Clinton meets with gay leaders

Activists tell President his leadership is vital on gay and lesbian issues

Washington, DC—In an historic first, President Bill Clinton met last week in the Oval Office with leaders of several lesbian and gay organizations. The group gathered to discuss the President’s participation in this week’s National March on Washington, and to reiterate the importance of his support in the struggle for the civil rights of the country’s lesbians and gay men.

“It was a really positive meeting,” said National Gay and Lesbian Task Force director Torie Osburn, who attended the meeting. “What was most positive was how absolutely comfortable the President is with gays and lesbians, and the acute sense he has of his administration’s leadership on gay and lesbian issues.”

Although the meeting ended with no firm plans for Clinton’s participation in this week’s March, Osburn said that, barring a change of heart, there will be “at least a telephone hook up” with the President from Boston, where he is scheduled to deliver a speech.

“Things can change,” said Osburn, “but there was a clear commitment on his part—unanimously understood by the people in that room.”

“Although the President stated his schedule takes him out of Washington over the weekend, he is committed to participating in some way,” said March co-chair Billy Hileman.

Earlier, Clinton had been invited to address the March crowd, but the President had already planned to be at a retreat with Senate Democrats in Virginia on Saturday and at the American Association of Newspapers Publishers in Boston on Sunday.

“I mean no snubs,” Clinton said at a news conference before the meeting with lesbian and gay leaders, “but presidents usually don’t participate in marches. That has nothing to do with my position on the fundamental issue of anti-discrimination.”

March officials and other leaders hope that a satellite or telephone hook up will be possible, citing similar speeches delivered by George Bush and Ronald Reagan to anti-abortion rallies.

The April 16 meeting marked the first time a sitting president has held a White House meeting with the lesbian and gay community, and those present said that in itself sent a clear message to the American public.

“Meeting in the Oval Office with the President of the United States has enormous symbolic significance,” said Osburn. “The President has a key role [in the fight for the civil rights of lesbians and gay men], and that’s what we wanted to get across to him.”

Osburn dismissed any suggestion that last Friday’s meeting would be used as a substitute for Clinton’s addressing the marchers.

“Our concern, frankly, was that it would be a substitute—meeting with 8 people instead of a million,” she said. “And we were determined not to allow that.”

“We’ve got to fight the right and educate the middle,” Osburn continued. “The President’s role is essential in this. If he’s supportive, it sends a message to all of America. The President’s moral leadership signals a new era for this fight.”

Osburn also said that the Clinton administration is working behind the scenes, and in often unnoticed ways, to listen to the gay community. Even though Clinton himself will be out of town for March week, at least three Cabinet secretaries—HHS Sec. Donna Shalala, HUD Sec. Henry Cisneros, and Attorney General Janet Reno—have scheduled meetings with various members of the community during the week.

Additionally, openly gay Clinton staffer Bob Hattoy met with Pink Panthers leader Lawerence Salzman and Queer Nation leader Michael Petris last week, hearing their calls for a special investigator in the Allen Schindler murder case.

“[Hattoy] is researching how to get a special prosecutor to oversee the military trial (set to begin June 1),” said Salzman, who organized the meeting. “It’s a very complex constitutionality issue, but there is a strong possibility [for a special prosecutor].”

Osburn sees the flurry of activity as a sign of a new acceptance.

“There is clearly a dialog at a level that has never taken place before,” she said. “The political space has opened up tremendously since the election.”

Also attending the meeting with Osburn and Hileman were MOW co-chair Nadine Smith, HRCF’s Tim McIntire, Phil Wilson of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Conference, the Victory Fund’s William Waybourn, Tom Stoddard of the Campaign for Military Service, and Andrew Barney of COALITION ‘93.

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SoVo Awards hailed as major success

Mayor Jackson spends evening with lesbian and gay community

Atlanta—The after dark temperatures were cool and most of the animals were out of sight. Before Saturday night Zoo Atlanta was the place to be as the Southern Voice 1st Annual Community Awards (dubbed the SoVo Awards) were given to some of Atlanta’s finest individuals and organizations for their achievements in 1992.

Southern Voice readers both nominated the candidates and selected the winners of the awards, and proceeds from the show benefit the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee and Atlanta Lambda Community Center. Some 180 people attended the event, including Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, who was given a special introduction for his efforts in moving the U.S. Conference of Mayors out of Amendment 2-laden Colorado. At press time, a total on the amount of money raised was not available.

Before the show opened with a rousing rendition of “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” by the Armorettes (“which, as we all know, is a paramilitary organization,” said emcee Cathy Woolard), attendees were treated to food provided by P-FLAG, and countless displays of feathered finery by the Zoo’s male peacocks.

The ruff was kept up by the Zoo’s male peacocks throughout the evening, but the sound only added to the wildlife ambiance.

In front of a mountain set (designed by Don Runyon) that echoed the rocks in the elephant display across the way, emcees Woolard, HRCC’s public policy director, and Eric Vonder, creator of “The Mostly Unfulfillable Social Life of Ethan Green,” presided over a nearly perfect evening. Award recipients broke from the Academy Award tradition by being unannounced, and in another departure from the Oscars, political acceptance speeches were not frowned upon.

But despite the wide range of nominees, the audience was notable for its abundance of humor and energy.

“Our readers selected an incredibly diverse group of nominees,” said Southern Voice managing editor Leigh Vanderbilt. “There was so much diversity, and so much respect shown for that diversity.”

Gracesly accepting ACT UP’s award for Most Effective Political Organization along with co-founder HRCC, symbolized its recognition of diversity when he announced that ACT UP would share the award with other political organizations.

“Gracesly is not our path,” Graham said.

“Gracesly was the only one who could have been a candidate for the award,” said Southern Voice editor Jeff Graham. “This is truly a community award.”

Graham also proved that politicians can joke for themselves when he told the audience, “I’m sure the reason we were given this award was that people were afraid we would seize the microphone if they didn’t.”

On a more serious side, Southern Voice initiated two awards during the ceremony: the Venus Landin Memorial Award and the John Howell Achievement Award. The Landin was awarded to Patrick Bell for his tireless work in the service of community. Bell, who is active in the African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance, the City Council’s Lesbian and Gay Public Safety Task Force, and countless other organizations, was visibly overwhelmed by his selection.

“Every morning I tell myself I am blessed,” he said in offering his thanks for the honor.

Linda Vaughns, outgoing director of the Atlanta Feminist Women’s Chorus, received the Howell award for her eleven years of leadership with the Chorus, creating a nationally respected body of vocalists.

Mayor Jackson, in receiving his award, lauded the lesbian and gay community, and reiterated his support in the struggle for civil rights for the country’s lesbians and gay men.

“Anybody asked to pay taxes and old enough to vote ought to have not only some of their rights respected, but all of them,” he said.

“The upcoming March on Washington will make a difference in how America perceives this issue.”

Jackson, who stayed the entire evening, also told the lesbian and gay Atlantans that “without question, you add to Atlanta dramatically,” existing by telling the crowd that the struggle is “number one, to get free, number two to stay free—and never stop.”

Jackson was introduced by Woolard, a former Atlanta activist, who announced that Jackson was actually being given because Jackson is “the politician who used the words ‘lesbian and gay’ more than any other politician...narrowly beating out Pat Buchanan.”

Mayor Jackson then began the evening’s only running joke, about the word “lesbian” preceding “gay.”

“I’m not sure if the honor is for saying the words, or for saying them in the right order,” the mayor said.

Other award recipients continued the joke, adding to Woolard and poignantly saying “lesbian” first.

Other highlights of the evening included Woolard’s introduction of the nominees for Hippest Heterosexual. Woolard said, “I was surprised to learn that eventual winner Mona Benen is, in fact, heterosexual.”

“She’s so hip,” said Woolard, “I thought she was a lesbian.”

Glouram Goddess award winner Amber Richards gave the peacocks a run for their money, but she downplayed the idea that looks are important when she accepted the award.

“True beauty isn’t in the reflection you see in the mirror,” she said. “It’s the reflection other people see from your heart.”

And so no one’s surprise, Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn was given the Get Out of Town Award.

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Melody Reitter & Sharon Lane of VOICES Mayor Jackson seemed to enjoy himself.

Amber Richards thanks Eric Omer as she accepts her award for Glamour Goddess.

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Maine likely to pass gay rights bill

Augusta, ME—Maine is poised to become the only state in the nation to pass a gay rights bill—and the second this month—but the Republican governor of that state has promised to veto the bill if it reaches his desk.

Governor McKernan, who departed for a week long schedule of business out of state Thursday, reiterated that he personally opposes the bill and has said that “he seems to keep coming up with more evidence of lies...revolves around a proposal to ‘prohibit protected class status based on homosexual, bisexual or lesbian orientation,’ according to its side.

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Rep. Susan Farnsworth, who along with McKernan is openly lesbian, said she believes McKernan could be persuaded to change his mind if he is presented with more evidence of the increasing hate violence and discrimination against lesbians and gay men.

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Maine’s gays and lesbians are celebrating the support of the two legislative branches.

“Everyone is Maine is totally excited,” said Sen. Dale McCormick, one of Maine’s two openly lesbian legislators. “It’s a completely different feeling about this bill, a real change.”

McCormick told Southern Voice that the legislation held its ground during the flight to ensure the bill, defeating numerous amendments that would have diminished the measure.

“We defeated all amendments,” she said, including one to register all homosexuals on the secret of state. We called that the “pink triangle.”

A citizens’ group has launched a petition drive seeking a 1994 referendum on a proposal to ban any gay rights laws. McKernan has said that he would prefer a vote on the legislative bill.

Despite the apparent inevitability of a veto, hope sprung eternal among the bill’s supporters.

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Gay lobbyists brave Alabama legislature to promote awareness

Montgomery, Ala.—Gays lobbying the Alabam legislature for the first time said no one was hostile, but some people didn’t know how to react to pink leaflets promoting “lesbian and gay awareness.”

“For the first time they looked at it like, ‘Oh, my God,'” said Stefan, who had his name legally changed to one word, is coordinator of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Alabama. Six members of the group spent April 6 visiting state officials’ offices and handing out the pink triangular leaflets.

“We haven’t had anyone start quoting Bible verses to us,” said Stefan, a Mobile AIDS services worker. He said several of the governor’s secretaries “just sort of freaked out. I don’t know if she thought she would catch something from us.”

The alliance was formed in January by more than 50 people representing 20 groups across the state. It resulted, in part, from the legislature passing three pieces of anti-gay legislation last year:

• A resolution praising the Auburn Uni-

versity Student Government Association for opposing a campus charter for a gay and lesion student group.
• A resolution prohibiting the use of state funds for any campus group that advocates violation of sodomy laws.

Two NC students circulate names of members of gay group

Chapel Hill, NC—Two University of North Carolina students circulated copies of names from that school’s gay and lesbian group at a Student Congress meeting last month in an attempt to prove the group did not need funds from the Student Government Association.

According to Charlotte’s Q-Notes, Dieren Allen and Chris Tuck distributed the list containing the names of 63 UNC-CH students, faculty and community members. The pair said that only nine of those names had paid dues, proving that the organization was a “political” one and should not be funded by the University.

