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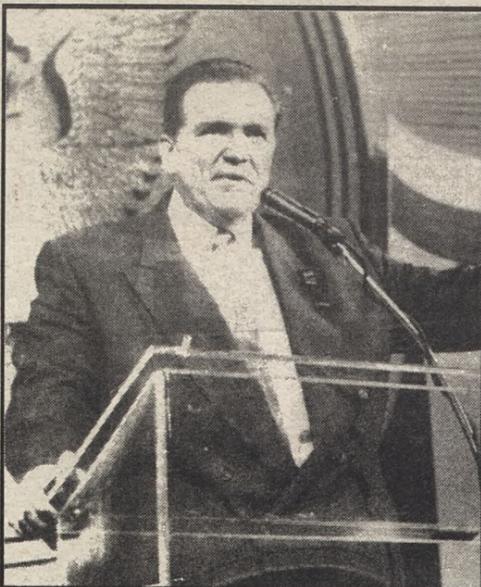
*As during the campaign, gays and lesbians were highly visible during Inauguration week, from the parade to the Triangle Ball*

Washington, DC—The new President didn't make it by, but with "the other" Clinton (Kate), k.d. lang, Melissa Etheridge, Elvira and a host of other politicians and celebrities on hand, the thousand or so celebrants at the nation's first lesbian and gay inaugural ball didn't seem to mind.

"Twelve years of a domestic nightmare is over," said the comedian Clinton. "I was in therapy for twelve years, and I quit as of tonight."

While not all gays and lesbians are ready to fire their therapists over Bill Clinton's inauguration, the Jan. 20 event did signal an end to the Reagan/Bush years, and a hopeful beginning to a new era of gay and lesbian political strength.

"It [the inauguration] marked a turning point, and I call it a rite of passage," said National Gay and Lesbian Task Force spokesperson Robert Bray. "We're going from political outsider and social pariah to part of the governing coalition of our nation."



David Mixner at his tribute in Washington, D.C.

At a Human Rights Campaign Fund-sponsored dinner before the balls began, HRCF executive director Tim McFeeley acknowledged what lesbian and gay voters had done for the Democrats' nominee.

"[The gay vote] composed at least 15% of the Democratic vote cast," he said, "and thus provided the margin of victory needed to win."

**Reason to party**

That vote is not lost on Democratic party leaders. At the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund Tribute to Clinton confidant David Mixner on Jan. 19, keynote speaker Sen. Edward Kennedy lauded the gay campaigner and his efforts to bring the gay vote to Clinton. Crediting gay voters with delivering the necessary margin of victory in the November election, Kennedy said that Mixner has "won a high place in the annals of a movement to free a whole segment of our people from oppression."

"In large part because of him," Kennedy told the

standing room only crowd of over 1000, "we are about to inaugurate a president committed to justice for gay and lesbian Americans."

While many in the lesbian/gay community still express doubts about Clinton's commitment to gay issues, the events of Inauguration Day certainly heralded a change from the last three Republican inaugurations, and indeed, previous Democratic inaugurations as well.

Noted African-American writer Maya Angelou, delivering a poem at Clinton's request after the inaugural oaths, acknowledged gays in a litany of people "yearning to respond" to the messages of hope and renewal represented by Clinton's election.

Pieces of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt were carried in Clinton's inaugural parade, members of the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America marched, and a pair of gay men and a lesbian couple rode a float called "Family of America" (see story page 9). Several hundred lesbians and gays made a showing at the corner of 10th and Pennsylvania for parade viewing, carrying rainbow flags and signs. And then there was the Triangle Ball, co-sponsored by HRCF, the NGLTF Policy Institute, and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

The Ball consumed two floors of the National Press Club on F Street, featuring a comedy cabaret and "The Socks Ballroom" (named after the First Cat) for dancing. In the ballroom, comedian Clinton emceed a night of surprises and surprise guests.

**An inaugural coming out**

Cassandra Peters, also known as Elvira, Mistress of the Dark, introduced a number of celebrities, including singer k.d. lang, who publicly came out in an Advocate interview last year.

"The best thing I ever did in my life was come out," lang said. "Not only did it make me feel better, but it made me live better."

Joining lang at the microphone, rock singer Melissa Etheridge, who recently cancelled a concert appearance in Denver because of Colorado's Amendment 2, offered one of the evening's big surprises.

"[k.d.] did the greatest thing I saw last year," said Etheridge, who has appeared at Georgia's RhythmFest twice. "I'm very proud to say I've been a lesbian all my life."

lang followed Etheridge's announcement with a hug and a kiss, shouting, "I've been trying to get her to say that all year."

**Time to go to work**

But what next after the jubilation of the inauguration of the nation's first gay-positive president?

"Hard work. It's going to be struggle," said Lynn (Manning) Pasqualetti, a Clinton delegate to the Democratic National Convention who attended last week's inauguration. "He's coming in after 12 years of hell, and he can't do it in a week. Clinton is a president who believes in equality for all. But Congress...he's going to have to fight for it."

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**Photo Caption: Gays and lesbians made a showing at the corner of 10th and Pennsylvania Streets during the Inaugural Parade.**

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## Vigil held for murdered gay sailor

Washington, DC—Chants of "Repeal the ban now!" and cries for justice in the tragic case of murdered gay sailor Allen Schindler echoed across a Pennsylvania Avenue plaza dedicated at America's Navy Memorial here January 18.

Over 200 people braved 35 degree weather and pre-Inaugural traffic to hold candles at a vigil organized by Queer Nation's National Capital chapter. They honored and mourned the dead sailor, killed October 27 in what may be the worst gay-bashing in naval history.

Blame for Schindler's death, charged Queer Nation's Margaret Cantrell, must be shared by top U.S. officials who oppose lifting the military's ban on homosexuals serving in the armed forces.

"George Bush, Dick Cheney, Colin Powell and that closet case Pete Williams should be



Dorothy Hajdys, mother of murdered gay sailor Allen Schindler, at the Jan. 18 vigil for her son.

charged with this murder because it is their homophobia that is responsible," she said.

Schindler, 22, loved the Navy but sought discharge because of repeated anti-gay harassment aboard the amphibious ship Belleau Wood, say friends, his lover and relatives.

"It was so bad there, he called it the 'Helleau Wood,'" his mother, Dorothy Hajdys, said.

She broke into tears at the vigil, but bravely faced reporters afterwards. "It's rough, but I'm here because I don't want any other mother to ever have to go through what I'm going through," she said.

"My son's body could not even be recognized except for the tattoos on his arms. I don't understand how any human being could do that to another."

The military must get its act together, said Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, a lesbian discharged from the Army National Guard due to her sexuality. "We must be as safe there as we could expect to be in a military that is supposed to represent discipline and order."

"We grieve now for Allen and his family. Let us hope that there will never be another case like this."

QN's Michael Petrelis, who organized the event and is raising money to attend Helvey's court martial in Japan, called Schindler patriotic for enlisting and courageous for coming out. He also charged that the Navy will not conduct an impartial investigation into this "horrible" murder.

"Remember," he said, "the Naval Investigative Service, when it probed the U.S.S. Iowa explosion blamed [the blast] on a supposed broken-heart relationship of a gay sailor named Clayton Hartwig, whose family has sued over that screw-up."

He savored the vigil's "terrific turn-out," urging people to lobby officials by writing letters, conduct phone zaps, and hold President-elect Clinton to his promise to sign an executive order allowing open gays and lesbians to serve in the military.

JOHN ZEH

## Transvestite murders are related, police say

Atlanta—While Chief Deputy Eugene Robinson of the Criminal Investigation Division feels the recent string of transvestite murders are related, more facts are needed to determine if the killings are the work of a serial killer. Robinson made the comments at the Lesbian and Gay Task Force of the Public Safety Council meeting on Tuesday, January 23.

Six transvestites have been murdered in Atlanta since 1987, the most recent death occurring in December 1992. All of the victims were African-Americans. Five of the victims were found in open areas near the corner of Ashby Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, a location where prostitutes gather. The sixth victim has been linked to the same community.

"We can't make the serial killer link yet," said Lieutenant Danny Hagan. There are commonalities among the victims, but we need to establish commonalities for the perpetrator or suspect. Right now, we can't tell if a single individual or group is responsible. We're still struggling with the actual number of suspects."

One complicating issue is the fact that weapons of different caliber were used in the crimes. Another source of difficulty for investigators is the scarcity of eye witnesses. The police department is asking that anyone with information to come forward and talk with the investigators. No witnesses have been identified to offer a possible description of the killer.

According to Hagan, "There is a lack of willingness for people to come forward and tell what they saw. Working with citizens is

how we solve crimes. Without community involvement, we're pretty much spinning our wheels."

Lily White, a local entertainer, says that the lack of willingness to speak with law enforcement officials has much to do with mistrust. She points specifically to the reluctance of the Police Department to link the crimes earlier.

"We haven't had a lot of protection from police. They haven't shown us any reason to have trust in them. It took quite a while for the police to open their eyes and realize what's going on. As far as the community is concerned the connection should have been made long before now."

Duncan Teague, a member of the Task Force, believes that while there is fear among the transvestites who frequent the Ashby Street area, their behavior has not changed in response to the murders.

"For those who are engaged in prostitution," says Teague, a.k.a. Amethyst Pride, "those decisions why they walk don't change when somebody gets killed."

The Task Force also discussed a recent wave of robberies occurring near several Midtown nightclubs. Law enforcement officials currently have a suspect in custody who has admitted to forty crimes, but only four victims can be located in police reports. The suspect has said he targets the gay community because he knows his victims will not report the crime.

The suspect is 35-year-old white male who often works with a 30-year-old black male. The police are hoping that anyone who may have been victimized by the men will report the crime.

CRAIG PATE

## Gay lobbyist will face tough issues in General Assembly

Atlanta—With over 600 bills introduced in the Georgia General Assembly's first week, it promises to be a busy season for the state's lawmakers. The Gold Dome is also filled with the hurried footsteps of representatives of interest groups competing for the attention of the legislators. Among that group is Larry Pellegrini, lobbyist for Georgia Political Action Committee (GAPAC). This year is the first a lobbyist has been hired to represent community-wide issues and not exclusively AIDS related topics.

To be effective, Pellegrini believes that representatives of the gay and lesbian community must learn the rules of the general assembly "game," such as determining how to get access to certain legislators or planning tactical strategies for getting proposals through the committee system.

Pellegrini is prepared to fight some tough battles on behalf of the lesbian and gay community in the coming months. Some of the issues that will be confronted:

**Sex Education.** A bill similar to the one that Governor Miller vetoed at the end of the last legislative session has been introduced. Conservative forces were unable to get enough cooperation to override the veto, but the same bill has basically been introduced again. The bill prohibits educators from teaching or speaking about anything that is illegal in the state of Georgia. Because of the state's sodomy law, anything related to homosexuality would be excluded from sex education programs. Pellegrini feels that legislators will find it difficult to vote against the bill because the wording simply prohibits discussion of "illegal acts."

**Revising the State Flag.** GAPAC and Pellegrini are joining a coalition of groups in support of changing the flag that they feel is a symbol of discrimination. GAPAC's goal is to work with other organizations in the capitol in supporting civil rights legislation that benefits the entire state. Pellegrini describes people of color and women's rights groups as "natural allies" with the gay community.

"Forming coalition groups is the only way things happen down there," says Pellegrini. "Whoever can put together that 51%."

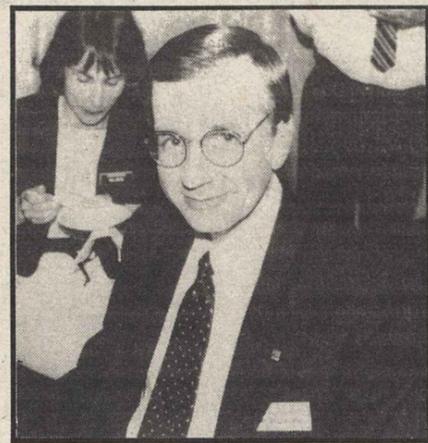
**Hate Crimes Legislation.** Attempts to pass a hate crimes law have stalled temporarily. Several states have laws that are being reviewed by the courts, so supporters of such a law in Georgia are waiting to see what type of provisions will be upheld by the judicial system.

"No one is willing to try to draft anything in Georgia because we don't know what is going to pass. Why should we start to put legislation on the books if we're not sure it is going to stick?"

**Bills Related to AIDS.** Several bills con-

tain provisions aimed at making records from hospitals or previous employment more accessible in employment background investigations. Pellegrini warns that this information could be used in harmful ways if a person's HIV status is easily attainable.

There are also two bills containing manda-



Gay/lesbian lobbyist Larry Pellegrini

tory testing provisions. One requires HIV testing prior to obtaining a marriage license. The other would allow a law enforcement official to demand testing of any individual if physical contact is required in the line of duty.

**Anti-Gay Initiatives.** Newsweek has reported that conservative groups are preparing for an anti-gay effort in Georgia along with 10 other states. Georgia law does not permit voter petition initiatives like those used in Oregon and Colorado, so the legislature must first approve any referendum that is placed on the ballot. GAPAC expects the groups to seek sponsors using the language of the successful Colorado initiative, but no bill has been introduced to date.

"We are keeping our ear to the ground," says Pellegrini. "We haven't seen any hard evidence that it is on the table."

**Sodomy Reform.** Elimination of consensual adult sodomy as a crime may occur if a sexual assault reform bill yet to be introduced is passed. Rape Crisis centers across the state are pushing for a graduated system of classifying sexual assault. The system would include non-consensual sodomy in the five new categories of sexual assault. Because consensual adult sodomy would not be addressed as an assault, it would be abolished as a crime.

GAPAC expects the fundamentalists to try to kill the entire bill, although sodomy is addressed in only a small fraction of the proposal. While the bill would also benefit attorneys prosecuting rape cases, support among the state's district attorneys has not been gauged.

According to Pellegrini, the Atlanta city government agreed in October to lobby for sodomy reform in whatever form the issue arises. GAPAC is also looking to get a similar commitment from Fulton County government.

CRAIG PATE

## ACT UP/Atlanta protests detention of Haitians

Atlanta—About ten members of ACT UP demonstrated in front of the Atlanta office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service on Jan. 19, protesting the INS policy barring people with HIV/AIDS from entering the United States. The protest was specifically designed to call attention to the detention of nearly 300 HIV+ Haitian refugees, currently being imprisoned at the U.S. military installation at Guantanamo, Cuba.

"We've been saying ever since this policy [banning people with HIV/AIDS] was instituted is that it could have devastating results," said Graham. "And now it has."

The 277 Haitian refugees, along with thousands of others escaped Haiti and asked for political asylum in the United States. While tens of thousands of other refugees have been

sent back to Haiti, these men, women and children are being kept at Guantanamo because they have recognized claims to political asylum. But their HIV status prevents them from entering the United States.

ACT UP and other groups across the country are joining forces to call attention to the refugees' plight and to protest the INS' exclusionary policy.

The hour-long demonstration was marred by a man who berated the protestors for several minutes while standing in the middle of the groups legal picket on the sidewalk.

"He told us we should not focus on the INS," said ACT UP's Jeff Graham, "because all queers, all people with HIV, and all Haitians trying to enter the country should be shot in the head."

The unidentified man left the protest of his own accord after a short while.

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**"Yes, Jesus loves me!!" say  
Falwell protestors**

Lynchburg, VA— About 35 people picketed January 17 in front of the Thomas Road Baptist Church, the church of anti-gay crusader Rev. Jerry Falwell. The demonstration was sponsored by Lynchburg-based Gays and Lesbians United for Equality, with others joining in the protest from Richmond and Roanoke. Demonstrators wore pink lapel tags saying, "Yes, Jesus loves me!"

"They are not bad people. They need the Lord," Falwell told the congregation. "They've got every right to oppose us and they're doing it peacefully."

Organizer Kelly McHugh, a former Lynchburg resident now living in Richmond, said she and others were outraged by Falwell's persistent attacks on lesbians and gays. Ms. McHugh accused Falwell of perpetrating hatred and violence toward people based on their sexual orientation.

Falwell did not go outside to talk to the protestors. He did speak of them several times in the course of his sermon, though he referred to the sponsoring group as Queer Nation.

While Falwell was careful not to condemn the motives or actions of Sunday's protestors, he has been outspoken in opposition to President-elect Clinton's proposal to lift the military ban against openly gay men and lesbians. He also routinely condemns homosexual activity and attacks proposals to extend employment, housing and other basic civil rights to lesbians and gays.

One of the groups participating in Sunday's protest was formed just over a year ago to



JIM MARRS

**Rev. Jerry Falwell's church was the target of a recent demonstration by gay activists.**

work toward overturning the ban on gays in the armed forces.

Michael McLeod, a Roanoke gay-rights activist, formed Operation Firestorm after a Naval Academy student was dismissed just before his scheduled graduation because of his homosexuality.

McLeod and other activists endorse Clinton's proposal to end the ban on gays in the military. They said they also want to counter "the seeds of hate that Jerry Falwell spreads in his sermons and in interviews" in the national media. (AP)

**Duke president wants  
benefits for gay partners**

Durham, NC—Granting benefits to gay and lesbian partners of faculty and staff would continue efforts to erase discrimination based on sexual orientation, Duke University's president says.

