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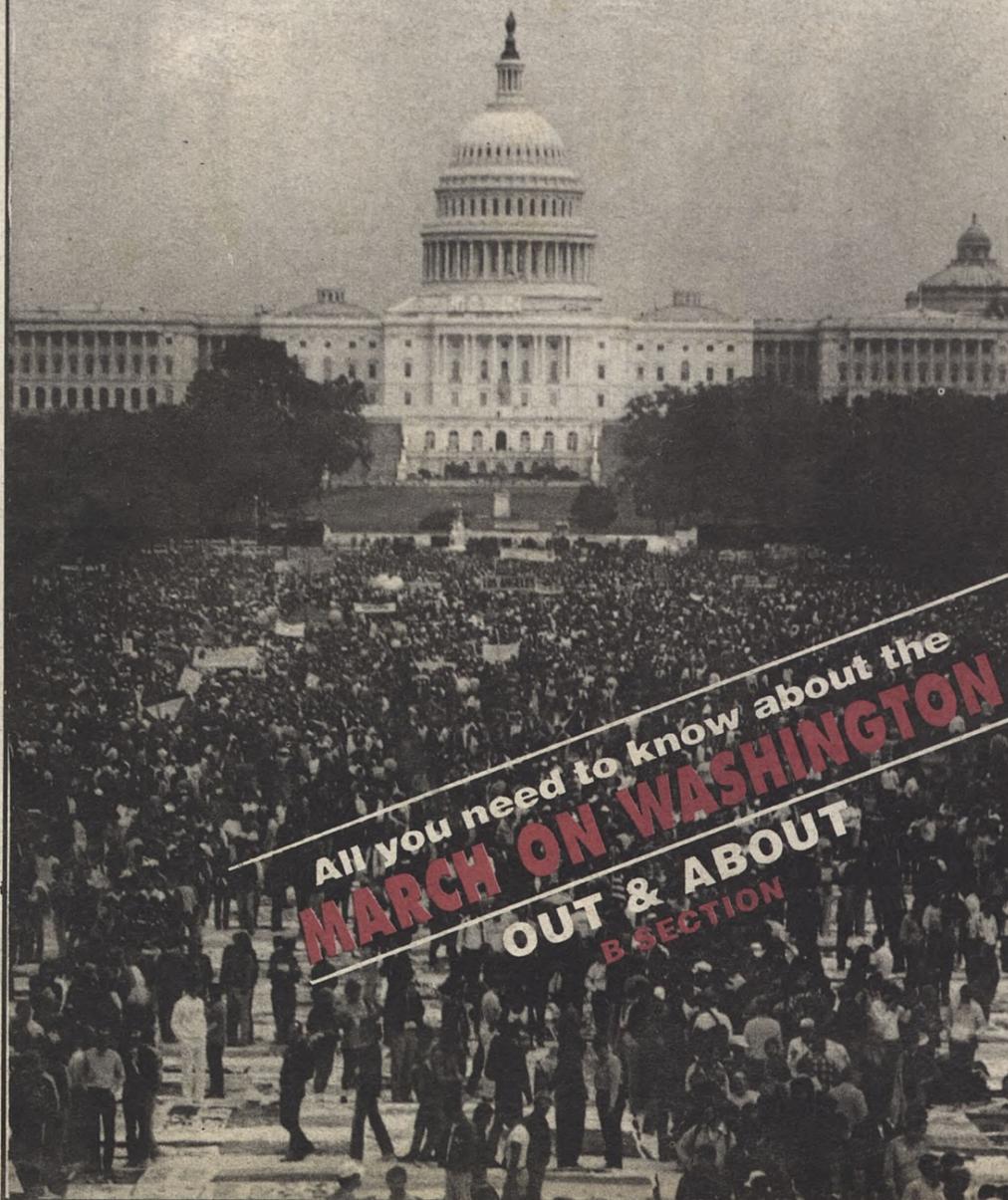
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Minnesota becomes 8th state to enact gay rights law

St. Paul, MN—Gov. Arne Carlson has signed into law legislation aimed at protecting gays and lesbians against discrimination in housing, employment and education. Gov. Carlson signed the bill on April 2, making Minnesota the 8th state in the nation to pass an anti-discrimination bill based on sexual orientation. The law will go into effect on Aug. 1.

"I've always been a very strong advocate of human rights," Carlson said at a news conference before he signed the bill. "It's not a position that I'm taking because I enjoy enormous popularity on the issue. I don't. I know that. But I think it's also the right thing to do."

The passage and signature marked the end of a 20-year battle in Minnesota to include gays and lesbians in the state's human rights laws. After different versions of the bill had passed both houses earlier last month, openly gay Sen. Allan Spear, who authored the Senate version, said he was elated.

"It's a great day," he said. "It's been 20 years coming."

Openly lesbian Rep. Karen Clark, author of the House version of the bill, credited the community's efforts for the victory.

"There's a whole grass roots effort that's been put together and I think people have evolved," she told Equal Time, Minneapolis-St. Paul's gay newspaper. "People have been able to sort out fact from fiction."

"I don't think the opposition was much different," Spear said. "I think that we were better organized."

During the debate on the bill last month, other Minnesota legislators spoke in support of the bill.

"When I vote for this legislation, I'm not going to feel good," said Rep. Chuck Brown, who was accused of being a "queer lover" when he voted for the bill in committee. "But I'll tell you this, I'll feel a little bit better having voted for it than not, knowing I did the right thing."

Sen. Dean Johnson, a Norwegian Lutheran minister, echoed Brown on the Senate floor.

"...I will tell you that if we pass this and the House passes this, the governor signs it, it is the right thing to do," Johnson said. "Not because we totally understand, but because we want to be a state that does not discrimi-



DAVID RAE MORRIS

Laurence Norfleet celebrates at the Capitol after the Minnesota House and Senate passed the gay rights bill.

nate against people."

Minnesota's gay and lesbian community praised the lawmakers' work as well.

"People really struggled with this," it's Time Minnesota co-chair Alexa Bradley said. "It was a real call to conscience. People knew that it really was the right thing at the right time and they did the right thing."

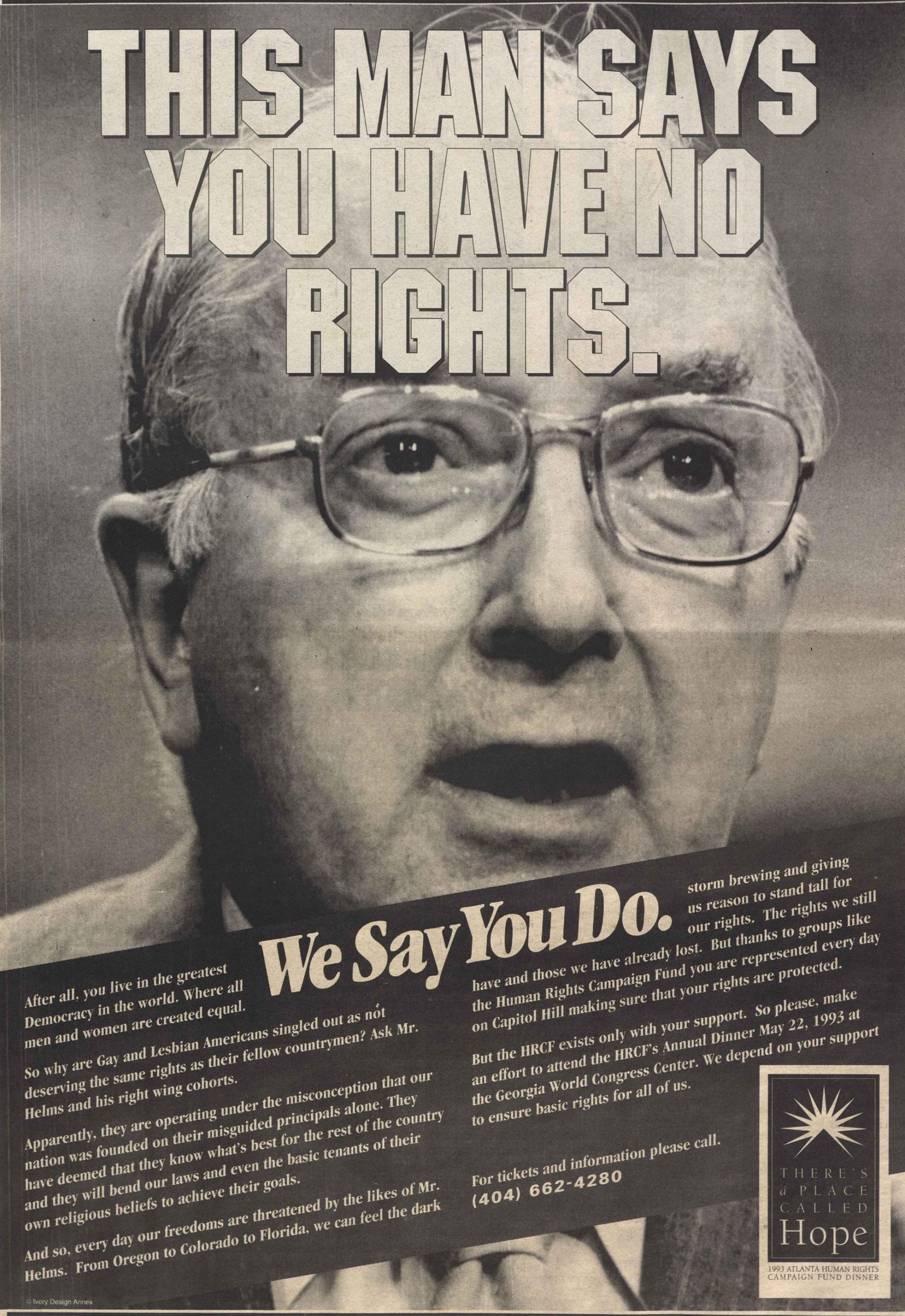
The new law includes lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people in the state's human rights statutes, outlawing discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation. Minnesota joined California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont and neighboring Wisconsin in extending civil rights protections to lesbians and gays. The inclusion of transgendered people makes Minnesota's law the most inclusive in the country.

State Independent-Republican chair Bob Weinholzer said signing the bill will cost the first-term governor considerable popularity within his party, which has been dominated by religious conservatives.

"It's extremely unpopular among party activists," Weinholzer said.

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Defense attorneys in Pridgen trial cite his criminal record, characterize attack as bar brawl

Wilmington, NC—Crae Pridgen testified at the trial of three Marines who attacked him outside a Wilmington gay bar, saying that he didn't make any aggressive moves toward the Marines and didn't say anything to them on the night of the attack.

Defense attorneys attacked Pridgen's version of what happened on January 30, claiming that he provoked the attack, and a defense witness testified that he, not the defendants, kicked Pridgen after Pridgen ran at him inside the club.

Crae Pridgen testified April 6 that he was trying to leave a gay bar where the incident took place and didn't want to fight. He denied making sexual remarks to the Marines.

Pridgen said he had been in Mickey Ratz, a Front Street club, and was leaving to go to a restaurant across the street.

"...The next thing I knew I was being beaten and kicked by numerous people," he said. "I was taking blows all over my body. There was no way one person could kick me in as many places as I was being kicked."

Pridgen was the eighth prosecution witness in the trial of three Camp Lejeune Marines charged in the case. He was the last of the four victims listed in the police report to testify.

Pridgen lost a tooth and suffered a black eye, a swollen lip and a cut ear in the incident. He testified he was told he had a hair-line skull fracture but later learned that wasn't the case.

Pridgen said he was bruised all over his body, but defense attorney John Burney said the photos introduced as evidence showed only head injuries.

"Where is the footprint?" Burney demanded. "You told the press they stood over you and stomped on you....There wasn't one, was there? This was the only thing you could come up with...a little ole Band-Aid."

Pridgen said the bruises showed up a day or two after the pictures were taken.

Pridgen visited Gov. Jim Hunt's office to protest the gay bashing, and went to Washington to talk to federal officials. Last month, he filed a civil suit against the three Marines charged with assaulting him and three other people.

Charged with three counts each of simple assault and one count each of assault on a female are Lance Cpls. Colin Hunt, 20; Patric G. Cardone, 23; and Walter G. Watkins, 26.

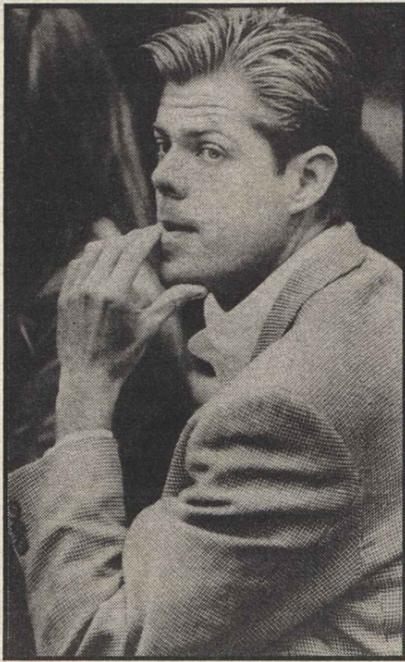
But defense witness Lance Cpl. Louis Raith testified on April 8 that as far as he knows, he was the only Marine to kick Pridgen. Raith, who was with the three Marines that night, testified they had not realized they were entering a gay bar. He said they encountered insults and sexual overtures, but only one of the defendants traded words with bar patrons.

According to Raith, Pridgen ran at him inside the club and grabbed his jacket and the pair was propelled out the door by a crush of people.

"Crae fell," Raith said. "He kept grabbing at me. I kicked him. He was on his knees and he kept coming up." He said he kicked him again.

Pridgen's testimony the day before, however, contradicted Raith.

"I was hit in the face by Patric Cardone



Crae Pridgen in the Wilmington, N.C. courtroom prior to the start of a trial against three Camp Lejeune Marines. The Marines are accused of attacking Pridgen outside a Wilmington gay bar on January 30.

and there was a pull and a push and the next thing I knew I was out on the sidewalk," Pridgen said. He said he remembered seeing Hunt before he fell to the pavement.

"I heard them say Clinton would pay and all you—faggots would die," he said. Pridgen said he was stunned and went into a fetal position to protect himself.

He said he had three drinks that night but didn't consider himself intoxicated. Earlier, Officer J.K. Nedley said the Marines weren't read their rights before they made anti-gay statements in a holding cell. Nedley testified that he heard the Marines "state Clinton's going to pay, they hate all faggots, they hope all faggots would die." Defense lawyer Burney asked New Hanover County District Judge Jacqueline Morris-Goodson to strike testimony about the statements. Burney said the Marines weren't warned of their right to remain silent.

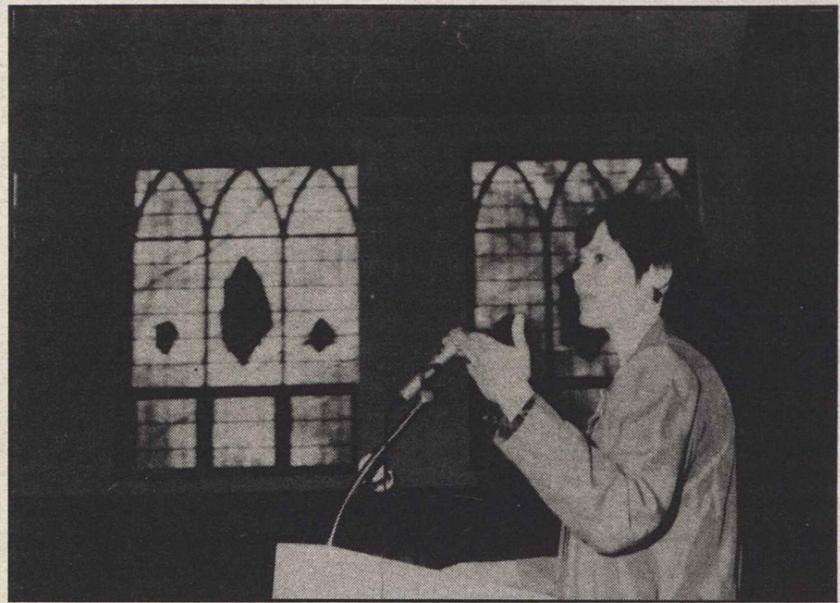
But Assistant District Attorney James Faison III said officers weren't required to warn suspects of their rights unless they were being interrogated. Faison said the statements were made freely by the Marines.

The judge said she would take the motion under advisement and would rule on it later. Also on Thursday, Judge Jacqueline Morris-Godson dismissed a charge of assault on a female, filed against all three defendants, because prosecutors failed to show the Marines were involved in an attack on Lynda Williams, who alleged she had her arm twisted.

Defense lawyers have characterized the incident as a simple bar brawl. Burney challenged the extent of Pridgen's injuries and raised questions about his character.

During cross-examination, Burney held up a long computer printout he said contained Pridgen's criminal record. Pridgen acknowledged he had been convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended license.

ESTES THOMPSON



Dr. Kathleen Toomey is elected to Jerusalem House Board of Directors

At the recent Jerusalem House Annual Meeting celebrating the organization's 5th Anniversary of service to the Atlanta community, newly-elected Jerusalem House board member Dr. Kathleen Toomey spoke about the positive impact community-based organizations like Jerusalem House have on the AIDS epidemic.

Toomey was recently named director of the Communicable Disease Branch of the State of Georgia's Division of Public Health, a position held by Jerusalem House co-founder and director Dr. Joseph Wilber until his retirement.

Jerusalem House is Atlanta's only non-profit, permanent housing program for homeless people with AIDS. Founded in 1988, Jerusalem House provides a warm, caring home where people with AIDS can live productively and die with dignity.

Former green beret gets phone call from Senator Nunn

Eugene Giannunzio tells his story, urges Nunn to support lifting of ban

Atlanta—Eugene Giannunzio won't be handing over his Purple Heart to Sen. Sam Nunn, but the former Green Beret did speak with the Georgia Democrat on April 8 in support of the plan to lift the ban on lesbians and gays in the U.S. military.

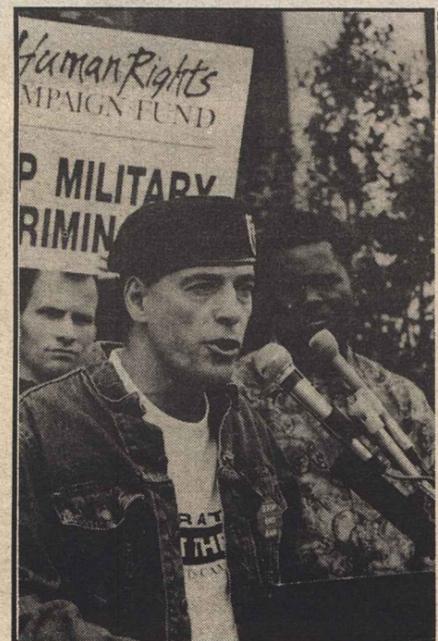
The forty-three-year-old Giannunzio had wanted to return his Purple Heart—awarded for injuries sustained in a fierce battle in Vietnam in 1968—to Sen. Nunn in honor of a young gay soldier killed in that battle. Nunn was reluctant to take possession of Giannunzio's medal, but he did promise to include his story in the record of the hearings taking place now on the issue of gays in the military.

Bob Hurt, Nunn's administrative assistant in Washington, said that the senator did not release a statement about last Thursday's conversation, but did confirm that it took place, and that the hearing record will reflect Giannunzio's story.

"Eugene told the story about his friend in Vietnam," Hurt said. "And they discussed general issues, gays in combat and such, and they discussed the issue of the Purple Heart. Sen. Nunn hated to take responsibility for the medal, and he was concerned that once word got out, other veterans, on the other side of the issue, would send in theirs."

"He didn't want to start a medal war," Giannunzio said. "I told him that the medal was symbolic. I told him that his receiving the medal wasn't as important as his receiving my thoughts [on the issue]. If he held onto that, to my thoughts, that would be a good compromise."

Giannunzio, who characterized the con-



Eugene Giannunzio, seen here at a March 31 press conference in Atlanta, got a call from Senator Sam Nunn last week.

versation as "good," also said when he told Nunn that those who can't handle homosexuality cannot handle war, the senator took note.

"He did say that he thought we ought to be looking at the type of people in the military, as far as how well they tolerate others," Giannunzio said. "He thought that was an area that needed to be looked into, that they hadn't really considered before."

"I feel I've accomplished the goal I set—to have [Nunn] hear my story," Giannunzio said, adding that he would continue to speak out against the ban until it is repealed.

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S. Carolina and Florida look at gay adoptions

Columbia, SC—Rep. Mike Fair's attempt to stem what he calls the "frontal attack on the nuclear family" has run into robust opposition from South Carolina's gay community.

Fair has authored a bill that would ban anyone who is gay, lesbian or bisexual from becoming a foster parent or adopting a child.

The Greenville Republican told a House subcommittee March 31 that gays were more likely to have multiple sex partners. Fair also cited a study that he claimed showed gays were more likely to have molested a child.

Though Fair acknowledged that the study was "debatable," he said "at least if nothing else there is something unusual going on with the libido of a homosexual."

But gays and others who support their right to adopt children said Fair's fears were based on myths, not reality.

"The current wording of this bill links homosexuals like myself to a category of criminals...I am no criminal," Richard Cowling of Columbia told the House Medical Affairs subcommittee.

Cowling said he was the adoptive father of an 18-year-old woman who is a "blatant heterosexual."

John Ruoff told the panel he asked his 11-year-old foster son whether he would prefer to live in the family he used to be in or a family with gay parents. The boy told Ruoff "he absolutely did not want to go back to that nuclear family where he got the crap beat out of him," Ruoff said.

"We have been parenting children since the beginning of time and I believe we will

continue to do so regardless of this bill," said Sam Nickles, a gay man from Columbia.

Fair's bill is clearly unconstitutional, Steve Bates of the South Carolina chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union said.

The ACLU has successfully challenged similar laws in other states and would most likely do so in South Carolina if the Legislature passed Fair's bill, he told the panel.

Also, in Florida, state social services officials have called for a statewide court decision in response to a Sarasota judge's ruling last month which called the ban on gay adoptions unconstitutional. The decision by Circuit Judge Scott Brownwell applies only to Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto counties.

"We need to know definitively, on a statewide level, what we should be doing here," said Catherine Deans, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

She said last week HRS attorneys plan to appeal the ruling.

But if a state appeals court hears the case, as the HRS wants, the resulting decision could be effective throughout Florida.

In the Sarasota case, James W. Cox and Rodney M. Jackman filed the suit in 1991 when HRS denied their application to adopt after they acknowledged being gay. They now hope their efforts will have a widespread effect.

