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A cynic searches for the answer, just in time for Valentine's Day

by RICHARD SHUMATE

A popular dance tune being played and played to death these days asks the timeless question, "What is love?"

Then it proceeds to give a non-answer answer: "Baby don't hurt me, don't hurt me no more."

Or maybe that is more of an answer than it would appear at first blush. Granted, dance music is generally not the best place to look for the philosophical answers to life's big riddles, at least not without a firm grip on the cocktail of one's choice. But this song does happen to capture a paradox worth considering this week as we celebrate the holiday of amor.

If human beings are creatures interested in self-preservation, if we generally try to avoid things that we know will cause us fear and angst, then why do we continue to play the love game, even when it so often ends in tears and disaster?

Ah ha, you say. The writer is a cynic, looking at the glass half empty instead of half full. A few of the truly unkind souls among you might even use the term *bitter*. However, I prefer to think, as a friend of mine told me last week when we discussed this topic, that this sort of attitude isn't so much cynicism as it is realism learned from experience. Romantics are just in denial.

But the paradox did cause me to start thinking about whether it is possible to define what love is. After all, if it can be dissected and defined, then we might be able to come to some conclusions about what makes people throw caution to the wind and frequently act in ways that aren't in their own best interests (how's *that* for a puffy, light-hearted, romantic Valentine's Day cover story).

Our society doesn't lack for places to look for information about love. Poetry, music, rows of books in every bookstore, even videos you can rent to help you help your love life. Every magazine in the world seems to have delved into the topic at some point, including Christianity Today. The United States has even issued 10 postage stamps in the last 20 years celebrating love.

But let's face it—most of this material is anec-

dotal theory or just plain sappy, though James Baldwin's observation that love "is a mystery, containing, like all mysteries, the possibility of torment" shows a bit of the proper attitude.

The rational cynic demands hard, observable, measurable facts. Interestingly, I discovered that scientific study of love is a relatively new field that only got underway in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Despite the fact that finding love and keeping love and losing love has obsessed women and men from the beginning of time, scientists didn't think it was important enough to sit down and actually study. They were probably off doing something important, like measuring the genitalia of snail darters.

The scientific community also generally believed that romantic love, as we have come to view it in our Eurocentric, patriarchal, heterocentric society, was a creation of culture—Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Barbara Cartland—that had no physical or psychological basis.

By and large, that has been disproven. First off, anthropologists discovered that, though the ways people express it may differ, the notion of romantic love has existed and does exist in virtually all human societies. And scientists now know that falling in love produces physiological changes as well.

When we meet our latest Mr. or Ms. Right, our body lets loose a chemical tidal wave. It produces a dandy little drug called phenylethylamine (PEA for short), which is chemically related to amphetamines. That is what gives you that rush of emotion that keeps you hyped up and constantly gushing about that significant other, genuinely annoying all who know you. Two other chemicals, called dopamine and norepinephrine, are also mixed in, as well as something called oxytocin, which has been nicknamed "the cuddle chemical."

But you don't necessarily have to fall in love to get that PEA high—it is also found in chocolate. And while a slab of Hershey's might be difficult to cuddle with, and would no doubt make quite a mess of the sheets, it would never dump you for a married

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Suber to head Open Hand

Atlanta—Ava Diamond Suber, the director of the Atlanta AIDS Fund of the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation, has been named executive director of Project Open Hand/Atlanta.

She replaces Karen Boyles, who resigned last November.

"There's an incredible amount of work done here—serving 1,600 meals a day," said Suber. "It's an exciting time to be at Project Open Hand."

Project Open Hand's mission is to serve hot meals to people living with HIV/AIDS. Suber's selection culminated an almost three-month-long search for a replacement for Boyles, whose resignation, along with the sudden death of development director Aubrey Bowie, left the organization scrambling.

Richard Dailey, president of Project Open Hand's board, said the board looked at somewhere between 150 and 200 applicants before settling on Suber.

"We're delighted to have her," Dailey said. "I think she is going to be a big asset to the project. Having worked in the non-profit, AIDS field for a number of years, she knows a lot of people."

The Metropolitan Foundation's AIDS Fund serves as a fundraising clearinghouse that distributes money raised from the private sector to local AIDS service organizations. Her background in fundraising will serve Suber in meeting what she sees as her top priority—"to make sure we're on a solid financial base."

The first order of business will be to replace Bowie. "I don't think anybody's going to see any major changes [at POH] in the short term," she said. "Project Open Hand is very successful at getting the meals out. What we



Ava Diamond Suber

certainly need some focus on, since Aubrey's death, is getting a new development director."

Project Open Hand will also be hiring a manager of volunteer and client services in the near future, and Suber said that filling those two positions will go a long way toward securing the project's staffing and keeping the organization's services on an even keel.

"Just to keep these people fed is a big challenge," said Dailey. "We still need money. Clearly our next step is to find a development director."

Suber, who resigned from a position with Digital Equipment Corporation to take the job at Project Open Hand, will continue as director of the Metropolitan Atlanta Foundation's AIDS Fund in order to finish several projects she had begun there. She then plans to resign from that position as well.

KC WILDMOON

NationsBank, Trust Company PACs donated to Schaefer campaign

As Nancy considers a bid for lieutenant governor, a look at the contributors who made her run for mayor possible

by KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—Political action committees sponsored by NationsBank and Trust Company Bank and former U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell were among the contributors to anti-gay/lesbian candidate Nancy Schaefer's failed campaign for mayor of Atlanta.

A review of Schaefer's campaign disclosure reports by Southern Voice shows that Schaefer, who entered the race late and garnered just 11 percent of the vote, was able to raise and spend about \$89,000.

And the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported last week that Schaefer, president of Family Concerns, will seek the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor this year, recruited for the race by state GOP chairman Billy Lovett.

"She wants to be the Ollie North of the South," quipped GAPAC lobbyist Larry Pellegrini. "And she can have that title."

Pellegrini said that the time is now to start working against the Schaefer campaign.

"During and after the mayoral campaign, Schaefer continues to hide her involvement with extremists, including Operation Rescue," he said. "This time I hope the press won't let her get away with it. It may be up to us now to start exposing her true record, to keep talking

about it and talking about it and talking about it."

Schaefer's anti-gay/lesbian activities went largely unreported by mainstream media during the Atlanta mayoral race, even though it is usually Schaefer herself that the press calls upon to present the "opposing side" to any gay-positive story.

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"It could have a great effect on them to find out the truth, and the next time she asks for money, they can just say no," said Pellegrini, noting that gay men and lesbians have probably patronized some of the doctors, dentists, lawyers, realtors, banks and others who contributed to the campaign.

"I hope people will not only decide to stop

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Gay man picked for City Council staff job

Atlanta—Since eight new City Council members took office at the first of the year, the halls of city government have been filled with new faces. And among them is Fernando Perez-Lee, an openly gay man who was hired as a staffer by the newly-elected councilman for District 1, Vern McCarty.

"I'm very happy to have Fernando," said McCarty. "I feel it's important for the city government bureaucracy to recognize and grapple with the issue of gays being an important part of the city."

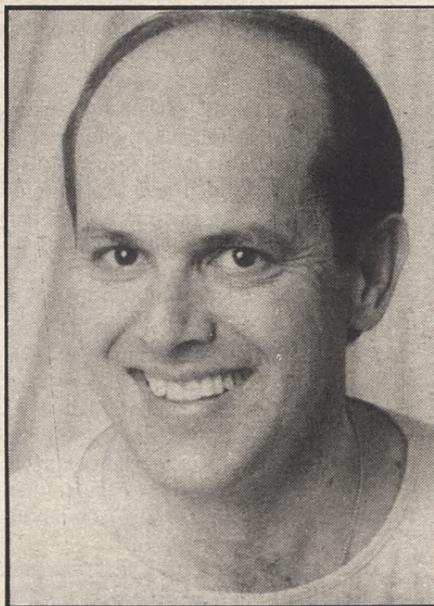
"I represent intown neighborhoods—and gays have played a very important part in helping to rebuild these neighborhoods...I thought it was an opportune time to do this and it's working very well. Fernando is very competent and qualified for this job."

Perez-Lee, a native of Cuba who moved to Alexandria, Va. at age 13 with his family, attended the University of Georgia, earning a degree in radio and television. He worked for 13 years in the city of Alexandria's Division of Human Services before moving to Atlanta four years ago with his partner, Chuck Marietta.

"My partner was transferred here, but that was icing on the cake," he said. "We had already decided to move to Atlanta."

Both Perez-Lee and Marietta immediately became involved in their Grant Park neighborhood when they arrived. Marietta is currently head of the neighborhood planning unit that represents the Grant Park area.

After coming to Atlanta, Perez-Lee had what he termed a "mid-life crisis" and decided to try his hand at acting. He has done stage, film, industrial and voiceover work, and now



Fernando Perez-Lee will work for Councilman Vern McCarty of District 1.

operates a talent agency in addition to being one of two part-time staff members for McCarty, whose district includes the lesbian/gay-friendly neighborhoods of Grant Park and Ormewood Park.

"A number of people early on in the campaign, from the gay community in Grant Park and Ormewood Park, contributed significantly [to my campaign]," said McCarty. "I thought it was important for the neighborhoods that I represent to benefit from the political process. I have an old-fashioned idea of gratitude."

Perez-Lee said that he has given "no deep thought" to being openly gay on the job.

"I've never been what I would call militant," he said. "I don't fly a rainbow flag, I don't have pink triangles or lambda symbols on my car. But I'm always open—I just don't feel that's the definitive part of who I am."

"But I don't pretend the wedding ring I wear came from a woman," he continued. "If you have two brain cells to rub together, you'll

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know after talking with me for a short while that I live with a man and we don't have separate bedrooms. And [McCarty] didn't think it was an issue to him. That's a significant part of this."

Perez-Lee says that so far on the job he has experienced no problems with anyone. "I may be lucky," he said, "but I think it has to do with my attitude. But I think people do realize and understand...that there is a certain line that I don't allow people to cross. I guess in that sense I could be considered militant."

KC WILDMOON

Hearing to be held in alleged rape incident

Atlanta—An Atlanta man accused of sexually assaulting another man in the parking lot of a Cheshire Bridge Road bar has turned himself into Atlanta police.

The alleged perpetrator, whom police have declined to identify, will have a probable cause hearing this week to determine if there is enough evidence to bind him over for trial in Superior Court. He has been charged with aggravated sodomy, not rape, because "according to Georgia law, a man can't be raped," said Detective Mary E. Smith, a sex crimes investigator for Atlanta Police.

The charges stem from an incident on the morning of Jan. 5 in the parking lot outside of Buddies/Cheshire Bridge. In an interview with Southern Voice, the victim said that he was assaulted by the man after a brief conversation in the parking lot and that four witnesses at the scene did not come to his aid.

Sexual assault on men, while rare, does occur. Grady Hospital's Rape Crisis Center received 30 calls from men last year, compared to 700-800 calls from women.

"The general public doesn't know about this," said Nikki Sard, a therapist at the center. "People are shocked when we say that men are sexually assaulted as well."

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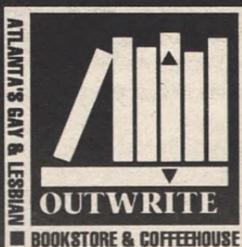
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Hate crimes bill in Alabama excludes sexual orientation

Montgomery, AL—Gay activists say the Alabama Legislature is sending a troubling signal to violence-prone bigots in a hate-crime bill that excludes crimes based on sexual orientation.

"This sends a message that the state does not care that hate crimes are being committed against us," said Mason Myatt, state coordinator of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Alabama. "Once again, the Legislature has treated us as though we are not citizens."

If so, Alabama lawmakers are not alone—at least 17 other states have passed hate-crime measures that exclude victims attacked because of their sexual orientation.

The bill passed the House 73-6 Jan. 25 and still must clear the Senate. It provides increased sentences for anyone who commits a crime because of the victim's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity or mental or physical disability.

The measure was based on a model bill provided by the Jewish Anti-Defamation League. The league's measure included "sexual orientation" in the list, but the phrase is not in the proposed Alabama law.

"Removing that was entirely intentional," said Sen. Steve Windom, D-Mobile, a sponsor of the legislation. "You're talking about something that's a lot more controversial, and it's not a subject I wanted

to deal with."

Danny Welch, director of the Klanwatch project that monitors what are known as hate crimes, said one third of hate-incited homicides in the United States last year were committed against gays and lesbians. He said it was a "sad day" that such a bill would pass while leaving out a significant portion of victims.

Stuart Lewengrub, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, told the Birmingham Post-Herald that a similar bill in Georgia that did include sexual orientation was perceived as a "gay rights" measure and failed.

"Our preference would be that 'sexual orientation' be included in any hate crimes legislation," Lewengrub said. "However, we believe it's better to get a major part of the loaf rather than none of it at all."

Thirty-one states and the District of Columbia have passed hate-crime laws, but at least 17 of those states have excluded crimes based on sexual orientation.

Rep. Bobbie McDowell, D-Bessemer, who voted for the bill without realizing sexual orientation had been excluded, said she would favor an amendment restoring the language. But she did not think it had a chance of passing.

"I guess it's kind of the last frontier of bigotry," she said.

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Governor says no to partnership for staffs of Virginia universities

Richmond, VA—Gov. George Allen says he opposes a proposal to give health benefits to the partners of gay employees at Virginia's public universities.

"I'm on record, when it comes to insurance and things like that, against [benefits for] domestic or homosexual partners," Allen said Thursday. "I don't think it's proper policy for Virginia to condone that sort of behavior."

Allen's comments, echoed by ranking members of the Virginia General Assembly, were sparked by a recent faculty vote at the College of William and Mary urging that public university gay and lesbian employees across the state be allowed to share health benefits with their partners.

Faculty at other institutions, including the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech, are pushing for similar changes in benefits policies.

Secretary of Administration Michael E. Thomas said any changes in the awarding of benefits would have to be made available to the entire state work force of more than 100,000 people. Such a change also would

have to be approved by the General Assembly and signed by Allen.

One Republican leader is so concerned by the faculty vote at William and Mary that he is considering legislation that would make state law explicitly ban universities from providing health benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian employees.

"Sodomy is against the law in Virginia," said Del. S. Vance Wilkins Jr., R-Amherst, the House minority leader.

Even relatively liberal lawmakers, such as Del. Bernard S. Cohen, D-Alexandria, said it is unrealistic to think the General Assembly would embrace the changes gay faculty members are pushing.

"I don't see anything on the horizon on that," Cohen said.

But George D. Greenia, a language professor at William and Mary, said he will continue what for him has been a two-year crusade against discrimination.

"The issue won't go away," Greenia said. "We are asking for this because we are families for all practical purposes."

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Author defends book on lesbian couples

Chapel Hill, NC—A woman who studied lesbian couples and wrote a book about them says the people who ordered the work banned at Chapel Hill High School have a hidden agenda.

Susan Johnson, author of "Staying Power: Long-Term Lesbian Couples," arrived in Chapel Hill on Jan. 27 to defend her book and question the reasons given for striking it from the list: that it's not "literature" and that it lacks references and annotations.

"Literature can mean a body of knowledge generated by scholars. That's my book," said Johnson.

The book is not written for an academic audience. It's written for regular people—like lesbians, like high school students. It's a broad, well-done, perfectly legitimate study. It's a well-researched book written by a trained person about a group of women who are eminently respectable."

A committee, formed in response to parent complaints at Chapel Hill High School, has judged Johnson's sociological study of lesbian couples together 10 years or more inappropriate for a high school reading list.

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Lesbian Named Head Of SF Public Health Dept.: The new director of San Francisco's Department of Health is Dr. Sandra Hernandez, an openly lesbian physician. Hernandez was sworn in on Jan. 12, after the completion of an investigation into allegations that the city's two lesbian supervisors had improperly lobbied for her appointment. Mayor Frank Jordan initiated the probe after the Health Commission voted for Hernandez 6-1 over a candidate he supported for the post. Both the Commission and the City Attorney's office could find no wrongdoing on the part of Supervisors Susan Leal and Carole Migden. The accusations of misconduct were initially made by the San Francisco branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who, like Jordan, supported Florence Stroud for the post.

Sissyfag Zaps Shalala... Again: Continuing his campaign to get Pres. Bill Clinton to act on a number of his unfulfilled AIDS-related campaign promises, activist Luke Sissyfag has once again publicly confronted Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala. Sissyfag's latest zap came on Feb. 1 at an American Medical Association awards banquet in D.C. attended by several hundred guests including members of Congress and Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders. Sissyfag, posing as a news reporter, approached Shalala shouting "Donna do nothing, your administration has wasted over a year. How many more have to die before we see the 'Manhattan' AIDS cure research project Clinton promised?" Shalala backed away and Sissyfag was dragged from the room by Secret Service agents; no charges were filed.



Luke Sissyfag continues his pressure on the Clinton administration.

Senate Demands UN End Ties To "Pedophilia" Groups: Led by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), the Senate voted 99-0 last week to reduce U.S. contributions for international groups, unless the president certifies that the UN has cut off links with organizations that condone pedophilia. The amendment attached to the State Department authorization bill came in response to the UN's granting of consultative status to the International Lesbian and Gay Association, which counts the North American Man-Boy Love Association as one of its members. ILGA, however, has begun the process of expelling NAMBLA from its ranks.

British Parliament Looks To Lower Age Of Consent: A bill to lower the age of consent from 21 to 16 for gay relations has been introduced in the British Parliament by a multi-party group of lawmakers, according to the Washington Blade. Currently, Britain has the highest age of consent of any nation in the European Union. The age of consent for heterosexual relations in Britain is 16.

Shanti Project In The Clear: An independent audit has cleared the Shanti Project, one of San Francisco's largest AIDS agencies, of charges that it misused public funds. The audit did report that Shanti had possibly mishandled some contracts with the city, and may owe the city money for reimbursements of expenses not covered by the contracts. The audit also reported that Shanti's accounting procedures should be upgraded, and that the organization did not follow proper procedures in its grant management. Shanti has since hired a new executive director as well as a finance manager to improve financial controls.

One Up, One Down: Pahoa High and Intermediate School in Pahoa, Hawaii, has dropped its counseling program for gay students. Vice Principal Loren Wolff said last week that the program, Project 10, was cancelled because it caused too much disruption of other school activities. But in Philadelphia, the Board of Education approved a "Multiracial-Multicultural-Gender Education" policy on Jan. 24 that includes lesbians and gay men. The new policy promises "a curriculum informed by the principles of...multicultural knowledge and perspectives, including...lesbian and gay people," although details are not provided. The measure was passed with no opposing comment.

The News From Washington State: While the Citizens Alliance of Washington was amending its anti-gay ballot initiative to ban colleges and universities from teaching or promoting homosexuality as a healthy lifestyle, U.S. Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA) said that he would oppose such measures, although he added that he would not vote for the federal gay and lesbian civil rights bill. CAW's Initiative 610 now includes a definition of homosexuality that may confuse most: "the sexual desire for a person of the same gender as determined by the individual's willingness to be openly self identified with those desires or sexual activity with individuals of the same gender." And for the third year in a row, the Washington House passed a bill that adds gay men and lesbians to the protections of the state's antidiscrimination laws. The bill has been defeated twice before in the more conservative Senate.

NH Senator Wants To Ban Gay Marriages: NH Sen. David Wheeler has introduced a bill in the state senate to ban gay marriages, regardless of their recognition in other states. "I'm not against homosexuality, I just say it doesn't meet the definition of a marriage when there's a union between members of the same sex," Wheeler said. Wheeler's bill would declare children of same sex marriages, if they are ever recognized in another state, illegitimate in New Hampshire, with no rights of child support or inheritance. Observers note that Wheeler's bill is punitive; New Hampshire law already bans same-sex marriages.

A Tale Of Three Cities: Late last month, a U.S. District Court judge in Boston ruled against the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, which had tried to block AIDS prevention ads from subway cars on the grounds that the ads—some of which included pictures of condoms in wrappers—would be seen by children. In New York City, the Metropolitan Transit Authority is devising guidelines on how to use such ads on the city's subways and busses after complaints about some ads—including some put up by the Gay Men's Health Crisis—were received by the agency. Meanwhile, in Rio de Janeiro, the Brazilian federal government is sponsoring a safe sex campaign in every major city in the country with graphic ads, for this month's Carnival.

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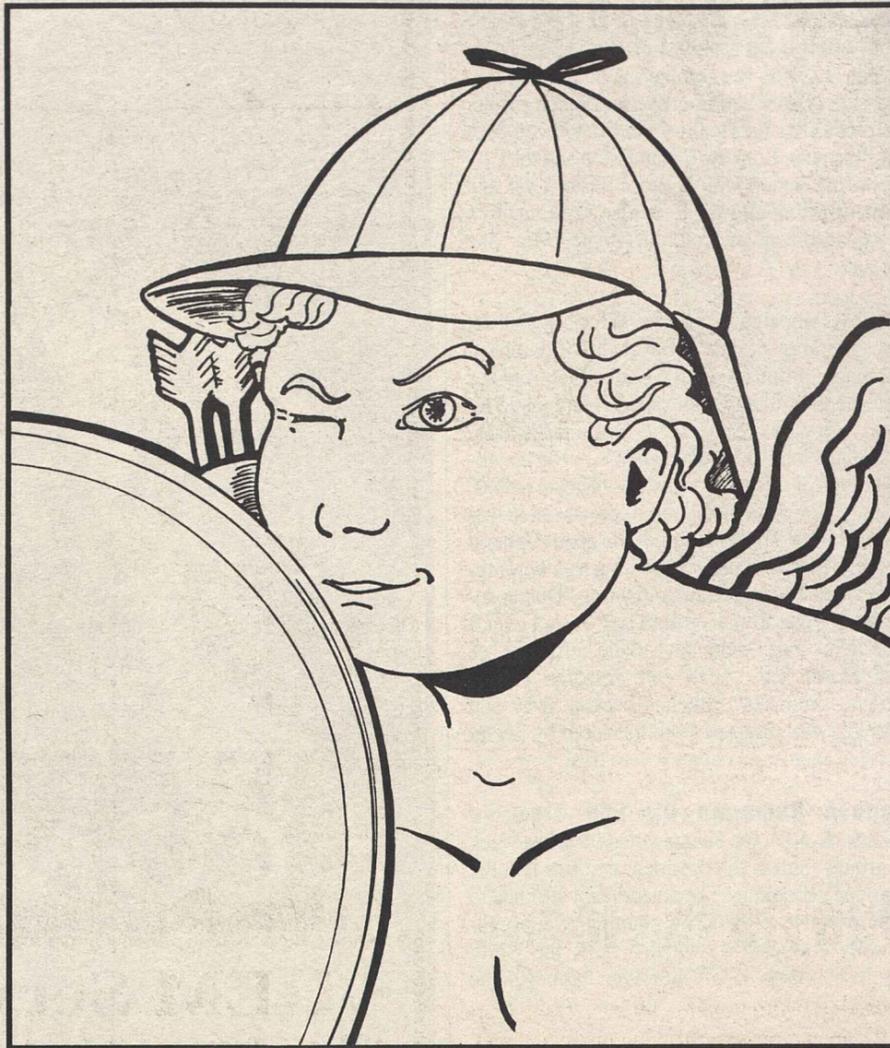
man (you know who you are).