Duke President Keith Brodie has asked the faculty compensation committee to extend medical and dental insurance, tuition waivers and the use of library and athletic facilities to gay partners. Last fall, the panel rejected a similar proposal, citing cost.

The debate comes at a time when administrators are seeking ways to reduce spending on employee benefits.

"The main question obviously is the cost," said Toby Y. Kahr, Duke's associate vice president for human resources, who has not publicly taken a stance on the issue. "I don't know of a company that's not looking at ways to curtail the costs of their health-care programs."

Kahr said estimates indicated that 2 percent to 3 percent of Duke's 15,000 faculty and employees eligible for the benefits have same-sex partners.

To qualify, the couples are required to sign affidavits stating they maintain long-term financial commitments to each other. (AP)

**Louisville anti-gay group  
devises election strategy**

Louisville, KY—Leaders of a coalition that helped defeat a proposed gay-rights amendment last summer are devising a strategy to reward elected officials who sided with them and punish some of those who didn't.

The Fairness Amendment, defeated 8-4 in August by the Louisville Board of Aldermen, would have expanded the city's ordinance barring discrimination in housing and employment to cover sexual orientation.

Dr. Frank Simon, a Louisville allergist, said he and other gay-rights opponents will try to defeat Alderman Melissa Mershon, an outspoken supporter of the amendment, in her

bid to become Jefferson County sheriff.

"I certainly can't see having a woman sheriff," Simon said. "I think a sheriff ought to be a man."

"Certainly, it ought to be somebody who is pro-family. Melissa Mershon is primarily interested in helping homosexuals."

Simon said his organization, the Pro-Family Coalition of Louisville, is meeting weekly, and working for the re-election of the aldermen who sided with them.

"Our primary concern is the Board of Aldermen," he said. "We definitely are going to try to keep the homosexuals from taking over." (AP)

**Tampa activists reward  
gay friendly businesses**

Tampa, FL—Tampa gay activists are protesting voter rejection of the city's human rights ordinance with an economic "boycott" to reward area businesses that agree with them and punish those that don't.

"By helping people to channel their economic resources in a positive way, we are casting votes—dollar votes—for equality," said Meredith Albert, a spokeswoman for the Tampa Human Rights Task Force.

Under the plan called "The Buycott," gay activists will survey businesses in Tampa and surrounding Hillsborough County, then compile a monthly list of those which have policies prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. The first list is due next month.

In addition, the task force is designing a symbol participating merchants will be able to put in their windows. And customers will be given two sets of cards—one to thank businesses for helping the effort and another to tell those that aren't on the list why they are going elsewhere.

One part of the plan was similar to the Colorado boycott. According to a news release, "convention and tourist groups that have difficulty complying with the boycott will be discouraged from coming to Tampa."

JAMES MARTINEZ

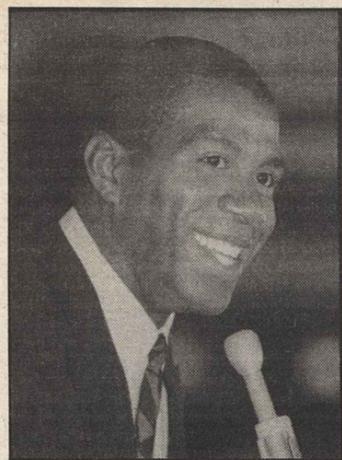
**Doctor Recounts Nureyev's Battle With AIDS:** In an interview published in the newspaper *Le Figaro*, Dr. Michel Canesi, Rudolf Nureyev's physician, confirmed that the dancer had died of complications from AIDS. "If I now make this clarification, it's because this is not a disease to be ashamed of," Canesi said. "People must know. He was too famous to hide the truth." Canesi said that Nureyev learned he had the disease in 1984, and that he was terrified of the possibility that his condition would become public. Citing that certain countries, "notably the United States, barred entry to people who" carried HIV, Canesi said that "Rudolf didn't want anybody to speak about his illness for professional reasons, for fear that the world would be closed to him."

**Anchorage Mayor's Veto Overridden On Gay Rights Ordinance:** Anchorage, Alaska Mayor Tom Fink on Jan. 15 vetoed a gay rights law passed by the Anchorage Assembly earlier in the week, saying he thinks homosexuality is wrong, that it threatens society, and that most people in the community agree with him. The city Assembly, however, promptly overrode Fink's veto on Jan. 20, thanks to the vote from newly appointed member Duane French. The ordinance passed 7-3, but eight votes were needed for the override. Some council members tried to force a vote on the issue before French's appointment, but the effort failed. The ordinance protects city employees from job discrimination.

**Idaho Leaders Decry Prejudice Against Gays:** Observing the birthday of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., state leaders in Idaho stressed bigotry is not welcome in the state, including a newly emerged campaign to pass an anti-gay rights measure. Idaho must fight the nation's perception it is a haven for white supremacists and people who would establish a tough anti-gay initiative after failing to do so in Oregon, said Gov. Cecil Andrus and Attorney General Larry Echo Hawk. "We will point to those people and say it is not the Idaho way," said Andrus, calling them "new carpetbaggers."

**Hundreds Gather For Funeral Of Vermont Lawmaker:** Hundreds of people gathered Jan. 13 to pay tribute to Rep. Ron Squires, the openly gay Vermont legislator who died of AIDS two days after being sworn in, on his hospital bed, for his second term in the Vermont legislature. More than 60 state legislators packed the church, along with Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and Lt. Gov. Barbara Snelling. Squires' mother, Shirley, got a phone call from then-Pres.-elect Clinton just before her son died. "He just represented a real Vermont boy who cared very much about his neighbors, who just happens to be gay," said Julie Peterson, an aide to Gov. Dean.

**Controversy Continues Over Gays In NY St. Pat's Parade:** After New York Mayor David Dinkins granted the permit for this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade to another group because the parade's original sponsors refuse to allow a gay Irish group to march, the Ancient Order of Hibernians have filed suit to get the permit back and threatened a boycott if the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization is allowed to march. "Either the AOH is in, or ILGO is in," said Hibernians lawyer Patrick Gatins. "And if AOH is out, it'll be a very short parade." Timothy Hartnett, president of the New York County AOH, told the *New York Daily News* that without the AOH the parade will be little more than "a 45-minute demonstration consisting of the mayor, police commissioner and ILGO."



Earvin "Magic" Johnson

**Magic Johnson Officially Listed On AIDS Lawsuit:** A U.S. District Judge ordered that Magic Johnson be listed officially on a lawsuit filed by a woman who alleges he gave her HIV. Johnson had been listed as Richard Roe in court documents, although he had publicly admitted to being the defendant in the case. The woman's name will remain shielded by the court to protect her privacy and that of her 4-year-old daughter. Johnson, the woman, and seven lawyers have discussed the \$7 million lawsuit in a teleconference, but are no closer to a settlement, said Judge Richard A. Enslin.

**Gay Civil Rights Bill Stands Good Chance In Washington State:** A ban on discrimination against gays and lesbians in Washington has a solid chance at the Legislature this year after more than a decade of failure, proponents say. Rep. Cal Anderson, the legislature's only openly gay member, said last week

he will introduce a measure granting gays and lesbians the same protections against discrimination now covering people based on religion, race, sex, ethnic origin and disability. Gov. Mike Lowry told his first news conference as governor that the legislation is needed. "We need to drive a wooden stake through the ugly heart of discrimination and bigotry," he said, signing an executive order banning discrimination against gays and lesbians by state government.

**Rhode Island Governor Bans Discrimination For State Employees:** Gov. Bruce Sundlun on Jan. 18 banned discrimination based on sexual orientation for Rhode Island's gay state employees through an executive order. Sundlun announced the order at a breakfast commemorating the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. "I can think of no more fitting day than... the day when we honor one of the greatest human rights leaders of all time," he said. In addition to prohibiting discrimination in employment, Sundlun's order bans "discrimination by any recipient of state funds." "This includes lending institutions, developers, contractors, subcontractors and entities doing business with the state," said the governor.

**Vermont City Extends Benefits To Domestic Partners:** Joining a small number of cities across the nation, Burlington, Vermont, will offer health care benefits to the domestic partners of the city's unmarried employees. The City Council approved the new policy 9-4 on Jan. 11 after three hours of public comment and debate. "I believe the City Council did what was right and fair," Mayor Peter Clavelle said after the vote. The new policy applies to both heterosexual and gay and lesbian unmarried couples who sign an affidavit affirming that they fit certain criteria.



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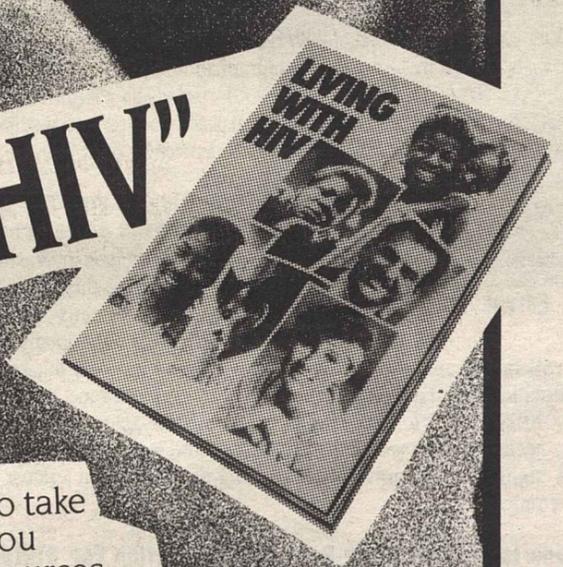
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## 330,000 AIDS deaths expected in U.S. by 1995

Atlanta—AIDS will have killed 330,000 Americans by 1995, but the disease's spread will slow somewhat, according to new projections by federal health authorities.

"The AIDS epidemic hasn't plateaued, but it will not grow as fast as in its earlier years," Dr. John Ward, chief of AIDS surveillance for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Jan. 14.

"Why? A slowdown in new infections is a possibility, and another is that people with HIV are getting treatment that slows the progression to AIDS."

Still, the CDC said that by 1995 more than half a million Americans will have been diagnosed with AIDS since the start of the epidemic in 1981. The number of deaths is expected to reach 330,000 to 385,000—more than twice the current number.

AIDS will increase fastest among women and heterosexuals, the CDC predicted. But the number infected with HIV will remain at about 1 million, Ward said.

That is based on current estimates that the number of deaths and new infections is stable at about 50,000 a year, said John Karon, CDC statistician. As of September, there had been 242,000 cases of AIDS and 160,000 deaths in the United States.

The CDC projects the future of the AIDS epidemic every few years. Its latest report encompasses a new AIDS definition that went into effect Jan. 1. Under the old definition, which diagnosed HIV patients with AIDS when they got any of 23 indicator diseases, 420,000 to 540,000 Americans, including

those who have died, would have AIDS by 1995, the CDC said.

The new definition, which lists three additional diseases plus severely suppressed immune systems as AIDS indicators, will add at least another 100,000 patients to that roll, the CDC said.

"We have to project the whole range of possibility, but in our experience the actual number is closer to the lower estimate," Ward said.

Cases of heterosexually transmitted AIDS increased 28 percent in 1991, the latest available data, and are expected to continue at about that rate, Ward said. Homosexual cases and cases among injecting drug users are expected to increase by no more than 10 percent yearly.

"The slowdown of AIDS cases among men who have sex with men suggests that prevention efforts are beneficial in curbing the epidemic," Ward said. "This is the group where prevention efforts were first started, and it's the one that has shown the most progress."

But gay and bisexual men will still make up the largest pool of AIDS patients—between 235,000 and 299,000 by 1995—because tens of thousands were diagnosed earlier in the epidemic, the CDC said.

The number of female cases increased 15 percent in 1991, compared to 10 percent for men, and female cases are expected to continue to rise faster, the CDC said.

By 1995, between 55,000 and 75,000 women will have AIDS, compared with 25,900 now, an increase of at least 112 percent.

LAUREN NEERGAARD

## Nurse declares himself HIV-positive with tattoo

Seattle—A nursing assistant at Harborview Medical Center has put his job on the line with a tattoo declaring himself "HIV POSITIVE."

John Baldetta, 28, infected with HIV, says he got the tattoo in December to stimulate discussions about AIDS.

He says he kept the tattoo covered at the request of a supervisor until last Wednesday, when he decided that hiding it was "stupid" and that no one should tell him how to dress.

Baldetta said he was told to leave the hospital after he twice refused to cover the tattoo, which is on his left forearm. He was suspended for three days, but allowed to return to work until hospital administrators decide whether he can keep his job.

"We just feel it can make patients overly anxious, put them in a compromising position and affect the outcome of their stay here in the hospital," hospital spokeswoman Tina Mankowski said.

On the night of Jan. 11, after returning to work for the day, Baldetta said the people he met understood his position and reacted favorably.

"It was very good, very positive," he said. "I got a lot of support from patients and families of patients and staff."

He said that since he does no invasive procedures, patients did not feel they were at risk.

The suspension and review of Baldetta's job status have nothing to do with his being HIV-positive, Mankowski said.

The issue is "whether or not it is appropriate for a staff member to display a tattoo or any symbol that could potentially upset a patient and negatively affect his or her medical outcome," she said.

She said the hospital administration also is "very concerned with individual civil rights

and wants to weigh this staff member's freedom of expression with our patients' rights."

American Civil Liberties Union officials said they were reviewing a complaint they received from Baldetta last week.

Baldetta said he was given the impression he would be allowed to display the tattoo pending a final decision on his job.

"I refuse to cover it," he said. "Definitely. Never."

## Men who identify as gay more likely to use condoms

Men who identify as gay or bisexual appear to be more likely to practice safe sex than men who have anal sex with other men and identify as straight, according to a report in the Jan. 15 issue of Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), published by the Centers for Disease Control.

The report, which was based on an informal survey at the Dallas County (Texas) Health Department, suggested the educational efforts in the gay and bisexual communities are being heeded with more frequency than those efforts directed at the general population.

The survey found that 64% of men who identified as straight reported they never used a condom, compared with 16% of those who identified as gay or bisexual. The survey also found that condom use was significantly higher among men who sought HIV/AIDS information in newspapers, brochures or leaflets than among those who did not.

Additionally, the survey found that the more comfortable a man was in disclosing to family members his sexual orientation, the more likely he was to regularly use condoms.

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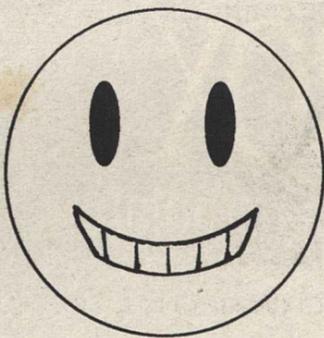
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## New congresswoman will push for more explicit AIDS education

San Francisco—U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), elected to the House of Representatives in November, intends to push for more explicit AIDS education during the next Congressional session, according to a report in the San Francisco Examiner.

"People have died because we have not had an effective and realistic program about how AIDS spreads in our country because of certain hang-ups the far right has about the language you use and the way you educate people about it," Pelosi told the Examiner.

The Congresswoman said that the bill she plans to introduce is still being drafted, but will provide for public service announcements about how condom use will help prevent the disease. The plan would create an Office of HIV Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, and will give local governments discretion in operating the prevention programs.

"We are now and always have been very, very focused and concerned about the issue of prevention," said CDC spokesperson Bob Howard. "We're always looking for an opportunity to do our job better, and if somebody has a good idea, we're anxious to listen to it."

AIDS advocates and activists say it's time for a real AIDS education effort.

"There has been a reluctance to deal with the specifics in AIDS prevention," said Mitzi Henderson, president of the San Francisco



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Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California

chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays. "For people like Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina and [former] Congressman Bill Dannemeyer (R-CA), anything dealing with sex or sex education has a rough time."

Pelosi believes her bill is the right bill at the right time.

"The point is we need a departure from the prevention plan the present administration has advocated and we need it as soon as possible," she said.

## Misdiagnosis leads to early AIDS deaths in Kentucky

Frankfort, KY—Initial misdiagnosis of AIDS patients is the leading reason that Kentuckians with AIDS survive an average of only half as long as in other states, a state report concludes.

Nearly one-fourth of the 124 Kentuckians found to have AIDS two years ago died within two months of being diagnosed, according to a report by the state Department for Health Services.

The median survival time for Kentucky AIDS patients diagnosed from 1982 through 1991 was 10 months, compared with 20 months nationally, according to the report, which was published in the November issue of the Kentucky Medical Association Journal.

The health agency studied the records of 29 patients who were diagnosed with AIDS in the year ending June 30, 1991, and who died within two months of diagnosis. Ten of them had been misdiagnosed initially.

If they had been correctly diagnosed at first, "they could have been under treatment months or years earlier," said Dr. Reginald Finger, the state's chief epidemiologist and a co-author of the report.

Other reasons for the early deaths included patients' failure to seek care because they didn't know they were infected with HIV; and inadequate or no follow-up care once someone was found to have the virus.

Finger said he believes more AIDS education for doctors would improve survival rates in Kentucky.

New doctors now must receive training in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of AIDS before they are licensed, Finger said.

But already licensed doctors—unlike nurses and dentists—are not required to receive such training.