Members of Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity (B-GLAD) immediately terminated by the TAP are suing the agency’s corporate by-laws.

The lawsuit seeks a court order to remove members of the board of directors for fraud. The lawsuit, filed two weeks ago in Washington County Chancery Court, alleges the board members improperly conducted elections, withheld financial records and terminated members in violation of state law and the agency’s corporate by-laws.

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Board members of Tenn. AIDS project sued

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Kentucky bed & breakfast still making news

RusseMlle, KY—The Stone Mountain Inn continues to offer hospitality to gays and lesbians despite earlier conflicts with this small community and a lawsuit filed by one of the owners against the other.

James Turner filed a lawsuit last winter in Logan Circuit Court, seeking half the estate from his former lover, Jimmy Cates. Turner, who has left the estate—a five-bedroom house on 10 secluded acres—contends that he and Cates mortgaged the property together.

Turner and Cates went their separate ways earlier this year. Cates remains at the bed and breakfast, which was his home before the two men met.

Meanwhile, Cates announced a Derby Day weekend, scheduled April 30-May 2, to coincide with the Kentucky Derby in Louisville.

The package ($189) includes lodging, Derby tickets and transportation used from the horse race. For reservations, call 1-800-995-1238.

The bed and breakfast is at the center of controversy and threats from local residents.

The men said last year that they received doz-

ens of threatening telephone calls and had to hire security guards. The threats have since stopped.

Cates had said earlier this year that he was looking for another partner to run the busi-

ness with him after Turner’s departure. (AP)

Greenville, SC—Voters United for Equality (VUE) will conduct its next meeting on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Open Book conference room, on Pleasantburg Dr. in Greenville. Included on the agenda is a review of the April 25 March on Washington. Newcomers, especially those who participated in the march, are welcome.

VUE is a human rights advocacy group which fights homophobia and discrimination against gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals. For more information, call (803) 843-1070 or (803) 235-5019.
**DC Council Overturns Sodomy Law:** The District of Columbia's City Council voted on April 7 to overturn the city's 45-year-old sodomy law, but the religious right has vowed to take the issue to Congress, which has oversight over all the District's laws. Congress nullified a City Council attempt to overturn the law once before, in 1981. Gay activists hope the more tolerant atmosphere of the Clinton administration will help when Congress considers the measure. "The political climate is a lot more tolerant," said Queer Nation's Steven Reichert. "Also, we have a White House that is a lot more sympathetic and will help lobby on behalf of DC home rule."

**Gays Picket Paper Over Decision To Yank Comic Strip:** Lesbians and gays are picketing Hartsgartown, MD's Herald-Mail Co. over that paper's decision to pull the comic strip "Preset Or For Worse," when writer Lynn Johnston introduced a gay storyline. "We don't appreciate the fact that they are showing an intolerance to lesbians and gays," said picker David Koonce. "They are bowing to the pressure of the conservative right." The group plans to continue weekend pickets of the newspaper. In the comic strip, a teenager comes out to his parents and is initially thrown out of the house. His mother relents, and promises to try to understand. The Atlanta Journal is running the strip during this storyline.

**Norway Approves Gay Marriages:** Joining neighboring Denmark, the Norwegian parliament has passed a bill giving gay couples the same legal rights as married heterosexual couples, except the right to marry in a church and to adopt children, the Washington Blade reported last week. The bill, passed by parliament on April 1, will take effect on August 1. Denmark passed such a law in 1989, and the Blade also reported that Sweden and Finland may be close to granting gay couples legal rights.

**Gay-Positive Picket Will Go Back Up In MN High School:** A gay sensitivity poster is expected to be put back on the wall at a Minnesota high school after supporters outnumbered opponents by a wide margin at a school board meeting. Only one person spoke up against the poster, while several supporters explained why they believe it's an important poster and should be allowed to remain. The controversy began when anti-gay activists circulated a petition to have the poster removed. At the end of last week's meeting, school board chair Dick Gaffron said "at this point, I consider the subject closed."

**Wisconsin Lesbian Elected Municipal Judge:** Shelley Gaylord, an openly lesbian attorney from Madison, Wisconsin, handily won a municipal judgeship in that city on April 6, defeating her opponent by 10,000 votes in a special election. Fourth Tuesday chair Wendy Goldberg-Gaylord, Gaylord's sister, won in April's Fourth Tuesday Forum that Gaylord has been an attorney for 14 years, and that she "has dedicated herself to children's advocacy, gay and lesbian rights [and] the rights of battered women." Gaylord had major endorsements from a broad spectrum of organizations and individuals, including the Madison daily newspaper.

**Schools Cancel AIDS Prevention Programs After Parental Opposition:** Officials at two Michigan high schools have called off AIDS prevention programs after parental opposition. The talks by educators from the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project were canceled last week over the sexual orientation of program coordinator Steven Wood, said Nancy Byers Sprague, who organized Wood's schedule. "I was very taken aback," said Sprague. "I'm not used to that much anger. It made me realize just how strong the feelings and the fears about homosexuality are here." Wood said he was less concerned with opposition toward gays than with the information the students missed. "They're sacrificing their kids," he said. "Kids in the [Upper Peninsula area of Michigan] are having sex...Our only agenda is saving lives."

**Judge Says Rochester Discriminated Against Gay Alliance:** The city of Rochester, NY, must grant a property tax exemption to a gay rights group, a state Supreme Court judge has ruled. Justice Andrew V. Siracuse ruled that the city discriminated against the Gay Alliance of the Genessee Valley, Inc. by denying an exemption for the group's community center. The city had argued that the Alliance was an advocacy group for gays and did not meet the state requirement that an organization be educational or charitable to qualify for an exemption. But Siracuse said the Alliance "advocates not homosexuality but the legitimate rights and needs of the gay and lesbian community, rights recognized by the city in its anti-discrimination ordinance. This is essentially an educational function."

**Presbyterian Synod Upholds Ordination Of Gay Deacons:** The Presbyterian Synod of the Pacific's judicial commission defied a national church policy last week by upholding the ordination of a gay man and a lesbian as deacons. The commission voted 6-1 after Portland's Hope Presbyterian challenged the ordinations of Heather Bonnstra and George Link. The synod's ruling will likely be appealed to the General Assembly, said Larry Torgren, pastor at Hope Presbyterian. The General Assembly has repeatedly denied gays the right to serve the church as deacons or ministers based on a 1978 policy statement that "homosexuality is 'incompatible with Christian faith and life.'"

**Student, School Reach Compromise On Homosexual Art:** An art student is displaying his homosexual art in a room at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock under a compromise reached with the art department. Steven Leonard and several other students last week protested the removal of Leonard's drawings from a gallery in the Fine Arts Building, claiming that the art department was censoring Leonard's work. Gallery curator Shannon Dillard Mitchell said that as a compromise, Leonard's work was put up in another room that is monitored to prevent unsupervised children from entering. "I agreed to this," Leonard said. "This would have been OK with me from the beginning."
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Clinton budget calls for extra $600 million to fight AIDS

Washington, DC—President Clinton’s budget April 8 called for almost doubling the money that goes to citys with large case loads of AIDS patients. Altogether, the White House proposed spending an extra $600 million to fight the disease.

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, outlining her agency’s $541 billion budget for fiscal 1994, said Clinton’s budget calls for spending $2.7 billion on AIDS next year. That funding would include $658 million—a $310 million increase—for the Ryan White Act, which provides emergency relief to cities with large numbers of AIDS cases.

“It’s a wonderful starting point,” said Helen Fox of the National Minority AIDS Task Force. “It’s hard for me to say whether or not it’s the right amount, because there’s too many people yet who are unidentified.”

The health department’s budget—the largest of the federal government’s bureaucracies because it includes Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid—also would boost funding for women’s health, providing an extra $328 million, primarily for the prevention and treatment of breast cancer.

Shalala dismissed complaints that attention to other diseases has suffered because of the focus on AIDS and women’s health. “There’s no evidence of that,” she said.

AZT study called into question

In response to a letter published in a British scientific journal in which European researchers questioned the efficacy of AZT use in early stage HIV disease, Burmgho Welcome, makers of the drug, hastily convened a press conference last week to address confusion related to the study.

The letter, published in “The Lancet,” concluded that asymptomatic patients infected with HIV who took AZT received no benefit from the drug when compared to persons taking a placebo. In an ongoing study known as the Concorde trial, British and French researchers published the interim letter because of interest in the study’s findings. But other AIDS researchers, including Dr. Robert Schooley of the University of Colorado and Dr. Michael Tapper of Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, said AZT takes a higher dose of AZT. Yet Concorde may show that persons receiving the 1000 mg. of AZT tolerated the drug well.

Among other questions left unanswered by the Concorde letter are these: When is the optimal time to begin AZT therapy and at what dose? Do patients derive less than optimal benefit from AZT if it is taken as a monotherapy rather than in combination with DDC or DDI and possibly Nevirapine (as well as other anti-virals)?

Four previous studies have indicated that AZT use as a monotherapy is beneficial for finite periods of time for some patients in slowing disease progression.

According to Dr. Daniel Hoth, a director with the government’s AIDS research program, “What the news media should endeavor to do is communicate to doctors and patients...that there is no reason to change any treatment they are on based on a letter in a single medical journal.”

Miss America joins Miss Indiana, Miss Iowa for AIDS benefit

Fort Wayne, IN—Hoosiers have a lot to learn about AIDS, says the reigning Miss Indiana, Shelli Yoder of Shipshewana, who finished second in last year’s Miss America pageant, said knowledge of the disease is especially lacking in rural areas of Indiana.

“When you come from a rural community, you have the tendency to say, ‘It can’t affect me,’” said Yoder.

Yoder, Miss America Leanza Cornett and Miss Iowa Katherine Ann Lemkau attended a benefit last Monday sponsored by the Noble County AIDS Task Force. The three women—the top three finishers in Atlantic City last September—said they felt an obligation to throw their titles behind the AIDS cause because more young women are contracting the deadly disease.

“The closeness that we have together is not just as pageant contestants, but as women who have come together for a cause,” said Cornett, who spoke out about AIDS during the Miss America pageant. “It’s our disease. It’s our issue.”

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Dept. of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala

To combat the resurgence in tuberculosis, the agency would spend an extra $10 million next year, for a 1994 total of $46 million. The budget also claims that over a five-year period, the health department will contribute $12 billion to bringing down the deficit, largely through cuts in Medicare.

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AIDS prevention grants awarded to 10 cities

Washington, DC—Grants totaling $1 million were awarded April 2 to AIDS prevention groups in 10 cities to study the spread of the deadly disease among substance abusers, young people and minorities.

The grants, distributed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, range from $62,000 to $135,000. They were funded by the federal Centers for Disease Control.

"Our targets in these 10 projects are gay and bisexual men, minorities, youth, substance users and their needle-sharing partners, particularly women," said Thomas Cochran, director of the mayors conference. "These are groups whose risk of infection is very high."