Another thing you need to know is that after two or three years, your body desensitizes itself to the PEA and the euphoria goes away. For the PEA challenged, a subgroup of the human race that contains at least three-quarters of all gay men, the process is slightly faster, taking only two or three dates (stop calling me bitter). Once the PEA is gone, the body starts secreting endorphins, which are chemically related to morphine, that give one a feeling of contentment and attachment. That is, unless the relationship ends, and then they stop and you get to go through withdrawal cold turkey. That is what makes you weepy and cranky.

But an understanding of the physical processes alone still doesn't answer the central question: Why do these chemicals start percolating in the first place when we see that special someone?

The best theory that the scientists have is that we are programmed to behave this way through genetics and evolution. Carl the Caveman was attracted to Carla the Cavewoman because he thought she would be a good breeder. Carla was attracted to Carl because she thought he would be a good provider for her and her little caverats. Romantic attraction, and the ensuing physical changes, are, therefore, the way nature keeps Carla and Carl bonded together through the procreative process, to ensure the survival of the species. This imprint, both genetic and behavioral, then came down through the ages to us.

This theory, of course, does not explain those most special children of the Goddess, namely homosexuals. For if procreation is the primary motivation for bonding, then gay men and lesbians either wouldn't exist or wouldn't feel the need to bond, sending several hundred moving companies straight out of business. We all know that Carl sometimes goes off with Juan to, er, decorate, while Carla and Juanita are digging together out in the garden. Even the scientists who expound this theory agree that they can't explain its marvelous contradiction.



All of which leaves me...nowhere. Valentine's Day, not to mention the deadline for this story, draws nigh, and still no rational definition of love is at hand. So I decide to seek out friends and colleagues, asking them for their definitions of love. I even consider asking my most recent significant other. But when I told him I was writing a story about love, the extremely pregnant pause on the other end of the phone made me think twice—unlike the evening when I first met him.

I finally decided to inflict these questions on two insightful veterans of the love wars, over a heart clogging order of french fries at a local eatery. D, as we'll call her, is a twentysomething lesbian who has been in a relationship for the past three years. G, as we'll call him, is a fortysomething gay man

who is between significant others. When it comes to matters of love, he's not really cynical, but he does express some wariness. "The men to whom I'm attracted, and whom I attract, are bad news," he says.

So I asked them both, "What is love?"

"Security and sex," says D. She pauses. "Security and *great* sex." And G? "A confluence of hearts."

Prior to coming out, both D and G were married to, gasp, people of the opposite sex. Compared to her relationships with women, D says that, emotionally, "I don't know that the love part is all that different," though she says there was always a piece missing. G agrees. "Everything feels more natural. There's less artifice," he says.

So the last time they fell in love, how did

they know they were in love?

"I felt what I *called* being in love probably on the first date," says D. But looking back, she doesn't think she reached what she now considers as the true, deep definition of love until about two years later, when her lover insisted on some boundaries for their relationship. "I needed her to set those boundaries."

The last time G fell in love, "My dick got hard, my heart got open, I had a big smile on my face and so did he." It happened on their third or fourth date.

One thing on which both D and G agree is that too many lesbians and gay men spend too much time trying to define love in terms that don't involve the aspect of our lives that frightens the bejeezus out of straight folks—sex. "Frankly, love has a lot to do with sex," says D. G thinks some gay men and lesbians are trying to de-emphasize sex in order to validate their relationships to heterocentric society.

And they also agree that we rely too much on that society's models for love, which are reinforced culturally and based on the notion that if we don't pick one partner and keep them for life, we have failed. "The first thing we do is pick out the china pattern," says G.

"Each couple really has to build their own model," says D. Though she and her partner live together, she points to two lesbian friends of hers—happily together for about as long as she and her partner—who still live apart (get Ripley on the phone). "We all have to define [a model] for ourselves," D says.

So even though love is frequently unkind, why do we keep going back for more? G believes that once a human being experiences love, "even if it's just for four and half minutes," the sensation is irresistible and we feel we must duplicate it. Also, hope springs eternal, and we also always think that this time, we can make it work.

"It is an attempt to go back and fix the last situation," he says. "That's very childlike thinking."

So what is love? I can't say that you or I are any closer to answering that question than we were 1,700 words ago. Then again, I also have never figured out why dogs play in traffic. Maybe because it's fun. Maybe because it's there.

Excuse me. I'm off to buy some chocolate...

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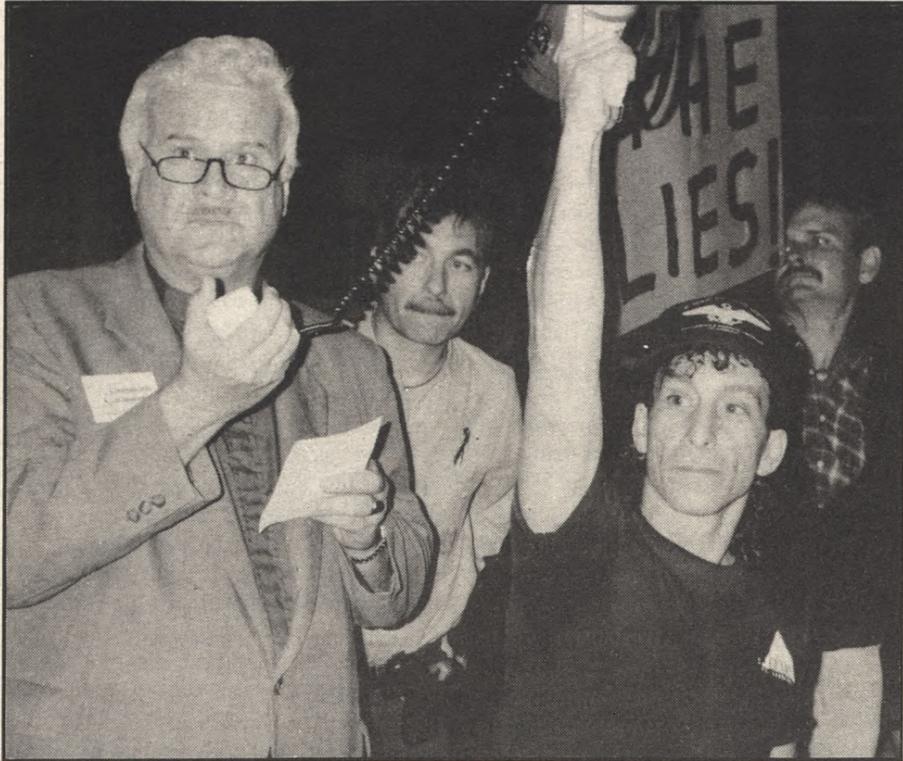


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Rev. Grant Lynn Ford (left) of the Sunshine Cathedral MCC Church, speaks during an impromptu rally held outside as Quayle spoke inside.

1,000 confront Quayle in Florida

Former VP's speech to religious right's gathering at Ft. Lauderdale church draws crowd of gays, lesbians, feminists and their supporters

by STEVE WARREN

Ft. Lauderdale, FL—The odds were better than in the real world. Inside were two or three thousand homo-hating, (allegedly) heterosexual pro-lifers gathered to hear Dan Quayle and other major conservatives speak about "Reclaiming America," the theme of their weekend conference. Outside were 1,000 activists, mostly queer but with a few who preferred to be identified as feminists, claiming their share of the rights (supposedly) guaranteed to all Americans.

The site was the Coral Springs Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, home of Dr. James Kennedy's ministry, which spews its venom nationwide over TV and cable. Kennedy has filled the void left when some of his fellow televangelists were caught with their hands in the cookie jar or their dicks in hookers.

If you've never watched "The Coral Ridge Hour," Dr. Kennedy (there's no "Rev." in the title, even though he's a minister) spends most of the time railing against homosexuality, abortion and liberal politics. He asks viewers to send for a "State of the Nation" survey so their opinions on such slanted questions as "Do you favor federal funding for abortions under any circumstances?" and "Should the National Endowment for the Arts continue to...fund lesbian and homosexual art?" can be tabulated and sent "to the president, to leading government officials and to the major media outlets throughout this country" for the purpose of influencing legislation and public opinion (and perhaps to build up the mailing list

used for fundraising pitches from Coral Ridge and other right-wing organizations).

One point the demonstrators were making was that churches should stay out of politics or lose their tax-exempt status. Ironically, one of more than 15 sponsoring groups was Sunshine Cathedral MCC of Fort Lauderdale, and at least three other congregations of the primarily gay and lesbian fellowship were represented.

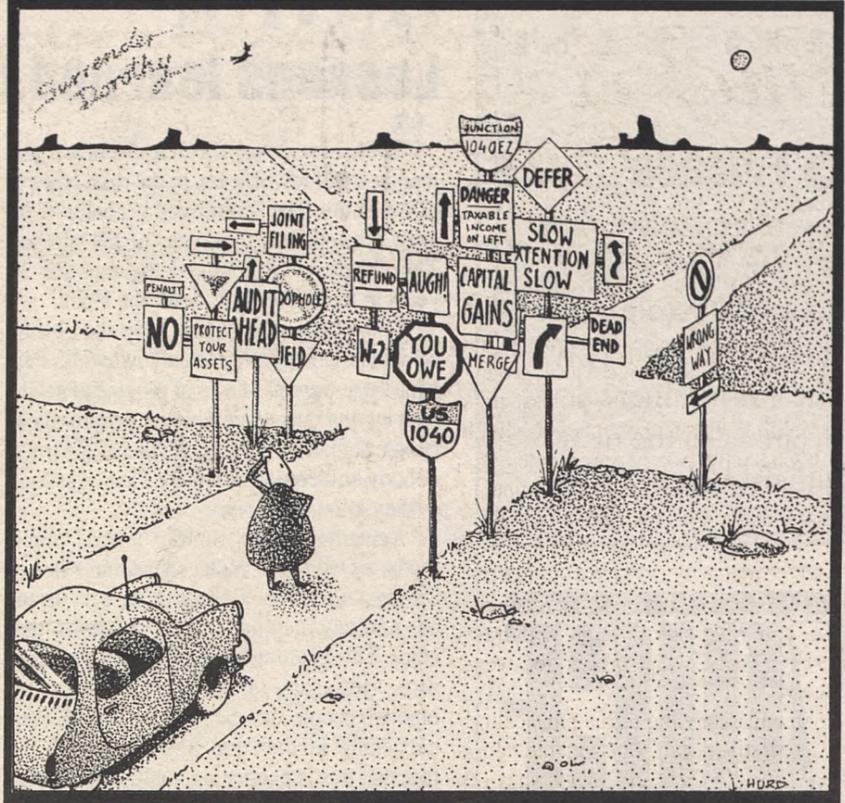
About a dozen skinheads, complete with swastikas and "white power" signs, were assembled on the other side of Federal Highway, shouting their uncensored opinions of homosexuality at the protestors. Even if the lesbian and gay demonstrators hadn't been on their best behavior—the warning was spread beforehand not to give the right-wingers material for their next hate video—the neo-Nazis would have made them look good.

After two and a half hours of peaceful picketing, there was an attempt to hold a rally outside while the former vice president spoke inside. As there was no public gathering place nearby, the logistics were impossible. Organizer Dennis Delia of Gays United to Attack Repression and Discrimination called off the rally in the middle of the fourth brief speech.

"The people inside would have you believe America was founded by people who think as they do," said the first speaker, Rev. Grant Lynn Ford, senior pastor of Sunshine Cathedral MCC. In reality, he pointed out, "they were fleeing religious intolerance."

Intolerance is the key. Inside Coral Ridge, Quayle claimed, "'Reclaiming America' is an inclusive goal, not exclusive. It's not the prerogative of any single denomination. We're all in this together."

Although he coyly avoided declaring himself a candidate, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church was perhaps one of Dan Quayle's first stops on the 1996 campaign trail. CNN and the major local television stations (representing the four networks) covered his appearance, as well as the demonstration outside.



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EDITORIAL

Lessons learned from gays who don't know their place

There have always been lesbians and gay men in small towns, even in the rural reaches of the South. The "confirmed bachelor" who grew flowers and took care of his mother. The "spinsters" who lived together for 30 years in the house right down the block.

These men and women were the objects of wonder and gossip for the townsfolk. Perhaps these were just cases of provincial neighbors buying into stereotypes, or perhaps these people actually were gay. Whatever the truth, nobody bothered them much. That is, as long as they knew their place.

Recently in the South, several small towns—Ovett and Willacoochee and Ocean Springs—have been confronted with lesbians and gay men not content to stay in that place. The resulting backlashes unfortunately show, yet again, how downright mean and bigoted people can be. But what has been happening in the rural South—indeed, the fact that this is happening at all—also shows how far the struggle for gay and lesbian liberation has come. It also serves as a well-needed reality check for us big city queers.

Brenda and Wanda Henson of Ovett, Miss. are lesbian partners who have spent much of their lives dedicated to the empowerment of women. With a vision, they bought an old pig farm and turned it into Camp Sister Spirit, a safe space where women of any sexual orientation could learn job skills and self-reliance and develop their human potential.

Ever since the citizens of Ovett found out about the camp, they have been trying to drive out the Hensons and their supporters. There is no subtlety here. The people of Ovett don't mince words. The Hensons are damned lesbians, and they want them gone.

Todd Emerson and Luis Cintron of Ocean Springs, Miss. are a gay couple who wanted to create a support organization for lesbians and gay men living on the Gulf Coast. So last

year, they put an ad in a local newspaper announcing the formation of GL Friendly.

The backlash has been anything but friendly. Ocean Springs' politicians and fundamentalist preachers have been falling all over themselves to denounce Emerson and Cintron. They are now pushing a Cobb-style anti-gay/lesbian resolution. And when the men recently went to a meeting in Ovett to show support for the Hensons, they say they were told to leave the county and escorted by deputies to the county line, after being surrounded by an angry crowd who called them "sinners."

When Roy Kirkland's father died and he inherited a house in Willacoochee, Ga., he and his lover of seven years, Doug Sebastian, moved in, living openly as a gay couple in the tiny south Georgia town. Then last summer, a cross was burned on their lawn. They vowed to stay. Several weeks later, their house burned mysteriously.

When we hear about events such as these, we express our horror—and rightly so. It is an outrage that in this day and age, people are still taking aim at their neighbors out of prejudice. It doesn't do much to increase our faith in human nature.

But there is another way to look at what has happened. Ten or 20 or 50 years ago, people such as the Hensons, Emerson, Cintron, Kirkland and Sebastian would not have even dreamed of living openly as gay and lesbian people or of publicly standing up for themselves in the ways that they have. They would have stayed in their place, playing into the climate of fear and shame created for them by their neighbors.

That these men and woman are no longer willing to stay in their place is, of course, a testament to their personal courage, for which we salute them. But it is also a testament to the changes that have come about in the last 25 years. These lesbians and gays have heard

and embraced the message that they should not be ashamed of who they are, and they also know they are not fighting alone. They have received support from people who are both gay and straight, who live both inside and outside of their communities. Human beings who have transcended their homophobia—or who at least see the unfairness and violence of organized prejudice—now stand beside them to say, "This is wrong."

The media has also turned its spotlight on those engaged in these outrageous acts of homophobic bigotry. Unlike 10 or 20 years ago, it is no longer possible, even in a place as small and remote as Ovett, Miss., to victimize lesbian and gay people without generating a great deal of publicity. We know, and the bigots ought to know, that Sister Oprah is watching. That is welcome change indeed.

But what has been happening in recent months in the rural South also holds a lesson for those of us who have migrated to Atlanta and other big cities.

We lead something of a sheltered existence. Of course, we all know intellectually that homophobia exists, and far too many of us have experienced violence and discrimination first hand. Yet, we live together in communities large enough to offer a degree of isolation and protection from the rawest edges of hate. From our perches in Midtown or the French Quarter or South Beach or the Castro or Provincetown or Northampton, or driving around in our cars adorned with rainbow stickers, it is easy to become complacent, to forget just how much some people despise and fear us.

The events of recent months should serve to refresh our memory. We may have insulated ourselves from oppression, but we have not yet defeated it. What has happened in Ovett and Willacoochee and Ocean Springs should galvanize us to continue the fight.

RICHARD SHUMATE

L E T T E R S

Reviewer's complaints about "Philadelphia" superficial

I found your reviewer's comments on the film "Philadelphia" [SoVo, Jan. 13] superficial to say the least, and I have no idea what he means by his "gay side" and his "queer side." If he was intellectually offended by the line, "The HIV virus can only be transmitted through bodily fluids," in a film made

for popular audience, he has not faced the ignorance of AIDS still rampant even in the upper echelons of the world. And if he was embarrassed by Hanks' emotional, moving "opera" scene, where is his feeling for a man whose life is slipping through his fingers and, indeed, where is his sense of drama?

I agree that "Philadelphia" seems to be designed to sell homosexuality to the straight world. As a sales job then, it is easy to see why Andrew Beckett is depicted as an attractive guy of thirty-something with a glitzy yuppie job, a gorgeous and faithful lover, a totally supportive family, a groovy apartment and friends enough to put together a kinky costume party. What if he were fifty-something, alone and isolated, and with a family which is confused and antagonistic or indifferent, if they exist at all. No, it would not sell as well, but would it be truer to life? I agree that the film will increase the general public's compassion for homosexuals with AIDS even though it avoids the issue of the promiscuity and culture of anonymous sex that had a lot to do with creating the epidemic.

But what about homosexuals *without* HIV or AIDS? What about all the issues surrounding them that are ignored or forgotten (even

in the pages of your newspaper) because the total energies of the gay community are focused into AIDS? I'm certainly not saying forget AIDS. The fight for its cure must go on, but I would guess that there are many many silent homosexuals who are weary of having their lives defined by AIDS in the local and national media.

Thomas Hill
Dunwoody



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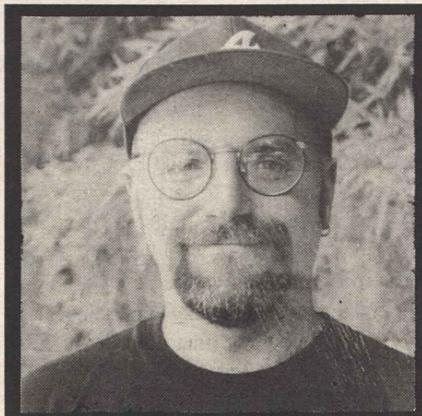
Reaction to "The Kiss" shows how far we still have to go

It's funny how the most subversive things are the ones that look the most innocent. Take "Tales of The City," Armistead Maupin's series of books about urban extended families in the 1970s and 80s. The chapters are short and quick, the characters likable and fallible, the surprises are patented, the emotions real, the relationships authentic.

It's not until you realize the extent that "Tales" portrays gay life as just another kind of life that you see its potential for undermining the right wing's anti-gay campaign. And that's what makes the brouhaha caused by Georgia Public Television's airing of a TV version of "Tales" so interesting, such a microcosm of all of the political and societal battles being fought now around gay issues and gay acceptance and society's effort to arrive at a consensus as to how to treat us. (Bear in mind that as for the word "interesting," the Chinese consider the phrase, "May you live in interesting times" to be a curse.)

We all know what it was that got people so upset—it wasn't the drug use or Chloe Webb's breasts. It was "The Kiss," a long, slurpy one that Michael plants on Jon in the car on the street in broad daylight in San Francisco. No shame, no furtive glances around to see what neighbors might be looking or what children might be passing by.

It doesn't matter that much more graphic sex and nudity has appeared on PBS in "I, Claudius" or "Brideshead Revisited"—that kiss is the most subversive thing you can show on TV if what you seek to subvert is "family values" as defined by the religious right. It plants in the minds of young men and women destined for our community that there are places where men can do that, where such a choice is allowed to exist. If I had known that as a 15-year-old, my life would have been vastly different.



Southern Queer-ies

by AL COTTON

In Georgia, of course, that's an issue tailor-made for conservatives to make hay with. But quite surprising was the politician who chose to use it—none other than the once-thought-to-be-liberal lieutenant governor, Pierre Howard, who did the standard "condemn it without seeing it" bit. Unfortunately, because of his past reputation and current prestige, he gave cover and credibility to others who hopped on the bandwagon. Personally, I expected better from him.

But even more surprising is the absolute fury his comment has elicited in more than one of my friends. One swore *never* to vote for Howard again (while I wondered what would happen if he were running for governor against someone like Michael Bowers, a distinct possibility in 1998); another raged for five minutes in a bar. And our community as a whole responded quite aggressively, outnumbering negative calls to GPTV by 2-to-1 statewide.

This TV show managed to push a whole lot of people's buttons.

Part of the reason is that this incident parallels a national trend, which has strengthened since the March on Washington last April (and we should expect some sort of response any time we visibly display our strength). Any local betrayal resonates very strongly because of the larger betrayals we've witnessed lately, like Bill Clinton's quintessential cut-and-run on gays in the military.

But there's some historical and political naivete going on here, too. To compare our movement with a timeline for civil rights for black people, we see that the military was integrated in 1947; Brown vs. Board of Education, which outlawed separate but equal public facilities, came from the Supreme Court in 1954; and federal civil rights legislation passed Congress in 1964.

Gay people have none of these legal protections. Bowers vs. Hardwick failed in 1986 to decriminalize our private, consensual relationships; 1993 signalled a failure to integrate ourselves into military life; and civil rights protection for gay men and lesbians will certainly not happen before the next millennium. As far as legal and governmental precedent go, we're not as safe as we think we are.

Our current position most closely resembles the 1930's stage, as depicted in another GPTV presentation, their excellent six-parter on "The Depression." The episode about racism and anti-Semitism during hard times was fascinating, with the most fascinating parallel between Clinton and Franklin Roosevelt. As liberal as FDR was, and as strongly as his wife supported civil rights, in 1936 he could not publicly support anti-lynching laws for fear of alienating the conservative wing of his own party, led by—who else?—conservative Southern senators, for fear they would kill his social

programs in retaliation. Sound familiar?

It makes me sad to see the South continue as the region that stops progressive change. But then, this is the region of our country that not only has no state with gay rights laws, but not even a state that has voluntarily repealed its sodomy laws. This is our legacy, and smart politicians like Pierre Howard know and exploit this.

Was it Newsweek who ran an article about the gay community last year called "The Limits of Tolerance"? Because that's exactly the dialogue going on right now, the consensus that Phil Donahue and Rush Limbaugh and the Christian Coalition and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and those of their ilk are all vying to influence. All over our country there is a massive debate that will decide how gay people will be treated in society. In referendum after referendum, voters will be asked whether or not we should be entitled to "special rights." In regressive Georgia, the battle is over whether two men can kiss each other with affection and without shame on TV.

Timeline-wise, we're somewhere between 20 and 50 years behind the civil rights curve. My personal opinion is that ultimately we will win this fight, if only because we will continue to infiltrate families randomly, by being born into them, and change them from the inside. The stakes are high—our failure would disprove our country's offer of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all citizens.

But to a large extent, the work that will bring victory is to be done not in California, or even Atlanta, but in Chatsworth and Camilla and Cordele, and a thousand other small towns around the country. That's the battle that "Tales of the City" ended up as ammunition for. Let's see if GPTV reruns it.

L E T T E R S

Definition of what is prostitution is in the eye of the beholder

To prostitute oneself means to grant sexual favors for economic reasons. Something of value (a ride home from a bar, a movie and dinner, drinks, small gifts of various sorts, or cash) is exchanged for intercourse. Under this broad definition, perhaps a majority of us have been involved on one or both sides of such a transaction. Why is it, then, that Southern Voice vilifies sex workers, those in the community who prefer cash reimbursement, as opposed to those who opt for non-monetary compensation?

