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#### This is the world I want to live in

by KC WILDMOON

I thought the plane was going to drop into the muddy waters of the Potomac—isn't this the airport where that happens?—but it lands safely on solid concrete and rolls up to gate 10, where Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus members are greeting other Chorus members on our flight. The first face I see in Washington is a familiar one—Linda Vaughn. Then on to baggage claim, where a group of dykes waving rainbow flags are shouting "Welcome to Washington" and handing out Official March Programs. Thinking that I am a strange man, the Grand Czarina nearly slaps my hand for picking up my own bag—it is very crowded in here. And out to the Metro station, where the flip side of my fare

money than usual. But that's not all. "We've got to support Clinton any way we can," he says as we near the Circle. Then, at a traffic light in full view of the crowds, he sucks in his breath. "Jesus Christ," he says. "Look at all the people."

The streets around Dupont Circle were clogged with people every night. Vendors hawked t-shirts, buttons, Queer Scout cookies, banners, flags, everything imaginable. At the official march store, just down the street from Lambda Rising Bookstore, lines were always long to purchase official march merchandise. At press time, no final numbers on the money raised were available, but march organizers have prom-

#### NEWS COMMENTARY

card is a plug for Overlooked Opinion's CommunitySpirit long distance service for gays and lesbians. It's A Queer World After All.

The wrangling over numbers at the 1993 March on Washington is still underway, but regardless of the final outcome of the count, millions of Americans across the country were profoundly impacted by what happened in the nation's capital on a weekend in April. We at Southern Voice were not immune from that impact. As we began work on this issue, it became clear that something more was needed—something other than dry news stories and accounts of what happened, because what happened was more than people on the Mall, and meetings, and dinners, and protests.

We hit upon the idea of a commemorative issue, for those of us who were there, and for those of us who weren't. What follows on this and other pages is not a complete account—it can't be. There were too many events for too few of us to cover. But it does, we hope, capture the essence of that weekend when we came together to show America who we really are.

Exhausted from carrying all that luggage up to our room (thank god the Metro station was just below our hotel), we unpack and glance through the bag of material the concierge gave us when we checked in—the Washington Blade's special March issue, flyers, Gay Community News—and then head out for a quick Smithsonian trip. Out on the Mall, workers hurry to complete construction of the stage and speaker and video set ups for Sunday's rally. Lesbians and gays mingle with tourists on the grass, and I wonder what those tourists will be thinking on Sunday. I wonder what they're thinking now.

African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance of Atlanta co-chair Duncan Teague laughed when he was asked for his general impressions on the weekend.

"T'm still trying to recuperate," he said.
"There was just such a power, being around the city as queer as I could be. I held my closeted boyfriend's hand all around the city and didn't have a problem with it. He didn't have a problem with it. Nobody had a problem with it."

All over Washington, gays and lesbians were having similar experiences—seeing old friends, making new ones—all immersed in a city that had turned gay almost overnight.

"It was extremely reaffirming for me," said Lavonne Casey. "It made it hard to come back [to Atlanta]. The numbers of people there, from all different walks of life—it was so good to see us all there together."

Friday night, dinner at a small but excellent Indian restaurant in Georgetown, then a quick cab ride to Dupont Circle where all the queers are tonight. On the way, we chat amiably with the cabbie, who is excited about the numbers of people in town, and his potential to make more

ised to release the figures next week, with an audit to be performed within the month.

The Washington Convention and Visitors Bureau has released its estimates on the amount gays and lesbians spent in Washington from Friday until Sunday. On just food, transportation around the city, and lodging, the WCVB says Washington proprietors took in at least \$177 million. That, WCVB says, easily eclipses the monies spent during the record-breaking 1993 Presidential Inauguration (\$65 million).

WCVB stressed their estimate was a conservative one, based on low per-person figures.

On the Metro for the first time, on our way back to the hotel. A train has just let off a full contingent arriving at Dupont Circle. Waiting single file to go up the escalator, the crowd bursts into spontaneous applause and cheers at the sight of the group of us waiting on the next train out. There'll be more cheers at the top of the escalator. We love seeing each other. We love, just this once, being the majority. I look down again at my fare card, the one with the CommunitySpirit ad. It's still there. There's also a lighted ad for Out magazine in the Metro Center station, and a couple of other stations too, I learn later. It almost seems like a dream.

"You can't say it was like in the movies, because we've never seen a movie that showed anything like it," said Larry Pellegrini of Atlanta. "It was bigger than life—to walk through the city and feel absolutely comfortable with who we are."

"It was an incredibly successful weekend on every front for the gay and lesbian community," said Rick Dean of Overlooked Opinions. "Hundreds of thousands of people took part in all aspects."

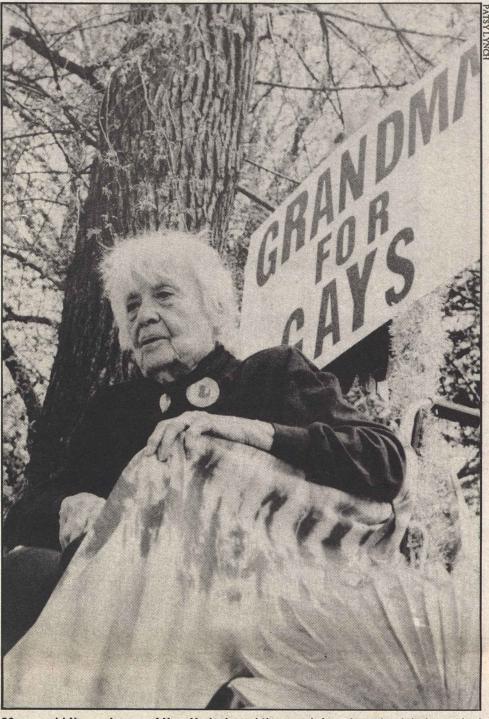
Overlooked Opinions, a gay and lesbian market research firm, certainly took part. In addition to the fare card plugs for CommunitySpirit, the company handed out 500,000 packets containing surveys about march participation.

"On the first day we got responses in the mail, we received 2000," Dean said. "We're expecting up to 150,000."

Dean added that the response to the fare card advertisements was excellent, with one exception—"a member of the Ku Klux Klan from Alabama who called us and sent us letters."

"But overall it's been very positive for us," Dean added. "We were in 80% of the [Metro stations]. The Dupont Circle station had hundreds of thousands of tickets [with the CommunitySpirit ad], and by the end of the weekend they were gone."

Saturday. Another trip to another museum. Gay men are having a blast redesigning the Oval Office on a computer simulation, while a group of lesbians are posing with cardboard cutouts of First Ladies. George Bush is wearing freedom rings. Bewildered heterosexual tourists are everywhere, increasingly outnumbered by



92-year-old Norma Isaacs of New York viewed the march from her wheelchair perched atop her gay grandson's car. "It's marvelous," she said. "Nothing like this has ever been before."

out gays and lesbians. Back at Dupont Circle, we ask one such tourist, on the escalator with her husband, if she expected to wander into all this. "No," she says smiling, "but it's really very interesting." "Yeah," says her husband. "This is happening."

Saturday was simply non-stop. Front Runners/DC sponsored a fun run around the Mall, and by the reflecting pools in front of the Lincoln Memorial, hundreds of soccer players gathered for a tournament. That evening, the magnificent Drag Show on the Mall played out in all its glory beneath the Washington Monument. Earlier, the Dyke March took off from Dupont Circle to the Mall. The streets around the Circle became a massive block party as police cordoned off streets to accommodate the crowds. And everywhere, everyone was talking about the march, set to step off at noon the next day.

Front and center on the minds of participants was one question: how many of us are here? And when march co-chair Billy Hileman announced from the stage that the Park Police had estimated a mere 300,000, no one believed it.

"I was so angry when I heard the Park Service estimate," said Atlanta mayoral assistant Marcia Okula. "It was a slap in the face. I knew under Reagan they had a vested interest in keeping the numbers down, and I thought with this administration it would be different. But it's still the same bureaucrats."

"The Park Service traditionally under counts," said Rick Dean. "And that kind of event is an incredibly difficult one to count, starting at 9 am and ending at 7 pm."

The Department of Interior has agreed to reevaluate the Park Police estimate, and to study their methods of figuring crowd size. March organizers are sticking to their estimate of 1.1

million, but the Washington Blade, DC's gay weekly, estimated 750,000, based on aerial photos of their own and other data.

"The Park Police used a photo taken at 2:55 pm," said Blade editor Lisa Keen. "Ours was taken at 4:30 pm. If you put those two photos next to each other, you can clearly see that the Mall filled considerably between 2:55 and 4:30."

Keen said that Park Police Major Robert Hines told the Blade that the Park Service used an estimate of 1 person per 5 sq. ft. of space on the Mall, but even those figures do not bear out the 300,000 count. The part of the Mall between 3rd and 14th Streets covers about 3 million square feet. Using the formula the Park Police says they used, the number should have been just under 600,000.

The Blade figured one person per 3 sq. feet for the portion of the Mall nearest the stage, shown in the 4:30 photo to be densely packed, and one person per 6 sq. feet for the Mall nearest 14th Street, shown to be loosely packed.

At press time, March organizers are trying to schedule another meeting with Park officials to go over the Blade's data.

For those who were there, the Park Service's numbers were both ridiculous and irrelevant.

"I think we gave Washington a new definition for gridlock," said Larry Pellegrini. "But there wasn't any park service person that could have taken away from us what was the demonstration of a life time."

Duncan Teague, marching with AALGA,

"AALGA needed this. The horror we experienced with Venus was a kick in the butt," he said. "We didn't have to beg anyone to go to this march. This was a chance for us to actualize a

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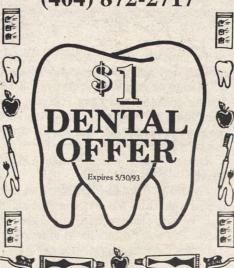
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#### March notes across the South

#### **ALABAMA**

Washington, DC—Hundreds of gay men and lesbians from Alabama took part in the March on Washington, demanding equal rights for lesbians and gays but apparently getting little encouragement from their congressional delegation.

Felicia Fontaine, a counselor with the Huntsville Metropolitan Church, had hoped to meet with Sen. Richard Shelby, but he had already returned to Alabama when Fontaine came by for her appointment April 23.

She met with Shelby aide Tom Young and got "absolutely nowhere" in her efforts to persuade him of the importance of lesbian and gay issues, she said.

Other marchers took advantage of their Washington trip to lobby members of Alabama's congressional delegation on the military ban against gays and other issues. In most, if not all cases, they ended up meeting with an aide, not the senator or congressman in question.

One bus arrived Friday from Birmingham, another from Huntsville. Groups came from Mobile and other Alabama cities. In addition to South Alabama, students arrived from Auburn University, the University of Alabama, Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Representatives of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Alabama (GALA) said that about 300 people from the state were in Washington for the march. (AP)

#### FLORIDA



Over 3000 Floridians took to the streets during the march, with many from the Orlando area wearing Mouse ears.

"M-I-C, see you at the Capitol," they sang. "K-E-Y, why? Because we're proud!"

In a military cadence, others chanted "F-L-O-R-I-D-A, orange juice will make you gay."

Many of the Florida marchers hailed from the Tampa and South Florida range, but reporter Ken Berg from Fern Park said that Central Florida was well represented.

"LCN (Loving Committed Network, a lesbian group) organized buses and brought 500 people," said Berg, adding that the group had brought 23 people to the 1987 March.

Sadly, a Tampa woman's mobile home was set ablaze while she was in Washington. Fire officials have ruled the fire April 24 an arson at the home of Darlena DeBerry, a 28-year-old member of the group ACT UP and an outspoken proponent of AIDS prevention.

Police investigators said the home also was burglarized, but that so far they don't have enough evidence to deem the incident a hate crime.

"If we can find evidence that somebody did it and it is a hate crime, then we will classify it as such," said police spokesman Steve Cole.

But DeBerry, who says she is HIV positive, can think of no other explanation.

"I believe I was targeted because we've got a lot of intolerant and ignorant people and there's a lot of hate in this town," DeBerry said last week. "I'm just baffled and outraged."

DeBerry said she began receiving threatening, obscenity-laced telephone calls several weeks before the fire. She reported the calls to police April 13 and quoted one caller saying, "If you do the march, your house will parch."

But DeBerry said the threats will not silence her.

"I am not shutting up," she said. "If anything, I'll speak out louder."

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Some 6000 Tarheels from North Carolina were on the streets of Washington for the March, chanting "hey hey ho ho Jesse Helms has got to go" to cheers from the spectators.

"It was a right good sized crowd," said Jim Baxter, editor of North Carolina's Front Page. Baxter said that the North and South Carolina contingents gathered at the DuPont Plaza Hotel on Saturday night for a reception, "and we were like sardines."

Like other participants in the march, North Carolinians, including John McJunkin of Charlotte, had lots of reasons for making the trip. The 32-year-old investment adviser was married and divorced before acknowledging that he could not change his sexual orientation.

"I'm here primarily for the many who grow up believing homosexuality is wrong, and we exhaust all the resources you can imagine trying to change. We get married thinking that's the right thing to do," he said.

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McJunkin said he tried to come out twice and failed, discouraged by "the pain I perceived in my parents' eyes." He wrestled with his Presbyterian faith: "I could not reconcile the morality with my heart."

When a therapist told him 98 percent of people who tried to change failed, "to me that was like a terminal diagnosis."

McJunkin said he came out the hard way—through his marriage and divorce.

"If I were a 15-year-old today watching the march on CNN, I feel that the pain I perpetuated would not have occurred," he said. "I would have listened to my heart, rather than my minister."

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

While nearly 1,000 South Carolinians showed up in Washington to march in support of gay and lesbian rights, few had hopes that the message would be received back home.

"In South Carolina, too many people are afraid to come out," said marcher Sue Bumpus of Charleston. "There are too many double lives."

Several of the South Carolina marchers described the state as "the buckle" in the Bible belt, and felt any attempt for equal rights would be blunted by religious tradition and conservative politics.

Jesse Campbell, among a group of Winthrop University students taking part, said he didn't want the excitement of the gathering to cloud his judgment about what was possible.

"I have tried to undercut being over-expectant," he said. "Instead, I have hopes rather than expectations."

The joy of being among peers, though, was too overwhelming to dampen spirits at the rally.

Russ Joyner and Sergio Braga of Columbia held hands in public and said they were thrilled at their freedom.

"This is like Woodstock. It's our moment in the sun," Braga said. "Hopefully, it'll spur a little bit of love when people see we are everywhere. We need this so people won't be afraid anymore." (AP)

Microsoft To Offer Health Benefits To Partners Of Gay Workers: Software company Microsoft will begin offering health benefits in July to partners and eligible dependents of its gay and lesbian employees. "After two years of studying the issue, we felt it was the right thing to do," said Mike Murray, Microsoft's vice president of human resources. The policy was modeled after those already in place at several other companies, including rival Lotus Development in Cambridge, Mass., which has offered such benefits since September 1991. Participants will be required to submit an affidavit saying they are involved in a "committed exclusive relationship" that includes financial interdependence.

Cornell President Vetoes Gay Dorm Proposal: Activists at Cornell University were dissatisfied after university President Frank H.T. Rhodes vetoed a proposed gay dorm, but established a group to study how the school can better support gay students. "All these study groups do is continue to regulate our needs to oblivion," Joe Barrios, a student assemblyman and proponent of the gay dorm, said. In an 11-7 vote last month, the student assembly approved a resolution to create the unit of about 60 single rooms on one floor of Clara Dickson Hall, which is home to about 700 students. The unit would have opened in the fall of 1994, but the plan was subject to Rhodes' approval. Rhodes said he was concerned the living unit would divide the campus.

Gay Candidate Narrowly Loses Virginia Election: Jay Fisette, the openly gay director of an AIDS clinic, narrowly lost a seat on the Arlington County Board of Supervisors in an election on April 20. Benjamin Winslow, an independent who had the Republican endorsement, finished with 9,348 votes to Fisette's 9,143. "I'm extremely disappointed for myself and for the party," said Fisette, who defeated four other candidates in the Democratic primary. When asked if running as an openly gay candidate had affected the outcome, Fisette said he thought it was one of several factors. During the campaign, Fisette's homosexuality played a secondary role to taxes, county government jobs, the county budget and the environment.

Gays, Lesbians And Bisexuals Protest Powell Speaking At Harvard: An organization of gay, lesbian and bisexual Harvard University students are protesting the school's choice of Gen. Colin Powell as this year's commencement speaker. The Harvard Leadership Council wants university President Neil L. Rudenstine, the Board of Overseers and the Harvard community to acknowledge that the university violated its anti-discrimination policy by inviting Powell to speak, medical student Andrew J. Greenspan told the Harvard Crimson. Greenspan helped plan a protest rally last week outside Harvard's Memorial Church. David Scondras, an openly gay Boston City Councilor, told the protestors that asking Powell to speak shows "disrespect for gay and lesbian people who go to Harvard and gay and lesbian people everywhere." Harvard spokesman Peter costa said he expects more protests on commencement day, June 10.

