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Nunn-1, Clinton-0

Georgia Senator Sam Nunn, chair of the Armed Services Committee, has forced President Clinton to compromise on his promise to lift the ban on gay men and lesbians in the military.

KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—President Bill Clinton took the first steps last week toward fulfilling his campaign promise to lift the ban on lesbians and gays in the military, despite fierce opposition from the religious right, the military community and Congressional leaders, led by Georgia Senator Sam Nunn.

The final compromise worked out between Clinton and Nunn in late night meetings still allows for lesbian and gay service members to be removed from active duty, and gay leaders have been quick to point the finger at Georgia's senior senator for the conflict between Congress and the new President that played out in headlines across the country last week.

"The Democrats as a whole ran the last election on ending gridlock in Congress," said Don George, southeast field coordinator for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "[Sen. Nunn] fired the first nuclear bomb destroying that working relationship. I believe he let his ego get in the way of party unity."

George and fifteen other Georgia leaders have requested a meeting with Nunn, the chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, to discuss the issue.

Nunn and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair Gen. Colin Powell jumped to the forefront of opposition to the President's plan to lift the ban early last week when details of that plan were leaked to the press. Clinton's initial plan was to require the Pentagon, led by Sec. of Defense Les Aspin, to draft an executive order repealing the 50 year old ban in six months. In the meantime, the Defense Department would be directed to stop discharge proceedings against gay and lesbian personnel, and to stop asking recruits about their sexual orientation. The six month time period would be used to detail how the executive order would be implemented, and to outline strict conduct guidelines for both gay and heterosexual service members.

The compromise does remove the sexual orientation question from the induction process, but requires that gay service members be removed to standby

serve status with no pay or benefits until the policy question is resolved. Clinton will direct the Justice Department to request continuances in all current court cases involving gay discharges.

HRCF lobbyist Cathy Woolard, a former Georgian now living in Washington, criticized the part of the compromise that separates gay soldiers into standby reserves.

"My anticipation is that the military will ferret people out as quickly as they can in the next six months," she said. "And to lose your job and benefits in this economy is devastating. It's not a benign compromise."

"President Clinton's original plan addressed that" by suspending all discharge proceedings against gay service members, she continued. "It's unfortunate that Senator Nunn forced the issue like this."

President Clinton also pointed the finger at mem-

What will change:

- Questions about sexual orientation will be removed from the induction form
- Homosexuality will no longer be grounds for outright discharge from the military
- Court proceedings against those being discharged for being gay will be delayed
- Rules on sexual conduct will be explained to recruits
- The Pentagon will draft an executive order banning discrimination against homosexuals

What remains unchanged:

- Service members who are gay remain subject to discharge proceedings. Gay service members can still be removed from active duty
- Those who have reached the point of discharge will be transferred instead to standby reserve where they will receive no pay and no benefits

from The New York Times

bers of Congress for creating the controversy that headed most news broadcasts for much of the week.

"The timing of this whole issue was forced by the people in the Senate who are opposed to any change of the policy no matter what the facts are," Clinton said, adding that he did not expect to change his mind on the issue during the next six months.

To add to the controversy, the pro-gay side received a boost on Jan. 28 when a federal district judge in California declared the military's ban on gays unconstitutional. In ordering the Defense Department to reinstate Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, who had sued to stay in the Navy, Judge Terry Hatter, Jr. wrote that the

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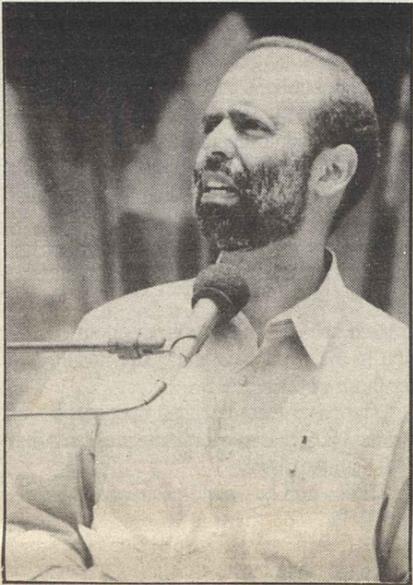
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Fulton County joins boycott of Colorado

Atlanta—Fulton County has joined the list of Colorado boycotters. The Fulton County Commission on Jan. 17 unanimously passed a resolution barring county employees from spending county funds for travel to any locality "where many of our citizens would, by law, be denied the same rights and protections afforded to all other citizens."

"It's clear that the community wanted to see governments join forces on this," said Commission Chair Michael Lomax, who introduced the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Nancy Boxill.

The resolution specifically cites Colorado and Springfield, Oregon, which had



Michael Lomax says Fulton County may consider extending its boycott to all areas which discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

earlier passed a similar ordinance to Colorado's Amendment 2. But Jeff Cheek, Lomax's liaison for the lesbian/gay community, said Fulton County's resolution will go beyond Colorado and Springfield.

"We wanted it to be as broad as it could be," Cheek said, "so that it would cover any area that adopts such a measure in the future."

"We hope that isn't the case," Lomax told Southern Voice. "But I do think that Colorado is beginning to understand that there is strong opposition to this. And it will affect their pocketbook."

Lomax said he has no problems with using a boycott to send a message to Coloradans.

"As an African American, boycotts have been an effective tool in my own community," he said. "It's a non-violent method, one of the most effective tools to discourage people from doing things that you know are wrong."

Cheek said that Fulton County may consider further economic sanctions against areas that ban gay rights laws, such as prohibiting the purchase of products from those areas.

"We'll be talking with the [newly formed lesbian and gay] advisory committee to see what they want to do," he said, "if they want us to look into going further."

In other local government news, the Atlanta City Council is considering a resolution which would direct the city attorney to file an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting Wisconsin's hate crimes laws. The Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1992 declared the state's law unconstitutional, and that ruling is now on appeal to the nation's highest court. If the council approves the resolution, Atlanta will join the City of New York in filing the brief.

Board of Education votes no to AIDS lessons for fourth graders

A panel of state Board of Education members voted January 28 to reject sex education proposals made last year by a committee appointed by Governor Zell Miller. The ad hoc committee of five members decided that fourth graders should not learn about AIDS, and more changes to the recommendations are expected.

The changes follow three public hearings held across the state in the past few months. At the first hearing held in Marietta in December, most people spoke against the report made by the 24-member committee.

Georgia, with about 6,000 AIDS cases, ranks seventh in the nation; there are 242,000 cases of AIDS in the United States. Georgia has at least 16,400 HIV infections, with an estimated 1 million infections nationwide.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says more education—starting in kindergarten and intensifying by ninth grade—is needed to slow the rapid spread of the HIV virus among teen-agers.

"It's just as important as science and math," said the CDC's Dr. Lloyd Kolbe. "You don't come into the 12th grade and provide two days of HIV education and expect that to be sufficient."

Denise Stokes, who works for Outreach, Inc. in Atlanta, isn't waiting for the state school board to act. She travels to schools around the city telling teen-agers that if she was diagnosed with HIV at age 16, they



Denise Stokes of Outreach, Inc., who was diagnosed HIV-positive at age 16, is angry at those who oppose explicit sex education for school children.

Ophthalmologist didn't slander employee by calling her a lesbian, jury says

Carrollton, GA—A Carrollton ophthalmologist was acquitted of charges that he tried to discredit a former employee by saying she is a lesbian, according to reports in Carrollton's Times-Georgian.

Sharon Franzel filed a lawsuit against Dr. John Godard, charging him with slander, infliction of emotional distress, and attempting to "run her out of the ophthalmology industry."

Godard fired Franzel from her position as scrub nurse and marketing assistant in June 1989, citing a "time card violation." Franzel's attorney, Gary Bunch, told the jury that Godard had feared Franzel would find employment with another ophthalmologist and siphon business from him.

"The defendant entered into a calculated plan to harass and destroy Ms. Franzel because of greed," said Bunch in his opening remarks on Jan. 18. "To save his high-volume financial empire, he had to run Ms. Franzel out of the industry."

Bunch presented testimony from Herbert Stewart, a medical sales representative, who testified that Godard told him Franzel was gay at a medical convention. A second man,

Fred Engels, testified that the Atlanta eye doctor who employed him had refused to hire Franzel because Godard had told the doctor she was dishonest and gay.

Godard's attorneys, J. Eugene Beckham, Jr. and Robert F. Dangle, presented testimony that despite initial good employment reports, Frankel's job performance suffered because of a relationship with another employee. Godard also testified that Frankel had broken into his office, but he did not file a report on the incident, nor did he confront her about it.

Sally Jones, Godard's business manager at the time of Frankel's firing, testified that at the time of her firing Franzel threatened to have Godard's business picketed by the American Civil Liberties Union and gay rights groups. Franzel and her attorney denied that she is gay, although her ex-husband, Greg Franklin, testified that they were divorced because of Franzel's relationship with another woman.

In emotional testimony, Franzel testified that Godard would not discuss the reasons for her termination with her, telling her instead that "I have nothing to say to you, you need to talk to my attorney."

Franzel filed the lawsuit shortly after her firing, asking for \$750,000 in damages. The Carroll County jury took three hours on Jan. 23 to return the verdict in favor of Godard.

Attendees stressed that the report promotes premarital sex and homosexuality. The prospect of homosexuality being presented as an acceptable alternative was an often raised concern. Those opposed to the proposal felt that AIDS education in the fourth grade is too early, expressing fear that children will ask about how AIDS is contracted and that will lead to a discussion of oral and anal sex. Currently AIDS is presented in the sixth grade.

The supporters of the report were in equal number with opponents at the hearing held in Fort Valley January 27. Joe DeRose, a member of Queer Nation and ACT UP/Atlanta, urged the board to abandon its negative view of homosexuality and to provide accurate information about AIDS. He emphasized the number of suicides among gay and lesbian youth and the problem of hate crimes against lesbians and gay men. He also said that education about AIDS is critical to fighting the spread of the disease.

"The state must not ignore the realities of 20th century America, an America where the children of righteous people die because their parents deny them knowledge..." he said.

could be, too.

She remembers how the nurse at Marietta High School wouldn't tell her about AIDS after her diagnosis, saying she needed parental permission. She says her mother then kicked her out of the house, and she went from a poetry-writing, straight-A student to a homeless teen-ager who turned to drugs.

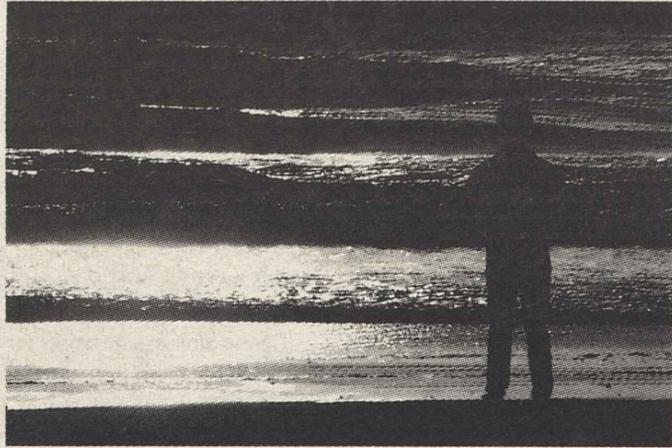
"I don't want anybody else to go through what I went through. I don't want them to learn about AIDS after they've got it," Stokes said. "But they don't know anything. Girls who are pregnant ask me what semen is. Girls say they're having anal sex so they won't get pregnant."

"I get so angry when I hear people say we shouldn't be teaching about sex. We have a responsibility to keep our kids alive long enough to make mature decisions."

Expected changes in the proposals include putting a greater emphasis on contraceptive failure rates, focusing more on abstinence before marriage and eliminating any reference to homosexuality. The entire Board of Education will vote on the report at a meeting on Feb 10.

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Chattanooga city council tables gay rights ordinance

Chattanooga, TN—A city ordinance making it illegal to discriminate against gays and lesbians was tabled by a city commission committee because officials were afraid it would contradict state law.

Ron Littlefield, chair of the Legal and Legislative Committee, said city attorneys advised the council that changing the existing local law to include lesbians and gays may be against state law.

"This appears to be outside the scope of city government," Littlefield said Jan. 19. "Cities are limited in the power they have by the state, and even the state is not dealing with this issue."

The Human Rights Commission had asked the council to extend their jurisdiction to allow them to investigate charges of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The request stemmed from a recent incident in which two Signal Mountain Burger King employees claimed they were fired because they are gay. Burger King officials have refused to discuss the case with the commission.

City attorney Randy Nelson said the question is whether the city could grant the power

to investigate the charges of discrimination for a reason not outlined by state and federal law.

Tennessee is an "employment at will" state, which means employers can hire or fire a person for any reason except race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, national origin and economic status.

Since sexual orientation is not specified as an exclusion to the at-will law, it may not be legal to try to stop hirings or firings for those reasons, Nelson said.

Tennessee law also says it is a misdemeanor "for any person to engage in consensual sexual penetration with a person of the same gender." For that reason, some councilmembers said it may not be proper to deal with the sexual orientation issue.

Rev. Jim Bills, chair of the human rights panel, said he wished the committee would have recommended that the ordinance be amended, but he is encouraged that the commission tabled it and didn't vote against it.

"We're talking about the responsibility you gave us for protecting people's rights," Bills told the commissioners. "This is a rights issue." (AP)

Southeastern Lesbian/Gay Conference is cancelled

The 14th Annual Southeast Conference for Lesbians and Gays scheduled for March 4-7 in Tuscaloosa, Ala. has been cancelled.

According to a local steering committee co-chair, Doug Hawkins, only a handful of registrations have been received as of January 21, only six weeks before the scheduled event. In order to have a successful conference, 250-300 registrants are needed to participate, Hawkins said.

Hawkins speculates that the reason for the poor response is the upcoming March on Washington scheduled for April 25.

"Given that we have been in a recession, people are choosing to spend their discretionary income to go to the March instead of the Conference," Hawkins said. "The Southeastern Conference board felt that the theme 'March Forth,' tying in the March, would inspire and serve as a rallying point before the March. This obviously has not happened."

The Board will meet the weekend of January 30 to decide the fate of the Conference, the oldest regional gathering of its type in the nation. The last SEC was held in 1991 in Baltimore, Maryland.

FL AIDS panel says education must be explicit

Tallahassee, FL—The chairwoman of a special AIDS committee urged boldness to tackle the deadly disease, saying people need not fear recommendations like demonstration of condom use to Florida schoolchildren.

"It's not a four-letter word as far as I know, but the public acts as though it is," said Lois Frankel, chair of the Governor's Red Ribbon Panel on AIDS.

Frankel, a former legislator from West Palm Beach, presented the recommendations last Thursday to Gov. Lawton Chiles and told him that condom availability and training were crucial to prevent the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome and the HIV virus.

"We would hope the use of safer sex, the use of condoms, would become as routine a part of American life as brushing one's teeth," Frankel said. "That is the only way that we are going to right now get a handle on this disease."

The report makes a host of other recommendations, many involving comprehensive health and AIDS education in schools, in-

creased school health services, more education in the workplace and better health care for those who have AIDS.

The panel recommended appointment of a state AIDS czar to coordinate programs that deal with the disease.

Chiles said he would examine the report and decide which parts to propose to the Legislature for the session that begins Feb. 2.

Florida has the third highest number of AIDS cases in the nation. Last year, 5,499 new cases were reported.

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COMING EVENTS

Raleigh AIDS Art Auction Fifteen Triangle Area celebrities will auction over 200 pieces of art to benefit the AIDS Service Agency on Sunday, February 7 at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley. Paintings, sculpture, watercolors, and jewelry by local artists will be on the block when bidding opens at 6 pm. Admission to the AIDS Service Agency's "Works of Heart, an Art Auction Against AIDS" is \$5.00. For information, call (919) 834-2437.

Charlotte Dance One Voice, Charlotte's only gay, lesbian and gay affirmative mixed chorus, is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday, March 13, from 8 pm until midnight at the National Guard Armory on West Boulevard in Charlotte, just off Billy Graham Parkway.

The One Voice fundraiser will feature music, dancing, cash bar, door prizes, theme prizes, and more. Tickets are available from any chorus members and Rising Moon Bookstore, \$10 advance/\$12.50 door. For more information, call (704) 548-0771.