The derogatory title of SoVo's recent, irresponsible headline story, "Life in the Shad-

ows" [SoVo, Jan. 13] more befits the National Enquirer than a weekly attempting to cover the diversity of Atlanta's lesbian and gay communities. Richard Eldredge marginalizes sex workers and their clients ("strange men," he calls them), attempting to put "them" at a safe distance from "the rest of us." The line is not that easily drawn.

What could have been a helpful, groundbreaking article was instead a polemic directed against ourselves—a feature story relying on limited observation and a tired moral standard that privileges long-term monogamy and parental approval. (The writer praises the

protagonist for finding a lover and taking him "home" to meet the folks.) Much more useful to SoVo readers would have been an overview of legislation pertaining to sexual exchange. For example, given the sodomy statutes, how much more illegal is prostitution over non-remunerative lesbian and gay sex? What about safety in the workplace? Is police harassment as much of a danger as the occasional violent john? What is the history of prostitution and its policing in Atlanta? Can authorities continue to unconstitutionally test arrestees for STDs, as they did for decades? How can we best protect the health of sex workers as well

as their clients? How has legalization worked in Nevada or in other countries?

If SoVo instead feels obligated to pass judgment on any sort of sexual relationship, the most appropriate moral compass should prize truthfulness above all. We then could compare prostitutes and their clients who agree upfront on the value of the sexual experience versus two individuals in a bar setting trading any number of small deceits, favors and compliments as they attempt to get each other into bed. Which is the more honest exchange?

John Howard
Atlanta

Reader salutes rescuers from 1976

I've been picking up your publication at the local bookstore and I quite like it. (I feel that I know all your writers already.) So I wanted to tell you this tale. On Valentine's night in 1976, I was thrown out of a bar in the area between Ponce and North Avenue and subsequently attacked by a stranger. Was it just good luck or favorable karma that I was picked up by two gay guys cruising around in a sports car and taken to Grady Hospital? I have no idea who the two guys were, of course. I knew gays in the community, and around about, but none who drove sports cars. My friends were hippies usually...my two rescuers looked more like yuppie types, although obviously a gay couple.

I get to wondering who they were? If they are all right now? Or not? Did they realize that they probably saved my life? North Avenue is

not a good place to be at that time of the night. It may be impossible to find out these things at this late date...this happened way back in '76, you see, before AIDS made its way to Atlanta, and they could be gone. But certainly someone should know about this. I get really offended at the Christian right who yell and carry on, and generally act as if gays are incapable of doing anything "good or heroic." Well, I would probably not be here today if they had not. Thanks for letting me sound off about this. I went to all the "events" last summer at the Square, and I wrote a letter to the Marietta Journal, which was printed, defending gays and the arts...but this wasn't mentioned, so thanks for letting me clear the air about it now.

Pat Williams King
Marietta

NC Lesbians seek information

My partner and I are both avid readers of your publication and are very grateful for all of your efforts to liberate and to inform the gay and lesbian community. Nonetheless, as lesbians residing in North Carolina, we are forcibly closeted and feel that we are drowning in heterosexual culture and oppression.

Consequently, we have recently decided to make a painful—albeit necessary—move to a more "friendly" state with better job security—New York or California. I am an English teacher in the public schools and my partner is in an equally risky employment situation. We have allowed ourselves three years (by June 1997) to make this move.

We are finding ourselves not in just any ordinary closet, but in a steadily shrinking shoe box. We need your help. Does anyone out there have any suggestions for us?

In addition, and just as importantly, I am extremely interested in pursuing a serious career as an activist. I need to know how to get involved, who to call, whether or not I would need any additional degrees, etc. Please send advice, information, and/or friendly suggestions to the following address: Boxholder, P.O. Box 903, Mebane, NC 27302. We need to hear from our sisters out there. Thank you so much for your help and discretion.

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Study says excess iron may increase cancer risk in men

Washington—Even a little too much iron in a man's diet could increase his risk of cancer a new study suggests.

Iron is an essential nutrient found mainly in red meat and fortified grains. Too little can cause medical problems, from anemia to retardation. But too much—by supplementing diets with iron in pills or fortified foods—may not be in everyone's best interest either.

The largest study on the subject to date, published last week in the International Journal of Cancer, shows a risk of cancer in men beginning to rise when the amount of iron in their bodies is 10 percent higher than average.

"There is such a thing as too much of a good thing, said study author Marc Micozzi, director of the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Washington.

The study was published along with one from Finland that found the same phenomenon there. Smaller studies have had similar

findings, raising the question of whether American public health policy with its emphasis on fortified foods and vitamins should be re-examined.

"Iron fortification was instituted with a lot of good intentions but maybe not with complete information," said Dr. Katherine McGlynn, an iron expert at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. However she said that more studies are needed "that really nail the coffin down to say we've got to stop" supplementing.

It is much too early to say food supple-

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ments should be stopped, said Abe Parvanta, a nutritionist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Whether high intakes of iron over a lifetime can potentially affect health, the research is not definitive," he said.

Iron deficiency is mainly a problem of the poor and malnourished. About 20 percent of American children living in poverty are at risk for it. And, until recently, it had been recommended that pregnant women be given iron pills whether they had iron deficiencies or not.

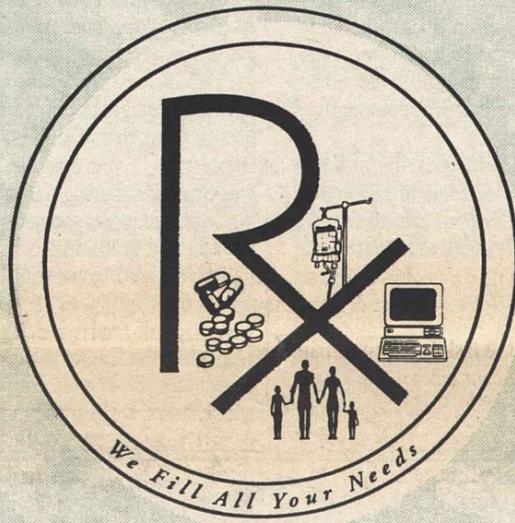
It has been known that iron overloads can

be dangerous, too. About two percent of Americans have a genetic flaw that doesn't allow them to process the heavy metal properly, and if they rapidly accumulate too much of it they die.

Now comes the research indicating high levels of iron in people without the genetic flaw may be bad, too. Last year researchers said it may increase heart disease, and today's study found risks for a variety of cancers, from colon to liver.

Dr. Richard Stevens of Pacific Northwest Laboratory started it all with a 1988 study of 14,000 healthy Americans that found men with high iron levels were 37 percent more likely to develop cancer than those with low levels.

Differences weren't statistically significant in women, who lose iron through menstruation. The only way to shed excess iron is to bleed; people with high levels are encouraged to donate blood.



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Study confirms exercise helps HIV infected

Johnson City, TN—An East Tennessee State University researcher says that people who are infected with HIV can benefit from regular exercise, confirming the anecdotal evidence reported by many individuals.

Dr. J. Kelly Smith, a professor of allergy and immunology at the Quillen College of Medicine, says people infected with HIV who exercise regularly produce more CD4 cells and feel better mentally.

"What we're really talking about is moderate amounts of exercise," he said. "It's equivalent to what most people do when they exercise."

He said benefits come from a minimum of one hour of exercise, such as brisk walking, three times a week. Patients could work up from there, but Smith said that he would not recommend strenuous training.

Smith began the study 30 months ago with 13 men and three women who are infected with HIV. The average age of the participants was 37. He divided the group into those who did and those who did not exercise and monitored their progress every six months.

Regular exercise doubled CD4 counts as well as increasing other immune responses, Smith said.

Questionnaires also revealed that the moods of those who exercised improved. "The more conditioned they were, the better their moods," he said.

Smith called for more research concerning the connection between HIV and exercise. "We're going to continue with it and we hope to expand it," he said.

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Gebbie tells mayors to take the lead on needle exchange

Washington, DC—AIDS policy coordinator Kristine Gebbie has told mayors to make their own decisions on starting needle exchange programs for drug addicts without waiting for the federal government to take action.

"What makes a difference is local commitment," Gebbie told the AIDS Task Force of the U.S. Conference of Mayors on Jan. 26. "This administration isn't afraid to talk sex, to talk HIV prevention. But the real conversations have to happen at the state and local level."

There are 37 programs around the country where drug users can exchange dirty needles for clean ones. Laws ban federal funding of these programs until scientists prove they effectively block HIV transmission and don't increase drug use. In October, when the most

comprehensive study of the issue concluded just that, the administration itself began looking at needle exchanges.

Gebbie wouldn't speculate when a decision would be made, but told a meeting of the nation's mayors here that they don't have to wait for one.

Gebbie said opponents apply more rigorous standards to such preventive measures than to potential treatments. Often new drugs are used on people who are HIV infected after one or two studies.

"It's not a clear study that lawyers like me would like to have," agreed San Juan Mayor Hector Luis Acevedo, the task force chairman. "But in an epidemic we cannot wait... We have to move with the evidence we have."

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Another tainted blood scandal in Germany

Bonn, Germany—A government health agency hushed up for six years suspicions that hundreds of patients received HIV-tainted blood during transfusions, the federal health minister said Jan. 29.

The apparent cover-up, also disclosed in the newspaper Bild, could reawaken a scandal over AIDS-tainted blood that scared and angered Germans last year. The scandal had died down by November.

Health Minister Horst Seehofer said in 1988 and 1989, the Federal Health Office was told by a pharmaceuticals company that "several hundred" people may have been treated with tainted blood products it had sold.

Seehofer said the agency, which monitors pharmaceutical companies, didn't tell him of their suspicions until he asked on Jan. 28.

"It's an outrage that despite the public discussion of the past few months the Federal Health Office did not make this public on its own," Seehofer said.

Seehofer said the patients received the blood before 1985. He did not say whether any of them developed AIDS, or whether the company, Firma Immuno, might face prosecution.

Seehofer had fired the head of the Federal Health Office and one of his own aides in the fall because of similar revelations.

In October, the Berlin-based agency was found to have covered up reports that 373 people were apparently treated with blood products tainted with HIV.

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Milk with coffee helps osteoporosis

Chicago—Women who drink coffee ought to drink plenty of milk as well to keep their bones strong, researchers say.

Previous research showed that caffeine increases urinary excretion of calcium. A lack of calcium can lead to osteoporosis, a thinning of bones most common in post-menopausal women.

In a new study, researchers from the University of California at San Diego looked at the coffee- and milk-drinking habits of 980 post-menopausal women ages 50 to 98 years and measured the density of their hip and spinal bones.

"If you're going to drink your coffee, eat your calcium," concluded Sharon Edelstein,

co-author of the report in the Jan. 26 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Women who drank two or more cups of coffee a day and at least one glass of milk a day for about 40 years were found to have bone density 6.5 percent higher than women who drank two cups of coffee each day and didn't drink milk.

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Edelstein said other calcium-rich foods would probably achieve the same results.

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AIDS BRIEFS

BY BRUCE MIRKEN

Needle Exchange Convention: Needle exchange activists from around the country will be gathering in Santa Cruz, California March 3-5 for the fourth North American Syringe Exchange Convention. Needle exchanges, aimed at stemming the spread of HIV among drug injectors, have gotten increasing attention lately in the wake of a highly favorable CDC-funded study released last year and supportive comments from White House AIDS coordinator Kristine Gebbie. A number of California counties are presently considering following San Francisco in declaring a "state of emergency" in order to circumvent the state law prohibiting clean needle distribution. The event is being coordinated by the Point Defiance AIDS Project of Tacoma, Washington, one of the oldest needle exchanges in the US. Agenda subjects include "Syringe Exchange and the Law," "Current Research Results We Can Use on the Street," and presentations on computer systems that may be useful to exchange programs. Registration is \$140 (some financial aid is available) and rooms at the conference hotel are \$89.95 per night. For more information, call Point Defiance at (206)272-4857.

AZT Resistance—The Gift That Keeps On Giving: A group of University of North Carolina researchers reported in January, 1994 Journal of Infectious Diseases that resistance to AZT persists in patients long after they stop taking the drug, a piece of news with potentially unhappy implications. The scientists took blood samples from four patients participating in ongoing drug trials and checked for specific HIV genetic mutations connected with AZT resistance. They found some of the mutations were still present 22 months after use of the drug had been discontinued. What this means, the researchers say, is that the resistant virus is "replicating well" in the patients' bodies even when AZT was no longer present to knock out nonresistant strains. This, they continue, suggests that AZT-resistant virus may gradually become more prevalent, complicating treatment decisions. How easily the resistant strains can be transmitted from one person to another isn't entirely clear, but the scientists point to a recently-documented case of a patient becoming newly infected with a virus that was partially AZT-resistant—and who, when given the drug, rapidly developed a virus that was completely resistant.

Drink Up: Discussions of nutrition usually tend to revolve around things like protein, calories, vitamins and minerals. But nutritionist Jennifer Jensen, writing in the January, 1994 issue of the Los Angeles Being Alive newsletter, points out an even more basic concern: Water. Dehydration, she notes, is the cause of up to one half of all HIV-related hospital admissions. Water can be lost as a result of obvious problems such as diarrhea, vomiting and excessive sweating, but also from more subtle processes that can occur in the bodies of people with HIV disease. In general, most people should drink about two quarts per day on days without sweats, vomiting or diarrhea, and more on days when those symptoms occur. Another critical concern, Jensen adds, is that the water you drink be safe: Water-borne microbes like cryptosporidium can be disastrous for immune-suppressed individuals. "Safe" in this case means water that's been boiled or distilled, period: Chlorine doesn't kill some of the most harmful microorganisms. "Is all bottled water safe? Your guess is as good as mine," she writes. "If you love your designer bottle, fine; boil the water, then refill the bottle with the same, now guaranteed safe."

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Atlanta, GA—Harold's Barrel, a spiritually based healing circle, provides a safe and nurturing haven twice a month for persons with cancer, HIV or other life-threatening illnesses. The support group is facilitated by the Reverend Ellie Harold pastor of Unity Midtown Church.

"The thing that most distinguishes Harold's Barrel from other support groups is its spiritual basis," says Harold. "It offers a non-sectarian, non-denominational and even non-religious spiritual healing place for its participants."

Each session begins with a centering meditation to calm the mind and soothe the body and includes about an hour of facilitated discussion on problems and issues facing the participants. It closes with a healing mediation, process or exercise, followed by a prayer for protection.

In the tradition of Louise Hay, Harold and her friends create a positive, loving, and living space in which individuals can experience spiritual focus, safety, comfort, healing, peace, support, strength, hope, and faith.

The group gets its name from an actual barrel that is used as a prop and a metaphor to facilitate discussion. On arrival, each person is invited to write down a problem or issue that is bothering them and drop it into the

form a second planned surgery, they could no longer find any traces of the disease.

"During my treatment here was a spiritual healing that took place, too," she explains. "I became far more at peace with myself and with my life."

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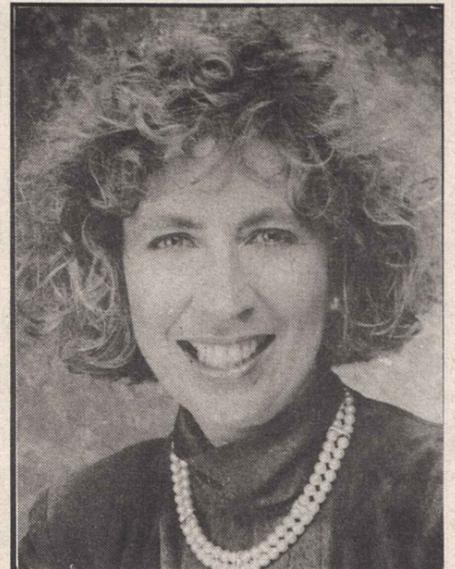
Harold's Barrel welcomes all who can benefit from its collective energies. It is an extension of the mission of Unity Midtown, often

called the "come as you are" church. It is particularly sensitive to the needs of the various gay, lesbian and straight communities characteristic of in-town Atlanta. Harold's Barrel is for anyone who needs and wants help in living positively with a deadly negative diagnosis.

The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month, from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Unity Midtown facilities in the Academy of Medicine Building at 7th and West Peachtree Streets. Use the rear night entrance. For more information, call (404) 874-1937.

LARRY SHELDON

Larry Sheldon is a retired IBM executive living positively with HIV in Atlanta. He conceived of the name and format for Harold's Barrel, encouraged Rev. Harold to commit her time and energies to it and assisted in launching the project.



Rev. Ellie Harold

"Healing can be physical, psychological, spiritual or even metaphysical But whatever its form, healing depends on being present and accepting of one's self."

barrel. During the evening, Harold randomly selects a number of these issues from the barrel for open, facilitated discussion. At the end of the session, all of the papers bearing participants' concerns are destroyed, symbolically eradicating them from our collective consciousness.

The process helps each person in the group feel freedom from their concerns, while becoming filled with a renewed sense of purpose and a will to be alive.

Rev. Harold was a registered nurse for 12 years, working much of that time in intensive care and performing catastrophic care counseling. She was diagnosed with cancer eight years ago and through a combination of spiritual and meditative exercises, prayer and traditional medical treatment, has survived her illness. When the doctors went back to per-

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Activists meet to plan strategy for pushing AIDS Cure Project

Bill would create a "Manhattan project" to find a cure for HIV/AIDS

Washington D.C.—U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-New York, and AIDS activists and lobbyists from around the country gathered in the nation's capitol on Jan. 22 to plot strategy for a bill that would establish a "Manhattan project" to find a cure for AIDS.

"This new project can speed discovery of a cure for AIDS by mounting a more coordinated and concentrated research effort to put an end to this deadly epidemic as quickly as possible," Nadler said.

Nadler's bill, which he introduced into the House in October, would establish an intensive, coordinated AIDS cure research program much like the "Manhattan" research project during World War II which developed the atomic bomb and the "Apollo" project in the 60's that put men on the moon.

The conference brought together 50 people representing a wide variety of groups involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS, including representatives from the White House Office of AIDS Policy, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Association of People With AIDS, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the AIDS Survival Project, Gay and Lesbian Americans and ACT UP chapters



U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, sponsor of the AIDS Cure Project in Congress, believes it would speed discovery of a cure.

from around the nation.

Since its introduction on Oct. 29 by Nadler, the bill, also known as the AIDS Cure Project, has drawn two co-sponsors, Rep. Ronald Dellums, D-California, and Rep. Major Owens, D-New York.

The AIDS Cure Project would focus a team of diverse researchers on the search for a cure for AIDS. The project is designed to be free from both government red tape and the excessive influence of the pharmaceutical in-

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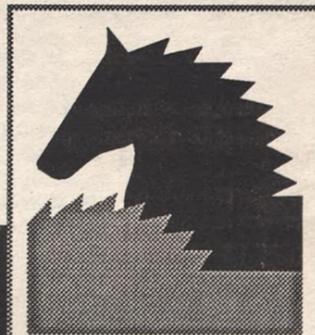
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In order to eliminate conflicts of interest, all of the researchers working on the project would be financially compensated by the project itself and would not be allowed to have ties to universities, pharmaceutical companies or private research groups. Any treatments developed by the project would belong to the project, not any private organization, and would be made available to all affected people regardless of their ability to pay.

During the conference, activists debated and discussed strategies to push the AIDS Cure Project through Congress. Conference attendees decided to use 1994 to build support for the project and to push for congressional hearings on the project next year. Early this spring, activists will launch a national campaign to increase public awareness of the need for the project and solicit additional co-sponsors of the bill, as well as search for a

sponsor of the bill in the Senate.

The national campaign will focus on building grassroots support for the project in key districts around the country and will include lobbying, letter writing and phoning members of Congress in their home districts and in Washington, urging them to support this legislation.

As a part of his 1992 campaign, President Clinton promised to institute a "Manhattan Project" on AIDS research. That still hasn't

happened, even though the president is already a year into his term.

The lack of action has resulted in criticism from a several distinct quarters, including Washington activist Luke Sissyfag, who interrupted a Clinton speech in December to ask where the Manhattan project was, and the New York Times, who called Sissyfag's

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question "only fair."

Sissyfag, who organized the Jan. 22 conference, said "The failings of the current AIDS research program are apparent. Even Clinton has acknowledged this. The need for an intensive research project is clearer than ever. The AIDS Cure Project is the blue print of a research agenda to unlock the secrets of AIDS and find a cure. It's time for the gay community to put its political muscle behind this project and put an end to this plague that threatens us all."

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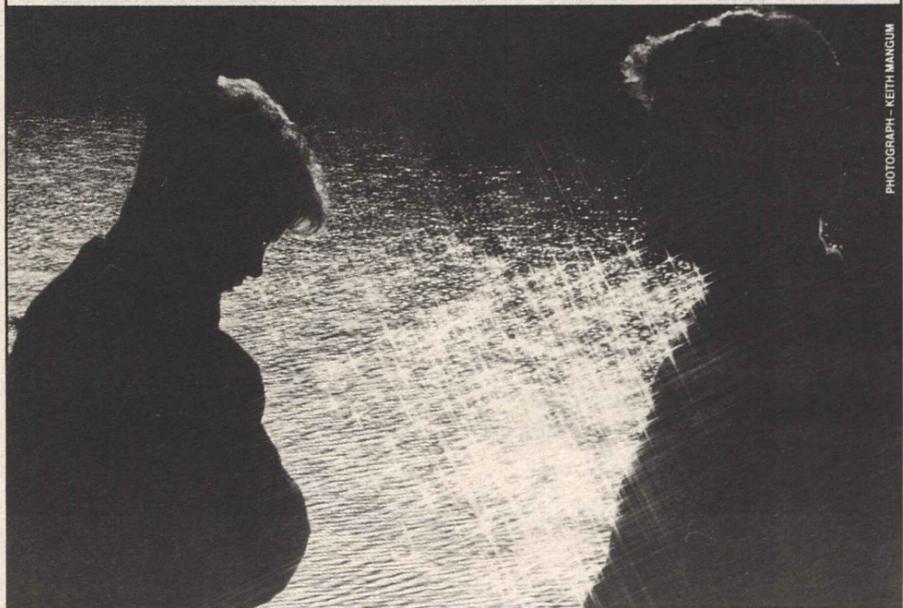
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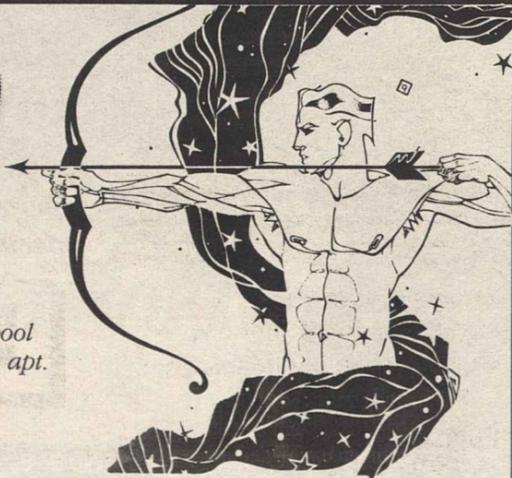
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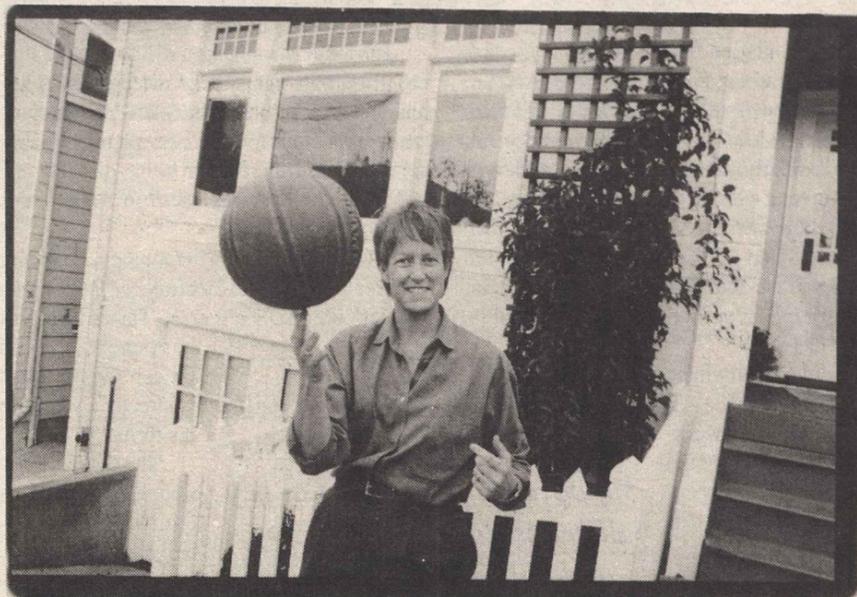
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Dana Tillson, denied an FBI position in 1987 after being questioned about her sexuality, will be hired as part of a lawsuit settlement.

by DENNIS CONKIN

San Francisco—Under the terms of an historic agreement reached to settle a gay job bias lawsuit against the Federal Bureau of

Investigation, lesbian Dana Tillson will be offered a job as a special agent with the agency.