The health department study doesn't identify specific reasons doctors misdiagnosed AIDS patients. But it did show that many different doctors and hospitals were treating only a few AIDS patients, Finger said.

The incidence of people with AIDS in Kentucky is lower than the national average—4.7 cases per 100,000 people at the time of the study compared with a rate of 17.4 per 100,000 nationally. That makes it even less likely that doctors, other than specialists, will have much experience diagnosing AIDS.

"If you don't have experience treating AIDS patients, you may not suspect one of the 100 people coming to you with a cough has AIDS," he said.

The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure is developing rules that will require continuing education for already licensed doctors, and that will include AIDS training, Finger said.

Melinda Overstreet, the HIV care coordinator for the state's Barren River Region, said at least four of the 94 AIDS patients she worked with last year were initially misdiagnosed.

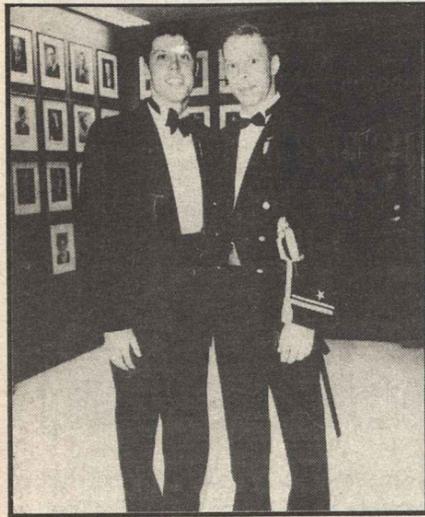
"One client had no idea he was HIV positive," Overstreet said. "He got very sick and died in less than a month."

She believes the lack of doctors' experience in diagnosing and treating AIDS patients is a "big factor" in misdiagnoses and early deaths.

But she said a bigger problem, especially in the smaller towns where many of her clients live, is that patients, fearing their names won't be kept confidential, don't get tested for HIV and treated in time. (AP)

## Inauguration

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Discharged Navy navigator Tracy Thorne and his lover at The Triangle Ball.

Already Clinton's plan to drop the military ban on lesbians and gays is under harsh fire from Congress and the religious right. In a draft memorandum to the President from Defense Secretary Les Aspin, Aspin warned that Senate Majority leader George Mitchell (D-ME) could get "no more than 30 sure votes" in favor of lifting the ban. And any effort to lift the ban will surely be challenged by right-wing senators, most likely led by North Carolina's Jesse Helms.

At the Mixner tribute, the military ban was at the forefront of political thought. Noting the presence of former Navy navigator Tracy Thorne, one of several gay armed services members suing the Department of Defense for the right to serve, Mixner said that Clinton would deliver on his promise to lift the ban.

"It's over. Goddamn, it's over," he said. "In

the very near future, Tracy Thorne will fly again for this country."

In his remarks, however, Sen. Kennedy warned of the right's fierce determination to stop the fight for gay rights.

"Each time we advance," he said, "the hate-mongers rise up again, fanning the flames of prejudice and fear."

"It's going to be much tougher than we thought," said HRCF Southeast Field Coordinator Don George of the ban's repeal. "Calls to the White House are running 200:1 against us. Jerry Falwell blasted us all day [Sunday] on the New Inspirational Network and plugged his 900 number to cast a vote against gays in the military."

And high military officials have vowed to fight Clinton's plan. Amid rumors that Joint Chiefs of Staff chair Gen. Colin Powell would step down if Clinton goes through with his pledge, Sec. of Defense Aspin appeared on Sunday's "Face the Nation" to discuss the issue.

"My argument to the military is that sooner or later, the courts are going to come at you on this issue," he said. "[My argument to Congress is] don't vote on this thing now, don't derail this now. Give us a chance to work it out."

Whatever the outcome of the military issue, gays and lesbians celebrated Bill Clinton's inauguration.

"We're not taking anything for granted," said Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund director William Waybourn. "This is not going to be a perfect union by any stretch of the imagination."

But Waybourn agreed with others that so far the Clinton people "have done everything they said they would do." And that's cause for the celebration.

"We have to keep Mr. Clinton to his promises," said NGLTF's Robert Bray. But for now, "just the idea of gay people dancing bow-tie-to-bow tie and cumberbund-to-cumberbund is an exciting moment for us."

KC WILDMOON

John Zeh and Matthew Cibellis contributed to this article from Washington.



## Lesbian couple rode on inaugural float

Dallas, TX—A lesbian couple from Dallas—designated, with a pair of gay men from Philadelphia, to ride on an inaugural day float—says inclusion in the parade signals a greater knowledge of homosexuality.

Louise Young, who has shared a home in Dallas for 21 years with Vivienne Armstrong, said their participation reflects increased inclusion of lesbians and gays, but said she is aware that some people "won't be too thrilled."

"I think most Americans want to see gays and lesbians included in the vision of America," Young told The Dallas Morning News last week before the inauguration.

The float bearing Young and Armstrong, called "The Family of America," carried an estimated 80 people representing a cross-section of families, including single parents as well as lesbian and gay couples. Best friends Donnie McFarland and Harry Skarloff, who

worked on the inaugural committee's events staff and arranged the gay inclusion, were the gay men on the float.

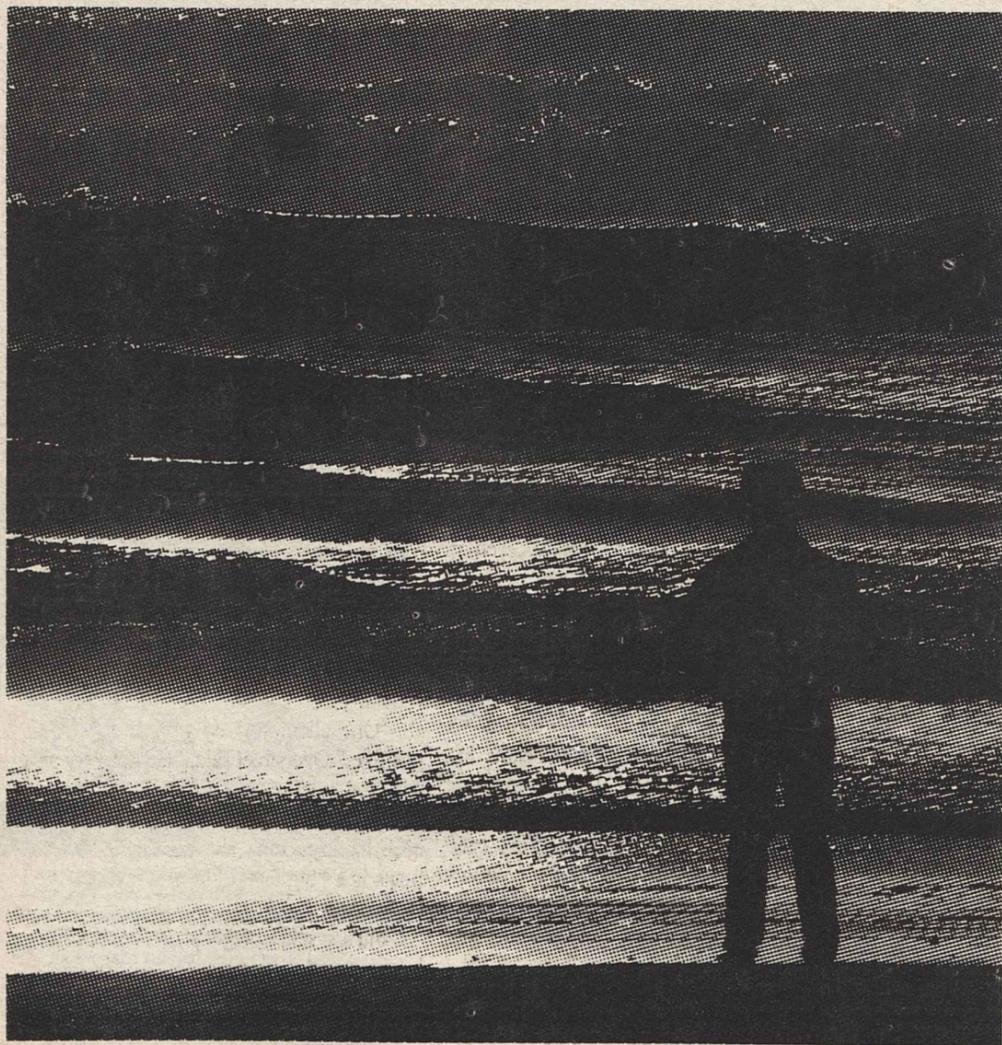
"We put them on the float because we feel that gay people are part of this country and they should be a part of the family of America," said Sally Aman, a parade spokesperson.

Members of conservative religious groups were quick to criticize the inclusion of lesbians on the float.

"Homosexuals should never be compared to people who are black or Hispanic or Asian or handicapped or Jewish," said the Rev. Lou Sheldon, chairman of a group called the Traditional Values Coalition.

Sheldon, whose group represents 25,000 churches nationwide, said, "The freedom train to Selma never stopped at Sodom and Gomorrah." (AP)

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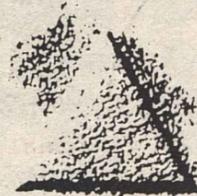
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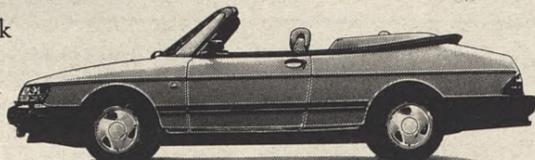
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### Atlanta Lambda Community Center Update

Lambda finished 1992 by raising over \$27,000 toward the establishment of the center. At a board meeting on Jan. 12, the Center installed three new board members: Larry Lucas, Gloria McCrary and George Rogan. The Center's members plan to increase fund-raising activities in 1993, and are searching for a temporary space for the center. Special Events and Major Fund-raising committees meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month at First MCC. For more info on the center and its current or planned activities, call 662-9010.

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**How to assess the opposition**

Not long ago I got an angry call from my friend Mark about a column in one of the local newspapers by syndicated political writers Evans and Novak. Evans and Novak were complaining about the Republican party's failure, both now and in the campaign just past, to attack President Clinton's plan to allow gays and lesbians into the military.

Evans and Novak quoted Bush deputy campaign manager Mary Matalin as saying she had wanted to seize the military issue, identify the "gay lobby" as "another liberal interest group," and to oppose establishing a "protected position" for gays under civil rights laws.

Mark was enraged by all this and equally enraged that Evans and Novak obviously agreed with her.

Of course. But Mark need not have been enraged. He could have been fiendishly gleeful. After all, the whole point of the Evans and Novak column was how unhappy they were that opposition to Clinton's plan is so minimal. After all, the Republicans did not much attack gays after the Houston convention. Evans and Novak even quoted Matalin herself as acknowledging, "We were spending our entire time denying that the Republican party was a bunch of homophobic bigots."

In order to suggest the vulnerability of Clinton's position on gays, Evans and Novak refer to Clinton's "unqualified endorsement of the gay agenda," calling it a "calculated risk." But this is rewriting history. Clinton's support was extremely selective; and while it may have seemed a "risk," it was one that was "calculated"—even well-calculated—based on polls, focus groups, and a canny sense of most people's hierarchy of concerns. And the calculation was proven out: Clinton lost few votes that he would otherwise have won, and he gained votes (and financial support) he would not have otherwise had.

My friend Mark was not reading Evans and Novak with the right perspective. We should ignore whether we agree or disagree with Evans and Novak and read them for the news they present: they are a valuable source of information about what is going on behind the scenes among conservatives. The real message of their column was that a lot of Republican campaign officials realized after Houston that attacking gays was a losing proposition—i.e., that a lot more people

would be offended than pleased. In other words, they came to acknowledge the correctness of the Clinton campaign's analysis, a fact that Evans and Novak can barely recognize, and only by distorting history can protect themselves from acknowledging.

The Evans and Novak column provides a valuable reminder of the general truth that if we want to measure our progress, it is best not to listen only to our own leaders and cheerleaders, but also to what the other side says and does: the claims it makes, how it argues, what it produces in electoral clout.

Take another instance. Randall Terry, the head of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, planned demonstrations and prayers on Jan. 20, the day of Clinton's inauguration. He also challenged Clinton not to be sworn in on the Bible. According to the Baptist Press news service, Terry's message was to be, "Gov. Clinton, do not mock God, do not put your hand on the sacred Bible that condemns homosexuality, that says no to forni-

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cation, that says no to adultery, that says no to homosexuality."

Yes, he mentions homosexuality twice, but let that pass. The point here is how many people Terry said he expected to attract to his demonstrations. According to the Baptist Press, "Organizers are expecting about 500 to participate." Again, the message here is not that Terry is opposed to us, but how little enthusiasm he seems to be able to generate despite his hyperbolic rhetoric. The demonstration held on January 8 by Terry at the White House drew five supporters. Consider, by contrast, that upwards of 5,000 gays and their supporters participated in Michael Petrelis' "Hands Around the White House" demonstration Oct. 12.

Terry may eventually lure 500 people—perhaps 1,000, even 1,500—in which case he may be positioning himself to be able to claim "overwhelming participation and support." But the fact remains that these numbers are pitifully small, even though Terry seems to be trying to broaden the focus of his activities to something more popular and lucrative. Terry has a tough job: a Gallup Poll last year showed that 50 percent of those surveyed feared fundamentalists more than any other group in society.

Another way to tell how our side is doing is to watch the rhetoric on the other side. For

instance, on a recent "McLaughlin Group" television program the increasingly conservative Morton Kondracke used not one but two mendacious arguments: that gay rights laws lead to quotas for gays, and that there is some element of choice in being gay so civil rights protections are inappropriate.

Both these claims are in important ways false, but again the point here is not to get angry at Kondracke—who may not even believe what he says—but to note that he can find no plausible reason for opposing gay rights laws if they simply outlaw overt discrimination, and if being gay is not somehow willful and irresponsible.

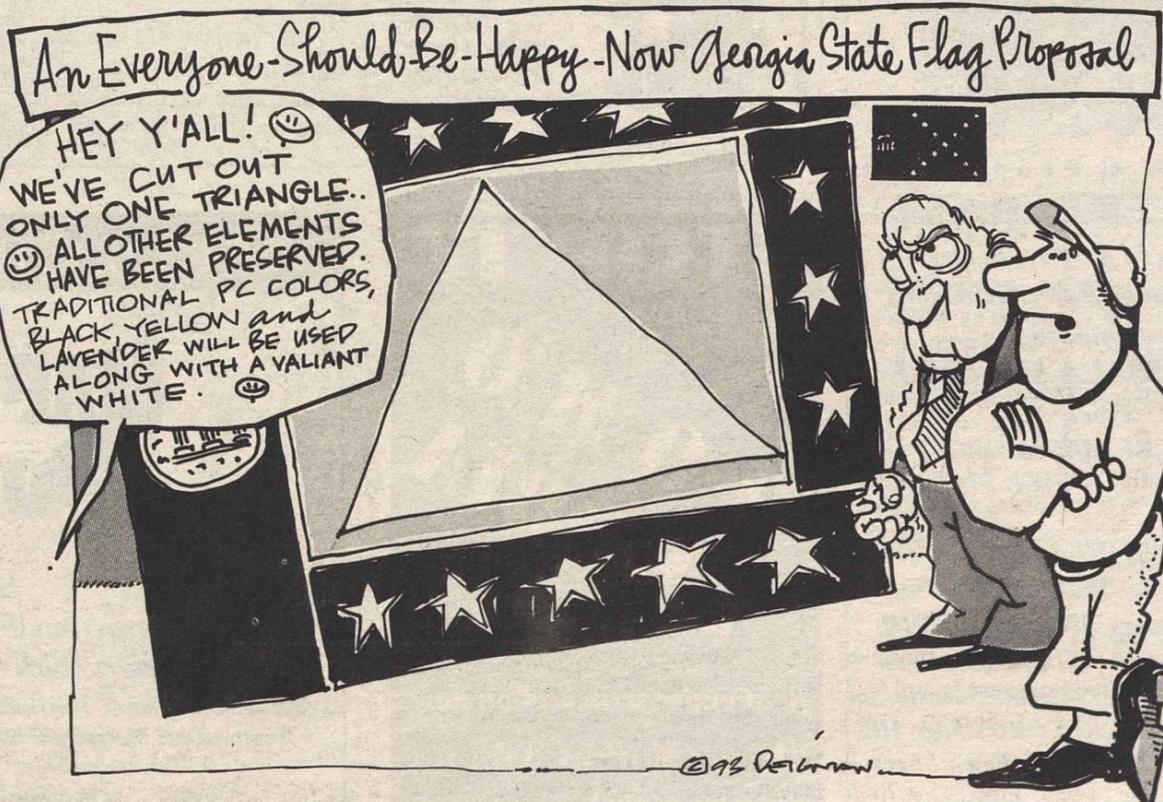
Kondracke is tacitly acknowledging here that the moderate, reasonable position is now in our possession and that it has become necessary to make immoderate and unsupported claims in order to justify an anti-gay position. This again is an important index of our gains: it no longer suffices among intelligent people to claim that gays *per se* are bad or that they should be denied equal opportunities.

