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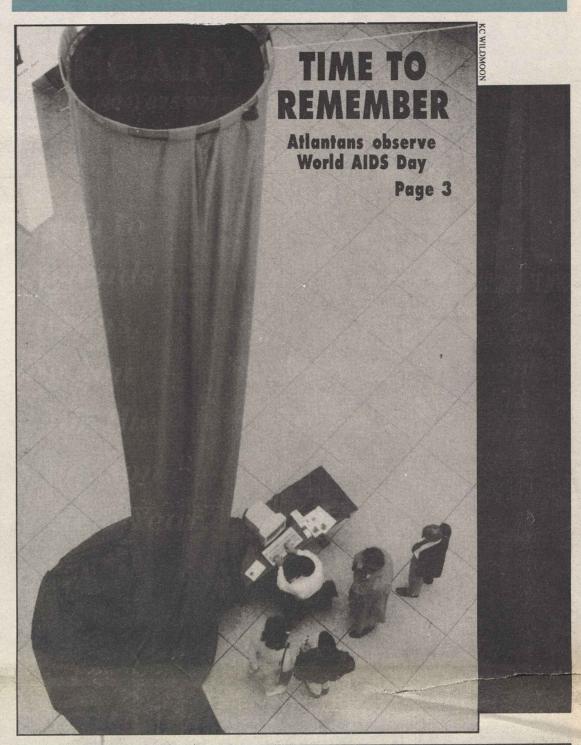
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The New HRCF

The Human Rights Campaign Fund's restructuring plan calls for a grassroots group in every congressional district and 500,000 members by 1996

by RICHARD SHUMATE

In the wake of recent setbacks for the gay rights movement—and amid criticism within the community that national lesbian/gay organizations are weak and ineffective—the Human Rights Campaign Fund has decided to broaden its focus and make major changes in

Since its founding in 1980, the HRCF has been a Washington-focused organization that lobbied Congress and the White House and provided gay-friendly candidates with campaign money. While the HRCF will continue with those activities, its recently-released plan of action also calls for the creation of a grassroots political force in every congressional district in the country. And the HRCF also plans to get involved in fighting local anti-gay/lesbian rights initiatives, as well as conducting polling and research geared toward developing messages to build support for gay rights among the public.

After the defeat on the military ban fight, the HRCF solicited comments from its 80,000 members, and the general public, on where the organization should go. Using those comments as a basis, the HRCF's leadership spent four months coming up with the plan of

"People were extremely frustrated and didn't know how to crack the system," HRCF executive director Tim McFeeley told Southern Voice. He said the HRCF wants its members to have hands-on involvement in the organization, instead of just sending in money and remaining anonymous. The goal is to have 500,000 members by the time of the 1996 elections and 1 million

members by the turn of the century.

"[HRCF] was created 13 years ago to serve a closeted community. The community has changed," he said. "We now need to empower our people so they can get out of their political closets."

McFeeley said the HRCF hopes to have grassroots groups at the state and congressional district level in several targeted states—including Georgia—by the end of March 1994 and in every congressional district by the end of 1995. Georgia was targeted because of Cobb County and Sam Nunn. Most of the other target states are places where the community is fighting anti-lesbian/gay rights initiatives.

However, the purpose of these local groups—which together will be called the Federal Advocacy Network —will primarily be to build political support for national issues, such as the federal civil rights bill. At least in the beginning, they will work on an agenda set by HRCF in Washington, although McFeeley says that eventually, the groups may gain autonomy to pursue their local agendas.

"We're just too weak right now. We have to continue to focus [on federal issues]," he said.

Because the HRCF's focus remains federal issues, the plan of action doesn't call for any push to repeal sodomy laws or legalize gay marriage. That doesn't sit well with one of the HRCF's most persistent critics, activist Michael Petrelis.

"I don't think it's unreasonable to say they ought to be looking at these issues," said Petrelis, one of the CONTINUES ON PAGE 13

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Atlantans mark World AIDS Day

Atlanta - Atlanta joined hundreds of other cityies around the world on Dec. 1 to mark the 6th annual World AIDS Day, with activities and events from the Capitol to the area's art muse-

The remembrance continued throughout the weekend, as Georgia Tech hosted a display of 64 panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Last Wednesday at the State Capitol downtown, ACT UP/Atlanta sponsored a speakout to draw attention to the personal effects the disease has had on individuals. Some 15 people, including City Councilwoman Mary Davis and State Rep. Doug Teper, took the opportunity to talk about AIDS and its devastating results. Some of the speakers told personal stories, while others took elected officials to task for their lackluster response to the epidemic.

"I'm here today for my best friend who is sick at home," said Steve Soloman, who identified himself as an employee of the Department of Human Resources,. "What this man has had to face, it shouldn't have happened. Not to him, not to anyone."

Nancy Greenwood, of ACT UP, decried the

lack of research on women with AIDS.

"Let's say I have HIV," she said. "What drugs do I take? I don't know. All the drugs have been tested on men...because [study organizers] are afraid the drugs will affect women's reproductive systems. Well, I'm not going to reproduce. There's no risk there."

Teper challenged those gathered to learn more about working with state legislators, a plea that angered several in attendance.

"Why are [Mary Davis and I] the only ones here?" he said. "Because none of us were invited....Get with it. Do the right thing. I understand the anger, but you have a lot of friends

Also at the Capitol, Atlanta NAPWA unveiled an 8-by-16-foot card which will be sent to Hillary Rodham Clinton. The card, signed by those who came to the Capitol and who pass through the NAPWA offices during the next week, urges Clinton to remember AIDS as she works on health care reform.

At the High Museum of Art, which was participating in a national AIDS awareness effort called "A Day Without Art," a 30-foot long tube of red fabric hung from the ceiling of the museum's atrium, draping around a computer terminal where visitors were invited to enter the names of friends and family members who have died of AIDS. Museum officials say the record



Gene Holloway signs a card to Hillary Rodham Clinton, asking that the AIDS community is remembered during health care reform.

will be submitted to "The Witness Project," a national census of AIDS-related deaths.

The Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art also participated in "A Day Without Art" by featuring a painting from its collection by Lowell Nesbitt, who died of AIDS related complications on July 19, 1993 at the age of 59.

"We thought it was important to give people something tangible to instead of something abstract," said museum director Thomas Holman.

"A Day Without Art" was begun five years ago by the American Association of Museums to point out the losses suffered by the country's arts community due to AIDS.

At AID Atlanta, Atlanta Postmaster Tourgee D. Simpson unveiled the U.S. Postal Service's new AIDS Awareness stamp.

KC WILDMOON

Gays in former Soviet Union are gaining more acceptance

But Ukrainian visitor in Atlanta still marvels at the openness of gay life in America

by KC WILDMOON

Alex Lisikov is a 33-year-old high school English teacher. He is gay, enjoys gardening, music and reading, and he's currently taking some time off from his job to travel across the United States visiting friends.

Oh, yes, and his hometown—where he lives and works-is Akimovka, a small, largely agricultural town in southern Ukraine, one of the former Soviet republics.

"It is my very first time here," Lisikov said during an interview at the Southern Voice office. "And it's terrific. I have already spent 10 days in New York City, and a week in Florida."

Lisikov has been in Atlanta for six weeks, visiting a pen pal he'd been corresponding with for two or three years. He met his friend in Moscow when he travelled to that city as part of the Friendship Force, begun by President Jimmy Carter in the 1970s



Wile touring the U.S. Alex Lisikov came to Atlanta to visit a pen pal.

"I took a train to meet him there and spent about seven days in Moscow," he said. "I showed him around. It was very tough, because we had a short time. But here in Atlanta, I'm on my back

Lisikov has taken a "special vacation" from the school where he teaches, and he is using the trip to better his skills in English.

'They're really interested in my improving

the language," he said. "You need to improve the language to teach it. The English we teach is too bookish. I'm here picking up everything as much as I can. Sometimes my friends say 'Alex, you're reading too much!""

The trip also offers Lisikov an opportunity to be openly gay, to meet with gay friends- and to experience life as a gay man in the United States.

"Akimovka is very small, tiny—about 20,000 people," he said. "[Gay life] is very difficult. Of course, we can't come out easily. I have gay friends, but we can't meet easily. Sometimes we talk on the telephone, but there's not much else to do."

The Ukrainian Republic, Lisikov said, repealed its sodomy laws about two years ago. Other former Soviet republics have been slower to follow suit—Russia still has its laws against homosexuality, put into effect in the 1930s under Josef Stalin, on the books.

"A lot of people are still afraid of it," Lisikov said. "It will take decades—the process is still

But there are some signs of change, although those signs are slow in coming. Gay newspapers are now published, not only in Moscow, where Temya has published for a number of years, but

in St. Petersburg, the Urals and even Siberia. Stories about gay life appear in mainstream newspapers and on television. And in the Ukraine, a gay organization, whose name translates to "Two Colors" from Ukrainian, puts out a regular news-

"It's not-profit, social organization," Lisikov said, largely put in place to connect gay people with each other. "It matches people. And you correspond with the organization.'

And even more recently, just before he left for the United States, Lisikov read in the newsletter that the organization had started a gay disco twice a month.

"The disco combines everything," he said. "A picture show, popular singers, performances."

'If you could have travelled through the U.S.S.R. five years ago, and could compare it to nowadays, you would be able to see the difference," he added. "The word 'homosexual' is appearing more often. Before, it was an insulting word to come across in the newspaper. Nowadays we see it in papers, magazines, on televi-

In the United States, gay men and lesbians are "more advanced, more experienced," he said. "We're just starting out. But people are starting CONTINUES ON PAGE 22

Georgia ACLU chapter recognizes Pellegrini with top award

Atlanta—The Georgia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has honored an Atlanta gay activist with one of the group's top awards.

GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini was honored last Saturday night with a Georgia Civil Liberties Award. The ACLU also presented awards to Kathleen Cleaver, Betty Sargent and Maritza Keen during its 30th anniversary din-

"I feel symbolically recognized," said Pellegrini. "I have to share this award with the community. It shows how far we've come to be recognized as part of progressive movements for social change."

Pellegrini, GAPAC's lobbyist for lesbian/ gay issues at the state legislature, has long been active in human rights issues for gays and lesbians. He has worked with Queer Nation/Atlanta on the fight to force Cracker Barrel to recognize the rights of lesbian and gay employees, spent

hours in Atlanta City Council offices this summer drumming up support for domestic partnership legislation, and serves as president of the Georgia ACLU's Lesbian/Gay Rights Chapter—one of only three such chapters in the country.

In addition.

Larry Pellegrini

Pellegrini's award honored his work on the board of directors for the Georgia ACLU.

"Larry has been very clear on other issues, not just lesbian/gay issues," said Teresa Nelson, taken strong positions on reproductive freedom issues, circulated petitions to change the Georgia state flag, worked in voter registration. You couldn't pay somebody enough to do the volume of work Larry Pellegrini has done."

"It's rare that the awards go to somebody on our board," Nelson continued. "But Larry has worked so hard-it's quite an honor.'

"I'd prefer not to be recognized," Pellegrini said. "I'd prefer to see more people involved. But I'm very appreciative of the honor."

Other awards recognized Kathleen Cleaver, a former secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and leader of the Black Panther Party, now an assistant professor of law at Emory University, and Maritza Keen for her work defending the rights of Hispanic Georgians. Betty Sargent, founder of the Athens chapter of the ACLU, received the George and Bee Rich Wolfe Award for her lifetime of work on

executive director of the Georgia ACLU. "He's the defense of civil liberties and civil rights in

KC WILDMOON

Holiday Happenings

· Hannukah, the eight-day Jewish festival, begins at sundown on Thursday, Dec. 9. Congregation Bet Haverim, a synagogue serving Atlanta's lesbian/gay community, will host a Hannukah party and gift swap on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Atlanta Friends Meeting House, 701 W. Howard Ave., Decatur.

· The Gallus' annual 12 Days of Christmas, culminating on Dec. 19 with Danny Donohoe's Lighting of the Tree in rememberance of those who have died from AIDS, got underway on Dec. 6.

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Man held in SC gay murder

man in connection with the Oct. 9 murder of a gay man in Charleston. John Edward Hunley, of Mt. Pleasant, has been charged with the killing of James D. Small, who was found in his home with his throat slashed.

The North Carolina gay newspaper, The Front Page, reported that Hunley's arrest came after two acquaintances told police that he had bragged about the murder. Hunley has also been charged with theft of some items from Small's apartment, including a credit card he used to buy gas just after the murder.

Earlier, police said they believed there was a connection between Small's murder and an

Charleston, SC—Police have arrested a attack on another Charleston man on Sept. 13. In that incident, the unidentified man accepted a ride with three men in a pickup truck. While riding in the back of the truck, one of the men attacked him, slicing a 5-inch cut on the victim's throat. The victim escaped from the truck and ran to a nearby home for help.

Police thought the two crimes may have been connected because both victims apparently met their assailants at an adult video and bookstore. But with the arrest of Hunley, Charleston police say the hunt for the first attacker continues, and they warn gay men to "be cautious about the strangers they meet."

THE FRONT PAGE

Charlotte homeowners group received missing AIDS funds

of a Charlotte AIDS service agency were written to a homeowners association, say officials investigating the disappearance of \$121,000 from the Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP).

Stephen O'Shields, treasurer of both the AIDS group and the homeowners association, which received \$118,000 from the agency, resigned from the AIDS group Nov.

Jim Gronquist. a member of the Metrolina board, said that the board accepted O'Shields' letter of resignation at a special meeting. Gronquist said O'Shields had indicated he was willing to repay the money by Nov. 24. But the money has not been repaid, he said.

Police are investigating, but no charges have been filed. O'Shields did not return phone calls from The Charlotte Observer and The Associated Press.

O'Shields, a Shelby native, had been the AIDS agency's volunteer treasurer for almost two years.

He also served as treasurer of the Hackberry Court Homeowners Association in Charlotte. The association replaced O'Shields during a meeting on Nov. 23.

Ralph Bostian, the new secretary-treasurer,

Charlotte, NC-Checks from the account said the association found "a discrepancy in the accounts" after being notified of the MAP trouble. Bostian declined to disclose the amount of money involved until an audit is finished. The association has a \$40,000 bud-

> At the news conference, MAP board members and the agency's auditor said they discovered that O'Shields wrote about 20 checks from more than 20 MAP accounts to HCHOA—the initials for the homeowners association. The checks totaled \$118,000.

> Another \$3,000 in cash was also missing,

MAP, founded in 1985, is a United Way agency with a \$500,000 budget. It also receives county and state tax money and donations from individuals and several large fund-

Board member Ward Simmons said things will be done differently in the future.

'MAP had in place a fairly normal set of controls for a nonprofit agency," he said. "We will be more diligent than ever in ensuring those controls are operating as they were de-

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Gay center opens in Biloxi

nity Center in Biloxi officially opened its doors on Nov. 1. The new center, serving the Gulf Coast's lesbian/gay community, offers space for community meetings, and plans are underway for a library, kitchen, theatre, auditorium, and office space.

G.L. Friendly drew national media attention this summer when the group announced plans to open community centers in several Mississippi towns. Church leaders in Ocean Springs protested the group's meetings, held at the home of founder Todd Emerson in that

Biloxi, MS—The G.L. Friendly Commucity, and protested to city officials. The outcry resulted in a galvanization of lesbians and gay men in the Gulf Coast region, including a march that drew 1,200 protestors from across the Southeast and the formation of the Gulf Coast chapter of the Mississippi Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Biloxi's new community center is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week at 308 Caillavet Street. The phone number is (601) 435-2398. G.L Friendly is also publishing a monthly newsletter, "Even in Mississippi," from the Biloxi address.

Survey finds nearly half of gays/ lesbians faced threats of violence

Nashville, TN-A preliminary report on about 41 percent experienced threats of violence during the past five years.

The Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice's Anti-Violence Project surveyed 109 gay men and lesbians for the report released Nov. 22.

About 13 percent of those surveyed said they had been physically assaulted during the same period, and nearly 10 percent of all respondents reported having been assaulted with

Vandalism and arson affected 19.8 perviolence and discrimination against gay men cent of those surveyed, while 22.9 percent and lesbians in Middle Tennessee says that reported being denied a promotion, benefits, raises or employment.

About 51 percent said they had been questioned about their sexual orientation or HIV/ AIDS status in the workplace at least once in the past five years and 8.3 percent said they were denied housing.

The report surveyed residents of Davidson, Knox, Rutherford, Montgomery, Dickson and Wilson counties.

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Texas County Shuns Apple Because Of Domestic Partnership:

Commissioners in Williamson County, Texas did the Cobb County Commission one better last week, voting 3-2 to deny Apple Computer tax breaks on a new facility because the computer company provides health care benefits to the partners of its gay and lesbian employees. Some 65 people crowded into the commission chambers during the meeting that was filled with anti-gay sentiment. Apple, which would have brought a \$300 million boost to Williamson County's economy with its \$80 million customer service facility, says it will probably go elsewhere. "I really doubt very seriously that we will consider going ahead with that project," said Apple spokesman Bill Keegan.



Maurice Franklin speaks at a Lift the Ban rally at the King Center in Atlanta.

Former Atlanta Activist Dumped From DC AIDS Clinic: Former Atlanta activist Maurice Franklin has been removed from his job as director of Whitman-Walker Clinic's Max Robinson Center in Washington, DC, because he falsified information on his resume. Franklin, who formerly worked at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta, admitted to falsifying information about his education in August, but Whitman Walker director Jim Graham decided to keep him on staff. But last month, Franklin also admitted to falsifying information about his military service. Franklin has been replaced by Lamar Dwayne Revis, a former Air Force captain who served as a facilities manager for the U.S. Secret Service for the past 5 years.

French Court Tosses Out Suit Against Bennetton AIDS Ad: A French court last week threw out a lawsuit against the Italian clothes-maker Bennetton for ads displaying

photos of a body part tattooed with the words "HIV positive." AIDS groups had protested that the ads degraded victims of the deadly disease. The French Fight Against AIDS agency filed the lawsuit, but the court agreed with prosecutors that the agency, a public awareness group, was not qualified to sue in the names of AIDS patients. The court also threw out a suit filed by a man with HIV on the grounds that he sued the French subsidiary of Bennetton instead of the parent company, which commissioned the ads. The court also agreed with the company that the ads did serve the public by creating an awareness of the disease.

Meinhold Says He'll Run For Congress After Retiring From Navy: Keith Meinhold, America's best known gay sailor, said during an interview last week that he would like to run for Congress upon his retirement from military service. Meinhold, whose case against the government for discharging him after he publicly admitted to being gay resulted in a victory at the District Court level, also said that he would like to someday become Secretary of the Navy or Defense. "I have overwhelming support wherever I go," Meinhold said of his two-year battle to stay in the Navy. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals is scheduled to hear the government's appeal of Meinhold's case in this month.

"Sister Act" Director Dead Of AIDS: Emile Ardolino, director of the films "Dirty Dancing," "Sister Act," and "George Ballanchine's The Nutcracker," died Nov. 20 of complications from AIDS. He was 50. Ardolino won an Academy Award for the 1983 documentary "He Makes Me Feel Like Dancin'," an Emmy for "Choreography by Ballanchine IV," and a Directors Guild award for "The Spellbound Child." Ardolino had just finished filming a television adaptation of the musical "Gypsy" with Bette Midler, which is scheduled to air this month. He is survived by his companion, Luis M. Rodriguez-Dilla, and three sisters, Aurelia Janosek, Livia Meyer and Dorothy Boland.

Woman Drops Bid To Stop Gay Adoption, Files For Separate Adoption: Instead of continuing to fight over the legality of relinquishing her parental rights, Megan Lucas has decided to try to adopt her 3-year-old son. The Washington state case drew media attention when Lucas learned that her son had been placed with gay foster parents. Lucas had argued that she was coerced into giving up her parental rights, but she filed to reverse the decision too late to do so. She filed the reversal after learning about the gay foster parents, claiming that she had been assured by state workers that her son would be placed with a heterosexual couple.

Judge Applies Americans With Disabilities Act To AIDS: The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to cases where health plans are accused of discriminating against workers with AIDS, U.S. District Court Judge John E. Sprizzo ruled last week. Sprizzo rejected an effort by the Mason Tenders District Council Welfare Fund to block a lawsuit alleging that it cut off medical benefits for four workers who had AIDS or AIDS-related illnesses. It was the first time a federal judge had applied the 1990 law to an AIDS case.

Jury Finds Waiter Was Fired Because Of HIV Status: A jury in San Francisco ruled last week that waiter Rolando Iglesias was fired from his job at Stars restaurant because he has AIDS. Stars' chef Jeremiah Tower's defense in the case was that Iglesias lied to a customer about items on the restaurant's menu. The jury awarded Iglesias \$30,000 in damages. Tower's attorney, Bonnie Glatzer, said no decision has been made about a possible appeal. Given the amount of the award to Iglesias, Glatzer said an appeal "might not make financial sense."

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EDITORIAL

Community must now push those we helped elect

With an exception here and there, the 1993 elections in Atlanta and Fulton County provided a much-needed political boost for the lesbian/gay community.

Bill Campbell, the new mayor, sought and gained the support of the community with a set of progressive positions and promises. The number of people on the City Council who appear receptive to at least giving our agenda a fair shake has gone from nine to 13—a clear majority on the 18-member body. The council will be presided over again by Council President Marvin Arrington, who cast the deciding vote in favor of domestic partnership.

Though the one lesbian and two gay men who ran for the council weren't successful in winning their races, all three ran credible and creditable campaigns that can serve as the foundation for future candidates. And every single candidate who flirted with the Christian right, either openly or behind the scenes, went down in flames, including their queen bee (or should that be queen beehive), Nancy Schaefer.

But while the election is over, the community's work is just beginning. Because if we don't push the people we helped elect to deliver as public officials what they committed to do as candidates, what happened four years ago will happen again.

