Books. 315-7684.

STUDENTS

Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—Meetings every Wed., 6:30pm, Room 355, Dobbs University Center. Emory Univ. 727-6692.

Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Community College's group is in the process of formation. 426-8160.

Georgia Tech Gay and Lesbian Alliance—Meet every Wednesday during school quarters for discussion/speakers/activities. 497-0684.

Ga. State Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance—Support group for the gay and lesbian community at Ga. State. Meeting/activity times vary, call 378-1370.

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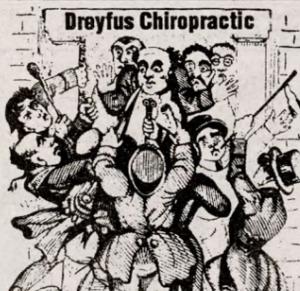
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OBITUARY

Scott Manley



Scott E. Manley, attorney, died Sunday, September 1st, of cardiac arrest. He was 47 and had lived in Atlanta since 1982.

A television actor in his late teens, Mr. Manley graduated with honors from Brown University in 1967. During and after his undergraduate years The Beatles employed Mr. Manley as an advance man to cover concert sites in Europe and North America. He worked as a wrangler on a Jackson Hole, Wyoming ranch before entering the University of Virginia School of Law.

Within a year after graduating at the top of his class, Mr. Manley was named a full partner in the 25-lawyer firm of Saxe, Bacon, Bolan & Manley, of New York. There he became a protégé and close friend of famed trial lawyer Roy M. Cohn. During his career in New York, Mr. Manley maintained personal and professional relationships with a number of noted entertainment and business figures, including singer Shirley Bassey and Beatles manager Brian Epstein.

In 1975 financier Shearn Moody, Jr. brought Mr. Manley to Galveston, Texas to serve as general counsel to Moody's banking, insurance, and ranching enterprises. Subsequently, Mr. Manley joined his family's Chicago-based industrial minerals con-

glomerate, Manley Bros., Inc., managing the company's legal and financial departments from offices in Asheville, North Carolina and Atlanta. A partner in the Atlanta and Chicago law firm of Manley, Beck & Duncan since 1984, he specialized in civil rights and entertainment law. He was a member of the federal and state bars of Indiana, Illinois and Texas.

An Indiana native, Mr. Manley was the son of Russell E. and Dorothy Ann Manley of Ogden Dunes, Indiana and Naples, Florida (both deceased). He is survived by his sister Sandra Manley of New York City and his law partners William Back and Douglas Duncan, Jr.

Friends and associates held a memorial service at H. M. Patterson & Son, Spring Hill. Donations may be made to: Project Open Hand/Atlanta, Project Inform, or a charity of choice.

Jeffrey Shinn

Jeffrey R. (Jeff) Shinn of Atlanta died on September, 1991 from complications of AIDS. He was 35 years old. Jeff was born in Denver, Colorado and graduated from the University of Texas in 1978. He moved to Atlanta in 1986 from Houston, Texas.

Jeff was very active in numerous

AIDS organizations in Atlanta and he graciously allowed an interview with this publication last month about his experience with hyperthermia. He will be fondly remembered.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the National Association of People with AIDS.

Oct. 13 is Day of Prayer for AIDS

by Candace Chellew

Episcopal churches in Atlanta, and around the country will participate in the Sixth Annual Day of Prayer for AIDS on Sunday, October 13.

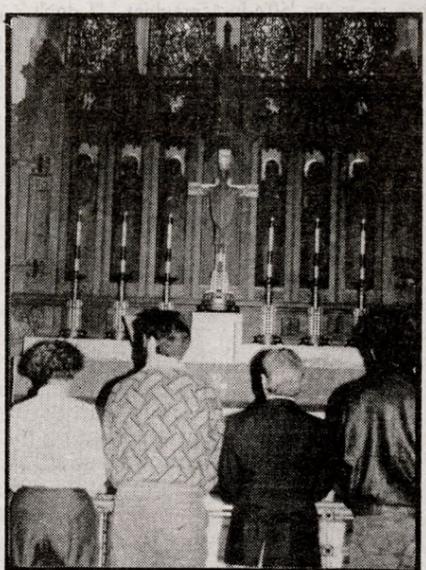
A special service will be held at the Cathedral of St. Phillip on Peachtree Street, at 7 p.m. Atlanta Bishop Frank Allen will lead the Eucharist, and former Bishop Judson Child will lead the service. Day of Prayer organizer David Hackney says the service will be open to anyone, and will include inclusive language and familiar hymns.

