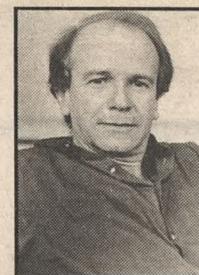


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Make the yuletide gay

A visit to historic Glenridge Hall (above), which benefits the AIDS service organization Childkind, is just one way to get into the holiday spirit. Our annual shopping guide offers many more.

by ADAM J. SANK

Let's face it: holiday shopping, for many of us, is the pits. But whether you celebrate the birth of the sun or the Son, or do not celebrate at all, chances are you are going to be making your share of purchases this December. Why not make them all at gay-friendly businesses?

Before you spend a dime, soak up the following guide to holiday gift-giving. In addition to a myriad of gifts and the places to get them, we recommend events to attend and services to make use of this frenetic holiday season, as well as some wonderful suggestions for starting the New Year out right. May your holidays be gay!

FASHION

Men looking for a chic, fash-

ionable goody will do well to check out the selection at **Gianni Versace**, where belts (\$250-\$600), vinyl jeans and vests (\$350-\$1,000), and silk shirts (\$1,600) would all make quite the impressive gift if you've got the means. As an alternative, there's **Gent-ly Owned**, where you'll find such fashion gods as Armani, Versace and Hugo Boss prominently displayed among the 50-50 selection of new and previously owned goods. For creative styles, visit Atlanta designer **Bill Hallman's** boutique and shoe stores, both in Virginia-Highland. And if you find yourself in Cobb County, visit **Guffey's** at the Cobb Galleria.

But after you've picked out that fabulous party outfit, stop by **The Boy Next Door**, where dapper dress shirts, dressy vests, and a great collection of casual

clothes are just right for in between the holiday parties. And for late night festivities? Check out **Malepak**, where sexy underwear and leather items, as well as a wide selection of men's clothing, ensure a joyous holiday indeed!

Women wanting to slip into something comfortable—and elegant—may find the lovely vintage lingerie at **Stefan's** just the thing for girlfriend—or self. Shoppers of both genders also get to choose from one-of-a-kind coats and all sorts of authentic period clothing. Also take a trip back to your favorite fashion past at the ultra-hip **Junkman's Daughter**, which has recently combined forces with **Princess Pamela's** to offer a selection of everything from Doc Martens to body-piercing jewelry.

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Atlanta Executive Network comes out

by JAMES FITCH

In just three years, the Atlanta Executive Network (AEN) has mushroomed into a 600-member powerhouse representing billions of dollars and wielding considerable influence in the business community and political arena. Until this month, the organization had conducted business in somewhat of an ivory tower, making itself off limits to the media. As of December 1994, though, the Atlanta Executive Network is officially out.

"Gays and lesbians have restored the major metropolitan communities [in many cities]," explained AEN president Allen O. Jones. "They've been a great economic force... Our members directly or indirectly represent billions of dollars in the economy."

The AEN formed three years ago, a union of people who recognized a void in networking opportunities for gay and lesbian business professionals. The group's mission was to provide an environment for networking, and to promote excellence in business and government. No public statement was made regarding the sexual orientation of the membership.

"We stayed closed to the media to give the organization time to have solid growth," Jones said. "We are not an advocacy group. We are focused on business. This is not a gay organization coming out—it's a business group. Although we are interested in what's going on in the community."



AEN President Allen Jones

Jones said he was personally influenced toward making a public statement by a recent conversation he had with congressman John Lewis.

"[Lewis] said, 'You should really go public,'" Jones explained. "'Think of all the teens and college students who need to know that you can grow up and be good, solid citizens and be successful. And the politicians need to know that you exist.'"

In July of this year, the network conducted a membership survey, the results of which indicated 94 percent felt it was time to go public. Members hope the move will enable them to serve as role models for young gay and lesbian people, as well as to make the organization visible to potential members who may not otherwise have discovered it. Though media coverage is now incorporated into the plan, restrictions—such as photo arrangements and escorts for press at meetings—continue to protect the privacy of members as desired.

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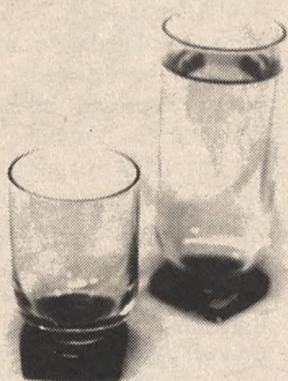
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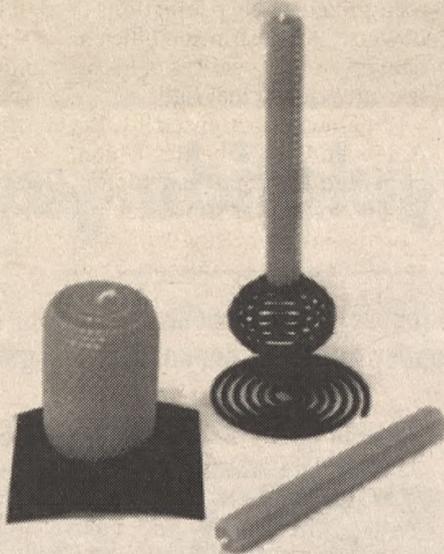
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Arguments presented in lesbian's suit against Georgia Atty. Gen.

by KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—Attorneys for Robin Shahar and Michael Bowers went before a three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals last week, presenting arguments in Shahar's lawsuit against the Georgia attorney general.

Shahar filed suit in U.S. District Court in October 1991, charging that Bowers violated her constitutional rights when he withdrew an offer of a state Department of Law job when he learned that Shahar planned a religious wedding to another woman. Bowers justified his decision by claiming that Shahar was "holding herself out as acting in contravention" of Georgia marriage laws, which do not recognize same-sex marriages, and that Shahar's presence as a staff attorney could discredit his office.

District Court Judge Richard Freeman granted summary judgment for Bowers in October 1993, ruling that while lesbians and gay men have a constitutionally protected right to their relationships—the first time a federal judge has recognized such protections—Bowers' "interest in the efficient delivery" of the services of his office outweighed that right.

Shahar, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, appealed Freeman's decision, leading to the Dec. 1 hearing in a courtroom overflowing with speculators, largely supporters of Shahar.

Following the hearing, both Shahar and ACLU attorney Ruth Harlow said they were pleased with the questions asked by the judges.

"They're giving it serious thought," said Shahar, an Emory law school graduate who is now working in the City of Atlanta's law office. "They were certainly paying attention."

Only two of the three judges asked questions of attorneys, led primarily by Judge John Godbold, a senior judge from Alabama. Presiding Judge Phyllis Kravitch of Savannah questioned Harlow about whether Shahar's wedding constituted a public or a private act, and later questioned Dorothy Kirkley, representing Bowers, about common-law marriages.

"It's clear [Shahar] could not obtain a valid marriage license," Kravitch said. "But does Georgia still have common-law marriages?"

Kirkley replied that the law requires that a couple live together and "hold out as married."

"Isn't that what happened here?" Kravitch asked.

Godbold hammered away at several aspects of the case, most notably that Georgia's marriage law does not specifically prohibit same-sex marriages but does not recognize them either.

"Are there any existing laws that forbid same-sex marriages?" he asked.

"It doesn't forbid them," Kirkley responded. "It doesn't rec-



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Robin Shahar (right) and attorney Ruth Harlow are hoping for another day in court.

ognize them."

"I didn't ask you that," Godbold said.

"[Same-sex marriages] are contrary to what the people of the state of Georgia want," Kirkley said.

"How do we know that?" said Godbold.

In her rebuttal to Kirkley's remarks, Harlow told the judges that "what Ms. Shahar did may be controversial, but it is not in violation of any law in the state of Georgia."

Questions asked during a hearing are not a reliable indication of the judges' leanings in a case, attorneys cautioned. The panel will release its decision in a few months.

"At a minimum it should go back to trial," said Harlow after the hearing. "The best scenario would be that they reverse [Freeman's decision], vacating judgment for Bowers and finding for Robin."

Shahar said she is hopeful about the pending decision.

"When I graduated from law school, [the Department of Law was] where I wanted to work," said Shahar, who served as a law clerk in Bowers' office in the summer of 1990. "The reason I'm not there now is because I'm a lesbian and I had this wedding. That's not a sufficient reason to prevent me from working, because it doesn't affect the work I do."

Stone Mountain may consider anti-gay resolution

by KC WILDMOON

Stone Mtn.—Cobb County's anti-gay resolution has again reared its head in the metropolitan Atlanta area, and again the measure is tied to the 1996 Olympic Games.

Kevin Coons, a city councilman in the Village of Stone Mountain, told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that he plans to introduce a similar anti-gay measure in his city, and he announced that he hoped the ensuing controversy would force the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games to either pull three venues from Stone Mountain Park or provide the city with assistance in handling the crowds expected at the Games.

"I think it's just going to be a burden to the city, picking up trash and policing the streets," Coons said.

But Coons' plan, supported by at least one of the other six city

councilmembers, may not create the controversy Cobb County's resolution engendered. Stone Mountain Park, where ACOG plans to hold archery, tennis and cycling events, is not in the Village of Stone Mountain. In Cobb County, ACOG had planned to hold preliminary volleyball events at the Cobb Galleria Centre, which is owned by the Cobb County Commission and was targeted for a boycott by the Cobb Citizens Coalition after the Commission passed its resolution proclaiming gay men and lesbians incompatible with Cobb's community standards. ACOG pulled the venue, replacing it with Memorial Coliseum in Athens, when the Commissioners refused to alter their anti-gay statements.

"Our events are scheduled at Stone Mountain Park, which is not Stone Mountain the city," said ACOG spokesperson Lyn May. "There is no venue in Stone Moun-

tain the city."

"I suspect the views of two council persons may not accurately reflect the views of the entire council," she added.

May could be correct. Eleanor Heil, another Stone Mountain city council member, told Southern Voice that she would not support such a measure. And Heil, who was answering phone lines at City Hall on Nov. 29, said that callers were "absolutely" opposed to such a resolution.

"Even the older citizens," she said. "They're very upset. It makes our town look like [Cobb County], which we are not."

Heil said she knew nothing of Coons' plans, supported by fellow councilmember David Blackwell, until she read the AJ-C's report in last Saturday's editions.

"I was as shocked as anybody else," she said.

Register robbed at Charis Books

by KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—Charis Books and More was the target of a robbery on Nov. 26, with someone walking away with an undisclosed amount of money.

Charis co-owner Linda Bryant said that the thief struck when the cash register was left temporarily untended.

"Nothing vicious has ever happened to us," Bryant said. "This doesn't feel like a hate crime. This is just the time of year when people need more money, and they took it."

Bryant added that the loyalty of the 20-year-old store's customers has probably prevented such occurrences in the past.

Bryant said a report was made with Atlanta Police, but there are no suspects.

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LOCAL NEWS

PWA drops lawsuit against Caremark

by KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—The man who filed a federal lawsuit against a home health care provider has dropped the suit and retracted the statements he made claiming that Caremark, Inc., inflated his bills and paid two doctors and a pharmacy kickbacks for patient referrals.

Michael Alan Booth has again become a Caremark patient, accepting an offer made before he filed the lawsuit. Caremark will also cover Booth's legal expenses, but no additional monetary settlement was made.

"I'm glad it's over, and I'm looking forward to going on with my life," Booth told Southern Voice. "That's really all I can say."

Booth's lawsuit charged that Caremark had overbilled his insurance carrier by as much as 500% above fair market value, and added costs to prepare prescribed medicines. But in a statement signed in court on Nov. 29, Booth said that he misunderstood Caremark's billing practices.

"I now understand that you cannot compare Caremark's prices with those of a retail pharmacy because Caremark provides to its patients critical and value added services such as nursing that a retail pharmacy generally does not," he said.

Booth also said that he was not billed for services he did not receive, and that he has no personal knowledge of kickbacks paid to Drs. Michael Rankin and Mark Tanner, Atlanta Family Practice P.C. and Howell Mill Pharmacy, all of whom were named as co-defendants in the lawsuit.

"I regret any misperception of Caremark and its employees, Dr. Rankin,



Michael Alan Booth

Dr. Tanner Atlanta Family Practice, P.C., and Howell Mill Pharmacy created by the remarks made 'in the heat of battle' or by my lawsuit and the related media coverage," he said.

Les Jacobson, Caremark's director of media relations, said in a statement issued Nov. 30 that he believed Booth's decision to drop the lawsuit "is a vote of confidence in the excellent level of our home care."

"Caremark expected to be exonerated in this case and believes that this settlement vindicates the company," Jacobson said. "We have always believed that it is unfair to compare Caremark's prices with those of a retail pharmacy, and we appreciate Mr. Booth's now acknowledging that."

AEN comes out

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tion is still a great problem, even in a liberal city like Atlanta," Jones said. "So there's still a need for business men and women to protect themselves."

Jones expressed optimism that the situation will improve, however. "It's economic power that typically brings these changes," he said.

Membership in the AEN encompasses virtually every aspect of the business community, including the arts, academia, medicine, and not-for-profit organizations. Standards are high, and members are expected to act ethically and fairly both on and off the job. Students are invited to join free of charge—"to give them the opportunity to see that you can be gay and grow up to be a professional leader," Jones said.

The network's coat-and-tie meetings are held once a month in various locations.

The membership—which Jones likened in appearance to the Kiwanis or Rotary Club set—endures a routine of cocktails, introductions, networking, and a guest speaker. Past speakers have included Olympic gold medalist Bruce Hayes, Advocate editor in chief Jeff Yarbrough, and Atlanta City Council president Marvin Arrington. A 1993 AEN dinner forum for mayoral candidates featuring Bill Campbell, Myrtle Davis, and Michael Lomax turned out to be the largest forum of the campaign.

According to Jones, straight people are welcome to join as well. Of the estimated 2 percent current straight membership, all are politicians. As Jones sees it, though, a straight businessman would have everything to gain from getting involved with this network, because "there's a lot of business there."

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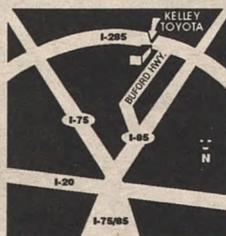
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SOUTHEAST NEWS

Murder defense angers activists

Jackson, MS—Gay rights advocates are protesting the HIV tests ordered on the bodies of two Laurel men found slain last month.

Advocates also are angered that the victims' lifestyles will be used by the defense to call for leniency for the 16-year-old charged in their deaths.

"We've seen where these different defense pleas have taken us—the insanity plea, the Prozac defense, the battered woman defense. All of these started out as legitimate defenses. And look where it's taken us—into a homophobic panic," said April Richards, president of GL Friendly in Biloxi.

Richards said only in Mississippi "would the justice system try to make two homosexuals responsible for their own murders."

Richards also said she and group founder Todd Emerson had received death threats by phone due to their continuing involvement in the case. Callers also threatened both of Emerson's children, prompting Emerson to distance himself from further involvement in the case.

Marvin McClendon, of Laurel, has been charged with two counts of capital murder in the deaths of Robert Walters, 34, and Joseph Shoemake, 24. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of death by lethal injection.

Each of the two gay men had been shot in the head with a .22-caliber weapon, Jones County Coroner Joyce Perrett said. Their bodies were found Oct. 12 near railroad tracks north of Laurel.

In a Nov. 11 preliminary hearing before Circuit Judge Billy Joe Landrum, McClendon's attorney, J. Ronald Parrish of Laurel, asked for the HIV tests.

The judge agreed.

"The defense said if either man tested HIV positive, it's the same as holding a gun to the young man's head. And the judge agreed," Richards said.



DAVID BUNDY

Marvin McClendon has confessed to the Mississippi killings but appears to be using a 'homosexual panic' defense.

Parrish apparently plans to use fear of the spread of HIV as a defense in the killings, Richards said.

Authorities have said that McClendon admitted to the killings in a videotaped confession, saying the two men had made sexual advances toward him.

Sheriff Maurice Hooks said he didn't know when the HIV tests, to take place at the state Crime Lab in Jackson, will be administered. McClendon's trial is set for Jan. 30.

The sheriff's department contends that robbery, not hate, was the motive in the crimes.

Gay rights activists continue to press for federal intervention in the case. In a letter sent Nov. 29 to Attorney General Janet Reno, Peri Jude Radecic of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said, "The situation in Mississippi is explosive, and I believe it requires Department of Justice intervention."

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serial killer to be tried first in Florida

Jacksonville, FL—A confessed serial killer who targeted gay men in three states probably will face trial in Florida before being released to authorities elsewhere, a prosecutor said Nov. 23.

Gary Ray Bowles, 32, who had been featured five times on the television show "America's Most Wanted," admitted to three killings in Florida, two in Georgia and one in Maryland after his arrest Nov. 22 in Jacksonville Beach.

Florida Attorney Harry Shorstein said he expects to prosecute Bowles in the slayings of Walter Jammell Hinton, 43, a Jacksonville floral designer, and Albert Alcie Morris, 37, a Nassau County convenience store owner, before allowing other states to pursue their cases.

"My intent at this point is to try one or both of the cases in my jurisdiction before I release it," Shorstein said. "I haven't determined which of the two case I would try

first."

Bowles waived his initial court appearance before a Duval County judge Nov. 23 and is being held in a one-man cell.

"He is in an isolation cell for his own safety and security," said Sgt. Malcolm Adams, a spokesman for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

As he was walking to jail under police escort Nov. 22, Bowles said he felt good about his arrest "because the killings will stop."

Bowles has been charged with the murders of Milton Bradley, 72, of Savannah and David A. Jarman, 38, of Silver Springs, Md.

He also admitted the Mother's Day slaying of Alverson Carter Jr., 47, in Atlanta.

All of the victims suffered numerous injuries in what police have called "overkill." They were severely beaten, bludgeoned, shot or strangled.

RON WORD

AROUND THE SOUTHEAST

Quilt On Display In N.C.

High School: Thomasville High School hosted segments of the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt last week, the only school in the southeast to do so. Only 25 schools in the nation received panels for display. Among the 32 panels displayed at the school was one honoring Robert Daniel "Bobby" Hampton, a Thomasville graduate who died in 1993 at the age of 37. Melissa Bratcher, a parent volunteer at the school and organizer of the display, said she coordinated the event in hopes that the Quilt panels will prompt students to learn about the disease and how to protect themselves. "You try not to view the panels as something morbid," said Bratcher, a friend and classmate of Hampton at Thomasville High. "It's really a celebration of a person's life."



Virginia Nursing Homes No Haven For PWAs: AIDS

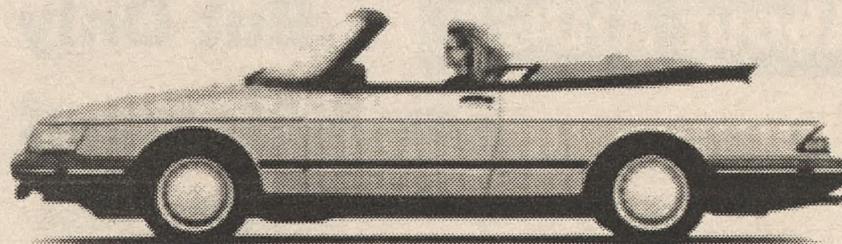
workers in the Hampton area of Virginia say that nursing homes, which are prohibited by law from discriminating against AIDS patients, often claim not to have bed space or medical expertise in order to keep people with AIDS out. "We've always had real trouble convincing the homes to take them," said Fiona Patoux, client services manager of the Peninsula AIDS Foundation. "They remind me of ostriches with their heads stuck in the sand." "We've never had a bed offered for someone with AIDS," said Darlene Stephenson, administrator of Sentara Hampton General Hospital. "They usually say they have no room or they can't handle it." Kenneth Ogren, vice president of Riverside Health System, said that Patoux and Stephenson are overstating the problem. "I think the industry has outgrown that," he said. A federal investigation is now under way after a local family charged that their son was denied admission to three nursing homes because he had AIDS.

Man May Have Contracted HIV Through Bite: A 90-year-old man bitten to the bone during an attack by an HIV-positive woman has tested positive for the virus. Authorities in West Palm Beach, Fla., say he may be the first person to contract the disease through a bite, but attorneys for the woman, who has a history of prostitution, asserted that he may have become infected by having sex with her. Naomi Morrison pleaded guilty Nov. 24 to aggravated battery, robbery and auto burglary. She is not facing any charge connected with her HIV infection. The man, who remained anonymous, told police that Morrison flagged him down Aug. 24 to ask him for money. After he stopped, she climbed into his car and reached over to take his wallet. During the struggle, Morrison bit the man on his left hand, left arm and right leg. But members of Morrison's family claim the man was one of Morrison's clients, according to Assistant Public Defender Rich Carberry.

South Carolina Awards: The South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement named the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Business Guild the state's organization of the year. Presentation was made at the grand opening of the new Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Nov. 13. Also receiving awards were Bluestocking Books for business of the year and Pete Tepley and Paty Bustamante, who received the Harriet Daniels Hancock Volunteer of the Year awards.

No Ideas In Nashville, Please: The city transit authority in Nashville, Tenn., has voted to ban ideas from bus advertising space. The decision came after the transit authority received about 100 complaints over a Gay and Lesbian Coalition for Justice-sponsored ad for National Coming Out Day in October. The ad featured a photograph of five people and the words "Becoming Visible To End Discrimination."

Volunteers Needed: Rainbow Rec, a lesbian recreational organization in North Carolina's triangle area, is seeking volunteers to coordinate interest groups in a number of areas, including sports, arts, and outdoor activities. Volunteers are also needed to coordinate league play in ultimate frisbee, basketball and team tennis. Call (919) 644-6491 for information.



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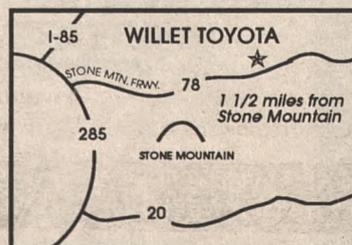
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NATIONAL NEWS

Lawyers debate the meaning of 'lesbian' in case of Naval reservist

San Francisco—A Navy tribunal began considering Dec. 1 whether lesbian reservist Zoe Dunning should remain in the service or be booted out for violating the new "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The board of inquiry, meeting at Treasure Island Naval Station, began deliberating after lawyers for both sides argued over what Dunning meant when she publicly stated, "I am a lesbian."

Dunning's attorneys say the statement simply indicated her sexual orientation.

"She said who she was, not what she was doing," said Greg Bonfiglio.

But Navy prosecutors said the policy means service members who say they are homosexual must be separated unless they can prove they don't engage in homosexual acts.

"Why would you make the statement 'I am a lesbian' unless you have the propensity to engage in homosexual acts?" asked Lt. Ingrid Turner.

A married Navy reservist testified she didn't have any problem sharing a room with Dunning. And a reserve captain recommended Dunning for a promotion, while a commander said he was proud to serve with her.

In all, five of Dunning's co-workers testified at her discharge hearing that ousting her would be a loss to the service.

"She always did a good job. She was a team player. She got in there and pitched in," said Navy Reserve Capt. James Kraft, who recommended Dunning for promotion.

Dunning faces discharge because in January 1993 she publicly announced that she is a lesbian. At that time, she expected President Clinton to honor a campaign



Lt. Zoe Dunning, pictured here with Chief Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, faces discharge because she publicly announced in January 1993 that she is a lesbian.

promise to lift the ban on gays serving in the military.

Instead, a furious debate erupted in Congress and the nation, resulting in the compromise policy of "don't ask, don't tell."

Under that policy, service members who declare they are gay face discharge unless they can prove they won't engage in homosexual acts while in the service.

In Dunning's case, Navy prosecutors say she clearly has "told," so all that remains is whether she can prove she is not a practicing homosexual.

But Dunning's lawyers maintain the statement, "I am a lesbian," does not imply she intends to engage in prohibited conduct.

Israeli court recognizes gay couples

Tel Aviv, Israel—The Supreme Court has handed Israel's gay community a major victory in a landmark ruling recognizing same-sex couples.

The 50-page decision on Nov. 30 forces the national airline El Al to grant the partner of flight attendant Jonathan Danielevitz the same annual free tickets and other benefits given to husbands and wives of heterosexual employees.

The case had wound its way up Israel's court system for five years, reaching the Supreme Court after El Al appealed a regional labor court ruling in favor of Danielevitz.

El Al spokesman Nachman Kleimar said the company would "honor and abide by the decision in its entirety." He said there was no precedent for El Al extending the rights to unmarried couples.