Clinton Appoints Gay Man, Lesbian: President Clinton appointed an openly gay man and a lesbian to Administration posts on April 23. Bruce Lehman was announced as the President's choice of Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. Lehman is a partner at the law firm of Swidler & Berlin, and previously served as chief counsel for a House Judiciary Subcommittee. Nan Hunter, a well known civil rights lawyer and associate professor at Brooklyn Law School, was named Deputy General Counsel at the Department of Health and Human services. Hunter was previously with the American Civil Liberties Union and was instrumental in the founding of the gay rights and AIDS project at the ACLU.

PA Town Upset Over Arrival Of MCC: Residents of the town of Mountville, Penn., are upset that the Vision of Hope Metropolitan Community Church plans to relocate to their town from nearby Lancaster. At a borough council meeting last week, residents voiced their disapproval. "I find this very offensive, said Connie Mancuso. "If Mountville allows this to go through, it's not the town I thought it was...Mountville won't be a nice town anymore. If we don't stop it here, it's going to spread to other communities." The 13-year-old church is purchasing a plot of land from a United Church of Christ congregation. Council members conceded that there is no legal way to stop the sale, but some members pledged to do anything within legal bounds to halt the move.

ND Supreme Court Hears Arguments in Lesbian Custody Case: The North Dakota Supreme court heard arguments last week in a case involving Dianne Schlotman and Jon Johnson, her former husband. Schlotman, a lesbian, claims that Johnson, after learning Schlotman's sexual orientation, began telling the children that homosexuality is deviant and shouldn't be tolerated, leaving the children uncomfortable with their mother. Schlotman sought custody of the children in 1990, but a judge denied her request and prohibited any visits with them. The order has been modified to allow weekend visits since that time, but Schlotman believes that Johnson has created an atmosphere of hate that is unhealthy for the

Federal Judge Reinstates Members Of AIDS Agency: A federal judge in New Jersey last week reinstated members of a federally-funded Newark-area AIDS agency who were dismissed by Mayor Sharpe James, but postponed ruling on the larger issue of who controls the board. The HIV Health Services Planning Council has become embroiled in a legal battle with the city following the loss of \$5 million in federal funds for AIDS-related projects. Both sides blame the other for losing the money, which the federal government withdrew last month because the city did not disburse \$2.6 million previously allocated.

Parents' Complaints Halt New AIDS Teaching Program: Parents's complaints put a quick end to a new program at South Eugene High School in Eugene, Oregon, in which trained students taught their peers about AIDS. The Peer Power program lasted just five days. Two parents who sat in on the first week of presentations complained that students focused too much on safer sex and the use of condoms, and not enough on abstinence and monogamy, Principal Greg Moo said April 23. "The parents asked that the program be halted," Moo said. Moo said he would meet next week with students, parents and teachers who organized the program to deal with the parents' concerns. He said he supports the program and wants to see it resumed before the end of the school year.

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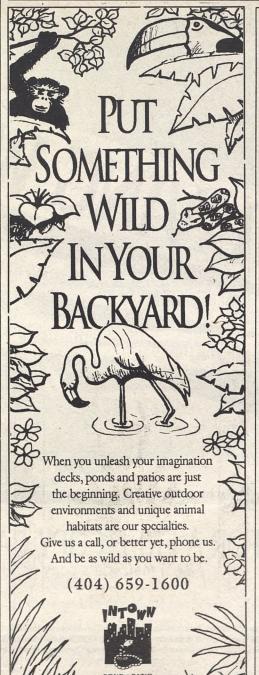
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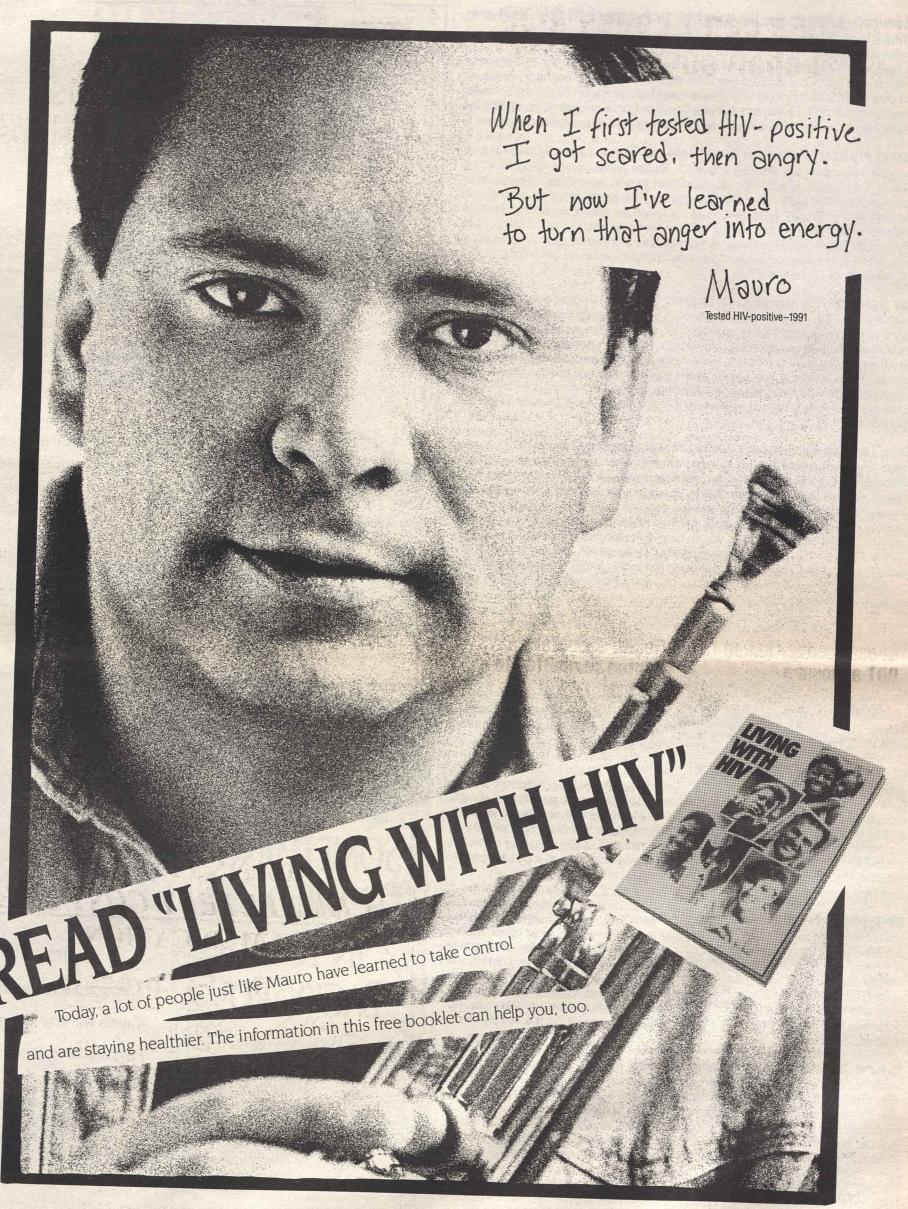


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#### HIV alone can't cause AIDS, researcher says

East Lansing, MI-Scientists were stunned who's acquired it." when the AIDS virus was found. That might explain their shock at Robert Root-Bernstein's brash book urging a new look at the cause of the deadly disease.

Root-Bernstein, a researcher from Michigan State University, contends that HIV alone probably can't cause AIDS. Rather, he says, it needs help from "cofactors" that suppress the body's immune system.

And he claims that sloppy science has wasted time and money by rushing to find a culprit and a cure for AIDS.

'People are dying because we don't know the answers. We're putting all our eggs into the HIV basket, but AIDS is more than HIV," said Root-Bernstein. He has written "Rethinking AIDS: The Tragic Cost of Premature Consensus" on the question.

Root-Bernstein, 39, is a medical historian and associate professor of physiology. He also is a former research associate of polio vaccine pioneer Jonas Salk.

Government scientists consider him a heretic whose preaching counters a decade of medical gospel that HIV is the key to AIDS.

"The Earth is flat' is a new angle. But it's not responsible, nor is it credible," said Dr. James Curran, chief of AIDS work at the federal Centers for Disease Control in At-

"People may take risks and be exposed to a virus that's virtually been lethal to anyone

Root-Bernstein contends that HIV flunks the time-honored tests developed four centuries ago by German scientist Robert Koch for proving whether a certain agent causes a specific disease.

"There's a huge difference in susceptibility to HIV. I don't think we have the answer. We made the announcement that HIV causes AIDS prematurely."

The cofactors he cites as necessary for AIDS to develop might include chronic hepatitis, alcoholism, malnutrition, intravenous drug use, blood transfusion and blood exposure to semen through anal sex. All are known to weaken the body's ability to fight off dis-

If his theory can be proven, he says, AIDS might better be battled by helping people minimize their exposure to cofactors rather than treating HIV.

Dr. Glenn Pierce, president of the New York-based National Hemophilia Foundation, said Root-Bernstein's book dangerously mutes the AIDS alarm.

"While pursuing research on HIV and other potential contributors or cofactors, we must not discount what we have already learned," Pierce said.

"I'm willing to be wrong," Root-Bernstein said. "I don't claim to have all the answers. All I have are the questions.'

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#### **Breast cancer linked to DDT** exposure

New York City—Exposure to DDT, traces of which are still around 20 years after the pesticide was banned in the United States sharply raises the risk of developing breast cancer, scientists reported last week.

American women with the highest exposure to DDT had four times the breast cancer risk of women with the least exposure, the researchers reported in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The study is one of the first to link DDT with breast cancer, although the pesticide has been known for decades to cause cancer in

DDT was common in meat and dairy products before it was phased out in this country in 1972. But most Americans carry DDT residues, since the chemical is stored in the body for decades, said the study's principal author, Mary S. Wolff, a chemist at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

While the study does not prove DDT causes breast cancer, the findings could, if confirmed, help explain the puzzling rise in breast cancer in recent decades in the United States. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women.

In a commentary, David J. Hunter and Karl T. Kelsey of the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston said the findings "may have extraordinary global implications for the prevention of breast cancer" and should "serve as a wake-up call for further urgent research."

Wolff and her colleagues measured levels of a DDT-breakdown product in the blood of 58 women with breast cancer and 171 women without breast cancer. Women with levels in the top 10 percent had four times the breast cancer risk of women in the bottom 10 percent.

The National Cancer Institute and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, which paid for the study, have proposed more research into potential environmental causes of breast cancer. Most of the work so far has focused on hormonal causes.

PAUL RAEBURN

#### **Health Secretary says Clinton committed to AIDS** fight

Washington, DC-President Clinton is committed to appointing an AIDS czar to work on AIDS policy for the White House, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala says.

The AIDS policy coordinator will be considered "an integral part of the senior staff. The appointee will be a named member of the domestic policy council," Shalala said April 22 at a dinner meeting of the National Minority AIDS Council at the Library of Con-

Shalala said Clinton would make his choice for an AIDS czar soon. She also noted that Clinton's 1994 budget proposes a 17 percent increase in spending on AIDS research and an 89 percent increase in spending on the Ryan White Act, which provides money to states and communities with large caseloads of people with AIDS and HIV infection.

The administration is also seeking a 9 percent increase for AIDS and HIV preven-

Throughout Shalala's speech, AIDS activist Larry Kramer, standing about 10 feet to her left and out of her sight, held up a series of placards bearing such inscriptions as "Fraud: All Talk, No Action," "Donna-Do-Nothing" and "Donna, You Don't Care About AIDS."

One protester approached the podium and repeatedly shouted, "Donna, what about the Haitians?"—a reference to Haitian refugees who have been denied entry to the United States because of HIV infection.

"We need all those voices-those who disagree with us and those who agree with us," Shalala responded. (AP)

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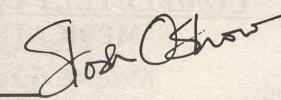
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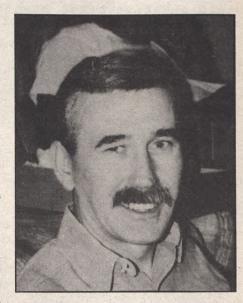
Don Pletzke, 46, of Atlanta, made his transition on Sunday, April 25, 1993, at home from complications of AIDS. He was surrounded by loving friends.

Don was born February 20, 1947 in Bay City, Michigan and had made Atlanta his home for the past ten years having moved here from Knoxville, Tennessee. He was the companion of Gary Stuart.

Formerly employed as a paralegal for the law firm of Kutak, Rock and Campbell, his professional career included work as an advertising copywriter, editor and freelancer. He attended Florida Atlantic University and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

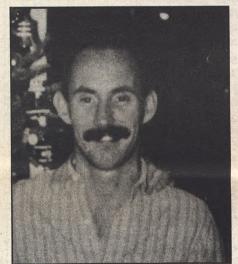
Active in the Republican Party from 1966-1982, he was State Chairman of the Florida College Republicans in the late 60s.

Don was very active in the Atlanta gay sports scene and was known to his fans, friends and foes affectionately as "Bulletwoman" or simply "BW." His activities on the sport scene include the following: member of the Hotlanta Softball League (HSL); founder of the Bull-



dog Paws softball team, 1986; named to the HSL All-Star Team, 1989; Gay World Series, 1989; Lambda Bowling League; Atlanta Team Tennis Association (ATTA).

The body was cremated. At his request, no services will be held. Donations may be made to Project Open Hand.



#### Stephen Allen Robards

June 6, 1955—April 16, 1993

Steve passed from this world Friday, April 16, 1993. He leaves behind his friend Mark and his many other devoted and kind friends.

Among the many memories and gifts he left us, the greatest one was his love of life for life's sake, the sheer joy of being alive.

We thank God for his being a part of our lives and the time he spent with us. Steve, we will miss you and love you always.

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#### The Wedding

Amid swirling emotions and flying rice, thousands of gay and lesbian couples get a taste of freedom at a group wedding ceremony during the March On Washington weekend.

Washington, D.C.—"Is this what it's like to be free?"

The question came from my lover, Larry Davis, as we walked hand-in-hand through Dupont Circle, unofficial ground zero for gays and lesbians during the April 23-25 March On Washington weekend.

I knew all too well what he meant. For most same-sex couples, public displays of affection are an off-limits area posted "Straights Only." But in the festive gay and lesbian enclave of the march weekend, Larry and I were free to act romantically without risking taunts or violence.

Heady stuff, this freedom.

But Larry and I went a step further to express our feelings. Along with more than 4,000 other couples, we joined in The Wedding, a giant-scale commitment ceremony sponsored by Metropolitan Community Church on the Saturday before the march.

Our friends weren't surprised. After all, we had been living together for two years. Still, we approached the event with some trepidation. The idea hearkened back to those spooky, robot-like "Moonies" of the Unification Church taking vows by the tens of thousands a decade ago. Larry, the agnostic, was uneasy with the religious implications of a church-sponsored wedding. And Ken, the older radical, had often said gays shouldn't ape straight society for validation.

In the end, we decided to take our relationship to the next logical step and—gulp—take part in the historic event. There was much joshing among our friends about gift registries and ribbing from buddies wanting (only half in jest, it seemed) to catch the bouquet.

In contrast to the sunny march, the wedding

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took place under overcast skies just prior to a light rain. A few blocks from the Metro station, we rounded a corner at 11 a.m. to see a large crowd at a stage in front of the imposingly stern IRS building on usually-busy Constitution Avenue. As with The Wedding held in conjunction with the 1987 march, the site had been selected by organizers to emphasize the tax burden on gay couples who can't file federal tax returns jointly.

Upon joining the crowd, I realized to my horror that straights aren't the only ones to get prenuptial jitters. (I'm really not ready for this. It's Saturday for gosh sakes, never marry on a Saturday. Umm, I think I left something back at the hotel...)

By coincidence, we wound up standing next to a male couple from back home in Orlando, David and David. Together for 24 years, they were formally exchanging vows for the first time. Alongside their dignity and strength, my doubts seemed pretty puny.

I glanced down to see exuberant colored chalk designs made by couples on the street near the ceremony. Lisa loves Joanne. John, I'll always love you, Bill. Their brightness and optimism shouted volumes on the vibrancy and legitimacy of gay and lesbian relationships. A seemingly endless blur of speakers came one after another to the podium, their voices echoing off the surrounding buildings. They obviously had some very meaningful things to say, but the preliminaries were wearing thin for many participants.

Finally the big moment arrived.