Hackney acknowledges that it is hard for many gays and lesbians to set foot inside of a church when so many condemn them. But, the Episcopalians have declared their congregations, "AIDS Friendly."

"That means, that people living with AIDS can go to an Episcopal Church and not feel like they are going to be judged," Hackney says.

But that does not mean that all 88 churches in this particular Diocese are gay friendly. Hackney says most of the churches in Atlanta are, and the church itself, on a national level, has agreed to keep talking with lesbian and gay factions about their place in the church.

Hackney hopes the Day of Prayer will be a starting point for some gays and lesbians who are spiritually searching. "When you see AIDS, you need some



sort of anchor. I think it's sad that a lot of churches have rejected people." Hackney says, "But, when you find out that it's o.k. to be gay and Christian, it can take a big load off your heart."

For those who cannot attend the Sunday night service, Hackney points out that other Episcopal churches around the state will have special prayers for AIDS, and people living with AIDS, during their regular Sunday morning services.

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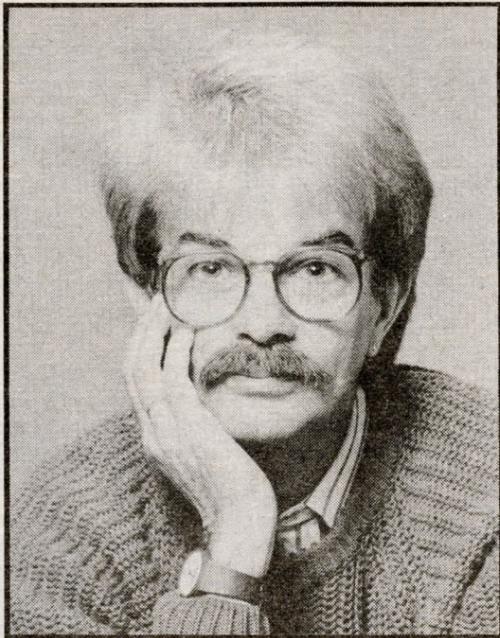
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"In the '60's in Memphis, a group of men just being together could be arrested—so you could imagine what it was like to put on a production of *The Boys in the Band*—hidden in a friend's house with only an invited audience, fearful that at any time we might be discovered. Gay theatre has come a long way, thank goodness!" So says local actor and gay theatre activist, Dik Holland.

Dik's green eyes glow when he laughs, which is often, and his dirty-blond hair shakes as he emphasizes his points. His smooth Arkansas drawl would make Hal Holbrook green with envy. Dik shares his comfortable home on North Avenue with seven cats, a grand piano and various other keyboard instruments, and with his lover of thirteen years, Patrick Hutchison, who is enjoying some degree of fame and national recognition for his musical authorship of *The Harvey Milk Show*, now playing at the Actor's Express.

What is it like living with the multi-talented Patrick Hutchison, (who also wrote the musical *Different* with Dan Pruitt)? "Well you have to understand, I see him as a genius, I adore him and I think he deserves more credit and I admit sometimes I need to focus more on myself. But I think that I can, now that I am at a happy and satisfied era of my life."

Dik manages the Hair Salon at Macy's Downtown. "I am busier now than when I was actually cutting hair," (which he has done since the '60's in Memphis). "I don't like or appreciate 'hair burner' stereotyping of the guys in the profession. My clients are my friends, they know who I am and what I am. But that is the way I choose to live, out in every respect, but I would not force this on the workers in my salon because it's their own lives."

Dik was born in Helena, Arkansas, a small Mississippi River town. Early in his life, Dik was attracted to music and took piano lessons. His parents "were very supportive of my musical interests. I realized I was 'different,'" he smiles at the use of the now-familiar word, "when I was in high school. I thought I could be a musician and tried to focus my energies on that."