No reaction was available from Danielevitz. Press reports say he has lived with his unidentified partner for 15 years.

Gay rights activists said the ruling would have widespread significance in Israel, which remains a relatively conserva-

tive society on homosexuality.

"This will affect all walks of life. ...We will try to apply this decision to other areas," said Ilan Shenfeld, a leading gay rights activist.

One case that could be affected is that of Adir Steiner, who has unsuccessfully sought pension rights from the army after the death two years ago of his lover, army medical officer Col. Doron Meisel.

"There is no more reason in Israel to discriminate against homosexuals," Steiner told Israel Radio. He said he hoped Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "will make a courageous decision and accept my request for rights."

Gay rights issues could adversely affect Rabin's efforts to widen his narrow parliament majority by alienating potential religious coalition partners.

Rabbi Moshe Maya, a legislator from the religious Shas Party, said the Supreme Court ruling gave official sanction to homosexuality and could encourage youth to adopt a gay "lifestyle."

AROUND THE NATION

U.S. Won't Appeal Meinhold Case: The U.S. Justice Department announced Nov. 28 that it would not appeal a 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision allowing openly gay Chief Petty Officer Keith Meinhold to remain in the Navy. The New York Times reported that administration officials made the decision because Meinhold's discharge was begun under old Pentagon regulations barring gay men and lesbians from service. Meinhold's attorney, John McGuire, said that Meinhold had received assurances from the Navy that he would not be disciplined under the new "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" regulations as long as he doesn't say again that he is gay. "If he says he's gay again, then they would be taking action against him under the new policy," McGuire said. "It's ridiculous."

ACT UPer Set To Challenge Clinton In 1996: Steve Michael of ACT UP in Washington, D.C., has filed with the Federal Election Commission to run for president in 1996, according to an article in The Washington Times. Michael, who says he will challenge President Clinton for the Democratic nomination, will run on the "AIDS Cure Campaign" ticket. "In 1992 [Clinton] promised me he would fight AIDS, but he's done nothing," Michael said. "I don't believe Bill Clinton has a commitment to fight AIDS." Michael said that ACT UP would stage protests at Clinton campaign events in 1996, and that his campaign will focus on politically important states as well as those hit hardest by the AIDS epidemic.



BOB ROEHR

Steve Michael: Presidential material?

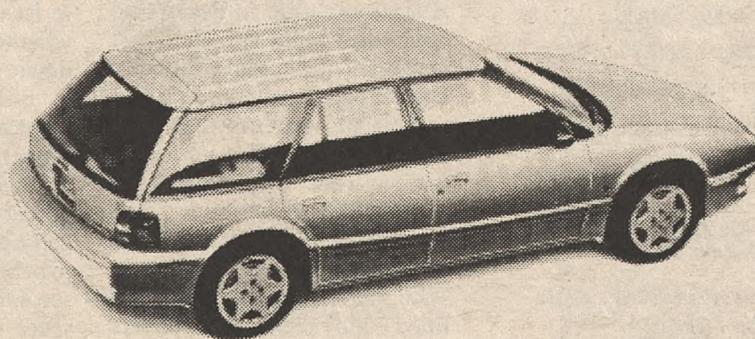
He Can't Be Gay, He's A Priest: A Catholic priest in Dublin, Ireland, died last month in a gay bathhouse and was given the last rites by two other priests who happened to be in attendance at the Incognito Sauna Club at 4 a.m. on Nov. 19. Parishioners in Dublin were stunned at the circumstances surrounding the death of 68-year-old Rev. Liam Cosgrove. "He couldn't have been a homosexual," said Maura Donnell, a retired nurse. "For chrissakes, Father Liam was a priest!" Donnell also said she "couldn't explain to you how he came to be there," but added that she was "sure God's forgiven him where he is now." According to GayNet, staffers at Incognito later said the bathhouse has approximately 20 Catholic priests as regular customers.

Appeals Court Overturns Restrictions On Lesbian Mother: The Indiana Court of Appeals has ruled that restrictions placed on a lesbian mother as part of a child custody case are unjust because there was no evidence her behavior adversely affected the children. A Superior Court judge had ordered Twila Teegarden to refrain from "engaging in homosexual activity in front of" her two sons, and told her she could not live with any woman she became involved with. Teegarden was given custody of her children with the restrictions on Feb. 4 after her former husband, who had custody of the children, died.

Anti-Gay Votes In Oregon Can Go On: The Oregon Citizens Alliance won a legal victory Nov. 23 when the state Court of Appeals ruled that people are entitled to vote on local anti-gay right measures despite a state law intended to make them invalid. A 1993 state law prohibits local governments from enacting ordinances that single out groups of citizens based on sexual orientation. The OCA, which has passed anti-gay measures in 26 cities and counties in Oregon, has challenged that state law.

AIDS Protected As Disability, Court Rules: In the first such ruling by any court, a federal judge in Ohio has ruled that a hospital's refusal to treat a patient with AIDS violated the Americans with Disabilities Act. District Judge John W. Potter made the ruling in the case of Charon v. Memorial Hospital. The American Civil Liberties Union filed the lawsuit on behalf of Fred Charon after Memorial Hospital in Fremont, Ohio, refused to admit him. Charon died in March 1993. Judge Potter also ordered the hospital to post a sign in its waiting room telling AIDS patients to consult a lawyer if they have problems with the hospital.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the new SoVo

by CHRISTINA CASH

We certainly hope you have noticed our new design and format. If you haven't, (hello!) back up to the cover and take a look at the new logo. Or jump forward to our leisure section, "Time Out," which brings you tons of readable info on everything from Atlanta nightlife to decorating your house to the latest and best releases in music, film and books. Look at page 3, where you'll find a table of contents that, at a glance, locates what you most want to read.

You'll notice some other new things as well. We now carry a column on gay/lesbian history, "Our Stories," and a column entitled "Body & Soul" that covers both emotional and physical health. Also, there is an entire section devoted to community news. It has an expanded organization listing and a weekly calendar of community meetings, services, sports and other events. Here you can find just about anything you're looking for—a lesbian mothers group, a 12-step program for codependents or a church where you are welcome. Many of us are suspicious of the word "community" and with good reason. Too often we are torn apart by our differences to the point we find it difficult to believe in something as benevolent as "community." But within the groups listed on the organization pages, there are people who learn, play and work together. *That's* community, and we do have one if we choose.

As well as adding things to SoVo, we have also eliminated some items you are used to reading. Right next to this editorial you will find a letter from Mary Bailey Rule, whose astrology column appeared in this paper for many years. And there's a letter on the next page taking us to task for dropping "This Ole Hoe." Not everyone, of course, is pleased with the changes we have made, and some of those changes were painful for us to make.

What we have attempted to do with both the new format and design is to bring you a better, more readable and more accessible paper. Our old design served us well but we were eager to bring you something new, a paper that is a cut above. A paper you can truly take pride in. Our new look is downright inspired, and a pleasure to behold, thanks to the art direction of Joan

Sherwood and Rob Boeger. We based our decisions on readership surveys, letters from readers, grumblings and praise from friends, and our own judgment of what needed to change. Then we took what we felt we were doing right and improved it. We hope you agree that our changes are for the better, and we encourage you to let us know your opinions—whether thumbs up or thumbs down.

Southern Voice cannot be what everybody wants it to be, cannot do what everyone wants it to do. If we were that accommodating our integrity would soon end up in the toilet. And we like to believe our integrity is the reason for our success over the last seven years. This is not a newspaper printed solely for advertisers, although they are much appreciated and the sole reason you get this paper every week. This paper is not a vehicle to sell sex. And it is not a forum for a handful of self-appointed leaders to preach to you about what you should be doing, or not doing. This newspaper is for the reader—to learn what's going on, to see at least some part of your own life reflected in these pages, and to feel satisfied after you have read it that someone here has a clue about what's important to you.

Change is good. Change means growth. Well, most of the time anyway. The elections last month are a possible exception to the rule. Sit down. Read your SoVo. We'll try to make this bumpy ride a little easier to take.

OPINION

Seeing stars

by MARY BAILEY RULE

Dear Friends,
 December 2 marked the New Moon in Sagittarius. It is the beginning of a new cycle of activity, especially for paying attention to dreams, visions and aspirations. In the northern hemisphere, winter time is dream time with long nights and short days, a time to return to ourselves and reflect on our lives. Out of the darkness and the deep starry nights we are able to bring back more radiant and fulfilling visions to carry us through the year.

This issue, Southern Voice begins a new format and is running an astrological column more geared to entertainment. As a professional astrologer, I am not able to reduce the metaphysics of astrology/astromony any further toward entertainment. I know the depth of meaning that this science has. Carl Jung, the famous therapist, used astrology in his practice and felt that it contained our accumulated wisdom about human nature.

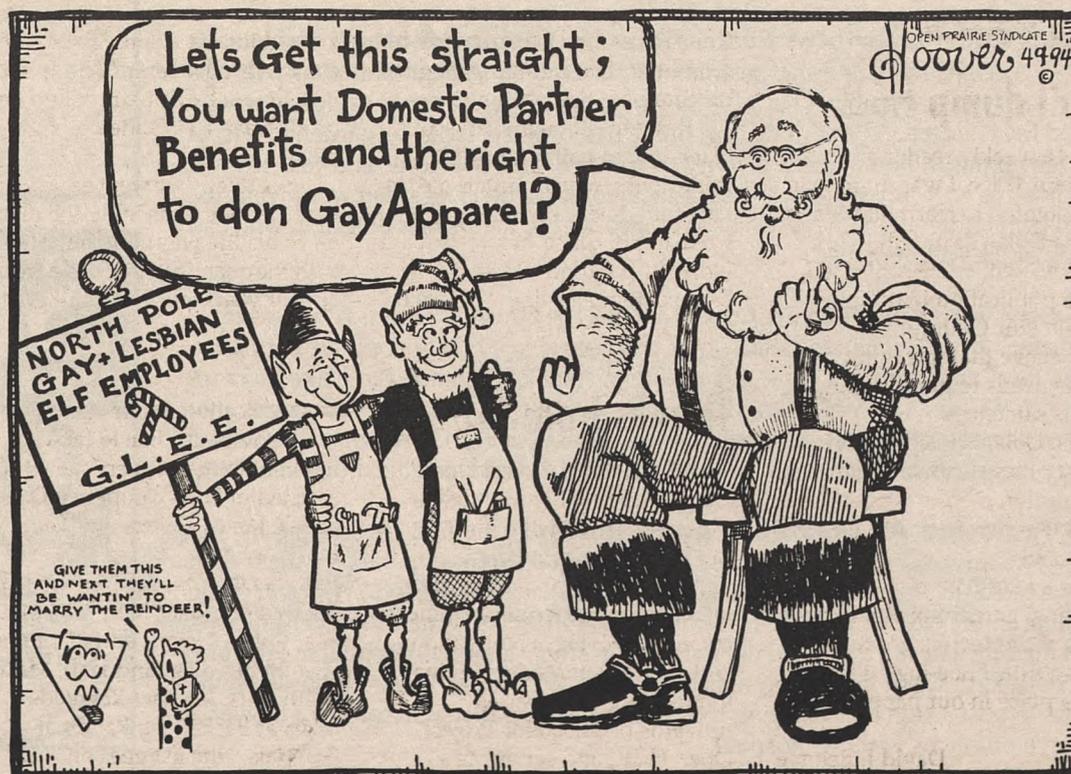
Editors make decisions based on many things, one of which is reader feedback. Most of us make calls or write letters to editors based on articles or statements that we don't like. We seem much less motivated to say something about what

we enjoy or find valuable. If you enjoyed the column and would like to see it continue in an informative and meaningful structure, then consider calling or writing the editor.

We are approaching an amazing year, beginning with an influx of very transformative energy on December 12. Jupiter is in its home sign of Sagittarius as of the 9th. The Winter Solstice, marking the beginning of the astrological new year, is on December 21. Pluto makes its first move out of Scorpio and into Sagittarius on January 17. This is the beginning of a slow, and very major energy shift for the entire planet. The New Moon on January 30 will be an influx of expansive, benefic yang energy. And Uranus, the planet of innovation and unexpected events, is moving toward its home sign of Aquarius.

1995 will be a year of amazing and unpredictable leaps forward with cycles of reactionary energy. We will need to become more open and aware in many ways, developing greater compassion. This is a pivotal year as we move toward the Turn of the Century. It should be exciting and challenging at the very least.

Have a wonderful holiday and a very prosperous and healthy New Year.





AS I SEE IT

by LESLEA NEWMAN

Slaves to love

As I See It features gay and lesbian writers from across the USA

My girlfriend Flash and I are love slaves. Not to each other, unfortunately. To our cats. Now why is this, I ask myself—usually at 3 a.m. when I can't sleep because the cats have stretched themselves out luxuriously on top of the covers, and Flash and I are huddled together in a tiny corner of the bed. Flash and I are both strong women. We are childless by choice because we treasure our independence. We like to think we can come and go as we please. Yet, if the truth be known, we are completely controlled by our cats.

Of course, our cats are by no means ordinary cats. My cat is a 14-year-old femme fatale named Couscous Kerouac (I was going through a vegetarian, beat-poet phase when I named her). I found her in a mall in Boulder, Colorado, where I lived at the time. A kid was standing over a box of kittens, and the kid's mother was standing over him, shrieking, "I'll drown them, I swear to Gawd I'll drown them," in an unmistakable Long Island accent.

You'd think Couscous would be forever indebted to me, given the fact that I saved her from her fate at the bottom of the Colorado River. But no. Couscous is a brat-cat. She is very, very pretty (which she knows) and this makes people want to pet her. A big mistake. Couscous has to be in the mood, and her mood changes as quickly as the weather in New England. Her purr can change to a growl in two seconds flat, and usually a bite is not far behind.

Consequently, Flash and I fall all over ourselves to please her.

"Couscous, want to sit on this towel?" Flash will ask, spreading my very best bath towel from Bloomingdales across the kitchen floor. "It's hot from the dryer."

Whenever Flash or I can get Couscous to sit on our laps for more than two minutes, we gloat in triumph, "See, she loves me."

Recently I bought Couscous a black velvet collar studded with rhinestones, which she lets me fasten around her neck on occasion. I tried to convince her to teach a workshop called "How to Be a Femme Top: A Feline Approach,"

Thanks from POH

On behalf of Project Open Hand/Atlanta, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Lee Gentry, also known as Beverly Heels, for an outstanding effort in the Armory Homecoming 1994. Lee's motivation and tireless efforts during this month-long event raised upwards of \$4,000 for Project Open Hand and served as a wonderful model of compassion

but she refused ("Thank God," Flash said. "You don't need any more tricks.")

PC, our other cat, gives new meaning to the word mellow. You could pick this cat up and twirl him around by the tail, and his purr wouldn't miss a beat.

PC is Flash's cat. Actually, PC, which stands not for Personal Computer or Politically Correct but for Pussy Cat, originally belonged to Flash's ex, who lived on the third floor of her apartment building. One day PC got tired of climbing three flights of stairs, so he just moved into the first floor apartment, Flash's place. When the ex moved out, hardly pausing to kiss either Flash or PC goodbye, PC stayed. I found the two of them years later, a pair of happy bachelors living on Dinty Moore beef stew and Hamburger Helper.

Now, the remarkable thing about PC is that he is 21 years old. Twenty-one human years: he was born in 1972. In cat years, this makes him older than George Burns and Rose Kennedy combined.

We did have a close call with PC a few years back when he was only 17. The vet thought his kidneys were shutting down and recommended special low-protein cat food, which he happened to sell at \$2 a can. Flash and I brought a case home and, of course, PC wouldn't eat it.

I called the vet for advice, and to see if I could get my money back. "Fry it," the vet said. "He'll love it." Fry it? It's embarrassing to admit, but yes, there I was, standing over the stove, spatula in hand, sauteing a gob of chicken flavored Science Diet in polyunsaturated fat. "Hey, what's for supper?" Flash asked, coming into the kitchen. "It smells great." Of course PC wasn't so easily fooled. I called the vet again. "Pour some chicken broth over it," he advised. But Science-Diet-drenched-in-broth wasn't PC's idea of a good meal.

Eventually we went back to his favorite food, reasoning the quality of his life was more important than the quantity. I think he agrees, as four years later, he's still going

and dedication to our agency.

I would also like to take a moment to thank everyone who assisted in Lee's campaign: Dan Smith, James Towers and Paul Horning of Project Open Hand, Brenda Dawson, Jim Marshall at the Armory, Charlie Brown, May Tag, Bubba Licious and all of the Armorettes, Peg (and Hal), Mary Edith Pitts, Michael Reynolds, Mark at Backstreet, Randy at Scandals...the list goes on.

I offer my thanks to the

strong. Flash thinks he lives on love, and I agree. I mean, it's not every cat whose owner schleps his favorite chair from room to room all day long, placing it in direct line of whatever window the sun happens to be streaming through (never mind the fact that it used to be my favorite chair). And how many cat owners will stop in the middle of a big O (feline interruptus) to dash out of the house stark naked because their beloved kitty is yowling from the top of some tree? Not many.

Why do we put up with this? Flash, who has gotten into Zen lately, thinks our cats have lessons to teach us. I got a lesson the other day when I returned home from a three-week book tour. I was feeling pretty full of myself: audiences had been enthusiastic about my work, and I had been sufficiently wined, dined and adored. Surely I was on my way to being rich and famous any minute.

So why wasn't my family home to greet its rising star? Where were the flowers, the balloons, the champagne? Flash was at work and the cats were nowhere to be found. What did greet me at the front door was a puddle of cat puke: evidence of Couscous's bulimic revenge. I cleaned up the mess and proceeded straight to the litter box, which very clearly had to be changed. One minute a standing ovation, I thought, the next minute down on my knees scooping out shit. Was that my lesson?

No, there was more.

As I lined the litter box with newspaper, I happened to look down and catch a headline, "Heather Has Two Mommies Causes World War Three." And right underneath was a picture of the smiling author, disappearing under gravels of kitty litter. And two seconds later, Couscous squatted over my photo to take a pee. I'm still not sure what the lesson is here, but I probably deserved it.

Leslea Newman is the author of 20 books including "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Every Woman's Dream." She lives in Northampton, Mass. with Flash.

Armory and everyone who supported this incredible annual event which raised in excess of \$47,000 for Atlanta area AIDS service organizations. Also, I'd like to extend a hearty congratulations to Homecoming Queen 1994, Blanche de Bries.

Thank you all and we'll see you next year.

Ken Grabowski
Volunteer Services
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Vanity Unfair

The current issue of Vanity Fair (December 1994) contains a defamatory article (on the writer's part) on page 178. In his "Vanities" column, writer George Wayne asked former Oakland Raiders star Howie Long, "Do you think there are any homos playing football?" Long responds, "Well, I read an article once where they said one out of every 10 individuals is homosexual. So I was sitting in the locker room one day, and there were 55 guys there, so I go, One, two three, four five, six... but I've never been approached.. Look, I told you before: I don't care what you do—if you can play defensive tackle, please line up." George Wayne then asks, "How about tight end?" Howie Long, apparently taken aback by this defamatory statement replied, "Well, you're diving into a whole new area. I have no frame of reference."

According to GLAAD/SFBA Mr. Wayne is gay, and his baited questions do little to dispel the stereotypes about gay men and sports. Mr. Long, however, is to be commended for providing thoughtful and courageous minded responses.

Send your comments to: George Wayne and/or Graydon Carter, Editor-in-Chief, Vanity Fair, 350 Madison Avenue, Fourth Floor, New York, NY 10017; phone (212) 880-8800.

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LETTERS

Don't dump Hoe

As a weekly reader of Southern Voice, I was more than disappointed to learn that Maria Helena Dolan's column "This Ole Hoe" will be discontinued by the publication that "Takes Pride in Our Culture."

I believe that one thing our culture needs to guard against most is sameness.

Ms. Dolan's insights and philosophies speak to a significant portion of your readership that might not be construed as "the same."

As a long-haired, moon-watching, gardening fag, I know that any productive ground needs a little "hoe-ing." Please keep a place in our paper for us.

David J. Bennett
New Moon Gardens

HEALTH

Body & Soul

Your Emotional Health

by VIRGINIA ERHARDT, Ph.D.
& NICHOLETTE SCOFIELD, M.A.



On new beginnings

Who am I? Why do I do the things I do? How do I begin having more choice about how I live my life? These questions are essential to those of us who are curious about issues related to personal growth.

It is with great delight that we begin this column as a forum to share our ideas about psychological health. To establish a foundation, we would like to tell you how we view our psychological beginnings and development as humans.

Each of us is born into the world with a biological inheritance that includes such characteristics as appearance, temperament and a predisposition to develop a relationship with our caregivers, especially our mothers. From infancy we are profoundly affected by our parental figures. These caregivers bring with them a legacy of expectations, loyalties, cultural customs and

We may be gentle, generously nurturing others, or we may use others without regard for their welfare to get what we want. We may relate to others passively, assertively or aggressively.

attitudes. Certain patterns of relating were passed on to them through many generations. It is in the interactions with our caregivers and our culture that we develop our self-concept and our notions about relationships. If the "fit" between us and our parental figures is adequate and they are good enough at being attuned to our needs, we learn we are lovable and capable. We also learn how to love and trust others.

Influenced by our caregivers' abilities to provide developmentally appropriate physical and emotional care, we cultivate survival skills, some more healthy than others. That is, we attempt to figure out what is required to get the recognition and love for which we yearn. We also look for ways to feel some measure of power and autonomy while still maintaining a connection with our caregivers. In some families these requirements for healthy growth are lacking, causing us to develop survival skills that are adaptive within the family but may not work well in the outside world.

Our personality traits, relationship patterns, and survival skills may be seen as existing on a continuum rather than as black/white, healthy/sick polarities. Depending on many factors, we may feel insecure or confident, vulnerable or emotionally closed. We may be comfortable being honest and direct, or instead relate through manipulation. We may be gentle, generously nurturing others, or we may use others without regard for their welfare to get what we want. We may relate to others passively, assertively or aggressively.

In choosing intimate partners, we unconsciously feel drawn to, and sometimes consciously select, people with traits like or opposite from our childhood caregivers. Over time, we may realize that we are being controlled by the individual and relationship patterns we learned growing up. This awareness allows us the opportunity to embrace healthier patterns and the power to alter more harmful ones.

We hope you will join us, making this biweekly column a part of your journey toward increased awareness. We would like to present a wide range of ideas. We want to encourage hearing and trusting our inner selves—our hopes, fears, needs, expectations and wishes. We hope to foster feeling more fully alive by increasing congruence of internal experience (thoughts and feelings) with external behavior. We will explore existential issues such as freedom and responsibility, isolation and relatedness, finding meaning in life and dealing with the inevitability of death. We will talk about the freedom of acknowledging "preferences" rather than being controlled and sabotaged by "shoulds."

Some of the issues we discuss will relate to us as individuals: development of autonomy, authenticity, and a positive self-image. We will look at relationship issues: selecting partners, healthy communication, deepening intimacy, enhancing sexual expression. We will also explore topics in which self and relationships are inextricably interwoven: developing healthy boundaries; dealing with anger, power struggles, and life transitions; coping with life-threatening illness, loss and grief. These are just some of the topics we will explore in this column. We would welcome your suggestions as well.

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HEALTH

Group fights bias in medicine

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) announced Nov. 21 a project to convince leading U.S. and Canadian medical societies to combat anti-gay discrimination in health care.

"When discrimination infects the health-care setting, it's no longer merely an issue of civil rights, it's potentially an issue of survival," said GLMA member Gary Graham. "There's no excuse for any health care professional to allow bias—against gays or anyone else—to affect the quality of care. Unfortunately, it too often does."

The 1,600-member group, until recently known as the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, announced that it is launching the project to follow up a survey the group conducted earlier this year, which documented widespread anti-gay discrimination in the delivery of health care. The survey found that 91 percent of respondents knew of anti-gay bias directed at patients, while 59 percent reported that they themselves had suffered anti-gay discrimination professionally.

According to Executive Director Ben Schatz, GLMA is asking 200 medical and health organizations to take five steps to combat anti-gay bias: Adopt non-discrimination policies and educate both patients

and member physicians; urge training institutions to train health care workers appropriately about unique gay/lesbian health needs; press managed-care plans to help consumers

identify gay-friendly and knowledgeable providers; encourage licensing agencies to consider bias in evaluating providers; demand that health-reform legislation include non-discrimination provisions.