"Don't apologize for your lifestyle," said the Rev. Troy D. Perry, a founder of MCC, as he began the ceremony. "Don't be afraid to be who

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Ken Berg and Larry Davis tied the nuptial knot on April 24 at The Wedding, one of more than 200 related events held during the National March on Washington.

you are."

For me, the crowd seemed to fade away into the distance as we said our improvised vows amid a swirling breeze of emotion. Then, as if to bring us down to earth, the nearly-identical gold bands we had brought to present each other got mixed up and I wound up wrestling my ring onto the only finger it would fit on—Larry's pinky.

Life's like that.

Then it was done. We kissed passionately as rice flew in the air. Around me, I saw hundreds of couples beaming, kissing, embracing and smiling. Friends and strangers cheered. Joyful tears rolled down my cheeks as I felt a sense of exhilaration, pride and completion.

Looking down at my left hand, I shook the shiny, slender new band on my finger. I'm not generally one for jewelry, so it seemed like a rock the size of Arkansas. In my post-nuptial glow I felt like Liz Taylor and Larry Fortensky

all rolled into one. Okay, okay, mostly Liz.

We were both still keyed up upon arriving back in Orlando a few days later as we popped in a tape of VCR-recorded CNN newscasts on the march. As the very first story unspooled, we simultaneously looked at each other and shrieked. Yikes! We had been captured, embracing in full close-up during a mostly-positive story on the ceremony.

Talk about having a lot of guests at your wedding!

Along with the glee at having our commitment seen so widely, I was struck with a crystal realization of the irony that a simple, proud declaration of love between two men would actually be so unusual as to get them on national television. Amazing.

And to Larry Davis, may I add: I love you. I'm glad we got married. And yes, this is what it's like to be free.

KEN BERG



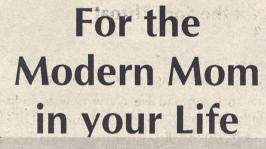
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Lesbians cluster at Dupont Circle for the Dyke March.

#### The Dyke March

by GARETH FENLEY

Don't ask me how many women swarmed Connecticut Avenue for the Dyke March.

I didn't count, or ask questions, or take notes. I just went to be there.

It started at Dupont Circle, a small city park and epicenter of Gay D.C. on Saturday. It was that dusky time before night when colors are still bright and clear. Women and a few men were packed tight around the park's fountain. No video monitors, speakers, scaffolds, or TV crews in sight. An unseen cluster of drummers was beating a military cadence. I took a photo of a woman dressed in steel and lace who leaned on a tree. Something was going to happen.

A skinny, bumpy, purple figure about 15 feet tall floated into the crowd from my left. Her tennis-ball eyes lit up, flashed off and on. To my right a small, human woman flourished a ma-

genta cape. Her chest said, "Lesbian Avenger."

A voice from a bullhorn said we were going to march for lesbian visibility. She started a chant I'd never heard before: "We're dykes! Don't touch us! We'll hurt you!" The crowd kept it up as the bullhorn, drums, and a red fabric banner proclaiming "The Dyke March" moved to the south side of the circle. The crowd gathered and balanced, ready to step off. It was exactly 7 p.m., the announced time of the march; the time I'd expected a round of tedious speakers. The bullhorn told us to wait 10 minutes as more women arrived. We did what she said.

At the signal, women flooded the avenue, cheering and chanting to the drum beat. A block or two's worth had stepped off when the march stalled, with most people (including me) still waiting in the park. One dreadlocked woman in leather perched on a traffic light. She said the street was filled to capacity.

Eventually I was off and marching with a squad of my friends, exhilarated. Connecticut Avenue is an urban canyon with high, vertical facades lining both sides. The buildings echoed our shouts, and the drums filled the air. The bullhorn told all men to get out of the march and onto the sidelines.

At first there were spectators applauding. Four men had lined up to salute us with cardboard signs. All were gleefully leaping up and down during the whole time I could see them. "Cocksuckers for Muff Divers," "Go Girls Go!" and "Faggots Support Dykes," they said. We roared our approval.

After a while the spectators thinned out to nothing and the streets were our own. Some marchers chalked slogans on the pavement. As the sky darkened and streetlights warmed up, I still felt safe and powerful. My part of the crowd had locked onto a favorite chant: a drum tattoo punctuated by a shout of "Dykes!" with, if you liked, a fist in the air.

We occasionally passed under high windows filled with men waving wildly and tossing toilet-paper streamers. It was refreshing to be a bunch of lesbians drawing the attention and admiration of gay men.

Arriving at the White House, we saw a formidable line of helmeted cops. They didn't look happy. Our shouting mass stayed on the other side of the street. Just after we passed the police, in front of the Treasury Building, a line of topless women appeared out of nowhere. They posed arm-in-arm against the metal fence, Greek columns as a backdrop. Then the topless women slipped into the crowd and the march moved quickly on, yelling with adrenaline.

Just before we reached the Mall near the Washington Monument, the march stopped again. The drummers were in the middle of the street with a roiling circle of exuberant, topless women dancing in the darkness. Later I heard behind me that bullhorn voice, this time tense. "Keep moving." I looked back and saw the police line, mighty close. I moved on.

The marchers, subdued, sifted onto the dark Mall. Then one last time, the bullhorn directed me. I'd been only 20 feet away from the edge of a murmuring half-circle of hundreds of women. They were watching the Lesbian Avengers, maybe 10 women holding small flaming torches.

The Avenger voice said fire recalls the memory of a lesbian who was burned to death. Hattie Mae Cohens was fire-bombed by skinheads in Oregon last year. Instead of being destroyed by hatred, said the voice, lesbians will defend our own community. "The fire will not consume us," chanted the crowd. "We take it and make it our own." The Avengers one by one put the flaming skewers into their mouths, and without the firelight they were murky silhouettes, the unseen Capitol a mile behind.



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#### **Historic March**

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lot of the feelings we've been having."

"It was a joyous experience," he added. "I felt really proud because I was with the right people in the right place."

Phranc's song, "Everywhere I Go I Hear The Go-Go's," keeps playing full blast in my mind. But the lyrics are different: for me, it's "Everywhere I go I see the Georgians." Everywhere, all weekend. Adams-Morgan. Dupont. The Museums. On the streets. And on stage. All day long my fellow Georgians are there for all to see—Pat & Cherry Hussain, the Chorus, RuPaul (OK, but he's still one of us), the 'Go Girls, Clinch (formerly the Ellen James Society, now minus Cooper Seay), part-time Decaturite Martina. I am so proud of us. All of us. But it's late—the sun is dropping over a hazy Mall—and I have a plane to catch.

Some of us returned home to disaster. Melbourne, Iowa Mayor Bill Crews returned to find his home vandalized, but he kept a sense of humor about it. He says it's easier now to give directions to his house.

"It's the one that says 'Faggot," he said.

Crews spoke publicly for the first time about his homosexuality in a Sunday newspaper opinion piece, but he told reporters later that most in his town of 730 already knew.

"I had the guts to say it out in the open and these animals had to vent their hate under the cover of darkness," he said of the vandalism.

Sgt. Jose Zuniga returned to San Francisco to discharge proceedings. Zuniga, the 6th Army Soldier of the Year, came out during a Saturday night reception for gay and lesbian veterans.

"I feel liberated," he said at that reception. "Now I have no secrets. I don't have to lie to my commanders."

It's over. So fast. The lobby in front of Gate 10 fills rapidly with gays and lesbians headed home. And one group of about 20 children, all with infinitely more energy than any of us. "Let's tell them who we are and see if they'll change their flight," one of us suggests. No need though. They are from Kentucky. We console the tired gays and lesbians who are booked for that flight, and then have a small pizza party while we wait. It's over. But we all have something now that we didn't have before. And we couldn't wait to get home to share it with the ones we left there. But we didn't need to. They were watching.



The best part of being in Washington for the weekend was the oh so rare and sweet feeling of being in the majority.

"I felt so proud," said Jayne Pleasants, who watched the entire afternoon on C-SPAN. Pleasants, who worked on the stage at the '87 march, said she felt a few pangs about not being there, "especially when [the marchers] first started coming in."

"All day long, during the Mall shots on camera, you could see the Mall fill up more and more," she said, adding that, after conversations with friends who were there, she may have gotten a good deal at home after all.

"I could see it all," she said. "I think I got, not the camaraderie part of course, but the substance part. It was wonderful."

It was, perhaps. too overwhelming to grasp it all in the midst of the crowd. But near the end, Duncan Teague said he understood what was happening in a way that had no words. "The whole energy of it moved me to tears at a point when I wasn't expecting it," he explained. "I had walked away from the Quilt when up came roaring the Dykes on Bikes. The sun was setting, people were cheering, I was exhausted, but I wanted to see the Dykes on Bikes. And all of a sudden everything caught up to me that I had been feeling and I was moved to tears. They were so strong, those dykes. I thought, this is the world I want to live in."

It is over. I say that repeatedly, but I know it's not really over. The stories are still pouring in. I have seen literally thousands of photographs, and each one brings back a new memory. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. People of color. Grandmas for Gays. Colorado. Everyone. The March is history, but it will never really be over until there is no need for another one.

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#### **Shopping in Dupont Circle**



Washington, DC—The hundreds of thousands of Americans flooding D.C. for the April 25 March On Washington had no excuse for going home without a souvenir.

Boldly colored rainbow flags fluttered overhead while marchers-to-be sorted through Tshirts and pins, wristbands and bumper stickers, caps and jackets galore.

"I can't even march straight," declared the T-shirt on one souvenir store worker, and hundreds of marchers on Sunday.

Three storefront shops clustered along Connecticut Avenue near Dupont Circle, long a gathering area for Washington's gay community, were the hottest shops over the weekend.

At the official March On Washington souvenir store, the best seller was a black T-shirt emblazoned with the march logo: a pink triangle showing the Capitol dome. Also very popular were freedom rings, six rings the color of the rainbow hung from a chain. It seemed almost everyone had a pair either around their neck or taken off the chain and worn on the fingers of many who never had worn "activist wear" before

Store manager Ken Marks, who has also

been handling mail orders for months, said he hopes sales of merchandise will raise \$600,000 toward the cost of the march.

A couple of blocks to the north, Rick Reddington ran the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force shop, featuring a wide variety of Tshirts and the very popular "States of Pride" pins.

The black cloisonne pins come in the shape of each state, with a pink triangle.

Reddington's best seller was a white T-shirt that shows an artist's impression of a marching crowd outside the Capitol with the message, "A simple matter of justice," the theme for the March.

Down the street, across Connecticut Avenue from the march headquarters, was a shop operated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

A gray T-shirt with the torch symbol of the fund was the top seller there, said shop manager Timothy Michael Cavanaugh.

Also popular was the Q-cap, a black baseball cap with the pink letter Q. The Q-cap sold out in two days and more had to be made, Cavanaugh said.

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Michaelangelo Signorile's new book is hailed "one of the most important books of the 20th century," by AIDS activist Larry Kramer. Al Cotton reviews this controversial work.

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#### Rural south is no place to fear if you're queer

To the Editor:

In her column of April 15, 1993, Shelly Roberts said, "We're going to be driving north to the Washington March through some pretty dicey territory. Maybe I'll just surgically remove the little pink triangle..."

At every turn in my life since I started coming out publicly I have heard warnings from friends, family members, professors, guidance counselors, coworkers, and supervisors that my outness would get me hurt, killed or shunned. Now Shelly Roberts has added her voice to the frightened mass.

Having ignored all these prophecies of doom and having found myself empowered for having done so, having driven and walked across rural areas of our state and region with an arsenal of radical T-shirts and bumper stickers, having refused on countless visits to the South's outback to lower my voice when I speak about lesbian and gay subjects, and having communicated with scores of the residents of these "dicey areas" face-to-face as an openly-queer person, I knew that "paranoia" was the best word to describe Ms. Roberts feelings.

I took her words as a challenge: Not only did I leave my rainbow flag and "Lift the Ban Now" stickers on my car, I used white shoe polish to paint "Queer Rights 4Ever" across the back window. On the road to and from Washington, I received 18 enthusiastically supportive responses and only 6 negative ones.

The most obvious trend in the discrimination we face is that most of straight society couches its bigotry by claiming that it represents others who hate us: Sam Nunn pretends that he is responding to bias in the military; Cracker Barrel describes the "perceived values of our customers;" Tom Murphy defers to his constituency. Much of our community responds to these baseless assumptions by refusing to come out. Thereby, prejudices do not get challenged outside the centers of power; the vague "others" that the bigots swear homage to are denied the opportunity to express acceptance; the world does not improve.

I must, therefore, express my extreme disappointment that Ms. Roberts chose to issue her message of fear. We faced an unprecedented opportunity last month to bring a message of queer visibility and pride to the rural South; that she recommended missing it is disheartening at best. The title of her column is "Cleaning Out My Closet;" I hope she isn't cleaning it just to make more room inside.

> Sincerely, Joe DeRose

## Georgia kicked butt at MOW, but let's drop the chop

To the Editor:

I'm just back from D.C., where the hets still seem to be having trouble with basic arithmetic. If there were only 300,000 of us there, and if we *are* only 1% of the population, then straight America can't equal what we did until they show up on The Mall with 30 million people.

For those who didn't make it, Georgia acquitted itself well. I watched four hours of the parade before joining our crowd, and we were definitely one of the most energetic and cohesive of the state delegations. I hope next time we come up with something as unique and fun as our human wave, which delighted spectators and marchers alike. I also hope that next time we don't distinguish ourselves by being the only state with a chant that many in Washington considered culturally insensitive, if not downright racist. Come on, sports fans, let's bury the hatchet at Fulton County Stadium for the next March.

Sincerely, Tom Blount

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The Honorable Sam Nunn United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nunn:

I wish to add my name to the list of those asking you to support President Clinton's effort to lift the ban on lesbians and gays in our armed forces. My decision is based on reason, not emotion.

I have heard the various arguments, from

mental illness to security risk, against lifting the military ban and most have been thoroughly refuted. The only argument still being debated is discipline and morale. It impresses me that a vast majority of our NATO and other allies have been able to accept lesbians and gays into their militaries without a problem. In particular, last year Canada lifted its ban and it was a non-event. I believe that there are lessons we can learn from other countries which have living, working models of what the Joint Chiefs claim we cannot do, but somehow others have done.

Obviously, none of these countries is identical to the United States and the argument can be made that what applies to them doesn't necessarily apply to us. However, we do have the opportunity to look at our own history and find periods during which the exclusion of gays biased on status was temporarily suspended or winked at (World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and Desert Storm). During these times the discipline or morale problem did not materialize.

Finally, as a Jewish American, I am quite attuned to the nuances of hate. It concerns me greatly that so many of the voices I hear opposing lifting the ban against lesbians and gays have hateful undertones. Hate has no place in America and certainly no place as a driving force of government policy.

Again, I ask you to support the lifting of the ban against gays and lesbians in the military. It's the right thing to do.

> Sincerely, State Senator Ron Slotin 39th District

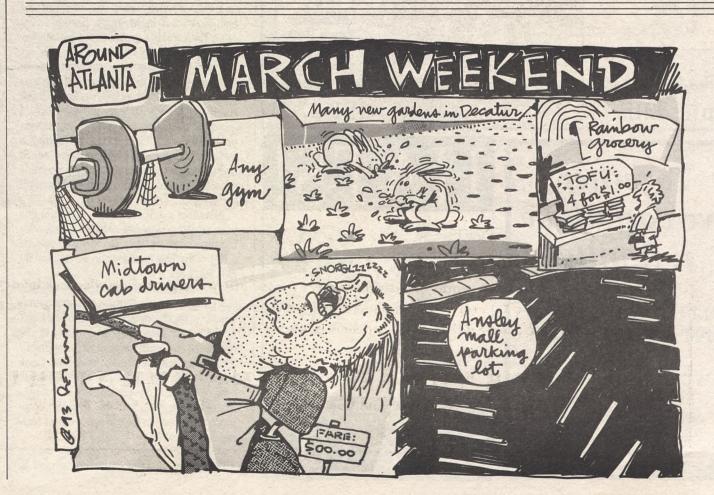
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by AL COTTON

## How many are we?

First, let's start with the numbers: a good bit of objective evidence exists to indicate that there were not a million people on the Mall last Sunday—The Washington Post said that 425,000 Metro rides were recorded that day, about as many as were recorded for a NOW rally that was estimated at 500,000. March organizers expected 700 buses, but The park service only counted 400. I didn't notice many people parachuting in.

To me, it looked like a million, but then I have no idea what a million people look like. (At least we've finally exploded the myth that there are only seven Queers with the rest done by blue smoke and mirrors. If that's true, then those seven Queers have 500,000 fabulous outfits.)

But for the sake of argument, let's assume the worst—that we were only 300,000. Does that invalidate anything that happened last weekend? What specifically was degraded because a few hundred thousand people were there only in spirit? 300,000 people is more than enough to make the kind of history that needed to be made.