Dik enrolled in Northeast Louisiana State at Monroe and tried "to pursue a career in music." Yet he realized, "after a couple of years that I just didn't have the talent or the interest. I kept gravitating toward the Drama Department, but I wouldn't let myself go into theatre completely, and I regret that."

After a disastrous first gay love affair, from which he had to escape, he moved to Memphis. "I did what you were supposed to do then, I got married and had a daughter and we moved to California. My only gay outlet was the bars which I went to on the weekends. My boss lived with 'a friend.' Now to imagine this scene, put yourself in the early '60's. I was at a bar and in came my boss's lover. He didn't know about me and boom, down he fell on the floor and

crawled out of the bar, so fearful was he of being discovered—and the effect it would have had on my boss' career!"

With the recognition that his marriage would not work, Dik returned to Memphis. "My father had since passed away and I enrolled in beauty school. It would have been harder for him to understand because of the connotations that surrounded a career in hair. But my mother thought it was the best thing I ever did."

His interest in the theatre continued to grow and he participated in several local Memphis productions. He fell in love with a doctor and began a relationship that spanned seven years. "But," he complains, "I couldn't do the role of my life when the opportunity came to play a character in an actual production of *The Boys in the Band* at Memphis State, because my lover said it would wreck his career. I'm glad things have changed."

Dik met Patrick at a bar in Memphis and, he chuckles, "the rest is history." Unable at first to follow Patrick to Des Moines, Iowa, where he was proceeding with his career as a dancer, Patrick sent him a love-song on tape to persuade him to move. "In comparison to what he does now, it was just a little ditty, but whenever he plays the first couple of bars on the piano, I get all teary-eyed."

Both came to Atlanta eight years ago, because he explains, "it offered a better gay-cultural climate. Patrick needed more opportunities to perform and I was ready to get more committed to gay theatre." Dik participated in several of SAME's (South-eastern Arts, Media and Education Project) productions and played characters in both the '88 and '89 production of "Different."

"Acting as myself, out and proud, it is a liberating experience—there is absolutely nothing that can compare to it and it's what I want to do now." Pleased with the new directions and diversity that SAME is incorporating into its productions, Dik hopes that Atlanta becomes a "gay theatrical mecca of sorts."

An unexpected diagnosis of lung cancer earlier this summer and subsequent operation made Dik "more aware of who I am and how precious each day is. I used to be kind of a bitch," he recalls, "but I credit the Church of Religious Science and this close call with cancer to really changing my outlook on life." Recent X-Rays have shown his lungs to be free of cancer. "Now that I am happier than I have ever been, I want to do more theatre—that is my most important goal—and to be less involved with the politics of gay theatre."

Dik shares the limelight with Patrick in their four-person vocal group "Venus Envy." The group has played at the Variety Playhouse, Hotlanta River Expo and at benefits for Project Open Hand. His daughter now lives in Atlanta and he is a delighted grandparent.