"Why should someone else have to go through all the things we've gone through?" Cox asked. "How many sacrificial lambs do there have to be for one cause." (AP)

Firebombs tossed at North Carolina gay bar

Jacksonville, NC—At least two firebombs were tossed at a gay bar that has been in the forefront of the debate over allowing gays in the military, police said.

The flaming bottles of gasoline were thrown late April 1 toward the back of Friends Lounge, across the street from Camp LeJeune, authorities said. No injuries were reported.

Bar owner Danny Leonard said a customer saw flames in the woods about 15 minutes prior to the fire being reported. Wood and trash caught fire, producing a 15- to 20-foot circle of flames, police said. There was no damage to the building, Fire Chief Mac Marshburn said.

"I've never lived in a town where there's so much hate and prejudice," Leonard said.

Friends Lounge has drawn media attention from around the country in recent months, as has its neighbor Marine base Camp LeJeune, as the debate over gays in the military has raged. Friends, according to Leonard, has a mostly military clientele.

The incident is the latest in a string of hassles Leonard has incurred, he said. Baseball-wielding Marines came to the bar two weeks ago, he said. Also, in the last five weeks, he said he has received 300 threatening phone calls and notes.

Leonard told a WCTI-TV (Jacksonville) reporter that a witness reported seeing three Marines running from the area just after the fire began. On the previous day, a Marine hearing board recommended an honorable discharge for Sgt. Justin Elzie, a Camp LeJeune Marine who publicly came out.

Three Marines from the base are also on trial in nearby Wilmington for the beating of Crae Pridgen on the night President Clinton announced his plans to scrap the military ban on gays and lesbians. (AP)

Gainesville passes gay rights law

Gainesville, FL—By a 3-2 vote, the Alachua County Commission has approved an amendment that adds protection for gay people to its anti-discrimination ordinance.

Commissioners voted March 30, after more than four hours of testimony by about 80 people.

Supporters of the amendment, which adds protection for gays in housing, employment and public accommodations in the unincorporated areas of the county, spoke of discrimination and fears for their lives.

Opponents suggested that those fears are unfounded and argued passage of the amendment would provide "special" protection for gays.

"We need protection from those who want to deny us our human rights," said Clare Gibert of the Gainesville Area Human Rights Campaign.

Jim Johnston, head of the local chapter of Rev. Donald Wildmon's American Family Association, said passage of the amendment would damage the family.

"Unless you say no to the onslaught of our values, our country will continue to decline," he said.

Commissioner Margaret Eppes made the motion to approve the amendment.

"If I had any doubt about discrimination I don't anymore because of the mail and comments I have received," she said.

Opponents have started a petition drive to bring the question to a county referendum, hoping that voters would overturn the commission's action. (AP)

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Actor's Insurance Doesn't Cover Lover's Damages:

An appeals court has ruled that the late actor Rock Hudson's insurance company should not pay damages to his former lover because Hudson's concealment of his illness was "inherently harmful." The Aetna Casualty & Surety Co. policy covered Hudson against damages in suits for bodily injury. The company disputed coverage, citing both a policy exclusion and state law that deny coverage for intentionally inflicted injuries. Marc Christian was awarded \$21.75 million by a Los Angeles jury in a suit filed in 1985 after he learned that the actor, his lover for almost two years, had AIDS. A judge reduced the damages to \$5.5 million, and Christian, who has tested negative for HIV, settled the suit for an undisclosed amount while an appeal by Hudson's estate was pending.

Gay Rights Advocates Blast Chevron Donation To Homophobic Politician:

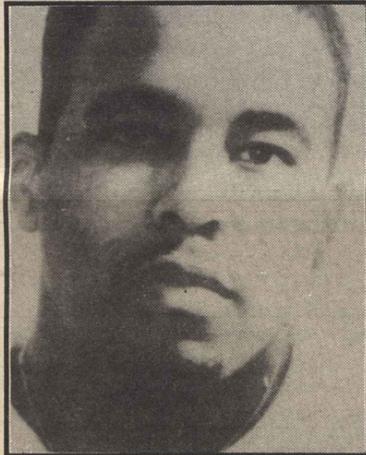
Advocates of gay rights are blasting Chevron Corp. for making a political donation to Concord (Calif.) City Councilman Lloyd Mashore, who has fought local measures to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination. Chevron gave \$250 to Mashore in February, according to the councilman's spending report. Bill Steele, Chevron's Bay Area public affairs manager, said that the company liked Mashore's positions supporting business, and that the company has supported other councilmembers. Steele also said that Chevron has policies that protect gay men and lesbians within the company. Michael Thompson, director of Community United Against Violence, urged the company to "provide clear leadership" against Mashore's anti-gay positions.

Univ. of Chicago Extends Domestic Partner Benefits:

On Feb. 1, the University of Chicago began offering spousal benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian faculty, staff and students. The university voted on the plan last December. Partners are now eligible for benefits including insurance, library and gym privileges, married student and staff housing, and tuition benefits, according to a University of Chicago Magazine article quoted in the Washington Blade.

NYC Gay Liaison Resigns:

Dr. Marjorie Hill, Director of the Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community in New York City, has left that position as of March 19. She resigned to become assistant vice-president for primary care at the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation. "I feel privileged to have served the mayor and the lesbian and gay community," Hill told the Washington Blade, "but it was time to move on." Hill, who was named to the city position in 1990, said that no successor has been chosen, but that New York Mayor David Dinkins is interviewing candidates for the job. Hill was instrumental in the passage of domestic partnership legislation for city employees.



Gregory Malik White

Arrest Made in DC Murder: DC police have jailed Gregory Malik White after he turned himself in for the murder of Ana Maria Rosales outside a gay bar on Jan. 7. Witnesses say that White shot Rosales from point blank range after she turned down his request for sex. The Washington Blade reported that gay activists believe the attack was predicated on White's perception that Rosales was a lesbian, an angle largely ignored by DC police and media outlets. DC police said that another witness told them that White had argued with his girlfriend and left in a "rage" before he crossed paths with Rosales.

Petition Seeks Removal Of Poster On Gays from Minnesota School:

Petitioners are trying to force the removal of a poster from a Winona, Minn. school that asks what students would do if their best friend told them they were

gay. The poster provided answers that included, "Stop telling queer jokes. Find an understanding adult. Don't go away." "The thing that's offensive is that it's there," said petition writer Tom Schoen. He said he has authorized the school to teach his children about reading, writing and arithmetic, but not matters of morality. The poster has been moved from a hallway to a counselor's office until the school board makes a decision about it.

Judge Overrules Governor On Caribbean Gay Pageant:

A St. Maarten judge ruled on April 1 that a promoter could hold a gay pageant in the Dutch territory and threatened to fine the lieutenant governor if he did not grant a permit for the show. Lt. Gov. Russell Voges had banned the Caribbean Gay of Gays Pageant on March 26 following pressure from church groups. Judge Lo Sin Sjoie agreed with promoter Leroy Richardson that the competition among female impersonators did not violate international standards of freedom of expression. The leader of the island's Christian Council, Methodist Rev. Lloyd Brissette called the court ruling "unfortunate." The pageant was originally scheduled for April 4, and will be rescheduled.

Arkansas Students Support Gay Artist With Silent Riot:

Several art students at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock are conducting a "silent riot" in protest of what they say is the school's abridgement of freedom. A dozen students spoke last week with department officials over whether the homoerotic artwork of Steven Leonard, a gay student, was censored. Leonard maintains that his series of seven graphite-and-ink drawings had been pulled from the department's senior show in a gallery in the Fine Arts Building. Department officials say the drawings were not appropriate for the gallery, since children frequent the area for classes. They say they offered to display the work in another area which could be more closely monitored, but Leonard refused. Other students have attached disclaimers to their work in the annual art show, stating that exhibiting their work was not "an endorsement of UALR policies which abridge the right of free expression."

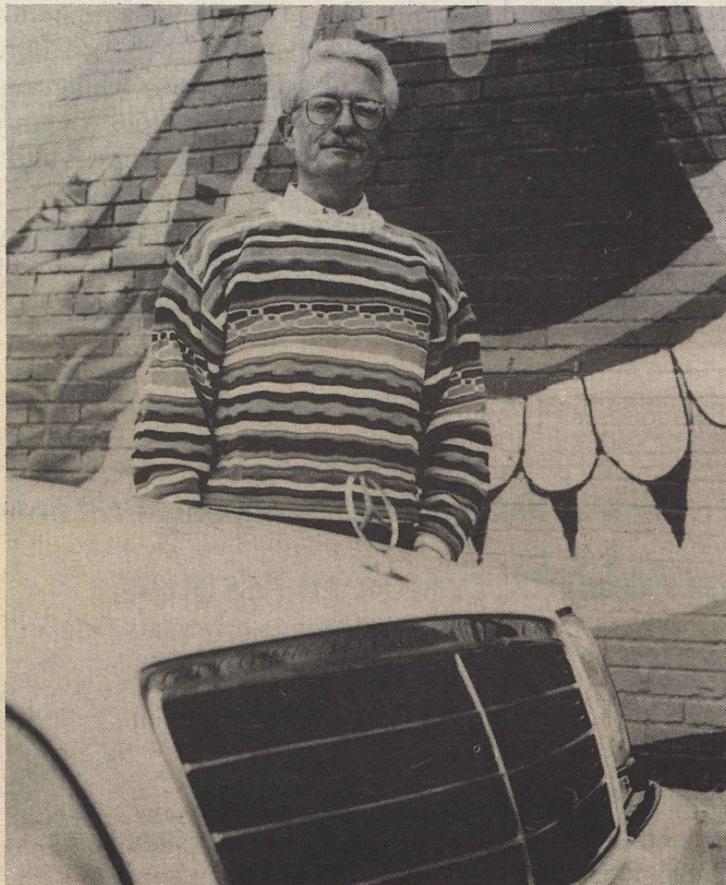
State Employee Faxes Anti-Gay Ode To Newspaper:

An employee at the Maine Department of Public Safety mistakenly faxed the lyrics to an anti-gay poem to a newspaper last week. The employee believed she was faxing the poem, "President Clinton's Queen Berets," to a friend, but pushed the wrong button, sending it to The Times Record in Brunswick. The poem contains several obscenities and repeated anti-gay epithets. State Police Lt. Jeffrey Harmon apologized for the incident, and said after the supervisor talks with the employee, who was not identified, she will likely be disciplined. He said she would probably face a written reprimand or suspension.

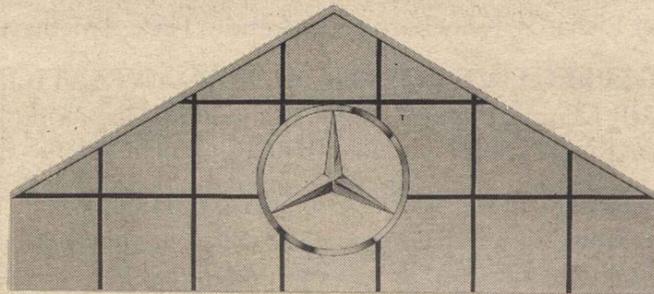
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The names and organizations published below represent the top four (or five when the race was too close to call) vote-getters in each category. A wide range of individuals and groups were nominated through the ballots, as illustrated by the list. We would like to congratulate the top four nominees, but all of the nominees are worthy of recognition for their dedication, support and work within the community. Our lives and our community are enriched by every single one.

Twenty awards will be presented, including two special awards: the Venus Landin Memorial Award, given to a person of color whose dedication and community service has brought the various aspects of the lesbian and gay community together; and the John Howell Achievement Award given to an individual with outstanding, long-term community service. Mayor Maynard Jackson will also be on hand to receive a special award for his efforts in moving the U.S. Conference of Mayors from Denver to New York because of Colorado's anti-gay Admendment 2.

As previously announced, the doors to the Awards Benefit at Zoo Atlanta will open at 6:30 pm, April 17, for drinks and hors d'oeuvres, generously donated by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Ceremonies will begin at 8:00. Dress is casual.

Emcees for the April 17 event will be Human Rights Campaign Fund's Acting Public Policy Director, Cathy Woolard, and "The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green" comic strip's Writer/Illustrator, Eric Orner.

All nominees are strongly encouraged to attend.

Tickets are \$20.00, which benefits the Atlanta Lambda Community Center and the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, are available at MalePak, Brushstrokes, Charis Books, Maddix Deluxe and the Southern Voice office. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early.

The categories and nominees (in alphabetical order) for each award are as follows:

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MOST EFFECTIVE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

ACT UP, Georgia Political Action Committee (GAPAC), Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), Queer Nation

MOST EFFECTIVE AIDS ORGANIZATION

AID Atlanta, Common Ground, National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA), Project Open Hand

MOST WELCOMING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION

All Saints Metropolitan Community Church, Bet Haverim, First Existentialist Congregation, First Metropolitan Community Church

MOST COMMUNITY MINDED DRAG PERSONALITY

Armorettes, Charlie Brown, Peg Bundy, DeAundra Peek

MOST COMMUNITY MINDED ARTS ORGANIZATION

Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, Jim Chappelleux, Southeastern Arts, Media and Education Project (SAME), Seven Stages

MOST ENTERTAINING ENTERTAINER

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Studds signs on for HIV Prevention Act

Washington, DC—Openly gay U.S. Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA) has signed on as an original co-sponsor of the Comprehensive HIV Prevention Act of 1993, authored by California Democrat Nancy Pelosi. The bill will come before the House Subcommittee on Health, and Studds, a member of the committee, is expected to play a leading role in ensuring passage of the measure.

The bill will expand and improve the effectiveness of federal, state and local HIV prevention efforts by giving authority to the Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a strategic plan for HIV prevention activities at the Public Health Service. It will also establish offices of HIV prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and other agencies charged with public health responsibilities.

The bill authorizes more than \$700 million for federal and community-based prevention activities, including counseling, testing, referral and partner notification programs, public education programs and adolescent and school-based programs.

Studds praised the bill's emphasis on community-based prevention, which, he said, "ensures that those state, local and regional agen-



U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA)

cies most familiar with community needs and concerns will be entrusted with overseeing prevention efforts.

"This bill marks a new beginning," Studds said. "It deserves the strong support of the Congress, and I pledge to do all I can to ensure its adoption."

HIV in lymphoid cells may be clue to "dormancy" mystery

Two international teams of AIDS researchers reported that HIV, generally accepted by the scientific community to be the cause of AIDS, is constantly infecting healthy cells in HIV-infected individuals. The researchers reported in the March 26, 1993 issue of *Nature*, a British scientific journal, said that while HIV is rarely detected in blood cells, huge numbers were detected, some of which were actively replicating and others lying dormant, in the lymphoid cells in the human body. Lymphoid cells include the spleen, tonsils, adenoids and extensive lymph node system.

One study was directed by Dr. Ashley Haase of the University of Minnesota in collaboration with German researchers, and the other was led by Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief AIDS researcher at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Maryland.

The research appears to answer baffling questions surrounding the activity of HIV after the virus infects an individual. Since 1984 when HIV was discovered, researchers have been unable to explain why after an initial burst of viral activity within the first few weeks of HIV infection, that they were not able to detect the virus in the blood cells of infected patients, or explain why the virus supposedly lies dormant an average of 10 to 12 years before manifesting disease symptoms. The researchers concluded that the lymphoid cells become dangerous reservoirs of HIV and eventually overload the human immune system until it is no longer able to fight the onslaught of the virus.

"Our findings clearly demonstrate that a true state of microbiological latency does not exist even during the early stages of HIV disease," stated Dr. Fauci.

The findings could impact early intervention theory designed to intervene with antiviral medical HIV treatment when HIV-infected individuals CD4 (t-helper) cell counts drop to 500. "This information may prompt a rethinking of the optimal time to initiate treatment of HIV-infected patients," added Fauci.

"The study indicates a great deal more is going on earlier in HIV than we had realized and it may be beneficial for infected individuals to embark on antiviral treatment earlier," stated Dr. Haase.

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New drug found to be effective against PCP

Denver, CO—Researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have created a compound they claim is four to 10 times more effective than pentamidine, the principal drug used against the leading cause of death among AIDS patients.

Dr. Richard R. Tidwell, professor of pathology at UNC-CH, presented his group's discovery last week at the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society in Denver.

The new compound is called BIBB. Presently, pentamidine is among the best drugs used for combating *Pneumocystis carinii*, a microorganism that thrives in the lungs. At least two-thirds of AIDS patients suffer an increasingly debilitating series of pneumonias as their immune systems weaken. BIBB also proved about half as toxic as pentamidine in studies done in rats infected with the organism, the researchers said.

BIBB and related versions were created by altering the structure of pentamidine. The chemicals have been tested for over five years, although scientists say they don't know exactly how BIBB works in killing *Pneumocystis carinii*, Tidwell said. (AP)

NYC Health Commissioner rejects Clinton's offer for AIDS post

New York City, NY—New York City's health commissioner has turned down President Clinton's offer to be federal AIDS coordinator, according to a published report.

The New York Times reported in the April 2 edition that Margaret A. Hamburg rejected the position because she is pregnant and does not believe she could take care of a newborn adequately with the demands of the job.

The Times quoted an unidentified source as saying Hamburg told staff members March 31 of her decision. But a spokesman for the Health Department, Steven Matthews, told The Associated Press there were no staff meetings with Hamburg last week.

Hamburg, 37, has been a leading contender for the "AIDS czar" position for more than a month.

AIDS advocacy groups have criticized Clinton for not filling the job sooner, saying the delay raised questions about his commitment to battling the epidemic. (AP)

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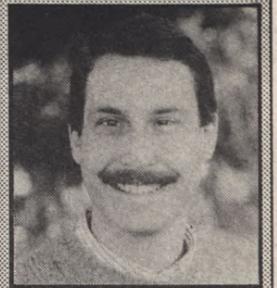
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AT THE CROSSROADS

by Bruce Mirken



Lymphing Alone (With No Cure in Sight)

On March 25 the National Institutes of Health and the journal *Nature* made an announcement and the mass media dutifully jumped all over it: Two separate studies showed that HIV concentrates in the body's lymph system (a sort of transportation/storage network for the immune system) during what has sometimes been termed the "latent" period during which an infected person has no obvious symptoms or readily detectable immune system damage. The announcement, and the way in which the press eagerly made it into a headline story, prompts several observations.

The first thing to note is that, although the information is certainly significant, this particular news story contained very little that was actually new. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases chief Anthony Fauci presented much of the same data in a lecture at the 8th International Conference on AIDS last July.

So why was it news in March when it wasn't last summer? Partly because the mass media weren't paying attention the first time around. Last July this potentially important piece of the still far-too-little-understood puzzle of the progression from HIV infection to AIDS wasn't nearly as sexy as the "mystery virus" brouhaha which monopolized the press's attention in Amsterdam.

The other factor is that Fauci and his colleagues gave the story an all-out push. Why now and not the first time around? It may have something to do with the fact that Fauci and the NIH have been the subject of intense criticism by AIDS activists for devoting too much energy to endless studies of AZT/ddI/ddC and not enough to inquiries into HIV pathogenesis, i.e. the mechanism by which HIV leads to the immune system breakdown we call AIDS. Now that there is an administration in the White House which says it wants to consider the AIDS activist community's ideas—and which has been pondering a number of proposals for reorganizing the research effort, some of which might sharply curtail Fauci's authority—it may have seemed an opportune moment for the NIAID director to show that he and his team are on the case.

Cynical? Sure. Realistic? Probably. The real question is, when will the people reporting on this epidemic in the mass media start to act like reporters and not mere transcribers?

Another interesting angle is that the data on HIV infection in the lymph system constitutes another nail in the coffin of the HIV-isn't-the-cause theories championed by U.C. Berkeley virologist Dr. Peter Duesberg and others. One of this crowd's strongest arguments has been that HIV infection couldn't be detected in nearly enough cells to account for the massive immune destruction seen in AIDS. The lymph studies show that plenty of cells are infected. We've just been looking for them in the wrong places. As an accompanying commentary by Howard Temin of the University of Wisconsin and Dani P. Bolognesi of Duke University in the same issue of *Nature* puts it, the data leaves "little doubt that the virus itself is sufficient to cause the disease."

This comes on the heels of several studies showing a strong correlation between specific mutations in the virus and declines in the infected person's health—a finding that is pretty hard to explain without there being some connection between HIV and the patient's illness. The HIV skeptics have performed a useful service by raising legitimate issues, like the very real flaws in the first major AZT study, and forcing the scientific establishment to stay on its toes. Many questions still remain unanswered, but the assertion by some that HIV has nothing whatever to do with AIDS is getting less and less tenable.

So what does all of this mean for HIV-infected people? Not much yet, at least in terms of concrete treatment strategies. Fauci points out that the data establishes a theoretical basis for "beginning therapy as early as you possibly can after you find out that someone is infected"—if, that is, we had suitable drugs. But because all of the antiretrovirals now in use are significantly toxic, and because HIV can become resistant to them in a year or two, Fauci strongly emphasizes that he is not recommending people start treatment with AZT, ddI or ddC any earlier than is currently recommended. Some of the new drug combinations now under study may hold some promise for earlier treatment, he adds, but no official recommendation is likely until at least the end of the year.

What this whole thing makes painfully clear is how much more there still is to learn. In a sense we've been stabbing in the dark, trying out possible treatments before having a clear idea of how the disease actually works (a characterization, it should be noted, that Fauci called "an overstatement" when I asked him about it). Without knowing the details of the disease process you're trying to interrupt, it's hard to know if you're looking at the most efficient methods of interrupting it.

In their *Nature* commentary, Temin and Bolognesi outline a research strategy designed to clarify just what HIV is doing when and in what types of cells—and which could lead to the beginning of a real understanding of the mechanics of AIDS's destruction of the immune system. This type of research should go forward now. There is no excuse for delay.

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OBITUARY

Ronald John Parish

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Ron Parish of Decatur, Georgia began a new life on March 18, 1993. He died of complications due to HIV disease.

A memorial service to celebrate Ron's life will be held at 4 PM on Sunday, April 18. Friends should gather in Piedmont Park on the hilltop just off 10th Street at Charles Allen.

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Discharged gay Marine says he will fight to stay in

Camp LeJeune, NC—A Marine Corps sergeant who has said he is gay should be given an honorable discharge, a military board ruled March 31. Col. Ronald Matthews, chairman of the Marine Corps hearing board, said the panel decided to recommend discharging Sgt. Justin Elzie based on Department of Defense and Marine Corps policies against gays in the military.

"Admission of homosexuality affects good order and discipline," he said.

Matthews said the board agreed to ask for an honorable discharge because of Elzie's good record. Elzie said he had hoped that good record would help keep him in the military. But he said he would keep fighting to stay in the Marines.

"It's definitely not a good decision...It's only the beginning," Elzie said.

Elzie said he didn't know what his next step would be. But he said he feels "the challenge to keep pressing on and go and do my job tomorrow." Meanwhile, Elzie repeated his support for President Clinton's effort to allow open gays and lesbians in the military.