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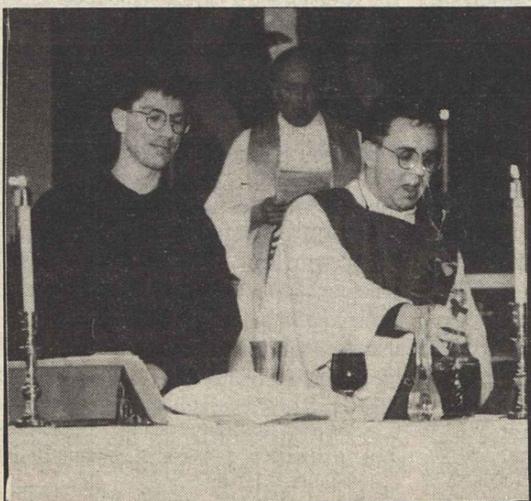
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DC Lesbian Killed After Rebuffing Man: The Washington Blade has reported that a 24-year-old lesbian was shot in the face by an unidentified gunman outside a bar after the woman refused his demands for sex. Ana Maria Rosales, a native of Guatemala, was with a companion around 2:15 am on Jan. 7, when the two were approached by a man who told her "I want to fuck you." When she refused, the gunman fired at point blank range. A DC homicide detective told the Blade that police do not have sufficient evidence to classify the shooting as a hate crime. Nearly 25 people were on the street at the time of the shooting, but all but a few left before police arrived.

Doctor Faulted For Revealing Nureyev's AIDS Struggle: France's watchdog medical body said last week it may punish Rudolph Nureyev's doctor for revealing the details of the famed choreographer and dancer's battle with AIDS. Without naming Nureyev or his doctor, Michel Canesi, the Order of Doctors' board of directors said it was "indignant about statements by a doctor about the illness and circumstances of the death of a great artist." The board decided unanimously "to take the necessary actions" to ensure respect for the absolute confidentiality of a patient's state of health they said. The order can take various measures against a doctor, including suspending or removing his license to practice.

New York Capital Passes Gay Rights Law: Albany, NY, Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III signed an ordinance that included protections for the city's gays and lesbians on Dec. 10, said the Washington Blade. The law makes it illegal to discriminate in employment, housing or public accommodations, but exempts religious groups from the law. The bill was sponsored by Council member Keith St. John, an openly gay African American.

Openly Gay Lutheran Pastor Ordained, Church Faces Expulsion: Over the objections of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), the First United Lutheran Church in San Francisco installed assistant pastor Jeff Johnson as its sole Pastor on January 23. In November, members of First United voted unanimously to call Johnson, a gay man, as their pastor. Johnson's installation violates ELCA policy which prohibits the ordination of openly gay and lesbian clergy. First United, in the third year of a five-year suspension by ELCA for ordaining Johnson and two lesbians in 1990, faces expulsion unless ELCA policy changes by the end of 1995.



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Jeff Johnson, an openly gay man, is installed as Pastor at the First Lutheran Church of San Francisco.

Dinkins Says Permit Aside, Law Says Gays

Should March: New York Mayor David Dinkins says that no matter who ultimately gets the city's St. Patrick's Day parade permit, lesbians and gays must be allowed to march. "We have now outstanding an interpretation of the law that says you cannot exclude," the mayor said last week at a City Hall news conference. Asked why he considered the permit battle to be an important fight, the mayor, who is up for re-election this year, said, "I don't see it as a fight. I see it as simply administering the issuance of a permit in accordance with the law as we interpret it."

Gay Man Beaten With Iron Bars in Kansas City: The Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph reported last week that five men brutally assaulted a gay man outside a bar in downtown Kansas City on Dec. 13, beating him with iron bars. The man, identified only as Bob, received a broken rib and required 33 stitches in his head. Bob's attackers called him "faggot" and "queer" as they beat him. Kansas City police say they are investigating the incident, but the department did not record the attack as a hate crime. Bob also reported that police officers were homo- and AIDS-phobic when they responded to the call. "When the police saw blood, they didn't want to go near me," he said. "They were looking for bleach."

Univ. of Minn. Faculty Recommends Gay-Lesbian Studies Program: A Univ. of Minnesota faculty committee is recommending the creation of a gay and lesbian studies program to fight discrimination and encourage an emerging academic field. The committee also asked for full employee benefits for same-sex partners of employees and for an office of gay, lesbian and bisexual concerns to provide advocacy, training and support. The prime impetus for the committee inquiry was discrimination, according to Marjorie Cowmeadow, chair of the committee.

ACLU Seeking Damages For Two Gay Men Who Claim Harassment: The American Civil Liberties Union is seeking damages for two gay men who claim they were harassed at Kailua Beach Park in Hawaii by a city lifeguard who also accosted them while off-duty. In a letter to the city, the ACLU also demanded a disciplinary investigation and training for lifeguards. Ed Jaquette and Ole Swiss said they were accosted by the lifeguard last February while walking to the beach. According to Jaquette, the lifeguard who was off-duty at the time, said "I don't want your kind on my street," and punched him in the eye. Swiss said that on another occasion the lifeguard called him a "faggot" while walking past him on the street. "I have no idea why they're persecuting me," said Tom Stone, the lifeguard. "I forgive them for whatever wrongs they've done to me."

Missouri Senator Pushes Bill To Ban Gay References In School Books: A state legislator who wants a ban on school books depicting homosexuality says Missouri classrooms "should not be the center of debate on social issues." Sen. John Russell presented a bill on Jan. 11 to the Senate Education Committee, which took no vote. The only opponent, a lobbyist for Planned Parenthood, said the legislation could hinder instruction about sexually transmitted diseases. The Senator said that he introduced the legislation to prevent Missouri from adopting curriculums such as New York City's "Children of the Rainbow," which teaches tolerance for lesbians and gays. "God didn't intend it this way and biologically it's not right," he said.



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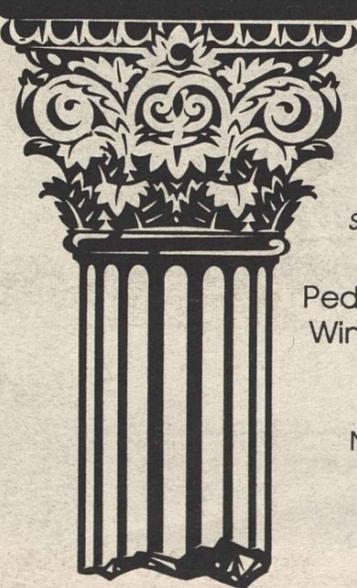
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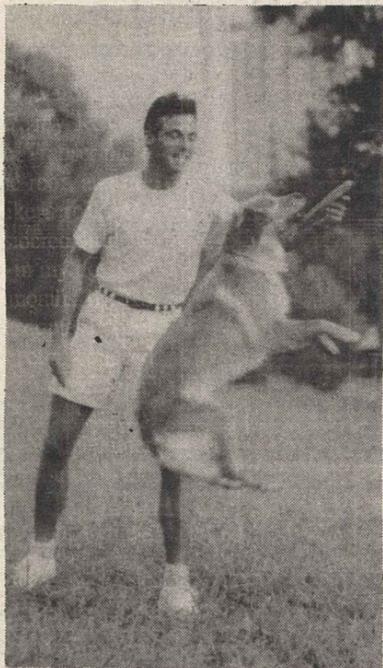
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LONG TERM SURVIVING

BY DAVID STANLEY

1992 was marked with increased attention to those of us who have survived HIV infection over a long period of time.

There are two terms now to describe us. One is the familiar "Long Term Survivor," which is usually defined as anyone who lives three or more years after being diagnosed as full blown AIDS. A new term has come along this year which is "Healthy Long Term Positive." This group is defined as those who have been healthy and AIDS free with CD4 counts above 500 ten or more years after being infected with HIV.

Though I've been infected with HIV a shade over ten years, I'm in the first group, having survived a bout of Kaposi's Sarcoma in 1985. I was declared free of KS in 1988 and have been fine since, with a stable CD4 count between four to five hundred.

I was one of the AZT guinea pigs in 1986, and we added alpha Interferon in 1987. I remain on both drugs, and I would guess that few, if any, have remained on AZT as long as I have. Needless to say, after consuming approximately 2.5 pounds of AZT, I would like to question those who scream that AZT is poison. How much do I have to take before it kills me?

In any case, there are similarities that have been noted in most long termers. I'll go over each that I've found noted in various publications.

First is patient control and involvement in any treatment. Don't just passively accept any suggestion your doctor might give you. Question whether you're seeing the right doctor. Your old family doctor may not be well informed in HIV matters. Find out what percentage of his or her patients have HIV.

When a treatment is suggested, ask why this and not an alternative. Do you have confidence that he has done adequate research and reading? Some KS patients have told me that their doctors didn't like alpha Interferon because of the fatigue. These doctors weren't aware that fatigue can be reduced or eliminated with a reduction in the dose, and that in a few months, the fatigue usually goes away on its own. Make sure your doctor knows the latest on HIV research and not just the rumors.

Second, your support system is extremely important. In an ideal world, this would begin with your biological family. Reality, however, shows that many families do not support, and that some families, ceased to exist some time in the past. Support systems though can come from several other sources. Friends can be the most important, but much support can be found in the community. Many of the AIDS service organizations can bring wonderful support. AID Atlanta and NAPWA are examples of great sources of support and information. Do not hole up by yourself.

On that note, staying active is also quite important. Work as long as you can. If you retire or go on disability, find some volunteer work and keep up your social contacts. Don't allow yourself to lose contact with others. Don't slack off with your chores. Don't quit living like you want to live.

Diet is listed here, but this is important whether you have HIV or not. You need fiber to keep your systems cleaned out. You need vitamins to prevent certain diseases. Caution must be used, however, because you can overdose with some vitamins or other supplements. Research before you add large doses of these nutrients.

Know what you put in your body.

Exercise also counts, whether or not you have HIV. The more fit your body is, the better its ability to expend the energy to fight infections. It has been suggested, that for long term survivors, building lean muscle mass, as from weight lifting, seems to be more beneficial than aerobic training. I loved hearing this, as I hate jogging with a passion, and I do lift weights three times a week.

Healthy lifestyles have been also noted in long termers. This is more than just the above list. Here, we're talking about no tobacco, moderate alcohol intake, and the avoidance of recreational drugs. This doesn't require you to be a hermit, just watch what you're doing and try to use some good sense.

Finally, among long term survivors, it was noted that they all had terrific attitudes. This has been described in several ways, including fighting the HIV infection the best way possible, but not dwelling on the infection and getting on with life. Good attitude is also noted by a lack of fear of both HIV and of dying. Not fearing dying usually involves some kind of spiritual belief and a belief in the continuation of life. I've known a couple of healthy long termers who were also atheists, but their numbers remain small. I feel, personally, that HIV was just something I had to go through this time around.

I also strongly feel that fear alone can kill you. Some people, when they get a diagnosis of AIDS or cancer, will literally scare themselves to death. These people will not die from HIV or cancer; they will die from fear.

There is some speculation about a person's genetics helping to fight off the infection. I've been diagnosed full blown for seven years, and I'm doing fine. My little brother, Phil, was diagnosed full blown late last year, and he died within months. How would you feel about genetics?

Another speculation I'm wary of is that some strains of HIV are more lethal than others. I would hope that I have only one strain of HIV. In late 1987, my KS was "blossoming," my Reverse Transcriptase count was going through the roof, and my CD4 count was dropping like a rock. My strain of HIV had to be considered virulent, but we made an adjustment in my doses of medication, and, within six months, my KS was gone, my Reverse Transcriptase count was negative, and my CD4 count bounced back to a stable four to five hundred. Even virulent strains of HIV can be successfully combatted. I really don't believe that either of these two factors have contributed to me being alive today.

So there are factors healthy long termers have in common. Some are well documented, and some will require some research grants before they are confirmed. Factors involving lifestyle are easily within your grasp. Factors involving faith and attitude may take more work, but they are attainable. Even strict adherence to all these factors will not save you without the right medication your particular body requires. Surviving HIV is a job, and you have to work at it. Just don't let it overtake your life to the exclusion of everything else. Live your life and enjoy.

David Stanley's column on long term surviving will appear in the first issue of each month in Southern Voice.

Tests show ddC may be effective when used alone

Washington, DC—Trials of ddC have shown that it is effective in slowing the progression of AIDS, and may offer an alternative to two other drugs, officials at the National Institutes of Health announced Jan. 22.

Clinical trials conducted at 78 sites and monitored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases found that ddC used alone is as effective against AIDS as another drug, ddI.

Currently, the first line treatment for the HIV virus is the drug zidovudine, or AZT. ddI, or didanosine, is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for patients who cannot tolerate AZT or who have been unresponsive to it.

The third drug, ddC, or zalcitabine, is approved only when used in combination with AZT.

However, a study using 467 patients showed that ddC is as effective as ddI when

used alone.

"The new findings suggest that single-drug therapy with ddC has a role in the treatment of people with HIV disease who unable to tolerate AZT, or in those whose disease worsens while taking AZT," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the director of NIAID, which is a part of the National Institutes of Health.

In the study, 230 patients with HIV were given ddI and 237 were given ddC. Of those on ddI, 156 died or experienced a worsening of HIV disease. Of those on ddC, 150 became sicker or died. Officials said the difference between the two drugs was not statistically significant.

An NIAID announcement said that the agency will issue a clinical alert to physicians about the study within 10 days after the results have been evaluated by the AIDS Research Advisory Committee.

PAUL RECER

Community AIDS Network to hold legislative forum

Atlanta—Those concerned about AIDS will have an opportunity to work through the Georgia General Assembly by attending the upcoming Legislative Forum on February 11, 1993. Entitled "AIDS and Georgia Politics," the forum will provide information on issues and strategies that may be addressed during the Georgia legislative session, stress effective communication with representatives, and provide information on coalition building.

The forum will be held at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel, 14th and Peachtree Streets, from 7-9:30pm. It will include three components: 1) an overview and update of the Georgia General Assembly, 2) a panel presentation of key issues including the State's position on epidemiology and partner notification, the State AIDS drug budget, the insurance reform bill, and sex education in the public schools, and 3) will teach effective communication with legislators and the news media via letters to the editor and guest editorials.

Louise Hudak, project director of the Community AIDS Network stated, "We have, unfortunately, reached the second decade of AIDS with a sense of burnout and complacency at a time when the need for advocacy on a grassroots level is more important than

ever. Now is the time for the individual to speak out and this forum will provide individuals with the tools to do so."

The forum is sponsored by the Community AIDS Network of Metro Atlanta, the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA), and Atlanta Legal Aid-AIDS Legal Project.

For more information about this forum, please contact Louise Hudak at (404) 321-9336.

Kaposi's experimental drug offered free

Vestar, Inc., has announced that it will provide its experimental drug DaunoXome free to patients with advanced Kaposi's sarcoma. In making the announcement on Jan. 14, Vestar said that the drug has "the potential to be the first therapy that can effectively treat the disease without causing the severe toxic side effects" caused by other treatments, such as chemotherapy.

Clinical trials have shown that 60% of 150 patients with advanced KS responded well to the treatment, Vestar said. Mild side effects were present—fatigue, nausea, and vomiting.

To be eligible for the DaunoXome, patients must have advanced KS and be unable to enroll in clinical trials of the drug. For details, call (800) 247-3303.

OBITUARIES

Michael Jay Chapnick

March 28, 1954—December 30, 1992

Michael passed from this life full of spirit, hope and compassion for those in the community still suffering. His actions spoke loudly for all with his involvement with NAPWA, serving a term on the board of directors.

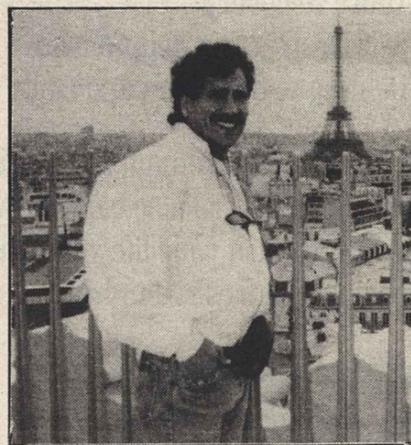
Michael is survived by his parents, Abe and Helen, one sister Debby, and a phenomenal host of friends and loved ones, whose lives were all changed by his presence, honesty and compassion.

A memorial service is planned for February 7th at 1PM in the auditorium of The Woodruff Arts Center.

Timothy Kevin Martin

Timothy Kevin Martin, 33, native Atlantan and actor, made his final exit from this life on the afternoon of January 23.

As an actor, Tim appeared in productions at 7 Stages, SAME, Georgia State University, Academy Theatre, Funny That Way and was one of the founders of ACME Theatre and ACME Children's Theatre, where he performed frequently.



Tim died at his home with his mother, father, brother and sister. He lost his vision last year and attended the school for the visually impaired this fall. He consistently pursued life in his struggle with AIDS.

A memorial service was held January 26 at Turner Funeral home and a memorial celebration was held January 31 at 7 Stages. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to AID Atlanta.

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Lesbian adoption case could have national impact

Burlington, VT—A case scheduled to go before the Vermont Supreme Court next month could set a national precedent concerning how lesbian parents can adopt children.