Tillson, 32, a San Francisco private investigator, applied for a job as a special agent with the agency in 1987 and was told that she was well-qualified for a post. But after she was questioned about her sex practices by FBI officials, Tillson was denied employment.

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sion of U.S. District Court Judge Sandra Armstrong, the FBI will no longer discriminate against lesbians and gays in hiring and Tillson will be offered a job as soon as an existing hiring freeze is lifted.

"The way it was left is that once the hiring freeze is lifted, they are required to offer me a job, assuming nothing else comes up in the background investigation," Tillson said. "I'm taking the necessary steps, just doing what I need to do in order to be in a position to receive the job offer, whenever that may be. They expect to lift the hiring freeze by October."

The FBI had attempted to argue during the class action suit that Tillson was interviewed about her sex practices because the agency was concerned about her assignment to states that had sodomy or other statutes.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs were able to show that the claim was a pretext and that Tillson was questioned about her sex practices and turned down for a job because the FBI had a policy of not hiring homosexual applicants.

Tillson said that she was morally compelled to challenge the anti-gay ban. "I've always felt as a person of integrity and strong moral sense, and certainly from my upbringing, that however I can stand up against discrimination, I'll do it. I had to go the length," she said. "It was an opportunity due me."

With an undergraduate degree from the University of California-Berkeley, Tillson says that she's not yet sure just exactly what employment specialties are available as a special agent with the FBI. But she has an organiza-

tional, management and behavioral psychology background, in addition to being an investigator.

Tillson forthrightly acknowledges that the agency has a homophobic track record but says that as society has changed in the last three decades, the FBI has also changed—and that as the first out lesbian agent in history she can make a big contribution.

"I'm a lesbian. I can make a change in the way the bureaucracy deals with lesbians and gays, how they perceive them, how they work with them," she says.

Tillson says that the support she's received from her family and associates has "been tremendous. My family has been terrific, really supportive. I've just been astounded," she said.

However, Tillson said that she has been somewhat dismayed by the lack of coverage in the gay press

about the lawsuit and the historic settlement agreement. "It seems to me there's a lack of understanding of what this means about equal opportunity through the federal government," she said. "I'm surprised there hasn't been more national coverage."

But it's not just the gay press, she says. Neither Time nor Newsweek reported the settlement agreement or her job offer.

And until the hiring freeze is lifted, Tillson, a sports enthusiast, is busy working on getting into crack shape for the job, running or roller blading or playing basketball or roller street hockey with her partner of six years, her friends and her dog.

"We're a pretty average American family," Tillson laughs.

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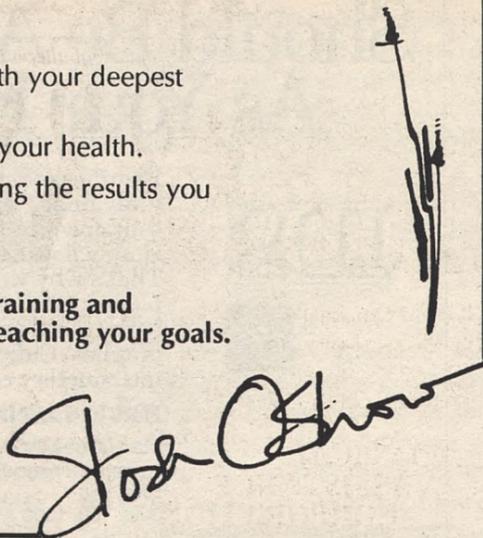
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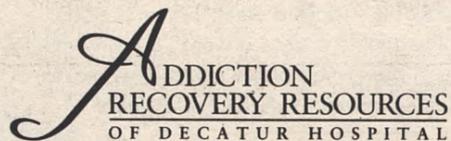
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Schaefer campaign

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using these people, but will also tell them why," he said.

Some of the not-so-surprising names on the list of Schaefer contributors include Bob Barr, a former U.S. Attorney and unsuccessful U.S. Senate candidate who is expected to seek the 7th District U.S. House seat this year; State Sen. Clinton Day, R-Norcross; long-time Family Concerns associates James Zauderer and his wife, Kathy; the Dillard Munford-founded PAC, the Loose Group; Chick-fil-A; anti-sex education activist Susan Cable; and Nelson Price, pastor of the Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta.

Topping the list of surprises is Griffin Bell, who served the Jimmy Carter administration. Realtors on the list include Taz Anderson, Jr., Ralph Griffin and William Leonard, Jr. Doctors on the list were Kenneth Hoose, Jr., Charles Wirsing, Jr., Charles Harrison, Jr., Arthur Merrill, Jr., and dentists Erik Schonberg and Eugene Willis, Jr.

In addition to Barr and Bell, other attorneys who contributed to the Schaefer campaign were Dudley C. Rochelle, Craig L. Schwall, Barry Teague, Hylton Dupree, Jr., Mark Johnson and Bird & Associates.

The NationsBank of Georgia PAC con-

tributed \$1,000 dollars to Schaefer's bid to become Atlanta's mayor, as did the Good Government Group of the Trust Company of Georgia. Gene Gordy, who owns the Varsity, Jr., contributed \$250 to the campaign, and S.M. Food Stores, which owns Starvin' Marvins, contributed \$300. Additionally, Ponce de Leon Properties, an apartment management company, threw in the \$1,000 maximum. Lanier Worldwide donated \$1,000 worth of copiers and fax machines to the campaign.

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uted to her came from outside the city. Schaefer, who garnered 11 percent of the vote in last November's election, spent \$89,555.44 on her campaign, and took in \$89,977.41 in contributions, including \$15,000 in loans from relatives.

If Schaefer does manage to get the GOP nomination for lieutenant governor, she would face Democratic incumbent Lt. Gov. Pierre Howard, who, ironically, has been drawing heavy fire from gays and lesbians recently because of his opposition to the airing of "Tales of the City" on Georgia's

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'94 gay tennis tour to have 14 stops

Not to be outdone by the pros, the gay and lesbian tennis community has its own national tennis circuit.

Indeed, even the pros would be impressed, not only with the calibre of play, but with the closeness and camaraderie shared among the participants.

The list of cities across America which host annual national tournaments is growing every year. It all began 14 years ago when Dallas' Oak Lawn Tennis Association invited players from other clubs to join them in a tournament. Each year the competition at the national level becomes better and better as new people learn of the circuit and want to test their skills.

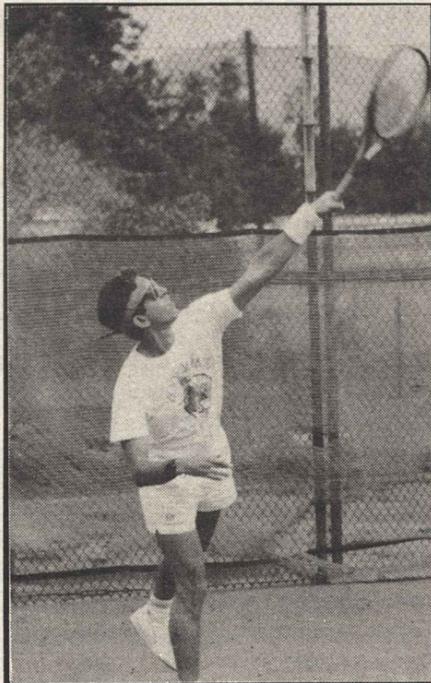
One positive aspect about all of the tournaments is that they offer divisions for players of all levels—from teaching pros to those just beginning to appreciate the sport's appeal. This allows even beginner or intermediate players to experience the fun and excitement of national tournaments. There are typically divisions for women and men players, as well as mixed doubles events at many of the tournaments.

1994 will feature a record 14 events, highlighted by the Gay Games in June. This year gets underway in February with the only clay court tournament on the circuit—sponsored by the South Florida Tennis Club in Ft. Lauderdale. This popular tournament attracts a large draw due to its reputation for having a well-run and fun tournament in a part of the country which offers a winter getaway for many.

A new club formed in Los Angeles is next on the schedule, with their tournament scheduled for the first weekend in April. Following that, Minneapolis is hosting their first tournament May 14-16.

Memorial Day weekend, May 28-30, will feature two events. The largest is the San Francisco club's event, called the U.S. Gay Open. It will be their 14th annual event, and with the large number of women players in the Bay Area, their tournament traditionally has some of the largest women draws. Louisville, Kentucky is also scheduled to host its inaugural tournament over the Memorial Day weekend. These tournaments are expected to get unusually large draws this year because they will serve as a "warm up" for the Gay Games being held three weeks later.

The tennis highlight of 1994, as it is with all sports, will be the Gay Games being held in New York June 18-25. This event will



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host divisions for tennis players according to age, as well as ability levels.

Those not leaving New York with a medal around their neck may want to try the San Diego tournament over the 4th of July weekend for another chance. The San Diego event is traditionally one of the best run on the circuit and attracts a strong field of players, particularly from California.

It's not snowing in Chicago in August, but players get to experience the only indoor tournament on the circuit on Aug. 5-7.

Players have the choice of three tournaments over the September Labor Day weekend—the Los Angeles Tennis Association's National Championships, Atlanta's Peach Tournament or Portland's Sports Festival. Sept. 16-18 is the date the Washington, D.C. group will be hosting its Capital Classic Tournament.

The year is wrapped up with Dallas' tournament Oct. 8-10 and Houston's event, Nov. 11-13.

All of the clubs hosting national tournaments also have a variety of local tennis activities. Those interested in more information about the gay and lesbian tennis circuit or any of the above clubs may write Gary Sutton, 12750 Centrailia St., #126, Lake-wood, CA 90715.



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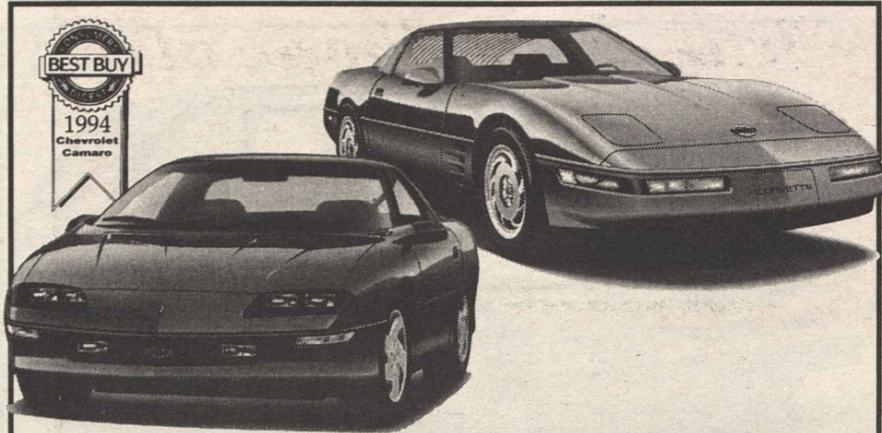
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Philadelphia group wants viewers to block Pat Robertson's channel

Philadelphia—A Philadelphia-based activist group, Grassroot Queers, is taking aim at Rev. Pat Robertson's Family Channel.

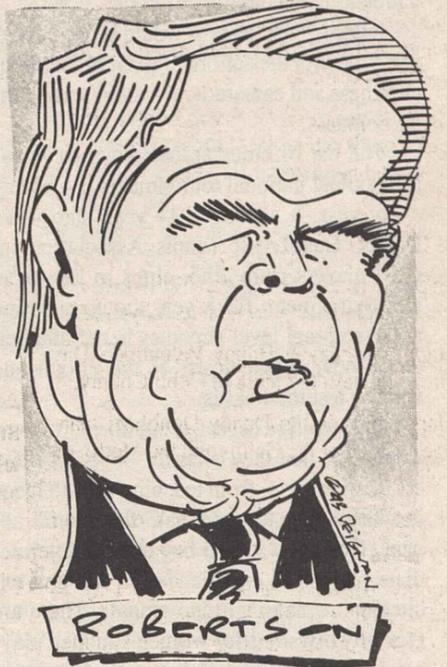
The group is calling on "all believers in equality and justice for lesbians, gays, and bisexuals to call their cable company and ask them to block out the Family Channel," according to a press release issued by the organization.

The Family Channel, owned by International Family Entertainment, Inc., a company controlled by Robertson, is a for-profit cable channel that nearly all cable subscribers receive, free, as part of their basic cable package. Formerly known as CBN (Christian Broadcasting Network), the channel runs mostly old movies and TV shows. But it also airs The 700 Club, Robertson's religious show that regularly takes direct aim at gay men and lesbians.

The idea behind asking cable companies to block the channel is to go after Robertson's advertising base, which is the financial backbone of his media empire.

"The Family Channel receives huge amounts of advertising money based on the number of potential viewers. That number is 58 million," said the Grassroot Queers statement. "That is an incredible amount of viewers subjected to his wanton hate slinging. Many of those subscribers are unaware that they receive a channel that is the tool of Robertson's propaganda machine."

"The more people that block out the Fam-



ily Channel, the less people Pat Robertson can claim watch his torturous hate-fest, and the less money he can charge his advertisers, and less money [he will have] to fund his right-wing religious war against lesbians, gays and bisexuals."

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Happy birthday to nature boy Christopher Streater of Nature's Art on Feb. 15.

Happy Birthday & Valentine's Day to SoVo's Ol' Hoe Maria Helena Dolan who turns 40. Perhaps she'll spend her natal day taking Valentine's Day back to its pagan roots.

Happy 30th Birthday to Craig Hawkins on Feb. 4.

Cindy Tumlin wishes her partner Sharon Burrow a very happy 28th birthday on Feb. 8.

Hugs and kisses to Rob Harlow on his 25th birthday (Feb. 2) from his husband Clay.

Happy 45th birthday to Gail McKay on Feb. 4.

And a happy belated birthday (Jan. 29) to Brian Rountree, the sturdy potentate, raft-riding, snappy bow-tie wearing, thorn-in-the-side of right wing fundamentalists.

Happy birthday to Louis R. Lobrano, Jr., who turns 28 on Feb. 11.



Brian Rountree (pictured here at 15 with mom Kay Callen) got a little older on Jan. 29.

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James K. Kelly

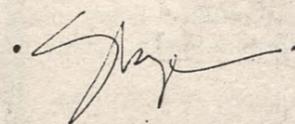
James K. Kelly died on January 29 after a long and courageous fight, at 37 years of age. Born in Texas in 1956, James took his college work in political science. After war service, he obtained work in the Post Office in California. James moved to Atlanta only a few years ago, residing in Decatur.

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Fund for Southern Communities establishes gay supportive fund

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Groups that are denied access to traditional funding sources because they are small, new or controversial are welcome applicants.

The Joyce Mertz Gilmore Foundation in New York City has given a \$25,000 matching grant to FSC to grant out to Southern region organizing projects on gay and lesbian issues.

The fund is seeking matching dollars for the Southern Outlook Fund and qualified applicants for the spring grants cycle. The deadline is March 1. For more information, call the Fund for Southern Communities at (404) 577-3178.

Metro hospice seeks volunteers

Metro Hospice, a non-profit, community based program, is seeking volunteers. A three-day intensive volunteer training program is planned for March 22-24 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). The workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Metro Hospice Conference Center on the Second Floor at 2045 Peachtree Rd., NE, Atlanta (near Pied-

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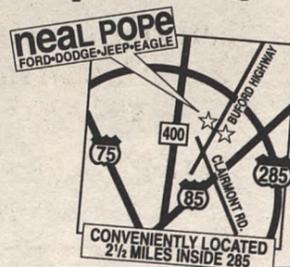
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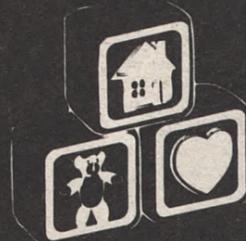
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Cinema Rainbow

Emory University hosts a weekend
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lesbians, gays and bisexuals

by BRIAN COCHRAN

Forget "Philadelphia" and "Farewell, My Concubine." Real gay and lesbian cinema—the kind made by, for and about gay men and lesbians—is about to be celebrated in a film festival at Emory University.

It wasn't very long ago that a lesbian/gay/bisexual film festival would have been a very short program. You'd probably get to see "The Boys in the Band," "Querelle" or anything that had Monty Wooley in it. But when the 1994 Emory Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Film Festival kicks off on Friday, it will have much more to offer.

In the past few years, experimental and mainstream lesbian and gay filmmakers have found themselves poised to become the Next Big Thing, the same place in which African-American black filmmakers such as Spike Lee and John Singleton found themselves about five to seven years ago.

And just as Lee and Singleton have become widely admired and accepted for what their art has to say about the condition of African-Americans and African-American society, filmmakers Barbara Hammer, Ami Mattison and Jean Carlomusto could play the same roles for lesbians and gay men.

Hammer, who is a lesbian/feminist director and producer, will be on hand to lead a symposium on the subject of her films and lesbian/gay films in general. Her most recent oeuvre, "Nitrate Kisses," which has been chosen to close the festival, is a time warp journey between the past and present.

Weaving together diverse elements of gay and lesbian historical representations and thumbing her nose at bigotry, Hammer creates a powerful statement about love and our place in history. "Nitrate Kisses" includes images of older women having sex, destroying two Hollywood myths at once,

that only the young and the straight deserve to enjoy the sexual act enthusiastically. The campy "Lot in Sodom," thought to be the first American gay film, is inter-spliced with footage of a black man and a white man making love, skewering two prejudices. The final section of the film features two tattooed and pierced S & M dykes interwoven with German narrative and documentary films from the 1930's.

The overall effect of the film is jolting. In order to make her point, Hammer uses explosive materials, collected from many different sources, juxtaposed against one another for extreme contrast. The film takes its name from nitrate celluloid, a highly explosive material used to make film negatives.

Hammer relied on the assistance of many gays and lesbians who lived through the historical experiences her film documents. They allowed her to film them and their stories and they led her to locations such as a former East Berlin

lesbian bar, Hitler's bunker site and some of their own apartments and residences at the time. Critics have hailed "Nitrate Kisses" as "Hammer's most complex and assured film to date" and "(her) best work yet."

The festival will also offer the opportunity to view two "film-lover's films," as the Emory Office of Lesbian, Gay and

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GEORGEY NELSON

Acclaimed San Francisco filmmaker Barbara Hammer will be at Emory on Saturday to lead a symposium about lesbian/gay cinema.

Emory Film Festival Schedule

All screenings are free and open to the public. For information, call 727-0272.

Thursday, Feb. 10

—4 p.m., White Hall, Room 206

"No More!" (1993), Ami Mattison
"Stroke of Luck" (1990), James Steffen
Network Q footage, Evan Lieberman

7:30 p.m., White Hall, Room 206

"Forbidden Love" (1992), Aerlyn Weissman and Lynne Fernie. An entertaining and humorous look at lesbian life during the repressed 1950s and 1960s.

"Damned If You Don't" (1987), Su Friedrich. An hypnotic exploration of a young nun's losing battle against her sexual desires.

"Janine" (1990), Cheryl Dunye. A story of mutual acceptance despite racial and sexual difference.

"Dreams of Passion" (1989), and "Spin Cycle" (1991), Aarin Burch. "Passion" interweaves images of dance and day-dream; "Spin Cycle" is autobiographical.

Friday, Feb. 11

—4 p.m., White Hall, Room 112

"No Regret (Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien)" (1992), Marlon Riggs. Five HIV-positive black gay men speak of their struggles.

"Orientations" (1985), Richard Fung. Gay men and lesbians of Asian backgrounds discuss being "a minority within a minority."

"L Is For The Way You Look" (1991), Jean Carlomusto. A hilarious examination of cultural icons, from Dolly Parton to Martina Navratilova.

—8 p.m., White Hall, Room 205

"Flaming Creatures" (1963), Jack Smith
"The Garden" (1990), Derek Jarman

Saturday, Feb. 12

2:30 p.m., Dobbs Univ. Center, Room 362
Barbara Hammer symposium

8 p.m., White Hall, Room 101
"Nitrate Kisses" (1992), Barbara Hammer



"Nitrate Kisses," a scene from which is shown here, will be screened on Saturday at 8 p.m.

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WOMAN FORUM. Atlanta's original women's radio program, still going strong. 6-7pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.
GAY GRAFFITI. Out and loud lesbian and gay radio. Tonight: S. Faybell Ma-Hee. 7-8pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.
GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL

FILM FESTIVAL. Presented by Emory University's Office of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Life. Thru Sat. Today: Works by student filmmakers—4pm. "Forbidden Love" and others—8pm. Showings at Rm 206 White Hall. Free. See story page 25.
PAM PLUMMER, S. FAYBELL MA-HEE AND TRE JOHNSON. Charis continues a Black History

Celebration with these three artists. 7:30 pm, 1189 Euclid Ave. 524-0304.
TRI-CITIES THEATRE. The company presents "Humans and Other Animals, an evening of one act plays, with Albee's "Zoo Story" Saroyan's "Hello Out There," and local playwright Gary Corseri's "Frost at Midnight." 8pm tonight, tomorrow and Sat, 3pm Sun. Discovery Arena of the Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur. 681-6091.



INTERIORS TODAY. A six part, locally produced series exploring the world of interior design. Hosted by Shane Meder and Eileen Marzetti. Tonight: Charles Gandy William Peace. 8:30pm, GPTV, Ch. 8. Also Suns at 4pm.
BALLET ROTARU. "Les Sylphides," with music by Chopin, and the world premiere of "City Beat" are presented at the Ga. Tech Theatre for the Arts. Thru Feb 12. Tickets \$15-18 (\$8-10 students). 894-9600.
ATLANTA SYMPHONY. Music by Haydn, Liszt and Martinu, with Franz Welsch-Moest conducting and Jean-Yves Thibaudet on piano. Thru

Sat. 892-2414.
LAUGHING MATTERS. Comedy improv troupe performs Thurs & Sat at Manuel's, 8pm. 717-4714.