"I hope the Clinton administration can help all gays in the military," he said. "I hope he does stick by his principles and does lift the ban."

Elzie pleaded with the board last week to judge his work record and not his sexual orientation in deciding whether to keep him in the service. The Marine Corps "never abandons a good Marine or leaves one behind," Elzie said. "I believe I am a good Marine...I am proud of my record and who I am."

Defense lawyer Lanny Breuer told the board Elzie, 30, should be allowed to remain in the Marine Corps because there's no evidence he engaged in homosexual acts.

"The statement 'I am gay' can mean...they don't engage in any conduct and don't intend to engage in any conduct," he said. "...There has been no evidence whatsoever about Sergeant Elzie's desires."

The board began deliberating around 3:30 p.m. and issued its recommendation shortly before 5 p.m. The board's recommendation will go to the base commander, the Marine Corps commandant and the Navy secretary. Those recommended for



Marine Sargeant Justin Elzie meets with reporters after his hearing last week in which a military review board ruled the gay soldier should be given an honorable discharge.

discharge because of homosexuality are placed in the individual reserves until the military's policy is decided.

The Marine Corps presented one witness, Elzie's supervisor, who testified that Elzie's job performance had suffered since Jan. 24 when he went public because of meetings with attorneys.

"A lot of resentment and animosity on the part of other Marines, who have tended to disassociate themselves from him," Chief Warrant Officer R. D. Johnson testified about reaction within his food service supply unit.

The only other Marine Corps evidence were three videotapes of Elzie talking about being gay on television news programs. Two defense witnesses said they were shocked when they discovered Elzie was gay. Both said they never saw any-

thing from Elzie but the highest professional behavior. Elzie read a statement, recapping his performance and outstanding evaluations.

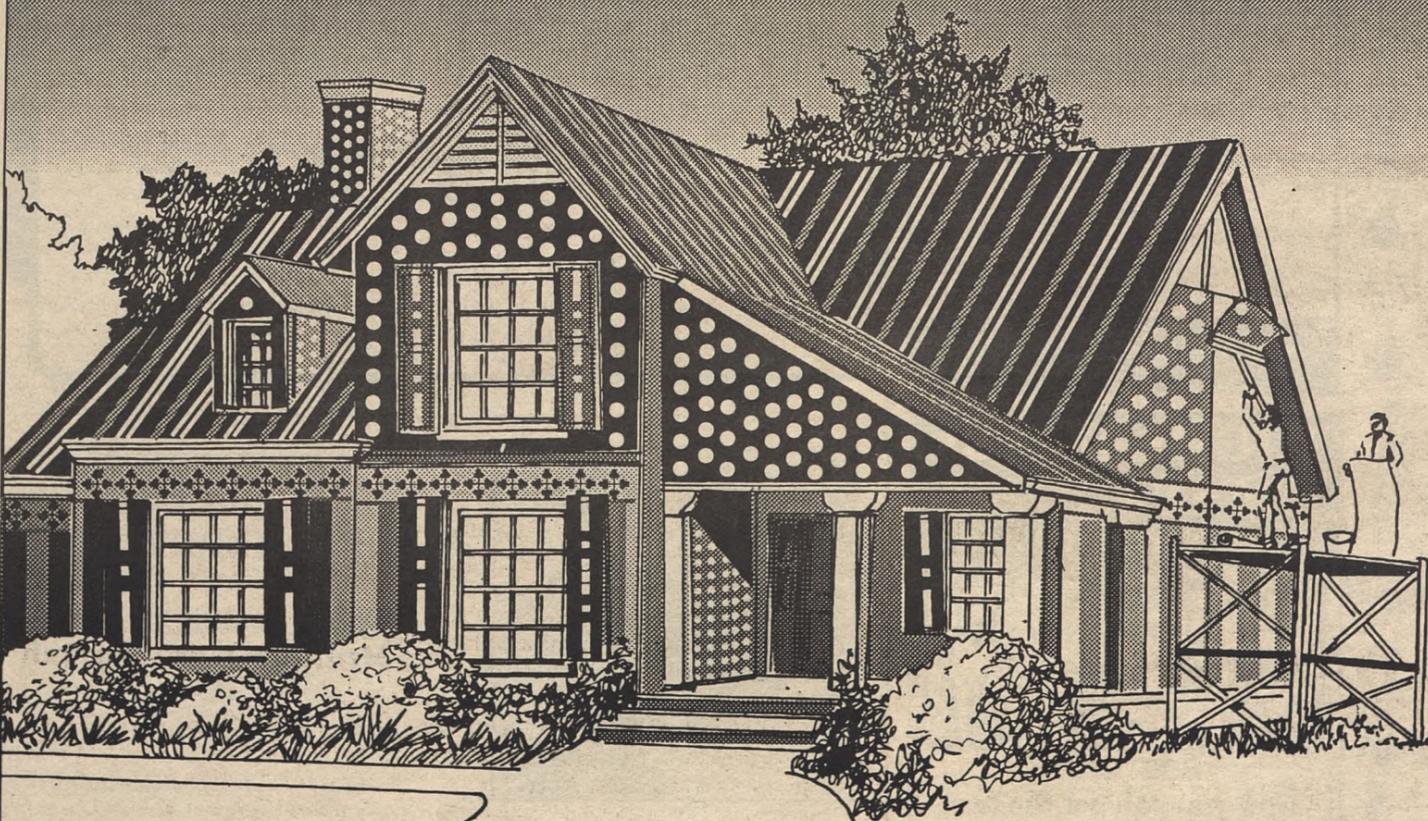
"Sergeant Elzie was one of the most loyal Marines I've ever seen," said Sgt. John B. Devolder, who served as an embassy guard with Elzie in Finland.

Devolder said he didn't have any problems with Elzie before learning he was gay and wouldn't object to serving with him now.

"Sergeant Elzie was one of the most mature Marines I've ever seen," he said. "I feel Sergeant Elzie is definitely an asset for the Marine Corps. I would definitely want a man of Sergeant Elzie's character there...watching my back, so to speak."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Jerusalem House On March 16, 1993, Jerusalem House celebrated five years of service to homeless people with AIDS at the organization's Annual Meeting held at the Cathedral of St. Philip. The following directors were elected to serve as the organization's officers: Frank Rozelle, president; Diane Lumpkin, vice president; Bruce Garner, secretary; and Gregg Bossen, CPA, treasurer. The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors: Kathleen Tommey, MD, MPH, director of the Communicable Disease Branch of the State of Georgia's Division of Public Health; Cass Singleton, senior vice president, Citizens Trust Bank; Martha LaVance; Karen Carlisle, director of Marketing Communications, Northside Hospital; Vincent Anthony, executive director, the Center for the Puppetry Arts; and Tamara Meng, manager, Georgia Customer Services, Southern Bell.

Jerusalem House is Atlanta's only non-profit organization providing permanent housing for people with HIV/AIDS who would otherwise be homeless.

Atlanta Buyers Club The members of the Orient Express hosted a successful benefit for the Atlanta Buyers Club (ABC) on Saturday, March 27. This first fundraising benefit for ABC raised over \$700. Over a dozen entertainers, fashion models and body builders presented a two+ hour show. In addition, a scrumptious Oriental buffet dinner was provided by the hosts.

According to Dennis Davis, ABC Executive Director, "We are honored to be associated with Orient Express and their fundraising efforts. This is the first time they have used one of their events to benefit a community based organization, so it is equally fitting as

this is ABC's first benefit." The Atlanta Buyers Club can be reached at 874-4845.

Hotlanta Volleyball has begun its season. Intermediate and competitive players are invited for open play every Thursday from 7-10 p.m. at Morningside Baptist Church. Recreational players are urged to come for open play every Friday from 7:30 to 10:30 at Druid Hills Methodist Church. The Hotlanta Volleyball Classic V Tournament will be held July 31 & August 1. 40 teams from around the country competed last year. Call the HVA Hotline at 621-5062 for further details.

Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee Due to the change of date because of the snowstorm last month, attendance was not optimal but approximately 100 people attended and purchased \$40,000 worth of art at the Art Auction held April 4 to benefit the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. After expenses, Pride raised \$5,100. The auctioneer, Park West Galleries, has committed to making this an annual fundraising event for Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride.

Atlanta NAPWA will present an educational forum on the "Diagnosis and Treatment of Wasting, and Defensive Eating for HIV." Dr. Larry Waites of San Francisco is a practicing physician with a large HIV clientele. He is featured regularly in The Advocate, answering questions about HIV and AIDS. Waites will speak on Monday, May 17, 1993 at Colony Square hotel, 14th & Peachtree, at 7 p.m. Please sign up by calling Atlanta NAPWA, 874-7926, Monday through Friday between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. There is no charge for this event.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Battlefront Report: Gay bashing and murder in the U.S. Military

by MICHAEL PETRELIS

Gay bashing by the U.S. military continues to pollute the world. Shockingly, our mainstream homosexual rights groups aren't willing to confront President Clinton on his silence in the face of a broad Pentagon offensive to defame and maim queers.

With a vacuum where there should be queer leadership, the Pentagon is permitted to control the public debate on gays in uniform. Unless we mobilize now for a counter-attack on the Pentagon, we're in for a defeat so resounding we may never recover.

I made fact-finding trips recently to major queer battlefronts at U.S. military installations in Japan and Kansas, agitating for justice in the anti-gay murder of Petty Officer Allen Schindler and the imprisonment for gay sodomy of sailor Larry Meholick.

Schindler, 22 years old, recently out of the closet and facing discharge from the Navy for being gay, was murdered outside the U.S. naval base at Sasebo, Japan on October 27, 1992. Two shipmates of Schindler, including the 6'4", 200+ lbs. Terry Helvey, have been implicated. Schindler was so brutally attacked that his skull was crushed, his ribs shattered and his penis nearly severed. Schindler's mother could identify her son's remains only from his tattoos.

I conducted first-hand research in Sasebo, touring the naval base, meeting with municipal police officials to question their initial murder investigation, and inspecting the public park where the murder occurred. I met shipmates of Schindler who confirmed his diary entries of horrific anti-gay attitudes on Schindler's ship, the U.S.S. Belleau Wood. I talked to and have advocated on behalf of other victims of anti-gay harassment in Sasebo.

Back in Washington, at a press conference held in front of the White House, Queer Nation/D.C. members, conservative activist Marvin Liebman and I demanded President Clinton examine the Navy's mishandling of Schindler's murder. We were authorized by Dorothy Hajdys, Schindler's mother, to present her demand for a meeting with the President to promote such examination. The President has yet to respond.

The Naval Investigative Service (NIS), famous for anti-gay witch hunts past and present, has been forced by myself and others to acknowledge the anti-gay motive for Schindler's murder. But the Navy's role in the Schindler affair has been first and last to deny justice. The NIS is:

- Refusing to interview other gay sailors (some of whom are now out of the closet) aboard the Belleau Wood, who can testify to the pattern of anti-gay harassment engaged in for months by Helvey and others;
- Threatening to arrest on sodomy charges gay sailors who are talking to the media about Schindler's murder;
- Refusing to interview eyewitnesses who can testify to five, not two, assailants;
- Refusing to prepare for a possible "homosexual panic" defense by Helvey who claims Schindler made a sexual advance on him; and
- Waging a campaign of disinformation by releasing an affidavit by an anonymous sailor who claims Helvey had sex with Schindler, hoping thereby to thwart the anti-gay bias aspect of the case and turn it into a homosexual romance gone sour.

Unbelievably, Rear Adm. William L. Schachte, the Navy's judge advocate general, commands the prosecution team and the NIS in the Schindler case. Schachte previously oversaw the NIS's role in the U.S.S. Iowa explosion and was responsible for the preposterous argument that gay sailor Clayton Hartwig blew up the ship because of a homosexual broken heart. Schachte was eventu-

ally forced to retract that "finding," but his willingness to use queers as scapegoats is clearly established.

Larry Meholick is a sailor imprisoned for being gay. His case underscores that the bid by President Clinton to rescind the gay-exclusionary Department of Defense directive addresses only part of the problem. Not covered in the debate over queers in the armed forces is the military sodomy statute criminalizing any form of lesbian or gay lovemaking.

Meholick was serving as a disbursing clerk 1st class aboard his ship. Diligent in his paymaster duties, Meholick reported to his captain that officers were skimming from the ship's accounts.

Having blown the whistle, Meholick became targeted for revenge by other officers. His homosexuality was a convenient mark. The NIS treats consensual homosexual sex and forcible homosexual sex the same. So, three male shipmates made bogus forcible sodomy claims, not of recent rape but of six and seven months previous. Two of the shipmates later recanted, but the recantations had little effect on the Navy's brand of justice for queers. Meholick has been in maximum security prison for two years, with four more years remaining.

As with Schindler, recent media attention on Meholick has forced the Navy to seek further avenues of revenge. Meholick has been moved from San Diego to Fort Leavenworth, where he is being held incommunicado. But unlike Schindler, Meholick is a living, breathing queer. To many, that makes him a much greater threat.

Where are the National Homosexual Groups? Throughout my advocacy of Schindler and Meholick, I have tried to convince the national homosexual groups to work actively on these cases, pleading for help from Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), and the new and enormously closeted group, Campaign for Military Service (CMS). But I've failed as they've all done little or no advocacy.

Many national homosexual advocates are reluctant to champion forcefully queer liberation. Sodomy repeal is anathema to them. Same-sex anal intercourse, fellatio and cunnilingus are things they just don't want to talk about, *even though the military is more than willing not only to talk about gay sodomy but to convict for it and gay-bash over it.*

I believe we need unapologetic queer advocacy, but all we get are timid Democratic homosexuals terrified of stepping on Clinton's toes. The President has yet to deliver on a *single* promise he made to our community during the campaign. But our leaders, instead of joining together to kick Clinton's butt, compete with each other for the chance to kiss it.

The dangerous complacency of the homosexual royalty needs to be supplanted by queer confrontation directed at Clinton and the Pentagon. We must:

- Hold Clinton's feet to the fire, forcing him to honor his pledges permitting queers in the military;
- Demand a special prosecutor be appointed in the Schindler murder case because of the Navy's conflict of interest;
- Demand the Navy seek expert queer co-counsel in the Helvey prosecution to be able to shoot down the homosexual panic defense;
- Demand Clinton pardon Larry Meholick and all other dykes and fags imprisoned by the military for sodomy offenses; and
- Organize and all-out assault on the federal sodomy law.

We must stop Clinton from backpedaling on his promises supporting queers in the military. Now is the time to raise our arms and voices for justice for those queer Americans courageous enough to serve their country in uniform.

Michael Petrelis is a D.C.-based queer and AIDS activist. For tips on what Schindler and Meholick actions you can pursue, Petrelis may be reached at (202) 546-4124.

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Happy 15th Anniversary to Robin Collins and Leah Simmons of Decatur. Robin and Leah will celebrate on April 20 with a night on the town including dinner and a movie.

BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to Richard Kewer. Richard's friend Curtis reports that Richard was born on April 17 "before the war." We're not sure which war. Happy Birthday Richard!

Happy Birthday to my Aunt Dorothy Ferrell in Wilmington, Delaware. She will be celebrating with her boyfriend Bill on April 17. She was born before the war, too. But I think we may be talking about a different war.

Happy Birthday to Atlanta Venture Sports member Marty Walker on April 15.

GRADUATION

Nick Pappanastos is happy to announce his graduation from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine. He will



Jerry Bright and Rick Porter will celebrate their 11 years together at the March on Washington on April 25.

begin working for the hospital at UAB following a much needed vacation to London, England, for a few weeks to visit friends. Congratulations Nick!

R&R

I would like to thank all the people who either called or came to see me while I was in the hospital. I'm still not sure how I feel about the whole ordeal but your thoughts and prayers were definitely felt during my stay at Crawford Long. And it sure felt good to check the Voice Mailbox and find all these wonderful calls when I went home.

MARK du PONT

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Cleaning Out My Closet

by SHELLY ROBERTS



It's a real sticky issue

I had to out myself to the neighbors again.

Now I know you believe that I'm the poster child for outing, so having the neighbors on the receiving end of my usual, "Hey-Hey. Whatta ya say? I'm a Lesbian all the way!" Pep-rally shouldn't be any big deal by now, right? After all, I'm the one who keeps suggesting that you stamp your money "Queer Bucks" or "Lesbian Loot" or something a little more civilized like "Homoaffectional Currency." So what's the big deal about presenting myself as who I really am to June and Ward Wannabe from down the block?

Well, it's just that I didn't realize that I would have to. Directly. Face-to-face. Again.

That's what bumper stickers are for.

I mean, why else would sticky pieces of bright paper, the removal of which requires a contractor's strength extension cord and a hot-air blow dryer, have been invented, if not to advertise the registered beliefs of the owner.

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FLOG A FAIRY FOR FALWELL!

Bumper stickers! We all love 'em because they say things for us so we don't have to. I mean, who's gonna mess with an ebony Bronco on 747 wheels, sporting the fateful: "NRA-MAKE MY DAY!?" You do not have to ask to see this driver's certificate of high school equivalency to establish that there is not exactly a delegate to the Mother Teresa School of Heavy Thinking and Diplomatic Relations on board.

But it seems that, when it comes to our ardent declarations, and bumper stickers, we're living in a Nuclear-Family Free Zone. Slap a pink triangle on the Dodge's derriere, and we think that we are being absolutely blatant. Wrongo. Pretty much what we're doing is talking to ourselves.

For example, there I was in the front yard admonishing a twenty foot Schefflera to stop drooling leaves all over the grass because it was, after all, merely a house plant that had lost its perspective. When down the street from the beach gate ambled Mr. and Mrs. America.

"Excuse us," said Mrs. A, catching me in mid-rant to a twenty-one foot ficus with an attitude.

"Yes?" I replied engagingly.

"Well, um, we've passed your car a number of times, and we were wondering..."

"Uh-huh?" I crisply retorted.

"Well, your bumper sticker says, 'WE ARE EVERYWHERE!' And we want to know who 'WE' are."

This was not the first time this had happened. (Quick assessment for concealed weapons, religious tracts, or a propensity toward certain citrus beverages, beauty pageants and bouffant hairdos—it is, after all, still Florida. Bite down hard. Deep inhale.) "Oh, *thegayandlesbian community*, of course." I respond, *politicallycorrectly*.

"Thanks." They wander down the street shaking beach sand from their boots, curiosity quenched. I biofeedback my blood pressure back into tachometer safety and chalk two more off my census of the known

universe who need to experience a genuine lesbian.

And I wonder why my bumper sticker failed?

Because I was sure that everybody who could pass the Ronald Reagan President's Literacy Test (*just spell "no"*) knows what it means. That's why I put it on there. Oops, then I realized. Correction. Everybody *gay and lesbian* I know knows what it means. *We Us*. Now that I think about it, Unemployed Republican Government Workers could apply the same sticky paper logic to themselves. So could the Fever-Blistered. And Commuters with Post Traumatic Rush Hour Syndrome. And Cops and Cab Drivers. Aren't *they* everywhere too? Except, of course, when you need them.

For example again, and try to imagine you are a Non-Gay, Pudgy, Protestant, Crimson Necked, Middle Class...oh, say, um...Houston Oilers Fan. Or Hetero Recreational Needlepointer. (Shudder.) And try these currently popular bumper sticker models on for size:

OUT IS IN—Really confusing in a political year, which lately, they all seem to be.

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HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE—Yup. Can't argue with that. Brought to you by? The Unitarian Church? The ACLU? The Mormons?

Around here the local lesbian and gay paper has a bumper sticker all its own. Maybe yours does too. Bright green on black: **twn**—it stands for *the weekly news*, and anybody who knows what it means, knows what it means. And now I know that anybody who doesn't is going to come up on my lawn and ask me what my car is talking about.

This year, of course, there's the newly popular: **DC IN 93**—Farmers seeking government subsidies, perhaps? Vietnam Vets wanting better benefits? Where does it actually tell people who "We" are? I rest my case.

Now, I'm not suggesting that you emblazon "FAGGOT" or "DYKE" over the factory installed. Unless you have a death wish. Or one of those NRA stickers too. I'm not even suggesting that "HATING A GAY MAN OR LESBIAN IS NOT A REAL NICE THING TO DO, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?" would be a great banner unless you're driving a doublewide. But just maybe there's a better way to tell our fellow travelers. Something like "gay-er" in its wording, perhaps?

On the other hand...? We're going to be driving north to the Washington march through some pretty dicey territory. Maybe I'll just surgically remove the little pink triangle that almost everyone thinks is a university parking permit. Only temporarily, you understand. Just in case someone with a 200 thread count percale wardrobe is not quite so clueless as we attempt to pass.

Anybody know where I can get the word "BUBBA: stitched onto a bumper sticker?"

SHELLY ROBERTS, author of The Dyke Detector will autograph copies of her book, and read from her nationally syndicated column at Charis Books on Monday, April 19 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

L E T T E R S

Gay mall, prank or prophecy?

To the Editor:

I read your article about the liberation of Rio on the front page of the current issue of Southern Voice. Some variation on the "Carnivale" theme just might be what the center needs.

Interestingly enough, your article could prove to be a prophecy. Ackerman no longer has anything to do with Rio Mall. The lender, Dobbins Development Corporation, has listed it with me to sell via sealed bid on April 30, 1993. While there is nearly \$20 million invested to date in the property, we are asking only \$4 million.

If a group of individuals or business owners purchases it at the new asking price, they can afford to lease space to anybody they wish for extremely attractive rental rates. If any readers have an interest or want more information, they are welcome to attend an open house on Friday, April 16, 1993, from noon to 2:00 p.m. or call me at (404) 875-1000 for a brochure.

Sincerely,

Martha E. Gross

Associate Director
Cushman & Wakefield of Georgia, Inc.

Swans or not, Delta still bigoted

Dear Editor,

I am probably not the only reader who was surprised to see the advertisement in the March 25, 1993 issue of Southern Voice announcing the Voice's participation in a promotion for the Atlanta's Ballet's production of "Swan Lake." At the bottom of the ad were a list of what I assume are the Ballet's major corporate underwriters, one of which is Delta Airlines.

Southern Voice has done more to cover Delta's sexist and homophobic employment practices than any other newspaper, gay or straight. So it is puzzling to see the paper's name linked, even indirectly, to a company with Delta's reputation. It's like seeing an advertisement in Southern Voice for a country music festival that starred performers who supported gay rights or were gay or lesbian themselves but which was underwritten by Cracker Barrel.

Lately, Delta has been struggling to shed its image as a provincial, gay-bashing airline run by a bunch of corporate rednecks. First there was the TV ad that tried to associate flying the Delta shuttle with being as much a part of the "New York state of mind" as shopping as Barney's. Then there was the "Taste of Italy" ad campaign, a joint effort by Delta, the Italian Government and Sutton Place Gourmet as part of a promotion for Delta flights to Rome. And now there is Delta's support for the ballet.