To recognize this is not to let someone like Kondracke off the hook for his misrepresentations. We still need to reply to him and to reassert the fundamental legitimacy of our moral claims to equal dignity.

It is easy enough to show that non-discrimination does not lead to quotas: it depends on where the law places the burden of proof in cases involving discrimination claims. Nor would we even want quotas since gays are clearly already over-represented in certain fields. Nor is it even clear what quotas could mean when applied to a partially invisible population of indeterminate size. Some gay rights laws even explicitly disavow quotas.

As to choice, Kondracke should be challenged to show how he as a presumptive heterosexual can "know" that choice is involved in being gay, to explain what psychological sense it makes to "choose" to find someone erotically stimulating, to explain whether he could "choose" to find someone erotically stimulating if he did not already find them so. Even if being gay were a choice, the First Amendment's provisions on religion show America's high regard for choice on deeply-felt personal issues. There are even civil rights protections for religious practice. So Kondracke must defend the claim that whom one spends one's life with is less fundamental than the building one visits on Sunday morning.

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**COLORADO WATCH**

The state of Colorado has appealed to the Colorado Supreme Court to overturn a Denver judge's ruling that placed the state's anti-gay law on hold.

A second motion was also filed with the high court, asking it to quickly rule on the case because "the public interest is great," according to a brief by Attorney General Gale Norton's office.

In its appeal, the attorney general's office argued Jan. 18 that Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless' decision was of "exceptional public importance." In its motion for expedited proceedings, the attorneys said Bayless placed in limbo a constitutional amendment that had been decided by the voters.

Some gay and lesbian groups around the nation briefly considered halting the boycott of Colorado after Bayless issued the injunction, said Robert Briggs-Daniels, a spokesperson for Boycott Colorado. But they reconsidered when the state announced its immediate appeal.

"[Bayless'] order was just a temporary stay," said Briggs-Daniels. "We won't lift the boycott until the amendment is repealed by the voters or it is thrown out by the courts."

On Jan. 18, the boycott actually gained new support. Singer James Tayler announced through his agent that he will not play in Colorado until Amendment 2 is repealed, joining other celebrities in refusing to participate in the economic benefit of the Hate State.

Earlier, former Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Hightower canceled a trip to Colorado for the Colorado Farm Show, where he was scheduled to give the keynote address. Hightower's letter to farm show officials said he had "decided to honor the boycott against Colorado due to the passage of Amendment 2."

The National Brotherhood of Skiers, however, will not honor the boycott. The group, which represents black skiers nationwide, voted last week to open an Olympic training center for young black skiers in Vail.

The group joins former President Jimmy Carter, who expanded on his opposition to the boycott on NBC's "Today" show last week.

"If everybody had boycotted the South and there hadn't been any civil rights workers who came into our country back then, I think the civil rights victory would have

been long delayed," he said.

During his interview with Katy Couric, Carter described Amendment 2 as "very unfair and perhaps even unconstitutional," adding that he honors "the people's right to boycott if they choose."

A New Mexico legislator said last week he sent a letter to Colorado legislators in support of the anti-gay amendment. The letter from Republican Rep. Jerry Lee Alwin went out under the New Mexico House of Representatives letterhead.

"Within a Christian context you are right—and...you are right constitutionally in assuring homosexuals are not given special protections," Alwin wrote.

In an interview, Alwin defended his position, saying "I don't think any one segment of the population ought to have special protective rights...And if you're a Christian it's biblically wrong to recognize that segment of the population."

Focus on the Family, a conservative Colorado Springs ministry, has threatened to sue a Denver lesbian if she doesn't apologize for remarks she made on a national radio show. An attorney for the group has written Linda Fowler, chairwoman of Denver Mayor Wellington Webb's Gay and Lesbian Advisory Committee, demanding an apology for a statement she made Dec. 7 on the Gil Gross Show, a national talk show on the CBS radio network.

Fowler said Focus on the Family had requested a list of all single teachers in the El Paso County school districts, supposedly as a way of discovering which teachers are homosexual.

Focus on the Family has denied ever requesting a list of single teachers, and officials for two of the school districts have called the reports "crazy."

Fowler's attorney, Edwin Kahn, said Fowler's remarks weren't malicious, and, therefore, not defamatory.

"Saying that the school district has been asked for a list of single teachers is not defamatory," he said. "It doesn't imply they're doing anything wrong. She didn't charge that they had engaged in any illegal contact."

Focus on the Family has demanded that Fowler apologize to the group, provide the apology to Gil Gross and ask him to read it on his program. If Fowler doesn't apologize, a civil lawsuit seeking damages will be filed in a Colorado court.

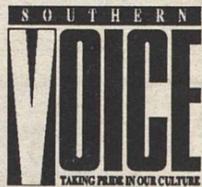
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## Wassau matter?

I really hated to do it, but I had no choice. I had to fire the insurance agent.

Now what on earth, you are probably asking yourself, does that have to do with you? Well, since you asked, I'll tell you.

A while back, I got into serious trouble with a reader who took issue with me when I wrote about all the lesbian and gay men I do business with. The Mechanic. The Cleaners. The Printer. The Vet. The Dyke Doc. The Insurance Agent. Because I didn't mention any of the straight business people I interact with, she took me to task for being "Heterophobic."

Imagine! Me? Well, don't worry, she didn't live long.

The PC Swat team surrounded her house, chucked in tear gas, wrestled her to the sidewalk, handcuffed her, tossed her into the PC Police Car, and sped her off for Community Retraining. Well, okay, no. Actually, what they did was to bury her in responding letters that said stuff like, "When the world's a better place, and all of us are equal..." "Heterosexuality is alive and well without our help, but supporting our own, that's a conscious choice."

She hasn't written any letters to the editor again that we know of. At least not in this country. And I continue to espouse the active use of businesses in our own community. I think of it as my side of the deal.

But, yes, I did fire the dyke insurance agent.

It started off okay. When we needed new car insurance, we called for a quote for a two-lesbians-over-twenty-five-no-garage household. She wrote up your standard don't-run-over-anybody-or-into-anything-and-never-make-a-claim policy. I signed a note roughly equivalent to the national debt for a small agrarian country, and we drove away dyke insured.

Then Judi had her accident. Oh, no, nothing serious, thanks for asking. It just shook her up a bit. But it did do damage to a couple of Japanese quarter panels. *And the insurance agent never called to ask if Judi was okay.*

Of course, technically, that's not her job. Technically her job is to go to the insurance companies involved to make certain that we don't get substandard, made-in-Cleveland replacement parts. It's her job to see that the insurance companies pay for the installation of those replacement parts in a service organization that is not currently under indictment. Still, we are in the same networking group. We have most of our friends in common. It would have been really good business to call, don't you think? And besides, she didn't do all that well at getting us the kind of company response we felt we deserved.

And then there are the tricks an insurance agent, especially a dyke insurance agent, can play on your behalf. They're not illegal, or even misleading. But they can set up your policies so that two officially unrelated people, living in the same household and sharing the same cars, can get better rates. Not as good as if they were legally married, but not as much as if they were Hell's Angels trying to insure their Harley Hogs.

She didn't get us that rate. She got us into an expensive, special assigned risk rate pool. "Sorry," she said.

It cost us a thousand bucks extra a year. We were sorry, too. Especially since I have a perfect driving record. No accidents. No tickets in the last five years for anything they could catch me at. So why do I have to

pay so much extra freight?

"But," we said. "She's our *Dyke Insurer*, she wouldn't lead us wrong, would she?" So we paid the premium.

Then I ran into another (non-dyke) agent, who quoted us a rate with a company with a name actually listed in my phone book. For a thousand bucks less. Oh, sure, he had to do a little homework to see that we got it. But he thought it was good business to do his homework. We did too. We signed up immediately. (The old agent still hasn't noticed that I cancelled the policy with her company. Or bothered to ask why.)

Our local lesbian book store closed over a year ago. The proprietrix shuttered the doors, complaining bitterly about no community support. She never mentioned that she had almost no stock. Or that she never smiled when anybody came into her store. Or that, since she hardly read anything she carried, so she couldn't recommend anything. After about one visit, nobody went back, making it nearly impossible for the woman who followed to do any business.

On the other hand, when I needed to replace the old shiny black sports car with a new shiny black sports car, the dyke mechanic went out of her way to see if she could get me a better price than the local dealership. Though I won't need her services till the warranty runs out, whenever anyone asks me for the name of a good mechanic, guess who I recommend? Just like I recommend the dyke optician, who does better on price than Lens-Crafters, and remembers your name when you walk in the door. Good business practices deserve more business.

The idea of doing business in our own community, of putting our money where our vested self interest is, is, I think, still the best idea. And our part of the bargain. But don't you just hate it when community businesses truly believe we automatically owe them a living just because they're lesbians or gay men. Regardless of what kind of service, quality, or product they offer. Phooey!

There isn't enough money in circulation these days that we can afford to donate an unnecessary thou' buck a year to a business owner's incompetence just because we live in the same associational neighborhood. What we owe them is a chance to learn something from their failures.

So, you see, I had no choice. I had to fire the insurance agent.

## FIRST PERSON

## LETTERS

### We need to support Colorado businesses that are gay friendly

To the Editor:

This is in reaction to the letter in the Southern Voice of January 7 from People Against Hatred/Citizens For a Moral America, and to similar opinions I have recently heard expressed, that advocate an indiscriminate campaign against magazines, subscription services, and other businesses with operations based in Colorado. I would like to point out that such a strategy reflects attitudes similar to those we are trying to overcome. It is possible that some of these businesses are either gay owned or gay friendly, and would face unnecessary difficulties if subjected to such a blanket campaign. Many other magazines than those listed are very popular among the gay and lesbian community and also use Colorado-based subscription services.

A more rational approach to the general boycott of Colorado businesses would be to contact the business in question and ask if they employ gay people, and whether they have a written, enforceable policy of non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. If they do, they are to be congratulated, and gays and lesbians should support their business, even if they do business in Colorado. Gays and gay-positive businesses in Colorado will play a critical role in overturning Amendment 2, and they need our backing. If the business in question does not have a non-discrimination policy, they should be encouraged to adopt such a policy, with the clear message that without a non-discrimination policy, gays, lesbians, and all people truly concerned with human rights will take their business elsewhere. These businesses are the ones to target with measures like the authors of the January 7 letter describe.

While I believe that there is a lot to be gained by a highly visible boycott of Colorado, we must use reason in our approach, and not blindly subject others to the same kinds of discrimination and hatred we are protesting.

Sincerely,  
Brad Otto

### Let's not knee-jerk on Colorado

To the Editor,

I have become convinced that the Boycott Colorado movement is a hasty and self-defeating response to a very real threat.

As everyone must know by now, three of the communities most affected by this boycott—Denver, Boulder, and Aspen—have gay rights ordinances. "They'll just have to sacrifice" is the usual response of boycott supporters, often with the implied accusation that members of these cities (which voted overwhelmingly against Amendment 2) are at fault for not having done even more to stop it.

This is great hindsight, but lousy politics. The fact is, we're hurting our supporters in hopes that a little of the economic pain will trickle down to our opponents. Sound familiar? Trickle-down punishment is even goofier than trickle-down economics.

Amendment 2 came about, in large part, as a backlash against the gay rights ordinances of these three cities. A blanket boycott of Colorado sends out a dangerous message: Your support of lesbian and gay rights is now going to cost you.

In a perfect world, voters might flock to vote their conscience, and to hell with their wallet. In the real world, we invite disaster if we start rewarding our supporters with an economic boycott. A targeted boycott, aimed at businesses and cities that supported Amendment 2, would be a far smarter approach.

The boycott movement has quickly taken on an aura of political orthodoxy. On this (as on so many other issues), debate should be encouraged, not squelched. Perhaps the time will come when a blanket boycott of Colorado seems like our only option. But it should be a last resort, not a knee-jerk first response.

Sincerely,  
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### Pride Board reaches out

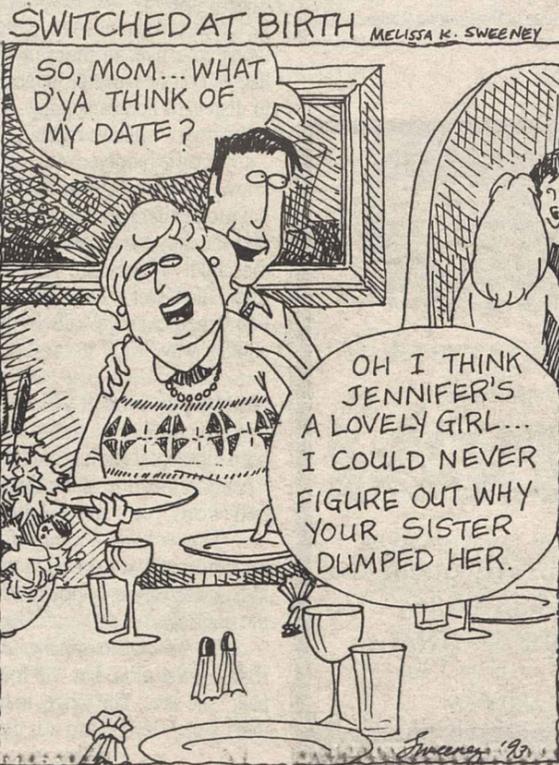
To the Editor:

In the last two years, the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride celebration has gone from about 5,000 people to an explosion of nearly 70,000 of us. In a period when ominous anti-gay initiatives have gone hand in hand with rising hate crimes, it has never been more important to show our numbers and strength—to be out and proud of our diverse selves. We look forward to Pride '93 being the biggest ever.

We want the Pride celebration of the future to express truly who we are, therefore we are placing special priority on recruiting lesbians and people of color to the Board. We are particularly seeking people who are involved in the community's diverse organizations, and who will bring to Pride not only their individual outlooks, but the ideas, philosophy and needs of the communities with whom they are working.

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**The Fight for Our Children**

*The following is the first of a three-part series on the legal and emotional battle lesbian and gay parents wage to have and keep their children. The first part looks at how money, location and support can influence the outcome of a custody decision.*

CANDACE CHELLEW

• In Tennessee, a lesbian mother has been denied custody of her sons. Cecilia and Ronald Flowers were divorced five years ago. When Ronald was accused of molesting two young girls, Cecilia sought custody but the court ruled against her. He was arrested again the next month and charged with conspiracy to commit first degree murder. Ronald is now free on bond, but a judge ruled again that because of her "lifestyle," Cecilia cannot have custody.

• In Georgia, a gay man wins visitation rights to see his six year old son who lives in Ohio with his mother. The mother's attorney had argued that because the father is gay, visitation should not be allowed but the judge disagreed. The man did not even attempt to obtain custody during the divorce proceedings, fearing his sexuality would be dragged through the courts.

• In Pennsylvania, a Superior Court judge reinstated visitation rights to Beth Blew. Her nine-year-old son Nicholas can now visit in the home she shares with her partner. It marks the first time in Pennsylvania that an appeals court has forbidden trial judges in custody battles from considering same-sex relationships.

Across the country and here in Georgia, more gay and lesbian parents are fighting for custody of their kids. Exact numbers are hard to come by, but recent studies put the number of lesbian mothers at nearly 5 million and the number of gay fathers at around 3 million. Changing social times have given gays and lesbians a better chance at winning their cases.

"The people who are having tough fights for their kids these days are those who fifteen years ago would have given up and resigned themselves to not seeing their children," says Jenny Sayward, Director of the Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund. "They thought that just a suggestion in court that they were homosexual would cause them to lose custody."

That's not to say that it still doesn't play a role in custody battles today. The reasons for victories and defeats can depend literally upon where you live. In more metropolitan counties like Fulton or Dekalb, judges may be more apt to disregard homosexuality as a reason to deny custody or visitation rights.

"But in family court it's very difficult [to know the reason for denial] because judges never have to justify their rulings," warns Sayward. "If they do, they always put it 'in the best interest of the child.' If they are in a state where sexual orientation can't be used to deny custody, a homophobic judge knows they must word it another way."

**Hitting you where you live**

Lynne Johnston thinks her case would have been different if she had not been living in Fayette County at the time of her divorce. She was married twenty years and had three daughters.

"I knew I was a lesbian for some time," she remembers, "but I stayed in the marriage for the kids. I was very unhappy for the last ten years of the marriage."

She never thought her ex-husband would fight for the girls, but "he fought me tooth and nail," she says. The judge, in his decision, stated that Lynne's lesbianism was the reason he granted



**Lynne Johnston (right), lost custody of her three daughters. A Fayette County judge, using Lynne's lesbianism as the sole reason for not granting her custody, also prohibited visitation when Johnston's lover, Anne Christy, is in the home.**

the father custody.

Lynne was devastated. "After twenty years of marriage I get nothing, no kids, no house, no car," she says. "It's like the twenty years I put into the marriage never existed."

In addition, the judge ruled that the children could not visit their mother while her partner, Anne Christy, was present.

"I refused to make her leave while they were here," Lynne explains. "My ex fought me, but we eventually got the girls to visit." And the order was lifted on appeal.

But, the whole experience has left Lynne bitter about the court system.

"I'm a nurse, and I work in labor and delivery. The other night a woman came in to have her seventh baby," she recalls. "She was a crack addict, and alcoholic and was positive for syphilis. I gave her that baby to take home with her, and I can't have my kids? Where is justice?"