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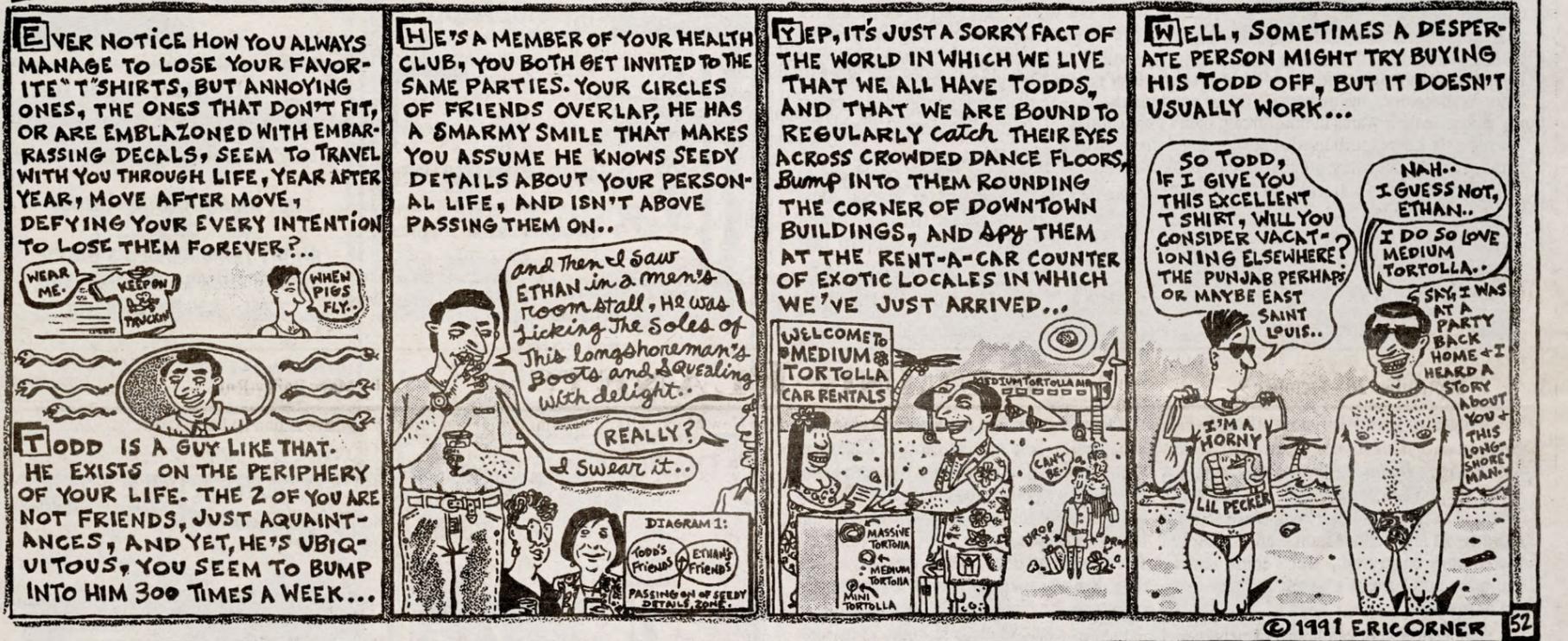
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DISH

there's a fine line between telling the truth and talking trash

Cause & Effect: We don't know whether to cheer or cry. (Or maybe bomb the news rooms of half the daily papers in the country.) The extensive and generally sensitive coverage of actor Brad Davis's death from AIDS was certainly much needed—especially the AP story that pointed out the hypocritical differences between Hollywood's "AIDS Fundraising Bashes" and the way the entertainment industry bashes actors who dare to be open about their HIV status. But all the sensitivity about Mr. Davis situation flies straight out the door when the media (or the late Mr. Davis wife) insists on beating us over the head with the fact that Brad "contracted the disease through drug use." Dish thinks someone is protesting a bit too much.

Gag Us With a Headline: Speaking of the media and AIDS, has anyone else noticed that the members of the Fourth Estate can't seem to get enough of "innocent" AIDS sufferer Kimberly Bergalis' rage over the fact that there were no laws to protect her from (supposedly) contracting HIV from her dentist. As a result of the media's sensationalist coverage, Draconian laws that may prevent a couple of cases of AIDS are likely to be passed. What Dish would like to know is why the media cannot see fit to give equal time to the thousands and thousands of people with HIV who might not have become infected had Congress passed (and the President had not vetoed) legislation demanding intensive educational efforts, massive condom distribution and needle exchange? Can you say "homophobia?" We knew you could!

Corporate Homophobia: According to GLAAD/NY, Carter-Wallace, Inc., the makers of Trojan condoms, will only advertise their wares in mainstream men's publications. This not only keeps much needed advertising dollars out of gay publications (like this wonderful one you're reading), but studies have shown gay men are more likely to buy condoms than are straight men. Just one more example of a major company happily accepting our money but feeling no obligation to spend their money with us. If this corporate cowardice is hard for you to swallow then write: Henry Hoyt, Jr., Chair & CEO; Carter-Wallace, Inc.; 1345 Avenue



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Is This Art?: Dish—alone and feeling not unlike a pile of puppy poo-poo—went to the Arts Festival the other night. Seeing (for a change) lots we would like to buy, but not having the \$\$\$ to do so, didn't help. But then what to our wondering eyes should appear? No, not Santa and eight tiny reindeer. Something much better. Two handsome men strolling from booth to booth holding hands. We followed at a discreet distance for a while, watching others respond (usually positively) to this all-too-rare sight and then walked back to our car—still empty handed, but with our heart full to the brim. Thanks, guys.