But if Delta wants to shed its image as an airline that got its start as a crop-dusting service in the Mississippi River delta (hence, the name) with a corporate culture that has its roots in that bigoted backwater and to assume a new image as a world class airline it could do this more convincingly by showing that it treats all the members of the "Delta family," gay or straight, equally and fairly by explicitly protecting them from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and providing the partners of gay and lesbian employees the same benefits and insurance coverage that the spouses of heterosexual couples receive.

I know how hard it is for arts organizations to raise money in a weak economy. I can understand the necessity of raising money from corporations that do not go out of their way to protect gay and lesbian rights. I even

understand requesting funds from a state government that is on the record in support denying gays and lesbians their rights to sexual privacy. But Delta's record of discriminations, on the one hand, and its desire to use Barney's, or Sutton Place Gourmet or The Atlanta Ballet as "cover" for its bigotry, on the other, creates a special situation.

The Ballet should decide if it really wants to be associated with this corporate image makeover, especially if the changes are only going to be cosmetic. And if the Ballet decides that it does not care where its money, tainted or otherwise, comes from, then maybe the staff of The Voice should reconsider its role in any future promotions with the Atlanta Ballet.

Sincerely,

David R. White
Washington, DC

Don't ban gays, ban the military

To the Editor:

In the past couple of weeks the horrifying news of the gay sailor killed by a homophobic shipmate and the sight of another gay soldier with a fractured skull and ear torn in half by Marines near Camp Lejeune has galvanized our community into angry motion. These weren't the first such assaults and they won't be the last. Gay bashing is condoned and reinforced by military witchhunts against gay and lesbian soldiers, and it's time we turn the heat up on the U.S. government. State sanctioned homophobia is intolerable!

Our anger is critical and we have to act. But why are people so shocked? The U.S. military has never served the function of defending U.S. citizens from danger. Its role has always been to fight for U.S. imperialist political and economic domination. On every continent, people shout "Yankee go home" against the U.S. cops of the world. U.S. troops have invaded Central America over 100 times in the past century alone. Look at the invasions of Panama, Grenada and Iraq. The justification was defense of national security, but the tiny nation of Grenada posed no military threat to the United States. Manuel Noriega of Panama and Saddam Hussein of Iraq were both former U.S. allies. Their crime: they didn't always support U.S. strategic interests. If the U.S. doesn't get its way, it sends the Marines in. For the troops, their role starts in basic training, where chants about rape provide the rhythm for the drills and people of color are dehumanized as "gooks." More than fertile ground for homophobia as well.

Violence against our community has to be stopped—no matter where it exists, no matter who the perpetrators are: individuals, organizations, or the U.S. government itself. But let's not forget the most basic lesson of human rights. We achieve nothing if we end discrimination against ourselves yet participate in oppressing others. We gain nothing by building a movement to join an institution that represents the forces of aggression and oppression for millions of people around the world.

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RIGHT WATCH

Colorado for Family Values, which claims a benign "no special rights" reason for promoting Colorado's Amendment 2, has given new reason to suspect the group's motives. The group is now recommending economic sanctions against "pro-homosexual businesses" as part of its anti-gay rights campaign.

"We aren't telling people, 'Go out and find pro-homosexual business and boycott them,'" said Kevin Tebedo, a CFV founder. "What we're saying is you're not a bad person if you choose not to buy Levi's or cancel your subscription to the Rocky Mountain News."

Levi's has cut off funding to the Boy Scouts of America because of that group's vitriolic anti-gay stance, and the Rocky Mountain News refused to cancel Lynn Johnston's "For Better or For Worse" comic strip when it began a gay storyline. CFV also said they were upset with Apple Computers and Digital Electronics because those companies have gay rights policies.

"There's nothing wrong with putting actions behind your words," said Tebedo. "The homosexuals do it all the time."

Gay and lesbian activists held a "Fight the Right" conference in Denver last month, with 250 activists on hand to discuss methods of battling the anti-gay agenda of the conservative and religious right. A Midwest "Fight the Right" regional summit has been scheduled for Cincinnati, Ohio, next September.

The Detroit City Council voted on March 17 to prohibit business travel by city employees to Colorado, and the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) has endorsed the boycott effort.

The organization that represents 51 Denver-area Presbyterian churches voted last week to ask the national church to lift its ban on ordaining openly gay ministers, and will ask the national General Assembly to condemn Colorado for passing Amendment 2 and to file a friend-of-the-court brief in a lawsuit challenging the anti-gay rights law.

In Idaho, a civil rights activist has warned that state's Mormon population that they could be next if they do not fight the Idaho Citizens Alliance's proposed anti-gay initiative.

"Mormons know from history what leg-

islated bigotry does," said Bill Wassmuth, executive director of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment.

A provision in the Idaho Constitution forbidding members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from voting, holding public office or serving on juries was not removed until 1982. The law was directed at polygamists, but it had not been enforced for years. Idaho's population includes a higher percentage of Mormons than any state but Utah.

Idaho teachers have voted to oppose the ICA initiative. The 10,000 member Idaho Education Association is considered one of the state's most powerful lobbying groups.

"What we need to educate our membership about is not pro or con on a particular lifestyle," said IEA member Todd Marshall. "It's pro or con whether we allow a group's civil rights to be taken away."

The group will decide at next year's statewide meeting whether and how much money to spend opposing the initiative.

In Oregon, an anti-gay rights petition filed by the Oregon Citizens Alliance failed to get on the ballot in Hermiston, was delayed by a technicality in Medford and was challenged in Umatilla County.

The Hermiston petition fell 41 shy of the required 367 signatures after election officials found that "quite a few people" were not registered to vote or lived outside the city.

In Medford, the initiative will not appear on the June 29 ballot because city officials gave out erroneous information to the OCA. The measure may still appear on a September ballot if enough signatures on the OCA petitions are valid.

And in Umatilla County, former county commissioner Jeanne Hughes has sued the county, claiming that the OCA measure does not meet state guidelines. An April 19 trial date has been set for the lawsuit.

A lawsuit is also on file in Klamath County, where officials await a ruling from a county judge. Signatures have been verified in that county, as well as Cornelius, Junction City and Canby. The Cornelius election is set for May 18, and the Junction City and Canby votes will take place June 29.

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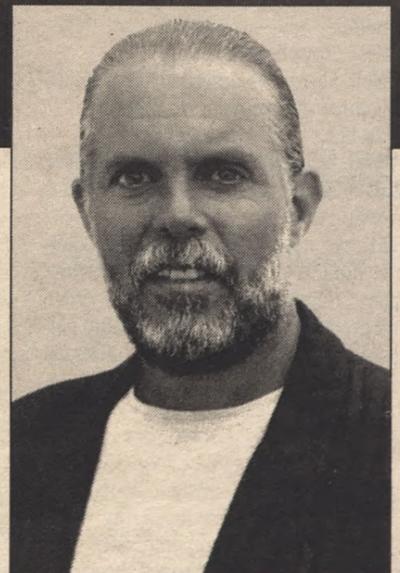
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Southern Voice reader survey winner says he'll take the money and run

Mike Mattingly doesn't mind being an average kind of guy. But unlike most average guys he has the purely pleasant dilemma of planning how to spend over \$1,500 that recently fell from the sky.

Actually, the money fell from the pockets of those at Overlooked Opinions. Mike won the dough after responding to the SoVo/Overlooked Opinions readers' survey last summer.

"When they first called I had them repeat it four or five times," Mike remembers, the amazement in his voice still apparent. "There must have been hundreds of people who responded. I couldn't believe I had won. I believe it now." Mike opted for the cash instead of a cruise which was advertised as the prize.

Mike responded to the poll because he felt he should be counted.

"Overlooked Opinions is quoted constantly by mainstream media like Time and Newsweek," he explains. "Their work makes advertisers realize that the gay consumers are sophisticated and have discretionary income. I thought it would be interesting to be in one of their surveys."

In the survey results, Mike found out he was an average SoVo reader.

He was part of the 62% of male readers, he fell in line with the majority 42% of readers who are age 31-40 (he's 32), he was part of the 41% with an undergraduate degree and he's among the 55% of readers who are democrats.

He says he's way above average in the outness category, however. On a scale from 1-10, the average SoVo reader had a 4.4 degree of outness.

"I'd say I'm more of an 8," muses Mike. "I can't think of anyone that I'm not out to. Everyone has known for so long, including my family, that it's no longer an issue."

The small town Kentucky native wasn't so confident when he first came to Atlanta 10 years ago. He admits he was a "closet case." But a man by the name of RuPaul opened up the closet door.

"He was one of the first people I met in Atlanta," recalls Mike. "He was my mentor and he taught me how to come out, be myself and enjoy life. He made me realize that no matter what you want to do in life, you should just do it and not worry about what people think of you."

Mike seems to have taken that wisdom to



Mike Mattingly

heart. After years of working in other people's florist shops, he has struck out on his own and opened his own business, Event Makers.

"It was inevitable. Every job I had was an excuse to make money to throw parties," he laughs. "I always wanted to do big, elaborate ones but it got to the point that I couldn't afford to do them in my own house. But, on other people's budgets, I am able to do them on the scale I wanted to."

Now he says he has become quite comfortable with his life as a "glorified florist." The stereotype of a gay florist used to bother him, but no anymore.

"When I felt successful at it, I felt I didn't have to apologize for it," he reflects. "In fact, my straight clients make less of a fuss about it than my gay friends. They tease me sometimes, but the customers take it as a given."

But Atlanta seems poised to soon lose its big party maker. It seems Mike and his partner have their eye on South Florida.

"I've been looking to move my business to Miami this year, so the timing of my winning this survey is almost spooky," he says. "That money will help a lot."

Atlanta's loss is certainly Miami's gain. Congratulations, Mike, and here's wishing you the best of luck from SoVo and Overlooked Opinions!

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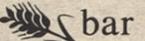


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EYE ON THE MILITARY

The Campaign for Military Service has released the results of a poll conducted as the Senate Armed Services Committee hearings on gays in the military got underway. Forty-seven percent of those responding felt "the ban should be lifted to allow homosexuals to serve in the military." Forty percent were opposed to gays and lesbians in the military, and 13% were undecided.

The results were even more encouraging when respondents were asked if they supported discharging members of the military whose same-gender sexual orientation becomes known, and have not violated any rules. An overwhelming majority of 69% opposed such discharge, while 22% supported discharge and 10% were undecided. Fifty-four percent of the respondents said that they felt strongly that gays should not be discharged.

"This poll is very encouraging," said CMS coordinator Thomas Stoddard. "It demonstrates to Congress that support for the President's position of abolishing this discriminatory policy is growing."

Mellman and Lazarus, Inc. conducted the poll for CMS between March 27 and March 31. Respondents were selected by random digit dialing techniques to ensure an unbiased sample. The margin of error for the sample is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) reiterated her position—and the position of the other Democratic women in the U.S. Senate—in an opinion piece in a recent issue of *The Advocate*.

"I was proud to join my Democratic women colleagues in the U.S. Senate and pledge our support for President Clinton's efforts to end discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military," the former Mayor of San Francisco wrote. "Together, in our first joint statement, the five of us wrote, 'The United States military is filled with brave men and women who risk their lives to defend their country. Competence, courage, and willingness to serve one's country—not sexual orientation—should be the criteria for those wishing to enlist.'"

The American Friends Service Committee also announced that it supports a lifting of the ban against gays and lesbians.

"For us, it is a matter of simple justice," said Kara Newell, executive secretary of the Quaker organization. Newell noted that although the AFSC is a pacifist organization, "discrimination based on sexual orientation, like other forms of discrimination, should be ended everywhere in our society."

More opposition to lifting the ban surfaced, however, in the April 1 edition of the *New York Times*. Dr. Richard Lee placed an ad calling for readers to sign a petition (included in the ad) encouraging Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn "to stand strong for decency" and



In their first joint statement, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), along four other women senators, called for an end to the ban on gays in the military.

against lesbians and gay men in the military.

Lee warned that although Nunn is "an honorable man," he will "face extreme pressure from the radical homosexual lobby." The address for Lee's There's Hope Ministries is PO Box 45100, Atlanta, GA 30345.

At a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors on April 1, reason met lunacy on the issue. Former **Army Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer**, the nurse discharged last year when she revealed her homosexuality, told the group that the military has a double standard when treating heterosexual and homosexual misconduct.

"The issue of sexual conduct in the military has been selectively geared toward homosexuals, totally ignoring the sexual conduct and misconduct that goes on throughout the military," Cammermeyer said.

Cammermeyer was rebutted by retired Army Col. David H. Hackworth, who explained that the military does not have to be "an equal opportunity employer." Hackworth also told the editors that gays would destroy the trust necessary among men in combat. Gays will make sexual advances toward fellow servicemen, because "it's their nature," he said. As an example, Hackworth told a story about an Army Captain he knew in Vietnam who propositioned a man after getting drunk at a party. He then sidestepped a question about whether he knew any heterosexual men who got drunk and propositioned women, saying "I was always in airborne units and we never did anything like that."

Responding to Hackworth's comments, Cammermeyer said that during a war "the last thing on your mind ought to be sex."



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Depression strikes a disproportionate number of gays

In Atlanta alone, over half a million people will suffer some form of depression. Of that number, 15% will commit suicide. A disproportionate number of those depressed people will be gays and lesbians, and a higher than average number of gays and lesbians will die by their own hand.

While the statistics themselves are depressing, there is good news. The National Mental Health Association has launched a nationwide public education campaign on clinical depression. In their drive, they are targeting the special needs of the gay and lesbian community.

"The mental health professions are becoming more educated about the special needs of each population, whether it's African Americans, the physically challenged or gays and lesbians," says Dr. Renelle Massey, a licensed psychologist and co-chair of the Georgia Psychological Association's Sexual Orientation Concerns Committee.

Gays and lesbians carry with them a greater risk of becoming depressed according to the psychologist.

"Whether it's because of AIDS—people finding out they are HIV+ or losing a friend or partner to the disease—or just dealing with the homophobia of society," says Dr. Massey, "gays and lesbians are more often depressed or suicidal."

Massey points out that gay and lesbian adolescents are at the biggest risk for suicide. A 1989 federal study found that gays and lesbians account for 30 percent of all youth suicides. That report also showed that 28% of gay teens drop out of school because of harassment and discomfort.

In Boston, Massachusetts, Governor William Weld appointed a Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth to find ways to combat the problem. In the 57-page report issued by the commission, several recommendations were made, including training teachers and counselors to deal with gay students and anti-gay behavior and forming school-based support groups for gay and straight students.

Experts feel the state is on the right track.

"Having someone to talk to about these issues can greatly reduce the depression," says Dr. Massey. "Seeing a trained professional and having support groups are important."

But how do you know if you're de-

pressed? Many people say they've "got the blues," or that it's just something that hits everybody. And while that may be true in some cases, many times the depression can be genetic or manic without the person realizing it.

The National Mental Health Association provides a basic checklist to help you identify clinical depression.

- Feelings of sadness and/or irritability
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed (including sex)
- Change in weight or appetite
- Changes in sleeping patterns
- Feeling guilty, helpless or worthless
- Inability to concentrate, remember things, or make decisions
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Restlessness or decreased activity noticed by others
- Thoughts of suicide or death

If five or more of these symptoms are present for at least two weeks or longer, you may need help. And it is important, especially for gays and lesbians, to seek it out.

"One of the most important things you can do is talk about who you are in an open way, whether it's through a therapist, a social group or a political action group," says Dr. Michael Sessions, a clinical psychologist and public information chair of the Georgia Psychological Association. "Ultimately, being able to talk about yourself with other people is how you get self-affirmation and that is the basis for self-esteem. You've got to be out there and say this is who I am and there is nothing wrong with that. You will face resistance to that and that's why social support is absolutely key."

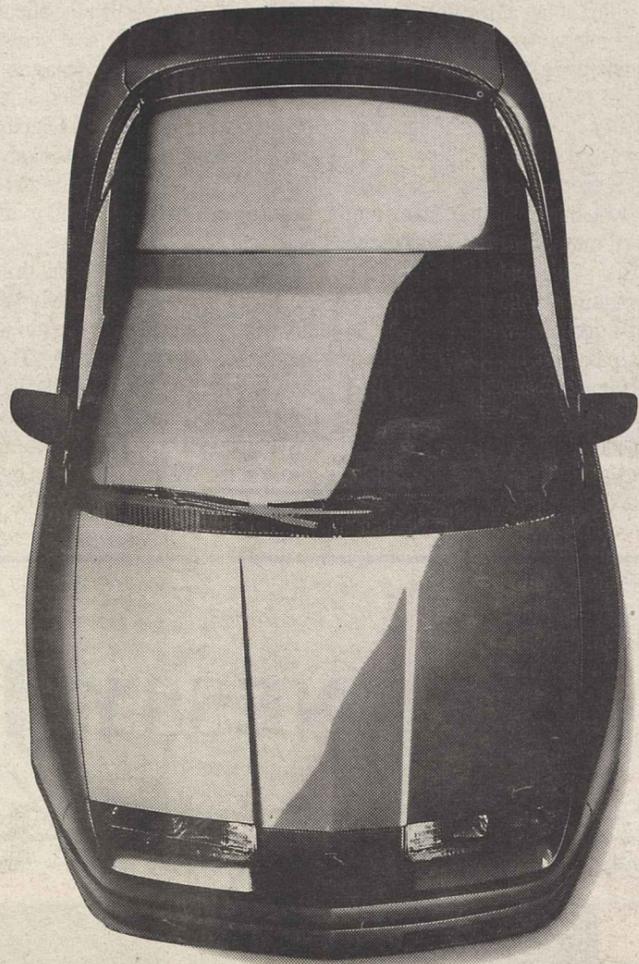
But Dr. Massey says be careful about choosing a therapist. It is becoming increasingly rare, but there are still therapists who stress conversion or "curing" homosexual feelings.

"That practice has been largely condemned by the mental health profession," says Dr. Massey. "But, you still need to be sure you have a therapist who is supportive."

And the bottom line, stressed by both Drs. Massey and Sessions, is support and treatment.

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Dedicated Idahoan fights conservative right's anti-gay initiative

Boise ID—Brian Bergquist is exhausted.

On top of his 50-hour-a-week job, the chairman of Idaho for Human Dignity organizes a statewide opposition to an anti-gay initiative. He averages two interviews per day and runs the political campaign from his Boise home.

But Bergquist, 34, willingly undertook the task because nearly 100 members of the city's gay community asked him to.

The initiative, proposed by the Idaho Citizens Alliance, would prevent the state from extending special minority status to gay men and lesbians.

And as Bergquist savored the first relaxing moment of a recent day in the home he shares with his partner of three years, Boise attorney John Hummel, he paused as he tried to remember what he does with his free time.

"I try to schedule appointments during my lunch hour, and after work I spend time re-

turning calls," he said after finishing a dinner of fast-food tacos. "You just kind of scramble around and roll with it."

Bergquist knows that the attention has just begun. For at least the next year, as the Alliance tries to qualify its measure for Idaho's November 1994 ballot, Bergquist and more than 100 Idaho for Human Dignity volunteers know the issue of gay rights likely will divide Idahoans, just as Oregonians and Coloradans were divided by similar ballot initiatives last year.

"I kind of want to pretend that this is all a fantasy of [ICA founder] Kelly Walton's, that this will all go away and the sun will come up tomorrow," Bergquist said. "The reality is, they're planning on spending half a million dollars to convince people that gays and lesbians are pederasts and everything else they can throw at us. We're going to act on that."

Bergquist and other Idaho for Human Dignity board members have devised a direct person-to-person strategy, with input from similar groups like Oregon's No on 9 and Speak Out Oregon.

"You don't change people's opinions with a 30-second spot on TV," Bergquist said. "If the volunteers can talk to somebody for 10 minutes or an hour and have that person realize that we're just human beings, that we may do something different in our bedrooms—that's the primary difference—then that will do a lot more to change people."

Although Bergquist is a first-time political activist, he and Hummel are not new to involvement in the gay community.

Hummel helped found Your Family, Friends and Neighbors, a Boise human rights organization donated to educating the public about issues facing gays. Bergquist, the assis-

tant director of the Student Union at and coordinator of conferences at Boise State University, serves as adviser to the BSU Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

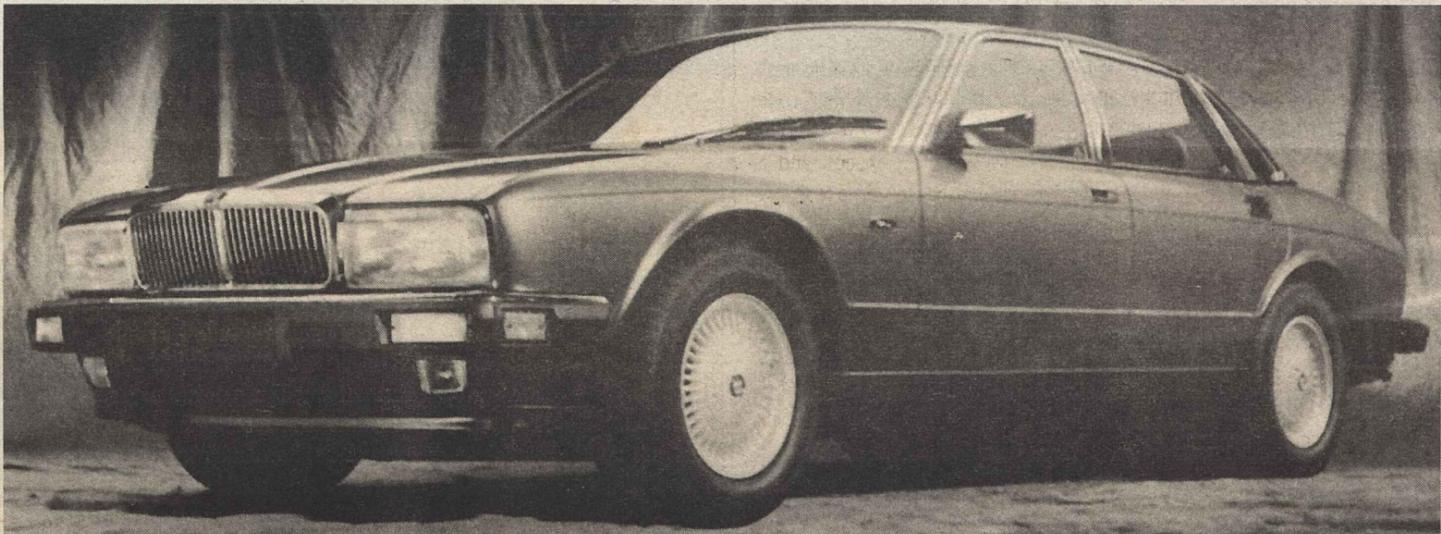
"Special rights" isn't the only gripe Bergquist has with the Idaho Citizens Alliance, or that group's initiative. Both he and Hummel challenge other arguments integral to the alliance's platform.