Receiving grants:
- Boston AIDS Consortium, Boston, $120,965
- Kansas City Health Department, Kansas City, Mo., $105,000
- Milwaukee Indian Health Board, Milwaukee, Wis., $129,000
- Family Health Project, New York, $104,900
- Northern Virginia Planning District Commission, Annandale, Va., $59,742
- Plainfield Division of Health, Plainfield, N.J., $56,152
- Wake County Department of Health, Raleigh, N.C., $101,998
- San Bernardino County Department of Health, San Bernardino, Calif., $100,000
- Puerto Rico Community Network for Clinical Research on AIDS, San Juan, P.R., $102,657
- Lucas County Board of Health, Toledo, Ohio, $121,356

The grants were intended to study infection rates, patterns of drug use and the effectiveness of outreach efforts in high-risk areas.

Richard Failla

New York City—Richard C. Failla, the first openly gay person elected to the New York State Supreme Court, and a leader on gay rights and AIDS issues, died April 4. He was 53.

Failla was appointed a Criminal Court judge in 1985 by Mayor Edward Koch and won an uncontested election to the state Supreme Court in 1986.

Failla's legal career began in the Navy, where he served as a lieutenant in the judge advocate general corps in the Philippines and Vietnam. When gay sailors were discharged in accordance with the military's ban on homosexuality, he volunteered to defend them.

Following his military service, Failla worked for the Manhattan district attorney's office and became the director of a federal project to upgrade legal representation for indigents in the Manhattan and Bronx courts.

When the AIDS epidemic arose, Failla joined the board of directors of the Gay Men's Health Crisis; he later became its vice president. He also served on the state Health Department's AIDS Advisory Council.

Richard Schmischlen

Los Angeles—Filmmaker Richard Schmischlen, who won a 1984 Oscar for the documentary "The Times of Harvey Milk," died April 7 from AIDS complications; said David Haugland, the filmmaker's companion and business partner. He was 45.

Schmischlen's most recent film, "Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker," was nominated for a documentary feature Oscar this year.

He produced "The Times of Harvey Milk," a look at the slain openly gay San Francisco city supervisor, which also won two Emmys and a Peabody Award. In addition to Haugland, he is survived by brothers Jim and John and sister Beth Miller.
Lawrence, KS—A minister who picketed a gay-rights parade during the weekend said he got a “surprisingly good” reaction from passersby.

“You think of Lawrence as being more or less given over to the gay agenda, but we’ve had a lot of good, favorable smiles and thumbs up,” said the Rev. Fred Phelps of Topeka. “We’ve gotten some of the other kind, too—real mean people.”

Lesbians and gays marching in the parade came face-to-face with followers of Phelps, a minister who condemns gays, but both sides avoided conflict and the parade went off peacefully.

There were a few rude gestures and taunts on both sides, but Phelps’ pickets didn’t interfere with the marchers April 10. About 250 people in the Lawrence procession, which began at one end of town and stopped in a park at the other, passed the Phelps picketers. The two groups sang songs and shouted their differing slogans.

Lawrence police in squad cars preceded and followed the marchers, and officers were seen on bicycles or standing among protesters. No incidents were reported, police said.

Earlier that day, Phelps changed his plans to picket a memorial service in Kansas City, Mo., for Kevin Oldham, a gay man and a 25-year-old disbarred lawyer—he was disciplined for giving the wrong address to AIDS victims in 1991 because of what he perceived as a glorification by the news media of gay men who contracted the disease.

He contends his group acts as an “offset” to the coverage.

Phelps has vowed to challenge Kansas City’s ordinance prohibiting such demonstrations from 90 minutes before to 90 minutes after a funeral or memorial service. But on Saturday he and about 25 supporters left the site of the memorial service in Kansas City hours before he would have been subject to arrest.

He also has said he’ll test the constitutionality of a year-old Kansas statute that outlaws pickets at such gatherings. Phelps said a scheduling conflict with the Lawrence event prevented him from staying long enough in Kansas City to challenge the ordinance.

Phelps has posed a thorny problem for lawmakers here in the heartland: how to balance free-speech rights against the rights of grieving relatives of people who have died of AIDS to bury their dead in peace. The 63-year-old disbarred lawyer—he was disciplined in 1979 for harassing a defendant and misrepresenting testimony—began picketing the funerals of gays who died of AIDS in Topeka and Wichita about two years ago, confronting mourners with posters proclaiming “God Hates Fags: Romans 9:13.”

“I’m talking about the destruction of a civilization called Sodom and Gomorrah,” Phelps said last week during a regular protest at a Topeka church. “The Lord Jesus Christ says when things get that way in any civilization it’s doomed. So it’s not likely that any tacky little old city ordinance or state law or act of Congress is going to stop me.”

Opponents of censorship said they are troubled by the official attempts to silence Phelps.

“You answer wrongheaded and outrageous, hateful speech, the kind that Mr. Phelps dishes out on a regular basis, with more speech, better speech, not with less speech,” said Dick Kurtenbach, director of the ACLU of Kansas and Western Missouri.

But Phelps’ tactics have drawn the condemnation even of conservatives.

“We are ashamed that this man has chosen to destroy the work of Christ with his prideful, holier-than-thou attitude,” the conservative group FIRED UP said in a letter to The Kansas City Star. “The sin of pride is as bad as the sin of homosexuality.”

Phelps said the only reason he hasn’t picketed a funeral since the Kansas law was enacted is that, except for one person who didn’t have a funeral, “Kansas papers have not glorified a single fag” since then.

But he said he’s eager to test the laws in court and shrugs off the suffering he may inflict on mourners.

“Do ‘em a world of good, this preaching,” he said.

DANA FIELDS and wire reports

When time’s running short and so is your money...
United Nations opens door to international gay group

New York City—In an unprecedented move, the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) was granted roster consultative status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (EcoSoc) at a March 29 session.

Center ILGA, the local ILGA chapter sponsored by the New York Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center and the coordinator for the world ILGA UN Project, was the driving force behind the lobbying effort for consultative status. Roster consultative status allows ILGA to submit papers to the UN on issues concerning the worldwide lesbian and gay community.

“Our application for consultative status was deferred two years ago, and we were braced for more of the same treatment this round,” said Rina Malonzo, co-chair of Center ILGA. “We lobbied each Economic and Social Council member one by one. Some member states registered strong objections against—and I’m quoting here—our ‘heterosexual and evil acts’ and the ‘pathological problems which may harm our children.’ It took some time to work past the resistance.”

The approval for consultative status represents a compromise victory, however. ILGA had requested approval for Category II, which would have bestowed approval for the group to speak as well as submit papers.

The original lobbying effort was started over ten years ago by ILGA. In 1991, ILGA became the first lesbian and gay group to be accepted as an affiliate NGO with the Department of Public Information. As such, Center ILGA represented the worldwide ILGA membership at weekly NGO briefings at the UN. This “observer” status was a critical step toward the approval of consultative status, which permits ILGA a more active role, and increases its potential for impact on UN affairs.

As a consultative representative, ILGA may submit written proposals to further its goal of including lesbian and gay rights in the United Nations human rights agenda.

“This is a groundbreaking turn of events,” said Richard Burns, director of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center. “Center ILGA and other ILGA delegate groups from around the world have been working for years for permission to participate at the UN. It’s a long-awaited victory.”

Founded in Europe in 1978, the International Lesbian and Gay Association was conceived as a worldwide, interactive network of grassroots organizations to overcome legal, social, cultural and economic discrimination on a global level. Today, there are over 300 ILGA members (both organizational and individual) in more than 60 countries on five continents.

In addition to the UN Project, Center ILGA also works with Amnesty International on behalf of lesbian and gay prisoners of conscience, and on immigration and asylum issues.

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**Ban on gays in military is unAmerican**

**by CORETTA SCOTT KING**

The armed services have always had a large number of gay people who have served their country with honor. Many have paid the highest price to defend the freedom the ban’s supporters profess so hold dear. Any General, Admirals or politicians who don’t know this need to be awakened to a reality check.

The arguments advanced in favor of the ban are surprisingly reminiscent of some that African-Americans faced during the racist deSEGregation of the military. Black Americans were told that their presence would somehow diminish morale and promote divisiveness. Back then the advocates of segregated army units said that they, themselves, of course harbored no prejudice, but they were concerned about “others” who might feel that way.

Back then, advocates banning integrated military units also were reduced to fear-mongering about life-threatening health problems. In his last-ditch attempt to halt desegregation of the military, for example, Georgia Senator Richard Russell accused the specter of disproportionately high rates of syphilis infection among some black communities.

These were sanitized, specious arguments then, and it is regrettable that they are being used today to deny another group of patriotic Americans their citizenship rights.

The controversy over President Clinton’s decision to rescind the ban does reveal one very urgent need, which should be addressed at the earliest opportunity. There is a problem of homophobia among some military personnel. This was brutally underscored by the recent beating of a gay man in a North Carolina bar by soldiers, for no means the first such incident.

Such incidents make it clear that the armed services have failed to provide adequate citizenship education. Military enlistees should be required to complete a course in the values of tolerance and multicultural living as part of their basic training.

Before they can serve, all military personnel should demonstrate a clear understanding of the dimensions of prejudice and bigotry, so they will have a sense of what the freedom they may be called to defend is all about. Tolerance training can not only help deprogram homophobia, but also promote mutual understanding among soldiers of different races, religions and cultures.

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Public Enemy #1 Award.

“We didn’t take the time or the money to engrave an award for him,” quipped Woolard, “but I’ll send him the card [containing the winner’s name], and tell him you sent it.”

Southern Voice readers also created an award of their own, writing in Paul Stone as the Most Community Minded Leather Person.

In addition to the awards and the Armorettes, the audience was also treated to vocal groups Sighs and Voices. Sighs (Jay Rogers, Dick Holland and Patrick Hutchinson) performed a humorously choreographed “My Guy,” while Voices sang a medley of songs from Hutchinson and Dan Pruitt’s “Different” and “The Harvey Milk Show.”

The songs, the nominees, the award recipients and the emcees all combined to make the Awards show a strong display of connection within Atlanta’s diverse lesbian and gay communities. With superlatives abounding, the Southern Voice staff was overwhelmingly pleased with the event.

“I could not ask for [the evening] to have been any better than it was,” said SoVo editor Chris Cash. “I can’t even imagine it.”

General manager VanderEls agreed. “It was fantastic. To the people who weren’t there,” she said, “boy, did you miss it.”

“But you’ll have the chance next year,” added Cash.

VanderEls heaped praise upon the many volunteers who made the event possible. “George [Rogan, of Lambda] and Ken [Gallups, of ALGPC] coordinated all the volunteers,” she said, “and they did a great job. It couldn’t have happened without them.”

Both Cash and VanderEls stressed that it couldn’t have happened without Southern Voice readers as well.

“These were [the readers’] awards, in reality,” said Cash. “They were responsible from the beginning.”