At issue is a Burlington couple who asked a probate court to approve the adoption of two boys, ages 4 and 1, by their biological mother's partner.

Judge George K. Belcher of Washington Probate Court ruled last June that Vermont's adoption statute does not allow the non-marital partner of a legal, custodial parent to become a second, adoptive parent of the legal parent's children. Vermont law does not recognize marriages of gay or lesbian couples.

"It's a very significant case from a na-

tional perspective. The Vermont Supreme Court will be the first state supreme court to consider this issue," said Paula Ettelbrick. She is an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund Inc., of New York City.

Belcher's ruling could be the first denial of second-parent adoption rights by a judge in the nation, Ettelbrick said this week. Another Vermont judge, and other judges across the nation, have approved this type of adoption.

A national group, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and a regional organization, Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, (GLAD), also filed briefs in support of the adoption.

The couple in the Vermont case has been together since 1986.

Now living and working in the Burlington area, the couple had their first child in 1988 through artificial insemination from an anonymous donor. Sperm from the same donor was used for the second child, so the boys would be full brothers.

The two women have arranged their legal affairs so both are financially responsible for the children, with reciprocal wills, joint home ownership and joint bank accounts.

Both their families are intimately involved with the children. The father of the non-biological parent has included the two boys in his will along with his other grandchildren.

"This case is about the welfare and happiness of two little boys...They have the extreme good fortune of having two committed,

loving and caring parents," Burlington attorney Julie Frame wrote in a 150-page brief filed with the Vermont Supreme Court. She and two other lawyers represent the Burlington women.

The lack of a legal relationship between the boys and their non-biological parent has created some problems, such the boys' inability to be covered by her health insurance.

However, their reasons for wanting the adoption are much more basic than that, as the women expressed in their request to the probate court: "It will be in the best interest of the children if [the non-biological parent] adopts [the two boys] so that the present de facto situation that the children have two loving, caring parents is legally recognized."

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OUT & ABOUT

INTERVIEW

IN A CANDID INTERVIEW FROM HER ATLANTA HOME, EMILY SALIERS OF INDIGO GIRLS TALKS WITH C. MITCHELL ABOUT HER COMMITMENT TO THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS—AND THE FIGHT FOR GAY RIGHTS

EMILY SALIERS

Project Open Hand will throw its largest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, February 13. "Masquerade," a Mardi Gras gala, raised \$60,000 at last year's fund raiser for Project Open Hand, which delivers two meals a day to 1,000 people with AIDS. That was enough money to feed people for two months. The number of people needing meals has increased dramatically, however, and this year \$60,000 will feed people for less than one month.

Because of this, Project Open Hand is going all out with a weekend of events featuring the likes of Sam Harris of Star Search, body-building couple Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris... and Emily Saliers. Saliers and musical partner Amy Ray are better known as Indigo Girls, an Atlanta duo who after playing local clubs made it big in the music business, including taking home a Grammy in 1991 for Best Contemporary Folk Album for "Indigo Girls." Saliers, whose lyrics are often a hypnotic mixture of soul-searching and spiritual yearning, tends to speak from the heart.

C. Mitchell: You've been very supportive of Project Open Hand throughout the years. What draws you to this group?

Emily Saliers: Amy and I care about people with AIDS and we care about the whole AIDS crisis. What can you say about it? I've known friends who've lost lovers to AIDS. It's sad to say, but it was not until Magic Johnson spoke out that the government paid attention—as if homosexual men don't count as much.

It's a way to give back—through these benefits. For this fundraiser, they wanted to try and get more outreach to the women's community and they thought we might be a liaison. We can't play, but I'll be there and do whatever I can.

If people in the women's community think "Masquerade" is just a gay men's event, it's not. It's for lesbians, straight women and straight men. I'm asking people to come out. Hear the music. Join the fun!

CM: Indigo Girls performed at a pro-choice rally in Washington D.C. during inauguration week. What led you to participate?

ES: Abortion is another issue we're concerned about. We performed at last year's rally on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade and we'll do it next year. We played with Crosby and Graham and Melissa Etheridge. It was a lot of fun!

A judge just passed a law making it okay to heckle people going for an abortion, so we wanted to respond to this. Both Amy and I are strongly pro-choice, so anything that happens on the other side is very upsetting. Clinton's lifting abortion restrictions. I'm so happy he's in the White House.

CM: What was the mood at Clinton's inauguration?

ES: Everybody was happy. It was a joyous occasion. There was a real sense of hope. I felt

that keenly. Maya Angelou's poem—that was incredible—everybody was included—indigenous people, gays, straights.

CM: What do you hope for from a Clinton administration?

ES: I think he's a very sensitive man and I think he cares about the AIDS crisis and education and the racial tensions in this country, which is another important issue for me. I think he's made very impressive appointments, with the exception of Zoe Baird.

CM: Will you be returning to D.C. this April for the Lesbian/Gay/Bi March on Washington?

ES: Yep! Both Amy and I are going. We'll be marching and we'll perform a song with the Ellen James Society.

I'm going because we need to have gay rights protected. I think it's time to ride the wave—as a lesbian and as a human being.

CM: Are you saying that as a lesbian yourself or just for lesbians in general?

ES: You're trying to get me to come out, aren't you?

CM: Frankly, yes.

ES: I've done that before. And I'm disturbed about what happened in Colorado, but heartened by what's happening in other parts of the country.

CM: What do you think about outings?

ES: Forced outings? I don't agree with that. I think coming out is each person's journey.

It takes all sorts of people to have a movement. Out radicals and also people who don't come out in the work place. Throwing condoms at priests—that makes a shocking statement. That's all it does. I have friends in the corporate world who aren't comfortable coming out, but they don't say they did something on the weekend with their boyfriend. People get the picture and know they're gay. People also know by the way they live with integrity that they're okay. That's as effective as the other. Not everybody can handle the information in the same way.

The radicals are important, as well as the outreach to the mainstream. Absolutely everybody makes a difference. I don't think people should have to define themselves by their sexuality. Straight people don't have to do that, there's so much more that makes up a person besides their sexuality. I voted for Clinton not just because of his stand on gay issues.

CM: You've been a recording star for a few years now and I imagine you've met many rich and famous people, musicians and even Hollywood types. Is there anyone you now know that you never thought you'd meet when you were growing up?

ES: Joan Baez. She's wonderful. Crosby. Jackson Browne. It's really exciting—you've grown up listening to them and now they want to be a part of what we're doing. It's an honor. It's really mind blowing. Joan Baez—we call her our matriarch. She's very wise. She has a great sense of humor and she's very inspirational. If Amy and I had a question about anything, we'd probably call her.

CM: What are the drawbacks of being a star?

ES: The recognition. Sort of a feeling like you're being watched. We love performing live. That's what it's all about—the connection with people. But Amy and I are very private people and we don't like the scrutiny. Most people are

not intrusive—it's just that feeling of being noticed. Being on the road is another drawback—trying to balance that with my other life.

There really aren't many drawbacks. There are very many blessings. The connection with people. Playing live. Experiencing the power of the music—the way it transcends differences.

We make a good living. It's nice to be able to do—and give—what we want. The music scene is happening in Atlanta right now. I enjoy that. Dropping in and playing with musicians.

CM: What do you do in your spare time?

ES: I like to play golf. I'm a big sports nut. Me and my buddies have season's tickets for the Braves—I love baseball. I bowl. I like going to shoot pool. I suck, but I'm getting better.

CM: What's on tap for Indigo Girls?

ES: We're going to go back to Europe for a couple tours.

We'll tour until April and then take time to write songs—hang out at the local bars and get inspired by the musicians.

I want to remind people—Project Open Hand delivers meals to people with AIDS—come to the party!

"Masquerade," takes place at the King Plow Art Center. The former turn-of-the-century

heavy equipment factory was recently converted into an all-inclusive arts center. "Masquerade," a black tie or costume party, marks the first major happening at the King Plow, according to Chuck Richards, the entertainment director for this year's event.

A Friday night pre-gala reception at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel kicks things off, followed by Saturday night's Mardi Gras party and Sunday's post-gala brunch at Einstein's.

Saturday night's fund raiser will feature a costumed parade of Mardi Gras "KREWES," as well as Sam Harris from Star Search, folk singer Rache Albert, recently-out body builders Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris, and popular cabaret performers, including Libby Whittemore and Helen Besette.

Masquerade kicks off with a VIP reception at 8 p.m. VIP tickets are \$100. The main event starts at 9 p.m. with high energy disco, with lots of luscious food and drinks thrown in for the price, according to Richards. Individual tickets are \$40.

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L.J. Roscoe and Shannen Wysong will be married on March 20 in a ceremony at the couple's home in Lawrenceville.

NEW JOBS:

Tim Boyd, former advertising representative for Southern Voice, is now a partner in Maddix Deluxe in Virginia-Highland, along with Michael Phillips. We know Tim to be an extremely hard worker and we're sure he will be an asset to the business. Congratulations, Tim! All your friends at SoVo wish you the very best of luck.

ON TV:

Look for Zan Thornton, Robin Reed and Jana Tyson on your local news this week. They will be featured Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night at 11 pm in a segment about gay and lesbian veterans on WXIA, Channel 11.

POLITICAL ANNIVERSARIES:

Feb 1st marks the 1 year anniversary of Queer Nation Gang of 7 jaywalking arrests. The QN members were car tagging at the intersection of Lenox Rd. and Buford Highway (just like the Shriners do) and were arrested by Atlanta's finest on jaywalking

charges. Those charges were eventually dropped, but now, thanks to the city's Public Safety Gay and Lesbian Task Force, they are being looked into.

VACATIONS:

Mark du Pont (featured in this week's Outlines) is off to South Africa on Feb. 2 to visit his friend, Robin Bristow, for three weeks. Have fun Mark and be ready to get to work when you return! You know what we mean...

compiled by CANDACE CHELLEW
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We Must March, My Darlings

"We Must March, My Darlings" is the title of a collection of essays by Diana Trilling. I can't even vaguely tell you what the book is about, but I've loved that title from the minute I ran across it in a graduate American Literature class. It has that air of urgent, high-minded purpose that elevates a cause above the mundane.

When I hear it, I imagine a '40s movie scene, with a smartly dressed actress (Gene Tierney, perhaps), herding her children into a line of people, most of whom are seedy and down-and-out, nervously looking over her shoulder, yet so moved by her cause that she starts walking, reluctantly but purposefully, down the street. Sort of a combination of the suspense of "Laura" and the politics of "Julia."

Since I haven't read the book, I can't tell you, from Ms. Trilling's perspective, why she and her darlings needed to march. But I can tell you why we, the gay community, must march in Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi- Rights on April 25, 1993.

1. Because you'll have the most amazing, empowering time of your life. Everyone I know who went to the March in 1987 came back aglow with energy and so full of stories that the community was practically airborne for the next three months. And everyone who didn't go was quietly jealous.

The most electric memory was climbing the escalator at Dupont Circle, as long as the ones at Peachtree Center, filled top to bottom with gay people chanting, "We Are Everywhere." If I hadn't been there, I would have missed one of the peak experiences of my life. That shout still echoes in my mind today.

To sum up—you won't regret going, but you sure might regret not going. Why take the chance? And you'll need stories to tell your grandkittens someday.

2. Because our community will be better for it. Seems to me that the enormous gains we've made over the last five years grew directly from the momentum created by the 1987 March. The difference between Pride marches in Atlanta in 1987 and 1992 is a sixty-fold increase in attendance, in spite of our community's losses to AIDS during that time. I don't think it's coincidental.

3. Because our community's enemies are on the march. The success of Amendment 2 in Colorado, even though currently on hold, has emboldened the Right Wing to start referendum efforts in eleven other states, Georgia included. Right now, referenda in Georgia require so many signatures that they can't succeed. But a law making it easier to pass a referendum has been introduced this year, and if enacted, I would not expect them to try to repeal the sodomy law with it.

And Amendment 2 is just the tip of the iceberg. Right now, a conservative grassroots effort is on to change Georgia's sex education courses, requiring them to present negative information of homosexuality. Supporters think they can get 1,000,000 signatures—one sixth of Georgia's entire population—to present to the Legislature. We could lose the most important access we have to the young-

sters who will soon be entering or attacking out community.

With parasites like these to fight off, we need the boost to our political immune system that a jolt of collective energy will provide.

4. Because Bill Clinton needs our help to be able to help us. As soon as people started considering the repeal of the military's ban on gay men and lesbians, polls tilted from marginally in our favor to significantly against it. Clinton continues to stand by his pledge, but now we're waiting for a commission to decide how to implement it.

And even if the President prevails here, we will want him to lead on the issue of a Federal Civil Rights Bill. Will he throw the power of his office behind us, twisting arms and threatening pork barrel projects of those who oppose him? The sight of 1,000,000 people in his front yard might remind him of who put him there, and the political capital our side represents.

5. Because hearing the first president to address your community directly is to be witness to an historic event. When Clinton addresses a crowd of our size and composition, I want to be there. Will he be there? The way he loves crowds, the harder question will be, "What kind of time limit will we have to hold him to?"

6. Because we want our record back. The 1987 March held the record for a crowd on the Mall—650,000—until the recent march for abortion rights beat us out. And we had to fight tooth and nail for that record. The police in charge tried to estimate the crowd at 250,000, and that figure stood until we pressured the Republican controlled National Park Service to analyze aerial photographs. We

won. I want the record for the largest rally in D.C. history back in our trophy case.

7. Because Sam Nunn's and Paul Coverdell's offices need a visit from their gay constituents. I'd love to see a line of about 200 people at each of our Senator's offices, reminding them that we are Georgia's gay taxpayers, and we have rights, too.

8. Because you might get lucky. Back in 1987, when I got in the midst of that crowd on the Ellipse, I told myself that my first lover was somewhere in this crowd. And he was. If you're bored with the same old faces in Atlanta, then go sample the smorgasbord of our community. 1,000,000 in a weekend certainly gives new meaning to the old saying, "So many activists; so little time to organize."

So count this as your Washington wake-up call. As it stands right now, hotels in the District are almost completely booked up. But the Metro subway system is remarkably flexible. And isn't sopping up the political overflow what Maryland and Virginia are for?

Ultimately, if we truly want to reach our goal of complete integration into the fabric of society, to paraphrase that Trilling woman, "We must march my Queerlings." Be there, or be left out.

My last column, "A Paean to Purple," should have acknowledged Cal Gough, who prepared a similar purple compendium for last September's Gay Spirit Visions conference. I don't remember everything Cal said so I don't know specifically how much I stole, but that does not liberate me of the need to acknowledge that his presentation preceded and influenced mine. Thanks for the idea, Cal—you wear your Purple very well indeed.

L E T T E R S

Children are a part of our community

To the Editor:

As one who has never put my thoughts in print, this is a very big first for me. But I don't seem to be able to find a solution to this on my own and since I respect your paper very much, I felt that maybe your readers could help me.

First of all, I am a thirty-one year old "fresh out of the closet" lesbian with a twelve year old son. I don't know if this (my son) creates a problem or a threat to other lesbians, because I can't seem to contact anyone for friendship or simple companionship. I have contacted two lesbian mothers groups both of which have disbanded due to lack of support. Why is this? Are we scared to come forward because of the fear of losing our kids? Fear of our children "knowing" about us and stopping loving us? I know myself that my "straight" family is so completely against my "queerness" that I'm not to discuss my "problem" and that I am willfully going to destroy my son or even worse make him a dreaded "gay."

I want some support in this community, or just a friend who is living the same life I am at the present. It is so hard to want to fit into a lifestyle that you so badly want to fit into. Except so many doors seem to be closed because you don't fit the accepted role.

I have talked to other lesbian mothers who have given up on Atlanta. Other lesbians who would accept me if I had had the "correct" gender of a girl. Well, I am very proud of my son's maleness and I wouldn't change it if I could. I know there are other mothers out there who feel the way I do. We just need to get together.

Wimmin of Atlanta, let's get together!! We have the next generation of voters lawmakers and activists in our hands. Let's show them a united front of strong mommies who are strong in their love of them and the wimmin in their lives.

Let's have wimmin gatherings that accept boys over three. Their lives don't suddenly become shelvable after that age. Let's show them wimmin loving each other in a manner for all to see. How do we expect them to want to show us the respect and honor we deserve if we keep shutting them out of our lives?

I have tried to go to three wimmin gatherings this year but was not welcome if my son was part of me coming along. I don't understand this. What goes on that is so secretive that only wimmin can see? All I know is our sons are not our enemies. They are our sons and they love us. Let's get together and

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Kudos to you and those of your network who put together the show of January 26 on Gay in the 1990s.

It was a bold show and one that was long overdue. The people who were willing to be on national television are to be commended. They are brave and will hopefully be joined by many others, who, after seeing this show, will not wait until next October 11 for their "coming out" day.