Sexual orientation, Bergquist and Hummel say, is not a choice but a trait. Therefore, they add, gays are not seeking minority status based on behavior, as the Citizens Alliance contends.

"No one knows what causes homosexuality, or heterosexuality for that matter," said Hummel. "Even if Brian and I choose to be this way, to love each other, to live together and be attracted to one another, does it really mean we don't deserve civil rights?"

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Local playwright Pam Parker getting much-deserved recognition



Atlanta playwright Pamela Parker

Pamela Parker wrote her first play on a dare. Six years later, she is beginning to get some of the recognition she deserves. She received a grant in 1992 from the DeKalb County Arts Council and has recently been honored as the Resident Playwright for the Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur. Her fourth play, "Grass Widows" has appeared off-Broadway.

Pamela's success as a playwright is surprising in light of the fact that it was never something that she intended to do.

"My first play was "Kissing Frogs" which I wrote on St. Simon's where I was working at a dinner theatre at night and cleaning houses during the day. One of the houses I cleaned was the director of the dinner theatre. I saw some of the plays that she was rejecting, and I said, 'I could do this' and she said 'Sure you could, go ahead.' And I did. I knocked one out in two weeks. She did a reading of it and liked it. I've been writing ever since."

Pamela has found not only opportunity but freedom in the theatre. After an experience with a female friend while in high school, she tried to ignore her gay feelings. That is until she went to a summer stock theatre program the next year.

"When I got there, everybody was gay and I thought, 'what better time to find out.' I had been saying that I was bisexual until I kissed my first woman that summer. After I kissed her I said, 'no, I'm not bisexual, 'cause it's a whole lot different than kissing boys.' The open atmosphere of the theatre helped me to come out.

"It's easier to be gay in the theatre. There may not be more gays there, but the openness allows them to be themselves and they are more visible. I know from my day job that there are gay people there as well, but you don't really talk about it because you don't want to go out and find your tires flattened. Plus it's just not very comfortable to be out around people who are not accepting.

"I think people in the theatre are more sensitive and that they are more aware of things that are outside themselves. It's not that they are better educated, but that they think a little more than the average individual and this open mindedness allows greater freedom for everyone involved."

When asked if she thinks being a lesbian

makes a difference in her writing, she replies, "I don't know how being a lesbian affects my playwriting, because I've never written any other way. Writers write from their own life experience, therefore being a lesbian does affect my writing, I'm just not sure how."

Pamela hasn't really written a gay play per se, yet. "Second Samuel," currently showing at Mercer University, does, however, take a tenuous peek at what a small Southern town thinks about gender bending. It delivers an amusing insight into what happens when things do not turn out quite as we expect, and a gentle reminder that perhaps it's time to throw some of those old expectations away.

"I think that it's really important for people to see diversity and have it presented in such a way that it doesn't threaten them. They can see a situation like the one presented in "Second Samuel" and see it presented in a non-threatening, rather traditional way and not be put off by it.

"You get the reddest of rednecks sitting there and they had a good time. They don't feel threatened and they don't see anything wrong with what is presented. They can walk away and say, 'That's good, that was okay.'

"That's what I want to do with my writing. To show that you can accept things without liking them, deal with choices without that being your choice. I don't know if that comes from being a lesbian or from being Pam, but I realize that it's very important to me."

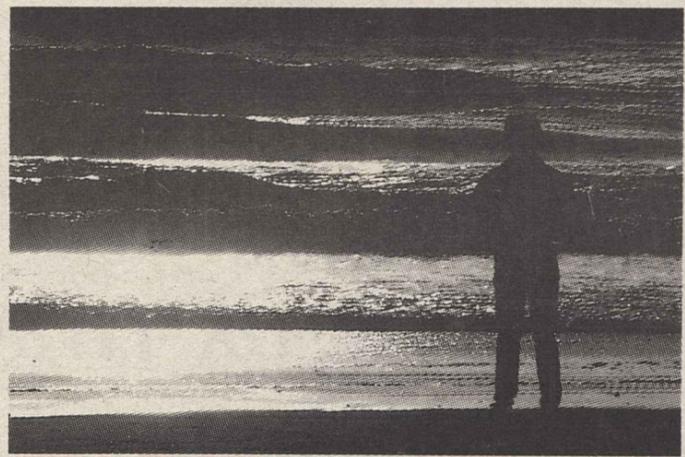
It is the third production of "Samuel," and the first that Ms. Parker won't be directing. She doesn't appear to be the least bit uneasy about her play being in the hands of director Greg Poulós.

"I find it interesting when someone else directs one of my plays," she said, "because they may come up with an entirely different slant than something I might have thought of. I do still have some input into the production, but there is a point at which you have to let go of a play and see what someone else will do with it."

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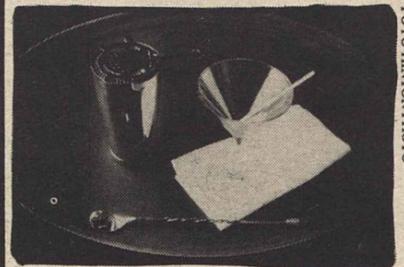


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YOUR GUIDE TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

DC will be a totally gay city during the March on Washington. Grand public spaces, like the Romanesque fortress of the Old Post Office building and neo-Roman Pension Building (its columns reputed to have the biggest shafts in town) will play host to gay throngs. The Metro and streets will be a gay and lesbian friendly vision of paradise, and for a weekend, there will be a delicious illusion that every place is our place.

But in workaday Washington, it is only in certain neighborhoods that we can feel at home. Chief among these is the area around Dupont Circle at the intersection of P St. and Connecticut Ave. NW. The P St. strip of bars and clubs between 21st and 22nd Streets is the area's oldest continuing gay nightspot. Mr. Ps and its neighbor The Fireplace, are cruise bars; the Fireplace, with its video wall and windows on the outside world, is right now the trendier of the two. Across the street above a bagel shop is the piano bar, Friends. Don't worry if you only know the words to the first chorus of "I'll Take Manhattan"—few of the regulars singing along do either. Behind Friends in an old carriage house is the cruise/dance bar the Frat House; go through the alley to 22nd St., and you'll be at the disco Badlands (nicknamed Sadlands and Blands). The Frat and Mr. Ps tend to be among the city's more interracial clubs; Badlands gets the college crowd.

A second gay strip has sprung up over the past ten years along 17th St. on the other side of the circle between R and P Streets. J.R.'s is the city's ultimate S & M (stand and model) bar, host to Reagan/Bush White House staffers and the occasional TV weatherman. Trumpets on the basement level at Q St. is setting new standards for p'legant gay decor, with medium pricey food and an elegant bar. Just up the street is Annie's Paramount, the definitive DC steak and potatoes restaurant. It's always packed on weekends, so don't be surprised at a wait. For those hankering for blue plate specials, the Trio serves up mom's home cooking served by waitresses who look a lot like mom, if mom is 50 something in a well lacquered hairdo.

DC's only women's bar, The Hung Jury, is just south of Dupont Circle in the Foggy Bottom area (1819 H St. NW).

In between these two areas, you can get lesbian/feminist culture at Lammas women's bookstore (12th St., just below P), under new, very friendly ownership. Celebrate the gay/lesbian/bi experience at Lambda Rising (1625 Connecticut Ave.) a DC institution that sponsored the city's first gay pride day in the 1970s. Culture of every other sort is in dozens of art galleries

that line R St. between Connecticut and Florida Avenues, and along P St. between 21st and 19th.

Just north of Dupont Circle, the Adams Morgan neighborhood makes multiculturalism a fact of life, or at least of food. Starting with Malaysian cuisine at S and 18th Streets, 18th is a veritable United Nations of eateries, with more Ethiopian restaurants between Kalorama and Columbia Road than any spot

Tips for First Time Visitors

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Maps: While in the city, free maps, materials and advice are available at the Washington Visitor's Bureau, 145 Pennsylvania Ave. Details: (202) 789-7038.

What To Do: "The Gay and Lesbian Services Guide" lists over 500 businesses that cater to gays and lesbians in the D.C. area. Carried by gay and lesbian bookstores in the D.C. area.

The Washington Blade, a weekly gay and lesbian newspaper is free and comes out each Friday. Details: (202) 797-7000.

Woman's Monthly is the city's largest lesbian publication. Carried by gay and lesbian bookstores in the area.

this side of Addis Ababa. There are at least four French bistros, a couple of Caribbeans (Cafe Atlantico on Columbia Road was a hot spot recently), Vietnamese, Italian, Hispanic, South American and on. I Matti on 19th St. is the lower priced version of one of the city's 5-star Italian restaurants and Perry's is a long running rock 'n roll and sushi club in what used to be DC's "A" gay bar in the early 80s. Also on 18th St. is El Faro, the city's only Hispanic gay and lesbian bar.

The other gay neighborhood is on Capitol Hill and South

East Washington. If Dupont Circle has a kind of faux-Paris atmosphere and Adams Morgan is low-rise Manhattan, Capitol Hill has the feel of small town Americana. You'll find lots of gay men and women thronging the Eastern Market (7th and North Carolina SE) on a Saturday morning, the last of the city farmers' markets still standing, and still valiantly resisting efforts to boutique it. Current hot spot on The Hill is the remodeled expanded Remington's—put on your boots and spurs and be ready to two-step here. Eighth St. south of Pennsylvania Avenue is home to a cluster of spots, including Wild Oats, and two of the city's busier black gay bars, the connected Bachelor's Mill and Back Door Pub. Big disco life lives at Tracks and the nearby Quorum (formerly the Lost and Found, the grand dame of DC discos). What remains of the sleeze industry is quartered here, with dancing boys at La Cage aux Follies and on Quorum's Ozone bar, as well as in the Follies gay porn theater. Patrons provide the entertainment at the Club baths and the Glorious Entertainment Center; drag survives at Zigfields.

The rest of DC gay life is disbursed about the city. Leather (or leatherette) is the name of the game at The Eagle on New York Ave. at 7th St. NW. New and always packed (it's not a big club) is the Green Lantern, just around the corner from the Washington Post on L St. NW between 13th and 14th Streets. You can catch Mr. 9-1/2 and the other gogo boys at two black clubs on weekends—the Brass Rail, not far from the Eagle on 5th St., and The Nob Hill not too far from Adams Morgan at 11th and Kenyon Streets NW. And Delta Elite in the Catholic University area of Northeast Washington is filled with a very beautiful, very late night African American gay crowd weekends.

There are dozens of guide books, gay and straight, available. In addition to standbys like Damron, Ferrari and Gayellow Pages, there is a newly published Wanderlust North East edition. And for all those shameless rutting sluts in heat (you know who you are), snap up a copy of the comprehensive Betty and Pansy's Severe Queer Review of Washington DC, worth reading for its white trash, go anywhere, do anything drag queen style alone. The paragraphs on the Pentagon are priceless. So what if Betty lives in San Francisco; he sure scoped out the DC dirt in a hurry.

JIM MARKS

Jim Marks is the editor of Lambda Rising Book Report and lives in Washington, D.C.

1993 March On Washington Calendar of Events

Thursday April 22

"AIDS CURE NOW" Rally
 Location: DuPont Circle Time: 12:00 noon
 Description: Rally and march to White House for demonstration

Friday April 23

Park Beautification Project
 Sponsor: Forgotten Scouts Location: Various Park Sites within D.C. Time: 7:00 a.m. Description: Restoration and renovation of Parks.

Business Fair for Lesbian and Gay Entrepreneurs

Location: US Small Business Administration, 8th Floor Conference Room, 409 3rd St SW Above the Federal Center Metro station Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 Description: Come have coffee and meet other Lesbian and Gay small business owners. Learn about federal programs and resources that could help your business or start a business

Legal Picket & Press Conference

Sponsor: ACT UP Network Location: Dept of Health & Human Services 330 Independence Ave SW, L'Enfant Plaza or Federal Center Metro stops Time: 11:00 a.m.
 Description: An action focussing on Lesbians and AIDS

Sing Out on The Capitol Steps

Sponsor: Shock T Music Location: The Capitol Steps Time: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
 cost: Free Description: The combined Choir of gay & lesbian choruses and friends sing "Together Proud and Strong."

Candlelight Vigil

Location: Holocaust Museum, Raoul Wallenberg Plaza Independence Ave SW, Between 14th & 15th Sts, Smithsonian Metro stop Time: 6:00 p.m.

Celebration of Pride

Sponsor: People with Disabilities Community Location: Omni Georgetown Hotel 2121 P Street, NW. Near Dupont

Circle Time: 7:00 p.m. - midnight
 cost: \$10.00 Description: Cultural event for people w/ disabilities and their friends

Harmonic Convergence - A Gay and Lesbian Choral Mini-Festival

Sponsor: Gay Men's Chorus of Washington Location: Lisner Auditorium/George Washington University 21st & H Sts NW Time: 8:00 p.m.
 cost: \$18.00 & \$22.00 capacity: 1400
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Women, Words and Rhythm

Sponsor: The Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer and Whitman Walker Lesbian Health Services Location: George Washington University/Marvin Center 21st & I Sts NW Time: 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.
 Description: A reading to Benefit Lesbian Health Care featuring Dorothy Allison, Chrystos, Jewelle Gomez, and Irena Klepfisz; Minnie Bruce Pratt as emcee

S/M Leather Fetish Kick-off Party

Sponsor: Fantastic Realities Location: Quorum 56 L St SE, Navy Yard Metro stop Time: 8:00 p.m.
 cost: \$10.00 capacity: 2500
 Description: Dance

Filmfest DC: A Lesbian & Gay Film Celebration

Sponsor: Washington DC International Film Festival Location: Cineplex Odeon Jenifer 5252 Wisconsin Ave, NW. Redline Metro to Friendship Heights. cost: \$6.50
 Description: Fri 4/23 at 8:30 p.m. "The Queen" a cinema verite documentary of the 1967 Miss All-American Camp Beauty Pageant. Sat 4/24 "Silverlake Life: The View From Here," won the Grand Jury Prize for best documentary at this years Sundance Film Fest. Sun 4/25 "Speak Its Name" a collection of Lesbian and Gay Film Shorts.

Hoedown! 93, a Country Western Dance Extravaganza

Sponsor: Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association Location: National Building Museum, 401 F St., NW Redline Judiciary Square Metro Stop Time: 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
 cost: \$20.00 capacity: 1600
 Ticket purchase: call 202-298-0928 info line

National Women's Ball aka National Lesbutante Ball

Sponsor: National Organization of Women Location: National Press Club 529 14th Street, NW 13th floor Time: 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
 cost: \$125.00 Description: Dance also featuring The Kit, McClure Band, Kate Clinton, Suede, Robin Tyler, Cathy

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 Formal attire optional.
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Saturday April 24

Arlington National Cemetary Memorial March for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Veterans

Location: Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Near Lincoln Memorial) Time: 8:00 a.m. capacity: 1000-5000
 Description: Guest Speakers and marchers gather at the Vietnam Memorial to honor lesbian, gay and bisexual sailors, soldiers and airmen. The group will march to Arlington National Cemetary to place 25,000 pink triangles on 10% of the graves.

Biblical Self Defense Workshop

Sponsor: Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church 400 I Street SW Time: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 cost: \$30.00 capacity: 200
 Description: Examine passages commonly used against homosexuality, explore various interpretations of scripture, understand modern biblical scholarship supportive of lesbian, gay and bi-sexualities.

Fun Run

Sponsor: DC Fronrunners Location: Smithsonian Metro Stop on the Mall Time: 10 a.m.
 cost: Free Description: 3 to 6 mile run followed by coffee & bagels or whatever at the food court of the Old Post Office Pavilion.

Soccer Tournament on the Mall

Sponsor: DC Sports Association Location: The soccer field by the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display

Location: Ellipse Time: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sat. & Sun.
 Description: The first interactive display of the Quilt. The Quilt will be made up of entirely new panels brought to the event and pinned directly onto the display, reflecting the changing face of the epidemic.

Harvey Milk Memorial Design Unveiling & Tribute To Leonard Matlovich

Location: Congressional Cemetary Time: 11:00 a.m.

The Wedding - Interfaith Ceremony of Commitment

Sponsor: UFMCC Location: IRS Building Constitution Ave Between 10th&11th St cost: \$10 registration for certificate of union Description: a demonstration for couples rights

The Drag Show On The Mall

Sponsor: The Transgender Caucus of the MOW Nat. Steering Committee Location: Sylvan Theatre 15th Street & Independence Ave., SW, Washington Monument grounds Time: 12:00 noon - 12:00 midnight
 Description: A talent showcase for transgendered people, transsexuals, drag queens, cross dressers and others. A variety of artistic disciplines will be featured.

National LGB Student Networking Conference

Sponsor: National Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Student Caucus of USSA, United States Student Association Location: George Washington University 21st & H Sts NW, Foggy Bottom/GWU metro stop Time: 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m.
 Ticket purchase: call 202-347-8772.

"Hands Around the Capitol"

Sponsor: ACT UP/DC Location: The Capitol Do you Time: 12:00 noon
 Description: An Action to demand increased funding for AIDS research, care, prevention and education.
 Ticket purchase: to participate, contact the ACT UP/DC Coordinators at 202-328-2437

Women of Power Luncheon

Sponsor: National Organization for Women Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, 13th Floor Time: 12 noon. cost: \$100.00 Description: Celebrate women who are making a difference in the fight against lesbian oppression through their outstanding examples of personal courage.
 Ticket purchase: call 202-331-0066

The Wedding Reception

Sponsor: UFMCC Location: Tracks 1111 1st St SE, across the street from the Navy Yard Green Line Metro Time: 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
 cost: \$5 at the door, children under 10 free.

People of Color Forum

Sponsor: People of Color Caucus Location: National Press Club Main Lounge 529 14th St NW Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 Description: Forum for People of Color, Asian American, and Native American

A Time to Shine: Day of Healing for PLWAs

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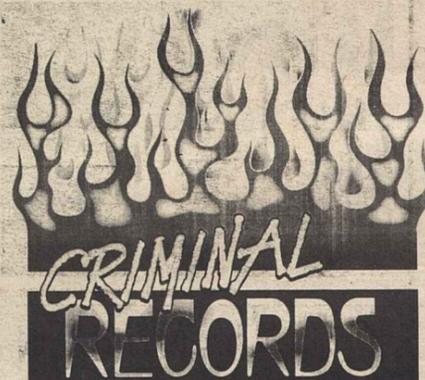
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"A Service Of Inspiration and Hope: A Place For Everyone In God's Kingdom"
Sponsor: Paul Bodkin, National Cathedral **Location:** The National Cathedral Mount St. Alban, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Ave. NW **Time:** 4:00 p.m.
cost: an offering will benefit The Momentum Project, Inc. (AIDS Meal Program) **Description:** An Interfaith Service featuring performances by the Joffrey Ballet, Carmen Balhrop (Soprano- Metropolitan Opera), a massed chorus and other special guest readers and musicians.

Benefit Reception for Gay Games IV
Sponsor: Gay Games IV **Location:** Washington Hilton 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW (Three and one half blocks of Dupont Circle Metro, Q Street Exit) **Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
cost: \$100.00 **Description:** A benefit reception with Honorary Hosts Bob Paris and Rod Jackson

Experience Greek Life
Sponsor: Delta Lambda Phi **Location:** BADLANDS Annex, 1415 22nd St NW Near corner of 22nd & P **Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
cost: \$5.00 **Description:** Social gathering for gay sorority and fraternity members, alumni and friends

Taps Ceremony
Sponsor: GLB Veterans of America **Location:** Viet Nam Memorial **Time:** 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
cost: Free **capacity:** TBA
Description: A ceremony of Honor and Remembrance, where all are invited to speak the names of gay, lesbian & bisexual service members no longer with us, concluding with Echo Taps from the Lincoln & Viet Nam Memorials.

The Dyke March
Sponsor: The Ad Hoc Committee for Lesbian Visibility **Location:** Dupont Circle **Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
cost: Free **Description:** A celebration of struggle, survival and resistance. Join rowdy women marching from Dupont Circle down Connecticut Ave to 17th St, past the White House to 15th St and on to the Washington Monument for a 9:00 p.m. rally.

Americans We
Sponsor: Lesbian and Gay Bands of America **Location:** Warner Theatre 513 13th St NW, Metro Center Metro stop **Time:** 7:30 p.m. **cost:** \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 **Description:** A concert featuring the combined bands of the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America.
Ticket purchase: call TicketMaster at 1-800-551-SEAT or 301-808-6900. Tix also available at Lambda Rising Bookstore, 1625 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC, 20009, 202-462-6969

NGLTF Fundraiser Concert
Sponsor: NGLTF **Location:** University of District of Columbia Auditorium 4200 Connecticut Ave NW, Van Ness Metro stop **Time:** 8:00 p.m.
cost: \$18.00 **Description:** Romanovski & Phillips, Margie Adams, & Karen Williams in concert.
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Evening of Jewish Lesbian Entertainment - Havdallah Service followed by Concert
Sponsor: Bridges, A Journal for Jewish Feminists and Our Friends **Location:** New York Ave. Presbyterian Church 1313 New York Ave, NW **Time:** 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
cost: \$10.00 (more if you can, less if you can't) **capacity:** 1000
Description: Havdallah service and commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising followed by a concert featuring Alix Dobkin, Laura Berkson and Ruth Pelham and a klezmer band.
Ticket purchase: Advance tickets from Bridges, or at the door.

"Freedom Reigns" Dance
Sponsor: Rich's Houston & San Diego, benefitting MOW **Location:** DC Armory Blue or Orange Metro, Stadium/Armory stop **Time:** 8:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
cost: \$30.00 **capacity:** 20,000

Venus Rising - A Celebration for Women
Sponsor: Bon Vivant & Party Girl Productions **Location:** Blossoms, Old Post Office Pavillion **Time:** 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
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Sponsor: Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and The Spring To Life Foundation **Location:** Post Office Pavillion 12th & Pennsylvania Ave NW, Federal Triangle metro stop **Time:** 10:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m.
cost: \$40/general adm, \$500/VIP **Description:** Concert starring RuPaul and Rozalla
Ticket purchase instructions: Ticketmaster

Sunday April 25

The March
Location: The Mall **Time:** Noon

Afternoon Stage & Rally
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 ▼ Coretta Scott King (unconfirmed)
 ▼ Sen. Ted Kennedy (unconfirmed)
 ▼ President Bill Clinton (unconfirmed)

DIVAS: Simply Singing! Concert
Sponsor: National Minority Aids Council **Location:** Warner Theatre 513 13th St NW, Metro Center metro stop **Time:** 8:00 p.m.
cost: \$25-\$50, \$100 includes Private Press Reception, \$250 includes private cast party. **capacity:** 1850
Description: An evening of song & entertainment starring Thelma Houston, Melba Moore, Brenda Russell, Valerie Simpson, Mary Wilson, Liz Torres, Sheryl Lee Ralph and more. Marsha Warfield, emcee.