We made a different kind of history in 1987, when we had an urgent reason to march that came direct from Georgia—Bowers v. Hardwick. We had just discovered that our government had the right, if it chose to exercise it, to outlaw our profoundest expression of love for one another. We HAD to march.

The reason for marching this time was not as clear—there was no single event driving the call to march, no clarion call to action. Perhaps we lost our shot at a million when we won the election last November. A few more of us might have shown up if George Bush were about to appoint Byron White's replacement on the Supreme Court, or if Dan Quayle were still handing out Family Values—laced grape Kool-aid. I'll settle for a smaller crowd and a better government, thank you very much.

1987 was about how marginalized we were, summed up by a huge crowd that was ignored by the media, and we knew those results right away. It may be years before we know the full extent of what we accomplished on April 25, 1993, but the short list includes being seen, heard, acknowledged and reported on accurately, getting people's attention, learning first hand that we are inevitable.

But that's still not the point. While this was a history making weekend, the truly important history was being made not on CNN or in The Post, but on the faces that had The Look.

I've noticed The Look before—at Pride celebrations mostly, but it can happen anywhere we gather together. You see The Look on the face of someone whose mind has just opened to an entirely new realm of possibility. Community-wise, we have The Look when we see how beautiful, how powerful, how committed, this community of our is—it's like falling in love with an entire community. It's on our face when we first realize that we really are EVERYWHERE.

The Look consists of twinkling eyes, a mouth agape, a head swiveling around to



scan yet another approaching wall of Queers. I saw The Look in faces at Dupont Circle, in the aisles of Queer-filled restaurants, on packed escalators and subway cars. I thought of it every time I passed the store in Dupont Circle called Bedazzled.

We are changing when we occupy a space that we could never have imagined as a lonely child, a scared teen, a closeted adult. The Look is evidence of that change. The closest cliche to it is "like a kid in a candy store," but that doesn't being to capture the sense of being completely off the Richter Scale of joy and elation and amazement.

I had The Look in 1987 as we left the Mall at 6 PM as a frigid cold front assaulted Washington, shivering, but not from the cold. I felt it this time at Dupont Circle on Saturday night, running into friend after friend from everywhere. And on Sunday, all those people—however many of them there were—reminded me how transformative it is to go from being "the only Queer in the world" to "one in a million." And how odd that that transformation comes when we discover a way in which we are not special.

I can think of no more precious gift to give our Queer selves than to acknowledge this sense of Unique Collectiveness as often as we can. My goal for this year is to learn how to see it in a crowd of 100. Or 10. Or 2.

So now what? If you're like me, there's a halo around your heart and a dent in your credit card, and an anticlimax staring you dead in the face. What do you do with that energy before it dissipates?

Well, after 1987, people did things like start Project Open Hand, and Southern Voice, and Queer Nation, and the Gay Spirit Visions Conferences, and the LAMP Project, and the Atlanta Lambda Center, and AALGA, and Friends Atlanta, and the Front Runners, and...you get my drift. It was the single most energizing experience this community had ever engaged in, and we used that energy to build a better community. Not a bad prescription for Post-March Depression

I'll end with the story one of my suitemates heard from his cab driver. The cabby said that seven Queers headed to dinner had squeezed into his cab, and then he managed to get lost. The usual Washington Yuppie reaction would be, at a minimum, ballistic. What did "we" do? Why, everyone got out their maps and started figuring out where they were and how to get where they were going. And he still got a good tip.

The lesson here is that there's work to do out there, work that can't be done in a crowd of any size on a Mall in Washington. And the challenge comes in making sure we ask the right question—not "How many are we?" but "How many do we need to get the job done?"

As a community, we know the world won't change tomorrow, or by itself, so we've decided to go out there and change it ourselves, every day—one cab ride at a time. That makes me awfully proud to be Queer.

#### **Hands Around** the Capitol

Washington, DC—AIDS activists from around the nation linked arms to totally surround the U.S. Capitol April 24, in protest of the federal government's continuing failure to adequately address America's AIDS crisis. Organizers estimated that some 25,000 people participated, making the action the largest ACT UP protest ever.

AIDS-related red ribbons and pink triangles, reminders of Nazi concentration camps, were in abundance at the rally, signifying another unfolding of AIDS Quilt panels taking place at the same time across the Mall and the opening of the U.S. Holocaust Museum here.

Rally moderator Michael Petrelis charged that Clinton "hasn't kept a single promise of the 17 he had made about AIDS."

Speaker Thomas Fraybregoy condemned Clinton for détaining HIV+ Haitians at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, naval base.

"It's the world's only concentration camp for HIV positive persons, and you pay for it!" Fraybregoy told the rally participants.

Keynote speaker Larry Kramer, founder of Manhattan's Gay Men's Health Crisis and ACT UP's original chapter in New York City, blasted President "Bill the Welsher" Clinton for what Kramer called his administration's "appalling" inaction on AIDS.

"Time is being pissed away just like under Reagan and Bush," Kramer said.



Keynote speaker Larry Kramer charged President Clinton with genocide of gay people and people of color.

"Why are our so-called [gay and lesbian] leaders kissing this President's ass? We are being intentionally allowed to die. This is intentional genocide of gay people and people of color. This is our Holocaust."

During his speech, Kramer suggested Connecticut governor Lowell Wiecker, a Republican, as America's AIDS czar, noting Wiecker's longtime support for the ill and disabled.

Telling the crowd that "ACT UP is more important than ever now," Kramer, quoting Oscar Wilde, cautioned that "everything is dangerous, my dear fellow. If it wasn't, life wouldn't be worth living."

"Embrace the danger," Kramer added. "Act up, fight back, fight AIDS!"

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-Vietnam War moratorium rally, Nov. 15, 1969: 600,000

-Vietnam War "Out Now" rally, April 24, 1971: 500,000

-National Organization for Women march and rally, April 5, 1992: 500,000

-Gay rights march, April 25, 1993: 300,000

-20th anniversary civil rights march, Aug. 20, 1983: 300,000

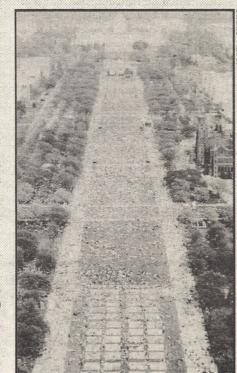
-NOW abortion rights march, April 9, 1989: 300,000

-Solidarity Day labor march, Sept. 19, 1981: 260,000

-Martin Luther King civil rights march, Aug. 28, 1963: 250,000

-Solidarity Day labor march, Aug. 31, 1991: 250,000

-March on the Pentagon, Oct. 21, 1967: 200,000



-Washington for Jesus rally, April 29, 1980: 200,000

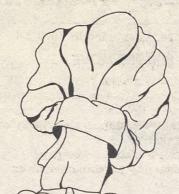
-Martin Luther King Holiday rally, Jan. 15, 1981: 200,000

-Gay rights march, Oct. 11, 1987: 200,000

-Abortion rights march, Nov. 12, 1989: 200,000

-Anti-abortion march, April 28, 1990: 200,000.

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#### **EYE ON THE MILITARY**

Hearings update

Anti-gay Senators wasted much of last week's third day of hearings on the gays in the military controversy before the Senate Armed Services Committee, concentrating most of their attention to a retired Army Lt. General who told them that gays in the military would make America's armed services "second-rate."

The April 29 hearings were scheduled to focus on foreign countries that allow gays to serve, but witnesses from those countries were forced to take a back seat while C.A.H. Waller, a 32-year veteran who was deputy commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf War, told the committee that he opposes "openly avowed homosexuals" who want to "foist their lifestyle upon soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines."

"I do not believe that the American people want to have a second-rate armed services," he said.

Waller continued the trend of the committee's select witnesses who miss the point of the increasing numbers of gay and lesbian service members publicly coming out.

"I've already stated beyond any shadow of a doubt that they can do their jobs and do it well," Waller testified. "My conflict is with the openness you've seen."

Waller did not address the "witchhunts"—investigations of service members based on the slightest of evidence that he or she is gay—that are prevalent throughout the armed services. Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) did allude to that issue however.

"It seems to me that most gays and lesbians who go into service want to be a soldier or a sailor or an air person," Kennedy said. "If they want to be a gay activist, they won't go in."

Kennedy also pointed out that during wars, the military traditionally discharges far fewer people for homosexuality, citing Navy statistics for the period between 1963 and 1970, when the number of gays discharged annually dipped from more than 1500 to 461.

Waller's opposition to lifting the ban was drawn into question by the Campaign for Military Service, which released a copy of a June 26, 1991 letter from Waller to Mary Ann Humphrey, an Army Reserve Captain who was discharged for being a lesbian. Humphrey had sent a copy of her book, "My Country, My Right to Serve," to Waller and he wrote back: "I trust that you and all of the other individuals who have experienced such discrimination will one day have your day in court. It appears that society is about to accept that every person should have the freedom and privileges that are granted under our great Constitution. Keep the faith."

Some sociologists did get time to testify on the effects of lifting the ban against gays and lesbians in Canada and Australia, where military leaders had harbored the same fears



The Campaign For Military Service signs were out in full force during the March on Washington.

many in the U.S. have. They said that in those two countries, there have been no mass resignations, recruiting problems or gay bashing.

"We can take heart that our allies' fears proved unfounded—that which was anticipated as a mountain turned out to be a molehill, essentially a 'non-event,'" said Judith Stiehm, a professor of political science at Florida International University.

But Charles Moskos, a Northwestern University sociology professor who has written extensively in support of the ban, told that panel that a survey he conducted of 946 military people found that 78% of the men and 47% of the women interviewed opposed ending the ban.

Forty-five percent of the non-commissioned officers in Moskos' survey said they would leave if the ban is lifted, and 90% of the men would feel uncomfortable sharing a room with a gay, he reported.

While the Senate hearings have been relatively low-key, focusing on academic testimony and a handful of military personnel opposing gays in the military, the House Armed Services Committee hearings, scheduled to begin next week, promise more fireworks. Rep. Ronald Dellums (D-CA) chair of the committee and proponent of ending the 50-year-old prohibition, has promised that his committee's hearings will hear from extremist religious right groups as well as gay rights organizations. Dellums also said he will call to testify foreign military leaders and officials of police and fire departments that have opened their ranks to gays and lesbians. The House hearings will take place May 4-5.



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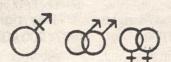


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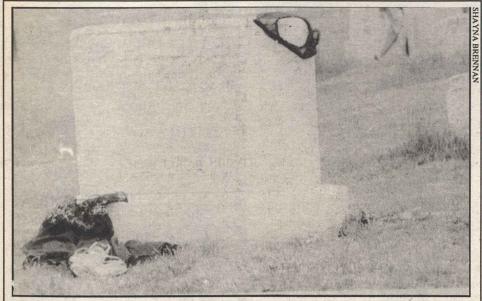
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During the dedication of the Harvey Milk Memorial at Congressional Cemetery, someone left articles of women's clothing on the grave of J. Edgar Hoover.

#### **Harvey Milk Memoria**

Forget foundation paid formal tribute to Harvey Milk, Leonard Matlovich and Audre Lorde. Harvey Milk Memorial was unveiled. The Harvey Milk Memorial was a dream of Leonard Matlovich's, and the design competition was announced at the 1987 March On Washington. Emcee Ken McPherson described the memorial as "in your face with stone." "It is up to us to begin writing our history, and that is why the gay section of town."

we are here today," said McPherson.
Of the Harvey Milk Memorial, McPherson said, "This will become as important to lesbian and gay people as the Vietnam Memorial is to Vietnam vets." He added that the next pumps also left on Hoover's grave were project of Never Forget would be a memorial to Audre Lorde and called on the lesbian com-

At the Congressional Cemetary, the Never munity to indicate where it should be placed and what it should be.

The Harvey Milk Memorial was designed As part of the ceremony, the design for the by competition winner Joseph Mancuso. It will be 9 feet by 24 feet and enclosed on three sides with the fourth wall standing open, as an open closet door. Matlovich is buried near the memorial site, as are J. Edgar Hoover and Clyde Tolson. McPherson called it "Leonard's revenge" that Tolson and Hoover are now "in

> In fact, in honor of this event, the triangles on Hoover's headstone that point inward to his name were spray-painted pink by an anonymous prankster. A black dress and white quickly removed.

DEBBIE FRAKER



Miriam ben-Shalom, a discharged lesbian Army sergeant, led protestors past the Vietnam Memorial Wall against the wishes of Park Police.

Taps Ceremony About 200 that she and others would walk by the Wall people went to the Vietnam Memorial Wall two by two. Saturday, April 24 to hear Taps played in honor of lesbian and gay veterans who died in Viet- of the walkway, applauding as she walked nam. They encountered something quite different. In fact, many left never knowing what

Before the ceremony began, a rumor spread through the media that Taps would not be played because one of the scheduled buglers had learned that day that he was HIV+.

Instead, a color guard prepared to march, led by Miriam ben-Shalom. When ben-Shalom began to march her troops to the head of the pathway beside the Wall, chaos ensued as ceremony attendees followed, most unaware that the procession was not part of the scheduled ceremony. Park police stopped ben-Shalom and the color guard from marching down the walkway, saying that a permit had not sight, I can't think of anyone more honorable been obtained for that area. After a short verbal confrontation between bystanders and Park Police, ben-Shalom regrouped and announced

Gays and lesbians lined up on both sides through. Tourists visiting the wall were swept aside by the melee of press and observers.

In a more private ceremony at the Wall on Monday morning, former Green Beret and Vietnam veteran Eugene Giannunzio left his Purple Heart beneath the panel bearing the name of Lloyd Darling, a gay man who served with Giannunzio in Vietnam. Darling was killed during a brief firefight in September 1968. Giannunzio and 17 others were the only survivors out of an original 132 soldiers.

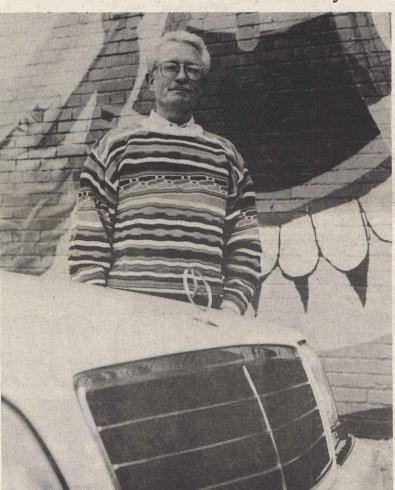
"I went to the Wall and I left my medal there for Lloyd," Giannunzio said on his return from Washington. "It was my way of honoring him, since America doesn't. In hindto leave it with."

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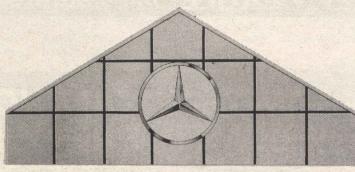
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#### **Gay and Lesbian History Exhibit**

April 20, 1993, One in Ten opened The Gay & Lesbian History Exhibit at The Stables Art Center in Washington, D.C. Organized by Leonard Hirsch and Jennifer Brier, the display of collages of material documenting gays and lesbians throughout history and across cultures was an excellent adjunct to the March On Washington—giving participants a chance to witness a past that is almost always absent from the courses taken in schools.

The exhibit is divided into three segments: Reclaiming Our History (marked by a timeline); Defining Our History (an exploration of gays and lesbians who have contributed to society); and Making Our History (a display of contemporary issues—including AIDS, the struggle for civil rights, and homophobia).

As the visitor moves through the displays, the eye is caught by a huge timeline dominating one wall. High water marks of the struggle for gay rights and accomplishments by prominent lesbian, gay and bisexual persons were posted—the 1896 Homosexual Rights Movement in Germany, the 1928 publication of Radcliff Hall's lesbian novel "The Well of Loneliness," the 1947 Lisa Ben publications, ONE magazine in the 1950s, homosexual activities of the 1960s, and of course, the June 27, 1969 Stonewall Riots.

Displays included collages of personal photographs, magazine clippings, and information on the work and history of some of the sponsoring organizations. There was a large display of

important books by and/or about gays, lesbians, and bisexuals.

A war-themed wall provided information on the Nazi persecution of homosexuals and included a reproduction of the chart of triangle badges used to identify homosexuals in the concentration camps. Readers might be reminded that of all those freed from such camps, only the homosexuals were not set free; they were sent on to jails because their orientation still placed them in violation of the standing sodomy laws.

A display of photographs of World War II vintage showed gay life in that time period. Some shots were intimate and charming; others were colorful and fun. There was also a depiction of "the evolution of the U.S. Military's antigay [sic] policy and the challenges since then in lifting the military's ban."

Gays from various countries/continents—including Japan, China, Africa, and South America—and time periods (the American West—both Native American and settlers) were represented.