11 FRIDAY

LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL FILM FESTIVAL. Emory's festival continues with Marlon Riggs' "No Regret" and others at 4pm (White Hall Rm. 112) and "Flaming Creatures" and "The Garden" at 8pm (Rm 205 White Hall).
MY CHILDREN, MY AFRICA! The Athol Fugard play returns to 7 Stages thru Mar 13. Wed-Sat 8pm, Sun 5pm. \$12-20. 523-7647.
CAT PEOPLE. The High Museum presents the psychosexual horror film at 8pm in the Rich Auditorium. 892-HIGH.

12 SATURDAY

MACBETH. Thru Mar 27. Shakespeare's classic Scottish tragedy plays at the Shakespeare Tavern, 499 Peachtree. Stars Janet Metzger and Dirkan Tulaine, who appeared together in "Dr. Faustus." Thurs-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 5:30 pm, thru Mar 27. 874-5299.
MARY CASSATT. Thru Mar 27. Paintings of the American Impressionist are on view at the High Museum.
TREASURES FROM THE AFRICAN KINGDOM OF BENIN. Thru Apr 24. Royal treasures of brass, ivory, terracotta and wood from the ancient kingdom are on view today at the High Museum. 898-9284.

OUTLOOK. Radical talk for revolutionary intellectuals—feminist, Afro-centered and pro-gay radio on AM. 7pm-10pm, WIGO, 1340AM.
LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL FILM FESTIVAL. Emory's festival continues with filmmaker Barbara Hammer at 2:30pm in Rm 362 of the Dobbs University Ctr, and Hammer's film "Nitrate Kisses" at 8pm in Rm 101 White Hall.
MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE. A ball to benefit Childkind, 8pm on Lower Alabama St. at Underground Atlanta. 8:30-1:30. Costume contest, music by Robert Ray Singers, Mistyque and the Solid Chrome Dancers. Free. 523-2311.

13 SUNDAY

LES CHANTEUSES AFRICAINES. The musical and literary voices of African women, with host Alicia Banks, who offers a unique perspective that includes the lesbian point of view. 1-4am. WRFG, 89.3 FM.
ON A WINTER'S NIGHT. Folk music with John Gorke, Patty Larkin, Cheryl Wheeler and Cliff Eberhardt. Variety Playhouse, 8pm. \$12. 524-7354.



DYKE TV. Activist television from a dyke perspective. 9:30pm, People TV. Cable Channel 12.
THE NUDES. Celebrate Valentine's Day with The Nudes, a duo that is truly different. They do wear clothes. Eddie's Attic, 9pm. 377-4976.

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.
BENEFIT FOR CAMP SISTER SPIRIT. Help out Wanda and Brenda Henson, under fire in Ovett, Mississippi because they want to start a lesbian-feminist retreat there, by attending a performance of "My Children, My Africa" at 7 Stages. 8pm. \$15.

15 TUESDAY

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR. Ted Neeley and Carl Anderson, stars of the movie version 20 years ago, reunite as Jesus and Judas at the Fox in this biblical extravaganza. One week only, thru Feb 20. \$10-\$37.50. 249-6400.
TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE OPERA. Capitol City Opera performs Puccini's "la Boheme" at San Gennaro. 6:30pm. 633-2848.

AGAINST THE ODDS: ARTISTS OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE. The little known story of a group of black visual artists working during the 20s and 30s is told in this film. 10pm, GPTV, Ch 8.

14 MONDAY

VALENTINE'S DAY STILL AIN'T SATISFIED. Music and interviews from a lesbian perspective. Cool music for any queer or interested other. 7-9pm, WRFG, 89.3 FM.
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. 12.

ATLANTA RAINBOW NETWORK. Community meeting open to all lesbian, gay, bi, transgender and like-minded organizations and individuals. Find out what's going on. 7pm at the development office of Lambda Community Center, 1677 Tullie Cir, Ste 119. 605-7477.

16 WEDNESDAY

POSITIVE LIVING. This locally produced show about

PICTURED: ABOVE: Simone Simon stars in Tourneur's "Cat People" at the High Museum's Rich Auditorium Feb 11. LEFT: The Nudes perform fully clothed at Eddie's Attic on Feb 14. BELOW: Carl Anderson, Syreeta Wright and Ted Neeley star in Jesus Christ Superstar at the Fox Feb 15-20. Photo by Richard Feldman



O N G O I N G A N D U P C O M I N G

SOAP. Comedy Central has the controversial 70s TV series. 2pm & 7:30pm, Mon-Fri.
DYING WITH OSCAR—THE ACADEMY AWARD MURDERS. Agatha's Mystery Dinner Theatre opens its first production of 1994 tonight with murder during the Academy Awards ceremony. Tu-Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 7pm. \$33-\$38 includes 5 course dinner and the deadly show. 875-1610.

the Shakespeare classic unique, at the 14th St. Playhouse. In addition to the "different" cast, the play is set in the 60s. 873-1099.

OUTWRITE BOOKS. Thru Feb 28. The gay and lesbian bookstore has a double whammy this month: the art of local artist Lee Bonhoff, with proceeds going to the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, and a book drive to benefit Jerusalem House. Book donations will go toward a library for residents and volunteers. 607-0092.

YOUR ARTS DESIRE. Thru Feb 28. A contemporary collection of the finest in handmade crafts and intriguing gifts, just in time for Valentine's Day, at the City Art Works, 2140 Peachtree Rd. 605-0786.

ANGELS. Thru Feb 13. Theatrical Outfit brings back Philip DePoy's gospel musical at the Outfit, 1012 Peachtree. Wed-Sat 8pm, Sun 3pm. \$15. 872-0665.

THE NEAREST EDGE OF THE WORLD: ART AND CUBA NOW. Thru Feb 26. Young Cuban artists' work is displayed at Nexus Gallery, along with "Contemporary Parallels with Dante's 'Inferno,'" painting by Larry Edwards and Greely Myatt. Reception from 8-10 pm, exhibit on display. 535 Means St. 688-2500.

A SALUTE TO AMERICAN BALLET. Thru Feb 28. The Heath Gallery presents works by photographer George Platt Lynes. 262-6407.

NATIONAL BLACK GAY AND LESBIAN CONFERENCE. Feb. 17-21 at the Meadowlands Hilton in Seacaucus, NJ. This year's theme: "Blaci. Gays and Lesbians: From Silence to Celebration—Beyond the 28 Days." Scholarships will be available. 213-964-7820.

THE SUM OF US. Thru Feb 13. SAME presents David Stevens' comedy of love—between a gay, soccer-playing plumber and his father and their potential partners—set in Melbourne, Australia. \$10 in advance & \$12 at the door. Thurs-Sun at 8pm. OutProud Theatre, 75 Bennett St. Tix available at SAME, Charis, Maddix DeLuxe and E.D.'s Gourmet Records, or call 609-9590.

LOVE LETTERS. Thru Feb. 26. Marietta's infamous Theatre in the Square offers up A.R. Gurney's touching work about 50 years of correspondence between childhood sweethearts whose lives take different paths. Starring Atlanta legends Mary Nell Santacrose and Frank Wittow in their first ever performance together. Tues.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 3&7pm. 422-8369.

VIBRATING COLORS OF WE. Thru Feb 28. Virginia's Coffee House (1243 Virginia Ave) celebrates Black History Month with the work of Atlanta artist Karla Reid. 712-9198.

WHO'S DINING WHO? Feb 19. A benefit for the AIDS Survival Project (formerly Atlanta NAPWA) offers a twist on the usual dinner party benefit. Call now to drop your name into the hat—your dinner location and theme will be chosen by lottery. \$50 includes dinner, drinks and a dessert reception at Nexus Contemporary Arts Center. 874-7926.

GOODWILL BOOKSALE. Thru Feb 13. You'll be amazed at the books in the atrium at Northlake Mall for this 200,000+ title annual sale benefiting Goodwill. Most books are majorly affordable—50¢ to a buck. It's amazing.

EAT YOUR HEART OUT. Thru Feb 27. Onstage Atlanta presents the comedy about an out of work actor who waits tables for a living. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 5pm. 420 Courtland. Actor/waiters get special deals for this show. 897-1802.

RUSSELL WHITING: MODERN CLASSICISM IN SCULPTURE. Thru Mar 19. Works of the Louisiana sculptor are on display at King Plow Arts Center's Human Arts Gallery 887 W. Marietta St, Studio J-103. 724-9141.

HEARTLIGHT AFFAIR. Mar 19. An evening of dinner parties followed by a Desert Extravaganza at NationsBank Plaza's 26th floor to benefit Jerusalem House. To host a dinner, call 527-7627 before Feb 15.

ALADDIN. Thur Feb 16. The Center for Puppetry Arts presents the familiar tale of Aladdin and the magic lamp as part of the Family Series. 873-3391.

MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED SINCE HE DIED...AND HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS. Thru Feb 27. Contemporary Southern Gothic comedy-drama about a wife and secretary who tries for perfection and fails—even after she attends the Living Loving Marriage Weekend. Sounds like a candidate for dykedom to us! At Horizon Theatre, 1083 Austin Ave. Thurs-Fri at 8pm, Sat. at 8:30pm, Sun. 5pm. 584-7450.

HOWARD COOK: THE AMERICAN SOUTH. Thru Mar 19. The Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art presents an exhibition of works by Howard Cook, a WPA (New Deal Art Program) and regionalist artist. 424-8142.

THE WHO'S TOMMY. The Tony Award winning sensation comes to the Fox Mar 15-20, starring former MTV VJ Steve Isaacs. Tus-Fri 8pm, Sat 2&8pm, Sun 1&5pm. Tickets \$10-\$36.50. 817-8700.

PRESENT LAUGHTER. Thru Feb 19. Noel Coward's witty portrayal of matinee idol Garry Esendine is packed with witty repartee. A perfect antidote to January's grey skies. At the Neighborhood Playhouse, 430 W. Trinity Place in Decatur. Thurs.-Sat 8pm, Sun. 2pm. 373-5311.

SPEED THE PLOW. Thru Feb 27. Actor's Express presents David Mamet's wicked comedy about the moral travails of a Hollywood screenwriter. Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm. Tickets \$12-15. 221-0831.

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JULIUS CAESAR. Thru Feb 20. Non-traditional casting makes Jomandi's production of

Cinema Rainbow

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Bisexual Life calls them. "Flaming Creatures," a 1963 black and white film that was banned in New York for two years is the first of the two. Susan Sontag referred to this film as "having, for its subject, the poetry of transvestitism."

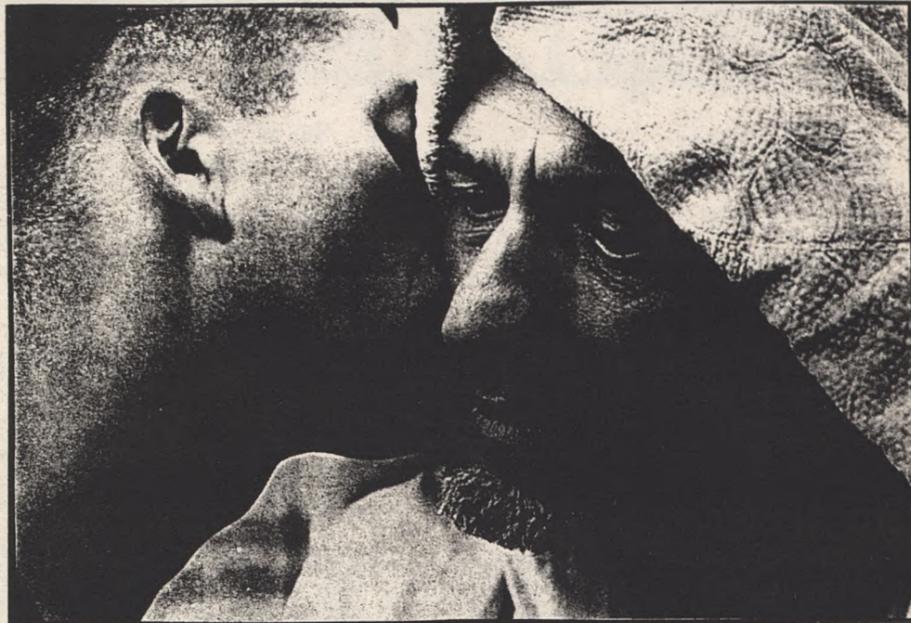
Derek Jarman's "The Garden" (1990), which delves into the Christian church's deplorable, centuries-old record of persecution of gays and lesbians, is the second. In it, Jarman serves as narrator and actor, making the film's autobiographical content more poignant.

The fact that Jarman is a gay man and a PWA adds an interesting slant to his telling of the story of the Passion. Jarman does not revile Christianity in the film, he reveres it. In some sequences, the figure of Christ is replaced by a pair of young lovers. Christ looks on sadly, as if, perhaps, his message had been forgotten.

Alternately peaceful and disturbing, "The Garden" includes now familiar Jarman-esque touches such as tableaux, allegorical figures and voice-over narration. The overall effect is moving and sensual.

Three student film makers, all from Emory, have the honor of opening the festival. Ami Mattison's "No More!" (1993) is a documentary about the recent uprising at Emory resulting from the harassment of two first-year gay male students. The short film "Stroke of Luck" (1990) is James Steffen's look at a young man's self-discovery. Evan Lieberman, who shot video footage for the video magazine Network Q, will provide some of his best work for the show. All three will discuss their work after the showing.

All events are free and open to the public.



Filmmaker Derek Jarman receives a kiss in a scene from his provocative work, "The Garden," which will be shown Friday at 8 p.m.

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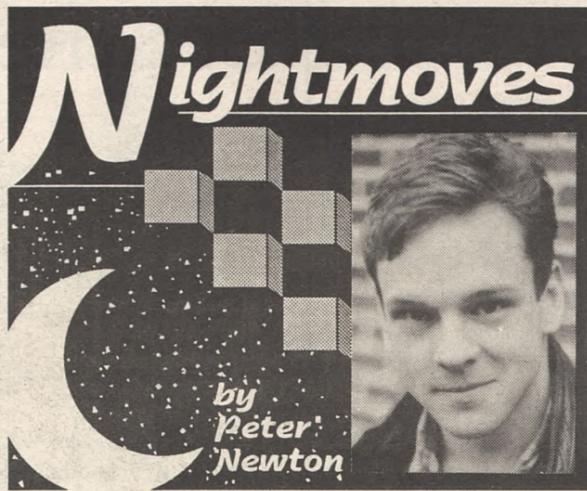
Monday, Feb. 14 has to be one of the better ways to start a week. Valentine's Day: It's not just for sweethearts anymore. Seems like every bar in town is sponsoring some sort of festivity for the lovers' holiday. One of the highlights will be at The Otherside, which is throwing its fourth annual **Valentine's Ball & Childkind Benefit** complete with an 18-piece orchestra on Sunday, Feb. 13.

Earlier that same Sunday, you might want to head over to **Urban Nirvana** at 15 Waddell Street in Inman Park. **Christine Sibley** will host her annual Valentine's Tea from 2-4 p.m. at her appropriately-named warehouse-type art gallery. Yes, it's a tea party and as Karen Martin, also of UN, likes to remind, "Madhatters and men are always welcome." Urban Nirvana is an art compound, really. A Giant Sunflower mural greets you at the gate. Garden ornaments fill the yard, not to mention a few farm animals and peacocks when the weather is warm. Inside, there are walls of ceramic and terracotta artwork. It's an inviting place. A feast for the eyes. Stroll through the sprawling complex. There are plenty of clay Cupids to choose from.

The Valentine's Tea is also a reception for an opening exhibit at Urban Nirvana called "**Love Letters: Messages On and Off the Wall**" featuring the work of two local artists, **Katy DeMent** and **Ted Mikalsen**. DeMent takes found objects and creates heirloom paper collages. Mikalsen refers to his work as "urban folk-art GRAF photography." GRAF is short for graffiti. He shoots the best of the spray paint statements we pass by every day.

Have you ever heard of the **Atlanta Rainbow Network**? Network was a perfectly good word until Dionne Warwick came along with her band of psychics. But don't let that scare you off. This network is about getting informed. Representatives from social, political, religious, support, sports and arts organizations serving the Atlanta community get together and let each other know what's going on. All are invited to their monthly hour-long meetings. Find out what's going on locally and nationally from benefits to politics Feb. 15. 7 pm. 14th Street Playhouse.

The circus comes to town this week. Not the cool, avant-garde Cirque du Soleil but the lion-whipping, elephants-in-tutus type of show brought to us by the folks of



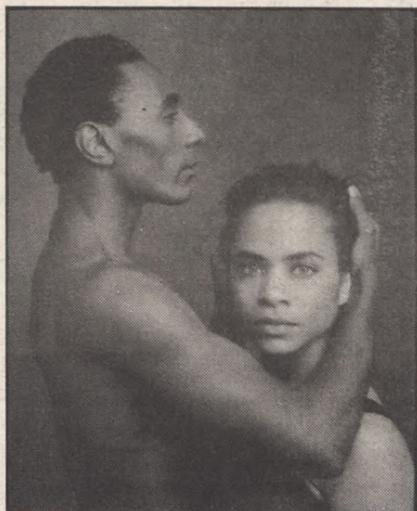
Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey. They're celebrating 200 years as the "greatest show on Earth." Feb 11-20 at The Omni. With the popularity of animal rights on the rise, one has to wonder how long the old-fashioned circus can go on. Makes me wonder anyway. Regardless, this week is your chance to run off with the circus. On Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. Ringling's **Clown College** will hold auditions at The Omni. No previous clowning experience necessary. I'm serious. 221-1063.

Went to see the play about the black leadership struggle of the 1960's at the 14th Street Playhouse. The fact that it is an adaptation of William Shakespeare's "**The Tragedy of Julius Caesar**" has given this production a lot of press. One doesn't usually see an African-American female portraying the villain, Cassius. Or, how about a physically challenged harmonica playing soothsayer who also happens to be the only white person in the cast. Director **Harry Lennix** is trying to tell us something. Because he was willing to take such inventive risks in getting his point across, I found myself attentive during a play that usually drags on the page and on the stage. Lennix goes beyond traditional casting to give Atlanta audiences the opportunity to look beyond traditional viewpoints. And that's a

message that deserves more press. Congratulations to Jomandi Productions on "Julius Caesar" and on their 15th anniversary season. "JC" plays through Feb. 21. 873-1099.

Going to see **Alvin Ailey's American Dance Theater** at the Fox is one of those experiences you'll tell your grandchildren about some day. The music and movement are one in the same, and the dancers are perfect specimens of the human form. "The dance is for everybody," Ailey, who died in 1989, once said.

"The dance came from the people. It should always be given back to the people." Eight performances only. Feb. 10-13.



Ailey Dance Theater at the Fox.

Just a quick mention for one of the all-time greatest live performers, **B.B. King**. I saw him a few years back in Portland, Ore. and was he amazing. He and his world famous guitar, Lucille, promise to be an unforgettable show. In fact, there are two unforgettable shows. Feb. 12. 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at Center Stage. 249-6400.

The folks who run the Koolhipfunkystuff gallery invite you to attend their **Hospitality Industry Employee's Fat Tuesday Benefit** for Good Samaritan Project on Tuesday, Feb. 15. 5-8 p.m. at Galleria Center. For more info about how you can support this nonprofit organization that helps those affected by AIDS, call 873-4589.



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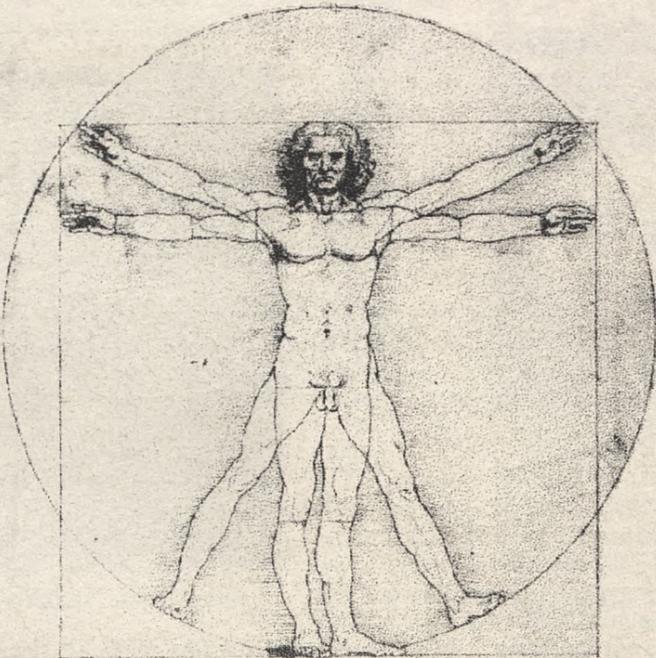
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New Orleans gears up for next week's Mardi Gras blowout

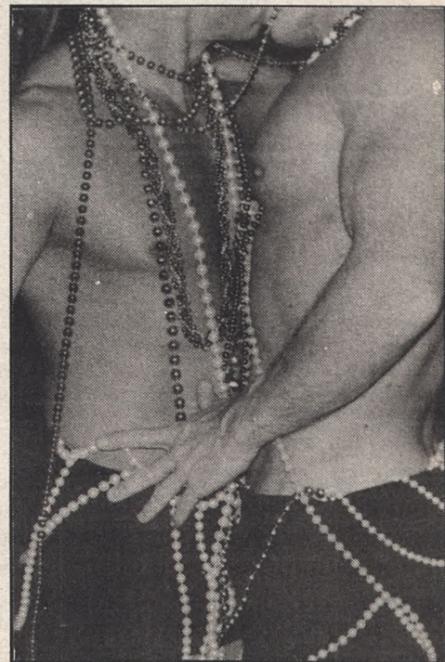
by LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

New Orleans—As W.C. Fields might have put it, "Another bleary-eyed Ash Wednesday will walk over New Orleans like muddy-booted elfs marching over cotton dry tongues."

Ash Wednesday, of course, is the day after Mardi Gras, which will be celebrated next week on Feb. 15. And as any New Orleanian will tell you on the day after, there is never a Mardi Gras "more-better" than the last one. They will might also vow to slow down, come home sooner and "give it all up for Lent"—maybe.

There is no holiday anywhere more beloved by its celebrants. Mardi Gras is a great big love-in. It is a celebration of celebrating. That's all. It commemorates no place or person's birth, death or return. It celebrates no victory, other than the triumph of pleasure over boredom.

And of course, as a celebration of celebrating, Mardi Gras traditionally attracts many gay men and lesbians. While the west end of Burbon Street is full of straight people,



L.E. JOHNSON

Carried away by the spirit of the holiday, Mardi Gras revelers will do almost anything to get a string of beads.

the east end becomes quite gay. You'll know you're there when you start seeing rainbow flags mixed in with the Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold—and when the straight men's cry of "show us your tits"

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Chapstick & the Cars return to stage in E-Motion dance showcase

by KC WILDMOON

Dance duo Chapstick & the Cars (Jim Chappelleaux and Cherie Carson) haven't done a full concert in nearly four years, since a 1989 production at Nexus.

So this Sunday's collaboration between the duo and choreographer/dancer Leah Mann, artistic director of Moving in the Spirit Dance Company, promises to showcase works that have been seen at Room to Move, the Arts Festival of Atlanta, and others—as well as new works from all three artists.

One of the highlights of the program, at 7 Stages, will be Carson's "Paradox Rose," a moving piece set to music by the unconventional pairing of Edith Piaf and Grace Jones. Mann

E-Motion Dance Concert

by Chapstick & the Cars and Leah Mann can be seen at 7 Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. in Little Five Points on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 8:30 pm. For information, call 523-7647.

pull as they perform a very playful duet.