Other “Sovie” recipients were: Most Community Minded Business: Brushstrokes; Most Fun Social Organization: Interact; Atlanta’s Hottest Event Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride; Most Effective AIDS Organization: Project Open Hand; Most Welcoming Religious Organization: First MCC; Most Community Minded Drag Personality: Charlie Brown; Most Community Minded Arts Organization: SAME; Most Entertaining Entertainer: Angela Motter; Community Volunteer Extraordinaire: Larry Pellegrini; Atlanta’s Hottest Bar: the Armory; Most Community Minded Bar: Burkhart’s; Community’s Closest Political Ally: State Sen. Ron Slovin.

Mona Bennett, voted Hippest Het, receives her award from emcee Cathy Woolard.

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**Southern Queeres by Al Cotton**

**In the Spring, a Young Queen's Fancy...**

Spring has sprung in Atlanta, and blizzard or no, it's breathtaking as always. Tulips, dogwoods and azaleas dance in the spring wind. Aries the Ram rides high in the heavens, sap is running in the trees, and the Gay Male Quest For The Boyfriend du Jour is on in full force.

One place to taste the frenzy is Wednesday nights at The Heretic. The ever-popular Group Grope continues to draw crowds of shirtless twenty-somethings expressing their imagined vision of what the Gay Good Old Days must have been like. But people in our community act horrified when the topic of Heretical Wednesday nights arises. I have more than one friend who gets ridiculously indignant when Nancy Schaefer starts going on about men with 500 anonymous sexual encounters a year. For them, anyone who might participate in such behavior becomes a traitor to our cause, and earns the mother of all epithets—"slut." These sizes of a recalcitrant Puritanism sex-negativity scare me. I attribute much of it to AIDS, which has profoundly confused our community sexually. Doesn't one fail, incurably, sexually transmitted disease make sex bad? If so, then you should stop having it, shouldn't you? But, beware of the logic and language that such simple.

Look at the similar confusion in safe sex recommendations, drawn up by straight male epidemiologists, of course. They simultaneously suggest using condoms and having fewer sexual partners. But wait—if you use condoms, why do you need to limit the number of partners? No reason, unless someone's trying to slip a bit of meaning in amongst the bad advice.

The sex-positive amongst us keep discovering re-erected walls (pardon the pun), ones we thought had already been breached, being rebuilt by the same people who called them. The fear of rejection is a. "slut," but the fear of being called to light. There was always hope that, through our legal system, justice would actually accept if the perpetrator is apprehended, their sexual orientation will be called to light. There was always hope that, through our legal system, justice would actually act out as a nation is only an extension of the violence found in so many of our homes. I know I can’t rest until we have a society where children are nurtured and protected, our diversity is seen as a strength and our country is a reflection of our concern for people not domination. In unity, Paul McLeann

**Rights yes, military no**

To the Editor:

Thanks for the comment in Dish’s column on April 8 questioning why anyone would want to serve in the military. I am a straight male that has to thank a gay therapist, and a mostly gay male survivors of sexual abuse group, for my still being among the living. My childhood history led me to hate authority and it led me to the anti-Vietnam movement. From genocide against Native Americans to Bush’s “New World Order,” our military has been used to promote aggression, prop up dictators and in general be used as a tool of a system more interested in profit than human need.

While I understand it’s a democratic right for gays and lesbians to participate fully in every aspect of our society, it’s a contradiction to me to want to serve a system that generates racism, sexism, homophobia and so many other ills of this society.

So, what do I do? Are riots by the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual population in order? I think not. Violence against anyone is wrong. But protection of one’s self is perfectly legal and appropriate. Some women have been carrying handguns for protection for years.

**STONEMWALL RIOTS BY ANDREA NATALIE**

**LETTERS**

Pridgen trial outcome makes it okay to gay bash

To the Editor:

As I write this, I am angry. Three Marines who were accused of beating a gay man in North Carolina have just been acquitted. The news media stated that the prosecution was unable to provide proof of the attack. Even though there was enough cause to make the arrests, there was not enough evidence to warrant a conviction, according to CNN Headline News.

Part of me wants to hold to the belief that the hatred that fills those three Marines is isolated, and after a few weeks, life will return to the generally apathetic, “I am concerned but I’ll stay out” attitude that permeates so much of society. And possibly that some non-gay persons will realize the high incidence of hate crimes and begin to voice opposition to the violence perpetrated not only on Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals, but on all people as well.

But, as a Gay man, there is another part of me that is frightened. Frightened of Randy Redneck who thinks that since three Marines will not be held accountable for their actions, it will be perfectly acceptable for him to do some “flag-bashing” on a Saturday night.

And what recourse do we have? Many hate crimes are not reported because the “victims” are afraid to state their sexual orientation, or are afraid that if the perpetrator is apprehended, their sexual orientation will be called to light. There was always hope that, through our legal system, justice would actually prevail. Recently, justice but became quite gray.

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Maybe it is time for a push in the community for “Protection Awareness.” If guns frighten someone, there is nace or pepperpguard sprays. There are self-defense classes also. There is safety in numbers; never travel or party alone. Be aware of your surroundings.

It is sad that the times have come to this.

James M. Wilson

Lawrenceville, GA
ANNIVERSARIES

Veanne Jones and Jean Donald will celebrate nine fabulous years together on April 22. They will start with a quiet evening at home followed by a weekend of outdoor camping (I'm assuming you mean the kind done in tents). Happy Anniversary you two!

BIRTHDAYS

I don't know what it is, but since I started writing his column my friends have stopped announcing their birthdays around me. However, being the good queen that I am, I always find out. So...

Happy Belated Birthday to my lunch buddy Bill Buschman. Bill hit another post-30 milestone back on March 30. This time around your birthday is going into my permanent calendar. Happy Birthday!

And another HBB goes out to my friend Lee Hand. His birthday was April 7. I'm sure Lee spent his natal day with his hands all over someone. Actually Lee spends every day that way...he's a massage therapist. Keep those fingers limber, Lee!

Happy Birthday (on time) to David Ragland of Huntsville, Alabama. David will hit the big 4-0 (ouch!) on April 28 and will celebrate with a limo tour of the finer gay spots in Huntsville. Let me know if there's a seat available in that limo, David. I might want to join this party!

Happy Birthday...and thanks for using the Occasions Voice Mailbox!

CELEBRITY OCCASIONS

Local high school student Chance Claar was included in an interview on the Jane Pratt Show (Lifetime network) on Friday, April 16. The subject of the show was Homophobia in High School and College Campuses. Chance is a senior at Ben Franklin Academy and reports that she is out and the school is "really cool about it." She did phone this in late, but knowing Lifetime the show will probably be repeated. Watch Saturday listings in June or July for a possible rerun. Congratulations, Chance!

MARK du PONT

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And don't forget about the Commitment Ceremony on Saturday, April 24. Maybe this time next year we'll have to devote a whole page to the anniversaries!!! In fact, if you do participate in the D.C. Commitment Ceremony, how about letting us know about it when you get back home so we can tell everyone about your special day.

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Paradox and Perversity in Gay Lives Today

An interview with Frank Browning, author of “The Culture of Desire”

Go figure. After years of disruption and discord inside what we seem to want to call the gay and lesbian “community,” there finally seems to be a feeling of coming together. A conking around common issues—AIDS, gays in the military, support for Bill Clinton.


Browning spent several years touring the country talking to gay men (he admits that his some gives lesbians short shrift) to determine how they connect, what they have in common. His conclusions about how gay men do (and don’t) come together today are distinctly challenging to the mindset that sees us all one big happy homo family.

Southern Voice columnist Al Cotton spoke to Browning in San Francisco.

AC: Many books have been written that document a person’s travels around the country to “find” the gay community. How do you see your book in relation to others of that genre?

FB: I wanted to explore a set of ideas, and look at certain types of behavior around the country. For instance, I was interested in tribal gatherings, which don’t have to be sacred; they can be fun. I had heard about Hotlanta, and wanted to get some sense of the dynamic around the urge to get together. I think the idea of a gay party is quite different from other parties.

When I went to Miami, it was not to see a pretty place with a lot of butch boys; it was to study the way Latino gay men have a distinct understanding of family that I didn’t see in Anglo or African-American communities—the notion of the family as a bulwark of civil pride and solidarity, a principal instrument through which the immigrant preserves space and memory. If I wanted to write about Americans’ contemporary conundrum with the family, and I want to address it in gay terms, I need to go to a place where family is of critical importance.

AC: Did you have a particular question in mind when you started?

FB: How do we think about what makes culture in America? I don’t know what culture means in America. I would argue that gay men have a dream of a culture, which is about as much as any population in America gets. If your parents are a Russian, Ashkenaze Jew married to a second generation Japanese and you are cohabitating with a Latino, what is your culture?

Gay people, as a function of the way we are constrained to deal with the family, and phrases like gay community, and especially women’s community, are ludicrous. My Hotlanta raft had three black men and one other white man, and I specifically wanted to find myself in that setting. My place, and phrases like gay community, and especially women’s community, are ludicrous. Culture is closer, but still inadequate. But it is also inadequate to describe America as well.

AC: Who did you write this book for?

FB: Sentient, literate human beings, and for myself. What I was writing towards was something more akin to fiction, where you don’t directly tell the reader what you’re doing. If you would, talk about desire in its more intimate and private instances—there’s too much ambiguity to do it any other way.

AC: I thought the sections about sex in Golden Gate Park and with your friend Tommy Biscotto beautifully expressed the way sex can be a lot of different things—raw, tender, playful, thrilling. Did it make you nervous to write so frankly?

FB: Sure, but it seemed utterly dishonest not to. My editor asked if I was sure I wanted to do this—“don’t you think you’re going a bit too far?” I said “No, if I’m going to talk about what it is so disturbing to the straight world about us, it’s important that I do it.” One reviewer, in The Advocate, called it “lurid.” Lurid? That would suggest I didn’t like it.

AC: Vantage point on something that was much whiter than anything I’ve ever experienced. Hotlanta in some ways felt an awful lot like a fraternity rush party—all those people with the same physical manner, the same body type, not too many dark people. And there is a sweetness about it that I just liked enormously. I had very complicated feelings about Hotlanta—counselor-cultural whirlpool.

AC: I loved your quote from Oscar Wilde: “What the paradox was to me in the sphere of thought, perversity became to me in the sphere of passion.”

FB: I’m glad you liked it. Some people in Washington were quite upset about that word, perversity. But that tells you more about Washington. A real Southerner understands perversity.
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Alaska is the next locale in the continuing fight for the rights of lesbians and gays to live without discrimination. This week, voters in Anchorage will take to the polls to vote on a referendum that would repeal a gay rights ordinance passed by the city Assembly in January. Three days after it passed, the measure, was vetoed by Mayor Tom Fink. The Assembly, overwhelmed by veto, but a petition spear- headed by Citizens to Repeal the Homosexual Ordinance collected 20,000 signatures in a month to put the measure on the April 20 ballot. The ordinance has been suspended unt- til the vote takes place.