I hope people watched and saw the love from the gay families and the hate from the "religious" ones. Sure does give Religion a bad name, but in these cases, well deserved. I particularly loved the man who said there have always been gays but now they are not staying in the closet. Right on, sir. They are out there working and cooking and raking leaves and living and loving and VOTING.

Yours truly,
Mr. Marvin and Mrs. Judy Colbs

do something to make us as wimmin with children whole. More younger lesbians are wanting to become mothers. How will they react to the resentment of others when they have sons?

We, as mothers, whether by artificial insemination or "the old way before we saw the light," have a lot to give to the community. At the Pride celebration, I saw many representatives of all kinds of groups. Bars, leathermen, straight but not narrow, this is wonderful. But why not a group of mothers with children, boys and girls, proud of who they are and their moms who raised them to be that way.

This community prides itself on its heart. I know in the battles against AIDS, we need more heart than is on this planet. But as for myself, let's try to open up our heart and let our children in and become a part of our community. Children are our world of tomorrow and if we show them acceptance now, maybe the experiences of hate crimes will become a thing of the forgotten past, because the children of today learned in love not in hate.

If there is a group of mothers already out there, please advertise a way for me to find you. In a town so gay and lesbian populated, there is no reason to feel so alone.

Thank you for listening, and I hope someone sees this and gets us together. There are too many great kids with great parents to be lost in the shuffle.

Thank you so much,
Debi Audirsch

Nunn, military are the predators

To the Editor:

I've been both horrified and confused by the firestorm of protest coming from members of the military and the likes of Senator Nunn over the open inclusion of gays and lesbians in our military.

Have you noticed that it's only men in the military and in Congress who are fighting our inclusion? Which forces me to the conclusion that those opposing President Clinton on this matter are straight men whose sexuality is so warped that they cannot fathom the fact that most gay men do not share their abusive and predatory behaviors.

It's not a pretty picture. I'm a decorated Vietnam era vet who had plenty of opportunity to try to force or cajole my fellow soldiers into sexual acts. But, unlike many of my straight brethren (including Sen. Nunn?), that's not my nature. It's also not the nature of the vast majority of the hundreds of gay men who I know.

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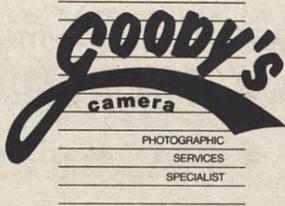
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In 1987, over 650,000 people converged on Washington, D.C. for the largest civil rights march in history. The four-day celebration in October included the march itself, a commitment ceremony of about 2,000 couples, civil disobedience at the Supreme Court, lesbian and gay and straight entertainers, and best of all—an opportunity to be in a place that for all intents and purposes was a totally gay city.

For those who missed the 1987 March, and have been kicking themselves ever since, and for those who were there in '87 and wouldn't miss it again for the world, you have another chance on April 25, 1993 to share a few days with at least, organizers say, 1,000,000 other like-minded folks. With the military ban effectively on hold until July, chances are good that even more gay and gay-supportive people will show up to let the President know we expect the executive order on July 15 as promised.

With only six weeks or so to go, the time to make your travel and accommodations plans is NOW. You should even consider making reservations at restaurants. The likelihood of being seated for a "good" meal without a two to three hour wait is going to be close to zero. Just how do we know that? Because rooms are filling up in D.C. faster than Senator Sam Nunn can say, "Bill, mine is bigger than yours."

"The downtown hotels are going fast," says Marilyn Matthews of Washington D.C. Accommodations.

Budget rooms are also filling up. "Our average rate is now \$125, but most of those are for up to four people. If you're coming with other people it can still be affordable," Matthews says.

But she adds a note of encouragement. "We have plenty of rooms. We're going to have rooms up until the event." She doesn't recommend taking a chance, however, and stresses you should not wait until you get to D.C. to try and find a room.

For those who want to stay with others from the Southeast, The Hyatt Regency Capitol, the Washington Court Hotel and the Holiday Inn Capitol have been blocked out for the region.

There will not be a "gay train" running from Atlanta for the March, as there is from cities like Boston and New York. But Amtrak is anticipating adding cars from Atlanta for the event, according to Carolyn White, coordinator for the Georgia Organizing Committee for

the March on Washington (GOCMOW). Some organizations, like the Feminist Women's Chorus and the Southeastern Gay Rodeo, are chartering buses and will be selling extra seats to individuals who would like to join them.

Dan Gandy, a board member for GOCMOW recommends against driving to Washington, though he realizes many people will drive since it's the cheapest way to go. "If you have your car in Washington, you will not be able to use it," he says. He adds that many of the smaller hotels don't have parking accommodations, and many hotels that have parking will charge for it.

But there is more to do than just getting there. "The biggest concern right now is money," says Gandy. GOCMOW is planning a statewide dance, tentatively scheduled for April 3. "We are contacting various celebrities who are supportive of the community to get them to donate personal items to auction at the event," says Carolyn White.

The theme for the dance is "A Bill For Your Rights." That same theme is being used as a mail in money campaign for GOCMOW. In addition to raising money for the March, they are trying to establish AIDS travel scholarships to help PWAs get to the March.

GOCMOW is also encouraging individuals to help with fundraising efforts through house parties, "similar to what HRCF did for Clinton," explains Gandy. They have videotapes of the 1987 March on Washington that you can show at your house party. "If they would like, several of us are willing to come and make a presentation," says Gandy.

As part of your March plans Deborah Bell, National Organizer for the March on Washington, is encouraging people to register for the March itself. "We're asking for at least \$15 per person," says Bell. Information packets have been prepared to send to registrants. "If we all chip in, it's our march, and we can make it a success," she adds.

Though the March needs more fundraising efforts, good news comes into the national office regularly. "We recently got a call from the openly gay and lesbian members of the cast of 'Guys and Dolls,'" says Pat Hussain, a Georgia resident and a member of the Executive Committee for the March. "They will be performing at the Kennedy Center during the weekend of the March, and asked if they could perform at the rally." Instead, the April 25 Kennedy Center performance of the musical

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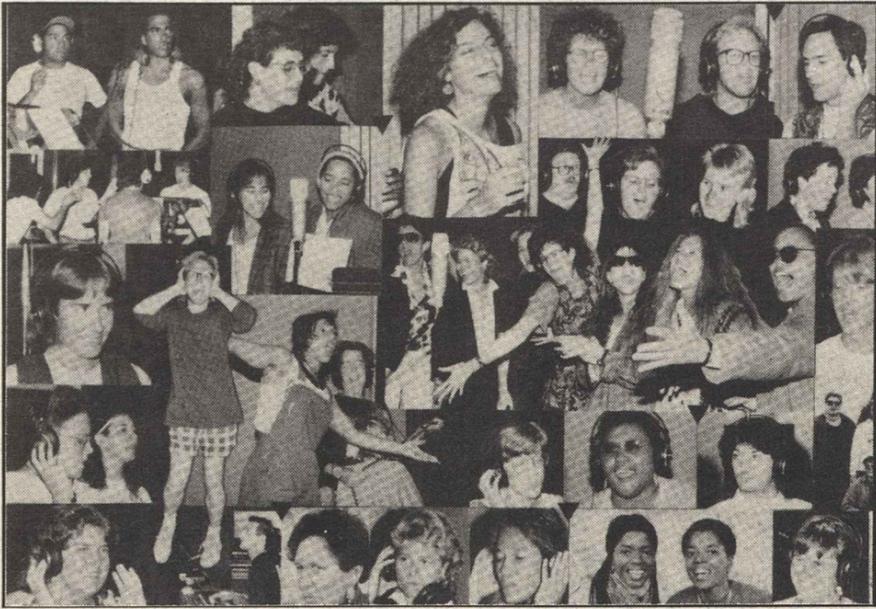


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There is already a vast array of related activities scheduled around the March, from a Texas Two-step Party to a Lesbian Physicians Conference. "I personally would like to see Georgia have a cotillion," says Hussain. "I would like to see something that says Georgia."

In Sydney, Australia gays and lesbians are considering a march on the American consulate in support of their lesbian and gay sisters and brothers. They have asked that the Australian flag be flown in the March on Washington to demonstrate their spiritual presence. "There are people coming (to the March) from other countries," says Deborah Bell. "There has been talk of marches in solidarity in other cities around the world," she adds.

Another related event, a mass civil disobedience will take place on April 26 at the Capitol Building. Demonstrators will be demanding action on health care needs. The organizers request that individuals participate as part of an affinity group. A national civil disobedience training will occur on Saturday, April 24, and a pre-action meeting will be held on Sunday night following the March.

Singer/songwriter Lynn Thomas has written a theme song for the March on Washington called "Together Proud and Strong." Sixty-one other artists have joined Thomas on the recording that she traveled around the country to put together. The artists include such popular names as Romanovsky and Phillips, The Washington Sisters, Suede and Holly Near.

"A number of other artists have expressed interest in writing songs and all contributions

MORE INFO

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To find out how you can help the Georgia contingent raise more money for the March, and to help fund PWA scholarships call GOCMOW at (404) 662-4199. Contributions are much needed and appreciated. Send them to GOCMOW, PO Box 5282, Atlanta, GA 30307.

are welcome," says Deborah Bell.

In fact, lots of people are calling the offices of the March on Washington to see how they can participate. "The volume of calls is just incredible," says Bell. "It's totally wild around here."

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RIGHT WATCH

With the recent injunction preventing Amendment 2 from taking effect in Colorado, some of the attention over the religious right's attempts to stymie the struggle for lesbian and gay rights shifts to other states and other venues, and we expect this trend to continue for some time. Given that, the name of this weekly update has been changed.

The Idaho Citizens Alliance is sponsoring an initiative in that state designed to prevent Idaho from granting "special rights" to gays and lesbians. ICA chair Kelly Walton said that his group's initiative will follow the lead of Colorado's Amendment 2 in language, eschewing the extreme language of Oregon's failed Measure 9.

"I do not approve of the wording of Measure 9," Walton said, noting that Oregon's measure would have required the state to describe homosexuality as "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse." "When you label a group as perverse and try to codify that, that's a move that will drive people apart rather than pull people together. I think people will be pleasantly surprised by the legislation."

Walton claims that the ICA proposal focuses on limiting the rights of gays in employment, housing and other areas.

"It's unfair to claim minority status based on behavior," he said. "I'd be against a group of fishermen that wanted minority status."

Meanwhile, Idaho's chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has proposed a privacy amendment to head off the ICA initiative.

"The right of individual privacy is essential to the well-being of a free society and shall not be infringed without the showing of a compelling state interest," the one-sentence amendment reads.

"It would create a foundation for saying that any statute on private matters is unconstitutional discrimination," said ACLU coordinator Bruce Bistline.

In Oregon, the Oregon Citizens Alliance, sponsors of the draconian Measure 9, have filed anti-gay rights initiatives for 25 cities and eight counties. The new measures following the Colorado language, which simply prohibits governments from passing any measures to protect the civil rights of lesbians and gays.

"I view homosexuality as wrong behavior and that's the premise of our action," said Lon Mabon, OCA director.

The OCA is also working on a new statewide initiative, intended for the 1994 general election. That measure would deny minority status for gays, ban the use of taxpayer money

for policies and programs that include the acceptance of homosexuality and prohibit schools from teaching that homosexuality is good, normal behavior, Mabon said.

And the Oregon ACLU has filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Springfield's anti-gay ordinance, approved by the city's voters last May. Springfield's charter amendment prohibits the enforcement of any rule or law including the phrase "sexual orientation, and prohibits the city from "promoting, encouraging or facilitating homosexuality."

Back on the Colorado front, joining the boycott are Fulton County (Georgia), the city of Baltimore, and the American Library Association, which cancelled its plans for a 1998 convention in Denver. The group will not change its Denver convention set to begin in two months because to do so would cost the organization some \$4 million in deposits.

The Washington Post has quoted Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, saying that if Colorado does not repeal Amendment 2, he will recommend that the UAHC join the boycott at a May meeting of the group's officers. And several groups within the United Methodist Church have urged the denomination to move its 1996 general conference, scheduled for Denver.

The 16th annual Gay Ski Week began last week on schedule, with an estimated 3000 in attendance. Carrying rainbow banners and candles, a crowd braved freezing temperatures for a march through Aspen on the evening of Jan. 23, chanting "Undo 2."

Former Aspen mayor Bill Sterling decried the boycott during the march.

"Like in the South in the '60s, we don't need people boycotting. We need people to come here and help," he said.

Denver Ku Klux Klan leader Shawn Slater said that he would visit Aspen during the Ski Week to distribute anti-gay literature, but Colorado for Family Values, the group that sponsored Amendment 2, distanced itself from the KKK.

"We have nothing to do with, nor do we in any way support Mr. Slater's efforts," said CFV chair Will Perkins.

Perkins also blamed gays for the "commotion" surrounding the amendment.

"Had Amendment 2 gone into effect like the other laws voted on Nov. 3, things would be rolling along smoothly," he said. "They are to blame for the polarization that has taken place in the nation."

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military could not refuse gays "in the absence of sexual conduct which interferes with the military mission."

"Gays and lesbians have served, and continue to serve, the United States military with honor, pride, dignity and loyalty," Judge Hatter wrote, adding that the discriminatory policy based on "myth and stereotype" could not stand the test of constitutionality.

Hatter's decision applies only to his jurisdiction, the Central District of California, but a ruling of such magnitude could easily be persuasive in other areas.

Congressional Republicans began immediately after Clinton's announcement to threaten to codify the ban, either by adding an amendment onto an existing bill, such as the highly popular Family Leave Act—vetoed twice by former president George Bush and supported by most Democrats in Congress as well as the president—or by writing a free-standing bill to that effect.

"It is clear that President Bill Clinton is changing the rules of the military in favor of homosexuals," said Georgia's 6th District conservative, Newt Gingrich. "Therefore, it is vital that the Congress next week pass a law enforcing the overwhelming desire of the American people to listen to the Joint Chiefs' of Staff recommendation in favor of a strong military."

Georgia's freshman senator, Paul Coverdell, also intends to support Republican efforts to overturn the Clinton-Nunn compromise and write the current military ban into law, according to his press secretary, Chris Allen.

"I do not believe the military must reconstruct itself to accommodate a certain lifestyle," Coverdell said in a statement.

A vote on an amendment codifying the ban is expected this week, possibly as early as Tuesday, but with a Democratic majority in both the Senate and the House, sources close to Congress give such an amendment little chance of passing.

"This is a Nunn compromise," said one source who declined to be identified. "All of the Democrats will line up in his shadow. Anything could happen, but I'd be enormously surprised if we lost that."

HRCF's Woolard, however, cautioned that such amendments would turn up again in Congress even if this week's attempt to write the ban into law fails.

"We haven't heard the end of it. This will keep coming up, on defense appropriations bills and other stuff," she said. "I can't imagine we won't be revisiting this issue in some form over and over again."

Nunn also reiterated last week a promise made during the presidential campaign to hold hearings on the issue, but many gays and lesbians questioned whether such hearings would be fair, given Nunn's staunch opposition to lifting the ban. As recently as last Friday, Nunn indi-



Atlanta resident Jana Tyson, who served in the Army from 1983-1986, was honorably discharged after refusing to admit on paper that she is a lesbian.

cated that his opinion was firm.

"[President Clinton] has a position which he bases on principle," Nunn said. "He feels deeply about it. I don't think he intends to change his mind. I have a feeling on the subject and I don't have any present intention of changing my mind...If the President goes forward with the executive order, then I will have to make a decision then what I do."

"From statements I've heard, I question whether these hearings will be fair and equitable," said Don George. "He's said he wants to hear from heterosexuals that this policy will effect. Well, if you'd asked the white boys about racial integration, the answer would have been a resounding no. I implore him to hold fair and equal hearings."

"[Nunn] is of the same mindset of those who opposed racial integration," he added. "He is standing in the schoolhouse door."

Missouri Rep. Ike Skelton, chair of the House Armed Services subcommittee on military forces and personnel, has also pledged to hold hearings on the subject.

Veterans speak out

Nunn's interference with Clinton's plan to lift the military ban understandably did not sit well with gay and lesbian vets. One, Rick Stuckey, who was discharged for being gay shortly after basic training in 1971, organized a half page ad in Friday's Atlanta Constitution taking Nunn to task for his stand.