And More's the Pity: Did anybody else catch (ex Ch. 11 anchor) Mark Pettit talking to (Speaker of the House) Tom

Murphy about sodomy on WGST a couple of weeks ago? Mark asked Tom if he'd ever had oral sex. The Speaker replied with words to the effect that no one had ever asked him anything like that before and went on to allow as how "I don't go for that." Pettit offered no rejoinder. Actually, Dish remembers when Rep. Murphy was asked a similar question—in 1986, right after the Hardwick Decision, at some sort of a gathering at Northside High. His reply was similar. But, that time, silence did not follow (at least immediately): someone in the audience piped up with "Poor Mrs. Murphy!" Then the room got very quiet.

Hot Topics: The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games' most recent "index" is filled with fascinating facts: the number of speeches delivered by its Speakers Bureau; the number of square feet (and computers) in its offices; and the number of T-shirts it has sold. Only the last (430,000) impresses Dish. Missing, we fear, are more important facts: the number of protests planned for the Summer of '96; are queers included in the ACOG's anti-discrimination policy?; how does the Committee feel about inviting millions of guests to a city where they might be arrested for having consensual sex in their (expensive) hotel rooms?; and stuff like that. The ACOG does, however, have a Hot Line: 222-1996. So you could call and ask.

Thanks, But No Thanks: For a couple of years now A-J/C theatre critic Dan Hulbert has been downright bitchy about the inclusion of certain gay themes in local theatrical presentations. Tim Miller and Jim Grimsley especially have been the recipients of Hulbert's gratuitous gripes. Now—in response to the current hit production of "The Harvey Milk Show"—the big paper's main maven of stage etiquette can't seem to stop gushing praise. Dish was confused by this apparent change of heart when we read Hulbert's first piece about "Milk." But a few words near the end of his second paean to the play may explain his apparent about-face: "It [Milk] strikes a new middle ground..." Thanks Dan, but—if we might paraphrase Andre Gide—Dish would rather be criticized for who we are than praised for conforming to your vision of who we ought to be.

September 26 - October 9

RULING PLANETS

by Mary Bailey-Rule

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Happy Birthday Libra! It is now officially Fall, all planets are in direct motion by October 4 and the New Moon falls on the 7th. It's a good time for positive action and new projects.

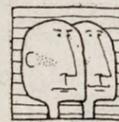
ARIES - With the Sun, Mercury and Mars all positioned in your 7th house of close, personal relationships, you may find your social schedule very busy. Some interesting, and possibly assertive people could enter your life.



TAURUS - The Sun, Mercury and Mars are now stationed in your 6th house of pets, personal health and other responsibilities, making this a good time to improve your diet, get more exercise as you stay relaxed and centered.



GEMINI - With the Sun, Mercury and Mars all circulating in your 5th house of creativity and passion, you should be positively inspired. Get those inspired ideas on paper for future reference and keep a playful attitude toward life.



CANCER - Your 4th house of home environment, family, parents is activated by the Sun, Mercury and Mars, so put your energy into fixing-up the house, cleaning out physical and emotional closets, and sharing thoughts and feelings.



LEO - Your 3rd house of communication and short-distance travel is accented, so you may want to let everyone know you need to take a short weekend trip for R&R. Be sure you are getting enough exercise and sleep.



VIRGO - Jupiter in your 1st house will keep you active for several months, but don't get too busy to work on a two-year, 4-year and 6-year plan for your life and your business. How do you want your life to look in 6 years?



LIBRA - Happy Birthday! Take time to celebrate with friends and treat yourself to a good massage, a weekend of arts and entertainment and surround yourself with beauty and harmony. Nurture your spirit in Nature for a few days.



SCORPIO - If you feel like there is a lot going on inside you, you could be right. The Sun, Mercury and Mars are moving through your 12th house of the unseen and the unconsciousness, so you are in a mythical state. Be patient.



SAGITTARIUS - Now that the Sun, Mercury and Mars are activating your 11th house of community interests, friends and causes, this is the perfect time to reach out and contact people you know, but may have lost touch with recently.