While no formal polls have been done, Alaskans for Civil Rights says public opinion is split 50-50. An informal shopping mall sur- vey in Anchorage by The Associated Press backs that up. Six hundred supporters of the ordinance gathered on April 10 in Anchorage. Propo- nents included former Anchorage Mayor Tony Knowles and former state Sen. Artiss Strugnell, the Republican party’s gubernatorial candidate in 1996.

In Washington, a gay rights measure that passed the state House failed to get out of a Senate committee, but backers of the law say they’re not done yet. Led by Gov. Mike Lowry, who said at a press conference that Republican President Abraham Lincoln would have voted for the measure, supporters say they will try to amend an existing bill with the gay rights measure.

Normally non-political software giant Mi- crosoft Corp. has thrown its support behind the measure, writing to senators that “Regula- tion such as [this] is important to a thriving and nondiscriminatory work environment.”

Gov. Cecil Andrus of Idaho continues his opposition to an anti-gay initiative drive in that state, telling a call-in radio audience that the initiative “is nothing more than a genera- tion of hate and bigotry within this state, and we don’t need it.”

After an opinion last month from Idaho’s attorney general that their proposed anti-gay law would not pass constitutional muster, the Idaho Citizens Alliance has submitted a re- vamped version that deletes a requirement that schools refrain from teaching homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle, instead permitting “appropriate” discussions.

The new version deletes its designation as the “Idaho Civil Rights Act,” denies legal rec- ognition of same-sex marriage, and bars any government-sponsored attempt to portray ho- mosexuality as acceptable. It also includes a provision against hiring and firing based on private sexual behavior, but the head of the Idaho ACLU legal committee, George Paterson, says that the section is linked to school efforts by both gay rights supporters and oppo- nents. “A Voice of Reason” is made up largely of business leaders. Colorado for Family Val- ues, sponsors of Amendment 2, recently called for a boycott of business that have gay rights policies.

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Marines acquitted in Pridgen trial; judge rules incident a bar brawl

Wilmington, NC—The acquittal of three Marines charged with assaulting patrons outside a gay bar sends a message that attacks on gays will go unpunished, a gay activist said April 14.

In a case that brought national attention when it came on the heels of President Clinton's announcement of his intention to lift the ban on gays in the military, Judge Jacqueline Morris-Goodson, who heard the case without a jury, said prosecutors failed to prove the fight was anything more than a bar brawl.

Following the verdict, the defendants rushed out of the courthouse and waved as they were driven away. They didn't speak to reporters but appeared happy, hugging their lawyers and each other after the verdict was read.

"I'm very happy it's done with," said Guy Watkins of Siler City, the father of one Marine. "I think they got a fair trial."

Pridgen said he was disappointed by the verdict but would pursue a civil suit to seek damages from the three Marines.

"I hope justice will be served in the civil suit," Pridgen said in a brief statement.

Mab Segrest of the North Carolina Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality said she was worried about how last week's verdict would be interpreted.

"We don't want it to seem like a green light that it's OK to beat up gay people," Segrest said. "We also hope the governor will light that it's OK to beat up gay people," said Segrest.

Following the trial, Pridgen had a heated encounter April 14 with a defense attorney on NBC-TV's "Today" show.

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"If he had stayed where he was, nothing would have happened," Bradley said. "...It wasn't a gay bashing. It was just a regular bar fight."

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Defense attorneys had used Pridgen's past record against him in trial, bringing out convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended license. As if to underscore the defense tactic, just minutes before the verdict was announced, Pridgen was arrested in court on a 1992 bad check charge.

Capt. Todd Yeatts, a spokesman for Camp Lejeune, where the Marines were stationed, said the Marine Corps doesn't "condone Marines being involved in any kind of violence."

Maj. Jay Farrar said base officials were continuing their investigation of the incident, pending the outcome of another assault trial involving two of the men. Cardone and Watkins are charged in an incident that happened at a Jacksonville bar the night before the Wilmington fight. That case will be heard April 22.

The Marines also face a civil lawsuit on behalf of Pridgen, filed by the Southern Poverty Law Center. The lawsuit said Pridgen was the victim of a hate crime and should receive unspecified damages.
**EYE ON THE MILITARY**

General Colin Powell will talk about gays in the military at the Harvard commencement on June 10.

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**Eye on the Military**

Things are getting interesting in the gays in the military debate. Randy Shilts, author of “And the Band Played On,” reports in his newest book that Retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, who publicly defended the military’s ban on gays, said privately that he knew of several excellent gay soldiers and that it “would be fine with him” if the policy were changed. Shilts wrote in “Conflict Unbecoming: Lesbians and Gays in the U.S. Military” that Schwarzkopf, who was the U.S. Commander in Operation Desert Storm, made the comments to a civil rights attorney.

A University of Massachusetts professor has offered a $10,000 reward to the first person who reliably outs a four-star military officer, a sitting member of the U.S. Supreme Court, or a living American Roman Catholic cardinal. William Percy, who has co-authored a book on outing, said that to qualify for the reward, outing must take place in the mass media and in a way that “neither the person outed nor his or her colleagues can effectively deny the accusation.”

Meanwhile, the newly formed Nathan Hale Brigade is collecting names of anti-gay gay congressmen. The names will be made public should congress vote the military ban into law.

Campaign for Military Service director Thomas Stoddard created a stir when he said on CNBC’s John McLaughlin Show that “It’s not appropriate to have same-sex dancing on base.” Stoddard was answering a question about what behaviors constitute “conduct unbecoming an officer,” and made the comments after McLaughlin requested some clarification. Queer Nation/National Capital immediately called on Stoddard to stress that “codes of conduct should apply equally to heterosexuals and homosexuals.”

Stoddard had not released a comment on the incident by press time.

A speech by a California congressman who opposes gays in the military was disrupted by four lesbians, including one who threw a chair. There were shouts and general confusion for a short period before the four women were ushered out of last week’s speech by Congressman William Thomas to a Bakersfield American Legion post.

**Put Something Wild In Your Backyard**

Gay in the military will be a topic of Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair Gen. Colin Powell when he addresses Harvard graduates at the June 10 commencement. Powell opposes the plan to lift the ban, a position not shared by the university or its president, Neil L. Rudenstine.

"The advisory policy is one that I myself strongly oppose," Rudenstine said in a statement praising Powell. By way of explaining the choice of Powell as a speaker, Rudenstine said only that the general had "an outstanding record of distinguished service to the nation...played a crucial role in helping to shape global policy...and is also a thoughtful and eloquent speaker."

An unnamed sailor who claimed that Airman Terry Helvey had beaten Seaman Allen Schindler to death on Oct. 27 because of a lovers’ quarrel has filed a polygraph and admitted that he fabricated the story. The witness said that he had had sexual relations with Helvey, and that Helvey had sexual relations with Schindler, but retracted those statements after the failed polygraph. Pentagon sources told the Washington Times that the sailor may be discharged because he acknowledged his homosexuality.

Helvey’s court martial is scheduled to begin later this month. Defense attorneys have asked for a delay and a change of venue because of publicity surrounding the case.

An Air Force officer has been found guilty of sodomy and going to an off-limits nightclub on the testimony of the civilian ex-lover of his roommate. Capt. Troy Carlyle faces up to seven years in prison, dismissed from the Air Force and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

The six-officer panel acquitted Carlyle of charges that he smoked marijuana, prompting defense attorney Mark Waple to ask the military judge, Lt. Col. William S. Colwell, to reverse the sodomy conviction. Waple charged that the sodomy conviction was inconsistent with the acquittal on the marijuana charge since evidence for both came from the same witness.

Colwell has not ruled on the motion. He has asked for written statements on it, as well as a motion to delay sentencing until after the Department of Defense reviews its policy on excluding gays from the military.

Carlyle was charged under a military law that makes sodomy illegal.
MOW will get mall—for price

Washington, DC—Organizers of the April 25 March on Washington had to pledge $300,000 to repair the lawn on the National Mall in order to use it for the April 25 demonstration, which is expected to draw more than 1 million people.

The government is requiring the organizers to put up money in advance for repairing the grass—the first time such a condition has been imposed on political demonstrators.

Anonymous donors have agreed to sign a $300,000 letter of credit that would be used to replace the grass on the Mall if it is damaged in the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights and Liberation.

“We’re at the position now that we need to have the demonstration occur,” Billy Hileman, one of the event’s co-chairs, said last week. “I will state very emphatically that it was not our idea...to pay to exercise free speech.”

Sandra Alley, a spokeswoman for the National Park Service, which maintains the Mall, said organizers of festivals and commercial events there are generally required to put up cash guarantees.

But she said this is the first time a group will put up money before it can exercise free speech on the popular strip of public land that runs from the Capitol to the Washington Monument.

The requirement was imposed for practical reasons, according to Alley. The Mall was recently reseeded and has been closed off.

“Your ability to express your First Amendment rights is not based upon your ability to pay,” Alley said.

President Clinton’s inaugural committee had paid to reseed the Mall after it was damaged by inauguration festivities in January. The Park Service announced the Mall would be closed until June.

In February, the service refused to give the gay march organizers a permit for the Mall.

The Park Service did grant them permits for activity on other pieces of public land, including the Ellipse behind the White House and the Washington Monument grounds.

But Gregory Adams, a spokesman for the march’s organizing committee, said the group wanted a permit to the Mall because of its symbolic and historical importance. And so many demonstrators are expected.

Some grounds have become linked with practically every civil rights demonstration that’s ever occurred,” he said.

The solution was brokered by Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass., who is openly gay.

Holocaust Memorial Museum will remember gay victims of Nazi terror

Washington, D.C.—Local organizers for the upcoming March on Washington will hold a candlelight vigil at 6 p.m. Friday, April 23, to commemorate the opening of the new U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum here.

The research section provides a double-edged precedent: an event at a new, gay-related museum, and the first national observance of a gay event.

The edifice, on the edge of the Mall at 14th and Independence Ave., NW, will remember the fate of gay victims during the Holocaust—men, women and children who were exterminated by the Nazis for their sexuality.

Their struggle, survival—and all too often—their deaths, were chronicled in the play “Bent,” which opened at the National Theatre last week. The play may call (415) 882-5500. Those who wish to volunteer may call (415) 882-5500 in San Francisco or (202) 882-7733.

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NAMES Quilt will be displayed on Mall

The decision to allow marchers on the Mall will also allow the NAMES Project’s new AIDS Memorial Quilt to be displayed there throughout the weekend of the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights and Liberation.

Because the new Quilt will be in the center of the March itself, the NAMES Project anticipates a half-million visitors speaking to the Quilt and accordingly has issued an urgent call for additional volunteers.

The Quilt will be displayed on the Mall, in front of the Museum of Natural History, on Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

But the approval of the Mall site means the NAMES Project needs even more volunteers to help out with the historic two-day display. Volunteers may participate in a wide variety of activities, from helping people add new panels to the Quilt, to working at the panel check-in table, to being a Quilt monitor.

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INMAN PARK FESTIVAL

If you are one of those not going to the March on Washington, a great way to spend this weekend is ambling through Atlanta's first garden neighborhood for the 26th annual Inman Park Spring Festival. The Festival, April 22–25, includes a parade, an art exhibit, music, theater, arts and crafts, food, street vendors and a 5K and Fun Run. But possibly the highlight of the weekend is the tour of homes.