When Maynard Jackson campaigned in 1989, he promised to support domestic partnership. He promised to recruit openly lesbian and gay police officers and to work to combat hate crimes. He promised to hire gay men and lesbians within his administration. A year after he was elected, with substantial lesbian/gay support, the community began grumbling, and rightly so, that the mayor was failing to follow through on these commitments.

Though, in the face of that criticism, Jackson did fulfill some of those promises, the community's relationship with the mayor was permanently strained, and the consequences of that contention affected us more than they affected him. For instance, what role did Jackson's strained ties with the community play in his decision to listen to bad advice from within his administration and veto domestic partnership, instead of listening to our advice?

This time around, then, perhaps it would behoove us to be more proactive and aggres-

sive from the very beginning, letting Campbell and the council members know what is expected up front so that disagreements, if they develop, will be over differences based on issues and not misunderstandings based on lack of communication.

For while it is the responsibility of Campbell and the council to live up to their promises to the lesbian/gay community, it is our responsibility to take the initiative—to push, wheedle and cajole them, from day one, into doing the right things. We won't get what we don't ask for.

What are the right things? Well, for starters, the new mayor and council must vigorously defend domestic partnership against challenges, both in the courts and in the legislature. A comprehensive lesbian/gay rights bill that would outlaw discrimination in employment and housing based on sexual orientation is needed and overdue. Councilwoman Mary Davis said she would introduce such a measure, and Campbell said as mayor he would support it. Let's put together a group to research the proposal and start lobbying council members, similar to the ad hoc group that worked with Davis on partnership.

Campbell said the police department, under his administration, would have a zero-tolerance policy for police officers who show insensitivity to gay or lesbian citizens. The Public Safety Committee, which is the liaison between City Hall and the community on police issues, needs to challenge Campbell to keep this promise. Perhaps a starting point would be to invite Campbell to attend safety committee meetings during the first year of his administration, as his rival for mayor, Michael Lomax, had pledged to do. That way, he can hear about any transgressions first hand.

Campbell also said he would seek out the best and brightest to work in his administration, including lesbians and gays. Those people in the community who were involved in his campaign, whom he knows and trusts, need to be actively making suggestions during this transition period before he takes office in January. That is when these appointments will be made.

And with so many new and potentially friendly faces on the City Council, it is also important for all of us who live in the city to make our voices heard. Here is a suggestion.

Start out the new year by sending a missive to the City Council members who represent you. Remind them that their constituency includes gay men and lesbians. Tell them that you want to build an inclusive city, not one where discrimination is tolerated. Be nice, but firm, in letting them know that you will be watching how they vote.

The 1993 election provided the community with a great opportunity for progress in Atlanta. Let's start—now—to take advantage of it.

RICHARD SHUMATE

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Editor's note: Due to a technical problem with the printing process, the balloon captions were left out of this cartoon last week. Here it is again.



V I E W P O I N T S

Finding allies is more difficult than finding family

We'd chatted computers and dished the neighbors, marked the progress of the tear-down/rebuild with the cracked foundation on the next street, and let our puppies mark lawns they'd already wetly claimed nightly for weeks.

Barry is a fellow dog-owning neighbor. A nice man with a nice wife of 20 years, and a nice daughter of 19 years, and a nice dog of indeterminate age. He's friendly enough for us to mutt march in a sporadic nightly ritual that's social for us and useful for the pooches.

We made each other's acquaintances just after I made the front page of my city's major metropolitan daily's lifestyle section. They'd written a feature on the local, book-writing dyke-of-the-day during National Lesbian Year, and pretty much told the neighbors, publicly, what, in another lifetime, I might have been more hesitant to reveal in casual "So, uh, how's the lawn guy treating you?" conversation. "Hello, has the postal person (mail man is soooo redundant) been by, and oh, by the way, I'm the neighborhood's token homo," just hadn't come up before that.

But after, a lot of neighbors came up. Some asking about the book. Most just making trash day comments in ways that made it clear that, on my street at least, I was the celebrity integrator. Diversity at your doorstep.

Barry and I started our alliance about lawn care, then drifted to computers, revealing that every time I accidentally closed the windows on my IBM wannabe prematurely, he could fight his way through my autoexec.bat file, back to good computer health for me. Rescue 486 brings you closer. So was an easy amble from there to everything he knew about queers.

Had I heard "the wit and wisdom of Romanofsky and Phillips?" he queried. I had.



How had he? Why had he? "Oh," he replied, he was in this "supportive therapy group, and everyone worked to get comfortable with everyone else's life perspective." Made sense. "Cool," I thought. "I could use a handy ally."

Now let's talk about our allies. They too are everywhere, it seems.

It seems to me that we've been awfully busy lately huddling together in marching groups, appearing with each other on "Donahue," and seeing the world divided in two camps: Leviticus spouters and us. We've been generally shoring up about 2,000 years of lagging self-esteem, a process I heartily applaud. But we haven't spent a whole lot of time recognizing that we actually have allies.

In our on-going processes, we haven't nodded a lot in the direction of some of those supportive folks who think we're swell. And who publicly work toward defending us against the Bible-bangers who ought to get back to their bingo games, and their drooping attendance, where their attention is really needed, and leave us alone.

I know you have a number of allies in your community, starting real close to home with our P-FLAG folks. Usually there's at least one Unitarian minister and/or female Reform rabbi, who fights the good fight on our behalf on a Saturday or Sunday basis. And then there's the good-guy on the radio, if you're lucky. And the standard-issue liberal politician most municipalities come equipped with. And, of course, your neighbors, if you give them half a chance.

Or maybe, if your community is truly blessed, like mine is, you have a Dr. Marilyn Volker, an extraordinary, outspoken sexologist who out-charms and outwits Dr. Ruth, and who loves us dearly. Dr. Marilyn preaches the doctrine of universal love, and responsible, respectful sex to her non-gay audiences. She also makes it her practice to attend to our needs in a way that usually has an audience crossing its legs, but opening its minds, to the possibility that a) sex isn't necessarily dirty, even if you do it right, and b) that what we do with each other is pretty much normal. A welcome message for a change.

Dr. Marilyn talks comfortably about her lesbian daughter and daughter-in-law. And, while this is not an advertisement for Dr. Marilyn (well, I guess it is, isn't it?) let me put it this way: If Joann Loulan weren't one of us, she'd be Marilyn Volker. And if she ever brings her word to a lecture hall in your neck of the woods, get there early. The room will be full.

Marilyn models what allies should look like.

Which brings me back to Barry, who I thought did, too. We were just at the end of our leashes, ready to call it a walk, when he made a counterproposal. "Let's walk the other way around the block."

"Um..." he started. "I know it's a little late for this...about 21 hours *after* National Coming Out Day...(Whoa. Wait a minute...Where was this walk going?) But, I wanted to, uh, um... come out to you...?"

Damn. All right, OK. I am delighted he felt safe enough with me, outing's poster child this year. But I wasn't looking for more of us, I was looking for more of *them*.

It shouldn't have surprised me, though. Most of our allies come to their understandings through personal circumstances. The client with the gay brother. The chiropractor with the lesbian aunt. Barry's personal circumstance was just a lot closer to home.

Now that I've become a book-hawking professional lesbian, I find myself outing myself to strangers, and I have found nearly the ideal way to do it. I just ask them if they have someone gay in their family, or circle, because I have a terrific book to recommend. They'll usually pause for a second, look me square in the eyes to see if I'm mocking them, then nod about a cousin or a child or a grandparent. Instant ally. It lets them out of their "I have a hidden friend/relative" closet.

Anyway, I have to admit that I am disappointed about Barry. Finding queers, that's easy. We're around every corner, right? But finding great allies who can also repair your computer in the middle of the night...now that's hard.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Letting radical groups fade would be a blow to the movement

by MARVIN LIEBMAN

Throughout history, revolutionary movements, on both the political right and left, have had an "activist" and/or "extremist" and/or "radical" and even "terrorist" wings. One of the "terrorists" I knew, and with whom I worked closely for a time, became the prime minister of Israel and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize—Menachim Begin. The "rightwing extremist," Barry Goldwater, with whom I also worked, has now become an advocate of gay rights. Extremism, and even "terrorism," can ultimately become very mainstream indeed.

Modern American history has produced any number of such groups, left and right, starting early in the century with the IWW Wobblies, anarchists, suffragettes, Black Panthers, Weathermen, "women's libbers," the John Birch Society, Ceaser Chavez' United Farm Workers, Jewish Defense League, Operation Rescue and the Christian Coalition. It is these activist groups, and a host of others, that took the radical action and also took the heat for the more moderate mainstream of whatever movement they espoused. Looking back, and into the present, each and every one of them had an enormous influence on their particular cause. Starting with Stonewall, the gay and lesbian movement in America is no exception to this historic pattern.

The election of Bill Clinton, and his subsequent vacillation and final betrayal of his most loyal followers, has visibly altered the landscape of gay politics. In no place has this change been more apparent than in the area of radical gay and lesbian "street" activism. Participation in our community's leading activist groups, ACT UP and Queer Nation, has dropped precipitously since the November election. The flagging involvement in such groups

by lesbians and gays may simply reflect many activists' total belief in Clinton's leadership. Or, the gay establishment's continuing romance with Clinton, and its total absorption in the military ban issue, may have posed too much of a hurdle to many other street activists. Whatever the reasons, the withering of our radical activist groups, particularly in Washington, is prompting divergent reactions and is kindling a healthy and fierce debate over movement strategies. This is startlingly reminiscent of other civil rights movements in their development. Our community has much to learn from their historic experiences.

A few activist friends of mine, most barely a third my age, have not become complacent. Indeed, new groups are constantly springing up—the Lesbian Avengers and Integrate, which brings together straights and gays in staging queer visibility blitzes in straight bars. But, far more of my other lesbian and gay friends acknowledge the waning of radical groups' allure in the community. Many even welcome their demise. They are dead wrong.

I can understand objections raised by gay political "insiders" to the various antics by our more radical activists who continue to remain publicly active in the streets and in the corridors of power, such as the recent "outing" of U.S. Sen. David L. Boren of Oklahoma. Still, I must respect the anger and zeal of those of our community who must take action when there is none and who must continue to seek the harsh spotlight of media attention to focus attention on our cause. I must love those from our community who simply will not tolerate negation or trivialization by the media, much less hypocrisy and insult from elected officials and from our own establishment. I would mourn for our movement, for our community, should we lose the radical edge to our politics.



Marvin Leibman

The civil rights struggles of other groups, especially African-Americans, have benefited hugely from the sometimes tenuous co-existence of the moderate and radical wings in their respective movements. Radicals focus public attention on their cause in noisy, extreme and, when lucky, highly-publicized ways. While making the milder alternatives of the mainstream more palatable to the public at large, they also serve as an important and strategic diversionary tool. By incurring the lion's share of criticism, they drain off the attention and ammunition to mainstream efforts in the process.

The setback we suffered on the military ban may be in part attributable to a lack of

radical organizing. While we succeeded in placing a face on discrimination in the military, we failed to cultivate a threat to match the prurient terror of a gay man in the shower in most straight people's imaginations. Fear, as the religious right continues to teach us, holds great currency in American politics. And radical groups' efforts to touch that nerve may well clear a way for even greater gains.

The time has come for all of us in the gay community to appreciate the meaning and the value of fringe, outsider and radical action and groups to the politics of our movement. Queer Nation may not be the Black Panthers, and Barney Frank has hardly proved himself to be another Martin Luther King, Jr. But our community has its share of Rosa Parkses, Stockley Carmichaels, Angela Davises and H. Rap Browns. Like the African-American civil rights movement, therein lie the seeds of our success

At the age of 70, I am content to let my younger and more radical comrades scale the barricades. But, I cannot bear to watch lesbians and gays—my brothers, sisters and children—hound each other off the walls. To the extent that our queer radicals are rambunctious, we should reward them. To the extent that they are publicly aggressive, we should weather any controversy they may cause and intensify our appeal to the American people's innate sense of fairness and decency. We might even pass along an encouraging word, and even a few dollars, to the radicals. Sooner or later, we may just have our freedom to thank them for.

Liebman, formerly with the National Review, is one of the founders of the modern American conservative movement.

HEALTH

Women accuse university clinic of discriminating against lesbians and singles

Staff's religious and moral beliefs said to be the cause

Seattle, WA—At least three women have challenged claims of a University of Washington infertility clinic that it has never refused service because of the sexual orientation or marital status of women seeking the service.

"I was personally refused," said Dr. Susan Petcoff, a single obstetrician-gynecologist in private practice. She said her doctor was told medical workers had objected because she was single.

The "Seattle Times" recently obtained a copy of an internal memo from the clinic saying that some staff members were objecting to performing advanced fertility services for single women on religious and moral grounds. The services include artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization and another high-tech procedure.

An advisory committee decided that the objections by some staff members.

clinic must honor university policy prohibiting discrimination against patients based on sexual orientation and marital status, among other things. But after the closed committee meeting, Dr. Michael Soules, director of the UW Medical Center's Fertility & Endocrine Center, claimed there had been no problems in the past.

"To my knowledge, there has never been any discrimination against single women or same-sex parents in the current infertility practice." He said the issue had come up only recently because two single women requested in-vitro fertilization, which had never happened before.

But the "Times" reported that a former medical resident at the clinic said she was told in 1990 by the vice chairman of the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Leon Spadoni, that the clinic didn't do infertility work on single women because of religious objections by some staff members

The woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the clinic shunned single women throughout her residency, which ended in 1992, the newspaper reported. "Single women were not only not given IVF treatment, they weren't given artificial insemination," she said.

The "Times" said Soules declined to be interviewed for its story. A spokeswoman said Soules' only comment would be a statement reiterating his previous assertion: "No patients at UWMC's Fertility & Endocrine Center have been denied care on the basis of sexual orientation or marital status."

Audrey Bolyard, a UW Medical Center nurse, said she had a very difficult time with the clinic five years ago. A single woman, she requested artificial insemination but was told by a staff member she couldn't receive the service. No medical or other explanation for the refusal was given her.

Bolyard, 39, said she eventually was able

to arrange for a clinic physician to perform the procedure because she knew the doctor from working in the hospital's obstetrics unit.

The Times quoted another person familiar with the UW program as saying that until the mid-1980s, the clinic had a policy not to provide artificial insemination with donor sperm, a practice used in other clinics around the country for decades. The person said "it was general knowledge" that Spadoni objected to it on religious grounds.

Spadoni said the decision not to use donor sperm was made not on the basis of moral or religious objections, but "because we are a research institution. We felt there was no information we could give or derive from developing a donor program." In the mid-'80s, the clinic began using donor sperm.

"It became obvious there was a great need for this in the Seattle community, so it was set up as a service to patients," Spadoni said.

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San Francisco AIDS Foundation takes lead in releasing safe sex, drug info for teens

marked increase in HIV among young gay and bisexual men, and in recognition of the eruption of designer drugs among club-going gay youth, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation has released two brochures providing information on stemming HIV transmission among young people.

"Good For Life" ("Buen Provecho") features a first-person narration with safe sex tips for young men and will be available to students at San Francisco high schools. This is the first time information specifically addressing same-gender sex has been distributed in the San Francisco Unified School District.

"What About Ecstasy: A Practical Guide to MDMA" offers information about safe sex and the sensory-heightening drugs popular in the nightclub and dance party scene, and is a follow-up to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Ecstasy information cards and telephone talk line established earlier this year.

The brightly colored, accordion-style, twelve-panel "Good For Life" is a first-ofits-kind bilingual safe sex brochure aimed at junior high and high school-age young men who may be gay, or questioning their sexual orientation and beginning to experiment sexually.

"An alarming number of young men are becoming infected with HIV in their teenage years," said Elliot Ramos, youth intervention coordinator for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. "That's directly due to a lack of clear and honest safer-sex education-something our 'Good For Life' brochure offers. At an age when sexualexperimentation is a possibility, young men I was freaked-out and thought something in their teens need to have access to the facts about preventing HIV transmission."

The study "Youth and HIV Disease in San Francisco," released last May and cosponsored by the San Francisco Department of Public Health AIDS Office and Special Programs for Youth, revealed that "[n]early 900 youth 12 to 25 years of age are currently estimated to be living with HIV infection in San Francisco, representing almost 1% of the City's youth population." Those young people, the study found, are primarily young men having sex with other men.

The study also noted that "[y]outh experience rapid physical, cognitive, and sexual changes that can be confusing. Part of this developmental process is exploration of sexuality and substance abuse, which offers referral numbers for help and informay be greatly influenced by peer pressure. Young people may also experience feelings of isolation, anger, and low self-esteem that ence of drugs like Ecstasy, LSD, heroin, lead to risk-taking."

The study suggested that AIDS service providers work "with the San Francisco Unified School District to initiate prevention education of youth...using age-appropriate instruction."

Tom Ammiano, openly gay President of the San Francisco School Board, expressed delight that "Good For Life" will be available to San Francisco high school students.

"I am thrilled at this important first step in saving lives of a population that has heretofore not been recognized as being at risk," Ammiano said.

The "Good For Life" brochure features photos of seven teens of all races, with titles

In response to recent studies showing a that include words "Knowledge," "Courage," "Love," and "Power."

> The "Testimonial" section includes, in English and Spanish, a sex-positive message aimed at young men who already may be engaged in same-gender sex, or are thinking about it: "I remember making out with a girl for the first time. It felt kind of nice. As I got older, I started to look at guys and feel sexually attracted toward them. At first



Photos like this pack the colorful "Good For Life" and "What About Ecstasy" brochures that target teens.

was wrong with me. But since sexual attraction is natural and all right, it shouldn't matter if it's with a girl or a guy. Right? What matters is feeling good-about myself and what I'm doing-and having safe sex every time."

The idea behind "What About Ecstasy: A Practical Guide to MDMA," according to Les Pappas, substance abuse intervention coordinator at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, is to offer clear, non-judgmental information on Ecstasy a chemical compound in the amphetamine family.

The brochure covers Ecstasy's chemical content, its history, and its effects on how users of the drug negotiate sexual situations. The brochure also outlines condom use and issues involved in HIV testing, and

Pappas said that with the exploding presspeed, and cocaine in the nightclub and dance party scene, recreational drug users need to be clear about their safe sex boundaries to stay healthy.

"HIV transmission is often the hidden danger of drug use," Pappas said. "Unfortunately, people have little or no education about drugs and drug use. Society wrongly feels that not talking about drugs will lead to not using drugs. We believe that the more knowledge people have about drugs and safe sex, the better they will be able to protect themselves in the real world."

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Shalala announces formation of AIDS drug task force

Washington, DC—HHS Secretary Donna Shalala has announced the formation of a National Task Force on AIDS Drug Development to expedite the search for new therapics against AIDS and the underlying human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

The 15 member expert panel will see new and innovative approaches to the development of AIDS drugs. Members will be drawn from government, the pharmaceutical industry, academia, medicine and AIDS-affected communities.

Shalala was joined at the announcement by Assistant Secretary for Health Dr. Philip Lee, who will chair the panel; Dr. P. Roy Valelos, chairman and chief executive officer of Merck & Co., Inc.; Kristine M. Gebbie, national AIDS policy coordinator; and Moises Agosto, research and treatment advocacy manager at the National Minority AIDS Council.

"The FDA has made great strides in streamlining the approval process for drugs to treat life-threatening conditions, and the NIH has contributed mightily to our understanding of AIDS and HIV," Shalala said. "But the sad fact remains that not a single New Drug Application for an antiretroviral drug is currently before the FDA. No matter how much we shorten the pipeline, we can-

not achieve our goal unless we start filling that pipeline with promising compounds."

"The group we envision will be constantly evaluating the process—identifying obstacles, charting strategy, and asking: 'What are our options? Is anything falling through the cracks? Are we doing everything we possible can?'"

Shalala said she expects to begin receiving nominations for task force membership immediately.

Dennis Davis, executive director of the Atlanta Buyers Club is guardedly optimistic about the announcement of the task force.

"I'm happy they're doing something," he said, "but is this just cake in the window again? What I'm waiting to see is the list of people on the task force, if its the same old folks, then why bother? If its some new names, some real activists, then I'll be thrilled that the government is actually taking some positive steps."

Davis concluded: "Looking back on the approval process for ddC a couple of years ago makes me wonder why can't they do as well on other treatments that are currently in the pipeline. Pressure from activists did the trick then, I suspect that it will be just as important in the future."

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Amfar announces new grants for research on HIV disease

New York—The American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) has announced it will award \$1 million in grants to studies on critical unanswered questions in the disease-causing properties of HIV. The goal of the targeted grants program is to gain better understanding of three specific ways in which the human immune defense system fails to respond appropriately to infection with HIV and how to overcome these crucial deficiencies.

Dr. Jeffrey Laurence, AmFAR's Senior Scientific Consultant and Associate Professor at Cornell University, noted that, "the research to be funded through this targeted RFP could well provide key clues on HIV pathogenesis and immune reconstitution strategies that could have rapid utility in the clinical settling, and not just for HIV+ people with high T cell counts."

The three areas being targeted for research are:

• Pathogenesis of accessory cell dysfunction. Investigation of mechanisms of destruction of the lymph node follicular dendritic cell (FDC) is particularly encouraged. • Novel methods to inhibit T cell apoptosis in HIV disease.

 Methods to augment function of the thymic, bone marrow and/or lymph node microenvironments in early and late state HIV disease.

AmFAR's targeted research grants are in an amount of up to \$100,000. A total of \$1,000,000 will be committed to this program during its first year. The recipients of grant awards will be competitively selected through peer-review and their grants will be competitively renewable.

In support of research which meets the criteria for this targeted Request for Proposals, institutionally affiliated M.D. and Ph.D. or equivalent investigators will be awarded up to U.S. \$80,000 for direct costs, plus not more than 20% of the requested direct cost amount for institutional indirect costs, for periods of performance ranging from 12 to 24 months.

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Study shows HIV risk factor in transgender hormone use

Transgender people who inject hormones could benefit from needle exchange, according to Dr. Simon Rosser of the University of Minnesota Program in Human Sexuality (PHS).