Disappear Fear w/Ellen James Society
Sponsor: I.M.P. Concerts **Location:** Nightclub 9:30 930 F St., NW **cost:** \$8.00 **Description:** Concert

Freedom Rings Dance
Sponsor: Steve Berman Productions **Location:** Washington Hilton 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Dupont Circle metro stop **Time:** 8:46 p.m. - 2:01 a.m.
cost: \$20 in advance/\$30 at door **Description:** A dance celebration for gays, lesbians, their friends and family, benefitting NGLTF, HRCF & MOW Committee
Ticket purchase instructions: Ticketmaster 800-551-SEAT

Monday, April 26

Rally
Sponsor: Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, Human Rights Campaign Fund **Location:** Pentagon grounds Pentagon metro stop **Time:** 8:00 a.m. To coincide with morning colors. (arrive early)
Description: Patriotic gathering of veterans and friends.

Wreath Laying Ceremony
Sponsor: GLB Veterans of America **Location:** The Tomb of the Unknowns Arlington National Cemetary **Time:** 9:30 a.m.
cost: Free **Description:** A formal wreath laying by the National Officers of GLBVA

Civil Disobedience
Location: Capitol **Time:** 9:30
Description: Demonstration in support of fundamental change in our national health care system.

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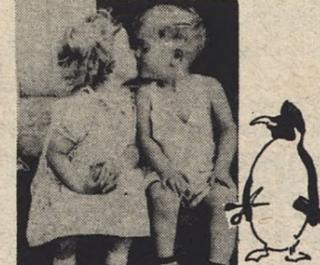
Historical Exhibit (4/20/93-5/2/93)
Location: The Stables Art Center 410 8th Street, **Time:** weekdays 11:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., weekends 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Location: DCAC, 2438 18th St NW In Adams Morgan **Time:** Tue. - Thur., 8:00 p.m. / Fri., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. & 11:30 p.m. / Sat., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.
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"Beyond Loss" - Art in the Era of AIDS Exhibit (4/24-5/30)
Sponsor: Washington Project for the Arts, Whitman-Walker Clinic **Location:** Washington Projects for the Arts 400 7th St., NW, Corner of 7th & D Sts NW, entrance on D St, Archives and Gallery Place Metro Stops, one block north of Pennsylvania Ave. **Time:** Exhibit Hours, Sat 4/24 : 11:00a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Sun 4/25: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Mon 4/26: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m..
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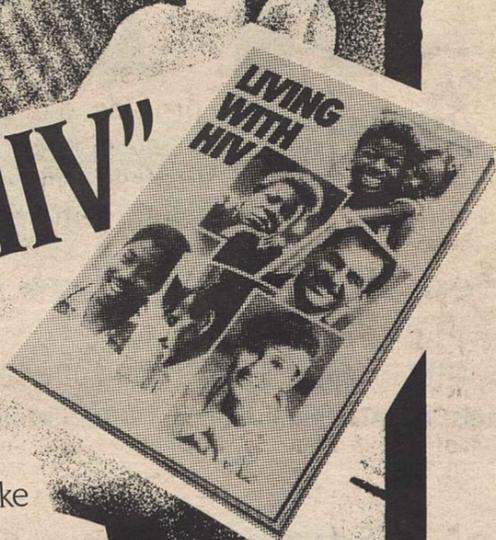
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March History

1979 On October 14, 1979, approximately 100,000 people marched on Washington to demand their rights as gay and lesbian American citizens. According to Steve Ault, one of the three co-chairs of the 1987 March, the March was first proposed at a leadership conference in Denver in 1977. A steering committee was formed and a proposal summarizing the need for the action was circulated throughout the national community. Discord with the organizing structure caused the effort to collapse. However, the idea of having a lesbian and gay march on Washington had already sparked an interest in different parts of the country.

Concurrently, Harvey Milk in San Francisco and members of the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights in New York City decided to pick up the pieces and move ahead. Steve Ault drafted a proposal for the March, working in conjunction with others including Harry Britton in the middle of a meeting in New York regarding the March, a phone call from San Francisco informed the group of Harvey Milk's assassination. Milk's death solidified the resolve of those present to make the March a reality.

By the time of the next major conference, a national mandate for a March on Washington had developed. The national lesbian and gay media started to take note of the March's progress and excitement was in the air. By the end of August, the national organizations were endorsing the March.

Starting at noon on October 14, 1979, a crowd drawing from all 50 states took banners in hand and marched down Pennsylvania Avenue to a massive rally at the Washington Monument. The event attracted national media coverage, making the front page of 50 newspapers across the country.

1987 The rise in homophobia under the Reagan administration, and the inadequate gov-

ernment response to the AIDS crisis, led to a series of discussions between 1979 March activists Joyce Hunter and Steve Ault, along with Ray Hill of Houston, John O'Brien of Los Angeles, Howard Wallace of San Francisco, and also Gwendolyn Rogers and Gil Gerald of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays.

A document proposing a new march was drafted by Ault and Hunter and first circulated at a lesbian and gay leadership conference in Los Angeles. The document was also circulated among the major national lesbian and gay organizations. First to endorse the proposal was the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, soon followed by NGLTF, Rev. Troy Perry of MCC, and HRCF.

The first organizing meeting was called for July 17, 1986 in NYC and was attended by 50 people. The timing couldn't have been better, for only sixteen days earlier, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision on *Hardwick v. Bowders*. The community was outraged: spontaneous actions were occurring all over the country and a mandate for national action was building. Attended mostly by representatives of national organizations and veterans of the 1979 March, the conference participants drafted a call for a new march and started to organize a much larger conference for November 1986.

The November conference hammered out the politics, major logistical issues and an organizing structure. Other actions were also planned including a non-violent civil disobedience action at the U.S. Supreme Court and a day of lobbying on Capitol Hill.

In October, 1987, over 650,000 gathered for celebration, protest, remembrance and civil disobedience. It was the largest civil rights demonstration in United States history. Galvanized by the indifference of government content to let them die from an epidemic fundamentalists called "God's punishment," and a court decision that allowed consenting adults to be imprisoned for the way they choose to express their love, the crowd marched behind the slogan "For Love and For Life, We're Not Going Back."

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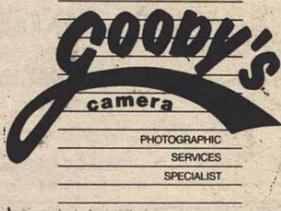
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28 OUT & ABOUT

THEATRE REVIEW

PRACTICING HOMOSEXUALS Rebecca Ranson's new and topical play, "Practicing Homosexuals," is based upon interviews with Atlanta gays and lesbians who served in the military. The story of two women who become lovers while in the service together, and who both receive discharges, makes up the main part of the play.

This play uses the structural device of dramatic monologue, having characters representing real people tell real-life stories directly to the audience in their own words. This technique has been incorporated with great success into some of Ranson's plays ("The Incarceration of Annie") and with middling success in others. A single character speaking to the audience, disregarding the "fourth wall," can have great dramatic power. But such a monologue can also drag if it does not contain enough contrast.

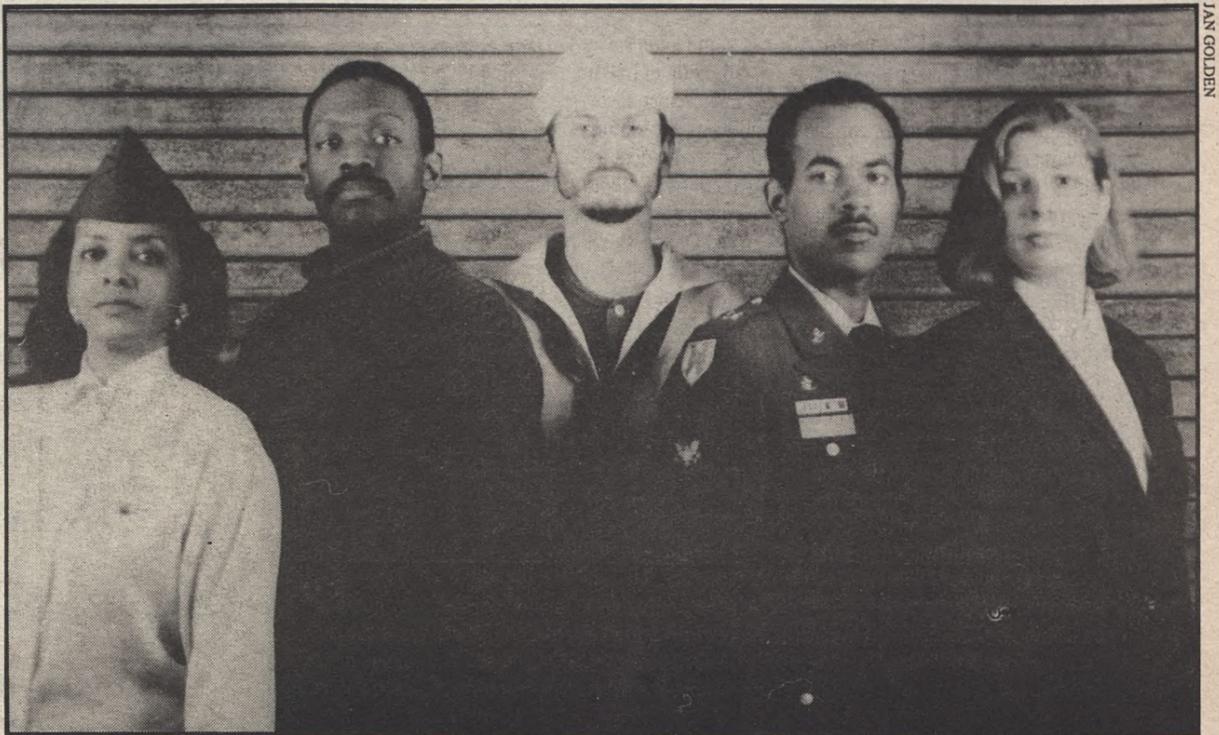
I found the directness and simplicity of the characters' words moving, and knowing that they were actual local people added to the immediacy. All the actors move the audience in their monologues, and Ranson's direction has created a well-integrated ensemble in the scenes with more than one character. The love scenes between Tommie and Sheila were moving in their understated tenderness.

Trish Land plays the forthright Tommie Jackson, whose insistence that she is a "real girl" gets her nowhere with her homophobic commanding officer when he discovers her relationship with another woman. Land, in a departure for her, plays a more butch character than usual, well depicting Tommie's toughness and vulnerability.

Kent Wilson plays Frederick Henderson, a Vietnam veteran, with authority. Wilson has made considerable strides as an actor, as shown in his characterization of Henderson. He seems more massive; his voice sounds deeper and more resonant.

Nyack Feliz charms as Kiki, the happy-go-lucky "rockero," but he needs to project more energy. Kiki's experience in the military, unlike that of Tommie and Sheila, was not oppressive, but instead presented him with plenty of opportunities to express his gayness, giving ironic new meaning to the slogan, "Be All You Can Be."

Brian Wicker plays Jimmy, the white boy from South Caro-



Sondra Barrie, Kent Wilson, Brian Wicker, Nyack Feliz and Trish Land star in "Practicing Homosexuals," a new play by Rebecca Ranson based on interviews with local gay men and lesbians who served in the military.

lina who naively confesses his homosexual feelings to a chaplain and gets thrown into the brig. Wicker expresses the character's energy but does not look innocent enough; he resembles a scruffy biker who might hang out at the Euclid Avenue Yacht Club on a Sunday afternoon.

Notable is Sondra Barrie as Sheila Rabb, a young married woman with a child who comes out as a lesbian in the military. Barrie makes a direct, understated emotional connection with the audience that does not falter. You may remember Barrie for her portrayal of Miss Flora Devine in Shirlene Holmes' "A Lady And A Woman" at OutProud this past winter.

The weakest part of the play is its conclusion, in which all

the characters read letters they have written to Senator Sam Nunn, President Clinton, and others, protesting the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. The letters themselves contained some moving passages, but I felt my attention begin to seep away about halfway through.

These people and their stories are worth knowing. Next time, I hope that OutProud will go further in its attempt to make drama out of real life.

CHARLENE BALL

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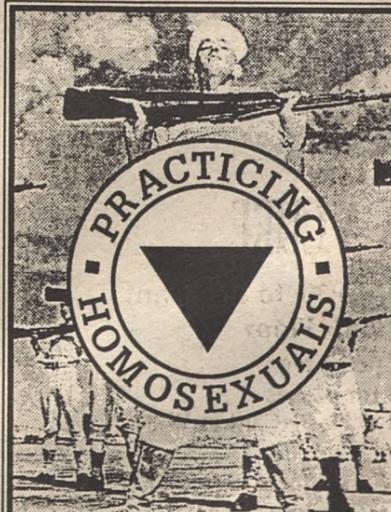
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Pianist and composer **Danny Wright** has come a long way from the days when he played piano in a corner of an Italian restaurant in Fort Worth, Texas. But had he not been there, competing with the pasta for the attention of the diners, Wright would not have met Bob and Dori Nichols who decided to invest in Danny and his music. Forming their own record company, the couple rented studio time for Danny and recorded his first album, "Black and White," which featured Danny's own arrangements of Broadway show tunes.

The first album sold hundreds of copies through the restaurant and subsequently on consignment at a bookstore in Dallas. A second album, "Time Windows," was even more successful. Wright then began to have his recordings distributed by a company which dealt solely with instrumentalists, allowing his fan base to expand considerably.

Now, Wright has just released his 10th album, "Curtain Call," and is touring in support of it. He will perform his admittedly difficult to categorize music in a concert at the Georgia Tech Theatre for the Arts on Friday, April 23.

Just how difficult is Wright's music to pigeonhole? Danny gives a perfect illustration when he tells about a recent visit to a record store. "I looked in 'Easy Listening' and there was some of my stuff, and I looked in 'New Age' and they had some of my other albums. Under 'Jazz' they had 'Time Windows' and under 'Classical' they had one of my 'Black and White' albums. At least my music is well rounded."

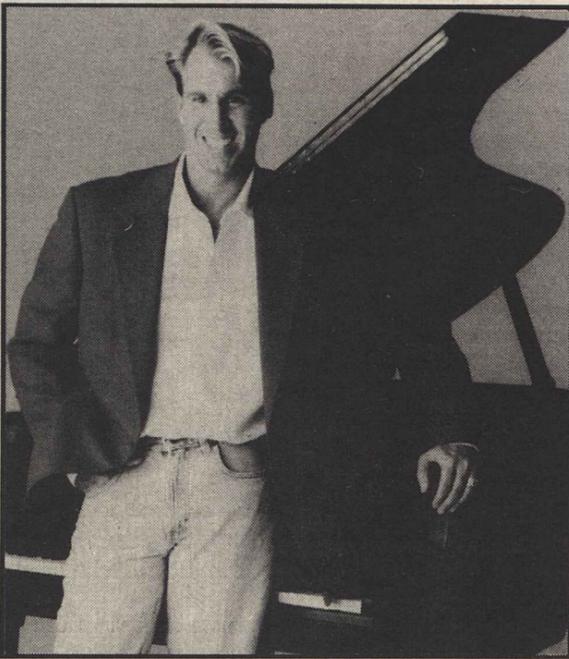
The latest release, "Curtain Call," debuted on the Billboard Adult Alternative chart only three weeks after release and features Wright's own arrangements of several of his favorite selections, including "Autumn Leaves," "Wind Beneath My Wings," "On Golden Pond," "Sun and Moon," and "Swanee River."

Tickets for the concert are \$15 and \$17 and are available at the Georgia Tech Theatre for the Arts Box Office and through TicketMaster at (404) 249-6400.

Wigwood Update: Are you (or your loved ones) whining about the wait until Wigwood on May 23? Well, whine no more, Wilhelmina! ACT UP's Mona Love tells me that a "Wigwood Warm-Up" is planned for the Wednesday after the March (April 28) at The Metro at 48 6th Street. At press time, details were still being worked out but the evening will be an appetite whetting precursor to Wigwood itself. Count on Mona to line up a bevy of

AFTER HOURS

DANNY ROBLE



Danny Wright will perform at the Georgia Tech Theatre for the Arts on April 23.

beauties to work the runway and to provide many surprises for the attendees. Eleganza deb's Trina Saxxon and Barbie Q are teasing their hair in preparation.

Speaking of Mona...she regrets not being present at **Mr. Chuck's Popcorn Party** in the Leisure Lounge at Club Velvet this past Saturday where the party hostess, Betty Jack Devine entertained the crowd and presented Mona with one of her community service awards. Mona, who works so diligently for

ACT UP, is now an official "Ornament to Society." And what a pleasure to finally meet Aunt Roz, the chain smoking winner of the William Faulkner Write-Alike Contest. Look for her literary contribution in the current issue of Popcorn.

Artist Clay Boye was busy guarding the roped doorway to the VIP lounge, which was decorated with his own caricatures of many of the Popcorn kids. Seen lounging were Peg, who was kept busy admiring a young man in very hot pants, Cissy Rimwell, who along with Peg had just arrived from a benefit show for the March on Washington, and birthday boy Arthur, who prudently ordered two martinis at a whack.

The whole town is talking about this weekend's **Southern Voice Community Awards** to be held at Zoo Atlanta on Saturday, April 17. The response from our readers has been incredible and I am especially excited about the "Glamour Goddess" category. Quite an interesting batch of nominees there, with Kelly Burnett, Amethyst Pride (Duncan Teague), Amber Richards, and DeAundra Peek getting the most votes. Who will the winner be? Be among the first to know by attending the awards! Rumor has it that the infamous Armorettes will open the show with a military salute and that the combined casts from two Patrick Hutchison/Dan Pruitt plays ("Different" and "The Harvey Milk Show") as well as the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus will close the show. Don't miss it! Tickets are \$20 and available at Brushstrokes, Charis, MalePak, Maddix and the SoVo office. This is a benefit for Atlanta Pride and the Atlanta Lambda Center, so come on out to the Zoo, y'all.

Many of my readers are major fans of the **Ellen James Society** and we are all looking forward to the Release Party—for their double-sided single, "Everything" and "Amsterdam"—the band will have at Eddie's Attic on Sunday, April 18.

Just got off the phone with **Palmer Marsh of Burkhart's**, one of Atlanta's most popular bars. We discussed many things, including recent events (and non-events) and the personalities behind them. Coming up at Burkhart's on April 30, and May 1 and 2 will be the ArtsFest to benefit Project Open Hand. Last year's event raised \$8,000 and it is hoped that a new record will be reached this year. The focus of the event is on art and artists, and will feature a marketplace, an art auction, and an auction of Hunks, offered to the highest bidder by Big Ruby and Charlie Brown. Stay tuned for further details about the lineup of artists.

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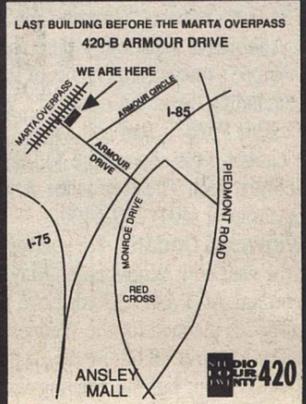
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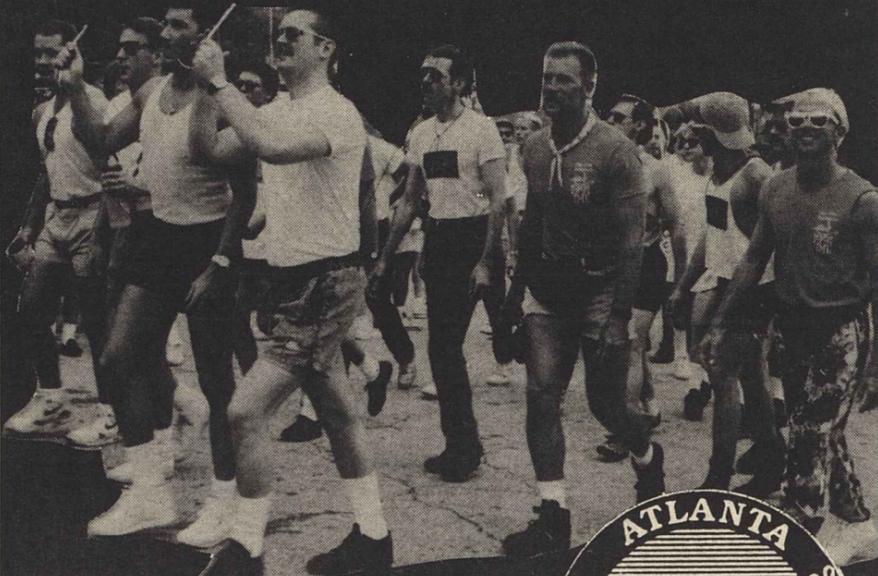
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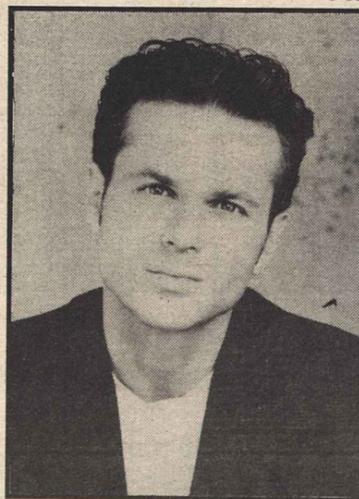
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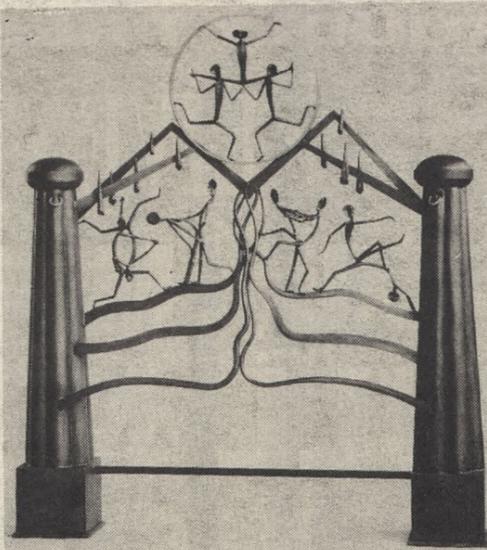
LIFE'S COMPANION. Christina Baldwin will discuss the importance of journal writing as a tool for life transformation and the use of introspection as the source for considered action at Charis Books and More. 7:30 p.m. 419 Moreland Ave. 524-0304.