Inman Park, one of the last standing examples of Atlanta's turn-of-the-century Victorian architecture, has had its ups and downs including a restoration in the 1970s after nearly fifty years of steady decline. Driving through the neighborhood's quiet winding streets, spectators are transformed back to the days when the city's most affluent resided here. Asa G. Candler, founder of The Coca-Cola Company; Ernest Woodruff, financier and officer of The Coca-Cola Company, and his son Robert, a prominent Atlantan and patron of the arts; Wilbur Fiske Glenn, an influential Methodist minister; George King, founder of King Hardware; and Robert Winslow, founder of Winslow Machine Company all made Inman Park their home.

The brain child of Joel Hurt, one of Atlanta's most distinguished early builders, may have been years ahead of its time. He conceptualized a neighborhood connected with downtown by mass transit providing residents a quiet suburban lifestyle with access to another piece of his big picture, the South's first skyscraper office building, Equitable, built in 1882. Evidence of the electric trolley system can still be seen at the Trolley Barn, a now defunct rail car house. Hurt named the neighborhood for his friend and business associate Samuel Inman, a financier and cotton broker. James Forsyth Johnson, a relatively unknown land speculator, purchased land from Lord Dunmore, the last royal governor of Virginia, in 1786. When Olmstead's style when hired by Hurt to lay out Inman Park. The Olmstead influence is still evident on the picturesque streets and parks. Olmstead consulted with Hurt on Druid Hills, a later development. Some of Atlanta's greatest architects of the time designed homes in the neighborhood. Inman Park was officially born in 1889 with a lot auctioned by Hurt's East Atlanta Land Company. Hurt himself was one of the first residents. Inman Park was laid out under strict specifications including a minimum cost per house at $5,000, specified set-backs and zoning permitting solely residential.

1910 marks the end of the restrictions and the beginning of the construction of bungalows and apartments as well as small businesses. While the trend of less expensive shoddy increased, the appeal of Inman Park's exclusive aristocratic lifestyle waned. The opening of Druid Hills provided a new mecca for Atlanta's upper class and Inman Park started its steady decline. The housing shortage of World War II produced smaller lots and a greater subdivision of Inman Park's Victorian homes into apartments. A renewed ordinance in 1954 changed the neighborhood's zoning from primarily single family residential to low and high-rise apartments. The result—destruction of many old homes to make way for low rent apartment buildings. By 1968, Inman Park was a shadow of its former self with a high crime rate and an owner-occupancy rate of about 10 other preservationists bought old homes and began fixing them up. Inman Park Restoration, Inc. (IPR) was founded in the fall of 1970. Initially, IPR focused on house restoration but soon it had bigger hurdles to overcome. Residents were faced with several uphill battles that threatened their lifestyle including fighting a proposed highway, the neighborhood's high-use zoning* and the soon to be constructed MARTA.

The battles were fought and won and today, Inman Park stands as a monument to early Atlanta architecture boasting High Victorian Queen Anne, late Victorian Colonial and Classical Revival style homes. On June 30, 1973, Inman Park was placed on the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Section and officially listed on the National Register July 22, 1973.

The festival is the least commercial event staged in Atlanta. There is no paid staff, all planning and implementation is done by neighborhood volunteers. The art exhibit is juried and the tour features more homes than any other in town—about 16.

While the homes are incredible, the people are laudable as well. Inman Park residents are well educated and friendly, creating a climate conducive to most lifestyles. People move into the area for its rich history and their love for older homes. This year, two homes owned by gay men can be seen on the tour. Charles Gray's 897 Edgewood Avenue home and Dr. Jim Piroli and Raymond Manci's 1020 Edgewood Avenue home. Each is unique in its own way and neither should be missed.

Piroli and Manci's home was built c. 1907 as a law office by S. Dean Silva. It was converted to a drug store and used as an office building until the 1960s when it was converted into a home. Marge Thurman, an attorney and head of the Democratic Party of Georgia previously owned the office. One interesting problem Piroli and Manci faced was phone trouble due to the fact there were about ten phone lines hooked into the home.

Piroli and Manci have lived in the house for six years and did most of the renovation themselves. Neither are strangers to restoration—they previously owned a c. 1827 home in the Garden District of New Orleans. This is their first year on the tour. They are renovating the upstairs with furniture that can either break down and be reassembled or will fit the characteristically narrow stairwell.

Their furniture is a combination of reproductions and antiques. The color scheme is warm and friendly with high ceilings and ample lighting. While most rooms are small, the dining room is large. It works well for them because they love to entertain. Parties of 200 people occur often—they will not be throwing their usual cajun bash for this year's festival because the house is on the tour.

The house is adjacent to the field where the Battle of Atlanta was fought. There is a pile of rocks in their back yard typical of the mass graves of the Civil War.

Charles Eady, an industrial psychologist, has lived in his c. 1889 home for about ten years. It was designed by Godfrey Norman who also designed The Mansion on Piedmont Avenue. Gray features his home on the tour about every five years. Former Atlanta Mayor Ray LaCrow, who beat out Mayor Hartsfield on the platform that water was too high and there are too many speeding tickets, once lived in the house. Gray describes his house as a "reflection of the opulence of early Atlanta." The Atlanta Adanta is fought. There is a pile of rocks in their back yard of the mass graves of the Civil War.

The Inman Park Festival Tour of Homes features Inman Park's Spring Festival. The Festival, April 22–25, is sponsored in part by The Home Store Futon Gallery, Atlanta and Marietta and Fantasy Futons, Athens; WGST and WPCH. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 the day of the tour. Five percent of the house tour proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity. For more information, call 424-4895.
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**THURSDAY**

**DANCING NAKED IN THE MATURE WORLD**. Photographer Marilyn Puterman presents her new book, a collection of photographs and interviews with women who take off their clothes for money. Marilyn’s photographs are currently on exhibit at the Emory Gallery. Charis Books and More at 7:30 p.m. 524-0304.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SHOWCASE**. The largest environmental consumer show in the Southeast, featuring environmentally sound products and services for homes and businesses. North Atlanta Trade Center, 1730 Jonesboro Rd. Norcross, 279-9999.

**ATLANTA ENTREPRENEURS**. The club meets every Thurs. at 7:00 a.m. 457-6347.

**LOCAL VOICES, GLOBAL ISSUES**. Nextus Contemporary Art Center presents seven performance artists who use dance, text and music to address subjects ranging from war to child abuse to racial discrimination tonight and tomorrow beginning at 8:00. 335 Mess 3W St NW.

**THE ORGANIZER**. The Museum continues its’ annual fundraiser, “a walk to the Capitol for the 21ST CENTURY FAITH,” to celebrate the anniversary of the March on Washington led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The capital building will be held today beginning at 6:00 a.m. The march steps off at the Carter Park MARTA Station parking lot. 723-7230.

**23** **THURSDAY**

**24-HOUR SLEEPOVER**. Why call 1-900 and listen if you can watch for free at Backstage? Free admission with bedding attired any time before 3:00 a.m., 973-1986.

**BILLIE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL**. Atlanta’s home of Cultural Affairs presents a weekend of events. Andra Delfs both make their concert debut in Atlanta with pianist Leif Ove Andsnes and guest conductor Andris Nelsons. The third largest greenspace in Atlanta is home to a variety of events, etc. Call now! 874-9920 (Spanish) 634-2222 (English). 

**WALK**. To celebrate the 21ST CENTURY FAITH, the video will be taped one year before his death, the 60th leader sparks his mind. This video will be shown tonight at 10:30 and again Wed. at 5:30 p.m. on Cable Ch. 12.

**TUESDAY**

**GPTV series looks at how the medical community is using and abusing with health problems and the legal system to respond to AIDS can be seen on People TV 12 at 2:30 p.m. and again on Sat at 10:00 p.m. It also airs on Channel 6 at 5:30 p.m. on Thurs.

**STUFFED PUPPET THEATRE**. Holland’s celebrated adult puppet theatre presents “Mamulow” and “Underdog,” two short plays in which is used and abused with hilarious and shocking consequence, at 7 Stages in LSP. 723-5657.

**24** **FRIDAY**

**PROPP AUCTION**. Costumes, zoom signs, furniture, backdrops and scripts will be auctioned to the highest bidder for a benefit for the Alliance for Theatre of the Stars. Photo by Patsy Lynch.

**BARBARETTES FEAST**. GPTV presents this Academy Award winner, that tells the story of two beautiful women who run up and down the small dress and will be auctioned to the highest bidder for a benefit for the Alliance for Theatre of the Stars. Photo by Patsy Lynch

**25** **SATURDAY**

**2010**. More at 7:00 p.m. and Sun at 3:00 p.m. 873-1986.

**FIFTH SUNDAY**

**NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON**. Over 1 million people march in Washington for a 10-day schedule of over 200 related events. Information can be found on their small Danish website. Channel 11, 9:00 p.m.

**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.

**26** **SUNDAY**

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**CABLE CH. 12, PEOPLE TV.**

**27** **MONDAY**

**MEDICINE AT THE CROSSROADS**. The GPTV series looks at how medicine can no longer solve problems and the need for the medical establishment to respond to social conditions that cause diseases in the first place. Channel 8, 9:00 p.m.
Activist Signorile’s new book deals with “outing” and growing up queer

New York City—It’s doubtful anyone in this East Village cafe would recognize the slight, smiling man in the green leather jacket as the angry gay militant who introduced “outing” to the world.

Michelangelo Signorile, 32, began the controversial practice of naming closeted gays in his column in the now-defunct magazine, Outweek. His in-your-face commentary mirrored the rise of gay activism in the late 1980s with groups like ACT UP that stemmed from the AIDS crisis.

So angry was Signorile that he exposed revered public figures, movie stars and some gossip columnists. His rage at people who decreed homosexuality—and at closeted gays—spewed forth in furious, all-capitalized sentences.

Now Signorile has written his first book, “Queer in America—Sex, The Media and The Closet of Power,” (Random House $23) that veteran AIDS activist Larry Kramer calls “one of the most important books of the 20th century.” It will be published next month.

Signorile says his book was heavily lawyered by Random House—scutinized more thoroughly than any book by the publisher except for Julia Phillips’ 1991 bestselling expose of Hollywood, “You’ll Never Eat Lunch in This Town Again.”

It is provocative, with detailed chapters on the closeted gay underworld in Hollywood, Washington and New York, and the story of a gay man who was sexually harassed by his boss, an unnamed powerful legislator who is married with children and has never acknowledged his homosexuality.

Though familiar names from the New York-Washington-Hollywood axis pop up, Signorile points out that one is “freakishly outed” in the book.

In fact, the most affecting chapters in the book are about Signorile’s difficult childhood and the story of Sheila Kuehl, who played “Zelda Gilroy” on the 1950s TV series, “Dobie Gillis.”

Kuehl’s once-successful acting career disintegrated when rumors about her lesbianism reached studio executives. She’s now an openly gay attorney in Los Angeles.