A full wall was dedicated to black gays and lesbians, some of whom were highlighted by biography boxes. One such great is Langston Hughes.

One of the first things that visitors saw was the original panel for the AIDS Memorial Quilt—ironically colorful and bright against the right-side wall.

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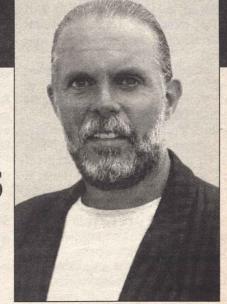
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Arlene (not her real name), a Little Five Points lesbian, voiced some of the same yearning for a different relationship with her mother.

"I would not say we're close. It's a very caring relationship, but we don't talk about our thoughts and feelings with any depth," she said.

"I'm beginning to be aware, and upset, that for 40 years, my mother has not talked to me about what she feels," Arlene continued.

On the other hand, Arlene feels much love and appreciation toward her mom. She said, "My mother has a certain kind of sweetness and humor.

Arlene also credits her mother with making it easy for her to come out. Remembering her high school days, Arlene said, "I loved playing baseball in the park—and all of a sudden it hit me-what would my friends think if they saw me playing. I mentioned it to my mother. She said, "If you want to play softball, go ahead."

Her mom also taught her it was okay not to marry, but she did not speak to Arlene for several weeks after she came out.

For Atlanta women looking for a way to understand and heal the mother-daughter relationship, Be Present, Inc. offers a oneday gathering as Mother's Day approaches this year.

Speaking about the idea behind the gathering, Be Present board member LaVerne Robinson said, "It's our way of bringing women together so we can have a space where we can have true, open dialogue. It's a way of working on social issues at a personal level."

Talking from her own experience, the 41-year-old Robinson said, "I have three daughters. One of my issues is teen pregnancy. It's not just a term, nor can there be change unless I voice what it was like for me. I got pregnant when I was 15 and had my first child by 16. I got pregnant when I was 17 and had another child by 18."

couldn't talk to her own daughters about talked to her, so she didn't know how to those issues. She couldn't speak to them about teen pregnancy and what it was like for her. Her mother had never talked to her about sex. The conspiracy of silence was passed from one generation to the next, she said.

Be Present, Inc. now has two functions. It offers workshops to African American women through "Black & Female: What Is The Reality?" and it offers "Sisters and Allies" workshops to women of all colors, Robinson said.

mother-daughter celebration for black women. A biracial woman came to the gathering, and after that, the decision was made further information, call 624-9509.

Talking about her mother, Gail, a 35- to "move to the next level," and offer the year-old lesbian, said, "I know she loves workshop to women of all colors, Robinson

The hope is that the gathering will give The suburbanite continued, "I need ac- women new reasons to celebrate "the beauty of our lives as mothers and daughters." The organizers invite women to "bring your excitement, joy and sadness, and begin to say aloud what you have always felt inside."

> While one of Robinson's unspoken issues was teen pregnancy, for Gail it was physical abuse. She grew up protecting her mother from a violent father. Gail would step between them and take the blows.

> She has tried to speak with her mother about it, but "my mother doesn't want to talk about it. She says it's in the past."

> For Shirley Brown, one of the unspoken issues between she and her mother is her lesbianism. Brown said in the overall picture, the silence about her lesbianism is not that important.

> "My mother always loved me. I never questioned that, but we had differences from day one. She had a role I was to fulfill, a person she thought I should be."

> "And somehow, I never was that," Brown recalled.

Brown was supposed to marry and provide her mother with children and grandchildren.

The 64-year-old Brown didn't directly come out to her mother, who is now dead, in part because "I wasn't ready and I didn't think she could accept it. She couldn't accept other things. It would have been even more difficult for her to accept that," Brown said. "And by that time, it didn't make that much difference, because I had already gone my separate way."

The conspiracy of silence continued from one generation to the next.

Talking about her relationship with her mother, Robinson said, "My mother has been through a lot. She raised us after my father died when I was six. My mother had the foresight to know she needed an education to make good money."

"She has had severe depressions and many health problems. I love the fact that she has continued to walk and talk and live in spite of all the things that have happened to her."

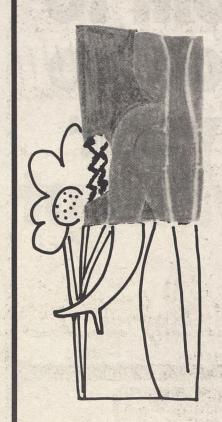
Robinson continued, "If I had not had a Until she could explore who she was place to have a voice, I wouldn't have known and find her "own true voice," Robinson how to talk to my mother. No one came and talk to me."

> Added Robinson, "But now we do talk. I ask her, 'What was it like?"

> Said Robinson, "My relationship with my daughters has changed now. And with my granddaughter also. I can talk to them."

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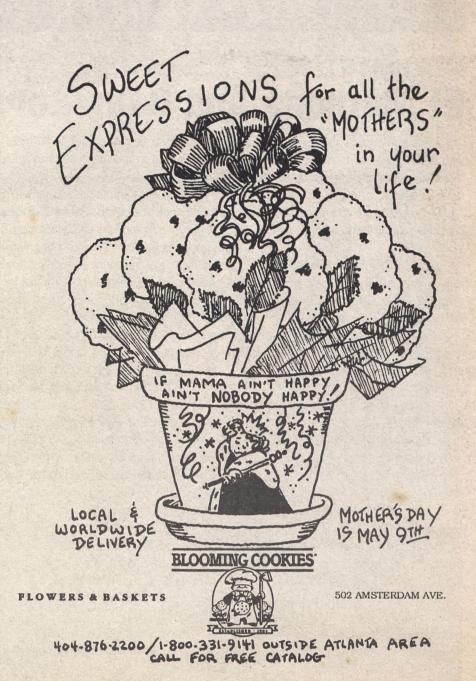
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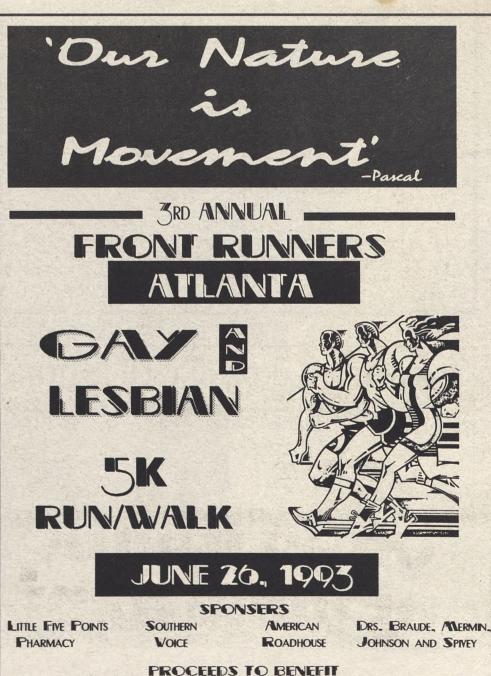
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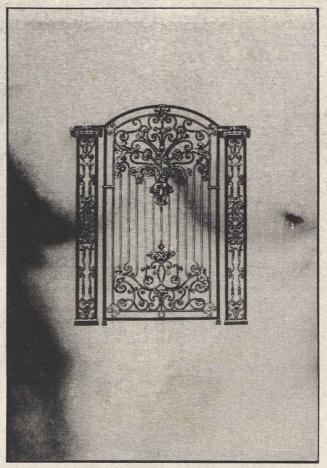
BEYOND LOSS With so many events and actions going on in D.C. during the 1993 March On Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Rights weekend, it might have been easy to overlook a phenomenal art exhibit that opened April 23 called "Beyond Loss: Art in the Era of AIDS." The exhibit, presented by the Washington Project for the Arts, is a collection of recent works by 26 American artists whose lives and work have been greatly impacted by the AIDS crisis.

It includes artists who have died of AIDS-related conditions, artists living with HIV/AIDS, and artists who have been otherwise affected by the AIDS crisis, be they male or female, gay or straight. According to one of Beyond Loss's organizers, Michael Floyd, they "attempted to select works where AIDS acts as an underlying theme, rather than presenting a blunt political or social statement."

Many of the exhibit's artists address AIDS subtly, through images that explore and celebrate gay culture and lifestyles or through the re-interpretation of icons and symbols.

For example, Arnold Fern's "Head with Flames" depicts a huge, disembodied head of a pin-up perfect man. This painting recalls the classical work of Titan and Mantegna.

Other works focus on a sense of morning and loss. "What's Left" by Jim Hodges literally is a pile of clothing thrown in a corner overlaid with a delicate spiderweb woven from steel chain. Similarly, Loring McAlpin's "Graunien's Circle" shows a number of boot prints imprinted in concrete and all facing each other in a circle. Suspended seemingly in



"Portal, 1990" by Robert Flack. Cebachrome print, 40" x 30"

mid-air by strands of clear wire are small circular steel rings with the names of dead porn stars inscribed on them. One of the rings has fallen and lies on the ground near one of the footprints.

Still others use biting humor to add another dimension to the exhibit. Cary S. Leibowitz, in his mixed media installation "Candyass," writes on the wall in the scrawl of a child statements and stories, like "you will always love marky mark more than me." This is next to cards attached to the wall giving success and failure hot line numbers and school banners saying "Homo State" and "Go Fags." Other items are strewn around the installation, including a shrine to Tom of Finland, a gay porn icon, with two candlesticks and a big pink football.

In addition to the exhibit, the gallery includes "Electric Blanket," a traveling slide presentation created by Visual AIDS, a New York-based collective of artists and art professionals. Electric Blanket documents the AIDS crisis through dramatic photos and snapshots of demonstrations and those that have died. These are combined with short statements and statistical data on the impact of AIDS on the local community.

"Beyond Loss saw large crowds during the March weekend," says Kimberly Taylor, Director of Development, "with 300 to 500 people attending just the opening night on April 23." Most of the people who have seen the exhibit have called it "intriguing and powerful," according to Taylor.

The exhibit will be open through June 13 at the Washington Project for the Arts & Bookworks located at 400 7th St. NW in Washington, D.C. For more information call program information at 202/347-4813.

DAVID GARDNER

Sitting, or trying to sit, at the Pop Stop cafe on 17th Street or trying to mull your way through the Dupont Circle crowds was as much effort as trying to get in to the RuPaul concert at the Old Post Office. It was hard to tell what was more important to the gay masses last weekend, the expensive celebrity-dotted events or the spectacular array of personalities that both literally and figuratively littered Connecticut and Pennsylvania Avenues and the Mall.

One was as likely to see David Geffen along the street as you were to see David Mixner, Mr. and Mr. Jackson-Parris or Judith Light and Dick Sargent. You might even bump into one of them and find yourself saying "Excuse me!" to Tracy Thorne or Joseph Steffan. But really, they were ancillary next to the big events that surrounded the March itself.

Thursday night got off to a peculiar bang as CBS/HBO "Kid in the Hall" Scott Thompson performed "Champagne Soul" for two nights at Georgetown's less-than-glamorous, down-right tawdry, suburban comedy club Chelsea's. His show was 2/3 performance art to 1/3 stand-up, and whether it was the decor or the show, his act unnerved the mixed audience to no end.

Often not knowing whether to laugh or be moved by the experience, those assembled were wisked through his better known creations like Buddy, the barfly. (You know, "People make fun of me because I lisp. Really. Such fuss over a few extra Ss.") Interspersing such characters with odd stand-up routines about child abuse and other violence, "Champagne Soul" was a fascinating evening of the unexpected.

For an encore, Thompson came out completely naked and shouted into the mic, "I want my foreskin back!" It was just that sort of evening. From the pre-show "Shaft"-era disco music to the fog machine and his insights about Queer Nation meetings ("You'll find more tolerance at a Klan rally"), Thompson kept the audience guessing.

For those who couldn't get into Saturday's hottest party in town, the "Spring to Life" dance 'til dawn extravaganza with RuPaul and "Everybody's Free" Rozalla, the **Drag Show on the Mall** provided a vast array of strange entertainment for the whole family. Aside from the standard, tired lipsynchers who brought us Bette Midler's "Otto Titslinger" and Dolly Parton's wig and breasts, the trash drags were out in all their glory.

San Francisco's Pussy Tourette wowed the crowd with her rendition of "French Bitch" which was later reprised on the afternoon stage at Sunday's march. The highlight of this number was certainly the crazed, sexually-charged cat fight



Supreme Mary Wilson and Eartha Kitt performed twice during the March—Saturday night at the AIDS benefit "DIVAS! Simply Singing" and at the morning rally the day of the March.

Tourette and the eponymous French Bitch got into as they slapped one another silly...all over each other's bodies.

But the drag divas of Saturday's show couldn't hold a candle to the March's most amazing event, the National Minority AIDS Council's "DIVAS, Simply Singing!" It was hard to tell which was more popular, the evening's entertainment or former "Dreamgirl" Sheryl Lee Ralph's dresses. Entering the stage in a vivid yellow evening gown with a deep purple velvet drape and acrophobia-inducing heels, Ms. Ralph began with an innocent, "Some of you might be wondering..." But quickly found herself cut off by the gay men shouting, "Where'd you get the dress?"

From the sparks flying in the charged post-march audience, the place almost exploded as Ms. Ralph embraced the over-sold Warner Theatre crowd with amazingly progressive pro-gay monologues and a wishful prayer to Broadway musical wizard Michael Bennett as his Quilt panel was

lowered from the rafters and Ms. Ralph dedicated the show to him.

In the space of three hours, the Supreme Mary Wilson, Stacey Lattisaw, Martha Wash, Eartha Kitt and a host of other Divas were introduced by the gritty and raw Marsha Warfield, who felt the crowd and worked it like a pro. Each of the ten performers took the stage to the accompaniment of a solitary grand piano and provided singularly unique interpretations of classic "Diva" music without backing vocals, tracks or synthesizers. Each received extended standing ovations and several were peppered with chants of "Diva! Diva! Diva!"

The whole nature of the event capsulized the state of AIDS in America and where we've come. Perhaps Eartha Kitt said it all when she sang, "Good times and bad times, we've seen them all, and my dears, we're still here!"

MATTHEW CIBELLIS

#### The Flirtations are coming to town

Gay group comes to Atlanta via concert successes in Washington, D.C.

Certainly not anyone who has heard the all-male From Cliff Townsend's earth-shaking bass to a cappella ensemble The Flirtations.

five-man group singing on street corners in Greenwich Village. Today, they perform in many of the celebrated concert halls across the country. Their on-stage honesty, humor and incredible vocal talents entertainingly assert the message, "It's great to be gay."

The quintet is now a quartet following the departure of tenor Michael Callen. Callen, diagnosed as HIV+ in 1982, decided to leave the group and their strenuous tour schedule because of growing health complications due to AIDS. The concerts during the March On Washington were his last performances with the Flirts. The author of the book "Surviving AIDS" will begin work on a solo project that he promises will be "the queerest solo album" ever recorded.

While Callen will be missed, The Flirts will

Who says politics, music and fun don't mix. continue to have a powerhouse of vocal artistry. Aurelio Font's tenor and the middle level voices The Flirts got their start five years ago as a of Jimmy Rutland (a Georgia native) and Jon

> The group also has far to go before it lacks a sense of humor. Take for example the 50s hit "Mister Sandman."

> "Mister Sandman, I need a man. What kind of Man? No one psychotic or Republican. Give him two legs like Greg Louganis, but make him comfortable about his gayness."

> Or Rutland's rendition of Julie Brown's "The Homecoming Queen's Got A Gun" that turns the valley girl narrator into a slightly southernqueen gay boy.

CRAIG PATE

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TWO LOCAL POETS. Charis Books and More introduces two local poets, Mary Faegan and Alice Bliss. The women will read from their latest works. 7:30 p.m. 419 Moreland Ave in L5P. 524-0304.

ATLANTA SYM-**PHONY ORCHES-**TRA. Russian cellist Natalia Gutman makes her ASO debut performing Dvorak's romantic Cello Concerto. Tonight through Sat. at 8:00 p.m. 898-1182.

DAUGHTERS OF THE DUST. Atlanta filmmaker Julie Dash's exquisitely photographed drama set in the Sea Islands off South Carolina at the turn of the century airs tonight as an American Playhouse special. The story concerns an extended family of Gullah women as they bid farewell to their home and head to the North. 10 pm. GPTV. Channel 8.

ATLANTA ENTRE-PRENEURS. The club meets every Thurs. at 7:00 p.m. 457-6347.

CAPITAL CITY BALLET. Under the direction of Tom Pazik, the newly-formed preprofessional company will perform tonight through Saturday at Bass High School Auditorium

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

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

SECOND SAMUEL. Through May 22. The



in L5P. Tonight's performance benefits Project Open Hand. 873-5811.