Needle sharing occurs among some transsexuals who inject hormones just as it does among some drug users, said Rosser. However, he said, AIDS prevention professionals are aware of the risk to injecting drug users but may be unaware of the risk to transsexuals.

"To our knowledge there is no literature or research alerting people to the fact that transgendered people take hormones intramuscularly. Because of the invisibility of transgendered people, all the literature has been framed in terms of drug use," Rosser said.

"People receiving hormones and implants under supervised medical care are fine. But because of the difficulty transgendered people have getting health care and insurance, there's a black market for hormones and information sharing that goes on," he continued.

Last year, Rosser and Dr. Walter Bockting, another doctor at PHS, conducted a pioneering study of HIV risk factors among transsexuals. That study, Rosser said, first alerted them to the risks associated with needle sharing during hormone injection.

Rosser emphasized that more research with a larger sample needs to be done to assess accurately the actual rate of HIV transmission from needle sharing among transsexuals.

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AIDS BRIEFS

BY BRUCE MIRKEN

d4T Controversy: A report in the "San Francisco Examiner" that ACT UP/ Golden Gate was opposing FDA approval of d4T, the antiretroviral presently being used by about 9,000 patients on expanded access, has caused something of a stir. Because this ACT UP chapter has been heavily involved in treatment issues—usually aiming for wider access to and speedier approval of promising treatments—the apparent contradiction started a serious round of teeth-gnashing. As usual, the situation is a little more complex than the mass media have made it out to be. In a position paper drafted to clarify things, the group stresses that it has not taken a position against d4T's approval, saying that it hasn't seen the data in Bristol Myers-Squibb's new drug application upon which the FDA will base its judgment. Nor is ACT UP/Golden Gate advising people presently taking the drug to stop using it. The activists are concerned about reports of side effects, including insomnia, peripheral neuropathy and severe anxiety and depression, that turned up repeatedly when it surveyed d4T users in the Bay area. These side effects have been reported much less frequently in the company's official tabulations from the expanded access program—ACT UP suspects, because physicians and patients aren't adequately aware of what problems to look out for. The group thinks the company hasn't properly investigated some of these side effects and calls the pharmaceutical giant "unwilling to pursue research that could in any way impede the speed of approval or actual approval of d4T." For the moment, ACT UP/Golden Gate strongly suggests that those on d4T "share any signs and symptoms with your primary care physicians," and discuss whether any changes in treatment are warranted.

A Different Kind of Buyers Club: AIDS buyers clubs providing not-yet-approved or alternative treatments have been around for years, operating under FDA rules that allow the importation for personal use of unapproved medicines from overseas. But now a new set of clubs has sprung up to provide a drug that is unequivocally illegal: marijuana. Pot has been used extensively by people with AIDS as well as cancer chemotherapy patients to quell nausea and boost appetite. Many say it works better than Marinol, a synthetic version of pot's active ingredient that is available legally by prescription, but pot remains a Schedule I controlled substance, meaning doctors can't prescribe it. Marijuana buyers clubs now operate clandestinely in at least 11 cities. But don't expect to find them by looking in the phone book or calling your local AIDS hotline: They all operate in a very cautious fashion, accepting only clients referred by current members.

Testing Pitfalis: The ELISA test, the standard HIV antibody test used in doctors' offices and anonymous test sites, is good but not perfect. People who have recently had other viral conditions or been vaccinated against a viral disease (such as the flu) may have false positive test results, two California doctors reported recently in the Western Journal of Medicine. The doctors reported three cases of false positive tests in otherwise low-risk patients, one who had had a herpes outbreak three weeks prior to being tested and two who had been given flu shots roughly three weeks before taking the HIV antibody test. In a response to the doctors' report, the manufacturer of the test indicated that the problem is fairly rare, that an improved version is being developed which will be less likely to be fooled by antibodies to other viruses.

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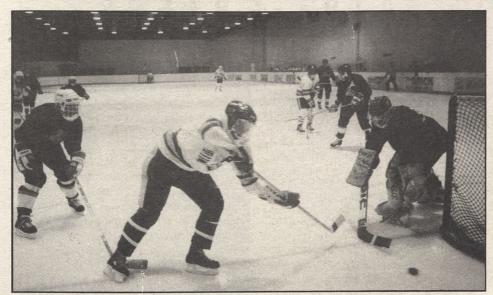
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Women's ice hockey is one of the many events in the 1994 Gay Games.

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in Unity '94, the 1994 Gay Games, needs to hurry. In just three weeks, registration closes for the athletic and cultural festival, to be held next summer in New York City.

The event, from June 19 to June 25, features competition in the following events: aerobics, badminton, basketball, billiards, bowling, cycling, diving, ice hockey, in-line skating, figure skating, flag football, golf, marathon, martial arts/judo, physique, powerlifting, racquetball, soccer, softball (slow-pitch and fast-pitch), sport climbing, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field, triathlon, volleyball, water polo and wrestling.

Participants pay a \$60 fee to enter the games, plus a fee for the sport in which they wish to participate, which ranges from \$30 to \$100. An individual can participate in no more than two events. The initial registration period closes Dec. 31. However, there will be a late registration

New York—Anyone interested in competing period from Feb. 1-March 31, 1994 in sports which have not been filled to their entry capacity. The late fee is \$50. Registration forms received during January will be held in sequence until late registration opens.

Gay Games will host 15,000 athletes from more than 300 teams around the world. In addition, more than 5,000 artists will participate in the Cultural Festival, running concurrently with the athletic events. New York is expecting over 500,000 spectators to cheer on all participants. On the last weekend of the event, New York will also host Stonewall 25, a commemoration of the beginning of the modern gay/lesbian rights movement which will culminate with a march on the United Nations.

For more information, contact Unity '94 at (212) 633-9494. Local contact numbers for Team Atlanta, which is organizing the city's contingent to the games, are (404) 875-0700 or (404)

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The New HRCF

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founders of a new grassroots group, Gay and Lesbian Americans, that was forged from the frustrations unleashed by the military ban setback. "[The plan] is not talking about empowering people beyond the HRCF base. I think there is a need to for a group with people who have had experience at the state and local level."

Petrelis also says the plan "is not specific enough. It's not telling us how they will accomplish these things."

The current budget of the HRCF is \$6 million, and, though it is the largest of the lesbian/ gay rights groups, the organization's budget represents only a fraction of what the religious right spends. Under the new plan of action, McFeeley said the HRCF's budget will probably increase to \$10-\$12 million by 1996.

While the fund will continue to rely on direct mail and major event fundraising, including its dinners around the country, the HRCF is also exploring the possibilities of using foundation or corporate money to fund some of its activities, McFeeley said. Though there are legal restrictions to using corporate or foundation funds for political purposes, the money could be used for polling, training lobbyists and campaign workers and educational efforts, he said.

The HRCF's Ballot Measure Project will raise money for local groups that are fighting anti-gay/lesbian ballot initiatives and conduct research on the religious right. It will also pay for polling and focus group research so that these groups can develop effective messages for

The plan of action also calls for improved communication between the HRCF and the lesbian/gay community.

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OCCASIONS

ANNIVERSARY

Two other former Atlantans, Philip Mitchell and John Winters, celebrated their 10th anniversary on Dec. 2 in Birmingham, where they have lived since July. The two spent most of the day arranging the home they moved into the day before, and topped the evening with a quiet dinner together (but not at McDonald's, where Philip took John for their 1st anniversary).

BIRTHDAYS

Devin Riley turned 1 year old on Dec. 2. She celebrated by being the guest of honor at three birthday parties given by friends and family. She recently returned from a Thanksgiving trip to Williamsburg with her moms Sandra Riley and Cheryl Summerville. The family did not eat at Cracker Barrel on the way.

Happy birthday Dec. 11 to Angel Alexis Navarro from Ron Nims.

Here's to the 30 long years of Tammy TourGuide a.k.a. Joe DeRose being on the "moral high ground" from his loving friends, the ditch dwellers.

Mickey Betts celebrated one of his fortysomething birthdays on Nov. 29.

Oh no! Doug Helms is 4-ohhhh. The infamous date was Dec. 2, when his friends gathered together for consolation, positive reinforcement and Diet Tips (not that he needs



Devin Riley was a year old on Dec. 2, and she's never been to Cracker Barrel.

diet tips, but Allan and Mark gave them out anyway). Happy birthday.

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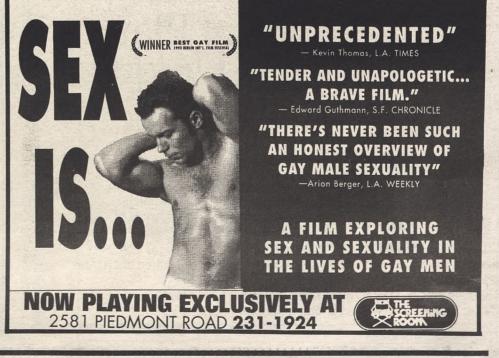
Carrie Jaffe has joined the staff of Atlanta Area Psychological Associates in Marietta.

BACK IN ATLANTA

After a year and a half in the nation's capital, Jeff Addison has returned to Atlanta and is back at work at HLM Services.

When you have Occasions, let us know. Write Southern Voice/Occasions, PO Box 18215, Atlanta, GA 30316, call (404) 876-0789, or fax to (404) 876-2709. Please include a phone number for verification.





Tom Pazik

Tom Pazik, acclaimed choreographer and director of Atlanta's Capital City Ballet, died of AIDS on Nov. 25 at West Paces Ferry Hospital. He was 53.

Pazik came to Atlanta in 1970 to join the Atlanta Ballet as a principal dancer, appearing in lead roles and eventually serving as the company's associate artistic director and resident choreographer. He moved to Maryland to direct the Baltimore Ballet in 1983 and returned to Atlanta in 1985, when he became director of the Atlanta School of Ballet and Atlanta Ballet II, the pre-professional company of the Atlanta Ballet. In 1992, he was among the founders and became director of Capital City Ballet, a pre-professional ballet company that presents a variety of traditional classical works and contemporary premieres by both established and emerging choreogra-

The creator of nearly 100 ballets throughout his career, he was devoted to choreographing new works for regional and pre-professional companies in Georgia and throughout the Southeast. As a teacher, he trained numerous dancers who have gone on to dance professionally with renowned companies.

The son of the late Sigmund and Emily Kilinski Pazik, he is survived by two brothers: Father Ronald Pazik and Harold Pazik, both of Windsor, Ontario, and a nephew, Michael Robins of Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to Jerusalem House, 100 Edgewood Ave., Suite 1002, Atlanta, GA, 30303, or ChildKind, 3355 Northeast Expressway Access Road, Chamblee, GA 30345.

Duane Crumpton

Duane Crumpton, 36, died Nov. 21. A memorial service was held on Dec. 4 at the Chapel of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Sandy Springs. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Duane are requested to be made to Pets Are Loving Support, 1438 Peachtree St., NW, #176, Atlanta, GA 30309.

Oh, we never know where life will take us. we know it's just a ride on the wheel. And we never know when death will shake us. we wonder how it will feel.

I see a lot of things that make me crazy, and I guess I held on to you. I could have run away and left, well maybe, but it wasn't time we both knew.

Life's so fragile and love's so pure, we can't hold back if we try. We watch how quickly it disappears, and we never, never know why.

So goodbye my friend, I know I'll never see you again, but the love you gave me through all these years will take away the tears. I'm okay now. You can go now. Goodbye my friend.

Sleep tight baby. I love you!! Jay

Frank Philip Tambasco

home. He will be missed by his mother, Edyth L. Tambasco; sister, Shirley Gillis; brothers, Paul Kissinger and David Kissinger; and his many friends. Funeral services were held at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Frank Tambasco, 44, died Nov. 24 at his Frank was the founder of PUPS and was active in many AIDS volunteer organizations. His many loves included gardening, fish, gourmet cooking, Bosch, and traveling. We'll miss you, Frank.

Tina Marince

Tina Marince, partner of Mary Hall, passed away on Oct. 19.

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to fates where demons dwell. There is no magic sound to show us all the way. No simple message that's all-powerful to say. No key or pass or combination opens up the clue. You are the one, the only one who has the power to do... Do it as you see it or miss the mark for sure to drift away on autumn's tear, once more to join the queue.

See you in Heaven,

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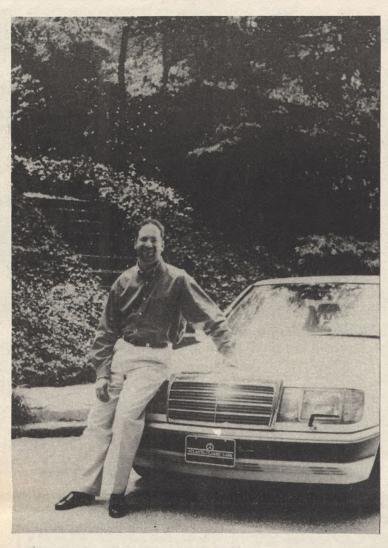


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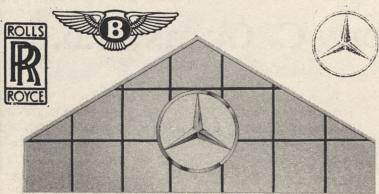
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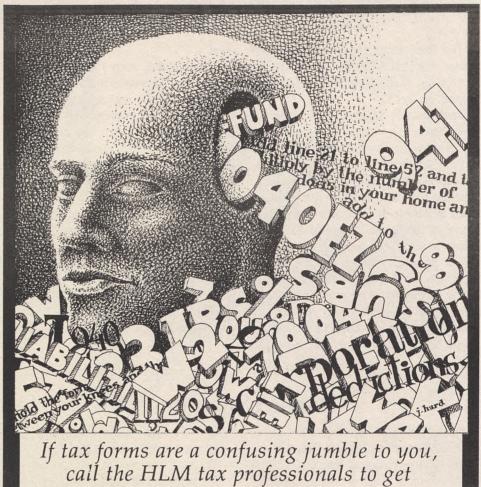
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Remember the Little 5 Points Pub? All those nights spent sipping a beer or a soda, munching on chips and slurping chili, and listening to the best music Atlanta had to offer-Indigo Girls, Scallion Sisters...Boink Dee Deek.

While the Pub has gone through a couple of changes and the 'Go Girls have gone on to greater avenues and the Scallions have gone their separate ways, plenty of the Pub's other regulars now appear at other venues across the city. List among that number that "power acoustic trio" Boink Dee

Boink Dee Deek celebrates the release of its new album, "Boink Schmoink" with a performance on Friday, Dec. 10 at Eddie's Attic in Decatur.



Band members DeDe Vogt, Simone and Michelle Martin

Deek.

And now, avid listeners can have BDD's music to play in their very own homes or automobiles, with the release of "Boink Schmoink," the group's first recorded release, available beginning Dec. 10 on cassette tape at all your favorite music stores.

"Everybody just kept bugging the hell out of us, so we finally decided just to do it," said BDD founder, vocalist and guitarist Michelle Martin.

Boink Dee Deek-Martin, bassist DeDe Vogt and drummer/percussionist Simone—formed five years ago, although without the name.

"DeDe was my landlady," Martin explains. "At that time she was in [the Scallion Sisters]. I went to the beach and came back and decided I was going to start my own band. I asked DeDe if she wanted to play bass in the band, and she said 'yeah,' which was very courageous because she'd never really heard me play a lot."

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The Nutcracker, Messiah and much, much more

The Atlanta Symphony offers up a whole month's worth of holiday music

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra is pulling out all the stops to get your attention this holiday season, with programs designed to suit every musical taste. If your idea of holiday symphony programs is Handel's "Messiah" and Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" and not much else, you'll be pleasantly surprised at the choices offered this year.

For years now, Atlanta audiences have enjoyed "Christmas with Robert Shaw" and for many it has become a holiday tradition. This year (Wednesday, December 8 through Friday, December 10 at 8 p.m., and Saturday, December 11 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.) the orchestra will be joined by the ASO Chorus, the Young Singers of Callanwolde and the Morehouse Glee Club in a program that blends traditional, popular and sacred music. For those really filled with Christmas spirit, there will be a sing-along for the audience.

Got nieces and nephews (or children) in town that are driving you crazy? To get them out of the house (and your hair) take them to "The Voyage to Toyland," the new kids'

program offered this year. There have been additional concerts added to this part of the season because of popularity. In case you're worried that the kiddies will become bored, don't. Santa Claus is coming to the symphony this year, and Lee Harper and Dancers will also be stirring up some excitement, so even the most easily disenchanted of the young ones in your extended family should be entertained. The kids' Christmas concerts are Sunday, December 12, Saturday, December 18 and Sunday, December 19. Times are 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. for all dates.

Okay, so they are doing it. But what would Christmas be without Handel's "Messiah"? The classic will be conducted by Robert Shaw and played by the symphony and the Chamber Chorus. Soloists will be soprano Alicia Purcell, mezzosoprano Laura Brooks Rice, tenor Richard Clement and baritone Daniel Lichti. In addition to the "Messiah" (Christmas portion), the program will include Bach's "Christmas Oratorio." You can hear this classic Christmas pair on Friday, December 16 through Saturday, December 18, all at 8 p.m.

After Christmas you can treat yourself to the next installment of the symphony's popular "Champagne and Coffee" series. The theme is "A Night In Old Vienna" and will be conducted by the talented and witty William Fred Scott, who

is as entertaining when he talks about the pieces being played as when he conducts. What will he say about polkas? Find out on Wednesday-Thursday, December 29-30 at 8 p.m. or Saturday, January 8 at 11 a.m. Remember, if you have someone reluctant to accompany you, you can always bribe them with the free champagne after the concert (or coffee and doughnuts before the morning concert).

What are you doing New Year's Eve? If you're tired of fighting all those out-of-towners at the bar, how about toasting 1994 with a Viennese waltz? The symphony will repeat its "Night in Old Vienna" program with performances at 7 and 9 p.m. (December 31, of course), so you should be home on time to really celebrate with the one you love, and not come home smelling like smoke. Pretty romantic, huh?

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UNDAY

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ALL SAINTS CHOIR. The choir of All Saints Metropolitan Community Church presents "Everlasting Light," a contemporary Christmas cantata at 7pm. 575 Boulevard SE. Also tomorrow night at 8pm.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT WREN'S NEST. The home of Joel Chandler Harris is open for the holiday spirit from 1-5pm today. Entertainment and storytellers. 753-7735.

KID'S CHRISTMAS. The Voyage to Toyland with the Atlanta Symphony today at 1:30 and 3:30. Also next Sat & Sun. \$12. 898-2414.

STILL AIN'T SATIS-FIED. Tonight: DeDe Vogt. 7-9pm, WRFG, 89.3

OUT IN ATLANTA. Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program featuring interviews, news, arts & entertainment and more. 10:30pm and again, Wed. 5:30pm. Cable Ch.

AMERICAN PAINT-INGS FROM THE MANOOGIAN COL-LECTION. American artists of the 19th century are on exhibit thru Mar. 6, 1994 at the High Museum. SHARE THE GIFT OF LOVE. Jomandi Productions' annual holiday celebration with Chandra Currelli headlining. 7-

LEGAL ISSUES OF HIV. DeKalb Board of Health sponsors this workshop on powers of attorney, wills, job discrimination, etc. Conducted by Rose Nathan, staff attorney at the AIDS Legal Project. 445 Winn Way, Room 557. 7-8:30pm. 294-3762.

TUESDAY

CRAZY FOR YOU. An all-Gershwin evening at the Fox, presented by Theatre of the Stars tonight through Dec.19. Stars James Brennan, Karen Ziemba and Ann B. Davis, of Brady fame. 817-8700 for tickets.

midnight at Teddy's Live. 876-6346.

POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS airs twice every week on People TV Ch. 12, 2:30pm and again on Sat., 10pm. It also airs on City Ch. 6, Thur. 5pm.

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ABOVE: The Atlanta Ballet's Nutcracker plays through Dec. 26 at the Civic Center. LEFT: John Singer Sargent's Young Girl Wearing a White Muslin Blouse" is among the painting from the Manoogian Collection at the High Museum.

BELOW: The Showgirls from the all-Gershwin "Crazy for You" at the Fox, Dec. 14-19.



EULA MAE'S BEAUTY, BAIT AND TACKLE: Through Dec. 11. This hilarious local production by Frank Blocker and Chuck Richards is packed with wacky characters based on the author's families and friends. You know what they say about truth being stranger (and funnier) than fiction. Weds.-Sat. with Sat & Sun matinees. 14th Street Playhouse. 355-8057 for

reservations. BALLET ROTARU'S NUTCRACKER. Ballet Rotaru presents the holiday classic through Dec. 12 at the Fox Theatre. 817-8700.

TOUCHABLES 1993. Unusual art exhibit encourages visitors to feel the art. Through Dec. 16. Gerogia Tech Westbrook Gallery. Reception today 2:30-4pm. 992-6175.

LOOKING FOR A CITY. Thru Dec. 17. Chris Coleman's play addresses real family values, the kind Pat Buchanan et al don't want you to know about. Thurs-Sat at 8pm, Sun at 7pm. \$12-\$15. Actor's Express, 280 Elizabeth St.

221-0831. STEEL MAGNOLIAS. Truvy's beauty salon comes alive at Neighborhood Playhouse, through Dec. 18. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm & 7pm. 373-5311.

A CHILD'S CHRIST-MAS IN WALES. Thru Dec. 18. Dylan Thomas' holiday classic is given a musical treatment by Druid Circle Theatre Company. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 3pm at 14th St. Playhouse. 892-2414

JOSEPH AND THE **TECHNICOLOR** DREAMCOAT. Through Dec. 19. Stage Door Players presents the Webber-Rice show, taken loosely from the Bible, about the man who ends up Mayor of Egypt. North DeKalb Cultural Center.

A LIE OF THE MIND. Thru Dec. 19. The Play Ground Theatre opens its 2nd season with the Sam Shepherd tale of love, violence and the American family. Wed-Sat 8pm at 7 Stages Back Door Theatre. 523-7647.

Thurs-Sun. 396-1726.