But pre-type about “Queer in America,” including New York tabloid gossip items about in-house discreet about the book among editors at Random House, pegged it a revolutionary tome.

Sipping coffee at Cafe Orlin on St. Marks Place, just a few blocks from his apartment, Signorile seems strangely soft-spoken and amiable—for a revolutionary.

He admits that people expect a fearsome terrorist when they meet him. But after a few minutes, he’s just Mike Signorile, who grew up a closeted, miserable kid in a working-class, Italian-Catholic family in Brooklyn.

“In a way I was naive about outing when I started,” said Signorile. “I looked back over my past and it all became very clear to me. I felt a despair and anger that led me to rock bottom and that’s what it took for me to see what kind of a toll a life in the closet can take. All that anger came out in my columns.”

But Signorile says his book is about “the closet,” not outing.

“To me, the issue is the closet,” he says. “Outing is terribly contentious. With outing we kind of presented the solution without addressing the problem first. The closet is the problem.”

Signorile’s youth was painful and puzzling, a combination he says is often typical for gays and lesbians. He realized he was gay when he was 12 but had no one to talk to about it and no knowledge of gay culture.

“My personality development was stunted and deformed,” writes Signorile in the chapter titled, “A Queer’s Own Story.” “I had been a bobby, smart kid when I entered school, but now I was defensive and belligerent. Whereas I might have developed into one of those kids who was funny, impres-

ble and well-liked, instead I was a "faggot," laughed at and ostracized. All my time and energy were consumed with trying to prove I wasn’t this horrible thing, this sissy-faggot-queer.”

One day in sixth grade, after Signorile had been spit on and called “Queer!” by a group of kids, he tore out of the building in a panic and disappeared for two hours.

A kind teacher took him aside and told him that nothing would change for awhile, that his life might continue to be “horrible,” but if he persevered and stayed strong, “one day, everything will be fine.”

Signorile says he realizes now the teacher was probably gay himself but couldn’t tell him out of fear.

“There are two ways people deal with the closet,” he says. “There are those who block it out until they’re adults and those who deal with it when they’re young. I used to envy people who didn’t go through what I did but then they would tell me they wish they’d faced it earlier. But either way, it’s horrible.”

Signorile says he has a few regrets about his early, angry outings but still believes that all gays should come out of the closet.

“I regret being so mean and on the attack,” he says. “I would often feel bad after writing a column. But at the same time I know that if I hadn’t done it, there wouldn’t have been as much attention focused on the issue.”

But Signorile clearly believes that in the case of outing, the ends justified the means. For him, the closet is the ultimate horror.

“It’s a living lie,” he says. “It’s constantly being aware that you harbor this dirty secret. I think straight people can relate if they think of one outrageous lie they’ve told and how it keeps unraveling in their face. It means constantly covering up. Being in the closet means you think about being in the closet all the time. Beinout means you hardly ever think of it.”

Signorile now writes a column for the national gay magazine, The Advocate. He remains politically active and predicts that the 90s will be the decade that activist gays, having gained more support with the Clinton Administration, take on the religious right.

But his columns have a less strident tone. The prediction made by his grade school teacher that “one day, everything will be fine” may come partly true. When Signorile came out to his parents, they were so traumatized that he building in a panic and disappeared for two hours.

That changed one day when Signorile went to see them and spent “hours” at the kitchen table “telling them throw a million questions at me.”

His book is dedicated to “Marta and Frank Signorile, the most loving, understanding and supportive parents in America.”

DANA KENNEDY
Bessie's Blues

“I was put here to make music, so I’m gonna make some,” explains the legendary Bessie Smith, speaking to us through the talent of Bernardine Mitchell in Jomandi Productions’ world premiere musical “Bessie’s Blues.” Miss Smith did; and Miss Mitchell does.

Both are blessed with the musical courage to strip away convention and bare life in the face and face truth. According to Memphis Slim, “Blues is truth.” But as Miss Smith said, “It don’t matter who said it, long as it got said.”

“Bessie’s Blues” says plenty, thanks to writer-director Thomas W. Jones II, who has beautifully interwoven the threads of Bessie’s life into a colorful, abstract tapestry, combining the pain and happiness, successes and failures, triumphs and losses, yet never crossing into the sugar-coating idolizing often so tempting with one of Miss Smith’s stature and talent. The dialogue is crisp, snappy, generously peppered with black colloquialisms, with surface humor obscuring the otherwise unbearable pain underneath.

Jones introduces Miss Smith to his audience as a tremendously gifted woman unafraid to let her vulnerability be showcased, yet unable to reign in that vulnerability in the business side of her life. She was easily taken—especially by men. Money meant little to her. She made plenty, and she handed out plenty.

Is much more than “Down Home Blues,” “Empty Bed Blues,” “Bessie’s Blues” quickly lets the audience know that “blues” was just coping.

Miss Mitchell, then a shy young woman just returned to Atlanta from Pershing Point spot called Tynne’s, long since a victim of a wrecking ball swung in the name of progress. That night was one of those rare serendipitous occasions which make all the boring evenings bearable and worthwhile. She began with that smile of those rare serendipitous occasions which make all the boring evenings bearable and worthwhile. She began with that smile and engaged in conversations with Bessie, asking questions we might now so obvious in retrospect yet perhaps too elusive and evasive at the time to be addressed. Then, it was just a way of life and the “blues” was just coping.

Breathing life into Jones’ script are eight extremely talented singers and dancers, each of whom gets a turn in the spotlight. Bernardine Mitchell is the heart and soul of “Bessie’s Blues.”

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Miss Mitchell is top-billed but the other seven are not just stage dressing. Crystal Fox, a regular on TV’s “In the Heat of the Night,” is featured in an upbeat stry into current-day rap music with “Get Wit’ IT,” written by Jones and Keith Rawls and Cheryl Renee gets her turn with a rousing rendition of “Why Must I Stand Alone?”—another Jones-Rawls original. Alexia Jones is the spirit of Bessie Smith, ever-present, but frequently watching from the shadows and periphery of the show in progress. The men, Barry Bruce, Brian Chandler, Mark Ford and Khalil Reed, play a multitude of roles representing the various men who waded in and out of Bessie’s life, usually taking advantage of the woman in one way or another.

But at the heart of “Bessie’s Blues” is the immensely talented Miss Mitchell, who can break your heart with a hauntingly beautiful new song, “Who Prays for Me?” make you want to hit the dance floor and raise a whole lot of hell with “Gimme a Pigfoot and a Bottle of Beer,” or just sit back and see life for what it sometimes really is with “Nobody Knows You When You’re Down and Out.”

It’s been 16 years since I first saw and heard Bernardine Mitchell, then a shy young woman just returned to Atlanta from Oberlin College. She was filling in for a friend in a nightclub gig at a Pershing Point spot called Tynne’s, long since a victim of a wrecking ball swung in the name of progress. That night was one of those rare serendipitous occasions which make all the boring evenings bearable and worthwhile. She began with that smile that still can fill even the coldest, most barren room and actually apologized because the regular singer was missing. Then, she began to sing: “The way you wear your hat, the way you sip your tea...”

Since then, the name “Bernardine Mitchell” has been seen all over the country in touring theater productions and nightclubs. She’s a crowd favorite at Charleston’s prestigious Spoleto Festival. And in her hometown she is considered a natural treasure. But personally, I like her best—and I think she’s at her best—in a small, intimate room, with appreciative listeners. At such times, I think she’s full, and like the Gershwin’s wrote: “They can’t take that away from me.”

Is it a crime to love?

Sese Abojun and Diane Lee

In 25 states and the District of Columbia it can be a crime for two women to love each other.

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T the newest addition to the ever-growing Midtown skyline is the GLG Grand Tower on 14th Street. Seen to best advantage at night, when the building is dramatically lit, this monolith adds considerably to the grandeur of the highrise neighborhood of Midtown. The 28th floor of this magnificent building will be the setting for 1993’s Uncork a Cure Wine Tasting to benefit the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta on Friday evening, April 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

If your image of a wine tasting is one of staid old men swirling and swirling samples of wine only to turn and spit the wine into a spitoon, forget it. Although there will be over 60 premium Italian wines for guests to sample, no one will be spitting. In addition to the wine, gourmet food is being provided by Camille’s, LaGrotta, Bice, and San Genarro restaurants. Of course, the view from the 28th floor should be magnificent. Imagine enjoying a glass of wine while watching the sun set from such a vantage point.

Last year’s event attracted a huge number of people to the entire floor of the NationsBank building at Peachtree and North Avenue. Among the notable guests were Congressman John Lewis, Councilwoman Mary Davis, and Monica Kaufman.

ARCA is a non-profit community-based organization founded by a group of physicians treating people with HIV. President and founder Dr. Melanie Thompson encourages people to attend the event and support the work done by ARCA to find new treatments and hopefully a cure. “There are a number of important clinical drug trials that we are striving to bring to Atlanta. Uncork a Cure is one way we are appealing to the Atlanta community for funds to bring additional trials to Atlanta and to make those trials accessible to all communities,” she said.

Tickets for this event may be obtained by calling ARCA at 873-4103. The $35 price is tax deductible and may be charged to a major credit card.

April is Festival time and one of the most popular of all is the annual Georgia Renaissance Festival. 1993 marks the eighth year for the festival of medieval fun and games. Located just south of the Atlanta Airport on I-85 at exit 12, the Festival takes place in a 16th century village with a new entrance this year featuring two three-story towers modeled after the Tower of London. The towers will be decorated with colorful banners and flags beckoning people inside to enjoy such attractions as the Amazing Maze and Steve Hody’s Birds of Prey Show. This new addition to the festival will allow people to see falcons, hawks and eagles perform free-flight maneuvers at the command of their handler and trainer, Steve Hody.

The maze is also a new addition, which features eight towers and is almost a mile long. After navigating the course, you climb the victory tower and gloat over the others who have not mastered the game. A 25 foot slide puts you back onto the busy village street.

Grand Opening Weekend is April 24 and 25. This is the “Buy One, Get One Free” weekend from Coca-Cola. Any Coke product gets you a second ticket free with the purchase of one adult ticket. May 1 and 2 is the Crafts Celebration Weekend. The festival runs every weekend thereafter through June 13, including Memorial Day, Friday, May 31. Hours are from 10:30 AM to 6 PM, rain or shine.

The opening of a new bar in town is always good news. But the opening of a new bar which plans to feature all nude male dancers is good news indeed! Atlanta is known as a center for adult entertainment (ask any male conventioner where he is headed after the seminar—he’ll say the Gold Club) and it is high time that our community was able to enjoy the same entertainment the straight community does. Of necessity, the bar will be Bring Your Own Bottle. It is called Studio 420 and is located at 420 B Amour Drive, just off Monroe. Opening night is Friday, April 16 and every Friday thereafter. Give the bar a call at 885-1888.