"This project is part of a broader GLMA campaign to make health care professionals more responsive to the needs of lesbians and gay men," said GLMA President Bob Cabaj, MD. "GLMA will continue to follow up our proposals with medical groups and government agencies, and we encourage others to join us."

Cabaj noted that GLMA has asked the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to create a special task force to examine lesbian and gay health needs.



GLMA's Ben Schatz

Program educates people with AIDS, herpes

A free video and brochure package, "Learning to Live With Herpes Viruses and HIV," is being made available by Burroughs Wellcome Co. The package contains information about genital herpes and shingles, how these infections affect people living with HIV/AIDS, and insights on effective management of these conditions.

A common denominator of both genital herpes and HIV is sexual transmission, and the two infections are often found together. "If you're HIV-positive, you're likely to have genital herpes as well," said David Hardy, MD, of the UCLA School of Medicine. Dr. Hardy discusses herpes infections on the videotape.

The video features interviews with several people living with HIV, who speak frankly of their personal experiences with genital herpes and shingles. In addition, interviews with medical, community and treatment experts are included. The brochure deals with the signs, symptoms and treatment of

herpes infections.

The package is designed for use by physicians, health care providers, counselors and AIDS service organizations as a supplement during counseling sessions and as part of educational programs for people who are HIV-positive.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 30 million Americans are estimated to be infected with genital herpes, also known as herpes simplex virus type II, and the disease continues to spread at a rate of 300,000 to 500,000 new cases each year. The varicella zoster virus, which causes chicken pox, is present in 90 percent of American adults and causes shingles outbreaks in 10-20 percent of these adults, usually among the elderly and those with compromised immune systems.

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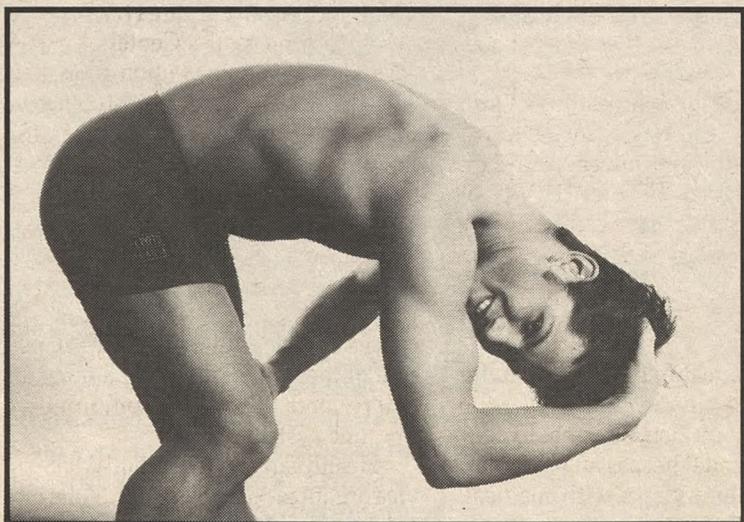


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You didn't think a gay shopper's guide would leave out the all-important, did you? Accessories, of course! So let's go from head to toe, starting with **Robley Hats**. Aside from a selection ranging from high fashion to funky, more casual styles are available, including one with a reindeer head (fake, of course!). And Robley carries the red ribboned-HYP hat, pur-



You can pick up Cryptic Cause shorts (not the guy wearing them) at The Boy Next Door.

chases of which help AIDS research. For those fashionable foot fetishists, we suggest **Kenneth Cole** at Phipps Plaza, where, in addition to fabulous footwear, you'll find leather jackets, briefcases and backpacks. And faster than you can say **Abbadabba's**, you'll be in the land of Birkenstocks, Doc Martens, and Deja shoes from recycled materials. (Incidentally, Abbadabba's will be getting a wider selection of clothing this season, so check it out).

And for the perfect gift that says, "Enough of this sleeping around—I want a commitment," how about a women's or men's commitment band in gold or silver from **Worthmore Jewelers**, where a Swiss army watch would be a welcome stocking-stuffer. Or check out the gorgeous 14- and 18-karat jewels available at **Pendleton Jewelry**, which also features handblown crystal and glass gifts, some of them signed and one-of-a-kind. And don't forget to visit **The Geode** at Lenox Square.

The creative artist in you may opt instead for a trip to **Beadworks by Shoshana**, where the friendly staff will help you make a unique creation out of their literally thousands of beads from all over the world. Shoshana offers classes in necklace and earring making as well, and local artists may sell and display their own work there for a \$30 rental December 13-25.

BOOKS, RECORDS AND ADULT TOYS

There are many who feel that the best gifts are the ones that will last long after

the season is over, a reminder of the person who gave us the gift. Why not get your pal a CD of music that is very special to you, whether it be The AIDS Quilt Songbook or the latest Mary Chapin Carpenter, at **Eat More Records**, a cornucopia of used and new CDs, tapes, and LPs, as well as hard-to-get T-shirts. Those mourning the death of the LP will be gleeful at the sight of **Wax N Facts**, which has anything and everything vinyl, new and used CD's and cassettes, and an especially large selection of imports and

hard-to-get items. And get the latest alternative comics, from superhero to gay-specific, tattoo and piercing magazines, and adult magazines at **Criminal Records**, which of course still has an enormous selection of music. And **Tower Records** near Lenox is now

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If your lover can't get to bed without a literary fix, pick up DiLallo and Krumholtz's "The Official Gay MANUAL" at **OutWrite Books**, signed copies of which go for an additional \$2 as a donation to Project Open Hand. The **Book Warehouse of Georgia** donates all profits from its incredible selection of new and used books to cancer research—truly a gift that keeps on giving.

Lesbian-specific and goddess-oriented jewelry by local artists can be found at **Charis Books and More**, which also features beautiful journal and diary books along with its eclectic literary selection. **Poster Hut**, a contemporary department store with clothing and unique art, and **Windfaire** always offer the perfect kinky gift for the woman or man (or both) in your life, along with a glorious array of adult cards. Of course, true leather lovers will shop at the Eagle's **Mohawk Leather**, where a full line of body harnesses, leather vests and jackets, body pierces, and Bravo jewelry can be found.

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world, we are sometimes challenged to find unique and artistic presents that represent our tastes and talents. A great place to start is **Courtney James, Ltd.**, where an angel-faced winestopper (\$12.50) and a porcelain chess set with animal figure players (\$5,000) are only two examples of the fabulous gifts and accessories available. **Yanzum Village Art** offers hand-crafted and primitive arts from all over the world, including santos (wooden

saints) and spirit chasers created Guatemala, Haiti, and the African continent.

Those in search of Christmas ornaments, musical water balls, exquisite vases and statues need look no further than **House of Hawley**. Check out **Nature's Art's** collection of semiprecious stone jewelry, rock and mineral bookends, carvings, and sculptures, as well as fossils from Morocco and the American West are sure to please the nature lover in your life.

Trinity Arts Group will present "Angels: Myth, Mirth and Majesty," a jewelry show featuring 34 artists and based on

subjective interpretations of the angel phenomenon through January 1. Don't miss it if you're looking for a gift somewhere between \$13 and \$40,000.

Antique hounds will find bountiful goodies at **Joseph Konrad Wosinski, Georgia Antique Center, and Houseworks**.

Also check out the always-inviting selection of holiday favorites at **Maddix Deluxe**, including sumptuous chocolates, Victorian Christmas decorations and calendars, not to mention a stunning array of bath and shower goodies and frames for your holiday photos. And don't miss

downstairs where Maddix now carries a full line of furniture, bed linens and accessories for the home. And for environmentally conscious gifts of all kinds, **Common Pond** offers unusual and artsy gift ideas. The Christmas Fairy offers gay-themed holiday ornaments. They can be reached at (415) 281-0696. Allow 15 days for delivery.

FOOD

Shopping can be thirsty business, so while you're getting new high-fashion glasses for the holidays at **Seeing is Believing**, head to the juice bar for refreshment. **Galletto Espresso-Oh!** café is a perfect spot to chill out with a delicious pastry and a cup of their famous coffee, and don't forget bags of beans as a terrific gift idea!

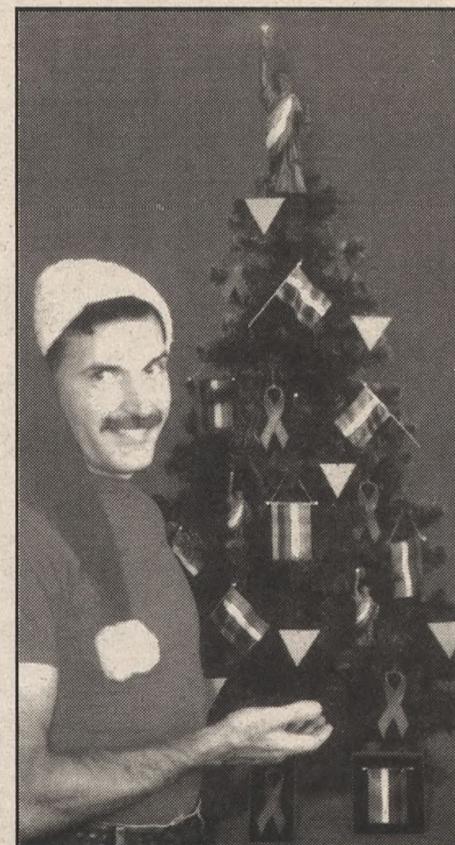
For your holiday party needs, don't forget to stock up on **Black Sheep Light Lager** from the David and Mark Brewing Co., which will leave all your guests humming. And for you unapologetic non-vegetarians, sink your teeth into **Honeybaked Hams** at one of the 13 Atlanta locations. Or perhaps health food is more your style, in which case we highly recommend **Return to Eden** and **Sevananda Natural Foods**, which feature a wide selection of herbal teas as well as wooden kitchen accessories. **Chef** also has neat kitchen gadgets and dishes, and **Paper Parlour** will provide you with everything needed for a spectacular holiday fiesta.

And need we remind you that holiday indulgence has its price? After that extra helping of figgy pudding, get down to **Recreational Factory Warehouse, Atlanta Cycle and Fitness, or Physikos/**

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And while you're at it, make your home a lot prettier as well with lovely plants and flowers from **Shelton's Florist** and **Ward's Nursery**. Now it's picture time! Take those snapshots of Mom in front of the tree (or your lover on top of the refrigerator) to **Image Photo** or **Jack's Camera**. When they're devel-



Vibrant, colorful folk art can be found at Yanzum Village Art.

oped, frame those photos beautifully at **Spadaro's**. Or let a professional take photos of Fluffy and you at **Vita Animal Photography** and its daughter store, **Linda's Hot Tots**, where photo calendars, Christmas cards, and gift certificates can be personalized for you.

When flying off to spend solstice with Aunt Edna, you'll want to arrange the journey through **Star Travel, Trips Unlimited** or **Travel Affair**.

And when you're finally ready to send your love offerings around the globe, make sure it's through **Mailboxes Etc.** (No fruitcake, please.)

CONCERTS AND EVENTS

Whether you're with biological or chosen family this holiday, you should take advantage of the cultural wealth Atlanta has to offer. The following events make for excellent revelry this season:

Spivey Hall at Clayton State College offers the "Ritz-Carlton Orchestra Big Band Christmas" Dec. 17 and the Lanier Trio in January.

Emory University's Office of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Life sponsors The Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus' "Christmas With Spirit," Dec. 16-18 at Emory's Canon Chapel. A portion of the proceeds go to Lesbian/Gay Pride 1995, and season tickets are available. Call 621-0254 or 289-7709

"Christmas with the Savoyards" will appear at the **Georgia Tech Center for the Performing Arts** Dec. 9-11. Also at GA Tech, the **Atlanta Opera Company** presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors" Dec. 15, 17, and 18. Call 894-9600

The Alliance Theatre presents Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," Tuesdays through Sundays now until Dec. 23; for season tickets and additional information, call 733-4600.

The Atlanta Symphony performs "A Kid's Christmas" Dec. 11 and 18 at Symphony Hall. The Livingston Foundation presents "Christmas with Robert Shaw" Dec. 7-10, featuring the Morehouse Glee Club and Atlanta Boy Choir. Handel's "Messiah" will play Dec. 15-17 with Robert Shaw conducting. "A

Night in the Old Vienna" will play Dec. 29-31. Finishing off the year will be the "New Year's Eve Concert," Dec. 31, which will be conducted by William Fred Scott. Call 733-5000.

And finally, The At-

lanta **Ballet** presents "The Nutcracker," now through Dec. 24 at the Fox theatre, with Dec. 9 being Southern Voice night (2 for 1 tickets with coupon). Call 817-8700 for more information, 881-2000 for group sales.

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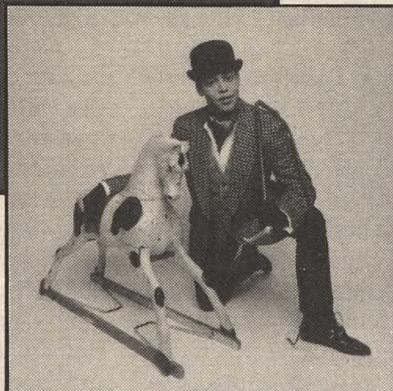
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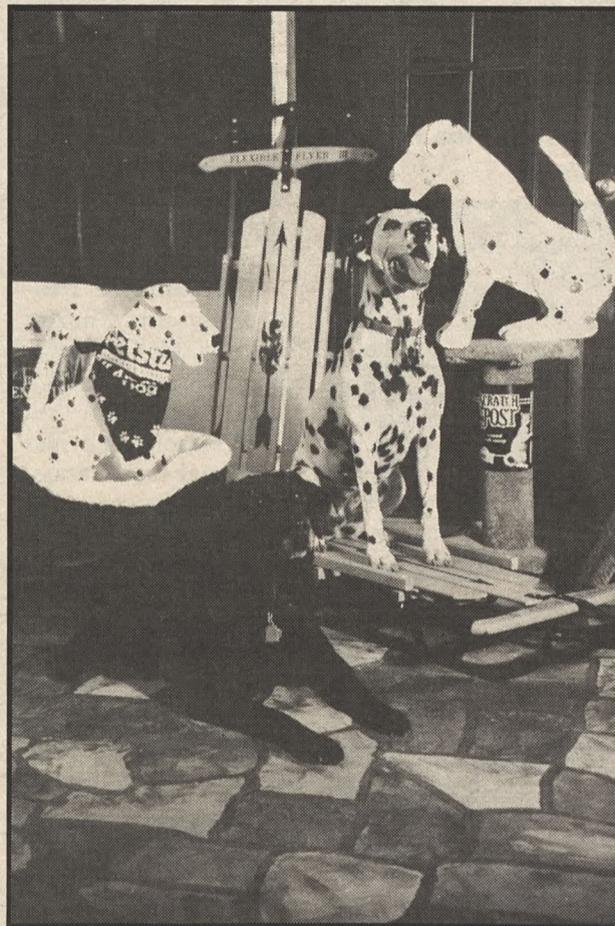
Have you resolved to become a better communicator in the new year? A cellu-

fers the materials and tools you'll need to create this new palace of yours, and **S&S Landscaping** will complete the picture with fabulous flora and foliage.

And if your reindeer have seen better days, perhaps it's time to finally spring for that new sleigh. What better time than the New Year to treat yourself to a dream at any of the following dealerships: In Chamblee, **Kelly Toyota, Dyer & Dyer Volvo, Hix Green Saab, Curry Honda** and **Neal Pope Ford** and **Hickman Thrift**; in Decatur, **Banner Ford, Atlanta Classic Cars** and **Troncalli**; in Marietta,

Pugmire Isuzu and **Boomershine**; in Duluth, **Hix Green Saturn** and **Charles Evans BMW**; in Stone Mountain, **Willett Toyota**; and in Buckhead, **Crain Daly VW/Chevrolet**. If it's only the tires that need replacing, check out **Midtown Tire**.

Finally, since these self and home improvements require capital, consider the financial planning and advice of **Margaret Graff at IDS**, who will start you on your way to saving for future holidays!



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GOOD DEEDS

Above all, remember that the holidays provide a wonderful opportunity for performing random acts of kindness. This season, see the gorgeous results of 16 of Atlanta's finest florists and interior decorators at the historic **Glenridge Hall Holiday House**, now through Dec. 11. Proceeds from your visit (\$10 adults, \$6 kids) benefit **Childkind**, Atlanta's pioneering organization to care for HIV-positive children. Plus, the 14,000 square-foot mansion is truly magnificent. Call 892-8313 for more information.

Another wonderful idea is to donate your time and money to **Pets Are Loving Support, Inc. (P.A.L.S.)**. Three **Petstuff** locations (Lindbergh Plaza, Stone Mountain, and Pleasant Hill) will feature **Holiday Angels**, a benefit to raise money and supplies and recruit volunteers to care for the pets of people with AIDS, now through Dec. 25. Christmas trees at each location will bear ornaments showing the faces of actual pets along with their most crucial needs, like a new leash or a raw hide. For more information or to volunteer, call 876-PALS.

And remember—a subscription to **Southern Voice** makes a terrific gift and keeps a loved one informed about what's going on in our community.

lar phone or beeper at **Daecom** will certainly help. **Bicycle South** will provide you with a new set of wheels if you're buying to lose that spare tire. And **Asphalt Flight School** will make you soar, if it's time for a new hobby or career.

But for those whose home is their castle, a new look for the old homestead may be just the formula for a shiny new year. Take advantage of the wealth of furniture and interior decorating places in Atlanta, among them **Sharon Home Accessories, Intown Crafters, Heavy Duty Design, Decorating Depot, House of Denmark, Norwalk Furniture, Forsyth Furniture & Fabrics, The Furniture Idea, China Cabinet Ltd., Wallpaper Plus, Bernhardt Furniture, Irish Country Pine & Travel, and Glass Art**. Most of these stores not only have unique and economical ways to beatify your home, they also have do-it-yourself and ready-made gift ideas designed to create some serious ooh-ing and ah-ing.

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Homo for the holidays

Four winter holidays mark a time of giving and reflection for lesbians and gay men

by ADAM J. SANK

The holiday season has arrived once again, and as usual, Christmas is getting the most airtime. The lack of parity is understandable: Christmas marks the birth of Jesus Christ, whom Christians believe to be the messiah, whereas Chanukah, commemorating a Jewish victory over an oppressive enemy, is less important in the Jewish religion than other holidays, like Yom Kippur or Passover.

Religious significance aside, however, the general populace is only vaguely familiar with the meaning of Chanukah—and virtually clueless when it comes to two other spiritual celebrations, Kwanzaa and solstice. Yet each of these festivals plays an important role in the lives of millions of people. And for gays and lesbians, each holiday lends itself to spiritual and practical interpretations of everyday life. An examination of the four—in chronological order of beginnings—highlights the way they are relevant to gay life today.

The celebration of the winter solstice is the most ancient of holidays. Its origins are unknown, but evidence suggests that pagan religions in all parts of the world have long celebrated the return of the sun to earth, the time at which the days begin to grow in length relative to the nights. Archaeologists have discovered Native American structures in New Mexico that seem to focus the sun's rays through a hole in a rock on the day of the solstice. And in Europe, cave drawings show festivals held to worship the sun and its nurturing effect on the earth.

More spiritual than religious, solstice is today celebrated by many gays and lesbians along with other holidays like Christmas or Kwanzaa. It is particularly popular among the ecologically conscious and lovers of nature, who see it as a time to reflect on the sacredness and goodness of the earth. Celebrations are varied, but some churches, like Atlanta's First Existentialist, make mention of solstice in their holiday services. There are few if any commercial aspects of the festival, for these would defeat the purpose. More often, those who wish to participate will perform good deeds for friends and loved ones that positively affect the earth, like building a birdhouse or helping a friend learn to recycle. In addition, there are some who pray to goddesses or gods in thanksgiving for the return of the sun.

Chanukah, the "festival of lights," celebrates two miracles. The first is the Jewish victory over the Assyrians, a powerful oppressor that sought to destroy Jerusalem. Led by Judah Macabee, the small, ill-equipped Jewish tribe conquered the powerful Assyrians, overcoming tremendous odds, and reclaimed the temple in Jerusalem. Arriving at the temple after the final battle, the Jews found that the Assyrians had desecrated it, destroying religious symbols and scattering the carcasses of dead pigs.

After thoroughly cleaning the synagogue and removing the impurities, the Jews lit the Shabat (Sabbath) candles, fully aware that there was not enough oil to sustain them through the night. In fact, the candles burned for eight days, the second miracle. Today, Jews worldwide commemorate the eight days of Chanukah by lighting eight candles on a *menorah*, a candelabra of sorts, using an additional candle to light the others.

Aside from gift-giving, which it shares with Christmas, Chanukah takes on special significance for Jewish lesbians and gay men, who find comfort in the knowledge

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that a small group can successfully fight for their existence against extreme odds.

According to the New Testament, Jesus Christ was sent to earth 2,000 years ago by God the Father to save humankind from spiritual ruin, as prophesied in the Old Testament. For Christians everywhere, Christmas is a time for giving, not only for the sake of showing love but to remember that God gave the greatest gift of all—his only son—in order to save everyone.

Celebrations vary by denomination as well as culture, but most Christians attend services, perform charitable deeds, and

demonstrate their love of friends and family in song and fellowship. And while the commercial side of Christmas cannot be denied, it is extremely important religiously and spiritually to gay and lesbian Christians. Many spend the holidays offering service and support to those in need. Others find comfort in the teachings of Christ, who admonished hypocrites that use religion as a weapon of intolerance and hate (attention, Cobb County!). And some simply enjoy the Christmas spirit, from carolers in the backyard to stockings on the hearth and Santa in the chimney.

Kwanzaa, Swahili for "first fruits of the harvest," was introduced to America in the late '60s by Maulana Ron Karenga, an African-American academic and activist. Borrowing traditions from many different Af-

rican cultures, the event makes use of the Nguzo Sab, or "seven principles," which serve to guide the way African-Americans should live at Kwanzaa and throughout the year. The principles are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.

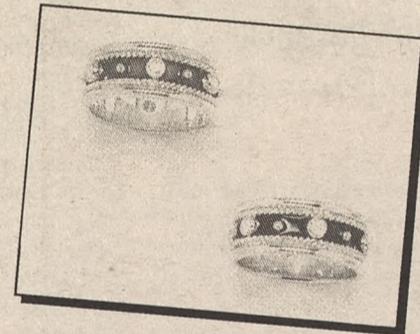
Like solstice, Kwanzaa complements rather than replaces other holidays that African-American Christians, Muslims, or Jews may celebrate. Red, green, and black candles are lit during each of the seven days of the celebration, symbolizing blood, the motherland Africa, and the color of African skin, respectively. Each night brings with it discussion of a different principle, including how that principle may be observed in everyday life.

For lesbians and gay men of African descent, Kwanzaa serves to unite a community that regularly struggles against both racism and homophobia. It reminds celebrants that people are meant to live in harmony and cooperation, and serves to bring those who may have been ostracized from their family of origin into a larger family. Like solstice, the goal is non-commercialism, so preferred gifts are handmade and Afrocentric. Atlanta's African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance (AALGA) regularly sponsors Kwanzaa events each year.

Clearly, the holidays offer more than Santa at Macy's and extra traffic on the Perimeter. And Atlanta's gay and lesbian community will continue to observe old traditions—and create new ones—as long as the sun keeps returning to the earth.

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OUR STORIES

Fleshing the Bones of Lesbian/Gay History

by MARIA HELENA DOLAN



The fire within us

I've thought a lot about queer culture over the years. Is there such an entity, and if so, is it viable? What are its parameters and elements particular to us? Do we constitute a people or not? If so, how can we define ourselves accurately?

While the debates engendered by such questions continue to rage, I personally believe that it's becoming clearer that, in fact, there exists a biological component to being queer. I hold that, if such were not the case, then why do we appear over and over again, dispersed throughout human history and amidst diverse ethnicities and cultures?



The annual Pride march unites a community that, too often, fails to preserve its history.

The only way to prepare for the future is to examine, ponder, and ultimately learn from the past. The past, in all its permutations. As Virginia Woolf said, "Everyone is partly their ancestors, partly woman, and partly man."

We come from divergent backgrounds, yet we each bear that fire within us, which burns to connect with other members of our true pack.

Our pack—which is essentially our culture, the nutritive medium in which we thrive—did not spring fully armored from the head of a deity. It's existed in bits and pieces over the centuries, and it is only very recently that we've been able to begin to weave together parts of the stories.

When I came out 22 years ago, my then-lover and I were pretty convinced that we were the only ones, now or ever. We had no context for our nascent feelings, no identifiable community, no sense of tradition.