"It's a fun piece," said Chappelleaux. "It's cute, it's romantic, it's light."

Another highlight will be Chapstick & the Cars' "Paint a Rumor," previously seen only during the 1991 Arts Festival in Piedmont Park. In it, Chappelleaux portrays an artist and Carson his model.

"It explores the issue of women being put on a pedestal," said Chappelleaux, "how they're forced to be what we want them to be."

Chappelleaux added that the duo has changed the piece since 1991, making the ending stronger and the entire piece smoother.

"Paint a Rumor" includes an original score by Paul

Jorgensen, set by Glenn Thompson and Roy Richard, and photography by Dany Nieves.

More in the "fun" vein is "Rituals of the Unemployed," a largely improvised piece that includes audience participation. In it, Mann and Chappelleaux beg for money, and then do what the audience wants, trying to appease the masses.

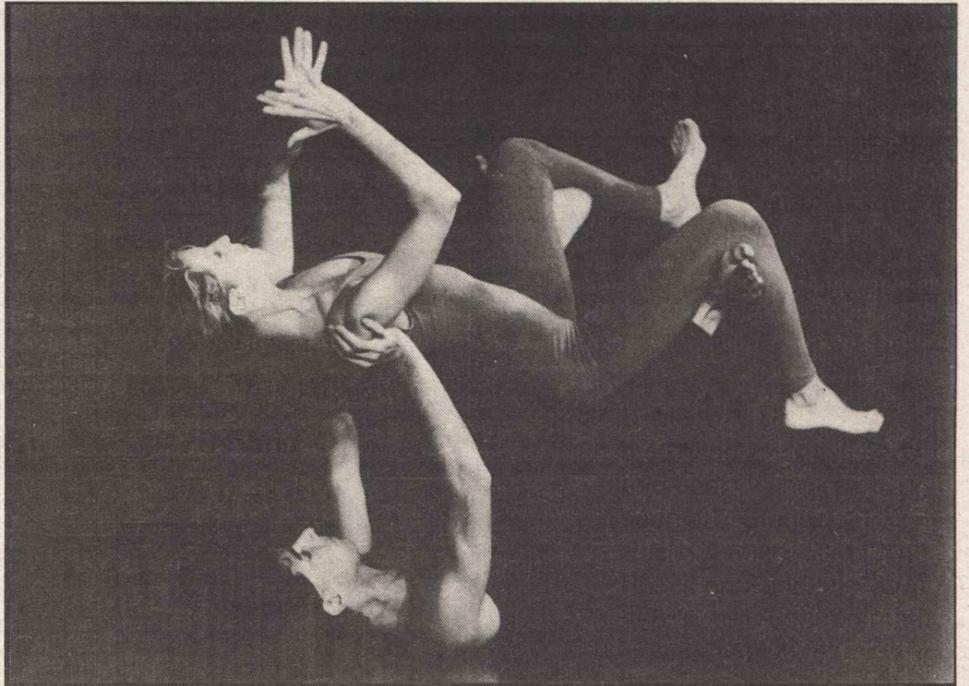
"At the end we beg for money and hope that people throw it," Chappelleaux laughed. "It's another way to feed the starving artist."

He's also very happy to include "Before and After Ovid" on the program—a piece that originated when oboist David Wutrick approached him with an idea to create a dance piece to music by gay composer Benjamin Britten.

"It's not often we get to dance to live music," Chappelleaux said. "Usually we ask musicians, but this time he came to us."

Chappelleaux, who is also the founder of the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival, said he is pleased with the collaboration with Mann, who has been a mainstay in the Atlanta dance scene for a number of years, although her company, Moving with the Spirit, focuses its work primarily with inner city children.

"Ever since I moved to the city, she's been a real worker in town," he said. "She's prolific. She does more work than anybody I know. And she has a lot of really great ideas. I don't



Jim Chappelleaux and Cherie Carson will perform several of their works at 7 Stages

know where they come from."

Also on the program will be "Synth(e)," with original music by Richard White, which features Chappelleaux and Carson combining strength and movement into a fluid whole. Carson, Chappelleaux and Man perform the trio "Totem," an acrobatic showcase. Paul Jorgensen wrote the music for "There Is Someone Other Than Me In Here," a duet with Suyenne Simoes.

Mann performs "It Goes Where It Will," a solo piece on bungee cord which premiered at this year's Asian American Arts Festival in Los Angeles, and "Red Snow," a new work inspired by the women of Japan.

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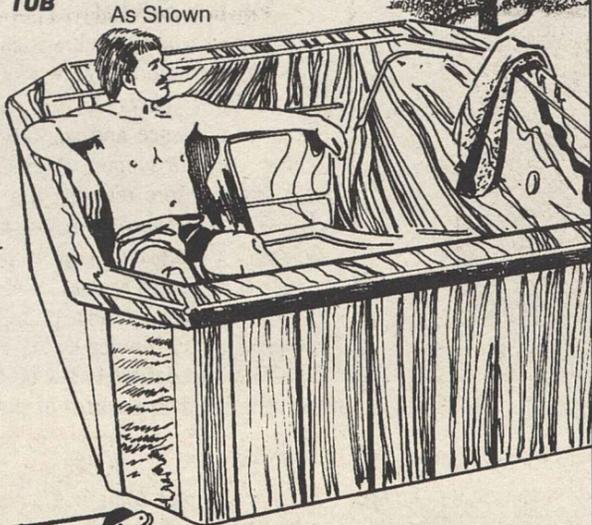
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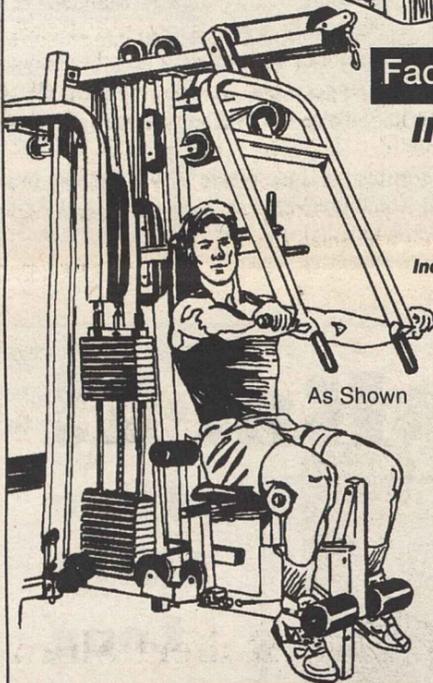
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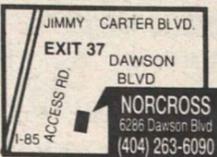
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Mardi Gras

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turns into something else. You'll also see the tables turned on a few straight folks who wander into the wrong end and look a trifle, uh, uncomfortable.

Mardi Gras heralds the coming of Lent, that period preceding Easter when Catholics from Rome to Houston abstain from some temporal joy (like chocolate or, God forbid, booze) in commemoration of Christ's suffering.

Millions of seekers will come to the French Quarter on Fat Tuesday to get in as much last minute sinning as possible before abstaining starts. People dress and undress and generally suck more temporal joy down their gullet than most would have thought possible.

Last year, along Bourbon Street, ubiquitous male bottoms falling bare through leather chaps all but disappeared. Older bottoms, perhaps less worthy of display, were not replaced by younger ones.

What of this tradition's death, in this tradition bound city? More youthful bottoms, alas, stayed covered. But don't weep for the Crescent City's loss of wickedness. New Orleans has not turned its red nose blue. Today's liberated celebrants openly display even dearer body parts.

Young men proudly wag their members in supplication for beads and admiration, while succulent women lower their standards to raise their shirts. Now, "Throw me something, mister," the ubiquitous cry of the

masses starving for plastic beads and go-cups, is often greeted with, "Show me something." And why not? Some of those beads are "savers," bigger than Dallas and shiny as the Emerald City.

Early during Carnival season, posh hotels on Bourbon Street rub insoluble lubricant up and down their many pilloried balconies. This is done to keep the flesh transactions on the street below—a fittingly Catholic form of crowd control that does not work.

Carnival season is already, albeit less egregiously, under way. It actually began back in early January, with an endless session of King Cake Parties. King Cakes are baked with a little rubbery baby doll inside. The one who "gets da baby" gets to give the next party.

This builds until the big day, Mardi Gras, with the city turning increasingly the Mardi Gras tricolor of purple, green and gold. Tricolor flags abound, tall buildings are bathed in tricolored light, twinkling strands of tricolor mini-bulbs are dangled from windows and wrapped around tricolor bunting, tricolor fringe and even tricolor automobiles and bicycles.

Radio stations will play more and more Mardi Gras music. Mardi Gras even has a theme song, "If Ever I Cease to Love," a fanciful comic-operatic ditty with lines like, "May the Grand Duke Alexes / Ride a buffalo to Texas / If ever I cease to love."

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PRESENT LAUGHTER

Noel Coward's plays are known for their rarefied and sometimes vitriolic wit. But what is most striking in the Neighborhood Playhouse's current production of "Present Laughter" is how this ever-so-sophisticated English drawing room farce affirms "traditional" values, yet with a thoroughly post-modern twist.

Noel Coward, the playwright of family values? Yet when the main character declares passionately to a friend that "you and Liz and Hugo and Monica and I are bound together by ties of work and mutual respect and trust," he is

expressing a concept strikingly familiar to lesbians and gays in the 1990s—that of chosen family.

Present Laughter runs at the Neighborhood Playhouse in Decatur through Feb. 20.

Garry Essendine (Edwin Ashurst), a matinee idol in the John Barrymore tradition, lives in constant chaos and uproar, beset by would-be lovers and other annoyances. "I just can't say goodbye," he moans to his estranged wife Liz (Joanna Daniel) as he tries to explain the presence of debutante Daphne (Peg O'Neal) in his spare room, wearing his pajamas. Liz looks on sardonically as Garry struggles to extricate himself from Daphne's clutches.

Indeed, romantic love in this play is a disruptive force that threatens to destroy the delicate fabric of trust between the characters. Love, both gay and straight, threatens peace and order in comic ways—and lust is even worse.



Edwin Ashurst and Elizabeth Chambless star in "Present Laughter," the Noel Coward comedy now playing at Neighborhood Playhouse.

The besieged Garry finds himself evading the romantic clutches of starry-eyed Daphne, but no sooner has Daphne been dispatched in Liz's limo than aspiring playwright Roland (DeWayne Morgan) appears at Garry's door. A rotund, bespectacled Tweedledee with a five-year-old's innocent cunning, Roland first declares that Garry has sold out to the commercial establishment, then declares his love. Garry, needless to say, is not charmed.

But more sinister clutches abound. Joanna (Elizabeth Chambless), the slinky blonde wife of Garry's producer Hugo Lyppiatt (Daniel Pope), brings the apple of discord

into Garry's tightly knit circle by seducing director Morris (Randy Thornley) and then making a play for Garry himself. Garry lectures her on her lack of morals and then succumbs. (Oh, pernicious double standard.)

But solidarity holds, the friendship circle remains unbroken, and actor Garry, writer Liz, producer Hugo, director Morris and secretary Monica (Rachel Fowler) pull together and vanquish the forces of discord. "Family" and friendship prevail, and a good time is had by all.

Director Barbara Hawkins has created an ensemble of performers who seem to like and respect one another. Acting is full-bodied and complete—each character has a fully rounded life and no one falls into caricature.

Edwin Ashurst plays Garry with bombast and bathos. He's a charismatic, slick, sexually-ambiguous charmer who has reached middle age without ever having to grow up. Joanna Daniel plays Liz, Garry's estranged wife, with toughness, competence and warmth. Liz is the rock on which Garry leans for support, although she lets him get deep into hot water before rescuing him. DeWayne Morgan skims but does not succumb to a caricature as Roland Maule, giving the character a wistful, puppylike appeal.

Outstanding is Rachel Fowler as Monica, Garry's pert, clever secretary. Neither pining nor thwarted, the sleekly groomed, sexy Monica knows Garry through and through, likes him but definitely has her own life (about which one can deliciously speculate—maybe Monica has a butch lover who performs in drag in the music halls or teaches Latin and Greek at Girton College).

Accents slip sometimes, which is unavoidable. More avoidable is that every word is not crystal clear. With Coward, that's more of a flaw than with other playwrights. The dialogue is so good that we want to hear it all.

But for its vintage wit and zany farce (still fresh as a Michaelmas daisy) for its oddly reassuring message of "family" across half a century of 20th Century blues and for the sanity and wisdom at its heart, "Present Laughter" is a gem, even with small flaws.

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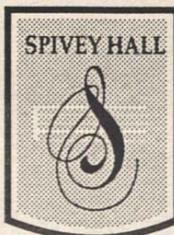
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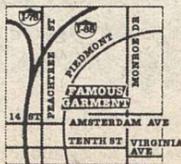


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Dreamy underwater dance piece is nominated for top film award

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"Water Dreams," a joint video project by Atlantans John Williams and Cherie Carson, is a finalist for the prestigious Robert Bennett Award presented by the American Film Institute.

The video was screened February 5 as part of the American Film Institute's Film and Video Festival in Los Angeles.

Carson conceived and choreographed the underwater dance for the video, and Williams was the producer and videographer. In "Water Dreams" they deftly combine their talents and art forms to create a piece more beautifully complex than either could accomplish alone. It has been exhibited in Atlanta as part of a performance piece at the Northside YMCA in Buckhead during Atlanta's "Arts Alive" program.

According to Carson, "Water Dreams" is about "the dreams that people have around or in water. At first, maybe, they fight it and then they realized they can breathe underwater in their dreams," she says. In conceiving the piece, Carson collected other people's dreams of water and researched dream symbolism in water. "Then I had to find dancers who could swim," she says.

While Carson was directed the performance, Williams was responsible for the video's technical actualization. Together they have created a dream-like underwater vision that touches a place that may be related to primal memories as much as to dreams.

Most of the performers are dancers rather than swimmers. Their movements underwater are elegant and graceful and resemble dance

much more than swimming. But traditional dance evolves in the water into movement that could not take place on a stage. Gliding through the water, even a dancer's clothing becomes part of the dance as it flows around her. Another dancer's long hair encircles his head mysteriously or falls like silk over his shoulders. Men and then women swim through each others' arms in erotic, birth-like movements.

The water both expanded the possibilities of dance and complicated the technical realities, however. "Being in the water is so much different from being in the air," says Carson.

The video was shot in the dive tank of the Georgia State Department of Aquatics with the assistance of Georgia State divers. Williams shot most of the footage wearing weights to keep him submerged below the level of the dancers. "We could only work four hours a day," says Williams, "because, one, it was so physical, and two, they would shrivel up and it wouldn't be pretty." The divers acted as technical advisors "and made sure nobody drowned," says Williams.

The underwater images of the dancers and scenery are augmented by narrated text written by Carson and Elena Ronquillo. The text describes the water dream and its significance to the dreamer. In particular, the narration is there to remind the viewer that "dreams come with their own set of rules." If the viewer finds familiarity in the video, it is because Carson found in her research that water dreams (and other types of dreams) have universal symbolism within each culture.

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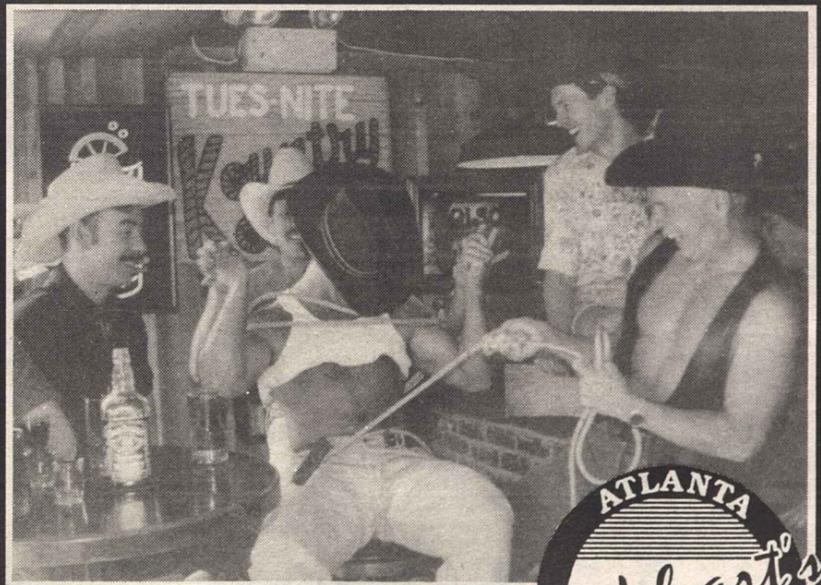


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Williams and Carson working underwater. Both learned a lot from the project, and both said they enjoyed working with this new medium. However, Williams, in particular, described the work as exhausting. "It was very different from any video I had done before," he says.

This is not however, the first time that Williams and Carson have worked together on a project. They created a video called "Three Relationships," which was produced for "Razor's Edge Cafe," a series that Williams produced for Channel 30 in Atlanta. Carson also appeared in Williams' video, "Bring Me Yellow Flowers," about Frida Kahlo. "Bring Me Yellow Flowers" was also nominated for a Robert Bennett Award in 1991.

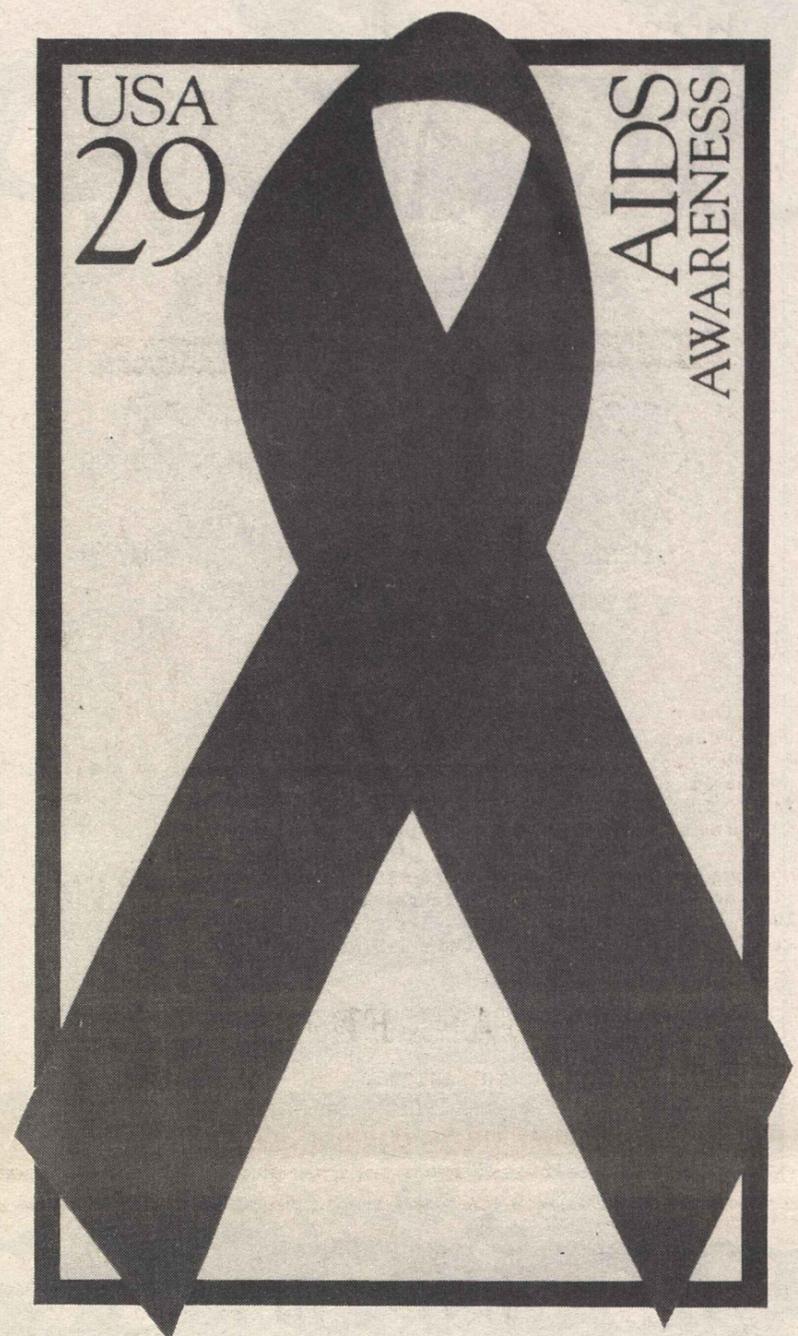
Williams has been producing independent video for many years. In fact, he seems to prefer the relative creative freedom independent video to commercial work. The high budgets of commercial work carry a responsibility to create risk-free videos that can be commer-

cially successful. "As independents we don't have to deal with that kind of stuff, so we can take more risks," he says.

His video "Voices From the Sixth World," shot at a Gay Spirit Visions Conference, was screened at the 1993 Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. As part of an arts advocacy series, Williams is working with Atlanta's Bureau of Cultural Affairs to create a documentary on the arts community of Atlanta, including interviews with artists like Shirlene Holmes, Bobby Box, and King Thaxton. He hopes that the documentary will help demystify art and artists.

"Being an artist or being an insurance salesman... granted they're very different... but they're both hard work. There are just more insurance salesmen, maybe. It's just what we do."

Williams is currently negotiating with GPTV to broadcast the arts advocacy series, including "Water Dreams."



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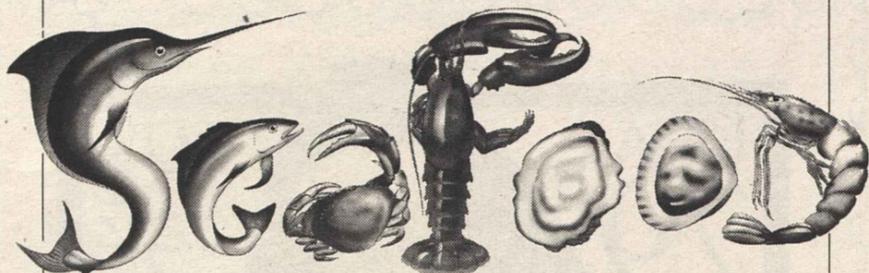
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Like most of the people in Atlanta who purport to love food, I rushed the doors at **Luna Sí** (1931 Peachtree Rd. 355-5993) soon after it opened last spring. Owner/chef Paul Luna's reputation as a master of culinary innovation preceded him like tsunami.

And indeed the food was fabulous. Luna's salmon with a ginger crust and citrus sauce remains high on most everybody's best lists. His use of vinegars was beyond inspired. In addition to tasting fabulous, the food was generally pretty healthy stuff and priced reasonably given its quality and the restaurant's haute Brookwood Hills location.

But then there was the matter of Luna's reputation as *chef terrible* who would not provide his customers with salt, pepper, Parmesan or any of the other little taste adjusters that folks assume come for the asking, even at Shoney's. People complained: that portions were small, that cooking instructions were ignored, that the staff was rude and that Luna was abusive.

I experienced none of this horror on my sole visit to the place early in its life. Our waiter even brought salt when I requested it. But as the media's fascination with Luna's latest outrage escalated, I vowed to stay away. Mealtime melodrama is not high on my list of taste treats.