**Voyeurism in the courts**

That may be the question on the mind of Leigh VanderEls. She lost custody of her now 13-year-old son, Chase, six years ago this month. Her ex-husband fought for custody a few years after their divorce when he remarried.

Again, location figured prominently in this case. Leigh lived in Clayton County at the time, and was subjected to the same experience shared by many gay and lesbian parents.

"Most of the trial was about me having sex," she says. "It was voyeurism on the part of the judge. He just wanted to know what we do."

Anne was equally appalled by her and Lynne's treatment in a Fayette County courtroom. "It amazes me that in 1992 they can put us on the stand and ask us about our sex lives," she exclaims. "That has nothing to do with the children!"

As in Lynne's case the Clayton County judge ruled that Leigh should not have custody solely on the basis that she is a lesbian. No other reason was given that Leigh was not a fit parent to Chase.

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### The dangling sword of sodomy

One of the main reasons we don't hear of many victories in states like Georgia can be traced to the sodomy law. Under those laws, gays and lesbians are considered de facto felons by the courts. Gays and lesbians who win custody in states with sodomy laws usually hide their orientation or come out well after their divorces and custody battles were over.

Such was the case with Jenny Sayward at the Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund. She won her battle for her two children in Seattle, Washington.

"I knew I was a lesbian, but I had not told anyone or done anything," she says. "But my ex-husband and his lawyer tried to use the argument that I had lesbian tendencies because they knew it would be potent."

The judge made her go through a battery of psychological tests, and she was asked questions about her sexual preference on the stand.

"They never asked if I was a lesbian, because they didn't think I was stupid enough to admit it," she explains. "Instead they would ask, 'Do you like mannish women?' or 'What is your relationship with your father?'"

After six days of trial, the judge could not reach a decision and sent them both for psychiatric tests.

"After the second round of tests, the psychologist wrote a report declaring me fully heterosexual. I was fully relating to men, no doubt about it," she laughs. "It made it sound like I had seduced him. It was hard not to laugh out loud in court."

Sayward believes the case turned in her favor when her husband went through the tests. A psychologist testified that "he was so dishonest with himself that he didn't have to lie to other people. I was off the charts on the honesty scale to the point of being naive."

### In and out of court

Sometimes avoiding court all together can be the best way to go if the parties can work out a fair agreement between themselves.

That was the case with Helene Loper. Helene got custody of her son and daughter in the divorce but her ex-husband didn't think the children should be living with her and her partner. That was fine with Helene's 14-year-old daughter who, Helene says, was having trouble accepting her lesbianism. But it presented a dilemma for her seven-year-old son.

"He would rather have been with me, I think, but he didn't want to lose his sister. He wanted to go where she did, and he told me so," she says.

"If you feel your ex is trying to give you a bad deal in the agreement remind them that circumstances may be that they don't have the kids at some point, and would they want to be held to this agreement," she advises. "So make it fair, whoever gets the kids."

Many times however, court is unavoidable. Steve Sheppard had to take his wife to court to win visitation rights to see his now six-year-old son. After their divorce just over four years ago, his ex-wife moved to Columbus Ohio, making their divorce agreement of visits every other weekend virtually impossible.

Steve's case was heard in Fulton County Superior Court by Judge Edward Johnson. "He was excellent," remarks Steve. In the hearing, Steve's ex's attorney used Steve's homosexuality as a reason to deny visitation. But, "the judge's decision was that it wasn't an issue and he gave me eight weeks of visitation instead of the four I had sought."

### Seeking support

"The courts in general have made some progress over the years," says Sayward. "But, I think the big progress has been among family and friends of parents. Today they are more supportive."

Support can be a big factor not so much in winning a case, but in mental stability while it drags through court.

Steve was a new arrival on the gay and lesbian scene when he divorced and he didn't have much support to help him through.

"I agreed to all they wanted in the settlement because they said they would drag my sexuality through the courts," he says.

There are many organizations locally and around the country that can provide limited support, both emotional and financial to parents going through custody battles.

The Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund (LMNDF) based in Seattle, Washington (206-325-2643), provides pre-legal advice, a resource file of case law, support group information and limited financial assistance.

Money can play a big role in the outcome of cases. Sayward says poverty is usually the biggest factor that may sway a judge away from lesbian mothers, aside from their orientation.

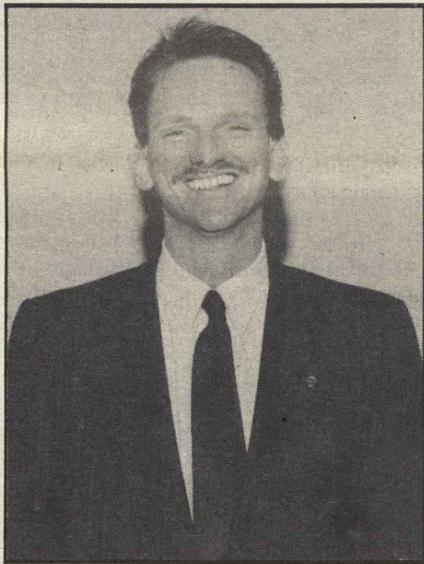
"Litigation is extremely expensive," VanderEls says. "It's a constant flow of money for depositions and other court costs. I was at a major financial disadvantage to my ex-husband."

LMNDF will help any parent in financial straits without regard to whether their case will set a precedent.

"There are other gay and lesbian organizations who will help people whose cases are on their way to a State Supreme Court," she explains. "Our organization is the only one who will help when it's setting a precedent or not. Every family is important."

Another factor in a case can be the lawyer you choose. Sayward says many of her clients have felt cheated by attorneys. "It's very important to find a lawyer who really believes in gays and lesbians having their kids," she warns. "There are some attorneys who will take a case and deliberately botch it."

Sayward advises shopping around for a lawyer and getting as many referrals as possible.



Steve Sheppard, who lives in Fulton County, recently won visitation rights to see his six year old son.

Don't underestimate the importance of any gut reactions or general impressions you get of a lawyer. You must be very comfortable with your lawyer and be able to work very closely with them.

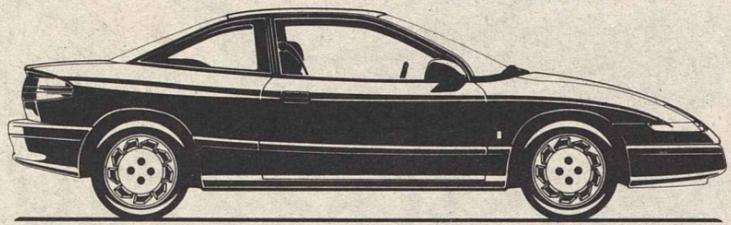
And don't let your ex's lawyer intimidate you by threatening to expose your orientation in the courtroom. "You have the right to see your kids," says Steve. "You can win, you don't always have to take the bad settlements their lawyer is offering."

Other organizations are also available as resources, including the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International in Washington, DC, (202-583-8029), the Gay and Lesbian Parents Custody Fund in Morehead City, NC (919-240-1385), and many local resource and support groups listed in this issue.

And that may be the best advice—support. Find it wherever possible.

*In Part 2, which will appear in our last issue in February, we take a look at the particular problems and joys of gay men and lesbians who have had children via adoption or artificial insemination.*

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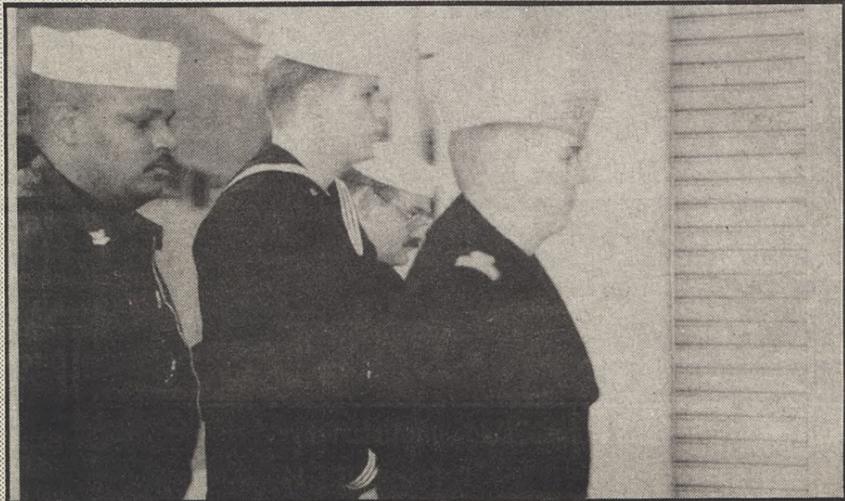
The New York Times reported last week that President Bill Clinton plans a two-step process to remove the Department of Defense's ban on lesbians and gays. According to unnamed transition aides, Clinton will direct Secretary of Defense Les Aspin to stop enforcing the ban immediately, and to work with military officials to prepare an executive order to repeal the ban officially within the next few months. Clinton is expected to announce the policy within the next few days, the Times article said.

The Times reported that the policy was approved on Jan. 17 during a meeting between Clinton and his senior national security advisors. Openly gay U.S. Representatives Gerry Studds and Barney Frank (both D-MA) reportedly were consulted and approved the plan.

combat readiness and national security for the sake of a political agenda."

Asked to explain how gays and lesbians would affect combat readiness and national security, O'Brien, a West Point graduate, said "That element in the service is going to be dysfunctional. A lot of people who have never been in uniform just don't understand."

Meanwhile, a federal judge in Kansas City temporarily barred the U.S. Army from discharging a Ft. Leavenworth major who acknowledged that she had a lesbian relationship for nearly a decade. U.S. District Judge Earl E. O'Connor granted a restraining order after Maj. Joyce L. Walmer sued the Army and the U.S. Department of Defense Jan. 14 just hours before an honorable discharge she fought for 10 months was to take effect. The Army is barred from discharging Walmer un-



U.S. Navy Airman, Terry M. Helvey, center, is lead to his Jan. 20 hearing at Yokosuka Naval Base, south of Tokyo. Helvey is a suspect in the beating death of gay shipmate, Seaman Allen R. Schindler

"I'm tentatively optimistic," said Thomas B. Stoddard, a gay rights lawyer and former executive director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "But we must be wary and be able to participate in the process of working out all the issues connected to the elimination of the ban on gay people."

Clinton's aides said that while Clinton earlier said he planned to officially lift the ban by Sept. 30, the date has been moved up but no exact date has been set.

To counteract the pending lifting of the ban, a Fairfax County, Virginia legislator filed a bill on Jan. 12 to exempt the Virginia National Guard from any executive order opening the military to gays and lesbians.

"I am taking this action to preserve the morale, discipline and readiness of the Virginia National Guard," Jay O'Brien said in a news conference. "If [then] President-elect Clinton opens the armed services to homosexuals, he is apparently willing to auction off

til Jan. 30. Walmer's lawsuit alleges that one of her commanding officers at the base is a "religious zealot hellbent on persecuting perceived homosexuals." The lawsuit also recounts the major's 13-year rise through the ranks of the military police, marked with high ratings from superiors and no complaints against her.

And finally, the U.S. Navy convened a hearing on Jan. 19 to determine whether murder charges should be lodged against Airman Apprentice Terry M. Helvey in the beating death of 22-year-old gay seaman Allen Schindler. Schindler was brutally beaten in a public restroom a month after he told commanding officers that he was gay. A second Airman, Charles A. Vins, was convicted at a court-martial last year of concealing a crime and resisting arrest. He was sentenced to one year in custody and given a bad conduct discharge.

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## In Oregon, battle lines are drawn again

More anti-gay initiatives are on the way, while supporters propose measures to protect gays

Wilsonville and Salem, OR—The conservative sponsors of a failed state anti-gay rights measure will work to pass a revamped version in cities and counties before launching another statewide referendum, even as the state's labor commissioner expresses optimism about bills she's submitted to guarantee civil rights to gays and lesbians.

The Oregon Citizens Alliance will try to amend eight county and 24 city charters in special elections this June, chairman Lon Mabon said Thursday.

"There are places that want to embrace a moral standard," Mabon said. "We think the local campaigns will build momentum for another statewide initiative in 1994."

Meanwhile, State Labor Commissioner Mary Wendy Roberts has sponsored bills to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation based on a

"Our aim is to stop the classification of homosexuality the way you would classify race or gender," Mabon said. "There is some recognition in this initiative that homosexuals do exist in our society and they should not be demeaned or harassed."

Leila Wrathall, spokesperson for Right to Privacy Inc., said gay and lesbian activists have never asked for affirmative action.

"That's a red herring," she said. "We're mainly asking not to be discriminated against and for the right to be treated like everybody else."

Wrathall, whose political action committee helped launch the No on 9 campaign, said a broad-based coalition would fight the new initiative.

"We plan on taking our message to the cities and counties that Oregonians don't tolerate discrimination," she said.



LINDA KLEWER

A No on 9 rally in Portland prior to the November defeat of the measure.

person's sexual orientation.

Mabon said that if the Legislature passed Roberts' anti-discrimination bills, the OCA would immediately begin a signature drive to refer the issue to a statewide vote.

"There's no doubt that if the Legislature passed any gay rights legislation of any kind, the ink would not dry on Gov. Barbara Roberts' signature before it would be referred," Mabon said.

State Rep. Jim Edmunson, D-Eugene, also announced plans to introduce a bill—one that would specifically prohibit cities and counties from adopting something like the OCA's initiative.

The OCA's new initiative will deny minority status to lesbians and gays and prohibit using government money to "promote" homosexual behavior.

Mabon said the new initiative was the prototype for the statewide measure, which will be unveiled in about three weeks.

The language in the new initiative tries to avoid some of the criticism leveled at Measure 9, including concerns it would strip public libraries of books by gay authors and threaten the jobs of gay employees, he said.

"I didn't even know Walt Whitman was a homosexual until the campaign, and all of a sudden I was accused of trying to deprive citizens of his poetry. That wasn't the intent," Mabon said.

But Mabon said he still would target books in school libraries that portray homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle because he believes children are impressionable.

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## Atlanta Gay and Lesbian History Thing wants your stories

How would you like to be a part of history? The Gay and Lesbian History Thing is looking for you. On Saturday, January 30th, they will hold a free one day seminar on Conducting Oral Histories.

Through this seminar they hope to find potential interviewers as well as people with stories to share.

"It's not necessary that the person have been a political leader in the gay and lesbian community or that they necessarily be older," says John Howard, Coordinator of the Oral History Project. "We want the social and cultural history of our community as well as the political. We want to hear of people's experiences in the streets, the bars and the bedroom."

At the seminar, volunteers will learn how to extract these stories and put them on tape. They will be transcribed and housed at the Atlanta History Center for long term storage and retrieval.

Oral history projects are becoming popular around the country as other cities like San Francisco, Boston and Buffalo warm up their tape recorders and train volunteers.

The popularity can best be explained by just taking a look at what the history books have to offer, mainly stories about dead white guys. Oral histories record the past of groups that have traditionally been marginalized and largely left out of history. Not many history books tell of the gay and lesbian culture or the

heritage of African Americans.

"This seminar really launches our project in Atlanta," says Howard. "This way we can learn about our past, and by the very process of collecting the histories, we create community now across generational lines by having younger people interview older community members."

The project has high hopes for the future. They hope to attract a diverse group of people that represent all parts of the community, and they would like to produce a radio show of the material they collect.

"This is a popular project," explains Howard. "It's for the people, not just historians. Any way we can get all segments of the community involved, we will pursue. A radio show would help us reach more people."

Right now, the project is still shopping for the right airwaves to put it on, but keep your ears open.

The seminar will be held Saturday, January 30th from 1-4 pm at the Ponce de Leon Library at 980 Ponce de Leon Ave. Cliff Kuhn of Georgia State University's History Department and co-author of "Living Atlanta: An Oral History of the City, 1914-1948," will lead the seminar. It is free and open to the public.

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## 20th anniversary of Roe v. Wade elicits strong emotions

Washington, DC—Roe vs. Wade is 20 years old, unparalleled still in its ability to divide, to evoke raw emotion.

So much so that Justice Harry Blackmun, who penned the words that made abortion legal, receives an unending stream of hate mail. A murderer, a butcher, they call him, 50,000 letters in all.

At the anniversary month of the ruling, the opposing sides have never seemed so entrenched.

"We celebrate 20 years of women knowing they have a reproductive choice," says Sarah Weddington, the Texas lawyer who on Jan. 22, 1973, won the landmark Supreme Court case that legalized abortion nationwide.

"It's a time of sadness," counters Wanda Franz, president of the National Right to Life Committee. "It's a time to solemnly recognize and commemorate the loss of 1.5 million lives each year—30 million abortions since Roe."

The historic ruling has spawned two decades of hotly contested courtroom argument, annual demonstrations at the Supreme Court building, struggle in the state legislatures. It has led some of those who would ban abortion to commit civil disobedience, and those who would preserve it to help elect a new president.

Some had hoped Roe vs. Wade would settle everything.

"I remember the exhilaration," Weddington said in a recent interview. "The feeling was 'That's finished, let's do something else.' But then the opposition mobilized."

The Roe vs. Wade case itself, Weddington said, "is now such a dim and distant memory for most women."