Gradually, we found out about dyke dungeons and gay bars, and that there were many more of us, and had been for years, in fact, for not just decades or centuries, but for millennia. That we were not some aber-

ration without precedent was an incredible, dawning realization. Young queers just coming out now in an urban area may find it hard to imagine what it was like in the days before you had access to publications such as this one; to organizations; to gathering places; and to the highly visible public activities, such as the annual Pride march.

Young queers perhaps don't realize that it took a phenomenal bit of bravery and dedication to parade down Peachtree Street with a handful of other perverts, submitting to the opprobrium that Baptists at church as well as patrons of the "modeling agencies" (which then lined the midtown area) dished out.

Just that small part of our history, 25 years of Pride, needs to be told—and will be, next summer—at the Atlanta History Center.

The board of the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing has done something rather remarkable: persuaded the History Center to mount the first-ever officially sponsored exhibition of queer artifacts in the South for May, June and July of 1995.

The theme is "25 Years of Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride," and will feature photos, buttons, posters, handbills, and other memorabilia from those marches and concomitant festivals (and anyone wishing to donate to the collection, especially for this exhibit, can do so directly at the History Center; or can contact the History Thing at 876-1060, P.O. Box 7032, Atlanta, GA 30357; or contact me in care of SoVo).

Of course, this is just a tiny part of our collective histories. In the ensuing columns, I hope to cover not just the bad ol' pre-Stonewall days here but also what life has been like for us around the world, in many different times and places.

Cultural heritage informs us about who and what we are, no matter which group you belong to. To understand ourselves as a people, we need to know our lore. When we know where we come from, we can better formulate where we wish to head in the future.

I hope to point out pertinent pieces of our lore, and perhaps fan that flame within just a bit.

Maria Helena Dolan, a longtime local activist, is acting president of the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing, Inc.

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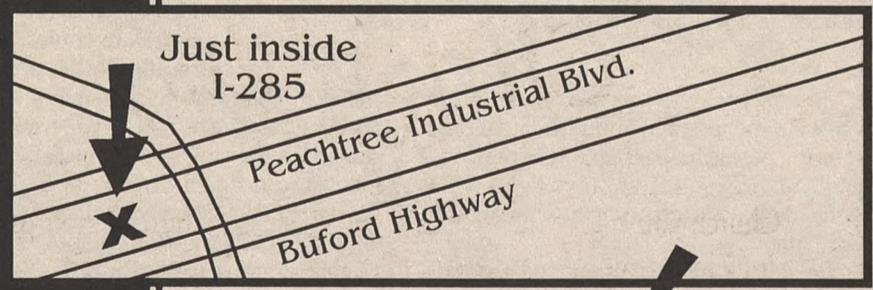
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Hotlanta Volleyball concludes league play

by RICHY HOWARD

The Hotlanta Volleyball Association concluded their league play at the Atlanta campus of Mercer University on Dec. 1

At the end of regular season play, the standings were:

Rainbow Division: First were Hick's Chicks (13-19); second were Dave's Slaves (13-19); third were Hal's Pals (6-26).

Lambda Division: First were Larry's Marys (22-9-1); second were Keith's Chiefs (21-10-1); third were Chris' Misses (21-11); fourth were Nickles Pickles (14-17-1); fifth were Baker's Shakers (13-19).

Triangle division: First were Rex's Pecs (20-12); second were Charlie's Tuna (19-12-1); third were Quentano's Sombreros (14-18); fourth were Mark's Sharks (12-20).

The league will now take their regular season standings and seed each team in a double elimination bracket for the league championships. The league tournament will be played at Mercer on Thursday, Dec. 8, and Thursday, Dec. 15, with play beginning at 7:15 p.m.

The league will follow the tournament with an awards banquet to be held at the Otherside on Sunday, Dec. 18. The league will continue to play on Thursdays at Mercer but will move from league play into open play. Anyone is welcome to play; there is a cost of \$4. Open play is also held at Druid Hills Methodist Church at the corner of Briarcliff and Ponce de Leon (cost \$3).

The winter league will begin on Thursday, Jan. 26, at Mercer. The league will accept groups that want to form their own team or will help place individuals on existing teams. Many of HVA's teams will travel to New Orleans Jan. 14-15 for their annual tournament.

For information on Hotlanta Volleyball, call 621-5062.



The Atlanta women's soccer team relaxing between games this summer.

Women's soccer teams head for Tallahassee

by RICHY HOWARD

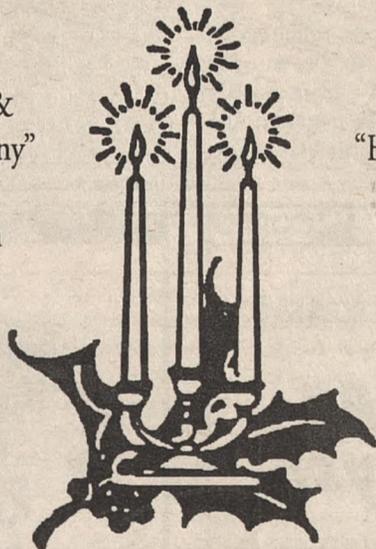
In June of this year, Atlanta for the first time had a women's team competing in the Gay Games. The sport was soccer, and the team brought back a silver medal.

That group of women has now expanded to two teams that compete in the Georgia State Soccer Association. The two teams (divisions 1 and 2) play at fields all over the city, with their home field being in Avondale. The league has finished regular play but

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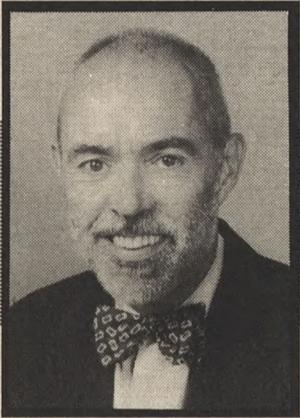
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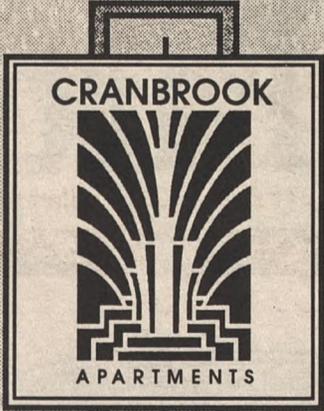
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Disco Kroger shows holiday spirit

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It started when the store raised over \$10,000 in cash pledges and contributed another \$12,000 in produce and snack foods to the AIDS Walk in October. This was followed in November with a donation of 175 complete turkey dinners to Project Open Hand for delivery to its clients. These dinners were paid for by customers and vendors of Disco Kroger.

"Signs were placed at the front of the store explaining Project Open Hand's need, and the donations started pouring in," says Mark du Pont, Kroger personnel training supervisor. "It's amazing how much you can

achieve when you just ask."

"Our Thanksgiving fundraiser was so successful, we are planning another one for Christmas," adds Jerry Hannah, store manager. "People wishing to purchase a complete turkey dinner to donate to Project Open Hand may come to the store and pay at the customer service counter. Another board will be placed in the checkout area, on which we will place the names of the persons or companies donating dinners. Project Open Hand will take this list and place a name in each dinner as they are delivered."

Disco Kroger will be accepting donations until Dec. 20. For more information about the program, call Mark du Pont at 237-8022.

December babies unite for benefit

Tired of getting those combination birthday/Christmas presents? The First Existentialist Congregation invites December babies—and their friends—to Angela Motter's 34th Birthday and Existential Revival on Saturday, Dec. 17. The concert and party is a benefit for First Existentialist Congregation.

Angela Motter will be cooking up a big batch of collard greens, black-eyed peas and cornbread as well as some great gospel and blues music. Special guests include Richard Bicknell, Jan Smith, Duncan Teague, DeDe Vogt, Scott Hooker and Jan Riley's Existential Rhythm and Blues Choir.

Janna Nelson, Rev. Lanier Clance and Sister Lenny Lasater will offer humorous sermonettes on adulthood and the benefits of growing up. Jan Riley, a self-proclaimed "big girl with a bad attitude," is writing music for the occasion—both sacred and profane. In addition to duets with Bicknell, Motter will plug her trademark slide guitar favorites.

Come join the fun and add to the spirit of abundance, community and love for diversity that makes First Existentialist Congregation's benefits such great parties. For more information call Jane Mahone at 378-5570.

Soccer

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is in the process of making up some missed games.

Both teams will travel to Tallahassee, Fla., for a tournament Dec. 10. The tournament will be "seven-a-side"—seven players on each team, rather than the usual 11. The field and goals are smaller, more like indoor

soccer. The women's teams are using the tournament and league play to prepare for the International Gay and Lesbian Football Association's annual tournament, which will be held in Berlin in July 1995.

League play will begin again next month. Anyone interested in playing is encouraged to call 284-4090.

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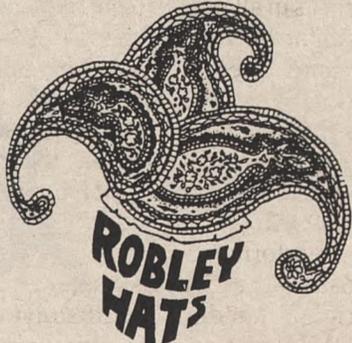
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Therapy group forming for women with breast cancer

by DEVON CLAYTON

The '90s have brought a new range of medical decisions for women with breast cancer. As screening techniques are catching these cancers at a treatable stage, more and more women are living with the disease. And as treatment options increase, patients often immerse themselves in learning everything they can about their physical health.

The mental and emotional health needs of women with breast cancer require attention also, and a psychotherapy group beginning next month hopes to help women meet those needs.

Sponsored by the Psychotherapy and Behavior Therapy Clinic (PBTC) at Georgia State University and coordinated by Pauline Rose Clance, Ph.D., the group is modeled on the work of Dr. David Spiegel of Stanford University, whose Supportive-Expressive Group Therapy has demonstrated the efficacy of group therapy in improving the quality and length of the lives of women with breast cancer.

"The model involves a trained leader who will help the women work together on the kinds of changes that will happen in their lives," Clance says. "They develop coping mechanisms, relaxation, teach them to deal with the fear and disruption. As well as working with them dealing with the feelings about the cancer and what has happened to their bodies."

While there are other local support groups for women with breast cancer, Clance feels the PBTC group offers something more. "The difference between psychotherapy and support groups is the trained leader, who knows about the fears and resistance these women might

have, and how to work with those."

Clance sees the group as providing much-needed support for women who are coping with their grief and adjustment to illness, which society at large doesn't provide. "I think what happens is the person is having a great deal of feelings, but after surgery or chemotherapy there's a message of 'Go back to normal and act like this hasn't happened.' We're concerned that if the person doesn't deal with the psychological aspects, they may not be able to follow through with the physical treatments they need."

Sue Matthews, clinical coordinator of the PBTC, acknowledges that cost is a concern to anyone facing illness, so fees for the new group will be on a sliding scale from \$13 to \$20 per week. The group will meet for an hour and a half weekly, and enrollees must commit to a minimum of ten weeks.

"Obviously, we would understand if treatment occasionally interfered with someone's ability to attend," Matthews explains. "But if a woman is going through heavy-duty chemotherapy, that's probably not the best time for her, health-wise, to begin the group."

Clinical supervision will be provided by Dr. Sharon Mathis, a licensed psychologist experienced in women's health concerns. Two graduate students with master's degrees and expertise in health issues will lead the group of five to eight women. Clance says the PBTC plans to start with one group but will add others if the demand is there.

"What we want now is just to get the word out," she says. "We want women to know we're here, and this group is here for them."

For more information on the PBTC group, call 651-2859.

Gay arts fest wants you

Artists in all media except film are being sought for the third annual Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival (AGALAF). Artists from Georgia and across the Southeast are encouraged to submit and be represented. The theme of the festival is "the art of coming out."

AGALAF ("a gay laugh") presents dance/performance, literature, music, and visual art as well as a marketplace for original handmade crafts and art. AGALAF's mission is to empower the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities to experience greater expression and enhanced identity through artistic contribu-

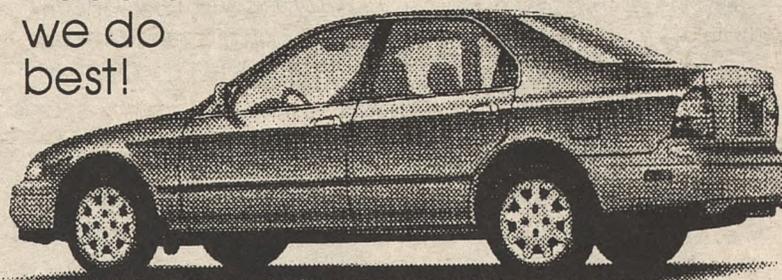
tions to society. The focus of the festival is to stimulate artists and audiences to explore the political, psychological, sociological and sexual issues surrounding gayness.

The festival will be held March 30 to April 2, 1995, in Decatur. There are two deadlines for submissions: Dec. 15, 1994 (fee: \$10) and Jan. 16, 1995 (fee: \$15). Volunteers are also needed.

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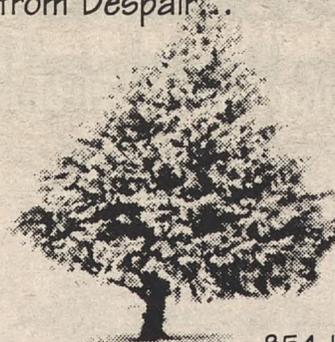
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Bar Owner's Assn—POB 15114, Atlanta 30333-0114
Community Network for Counseling Psychology and Social Work —315-8945
Fourth Tuesday—662-4353
Gay/Lesbian Postal Employees Network (G/L PEN)—POB 580397, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0397
GA Assoc. of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR)—231-2251
GLOBES—POB 7864, Athens, GA 30604—gay, lesbian, or bisexual employees and supporters at UGA for faculty, staff and graduate students.
LEAGUE ATLANTA, Inc. (Employees of AT&T)—404/351-8322
Nat'l Gay Pilots Assoc.—PO Box 27542, Washington, D.C. 20038-7542, (703) 660-3852
Nat'l Lesbian and Gay Journalists Assoc.—634-7429 or 607-8931—NLGJA is 1,000 print and broadcast journalists ensuring equitable treatment of gay journalists and accurate coverage of gay issues.
Nat'l Federation of Career Women—(404) 659-0315
OUTstaff (Emory)—727-2787 (Donna)
Turner Broadcasting Employees for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns—223-5226 or 872-9678
Voices Out Front (Media Networking Assoc)—2103 N. Decatur Rd. Ste. 185, Decatur 30033

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OUTLINES

COMMUNITY PROFILES



PAUL SWICORD

Age: 25

Occupation: Freelance Video Technician

Relationship Status: Domestic partner

Last movie seen: "Star Trek: Generations"

Pet Peeve: Clients who want a \$10,000 show for \$100

"I was an AV nerd," admits Paul Swicord. And he may still be—from his junior high school years in Bainbridge ("we called it 'Braindead'), Ga., when he served as president of the Video Club, to his current status, performing video miracles for corporation sales meetings.

But underneath that lives an artist as well—Swicord just completed a project with SAME, a video documentary of the late John Kappers.

"We started about nine months ago," he says, "documenting the beginnings of the protests [over Kappers' involuntary confinement because he had MDR-TB]."

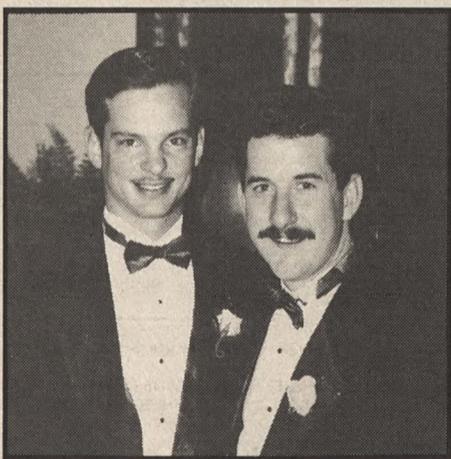
The production had its debut at the recent Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Film & Video Festival, and that, Swicord says, will be just the beginning.

"For the past several years I've been wanting to explore my gay identity in video," he says. "One of my goals is when the information superhighway hits, to be part of a gay video/television channel, whatever it's going to be."

"I hope to be part of what's going to be a gay cable network," he adds. "It's going to take a lot of programming to make it happen." Whatever it takes, Swicord plans to be there.

OCCASIONS

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



Reggie Fountain and Paul Hubbard exchanged vows Sept. 10.

COMMITMENTS

Reggie Fountain and Paul Hubbard celebrated their love for each other at a commitment ceremony Sept. 10 attended by 60 of their friends and family members. Congratulations, guys.

ANNIVERSARIES

Joyce Colman and Kelly McGovern celebrate their fourth anniversary on Dec. 7

(Pearl Harbor Day) in a villa on the beach in Tortolla, British Virgin Islands. If they find any virgins, they promise to bring us some.

Thaddeus Bible and Gus Kaufman, Jr. celebrated their fifth anniversary on Dec. 1. Many happy returns.

Happy belated anniversary to Susan Malone and Merri Spohn, who celebrated 20 years of married bliss on Nov. 19. May there be many more to come.

Karen and Sue celebrate their first year together Dec. 14. Karen says, "It's been the greatest year of my life, and I'm looking forward to our future together. Thank you for your love, wisdom and patience."

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday December 10 to Scott Tatum, who is a definite "top gun" whether in or out of his favorite game.

Happy birthday December 12 to both Jefferson Davis ("Mac) McMinn and Don Mathis. Every year gets better.

NEW HOME

Jefferson Davis McMinn and Alex Van Weezel have moved into a new home in Colony Square. Congratulations, gents.

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- Atlanta Church of Religious Science—52 Executive Park South, Atlanta, 30324—636-4567—We see and use the thread of truth that runs through all great religious teachings.
- Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach—310-1529
- Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain—297-0350—Christian community accepting and celebrating spiritual and cultural diversity in human experience, reason and art.
- Circle of Grace Community Church—(404) 624-9570
- Clifton Presbyterian Church—(404) 373-3253
- Congregation Bet Haverim (Jewish)—872-1792—a reconstructionist Synagogue serving the lesbian and gay community.
- Emergence/Atlanta (Christian Scientists)—565-2126
- Fellowship of Love Christian Church—(706)660-0101
- First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta—378-5570—celebrating human liberation and diversity for 18 years with respect for individual beliefs.
- First Metropolitan Community Church of Atl—325-4143—a Christian church serving the gay and lesbian community, their families, and friends since 1972.
- Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns (Quakers)—370-1340
- Gay & Lesbian Mormons—570-2561 (dig. page)
- Gay Spirit Visions—292-8567
- Grant Park Aldersgate United Methodist Church—627-6221; 575 Boulevard SE
- Home Free Ministry—818-2033—a place for spiritual unfolding and enlightenment.
- Integrity (Episcopal)—642-3183
- Interweave/Unitarian Universalist Congregation—634-5134, George at 688-2242—gay, lesbian, and bisexual Unitarian Universalists and others interested in spiritual development within a liberal, non-credal atmosphere.
- Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta—636-7109
- New Age Gays—434-7338
- Oakhurst Presbyterian Church—378-6284
- Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—373-5830
- Redefined Faith Worship Center—388-4624

SPORTS/OUTDOOR/HOBBIES

- Atlanta Team Tennis Assn—621-2699
- Atlanta Venture Sports—242-4899—social/recreational organization open to men and women. Wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities.
- Atlanta Women's Lacrosse Club—303-1160, 888-6738
- Atlanta Women's Soccer Club—872-1792—teams play at different levels of the local women's soccer league and participate in tournaments. Practice at 9am on Saturdays, Ebster Field, Decatur, GA. Games on Sundays.
- Front Runners/Atlanta—621-5007
- Greater Atlanta Naturist Group—851-2882 (voice mail)
- Hotlanta Basketball—525-1544—no leagues, no teams; just pick-up basketball with guys and gals every Tuesday, 8:30 to 10:30. No minimum talent level.
- Hotlanta Softball League—POB 14582, Atl. 30324, 875-1991—recreational and competitive softball for gays and lesbians - Sundays from February to November.
- Hotlanta Volleyball—621-5062
- Lambda Car Club—POB 11705, Atlanta 30355—enjoyment of collectible and special interest vehicles. Monthly meetings include shows, tours, parties and more.
- Mountain Catalyst—POB 199, Demorest, GA 30535
- OUT in Nature—619-9185
- S.E. Gay Rodeo Assn—POB 7881, Atl., 30357. 760-8126—amateur rodeo organization which hosts a gay rodeo each April here in Atlanta.
- Wilderness Network of GA—SASE, POB 55156, Atlanta 30308
- Women's Outdoor Network—624-3418
- Women's Rugby—237-2752
- TRICKS/Bridge Club—1202 Summit North Atlanta, GA 30324
- Atlanta Gay Center—876-5372—Social and support group for monogamous gay and lesbian couples.
- Atlanta Gender Exploration—435-4203
- Atlanta Lambda Community Ctr—POB 15180, Atl 30333. 662-9010
- Atlanta Lesbian and Gay Pride Comm—662-4533
- Atlanta Prime Timers—PO Box 29487, Atlanta, 30359 .734-2490. A social club for mature gay men
- Atlanta Pro-Choice Action Committee—239-8016
- Atlanta Rider Group (Motorcycle)—938-8494
- BiAtlanta—256-8992
- Bisexuals of Atlanta Resource Network—908-3413
- Black and White Men Together—892-BWMT
- Black Lesbians with Children 498-3815
- Caregivers to PWAs Support Group—874-1109 or 875-6109
- Carrollton Gay Community Newsletter—POB 2416, Carrollton, GA 30117
- Codependents Anonymous—239-1657
- Consciousness Raising and Support Group for Women in Politics and Grassroots Organizing—636-7435
- Emergence International—876-3997
- Emotions Anonymous—925-4825
- GAPHR's Support Group for HIV+ Dentists-Physicians—634-0672
- Gainesville, Georgia Gay Men's Support Grp—(404)535-5445
- Gay Fathers of Atlanta—342-6451
- Gay Help Line—6pm-11pm 892-0661
- Gay/Lesbian AA & Al-Anon—881-9188
- Gay/Lesbian Alliance of Alabama—POB 36784, Birmingham, AL 35236-6784, (205) 424-1005
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi Teen Group—378-5570
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi Vets of America—627-6981 lv. msg.
- Gay/Lesbian Task Force to the Public Safety Comm. of City Council—330-6504
- Georgia Girth & Mirth—POB 9678, Atl. 30319. (404) 621-5710
- Georgia Lesbian Ecofeminists—525-9085
- Hospitality Atlanta—627-1630, 708-6866
- Interact of Atlanta—897-5606
- John Howell Park Project—876-0105
- Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous—237-6262
- Latinos En Accion—621-5743
- Leathermen Atlanta—484-0018
- Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous—378-6935
- Lesbian Narcotics Anonymous—703-3897
- Lesbian Support Group—627-7387
- Lesbians Considering Parenthood—767-6173
- Lesbians Over 50—908-6119
- Lesbians With Children—641-0870
- Men of Little 5 Points—POB 5425, Atlanta 31107, 521-1817—social and service club for gay men residing in the greater Little Five Points area.
- Name the Violence Support Group for Battered Lesbians—822-9570; Crisis Hotline—688-9436
- National Gay & Lesbian Journalist Association—POB 8796
- Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)—892-5868
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—875-9440, POB 8482, Atl. 30306-8482
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Chattanooga—(615) 875-5750, (615) 622-3813
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Southside—(691-4729 or 981-5310
- Positive Black Lesbians United (PBLU)—PO Box 655, Avondale Estates, GA 30002. 250-7950 — positive lesbians of color exchanging powerful, productive and educational ways of dealing with our everyday challenges.
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous—239-8048
- Southern Bears, Inc.—PO Box 13964, Atlanta, GA 30324 (404) 908-3381
- Support Group for Battered Gay Partners—(404) 350-0456
- Survivors of Incest Anonymous—POB 2502, Decatur, GA 30031; 239-8018
- Trikone—South Asian Gay and Lesbian Org.—607-1766
- Uniformed Svcs Activity—Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
- Women's Resource Center—377-3040 (lesbian line); 688-9436 (WRC)—free, confidential supportive services for battered lesbians. 24-hour crisis line, support group, legal advocacy, shelter.
- Young Adult Support Group—876-5372
- Zami—370-1392