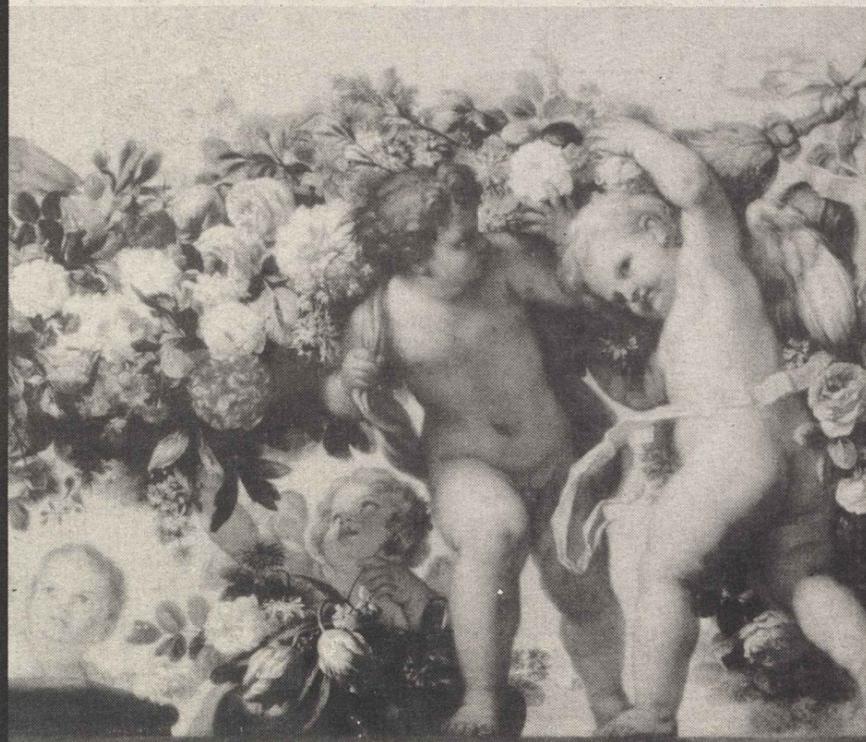
"Perhaps, instead of posing the question 'Should Gays and Lesbians be allowed in the military,' you should be asking yourself how many gays and lesbians already in the Military served with honor in the Gulf War, and how many served in all previous wars fought by Americans," the ad, in the form of a letter to

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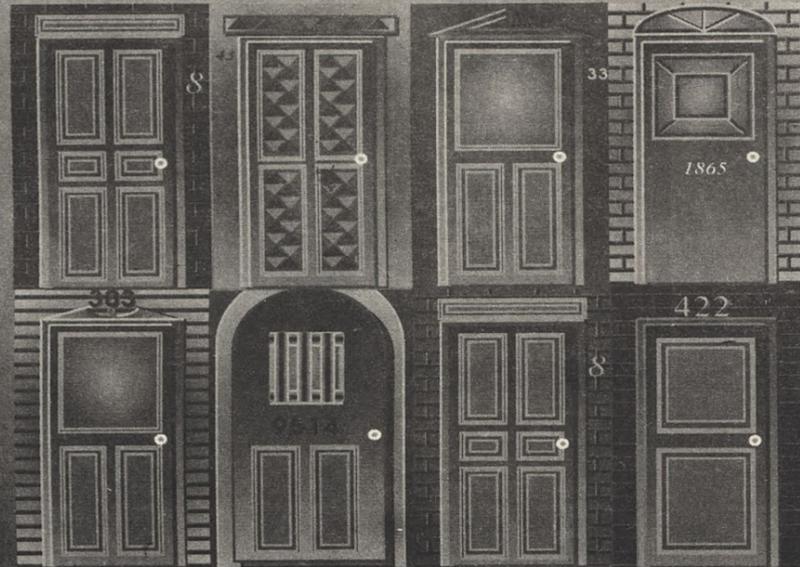
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Nunn, read. "Apparently you and others in Congress and in the Pentagon who so vociferously argue for a continuing ban on Gays and Lesbians simply 'don't know what one looks like.'...Your current stand smacks of fascism, and is beneath the dignity of our government."

"I've never done anything like that before," said Stuckey, now a local realtor. "I just decided it had to be done. I thought there [Nunn] is, acting out again, and I thought 'Somebody's got to say something.'"

Stuckey said that he had received a number of phone calls about the ad, for which he fronted most of the \$7500 cost, and that all but one had been supportive.

"I was kind of scared," he said of the negative call left on his voice mail. The caller called Stuckey a "goddamned faggot" and said he would "live to regret this (laughter). No, you'll die to regret it."

About his 1971 discharge from the U.S. Army, Stuckey said that he "used to laugh and

lesbian Army Reservist Suzanne Thornton. "I know the religious right is upset, but it's the same thing they were saying about African Americans, and about women. Now they're saying it about gays."

"They have to stop making heterosexuality a condition of service," said Robin Reid, a lesbian who served in the U.S. Army from 1983-1985. "[Lifting the ban] finally says we're human beings."

Tyson, Reid, Thornton and other gay vets agreed that the rationale behind banning gays and lesbians was not based on reality. Fears of gays sexually approaching heterosexuals, they say, are based on fears and not on fact.

"Coming out, without the ban, will be a private issue," said Wesley Temple, Jr., a former U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant discharged in 1987, after seven and half years of service, for being gay. "Gays are not going to run screaming through the barracks. It's just not going to happen."

"The military attracts a certain kind of person," said Temple, who is now president of the Atlanta chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, "and it will still attract the same calibre as always. It will just be more equitable."

Other vets echoed Temple's assertion that American service members are not too weak to handle this change in policy.

"The American soldier is strong enough to stand up to this and survive," said David Dupree, a gay man who served as a U.S. Army First Lieutenant in Vietnam. "The soldier who distinguished himself in the Persian Gulf, and other wars, is the same American soldier who has always done what had to be done. Basically it's just a fear of the unknown, a fear that 'I won't survive'" if gays are not discharged.

"But they'll be able to deal with it," Dupree added. "As for being approached in the showers, they can always 'just say no.' I'm sure we can find some old pins lying around from an old administration."

Tracy Thorne, a gay aviator suing the government to remain in the Navy, put it more simply.

"I have grown up my entire life showering with men," he said. "When I get into the shower with another man, as I do every day at the gym, it's not a sexual experience for me. It's just a daily chore called showering."

Heterosexuals speak out, too

In the past week, the mainstream media trotted out retired generals and current officers and enlisted personnel to oppose Clinton's plan to end the ban. Most of those interviewed offered such enlightened comments as "I don't want somebody looking at my butt in the shower if they're the same sex" (Army Pfc. Paul Rader, Ft. Campbell, KY) and homosexuality "is about the only thing I'm prejudiced against" (Marine Lance Cpl. William Culver, Camp Lejeune, NC). Others warned of pending violence. "Think how it will be in a military community where we have live weapons," said Marine Pfc. Kevin Enlow (Camp Lejeune).



Robin Reid believes "heterosexuality should not be a condition of military service."

say it was the best thing that ever happened to me."

"But I guess these last couple of weeks I've realized it's simmered and I'm so angry about it," he said. "And there are so many like me."

That there were "so many like me" seems to be a tough issue for many military officials to handle. But gay vets are more than ready to "come out" and talk about their service.

"It boggles my mind," said Jana Tyson, a U.S. Army vet who served from 1983-1986 and was honorably discharged when she refused to admit to being a lesbian on paper. "In my unit I ran into a lot of gay people. I can't understand the reasoning that we're not there."

"They have to know I'm real," said former

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Indeed, Enlow's words appear to have been true—over the weekend two Camp Lejeune Marines were arrested for the Saturday morning beating of a gay man outside a bar. The two Marines allegedly shouted "Clinton must pay" as they severely beat the man.

Retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf added a new twist to the debate, saying that discrimination was a mainstay of the military. "We have always discriminated and surrendered civil rights for members of the armed services," he said. "We discriminate on the basis of age and sex."

And the American Legion, with the exception of the gay Alexander Hamilton post, stands staunchly behind the ban. Last October, the national executive committee of the Legion issued resolution supporting the ban on gays in the military, saying the policy had resulted in a "homosexual-free" military force since the nation's founding.

But despite appearances in the nation's mainstream media sources, not all heterosexual veterans are in agreement.

"We tell every other country we're a model for democracy. We criticize other countries for dominating the people. But we can't face the basic facts of freedom of choice," said 73-year-old Sam Siclair, a veteran of World War Two.

"Just to say you stand for equality doesn't really mean you are that way," he said. "This is a clear example."

"I don't think they should be discriminated against because of sexual preference," said former Chief Petty Officer Allen Rayburn. "As long as they don't cause a problem, and they haven't."

Both Rayburn and Siclair said the opposition seems to result from a fear of change, and both agreed that while there would be problems, the difficulties would be no different as those from any other change.

"It's the same thing when the blacks were allowed to serve," said Siclair. "You know, eventually this will go through and then afterwards nobody will even think about it."

"It's Reagan that changed it," he continued, citing then President Ronald Reagan's signing of the 1982 order that declared homosexuality "incompatible with military service." "They talk about communism as so bad, and yet Reagan set that directive and walked on the civil rights of those people. If he could do that, he could do it to anybody."

There's more to come

With no end in sight to the gays in the military controversy, gay leaders urge everyone—gays and supportive heterosexuals—to let elected leaders know where they stand. The opposition, they warn, is organized and already at



"Gays are not going to run screaming through the barracks [if the ban is lifted]," says Wesley Temple, Jr., chair of the Atlanta chapter of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America. "It's just not going to happen."

work to scuttle the repeal of the anti-gay policy. "The retired military and the religious right were waiting for us. They were at the starting block and ready to go," said HRCF's Don George. We need to be at the forefront of this. When we campaigned for Clinton we said this was the battle of our lives. That was nothing. This is it. If we fail here, I don't see any hope for our other issues in this century. We have to fight with the President on this."

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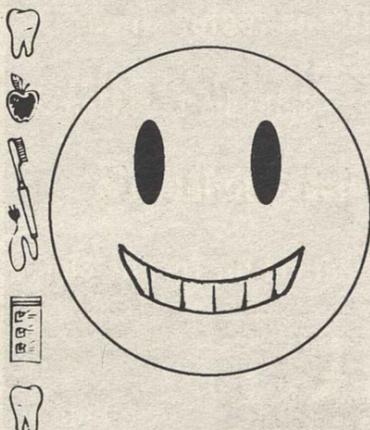
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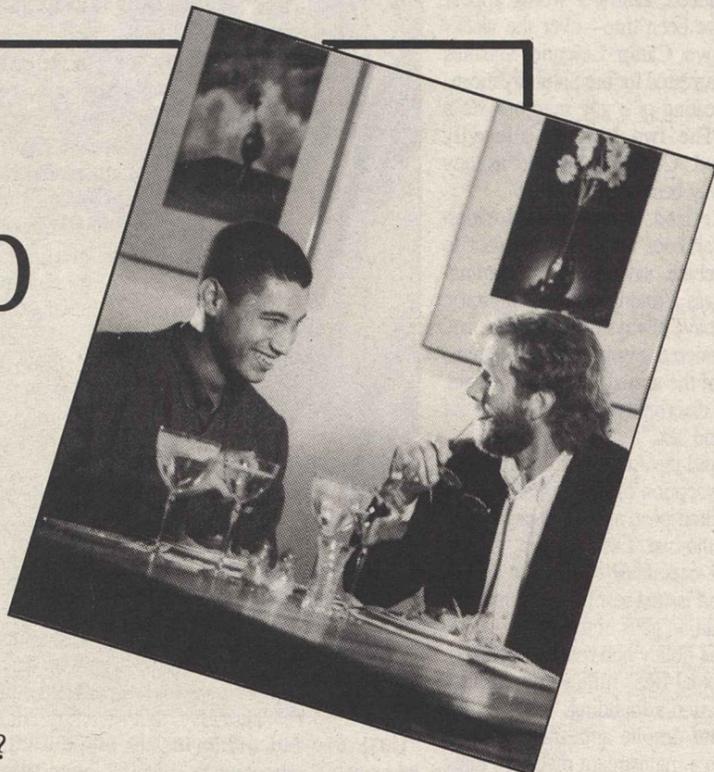
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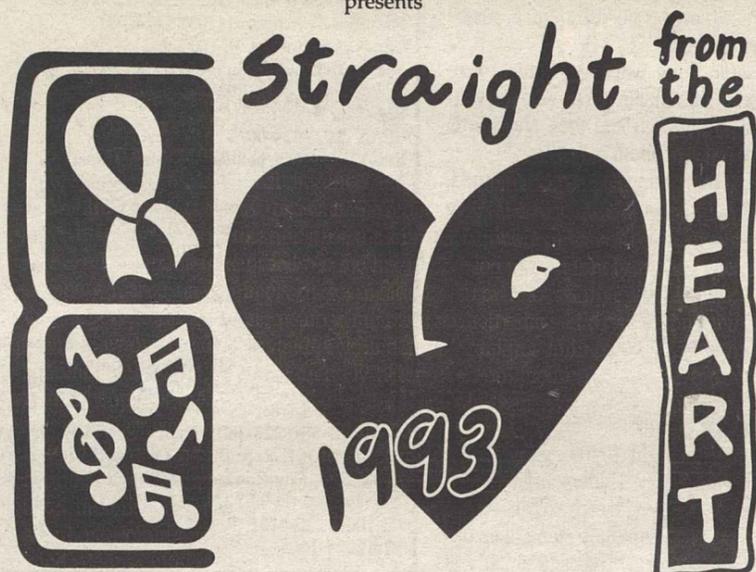
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An unexpected war

The smoke has cleared enough since President Clinton's announcement last Friday on the military ban to see who our enemies are. To see that we are surrounded, set up to be sacrificed for the bloated and bruised ego of Senator Sam Nunn, and ready-to-pounce Republican congressmen who smell fear from an already bleeding administration. Nunn, eager to reestablish his waning power and soothe his hurt feelings over not being picked as Secretary of State, called Clinton's hand. General Colin Powell also jumped on the bandwagon, trying to usurp the power of the President on military matters. Both men gave Clinton a hard lesson in Washington politics—if you play in my court, you must play by my rules. Trying to do what is morally right has left the President stunned. He, and our community, have found ourselves in the middle of an unexpected war.

Some gay activists and political insiders are saying that we have won a symbolic victory, that we are better off now than we were last Thursday, and certainly much better off than anytime since the ban was originally put into place at the beginning of World War II. (However, it's hard right now to see any success in the possibility of segregating gay and lesbian soldiers). They also firmly believe that Clinton will sign the ban as promised on July 15. What they aren't talking about is the fact that gays in the military is no longer the issue at hand. It has grown much larger.

The military question has completed the polarization on the issue of gay rights in this

country. There is no longer a middle ground. It has come down to us and them. It is no longer a question of whether or not gays and lesbians should serve in the military, if it ever was. Right-wing fundamentalists, certain Republicans, and our own Senator Nunn have seen to that over the past few weeks. Here's an example. The lead story in last Sunday's Atlanta Journal-Constitution read, "Nunn gains turf on gay issue." The word "military" is not mentioned. Our conservative Democrat has pushed the issue of gays in the military to the issue of whether or not gay men and lesbians will be treated, in all segments of our society, as equal citizens. Whether it's stated or not, what will really be debated during the hearings is the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Law.

E D I T O R I A L

The sweet success of the election led us to believe that opinions had changed, that hatred was on its way out. We saw Colorado as an aberration, a small leftover in the final days of struggle for full civil rights. But the strong outcry over the military question has made it perfectly clear that no matter how close we are to equal protection under the law, feelings about us run deep. It's those feelings that we will get a full dose of during the hearings.

The right-wingers and Republican head-hunters have almost six months to build opposition, six months to convince America that the "homosexual lifestyle" is destroying the country. They will be out in numbers as they never have before. It will take every bit

of our organizing skill, and a whole lot of our money, to fight the campaign that will be waged against us. You will see more of Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and Randall Terry than you have ever seen before.

And there's another price, a higher price, to be paid during the next six months. Over the weekend, two Marines beat up and seriously injured a gay man outside a bar in North Carolina. As they beat him they were heard to say, "Clinton must pay." Just as bashings increased in Colorado after the passage of Amendment 2, we will see increased violence against us over the next six months. If that violence against us is sustained, we fear a country-wide Stonewall where gays and lesbians begin to fight back.

Don George of HRCF is right (see cover story). The outcome of the hearings and President Clinton's final decision on the ban will determine our future well into the next century. We are in for the fight of our lives in the next six months. We need every friend we can get, every dollar we can muster. Electing Bill Clinton was just the beginning. Now we must let him know we support his efforts, and let our elected officials know that if they do not support him that they will not get our vote next time around.

The March on Washington in April has taken on a whole new meaning. If you ever doubted the importance of being there we certainly hope this issue lays those doubts to rest. A showing of over 1,000,000 in Washington will let the President know we're with him, and remind politicians that one of every seven voters in the last election was a gay man or lesbian. And they voted for Clinton.