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS. Theatrical Outfit's holiday offering runs through Dec. 23. 872-

A CHRISTMAS CAROL. The Alliance Theatre's annual classic with Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the rest. Directed by Kenny Leon and adapted by Sandra Deer. Through Dec. 26. 892-2414.

ATLANTA BALLET'S NUTCRACKER. The Ballachine holiday classic returns to the Atlanta Civic Center, presented by the Atlanta Ballet through Dec. 26, complete with a live orchestra, flurries of snowfall, and a ferioucious duel. Evening shows at 8pm, matinees at 2pm. 817-

8700. AN AMERICAN SAMPLER: QUILTS IN THE HIGH MUSEUM OF ART. Through Dec. at the newly renovated

31. A superb selection of home-spun and hand-style quilts goes on exhibit today High Museum of Folk Art and Photography Galleries in the Georgia-Pacific Center. Free. 892-HIGH for more info.

LEE BOMHOFF. Pastels by the Atlanta artist are on display at Anthony Ardavin Gallery at TULA through Jan. 1. 352-8738 1940s RADIO HOUR.

Theatre in the Square's annual holiday offering runs through Jan. 1. Performances will be held in the larger performing arts space at Southern Tech. The show features music, skits, sound effects, and a 10-min. condensed version of A Christmas Carol. 422-8639 for tickets and information.

ART AT THE EDGE: RAY SMITH. Through Jan. 2. This exhibit at the High, which features a new cycle of painitngs by Ray Smith, is held in conjunction with "Mexican Tapestry," a celebration of Mexican culture presented by Atlanta's Cultural Olympiad. Smith, who was raised in central Mexico, draws upon Mexican tales, popular culture and the rich legacy of Mexican modern art in his work. High

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Boink Dee Deek

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A week later, Martin dropped by Tallulah's on Piedmont to hear keyboardist/vocalist Penelope Williams play. Simone, in Atlanta for just a week, was accompanying Williams. Simone joined the band, and the trio was complete.

"It was absolutely magical," Martin says of the first time the three played together. "We were giddy. We were hysterically laughing because everything just fit so well."

With no name, the band played a couple of gigs. Then, after Vogt and Simone told her they didn't want to sing with the group, Martin wrote a song "so silly and stupid they'd have to sing." The song was "Boink Dee Deek," and Martin was right—Vogt and Simone sang. And a Pub waitron suggested that Boink Dee Deek would be a good name for the band. Presto, band with no name has one.

From the boppy liveliness of "At the Beach" to the country flavors of "All Nite Restaurant," the music—written by Martin—on "Boink Schmoink" runs the gamut of the band's music. All the old favorite are here—"Charisma," "Little Girl in Black" (Martin's fantasy Little 5 Points girl), and of course, "Boink Dee Deek." The rhythm section of Vogt and Simone lays a steady and powerful base for Martin's crystalline vocals and lyrics.

Included are purely BDD material, as well as earlier songs from Martin's 31-year songwriting career, which began in Chicago as a folksinger. But there's more than a folk strain running through the music—Martin also

has been heavily influenced by bluegrass, and of course Chicago blues.

"I hung out on Well Street," she says. "It had this hippy dippy schmippy atmosphere. I wasn't old enough to get into the clubs, so I would play on the street corners. That's where I met this guy named Big Joe Williams."

Williams taught Martin how to finger pick, and later, she learned that Williams was one of the top blues men in Chicago at the time.

While Martin's music and its combination with Vogt and Simone make the sounds of Boink Dee Deek unique and easily distinguishable from many of the other acoustic acts in Atlanta, there's one other noticeable difference—Martin is unequivocally out.

"I've been totally out from the first note I sang in this town," Martin says, adding that she wouldn't have it any other way.

"Finally One," a song included on "Boink Schmoink," is about coming out of the closet, and BDD includes it in their on stage repertoire, with an explanation from Martin about its message.

Early in BDD's performance career, Martin says, "on two separate occasions people got up and asked for their money back. At the Pub. Can you imagine that?"

She tried to sing the song without the introduction, but that didn't work.

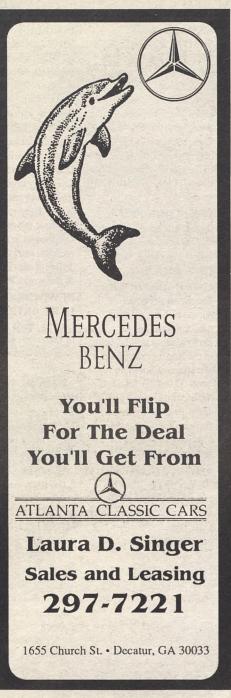
"Something about it made me really angry," she said. "I got so choked up with anger I could hardly sing the song. So I said to hell with it, and I've done the song [with the introduction] ever since."

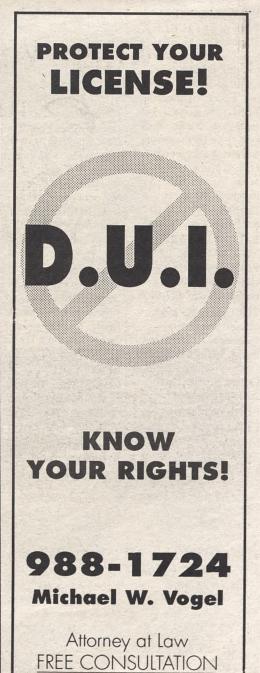


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You've got to give Bette Midler credit. After two movies that were less than successful at the box office—"Hocus Pocus" and the dreadful "For The Boys" she comes up with a tour that is packing them in everywhere and the television movie of the season. The latter, which airs December 12 on CBS, is the TV version of the Broadway musical "Gypsy."

Midler is probably the only actress working today who has the chutzpah to follow in the truly legendary footsteps of Ethel Merman, Angela Lansbury and Tyne Daly (on the stage) and Rosalind Russell (in the movie version), and she undoubtedly will earn the same kind of acclaim as those stars because her performance is at least as good as theirs, if not better. Certainly this TV "Gypsy" eclipses the movie version.

But Midler doesn't do it alone. The supporting cast is extremely well-rounded and features outstanding performances. Peter Riegert, in the role of Herbie, the manager of song and dance act and Mama Rose's love interest, combines toughness and tenderness and ends with exasperation, miraculously managing never to be upstaged by Midler, a feat in and of itself. As Gypsy Rose Lee, Cynthia Gibb (yes, that was her as Karen Carpenter, in "The Karen Carpenter Story") will remind you a great deal of Natalie Wood, except for the fact that she is a better actress. Her transformation from shy, no-talent, always-in-the-chorus Louise into stripper is truly amazing, and the finale with her and Midler will leave you wanting

In this production of Gypsy, the supporting cast reads like a "Who's Who" of television second bananas. It includes Ed



Ed Asner and Bette Midler star in the TV adaptation of "Gypsy," which airs Dec. 12 on CBS.

Asner ("The Mary Tyler Moore Show"), Tony Shalhoub ("Wings"), Keene Curtis ("Cheers"), and Andrea Martin ("SCTV Network").

Michael Jeter, a Tony and Emmy award winner for "Grand Hotel" and "Evening Shade" respectively, plays theater booker Mr. Goldstone, a wordless part that is a standout nonetheless. And as stripper Tessie Tura, Christine Ebersole (of "Saturday

Night Live") chews up the scenery with her costar strippers in the don't-miss-it number, "You Gotta Have a Gimmick." This scene also boasts the most creative use of miniature lights (too bad there isn't an Emmy category for that).

"Gypsy" is a musical that almost wasn't written. Gypsy Rose Lee's autobiography passed through the hands of such theater greats as Betty Comden, Adolph Green and Irving Berlin before landing on the desk of its final composer and lyricist, Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim. It was originally to be Sondheim's alone, but Merman insisted on Jule Styne. The collaboration proved successful. As Sondheim put it in Craig Zadan's book, Sondheim & Co., "The lyrics for Gypsy are in the vernacular...A good character song is something that can't be done by a line by a book writer...dialogue couldn't do what 'Everything's Coming Up Roses' does at the end of the first act." Zadan also served as the executive producer for

And just any actress can't do for Mama Rose what Bette Midler does for Mama Rose. The actress and singer has long pursued the role, and this television movie is the perfect vehicle for her performance. Arthur Laurents, the author of the book of "Gypsy" and production consultant for the CBS version observed the final read-through in rehearsal, he said, "It was one of my dreams to have Bette Midler play Rose. I thought she would be the definitive Rose. Now I know she will be."

As Mama Rose, one senses that Midler actually is creating a character, rather than relying on the tried and true schtick she built her career upon. There is no chance for her to tell Sophie Tucker jokes, or careen about the stage in a motorized wheelchair dressed as a mermaid, but somehow the show still goes on. Quite a concept for the Divine Miss M. If you miss "Gypsy" this year, don't worry, it will be back. It's going to be a classic.

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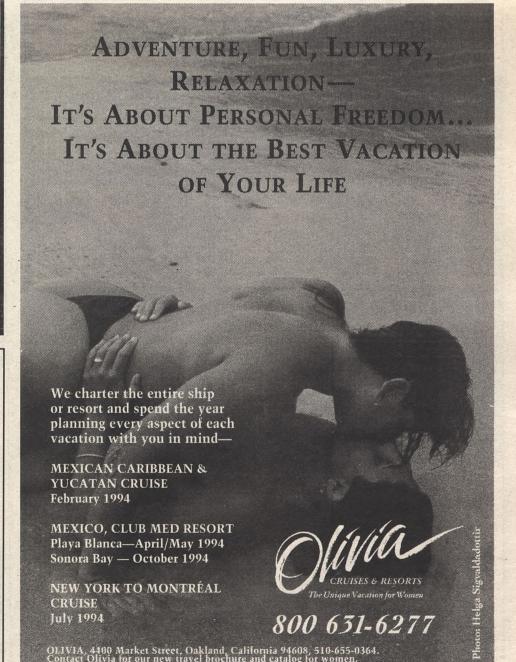
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entle reader, I fear that this particular column offers a grab-bag of odds and ends. So take what you like, and leave the rest.

Let us consider the epicyclic train of December. Thank Goddess we live in a reasonable clime, where we can enjoy gardens throughout the year. This is the time, for example, to freely admire winter bloomers such as camellias and the most stalwart of roses, as well as berry-laden beauties such as nandina, pyracanthas, and hawthorn. (Of course, you cut back all the brown, dead summer things already, and dig in your soil amendments).

Freed from those onerous chores, you can continue to put in late bulbs now. If you crave roses, you can still plant them, along with most shrubs and bare root trees.

"Mulch, mulch, mulch;" this is your mantra for December. And thoughtless, ignorant citizens provide it for free, handily already bagged. Such a deal. Yes, it's possible you have seen me in my big ol' truck, picking up bags by the roadside. (And no, this is not an effective way to pick up girls; keep your mind on mulching).

Please don't neglect to feed the birds. Unless you have berries and grubs out the kazoo, the feathered ones need a little supplement. Oil-rich seeds are the preferred repast, and you'll pay a bit for niger seeds or thistle. You will also begin to wonder if you're feeding songbirds or vultures.

But you can always stock up on the 26 pound mixed-seed bag at K-Mart, etc., which goes for about \$4 when on sale.

Good craftspeople satiate not just the living earth and its creatures. They takes care of the hardware, too. You've employed the trowel, the rake, the spading fork, the shovel, the hoes, et al. They've served faithfully (or not, if you mistakenly thought that cheap ones with multiple welds would do just as well as the good quality stuff).



So now take an afternoon and perform a bit of maintenance. Clean off the metal parts. A wire brush, steel wool or emery cloth serve the purpose well.

Oil the newly refurbished surfaces lightly for a protective coat. Use whatever's handy: 10W30, 3-in-1, virgin olive, love lube, so long as it leaves light film over the surface.

Wooden handles could use a bit of care too. Clean them off with soap and water. Smooth any rough spots with finegrit sandpaper. Then, apply a faint coating of furniture polish or floor wax, to burnish and protect.

And if there's time, you can consider starting early spring seedlings (lettuce, whatever) in a homemade miniature greenhouse. I've used this method, and it's fairly effective at both ridding you of infernally multiplying laundry remnants and providing a good start for seedlings.

Get a plastic tray, which may have been a dish bin or related item in its previous incarnation. Grab some wire coathangers and dry cleaner's plastic or clear plastic bags.

Cut the hooks off the hangers, and bend them straight (as it were). Form the wire into large "u"s capable of spanning the width of your tray, spacing them about 6-8 inches apart. Put in your potting soil, and tamp down a bit. Water. (You'll need some sort of drainage, even if it's only provided by a few punches with a nail).

Add your seeds. Then drape the plastic over the coathanger ribs. You now have a small greenhouse/terrarium, constructed of recycled materials, suitable for windowsills or on shelving under grow lights. Instead of spending money for these little 'mini-greenhouse kits,' you can use the cash you saved for something you really wanted. Like birdseed and a new wooden feeder (so much more durable than those tacky Rubbermaid things). Or more bushes.

Ukrainian

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to realize some things need to be changed."

But the change is slow and tedious. Lisikov lives a closeted life in Akimovka, not because he fears for his job, but because of the social climate-homosexuality, while no longer illegal, is still not readily accepted.

"I'm still under the pressure," he said. "[If I came out] I would have to go somewhere else. I wouldn't lose my job, but I may face other obstacles-humiliation, mockery."

Even the postal service—Lisikov's link with gay friends around the world—is not to be trusted.

"We don't have a safe postal service," he explained. "A lot of letters never arrive. God knows where they end. Others have been torn open."

Lisikov said that he's been gay "as long as I can remember." He does not talk about his sexual orientation with his parents, who are divorced but still in Akimovka.

"We never talk about that," he stressed. "But my mother is clever enough. She guesses it.'

Finding family members of his friends in the United States to be supportive of their children, Lisikov says that he was "shocked."

"But it's a very good shock," he said, "when I find that some families are accepting and sometimes they approve. It's an overwhelming feeling. A warm feeling"

"I wish we had the same," he continued. "But the social prejudices in my country are very, very strong."

It's easier in larger cities, he says, although still very difficult. In Moscow, for example, lesbians and gay men meet in small cafes or tiny restaurants, although it is "very, very unofficial."

"My friends ask me sometimes, 'Alex, why don't you move to a larger city,' and it's very hard to explain," he said. "I love living in small towns. Whenever I go to some big city, I look forward to leaving it. I get sick. Really sick."

He still has a few more weeks in the United States before he returns to that quiet, small town life.

"Life is not bad," he said. "It has its peculiarities. I miss my home, but already I am feeling a little blue that I have to leave my friends. But when I do leave here, I will carry it in my heart and mind, and hope to come over again. I wish we could live closer."

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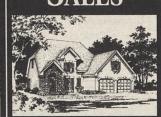
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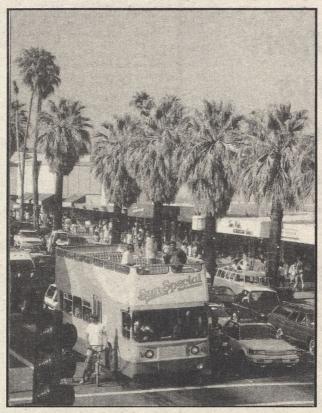
n the Road Again: Dish likes the queer travel mag "Out and About" because it's not afraid to tell the truth about sacred cows—the November issue calls Palms Springs "dull for a top tier gay resort." "Hot, boring and tired" is more like how Dish would have described the place. Out and About also just published some results from a recent reader survey that we find interesting. Just more than half their readers say they have sex with people they meet while they are traveling and 26 percent say they are definitely more promiscuous when they travel. Dish thinks its time for a vacation.

Gender Confusion in Wisconsin: There's been quite a brouhaha up Wisconsin way about whether or not U.S. Sen. Herbert Kohl is gay. He was confronted recently by a group of woman journalists, including SoVo contributor Jamakaya, who told him that, right or wrong, he was frequently perceived as a "member of our community." To which Kohl replied, "If you're asking me if I'm gay or lesbian, the answer is no." We're glad Kohl is sure he's not a woman, but we wonder if the fact that he even mentions the possibility might not have some subrosa context.

I'm Falling......: Dish thinks that queers out Houston way have more guts than we do. A group of men and women there has formed a skydiving team that has been invited to the '94 Gay Games in NYC to bring some excitement to the opening ceremonies. The group's flyer admits that "most skydivers report that their first jump was scary," while their second leap into the abyss was merely "terrifying." After that, the fear "gradually disappears." Sounds like a real ball to us. Houston's not exactly an easy commute from Atlanta, but if you'd like more info call John Grisak (during the day) at (713) 488-5576.

Right-On Richard: While much of what appears in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution tends to make us itch and scratch, we think kudos are in order to columnist Richard Gincel who writes





Dish agrees that Palm Springs isn't the place to be.

the "The Roaring Twenties" segment of "Life Watch: Growing up and Coping in the 90s" that appears on page 3 of the Living Section. Gincel's prose is consistently gender nonspecific which makes it possible for gays and straights alike to read his advice and hear it directed towards them. We'd like to suggest to the brass at the AJ/C that they let Gincel give a workshop on deconstructing the patriarchal paradigm to all their writers.

Monogamy Explained: The New York Times has for some time now been telling us about the vole, a common little Midwestern rodent. It seems that voles are famed for their monogamous and egalitarian ways, with males and females teaming up for life and contributing jointly to pup rearing duties. It appears that this heartwarming scenario is precipitated by two hormones: oxytocin makes the mama voles feel all warm and motherly and vasopressin causes the daddies to want to hang around after sex rather than scampering off in search of another conquest. Which finally explains to us why some tricks insist on running out the door as soon as they've had their fun and others stay for morning coffee—and even longer. What Dish wants to know is, where can we buy some vasopressin?

Quote of the Week: By Naomi Wolf, in an excellent article about the overwhelming prevalence of male opinion in U.S. media in the Nov. 29 The New Republic: "What, after all, was the gays-in-the military debate except a touchy-feely all-night boys-only slumber party in which Dad—in the form of Sam Nunn—came downstairs to have a bullsession with earnest youths lying on bunk beds. What were the snuggled up military boys asked about but their feelings—feelings about being ogled, objectified, harassed; fears of seduction and even rape? Had it been young women interviewed in their dorm rooms about their fears of men, the whole exercise cloaked in sentitious language of 'national preparedness,' would have been dismissed as a radical-feminist fiesta of victim consciousness, encouraging oversensitive flowers to see sexual predators under every bed." Amen, sister.

DECEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 15, 1993

It's a very busy week. Hanukkah is on the 9th, the Sagittarius New Moon is on Monday, the 13th, along with the Geminis meteor showers. Meteor showers are difficult to see if you live in an area with lots of light pollution. If life gets a little intense over the weekend, take a deep breath and relax.

ARIES, you may need a short trip out of town, just to rest, relax and regenerate in order to make it through the holidays. As we know, everyone has their own agenda which may not coincide with yours. So, be as patient as possible and take a break. TAURUS, if you are having difficulty with a particular relationship, with things coming and going in an unpredictable way, you may need to look at your own feelings about commitment. It is possible to sabotage a relationship without knowing it. GEMINI, yes, Mickey Mouse and Murphy Brown are "real" in their own wonderful way. So, you were right all along, dreams really do come true and there is a Santa Claus. Take pride in your innate hope and ability to bring joy and laughter to others.

CANCER, you may occasionally feel you are standing on the edge of a cliff without a parachute, but actually you are on a dividing line between traditions of the past and the innovative promises of



the future. Go for the future—it's more fun. **LEO**, if you are running behind on your holiday shopping, you might consider some unique gifts, such as taking a special friend to lunch or dinner, an evening at the movies for your favorite movie buff or something elegant created by your very own hands. **VIRGO**, how are your emotions doing these days? Are you occasionally on an emotional roller coaster? Have you checked your internal barometer for high or low pressure? It is very important for you to take as good care of yourself as others.

LIBRA, watch that temptation to spend more than you have for the holidays. Ignore any sales that say "no payments 'till February." No one has any money then, anyway. If your cash runs out, find unique and creative ways to let folks know you care. **SCORPIO**, with Jupiter now moving through your 1st house of self-awareness, it is very important to find ways to release your anger, frustration, ancient hurts and wounds. Jupiter expands whatever

you are carrying, so let the grunge go. Happy Birthday, **SAGIT-TARIUS**. You may be on an intense energy roll with all these planets lined up in your 1st house of personality and physical energy. You may feel you can do anything, and you probably can, but your body needs food and rest.

CAPRICORN, love is where you find it, so don't go looking in all the wrong places. Remember, you would be a closet romantic and not know it, so put your list of relationship priorities in a safe place and follow your heart and intuition. **AQUARIUS**, being a fixed sign is not always easy with all this unexpected change going on in the world and our own lives. Remember, you are a very progressive and innovative sign, so rely more on your intuition and follow your futuristic instincts. **PISCES**, hopefully, you have been preparing your emotional shield and armor for the intensity of the holidays. If everything gets to be too much, rent a cottage at the beach and go soak up the sun for a few days. Really nurture yourself.

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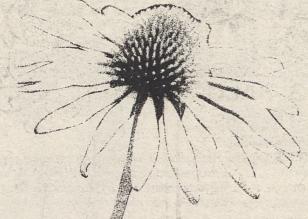
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BRUCE ROSE

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Relationship Status: Single and available

Last Book Read: "Like Water for Chocolate" by Laura Esquirel

Pet Peeve: The terms "straightacting" and "straight-appearing"—and those who use them

Bruce Rose works as a vocational rehabilitation program specialist for the federal government, a position for which he says he's well-suited. Rose has cerebral palsy, a debilitating illness that's been with him since birth.

"Many people with disabilities have gone into rehab [as a profession]," he says. "And many of those go into it because of the frustration of dealing with a disability. I can relate to someone who is going through the process. I can empathize with that person, and I can also call that person on their shit."

"Sitting across the table from someone who has, say, a spinal cord injury, I have more credibility than someone who is temporarily able-bodied. We are all going to be disabled if we live long enough," he adds with a smile.