I ran into the wonderful costume designer Sabrina recently. She has been working her needles getting some of the South’s top entertainers ready for Miss USA to be held in early May in San Antonio, Texas. Sabrina has created inspired costumes for Bianca Page (Miss Tennessee) and for our own goddess in residence Lauren LeMasters (Miss South Carolina). Lauren will give them tis and ass in a Daisy Mae outfit complete with beaded peaches on each cheek of her Daisy Dukes, Bianca will become a female Elvis straight out of Memphis. Good Luck to Lauren in her quest for the crown.

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It had to happen eventually. A mainstream material resources (money and stuff you own), so you may feel grounding, but determined energy for marching to a different Murphy. holding the tiny black boy after Hurricane Andrew) contains cards like the one shown here, but maybe there’s hope for maybe there’s hope for Paper Moon.

Rabid Reductionist: Dish does not know why folks insist on sending us homophobic editorials from small town papers across the South. But they do. And we sense their frustration, though there is little we can do about it. The editors of papers like The Harlson Gateway-Beacon are not likely to give much credence to letters from Atlanta homos about the contents of one Tommy Reeves. Actually, we find Mr. Reeves’ thinking (“God created all things” and “[God] created man after the image of the first person”) of course God hates queers) so flawed as to be funny. How does Mr. Reeves know that God isn’t gay? Probably through the same screwy logic that allows him to believe that God is a man. Harlson County, by the way, is the home of House Speaker Tom F. "I don't know nothing about no sodomy!

Christian Camp?: Friends who have been to see “The Judas Christian Camp?" say that this new line of gay/lesbian greeting cards from Paper Moon make it into your local Hallmark shop?

Will this new line of gay/lesbian greeting cards from Paper Moon make it into your local Hallmark shop?

H ordin Moon: It had to happen eventually. A mainstream card company (Paper Moon Graphics) has come out with a line of lesbian/gay greeting cards. Okay, okay it’s not Hallmark (or even Recycled Paper), but Paper Moon is widely distributed in mainstream card shops all over the country. We don’t trust stores in Unadilla (or even Fairburn) will carry cards like the one shown here, but maybe there’s hope for Duntoo. Maybe.

Geographic Queen: The current issue of National Geographic (the one with the striking cover of the bush white marine holding the tiny black boy after Hurricane Andrew) contains what we think is a first for that said publication. In a section about why various folks volunteered to help clean up and rebuild after the storm is this quote from Bob Ratch. "Well, we’re a bunch of queers who want to help. Every one of us. Our lover has AIDS. AIDS is a human problem. So is this. We care.” Ratch, lest you do not recognize the name, is one of the mowers and shakers behind the redevelopment of Miami’s South Beach.

April 22 - April 28, 1993

The New Moon occurs on April 21 in Taurus, providing a grounding, but determined energy for marching to a different drum. Persistence, determination and an earthy diplomacy are qualities of Taurus which can be very useful in creating social change. New Moon cycle is excellent for creating new patterns.

ARIES, the New Moon is in your 2nd house of financial and material resources (money and stuff you own), so you may feel like buying more stuff and thereby depleting your resources, or you may decide to sell or give away the stuff you don’t need. Happy Birthday, TAURUS! If you decide to celebrate by buying, then totally, just be sure to practice safety and some discrimination. With lots of energy and emotion flowing, you could get swept away or wiped out! SCORPIO, with the Sun in your 12th house of dreaming, visions and the collective unconscious, you may find yourself needing more sleep or spending more time in a dreamy state. Keep your feet on the ground and write down your dreams for a few weeks.

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Tax time (and paying for the pilgrimage to DC) make me think about ways to eat inexpensively. Okay, okay, cheap. *La Fonda Latina* (1150-3 Euclid Ave. 577-8317) is scrunched behind Junkman’s Daughter and the Euclid Ave. Yacht Club in a covered courtyard reclaimed from a garage.

When *La Fonda* opened a couple of years ago, there was no roof, just some raw tables on raw concrete, and a $5 skeleton of paella that most everybody agreed was one of the best food values in town. Maybe so, but for my delicate sensibilities, the surrounds were a just a tad too funky.

Well, despite the fact that I have not been a regular patron, *La Fonda* has flourished. The spacious sunken dining room now sports a translucent plastic roof. Plain walls have been painted hot colors and decorated with some very camp art—a series of nude female food figures is my fave. Another nude woman (and a fair sized stand of papyrus) adorn a raised pond in the middle of the room. Well modulated salsa emanates from the sound system. It makes my butt wiggle.

The paella that caused such a stir is now $5.95 ($10.95 for two). Liberally sprinkled with calamari, shrimp, chicken, chorizo and scattered veggies, the iron skillet of yellow rice is still a mighty good bargain. The chicken tastes as if it might have come on a slow boat from the old country, but the rest of the ingredients are fresh and the flavors well mingled.

For a buck less, you can have what may well be the culinary deal of the century: half a chicken and liberal servings of black beans and yellow rice. The bird—rubbed with too much spice and too much salt, then grilled over a hickory fire—is always tender, flavorful and filling. When heavenly forces and the cook’s spirit align properly, this is quite simply the best bird served in Atlanta. Don’t miss it.

Almost as much bang for the buck is available from quesadillas packed with Cheddar and Monterey Jack and either chicken or shrimp. Both come with beans and rice and cost less than $5. Such a deal!

I haven’t tried a $4.95 grilled veggie kabob, but they look luscious and, assuming that they are spiced and grilled with the same finesse as the chicken, they should also be major swoon food.

The only dessert I’ve sampled is a yummy, creamy, heavy on the vanilla flan. Better than most in town, its $2.25 price seems reasonable—until you compare it to the price of an entree.

The selection of beer and wine is small, but serviceable and reasonable—Mexican brews are $2, domestics $1.75 or $5.50 a pitcher.

Service is quick and remarkably kind and affable considering the air of machismo that generally permeates Latin eateries. Check it out soon.

*Hartsfield Horror Story*

Speaking of (not) cheap eats, catch the following price comparisons for food in major airports around the US.

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A small frozen yogurt: Chicago, $2.10; Atlanta, $2.05; Los Angeles, $1.69; New York, $1.50.

Draw what conclusions you may. Me? I think this explains why there are so many people with glassy eyes cruising the concourses at Hartsfield.

Bean Time
One of the cheapest, most nutritious, easy to store (and easy to prepare) foodstuffs is beans. Given the pallid condition of my wallet I'm definitely thinking more about lentils, beans and split peas.

Dried legumes keep almost forever in the pantry, but beware of storing the fancy gourmet brands (like Dean and DeLuca) for more than a couple of months. One of the reasons that these beans are so expensive is that they are relatively fresh—cook 'em soon after you buy them for full flavor.

Some bean tips.

Storage: Dried beans need to be kept in an airtight container, but not refrigerated or frozen—which dries them out. (The same is true of coffee, ground or in whole beans.) Once they are cooked, however beans and most bean dishes freeze quite well. (So does coffee for that matter, something to consider when making ice cubes for iced coffee.)

Preparation: Pick through the beans, peas, or lentils before you cook them. You'll be amazed at the chaff you'll find, including small stones that look much like beans, but are death on dentures.

Soaking: Soak dried beans (unless they are this year's crop, lentils, or peas) in cold water for at least an hour. Overnight is better. Then rinse thoroughly before you cook them. Don't use the soaking water for cooking water...unless you want to set Mt. Vesuvius off in your intestines.

Cooking: Figure one cup of dried beans for every two and one-half cups of cooked. Follow the recommended time of the package, but never cook beans at a boil. They'll get done just as fast at a simmer and be much more tender. I like to add all kinds of goodies to mine—garlic, celery, carrots, bay leaves, a ham hock, red wine, even beer. Avoid adding the latter two (and acidic veggies like tomatoes) until the last 30 minutes or so of cooking; they keep the beans from softening properly.

Cooked beans seems to be happy for at least a week in the 'fridge and for months in the freezer. Wrap them in tortillas and top with salsa and cheese; mix with rice and serve with a salad; add to soup; make a cassoulet; or add ton of garlic, mash 'em up and spread on toast rounds. The only way I haven't found to use beans is in dessert. Send your recipes soon.
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AID Atlanta receives $25,000 grant from Magic Johnson Foundation and Miller Brewing Company

Atlanta—A $25,000 grant made through the Magic Johnson Foundation, Inc. by the Miller Brewing Company has given AID Atlanta a significant financial boost.

A national leader in AIDS education and services, AID Atlanta was selected for the grant based on the quality and scope of its ongoing work in promoting community AIDS awareness and providing services to people with AIDS and their families.

“We were pleased to be able to see first-hand the fine job Sandy Thurman and the entire AID Atlanta staff are carrying out,” said Vincent M. Bryson, president and CEO of the Magic Johnson Foundation. “We join Miller Brewing Company in offering our best wishes to AID Atlanta as it continues its work in Atlanta.”

“Responding to the HIV crisis is one of the greatest challenges confronting humanity in this century. With the help of the Magic Johnson Foundation and Miller Brewing Company and others who share this sense of commitment, we have a fighting chance of curbing this devastating epidemic,” said Sandra Thurman, executive director of AID Atlanta.

The $25,000 grant will help fund each AID Atlanta programs as AIDS 101 seminars, the Pediatrics Program, the Buddy Program, and educational Youth Outreach activities, as well as general patient case management and community education services.


AID Atlanta is the Southeast’s largest and oldest community-based, non-profit AIDS service agency in the country. Founded in 1982 by volunteers, it now provides a range of services to people with HIV disease, their families and friends, and the general community. In 1991 alone, more than 100,000 Atlantans received instruction or educational materials on HIV prevention from AID Atlanta.

Hospitality Atlanta begins new monthly publication

Hospitality Atlanta, a networking organization for Atlanta’s African American lesbian community, began publishing a monthly newsletter this month. The title of the publication is VENUS, and the editors hope it will provide news and information about current events, health, arts, politics, love and more.

Hospitality Atlanta believes that the newsletter will help lesbian women of color in Georgia and neighboring states build a greater networking resource. The group focuses on entertainment, business and education contacts within their community.

The publication is named in memory of Venus Landin, a former member of the organization who was killed earlier this year.

To contact VENUS for information, submissions or ad rates call 404-627-0250 or write Hospitality Atlanta, P.O. Box 55410, Atlanta, GA 30308.

GAPAC

Due to the unavailability of space, GAPAC’s fundraiser at the National March on Washington has been cancelled. However, you can still support GAPAC’s services to the community, which include rating candidates for office and funding a year-round lobbyist to advocate for lesbian/gay concerns on the state and local levels. Don’t miss the special benefit performance of “Bent,” produced by SAME, on May 8th at 8:00pm. Proceeds will benefit both GAPAC and SAME. Seating is limited; call 888-0719 today for your ticket. The theater is located at 75 Bennett St.

GAPAC will also be hosting a night out on the bars on May 15. Stop by your favorite spot and check out GAPAC’s new T-shirts. You can also make a donation or join GAPAC at the door.

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SECONDHAND. Congregation: But haven't sponsored a support group for those affected by AIDS at First UMC. Meet the 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30pm, Friends Meeting House, 815 Virginia Ave., NE. Contact: Dee Lefo. Phone: 522-4342.

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