Thus it was with some trepidation that I ventured to Luna Sí for dinner on the Friday before the Super Bowl. While I feared that the place would be overrun with testosterone crazed fans in search of the baddest bites in town, I'd heard really good things about the early evening \$9.95 three course meal that Luna was offering. And it's just around the corner from TULA, where we were headed to see "The Sum of Us."

Pleasure came quickly on the heels of surprise when we sashayed in to a nearly empty room at 6:30. The square white space, sparsely lit with gelled spots, remains almost exactly as it was when the restaurant opened save for gobs of graffiti covering the walls and ceiling. Some of the scrawls are predictably noxious and Limbaughesque, but seeing the word "women" scratched through and replaced with a bold "womyn" brought a grin to my face. The music remains fast and Latin, but the volume is mercifully lower than it was.

That fabulous chewy bread piled high in the middle of the table and served with an ethereal spread of ricotta cheese anointed with green onions, fruity olive oil and red wine vinegar is still being offered too.

For \$9.95 (between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) you get a choice of any three of five dishes: curried lentil soup with sausage, shrimp with beans, the pasta of the day, grilled fish with mashed potatoes and a banana split. Luna's prices have always been reasonable, but this borders on ridiculous.

It's possible to nitpick some of what's offered. The flavors of the lentil soup don't seem to meld as graciously as they should—too much action on the front of the tongue and not enough in back. And the pasta special of spinach and lobster ravioli in a bit of broth is pretty much of a failure—the spinach overwhelmed with rosemary, the raviolis (and their stuffing) tough and uninspired.

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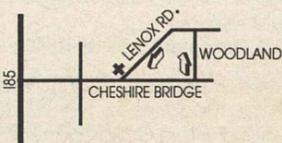
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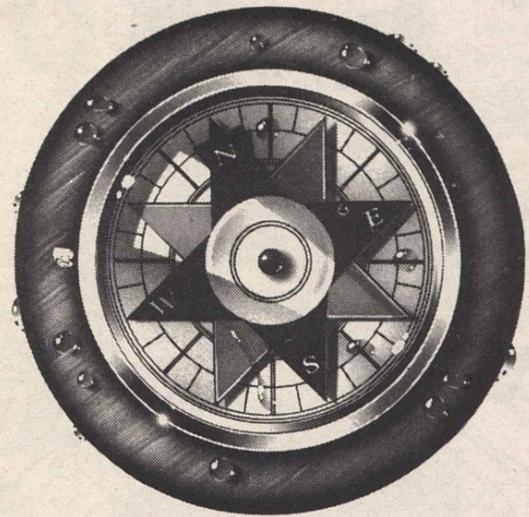
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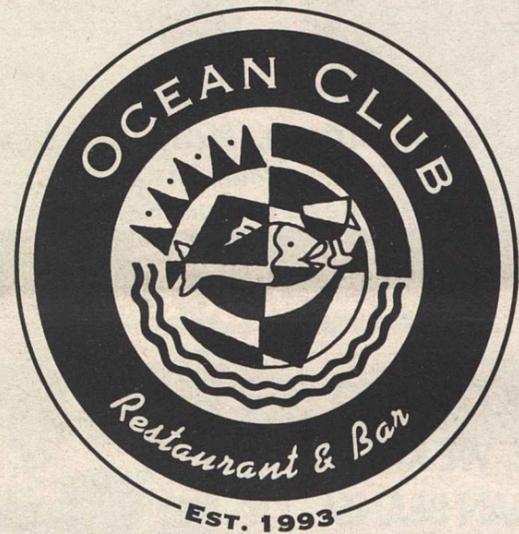
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But then the bowl of dark beans laced with fresh tarragon and parsley and scattered with nuggets of just-cooked shrimp is knockout stuff. And a nice-sized piece of sea bass, scattered with pepper, perfectly grilled and plopped atop a mound of creamy mashed potatoes is every bit as good as the cod and potato extravagance that I was raving about at the Atlanta Fish Market last week.

Except here you pay two bucks less and get an appetizer and desert to boot.

Deserts have never been Luna's long suit, but half a split banana with a small scoop of vanilla ice cream and some perfectly decent caramel sauce provides a totally satisfying end to a really good meal.

The wine list is good and reasonably priced. Service is efficient if a little on the macho side. And when we asked for some Parmesan to try to rescue the failed ravioli, harpies did not fly from the kitchen and offer to abuse us in new and newsworthy ways. In fact, our waiter offered to get us some salt and pepper.

The crowd was picking up as we left just before 8 p.m., but when we drove past again shortly after 10 p.m. and saw the room was almost empty, I wondered if Luna's penchant for acting out has driven away more customers than it's attracted.

That would be a shame. The man makes food unlike any other in the city, prices it reasonably, and serves it decently. If you've been avoiding Luna Sí because it felt too much like a family food fight, give it another chance.

Easy Does It

After "The Sum of Us," we dropped by **Galletto Espresso-Oh!** (985 Monroe Dr. 724-0204) which is about as different from Luna Sí as it is possible to get.

The long rectangular space that formerly housed Julian's Gourmet Market is done up in about 23 shades of soothing brown. The faux finished floor looks like a seamless piece of well worn leather. Pub tables and mismatched chairs dot the landscape. The music is quiet, there's lots of reading material, the staff is low key and friendly. The place feels great.

Cappuccino and latte are about as good as they get. Ditto a chocolate covered macaroon and a slim slice of raspberry laced cheesecake.

If you're looking for an antidote to the frenzy of the city, this is it.

Then again if you're in search of a morning caffeine fix, the place opens at 7:30. For in between time, there are all sorts of great coffees and teas by the pound. And some great teddy bears that had me feeling a little like Sebastian Flyte.

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Direct Action/Political

- ACLU of Georgia—523-5398
- ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—523-6201
- ACT UP—44 12th St. NE, Atlanta 30309-3979, 874-6782 (O)
- Atlanta Greens, Green Party USA, Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Queer Caucus—368-7137
- Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
- Cobb Citizens Coalition—POB 965336, Marietta 30066, 256-8690
- Dykes & Faggots Bash Back—P.O. Box 14531, Atlanta 30324, voice mail 908-5369
- Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—605-7477
- Georgia Advocates for Battered Women & Children/Lesbian Task Force—524-3847; 250 Georgia Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atl. 30312
- Georgia Committee for the 1993 March on Washington—(404) 662-4199 or POB 5282, Atlanta 30307
- GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
- Human Rights Campaign Fund—Field Committee, 231-5751
- LEGAL—605-7476
- Lesbian Avengers—621-5016
- National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
- National Organization for Women, Gay & Lesbian Rights Task Force—636-7435
- Neighbors Network—257-5550
- Out Front—PO Box 12369, Atlanta 30355
- Queer Nation—605-7396
- Republicans for Individual Freedoms—PO 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324, 239-1679
- Straight But Not Narrow—242-2256 (voice mail)
- STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

National

- Human Rights Campaign Fund—1012 14th St. NW, Suite 607, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 628-4160
- Lambda Legal Defense Fund—666 Broadway, 12th floor, New York, NY 10012, (212) 995-8585
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force—1517 U. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, (202) 332-6483
- Old Lesbians Organizing for Change—OLOC, PO Box 980422, Houston, TX 77098
- Stonewall 25/Internat'l March—662-6753

Professional

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- GA Assoc. of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR)—231-2251
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- OUTstaff (Emory)—727-2787 (Donna)

Young Women's Brunch Network—Carolyn, 294-4233.

Spiritual

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- Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—876-0631
- Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain—297-0350
- Congregation Bet Haverim—642-3467
- Emergence/Atlanta (Christian Scientists)—565-2126
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- Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns (Quakers)—370-1340
- Gay & Lesbian Mormons—570-2561 (dig. page)
- Gay Spirit Visions—378-7224
- Grant Park Aldersgate United Methodist Church—627-6221; 575 Boulevard SE
- Hosanna African Unity Life Center—872-9055
- Integrity (Episcopal)—642-3183
- Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—636-7109
- New Age Gays—434-7338
- Oakhurst Presbyterian Church—378-6284
- Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—373-5830
- Unitarian Universalists—634-5134, George at 688-2242

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- Atlanta Women's Lacrosse Club—303-1160, 888-6738
- Atlanta Women's Social Tennis—662-GAME
- Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
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- Lambda Car Club—POB 11705, Atlanta 30355
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- Mountain Catalyst—POB 199, Demorest, GA 30535
- S.E. Gay Rodeo Assn—POB 7881, Atl., 30357, 760-8126
- Wilderness Network of GA—SASE, POB 55156, Atlanta 30308
- Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
- Women's Rugby—659-6916 or 761-8939
- TRICKS Bridge Club—2980 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 192-172, Atlanta 30339
- Underwater Escapes—289-0696

Service/Support/Social

- About Crossdressing—Janet, 624-3770
- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—239-8184 (voice mail)
- Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—223-3718
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- Athens Lesbian Information—LSG, POB 7864, Athens, 30604
- Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club—Box 11863, Atlanta 30355
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- Atlanta Lambda Community Ctr—POB 15180, Atl 30333, 662-9010
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance—POB 5502, Atl 30307, 378-9769
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- Atlanta Prime Timers—APT, POB 29487, Atlanta 30359
- Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
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- Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
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- Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America—623-4099
- Gay/Lesbian Task Force to the Public Safety Comm. of City Council—330-6504
- Georgia Girth & Mirth—POB 9678, Atl. 30319, (404) 621-5710
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- Hospitality Atlanta—627-0520
- Interact of Atlanta—984-9875
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- Lesbians Considering Parenthood—908-1704
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- Lesbians With Children—740-1729
- Men of Little 5 Points—POB 5425, Atlanta 30307
- Name the Violence Support Group for Battered Lesbians—822-9570, Crisis Hotline—688-9436
- Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
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- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Chattanooga—(615) 875-5750, (615) 622-3813
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- Real Gay World BBS—404-266-0856
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- Survivors of Incest Anonymous—POB 2502, Decatur, GA 30031; 239-8018
- Uniformed Svcs Activity—Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
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- Alliance of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students of GA State—605-7681
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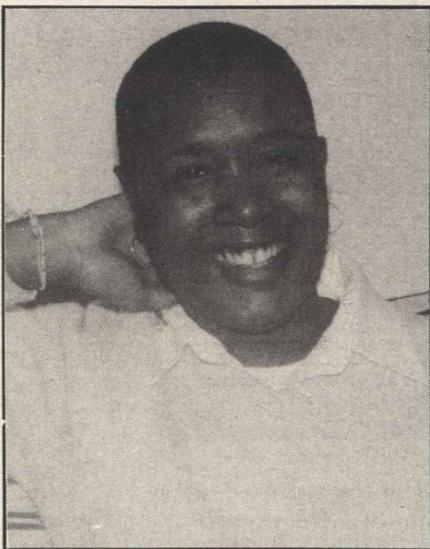
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Last Book Read: Spike Lee's

"Gotta Have It"

Pet Peeve: too many to mention



Shelethya says she's nervous. "I'm still sort of anonymous," she says about her life in Atlanta. "I feel like I'm just coming out now, even though I've been out-out for 6 years. I feel like I'm coming out here in a sense because I'm so new. Nobody knows me."

Outside of her secretarial job with a large corporation here, Shelethya is an artist. Originally focussed on textiles—hand painted T-shirts, scarfs, illustrating cards—she most recently has moved into film and video.

"It's something I was always into," she says, "but I never thought I'd get to do it."

But when she came to Atlanta, that started to change. She met a woman who was a writer, who introduced her to a book club that brought her in contact with a television show, and now she's doing community volunteer work at People TV, Atlanta's community access cable station, helping to produce local segments for the nationally syndicated "Dyke TV."

"I'm also taking a low budget film production workshop at Image," she offers, and shyly adds that she's working on a screenplay, and a scene from that is about to be filmed as part of that workshop.

"I think of myself as a creative person," she explains, "but writing is one of my hidden talents. Very, very hidden. I have to be in a certain mood to write."

Unlike her textile work, which she describes as "just colors and fun," Shelethya's ideas about film run in a more serious vein, "exploring racial, gender and sexuality issues."

As a black lesbian from the south side of Chicago, those issues are close to her heart and mind.

"It's not always safe to come out in the black community," she says. "Most of the black gays in Chicago lived in the south side. They played it straight during the day, and

then on the weekend they went to the north side and let it all hang out."

"I feel like I'm straddled between two worlds," she continues. "In the black community they can't get past your sexuality. And in the gay community they can't get past the color of your skin."

It's a problem she hopes her work can help solve. "I think of myself as an educator, too," she says. "I'm always out to teach people. I like to teach, just like I like to learn. There are people who don't want to open their minds—and I don't mean just white people. I run into blacks who are the same way. It works both ways."

She is saddened by gays in the closet, especially black gay men and lesbians, but she understands it. "There's the family, too," she says. "It's not easy."

Another part of Shelethya's efforts to change that is her volunteer work with the AIDS Hotline for Women at the Feminist Women's Health Center.

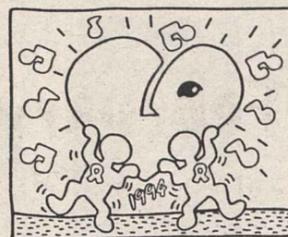
"I really wanted to help," she says. "I felt like I could make a difference. I have a strong concern with AIDS in the black community, especially women, because nobody's talking about it. It has to do with that taboo in the black community."

But Shelethya is far from all serious. In addition to the bright colors and fanciful designs of her textile art, she's found a new passion: lesbian books. Always an avid reader, she says she's "addicted to lesbian murder mysteries."

"I guess I just think of myself as a dweeb," she says with a laugh. "I've always been a geek, always into books, music, now film. And I'm a TV buff now too."

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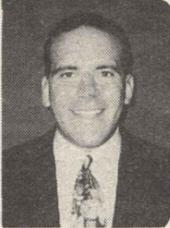
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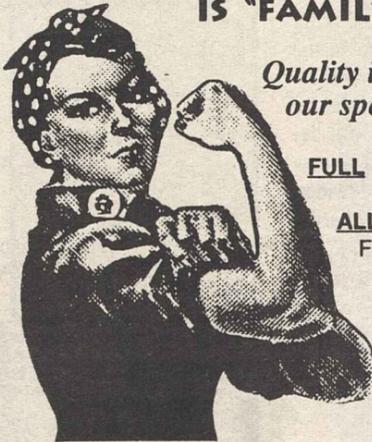
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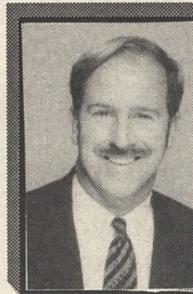
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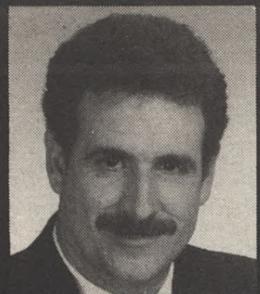
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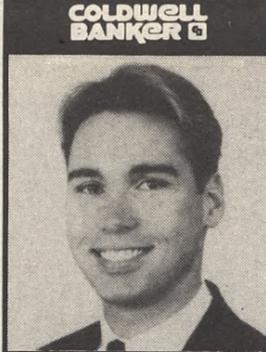
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Voice Connection

WOMEN

For my wife Julie R. Blount and the Dream Continues. You're the Best. Thank you for another wonderful year. I love sharing my life with you. Happy Valentine's Day Sweet-heart. Love, your wife, Tammy Blount.

GWF, 30, 5'10", 130 lbs, fit & healthy. I'm looking for a playmate, best friend and partner. I enjoy life, the outdoors, traveling, sports, animals, movies, dining out, reading and people with a positive attitude. Call me, it'll be fun! ☎ 1591

GWF, very attractive, fun, seeks F 18-30, preferably petite, for friendship, fun, and more. ☎ 1598

Spring on the beach? GWF, seeking attractive fun-loving female, 40-55, for quality friendship. Active, intelligent, stable, adventurous, gentle please. ☎ 1602

Depth, integrity, intelligence, compassion, independence, sensitivity, humor, humor and more humor! GWF, 38, seeks same. Dog lovers encouraged to respond. ☎ 1604

GBF, 29, feminine, attractive, reliable, hard-working - theatre, walking, travel and housebroken seeks GBF feminine 30-35 for friendship and possible relationship. ☎ 1223

GWF, 41, married to a man, invites responses from all gay females in similar situation looking for quality friendship, mutual support, understanding and more. Any age, race and faith. Discretion, confidentiality assured. Don't hesitate - there's so much more we can do. Box 2109, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call ☎ 1220.

Women are wonderful and friendship of any kind is hard to find. Would like to meet kind, smart, gentle women for lunch. ☎ 1219

GWF Professional seeks feminine companion, 35-45 who loves the arts, outdoors; honest, non-smoker; no butch; no bis. ☎ 1198

GWF, 37, int. opera, dining, animal lover, hugger, emotionally and financially stable are just a few of my features. If you have same features, I would like to talk to you. ☎ 1211

GWF, 31, cute, athletic, non-smoker, professional desires fun-loving relationship. Loves tennis, movies, the beach, cats, and sports. ☎ 1207

GBF, mid 30's. Attractive, professional, established, seeks same for dining, music, the arts, good laughter, outdoor fun, indoor fun. Friends, maybe more! No Bi's/Butch. ☎ 1195

GWF, 37, feminine, attractive, fun-loving, professional. Seeks same. Enjoys conversation, outdoors, tennis, beach, cuddling, adventure, fun, romance and more. No dykes, bi's drugs. 33+. ☎ 1192

NO EUPHEMISMS! Fat, 30-something writer nerd, half baby, half intellect wants to meet like-minded women. Political incorrectness will be encouraged! ☎ 1180

BiWF, 21, 5'7" writer, singer, creative spirit, individual - cigarettes, coffee, ka-spel, Biafra, music, poetry. Sing While You May! ☎ 1182

GWF, young 40s, New Age attitude, enjoys intimate rainy days, movies, hiking, community involvement, laughing with friends and dancing, seeks GWF for fun, friendship & romance. ☎ 1175

BiWF

26, 5'4", 117#, blonde, nude dancer. Seeks attractive Bi-Females, 18-35 for Hot times. Bi females only. No men, heavies or couples!! Andrea, POB 2257, Forest Park, GA 30051. Must include photo, phone and S.A.S.E. for reply!!

Attractive GWF, 30, with a big heart and warm embrace, is ready to leap into your heart. Forever yours, E. ☎ 1157

Sexually dominant Aquarian lesbian seeks sexually submissive Pisces lesbian for possible commitment or special friendship. No alcohol abuse, drugs, bisexuals. ☎ 1162

Beach, animals, humor, racquet sports/exercise. Feminism - yes. Smoking, mother-

hood, religion - no. Beautiful, intelligent, professional. 30's. Call if same. ☎ 1105

Cute, shy, GWF, 26 into running/working out, alternative music, computers and wearing baggy jeans. New to area and looking to meet others with similar interests/possible relationship. ☎ 1098

GWF, 42, feminine, educated, professional, passionate, affectionate, honest and adventurous. Seeks warm heart, intelligent mind, playful spirit for quality relationship. ☎ 1095

GB fem seeks an educated, professional, aggressive GB female for friendship, possibly more. No bisexuals or fems. ☎ 1088

I'm a 26 yr. GBF seeking GBF for conversation, outings. I'm not seeking a relationship. I'm looking for GBF who I can confide in and trust. ☎ 1068

Very attractive black lesbian seeks sincere companion - possible live-in. Attractive, well-read, articulate womyn preferred. No drugs, alcohol, cigarettes. ☎ 1065

GWF, 38, spirited sophisticate, brains, beauty, ready for possibilities with emotionally mature, gentle, honest, "together" woman, 30-40, not on rebound. ☎ 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! ☎ 1062

GWF, 36, attractive, high spirited jovial idealist with inquisitive, progressive mind seeks similar dark haired unchemically altered soulmate with adventurous spirit. ☎ 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. ☎ 1045

GWF, simply irresistible. I don't play head games, drink or use drugs. Searching for GWF 25-35 for friendship, fun. ☎ 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. ☎ 1052

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

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

GWF seeking a dyke for full time love, nurturing, cuddling, friendship and laughter. Likes outdoors, romance, movies and music. ☎ 1051

WANTED! GWF, fem 25+. Looking for that woman who has an untamed personality like myself! Me, aggressive GWF, blond, 25. ☎ 1016

GWF, 32, feminine, fun-loving, adventurous, professional, honest, attractive, seeks similar ladies who have high ideals, are reliable and not promiscuous. ☎ 1020

Attractive, feminine, GBF, early 20's, mature and settled, seeks an aggressive GF who enjoys being pampered for friendship, possibly more. ☎ 1023

GBF seeks same for conversation & friendship. ☎ 1029

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

GWF, 32, baby dyke starting over, seeks GWF 20-35 into laughter, movies, romance and commitment. No drugs, non-smoker, kids-okay. ☎ 1780

I am attractive and loving and searching for Ms. Right - pretty, intelligent, active, stable companion with available time & transportation. ☎ 1848

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. ☎ 1841

GWF, 38, Lake Dweller, dog lover, convertible driver, free spirit, honest, sincere, direct, 5'7", blonde, hazel eyes, athletic body. ☎ 1845

BiWF, trim, 40's, inexperienced, seeks feminine, trim, attractive, BiF for discreet get togethers. ☎ 1835

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

Wonderful, full-figured Lesbian (40) seeks fun-loving + intelligent Lesbian. Are you honest, warm and stable? Enjoy children? ☎ 1793

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

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

GBF, attractive, very feminine, seeks fun-loving, aggressive GF for friendship, possible relationship. ☎ 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. ☎ 1778

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

MEN

SoVo Pick of the Week

True country fag seeks other urbanized males. Come play in the dirt again. ☎ 1597

GWM, 40 plus - professional artists. Into Victorian houses, antiques, and old world charm. Looking for mature GBM with same interests for long term one on one. ☎ 1221

Do you want to sweat? How about a workout? Wanna wrestle? GWM, 33, seeks hot body for discreet fun. ☎ 1224

GWM 38, 5'10, 160#, HIV+, into swimming, philosophy, nature, politics. Seek similar 25-40 yo. Se habla Español. No fumar. ☎ 1623

I need it bad. Desperately seeking sex with muscular WM stud under 35 who isn't too picky. ☎ 1601

Watersports enthusiast seeking other GWM into sessions of giving and receiving golden showers. Let's get wet together! ☎ 1222

Horny, attractive, GWM, 35, 5'11", 175, br/br, mustache, seeks other masculine, versatile men or couples for fun, frolic, hot times, kissing and cuddling. ☎ 1596

GWM, 32, 5'8", 145, goodlooking, muscular, safe, wants to be manhandled by hunky man. Make me serve. Leave message ☎ 1594

Like me you're 30+, tall, fit, handsome, bright, passionate and versatile. You enjoy travel, stimulation and companionship. We deserve bliss. ☎ 1592

VGL, GWM 5'11", 170, sincere seeks same 25-40, prefer slender, smooth, clean shaven college type for friendship, safe/hot fun. ☎ 1590

GWM Professional would like to meet a gorgeous young (20's) gentleman to share "honeymoon" in Hawaii. ☎ 1630

Mature business owner seeks attractive, sincere, mature GWM early to mid-20's to spoil, possible relationship, no drugs, non-smoker. ☎ 1631

GWM Leather Daddy seeks leather boy. Attractive young man to share life & the leather experience. No drugs, non-smoker. ☎ 1629

Models, GWM, 18 to 25 y.o., nude to formal wear. I'll help develop your portfolio. Expense paid travel, no experience necessary. ☎ 1627