CAPRICORN - When Saturn goes into direct motion on the 4th in your 2nd house of personal income and finances, it is an excellent time to move ahead on projects that can create income or enhance your personal resources. Go for it!



AQUARIUS - With the Sun, Mercury and Mars moving through your 9th house of education, travel and personal ideals, it is a good time for you to get moving and do something different and interesting. Soar like an eagle!



PISCES - With the Sun, Mercury and Mars cruising through your 8th house of sexuality and self-mastery, this could be a time of intense personal expression and transformation. Be willing to share, but avoid being naive. ENJOY...



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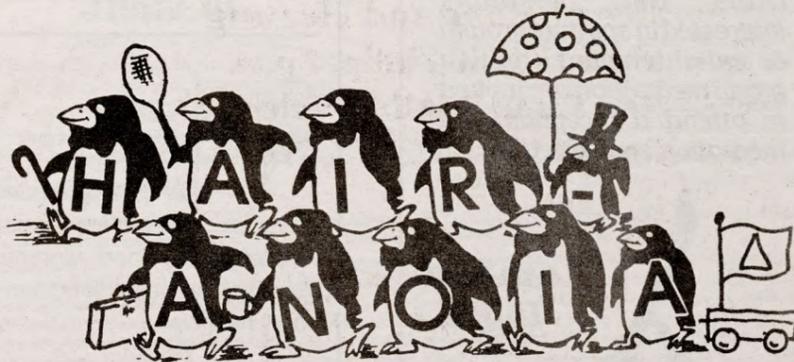


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by Candace Chellew

Organize a soccer tournament and they will come.

Mike Thrasher, co-chair of the National Gay Soccer Tournament has found that to be true as Atlanta prepares to host the event in Piedmont Park October 12-14.

Every year on Columbus Day weekend, gay soccer teams gather on their own field of dreams for fun and fellowship. This year, twelve teams from as far away as Berlin, and as close as Florida will be in Atlanta to compete for trophies in the first tournament held in the Southeast. The city was chosen, Thrasher says, after the team went to the Gay Games in Vancouver, two years ago. The three top teams at the Gay Games, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Berlin will all be on the field in Piedmont Park during the tournament.

The Atlanta Advance will also field a team for the event. Thrasher says he's not surprised that the Atlanta Soccer Association has over fifty members, even though soccer is more popular in Europe than in America. "We have very few people who come to see the team, that we never see again," Thrasher states. "The main problem we have is just letting people know we are here."

The Atlanta team apparently is known throughout the world though to attract such an international tournament. So, what draws these people from so far away? Thrasher says the camaraderie. "There was never a tighter bond in our community than was felt in Vancouver,"



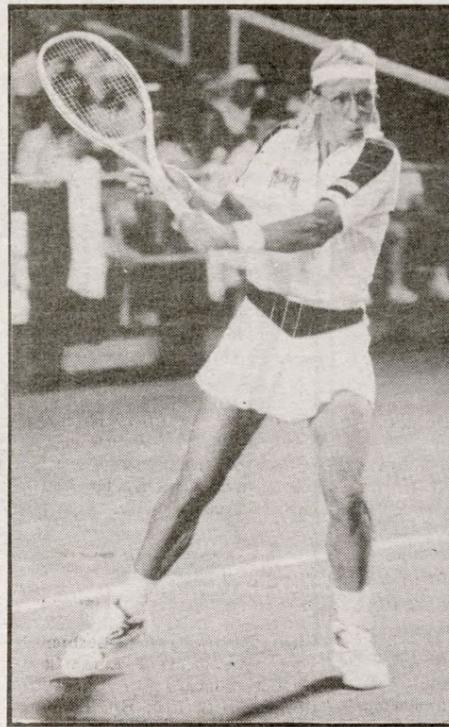
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he remembers. "That excitement is reinforced once a year (during tournaments) among the gay soccer teams, and that's why they come."

Competition will begin Saturday, October 12, at 9:30 a.m. as three groups of teams will begin round robin play through Sunday morning. The top point getters will then play the semi-final round Sunday afternoon. Monday is reserved for the Bronze Medal round at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Gold Medal round at 11:00.