Norma McCorvey, an unmarried woman from Dallas County, Texas, who used the pseudonym Jane Roe, sued Texas authorities in 1970.

McCorvey had lied about being raped (she

admitted the lie in 1987) and had given up her baby for adoption. No legal abortion was available in Texas because state law prohibited any woman from ending her pregnancy unless her life were threatened by it.

Although she was no longer pregnant when she sued, McCorvey's lawsuit was allowed because she someday could have found herself in the same legal predicament.

At the time, 31 states considered the deliberate termination of a pregnancy a crime in most circumstances.

Energized by the crushing defeat embodied in the Supreme Court's decision, anti-abortion forces gained the momentum by the 1980s, especially in the White House and at the Supreme Court.

A series of more recent abortion decisions have stripped away most of the 52-page legal framework of Roe vs. Wade. And for years, the entire decision seemed destined for history's dustbin.

A dramatic shift occurred last June, however. A conservative Supreme Court, expected by many to reverse Roe vs. Wade, reaffirmed the ruling's core holding as it barred states from outlawing abortion.

And in November's presidential election, Bill Clinton beat George Bush, the anti-abortion incumbent.

Janelle Yamarick, Executive Director of Georgia Abortion Rights Action League, says she is more than pleased with the election of Bill Clinton, but warns that this is not the time for complacency. "As a result of the 1992 elections, our liberty is being warmed by the rays of hope freed from the darkness of twelve years of hostility and repression. We must rededicate ourselves to securing our freedom. We cannot rest."

RICHARD CARELLI and staff reports



Randall Terry, founder of Operation Rescue, speaks to a crowd at Westside Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska on Jan. 17. Terry led an anti-abortion rally marking the 20th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

### Operation Rescue founder vows more anti-abortion actions

Omaha, NE—Anti-abortion activist Randall Terry told a Jan. 17 rally the problem with modern, mainline Christianity is people are trying to be nicer than Christ.

Terry, the founder of Operation Rescue, drew a portrait of Jesus Christ as the radical reformer turning over tables in the temple in Jerusalem.

"You can't be a Christian if you aren't confrontational," Terry told the more than 600 people at the Westside Baptist Church for the rally sponsored by Metro Right to Life and other anti-abortion groups.

The rally marked the 20th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Roe vs. Wade case that legalized abortion.

Earlier Sunday, Terry practiced confrontation during a prayer vigil at the Lord of Love Lutheran Church. The vigil was organized by the Omaha chapter of the Missionaries to the Pre-Born, a group that has targeted the church

because Dr. G. William Orr, who performs abortions at an Omaha clinic, and his wife, Linda Allen, the development director of Planned Parenthood of Omaha-Council Bluffs, are members.

Terry shouted at church members arriving for the 8:15 a.m. service.

"Think about it, the body and blood of Christ in the hands of a man who rips apart the body and blood of innocent babies," Terry said.

Terry also called the Rev. Linda Walz, an associate pastor, "a Jezebel."

Michael Pirtle, a congregation leader, said he thought it was "sad when people of Omaha can't go to church on Sunday morning without being harassed."

Missionaries to the Pre-Born have sent post cards showing a mutilated fetus to Lord of Love congregation members and once disrupted a church service, crying out against Orr's membership in the church.

Terry said he was paid a fee for appearing in Omaha, but he declined to disclose the amount. (AP)

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## THEATRE REVIEW

### MARVIN'S ROOM

Going to a play that is educational is like eating high fiber cereal. It may be good for you, but it is not usually much fun. I was prepared for an evening of nutritious theatre when I went to see "Marvin's Room" at Horizon Theatre. But what happened was I ended up enjoying myself a lot. Full of laughter and shot through with somber reality, it is easily the best play I have seen this year.

The playwright, Scott McPherson, died of AIDS in November of 1992. He wrote the play before he became really sick, and was surprised when his own life caught up to the play. The characters, who are brave in the bleakest of circumstances, mirror McPherson's own courage to create hope in the midst of death. It is not a gay play or one about AIDS. But it is a wise play—and an inspiring one.

Horizon's production of the award-winning play is delightful. The actors made it all too real, and the dysfunctional family came to life before my eyes. Rosemary Newcott plays Bessie, the caretaking heroine, who falls apart, thus drawing the family together. The role is a tribute to anyone who ever cooked or cared for another. It is the strength of Bessie's spirit that lifts the play from despair, and Newcott handles the part with a fragile vulnerability that hides her own inner strength.

Adriana B. Warner does a bangup job as dotty old Aunt Ruth who finally escapes chronic pain with wires in her brain, and a control unit that unfortunately opens the automatic garage door every time she uses it. Sometimes she finds the characters on the soap operas far more real than life—and who can blame her? Her real life is your worst nightmare.

The set was a cardboard cut-out compared to the fine acting and script. Maybe I just hate fiberboard. There is something about accordion walls that does not set well with me, and the lack of reality in the set did not complement the realism of the cast under Jeff Adler's deft direction.

"Marvin's Room" is a fitting tribute to the courage of McPherson and to the strength of the human will. It enlightens and entertains. Nutritious and delicious.

**Cards On The Table**, on the other hand, opening this week at Neighborhood Playhouse, is perhaps more anal-retentive than fiber-filled. It is a tedious mystery filled with people's odd habits and mysterious pasts.



Neighborhood Playhouse presents an Agatha Christie mystery each season. The more obscure the play, the better to keep the audience guessing. This year's audience was guessing, alright, some of them outloud, as they followed the labyrinth trails of the plot to try and discover the murderer.

The characters were superfluously written, much of the dialogue serving to plant more suspicion on one character or another. The actors mostly drifted through their dialogue as though they were unaffected by it. Only Jack Winnick as Superintendent Battle seems at ease and alive. Two minor roles were much more fun than most of the main characters. Randy Randolph as the Bobbie and Lee Grant as a series of menials injected a breath of air into the dusty drawing rooms of yesteryear.

The joy of solving the mystery seems to suffice for most audience members, an acquired taste shared by many given that every Agatha Christie mystery sells out each season, I am told.

To wit, two well-behaved children sat with their parents in front of me. "Murder, She Wrote" has made the genre palatable to everyone these days. And though the kids finally learned who the murderer was, if they had been taken to "Marvin's Room," they would have learned something about life.

*Marvin's Room* runs through February 21 at Horizon Theatre. 584-7450. *Cards on the Table* runs through February 20 at Neighborhood Playhouse. 373-5311.

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Director/writer Derek Jarman with Annie Lenox on the set of "Edward II."

## BOOK REVIEW

### DEREK JARMAN

"All men are homosexual, some turn straight. It must be very odd to be a straight man..." This is Derek Jarman, iconoclastic film maker ("Caravaggio," "Edward II") and writer ("Dancing Ledge," "Modern Nature") speaking in "At Your Own Risk: A Saint's Testament" (Overlook Press, February 1993, \$19.95), his combination autobiography/wild ride through the history of the fight for lesbian and gay rights in Britain.

The saint of the title is Jarman himself who in 1991 was declared "Saint Derek of Dungeness of the Order of Celluloid Knights" by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. The canonization ritual included a procession, the hymn "AmazingPride" and a laying on of hands.

This is a lively book, with never more than two consecutive pages of linear narrative. Yet, it is rarely confusing. Every time Jarman leaps—from present day stream-of-consciousness to a reprint of his parents' wedding announcement, to the fifties when at age nine he was caught in bed with another boy—we are confident that he knows what he is doing. And what he is doing is enjoying himself.

He chronicles his own growth as a gay man—and his discovery that he is HIV positive—alongside the parallel birth and growth of the gay and lesbian rights movement in the U.K. Jarman, it seems, is more a revolutionary than a radical. He has always been an outspoken critic of those who are closeted, and has no time for parliamentary lobby groups like Stonewall who have "made more than enough compromise with convention."

Nor does he think much of the those who accept the honors of the straight world. Jarman believes that Ian McKellen's acceptance of his knighthood was a terrible vanity and achieved nothing for the lesbian and gay community. "All the hard work put in by activists for a different world—not the same old world—was betrayed at this moment."

The British Parliament finally legalized homosexual practices between consenting males aged twenty-one or over (lesbianism had never been illegal) in 1967. Jarman recounts the subsequent formation in London in 1970 of pioneering organizations such as the Gay Liberation Front and the Campaign for Homosexual Equality. The energy of the new groups he describes was electric, and gay culture grew, an enormous and vital outpouring of creativity that had never been seen before and which would have been unthinkable only a few years earlier: Gay News, Gay Sweatshop theatre group, Gay Switchboard, Gay's the Word bookshop and Gay Men's Press.

Then Jarman spent four months in Manhattan, discovering the piers, the Continental Baths and Fire Island, "trapped in a dream of liberated sex...sleeping rough and meeting people on the beach. This nightlife was charged with an excitement far stranger than drugs."

Two years later, Jarman's film, "Sebastian," opened in Notting Hill. He is not shy about claiming the film as a milestone in British cinematic history. "Sebastian" didn't present homosexuality as a problem and this was what made it different from all the British films that had preceded it. It was also homoerotic... [Although it is] flawed and lacks any of the finesses of professional film making, it altered peoples lives."

Throughout "At Your Own Risk" I found myself longing for some explanation of Jarman's artistic vision. I wanted him to paint, vivid and clear, the connection between oppression and liberation and creativity. Some of the more interesting sections are transcriptions of interviews conducted by Chris Woods. Here, Jarman is forced not only to look inside himself and examine his

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artistic motivation but to also explain it.

One influence Jarman does discuss on his work, if only obliquely, is Pier Paolo Pasolini. Pantheon has recently released "Pasolini Requiem" by Barth David Schwartz (November 1992), an enormous biography of the gay Italian director, poet and novelist. Pantheon has also just re-released a companion volume, Pasolini's 1959 novel, "A Violent Life," (translated into English in 1968) which is supposedly "an uncanny fictional chronicle of the author's death foretold."

Jarman's awareness of Pasolini and his work is just one example of the way lesbian and gay artists influence each other. As Jarman's book shows, our culture is relatively young, and it is vibrant. Our books and music and sculpture and dance shape our culture and are shaped by it. We are constantly learning from each other, and growing.

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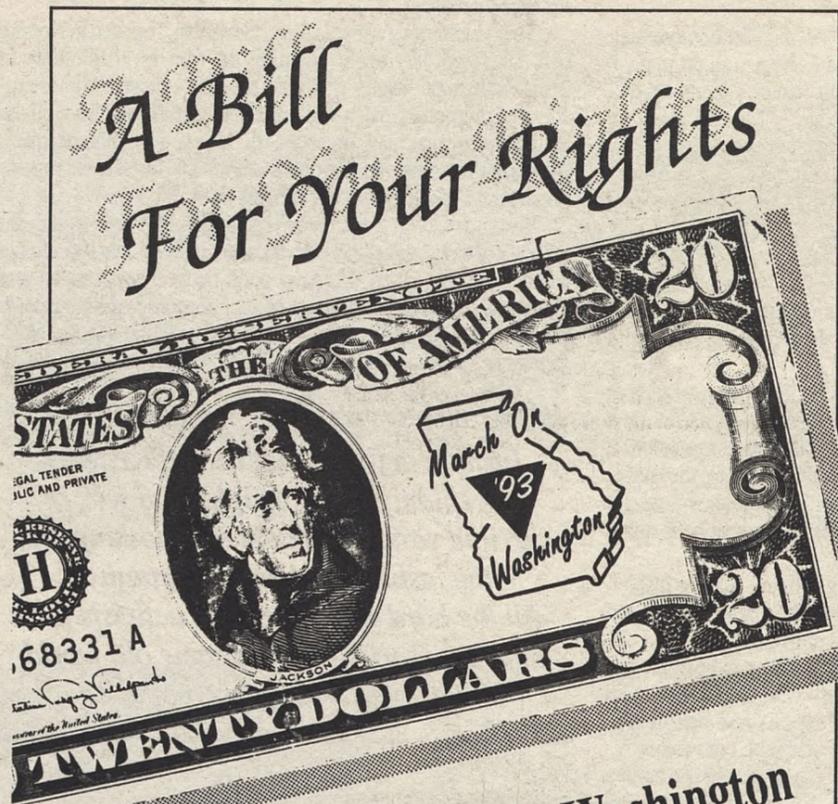
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28 THURSDAY

**SEXUALITY, CHRISTIANITY AND FEMINISM.** Connie Tuttle, M.Div., will explore these pieces of a puzzle that never seem to fit for many. What is sure to be a lively discussion takes place at Charis Books and More in L5P at 7:30. Call 524-0304 for details.

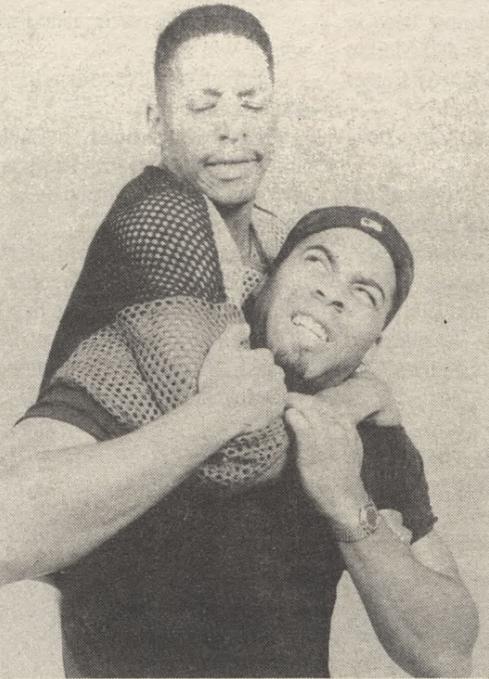
**BURIED ALIVE.** This program will focus on the numerous ways in which women prisoners are controlled in the U.S. correctional system, from rape to psychological control. Beverly Jones, a psychotherapist for Georgia prisoners, will speak. The discussion will begin at 7:15 at 701 W Howard Ave. in Decatur. Call 621-5793 for further info.

**LETTICE & LOOVAGE.** This regional staging of the cockeyed comedy Broadway hit can be seen Tuesday-Saturday, through Feb. 27 at Theatre in the Square. Marietta. Call 422-8369 for ticket info.

29 FRIDAY

**THE EXPERIENCE.** Life can be powerful and empowering. This workshop to help lesbians and gay men runs through Sunday and promises to impact the definition of who we are. Call 365-0317 for further details.

**THE FISHERMEN.** In celebration of Black History Month, Jomandi Productions presents an encore production of this rattling



tale of a family in crisis. The play can be seen at 14th Street Playhouse through Feb. 21. Call 876-6346 for info.

**BEBE MILLER COMPANY.** As part of a 17 city tour, this post modern dance troupe will perform at the Georgia Tech Theatre. Repertory will include "The Hendrix Project," choreographed to Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan tunes. Call 894-9688 for ticket info.

**HEATHER HILTON.** One of Atlanta's best known wood sculptors will exhibit work at the Art Forms Gallery. The pieces shown will include seats, bowls and benches. Call 264-0246 for details.

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free performance begins at 2:30. Call 898-1132 for reservations.

**SICK BUT TRUE.** The Center for Puppetry Arts presents A Fabulous Evening with political satirist Paul Zaloom. The show consists of three hilarious pieces, including a parody of American education. The show begins at 8:00. Call 873-3089 for info.

**2ND ANNUAL PIGFEST.** Fat Matt's Rib Shack sponsors an evening of top local blues bands at the Variety Playhouse. Performers include Felix and the Cats, Little Brother, Interstate Brickface and JuJu Root. Call 249-6400 for more info.

31 SUNDAY

**FILMS OF PERSUASION.** The Jimmy Carter Library presents a series of documentary and fiction films that were shown to influence American public opinion during the Second World War. This week's film is "Know Your Enemy," a 1945 military picture by Frank Capra about the feared Japanese. The screening begins at 2:00. Call 331-3942 for more info.

**CHAMBER MUSIC.** Musica de Camera invites you to a concert featuring violinist Martin Chalifour. Selections include Haydn and Brahms. The recital begins at 8:00 p.m. at Georgia State University. Call 266-2266 for further info.

30 SATURDAY

**NO-TAP BOWLING.** The Human Rights Campaign Fund presents its Second Annual Tournament at Express Lanes today at 9:30 a.m. Call 231-5751 for details.

**LET'S TALK ABOUT AIDS.** The Alliance Theatre joins forces with West Paces Ferry Medical Foundation to present this piece to educate, entertain and inspire young people about the value of their lives and the threat of AIDS. The

costumes and actors' skin tones all colorless. The play can be seen Wed.-Sun. Call 872-0665 for ticket info.

**MARVIN'S ROOM.** Through Feb. 21. Horizon Theatre presents this offbeat allegory about caring and care-giving in the time of AIDS. A collection of oddball relatives pulls together when the heroine begins to come apart. The production can be seen Thur., Fri. and Sat. Call 584-7450 for ticket info.

**STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART.** Feb. 5-7. The annual musical extravaganza to benefit NAPWA features the music of Sondheim, Elton John, and local composers Dan Pruitt and Patrick Hutchison among others. The show was written and directed by Jim Knoll. Ga. Tech Theatre for the Arts. \$22 for adults. 894-9600 for tickets.