Sitting in his spacious condominium near the Lindbergh MARTA station, Rose explains that having cerebral palsy has shaped his per-

"It's an issue that very much colors who I am, as much as being gay colors who I am," he says. "They're two parts of my overall personality.'

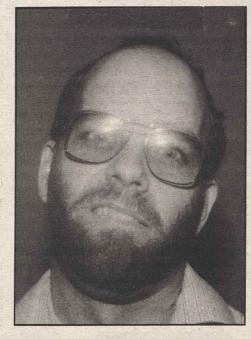
And the two parts of his personality have many similarities.

"They're both minorities," Rose says. "Gay men, lesbians and people with disabilities do not share their minority status with their families. The child who is black can go home to mama and papa and talk about it. But what do you do if you have a disability? Or if you are a child growing up and becoming aware that you are gay? It colors the relationships with our families."

"So," he continues, "my friends become my family."

Those friends are important to Rose, and they—and the climate—were a major factor in his decision to return to Atlanta. Actually, he says, he always intended to come back taking a job in Washington with the federal government, hoping that some day he would society hasn't gotten to that point. Perhaps as be transferred back to his adopted home.

"I like the people better," he says. "Less pretention. And the cost of living, and the



climate. I don't drive a car. I have to be exposed to the elements. Most people don't think about that. They just jump in a car and go. It's not that easy if you don't drive."

Rose grew up in suburban Detroit, attending the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. His roots in the Motor City are still evident.

"I grew up in the 60s and I have a strong appreciation for Motown music," he says, showing off his collection of music. "And I like jazz—Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn. I'm a typical queen, a typical gay man," he laughs.

"I still like Detroit," he says of the city where his parents still live. "But for reasons that have to do with my disability-climate, public transportation—I can't live there."

Upon returning to Atlanta, his first task was to find a home.

"It's funny how I found this place," he says. "I have a friend who had gotten married, and her husband was trying to sell this unit. I walked in and said this is it. I didn't even have to look any more."

Buying the condo was another experience—and Rose says he loved it.

"It feels really good [to own a home]," he says. "I feel like an adult. It's mine. It's part of me. I can make it reflect my personality."

He's doing that, everyday. Creating a home out of empty rooms, in a city he loves.

"I go into experiences looking for the positives," he explains. "We have to go through this life anyway. So why go through it looking for the negatives?"

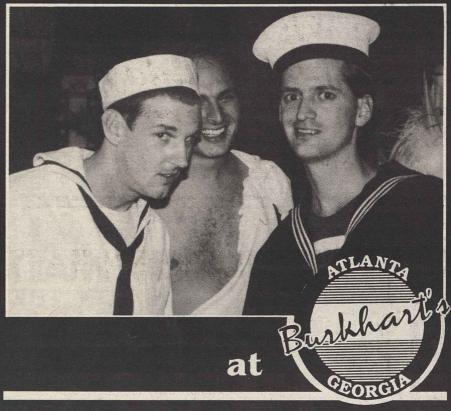
Rose could find any number of negatives, if he wanted to. But he doesn't. He fights injustice where he sees it, and cheers the victories, of both the lesbian/gay community and the disability community.

"We're all human beings," he says. "But society as a whole becomes more accepting of diversity, there'll be a greater impact."

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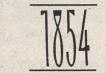
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AIDS Information Line / GA Toll-Free AIDS Hotline Free, anonymous information and referral services. In Atlanta: 876-9944; Toll-free: 1-800-551-2728 (voice/ITY)

Announcements

Congratulations to the Armory and especially Mary Edith Pitts on a fabulous Homecoming Mary Edith, you truly deserve the Academy's recognition for you talent and style. You are our star! - Project Open Hand/Atlanta (6.43)

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Penpal Network for gay and bisexual guys with long hair: students, thrashers, hippies rockers, headbangers. There are no fees to join. To join, please send a recent photo, selfdescription, and International Reply Coupon to cover return postage. Write to: MANE MEN, P.O. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA, K1P6C4. Any ideas or offers to expand this into a business are most welcome. (6.45)

Support Group for Gay Men forming now for '94. Contact Gary at (404) 535-5445. (May leave first name and phone number if not in.)

Artwork nominations for the 1994 Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration will be accepted at the Volunteer Kick-off Party, the Tuesday, Jan. 12. 7:00pm at the Colony Square Hotel. To be accepted for consideration, must be camera ready and color separations complete. Voting will occur at the Kick-off Pary and the winning artwork will be sent out for print the next day. 1994 theme: "From Stonewall to Atlanta." (6.46)

Homo for the Holidays: Stress Management Seminar for the Season, Professionally facili-tated, \$15. Nov. 23, 7 pm and Dec. 11, 3:30 pm. Call 605-7443 for information. (6.42)

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Volunteer with Pride. With your help, Pride '94 will be the biggest ever. Call the Pride line - 662-4533. (6.44)

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GBF, professional, non-smoker. 4 BR house + 1/2 util, \$399 month, Sec. dep. + ref. check. Info 879-5425. (6.42)

GWM, non-smoker seeks same for 2 BR Dunwoody Apt. Sauna, whirlpool. Starting January. \$275/mo. + 1/2 util. Call 587-3923.

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WOMEN

GWF, 38, spirited sophisticate, brains, beauty, ready for possibilities with emotionally mature, gentle, honest, "together" woman, 30-40, not on rebound. \$\overline{\alpha}\$ 1063

25 vs. 31, Southern Belle vs. Yankee transplant, blonde vs. red, thinks she's funny vs really is funny, both GWF professionals you gotta like one of us! 2 1062

BiWF, 20, adventurous, attractive femi-female seeks Bi or GWF who enjoys outdoors, music, good conversations. Under 30, no drugs, smoking. Box 2100, 1189 Virginia Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.45)

GWF, 36, attractive, high spirited jovial ide alist with inquisitive, progressive mind seeks similar dark haired unchemically altered soulmate with adventurous spirit. \$\oldsymbol{\infty}\$ 1059

Attractive, feminine GWF, 26 - interested in sharing friendship, dining, dancing, and simple pleasures. Attractive, affectionate, active, and 24-30?? Let's talk! No drugs. 27 1045

GWF, simply irresistible. I don't play head games, drink or use drugs. Searching for GWF 25-35 for friendship, fun. 7 1046

GBF, 5'8, 158 lbs, successful, attractive, seeks feminine older GF to enjoy fun, food, music and maybe romance. You won't be disappointed. \$\overline{\Omega}\$ 1052

GWF, 31, feminine, attractive, professional, humorous and positive attitude. Enjoys dancing, movies, animals, the arts. Seeks same for quality friendship. T 1047

OUT femme 23, knows who's on "Top"! You 30+, aggressive, butch, chivalrous. Me – telligent, literate, sensual. NO Bi's/femmes. TRAY 2 1050

GWF seeking a dyke for full time love, nurturing, cuddling, friendship and laughter. Likes outdoors, romance, movies and music.

WANTED! GWF, fem 25+. Looking for that myself! Me, aggressive GWF, blond, 25.

GWF, 32, feminine, funloving, adventurous, professional, honest, attractive, seeks similar ladies who have high ideals, are reliable and not promiscuous. To 1020

Attractive, feminine, GBF, early 20's, mature and settled, seeks an aggressive GF who en-joys being pampered for friendship, possibly

GBF seeks same for conversation & friend-

Very attractive BiWF, 28, sexy, feminine, long hair. Seeks WF, trim, under 33, for hot times. Local. 77 1008

GWF, 32, baby dyke starting over, seeks GWF 20-35 into laughter, movies, romance and commitment. No drugs, non-smoker, kids-

I am attractive and loving and searching for Ms. Right—pretty, intelligent, active, stable companion with available time & transporta-

Come play w/me; GWF - 31, wine + roses lady w/good sense of humor & a love of adventure. Looking for the right woman to sweep me off my feet. Must be lustful of all life's pleasures + romantic. 2 1841

GWF, 38, Lake Dweller, dog lover, convert-

ible driver, free spirit, honest, sincere, direct 5'7", blonde, hazel eyes, athletic body. 🏗

BiWF, trim, 40's, inexperienced, seeks feminine, trim, attractive, BiF for discreet get togethers. T 1835

Very attractive, educated, feminine. Passions: music, philosophy, politics, travel. Seeking friendship and conversation with attractive feminine, intelliegent woman. To 1825

Wonderful, full-figured Lesbian (40) seeks fun-loving + intelligent Lesbian. Are you honest, warm and stable? Enjoy children?

Open GF sought for quality friendship. Must understand college student's life. Must enjoy theatre, art, dance, dining. 20-27. The 1798

GWF - I love life, fun and dogs. Work hard, play hard and know how to relax. No drugs/ Alcohol. 40ish. 27 1789

GBF, attractive, very feminine, seeks fun-loving, aggressive GF for friendship, pos-sible relationship. **T** 1774

Cute, feminine, GWF, 27, educated, academic professional, energetic, cat-lover, passionate and playful, seeks soulmate and friends close to my age for intellectual and comical stimulation. 27 1778

GWF, early twenties, doesn't know how to pick up women, but sure knows what to do once she's got one. To 1783

GWF, 34, I'm an old fashioned girl with nev age ideas. My mom will like you too if, like me, you're natural, emotionally stable, attractive, kind, humorous, intelligent, and has integrity. To 1777

Young 40, attractive, intelligent, blessed with many good friends. Are you honest, stable, tender? With no fear of the potential relationship? 2 1773

Attractive GF Seeking foreign, petite lipstick lesbian for companionship, to enjoy life, love and happiness. No butch, bi's or kids. To

Attractive GWF seeking feminine GWF who enioys being wined and dined in life's simple pleasures. No bi's, drug free. To 1744

Lesbian seeking women to talk with, laugh with and walk with along life's path. If your world includes films, theater, books, travel, pets, politics, spirituality and joy, I look forward to talking to you. 2 1713

GWF, very attractive, long hair, Gothic, grundge, alternative music, seeks GWF. Must be feminine and attractive, 4?, no Bi's.

GBF, prof., 30's, kids, attractive, enjoys books, music, dancing, laughing. Seeks GF 25-40 with similar interests for friendship & more. 2 1716

Feminine, GWF, 31, seeking dependable friendship, intelligent conversation, laughter (no zombies) and maybe romance with a sincere feminine lady. T 1718

GWF, 35, attractive, romantic, seeks GWF 35-40, attractive feminine dark-haired, fun, likes outdoors, horses, country dancing. Must be honest, playful & stable. I am. Friendship possible relationship. No drugs. To 1719

Single GBF interested in meeting single BI for friendship with many possibilities. To

BiWF, 40's, attractive, trim, first-timer seeks non-smoking, trim, feminine GWF 35-50 for discreet safe encounters. No drugs. 27 1709

GWF, seeks special woman 32-40 to meet another special woman, emotionally healthy no drugs, alcohol abuse, feminine, start with friendship. **T** 1711

BF experienced, adventurous, affectionate seeks intelligent, exotic, femi-female who en-joys travel, romance, dancing and a lot more. n-smoker, novice OK, race unimportant.

If you're a GBF drug free, independant, spiritual, proportioned, naturally beautiful, sociopolitically conscious, intellectual, over x-lov ersationalist, monogamous - I'm waiting. 27 1703

GBF - Attractive, suave 25 yr. old lipstck butch seeks shapely, intelligent, extremely femme Black woman. Prefer Spelman type

GWF, 42, fun, adventurous, independent dinners. Seeks same to go with flow of uni-

Black lesbian. Intellectually and physically blessed seeks dinner, theatre, bookstore, thriftstore, bowling, exercise companion. Children fine. No drugs, cigarettes, alcohol. To

Petite GWF 28, fem., non-smoker, romantic sensual, fun-loving, independant. Seek GWF 25-35 for friendship. No smokers, Bi's, butches. To 1680

GWF, 30, cute and petite, seeking same. Friendship in recovery can be fun without drugs and alcohol. Let's be adventurous.

Feminine, attractive, GBF, no kids, seeking

down to earth GBFs for friendship. Will an swer all calls. To 1671

GWF, 23, 5'1" seeking attractive GWF, 20's for fun, romantic evenings, good conversa-tion. Friendship, possible relationship. Like fun? Let's meet! T 1678

You: intelligent, secure BiWF, 25-45, seeking take charge partner for sensuous relation ship - & willing to travel. Me: BiBF, 38, NY prof'l w/Atl: ties. \$\overline{C}\$ 1673

Attractive GWF, 34, intelligent, professional, shapely, adventurous, sincere, new to Atlanta seeks similar GWF's. Come on Girls, I'm waiting! 2 1682

GBF, 33; attractive, sports/arts lover. Appreciates beautiful feminine GF with intellect and security. Call me today anyway. You'll see! \$\overline{\Omega}\$ 1665

GWF, 40, professional keeps yuppie tenden cies somewhat in check with feminist, hu-manist, humorous outlook. Seeks generous heart, quality mind, playful soul, pampered body, verbal and emotional feast for creative, gentle relationship. **T** 1599

GBF, 35, attractive & professional, seeks feminine GF, down-to-earth, for companion / friendship. No games, bi's. 7 1660

BiBF, 32, attractive GA Peach, feminine seeks gorgeous feminine female, any race for possible one-on-one relationship. To 1643

GWF, 40, Professional - self-confident, feminine non-smoker, lover of life, humor, the arts, nature and stimulating conversation seeks same (38-42) for friendship and possibly more. No dykes, butch or co-dependents! To 1623

GBF looking for a GBF (ferminine). No bi- or Bitchy (over 30) please. To 1635

GWF, 24, new to Atlanta. Looking for friends and more who like laughter, movies, music, romance, trying new things, conversation, candlelight and commitment. Race, age unimportant. No drugs, no smokers. 🏗 1628

GBF, full figure, 32, fem, new to Atlanta seeks GBF, DDF, for friendship and possible relationship. 2 1629

MEN

Fuzzy teddy bear, youthful, sensitive, hopeful romantic, GWM, 41, bald/brn, 5'10", 170 lbs, facial hair, seeks attractive, slender, smooth GWM 25-35, professional, non-smoker, into movies, music, theater, dining out, romantic evenings, cuddling, possible re-lationship. \$\overline{\Omega}\$ 1058

GWM, 40, non-smoker, masculine, healthy, active, humorous. Seek nurturing relationship w/similar, country life, w/in 1 hour Atlanta. Can you connect? Box 2101, 1189 Virginia Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.45)

"Enchanted," cute deaf GWM, 27, 5'9", 172 lbs. seeks hearing cute GWM for fun/friendship, romantic. Sci-Fic, photography, scenic trips, more. POB 723, Mableton, GA 30059. (6.45)

South Asian, physician, handsome, 28, 5'10". 150, very attractive, recently out, seeks frindship/relationship. \$\overline{T}\$ 1061

WM, 31, searching for true romance. Never been in love. Not interested in standard gay lifestyle. Not afraid. To 1064

Dominant top, 36, 175, attractive. Seeks discreet, daytime fun with trim, submissive bottoms or couples. PO Box 80366, Atlanta, 30366.

VERY HAIRY LEGS?

GWM, 43, very handsome, 5'10", slim, masculine, versatile seeks good looking, thin, healthy, safe playmate with very hairy legs for anytime fun. Buckhead. Discreet. 22 1048

gym body, professional, intelligent seeks nandsome, masculine, wh fun, possible relationship. To 1049

Horny GWM, 32, 5'10", 150#, nudist, lean died buddies for no-strings get-togethers.

GWM - 28, 6'2", 175 lbs. Bottom seeks mas uline, endowed top 20-30 year old GWM, GBM for French service. To 1055

GWM, 33, HIV-, brn/blue, 180 lbs, muscular build. Wanted - GWM 40s, HIV-, hairy chest, moustache, endowed top or versatile, relationship oriented. I'm a great catch! No fats

Daytimes, good looking GWM, cute bottom, brn/blue, 30, 140 seeks discreet convenient friendship w/TOP BLK male, masculine athletic, in shape, hungry. To 1056

BM, 33, 130, 5'7", masculine bottom seeks nt bear type to service; 40-50, heavyset. To 1057

GWM, 29, bn/grn, 150 lbs, wants true romance, enjoys music, 101.5 to 99.5, long walks, dining out, looking for someone who understands waiters' hours. Loves dogs and

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Stocky GWM, 29, 5'11" wanting to meet other GWMs who're sincere and honest, who can handle a safe intimate encounter. To

Discreet, professional, HIV-, GWM versatile top, 40, 5'10", 155, wants buddies into exploring mutually satisfying mental/physical desires/fantasies in leather, 3-ways, spankings, etc. Inexperienced/curious OK. 1026

GWM, goodlooking, 29 yo., 5'11", 150 lbs. Seeks same – 25-35, Hispanic or Latin a plus. Couples welcome. ☎ 1025

GWM tired of maybe!! Looking for yes, ready!! Relationship!! 31, 5'9", 170, bl/bl, varied interests. Seeking 29+, 5'9"+, serious only!! 2 1021

Oriental man, fit, clean, 27, 5'9", 145, seeks English teach man GWM up to 38. Will be paid \$XXX. No smoker. 25 1019

Wanted: Big, butch WM with muscles, good looks, personality, by sexy BM HIV healthy. For fun, whatever. ☎ 1018

GWM Couple, Hot, Prof., Stable, 34, 5'11", 170#, brn/hzl, & 35, 5'11", 155#, brn/bl, seeks

versatile, hot, masculine guys or couples, to 35, for safe fun. \$\overline{\alpha}\$ 1017 Lonely incarcerated man, Black, age 37, 6'1", 215 lbs, brown eyes, seeks correspondence and a long lasting friendship from anyone. Gerald Sampson #048268, Florida State

Prison, P.O.B. 747, Starke, F. 32091. (6.43) Hot and Hairy 30 yr. old GWM seeking hand-some big brother for fun and more. FFBB T 1012

My ABC's - GWM 33, seeks same, 18-40, who is athletic, Active, Aggressive, Bold, Built, Beautiful, Cute, Crazy & Curious.

GBM, 32, 5'10", 150, athletic, attractive, professional, spiritual, various interests, newly relocated, seeks friendships, possible relation-ship, 25-40, race unimportant. No drugs, nonsmoker. 2 1010

GWM, 39, 5'11", 190, bl/bl, healthy HIV top. ISO comrade for hero's journey to new life, workout, gardening, movies, hiking. 1009

LEGS IN THE AIR?? attractive top, 38, brown hair, blue eyes, Scotch/Irish seeks cute hot bottom for safe fun. To 1007

BM seeks masculine BM for uninhibited

Wanna fight? Like to box with tough men. Dirty talk, leather fights and more. 6', 185 lbs, built. Put 'em up! To 1005

AFRICANIZED USA-born, raised in West Africa, not-your-basic WM seeks BM for friend/relationship. Please be 5'10"+, 30-50

Goodlooking WM, 32, 6', 170#, hot gym body, seeks same for friendship/relationship. Must be masculine, non-smoker, healthy, professional. Do you exist. 7 1003

GWM, 30, 6'2", looking for college graduate, masculine, thin GBM 22-30 to share in building the good life, must be spontaneous & possess a sense of humor. To 1015

Take charge! GWM, athletic, 28, professional,

great looks seeks safe, dominant, older, en

dowed inshape WM who needs oral service. GWM, top, dominate, 45yo, 6', 180 lbs, clean shaven, seeks under 30 men also clean shaven

for fun safe hot times. To 1851 Masculine GWM, 26, 5'10" 160 lbs, blond/ brown, hairy; seeks goodlooking butch top to 40 (sane, sexy, safe) for direct manly maneu-

Attractive interracial couple seeks attractive male(s), any race, for very good times, humor/friendships. No attitude, tops, bottoms

Attractive BM, 33. Educated, fit, fun, honest, financially secure professional, many interests, ready for relationship. Seeks WM, 29 and over. Serious replies only. 2 1842

GWM-HIV+-very attractive, 28 yo, physically fit healthy, Br/bl, 5'9", 160 lbs, profes sional, masculine, clean cut, smooth. Likes a normal life, good times and great sex. Would like to meet/date similar, very similar!

GBM, 6', 200 #, 38, seeks blue collar type BM, 190+, 25+, looks unimportant, endowment and personality are. Not into bars.

Bald 46yo, masculine, sincere, executive seeks same, 30-45. Enjoys tennis, exercise, outdoors, theater, symphony. Looking for monogamous relationship. 2 1847 Sexy, hairy leatherboy, 33, 5'8" 150 br/br

HIV seeks hairy, affectionate, nonsmoking

intelligent, kinky, horny, top/daddy to 45.

Handsome GWM, 21, mature professional, 6'1" - 185, brwn/brwn sks sincere GWM, 30-40. Take charge kinda guy - romantic,

cultured, not only interested in a pretty face

GBM, 29, 6'1", 240 lbs, competitive bodybuilder, professional, masculine, discreet, seeking BM with similar characteristics and interests to spend time with. To 1836

but what's inside. Let's talk!!! To 1839

Looking for you! Me: Handsome, sexy, 5'8" 165 lbs, workout, professional, romantic, ad venturous. You: sexy, my size or bigger, wellbuilt, romantic, adventurous. Call to talk! Big arms, big heart preferred! 1828

BM - Handsome, athletic, muscular, romantic, honest, seek masculine, athletic, hand-some, muscular, discreet men for relationship. Policemen & armed forces preferred.