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- Adoption Options-Rainbow Kids—(404) 633-6021
- African American Lesbian/Gay Alliance—239-8184 (voice mail)
- Amazon Salon Young Feminist Network—321-5678
- American Educational Gender Info Service—POB 33724, Decatur 30033. (404) 939-0244 (eve)—non-profit organization providing support for transgendered persons (transsexuals, crossdressers) referrals, information, support group. Confidential.
- Asians & Friends-Atlanta—876-0090(fax)
- Athens Lesbian Information—LSG, POB 7864, Athens, 30604—monthly potluck; weekly drop in, local restaurant; biking, hiking, camping; monthly newsletter with details.
- Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club—Box 11863, Atlanta 30355
- Atlanta Couples Together—POB 54311, Atlanta, 30308-0311. 365-2455
- Students/Alumni
- Agnes Scott Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance—Box 501, Decatur 30030; 373-1632
- Alliance of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students of GA State—605-7681
- Bi, Lesbian & Gay Student Union of West Ga. College—706-834-3569
- Delta Lambda Phi—All Campuses, 365-5357
- Emory Lesbian & Gay Organization—727-6692
- Gays & Lesbians United for Equality—Kennesaw Comm. College 423-6246
- Georgia Tech Gay Alumni Group—POB 50291, GA Tech Sta., Atl 30332
- Georgia Tech Gay & Lesbian Alliance—497-0684
- Lambda Society of Clemson University—POB 5795 Clemson, SC 29632—1-803-882-1374
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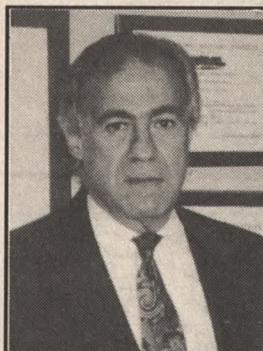
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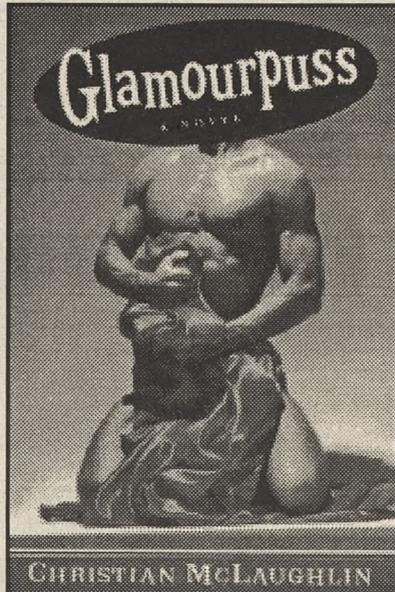
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<p>9th—friday</p> <p>Congregation Bet Haverim. Vegetarian/dairy potluck dinner. 7:30 p.m. Atlanta Friends Meeting House. 701 W. Howard Ave. 642-3467.</p>	<p>11th—sunday</p> <p>All Saints MCC. Worship service, 7 p.m. 575 Boulevard. 622-1154.</p> <p>Christ Covenant MCC. Adult & children's Christian education, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration of Word & Sacrament, 11 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. 778 Rays Rd., Stone Mountain. 297-0350.</p> <p>First Existentialist Congregation. Worship service, 11 a.m. 470 Candler Park Dr. 378-5570.</p> <p>First MCC of Atlanta. Worship service, 9 & 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 1379 Tullie Rd. 325-4143.</p> <p>Interweave/Unitarian Universalists. Worship service, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. 634-5134.</p>	<p>13th—tuesday</p> <p>AIDS Survival Project. Women's Support Group. 5:15 p.m. 44 12th St. 874-7926. Closed group, please call for admittance.</p> <p>ACT UP. 7:30 p.m. 44 12th St. 874-6782.</p> <p>Hotlanta Basketball. Pick up games at 8:30 p.m. Call for location. 525-1544.</p>
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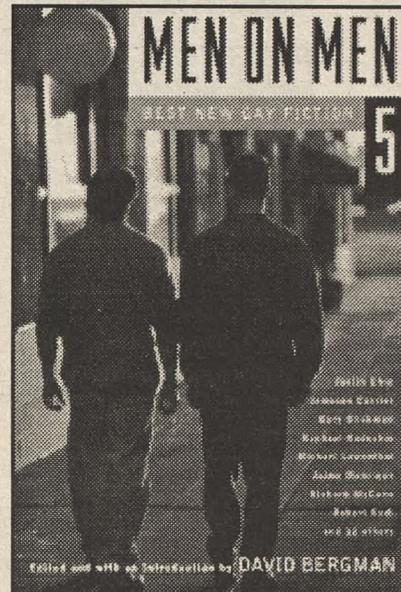
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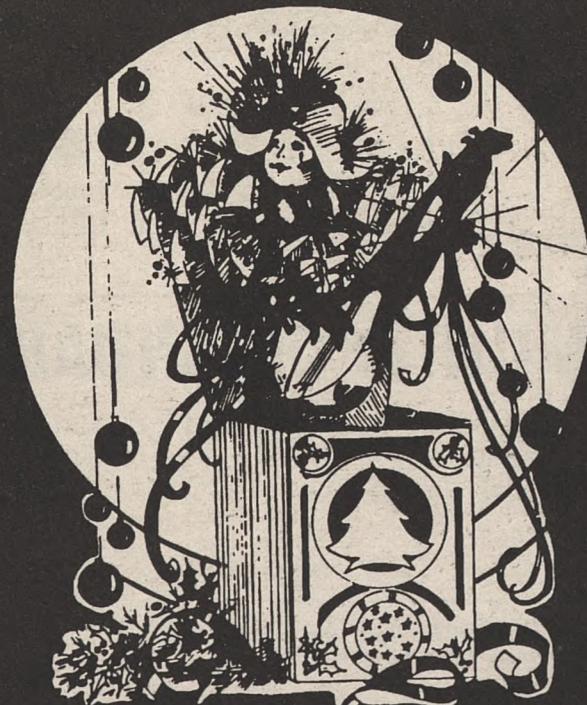
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DESIGN IDEAS FOR THE HOME AND GARDEN



with SHANE MEDER

Interior design 101

When editor Chris Cash contacted me about writing a column on interior design for Southern Voice, I asked what she saw for the copy. "Question-and-answer, points of interest, what's hot and what's not," she replied. "You know, kinda Martha Stewart-ish."

I got real quiet on the other end of the phone. I saw myself wearing an apron, sitting on the veranda, sipping hot apple cider and making a wreath out of the apple cores.

"Hello? Shane? Are you there? You know, a little home decorating, a little entertaining, some insight



about home and garden."

From Southern Living to House and Garden, to TV shows on 11-Alive and PBS — what was I getting myself into now? First, let me say that I believe in Southern Voice, and that being gay is not an issue for me. Having a passion for my work, however, is.

Exposure to good taste is how people can grow and express themselves. In this weekly column, I hope that I can bring you a design awareness that is not right or wrong but merely another choice, another new idea.

Ideas for the home are created by elements which come together, personality being the most important part. Designing around one's personality allows a room to reflect you, or the family who calls it home. Textures such as fabric add warmth to even the most contemporary setting, but the tone of a room is carried by its color. And my, how far we've come with the magic of paint. With faux finishes at their peak,

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Heavenly creatures

by STEVE WARREN

True case of teen lesbian intrigue comes to the screen

What is a lesbian? Peter Jackson's film "Heavenly Creatures" might make you think more deeply about it. A conversation with one of the stars of this true tale of teenage love and murder left me with the sense that lesbianism is in the eye of the beholder. At least in this movie.

"I remember snogging [kissing] one of my girlfriends when I was 12 years old," Kate Winslet admits. The 19-year-old English actress's frequent references to a boyfriend indicate she is not lesbian identified.

"Heavenly Creatures" is set in a more innocent time, 1952-54, and in a place—Christchurch, New Zealand—that retains some of that innocence today. "It's very old-fashioned," Winslet says. "It was very provincial back then, and it still is."

(I remember going beyond snogging with one of my boyfriends in the 1950s in the slightly less provincial town of Philadelphia. We were more than 12 but could still have been "going through a phase." He was, as it turned out. I wasn't—or if I was, I still am.)

"It's interesting the way different people see it," says Winslet of the lesbian interpretation. "They were unbelievably naive, even though they were very intelligent."

She quotes from Pauline's diary, a passage not cited in the film, and again it's open to interpretation: "We spent a hectic night going through how each of the saints would make love in bed" (The "saints" of the "Fourth World" of Pauline and Juliet's fantasies were their favorite film stars, including Mario Lanza, James Mason and Orson Welles). This sounds like sexual activity to me, but Winslet is convinced, "That refers to a fantasy world. Everything about their friendship was fantastical... Seeing Pauline's diary, it's very clear that they were just experimenting." She adds that even though "they may have been naked in bed together," the experiments didn't go beyond the mental and conversational level.

And yet in her account of the obstacles the filmmakers faced in shooting at the original Christchurch locations, Winslet occasionally refers to lesbian content as an issue. Protesters tried to block the crew's entry to Victoria Park, the site of the murder, and their driver got an earful, including, "There's no such thing as lesbians anyway."

Winslet seals her case by quoting from the transcript of the girls' trial

for the murder of one of their mothers: "Juliet was asked by a psychiatrist in court, 'Did you have a sexual relationship with Pauline Parker?' and she replied, 'How on earth could we? We're both women.'"

Had they really not had sex, or had they simply learned, as so many of us did, that one didn't go around talking about it?

"I can't possibly say whether they were or whether they weren't [lesbians]," Winslet concedes. She and her co-star worked under the assumption they weren't, but their performances display no fear of the intimacy the girls shared.

"We had a lot of jokes about it," she says. "Mel and I knew we had to kiss on screen. We didn't really feel nervous about it because we got on so well, but we didn't know what to expect."

By a fortunate coincidence, Winslet says, Jennifer Ward-Leland was Lynskey's drama coach for the first half of the film, "fresh from playing a lesbian in 'Desperate Remedies.' When it came time for the kissing scene, Jennifer said, 'Don't worry, I just did a big lesbian snog in a film and it's nothing. It's fine, it's just like kissing your boyfriend.'"

Winslet makes it clear her own interpretation is not
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Melanie Lynskey and Kate Winslet (right) in 'Heavenly Creatures.'





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ART/EXHIBITS

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ANGELS: MYTH MIRTH AND MAJESTY. Thru Dec 16. 30 artists at Trinity Arts Group, 315 E. Paces Ferry Rd. 237-0370.

HEATH GALLERY ANNIVERSARY. Thru Dec 17. Buckhead gallery celebrates the "First Fifteen Years" of its 30 years in Atlanta with works by Robert Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns, Betty Parsons, Alexander Calder and more. 262-6407.

ANDY WARHOL. Thru Dec 17. Works by the late artist from the Wes Cochran collection on display at the Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art. \$2. 424-8142.

PUPPETRY OF AFRICAN DESCENT. Thru Dec 17. A special exhibit showcasing the works of African-American puppeteers. Center for Puppetry Arts, 1404 Spring. 873-3089.

RIVERS OF GOLD. Thru Dec 18. Pre-Columbian treasures from Sitio Conte on display at the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory. 727-4282.

THE PRINT. Thru Dec 23. Printmakers are highlighted at the Marcia Wood Gallery, 1198 N. Highland. Reception 7-10 p.m.. 885-1808.

5 WOMEN. Thru Dec. 30. Works by Ann Fessler, Margo Machida, Ce Scott, Joan N. Silver and Kathy Yancey at Nexus, 535 Means. 688-1970.

JOSEPH BEUYS. Thru Dec 30. Drawings, objects and prints by the German artist at the High Museum. 733-4461.

OLYMPIC DREAMS: LARRY LEE. Thru Dec 31. Spruill Center's Library Gallery hosts Atlanta sculptor's works in clay. 394-3447.

MINNIE EVANS: ARTIST. Thru Dec 31. Works by the self-taught African-American artist on display at the High Museum's Folk Art and Photography Galleries, Georgia Pacific Center downtown. 577-6940.

WHALES. Thru Jan 8. Traveling exhibition about the giants of the deep with five life-sized robotic whales is on display at Fernbank Museum of Natural History. 370-0960.

SYMBOLIC HEAT. Thru Jan 10. Subtitled "Gender, Health and Worship among the Tamils of South India and Sri Lanka." Schatten Gallery, Emory University. Free. 727-6861.

SEBASTIAO SALGADO. Thru Jan 14. "Workers: An Archaeology of the

Industrial Age" on display at the High Museum.

ROBERT McCURDY-DON PORCARO. Painting and sculpture. Opening Dec 8, 6-9 p.m. Nancy Solomon Gallery, 1037 Monroe Dr. 875-7100.
BURIED IN LIGHT. Thru Jan 15. A video installation by artist Jem Cohen at the High Museum. 733-4444.



This gold and mother-of-pearl side chair is among the lavish 19th century furnishings in "Herter Brothers: Furniture and Interiors for a Gilded Age," at the High Museum thru Feb 12.

HERTER BROTHERS: FURNITURE AND INTERIORS FOR A GILDED AGE. Thru Feb 12. High Museum, 1280 Peachtree St. Opens Tues.

BAR EVENTS

MISS BLACK GAY USA. Dec. 12 An evening of glitter, glamour and talent. 8 p.m. The Otherside, 1924 Piedmont Rd.

BENEFITS

HOLIDAY AIDS BENEFIT PARTY. Dec. 11, Sun Days Tanning Center and Fat Tuesdays (Buckhead) sponsor a raffle, auction and tan line competition, with proceeds going to Project Open Hand and DIFFA. 5-7 p.m. at Fat Tuesdays, 3167 Peachtree Rd. N.E.

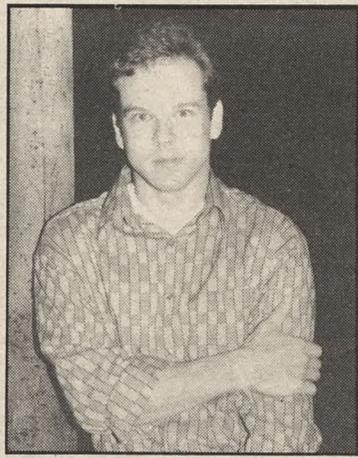
CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

EMBRACING OUR LESBIAN IDENTITY. Dec 8-11. The Mountain, Highlands Camp & Conference Center sponsors the second annual adults-only weekend for lesbians. 704-526-4838.

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NIGHTMOVES

SCENES FROM ATLANTA NIGHTLIFE



by PETER NEWTON

Local talent shines in 'Superstar'

Jesus in tattered Levi's and a white Elvis blazer is one image I won't soon forget. And there's more where that came from. I'm still singing tunes I heard last week at the brilliant performance of **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR: A RESURRECTION** at Variety Playhouse. The sell-out crowd lined up an hour before showtime in the rain, among a few hopeful diehards who held signs that read: "For Christ's Sake I Only Need 1 Ticket." For those of us who did have tickets, we knew we were in for something good. Jesus (Amy Ray) was spotlit as he/she walked through the

double CD goes to handgun control. Sounds like the perfect gift.

All this talk of Jesus and Christmas is enough to drive even the most secular among us into church. And after a long absence from services, I decided it was time to give thanks and celebrate with my fellow man. And last Sunday I did. **BLAKE'S OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR** gets better every time I go. You may not want to fight the hard-bodied crowd every week, but Gospel Hour is one Atlanta tradition that's worth a little suffering. Sunday nights pack the chapel where Morticia de Ville leads a spirited napkin waving congregation in two shows of gospel tunes and more. Sundays at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Next door is Red Square, where every second and fourth Wednesday is the time for women to gather together for SWA-RA's presentation of **CHICK CLUB**. It's got nothing to do with prayer and everything to do with partying. Intimate dance floor, cool videos, a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. DJ Eric Hayes spins 'em. You dance 'em. 724-4915.

I spoke with Ashley Wilson the other day, one half of the dynamic rock/acoustic duo **ASHLEY & MARK**. Busy with marital bliss (in Cobb County no less) and work, she says she and Mark aren't playing around as much right now. I'm not alone when I say I've missed them. They put on a performance you don't want to miss. Mark Reynolds is currently doing some solo work under the name Uncle Mark. The team is back as Ashley & Mark when they perform Saturday, December 10 at Eddie's Attic. The 7 p.m. early show is part of a new line of early nonsmoking performances scheduled on a regular basis at Eddie's Attic. There's no opening act: just the headliner, clean air and great music.



Divine inspiration from Amy Ray and Emily Saliers in 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

masses toward the stage. A cordless microphone added that larger-than-life quality necessary for a messiah. Scores of musicians mesmerized 1,000 people with their costumes, makeup and expertise.

Two things became evident by the time the 2 1/2 hour show ended. One: Atlanta has more talented musicians than any one of us could realize. Social Insanity, the group that performed the climactic title track, brought everyone to their feet and brought funk to new heights. And two: "Jesus Christ Superstar" came alive somewhere in Atlanta in 1994. Thank you to everyone involved. All profits from the sale of the



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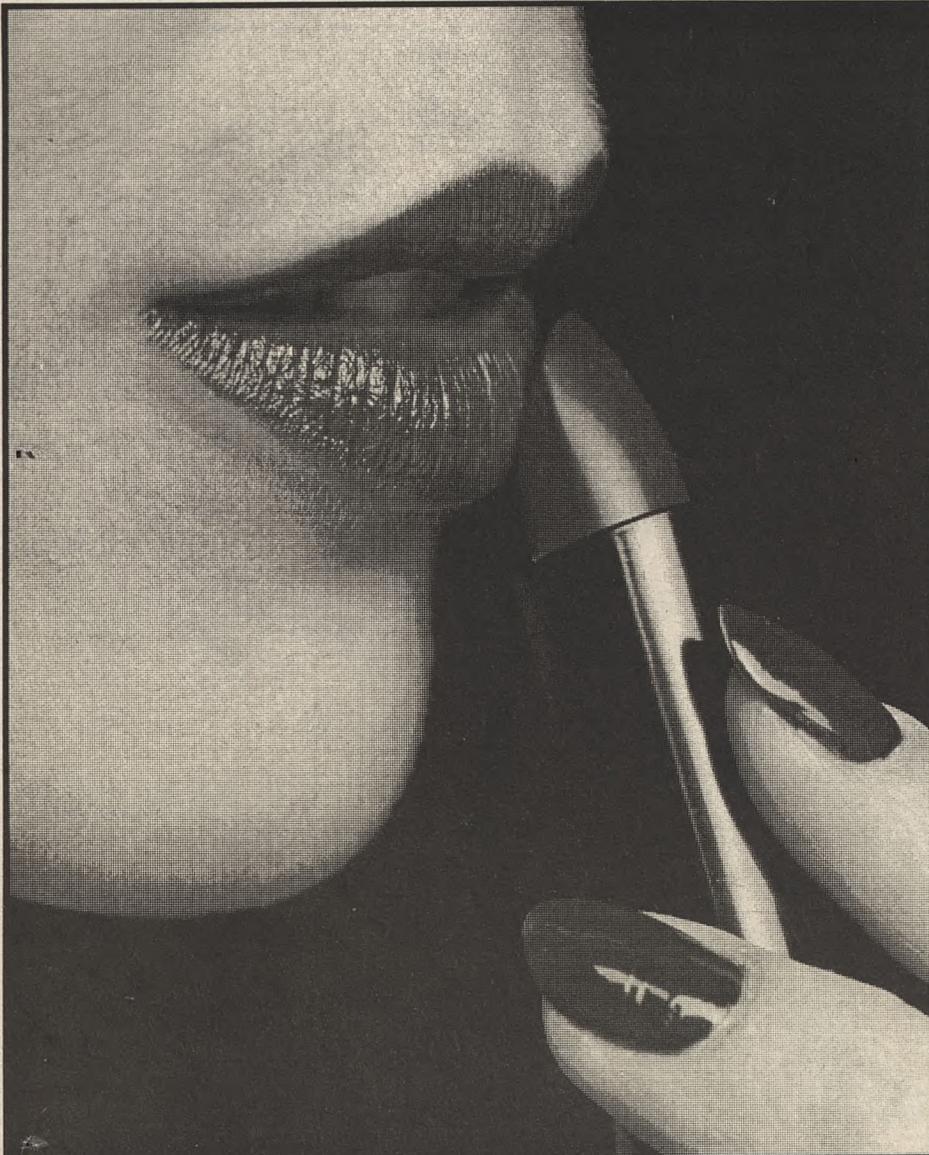
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DANCE

THE NUTCRACKER. Thru Dec 24. The Atlanta Ballet performs the holiday classic at the Fox. 817-8700. Also doing "The Nutcracker" this year is the Georgia Ballet in Marietta. Dec 9-11. 425-0258.

FILM

THE CHANT OF JIMMIE BLACKSMITH. Dec 9. Australian director Fred Schepisi's look at the 19th century aboriginal governor. Rich Auditorium, 1280 Peachtree St., 8 p.m.

YELLOWSTONE. Thru May 30. Fernbank's IMAX tours the park. 370-0960.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

INMAN PARK ARTISTS SALE. Dec. 10-11. At three locations: 203 Degress Ave., 191 Degress Ave., and 15 Waddell St. 12-6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS AT CALLANWOLDE. Thru Dec 13. The mansion on Briarcliff is gussied up for the holidays. 872-5338.

HOLIDAY ARTISTS' MARKET. Thru Dec 21. Spruill Center Gallery and Historic Home, 4681 Ashford Dunwoody Rd. 394-3447.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Thru Dec 23. The Alliance Theatre's annual holiday offering stars Tom Key making his final appearance as Scrooge. Tues-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.. \$18-\$34.75. 733-5000.

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING. Thru Dec 23. Theatrical Outfit presents the holiday tradition. Tues-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 3 p.m.. \$15-\$20. 872-0665.

A ROYAL HOLIDAY. Thru Dec 23. Three-course meal with madrigals, juggling and music. The Shakespeare Tavern, 499 Peachtree St. 874-5299.

E/R CHRISTMAS: NOEL, NOEL, OH HELL. Thru Dec 30. Onstage Atlanta presents more emergency room antics in the holiday spirit. Thur-Sat 8 p.m. (Tues-Sat from Dec 20); Sun 5 p.m. \$14-\$18. 897-1802.

MUSIC

WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT. Dec 9. Windham Hill artists Liz Story, Andy Narell and Modern Mandolin Quartet at Variety Playhouse, 8 p.m. 521-1786.

DELUXE VAUDEVILLE ORCHESTRA. Dec 10. Music, juggling, variety

in the vaudeville tradition. Seven Stages, 1105 Euclid. 8 p.m. 523-7647.

FRANCES BLAKER. Dec 12. A program of solo music for the recorder from the 15th to 20th centuries. Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 2089 Ponce de Leon Ave. N.E. Tickets \$7. 658-1357.

RACHE ALPERT. Thru Dec 17. Local celeb hits the Otherside's Key Club Fri & Sat 10pm-2am.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS. Thru Dec 18. Daryl One leads the Atlanta Symphony in a special concert for children. Sundays, 1:30 & 3:30pm. \$13. 733-5000.

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ON SCREEN

FILM, VIDEO & TV REVIEWS



by ALAN FRUTKIN

Melrose Place and the gaying of TV

Each week in this column, I intend to bring readers the latest news on lesbian- and gay-themed subjects both in film and on TV. And, from time to time, I'll dip into the video bins for queer-related rentals, to keep readers fully abreast on what's out there for the taking.

First off, I'd like to give a heartfelt round of applause to **MELROSE PLACE** (Fox, Mondays, 8 p.m.) for resurrecting the gay character Matt Fielding (Doug Savant, pictured). Last month, Matt's former beau



Jeffrey (Jason Beghe) returned to the program, supplying Matt with a tangible ongoing storyline. Although Jeffrey's health status—he's HIV-positive now—may sound like a predictable plot for this prime-time soap, it's actually a step forward for the show which, in the last two years, has dealt so tepidly with gay subjects.

Queer characters and storylines are becoming so prevalent on television these days that even New York Times TV critic John O'Connor wrote last month about a "heightened gay presence on the tube." O'Connor mentioned several shows that boast positive gay storylines, including "Roseanne," "My So-Called Life," and "Friends."

In addition, a recent episode of

"Grace Under Fire" (ABC, Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.) introduced a queeny hairdresser named DeForrest Kelly (no relation to Star Trek's Dr. McCoy), who's a cousin of Grace's (Brett Butler) redneck ex-husband Jimmy.