BIVOUAC. Architectural medallsmith Ivan Bailey will show his work at Weinberg Gallery with a reception tonight from 7:00 to 9:00. 887 W Marietta Ave NW. 351-0903.

JOHN BROWNING. Guest Conductor George Manahan leads the ASO and pianist Browning in Beethoven's romantic Concerto No. 2 tonight through Sat beginning at 8:00 p.m. 898-1182.

DIRTY HARRIET-MAGNUM FORCE. This parody of the classic 70s tough-guy detective story follows inspector Harriet as she tracks down a homicidal maniac. Through July 21 at Agatha's, Atlanta's Mystery Dinner Theatre. Tue-Sat at 7:30. 875-1610.

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FRIDAY NIGHT AT ALFA. Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance hosts an open house. 8:00 p.m. Games, conversation, munchies. 64 Clay St. 378-9769.

SAM HARRIS. The Motown recording artist performs at Headliners tonight and Sat at 8:00 and 10:30. 36 E Andrews Dr. 261-4666.

MARRIAGE ITALIAN STYLE. The High Museum presents this 1964 Italian comedy starring Marcello Mastroianni and Sophia Loren. 8:00 p.m. 892-HIGH.

LOCAL VOICES, GLOBAL ISSUES. Nexus Contemporary Art Center presents seven performance artists who use drama, dance, text and music to address subjects ranging from war to child abuse to racial discrimination tonight and tomorrow beginning at 8:00. 535 Means St NW. 688-1970.

BLACK AND WHITE. The works of Kell Black, Jerome Moorman, John

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17 SATURDAY

1ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN VOICE COMMUNITY AWARDS. This benefit for Atlanta Lesbian & Gay Pride and the Atlanta Lambda Center will recognize and honor members of the community. Entertainment, food and stroll Zoo Atlanta at your leisure. Doors to the Zoo open at 6:30 pm. Awards ceremony begins at 8 pm. Eric Omer, creator of "The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green" and Cathy Woolard of the Human Rights Campaign Fund are the emcees. \$20. Tickets available at Maddix Deluxe, Charis Books, Brushstrokes, MalePak. 876-1819.

BEFORE STONEWALL. This excellent documentary about the Lesbian and Gay Liberation Movement from the 1920s to the present will be screened at the LSP Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Discussion will follow. \$3 suggested donation. 368-7137.

RIGHT TO SERVE. A candlelight vigil to counter hatred and anti-gay discrimination will be held on Coleman Hill in Macon tonight at 8:00. Speakers

and singing will be the highlights of the evening. **HIV UPDATE.** The syndicated cable TV show airs every Sat at 6:00 p.m. on Channel 12. This month's program focuses on how the medical community deals with death and suicide by people with HIV/AIDS.

ELLEN JAMES SOCIETY. Eddie's Attic hosts a release party for the group's latest singles, "Everything" and "Amsterdam." 515 McDonough St in Decatur. 377-4976.

SADOBABIES. Nancy Kalow, director of the 1988 documentary on the lives of San Francisco's teen runaways, will be present tonight at the video's screening at the High Museum. 8:00pm. 898-9286.

SPARK THE PARK. Bring rakes, trashbags and pride to the clean-up day in Piedmont Park. Gather in the parking lot at the Park Dr. entrance at 10:00 a.m. 876-2520.

SPRING PLANT SALE. The Atlanta Botanical Garden offers unique and hard-to-find plants for the home gardener. Noon to 4:00. 876-5859.



19 MONDAY

WOMEN OF WISDOM. Nancy Kavanaugh will present tonight's topic concerning stories and myths. 449 Moreland Ave. 289-8819.

OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program can be seen tonight at 10:30 and again Wed. at 5:30 p.m. on Cable Ch. 12.

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

SPRING CELEBRATION. Callaway Gardens ushers in the new season with thousands of flowers, including the largest collection of azaleas in the region. Celebration '93 continues through April 25. Off I-85, on U.S. Hwy 27 in Pine Mtn. 633-1220.

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21 WEDNESDAY

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THE LONGEST HATRED. GPTV presents a program analyzing one of Western civilization's most persistent and destructive prejudices: anti-Semitism. 10:00 p.m., Ch. 8.

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JACQUES AND HIS MASTER. Through Apr. 17. Drama Tech presents this 18th century tale of love, lust, deception and devotion as part of its International Theatre Festival. Thu-Sat at 8:00 p.m. through April 17. 894-2745.

THE FILM SOCIETY. Through Apr. 18. Horizon Theatre Company presents the story of an innovative teacher who tries to shake things up at a South African boarding school. The play is by Jon Robin Baiz. 584-7450.

THE LADDER. Through Apr. 18. Theatrical Outfit presents the musical examining the climb up the ladder in corporate America. Performances are at 8:00 p.m. Wed-Sat and 3:00 p.m. on Sun. 872-0665.

ANGEL WORKS. Through Apr. 18. Seven Stages presents three short plays directed by Joseph Chaikin. The shorts include "The War in Heaven" by Chaikin and Sam Shepard and "The Sandbox" by Edward Albee. Wed-Sat at 8:00 p.m. and Sun at 5:00

p.m. through Apr. 18. 523-7647.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE. Through Apr. 18. Onstage Atlanta presents the Tennessee Williams classic about the Wingfield family. 420 Courtland St. 897-1802.

PRACTICING HOMOSEXUALS. Through Apr. 18. OutProud Theatre presents the real life stories of Atlanta gay men and lesbians who have served in our nation's military. Thurs-Sat at 8:00 p.m. 75 Benett St. 609-9590.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. Through Apr. 24. Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur presents the musical of a hardworking family in Tsarist Russia. Wed-Sat at 8:00 p.m. and Sun at 2:00 p.m. 373-5311.

SUBFERTILE. Through Apr. 24. Theatre in the Square presents the offbeat satire about the misadventures of a couple who are trying to conceive a child. Thu-Sat at 8:00 p.m. 11 Whitlock Ave. in Marietta. 422-8369.

PSYCHO BEACH PARTY. Art Attack presents this spoof of beach party movies in Thelma's Pump Room at The Armory. Follow Chicklet and her surfer buddies as they come to understand her personality disorder. Thurs-

Sat at 8:00 p.m. 881-9280.

SWAN LAKE. Through Apr. 25. The Atlanta Ballet in collaboration with the Cleveland San Jose Ballet present the 1895 ballet by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov. Atlanta Civic Center. Tickets available at any Ticketmaster location or by calling 249-6400.

PASSION. Through Apr. 25. Actor's Express presents the story of a couple who have been married for 25 years but are experiencing an upheaval in their relationship. The feelings of the main characters are simultaneously by two other actors. Thurs-Sat at 8:00 p.m., Sun at 7:00 p.m. Phone 221-0831.

DEATH OF A SALESMAN. Through May 1. Theatre in the Square presents Arthur Miller's classic tale of the American dream gone awry. Tues-Sat at 8:00 p.m. and Sun at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. 424-4603.

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JULIUS CEASAR. Through May 15. The Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern presents this tragedy of honor, politics and murder Wed-Sat at 7:30. 499 Peachtree St. 874-5299.

BETRAYAL. Through May 16. The Alliance Theatre presents Harold Pinter's romantic drama directed by Michael Olich. The show can be seen Tues-Sun. 898-1127.

NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON. Apr. 25. Over 1 million are expected in Washington for a 10-day schedule of over 200 related events, including the March itself on Apr. 25. Call 1-800-832-2889 for info on travel, accommodations, events, etc. Call now!

6TH ANNUAL HRCF DINNER. May 22. A black-tie evening of political inspiration, entertainment, silent auction, cocktails and dinner with 1,500 members of the gay and lesbian community. Tickets are on sale now. \$150. 662-4280.

18 SUNDAY

AIDS HEALING SERVICE. The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta will hold a service for people affected by HIV/AIDS at the Church of the Incarnation beginning at 4:00 p.m. 2407 Cascade Rd SW.

NAPWA BENEFIT. Erik Hayes, South East Drummer Boy '92, hosts a benefit for Atlanta NAPWA at Buddies Midtown beginning at 9:00 p.m. Entertainers include Lauran LeMasters, Kelly Barnett, China Fox and Sabrina Deveraux. 874-7926.

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20 TUESDAY

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Pictured: ABOVE: A Mangbetu ceramic double pot from The High Museum's Art from Zaire exhibition on display April 20 through July 3. ABOVE LEFT: Architectural medallsmith Ivan Bailey will show his work at Weinberg Gallery. Show opens with a reception April 15. BELOW: The Ellen James Society celebrates a new release at Eddie's Attic on April 17. Photo by Ruth Leitman.



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One way to avoid crowds is to eat at off hours—lunch at 3-4, dinner at 11-midnight.

Another possibility is to live on fruit, granola, and graham crackers—not a bad option nutritionally, but also nowhere near as much fun as getting out and cruising the crowds. I had breakfast sitting across from porn prince Al Parker and a bunch of his buddies during the '87 March. Unfortunately both Parker and the splendid little Cafe Splendide, where we feasted on the same pancakes, are both now gone.

Probably the best way to figure out where to eat is to find a friendly native and let him/her steer you to gustatory (and maybe other kinds of) heaven. Failing that, take a walk on the culinary wild side and check out the incredible variety of ethnic eateries in DC. In general it's best to avoid the cafeteria in the various parts of the Smithsonian. The huge subterranean dining hall between the east and west wings of the National Gallery of Art is also no bargain. If you are going to be doing the mall, plan to eat before or after your tour.

Unless otherwise noted all the restaurants below are open for lunch and dinner and no meal should set you back more than \$15—most are in the \$5-10 range. Don't plan on using plastic to pay at many of the smaller, less expensive places.

I'll do the two most popular neighborhoods this week, the rest next time.

Dupont Circle is the heart of the gay ghetto in DC. It also sports good, inexpensive eateries. A partial listing:

Pizzeria Paradiso shares a kitchen with the ultra chic (and expensive) Obelisk. But here the prices are much lower, no reservations are taken, and the pizza, sandwiches and salads are to die. 2029 P Street NW; 202/223-1245.

If 60s styles and health food make you moist, by all means check out **Food for Thought** where there are all kinds of veggie delights—even music in the evenings. 1738 Connecticut Avenue; 202/797-1095.

Also very retro, **Crepe a la Carte** offers all sorts of fillings wrapped in thin French pancakes. Hours vary at the two locations, call if you are going any time other than the middle of the day. 1301 Connecticut Avenue; 1304 18th Street NW; 223-3300.

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sandwiches, coffee, desserts. The place is very gay and packed even on weeknights, but it is open all night Friday and Saturday. 1513 17th Street; 202/328-0880.

Also hot and happening, though a stiff walk from Dupont Circle proper, **Dante's** serves really good pita sandwiches and cheese-cake. After midnight the place is packed with punks and actors, but don't wander this area alone at night. 1522 14th Street, NW; 202/667-7260.

Offering buckets of food for thimblefuls of cash, **Zorba's Cafe** will be sure to please Greek fans. Try the half chicken marinated in oregano or other grilled meats. Plenty for vegetarians, too. 1612 20th St. NW; 202/387-8555.

Kind of an upscale Indian Delights, **Paru's Indian Vegetarian Restaurant** serves southern Indian veggie cuisine in a quiet diner atmosphere. A full meal will set you back less than \$8. Open only 'til 8:45pm and closed Sunday. 2010 S Street NW; 202/483-5133.

The newly expanded **Afterwords Cafe** at Kramerbooks is open 24 hours on Fridays and Saturdays and is sure to be packed during March weekend. The food is a might on the dear side, but \$3-4 desserts are well worth the tab. 1517 Connecticut Avenue; 202/387-3825.

If noodles fill your niche, try **Pan Asian Noodles and Grill** for soups and eclectic Asian macaroni fare. The Art Deco dining rooms are pretty trippy, too. Closes between lunch and dinner. 2020 P Street NW; 202/872-8889.

Want some history with your grits and ham? Try **Trios Restaurant** where Bayard Rustin helped plan the '63 March on Washington. Think of it as a cross between Pascals

and The Majestic. Breakfast all day. 1537 17th Street NW at the corner of Q Street.

Adams Morgan, up 18th Street a ways from Dupont Circle has a reputation as epicenter of eclectic and bargain dining in DC. But prices are on the rise. Beware of places that look funky, but charge like downtown.

Dinner at **Cafe Atlantico** may set you back a mite more than \$15, but this casual Caribbean joint is definitely a happening and fun place. Great fritters, pork loin, veggie plates and lamb curry. 1819 Columbia Rd. NW; 202-575-2233.

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Diva, Diva, Diva: Did you catch "Crying Game" costar Jaye Davidson on Entertainment Tonight? Or in USA Today? No? Well let Dish tell you, dear, that Davidson is definitely major Diva material. And a pretty wonderfully outrageous queen to boot. Catch this comment on Richard Gere; "I wanted to arrive in L.A. and have Richard Gere naked on the floor, laying in front of me...the ultimate." Replied Gere, "If I had known, he could have touched more of me." Asked if he was going to Elton John's Oscar party, Davidson opined, "I have a little problem with Elton John." To which Elton countered, "I don't even know him. He has an attitude problem anyway." Attitude, Elton? Folks who live in glass condos...

And the Winner Is: Two homo-themed/authored TV programs have copped prestigious Peabody Awards (which are administered by UGA's College of Journalism and Mass Communications. "Northern Exposure" got a prize for its episode about the founding of town of Cicely by two lesbians. And Marlon Riggs was honored for his "Color Adjustment." It's not as controversial as "Tongues Untied," because it doesn't deal with being gay, but Riggs is so out, and his take on racism so challenging, that it doesn't matter to us.

High Art Homos: Gays and lesbians are hardly strangers to the pages of "The New Yorker," but the photospread (by Richard Avedon) cum words (by Dudley Clendenin) about queers in the military is the most graphic, in your face take on our issues that we've ever seen in that august journal's pages. Avedon's images are stunning, his subjects fascinating—especially blond Yeoman Third Class B. Murphy Stovie who has been in the Navy for two years, said he was gay on his enlistment papers, and has no discharge proceeding pending against him. Clendenin's essay, while exceptionally literate and accurate leaves us less elated. Why does he have to refer to us as "homosexuals?" Mr. C (who was features editor at the A-J/C under Bill Kovach) is one of us. He *should* know there's more to being homo than sexuality.

Dish

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



Jo Anderson (Roslyn) and Yvonne Suhr (Cicely) starred as lesbian founders of the town of Cicely in Northern Exposure's Peabody Award winning episode.

Passion(ate) Play?: Dish has been working parttime in a costume store and we've been amazed by the sheer number of Big Haired Southern Baptists that troop in in search of whips and buckets of blood. Is it the high pollen count causing this fundamentalist S&M frenzy? Industry insiders tell us "no" that what's going on is the annual spring rush to stock up for Passion Plays and Easter Pageant. Dish and coworkers try not to smirk when

the fundies test flog themselves, but it ain't easy. We also understand that Three Wise Man drag is tres popular with the bible boy set during Christmas—the gaudier the better. And you thought Baptists didn't know about passion!

Equal Time: Equally fundamentalist, but far less fun is the Marietta Daily Journal's March 28 "Perspective" page on the issue of gays and lesbians in the military. Dish would not expect the ultra-conservative "Journal" to come out in favor of lifting the ban, but fairness suggests that at least one of the three pieces on the issue would reflect something of reality from a homo point of view. Not the case unfortunately. Particularly noxious is an opinion piece by one Robert Spratlin who, in a fit of hysteria, propounds that letting queers serve in the military will "destroy the fiber of this country on family values." Please Dish thinks that the MDJ readers need to read some text that supports removing the ban so that they can make up their own minds. Write: Letters, Marietta Daily Journal, PO Box 449 Marietta, GA 30060-499. Or fax 'em at 422-9533.

Equal Opportunity: We understand from friends in DC that (gorgeous) George Stephonopoulous has broken up with his girlfriend, Joan. (Or was that John?) We also understand that the words "George Stephonopoulous type" have started to appear personal ads around the country. So far we have not seen Janet Reno's name used similarly, but it can't be far behind.

The Waiting Game: Will we ever get to see Barbara Striesand's version of "The Normal Heart" or Neil ("The Crying Game") Jordan's "Interview With the Vampire? The answer for both appears to be yes, and sooner rather than later with "Vampire" (which David Geffen is producing) because, if shooting doesn't start by May, the rights revert back to Rice. Brad Pitt is said to be cast as Louis, Daniel Day Louis as Lestat. Casting isn't even close on "The Normal Heart," which Dish thinks will feel like a true period piece no matter when it gets done.

April 15 - April 21, 1993

The Sun moves into the fixed earth sign of Taurus on Monday, the 19th. This may or may not have a stablizing effect, depending on how the people around you are feeling. All fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius) can create stability, if they feel secure about themselves or create rigid entrenchment if they are insecure.

ARIES, as the Sun moves out of your 1st house and into your 2nd house of financial and material resources, you may need to pay more attention to your income and spending habits. It is very important to know where on earth all your money is going! Happy Birthday, **TAURUS!** It's time to celebrate the beginning of your new solar year. Get together with close friends and share an evening of good fun and excellent food. Treat yourself to a massage or something delightfully sensual. **GEMINI**, are you getting enough exercise? Going to and from work in your car does not count as physical exercise, so get out and move around on a regular basis. You'll feel better, shed some pounds, and be much more optimistic with some physical activity.

CANCER, Mercury is now in your 10th house of career activities, personal mentors and your status in the community, so plan to speak up with bright new ideas and put your best foot forward.

STARSIGNS

Not a good time to be shy or hesitant about yourself. **LEO**, if you find yourself being cranky, irritable or impatient with other people, it may be that you are feeling insecure or even displeased with your own self. Take a few minutes to get in touch with your true feelings and possibly do some healing. **VIRGO**, with the Sun moving into your 9th house of spiritual quest, long distance travel and higher education, you may want to explore new horizons or expose yourself to different ideas or experience. Great time to feed your need for adventure.

LIBRA, if someone new has appeared in your life and you are tempted to jump right into a full-blown intimate and romantic relationship, take a deep breath, count to 10 and check around before you leap. With your romantic idealism, you could easily get burned. **SCORPIO**, as the Sun moves into your 7th house of close personal relationships and partnerships on the 19th, you

could see some excellent potential in current friendships as well as wonderful opportunities for very productive collaboration. **SAGITTARIUS**, are you taking life too seriously under that smiling and happy-go-lucky exterior? If so, then you need to ease off yourself, and others, a little bit. It is usually better to approach life as an adventure or a grand experiment.

CAPRICORN, are you paying attention to your dreams, your intuition and nurturing your spiritual life? If not, your decisions and choices may not be as accurate as you would like and your personal timing may feel a bit off. Take time for you. **AQUARIUS**, we are in a prolonged cycle of change during which everyone will have to adjust, let go and restructure, even fixed signs like yourself. Take a deep breath, relax and don't take anything too personally. Go with the flow whenever possible. **PISCES**, are you longing for romance, intimacy or even a meaningful one-night stand? Are you in love with someone who is unavailable or who might be stringing you along? Well, you deserve better, so resurrect your self-esteem and forge ahead.

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Okay, laugh. Dismiss it. Talk behind my back. Get in my face. I don't care. I can only speak from experience. And my experience teaches that planting with the moon is one of the most helpful garden tools I've acquired over the years.

Sure, sure. 'The moon has no effect on anything here on earth...' When told this ad nauseam, I'm reminded of Sir Isaac Newton. You know, the mathematician and scientist. A Fellow from the Royal Academy of Science pointedly asked Sir Isaac one day: how can a man of your stature, intellectual vigor, etc. possibly be (gasp) an *astrologer*, too?

The response? "I have studied the matter; you have not."

An abiding interest in both arcanum and uncovering the rhythms of life—especially as experienced by our ancestors—has led me into studies of the moon and her effects. Accordingly, I've tried to incorporate the practical as well as 'mystical' aspects of my studies into my life.

And I've met with some success. Regular readers, for instance, have seen photos of me dwarfed by my moon-assisted basil plants and cornstalks. (You realize too, that I am a 5'9" Amazon, not a mite.)

Basically, I try to harmonize my activities with the earth and moon, something that modern life eschews at our increasing peril. The similarity between women's rhythms and those of the moon also has significance for plants. The moon was known to influence the ocean's tides and was also thought to affect the movement of liquid in plants and people.

Sowing seeds, transplanting and harvesting according to the phases of the moon were generally accepted until the last century. Gardeners knew the proper moon phases for the appropriate activity as well as they knew the depth and spacing for planting their seeds.

"People still plant by the moon in many places; instructional calendars can still be bought." (from the extraordinarily excellent "Lilies of the Hearth—The Historical Relationship Between Women and Plants." Jennifer Bennett)

THIS OLD MOON
EARTHSHAKIN' OBSERVATIONS

Planting by the moon does not require decades of poring over musty tomes or attending years of classes. Nor do you need an encyclopedia knowledge of astrology. In fact, all you really need is the small Llewellyn "Moon Sign Book," a paperback published annually.

Each year, the "Gardening Guide" calendar walks you through the most fortuitous times for the various garden activities. It will tell you what should be done for which day. Plant annuals. Trim to increase growth. Fertilize (organically). Cultivate. Destroy weeds and pests. Etc.

The "Moon Sign Book" also gives you the shorthand: "Transplanting should be done when the moon is increasing and preferably in Cancer, Scorpio, or Pisces." If you read further, you discover why that might be so, i.e., the properties of those three water signs, as well as why the moon increasing would be more appropriate than in the decrease. (Tables tell you when the moon is where.) The book also contains a motherlode of lore and explanations.

Now, you may be among the folks who find all that 'horoscope stuff' inaccurate. Of course, because of constraints in setting up charts, you should be reading what's written for your *rising* sign, not your sun sign.

I find it most interesting when the book delineates comparative gardening test results. "Beets: When sown with Moon in Scorpio had germination rate of 71%; when sown in Sagittarius, germination rate was only 58%."

"Tomatoes: when sown with Moon in Cancer, 90% germinated, in Leo only 58% germinated."

"Cancer-planted tomatoes had first blossoms 12 days earlier than those planted under Leo; that the Cancer-planted tomatoes had an average height of 20 inches at the same age when the Leo plants were only 15 inches high; the first ripe tomatoes were gathered from Cancer plantings 11 days ahead of the Leo plantings; and finally, a count of the hanging fruit

and comparison of size and weight shows an advantage to the Cancer plants over the Leo plants of 45%."