GWM, 39, 5'7", 135 lbs., beard, versatile, daytime playmate for all types of action. Seeks 25-45 GWM into playing hard. To 1829

GWM, Attractive, witty, youngish 50, 6, 185 lbs, moustache, brn/blu, healthy HIV, interests: movies, cooking, cards, theater, dining out, travel, quiet evenings - into: cuddling, long-term companionship, Greek love, light smoker/drinker, no drugs, seeks GWM 40-55 w/similar needs/wants. 2 1830

DESIRED: Professional GBM, 30ish, top with average build to spend quiet evenings with professional HIV+ healthy GWM, slim build,

athletic, honest. To 1832 Friendship or relationship? GWM 31, HIV +, bys country musice & dance, easy go seeks same/older. Call + find out more! To

GBM, 30, 5'10", 185 lbs, goodlooking endowed seeks guys 18-35 to share fun sessions of J/O at my place. To 1837

Butch, handsome, hung, fit youngster (24) gives or receives safe, discreet French service to/from butch endowed athletes; leave message. T 1838

GWM, 36, 5'11", lean, attractive, seeks similar GWM into movies, conversation, "Star Trek," safe sex and low-key lifestyle. To

GWM 29, Professional, attractive, sincere honest, financially secure, relationship oriented. I believe there has to be someone out there who believes in having a loving, caring, monogamous relationship. You-Attractive GBM 20-31 professional or serious minded student. I enjoy quiet evenings at home, walks in the park, stimulating conversation, working out, traveling, and anything romantic! Interested? Let's talk. Serious only. To 1824

Handsome No. Ga. Mtns. WM. 37. 5'8"/145. healthy seeks aggressive eager French active GWM for regular encounters! **T** 1796

GWM, 27, 6'1", 175#, clean cut, athletic tractive, seeks similar, 22-32. 7 1795

W/M. 35, blond, moustache, butch, handsome, 5'8", 150, fun-loving, single, wants to relocate Gulf Coast Mississippi, Louisiana, needs contacts. T 1794

BM, 5'8", 160 lbs, trim, masculine, endowed, versatile. Seeks same for intense encounters **7** 1800

Hot GWM want out, active, confident, Gdlk, hot, political boyfriends. No closet wimps! 20's/30's Adventure. Any race. I dare you!

GWM, 38, 5'10", 180, somewhat attractive, tired of lonely weekends, have friends, need more, HIV-, like companionship, walks, cooking, seek similar, 36-43. 7 1792

I want it all! Passion, romance, sex - all that is possible in a committed relationship. I am GWM, 45, professional, athletic, non-smoker, HIV+ and healthy. Looking for fun and adventure, a kid to play with mine, sensitivity and maturity. A Prince who is self aware enough to take care of himself and to care for me. Serious replies only, please. \$\overline{\alpha}\$ 1791

BiBM, 32, handsome newly relocated to Atlanta. Very discreet, not into bar scene, seeks same. No fats/fems. To 1799

GWM, sincere, stable, Attractive, healthy, well-educated professional, 40's, masculine. Seeks quality clean-cut WM college-student. Novice fine. To 1797

GWM, 22, HIV-, swimmer's build, affectionate, stable, seeks attractive, hairy, stable, mature, HIV-, "Bruce Willis" type, 30+ for possible relationship. 🛣 1788

F.F.B.B. (Fuzzy face/back/butt) sought by GWM, 35, 6'1", 170#, smooth, bear admirer. Hibernation time is near! To 1787

THREE-WAY ACTION: attractive top, 30's,

5'11", 160 lbs, seeks handsome couple for

safe, regular, discreet, no-strings encounters. Senior Male - seeks male 25-35 to mentor, help financially, and for companionship during week days. Clean, masculine, healthy. \$\overline{T}\$ 1785

Horny Midtown Professional. Involved GWM, 40, 5'10", 155, HIV-, with place seeks guys for 5 pm adventurous, creative safe fun.

Joven Cubana desea tener Amistad con Damas o caballeros de cualquier edad sincero y cariñoso. No Irogas. \$\overline{\infty}\$ 1776

BM, masculine, built, 30, seeks Black Males portant. 2 1775

WANTED: ASSWORK. Handsome hairy utoless NE Georgia GWM 26 seeks similar butt enthusiasts for indepth recreation. uples welcome. Ideas encouraged. To

GWM, 34, handsome, 6'2", 175, Red/green, swimmer. You are 30+, tall, bright, adventurous and stable. T 1781

GBM, athletic, college educated, sensual, sexual, sensitive 27 year old, seeking mascu line, educated physically fit GBM. To 1747

29, tall, educated, very handsome, quality professional WM. Seeking similar, quality WM, handsome, for potential relationship. No games please! T 1751 Atlanta's Hottest GWM-best dancer, most

fashion conscious, great personality, great looks - need support to attain your full potential? Let's talk. To 1743 GWM 27. Little overweight seeks GM 18-30 Top for relationship. Latin, Asian, all replies answered. 2 1748

GWM, 6', 175, mid 40s, smooth, healthy,

PERSONALS

professional, seeks HIV- bottom into submission, humiliation, embarassment for discreet safe sessions. 7 1771

Leather Daddy needs leather boy – would you look great in leather jock, chaps, harness, collar & cap – Party with the men. 1742

Hairy and stocky GWM sought by medium size GWM bear. Prefer friendly, professional, healthy, nongame, sincere, husky but trim bears.

1772

GWM Business owner needs attractive young live-in companion, relationship oriented, maintain household, help manage businesses. Some travel, I'll reciprocate generously.
71741

GWM, 35, tall attractive. New to Atlanta. Seeks same 25-45 for friendship/safe fun/relationship? Duluth/Gwinnett area a plus.

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GWM, 35, 6'2", 175, trim, attractive top gentleman, bearded, smooth body. Into movies, travel, dining out, music, romantic evenings, and cuddling. Seeking GWM, attractive, non-smoking, good natured, smooth bottom, with similar interests. 30-40. \$\infty\$ 1739

Cool Nights – Hot Tub Fun. Masculine, fit GWM, 34, Br/Br, 5'10", 155 seeks similar GWM couple – Splash around! Maybe more.

Youthful 41, GWM, goodlooking professional seeking person possessing: humor, confidence, class, compassion, kids, activism, pets? Seeking relationship, no race preference. Call me, let's talk some. To 1736

Hot, muscular GWM couple – 28, 6', 160#; 30, 5'11", 170#, seeks great looking male(s) for adventures in the bedroom.

☐ 1735

GBM, 27,5'11", 220# seeks GWM 30-50 for serious relationship and good times. 22 1715

GWM, 29,5'7", 170 Br/Hz, Novice Boy seeks WM 25-40 dominant. Spanking, discipline, W/S, B/D, Safe S/M. Make me serve.

☐ 1714

GBM newly relocated to Atlanta wishes to meet attractive masculine gay male who is not into bars. \$\overline{\infty}\$ 1710

GWM, good looking, into local music, vegetarian food, C.G. Jung, Comedy Central, lesbians, dating, Seek similar 30-40.

1704

Hairy, trim, youthful, GWM, 51, 145#, ashblonde/moustache, professional, seeks GWM, non-smoker, slim, varied interests, into affection, relationship. 40-55. 1705

Attractive, professional GWM into running, MST3000, Mexican food, existentialism without the angst seeks similar 25-35 with sense of humor. 27 1706

GBM, 33, 5'7", 130, masculine bottom, novice, seeks heavy-set, very dominant top 200+, 40-60.
☐ 1708

GWM, 30, HIV-, 180, 6'1", average to good looking seeks GM 24-30 for friendship, sex and possible relationship. The 1702

GWM, mid-40's, Healthy HIV+, seeks stable young GWM for hot massage, high erotic states, extended cuddle sessions and possible relationship. 27 1559

Roswell, handsome, masculine, professional, 50 Bi-DWM, intelligent, honest, dependable, dominant seeks Bi-DWM with similar qualities for friendship. Sincere inquiries encouraged. **T** 1688

GWM, 31, 5'9", 170, bl/bl, looking for more than "GOOD" time. Varied interests. Call for more details. 7 1686

Gay Greek & Italian, 6'1", 175 #, br/br, man 27, very good-looking. Romantic, spiritual, and healthy, seeks GBM 27-37 who is good-looking and who is spiritual and likes to go to movies and do romantic things, not into bars. Who's looking for a possible relationship. Please, no fems. 75 1661

GBM, tall, slim, light complexion, seeks GWM/Hispanic male for fun times, friend-ship/relationship, Under 32 yo. 27 1683

Goodlooking GWM 33, 5'9", 150, athletic, professional, great personality and values, healthy HIV. Looking to meet another exceptional man. 27 1670

Omo-Oschun, W/M, blond, moustache, 40, 5'8", slim, handsome, likes: wolves, nature, son montuano, musica campesina, Cajun & Cuban cultures. **T** 1676

Handsome 6'2", 180, GWM seeks same over 30 with varied interests who is professional, intelligent and enjoys life like me. 27 1668

GWM, 42, 5'11", 170, bm/bl, relationshiporiented, non-bar type, seeks same in GWM, late 20s. To 1662

To Japanese GM, 41, from August 19 Voice Connection, please contact me (GWM, 38), we have the same dream. 27 1663

Work Hard, want to Play Hard - Prof., stable, happy GWM couple, 29, Bl/Gr, 5'8", 145, 35, br/br, 6, 175, seek fun guy or couple for good times - possible real good time, hot and safe.

☐ 1666

BM, bottom, discreet, seeks BM, top, discreet, masculine, for special friendship.

*+GWM, 39, 6'1", 185, br/hzl, HIV negative, reserved, honest, hard working, non-bar, non-smoker, cat-lover, likes spectator sports, travel, French language. Seeks compatible GWM 35-45 for monogamous relationship. TT 1650

GWM, 32, 6'3", professional, my eclectic interests: Country/rock music, Braves, comic book art, Grateful Dead, movies...sincere replies please. 27 1649

GWM, 35, handsome, looking for big bears who are sincere, into outdoors, romance, cuddling. You never know. **T** 1648

Anal erotic seeks playmates, friends, etc. for long fun sessions. SM NOT. 2 1645

GWM seeks other ex-Catholics who sometimes feel like concentration camp survivors. Join me in a safe crew for a possibly dangerous voyage to discover/reconcile/slay ancient beasts and tell scary stories. Gay men preferred, ex-religious orders welcome. Brendan the Bold. Th 1644

TALENTED HANDS WANTED: To explore a masculine, country, muscular, handsome bottom. Prefer masculine hairy tops for safe, discreet sensuous handball. 27 1642

GWM 35, 5'8", 160 lb, br/br, g-look, masc, muscular, clean cut, adventurous, laid back, non-pretentious, honest, romantic, considerate, seeks same in secure energetic GWM 35-45. TF 1625

Versatile GWM, 35, seeks neighborhood BM for close and convenient fun; Lakewood and adjacent areas. 27 1626

YOU: Loving, masculine, FTT, articulate, 35+, imperfect, safe, handsome. ME: Loving, masculine, GETTING FIT, athletic #250, 38, GWM, fallible, safe, handsome. 75 1637

GBM, 27, Professional, relationship-oriented, community-involved, ISO GM, 25-35, for cheap movie date. \$\overline{\alpha}\$ 1638

Slender GWM, 36, artist/architect, seeks brainy GBM engaged in creative labor. Scrious, sensitive, sensuous if drunk, head full of ideas, I seek Black friend/lover equally self-challenged. Coffee?

T 1639

Wanna wrestle? GWM, 6 ft., 185, blonde/ blue, 45, good shape, seeks others interested in wrestling, safe fun. 27 1640

Leather Dad sks same/younger 4 sensory deprivation, intense S&M, B&D, wax, hoods, gags, assplay. Versatile, sane, mutual. The 1641

Are you out there? GWM, 20s seeks GAM to hang with, maybe more. Please be honest and caring. To 1627

GBM, 29, seeks GWM 25-35 to share quiet evenings together, movies, dining out, friendship, possibly more.

1630

GWM, masculine, healthy, 61, ALA farmer, seeks discreet older trim white/oriental male for fun, friendship & more. \$\overline{\alpha}\$ 1631

GWM, 47, 6'6", 210, sandy/blue, seeking gay Black, Hispanic, Native-American or Oriental male for serious friendship / romance / relationship. To 1632

TV/TS

Full figured transvestite would like to have discreet encounters with real men who are honest, sincere to appreciate my company.

1024

WM, 30, enjoys being female passable, seeks man who wants a submissive girl to obey and please. To 1634

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BM, 40, professional, clean, seeks couple, feminine bi-male or aggressive bi-female for friendship...more. Will reply same day. 22 1054

BiWM, HIV+, seeks F or TV. Am healthy. Spend this winter in Florida with me. 201022

BiWM, 33, adorable, seek Bi, G, S Females for holiday cheer. Let's visit our families, enjoy a play or coffee. Anxiously waiting — Love 77, 1014

White couple, married, 30's, seeking BiWF to share fun and fantasy from both worlds in an intimate relationship. 27 1013

WANTED: fellow traveler(s) to go Dutch with bi guy 65 on land/sea/air jaunts worldwide. Leave your message anytime. The 1844

Tall attractive BiTV seeks attractive tall Bi W/M over 40 for friendship and possible relationship. Sincere only. The 1831

BM married, 54, great shape, seeks mature shapely BiF (30-50) for very discreet safe encounters. 否 1570

BiWM, 30, 5'11", 175, very attractive, great shape, sharp mind would like to meet other bi women/men. Let's talk! 🏗 1717

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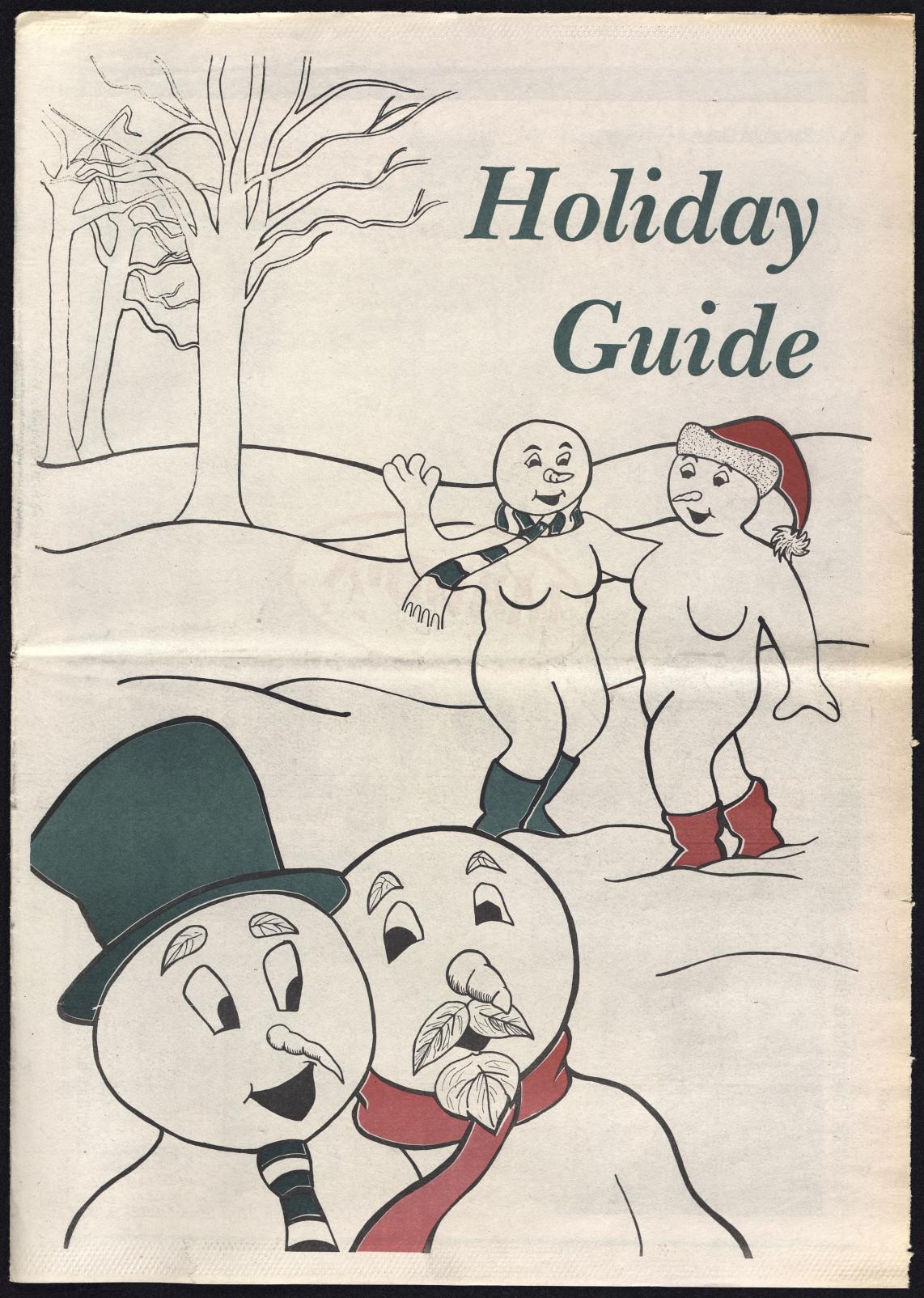
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A Time For Giving, Getting and Gorging

Here's everything you need to make the Yuletide gay

by JOE BIRDSONG

gorging on all that holiday food.

The holidays are here, whether you like it or not. No matter what you celebrate-Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, the Winter Solstice—or how you observe this time of year (and even if you do not), that anxious feeling in the air cannot escape you. People are already running around looking for presents to buy, trees to trim, menorahs to light, menus to prepare and spaces to park cars. So just take it all in stride and join in. Fight the crowds like everyone else. Drop some change into the Salvation Army bucket so maybe those people won't have to ring that bell quite so loudly. Make some more long distance calls this month. Watch QVC.

Now, there are just one or two things that need to be done over the next couple of weeks. If you haven't already gotten around to it, put up that tree and string

Stock up on the yule logs, and break those lights. Intown Hardware might be out the cheer. Here we go again. Yes, once a good place to stop for trees and supplies, more 'tis the season of giving, getting, greet- and take a trip to Intown Crafter, where ing, going shopping and, best of all, for you will find a wreath to hang outside that you can learn how to make yourself. Put one on your own door as a Christian or pagan symbol, or, better yet, make one for a gift and hang it on somebody special's door before you ring the bell. Deck those halls with party goodies from the Paper Parlour, where you can also pick up a hat that plays Christmas carols. To spruce up your house for those holiday get-togethers, a visit to Shelton's Florist in Emory Village will do the trick.

It's also time to buy and wrap presents. Attend parties. Pick up the drycleaning for the parties. Make travel plans. Arrange time off from work. Clean the house. Decorate the tree. String lights. Go to the supermarket. Cook. Just a little more shopping. Oh, and ask for that bonus at work. Send cards. Work overtime to pay for everything. Call Mom. Have a safe and happy holiday sea-



Parker Owen (left) and Henry John with a checkerboard full of beverage gift ideas at Heavy Duty Design.

Fashion

Everyone wants to look their best this time of year. Admittedly, we may not all look like we just stepped off of a Madison Avenue runway, but we all want that one outfit or that one look that makes us look fab-u-lous. Even Santa lingers for a few extra minutes in front of the mirror before of the line men's wear for that special somehe goes out on the 24th.

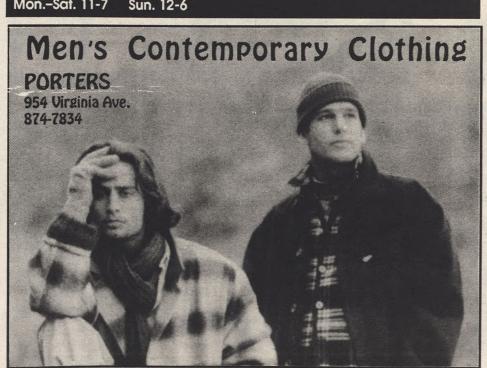
Whether decorating yourself or trying to dress up a loved one, there are some great places to go for ideas. Check out Stefan's in Little Five Points. This is the place for the absolute in tasteful attire. The

man or woman in your life would look ohso-elegant in one of their vintage or formal vests, ties from the 1940s or cuff links from the 1920s and 1930s. Silk scarves, leather gloves and vintage eyeglasses are also available to compliment any outfit.

Porter's, in Virginia-Highland, has top one. And for top-name designer clothes without the hefty price tags, try Gently Owned in Buckhead, which features previously-owned designer clothing.

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A Time For Giving

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mals? Our ability to accessorize, according to Olympia Dukakis. Why not stop in at Pendleton's Jewelers at Ansley Mall to find that one ring or that one necklace to show how much you love someone? Hats are also big again. Robley Hats stocks up on classics that could turn anyone into a Garbo or a Bogart.

Seventies styles are now retro, and the ultra-hip can find what they need at Junkman's Daughter. One of the coolest items in the store is a pair of black crushed velvet bell-bottomed pants for him at \$120. You can also find those Doc Martens that she's been wanting since last Christmas. A great stocking stuffer is an \$8

what is it that separates us from the ani- mushroom necklace with one of your favorite cartoon characters painted on. Choose from the "Hey Kool-Aid!" pitcher, the Trix Rabbit, Felix the Cat, Cat in the Hat, or Ren & Stimpy.

> MalePak on Cheshire Bridge carries a variety for the clothes horse in any man. Noted for especially "fun" wear, MalePak has a lot to choose from in the underwear and leather departments, which make great gifts for those who we may know better than they think we know.

Another idea is to make something. You know, something created by you and with your imagination. Get any pair of jeans, vest or T-shirt and add your own touches. Go over to Intown Crafter on St. Charles

to make your own jewelry, small mirrored glass to add flash or even a little peace sign to dangle. Maybe you are not quite so confident in your creative self. Grace on North Highland sells some one-of-a-kind creations made by designer Wyatt. That holiday frock you have in mind can be tailored just for you so you won't show up in the same outfit that she is wearing.

Food

holidays. Making food lists, cooking, eating out, eating in and even giving edible gifts are just part of the spirit. Diets? Who cares. Everyone cheats. It gives people a good excuse to come up with a New Year's resolution to ignore.

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and find any number of beads to sew on or from a seemingly unlikely place to buy presents, DeKalb Farmer's Market. Buy an eco-friendly mesh grocery bag for \$2.50 and fill it up with fruits, candies, spices or coffees from the market. It holds three gallons of groceries, so maybe add some items from Sevenanda as well. Wooden spoons, candles, compressed sponges, herbal teas or even dish towels are available. Tie a ribbon on the bag and impress your friends and family with the most useful gift idea of the season.