DeForrest's occupation may sound stereotypical, but his unabashed effeminacy is a welcome change from the often muted—if not butch—performances that are turned in by most actors playing gays on TV (see "Melrose Place"). And despite DeForrest's swishy behavior, Jimmy's mom—the Kelly clan matriarch—refuses to believe he's gay. On the contrary, she says, "He's just shy." To big laughs, DeForrest asks her, "Have you been tested for glaucoma?"

Gay themes are also cropping up in another Southern-based sitcom, "Hearts Afire" (CBS, Saturdays, 8:30 p.m.) which stars John Ritter and Markie Post as John and Georgie Hartman, a husband-and-wife team who own a small-town newspaper.

In a recent episode, the Hartmans' housemate and business partner, Billy Bob Davis (Billy Bob Thornton) invites an old friend down to their home for a weekend visit. Georgie knows that Billy Bob's friend is gay, but Billy Bob refuses to believe it. "I spent the day with him," says Billy Bob. "And I can vouch for the fact that Jeff can belch, spit and swear as good as any man." To which Georgie fires back, "Yeah, well, so can k.d. lang, what does that prove?"

Funny? Yes. But isn't it odd how Georgie's quip debunks Billy Bob's preconceived notions about gay men while, at the same time, it reinforces a stereotype that lesbians belch, spit and swear? For each step forward lesbians and gays take on TV, there are bound to be a few steps back.

Alan Frutkin is freelance entertainment writer based in San Francisco. His work appears in *The Oakland Tribune*, *The Advocate* and the *Bay Area Reporter*.

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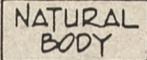



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IN THE LIFE. Dec 11. PBS's gay and lesbian entertainment magazine begins its first season in Atlanta with interviews with Terrence McNally and Joe Mantello. WPBA Channel 30, 11 p.m.

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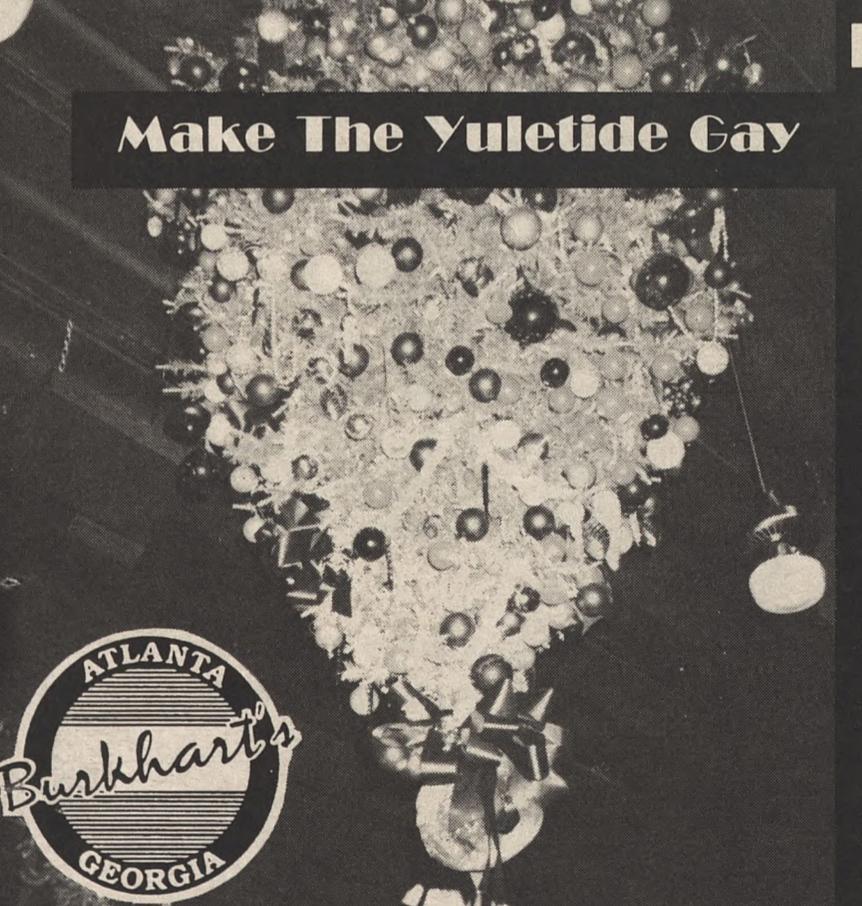
SOAP. Mon-Fri. Comedy Central has the controversial '70s TV series at 7:30 & 11 p.m.

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Stay tuned for gay TV

Atlanta viewers will get 'In the Life' and 'Network Q' beginning this month

by PETER NEWTON

Atlanta television audiences are in for a treat: two new programs spotlighting gay men and lesbians premiere this week on local channels. "In the Life" will air quarterly starting December 11 on WPBA/Channel 30, and "Network Q" begins weekly programming December 15 on Cable Access Channel 32. The switch from token appearance to starring role may shock some viewers, but for the estimated 300,000 members of the gay/lesbian community in the metro Atlanta area, this is television at its best.

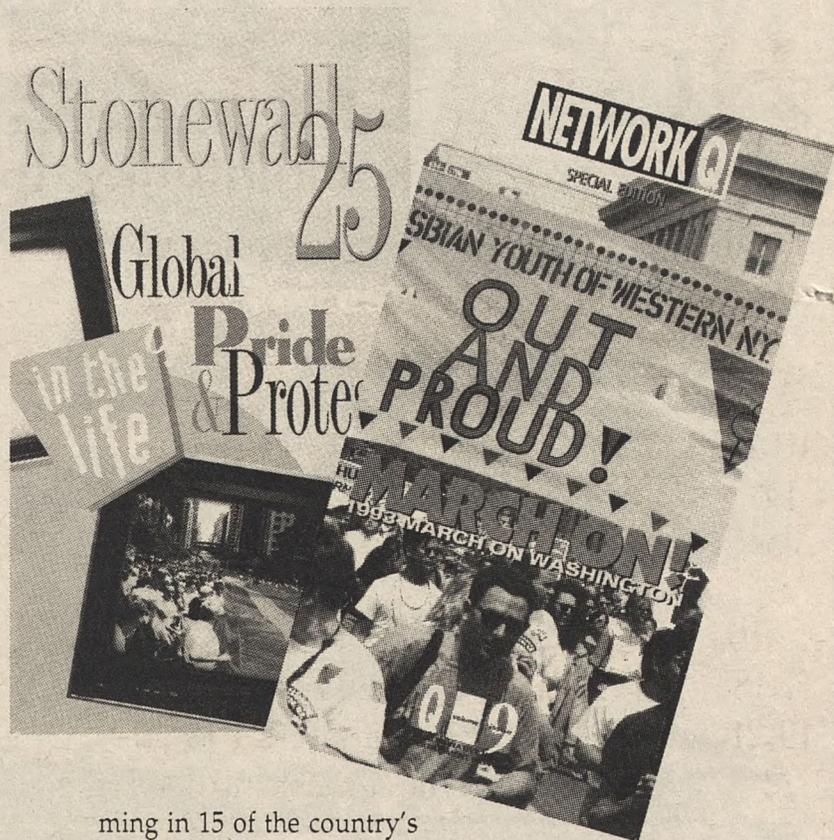
"In the Life" is currently shown on 60 stations nationwide. The hour-long program aims at raising awareness and acceptability levels of the diverse gay/lesbian population in America. "Our show is for everyone," says producer John Catania, who admits to not wanting to scare his audience with extreme images. "Our goal is to reach the person who may not be comfortable with gays and lesbians."

A November 23 New York Times article on the gay presence in television refers to "In the Life" as "a rewarding format." The fall show features Amanda Bearse ("Married...With Chil-

dren") stressing the importance of coming out; Native Americans discussing their homosexuality and the double prejudice they've experienced; interviews with AT&T and HBO/Time Warner employees, who talk about being openly gay in the workplace; playwright Terrence McNally on his latest hit, "Love! Valour! Compassion!"; and a look at the documentary "Straight From the Heart," a moving piece where parents of gay men and lesbians talk about growing to accept their children.

PBS has long been associated with quality programming that concerns the whole family. "In the Life" is no exception, but the quality of the nonprofit program is due to private donations by members and support from the New York State Council for the Arts. PBS is not a sponsor. That makes viewer response an important determining factor on whether the show will continue to air on local channels. Producers urge viewers who enjoy the program to voice their support to stations that air "In the Life."

"We're just starting to get some negative response in Dallas, where the show recently aired," says Catania. Currently, the list of supporters for the program is large enough to assure program-



ming in 15 of the country's 20 major cities.

"Network Q" is a national gay and lesbian video magazine with a slightly irreverent tone

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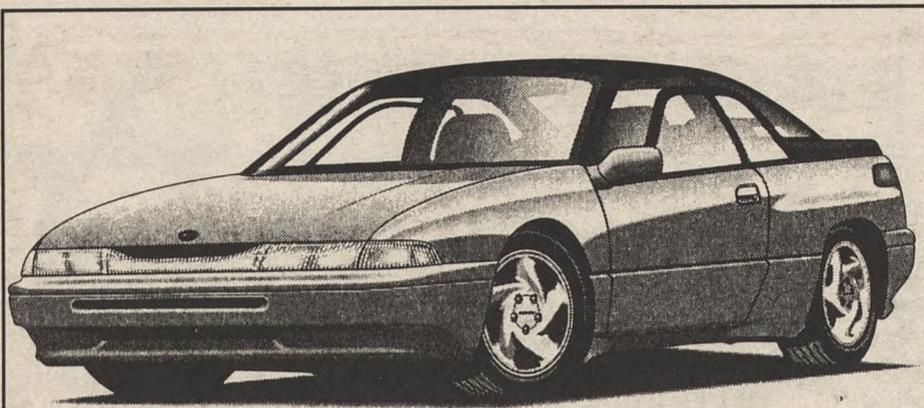
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that addresses a primarily gay and lesbian audience. The private company relocated to Atlanta from Albuquerque, N.M., in November 1994. Executive producer and founder David Surber began "Network Q" two and a half years ago as a subscriber-based video magazine. Each feature-length video focused on the gay/lesbian community of a different city. With subscribers in all 50 states and almost a dozen countries, "Network Q" is the most widely distributed gay programming ever produced.

Atlanta is the first city to begin local cable programming of "Network Q." Some 220,000 homes in Fulton and DeKalb counties will receive "Network Q." "We're paying for the privilege to be on the air," says Surber, who hopes the wider audience will garner support for expanded programming in other cities. "Our goal is to develop the first true mass medium for a gay and lesbian audience."

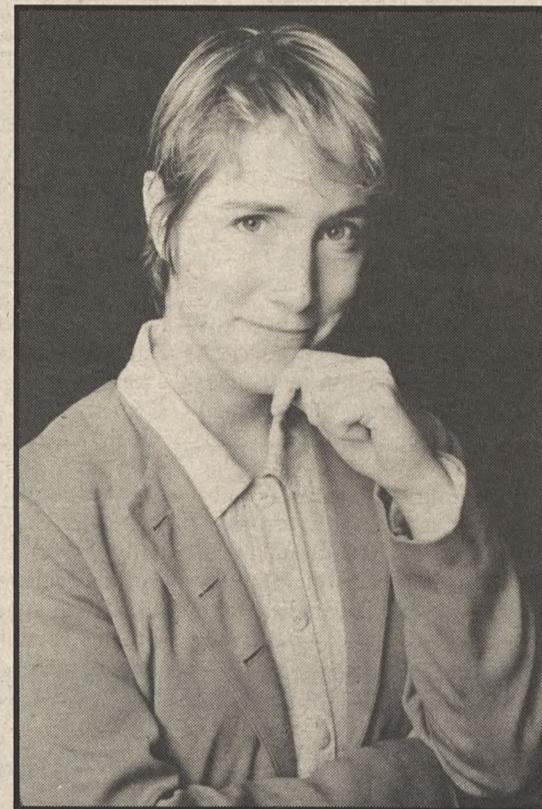
A good example of what "Network Q" has to offer is seen in the September 1994 subscriber issue. The video features an in-depth interview with Allen Ginsberg as well as Jerry Aronson, the filmmaker who worked for years to complete a film biography of the openly gay poet; an inside look at HIV and teenagers; a visit behind the scenes at Comedy Central's "Out There II"; a talk with Tim Gill, founder of Quark, Inc., the leading maker of desktop publishing software; and a mini-tour of Denver that highlights gay and lesbian points of interest. The segment Viewer Mail closes each video with a sincere but blunt David Letterman-style approach that allows the opinions of viewers to be heard.

Surber describes "Network Q" as "a combination of '60 Minutes' and MTV without all the crazy camera angles."

He also tells about a small, dedicated production team that spends weeks on the road where time, money and sleep are in short supply.

Despite the hundreds of letters each month from satisfied viewers—some of whom have no other connection to a substantial gay community—Surber is faced with the serious issue of funding.

"I want to empower individuals with images that maintain gay and lesbian cultural integrity," says Surber, whose direct "queer" approach makes the show too controversial for network television. "Most of our resources go into production values so that we can continue to deliver high quality. We've got all the fancy gear, but that doesn't leave a whole lot for

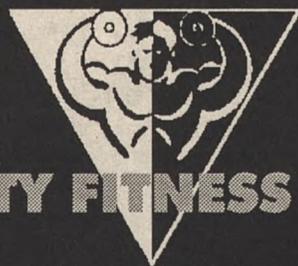


'In the Life' co-host Katherine Linton

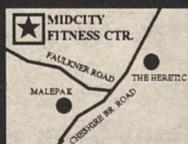
advertising. A lot of people don't know about us—yet."

The nearly simultaneous debuts of "In the Life" and "Network Q" respond to a collective voice from gay America that has demanded higher visibility. While helping the straight population to better understand homosexuals is important work, instilling a sense of alliance and pride among gays and lesbians is equally essential. Both programs celebrate diversity. Both serve the purpose of integrating gay men, lesbians and the rest of America. However, they go about the task in two different ways. One asks for acceptance. The other asserts self-acceptance.

"In the Life" debuts its third season Sunday, Dec. 11, on WPBA Channel 30. To voice support for the show, contact WPBA at 827-8900; for "In the Life" membership information call 1-800-697-LIFE. "Network Q" airs Thursday, Dec. 15 at 10 p.m. on cable access Channel 32. To voice support, contact David Surber at 733-6112.



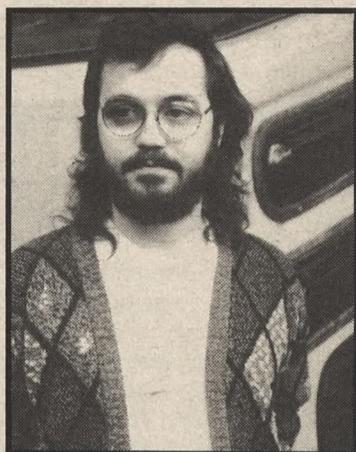
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MUSIC NOTES & REVIEWS



by LEE HUGHEY

Nirvana's quiet roar

Welcome to the noisiest part of Southern Voice—our new music review column.

Our inaugural album is Nirvana's **UNPLUGGED IN NEW YORK** (DGC), from the band's now-legendary appearance on "MTV Unplugged" in November 1993. On this album, Nirvana manage to overcome the gimmicky aspect of the whole unplugged phenomenon, and they leave behind a stunning account of the star-crossed band's emotional resonance. A more satisfying eulogy for the late Kurt Cobain is hard to

though. The band talks to the audience between songs, usually with self-deprecating humor. While waiting for the Meat Puppets to join them onstage (for killer renditions of a few Puppets songs), Kurt asks, "What are they tuning, a harp? I thought we were a big, rich rock band. We should have a bunch of extra guitars."

Standout tracks include Nirvana's cover of "Jesus Doesn't Want Me For A Sunbeam," originally by the Vaselines, and the creepily calm version of "Polly," a disturbing song from Nirvana's album "Nevermind."

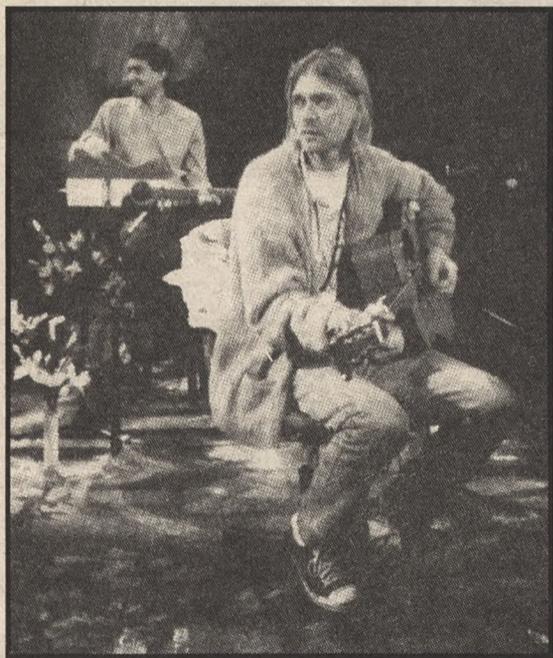
Drummer Dave Grohl and bassist Krist Novoselic provide a rhythm section that's as tight acoustically as it ever was on the band's mega-amped studio sessions. Whether striding along during "All Apologies," or flowing like a river of mud during "Something in the Way," they never falter in their adaptation to this album's sparse atmosphere.

Even though not all of us connected with Nirvana's particular brand of howling, internalized aggression, gay and lesbian audiences owe a tip of the hat to Nirvana. Largely due to this band's precedents, current popular music ("alternative," "grunge," or whatever marketing label you care to tag it with) is not just "tolerant" of non-heterosexual fans, but welcomes us with open arms.

It was Kurt and Krist, after all, who engaged in a full-face smooch during the closing credits of "Saturday Night Live" just to "piss off the homophobes," as Krist later said. Kurt once claimed he was "definitely gay in spirit," and he sang the oft-quoted line "Everyone is gay" in "All Apologies." Whether you hear this album as a last goodbye or as an introduction, it belongs in the collection of every music addict.

Until next time, stay cool!

Lee Hughey is a former DJ and the proud owner of a complete set of Blue Oyster Cult albums.



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Without the armor of Nirvana's electric roar surrounding him, Cobain depends on his words and voice to transmit the fury, confusion, and despair that were ever-present in the band's music. In many songs, the acoustic format unearths cases of grim foreshadowing of Cobain's emotional state, as in my personal fave "Pennyroyal Tea":

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based on lesbophobia: "If one of them said, 'We had a total lesbian relationship,' it wouldn't change the way I felt at all."

The real Parker and Hulme haven't been heard from since the film opened in New Zealand in October. Parker hasn't been heard from at all since she was released from prison in 1959, but a New Zealand tabloid recently discovered that Hulme has become best-selling Mystery writer Anne Perry.

"At the time of the filming no one knew where the girls were," Winslet says. Although filmmaker Jackson and co-writer Frances Walsh interviewed everyone they could find who had known Parker and Hulme in the '50s, he didn't want to find

the women themselves. "It would have been heartless," the actress adds.

Having been sensitized by "Go Fish" to lesbians' use of masculine nicknames for each other, I make a final stab by asking Winslet about Juliet addressing Pauline as "Paul." She laughs. "She was known as Paul to all her school friends. That's how they remembered her when we interviewed them. Everybody knew her as Paul Rieper" (Rieper was her father's name, but it was revealed at the trial that he'd never married her mother, so she passed into history with her mother's maiden name of Parker).

The same is true for Winslet's references to Melanie Lynskey, her costar: "She's just good old Mel."



'Heavenly Creatures' you won't soon forget

by STEVE WARREN

The bad news is, them lezzies are killing people again. The good news is that "Heavenly Creatures" is a terrific movie that focuses on the relationship, not the murder.

New Zealanders are familiar with the true story behind this film, but even they must be dazzled by the style director and co-writer Peter Jackson has brought to it. A female Leopold and Loeb, a young Thelma and Louise—however you think of them, you won't soon forget the protagonists of this film.

Juliet Hulme (Kate Winslet) and Pauline Rieper (Melanie Lynskey) meet in 1952 in Christchurch Girls High School. Pauline, from a local working-class family, is a grim Rieper, repressed in every way.

Pauline is immediately attracted to the intellectually and economically superior Juliet when Juliet makes a fool of their French teacher in class. Soon they're comparing scars (Pauline's is on her leg, where Juliet can touch it; Juliet's is on her lung), giggling and screaming together. They run through the forest, stripping to their underwear

as they go, and exchange their first kiss. Soon they're doing everything together.

The girls' friendship disturbs Juliet's father (Clive Merrison), who tells Pauline's mother (Sarah Peirse), "My wife and I feel that the friendship is—unhealthy....Your daughter appears to have formed a rather unwholesome affection for Juliet." Concerned about "the intensity of the friendship," he suggests she send Pauline to a psychologist, to "set her back on the track."

The parents keep the girls from spending so much time together, which has a bad effect on them, especially Pauline. Juliet's parents divorce and plan to send her to South Africa with her father. Pauline wants to go along but can't obtain a passport without parental consent. As a compromise the girls are allowed to be together again before they're parted for good. Then Pauline starts planning "the happy event" that will eliminate the obstacle to their bliss, though in reality it separated them forever.

Heavenly Creatures is showing at Phipps Plaza 12.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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PIZZA MAN. Thru Dec 10. The Edge Ensemble presents the comedy of two women who rape the delivery man at 7 Stages' Backdoor Theater. 8 p.m. Fri & Sat. 524-6217.

PRIVATE LIVES. Thru Dec 10. Art Attack present's Noel Coward's witty look at the chance encounter of a former husband and wife who meet on their respective honeymoons with new spouses. 14th St. Playhouse. Thur-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 6 p.m. \$10-\$12. 881-6304.

THE WILD GUYS. Thru Dec 11. Horizon holds over its tale of a group of guys who take off on a sensitivity weekend where everything goes wrong. Thur & Fri 8 pm; Sat 8:30 pm; Sun 5 pm. \$12-\$16. 584-7450.

THE NIGHT LARRY KRAMER KISSED ME. Thru Dec 11. SAME/OutProud Theater presents the David Drake play in the TULA Arts Complex, 75 Bennett St. Thur-Sun, 8 p.m., \$10 adv/\$12 door. 609-9590.

CROSSING DELANCEY. Thru Dec 11. Decatur's Neighborhood Playhouse presents Susan Sandler's feel-good romantic comedy. Thur-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m.. \$7-\$12. 373-5311.

DINOSAURS. Thru Dec 17. Back by popular demand at the Center for Puppetry Arts. Mon-Fri 10 & 11:30 am, Wed 1 p.m., Sat 11 am & 1 pm 873-3391.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT. Thru Dec 18. Stage Door Players present the Webber/Rice musical. 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. 396-1826.

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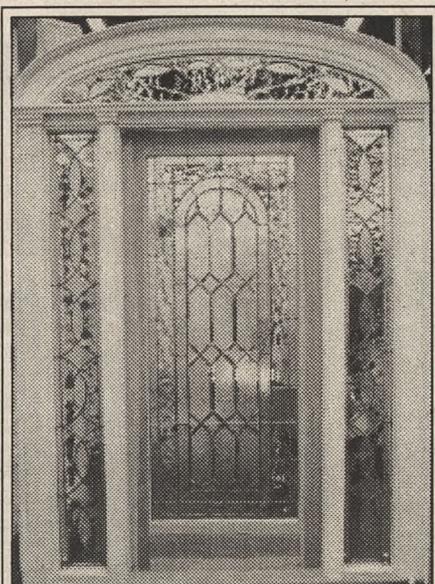
FROSTY THE DEAD MAN. Thru Jan 25. Murder at an office holiday party is the fare for Agatha's—A Taste of Mystery dinner theater. Mon-Sat 7:30 p.m., Sun 7 p.m.. Price of \$33-\$40 includes five course dinner. Peachtree & Third. 875-1610.

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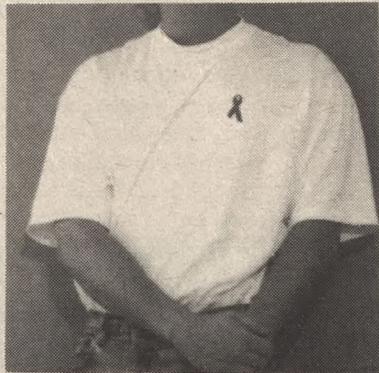
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THEATRE, DANCE & ART REVIEWS



by MICHAEL KAPE

A Dickens of a time

Having seen over 125 different productions in Atlanta just this year, I think it's safe to say there is plenty of theatre and dance in this town. The purpose of this column will be to bring you news, views, and whatever else from the scene, especially as it relates to the gay and lesbian community (but not

"Mr. Dickens Is Coming," in which he plays Charles Dickens doing readings from "A Christmas Carol," "Oliver Twist" (Nancy's murder), the theatre scenes from "Nicholas Nickleby," and other pieces.