KUTAMBARARA. As part of the opening of the art exhibit "The Goddess and her Solstice" at the First Existentialist Congregation, the Brenau University Dance Ensemble will perform a ritual dance celebrating the earth and living in harmony. 8:00 p.m. Free. 470 Candler Dr. 378-5570.

FOOL FOR LOVE. Actor's Express presents this Sam Shepard drama about two lovers tortured by their bond. Thu-Sat at 8:00 and Sun at 7:00. 280 Elizabeth St. 221-0831.

SCULPTURE AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

Nexus Contemporary Art Center presents an exhibition of two artists. Curtis Patterson's largescale sculptures in bronze include a piece honoring South African activist Steven Biko. Elizabeth Turk's work is comprised of sensitive portraiture taken at her home in Alabama. Through June 19. 535 Means St. 688-

whole town of Second Samuel, GA is talking about what happened when sweet old Miss Gertrude got her final wash and set before being laid to rest in this play presented by Southern Fried Productions. Fri and Sat at 8:00 p.m., Sun at 2:00 p.m. Mercer Fine Arts Aud. 378-8646.

DIRTY HARRIET-MAGNUM FORCE. Through July 21. This parody of the classic 70s tough-guy detective story

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JESSICA HINES. Carriage Works Gallery and the Georgia Council for the Arts presents a showcase of photographs exploring the forces of nature by the Statesboro artist. Through July 2. 530 Means St. 651-7926. BUCKWHEAT

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**ACCESS TO HEALTH** CARE. May 13. The AIDS Legal Project presents a program about how to pay medical bills. Topics include Medicaid and Medicare, COBRA, and the Ryan White Payment Assistance program. 7:00 to 9:00 at

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Pictured: ABOVE LEFT: Kenny Leon and Carol Leon Mitchell star in "Fool For Love" opening at at Actor's Express on May 7. Photo by David Zieger. BELOW: Atlanta filmmaker Julie Dash's exquisite film "Daughters of the Dust" airs May 6 on Ga. Public Television. ABOVE: Pierre Perea and Larry Davis star in "Bent," an OutProud Theatre production, opening May 6. Photo by Grant Brown.



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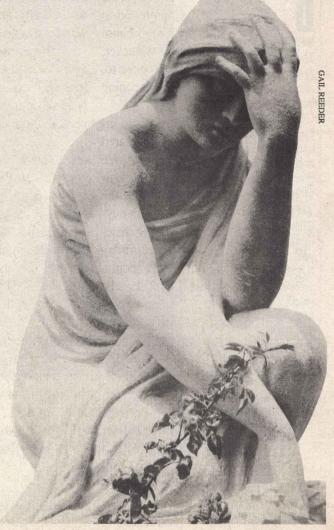
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by ROBERT C. WRIGHT

As more than 5,000 gay and lesbian Georgians assembled under their state's banner April 25 in Washington, their counterparts back home were providing the answer to one of the myriad questions posed by the 1993 March On Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation.

What happens to a community when a big chunk of its populous and nearly all of its leaders leave town for the weekend?

Following a hectic Friday, Boot Camp Fitness and Training Center co-owner/manager Michael Sudderth was not surprised to see dust settling on the equipment at his Ansley Mall gym as Saturday and Sunday wore on...and on.

"We were very busy Friday with people getting in a workout before leaving town. But, Saturday was very slow and Sunday was absolutely dead," Sudderth explained, as the last of his regular clientele filtered in Wednesday afternoon. "Even Monday was slower than usual with a lot of people not getting back in town from the march, but by yesterday most everyone was back. Today is definitely back to normal."

While the lull at Sudderth's five-year-old business was a bit unsettling for he and his partners, the source thereof was more than enough to offset any feelings of discomfort. "You never like to see your business slow, but in this case I was very glad that we were slow and that people wanted to go and had the opportunity to go to Washington," he added. "We also had several staff members who attended the march. And, several of our aerobics instructors

were involved in performances during the weekend."

Linda Bryant, co-owner of Charis Books and More on Moreland Avenue, shared Sudderth's feelings concerning the march and its slowing effect on business. "We were open but we were definitely affected," noted Bryant. "But, after a few days of slower than normal business, we are trusting now that the weekend and the march will have a very positive impact on us and our community."

The personal impact of the march became obvious to Bryant Sunday afternoon when the phone rang at the Little Five Points feminist bookstore and a woman from the homophobic depths of South Georgia began to share her feelings. "She was living in South Georgia with her two small children in a very closeted situation and she had been watching the coverage of the march on television when she felt the need to make contact with someone." Bryant added, "We get calls like that from lesbians and gay people, often in rural areas, who feel the need to reach out to someone."

#### Celebrating from afar

The staff of Brushstrokes, a gay and lesbian variety store in Ansley Square, also caught a glimpse of rural gay Georgia. "We had a lot of people in here Sunday from the smaller towns," explained owner Mark Jackson. "We put out candies and things and had two televisions tuned into the march and it was a very festive atmosphere here. I wanted to go to Washington but had to stay

because of a situation within my family, but I was pleased to be here with the people who were unable to get there themselves. A lot of people who are very active [in the community] and would have preferred to be in Washington couldn't make it because of health or financial reasons or whatever, and as much a part of, what was happening in Washington as possible."

Business at Brushstrokes began to increase during early April as locals geared up for the trip to the nation's capital. "We saw a considerable amount of extra business starting about two weeks before the march," Jackson noted. "People were buying t-shirts and jewelry and reading material for the plane. Right up until Saturday they were still coming in; we had about a 25 percent increase over the same period a year ago."

At Burkhart's Pub, four of that bar's 22 staffers were in Washington and Sunday afternoon business was booming as big screen televisions offered stereo sound witness to the goings-on in the nation's government hub. "Business was up 22 percent over a normal Sunday," said owner Palmer Marsh, who used former employees and friends to cover for those making the trip. "There was a slight feeling of militancy here Sunday. People were feeling empowered by what they were seeing and hearing from Washington and at the same time they were feeling disappointed and angry

long waiting line here on weekends that business overall wasn't really affected. We had expected that business would be off, but we didn't consider the number of people who usually can't get in or don't want to wait for a table on weekends."

At the Pleasant Peasant restaurant, manand those people needed to feel as close to, ager David Starnes was more than willing to make accommodations for employees headed for the march. "I was thrilled to let several of our employees go and represent the cause," Starnes explained. "We were able to cover for them and we were staffed 100 percent. Business was off, but it was mainly due to the traffic and frustration caused by the Freaknik weekend."

> Freaknik, a hip-hopping, traffic-jamming celebration attended mainly by black college students from around the country, was also cited by Atlanta Chamber of Commerce marketing director and spokesman Bill Crane as an obstacle in assessing the impact of the exodus to Washington on the local economy in general. "You had a very large block of local residents leaving town and, at the same time, you have a very large influx of visitors to town," Crane said. "What we are unable to determine is exactly which businesses gained and which businesses lost."

#### Holding down the fort

The problem of distinguishing profits from losses was anything but for Atlanta's pet-sitters. Sherry Boren and Amy Henrick,

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by Clinton's leaving town and the poor owners of Zoo Keepers, Inc. saw their busicoverage the event was getting in most of the media."

decrease in weekend business. "I think we were pretty much at the same pace as most other bars in the community as far as business being off. We were off about 10 percent both Friday and Saturday. A lot of our regulars were out of town but a lot of people who don't come here that often were out. I think a lot of closeted people felt a need to get in touch with the community over the weekend."

#### Filling in the gaps

While the gay community got in touch with itself, many "mainstream" businesses were affected to a lesser degree. At popular Virginia-Highland eateries such as Indigo Coastal Grill and Partners Morningside Cafe, lines were long and tables were filled; but many faces, both of staff and clientele, were not the same.

"We had a few staffers who went to Washington but we didn't have any real problems covering for them," explained Alix Kenagy, co-owner and executive chef for both Indigo and Partners. "We felt it was a good cause and we were glad to be able to let the members of our staff who wanted to go do so. We missed some regular customers as well, but we have such a

ness increase some 80 percent over the weekend. "This is usually a slow time of Prior to Sunday, Marsh had seen a slight the year for us," explained Boren. "We usually start to get busy in May when people normally start taking vacations, but this year we got a real financial boost from the march. Not getting to be there was horrible, but knowing that we provided a service which allowed so many people to go and have freedom from worrying about the needs of their pets was a consolation."

"I'm very grateful for the people who went," added Boren. "Not only for the ones who used us while they were there, but for everyone who was in Washington representing all of us. This was a very important weekend for everyone."

Linda Bryant, who has co-owned and operated Charis Books and More for the past 19 years, expressed her hope that the effects, both socially and economically, of this year's march will be felt long-term. "We trust now that not only our community, but the nation as a whole will be affected very positively," she explained. "A great deal of dignity and integrity was shown and I think the fact that lesbian and gay people were empowered and encouraged and made more proud by the march and, I think more of us will want to celebrate who we are."

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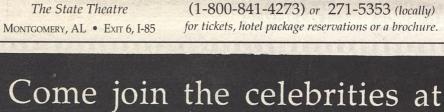


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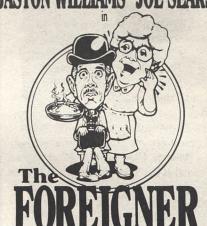
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#### OCCASIONS

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Karen Geney and Cathy Woolard will celebrate five wonderful years together on May 10. Karen and Cathy met here in Atlanta and then made the trek together to D.C. when Cathy's job led the way. Congratulations on this milestone you two!

Best Anniversary Wishes also go out to Dr. Mark Broe and his partner Dennis Boone. Mark and Dennis will celebrate their second anniversary on May 11. Hang in there guys, the best is yet to come!

#### **AWARDS**

Joyce Giancola, Ed.S., received recognition from the JC Penney Golden Rule Award and the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta for the therapeutic play program she developed to treat children from violent homes.

#### BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to former Atlanta resident Cathy Woolard on May 6. Cathy left us a year ago to work for the Human Rights Campaign Fund in Washington, D.C. I can't think of anyone else better to stir up those folks in the nation's capital. If you missed Cathy as the emcee at the Southern Voice Community Awards show a few weekends ago, you missed a great show. Rumor has it she's been asked to be the permanent emcee for the annual event. Hope you have a good one Cathy!



Dennis Boone and Mark Broe celebrated their first anniversary in Switzerland in 1992.

Happy Birthday on May 9 to Jim Farmer of ville. Happy 43, Jaye. Stockbridge, Georgia. Jim called in his own birthday on the Voice Mailbox as "one of the first steps in my coming out." We're proud of you for your courageous step Jim. Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday (twice) to Jeremy and Karen Callagain of New Orleans, Louisiana. Why twice? Jeremy and Karen are fraternal twins who both happen to be gay and both work at the Superdome. Hope you two enjoy turning 37 this year (on May 13). Happy Birthday!

May 13 is also Jaye Griffin's birthday. Jaye hails from Nashville, Tennessee, where she is pursuing her college degree at U.T. Nash-

May 13 is Marie Neel's natal day as well. Marie will be celebrating her occasion on the banks of Lake Center Hill in middle Tennessee where she hopes to alleviate herself of the stresses and strains of Atlanta's fast paces. Relax and enjoy your day Marie!

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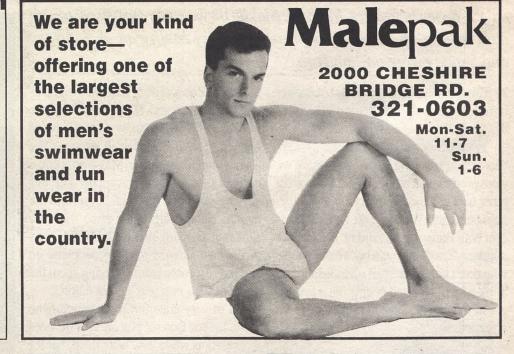


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ans of dance in Atlanta have cause to celebrate. The reason is the formation of a new ballet company called **Capital City Ballet**, composed of pre-professional dancers, which will present a variety of traditional classical works and contemporary premieres.

The new company will perform its spring concert of new works May 7, 8 and 9 at Bass High School in Little Five Points. Tome Pazik, former director of the Atlanta Ballet, will direct the concert, which will include two of his own works: "Chasons," a romantic ballet for 11 dancers, and "Songs of Remembrance," created as a tribute to Atlanta dancers lost to AIDS.

The May 7 performance is a benefit for Project Open Hand, which provides meals for Atlanta PWAs. Atlanta resident Elton John has lent unspecified support to the Capital City's Spring Concert and has sent a written message to be read on opening night.

Tickets for this evening's performance are \$25.00 and are available at the door. You may make reservations by calling 681-4840. Saturday offers two performances, at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday's performance will be at 2 p.m. These shows are \$10.00.

Aside from all the obvious hardships associated with living with the AIDS virus, such as recurrent illnesses and astronomical medical costs, another problem came to light when Project Open Hand volunteers discovered their clients eating less of their meals in order to be able to share food with their pets. Realizing the need to provide food and care for these pets, Margaret Shulte and Susan Wynn founded P.A.L.S. (Pets Are Loving Support.) The 250 volunteers work hard to insure that PWAs are able to feed and care for their pets, insuring that the loving relationship can continue for as long as possible. To support this worthy cause, P.A.L.S. will host Rubbing Noses, an Evening of Fancy and Fashion, on Thursday, May 13 at the Georgia Train Depot at Underground Atlanta. The event will be a glamorous celebration of our four-legged family members, featuring a fashion show of professional models and several champion show dogs and cats from the Atlanta area. Imagine a beautiful model slinking down the runway wearing fashions by Jay Reynolds, with a massive Great Dane on a shimmering leash. Add earrings on the model and a matching collar on the Dane designed by Mark Edge and you have it.

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## AFTERHOURS

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Quila Kalinowski prepares for "Rubbing Noses" on May 13, a fashion show for pets and their owners to benefit P.A.L.S.

and litter boxes which will be on display and also in a silent auction. Other items in the auction include roundtrip tickets to

New York City (for the '94 Westminster Dog Show) and Cancun, and an autographed copy of "Millie's Book" sent by Barbara Bush.

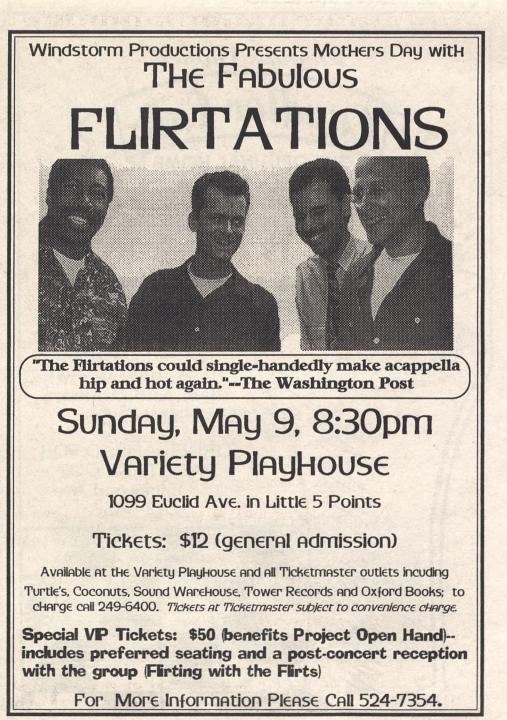
Velvet has donated the services of DJ Erik Hayes for the event and will host a party for ticketholders afterwards with free cover and open bar. Special sponsors of the event are Michael Stipe, Bill Berry, and Mike Mills of R.E.M. and the Cheshire Animal Clinic. Tickets are \$25.00. For more information call 876-PALS.

At the recent Southern Voice Community Awards, one of the big prizes went to **Angela Motter**, who was nominated along with Elton John, Ramona Dugger and Indigo Girls for Most Entertaining Entertainer. Performing in Memphis on the night of the awards for music industry execs, Angela asked friend Hubert Alexander to attend for her. When I asked about her reaction to winning, Motter replied, "I don't know how to say it—I feel honored. The community has opened my mind to a lot of things and taught me to have fun. It was an unexpected surprise. I've gotten so much more back from doing benefits than I've ever given."

You can congratulate Angela in person (and hear her sing) at the Homage Cafe downtown on Trinity on Friday, May 7, at Oxford Bookstore's Acoustic Cafe on Pharr Road in Buckhead on Sunday, May 16, and at Eat Your Vegetables in L5P on May 22.