Throwing a dinner party? Someone has Eating is such an integral part of the to do it. Just remember that preparation and presentation are the keys to success. Heavy Duty Design carries all of your needs for the kitchen or bar. From tongs to tea kettles, this store has it. Serve dinner on popular Southwestern fiesta ware, available in the best pastel colors. The chef's apron is also a perfect gift for the cook, as



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well as the bullet trash can. There is even a bargain rack in the back for those tighter wallets. Another place to shop for kitchen gadgets and dishes is **Chef** in Virginia-Highland

Now that you've been outfitted with cooking gear, you might want to add some good recipes. **Chapter 11** bookstore carries a variety of cookbooks full of suggestions, as well as gift certificates redeemable at any Chapter 11 store.

Or you might want to take someone out to dinner for the holidays at one of the many fine restaurants that welcome lesbian and gay clientele. Check out SoVo's "Eat" section for a plethora of choices.

If someone on your list loves chocolate, you have to go to **Maddix Deluxe**. To serve or give as a gift, the chocolate delicacies seem never ending in variety. Specials with seasonal flair are Winter Mint, Caramel Apple, Amaretto, Champagne and Bailey's. This store is truly Christmas. You can find everything from Victorian Christmas decorations, colored glass vases and candle holders, calendars, tree ornaments and even various gold frames for the holiday pictures.

Other presents for the palette are available at **Bloomin' Cookies**. Give a 21-inch ivy topiary in a hand-painted pot with a half dozen blooming cookies for \$39.95 plus shipping, if there is a need. At **Galetto**, a restaurant that just opened at 10th and Monroe, a caffeine addict can receive a basket filled with a pound of coffee, mug and a coffee grinder for \$45. If spirits keep the party going, consider stopping in at



Raoul of Maddix Deluxe helps get the shop attired in the holiday spirit.

Tower Package and look over the gift sets. Bottles of Absolut, Stolichnaya, Bailey's, Dewar's, and even Jack Daniels, among others, are displayed in special holiday packages for gift-giving. Many of the packages include one or two glasses imprinted with the logo as a keepsake. For those who might appreciate a fine wine, Ansley Wine Merchants has a wide

selection, and **RJ's**, the restaurant and wine bar on North Highland Avenue, has wine gift baskets.

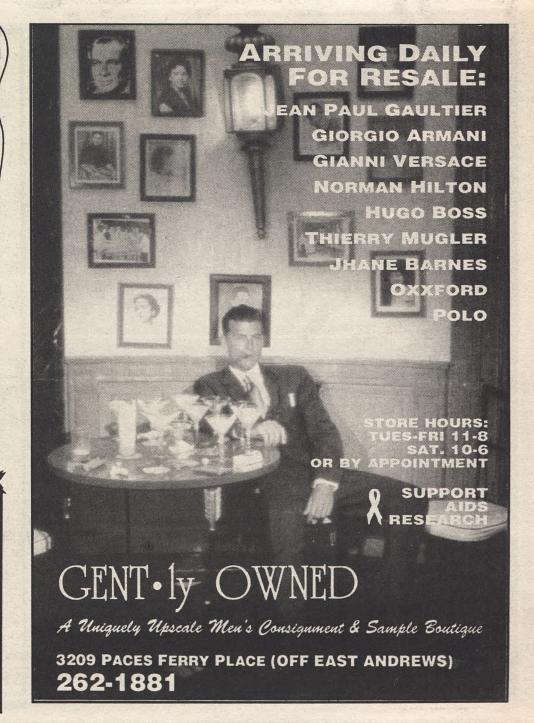
Travel and Leisure

Feeling overwhelmed yet? Take a deep breath and relax. Things seem pretty hectic right now, but that comes with the season. After New Year's Day, you will just look back and think, "How did I get through it?" You'll have your free time back again. Ah, but what then? For some of the lucky ones who have free time in their schedules, how that time is filled is very precious. There are endless gift ideas here.

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Year's is traditionally the busiest travel season of the year. Whether driving, flying, or taking a train or bus, people have a tendency to flock home to spend time with relatives or loved ones they may not have seen since last year. While traveling is a necessity for so many people around this time, it also makes for great gifts during the rest of the year as well. Check with various travel agencies to find vacation packages at the best prices. For instance, look into giving a gay cruise package to a friend. This is a completely new experience for many people and a great way for available men and women to meet more available men and women. Or how about a gay ski weekend not in Colorado? Try Conventional Travel or Trips Unlimited for tips and suggestions.

Airline price wars have brought air fares to some of the lowest rates in years with the major carriers. Shop around the majors and make sure to ask about restrictions before making any decisions. Remember, Stonewall 25 in New York is coming up in June combined with Gay Pride and 1994 Gay Games all in the same week. Who could ask for a better gift than that? Try **Kiwi Airlines** for rates around \$99 each way into Newark and get a round-trip bus ticket to the Big Apple for less than \$20. Kiwi offers comfortable flights and extremely polite service personnel but again, call ahead to check on availability. Other

discount airlines flying to a limited number of cities out of Atlanta are **Private Jet** and **Value Jet**.

Of course, no trip is complete without taking along a camera and film. **Image Photo** or **Goody's** can fill those photographic needs.

You may also want to visit **Outwrite**, Atlanta's completely gay and lesbian bookstore, to pick up one of the various gay travel guides that provides information on organizations, bars, restaurants, and other gay-owned or gay-friendly establishments around the world. Word has it from one travel agent that Costa Rica is becoming a popular American tourist destination this year.

Concentrate on friends' and family members' hobbies and interests for gift ideas as well. Gay comic books are available at **Criminal Records**, along with the vast selection of CDs, videos, posters, and magazines. (Attention, lesbians: This store has one of the sexiest k.d. lang posters ever seen, just in case you need any help in finding gifts for each other.) If someone on your gift list is on the cutting edge of the music scene, perhaps a trip to **Eat More Records** or **Let The Music Play** would be in order.

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AID Gwinnett

A community based organization that provides compassionate support, advocacy and education in cooperation with other AIDS agencies to meet the needs of PWAs, friends and family. Peggy Terrell, chairperson, (404) 962-8396. NEEDS: A building for new offices, a phone system, donations for operating costs, volunteers to deliver Project Open Hand meals in Gwinnett County, a transitional housing residence for PWA's, transportation for PWA's, donations for the Atlanta Furniture Bank, Ensure and vitamins for all stages of HIV/AIDS

In this season filled with holiday spirit, let's not forget these organizations that do so much all year to help so many. They could use your donations or your volunteer labor or perhaps you might be able to help out with some of the special needs listed below.

ChildKind

A licensed foster placement agency that provides foster care and daycare for children who are HIV-positive or are affected by AIDS. Liza O'Hare, fundraising coordinator, (404) 936-9655. NEEDS: groups or individuals to volunteer to serve as hosts for this first annual ChildKind fund-raiser, donations and sponsorships.

Common Ground

Day activity home for people living with HIV or AIDS wanting a supportive, caring community. Those who wish to take part in Common Ground's program need to contact Bob Hudak and arrange a brief meeting before their first day. Call Bob at (404) 874-6425.

Good Samaritan Project

Good Samaritan Project is a non-profit, community-based organization providing practical, emotional and spiritual support to persons affected by AIDS. Now in our sixth year, we offer the following client services: buddy program, practical support, pastoral care, one-on-one counseling, support groups, food/clothing bank and speaker's bureau. "Koolhipfunkystuff-A Gallery Of Sorts," is a gallery/retail establishment offering unique works of art and decorative itemspaintings, ceramics, jewelry, clothing, photography and more. The proceeds from sales benefit the Good Samaritan Project. NEEDS: Refrigerator, inkjet or laserjet printer, display cases and store fixtures, non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products for men and women

Haven House

A 10-bed facility offering inpatient alternative care for PWAs, including 24 hour nursing. Johnson, director of nursing, (404) 874-8313.

HIV Pastoral Care Project

Provides pro-active contact with PWAs to provide emotional and spiritual support and counseling. Chip Carson, (404) 872-2246.

Jerusalem House

A caring home for men and women with AIDS who would otherwise be homeless. Atlanta's oldest permanent housing program for PWA's, serving at least 50 people each year in a 23-unit facility. Contact Louisa Basarrate 527-7627 NEEDS: For the residents-food processor, perishable and non-perishable food, Depends adult diapers, scale (like in a doctor's office), vacuum cleaner, personal telephone. For the organization-office supplies (letter size copier paper, white legal pads), display board sponsors (\$250), newsletter sponsors (\$500+). We would welcome your gifts of time and talents as Jerusalem House volunteers.

Metro Atlanta Furniture Bank

A non-profit agency working with more than 60 social service agencies, including AID Atlanta and the Council on Battered Women, to

provide needed household furnishings to people moving into housing. The Furniture Bank also provides free pickup of donated items and will provide a receipt for tax purposes. Call (404) 355-8463 or (404) 355-8530. NEEDS: Mattresses and box springs, Macintosh computers, money, home furnishings, paint supplies and volunteers.

NAPWA/Atlanta

(AIDS Survival Project as of January 1) A membership organization of people living with HIV and AIDS advocates. Provides free advocacy counseling, education, and treatment activism. Mark King, executive director, (404) 874-7926. NEEDS: High density Macintosh compatible diskettes, nice desks, coat rack, stackable chairs, plants for courtyard, side office chairs, framed art and posters relevant to HIV, and gen-

eral office supplies. Outreach, Inc.

HIV prevention and services organization with special focus on African Americans and people with substance abuse problems. Ken Kimsey, director of development, (404) 346-3922.

Project Open Hand

Provides two meals a day, seven days a week to people who are HIV-positive and living inside the Perimeter. No charge for service, and no waiting list. Call (404) 525-4620.

Women's Resource Center

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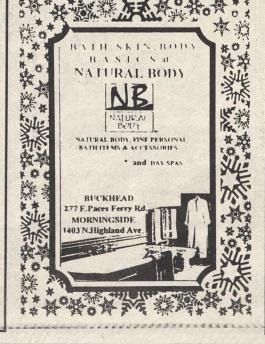
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Recent studies by certain national pollsters have produced the following: on average, queers tend to have higher incomes, be more highly educated, creative, and cultured than the straight population. Of course this comes as no surprise to many of us, although they left out better taste in clothes and sharper wit. Regardless, one can see how season tickets to Grammy award-winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra or nationally acclaimed Atlanta Ballet might be an ideal gift and certainly more appreciated than if given to, say, Uncle Jesse and Aunt Nancy.

There are also some extremely talented and entertaining theaters that can provide many memorable evenings for you and your companion. Actor's Express, which brought Atlanta "The Harvey Milk Show," Horizon, Neighborhood Playhouse, Theater in the Square, OnStage Atlanta, Theatrical Outfit, Georgia Tech's Theatre for the Arts and SAME's OutProud Theatre are just a few of the many groups that put on shows throughout the year and could use our support. Another possibility is to give tickets to performances by the Atlanta Gay

Men's Chorus and the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, featuring some women's music and jewelry. There's a good of the community's best voices raised in

For the person who just wants to relax in their leisure, think about giving him or her the gift of touch, the chance to just lie back and let someone else's fingers do the walking on the most stress-laden parts of the body. Massages can be wonderfully relaxing. Look in SoVo's "Directory" section for a number of professional masseurs

To get a head start on that summer tan, try a membership at Ansley Beach. Well, you can't go to Pensacola over Memorial Day without a tan, now can you? Or let someone feel like a million bucks this year with a gift from The Natural Body. For \$130, a day of beauty and relaxation at the spa can change one's outlook on life. Everyone needs to be pampered once in a while. Or at least pick up some body lotion or bubble bath for a more private pampering session.

Another gift to improve the body and Alliance ("Falsettos"), the now-famous soul (well, the body, anyway) might be a membership at Better Bodies or Boot Camp gyms in Midtown.

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Those of you who tend more to the practical than the romantic side might consider keeping your honey safe and on track with tires from Midtown Tire, Goodyear.

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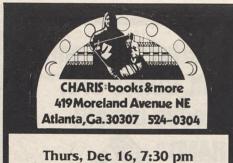
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where we can always, no matter what, be ourselves without fear of reprisal. Naturally, we all want our homes, our domains, to be a source of serenity, of happiness. Help someone dress up his or her home for the holidays or for any other day of the

Start looking around for unique items that could be put on display at the person's house. Little things that reflect the personality that dwells there for guests to see. Whether it is a painting of dogs playing poker (you may have to search garage sales for those) or an antique, keep the recipient's

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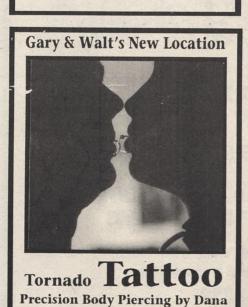


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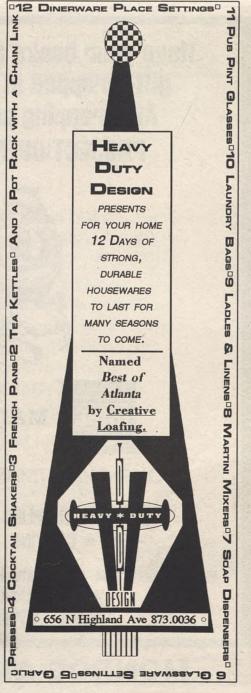
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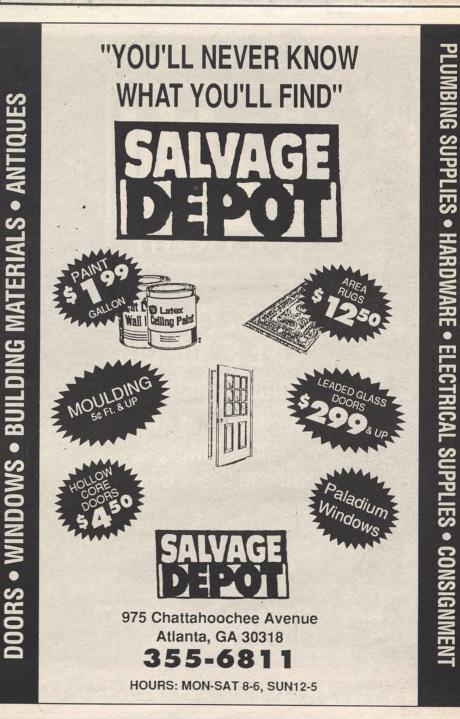
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taste in mind, not necessarily you own. Antique lovers should not be too hard to buy for, given the many sources of antiques around town. One place that may be worth the ride outside I-285 is **Pride of Dixie Antiques**, a monthly antique market with more than 400 booths containing antiques and collectibles. The next market will be held on the weekend of December 16-18, a special holiday event located in Norcross at the North Atlanta Trade Center.

Closer to the neighborhood is **Menagerie** on North Highland, next to Camille's. People are getting some extremely good deals on the antiques and collectibles sold here, so you may want to try here as one of your first stops and maybe save some time. For fine 19th Century antiques, visit **Joseph Konrad** on Miami Circle. **Irish Country**, in Buckhead, features antique Country Pine furniture, and for antiques at auction prices, try **McPeabody's**.

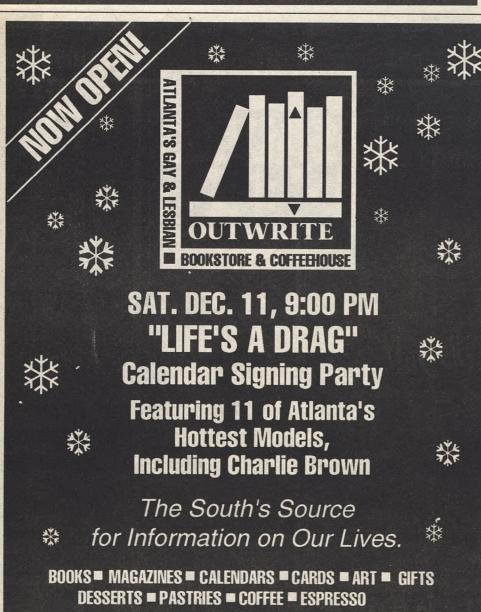
In addition to a wide selection of furniture, **Bernhardt's** carries lamps and accessories in case someone you know has a poor lighting problem and you prefer the tactful approach of giving them a gift instead of just coming out and mentioning it. **Maxwell's**, at Howell Mill Rd. near I-85, is ready for the holidays and has available old Santas with modern technology so they look almost life-like.

Does someone on your list like brass?

China Cabinet has an array of brass, in addition to porcelain, crystal and other collectibles that might be perfect on the mantel. Plants from Plant Plant behind Lindbergh MARTA Station could bring life to the room as well. The best part of these plants, of course, is that they are extremely low maintenance and never die on you—they are artificial. Perfect for the horticulturally challenged. For real live plants, try Ward's Nursery, and, for those yard-obsessed men and women, Intown Hardware has all the garden tools they might need.

What about stainless steel bathroom gifts such as soap dishes, tooth-brush holders, or Q-tip canisters from **Maddix Deluxe**? Those are reasonably priced from \$8.50 to \$11. **Ann Jacob Gallery** at Phipps Plaza has a beautifully painted, 100 percent cotton shower curtain for around \$130 that can be washed and dried at will without damage. It can also double as a bed spread.

Encourage people to show their pride by giving rainbow flags for the exterior of the house. **Brushstrokes** can help with those. And if want to be sure to get them something that they won't get from anybody else, try **Salvage Depot** on Chattahoochee Avenue. You'll never know what you'll find.



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Try Princess Pamela's. Located here is a hodge-podge of some of the wackiest items you are likely to find, including T-shirts with almost any band from punk to hiphop to blues to grunge to pop and, mounted on one wall, wonderfully carved ceremonial masks. Directly below those is a bargain cabinet with new or used CDs, candles, lots of fun Jesus & Mary items and beads to hang from the doorway. For those more herbally inclined, there is also an impressive array of various lighters, cigarette cases, pipes and bongs. Be prepared to show proof of age before purchasing

Condoms anyone? CondomArt on North Highland carries any type of condom for any situation, whether it be a novelty gag or for practical purposes. Poster Hut on Cheshire Bridge has long been know for its novelty gift items and this year is no exception. You can find personalized Christmas ornaments, clothing from Atta Boy (who brought us the Dynasty and Star Trek wardrobes), Rainbow Gayme and various art items including Marilyn and Jimmy Dean, Betty Boop, and unique clocks. Yes, there is also a great variety of adult toys, homo-erotic photography books and exotic, erotic attire for those cold December nights.

That last part catch your attention? For those who are serious about walking on the edge, get him or her a tattoo. Body Images and Tornado Tattoo provide safe,

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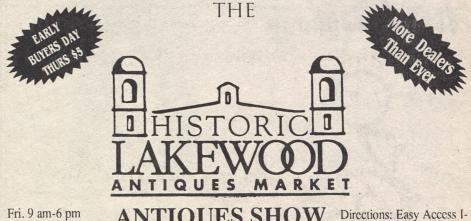
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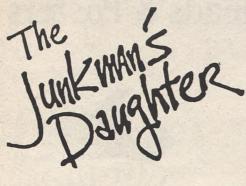












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professional tattoos and body piercings. Or maybe the bark is bigger than the bite. Much less permanent, and pricey, are temporary tattoos that stay on for a short time and are not painful. Junkman's Daughter carries a selection of temporary tats to choose from. Brushstrokes carries them too, and you you also find books, magazines, and tons of T-shirts that are out, loud and proud. Earrings, pins, and rainbow necklaces are also available.

There are a lot of fun things to do, too. Spend time with someone whom you have been promising to get together with but never seem to find the time. Gifts do not always have to be all wrapped up with a bow on top. Go to the movies. "Addams Family Values," by gay screenwriter Paul Rudnick, is playing all over to hilarious reviews. Get dressed up and go to the top of the Westin Peachtree Plaza for drinks. This is one of the best views of the city, especially for visitors. Eddie's Attic on the square in Decatur regularly features "unplugged" local bands and always appreciates lesbian/gay clientele.

For The Kids

The holidays for most kids are a pretty magical time. The younger ones have their belief in Santa. The older ones cannot wait for the school break. Whether you have kids of you own or spend time with children of a friend or family member, the innocence inside toddlers to adolescents shines, no matter how jaded and quickly grown up even today's generation of kids seem. This means that each of us has the chance to be young again, too, at least at heart. The best way to relate to a young person seems to be at his or her age level. So go ahead and relive it for a short time. We all want to. The best way to enjoy the holidays with kids is to pretend to be one yourself. This also means being a kid in the 90s, not 20 or 40 years ago.

Find out what the kids in you life like. Is it Barney? Is it Jurassic stuff? Take the kids shopping and observe what they point out. Ask them about their favorite subjects in school. The High Museum of Art Gift Shop has a children's section with games, puzzles, and books devoted to various artists or famous works. One item in particular is a boxed set of mazes with tracing paper and notes about what period of world history produced the maze. Visit Fernbank Museum and watch you child's eyes light up at the sight of mammoth dinosaur skeletons.

If you child likes stuffed animals, especially at this time of year, consider Ty Bear. Maddix Deluxe carries Ty Bear which is one of the softest cuddly teddy bears on the market. Ty is \$12.95. Speaking of toys, Funny Business at Ansley Mall has a lot of kid's toys that would make great

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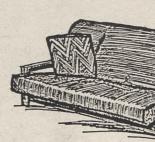
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stocking stuffers. Little wind-up frogs and creepy plastic spiders. Make sure to use caution as some toys, no matter where you go, are not designed for all ages, especially if the toy or toy part is ingestible.

Other great gift items for kids are pets. Puppies, kittens, gerbils, fish—kids really enjoy taking care of and playing with pets. This is also a great way to teach a child responsibility at the same time. Who knows, it could lead to a little more respect for the parent. You can obtain care books for the kids at Pets Are People Too at Ansley. If you grow attached to the little thing yourself, which most of us generally do, buy it a present as well. Highland Pet is selling gift baskets for cats and dogs with toys, goodies, and pet care products. Prices range

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So everything's done? Never. Everyone forgets at least one thing. Or maybe you are just plain out of ideas. So go to a gift shop already. In addition to the stores we've already mentioned, you can browse through Holly's in the Piedmont-Rock Springs area and Hospitality House at Peachtree Battle. And for those extremely last minute gifts, remember that Big B Plaza Drugs never closes. It may be Old Spice, but it's still the thought that counts.