**MASQUERADE '93.** Feb. 13. Tickets are on sale now

1 MONDAY

**GRASSROOTS.** A survey of the folk art collection of the High Museum will be on display at the Georgia-Pacific Center. Works by Howard Finster, Mattie Lou O'Kelley, Thornton Dial and more will be exhibited. Call 577-6940 for info.

**SECOND HAND BOOKS.** Goodwill sponsors a book sale through Feb. 7 at Northlake Mall. This is the 13th year for the used book sale and proceeds benefit the organization's job training programs for people with disabilities. For info call 377-0441.

**OUT IN ATLANTA.** A local lesbian and gay cable program can be seen tonight at 10:30 and again Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. on Cable Channel 12.

**GAY USA.** A gay and lesbian news show produced in New York includes national and international coverage. Cable Channel 12, People TV. 11 p.m.

2 TUESDAY

**LEMON SKY.** This autobiographical play by Lanford Wilson traces his early relationship with his father and stepmother and his coming to terms with his own sexuality. SAME presents the piece at 8:00 through Feb. 21 at TULA, 75 Bennett St. For ticket info call 609-9590.

**WILL ROGERS FOLLIES.** Keith Carradine stars in this touring production of the Broadway musical. Tommy Tune choreographed the story of the American legend. 8:00 Fox Theatre through Feb. 7.

**SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN.** March 4-7. The 17th annual conference will take place in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. "March Forth" is this year's theme as southerners prepare for the National March on Washington on April 25. Entertainers include Suede, Romanovsky & Phillips, Danny Williams and Lea DeLaria. Workshops, vendors and more. For more info: SECLGM '93, PO Box 4954, Tuscaloosa, AL 35486-4954 (205) 750-0257.

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**NAUSEA.** Atlanta artist Ron Jude's exploration of the public school experience is on display at TULA Foundation Gallery 2. The photographs can be seen through Feb. 20. Call 351-3551 for details.

3 WEDNESDAY

**WHERE THERE'S A WILL.** In a Benefit for Project Open Hand, Keith Carradine and the cast of the Follies will perform cabaret style at Rupert's Night Club at 11:30 p.m. An auction of memorabilia will also be featured. Call 525-4737 for ticket info.

**NIGHT SKY.** Seven Stages presents a story of an astronomy professor who becomes disabled in a car accident. Her fight to overcome the disability can be seen through Feb. 28. Call 522-0911 for info.

**SWASHBUCKLING ROMANCE.** The Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern begins

1993 with "The Rover," a tale about the soldiers to the banished Prince Charles. The play was authored by Aphra Behn, the first female playwright to have her work presented on the professional English stage. Through Mar. 6. Call 874-5299 for ticket info.

Pictured: ABOVE: "Man-Woman" by Bill Taylor is one of the works included in the exhibition "Grassroots: Works by Untaught Artists" now at the High Museum of Art at Georgia-Pacific Center. BELOW: BeBe Miller and her dance company will perform January 29 & 30. Photo by Lois Greenfield ABOVE LEFT: Brian Chandler (left) and John Eddins star in a Jomandi Production, "The Fishermen," opening January 29 at 14th Street Playhouse in celebration of Black History Month.

ON GOING AND UPCOMING

**BILLY BISHOP GOES TO WAR.** Through Jan. 31. Theatre Gael presents a sing-along musical of World War I and nerve rattling descriptions of the early days of aviation. Theatrical Outfit. 876-1138 for info and reservations.

**AGATHA CHRISTIE.** Two separate productions of the mystery writer's thrillers can be seen in Atlanta this month. The Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur presents "Cards on the Table" Thur.-Sat. through Feb. 20. Call 377-3714 for tickets. "Murder on the Nile" can be seen at North Dekalb Cultural Center Thur.-Sat. through Feb. 7. Call 396-1726 for tickets.

**A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE.** Through Feb. 13. Tennessee Williams' tragic heroine Blanche DuBois collides with her vulgar brother-in-law Stanley in this New Orleans drama.

Alliance Theatre. 8 pm. 892-2414 for ticket info. **DRIVING MISS DAISY.** Through Feb. 14. Tri-Cities Theatre in East Point presents the story of independent widow and the resisted introduction of a chauffeur by her concerned son. Performances Thurs.-Sun. Call 681-6091 for more info.

**THE WOMEN.** Through Feb. 21. The classic American comedy by Clare Booth Luce hilariously illustrates the differences, or lack thereof, between upper and working-class women in 1936 New York City. This all-woman cast is directed by Stephen Petty, director of the smash hit, "The Harvey Milk Show." Actor's Express. 221-0831. **NO EXIT.** Through Feb. 21. Theatrical Outfit presents a new translation of this Jean Paul Sartre's play. The production is staged in film noir style, with the set



## Nationally known HIV+ composer returns home for concert debut

*Kansas City, MO*—For Kevin Oldham, a rising young composer suffering from AIDS, coming home to Kansas City to see one of his concertos premier with the symphony has been filled with special meaning.

But most of all it meant a chance to perform his "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra" the "way it was intended to be played."

"I have my days when I get depressed from all of this," Oldham said Jan. 15 in a telephone interview from his parents' suburban Kansas City home.

"And, then I have the experience of playing with the symphony like today during rehearsal. And for the first time I'm hearing this piece like it was intended to be played.

"It's so overwhelming for me, and it gives me great energy. It's a way to keep going."

Oldham's performance Jan. 17 with the Kansas City Symphony was part of series showcasing Kansas City musicians. In addition to Oldham's performance, pieces by artists like Charlie Parker and Virgil Thompson were played during the series.

Oldham, 32, has a master's degree from the Julliard School and has been composing full time since 1988. He is the only living composer in the series who will perform his own work.

Oldham, who grew up in Kansas City but now lives in New York City, has performed at the Carnegie and Merkin Recital Halls. He also has performed at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and throughout Europe.

Several of his solo piano pieces and choral works have been published and performed.

In 1991, one year after he was diagnosed with AIDS, Oldham was awarded a grant from the national foundation, Meet the Composer. He is also the recipient of the 1991 Festival of the Young American Composer's Award.

Although AIDS has been taking its toll on him lately—he was hospitalized for three weeks in December—he managed to pull the 30-minute concerto together for its Kansas City premiere.

But it's been slow-going, he said.

"The inspiration is good," he said. "It's now a question of whether I will have the energy to get myself to the piano. And

that can be so frustrating. My fingers aren't that strong, and my mind is slow. And with the piano, you have to be on top of everything."

"I think this performance will be fine though. It will be what it will be."

Oldham said that as an artist living with AIDS, he's gained some perspective.

"Don't wait around," he said. "Take advantage of inspiration and follow it. And as an artist, I would like to say that we're all going to live and die at some point. That is the trivial part of it all.

"What's important with art is that our work lives on and is passed down and not forgotten. That's what we remember when we think of someone like Beethoven.

"We don't really think of Beethoven as the personality," he said. "It's the 'Fifth Symphony' that reflects the person. That's what we remember."

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Those of us who remember our Sunday school classes will recognize the name **Gethsemane**. This was the name of the garden where Jesus went to spend the night away from his disciples in prayer on the night before his crucifixion. It is also the name of a play opening February 4th at the Theatrical Outfit.

Written by Atlanta-based playwright J. M. Kearns, the two-character play features Lee Sloan-Hannah and Harold M. Leaver. The play chronicles a long, dark, night of the soul, shared by a man and a woman. The man is HIV+ and both are incest survivors. Together, the two share their memories, fears, and isolation.

Advance tickets are \$9.00 and \$10.00 at the door. Showtimes are at 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Call 321-9063 for more information, reservations, and advance ticket outlets. The play runs through February 21.

It's that time of year again in Atlanta—time for **Straight from the Heart**, the mega-musical benefitting NAPWA and other service organizations for people with AIDS. 1993 marks the fourth year for SFTH and '93 promises to be even bigger and better than ever. How so, you ask? For starters, the venue has been moved from the Buckhead Roxy to the Georgia Tech Theatre for the Arts, where it is hoped that last year's total of \$25,000 can be quadrupled to \$100,000. Plus the new script and music from such sources as Elton John, Stephen Sondheim, and "Harvey Milk Show" veterans Patrick Hutchison and Dan Pruitt will set this year apart from all others.

The focus of the production is on music, sung by a large, all-volunteer troupe of some of Atlanta's most talented entertainers. Expect plenty of dancing feet also, as well as monologues and politically correct sermonettes on AIDS education, safe sex, prejudice, and fear.

Tickets for the event are \$22.00 and can be purchased through the Georgia Tech Box Office at 894-9600. "Straight from the Heart" runs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 5, 6, and 7.

Over at **800 East**, Ed Woodham and Wayne Sizemore are presenting two consecutive weekends of theatrical performances in their "Short Play Series." The series includes new, short plays by a diverse group of writers including Deb Calabria of Funny That Way, Donna Drake, Alice Denean, Anthony Owsley, and Madeline St. Romaine.

"Short plays seem to be coming back in vogue," says Ms.

## AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Kent Wilson, who played Dee in "the Harvey Milk Show," is just one of many performers in "Straight From the Heart."

Drake. She cites a resurgence in both performances and staged readings of short plays recently as examples. Her own contribution to the series is "Chess Lesson," which concerns the relationship of a man and woman (played by Ed Woodham and Julian

Helms) and takes place during, you guessed it, a chess lesson.

Anthony Owsley will perform in the play he has written about an unappreciated, minimalist music composer Hieronymos Bach, whose works have the ability to drive his audiences into a frenzy. Says Owsley, "At his last performance, the audience rushed the stage and chased him, carrying torches, when he tried to perform his musical version of Chinese water torture." Despite the sometimes adverse reactions of the masses, Bach continues to believe in his music.

Dates for the "Short Play Series" are Friday and Saturday, January 29 and 30 as well as February 5 and 6. Performances begin at 8:30 p.m.

When we think of abstract expressionism, what generally comes to mind are the large, colorful canvases of de Kooning, Pollock, and Motherwell. Coming up at the High Museum, is an exhibit which will broaden our perceptions of this movement. The exhibit is called, **Abstract Expressionism: Works on Paper, Selections from The Metropolitan Museum of Art**, presents 60 works on paper, including charcoal, watercolor, ink, crayon, enamel, goache, and collage, by 19 of the movers and shakers of the movement known today as abstract expressionism. The exhibition will reflect both major aspects of the movement—gestural action painting and color field abstraction.

The movement is generally traced to a group of artists living and working in New York from the mid 30s to the 50s, the most famous being Willem de Kooning, Robert Motherwell, Jackson Pollock, and Mark Rothko.

Ned Rifkin, director of the High, says of the exhibit, "It is an honor for the High to be able to host this outstanding exhibition. The artists represented in this collection transformed the history of art in the 1940s and 1950s. While their paintings are well known, their works on paper are less familiar. Visitors to the exhibition will have the opportunity to examine the bold ideas and gestures of the Abstract Expressionists on a much more intimate scale."

Admission to the exhibit is the usual \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for college students and seniors, and only \$1.00 for children ages 6-17. For more information, call 892-HIGH.

And don't forget the big **Benefit for the March on Washington** at the Metro, 48 6th Street on Sunday, January 31 at 10:00 p.m. Many of your favorite entertainers will be there, so don't miss it.

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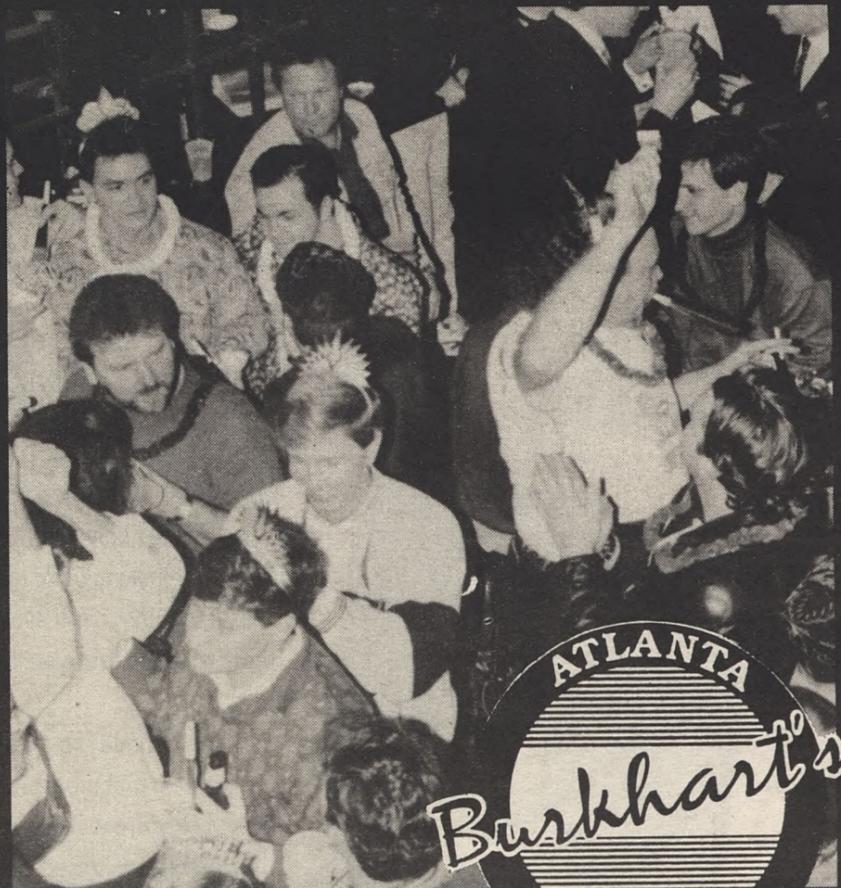
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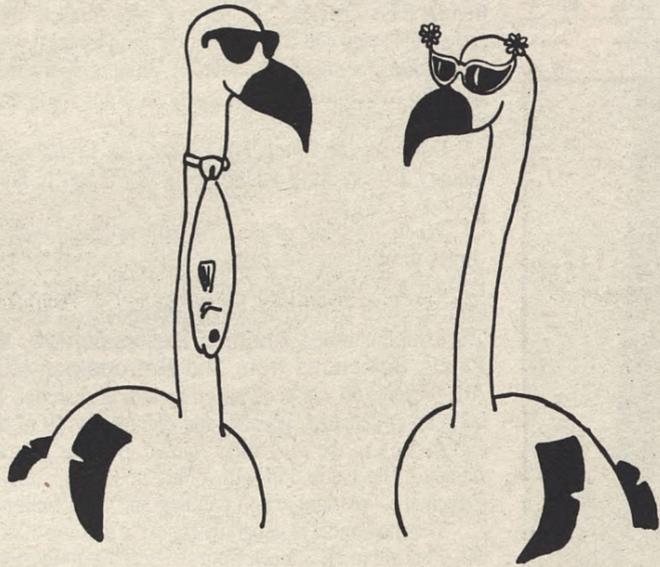
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## OCCASIONS

### BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to Brian Rountree on January 29. You may remember back in SoVo's first year of publication, a teenager writing to us from Lawrenceville about his horrible life with father after coming out. Well, we're pleased to announce that Brian has graduated high school, left home, has a job and a "husband" and is enjoying his new life in Atlanta. Way to go Brian! And Happy Birthday!

Michael Edwards, founder of Project Open Hand Atlanta and all around great guy, celebrated his 44th birthday on January 20. Michael and friends dined at Chef's Cafe to celebrate, followed by a dessert of "lard cake" at the home of Michael and his lover, Dan Pruitt. Rumor has it Michael demanded all of the roses on the cake. And you deserve them, Michael! Happy Birthday.

Christopher Sreater, owner of Nature's Art in Virginia-Highland will celebrate his birthday on February 13. Christopher will be flying in from Arizona after attending a rock and gem show, so he doesn't know about any other plans.

Infamous SoVo staff writer KC Wildmoon celebrated her 36th birthday on January 13. How did she spend it you ask? Who knows, she refuses to discuss it.

### HOLY UNIONS:

Laine Peek and Sue Anne Gresham are celebrating their joyful willingness to share this life together. Their ceremony of commitment will be February 14th, 1993 at 3:30 pm at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. They are expecting nearly 100 family members and friends at this celebration. To symbolize the creation of their new family, Laine and Sue Anne are legally changing their last names to Morgan which means "bright and powerful." They are registered at Macy's and Service Merchandise. Sue Anne says, "We have tried to break down the barriers of homophobia throughout our planning. From printing formal invitations, to registering at Macy's, to attempting to have an announcement printed in the Atlanta Journal and Constitution. Our goal has been to claim what we thought we could never have, a celebra-

tion of our commitment to ourselves and each other." After honeymooning in the Carribean, they will continue to live in Atlanta, sing in the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, two-step on occasion and try to get pregnant at the end of the year. They would like to thank those who have honored and supported this important event in their lives. Congratulations!

### MULTIPLE OCCASIONS:

They can happen you know, and not just in the medical books! Lynn Pasqualetti and Laura Bevins have recently experienced multiple occasions! First, you may remember Lynn better as Lynn Manning, but she says she changed back to her maiden name when their new bundle of joy arrived. Daniel Pasqualetti was born October 18th. Lynn and Laura arranged the private adoption of Daniel which became final on January 8th. Congrats to the new moms! Lynn and Laura celebrated their new family values by attending President Clinton's inauguration. "We were way back in the crowd, but it was still great," says Lynn. "They had big screen TVs everywhere so no matter where you stood, you could see." The crowds didn't thin out as they partied the night away at the Presidential Ball at Union Square.