I attended a meeting held by City Councilperson Mary Davis recently at Grady High School. The purpose of the meeting was for Midtown residents and organizers of the Freaknik gathering to discuss problems encountered when a estimated 115,000 college students descend on Piedmont Park. Speaking at the meeting were well known prostitutes' rights advocate Dolores French and her husband, lawyer Michael Hauptman. Dolores is a strikingly attractive woman, with a voluptuous figure and wavy red hair. She spoke eloquently about the traffic problems caused by the tremendous number of cars and the scarcity of police directing traffic or maintaining any semblance of order. Dolores lost a pond of fish from the steady stream of people urinating into her front yard pond. She also provided one of the funnier moments in the evening when she said, "I also run a dominatrix phone sex service from my home and the noise from the street was so loud I couldn't talk to my





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#### A FOOD COLUMN BY GARY KAUPMAN

Great food, great cause. Mark your calendar for Monday, May 17 when **Bacchanalia** (3125 Piedmont Rd. 365-0410) will host a benefit for the Atlanta chapter of NAPWA.

Regular readers know that I'm a big time fan of Bacchanalia's incredibly fine food and slightly quirky personality. The chance to indulge in five courses of this supreme pleasure (sauteed soft shell crab with sweet red pepper relish; roast sesame crusted salmon with cucumber water; lamb ravioli with dried fruit and coriander; St. Andre triple creme with fresh berries; and chocolate silk) and sample four different Joseph Phelps wines for just \$50 is a remarkable event.

The opportunity to eat and drink so well *and* have the all proceeds benefit one of Atlanta's most empowering AIDS organizations is one that you should not miss.

There are two seatings: 7pm and 9pm. Call 365-0410 (soon) for reservations.

Pardon me while I have a grump attack about the newly opened **Resto des Amis** (3060 Peachtree Rd. 364-2170) in the old J. Paul's space just up the way from Chops.

Foodies have waited with baited tongue for months for this collaboration between superchefs Guenter Seeger (the Ritz Carlton Buckhead) and Jean Louis Palladin (Jean Louis' at the Watergate in DC) to open. How, after all, could two such talented and lauded chefs produce anything other than a wondrous dining experience?

Beats me.

Resto des Amis looks great. The high ceilinged room has been sponge painted a deep yellow. Tall windows and French doors open to a comfortable patio. Awnings and upholstery are done up in chipper red, yellow and blue stripes. Big, whimsical art punctuates the walls, there's a huge open rotisserie in one corner of the room. The staff wear white shirts and black pants. Tables are covered in white paper. Good chewy bread and oil-soaked olives arrive within seconds of being seated. It's French bistro to the max.

The menu is pretty dreamy sounding too: a smoked seafood plate with horse-radish sauce and brioche; brandade of salt cod with red and yellow pepper coulis; crab ravioli with cumin butter; grilled sausage with canellini beans; and caramel tapioca pudding with apricot confit and honey. Sure sounds like swoon food to me.

Would that my tongue and temperament agreed.

An appetizer of Vidalia onion tart, garnished with scallops of Chef Seeger's very own smoked salmon, is as pretty as a picture and tastes, well, only okay. The tart's crust is a mite on the limp side, its filling exceptionally mild. In any but these vaunted surroundings, I'd call it just plan lackluster. The cool salmon is nice enough, but provides almost no counterpoint in flavor or texture to the tart. Ditto the delicate fried onion rings scattered artfully across the top of the dish. If memory serves correctly, Chef's Grill (and Cafe, maybe) do a variation on this with a corn or potato

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cake in place of the onion tart—it's yards

A salad of tomato, basil and mozzarella works better, but despite intricate design and presentation (the tomato is peeled, sliced horizontally, filled with slices of cheese and reassembled) still lacks any kind of snap, crackle or pop. Not bad mind you, just yawn-inducing-especially at \$6.50 a pop.

Things brighten considerably when a bowl of broad, tender pasta mixed with moist, earthy wild mushrooms and surrounded by an electric green arugula coulis arrives. Absolutely startling in appearance (it looks like some sort of 50s sci-fi fantasy), this is the sort of smart, rich soothing food that I'd expect from Seeger and Palladin in this sort of bistro setting. With a plain salad of beautiful mixed field greens, this would make a knock-out meal for which I'd gladly pay the \$13 asking price

Not so the \$14.50 requested for three thick slabs of lamb leg cooked over the open fire of the rotisserie. Served medium, the meat is mild, tender, and sweet—though not exceptional in any department and not with out several clots of gristle. It appears to have been cooked without benefit of any spice and arrives atop a bed of justcooked, mildly spiced flageolet beans. The whole thing left me moaning "what's the point?" Serve the lamb rare, with a hint of garlic and salt, or mix it with the beans (and tons of spices) and cook until its a gooey ragout. But don't leave it in this characterless neverland.

Third course, same complaint. Profiteroles, topped with caramel, filled with chocolate mousse, and served with a (barely) ginger flavored ice cream are about as exciting as a "Melrose Place" rerun.

On the other hand, three delicate pastry rounds layered with fresh raspberries, exquisitely rich orange sections and a bit of orange pastry cream is as close to heaven as I've been in several months. Garnished with ribbons of a pale basil coulis, this is the sort of simple yet audacious food that should fill the menu at Resto des Amis.

Service manages to be both hyper and tentative at the same time-not a particularly pretty picture. Our appetizers arrived at warp speed, followed all to quickly by only one entree, and finally another. Dessert took longer than both previous courses to arrive. At least four different folks brought food to, or removed plates from, our table. Not quite chaotic, but definitely well up there on the confusion scale.

This is, of course, a very young venture, and a relatively sophisticated and complex one to boot. But it is being run by two of the most revered and respected chefs in the country, not the Hardy boys. It's hard to imagine that things won't improve greatly over the next few months. I'll wait that long before I go again...and I'd recommend that you do too.

C Dish: Okay, okay, Dish is a week late with dirt from DC, but we were flying down I-85/95 when last week's issue had to be at the printer, and our cellular mobile fax modem was on major overload after a vigorous weekend workout in DC.

**Reclaiming Rest Stops:** Speaking of the Interstate between here and the capitol of our brave and glorious land, it was a veritable party all day Monday as Dish and friends drove back from what surely must have been the world's biggest-ever family reunion. Dish stopped at least a half-dozen times (tiny bladder, not wandering lust) and at every stop we ran into people who we knew as well as folks we were glad to meet. Political types were handing out flyers, dates were being made, and stories were being retold. We even heard rumors of HRCF volunteers signing folks up for "Speak Out." Now that's persistence!

Flying High: We don't know if was it Kismet or just good planning by someone at Delta, but Dish's plane on the way to DC was pretty much segregated—queers in front and hets in back. Understandably the mood in the front of the plane was more jubilant than in the rear and some of our homosexually challenged brothers and sisters began trying to shush all the ebullience. Then magic happened. The front two-thirds of the plane burst into a rousing chorus of "We Are Family." The attitude in the back changed immediately from annoyance to contrition. Ain't music wonderful?

Flying Eye (Liner): When another plane (this one about 85% queer) hit some turbulence just before arriving in DC, a tube of mascara went rolling down the aisle. The cabin attendant picked it up and asked "Would anyone like to claim this mascara?" Eighty-five percent of the hands on the plane shot into the air.

Cheers For Queers: The main reason that Dish went to DC this year was for the singular experience of riding the escalators up from the Dupont Circle Metro station to rousing cheers, shouts, applause, and other sorts of unalloyed adulation. The experience is incredibly affirming and one that we think could (and should) be duplicated here prior to the Pride Parade.

Troop 69: Once we got out on to the street at Dupont, we were constantly amazed, amused, and entertained by the ever evolving





Wishful thinking or sour grapes? A Pentagon official confided to Dish that Hillary (pictured at the HRCF Dinner in San Francisco last year) is the real power broker, and that both she and Bill have "several girlfriends."

street scene. There were, of course, scores of vendors offering pins, T-shirts and other assorted memorabilia, but our absolute fave purveyor was the bearded man in the bright pink hat hawking "Queer Scout Cookies" to benefit (naturally) Troop 69.

Teary Eyes: The Washington Post's coverage of the weekend's

events was thorough, fair, and sometimes touching. Take Monday's vignette about John Hammond, 19, of Lithia Springs, GA. A Post reporter found him wandering the mall after spending two days hitchhiking from Dixie. As John approached the stage, the Post reported that tears began to stream from his eyes. "I just had to be here," he said, "Some of us are so isolated from the rest of the gay community that something like this is monumental." Dish thinks that the entire March was worth it for just this one story. If you read this, John, give us a call, we'd like to

Oral Support: For Dish the high point of the weekend was the Dyke March down Connecticut Ave., past the White House, and to the Washington Monument. Several thousand women participated. Early on, three men (jumping and twirling like Sufis) greeted the group with signs proclaiming "Cocksuckers Love Muff Divers." Further along the route, toilet paper streamed down from hotel windows. Women chanted "We're Dykes; Don't touch us; We'll hurt you" and thrust their fists into the air as night began to fall. Just past the White House, ten or so topless women appeared out of nowhere and performed a wild, ecstatic dance. As police from the White House approached, they vanished magically into the dusk. Finally on a dark and dreamy mall, there was a display of fire swallowing that flat made Dish moist all over. Hot. Hot. Sorry you missed it, guys.

One Hot Rumor: For weeks before the March rumors had persisted that the ultra-conservative "Washington Times" would out a high ranking Clinton Administration official. It didn't happen. Larry Kramer outed HHS Sec'y Donna Shalala from the main stage, but that's pretty much of a yawn. More exciting is the story told to us by a high ranking (heterosexual) Naval officer who works at the Pentagon and has regular contact with the Secret Service. According to this gentleman (who was marching with his gay brother and seemed to be a really nice guy), Bill and Hillary haven't slept with each other for years. Willie, he says, has a couple of girlfriends and so does Hillary! Furthermore, he claims, Hillary is the real power in the White House-and everyone knows it. Far fetched? Well, just remember Franklin and Eleanor.

#### MAY 6 - MAY 12, 1993

With Spring comes Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9. If your own mother isn't around or if she's all the way across the country, then find someone who has been supportive and loving to you this year and take them our for lunch or whatever. Have a good time!

ARIES, be sure to keep a close eye on your finances so you will know where the cash is going. Also be very careful about making impulsive purchases, especially large ones. This is an excellent time for evaluating your finances and planning ahead. Happy Birthday, TAURUS! Mars in your 4th house of home and family relationships is possible pushing some buried emotions to the surface. You may even have to deal with issues you thought were already settled and forgotten. Have patience! GEMINI, the Sun and mercury are cruising through your 12th house of the collective unconscious and the unknown. Your dreams may be more vivid or entertaining for a few weeks and you may need a little extra sleep just to handle all the dream activity.

CANCER, if you are living with a lot of stress in a particular relationship or business partnership, or your living situation is a little tense, then you may need a few days away from the battle front. Also, be aware of what you are eating! Dear LEO, how are



things going at work? You could receive some unexpected attention for your efforts from someone further up the ladder as well as more responsibility now that they know how capable you are. VIRGO, Mars is now moving through your 12th house which represents the collective unconscious, secrets and the great unknown. You may dream more vividly or have stronger intuitive feelings about things. You also may remember stuff from the past.

**LIBRA**, some interesting people may be coming your way with new ideas and new ways of doing things. Keep an open mind even though you may have to change the way you are used to doing things. You may find doing things differently is easier. **SCORPIO**, possible romance is on your doorstep with the Sun and Mercury cruising through your 7th house of close personal relationships and/or partnerships. If any new faces appear in your

life, they could turn out to be long-lasting friendships. SAGIT-TARIUS, with Mars in Leo and Venus in Aries combined with your placements in Sag, you have a Grand Trine (big energy) in fire moving through your chart. You may have to deal with fire sign conditions such as impatience, restlessness and loads of

CAPRICORN, with Venus moving through your 4th house of home and family relationships you may find it very enjoyable and refreshing to spend more time at home and even have good friends over for dinner or a cook-out. Enjoy life a little more! AQUARIUS, Mars is now activating your 7th house of close personal relationships and giving you more energy for reaching out and being involved with others. Collaboration or joint projects could work out really well for the next few weeks. PISCES, one of the best ways to soothe jangled nerves and overwhelmed emotions is by using harmonic music, tones or sounds, even if it is played in the background. Allow your body to absorb the sounds. You will feel more centered and balanced.

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Georgia Political Action Committee In the wake of the successful National March On Washington, it is more important than ever to keep up the pressure and push forward for change in Georgia. GAPAC is Georgia's only political action committee focusing on lesbian and gay concerns. Through its lobbying effort, GAPAC had an effect on what happened in this year's Georgia General Assembly.

Now, GAPAC is gearing up for the next round in the fight for our rights. This time GAPAC is pushing for reform of Georgia's sodomy law. As part of this effort, and to continue to pay for all of its activities, GAPAC is hosting an evening in the bars on May 15.

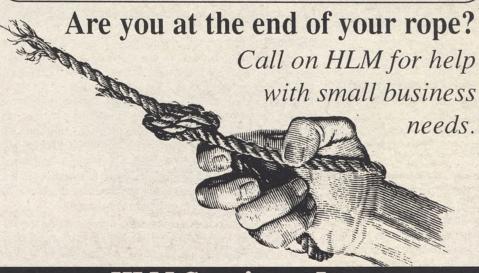
Volunteers are needed to sell t-shirts and staff tables. Have some fun while you do your part to make a difference in Georgia. HELP GAPAC MAKE THIS THE GAY 90s—the civil rights decade for gays and lesbians. Call 634-7429 to volunteer for bar night.

Congregation Bet Haverim There are still openings on Bet Haverim's new softball team, the "Burning Butches." Anyone interested in being on the team should call Bob Schwartz at 622-9296 or Haven Hawley at 432-8898. The team plays in the Recreational Division of the Hotlanta Softball League. Games are held at Piedmont Park. The team's only April game was April 3. Because of Easter, the Dogwood Festival and the March On Washington, no other games will be held until May 9. Most games are played on Sunday.

Black and White Men Together BWMT will host a reading of Dr. Shirlene Holmes' new play, "All For Honor" on June 20. The play dramatizes a custody battle between a gay black man and his mother over his 12-year-old daughter, Honor. Adding fuel to the fire is the black man's white lover. More details will follow soon. If you are interested in auditioning for the reading call 876-6528. Also, the next BWMT mixer is scheduled for May 13. Call 523-8285 for details.

Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance ALFA announced in their last newsletter a unique way to celebrate Mother's Day. Instead of giving your mom candy or flowers or some knick knack, contribute \$15 to the National Women's History Project in her name or the name of another significant woman in your life. She will receive a hand-addressed card signed with your name, to tell her she is being remembered by your gift. Your tax deductible donation will help the National Women's History Project memorialize the women who have touched and inspired us. Since Mother's Day is just around the corner, call (707) 838-6000 to place your order.

First MCC The final service for First MCC at its old building at 800 N. Highland Ave. will be held Wednesday, June 9. Services on June 11, 12, and 13 will be held in an auditorium across the street from the new building at N. Druid Hills and Tully Rd. Call 872-2246 for further details.

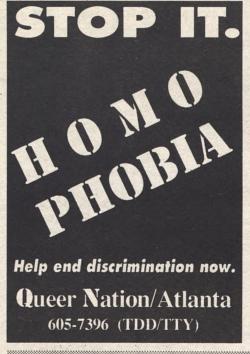


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Age: 34

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Last book read: "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston

Pet peeve: People who lie

Charlene Cothran knows the closet well. Six years ago, when 650,000 gays and lesbians marched on Washington, she was watch-

"In 1987, whenever I even heard about a gay or lesbian event going on, I would stay on the other side of town so no one would even think I was on my way there," she laughs.

Like many gay people, the struggle to come to terms with her orientation was deeply rooted in religion. The New Jersey native explains that in the African American community the leaders came from the churches, "and if they say it isn't done, then it isn't

"I began to question the leadership of the black churches because if the leadership is what it should be, there wouldn't be so much devastation in the community," she says, turning seriously to a subject that she still has not fully worked out in her own mind. "With all due respect to black preachers, I believe some priorities are not in the right place."

Charlene got her priorities straight (so to speak) a few years ago after she got tired of living the double life of acting straight and being a lesbian.

"I finally came out to my mother, who is staunchly dedicated to the church," Charlene begins, "and much to my surprise, she said, 'Honey, after 32 years, I know who you are,' and she went back and named every lover I had from the time I was 18! She knew all along. Since then, I have been a free spirit."

Now, you will find Charlene's name associated with many lesbian and gay functions. She now is a member of the Atlanta Pride Board, the board of the Atlanta Lambda Community Center and she sits on the Fulton County Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

And, oh yes, she is the Community Liason for Hospitality Atlanta, a networking resource for lesbians of color.

"I have always felt that women of color need some place to come from before they can be part of the large community," she



explains. "Hospitality Atlanta now gives me a base of operation, a place to come from, so I can now join groups that have always been there like Fourth Tuesday."

Hospitality Atlanta provides a wide variety of services and events from fundraisers to help for women starting a business. They also have a basketball and softball team and have recently formed a gospel group called "The Voices of Hospitality."