All games will be played at the soccer fields in Piedmont Park. The tournament is free and open to the public.

Navratilova, Nelson Finish Round One



KAREN DUNIGAN

Tennis star Martina Navratilova and former lover Judy Nelson wound up a week of testimony in a Fort Worth court last week. Nelson is suing Navratilova for half of her earnings during the women's seven year relationship, based on an agreement they signed in 1986. Part of last week's testimony centered on the part played by Nelson's attorney, Jerry Loftin, in writing that agreement. Navratilova's attorney, Mike McCurley, contends that Loftin should be removed from the case because Loftin's legal aide helped prepare the document. The judge in the case is expected to rule on Loftin's participation by Thanksgiving.

Gays Can Now Be "Prisoners Of Conscience:" Amnesty International formally voted on September 5 to expand the definition of prisoners of conscience to include "persons who are imprisoned solely because of their homosexuality." The resolution was passed at the organization's biennial conference in Yokohama, Japan. According to a report in the *Washington Blade*, Amnesty leaders also added a clause to the resolution that directed the International Executive Committee to draft guidelines on how to "take action on behalf of imprisoned homosexuals," and directing that those guidelines should consider the "cultural background" of any region that does imprison gays and lesbians.

Actor Dies of AIDS: Brad Davis, who starred in *Midnight Express* and began acting with Theater Atlanta, died last week of complications from AIDS. According to Davis' wife, Susan Bluestein, Davis contracted AIDS from drug use. "He had a couple of experiences of sharing needles with people who later died of AIDS," said Bluestein. Davis learned he had the disease in 1985 and kept it secret out of fear he would not work again as an actor.

Joint Adoptions In DC: Judge Geoffrey Alprin, head of the Washington, DC, Superior Court's Family Division, ruled on July 26 that two lesbians could adopt each others' children. According to the *Washington Blade*, the two women, who have been partners for eight years, are the first gay couple in the country to do so successfully. Alprin's decision ruled that the joint adoptions "would serve the best interests of each child."

Videotaped Basher Gets 10 Months: A teenager in San Jose, California, was convicted of a hate crime and sentenced to ten months in a youth jail in the beating of a gay neighbor. Richard Kiley videotaped the attack on him by Joshua Huff on June 11. Huff was also convicted of assault and battery. Kiley is suing the Huff family in civil court for \$20 million.

More Controversy At Michigan Fest: While other lesbian/gay publications around the country reported that the Michigan Women's Music Festival lacked controversy, the *Washington Blade* reported that a male-to-female transsexual was evicted from the festival by security staff. Nancy Jean Burkholder, who applied for and received a birth certificate saying she is female following the sex change operation, said that she attended last year's festival without incident. Michigan Fest organizers did not return phone calls to the *Blade*.

From Boston To Amsterdam: The 9th Annual International Conference on AIDS will be held next year in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, organizers announced. The conference was originally scheduled to be held in Boston next May, but the Harvard AIDS Institute, the organizer, decided to move it out of the U.S. due to the government's policy which bars all people infected with HIV from immigrating. The policy does allow short term visits to such persons. The Netherlands has no travel or immigration restrictions for people infected with HIV.

Open Lesbians Hired In Iowa: An openly lesbian couple has been hired as teachers at the Iowa College of Law, according to an AP report. Pat Cain and Jean Love, who were among the first women to teach law in the U.S., are now the first known lesbian couple hired to teach at the same school. "I suspect it's the first time an openly gay couple has put themselves on the market as a team," said N. William Hines, the college's dean. Cain, originally from Columbus, GA, taught at the University of Texas for 17 years, and Love taught at the University of California-Davis for 19 years.

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liberation attitude that seems to be gaining currency in this post-feminist, bisexual-chic decade.

Carmen Kittel is thoughtful theatre, leaving one with the realization that alienation of work and oppression of women are similar under both the defunct East German socialist system and capitalism. Both systems have claimed to be the only good way for humans to live, yet both systems have abused the human spirit.