CHRISTINA CASH

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General Colin Powell
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Dear General Powell:

I was born exactly one year after what has come to be known in our nation's history as "Bloody Sunday." The day in which peaceful civil rights protesters in Montgomery, Alabama were brutally beaten, jailed and/or killed for taking a stand for what they believed. Being born in the midst of the civil rights movement has afforded me the luxury of being reared on the heels of segregation due largely to the courage of those men and women who were beaten and/or killed on March 7, 1965 and the other fiercely determined people of the movement.

There are similarities between the continuing effort for racial equality and discrimination against lesbians and gays in this country. I'm sure many of the arguments you've heard as a child and throughout your adulthood against integration, affirmative action and other civil rights measures are being used today to deny lesbians and gays the opportunity to live our lives to the fullest extent possible.

As a poor child growing up in rural Georgia, one of the first seeds planted into my mind was the fact that an education would be my escape to a better life. I was blessed with a choice between college and the military. I chose college. However, many of my friends did not have a choice and escaped poverty by joining one of your armed services. But to remain in the service many are forced to live secret lives for fear of being harassed and attacked by fellow soldiers or hunted down and cast out by the hierarchy. They are career military men and women who have served their country well. Some of whom you have decorated with medals of honor, enjoyed casual conversations with and a few have helped you draft delicate military missions.

I submit to you sir the only debatable moral issue with lifting the ban on homosexuals in the armed services is the issue of intolerance. This intolerance is fueled by ignorance of a sub-culture as old as the human race. Openly gay and lesbian service people do not threaten the stability of this country's military, we have always been a part of your military. We have fought courageously and died honorably in your wars and have contributed immeasurably to this country.

I am disturbed, General Powell, with your support of this military ban for reasons that you have publicly stated time and time again. The reasons that you give are sometimes exactly the same racist opinions shared by high ranking military men just thirty years ago. You need only replace the words "gay and lesbian" with "black" or "nigger."

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ence goes far beyond the military. In most circles of the African-American community you personify the ultimate success story. Young Black men throughout this country look up to you. You are one of a few positive images we have. Thousands of these young men are also gay.

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Tomorrow, four short films by emerging women filmmakers from Australia, Britain, and the U.S. will be shown, including "The Body Beautiful" and "Night Cries: A Rural Tragedy." Call 898-9284 for details.

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6 SATURDAY

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8 MONDAY

IN THE FAMILY WAY. The Southern Order of Storytellers present an evening of folktales, poetry, literary tales and personal yarns about family relationships. The performance honoring Skip Foster takes place at 14th Street Playhouse at 8:00 p.m. For ticket info call 873-1099.

GLAAD MEET THE PRESS. The Gay & Lesbian Alliance against Defamation presents a forum featuring members of Atlanta's news and entertainment media at the Peachtree Library. Guests from Southern Voice, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Etcetera Magazine and WSB-TV will discuss their experiences concerning the coverage of gay and lesbian



issues. Call 876-1398 for details.

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.

9 TUESDAY

CIRCUS. The Greatest Show on Earth, the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, will be at the Omni through the 14th. Call Ticketmaster at 249-6400 for reservations.

SECRET FILE OF J EDGAR HOOVER. Frontline explores the life of the former head of the FBI, focusing on his homosexuality, his ties to the mob, and his fascination with the sex secrets of America's prominent liberal figures. GPTV Channel 8, 10:00 p.m.

LUNCHTIME THEATRE. Alliance Theatre presents two Tennessee Williams one-act plays at noon today and Thursday the 11th. Call 898-1131 for more info.

10 WEDNESDAY

POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS can be seen on People TV Channel 12 at 2:30 p.m. and again on Saturday at 10:00 p.m. It also airs on City Channel 6 at 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

ON GOING AND UPCOMING

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 can be seen Thursday-Sunday. 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, costumes and actor's 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.

THE FISHERMEN. Through Feb 21. 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. Call 876-6346 for info.

SWASHBUCKLING ROMANCE. Through Mar. 6. 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. Call 874-5299 for ticket info.

MASQUERADE '93. Feb. 13. Tickets are on sale now for the Mardi Gras party in Atlanta which benefits Project Open Hand. Last year over 2,000 attended which features Krewes, cabaret, food and non-stop dancing. This year Indigo Girls, Sam Harris and other celebs will attend. \$40. Call 525-4737 for more info and tickets.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. Feb. 13. Join GAPAC and HRCF to send Valentines to Bill Clinton for his stand on gays in the military. Sen. Sam Nunn will be asked to deliver them. 11 am, Richard B. Russell Federal Building downtown.

Pictured:

ABOVE LEFT: Harold Leaver and Lee Hannah star in "Gethsemane" at Theatrical Outfit through February 21. Photo by David Zeiger

BELOW: The cast of Straight From The Heart gears up for the NAPWA fundraiser February 5-7.

ABOVE: Bob Salie and David Webster star in Lanford Wilson's autobiography "Lemon Sky" through February 21 at the SAME auditorium at TULA



TELEVISION

J. EDGAR HOOVER

For nearly fifty years, under eight presidents from Coolidge to Nixon, there was only one director of the FBI—J. Edgar Hoover. In the years since his death in 1972, it has become clear that Hoover maintained his power by amassing secret FBI files on the private lives of America's most prominent figures, files he used to control the politicians and presidents who were supposed to control him.

Now, a new Frontline investigation reveals that the secrets of Hoover's own private life left this master of political blackmail wide open to blackmail himself.

"The Secret File on J. Edgar Hoover," airing Tuesday, February 9, at 10PM on GPTV, Channel 8, reveals that the American Mafia held damaging evidence about Hoover's sex life, including details of his homosexual relationship with Clyde Tolson, Hoover's senior aide at FBI headquarters.

"There is overwhelming evidence that the mob knew it had nothing to fear from Hoover's FBI," says Frontline producer William Cran. "It's also clear that Hoover's homosexuality was well known among top mafiosi. Now there's new evidence that strongly suggests Hoover may have been blackmailed and that is why Hoover allowed the mob to operate unchallenged for nearly two decades."

Ironically, in his early days as director of the FBI, Hoover had built a reputation as a gangbuster and seemed seriously interested in organized crime. In the late 1930s, Hoover announced a national drive against racketeers, and he personally led raids against the operations of organized crime.

"On the eve of World War II, Hoover's

attitude toward organized crime took a U-turn," says Anthony Summers, author of "Official and Confidential," an investigative biography of Hoover to be published by G. P. Putnam's Sons. "From then on, it was as though he was not aware that organized crime even existed. Indeed, he was to deny the existence of the syndicate long after it was plain for all to see."

"He had the power to crush these syndicates, these fledgling organized crime groups that came up during and after Prohibition, and he did not exercise that authority. He ignored the problem. He pretended it didn't exist," said Hank Messick, former investigative reporter for the Las Vegas Sun.

"The Secret File on J. Edgar Hoover" also reveals how Hoover was compromised by his wide-ranging personal contacts with the Mafia, many of them fostered by the FBI director's obsession with racetrack betting.

"Hoover received some of his tips on horses through [columnist Walter] Winchell, who received them through Frank Costello, who at the time was one of the kings of the underworld," says Winchell's assistant, Herman Klurfeld. "So the head of the FBI would bet on horses with a tip from one of the heads of the underworld."

"This was one of the reasons why Hoover never wanted to get into investigating organized crime because organized crime controlled the gambling industry, the bookmakers," says Bill Gallinaro, former senior investigator for the New York State Crime Commission.

Hoover was able to persist in his public denials that there was no "Cosa Nostra" in the U.S. and to prevent the FBI from engaging in a thorough investigation of organized crime for more than twenty years until the election of John F. Kennedy and the appointment of his brother as attorney general. They insisted on an intense campaign against the Mafia and



NATIONAL ARCHIVES

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover amassed secret files on prominent Americans, using them to smear and control Presidents and politicians. In "The Secret File on J. Edgar Hoover," airing February 9 on GPTV, Frontline reveals how Hoover's own secret life left him open to blackmail by the Mafia, who held evidence about Hoover's relationship with Clyde Tolson (left), his senior aide at FBI headquarters.

ignited an intense personal feud with Hoover.

"The Secret File on J. Edgar Hoover" provides an inside view of how Hoover fought off the Kennedys using his ample dossier on the philandering President and includes startling new evidence on how Hoover had pressured the Kennedys to select his protege, Lyndon Johnson, as vice president.

"This report exposes for the first time how the depth of Hoover's personal corruption derailed the nation's premier police agency," says

Frontline senior producer Michael Sullivan. "J. Edgar Hoover, it seems, was worse than we could ever have imagined."

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Operated by RSVP Travel Productions, the newly renovated SeaSpirit sails from St. Thomas every Saturday through April 3, for a week long journey with stops at a variety of destinations in the U.S and British Virgin Islands. Each port of call offers something new and different to see and explore, from sunken ships to explore while scuba diving, to paddling through the "treasure caves" of Norman Island. Not to mention shopping at the bustling marketplaces for trinkets and rubbing elbows with the natives.

Not only does RSVP offer all-gay tours, they even have customized charters, including an upcoming week reserved exclusively for single men. This intriguing tour is scheduled for March 6-13 to the Caribbean, and is a great opportunity to enjoy a sun and fun filled vacation in the company of like-minded people.

For women, there are also exclusive weeks reserved for them to enjoy privacy aboard the SeaSpirit, the next one being July 31 through August 7.

The women's cruise is part of RSVP's East Coast Discovery Series which combines the best of city and country. By "city" they mean Washington D.C., New York City and Boston, where cruisers can take in the cultural and nightlife of these metropolises. "Country" refers to the pleasures along the Eastern Coast in between the cities, including the Antebellum South, colonial Norfolk, the villages of Chesapeake Bay, hot gay meccas Fire Island and Provincetown, Nantucket Beach and Martha's Vineyard. East Coast Discovery series offers single men's weeks on July 10-17 and on August 14-21.

Jeff Walters of All Points Travel recommends early booking as the RSVP cruises are very popular. "Many people make reservations for their second cruise while they are taking the first one."

The King Plow Arts Center on Marietta Street is the location for this year's **Masquerade** to benefit Project Open

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Masquerade, the colossal fundraiser for Project Open Hand is being held on February 13 this year.

Hand. The rush is on to rent THE Mardi-Gras Costume to end all costumes. Anything goes, from the most lavish plumes and feathers to the skimpiest of beads. This year's party on Saturday, Feb. 13th promises to be even bigger and better than last year's, with more of everything that made it the party of the

year in Atlanta. Don't miss out on the fun or the chance to help Project Open Hand to feed Atlanta PWAs.

Tickets are available at Costume Architects, Boy Next Door, or by calling 525-4737.

OutProud Theatre's current production, **Lemon Sky**, opens February 4. Written in 1971, it is an important work by Lanford Wilson, one of America's major playwrights. Wilson, who is gay, has been called "the primary heir to Tennessee Williams" by Frank Rich of the New York Times. In **Lemon Sky**, Wilson tells of the attempted reconciliation between a father and son. Alan, the son, moves to California to be with his father who abandoned the family long ago. But old tensions and new revelations threaten to shatter the dream Alan has of a family he can call his own.

David Webster, who recently played Lenny in "Of Mice and Men" in Portland, Oregon stars as Alan. Bob Salie plays the role of Douglas, the father. Salie recently appeared as Atticus Finch in the Tri Cities production of "To Kill A Mockingbird." Lawrence Keller directs. His local credits include the Onstage Atlanta production of Sweeney Todd. For tickets or more information call SAME at 605-9590. Tickets are also available at Charis Books, E.D.'s Gourmet Records and Maddix Deluxe.

For mystery buffs, Onstage Atlanta is presenting the Atlanta premiere of **Accomplice**. This comedy murder mystery by Rupert Holmes is a thriller, guaranteed to keep its audience on the edge of their seats, with its intricate plot twists, intrigue, and adult humor. Not to mention brief nudity and new and unusual special effects from lighting designer Ken Ballard.

Thom Gillott, who starred in last season's "Breaking the Code," fills the director's chair for "Accomplice." Featured actors in the play are Brian Bascle, Jennifer Massey, Dr. Jim Braude, and Kim Trenerry. Artistic Director Marc Gowan says of the play, "This is one show people will want to see again and again."

The play opens on February 5 and runs through February 28. Performances are every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 pm and Sundays at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.00-13.00. Call 897-1802 to make reservations.

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It makes me feel old and fogey-like, but the Thin Mints are still my fave. Trefoils (light shortbreads) come in second on my list; they're especially fine dipped in hot coffee or tea. If you like coconut, try Samoas. Peanut butter fans will groove on Do-si-dos. The rest are forgettable—except for a sugar content guaranteed to produce a *major* rush. All are free of preservatives and artificial coloring, are made with vegetable shortening, and are kosher.

The Girl Scouts, while probably not exactly lesbian affirmative, seem to be much better about diversity than their male counterparts. One of their "Contemporary Issues" is "Promoting pluralism. Valuing Diversity." Sounds cool to me.

If yours is a neighborhood not frequented by the young women in green, give the Girls a call at 527-7532 to find out how to order. But do it before February 7, that's the final day to request your cookies.

Ru San's (1529 Piedmont in Clear Creek Center. 875-7042) has opened with a bang. I tried to get in the door twice on weekend nights; both times harried looking servers suggested returning when things were a bit calmer. Six-thirty on a Wednesday evening found the parking lot packed and lines out the door at Ru San's downstairs neighbor Ciboulette, but tables (and seats at the sushi/yakitori/tempura bar) readily available in this latest effort from the folks who gave you Plums. Those seats (at least in the cramped booths) are just short of fanny punishing—obviously Ru San would prefer that you not tarry.

The rectangular room with a modified-U bar in the middle is generally chilly and hard-edged with robin's egg walls giving it an early '80s look. The music is '70s pop. Several of the chefs are multinational, and the huge menu seems to offer at least one of everything except a hamburger and a hot dog. All in all a very '90s kinda' place.

In addition to the aforementioned trio of sushi, tempura and yakitori, there is also kushiage (breaded and fried whatever), pizza, pasta, noodles, grilled entrees, and a whole page of grilled and deep fried appetizers. It sounds like grazing heaven, but ordering from such an array is not the easiest task in the world—at least for first timers.

We stuck with samplings of the basic three and found some pretty stiff differ-

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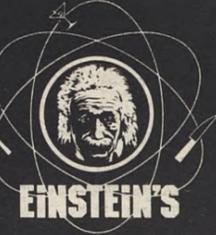
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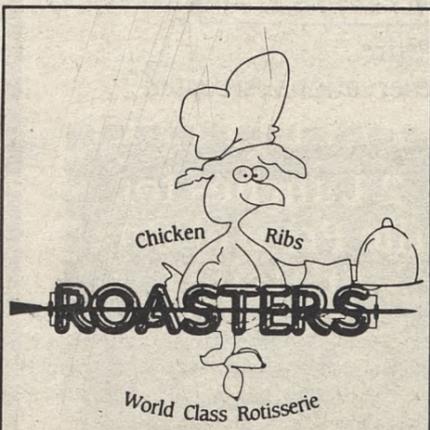
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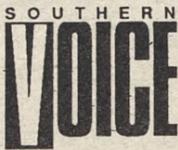


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ences in quality.

On whole, yakitori fared the worst, with too many items tasting mostly of char and hardly at all of the foodstuff in question. The same sticky-sweet sauce covers everything, further homogenizing whatever array you order. Prices look reasonable (\$1-\$2 a skewer) but it would be easy to spend \$10 and still have a gnawing tummy.

At the other end of the spectrum, sushi (also mostly \$1-2 a pop) tends to be much more distinctive and flavorful than the yakitori. Barely warm, smoky fresh water eel was smooth, sassy and easy to eat. Barely cool salmon was mild and fresh tasting.

The one roll (of 20+ offered) that we tried was nowhere near as much fun. A Kamikaze (a \$6.50 combo of fresh water eel, tuna and kaiware, topped with "hot garlic sauce") was almost as monochromatic as the yakitori—the hot garlic sauce virtually identical to the goo that topped the grilled skewers.

Tempura quality falls between the sushi and yakitori—sweet potato and squid landing on top, tasteless shrimp at the bottom of the heap. Like the yakitori, tempura prices look reasonable (\$1-1.50), but you'll easily spend \$10 or more trying to fill an average tummy.

Red miso soup is strong, salty and bracing—a bargain at \$1 for a medium serving. On the other hand, crispy banana rolls are greasy, heavy and oddly and inappropriately flavored with sesame oil—easily the worst thing that we sampled.

Service seems friendly and as competent as it can be in a new operation with so complex a bill of fare.

But check it out, I have friends who think I'm a first class stick in the mud—they really like Ru San's and it's open all day, every day.