Charlene's Grant Park home is filled with antiques from her family. An old sewing table, a working (sort of) black and white TV, an old trunk and many antique knick-knacks. You can tell that indeed she has a place where she came from and its more than just New

When she thinks back on her life, she can of them are only out for themselves. Their say she's come a long way. Originally a chemical engineer from Georgia Tech, she says she quit the lucrative field because "I was bored out of my mind. I couldn't see myself designing ammonia plants until I was

> She came to Atlanta in 1976 with her car and a savings account. There, she says she found "a nice Jewish couple" who rented her an apartment even though she had no job and very little money. That's when life changed.

> "He was a real estate broker and he encouraged me to get into the business," she recalls. "I did and the rest, as they say, is

> Now, she is an independent realtor and she hopes to open her own brokerage firm in the near future.

> Despite her past struggles with religion and the church, Charlene credits God for the fortune in her life.

> "God is still performing miracles in my life and my faith has grown immensely now that I stand on my own," she smiles.

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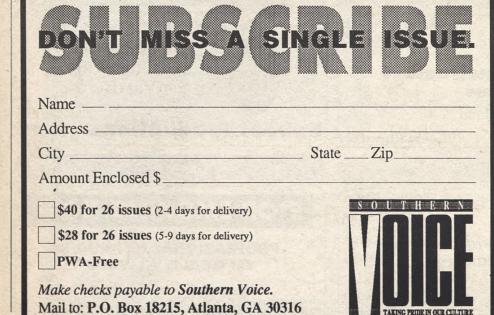
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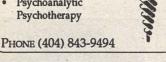


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sage. (6.11)

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#### **Voice Connection**

#### WOMEN

GWF seeks same age 31-40 emotionally healthy, feminine, communicative, affectionate, thoughtful, no drugs, smokers, for friendship, possible relationship. Hopeless? 27 1413

GBF, 18, petite, lipstick lesbian, seeks GBF 18-21 for friendship, maybe more. To 1416

Handsome / cute GWF, 36, professional, playful, provocative, health-minded, athletic, opin ionated, kind, sincere, seeks similar for friendship and possibly romance. To 1414

Seriously GBF seeking... A black woman who is feminine, bitchy, petite and willing to bow down to me. 27 1409

GWF, attractive, 34, seeks same for dinner, dancing, movies, music, outdoors, indoors, art, theatre, etc. Humorous, witty, intelligent a must. 2 1383

GWF-attractive professional, MA, approx range 35-45, 5'5", enjoys nature, walks, theater, movies, books, travel, "nesting," quiet but gregarious. Box 1402, 1189 Virginia Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.12)

GBF 2 kids seems feminine, likes to be controlling. Seeks extremely feminine BF who wants a serious relationship. No chubbies. T 1382

Single female seeking other females for friendship and possible relationship. 18-25. No butches. 2 1381

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

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

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

GWF, 21, seeks GWF, 21-25 for friendship and possibly more. No smokers / drugs. 22

GWF. 22, seeks similar. Intelligent, career minded, enjoy having fun, laughing, experiencing new things. Seeking friendship, possible romance. 2 1344

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

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

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

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

GBF-25 tender years is an assertive, progressive and extremely conscious college stu-dent who prefers a self-assured understanding feminine woman. 27 1259

Zesty tall XLarge 35WF artistic w/hangups likes gabbing cinema tunes games emotions lonely for WF admirer 30-50 size who cares

Attractive GBF (a little tomboyish at times), seeks aggressive yet beautiful, articulate and 

Lonely GBF, 35, attractive, professional, seeks relationship. No Butch/Bi's. T 1249

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

GWF, 31, 5'2", 113 lbs, professional, attractive seeks similar GWF for movies, dining, working out, travel & possibly more. 7 1247

GBF, 27, new to Atlanta, discreet. Enjoys a night in rather than a night out. Wants a fem for friendship. To 1239

GBF, 5'8", 139 lbs seeks GF who is intelligent and serious about a friendship and possible relationship. 27 1231

GWF seeks same age 30-38, intelligent, attractive, good values, emotionally healthy, playful. No drugs or smokers. 27 1232

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

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

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

GWF, romantic, feminine, 32, attractive, in-

telligent, searching for similar sincere WF who desires honest caring friendship (Atlanta, Macon Covington), 77 1123

WF. 26. 5'11". 140 lbs. br/br. looking for gay/bi female for fun, friendship, and who ows. Femmie, no butches, 21-35. Fit & no drugs. 7 1126

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

GWF, 28, professional, well-educated, cultured, refined, feminine, attractive, seeks sophisticated, feminine GWF who possesses good values for friendship / monogamous reationship. We'll share sports, travel, theater, dining. 2 1106

GWF, 22, responsible, educated, crazy, wideopen, kind-hearted. New to GA. Looking for similar new buddies. P.S. - Having dance withdrawals. 2 1102

GWF seeks attractive, romantic lesbian over 30 for relationship. 27 1028

GW Ferninine, Latin Lover. Sexy, 5'7", 125lbs 30 something. Independent, strong. Funny.
 You—tall blonde feminine – 30 something – opposites attract! 7 1029

#### MEN

WM, attr., slim, HIV-, versatile, seeks healthy, well-endowed BM for no strings fun/good times. Note to: POB 13586, Atlanta 30324-1586 (6.14)

Black Prince-where RU? I: gwm, 36, 260#, handsome, masculine, N2 fitness. You: athletic, confident, masc., trim. Please hurry, buddy. 2 1412

GWM, 36, healthy, HIV, 5'11", 180, goodlooking, muscular, seeks top. You: GWM, masculine, 32-45, good shape. To 1411

GWM, 29, 5'7", 160, br/br. Masculine, intelligent, affectionate top seeks masculine, intelligent, affectionate bottom to share life and love. 2 1415

Attractive, masculine BM, 30, seeking well endowed masculine BM for no strings fun. T 1418

GWM, 30, 6', 185#, masculine, noce looking seeks same-no bars/drugs-for relationship P.O. box 7211, Marietta, GA 30065. (6.13)

African American, Hispanic and Anglo athletes. Handsome, muscular GWM looking for sparring partners. Semi experienced boxer. But can be easy and sexy. A 1386

#### DENTURES A PLUS!

Know what I mean? Looking for Mr. Right or Mr. Right now. Possible regular thing or not at all. Let's talk. To 1386

GWMC seeks young (18-25), goodlooking GWM for house boy / slave. Private room / bath in exchange for house work / personal services. Call for details. TT 1388

Novice and frisky GWM, 19, 130 lbs, seeks GM 18-35 HIV- for sticky encounters. Must like long wet kisses and steamy showers. Tell me your fantasy. 1575 Hwy 29, Suite L-126, Lawrenceville, GA 30245 (6.13)

GWM, 37, 5'6", 160#, blk/grn, hairy, moustache, healthy, non-smoker, professional, NW area. Seeking similar GWM, 35-40's for possible relationship. 2 1407

GWM, 49, attractive. Fit, swimmer, HIV-, seeks boyfriend 25-45, prefer slender, fem., literary / artistic interests important. Any race. T 1408

WM, 29, 6 ft, 175 lbs, rceding Willis type, country boy, boots, jeans, conservative, CLOSETED, seeks same for LONG friendship. Rockdale area. To 1384

gives safe Greek, spankings, WS, TT, obedi-ence training, verbal humiliation; and likes to receive body worship, rimming, boot service and other safe S&M. T 1385

GWM, 55, 6'2", 180, romantic bottom, se cure professional, seeks tall slender top. No fems. Age, race unimportant. Box 347147, Atlanta 30334. (6.12)

\$3.50/minute. Wild Gay Party Line \$2.00/ minute or 1-900-745-0833, 18+, (6.12)

25-40 who is sincere, romantic and affectionate. POB 11606, Atlanta 30355. 2 1379

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

welcome. 2 1380

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

trim, intelligent, masculine, muscular, hairy & passionate, seeks attractive daytime top. Box 7243, Atlanta 30309. (6.11)

GWM, 35, 5'5", 137, Br/Bl, bearded/hairy, HIV+, seeks attractive submissive boy for cuddling/kink, possible relationship. No smokers. 27 1375

Mr. Right seeks Mr. Ready. Handsome top seeks bottom for loving relationship. 27 1376

Handsome WM, 35, 6'2", 185, Brown hair / eyes, moustache. Runner, swimmer, well-educated, professional, seeking similar WM 30+.

out-doorsey 25-30 GWM for pos relation-ship. No fems. PO Box 1354, Cornelia, GA 30531. 2 1378

lbs, HIV-, seeks similar man also interested in mutually private "French" tutoring, no femmes! % 1358

GWM seeks fine GBMs 18-28 for hot, safe T 1357

GBM 34, 5'10, 190 lbs, good-looking, athletic, masculine, very romantic seeks hairy masculine GWM between 25-40 for friendship and possible romance. To 1355

Athletic GBM, 25, 6'2", 190, seeks bigger stronger GWM to help me gain extra muscle. You'll get friendship, maybe more. To 1353

mature masculine (bisexual?), dscreet (monogamous/safe) companion to share rustic country "cottage" life. Tr 1352

28yo GWM, average looks, HIV-. Seeking young guys (18-25) for casual en Safe sex only, limits respected. T 1351

ssage, HIV-, your status no barrier. To

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

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

blue, seeks GWM, 21-28 for committed monogamous relationship. 2 1345

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

Black hardcore former project boy from NYC, tall, dark, street-wise, no-nonsense seeks ab solutely manly, sexy, handsome, dark black soulmate. **在** 1339

WM, 240 lbs, 6'4", masc. Looking for strong minded black male, discreet and into sports. T 1334

must be similar. No drugs/smoke. 27 1336

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

GBM 24, 6, 215, good-looking, masculine, intelligent, sincere, with varying interests seeks similar in GWM for possible long-term relationship. 2 1338

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 30, French active seeks good looking slender WM's, 20s. Size unimportant. Cut with no beards please. Fems welcomed. Discreet. 27 1320

GWM, handsome, romantic, sincere, sense of humor, caring, gentle and strong. If you appreciate and possess these qualities, let's talk. 五 1319

Attractive GWM, 30, 5'5", 132, Brn/brn, hairy, seeking tall, handsome, sincere, non-smoker, GWM for romantic permanent relationship - no barriers. To 1318

Tall, single, slim, dark sexy black male 6ft. 3in., 185 lbs seeks same Bi/GM Top Males 30-45, single, muscular for friendship and more. No fems. 27 1323

MUSCULAR CLEANCUT GWM grad student, short, lean, dark, hairy, non-smo HIV-. Safe, imaginative. Seeking MUSCU-LAR jocks into showing off, j/o, being worshipped. T 1315

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

WM, 32, 6'3", 235. My interests: country/rock music, pop culture/Simpsons/Batman, Braves movies, art... Your interests? 7 1313

GWM, 40, wishes to meet guys under 25 for fun, friendship, or whatever! To 1316 Sincere GWM, 22, seeks GWM, 23-28 for

long-term, monogamous relationship. Serious only need respond. T 1312 GWM, attractive, 40's, oral expert for heavy equipment. Gay/Bi/Str tune-ups given. Best

in town. Call soon! T 1317

Clean-cut, 36yo GWM, blonde, green, thick, hunky body, honest, well-grounde ful, energetic, oral and sexually-charged. Wicked kisser. Seeks guys who are honest, well-balanced, have aspirations and energy. 五 1309

GWM, 5'8", 160#, retired senior, healthy, financially responsible, seeks male 25-40 for daytime relationship. 2 1307

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

BM 35, 5'8", 155 lbs, healthy, trim, versatile, well endowed masculine seeks GM with same qualities. No fems. 7 1257

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Intelligent GWM seeks same for lunchtime companion or friend. Perimeter mall area, early/mid-afternoon, Mon. thru Fri. 22 1248

GWM, 35. TEDDYBEAR, 5'10", 275 lb.+ seeks hunk w/mind, for conversation and adventurous safe sex. Let's talk! 2 1250

GWM, tall, smooth, slim - would like to meet aggressive, hairy, stocky, masculine man - 40 to 50. Bald a plus. I'm HIV+, healthy, friendly, good looking. 27 1246

Horny GWM, 30, 5'4", wants to do helicopter spins on your face! Love hot letters/pho tos/videos. Call-leave address 2 1243

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

Gdlkg GWM, 32, rdsh br/gr., clean-shaven 5'10 1/2", 189#, healthy, good stocky build, collegiate/professional type, sks collegiate/ professional type, 22-42, with ticklish feet for hot tickle sessions. "Bottoms" only. Sane, sensual, safe fun. Live in Birmingham but can travel. To 1241

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

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

GBM, 25, sexy, versatile, endowed, seeks brother w/similar qualities and w/sincere in terest in developing friendship into more. No fems. 7 1238

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

BM seeks masculine BM to become ? bud-

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

youthful 33, masculine, seeks sexy similar

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Responsible, stable, mature, romantic WM masculine, 40s, professional. Great mentor. Seeks quality friendship with novice / curious WM 18-25, Discretion Assured. 27 1115

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

Very goodlooking WM, 26, clean cut, muscular, All-American looks, seeks wealthy, generous, supportive WM for mutually beneficial fun. Any age, weight. 27 1117

HOT TOP: Cleancut, boyish, 38, blue eyes, safe. Sks cute bottom for hot fun. 77 1118

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MB 25, 6', 170 lbs, new to town seeks other males 21-35 for friendship. Interested? Leave msg. 2 1112

Latino GWM, 24, 6', sincere, good personality, seeks secure male for friendship-pos sible relationship, race unimportant. Healthy, no fems please. To 1108

GWM 35 6' 165 versatile, seeks single masculine hairy GWM over 6' for friendship & poss. relationship. No head games. 7 1110 Are you out there? GWM, 29, seeks honest,

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Novice GWM Slave Boy, short, cute, lean, muscular, hairy, 35. Seeks light training from Muscular Daddy, GWM, HIV-, smoke/drug free. 27 1105

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healthy, passionate, masculine, trim, muscular, hairy, long "married" and horny. Seeks attractive, daytime top buddy. T 1096 GWM, 25, 5'3", 135, br/bl, looking for hot

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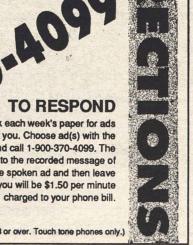
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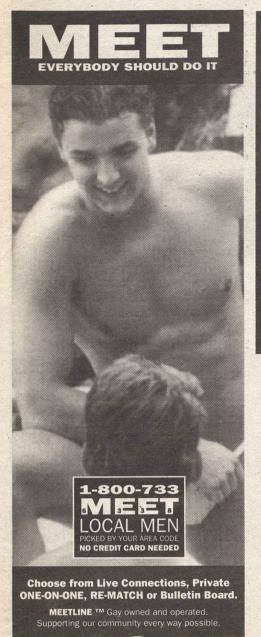
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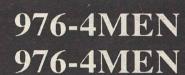
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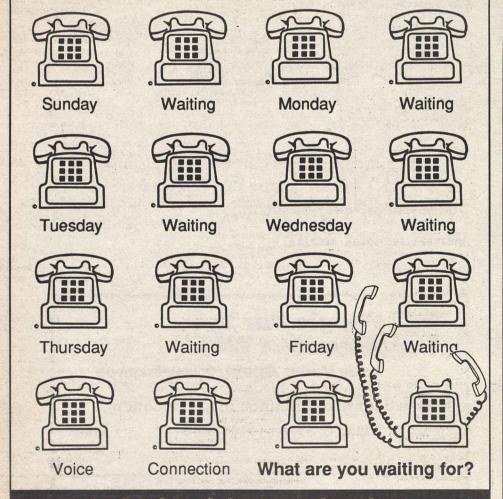
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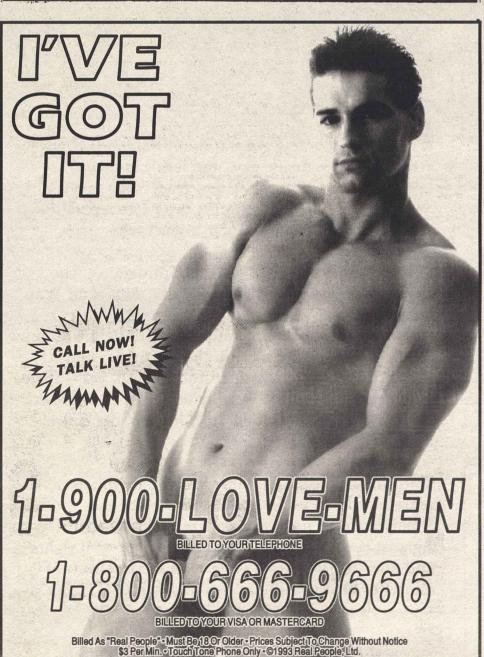
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