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Writes, Rites, Rights is OutProud Theatre's first production in its first subscription season. Written by Rebecca Ranson, the show relies on a loose, nearly non-existent story held together by musical numbers. This formula works for its chosen audience. The musical numbers are

highly entertaining; I particularly enjoyed Cheryl Pittman's "Testimony" by Ferron and Lenny Lassiter singing Holly Near's "Mountain Song."

Lesbian theatre is still teetering on the edge of professionalism. True, we are having to invent and build from the ground up, turn existing stereotypes on their heads. This show does some of that—for example, a mother is portrayed by a woman with a powerful butch image.

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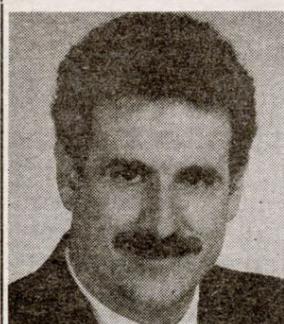
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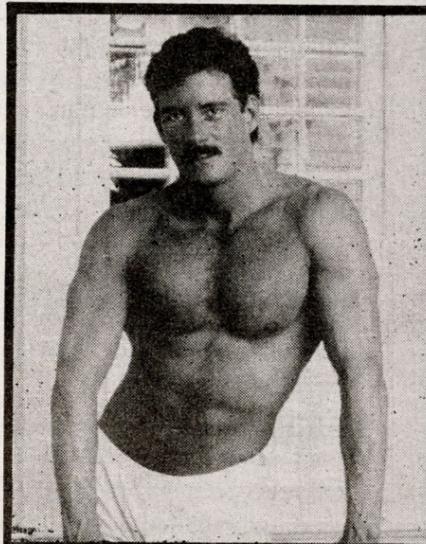
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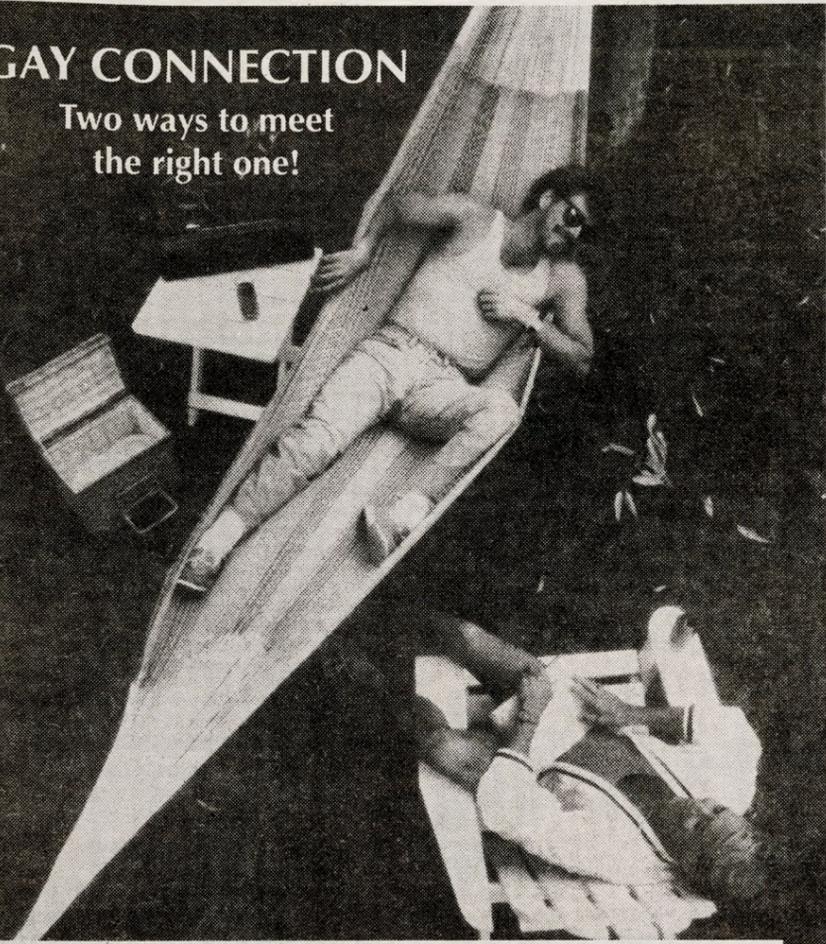
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