"I concentrate on the funny ones, the lighter ones," he said. "I'm trying to get people to see that the books of Charles Dickens are good fun. They're not stuffy old classics which English teachers ram down your throat."

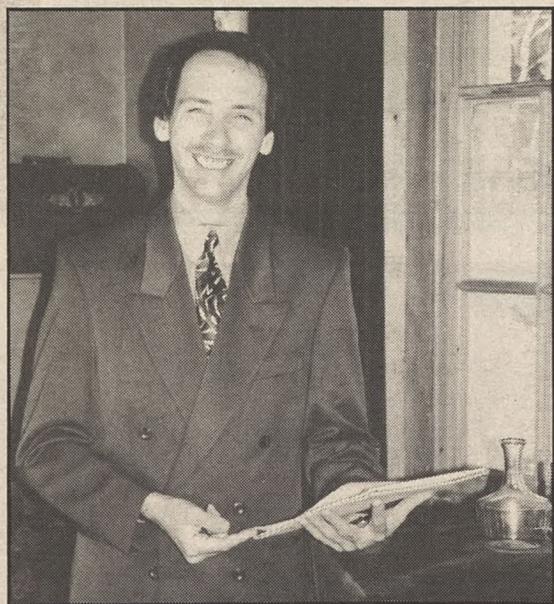
The actor wants to return to this country next year, hopefully sponsored by local theatre companies. "My problem," he joked, "is the Christmas season isn't long enough. It doesn't have enough weeks. They should extend it for the Dickens family!"

Strong recommendation: Jeroy Hannah in **THE NIGHT LARRY KRAMER KISSED ME** at SAME/Outproud. If you don't see this piece and this performance, you'll be missing one of the best acting jobs done this year. The play is about growing up and being gay in the age of AIDS. It's funny, cruiisy, sad, moving, and touching. Mr. Hannah's performance is very strong stuff. It is well worth seeing. It runs through Dec. 11.

No reviews, please: Nancy Dussault is bravely coming back to town Dec. 16-18 to appear at the Fox in **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** by well-loved gay-friendly playwright Wendy Wasserstein. When I called to inquire, I was told there would be "no reviews, please." Considering the mincemeat critics made of Ms. Dussault last summer in "Mame," it's no surprise.

Family values: Atlanta's Gay/Lesbian Repertory Theatre, Funny... That Way! is currently running **FAMILY MATTERS THAT AREN'T ALWAYS RELATIVE** through this Saturday. It's a multi-story musical cabaret featuring the joys and sorrows of a family of gay/lesbian friends and lovers.

Michael Kape is the theatre critic for WABE-FM.



Gerald Dickens keeps up the family tradition.

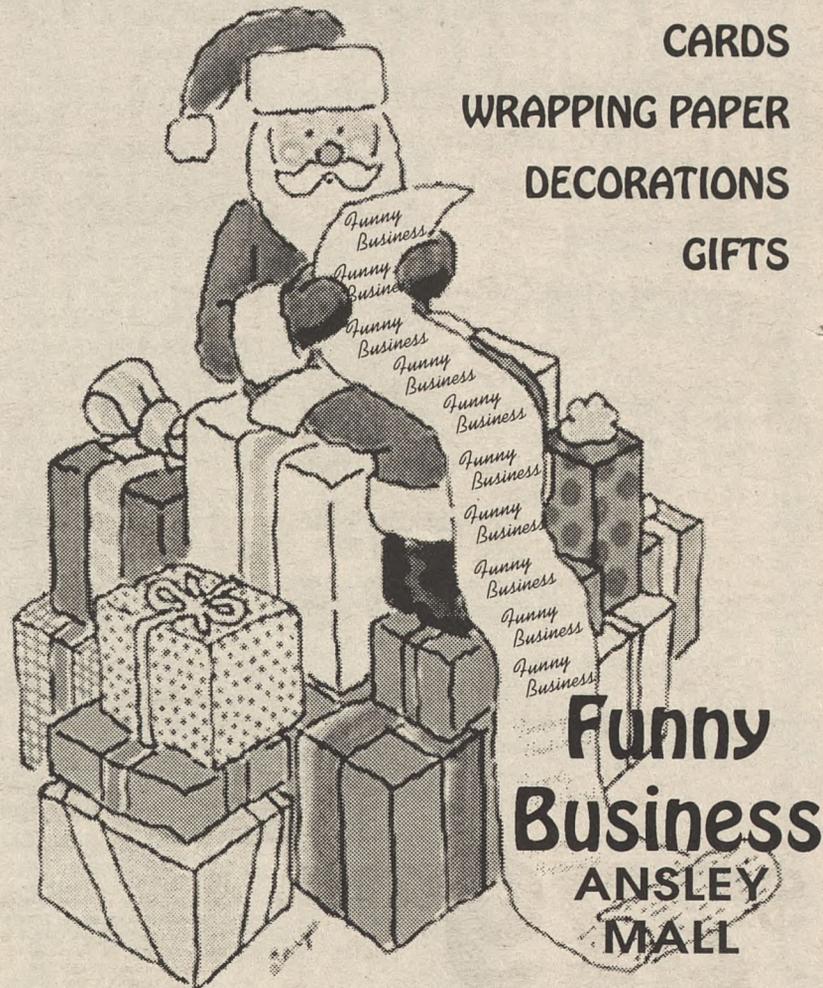
exclusively by any means.)

The Dickens, you say: **GERALD DICKENS** was in town recently doing what his great-great-grandfather Charles used to do—readings from the novelist's great works. Dickens, an actor in England who bears a striking resemblance to the novelist, started doing the readings of his forebear about a year ago, and he's garnered excellent reviews. During his Atlanta visit (sponsored by the Atlanta Children's Theatre to benefit its Christmas House), he was swamped by admirers everywhere he went.

"What has hit me," said the actor, "is how powerful Dickens is over here, moreso than in England. It's incredible. Everyone here loves Charles Dickens so much. It's on a very high and intense level."

Dickens has put together a two-hour performance piece called

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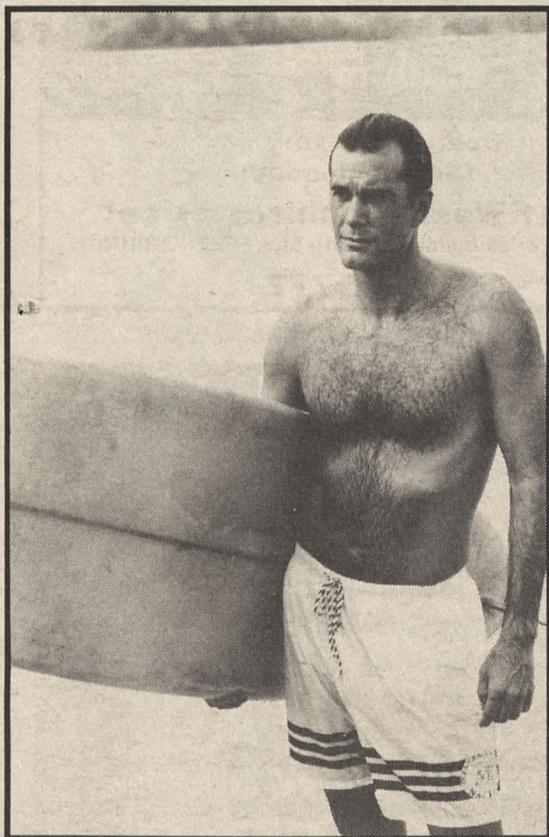
FLORIDA BOUND

The beaches of Florida are a welcome remedy for the holiday blues

by THOM CARDWELL

It's never too early to begin thinking about indulging yourself by taking a winter getaway. In fact, it can even be a terrific remedy for any holiday blues that you might have acquired.

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There are many well-known and popular establishments in Fort Lauderdale catering exclusively to the lesbian and gay visitor including Tacky's, Copa, Bus Stop, Georgie's Badd Boys, Admiral's Court, The Deck Restaurant, Mermaid Inn, and Royal Palms.

"Where the Fun Never Stops" is the motto of the Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors' Bureau. That's definitely true of this winter getaway with their many special events and around-the-clock entertainment year-round.

Most recently, Fort Lauderdale has been identified as possessing "lesbian ethos" which simply means that there are bed and breakfasts, clubs, bars and several activities such as softball, golf, tennis, hiking, nature walks among numerous other choices for lesbian vacationers.

Lesbian and gay travelers wishing more information about "the Venice of America" should contact The Greater Fort Lauderdale Business Association, PO Box 7341, Fort Lauderdale, FL 3338 or 800-443-4084.

KEY WEST

At the southernmost point of the continental United States, Key West has remained one of the most popular spots for the American as well as the international lesbian and gay traveler for several decades. Part of the chain of small islands known as the Florida Keys, the city is compact so that everything is literally within walking distance.

With a population of approximately 25,000 residents—an estimated 25 percent of those being lesbian and gay—the atmosphere of "live and let live" continues to attract large numbers of travelers (some estimates figure as high as 400,000) who return annually to Key West. No wonder. Its weather is perfect year round.

Sensitive to its historic roots, Key West, known as the "Jewel of America's Tropics," is dedicated to maintaining its old world charm where Victorian-style homes dominate the architectural picture. In fact, more than 3,000 homes in the Old Town are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Accommodations for the visitor to Key West are offered in more than 5,000 rooms in everything from traditional hotels to intimate guesthouses (numbering around 50). There is also an active nightlife for the lesbian and gay visitor.

Some of the well-know establishments catering to the lesbian and gay traveler include Copa, > Continued on page 48



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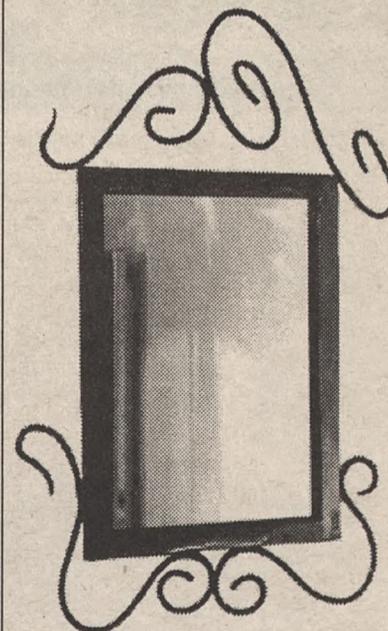
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A GAY & LESBIAN READER

by GENE GABRIEL MOORE

Baldwin bio is first-class

First-class authors rarely get the biographers they deserve; David Leeming joins Leon Edel, Virginia Spencer Carr and Richard Ellmann to be among the exceptions. Leeming's brilliant **JAMES BALDWIN** (Alfred A. Knopf, 439 pages, \$25) weighs the forces that made his longtime friend a great artist and takes us beyond what we thought we knew of his disquieted and Byzantine life.

James Baldwin, the grandson of a slave, is praised as one of the top American essayists and thinkers of this century. In these bizarre

days of cynicism in high places, evidence indicates that this praise scarcely half says it.

In 1953, in the decade of Sputnik, a dormant president and Elvis Presley, Baldwin's first novel, "Go Tell It On the Mountain," captivated critics and readers and made

one young American in Paris famous and wealthy. His second, "Giovanni's Room" (1956), dealt with a bitter romance between a Yank and an Italian barman; afterward (you guessed it) the antipathy toward this novel and much of the rest of Baldwin's published fiction knew no end.

James Baldwin's essays are not so easily bashed. Only Henry Louis Gates Jr. ("Colored People: A Memoir") writes so well about the central fact of American life. Baldwin, who died of stomach cancer on December 1, 1987, at his house among the rosemary hedges in the alpine piedmont of southern France, wrote in his essays that (A) black folks had long known the terrain of suffering and (B) white folks sacrificed much—the stuff of plain decency, for one—to protect their illusions of superiority. He understood the complexities of black/white relations as few do. For more than 30 years this

restive African-American with pouting eyes tormented both the nation's pyramid of moral compromises and old Dixie's hunger for apartheid.

Never did he forget or forgive. Only disaster, Baldwin said, was ahead for black people who accepted the sense of worthlessness pressed upon them. If they were to persevere in this savage century they must mind the promises of their own culture; they must understand that even greater unhappiness awaited if they tried to be what they were not: white.

Life in Harlem, if anything, is worse now than when Baldwin was born there 70 years ago; Americans of all races are only slightly less biased against gay people than when Jimmy, with 40 bucks in his baggy pants, tried to metamorphose his anger—the "selfdestroying limbo" of his first 24 years of life—on the banks of the Seine.

In New York, Jimmy had waited on tables at Greenwich Village's White Horse Tavern, published essays in *The Nation* (the first at age 20) and started the book he would finish in Paris. "Go Tell It On the Mountain" is rich with echoes and so bound to misery and awe that it reads like poetry.

Baldwin refused to be cast as yet another crapulous exile—he was a late-night drinker—and often returned to these shores. His second book of essays, "The Fire Next Time" (1963), followed his first turn around the right-wing elite of the Deep South. He visited and wrote often about Atlanta and, at the end, was at work on a book about his friend Martin Luther King, Jr.

W. E. Weatherby (1989) and James Campbell (1991) beat David Leeming to the bookstore, but his definitive biography is a more significant work. Writing with photographic detail, he integrates both scholarship and his remembrances and folds the major events in James Baldwin's life and work into a seamless chronicle. It is a kind of melancholic joy to read.

Gene Gabriel Moore, for a decade the host of the PBS author talkshow "By-line," is writing a book about the 1906 race riot in his native Atlanta.



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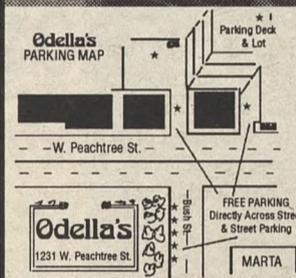


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There are a number of special events for the lesbian and gay community organized annually by the Key West Business Guild. Contact them at PO Box 1208, Key West, FL 33041 or 305-294-4603.

MIAMI

Miami South Beach is unquestionably the "hot spot" for the fashion-conscious traveler today.

Originally a barrier island of mangroves situated between Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, Miami Beach began enjoying its fame in the 1870's with flourishing periods of development and growth, particularly in the 1920's and 1930's. Miami South Beach is like reading an architectural timeline. That's because the building of Miami South Beach actually started at the south end of the beach and spread northward with each succeeding decade so that the architecture progresses from Mediterranean Revival to Art Deco then onto 1950's Modernism and, finally, to 1960's International Style.

Being the largest city in Florida, Miami offers a wide selection of accommodations, clubs, bars, restaurants, shops and beaches popular with lesbian and gay visitors. These

include the downtown area and nearby Coconut Grove in addition to the trendy places in South Beach, many of which attract a mixed crowd of "awesomely cool" partiers.

Some of the popular Miami establishments catering specifically to the lesbian and gay traveler include O'Zone, Boardwalk, Uncle Charlie's, Warsaw, Cherry Grove, Atlantic House, Normandy South, European Guest House, Island House and Gertrude's.

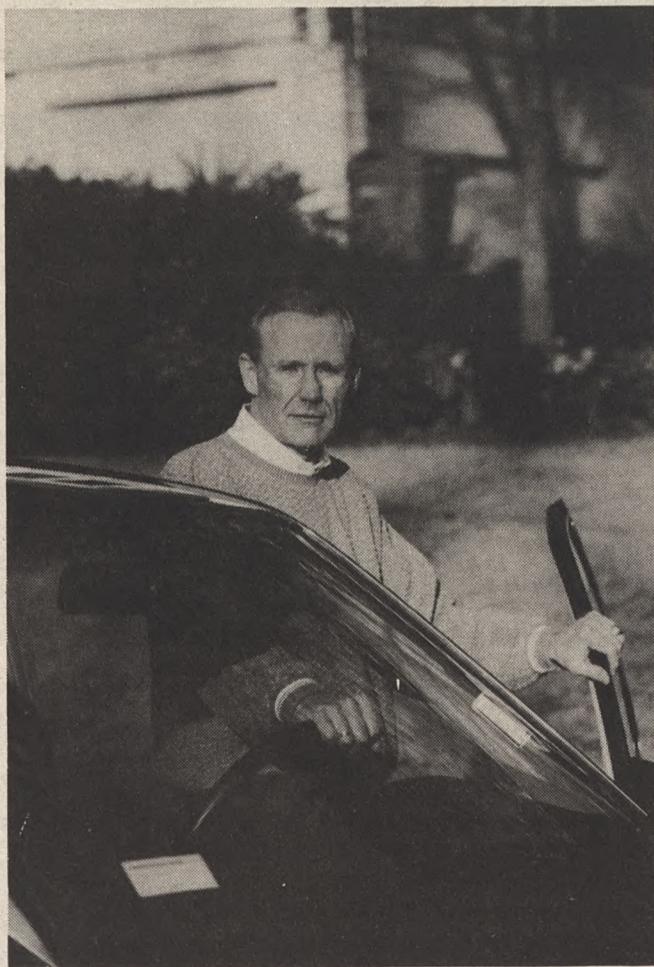
Special events have blossomed in South Beach along with the increased interest in architecture, fashion and the decorative arts. Perhaps one of the most successful and well-known of these special events is held during the first weekend of January (from the 6th through 8th) when several activities are

offered simultaneously: The Miami Design Preservation League's 17th Art Deco Weekend, The Miami Beach Convention Center's Antiques Show, The Miami International Fine Arts' Expo and Miami Modernism At Home in the Twentieth Century.

Lesbian and gay visitors to Miami should contact the South Beach Business Guild, 1781 Lincoln Road, Miami, FL 33139 or 305-531-9702 for information about accommodations, restaurants, nightlife and real estate, and community services.

For all general information contact the Miami Welcome Center at 305-672-2014. For daily information while in Miami, contact the lesbian and gay hotline at 305-759-3661.

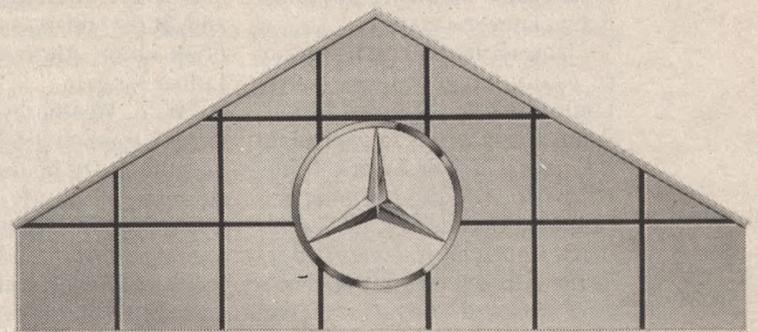
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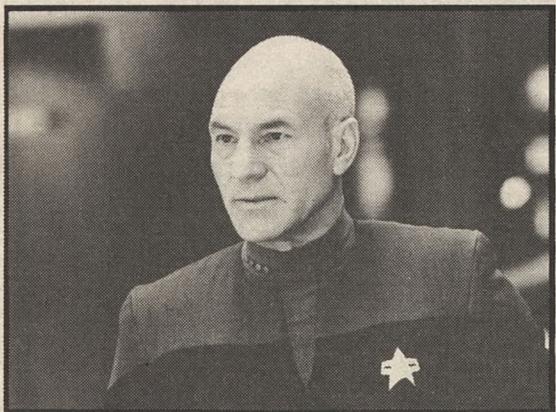
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THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN TELLING THE TRUTH AND TALKING TRASH

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Patrick Stewart, who has lately been lighting up the screen as Captain Picard in "Star Trek: Generations," recently wrapped filming on "Jeffrey," and he had some intriguing things to say about playing a gay man. "I learned more about myself by playing this character," Stewart said. "And I improved my wardrobe immensely. I picked up the most



Change of a dress: Patrick Stewart dons more elaborate attire than this in the upcoming 'Jeffrey.'

wonderful lounging-about-the-house pantsuit made of black and gold brocade." The former captain added that, given the opportunity to do drag, he would perform a soprano aria from "Madama Butterfly." Dish has an idea for Stewart's next project: how about "Priscilla: Queen of the Universe"?

MCC UNPLUGGED: Mary Chapin Carpenter's recent acoustic Atlanta concert looked more like old home week to us, with a crowd that appeared to be about half gay, with more lesbians attending than gay men. The singer began her show with this enigmatic introduction:

"I'm Mary Chapin Carpenter—I'm Newt Gingrich's worst nightmare." Following huge applause for that statement, she tore right into her song "I Take My Chances." Dish is not exactly sure what Carpenter meant, but any adversary of Newt is a friend of ours.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE HAPPY: We're still scratching our head over the recent article that appeared in the AJ-C's City Life section on Joyce and Jacque, the local lesbian folk singers. According to the piece, which mentioned that the two share quarters but didn't say anything about either woman's sexual preference, they have become "sanctified folk" musicians following their conversion to Christianity earlier this year. Since then, the duo have changed their name to "Living Water" and both say that the change has freed them creatively and professionally. They still like to perform songs about society's ills, in addition to songs about their newfound faith. No word on how they reconcile their beliefs with their "lifestyle."

BITE ME: After seeing "Interview With the Vampire," Dish no longer cares if Tom Cruise is gay or not. Now, what we really, really want to know is whether Brad Pitt is gay. The panting, face-to-face kiss-tease Pitt has with Antonio Banderas is the hottest thing we've ever seen on screen between two men without them actually touching. By the way, it seems Cruise no longer cares whether we think he's gay, either. He recently said in Vanity Fair, "I don't care if people are Martians...straight, gay, bisexual, Catholic, Jewish or Scientologist."

HOLIDAY SHOPPING ALERT: Alison Bechdel, whose comic strip "Dykes To Watch Out For" was recently profiled as part of a New York Times article on women cartoonists, is branching out. Dish recently received her new "Low-Impact" catalog of "Dykes" merchandise, which includes buttons, calendars, T-shirts and even mouse pads. Some of the stuff is really fun, and all of it is very reasonably priced. To get yours, write her at P.O. Box 703, Waterbury, VT 05676. Note to Alison: If we hadn't been won over already, the Ethel Merman stamp you used to mail the catalog would have clinched it.

ZELDA GOES TO SACRAMENTO: Dish readers probably know that Sheila James Kuehl, who played Zelda Gilroy on the series "Dobie Gillis," is the first openly gay candidate to be elected to the California state legislature. What Dish's readers may not know is that, a few years back, Ms. Kuehl had a nine-year relationship with Advocate columnist and former NGLTF head Torie Osborn. Although the relationship is over, the two remain close friends, and they have absolutely nothing but good things to say about each other. "It is a successful, honorable and magnificent thing to have a nine-year marriage where you love someone, where it's healthy, respectful and egalitarian and you both grow," said Ms. Osborn.

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When a sofa is recovered or slipcovered, new pillows and added stuffing to the arms and back can take it to a new comfort level. Don't be afraid to explore.

Fabrics to frame are very important, so think of larger prints on a larger piece. For example, if a fabric has a 28-inch repeat, don't apply it to a wing or club chair that has a back of only 32 inches wide—it will overwhelm the chair and you will grow tired of the print much faster. Stripes, solids and repeats under 15-22 inches work best on these pieces.

Mixing styles from traditional to southwestern, if brought together in balance, can be quite wonderful, and since today's house is home for two or more, it's important that everyone feel comfortable.

Again, color, furniture and accessories

can make or break even the most wonderful apartment, flat or house. So take your time and you'll be surprised that before you know it, just how fine tuned your home becomes.

And remember. Buying furniture, art and home furnishings is like choosing friends—it's better to have a few nice pieces than to have too much of nothing. Take your time, and with good taste, time and less money than you think, you will be well on your decorating way.

Shane Meder's work has appeared in House and Garden and Southern Living. He was co-host and design consultant for the PBS show "Interiors Today" and owns his own design firm.