Surin of Thailand (810 N. Highland Ave, 892-7789) has always been on my iffy list. When I visited six months ago things seemed to be looking up, but a more recent meal there was pretty dismal. Greasy egg rolls, characterless Thai noodles, coconut ice cream that has all the joy of (cheap) ice milk, and long lines are not my idea of fun.

Panang curry made with shrimp was right tasty, and the shrimp in Pud Thai were both plentiful and flavorful, but both the noise level and prices are higher than I'd like. The whole experience still leaves me less than luke warm.

Maybe next year.



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What's Hot?: Five plus years ago *the* hot look at the March on Washington was ACT UP's black leather, day-glo posters (and stickers) and dark glasses. The look seems to have lost a little of its appeal, so Dish is wondering what will be the latest look in DC on April 25, 1993. If we're to believe fashion industry insiders, it'll be bell bottoms. Why not? Sideburns are already pushing the edge of the envelope—again. But Dish is not amused. The only thing we hated more about the '70s than bell bottoms was the music—like anything by Bread and Neil ("I Am, I Said") Diamond, or the tortuous "MacArthur Park" and sappy "Seasons in the Sun." Send us your predictions about what the fashion statement will be at the MOW this year, we'll report them here...and send an autographed pair of bell bottoms to the winner.

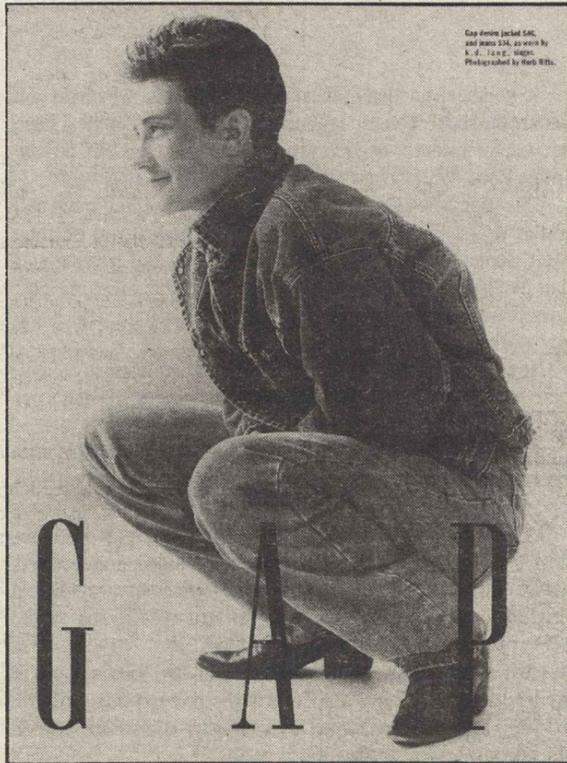
Out of the Closet and Into the Streets?: Will wonders never cease? Dish has a friend who works at a travel agency and informs us that one of Atlanta's most publicly visible (but still semi-closeted) homos has made travel plans that put him/her in DC on the weekend of April 25. Hmm. Dish sure hopes this means that this influential personage will be coming a little further out. And no, we will not mention any names. Use your imagination, it's more fun.

Out of the Closet and Into The Aisle?: Ace reporter and columnist Molly Ivins reports that Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) got big laughs at a DC gathering of supporters of EMILY's List (a major feminist fundraising network) when she recounted walking down the (US Senate) aisle between Patty Murray of (D-WA) and Carol Mosley-Braun (D-IL). Quipped the (unwed) Ms. Mikulski "As you know I have never walked down the aisle... [but] *that* was a walk down the aisle." Dish likes the sound of *that* a whole lot!

Who's on Top?: Dish is deeply indebted to the reader who faxed us an article from Time magazine telling us all we ever wanted to know about tops and bottoms...quarks that is. Quarks (for those, like Dish, who flunked physics) are sub-atomic par-

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THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN TELLING THE TRUTH AND TALKING TRASH



Proof that lesbian heartthrob k.d. lang was featured in a Gap ad, long before openly gay editor Andrew Sullivan.

ticles which are the basic building blocks of matter. Scientists believe that there are six types (of quarks)—up and down, charm

and strange, top and bottom. They've been able to isolate all but the elusive top. Sounds kinda like Dish's love life, though it's been a long time since we've seen a "charm," too! Anyway catch this very campy quote from Time's piece. "'The top,' says Harvard University theorist Sheldon Glasbow, 'is not just another quark. It's the last blessed one, and the sooner we find it, the better everyone will feel.'" Amen, brother.

The Naked Truth: Speaking of bottoms, those who are enamored of looking at the bare human anatomy may be interested in the "1993 World-Wide Guide to Gay Nude Resorts, Beaches & Recreation" (with listings for men and women.) This handy dandy little booklet consists of 40 pages of places in 30 states and 14 foreign countries where one may burn their buns in the company of other similarly inclined homos. The price is a (we think) rather stiff \$14.95 (plus \$2 postage) but there are probably worse ways for nudie fans to spend their bucks. Write: Summer's Edge Studios, 757 SE 17th St, Suite 307, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316.

k.d. The First?: Several issues ago Dish opined that Andrew Sullivan (editor of The New Republic) was the first queer person to appear in a GAP ad. Well SoVo reader, electrician, songstress, and all round good dyke Lenny Lassiter dropped by with a GAP ad from a couple of years ago featuring none other than k.d. lang. Lenny insists that k.d. was a dyke when the ad ran even if she was not out. Dish contends that closet cases cannot by definition be queer. But it all becomes a moot question when you lay eyes on this image. Hot. Hot. Hot!

Say It Isn't So!: And speaking of lesbian songstresses, we've heard rumors linking Ms. lang and Ms. Madonna (romantically) with (the recently come out) heart throb Melissa Etheridge. k.d would be okay, but the idea of Madonna and Melissa makes Dish want to gag. Fact of the matter is, Dish attended the Triangle Ball in DC (where Ms. Etheridge publicly proclaimed her lesbianism) a couple of weeks ago and can testify that she was at the event sans date. Sad for her, but lucky us!

February 4 - February 10, 1993

The Aquarius/Leo Full Moon is on Saturday, Feb. 6, just a few days after the amazing and much discussed (in astrological circles) Uranus/Neptune exact conjunction. The conjunction (both planets in the same degree) represents the intensity of our need for innovative and progressive change in the world.

ARIES, you are such a lucky person! Venus is moving through your 1st house of personality and self-awareness, dispensing charm and enhancing your more delightful characteristics. Take advantage of this cycle, slow your pace and smell the roses. **TAURUS**, don't give up! Spring is just around the corner. However, you may need to start some bulbs in pots or pick up some flowering plants just to remind yourself that dreary weather won't last forever. **GEMINI**, with Mars marching back and forth in your 2nd house of material resources and personal finances, you may think you'll never get a grip on money. Not to worry, it will all come around, but in a much different way than you think. Stay hopeful!

CANCER, with Mars still energizing your 1st house and Uranus/Neptune rearranging everything in your 7th house of partnerships, you now have the energy and drive to establish and build

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very successful, close and potentially enduring relationships. **LEO**, the lessons we have to learn from other folks who are close to us may be hard, but if we listen the first time and get the message, then we probably won't have to hear it again and again. Your charisma is wonderful, but won't cure everything. **VIRGO**, you health and physical well-being should definitely be at the top of your personal agenda for the next week or two, especially if you have been putting in overtime at work or have been under prolonged stress. Common sense makes good sense. **LIBRA**, heads up! Venus is in your 7th house of close personal relationships and partnerships, bringing some wonderful folks into your world who can appreciate your special qualities. Relationships are risky, but very real opportunities. **SCORPIO**, as expansive Jupiter goes rummaging through your family closets,

hauling out all kinds of long lost memories, be sure to keep your eye out for the good times. There had to be a few of them or else none of us would have survived at all. **SAGITTARIUS**, is the ground shifting around under your feet, especially in the area of personal finances and income? Don't waste energy in worry, but do pay attention to actual figures and use your Common Sense. **CAPRICORN**, if you are ready for a break from the intensity of life on the planet, remember that chaos and uncertainty represent opportunity for tremendous growth and creative innovation. Take a break from the world for a day or two. Happy Birthday, Dear **AQUARIUS!** The Full Moon is illuminating your 1st house of personal awareness and your 7th house of partnerships and close friends. Practice patience, kindness and forgiveness with yourself and others. **PISCES**, the Sun and Mercury are in your 12th house of dreams, visions and the collective unconscious, possibly flooding your awareness with lots of coded information. Some dreams may be old garbage on the way out. Don't worry over it.

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THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN...

By Eric Orner © '93.

SEE... BEING "DIFFERENT" IS SOMETHING I KNEW EARLY ON, RIGHT?.. LIKE, I KNEW IN HIGH SCHOOL, WHEN I HUNG OUT WITH FREAKS AND PUNKS AND DRAMA STUDENTS Y'KNOW..?..

IN HIGH SCHOOL I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND A MEMBER OF THE TRACK TEAM..

THERE WAS THIS SPRINTER NAMED PETER KAHN. I ALWAYS WANTED TOUCH HIS CALVES...

SO, IT'S KIND OF ABOUT BEING APART A LONG TIME BEFORE WE EVEN GOT INTO sexuality... THAT WAS PRETTY SECONDARY..

WE WERE NEVER "APART", WE JUST WANTED TO JUMP PETER KAHN'S BONES...

WHICH IS WHY I WEAR BIG HOOPS.

.. AND WHY I WEAR BIG PECS...

I'M WORRIED WE'VE EXHAUSTED THIS QUEER VERSUS GAY THING, MAYBE NOW THAT THE NINETIES ARE FINALLY HERE, WE'VE RUN OUT OF THINGS TO ARGUE ABOUT...

OH.. I BET WE'LL THINK OF SOMETHING..

YOU'RE A FILTHY, LEISURE LOVING, HOT TUB SOAKING, OUTRIT CHANGING, BOYCOTT VIOLATOR

IS WHAT YOU ARE!

YEA, WELL YOU'RE AN OBNOXIOUS, POORLY PHYSIQUED, SKI BOOT RENTING, ASPEN-INSENSITIVE EXTREMIST

MARIA HELENA DOLAN

← THIS ONE HOT →
EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS



ast time, I wrote concerning the four elements of successful gardening. Naturally, I began with the soil. Because if you don't start there, the most grandiose visions and intense labors are doomed at the outset.

Assuming you've addressed that most fundamental issue, let's talk about seeds and sowing. Between the desire and the act, falls the shadow...

Oh, it's not that dreary. Planning, I mean. Between wanting to get out into the dirt and pat the seed into place falls the plan. In sooth, plan precedes plant, both alphabetically and logically.

True, I used to resist this. I actually thought I could get decent results by sticking in whatever looked good to me at the moment. After much trial and error, I discovered that this won't work in your sex life, never mind with things you want to keep for a season, or forever.

I advise making out a little map. This way, you can determine the sizes of plots, what sort of light they receive, elevation, drainage, etc. Daunted, you may not want to be all that elaborate. Play around, and see what works for you.

Since this information is essentially tattooed on my brain after years in the same space, I now just mark out what I intend to plant and where. And I try to be realistic—devilishly difficult, when so much great stuff is available.

Now, I look at my list, and at planting dates. Peas, for instance, can be planted as soon as the soil can be worked in January; mine have already started shooting up since I put them in during the first week of January. (As I write this, the horror of a 24 degree night caused me to rush out with towels and plastic, to see if I can save the tiny seedlings. Stay tuned.)

We also, for example, know that it would be suicidal to plant corn at this time of year. Yes, experience teaches us many of these standards. But so does leaflet #171, Home Vegetable Gardening, available from the County Extension Office for free. Veggies are listed alphabetically, followed by Spring and Fall planting dates. Getting seeds in during the envelope of time suggested puts you well into the ballpark.

So you have an idea of what, and when. Now, where do you procure the seed? You can pick some up on the way home. I have enjoyed, for instance, wandering through the Hastings on Cheshire Bridge Road, with their walls covered in new seed packets.

This year, however, I noticed that they are selling birds and fish, as well as plants. Basically, I don't care what sort of 'total effect' someone strives for. I just can't approve of treating animals like lawn ornaments, and so may not be able to return. This is especially galling, since I love their garden train, and know they stock quality seeds.

Now, it is certainly possible to go to a hardware store, buy some variety of '93 seed (check the packaging date; don't get stuck with '92), and produce perfectly acceptable results.

It is also possible to order seed from a catalog, and obtain spectacular results—or miserable, depending on the company, and your thumb.

Even as I write, no fewer than 18 catalogs lay provocatively across my desk, wantonly displaying their alluring graphics and mouth-watering photos. From December to February, my sideby Ms. Elly can be counted on to smirk sardonically and sneer, "More plant porn?" over the latest mailing.

Hey; cheap thrills. And anyone can indulge. Get a copy of any gardening magazine, and send in the postage-free cards. If you want to live a little, write to the smaller companies therein who advertise their catalogs for \$1 to \$4.

Some of these catalogs have transformed from labors of love into works of art. For example, I longingly devour Seeds of Change (1364 Rufina Circle, #5, Santa Fe, NM 87501) poems, artwork, and thoughtful commentary reside harmoniously with the seed descriptions. A great bargain for \$6. (And, they're non-profit.)

I often order from Tomato Grower's Supply Co. (P.O. Box 2237, Fort Meyers, FL 33902, \$2). Thirty pages of tomato and

pepper seeds, equipment and advice. Not elaborate, but a real resource.

Native Seeds/SEARCH (2509 N. Campbell Ave., #325, Tucson, AZ 85719, \$3) features Native crafts, baskets, t-shirts, cassettes, etc., along with interesting and obscure varieties of wildflowers, corn, healing herbs, etc. Also, a non-profit.

Shepherd's Garden Seeds (30 Irene Street, Torrington, CT 06790-6627, FREE) is also a treat. Adorned with lovely drawings and brief comments, the catalog categories include European Salads (arugula, radicchio, finocchio, french dandelions, curly endive), Onions & Garlic & Shallots, Italian Basils, etc.

To round out, how about Niche Gardens? (1111 Dawson Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516, \$3). I love their enthusiastic descriptions, reasonable admonitions, and homey atmosphere. True, they purvey plants, not seeds. But you'll enjoy their catalog nonetheless.

This is by no means an exhaustive roundup, merely a selective potpourri. In the last issue of The Herb Companion (a glossy magazine for herbal enthusiasts, available at newsstands), I counted 66 ads for catalogs—not including the classifieds, mere price lists, or repeats. Browse, enjoy—and pass on to a friend to save on paper products.

GARDEN ALERT! GARDEN ALERT! GARDEN ALERT!

One of Atlanta's two must-not-miss yearly gardening events is almost upon us. The annual **Atlanta Flower Show** can be seen February 17-21 at the Apparel Mart downtown (take MARTA to Peachtree Center; exit on the northwest side, and follow the signs).

For a measly \$8, you can wallow in a fevered orgy of plants. (Personally, when it comes to this indulgence, one visit per year is just not enough. I'm a multiple.) And this year's theme, "At The Movies," should seduce even the plantphobit amongst us.

You simply will not believe the welter of displays, the array of educational exhibits, the plethora of free seminars, nor the sheer numbers of plants, landscapes, and shopping opportunities.

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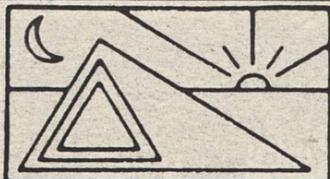
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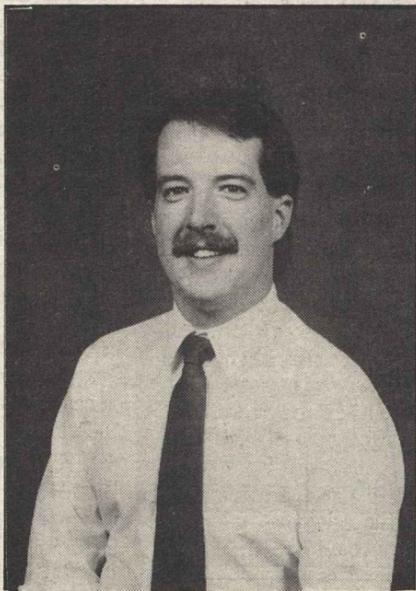
How long in Atlanta: 9 years

Relationship status: Married 7 years

Last book read: "With Charity Toward None" by Florence King

Pet peeve:

People with no attention to detail



Mark du Pont finally got the call. "You've featured all my friends in Outlines, it's about time you called me," he snapped, good-naturedly.

Apparently, he's been practicing for this moment.

"I guess I've done it all," he offers, before official questioning begins. "I've done drag, worked for Southern Bell, typed SoVo since the first issue and I've done counseling." Soon, he will be headed to Cape Town, South Africa for three weeks to visit a friend. But wait! Slow down. Let's back up and get to know our outgoing Outline.