"You only had one square foot to stand in, and there were more sequins there than I had ever seen in 40,000 drag shows," Lynn remarks. They also crashed a private party while they were there. (Gate crashers take note of this technique!) A few floors up from the party they paid for, they ran into a security guard who asked to see their ticket for the private party they were approaching. Quick-thinking Lynn said, "It's here in my purse somewhere, but the guy downstairs said to come on up." They got in. Once there, they discovered they had crashed the Democratic Committee's private party. "The food was free up there. Downstairs, you had to pay \$125 to get in, and pay for food & drinks." Needless to say, they had a good time "getting caught up in all the Americana."

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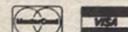
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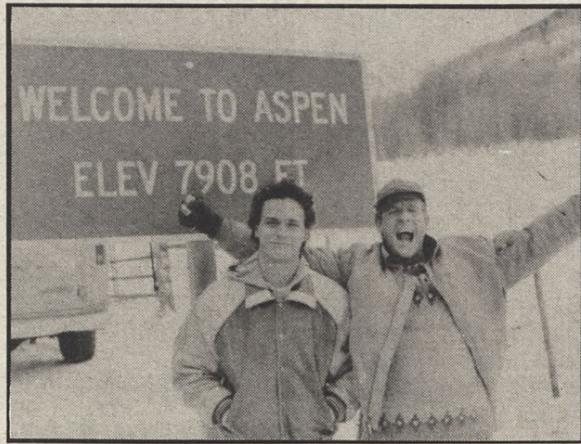
**Bad Timing:** Knowing how quick some activists are to jump on any cause/opportunity, Dish would like to point out an opportunity for action coming soon from Hollywood Pictures. "Aspen Extreme" is the story of two 25 year-old Detroiters who abandon a life of drudgery as auto workers and head to Aspen to make it big among the beautiful and powerful people who populate that place. Paul Gross and Peter Berg star. Sounds like one big yawn to Dish, unless we can organize some sort of a protest.

**Protest Pain:** Speaking of boycotts, protests, and other activism ephemera, Dish is hearing and seeing more and more evidence that not all homos (especially the more conservative ones and queers who actually live in the Hate State) aren't exactly hot to trot for the idea. One PJ LaBarge, a sculptor who creates expensive (\$11-18,000) images of cats says that affluent gays and sympathetic straight art patrons are avoiding Colorado and hurting his sales. A business called the LIZA Group in Corte Madera, California has taken pity on M. LaBarge and is offering his kitties up for sale across the country. If you're interested call Thomas Cutler at 415/289-9552. Dish can think of about 12,000 better ways to spend \$12,000 dollars, but hey it's not our money!

**The Sting:** As if there weren't enough melodrama going on at The Advocate (see cover story last issue), one of that magazine's competitors (The Guide, published in Boston) has issued a detailed press release accusing The Advocate of printing an ad "for a business selling erotica that was actually a pornography sting operation targeting gay men and run by US postal inspectors." Folks responding to the ad were solicited to buy "porn depicting minors." Advocate publisher Niles Merton told The Guide (according to The Guide) that readers have to take responsibility for not responding to mail "soliciting you for the commission of a federal crime." Sounds good to Dish, but a little simplistic. What if you think that the law in question is unfair? (Like Georgia's

# Dish

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**We strongly suspect that "Aspen Extreme," a new movie from Hollywood Pictures, is not going to be a blockbuster.**

sodomy statute?) Meanwhile the guy in charge of porn stings for the US Post Office says that their operations don't target gays, but rather "hardcore pedophiles" of any persuasion. You sure can't tell it from the steamy (and explicit) brochure the US Post Office paid for with your (and my) tax dollars.

**Private Matters:** Speaking of strange smelling solicitations, Dish knows more than one gay man (and no lesbians) who recently received a questionnaire from a new quarterly journal

(called "Steam") requesting that folks send info about where the best sexual cruising areas are in your part of the country. Said one friend (who we would hardly call a prude), "Am I just getting old, or does this sound like a set up to you, too." Regular readers know that Dish doesn't tend towards paranoia, but we sure as hell wouldn't send the location of our favorite glory hole (if we had one, that is) to some stranger in Wisconsin.

**Roll Tide:** Dish is indebted to a reader for calling and answering the questions about the University of Alabama mascot posed in this space a couple of weeks ago. It seems as though Alabama's mascot is an elephant because (at one time) the University's home town was spelled "Tuskaloosa." The nickname "Crimson Tide," it seems, came from a turn-of-the-century sports writer who saw the team's red jerseys overwhelming the competition time and time again. Dish (who went to GA Tech) did not know that UA had a football team before Bear Bryant came along.

**Bama Bound:** Speaking of Tuscaloosa, SoVo is now available in that city at the offices of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance at the U of A. And Tuscaloosa will host the 17th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men, March 4-7. If you've never been to a SE Conference, you owe it to yourself to check it out. There are brochures at the SoVo office or call 205/750-0257 and they'll mail info to you.

**Western Get Away:** If (male) chests are your bag rather than activism and entertainment, consider taking yourself to L.A. on the weekend of March 5-6 for a two day regional convention of the Chest Men of America. CMA has 500+ members from around the globe. Those attending the weekend will be able to participate in "seminars, nipple enlarging exhibitions, a chest contest, a business meeting and a think tank for the purpose of bettering the organization." For info call the CMA office in Chicago at 312/975-9593.

**January 28 through February 3, 1993**

This is the week for interesting birthdays, Tom Selleck and Oprah Winfrey were both born on January 29, while Norman Rockwell and Gertrude Stein share February 3rd. Jupiter goes retrograde in Libra and may temporarily slow down negotiations and related discussions.

**ARIES**, are you picking on yourself more than usual? If you have failed to reach some of your goals, the problem is probably in your procedure rather than your intentions or your personality. Be sure you are working with realistic goals. **TAURUS**, if your need for companionship or a close physical relationship is driving you a little bit nuts, then you need to find ways to be more comfortable expressing your feelings to others. There are like-minded folks around looking for someone, too. **GEMINI**, your ability with concepts and words is probably one of your stronger talents, so don't be hesitant to speak up and let the world know what you are thinking and feeling. You may be in a position to speak for others who are not as articulate.

**CANCER**, as Mars goes back and forth in your 1st house of physical awareness, personality and temperament, you may find certain unfamiliar feelings surfacing. You also may need to be

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more physically active so that your Mars energy can express affirmatively. **LEO**, life at home may need more of your attention right now, so do your best to be patient with the needs of loved ones, even parents or other family members who may be driving you a little crazy. Also, keep an eye on your own health. **VIRGO**, have you been getting outside enough lately? If you are feeling irritable, close-in or just plain 'ol' fed up with life right now, you may need a long weekend at the beach or at least some place with a little sun and fun. Yes, you can afford it.

**LIBRA**, Jupiter will continue to expand your awareness of yourself, your image and even your waist line if you aren't careful about the kind of foods you are eating. You may find you are saying and doing more outrageous things these days. Have fun! **SCORPIO**, your 12th house of dreams, visions, secrets and the

collective unconscious is very active now with Jupiter cruising back and forth expanding everything. Don't be too shocked if long hidden family skeletons emerge from the closet. **SAGITTARIUS**, Jupiter, your ruling planet, is in your 11th house of friends, causes, hopes and humanitarian activities. You may feel like contributing some time to your favorite social or political cause. They could definitely use the help.

**CAPRICORN**, your love life may be a little volatile right now with Mars going back and forth in your 7th house of close personal relationships, so hopefully you are able to ride this roller coaster for a little while and not stress it. Dear **AQUARIUS**, Happy Birthday! Now is the time to accept the applause you have earned as well as the lessons you have learned from situations that didn't always work out the way you wanted them to. **PISCES**, are you getting a better perspective on yourself, seeing and appreciating your wonderful qualities and talents? You absolutely must focus on your own personal priorities and abilities and look for specific and practical ways to use them.

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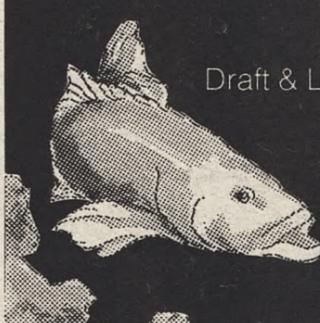
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A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

Several friends told me that I had obviously gone round the bend in suggesting that the food at **Broadway Danny's** (2391 Peachtree Rd. in Peachtree Battle Promenade. 231-4946) was anywhere near as good as Rocky's. So I had dinner there twice in the past couple of weeks, concentrating on non-pizza entrees.

Sorry folks, I'll stick by my original assessment: Danny's food is both better and cheaper than Rocky's.

Start with an order of garlic knots, pizza dough tied in double-bite sized knots, baked and brushed with olive oil and garlic. They're addictive, filling and far better than the throwaway bread that comes with entrees.

Like Rocky's, entrees are priced without salads, but a \$4.75 Caesar will satisfy the green needs of two folks—three if you eat lots of knots. Garlic and cheese pervade here, but this is a well balanced product that should keep all but the pickiest of palates happy as a clam.

I wish I could be so enthusiastic about linguini with a white clam sauce. Everything that's needed for success is here—garlic, olive oil, parsley, tender clam pieces, al dente pasta—but there's just not enough of any of it to make the dish sing. A good dose of black pepper helps, but more garlic, more clams, and a fat splash of white wine are needed, too.

On the other hand, veal medallions, delicately sauteed and sauced with a whisper of white wine and chopped tomato could hardly be better. The fact that you will go directly to politically correct hell for eating it not withstanding, this is first quality veal prepared with a deft touch.

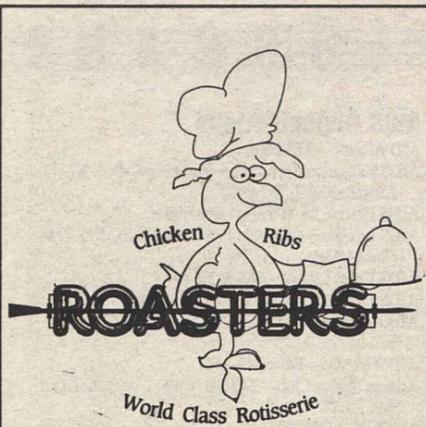
Ditto a fat piece of grouper, quickly sauteed and sauced with mushrooms, black olives and simple, but lusty, marinara. It would be even better were the fish lightly battered and a side of pasta sauced with something other than the same marinara. But as fish (especially yuppie fish like grouper) dishes under \$10 go hereabouts, this is a winner.

Lasagna comprised of multiple layers of thinly sliced, gently sauteed eggplant (hold the noodles and ricotta) is a creative take on what is too often a trite standby. There's a lot of melted mozzarella on top, but you really don't have to eat it all...unless you want to. And it's \$4 less than a far less exciting variation at Rocky's.

The meatball part of spaghetti with meatballs is amazingly light—filling and satisfying without being overwhelming.

You still can't get beer or wine at Broadway Danny's (although they swear it's coming soon) and the place still looks like fluorescent lit sports poster hell (that too is said to be changing...soon). But service is fast and friendly. New York attitude, when it is proffered, is presented with a wry smile that says, "this is all part of a not too serious game."

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OUTLINES

**BONNIE BARTON**

**Age:** 49

**How long in Atlanta:** 5 years

**Relationship status:** Evolving

**Last book read:** "Women of the Fourteenth Book: Writings on Menopause" edited by Amber Coverdale Sumrall and Dena Taylor

**Pet peeve:** People who value their own opinion as the only way, although the ATM machine being broken on the weekend is pretty pissy.



"I have two relationships which are evolving," says Bonnie Barton. "One is with myself, and it's about time." That statement takes on more meaning when you know that over the past year Barton has had several of what she calls "high impact life changes." Among those changes are the ending of a thirteen year relationship, the beginning of a new relationship and starting her own business.

She also includes the coming out process as part of her evolving relationship with herself. "My first real indication that I was ready to start coming out was when I started delivering Southern Voice," she says. "The day I stopped at Eat Your Vegetables at five o'clock on a workday (to put papers in that box) I said 'there's no turning back now.' I didn't realize there was so much traffic on that street at that time of day."

Barton came to Atlanta from a small farming community in South Carolina called Tigerville, where she lived for almost 20 years. "It wasn't Clemson," she emphasizes. "It's not the same tiger." She worked in a corporate manufacturing job in Greenville and lived next door to her parents. "I lived right at the foot of the Blue Ridge," she remembers wistfully. "I'm a Gemini. I feel like the two places I've lived, Atlanta and rural South Carolina, really reflect the two sides of my personality." In South Carolina, she was involved with the lesbian community that puts out the Upstate South Carolina Women's Community Newsletter. She still keeps in touch through the newsletter.

This is not Barton's first experience with Atlanta. "I lived in Atlanta back in the '60s in a totally different life," she says. "I was one of those heterosexuals then. I met my husband here." Barton was married for ten years. "I was in denial," she explains. But she does not feel the same way about Atlanta that she does about the marriage that started here. "When I left Atlanta in the '60s I did not want to leave, and I had always wanted to come back," she explains.

Starting her own business has also been

part of Barton's evolving relationship with herself. "It took me a year and a half to accept that I could have my own business as who I am, and it would be okay," she says. "When my business partner and I sat down to talk about the business, the first thing we talked about was values, the things we didn't want to lose about ourselves at work."

Barton's company, The Chore Store, is a home referral service. They put people in touch with trusted, reputable service providers like caterers, florists, massage therapists, contractors, and others. She came up with the idea while she was renovating a Grant Park home. She was overwhelmed by "trying to work eight hours a day and do that." She wants to help other people successfully deal with that kind of frustration. "We check out all of those people who provide the services," she explains.

In addition to her own business, Barton plans to continue her work with outdoor education programs such as Magic Treks in Columbia, SC. She is a facilitator on wilderness trips and team development activities for corporate groups.

As an active member of Fourth Tuesday, Barton has also been involved in that organization's business education activities, serving on the education committee for three years. "We coordinate the workshops for Expo," she says. She has also been active in the United Way's training program for volunteers preparing to serve on non-profit boards of directors.

Among her long list of hobbies, Barton lists the Atlanta Symphony. "I have found that one way to enjoy that is by ushering," she says. She also enjoys camping, hiking, bird watching, and gardening. "I'm not a Digging Dyke yet," she says. "I just moved to Decatur." She is hopeful that she will meet their standards for membership.

Barton also thinks of her new business as a sort of hobby. "I love to help people who are looking for something find it," she says. "It's very satisfying."

DEBBIE FRAKER

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- AIDS Education/Services for Minorities—POB 87277, Atlanta, 30337, 762-6002
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**Professional**

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- S.E. Gay Rodeo Association—POB 7881, Atlanta, 30357, 760-8126
- Women's Rugby—659-6916 or 761-8939
- TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
- Underwater Escapes—289-0696

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- Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—223-3718
- American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033, (404) 939-0244 (evenings)
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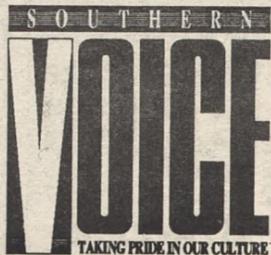
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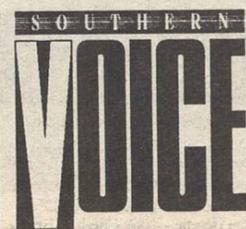
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**Appliances:** Arrange with your plumber, utility company or appliance service shop to disconnect major appliances such as washing machines and kitchen ranges. (Keep in mind that movers will not do this, nor will they take down television antennas.) Have this done several days before moving, and be sure any water is drained off. Clean each appliance inside and out and leave it open for a day or two. Then tape its doors and lids shut with a strong filament tape and tape the power cord to the back of the appliance. Protect the appliance with blankets or pads. Note that some appliances, such as washing machines, may require special buttressing to withstand the move; check your owner's manual for each appliance.

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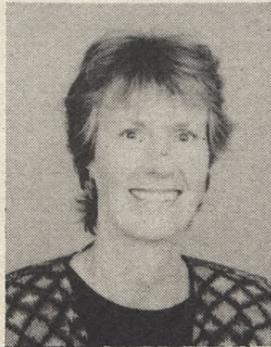
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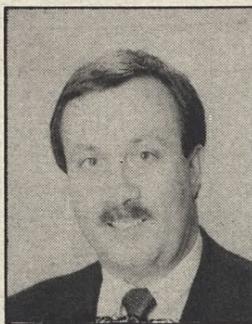
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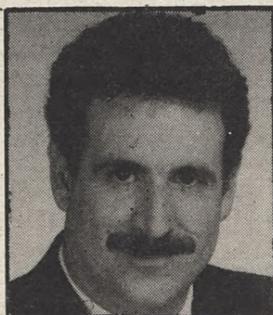
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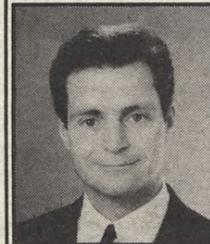
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