Master seeks attractive young GWM slave boy for light S&M, piercing?, B&D, personal services, must be a serious bottom. ☎ 1626

GWM mature professional seeks goodlooking young man for dining out, travel, shopping, relationship. Not into drugs/smoking. ☎ 1625

HIV+ ONLY

Handsome GWM seeks same for dating and possible relationship. I am a healthy 40, 6 ft., HIV+, 178 lbs., blonde, blue, many interests. Financially Secure. Take a chance and call. No games please. ☎ 1109

Amateur photographer, WM, seeks built, exhibitionist BM for fun nude/semi-nude photo sessions. Discretion assured. No strings. ☎ 1204

GBM, 5'9", 148, educated, 34, handsome, healthy, humorous, non-smoker, seeking similar partner to share life's pleasures and pains. ☎ 1203

GWM, 30, 6'2", 180, blonde/blue, HIV-, attractive, Episcopalian, native Atlantan seeks quality GWM 25-35 for romantic relationship. ☎ 1202

Tired of being alone. Handsome, romantic, well-groomed BGM 30ish, 5'10" seeks BM 30-40 with varied interests to share quality time. ☎ 1201

Light-skinned GBM 34, with stocky build seeks GWM 25-40 masculine with stocky build for friendship/relationship. ☎ 1200

Good-looking, masculine GWM, 32, 6'2", 185 lbs, br/gr, bodybuilder, bottom, HIV+, healthy. ENJOYS movies, working out, quiet time and being in good company. ISO similar gdlkg, masculine, relationship-oriented top guy between ages 28-38. No heavy drinkers, drug users, bar flies. Serious replies only. ☎ 1199

Horny, hairy cowboy/bearcub, 34, 5'8", affectionate, intelligent, sexy, seeks hairy non-

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DIRECTIONS

smoking dominant cowboy/bear w/brains, libido, facial hair. ☎ 1197

Masculine 30yo GWM, physician from Indianapolis, attractive, 6'0", 180#, HIV+, but asymptomatic, into sports, movies, travel looking for GBM also HIV+ and masculine with similar interests who might consider relocating. Doesn't matter if you're employed or not, just be sincere. Joe, Box 2105, 1189 Virginia Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (7.1)

GWM, 39, 5'7", 140, versatile leather playmate willing to try almost anything once as long as it's safe. Looking for morning/daytime action. ☎ 1209

Versatile GWM 39 seeks daytime f___ buddy for all types of kinky hot sessions. Expand my limit. ☎ 1208

Curious BM, 29, 6', 175#, laid back, runner's build, seeks tall masculine aggressive WM, 25-35, for relationship. No fats or fems. Serious only. ☎ 1206

Versatile young working, slim preppie WM wanted by GWM as exclusive live-in companion with home duties. Must have car. ☎ 1205

"Keith" (28, "bi-guy"): received your correspondence about coming to B'ham. However, no details (exactly) WHEN. Drop a note in advance of coming as to when (exact date/time and location) and I'll try to show up! "Jake", PO Box 101592, Birmingham, AL 35210. (6.51)

Boyish GWM 30 still believes in fairytales and happy endings, seeks GWM prince. Must be masculine, honest and caring. ☎ 1216

GWM, 30, 5'10", 175#, brown/hazel, Auburn graduate student, seeks Zeusman-type buddy for rough weekends. Tobacco/drug free only. ☎ 1217

ATTRACTIVE WM 37 seeks other HIV+ WMs for cuddling & watching movies - most of all friendship. No bar types please. ☎ 1213

All work, not enough play. GWM couple, 28, 5'8, 145, bl, gr and 34, 6'0", 175, br, br, seek new friends for hot/safe fun. ☎ 1210

GWM, 28, smart, handsome, outgoing...loves travel, reading, Little Five, music, workouts, healthy cooking. ISO 23-35...dates, maybe more. ☎ 1218

Great-looking, muscular GWM, 6 ft tall, 180 lbs., HIV-, college swimmer working in Atlanta soon. Looking for great-looking hot black males (21-40) for safe, hot fun. No relationships. You won't be disappointed. Responses w/pix get fast reply. AE, 1572 W. Gray, Box 107, Houston, TX 77019.

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

GWM, 6'3", 190 lbs, 40's, a romantic who likes to receive and give affection to that special person who is 28-45, physically & mentally fit and loves life. ☎ 1194

Gay Asian man, 5'10", 145, sincere, clean-cut, hot, seeks WM/AM up to 30. Top, non-smk, trim, safe for relationship. ☎ 1193

Third Musketeer wanted. You're sincere, submissive, leather trainable with TLC and ready to make 100% permanent commitment. No fats/fems. ☎ 1097

6' top, 30's GWM, 170 lb, brunette, HIV+, seeks 6' blond bottom for friendship (classical music, movies at Screening Room...). HIV+ ONLY. ☎ 1156

Masculine WM, 33, gdlkg, hairy, private, seeks attractive, ultramasculine, private black man for very private, masculine activities. ☎ 1191

GWM, HIV+, very healthy. 5'10", 160, brown, blue, late forties. Successful, trim. Attractive, looking for someone to share life's exciting & unpredictable journey, non-smoker. ☎ 1190

Masculine GWM, 43, 5'9", 150, blond, in

Atlanta monthly. Seeking well-endowed masculine party buddy, under 45, who likes to be orally serviced. No reciprocation necessary. PO Box 1867, Bonita Springs, FL 33959. (6.52)

GWM, 33, 6', 178#, Br/Br, above avg., seeks similar BiWM/GWM, 25-39, for discreet daytime encounters. 1-75/285 area. Respond to Boxholder, PO Box 723192, Atlanta 31139. (6.52)

Masculine, intelligent, muscular, Italian, young looking GWM, 47, bl/br, 165, 5'7", leather bottom seeks masculine endowed HIV+, leather top. ☎ 1179

Into bodybuilding? Well-built 35yo GWM, 5'10 1/2", solid 190 lbs, seeks similar for friendship, workouts and safe/hot fun. ☎ 1184

'94 Black Accord, SC plates. NationsBank Ansley. Tag on Piedmont. Saw again at K-Mart Lindbergh. Interested in talking? Call!! ☎ 1173

Unconventional - Nonconforming, GBM - Bewitchingly Attractive, seeks very masculine GWM or Hispanic top, relationship-minded for romantic and eventful times. ☎ 1178

DAYS OLD TO ATLANTA - Very attractive young GWM, 33, 5'10", 150 lbs, good natured, fun loving, confident but fair. Box 2103, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (6.51)

GWM, 40's, youthful, fun, likes music, gardening, long mornings under heavy quilts, hiking & hot tubs. Seeks sincere, intelligent laughing men. ☎ 1169

Enemas/Water Play turn me on. 35yo attractive white male seeking hot others into same. ☎ 1173

Shy at first, 6'2" bld/blu GWM seeks romantic monogamous relationship with tall/shrt non-fat/fem GWM w/Blk/As/Lat 20-35. "I love strongly, steadfastly, & exclusively." Serious romantics only! ☎ 1181

Italian/Greek/Latin 29-40 sought by A#1 handsome Southern GWM 35, 5'10", 170 - into weights, movies, romance! ☎ 1177

WM, 36, blond/blue, mustache, HIV-, 6'4", 230. Attractive professional seeks Mr. Right. Is it you? Will answer all. Call today! ☎ 1176

Looking for another good man. "Married," but little sex. GWM, 39, attractive, muscular, masculine, hairy, bottom. Box 7243, Atlanta 30309. (6.51)

Kuddly Koala Bear, moustached, hairy chested. 40 something hoping to find 30 something companion and playmate. Discreet preferred. ☎ 1174

GWM, 32, 5'9", 170, Bi/Bi, looking for serious relationship. 5'9"+, 30+. Varied interest. Masc. & serious only pls. ☎ 1172

GWM, 42, 5'9", 160, Gray/Blue, ISO GWMs 35-45 for friendship, possible relationship - enjoys movies, dining in/out. ☎ 1171

VGL GWM 33, 5'8", 145 lbs, bl/br, smooth, masculine, work out, swimmer's body, prof., romantic, non-smoker, seeks same for dating, possible relationship. ☎ 1170

GWM 40 PLUS - into old houses and old world charm seeks GBM 40 plus - a man for all seasons - to share quiet times. ☎ 1160

BGM, 5'8", 160, 30 muscular trim professional seeks discreet BM 27-35, 5'8"-5'11", whard body for dating. Blue collar types preferred. ☎ 1166

Looking for some fun? Call ad #1012, especially responsive to ads 1093, 1011, 1070, 1017, 1087, and 1735. ☎ 1159

Tall, medium dark BM 29, slim, seeking to meet a dark skinned Bi or GM topman who know what he wants. ☎ 1168

Are there any other young, slim, attractive, professional, athletic, masculine, mature, healthy HIV+ men in Atlanta besides me?

☎ 1167 Handsome, intelligent, humorous, Top WM, 30, 6'1", 210 seeks humorous BM with big, beautiful butt, smooth skin. No fats, fems. ☎ 1165

Top GWM, 35, 5'7", 135 lbs. Br/Br/beard seeks bottom GWM for monogamous relationship. No smokers/ barflies/one nighters. ☎ 1163.

2 easy going to be this goodlooking, 5'10", 160, 30' Levi's for hot boys & men 30339, 30080, 30001. ☎ 1161

Recently separated WM, 40, attractive, new in Conyers area, seeks GWM, French accent, Greek passive, for evening fun and friendship. ☎ 1158

Handsome NO. GA Mountains GWM, 37, 5'8"/145 enjoys outdoors, horses, quiet times, life, seeks similar very gdlkg. GWM-relationship! ☎ 1101

Masculine WM, 43, healthy, safe, in shape, 6'1", 170, Brn/Grn, beard, stable, discreet, seeks WM, non-smoker for friendship ☎ 1102

Attractive healthy HIV+ professional GBM, 5'10"/178 lbs ISO black, Hispanic or White GM who enjoys exercise, music, conversation, travel. Serious only. ☎ 1103

Attractive, professional, GWM, 42, 5'10", 160, Sp/Bl, HIV-, anti-bar, relationship oriented, smoker, enjoys movies, dining, travel, my friends, seeks similar. ☎ 1106

Strictly Ballroom! Accomplished ballroom/swing dancer, petite WF, seeks platonic partner to 5'11" for practice, workshops, possible competitions in Atlanta, Southeast. ☎ 1107

REFLECTIONS ON MARTA-Sat., Dec. 18, early a.m. Said nothing from Lindbergh to North Avenue, but your eyes said it for you. Call me and let's do more than just look in the window. ☎ 1108

25 y.o. GWM, hard worker/player, professional, attractive, fit. Brn/blu, 185, 6'3" seeking WM, 23-30 to brighten my day. ☎ 1093

GBM, 42, attractive, professional, outgoing 5'10, 175, HIV+, very healthy seeking men under 44 for friendship, fun and possibly more. No fems please. ☎ 1094

PERSONALS

construction worker, trucker, or wrestler type bodybuilder with 30" thighs who enjoys bursting balloons...are you out there? ☎ 1089

Bear GWM, 40's, seeks hairy similar GWM, any size. Husky, no games, no drunks, reliable man desired. ☎ 1090

Goodlooking mid-30's, 6'2", 180, educated professional WM seeks similar. ☎ 1066

GWM, attractive, romantic, caring, HIV- professional seeks friendship w/same 25-35, enjoys reading, music, tennis, theatre, movies, travel...long walks, sunsets. Looking for a good friend and more. ☎ 1065

Friends say I'm a great catch. This teddy bear needs second opinion. I'm 32, like affection, romance, long walks, quiet evenings. Seeking love to last a lifetime. ☎ 1069

"Two Guys", GWM couple, 35 brn, brn, 6'0, 175, 29, bl, grn, 5'8", 140, seek new friendships, hot times. ☎ 1070

Boyish-muscle bottom, gdlk, sincere, 30, 5'5", 140#, HIV+, healthy. Sks 25-35, gd shape, gdlkng for love of a lifetime. Serious replies only. ☎ 1071

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 relationship. ☎ 1058

Undoubtedly UNCUT, muscles in development GWM 30's seeks hairy, prof guy 30-45 for casual dates. Masc., honest, good financier sought. ☎ 1060

South Asian, physician, handsome, 28, 5'10", 150, very attractive, recently out, seeks frindship/relationship. ☎ 1061

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

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. ☎ 1048

Very handsome BM, 28, 5'11", 170 lbs, hot gym body, professional, intelligent seeks handsome, masculine, whitebread WM for fun, possible relationship. ☎ 1049

Horny GWM, 32, 5'10", 150#, nudist, lean runner's build, endowed, seeks endowed nice-bodied buddies for no-strings get-togethers. ☎ 1053

GWM—28, 6'2", 175 lbs. Bottom seeks masculine, endowed top 20-30 year old GWM, GBM for French service. ☎ 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 or fems. ☎ 1031

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

BM, 33, 130, 5'7", masculine bottom seeks very dominant bear type to service; 40-50, heavysset. ☎ 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 lesbians. Non-smoker, non-drugs. ☎ 1030

Stocky GWM, 29, 5'11" wanting to meet other GWMs who're sincere and honest, who can handle a safe intimate encounter. ☎ 1027

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!! ☎ 1021

Oriental man, fit, clean, 27, 5'9", 145, seeks English teach man GWM up to 38. Will be paid \$XXX. No smoker. ☎ 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. ☎ 1017

Hot and Hairy 30 yr. old GWM seeking handsome big brother for fun and more. FFB. ☎ 1012

GBM, 32, 5'10", 150, athletic, attractive, professional, spiritual, various interests, newly relocated, seeks friendships, possible relationship, 25-40, race unimportant. No drugs, non-smoker. ☎ 1010

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

BM seeks masculine BM for uninhibited times. ☎ 1006

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

AFRICANIZED USA-born, raised in West Africa, not-your-basic WM seeks BM for friend/relationship. Please be 5'10"+, 30-50 y.o. ☎ 1004

Goodlooking WM, 32, 6', 170#, hot gym body, seeks same for friendship/relationship. Must be masculine, non-smoker, healthy, professional. Do you exist. ☎ 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. ☎ 1015

Take charge! GWM, athletic, 28, professional, great looks seeks safe, dominant, older, endowed inshape WM who needs oral service. ☎ 1850

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GWM, top, dominate, 45yo, 6', 180 lbs, clean shaven, seeks under 30 men also clean shaven for fun safe hot times. ☎ 1851

Masculine GWM, 26, 5'10" 160 lbs, blond/brown, hairy; seeks goodlooking butch top to 40 (sane, sexy, safe) for direct manly maneuvers. ☎ 1852

Attractive interracial couple seeks attractive male(s), any race, for very good times, humor/friendships. No attitude, tops, bottoms welcome. ☎ 1849

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

GWM—HIV+—very attractive, 28 yo, physically fit healthy, Br/bl, 5'9", 160 lbs, professional, masculine, clean cut, smooth. Likes—a normal life, good times and great sex. Would like to meet/date similar, very similar! ☎ 1843

GBM, 6', 200 #, 38, seeks blue collar type BM, 190+, 25+, looks unimportant, endowment and personality are. Not into bars. ☎ 1846

Bald 46yo, masculine, sincere, executive seeks same, 30-45. Enjoys tennis, exercise, outdoors, theater, symphony. Looking for monogamous relationship. ☎ 1847

Sexy, hairy leatherboy, 33, 5'8" 150 br/br HIV seeks hairy, affectionate, nonsmoking, intelligent, kinky, horny, top/daddy to 45. ☎ 1840

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

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

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

BM—Handsome, athletic, muscular, romantic, honest, seek masculine, athletic, handsome, muscular, discreet men for relationship. Policemen & armed forces preferred. ☎ 1834

GWM, 39, 5'7", 135 lbs., beard, versatile, daytime playmate for all types of action. Seeks 25-45 GWM into playing hard. ☎ 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. ☎ 1830

DESIRED: Professional GBM, 30ish, top with average build to spend quiet evenings with professional HIV+ healthy GWM, slim build, athletic, honest. ☎ 1832

Friendship or relationship? GWM 31, HIV+, enjoys country music & dance, easy going, seeks same/older. Call + find out more! ☎ 1833

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

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

GWM, 36, 5'11", lean, attractive, seeks similar GWM into movies, conversation, "Star Trek," safe sex and low-key lifestyle. ☎ 1826

Handsome No. Ga. Mtns. WM, 37, 5'8"/145, healthy seeks aggressive eager French active GWM for regular encounters! ☎ 1796

GWM, 27, 6'1", 175#, clean cut, athletic, non-smoker, masculine, intelligent, very attractive, seeks similar, 22-32. ☎ 1795

W/M, 35, blond, moustache, butch, handsome, 5'8", 150, fun-loving, single, wants to relocate Gulf Coast Mississippi, Louisiana, needs contacts. ☎ 1794

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

Hot GWM want out, active, confident, Gdlk, hot, political boyfriends. No closet wimps! 20's/30's Adventure. Any race. I dare you! ☎ 1790

GWM, 38, 5'10", 180, somewhat attractive, tired of lonely weekends, have friends, need more, HIV-, like companionship, walks, cooking, seek similar, 36-43. ☎ 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. ☎ 1791

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

GWM, sincere, stable, Attractive, healthy,

well-educated professional, 40's, masculine. Seeks quality clean-cut WM college-student. Novice fine. ☎ 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! ☎ 1787

THREE-WAY ACTION: attractive top, 30's, 5'11", 160 lbs, seeks handsome couple for safe, regular, discreet, no-strings encounters. ☎ 1786

Senior Male—seeks male 25-35 to mentor, help financially, and for companionship during week days. Clean, masculine, healthy. ☎ 1785

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BiWM, mid 40's, 6'4", 200 lbs, professional, intelligent, seeks BiWM, well-endowed, fem, cross-dresser preferred. Send photos, no fats, druggies, smokers, HIV-. Box 2106, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (7.1)

BM, Top, discreet seeks TV/TS/G bottom for special friendship, discretion assured. Race unimportant. Hurry—Hungry ☎ 1164

SBM Athletic, professional, well built seeks slim feminine TV/TS for fun, possible relationship. Race unimportant. ☎ 1104

Texas WM, 40, 5'10", 175 lbs seeks pre-op TS or passable TV 21-45 for relationship/friendship. Will travel. ☎ 1100

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Attractive, trim, white, professional couple seeking BiWF for safe, creative encounter of fun and fantasy. ☎ 1593

BiWCouple, 40+ professionals, 6'4" athletic, she 5'3" blonde, attractive, seeks same for mutual pleasure, send photos, no fats, smokers, druggies, HIV-. Box 2107, 1189 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. (7.1)

BM, 40, professional, clean, seeks couple,

feminine bi-male or aggressive bi-female for friendship...more. Will reply same day. ☎ 1054

BiWM, HIV+, seeks F or TV. Am healthy. Spend this winter in Florida with me. ☎ 1022

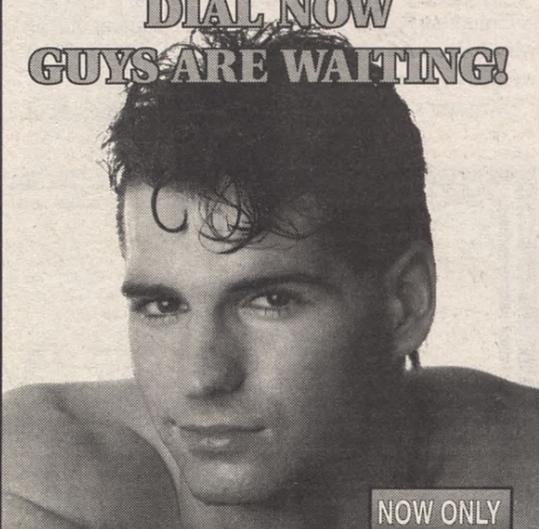
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White couple, married, 30's, seeking BiWF to share fun and fantasy from both worlds in an intimate relationship. ☎ 1013

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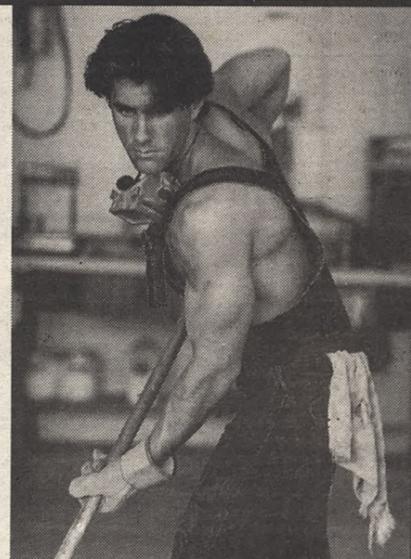
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"Philadelphia" so sanitized that Kramer would rather people didn't see it

Philadelphia—Noted AIDS activist Larry Kramer has denounced the film "Philadelphia" as a "heartbreakingly mediocre" movie whose director "missed a boat that could have carried some valuable cargo."

"It saddens me to say that I'd rather people simply not see it at all," Kramer said.

In a column written for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Kramer charges the film sanitizes the reality of AIDS and actually contributes to misperceptions about both the disease and gay culture.

The movie, which opened in January, tells the fictional story of Andrew Beckett, a gay lawyer fired from his Philadelphia law firm after his superiors learn he has AIDS. Beckett, played by Tom Hanks, decides to sue the firm and retains a homophobic lawyer played by Denzel Washington.

Hanks won a Golden Globe award for the best dramatic performance for his work on the film and is considered the favorite to win this year's best actor Oscar.

The film was made by TriStar Pictures, which is a division of Columbia Pictures, where Kramer, an author and playwright who helped found ACT UP and is living with HIV, once worked as an executive.

Kramer's column, which took up the better part of a news-

paper page, was peppered with sarcastic references to other movie cliches. He calls Hanks' Beckett "an utter cipher" devoid of any character development.

Even the premise of the plot is unlikely, Kramer wrote, because the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act makes it illegal to fire a person with AIDS.

"Today, it's cheaper to pay a guy his salary and tell him not to come into the office," Kramer wrote. "Who was the legal adviser on this movie?"

Kramer also took issue with the way the film showed Andrew Beckett's family. "No family like this exists in the entire world. Every single one of them is supportive, loving, proud, of their AIDS-stricken relative," he wrote.

He also takes director Jonathan Demme to task for directing "The Silence of the Lambs," perceived by many in the lesbian/gay community as homophobic, then turning to "Philadelphia" as—Kramer implies—"some sort of...apology."

"If I were a bigot, I'd walk away from this movie unchanged," Kramer said.

In the end, Kramer reserved his strongest words for President Clinton, "the third silent, useless president in a row who refuses to take a leadership position in ending this plague."

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Director Jonathan Demme, says Larry Kramer, "missed a boat that could have carried some valuable cargo."

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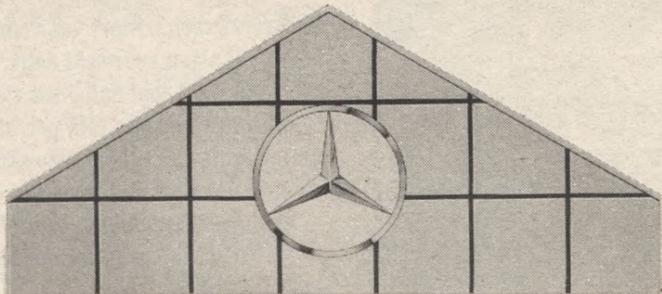
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