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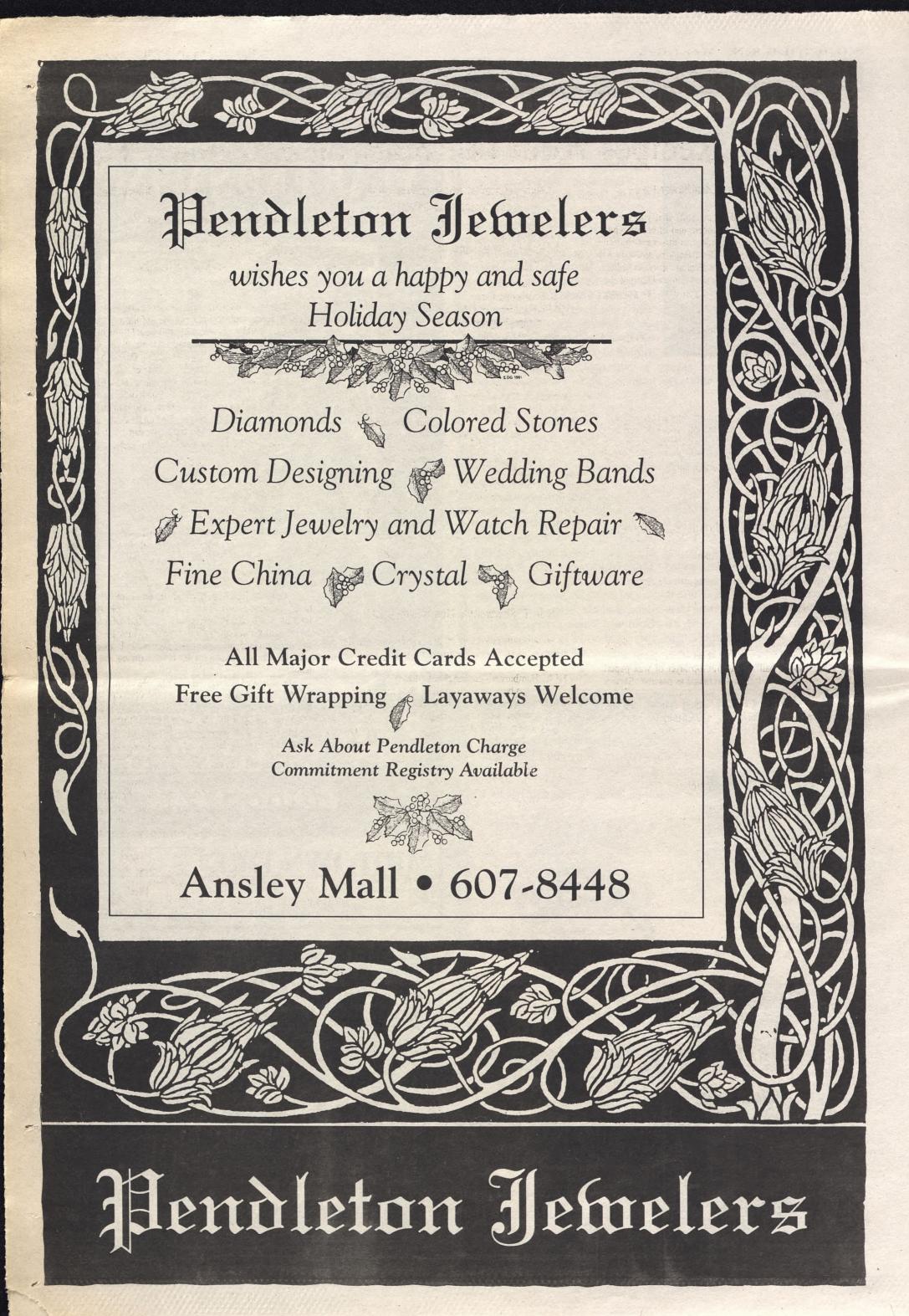
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Gary Kaupman's Baked Cauliflower Puree

I'm not generally amused by the stuff that you find in Junior League cookbooks. Cream cheese and olives on white bread does not make my tongue tingle. But this treasure from the San Francisco Junior League Cook Book is quick, easy, healthy and absolutely delicious. For elegant meals, serve it in a plain white or prissy china bowl; or plop it into a bean pot and take it to a pot luck. In either case, you'll be the culinary celebrity of the day.

1 Large cauliflower split into flowerets 1 Medium onion, chopped ½ cup buttermilk (low fat works fine) 3 tsp. butter Salt & pepper to taste Chopped parsely

Put cauliflower and onion in boiling water and cook for 15 minutes. Drain and put in blender or food processor with buttermilk, salt, pepper and most of the butter. Blend until smooth. Pour into a buttered 1 quart dish and heat for 15 minutes in a 350° degree oven. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve.

Dixon Taylor's Granny's Christmas Confection

2+ lbs. powdered sugar (extra fine)

2+ tbs. Pet Evaporated Milk

(may need a little more—a few drops at a time)

1 stick melted butter

1/4-1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Peanut butter

Mix all ingredients, except peanut butter, into a "dough ball." Spread powdered sugar on a sheet of wax paper with a sifter. Place "dough ball" on it with top layer of wax paper. Roll to ¼" thickness as close to a rectangle as possible. Slowly remove top layer of wax paper. Spread warmed (soft, not melted), peanut butter on top and roll "dough" into a long log. Cut into slices of 1/2" or less (very rich). Sprinkle with powdered sugar with sifter. Keep in airtight container.

Linda Vaughn's Crab/Artichoke Dip

2 6½ oz. cans crab meat (drained) 2 cans artichoke hearts (drained)

2 cups Hellman's mayo

1-2 cups freshly ground grated Parmesan cheeses garlic powder

Fresh lemon sauce

Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Add garlic powder to taste. Use a few drops of fresh lemon juice. Put in a baking dish and bake in preheated oven at 350° for 15 minutes or until lightly browned on top. Serve with melba toast.

Leigh VanderEls' Roasted New Potato and Watercress Salad

11 tbs. olive oil

6 large garlic cloves, chopped

1 tsp. salt

½ tsp. pepper

½ tsp. dried thyme

½ tsp. dried rosemary

21/2 lbs medium sized (10) new potatoes

cut into 1/2" wedges

2 tbs. white wine vinegar 2 tsp. Dijon mustard

1/4 cup fine chopped shallots

1 cup trimmed watercress

Preheat to 375°. Oil heavy large baking pan. Mix 6 tbs. oil, garlic and spices in large bowl. Add potatoes and toss to coat. Transfer mixture to prepared pan separating potatoes. Bake until potatoes are golden brown stirring occasionally about 55 minutes. Cool. Transfer potatoes to bowl. Scrape pan drippings into measuring cup. Add enough remaining oil to drippings to measure 6 tbs. liquid. Whisk vinegar & mustard in small bowl. Gradually whisk in oil mixture. Mix in shallots. Pour dressing over potatoes & toss to combine. Let stand 1 hour at room temp. (Can be prepared 6 hours ahead, let stand at room temp) Add watercress to potatoes & toss to coat. Yeilds six servings. Recipe originally from "Bon Appetit."

Joan T. Sherwood's Mom's Winter Chili

I grew up on this chili and could never get enough. Keeps well in the fridge (11/2 weeks) or freeze for later.

11/4 lb. Hamburger - ground chuck (drain)

2 cups Pinto beans (soak overnight, cook three hours before starting chili or do what I do and buy 3 cans of pintos ready to go and skip the extra cooking)

5 stalks celery chopped

3 onions chopped

16 oz. tomato sauce

1 qt. tomatoes

1 qt. tomato juice 5 tablespoons chili powder

½ tsp. cumin (optional-mostly for aromatic enjoyment)

In a large stew pot, brown ground beef, drain. Add celery and onion and sautec 5-10 minutes. Add tomato products, fill the empty cans with water and dump that in, too. Stir in spices. Extra chili powder blends in well for those who like it hotter. Add some salt now, if desired, so that it incorporates well. You can add more later. Simmer for at least one hour, add pintos, simmer for another 30 mintues or so. Top with cheese after serving. Goes great with regular saltines. Makes a whole gob (about 11/2 gallons).

Joan T. Sherwood's Cherry Pie

Crust: 9 inch (prepare two batches)

11/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 tsp. salt 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons shortening

4 to 5 tbs. cold water

Combine flour and salt; cut in shortening with pastry blender. Every crust recipe I've tried to follow says blend until mixture resembles a coarse meal, but what I think of as a course meal is way too much blending and you'll get a flat chewy crust. Leave lumps. That's what makes it flakey. Sprinkle cold water (1 tablespoon at a time) evenly over surface; stir with a fork until ingredients are moistened. Shape into a ball and chill.

To fit into pie plate, roll one ball of dough to 1/8 inch thickness on a lightly floured surface. Fold into quarters, place in pan, unfold. Trim off excess, fold under edges and flute. If there are cracks or breaks in crust, you can patch with excess dough moistening both parts lightly with water.

Filling:

1 cup Sugar

3 tbs. cornstarch

1/4 tsp. salt

²/₃ cup orange juice

2 16 oz. packages frozen cherries, thawed

(I have only been able to find these at kroger)

2 tbs. milk

Combine first 3 ingredients in a medium saucepan, stirring to remove lumps. Stir in orange juice. Cook over medium heat until smooth, stirring constantly. Add cherries; simmer until liquid is thickened and transparent. This can take a while, but keep an eye on it. Stir occassionally. I always end up adding extra cornstarch. Add butter, stirring until it melts.

Pour cooled cherry mixture into pie crust. Roll out your second ball of dough and place over the top. Trim away excess, leaving some overlap for fluting. Moisten both edges of crusts and press together to seal. Cut slits in top to allow steam to escape. For a really impressive presentation, cut top dough into strips and weave a lattice top. Not as difficult as it sounds. Brush top of pastry shell with milk and sprinkle lightly with a bit of sugar for a lovely browning effect. Bake at 400° for 55 minutes or until edges start to get too browned.

This recipe began as "Prize Winning Cherry Pie" from the Southern Living Cookbook (my absloute fave), but called for grenadine syrup instead of orange juice, plus almond extract. It was way too sweet for my taste. I hope you enjoy my version.





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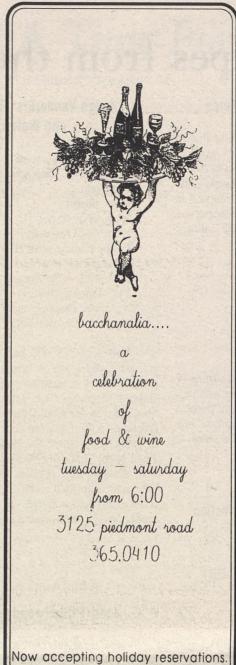
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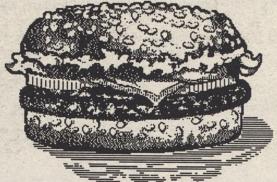
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I'm in love. And though it may ruin my reputation to admit it, not with a man. (The last one of *those* waved and said bye-bye two days before Valentine's last year. Talk about tacky timing.)

Now don't get me wrong. Even though it's a woman (actually three of them) that I've gone bonkers for, I haven't gone over to the other side. I still like guys. It's just that these three women have opened **The Flying Biscuit** (1655 McLendon Ave. 687-8888), a restaurant that really gets my juices flowing.

More than a few friends have mentioned recently that I seem to be testy and annoyed with whatever is placed before me in a restaurant. They're right. The part of me that wants to be well fed and well attended without spending a ton of bucks is really grumpy. So grumpy that I've been talking about the desperate measure of once again going into the restaurant business. That's how much I crave a cozy little neighborhood eatery that serves fresh, innovative, mostly vegetarian food. Food that tastes like it might have come from Chefs' Cafe or Marra's or Luna Si...and costs five bucks.

Which is the best way I can think of describing the fabulous, if limited, fare being dished out by Cynthia, Delia and Missy at the just opened Flying Biscuit.

Located in the space formerly occupied by the Atomic Cafe, the Biscuit retains much of that institution's laid-back and quirky atmosphere without feeling like a trip into the deepest recesses of the owners' subconscious. The women running the show here are graduates of Alix Kenagy's popular and successful Partner's and Indigo. They know it's important to make customers feel wanted and attended to as well as well-fed. They understand that, while cleanliness may not be right next to godliness, it is a virtue appreciated by most restaurant customers. Best of all they've figured out how to prepare food that tastes great and doesn't strain the budget.

The menu is simple: breakfast all day, three sandwiches, a soup, a salad, three entrees and three deserts. I've eaten my way through most of it and not tasted anything that I wouldn't happily order again.

Lucero's love cakes top the list. Little cornmeal patties filled with black beans and topped with tomatillo salsa, raw onion, white cheese and a dollop of sour cream are pure heaven. Their presentation is elegant, their flavors are rich and complex. Add a stellar side salad of mixed organic field greens wrapped in just the right amount of olive oil and balsamic vinegar and you get mighty close to heaven for a mere \$5.25. If you're hungrier, the same cakes can be had topped with fried eggs and served with a side of stunningly good oven-roasted, rosemary scented new potatoes.

That same salad comes with all the sandwiches and entrees, and the potatoes accompany all the egg dishes. Both are so good that you may want to order an extra plateful for the table to share. Or splurge, spend an extra dollar and have your salad sprinkled with incredibly rich Maytag blue cheese.

Virtuous vegan pie sounds like that sort of stuff that makes meat eaters sneer at those who eschew flesh. But the layers of corn tortillias filled with green salsa, and a mix of sauteed onions, corn and zuchinni, is rich, packed with flavor and might easy to eat. Add melted mozzarella and some sour cream and your feelings of virtuosity may decline,

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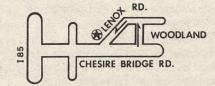
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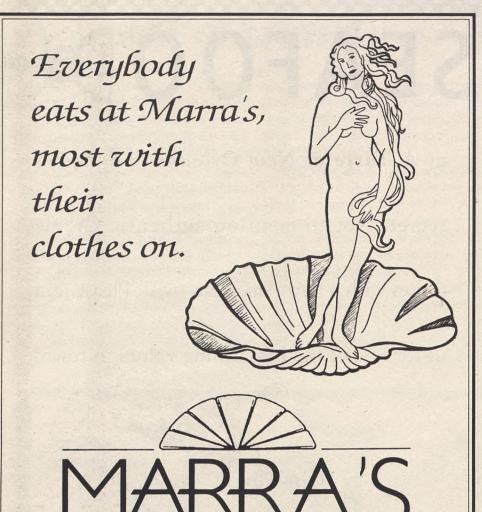
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but the whole mess takes a quantum leap into the realm of comfort food.

Also way up there on the comfort food list is a big bowl of exquisitely spiced chicken and dumplings. The big chunks of (organic, free range) chicken meat are incredibly flavorful, the dumplings airy and the creamy goo that binds them together rich and wondrous. There's not another restaurant in Atlanta serving anything like this. Especially for \$6.95.

There are plenty of places serving turkey burgers, but few are this moist and packed with flavor. And none of the rest come with April Moon's eye poping roasted red pepper mustard. April also makes the biscuits and deserts. More about her later.

The owners say that more entrees, mainly pastas and dishes based on chicken or seafood sausage, are on their way once the Biscuit develops its sea legs.

Unique in the city as far as I know is a tofu scramble that's laced with ginger, onions and peppers rather than the more common soy/tamari spicing. The resultant dish is easy on the eyes and even easier on the tongue. Imagine scrambled tofu that isn't salty. Heaven.

Imagine, also, an omelette packed with mozzarella, ricotta, sundried tomatoes and gobs of fresh basil. If the eggs were just a bit more moist, this would be on a par with Thumbs Up's legendary eggs scrambled with cream cheese and fresh herbs.

Turkey and sage sausage is juicy and, like everything else here, perfectly spiced.

Then there are April Moon's biscuits—fat, short and light, but with plenty of substance, especially the ones made from whole wheat flour. Slather them with nice soft butter, or better yet tart-sweet cranberry apple butter, and enter into a state of sheer bliss.

Which pretty much describes April's deserts too. Warm, moist cream cheese coffee cake scented with nutmeg and scattered with almonds is right up there on a par with Bacchanalia's warm chocolate cake filled with liquid chocolate. A huge portion of apple spice cake, packed with fruit, nuts and flavors, comes with a side of vanilla bean ice cream. It's enough to keep a couple (or a couple of friends) cooing with delight. For those of us who adore chocolate, but seek to avoid excess, a small piece of chocolate shortbread toped with chocolate ganache and sprinkled with espresso is the perfect way to end your meal.

A word or two of warning after all these paragraphs of praise. The physical surrounds at the Flying Biscuit are plain and simple. At this writing, the warm yellow walls are bare. Ditto the plain pine floors. The kitchen, including the dishwasher, is open to the restaurant. Cold air rushes in the door and curls the toes of those sitting at the front tables.

The servers are fun, professional and proficient, but the kitchen cooks everything to order. And when the place is crowded (particularly on Sunday morning) the food does not come fast. There are no candles or fresh flowers on the tables. And I could whine about the fact that you can't order a glass of wine, but you can bring your own which also saves a wad of money. There *is* an espresso machine and some very good coffee.

All this is to say that the food may be on a par with Partner's or Chef's, but the process (and prices) are not. Ten bucks is about all you can spend on a meal here and \$6 will feed you very well indeed.

True love? Well, maybe not. But I bet they won't throw me out next Valentine's Day.

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Conventional Travel: A full service travel agency with agents who know where the best values are located! 1658 Lavista Rd., 315-0107

Criminal Records: The largest

selection of gay comics in Atlanta. Where else would you find Dykes to Watch Out For? 1101 Euclid Ave., 215-9511

Funny Business: The best shop for gay/lesbian Christmas cards and wrapping paper/ribbons. Ansley Mall,

Gently Owned: The best in previously-owned men's clothing. Versace, Bass, Oxxford, Poio, etc. 3209 Paces Ferry Pl., 262-1881

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Hospitality House: Crystal and china gifts, cards, wrapping paper, ornaments, potpourri and Xmas goodies. 2359 Peachtree Road (Peachtree Battle shopping Center), 237-1119

Image Photo: One stop for your holiday photo cards. Developing, beautiful frames, photo studio. 985 Monroe Dr. next to Blockbuster, 875-9334

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Intown Hardware: From Xmas trees to powertools, don't forget your neighborhood store. 854 N. Highland Ave., 874-5619

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Maxwell's: A collection of unique cards, gifts and collectibles from around the world. 1715 Howell Mill Rd., Howell Mill Square, 351-3931

McPeabody's Antiques: Fine antiques and collectibles at auction prices. Friday, December 10, 7:00 PM. Preview at 5 PM. 2115 Piedmont Rd., NE, 794-4936

Natural Body: From oils to soaps to beauty products. A gift basket for your most "favorite" neighborhood spa. 1403 N. Highland Ave., 876-9642

Nature's Art: A great selection of minerals, crystals, fossils, jewelry and fun gifts. 1025 Virginia Ave. @ N. Highland, 892-4664

Outwrite Books: Atlanta's best selection of gay and lesbian literature. Then relax over coffee and dessert. 931 Monroe Drive, NE, 607-0082

Paper Parlour: The everything you ever wanted in a paper, party, gift, special event and holiday store! 3363 Buford Highway, NE Plaza, 728-0100

Pendleton Jewelers: You don't have to go to Lenox for the best in crystal, china or jewelry. Ansley Mall, 607-8448

Plant Plant: Where Holiday magic is really an art. Trees, wreaths, ornaments, etc. 500 Lindberg Drive, 237-5504

Porter's: Contemporary men's clothing in the heart of Virginia Highland. 994 Virginia Ave., 874-7834

Poster Hut: The Poster Hut experience is an awakening to the latest in contemporary cards, gifts and fashion. 2175 Cheshire Bridge Rd., 633-7491

Pride of Dixie: The most unusual in holiday cards can be found Dec. 17-19. Antiques and more. 1700 Jeurgens Court (North Atlanta Trade Center), 279-9853

Princess Pamela's: A unique gift shop with stickers, tags, T-shirts, art prints, candles and more! 1141 Euclid Ave., 222-9514

Robley Hats: From the ridiculous to the sublime, headware from Dr. Seuss to Garbo, to Bogart. Lenox Square, 365-9636

Salvage Depot: You'll never know what you'll find! 975 Chattahoochee Ave., 355-6811

Shelton's Florist: Gay-owned/ operated in Emory Village. When only the best and most unique will do. 1573 N. Decatur Road (Emory Village), 378-3000

Stefan's: A vintage clothing store specializing in men's and women's fashions and accessories from a bygone era. 1160 Euclid Ave., 688-4929

Trips Unlimited: Give that special person a getaway trip—for two. Your Virginia Highland agency. 1004 N. Highland Ave., 872-8747

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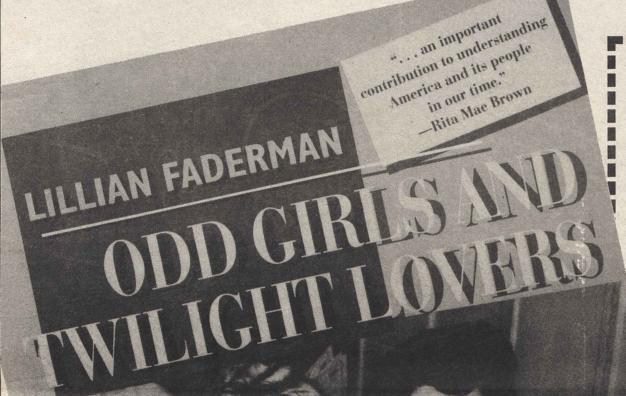
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