Mark was born in Attalla, Alabama. "I was out and I enjoyed living there," he says, putting any potential Alabama jokes to rest. He earned his B.S. in Business Education from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama. He worked his way through college by doing drag in Birmingham as Donna Casey. (A play on the name of his favorite porn star, Casey Donovan!)

"My last show started at 3 AM and my first class started at 6 AM, 80 miles away," he recalls. "I would arrive for class with traces of mascara that wouldn't come off in the car!"

His degree concentrated mainly on counseling skills, which have come in handy in his volunteer work in Atlanta.

"I am a buddy at AID Atlanta, I was a counselor on the AIDS Hotline and I served as a facilitator with the youth group at The Gay Center," he explains.

His counseling experience has given him a great insight into just how idyllic his life is compared to others.

"When I hear the horror stories of other peoples' lives, I really appreciate what I have," he says. "My parents are very supportive. They gave me and my first husband our very own wedding, and have always accepted my friends and loved ones as part of their extended family."

"Before I got into counseling, I thought life was OK. Gay bashing and AIDS were the furthest things from my mind. Working in

counseling has given me a better grip on reality and a way to help people less fortunate than me."

Counseling seems to be a way of life for Mark. Even in his job at Southern Bell, his sympathetic ear and soothing voice are a big asset. He works in the Retirement Benefit Office and talks to a lot of retirees.

"Sometimes we don't even talk about retirement or pension benefits," he says. "Many retirees are lonely and they just want to talk. I've heard about nieces, nephews, grandchildren, recipes, you name it. They even send post cards when they go on vacation. It's like having 92,000 grandparents."

Now, Mark looks forward to his future, hoping to celebrate 50 years with his husband, and survive long enough for a cure for AIDS. His activity in the lives of others seems to be a key that helps him manage his own health.

"I keep a close watch on myself through meditation and keep my mind in touch with my body," he explains. "It makes me feel better when I see people helped by what I can do for them. I just live my life like a 'normal,' healthy person, and I refuse to let myself get sick. I just carry on!"

Some might call that attitude denial, but Mark says, "It works!"

His outgoing and happy-go-lucky demeanor instantly puts you at ease and just spending half an hour talking to him can give you a better perspective on your own life.

"Always remember that you are in control of where your life goes," he advises. "Set your sights on your goals and take the most direct path there."

That's my kind of denial!

CANDACE CHELLEW

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 AIDSCHAIM—Edie, 642-3467
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 Childkind—936-9655
 First MCC AIDS Ministry—872-2246
 Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728
 The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—633-0634
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 The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
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 Petrus—1150 Peachtree St. 873-6700
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 Gay Republicans—Republicans for Individual Freedoms, 2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
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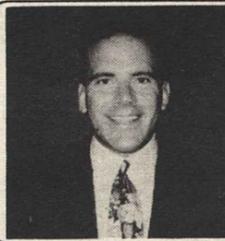
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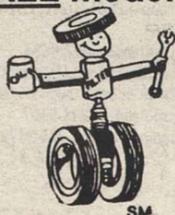
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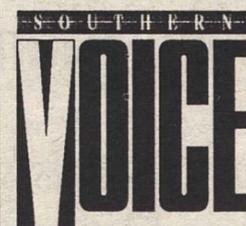
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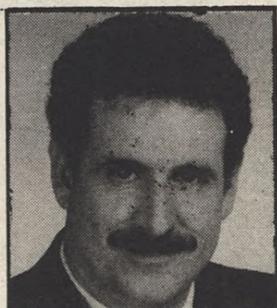


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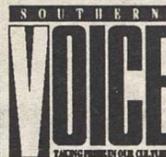
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Lonely GBF, 35, attractive, professional, seeks attractive, feminine woman for one-on-one relationship. No Butch/BI's. T 1249

Two single GFs looking to expand network of friends. Interests include movies, picnics, etc. Expand your horizons. Call us today. T 1254

GWF, 31, 5'2", 113 lbs, professional, attractive seeks similar GWF for movies, dining, working out, travel & possibly more. T 1247

GBF, 27, new to Atlanta, discreet. Enjoys a night in rather than a night out. Wants a

fem for friendship. T 1239

GBF, 5'8", 139 lbs seeks GF who is intelligent and serious about a friendship and possible relationship. T 1231

GWF seeks same age 30-38, intelligent, attractive, good values, emotionally healthy, playful. No drugs or smokers. T 1232

Progressive GWF looking for other progressive women for friendship or possible relationship. T 1235

Attractive, attentive, gregarious, honest, intelligent, intense, off-the-wall, romantic, sensual, late 30's, travelling professional needs affectionate, eclectic, striking, sexually adventurous sophisticated for weekend romantic pursuits. No flakes, druggies or gamers (I don't know the rules!). T 1127

GF seeks that special someone to fill her arms—and warm her nights. Call me, let's get together! T 1124

GWF, romantic, feminine, 32, attractive, intelligent, searching for similar sincere WF who desires honest caring friendship (Atlanta, Macon, Covington). T 1123

WF, 26, 5'11", 140 lbs, br/br, looking for gay/bi female for fun, friendship, and who knows. Femmie, no butches, 21-35. Fit & no drugs. T 1126

Attractive GWF with chronic fatigue syndrome seeking same for walks, picnics, books, friendship & life in the slow lane. T 1113

GWF, 28, professional, well-educated, cultured, refined, feminine, attractive, seeks sophisticated, feminine GWF who possesses good values for friendship / monogamous relationship. We'll share sports, travel, theater, dining. T 1106

Pretty GBF seeks loving counterpart. Should enjoy books, classic jazz, cards, outdoor activities. Should detest drugs, alcohol, Madonna, cigarettes. T 1099

GWF Couple (27, 26) seek other GWF couples for platonic friendships for movies, dinner, going out, etc. Please call T 1094

GWF, 22, responsible, educated, crazy, wide-open, kind-hearted. New to GA. Looking for similar new buddies. P.S. - Having dance withdrawals. T 1102

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GBF, Floridian: Quiet, sensitive, cerebral, professional, avid reader, traveler. Into New Age thought. Seeking like-minded sisters for correspondence / friendship. T 1093

Cute, feminine, GWF, 26, educated, motivated, professional, energetic, somewhat wild and wacky, seeks kindred spirits. No drugs or butch. T 1024

GWF, femme, 25, w/5yr. old daughter seeks GFs for friendship. The rest is destiny's call. Call me today! T 1026

GWF seeks attractive, romantic lesbian over 30 for relationship. T 1028

GF seeks fun, intelligent, good looking female for friendship, possible relationship. Me: 5'8", 150 lbs and a good catch. T 1075

Youthful GWF, mature BiWF seeking differently pleased females for role-playing, fantasy. Instructions for beginners. POB

620021, Atlanta, GA 30362. T 1074

30 year old GBF looking for 30 & up GBF. No drugs and no drinking. T 1023

GW Feminine, Latin Lover. Sexy, 5'7", 125lbs - 30 something. Independent, strong. Funny. You—tall blonde feminine - 30 something - opposites attract! T 1029

Fem GWF, 22, into politics as well as old-fashioned romance. Seeking butch for possible relationship. TRAY T 1022

Looking for a fun-loving friend-lover near Asheville, NC. I am feminine, healthy, a little shy, goofy (not looking), 30, and very much alive BiWF. Call me, talk to me, how else will we ever meet? T 1025

Pretty GBF, 25, 5'5", 120 lbs, very affectionate. Seeks gay fem female who's intelligent and serious about a friendship / relationship. T 1013

GBF, 22 looking for GF's between 21 & 30. For friendship and possible relationship. T 1014

MEN

Masc GWM 32 Fresh Active seeks horny young MEN, looks unimportant (18-25) Pref smooth, young-looking. Let me worship you. T 1255

Tall, dark, sexy, hairy black male, 28. Seeks honest, sincere, muscled, affectionate Bi/GM Top Man for mutual friendship / more. T 1251

Intelligent GWM seeks same for lunchtime companion or friend. Perimeter mall area, early / mid-afternoon, Monday thru Friday. T 1248.

GWM, 35, TEDDYBEAR, 5'10", 275 lb.+ seeks hunk w/mind, for conversation and adventurous safe sex. Call voice box—let's talk! T 1250.

GWM, tall, smooth, slim - would like to meet aggressive, hairy, stocky, masculine man - 40 to 50. Bald a plus. I'm HIV+, healthy, friendly, good looking. T 1246

Spankings needed. WM, 26, seeks strong, athletic man, 20s, who is kind but firm. PO Box 80036, Atlanta, GA 30366-0036. (5.51)

Horny GWM, 30, 5'4", wants to do helicopter spins on your face! Love hot letters / photos / videos. Call—leave address T 1243

Single woman seeks GM for marriage of mutual convenience. T 1244

GWM, 32, 5'9", 145#, athletic, extremely well-endowed, new to Atlanta, seeks fun sessions with similarly hung buddies 25-50. Send detailed response to "Boxholder," 1579F Monroe Drive, NE, Box #119, Atlanta, GA 30324. (5.50)

Gdlkg GWM, 32, rdsh br/gr., clean-shaven, 5'10 1/2", 189#, healthy, good stocky build, collegiate/professional type, sks collegiate/professional type, 22-42, with ticklish feet for hot tickle sessions. "Bottoms" only. Sane, sensual, safe fun. Live in Birmingham but can travel. T 1241

GWM, 54, 5'10", 165, healthy, mature, romantic, secure professional seeks quality, slender GBM, age unimportant, for friendship, perhaps relationship. T 1242

Adolescent Florida Executive, 6 ft., 170 lbs. Blond. ISO spontaneous, artsy, skinny, young companion for dinner, romance here, sailing, diving, vacations there. T 1240

GBM, 25, sexy, versatile, endowed, seeks brother w/similar qualities and w/sincere interest in developing friendship into more. No fems. T 1238

WM, 32, 5'10", 155#, F/A, loner type seeks fellow non-fam WM Southerner 30-50 wanting possible one-on-one relationship. T 1237

BM seeks masculine BM to become ? buddies. T 1236

Good looking GWM, 6'1", 190, successful, secure, romantic top seeks relationship oriented cute bottom, 28-38. T 1234

GBM, tall, athletic, professional, discreet, youthful 33, masculine, seeks sexy similar for friendship, fun, mutual enrichment. T 1120

GWM, 32, 5'9", 142 lbs. Professional, handsome, seeks same. T 1125

Responsible, stable, mature, romantic WM - masculine, 40s, professional. Great mentor. Seeks quality friendship with novice / curious WM 18-25. Discretion Assured. T 1115

BM, 30's masculine, endowed, versatile, trim, seeks same in Hispanic or BM. T 1116

Very goodlooking WM, 26, clean cut, muscular, All-American looks, seeks wealthy, generous, supportive WM for mutually beneficial fun. Any age, weight. T 1117

HOT TOP: Clean-cut, boyish, 38, blue eyes, plays safe. Seeks cute bottom for hot fun. T 1118

French passive seeks buddy. Dominant white professional wants aggressive French active companion. Affectionate man for hungry partner. Let's start something! T 1119

MB 25, 6', 170 lbs, new to town seeks other males 21-35 for friendship. Interested? Leave msg. T 1112

Good looking, fun, passive HIV+ man, new to Atlanta wants safe kink (bondage, spanking, etc.). Also into local music scene. T 1114

GWM, 36, HIV+, healthy, discreet, masculine, submissive seeks BM top for friendship, fun, weekends in Atlanta. POB 928, Athens 30603. T 1109

Latino GWM, 24, 6', sincere, good personality, seeks secure male for friendship—possible relationship, race unimportant. Healthy, no fems please. T 1108

GWM, 35, 6', 165, versatile, seeks single masculine hairy GWM over 6' for friendship & poss. relationship. No head games. T 1110

Are you out there? GWM, 29, seeks honest, caring GBM (21-40) Prince Charming. I want my happily ever after. T 1111

GWM, 50; seeks younger, mature, masculine, non-smoking GWM/GAM who appreciates the companionship of an older gentleman for possible relationship. T 1103

Submissive, GWM 48, eager, willing, ready to serve. Seeks aggressive, strict, well built, top, dominant with small fist. Call soon!! T 1104

WM, 34, attractive, well built, masculine, with strong intellectual curiosity seeks that same combination in someone else, 27-38. T 1107



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BiWM 6'4" 260lbs, 34, looking for sports-minded BM masc. (TOP) discreet to handle it. **T** 1091

GWM, 29, attractive, 5'5", 132lbs, BRN/BRN, beard, moustache, hairy. Seeks attractive 6+, 30's, non-smoking GWM for relationship. **T** 1092

WM, masculine, 6'3", 185 lbs., 43, HIV-, closeted, seeks only similar, masculine, HIV-, hung, WM for private regular mutual satisfaction. **T** 1098

GWM, 37, BL/Blue, attractive, intelligent, healthy, passionate, masculine, trim, muscular, hairy, long "married" and horny. Seeks attractive, daytime top buddy. **T** 1096

GWM, 25, 5'3", 135, br/bl, looking for hot safe times with 35 or younger top. PR, Latino, Oriental preferred. **T** 1095

GWM, 41, 5'11", 165, BR/BL, romantic, relationship oriented, looking for long term relationship with caring, down-to-earth WM, 26-32. Call **T** 1080

GWM, 5'8", 160#, healthy, professional, generous, seeks lunch partner and afternoon relaxations. **T** 1082

GWM, 29, 5'11", 170, BR/BL. Attractive, reoceding, honest, monogamous. Seeks safe, romantic, fit, smooth WM around same age. Possibly permanent relationship. **T** 1084

Attractive GWM, 33, with boyish good looks, in great shape, seeks young, handsome, hunky GBM for hot times and friendship. **T** 1090

GWM, 50; apiarist, aviculturist, herbalist, horticulturist; humble, meek, healthy seeks masculine, aggressive partner to share simple country life (handicapped welcome). **T** 1089

GWM 38, 170, 6, clean cut daddy type. Work out. Seeks 25-40 for submissive relationship, non-smoker, HIV neg. **T** 1087

White male bottom looking for top man, any race or age for daytime get-togethers—very discreet. **T** 1086

GWM, 30, country music lover eager to learn C&W dnce, needs partner, teacher, new friends. Interested? Please respond. **T** 1079

Above average, masculine GWM, 40 seeks similar attractive and sincere GWM 25-40 for relationship. POB 550183, Atlanta, 30355. **T** 1083

GWM, 37, 6'2", 200, smooth uncut seeks hairy bearded guy 30-40 for friendship or more. Smoker OK. **T** 1085

GWM, 25, honest, sincere, looking for GWM 28-35 for good times, possible friendship leading to solid relationship. **T** 1065

GWM, 29, 5'9", 160, Br/Hz. Very masculine, good-looking, muscular, health-con-

scious, honest, educated, high-achiever, humanitarian, stable, laid-back, casual, playful, out-going, open-minded, with varied interests, seeks same. **T** 1066

GWM, 26, college student, 6'0", 165 lbs, muscular, clean-cut, looking for wealthy WM for fun and excitement, any age, weight. **T** 1060

GWCM, 23, seeks non-smoking GWCM 18-30 with a genuine love for life and laughter to help paint "picket fences." **T** 1078

GBM, 5'9" - 196 lbs. seeks top GBM for honest, serious friendship and or relationship. Serious persons please. **T** 1077

GWM, 29, Professional, nice-looking, HIV positive, is interested in meeting similar professional guys for friendship or possible relationship. **T** 1052

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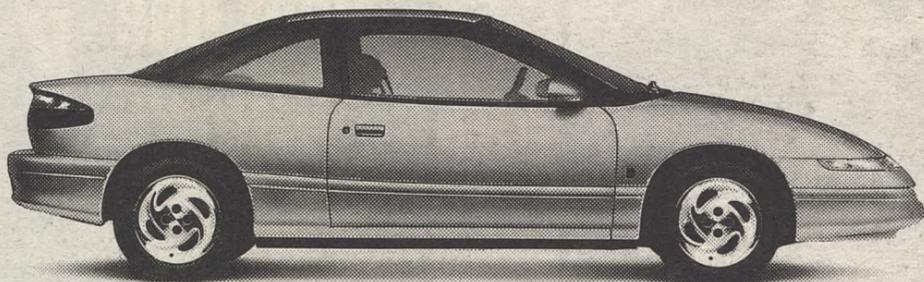


SUZANNE STEHLIK bought a Saturn coupe because she didn't have enough excitement in her life.

Suzanne wanted a car that felt more like her weekend and less like her week. Because Monday through Friday, she's a property tax analyst.

Come Saturday, though, it's playtime. She skydives. She skis. She'd like to learn to sail, but she gets seasick. Oh, and she takes care of her two Rottweilers and her cockatiel, which can whistle half of the Flintstones's theme.

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