If the "1993 Moon Sign Book" is out of stock at The Sphinx, or Oxford Books, you can order it from Llewellyn Publications, P.O. Box 64383-900, St. Paul, MN 55164-0383 (\$4.95, \$3 s&h). DO NOT use the "Farmer's Almanac." The inaccuracy of their charts will mess you up.

Can we have a very abbreviated explanation for what's going on up there? We start at New Moon, when there is no visible orb in the sky. The Sun and Moon are conjunct, i.e., in the same place. This is first quarter, and towards the end of it, you can see a little sliver of moon, the horns.

The second quarter now begins, halfway between New Moon and Full Moon. The Sun and Moon are square, or at right angles, to each other.

Full Moon begins third quarter, when the Sun and Moon are opposite each other. The Moon fully reflects the Sun's light, 180 degrees away.

Halfway between Full and New Moon, the fourth quarter begins. The Sun and Moon are again square to each other.

In the body of the earth, we see first quarter as a time of "germination, emergence, beginningness, outwardly directed activity." Second quarter is "growth, development and articulation of things which already exist."

Third quarter tends to "maturity, fruition, assumption of full form of expression," and fourth quarter shows "disintegration, drawing back for reorganization, rest, reflection" ("Moon Sign Book").

Refer back to the shorthand quote: "Transplanting should be done when the moon is increasing"—obviously the first or second quarter, a total of about 14 days, or half the month. (There are 28+ days in a lunar month, i.e., the time it takes for the moon to run through each of the 12 zodiac signs, traversing from New Moon to New Moon).

You'll need a more in-depth explanation, I'm afraid. Read the book, and you'll have a great tool at hand. Why not try it? What harm will befall you for trying to act in accordance with the Harmony of the Spheres, the Cosmic Dance, the Pull of the Moon?

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IVAN BAILEY

Age: 48

Relationship status: "Celibate by choice or by chance"

How long in Atlanta: 10 years

Pet peeve: People who don't signal when they turn

When you think of a blacksmith your mind drifts into "ye olde" mode: a quaint old man hammering away at horseshoes in a bad replica of a seventeenth century village. Ivan Bailey, a metal-worker and architectural-artistic blacksmith, doesn't do horseshoes. In fact, he is currently preparing for his first one man show in Atlanta with several pieces that capture in iron a humorous, almost playful eroticism.

Currently an artistic resident of a studio at the King Plow Arts Center in the Marietta Street warehouse district, Ivan's "spiritual journey," as he refers to his life, has been anything but smooth.

"My childhood, in Portland, Oregon was utterly miserable, because of the harsh rules dictated by my parent's strict Roman Catholicism. The only outlet that they didn't obstruct was my art and reading. But from early on I was always drawing or doing something artistic," he recalls. "In fact," he adds with a ironic chuckle, "I probably would have committed suicide if it hadn't been so ingrained in me that it was a mortal sin."

The reason for Ivan's depression was, of course, his gay identity. Because it was the early sixties, it was not as easy to express, come out or even grapple with being gay. "It's hard for people to imagine now but I felt very alone, I wondered if there were any other people like me."

Confused and without direction, Ivan spent two years as a novice Christian Brother in their Monastery in Napa California. ("It was the first time that I ever got drunk.") One day the director of the monastery took him aside. "He told me that since I had shown artistic talent and seemed to be hating it at the monastery why didn't I go to art school and figure out what I wanted to with my life. So I took his advice and left."

Ivan then spent a couple of years in West Germany on a fellowship studying architectural and artistic blacksmithing. "The fellowship," Ivan explains, "was a wonderful opportunity to learn, especially since the German government basically paid for everything—it was their thank you for the Marshall plan."

Ivan first came to Georgia to continue his studies in jewelry and metalworking at the University of Georgia. He also decided to smother his gay self and got married, moving



with his new wife to Savannah, where with the help of some wealthy patrons, he set up his own metalworking business. While his business prospered after some difficult early years, Ivan says he hid from his gayness in the guise of the perfect family. He and wife were raising two sons and to all outward appearances were happy. Yet within, Ivan's secret tore him apart, driving him to use alcohol to dull the pain.

"When people heard that I was going to divorce my wife," he recalls, "they said, 'Beaver Cleaver's father is going to do what?'" Ivan came to Atlanta in 1983, he says, to start over. He has custody of one son, who is fully aware of his father's sexual orientation.

Ivan laughs with pleasure, remembering his coming-out via "The Experience" and the "Body Electric."

"Both of these were milestones in my life. They gave me incredible support. When you deny that you're gay for so long you have a lot of body consciousness to catch up with, plus the people who participated were wonderful. I feel like I am constantly discovering—that this discovery is a privilege of life."

Ivan's work graces many places around town. Some examples are the gates of the Lakewood Amphitheater as well as the Tree of Life in the Lobby of DeKalb Medical Center's Cancer Treatment building. But it is his speculative work, which he is doing now in preparation for his April 15 opening at the Weinberg Gallery, that is capturing his heart and imagination. Many of these pieces are based loosely on a bivouac theme in which mundane objects from our military past become the basis for bigger than life, whimsical furniture-art.

In the midst of all this excitement, Ivan has chosen to attend his first ever March—the upcoming March on Washington. "I have thought long and hard about what my sign will say and I think it should be: 'Love ourselves and the World can too.'"

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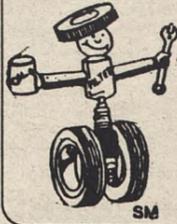
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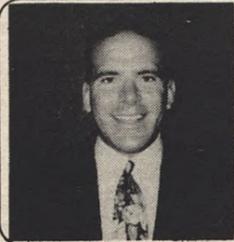
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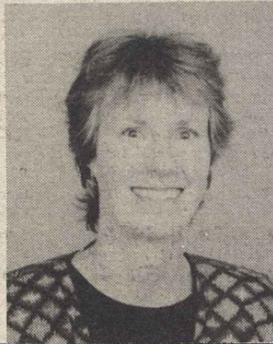
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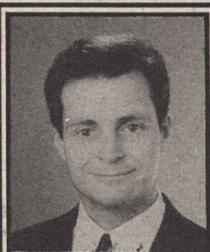
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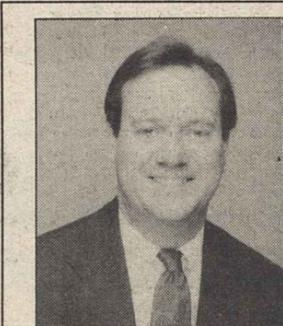
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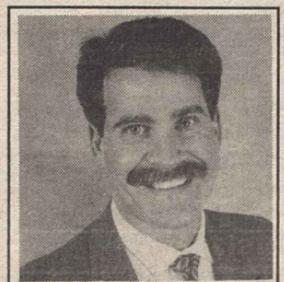
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TEXAS—Charter Hospital of Grapevine & Arlington, Texas is offering support groups for loved ones of HIV/PWAs. Led by licensed professionals. Arlington—1st & 3rd Tues. each month 7-8:30pm, (817) 461-5454. Grapevine—2nd & 4th Tues. each month 7-8:30pm, (817) 481-0012.

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Tuesday Night at The Shrine—A weekly

dinner open to ALL individuals with HIV. Tuesday at 6pm. Fun, laughs and great food. The Shrine is located at 48 MLK Jr. Dr., Atlanta on the corner of Central Ave. FREE. For information call Alan Dillmann, 521-1866.

HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUPS IN CARROLLTON All groups are held weekly—confidential and free of charge. PWA/HIV Support Group, call 214-8054. Friends & Family of PWA/HIV, call Bobbie Jacobs at 214-8777. AIDS Bereavement Group, call Pick Conner at 836-6505 (days) or 834-8195 (eve).

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SPIRITUAL HEALING CLINIC for HIV/PWA, caregivers, loved ones. First Tues. each month. Facilitators trained & certified. Based on Brazilian spiritual healing clinics. For resv & info call 634-9693 or 256-9144.

HIV+ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) for African Am. Wed. eve., transportation avail; Family support group for loved ones of HIV+ African Am.; "Latex Lovers" sex-pos. HIV prevention prog. for GBM (need volunteers also); FREE ANONYMOUS HIV TESTS, counselling, referral (minority cultural sensitivity) begins mid Feb. For confidential info call OUTREACH, INC. 346-3922.

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P.O.O.H.—Positive Outlook On Health is a supportive network of HIV+ persons

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THE ATLANTA BUYERS CLUB—ABC provides access to optional treatments for the HIV community in the Southeast. Hours are 12-5 PM, Tuesday through Friday. We are located at 44 Twelfth St., NE, with parking in the rear. For more information phone (404) 874-4845, fax (404) 874-9320, or write P.O. Box 77003, Atlanta, GA 30357-7003.

Atlanta Gay Center—Plus groups for HIV-affected people. Fridays, 8:00pm and Sundays, 6:00pm. 63 12th Street. Call 876-5372 for more info. Helpline, 892-0661, for info, counseling and referral. 6:00-11:00pm 365 days a year.

ACT UP/Atlanta: 874-6782 (office & 24hr. voice mail)

AIDS Information Line / GA Toll-Free AIDS Hotline Free, anonymous information and referral services. In Atlanta: 876-9944; Toll-free: 1-800-551-2728 (voice/TTY)

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Therapy Group Forming for Gays & Lesbians—one in Gwinnett County, the other in Stone Mountain. For more information, call Janice Canon, LCSW 299-2813. (6.8)

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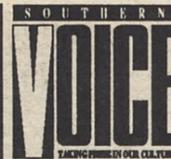
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Single female seeking other females for friendship and possible relationship. 18-25. No butches. T 1381

If you are progressive, open, searching, health-minded, in recovery, communicative, professional, over 35 & looking for a friend, call me. T 1374

GBF attractive romantic of 28; Searching thru ads for female life-mate. You should be attractive too-Insightful, thoughtful, communicative and true. T 1356

GWF - 33, intelligent, attractive, vegetarian, with strong sense of integrity, into non-bar activities, seeks a GF, 32-40 who thinks well of herself, with similar interests. T 1354

GWF - Androgynous; likes dancing, music, walks, wine and candlelight, beer and pool. Seeking GWFs with personality, brains, and a life. T 1349

GWF, 21, seeks GWF, 21-25 for friendship and possibly more. No smokers / drugs. T 1377

GWF, 22, seeks similar. Intelligent, career minded, enjoy having fun, laughing, experiencing new things. Seeking friendship, possible romance. T 1344

Single Black Female seeks same for friendship and other possibilities. T 1324

GWF, feminine, 31, seeking a feminine, emotionally stable, humorous, affectionate, thoughtful, drug-free, intelligent woman. Is this a hopeless search? T 1322

GWF, attractive, slim, 40, feminine, non-smoker, self-supporting, seeks: butchish GWF to lead in country dancing, friendship, hopefully more. T 1308

"WHERE ARE YOU?"-GWF, fem, lipstick lesbian, pretty, 30's, looking for someone special to date. I love art, music, guitars, dancing, poetry, theatre, travel, romance, hugs, candlelight dinners, positive people, motivation. Do not want drugs, negative people, one night stands, games, butch women, men. Show me an ad can work by replying! I know you're out there, we just haven't met yet! T 1310

GBF-25 tender years is an assertive, progressive and extremely conscious college student who prefers a self-assured understanding feminine woman. T 1259

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Attractive GBF (a little tomboyish at times), seeks aggressive yet beautiful, articulate and intelligent counterpart. 22-32 for friendship or more. T 1253

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

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

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

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

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

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Attractive GWM 40 seeks attractive GWM 25-40 who is sincere, romantic and affectionate. POB 11606, Atlanta 30355. T 1379

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Handsome, educated, Bohemian GBM, 27, HIV+, versatile mostly bottom, loves jazz. Relationship oriented, seeks GM. Boxholder PO Box 632, Leesville, SC 29070. (6.11)

Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, and all others: Mature WM, active, hot, more. Beginners welcome. T 1380

LGM, 40, 5'9", 160. Honest, sincere bottom seeks dominant masculine tall top B/M huge well endowed for committed relationship. POB 45273, Atlanta 30320. (6.11)

"Married" GWM, 37, black/blue, attractive, trim, intelligent, masculine, muscular, hairy & passionate, seeks attractive daytime top. Box 7243, Atlanta 30309. (6.11)

GWM, 35, 5'5", 137, Br/Bl, bearded/hairy, HIV+, seeks attractive submissive boy for cuddling/kink, possible relationship. No smokers. T 1375

Mr. Right seeks Mr. Ready. Handsome top seeks bottom for loving relationship. T 1376

Handsome WM, 35, 6'2", 185, Brown hair / eyes, moustache. Runner, swimmer, well-educated, professional, seeking similar WM 30+. T 1377

GWM - 23, 6'1", Br/Bl, versatile, HIV-. Sks out-doorsey 25-30 GWM for pos relationship. No fems. PO Box 1354, Cornelia, GA 30531. T 1378

LAIDBACK, WM, semi-loner, 42, 6'2", 180 lbs, HIV-, seeks similar man also interested in mutually private "French" tutoring, no femmes! T 1358

GWM seeks fine GBMs 18-28 for hot, safe fun in Orlando, Fla area. Cum, be with me! T 1357

WM, 34, 5'11", 168, Professional, clean-cut, handsome foot-slave seeks masculine, big-footed (12+) WM (30-45) for discreet service. PO Box 723452, Atlanta, GA 31139-0452. (6.9)

GBM 34, 5'10, 190 lbs, good-looking, athletic, masculine, very romantic seeks hairy masculine GWM between 25-40 for friendship and possible romance. T 1355

Athletic GBM, 25, 6'2", 190, seeks bigger stronger GWM to help me gain extra

muscle. You'll get friendship, maybe more. T 1353

ATHENS-Irish beekeeper (new to area) seeks mature masculine (bisexual?), discreet (monogamous/safe) companion to share rustic country "cottage" life. T 1352

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Playful anal GWM, 45, 5'10", 150#, seek/share higher anal erotic states. Taoist erotic massage, HIV-, your status no barrier. T 1350

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BM, 29, 5'5", 160#, seeks BM 21-35, caring and sincere for friendship and discreet encounters. Call me, let's talk. T 1348

Hot, horny bottom seeks hunky hung top for good times, safe fun and more. T 1343

Sincere GWM, 28, 6'4", 230 #, dk blonde/blue, seeks GWM, 21-28 for committed monogamous relationship. T 1345

GWM, mature, seeks muscular attractive strict, 25-40 master who needs household and other services. T 1346

Black hardcore former project boy from NYC, tall, dark, street-wise, no-nonsense seeks absolutely manly, sexy, handsome, dark black soulmate. T 1339

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Relationship oriented! Enjoy quality times with caring muscular BM, 41, HIV+. You must be a similar GM. No drugs/smoke. T 1336

BM, 30, 170, nice body, attractive, needs a spanking by masculine BM top. T 1337

GBM 24, 6', 215, good-looking, masculine, intelligent, sincere, with varying interests seeks similar in GWM for possible long-term relationship. T 1338

Teddy bear type attractive WM, 5'9", 245 lbs, clean, healthy, happy, seeking masculine, healthy BM (Top) for friendship/possible relationship. T 1340

Black male with feet fetish seeks masculine black male for uninhibited pleasures. T 1341

Friendship is primary for this liberal, professional, 37, GWM who seeks similar GBM to enjoy literature, movies, plays, dinners, etc. T 1342

Fun, attractive, intelligent GWM, 22 into theatre, astrology, and film seeks intelligent, sensual GWM, 20-45 for potential relationship. T 1325

Amateur wrestler, 6 ft, 185, blonde/blue, 45, good shape, seeks others interested in wrestling, safe fun. T 1326

GWM, 38, 6'2", 200, seeks tall prof. for friendship or more (30-45). Pluses for you might be hairy, uncut, sincere, Fr. A/P, and not into the normal scene! T 1321

GWM, 30, French active seeks good looking slender WM's, 20s. Size unimportant. Cut with no beards please. Fems welcomed. Discreet. T 1320

GWM, handsome, romantic, sincere, sense of humor, caring, gentle and strong. If you appreciate and possess these qualities, let's talk. T 1319

Attractive GWM, 30, 5'5", 132, Brn/bn, hairy, seeking tall, handsome, sincere, non-smoker, GWM for romantic permanent relationship - no barriers. T 1318

Tall, single, slim, dark sexy black male 6ft. 3in., 185 lbs seeks same Bi/GM Top Males 30-45, single, muscular for friendship and more. No fems. T 1323

MUSCULAR, CLEAN CUT GWM, grad student, short, lean, dark, hairy, non-smoker, HIV-. Safe, imaginative. Seeking MUSCULAR jocks into showing off, j/o, being worshipped. T 1315

France - Loire Valley - French boy likes friendship in USA. I love USA and I will love my friends from your lovely country. T 1311

WM, 32, 6'3", 235. My interests: country/rock music, pop culture/Simpsons/Batman, Braves movies, art... Your interests? T 1313

GWM, 40, wishes to meet guys under 25 for fun, friendship, or whatever! T 1316

Sincere GWM, 22, seeks GWM, 23-28 for long-term, monogamous relationship. Serious only need respond. T 1312

GWM, attractive, 40's, oral expert for heavy equipment. Gay/Bi/Str tune-ups given. Best in town. Call soon! T 1317

Clean-cut, 36yo GWM, blonde, green, thick, hunky body, honest, well-grounded, successful, energetic, oral and sexually-charged. Wicket kisser. Seeks guys who are honest, well-balanced, have aspirations and energy. Turn-ons, thick, hunky men with a little meat on them, Italians, dark hair. T 1309

GWM, 5'8", 160#, retired senior, healthy, financially responsible, seeks male 25-40 for daytime relationship. T 1307

Couples-Masculine, clean-cut GWM 33 physically fit, healthy, seeks similar 20s & 30s who occasionally enjoy the company of another. T 1260

BM 35, 5'8", 155 lbs, healthy, trim, versatile, well-endowed, masculine seeks GM with same qualities. No fems. T 1257

Horny, hairy, hung GWM, 23, 165 lbs. NEEDS a daddy to spank him. "Chris" T 1261

Masc GWM 32 Frech 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

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WM, 32, 5'10", 155#, F/A, loner type seeks fellow non-fam WM Southerner 30-50 wanting possible one-on-one relationship. ☎ 1237

BM seeks masculine BM to become ? buddies. ☎ 1236

Good looking GWM, 6'1", 190, successful, secure, romantic top seeks relationship oriented cute bottom, 28-38. ☎ 1234

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GWM, 25; 5'3", 135, br/bl, looking for hot safe times with 35 or younger top. PR, Latino, Oriental preferred. ☎ 1095

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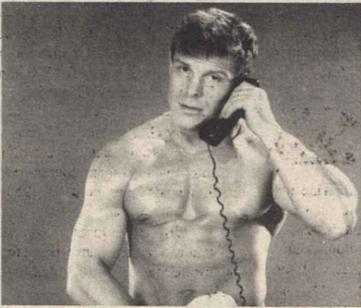
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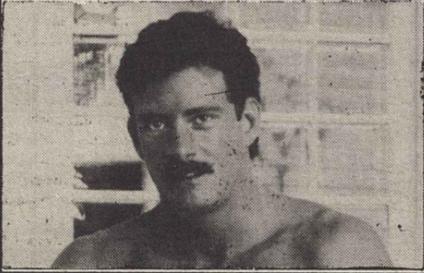


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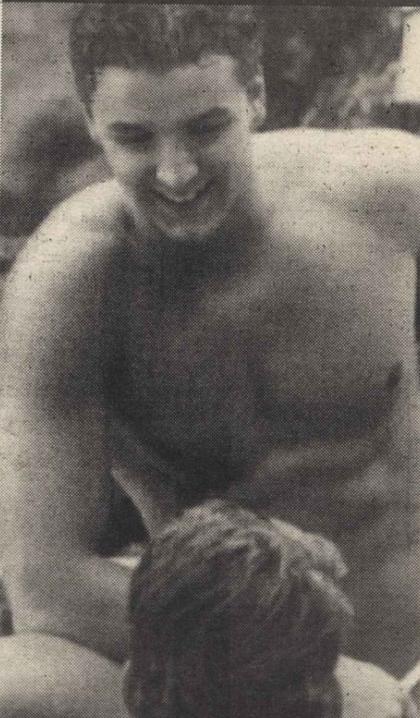
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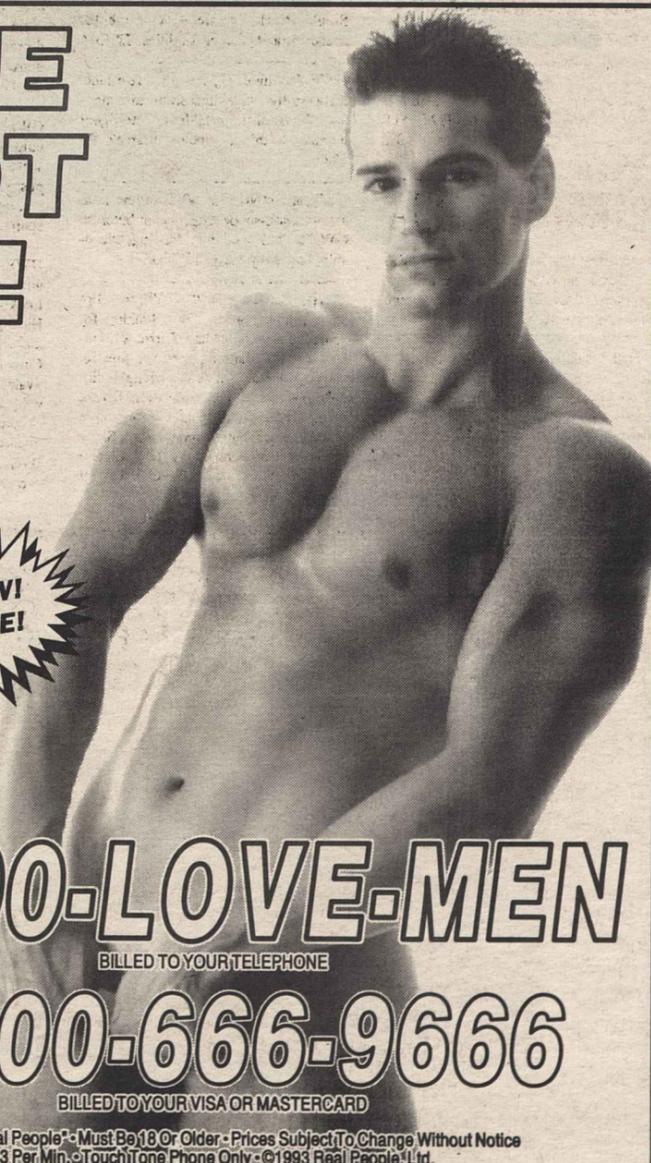


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