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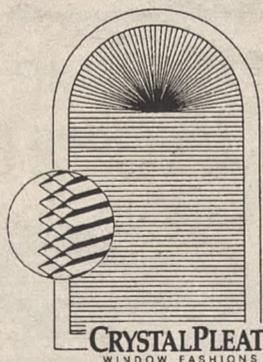
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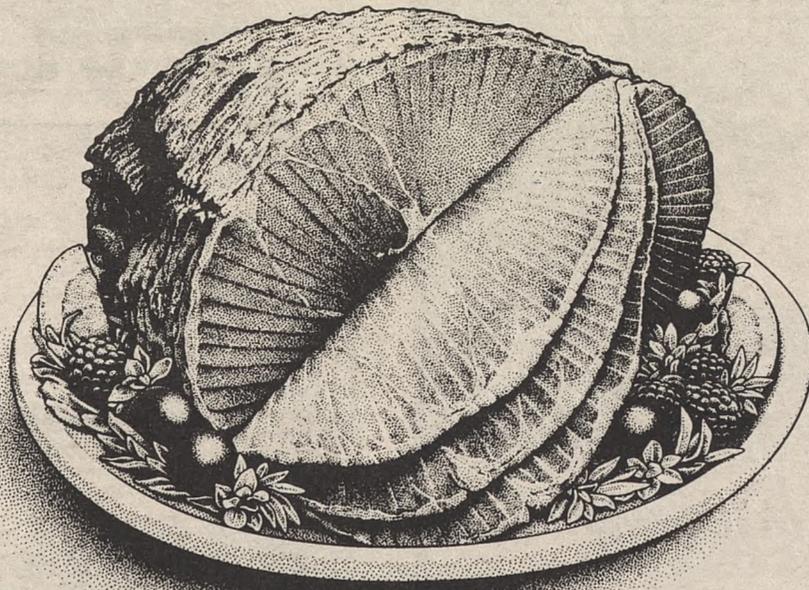
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by GARY KAUPMAN

One of the joys of the season—at least for those of us who like to eat but hate to wait—is that the usual line at many popular restaurants goes from interminable to nil.

Witness my experience Thanksgiving weekend after watching Tom Cruise chew on Brad Pitt's neck (all the homoeroticism gone from "Vampire"? Not!). Before the movie, with my friend He Who Likes to Eat, I'd only half-jokingly suggested that we go to the Highland Tap and chow down on rare beef in the granite and brick basement that used to be a leather bar.

Maybe next week, before "The Nutcracker."

We wound up at the **CORNER CAFE** at **THE BUCKHEAD BREAD COMPANY**. You remember? Buckhead Life's latest yup-scale venture that just weeks ago I described as a nothing short of a mess—mostly because of the zoo-like atmosphere surrounding the cash registers and in the parking lot. But, blessed by the ghost of Christmas present, this time we cruised into the parking lot with ease and were seated in the twinkle of an eye.

After the glaringly malfunctioning neon stripes that illuminate the ceiling, the first thing I spied was the abundant collection of those spiky plants that go by the popular name Mother-in-Law Tongue. (I've no idea what the scientific name is, but based on my experience with the human form of the species it might well be *Talka uglia*. Or *Guiltus tripus*.)

But the bentwood-backed chairs are easy on the tush, and the view of the neon-covered Buckhead Diner across the street is fabulous. I could have done without Frank Sinatra crooning Christmas ditties, but the overall effect is easy (though not so relaxed as to make you want to hang out any longer than necessary—an observation borne out by the speed with which plates emerge from the kitchen).

The food on those plates is a mixed bag. Potato-leek soup is barely warm, way shy of leek, and garnished with little tater-tot-like glops of fried mashed potatoes. Only a few globules of basil oil rescue it from being a monochromatic failure. Well, that and its presentation in a huge flat bowl edged in a lot of pink and a mite of green. Overflowing an equally large plate, the eggless Caesar salad is nicely balanced. But while the menu claims its romaine leaves are "young," the ones that found their way to our table were large enough to float a small family safely from Haiti to Miami.

Prettier by half and way more fun for the tongue, a sliced lamb sandwich, dressed with pale green basil mayo and served on a big warm slab of onion and tomato focaccia is the sort of lush stuff that almost makes it OK to spend \$9 for a sandwich.

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Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Pi-llg

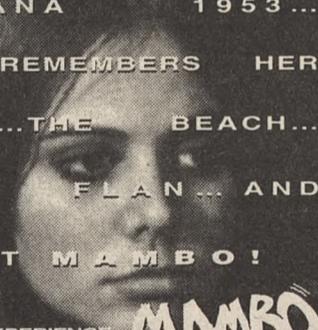


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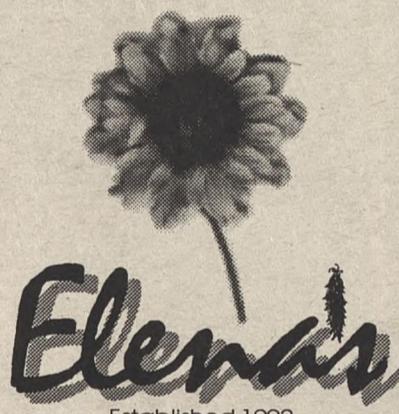
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Staying with the pretty-in-pink-and-green theme, a bowl of penne pasta slathered with perfectly cooked shrimp, fat sea scallops and asparagus comes awash in a lemon-caper broth that allowed me to feel virtuous as I wolfed the huge portion. Healthy, maybe, but it left my tongue screaming for just one tiny gram of saturated fat.

A small rectangle of schuss (a light, but mighty gelatinous cheesy cake topped with strawberry jam goo) made me wish I gone elsewhere in search of that fat. On the other hand, an identically shaped piece of plaisir (layers of chocolate mousse and pasty cream topped with caramelized flan) was mighty fine stuff. Ditto the coffee and decaf.

The big problem here (barring chaos in the parking lot) is that all this (along with three glasses of dismal but inexpensive wine) cost a cool \$50 pre-tip. There are plenty of places (some of them run by Buckhead Life, others which provide meals to those who are unable to provide for themselves) to spend that kind of money more wisely.

TALKING TURKEY

Speaking of spending money wisely, you may want to ponder a few points when selecting your holiday fowl. Before you buy a bird, decide how you can or will use what you don't eat. If your needs are small and you loathe leftovers, consider a roasting-size chicken or even individual game hens. If tradition demands turkey, buy the smallest bird possible—one (uncooked) pound per person will give you plenty of meat for the main meal as well as sandwiches, soup and a la king for the days following.

My experience over the past couple of years has been that fresh turkeys taste way better than frozen ones—if they are indeed fresh. Some stores sell as "fresh" birds that have been previously frozen but are no longer rock hard. The USDA has no rules preventing this bit of fraud. Such birds are invariably drier than those that are truly fresh or those that were flash frozen after they are slaughtered. Your best bet is to buy from a grocer you trust.

Consumer Reports magazine tasted a bunch of nationally marketed birds recently and came to similar conclusions along with the recommendation that, among fresh birds, you avoid Butterball and Norbest. But, if you are buying frozen, those are the two *best* brands.

Go figure.

Me? I may opt for a Honeybaked Ham; they're always good. Or this may be the year that I eschew animal flesh entirely. If that sounds cool to you, tune in next week when I'll publish (for the first time ever) the centuries old secret family recipe for the Grand Czarina's (in)famous Fried Pasta.



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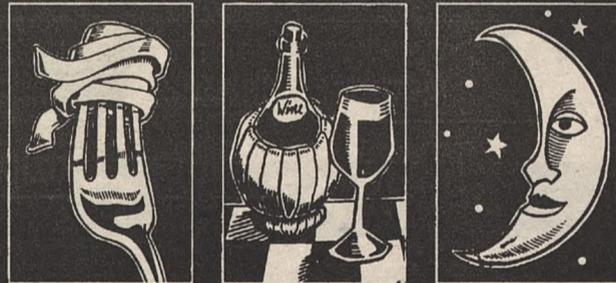
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athletic enjoys running, rollerblading, movies, dining, seeks same. #2435

LONG LUNCH ?

Downtown Lunch Buddy. Professional GWM 32, 5'9", 170, bl/bl seeks Midtown/Downtown "long lunches" with similar, discreet GWM, 18-45 at your place. Write P.O. Box 347144, Atlanta, GA 30334

INTO TENNIS & FEET

GWM, 34, 5'9", 180, attractive, masculine, sincere into tennis, outdoors, massage, feet seeks similar GWM 21-39. #2440

NO ATTITUDE

Xmas Wish List! GWM 34, att, dk blonde, green eyes, romantic, sincere, loving, seeks same 28-40. No attitude. #2441

HIRSUTE SEEKS HAIRY

Hairy GWM sought by hirsute GWM fit, educated, professional. Prefer quiet, conservative, discreet, honest, healthy man. #2442

SEEKS SAFE PLAY

Versatile leather man 41, 5'7", 140, into being serviced and submissive, cock and butt play of all kinds. Safe action seeking same. #2445

STRONG PERSONALITIES

Are there any sane people out there? Unique, eclectic GWM, 30, good looking; seeking other spiritual and strong personalities to walk with me along the Path of Life. Only serious need respond. #2444

SLIM SEEKS SAME

GBM, 34, 5'9", slim, br/bl, fairly hairy w/ stache seeking similar WM. Too many interests to list here. Intrigued? #2421

MASCULINE A MUST

GBM, 42, HIV+, 5'10", 175, fair looks. Seeks man 36-44 for fun maybe more. Race unimportant. Masculine is a must. #2422

ENJOY LIFE

GWM 36, HIV+, very healthy top. Very good looking, Italian. Enjoys traveling, outdoors, quiet dinners. Looking for sincere honest GWM with a positive outlook on life, also enjoys the same. No bars. No drugs. Just enjoy life! #2424

BOTTOM WANTS TOP

GWM, 33, 5'8", 160, HIV-, br/gr, bottom seeks attractive masculine top GWM 28-35 for possible relationship. Serious calls only. #2425

NEED SOME SUGAR?

Loud rock is fountain of youth. Young 40-something GWM needs date for killer show. Sugar at Roxy Nov. 21. Me: tall, trim, regular guy. You: young or not, good shape, in need of a band. Let's talk soon. #2427

ATTRC WEIGHTLIFTER

BM, 40s, HIV+ seeks similar black, Latino, or GWM into healthy living, occasional dinout and cozy evenings. Must be mas-

culine, versatile. No drugs. No smokers. 35+. #2410

CUTE STUDENT

Cute, 21, GBM, student seeks a healthy, in shape, GWM between 21-36 for fun, friendship, or maybe relationship. #2411

LIFETIME RELATIONSHIP

Elderly, sharing, financially secure WM sought for lifetime relationship. #2412

SPANKING

GWM, 40, 5'10", 140, seeks slender young men in need of bare bottom over the knee discipline. Robert, P.O. Box 56024, Atlanta, GA 30343, or call #2394

COLUMBUS AREA

GWM, 29, attractive, blonde/blue, lonely, caring, sincere, ISO true friend, possibly more. Please call!!! #2375

CHINESE GUY

In shape Chinese guy 29, 5'10", 140 attractive, nice seeks Mr. Handsome 25-40 clean-cut nonsmoker, honesty for LTR any race. #2389

THREE'S COMPANY

2 attractive GWMs 48 and 22, seek new friend 18-24, WM slender, clean-cut. Fun, possible travel. #2386

SHARE MY LIFE

GBM 38, attractive, out, political ISO GBM/GHM 28-41 to share my life with. Enjoy movies, intimate dinners, good times. #2399

SEXUAL FUN

Are you HIV+, horny and in need of sexual fun? Me 20's slim submissive bottom. Large endowments get an A+. No one over 35 or out of shape. #2400

PERSONABLE & UNIQUE

GWM, stocky bear, W. GA area, brn/hazel, sincere, non-smoking, creative, witty, personable, unique. You??? #2392

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP

GWM, 36, drug & disease free, Libra, submissive bottom, seeks drug free dominating white male under 55 for serious relationship. #2401.

NUTURING MONOGAMY

GWM, 41. Let's do country! Work downtown, will commute within 1 hour. Healthy, masculine, nonsmoker seeking nurturing monogamy. All answered. #2388

TEDDY SEEKS BEAR

WNC Teddy looking for other teddy bears to snuggle with this winter. Early 40s, dk hair and moustache. #2385

SEEKS MENTOR

Nonstereotypical GWM, v-gdkg professional with excellent body, 39, 5'11", 165; seeking mature GWM, 45+ for mentor/relationship; individual must be physically

and spiritually fit and financially independent. Not seeking a "sugar daddy" but will contribute in all areas in order to enjoy the finer things. #2407

BLACK MALE

5'11", 30, educated professional, athletic and not your homeboy type. ISO WM, 27-34, intelligent, interesting, professional, liberal Democrat who enjoys camping in the mountains as much as at the Armory. If you need a life, forget it! If you have a great sense of humor, enjoy late night dinners, red wine & conversation, call. #2379

FULFILL MY FANTASY

GWM, 6', 172, very muscular, 30s, desires 1st experience with safe S/M, B/D, enema, sling, toys, etc. You be: 20s to 30s, masculine, dominant, very muscular, dark haired, hung, trustworthy. I'm ready 4 you. Please be disease-free. Photo with note gets response. Write SoVo Box 6550, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306.

CUB SEEKS BEAR

Hairy GWM? Cub early 40s seeking bear any size who is educated, not athletic, healthy, stable, discreet, and fairly trim. #2384

WANTS UNINHIBITED BM

Black male, seeks masculine, assertive, uninhibited black male for an adventurous relationship. #2380

YOU CALLED?

Hi, this is Lee, you finally called. I hoped you called because you're interested in meeting a good person and hope you are HIV+. #2351

QUIET & CONSERVATIVE

GWM, 36, br/br, seeks bottom GWM to 50 for monogamous relationship. Quiet, conservative. No barflies/drugs. #2356

IVY-EDUCATED

GWM, 59 ivy-educated, interested in the arts, psychology, history and traveling, seeks similar for friendship, possibly more. #2355

COUNTRY BOY

GWM, 31, 6'3", 155, country boy looking for nice and down to earth guy. For friendship possibly more. Call me. #2353

NOT IN TO GAMES

GWM, 40, 6', 155, bl/bl, sensitive, good conversation, professional, relationship-oriented. ISO younger, easy going, slim guy who's not into games. #2230

HEALTHY HIV

Horny, hunky, hairy, versatile bottom seeks same qualities in versatile top. Let's play! Nonsmoking, intelligent, affectionate, healthy HIV. #2339

BIG HEART

GWM 22, 5'11", 165, medium build, bl/bl. ISO GWM 22-32 open-minded, down to

earth guy with a big heart. No head games. #2340

WANTS TWO TOPS

WGM, 23 yrs, HIV-, bottom, looking for two tops between 35-49 for a hot threesome. #2226

SEC AND ACC FANS

College football buddy sought by GWM to watch/go to games. You 21-30, SEC or ACC fans a plus. #2215

LIKES L5P AND STAR TREK

ME: Middle GA GWM 20/130/5'10"/br-bl/HIV-student. YOU: GWM 20-30/smooth/HIV-heavy (180-250) versatile. US: L5P, Trek, Stone Mtn, fun, relationship? No fems/1sts/barflies. #2216

SERIOUS DATING

Catholic, black, HIV+, hard-body Romantic seeks GM (any race) with good body/mind into clean living and serious dating. #2204

MOVING TO ATLANTA

Christian GWM, 35, tall, dark, athletic and handsome. Looking for the same, for life. Living in Philly, moving to Atlanta. Write SoVo Box 6526, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306

TRIPLE PLAY

Single GWM seeks 2 guys or couple for bedroom acrobatics. Me: 39, safe top, boy-next-door looks, brown hair, blue eyes. Call! #2189

FREE SPIRIT

27 year old GWM (bearish) ISO young (22-31) free-spirited, long haired, Bohemian, hunkish, imaginative, intelligent, interesting, exotic, caring, relationship oriented individual. #2190

BEAR HUNT

GWM 40s, looks 30s, ISO hairy GWM versatile Fr/Gr, smart, fit, workaholic who enjoys hibernation. #2192

VERSATILE

GWM 30, 5'11", 225 seeks GWM or Hispanic for friendship or possible relationship. Sincere replies only. #2193

NORTH FULTON?

GWM, 42, 5'8", 160 ISO GWMs 35+, 5'10" and under for friendship. Possible relationship. Prefer North Fulton area. #2198

POSSIBLE THREESOME

Goodlooking, athletic, GWM, 25, bottom-verse, seeks nonsmoker, handsome, athletic-muscular, GWM, top-verse for fun, friendship. HIV neg. Threesome possible. #2200

COUPLE SEEKS COUPLE

GM couple, 34 and 27, masculine, attractive, sincere enjoys outdoors, exercise, beach seeks similar GM couple for fun friendship. #2203

SEEKS GAY CHRISTIAN

Cherokee/Irish GWM, 35, gdlkg, muscular, 5'9", Baptist. Seeks 30-40, GAY Christian to make home with. #2147

SANE GUY

GWM, 31, HIV+, very healthy and fit. I'm nice looking and interested in meeting another sane guy. #2154

GOTTA HAVE IT

AAA Hottest Ass. HIV-, FIT, 145, br/br. Can't find well Hung stallion. Want it, love it, gotta have it. #2137

HARDBODY

Nice guy, GWM, 30, 5'9", 155, masculine goodlooking, toned hardbody. Seeks similar clean-cut inshape guy for lasting goodtimes. Do It! #2153

ROMANTIC ENCOUNTERS

Attractive GBM, 24 seeks open-minded intelligent masculine men of any race for unique romantic encounters. #2136

SECURE RELATIONSHIP

GWM attractive, early 60s, ISO HIV- slender, intelligent guy less than 38 for possible secure relationship. No hustlers. #2157

STARVING STUDENT

GWM 26, 5'11", 155, brown hair, hazel eyes. Starving student, seeks professional man 35-55 for discreet, mutually beneficial liaison. Athens, GA. #2150

COLOR OF NIGHT

Ambitious, attractive, healthy, masculine, sexy, articulate, caramel coated male, 36, UCLA, budding screenwriter seeks a genuine, masculine, grey, healthy, Southern beau, Scott Bakula type, muscular, hairy top, great legs, thirtysomething into writing, film and romance. Photo. Michael. 2145 or write SoVo Box 7100, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306

BOATING BUDDIES

Lake Lanier professional GM couple, both 35 seeks single/couples for boating, cook-outs fun and friendship. No fats, fems, drugs. #2142

FRIENDS & COMPANIONS

Young 35 year old GWM seeking 35 or older GWM for friendship and companionship. Lilburn area. #2141

BIGGER'S BETTER

Bottom GWM 29 slim, smooth. ISO GWM TOP Endowed only. Up to 35, in shape, smooth chest. Safe only. #2139

NEW IN TOWN

GWM, 32, 5'7", 148, blk/br, attractive, work out regularly, New to Atlanta. Would like to meet other attractive GWM, 30-36 for friendship or dating. Prefer nonsmokers and non or light drinkers. #2138

BLACK COBRA

Though the early bird may catch the worm,

the shaved, wise, white owl will definitely catch the young black cobra. #2127

WANTS COUNTRY BOY

GWM, 45, 160, 5'9", moustache into music, sports, outdoors, dogs, seeks masculine romantic country boy 35-45, uncut a + for lifetime. #2128

UNINHIBITED ENCOUNTERS

Tall, incredibly handsome, muscular, bi-racial GM, 22, seeking masculine, fit, attractive GM top 30+ for wild, uninhibited encounters. Hairy +. #2132

LUNCH FUN

GWM, 32, 170, 5'11", vgdkg, HIV-, seeks attractive WM who enjoys lunchtime oral service. No relationship desired. #2133

J/O BUDDIES

GWM, 36, 185 (workout), goodlooking, man's man. Looking for j/o partner(s), single, group? Large? Yes. You? Let's Talk! #2106 (7.40)

WANTS CUDDLY GWM

GWM-35 masculine, sincere, attr. seeks heavyset mature cuddly GWM for sharing life's pleasures, enjoy seasons & outdoors. #2107 (7.40)

HOMEBOY

GWM, 26, skinny, tall, boyish, clean-cut, funny, somewhat quiet and homebodyish, HIV-, seeks similar for possible relationship. #2135

HOT TOP

Seeks hot bottom. Me: 30s, 5'11", 165, moustache, HIV-, dominant. You: submissive, attractive, safe, 20s-30s. Afternoons or evenings. #2002

SLIGHT KINKS

Sharp GWM 56 into writing music, movies, psychology, gardening, self growth, slight kinks seeks partner any age. #1387

ADVENTUROUS SEX

GWM 30, 5'8", brn/tzl, 170lbs. Bottom. Enjoys books movies and adventurous sex. Seeks top for good times possible relationship. #1706

TANS A PLUS

WM, 23, 5'7", 138, seeks W/B/Muscular males 18-30 for honest friendship and adventures. Endowed and tanned are plus! #1707

INTO ROMANCE

Attractive, masculine, caramel Southern Virginian male, 36, healthy, screenwriter desires goodlooking, muscular, blonde beau, hairy, creative professional into romance. #1710

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Dykes To Watch Out For



WANTS A BIG MAN

GBM, 34, 5'7", 135 healthy, interesting. Seeks tall, heavyset, country type Dominant Top 40-50, 200-300 lbs. #1708

EROTIC & SAFE

GWM seeks GBM professional, mature and sincere wanting to improve the Quality of his Life with massage. Erotic and Safe. #1711

FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT

GBM 38, professional. Dislike club scene. Very masculine seeking same. Financially independent. Would like to enjoy life. HIV+. #1600

CLASSICAL MUSICIAN

GWM 24, 6', 150, br/br, educated, attractive, romantic non-smoker seeks similar WM 22-32 to "make our garden grow". #1603

THIRTYSOMETHING

GWM thirtysomething from Northwest S.C. Honest, drug-free. ISO similar 28-38 possible relationship. #1604

CORPORATE DROP OUT

Dig this. Landscaper, 36, 5'10", 155 all muscle, 30" waist. Handsome, overeducated corporate drop out. Similar? Call for stress reduction. #1606

WNC TEDDY BEAR

Looking for another teddy bear to get into some mischief in the afternoon or early evening. #1607

HEALTHY WEALTHY WISE

MBiWM 45, burly, hairy, ISO young smooth, endowed submissive GBiWM available daytime for It mentoring loving. #1608

OPEN MINDED?

Genuine, masculine, GBM, 24 seeks sincere romantic, masculine, open-minded GMs of any race for exploring stimulating new friendship/relationship. #1609

BUFF JOCK 1

8-35? WM football player 6'1", 230, mus-

cular goodlooking 40 gives rubdown and service after workout. #1610

LANDSCAPER

30s, 5'10", 155, 30" waist, masculine, muscular, hot, handsome. Similar in Smyrna, Vinings, Austell? Discreet! Regular buddy for shower days. #1611

DISCRETION ASSURED

Goodlooking maculine WM seeks ONLY very masculine BM for safe, discreet encounters. No fats/fems. #1612

ROLE PLAYING

Muscular GWM, 40, 6ft, 180lbs, HIV+, vgd/kg, in relationship, needs more. Seeking submissive boy, 25-30, for role playing, B/D. Discreet. #1504

NEW IN TOWN

GWPM, 44, seeks GWM 18-30 for friendship, fun. Prefer slim swimmer's build, active top, endowed, cleanshaven, non-smoker w/discretion assured. No fats, fems, bears, barflies please! #1506

PASSION & ROMANCE

GWM young 48, 5'11", 158, I want it all! Passion, romance, sex—all is possible in a committed relationship. I am a sales executive with an outgoing personality, in shape, healthy, non-smoker/drinker. Looking for fun, adventure, and quiet times. #1507

NO STRINGS

Attractive BM sought by tall, slim WM. Safe, discreet, good times only. No strings. #1508

CUTE 28 GWM

HIV- brn/haz 160. Not N-2 bars. ISO GWM 25-35 N-2 gym, movies. No drugs/alcohol/fems. Buckhead Roswell area. #1511

TRADE VIDEOS

WM with 300+ videos, looking for others wanting to trade; possibly more with right person. Midtown area. #1488

LIKES CAMPING

GWM, 24, 5'10", 165, bl/bl, likes hiking, camping, mountain biking, movies. Sincere,

honest, ISO same. No fat/fems. #1482

LIGHT S/M, B/D

GWM, 37, 5'11", 150, MASCULINE, dominate, aggressive, Romantic, HIV-, into light S/M, B/D. Seeking younger counterpart, long term. #1483

EX-MODEL

Hairy Italian extremely goodlooking, ex-model, 29, 6'3", 188, sexy, dark skin, masculine, seeks Black or Latin masculine top in great shape w/9" or more. #1443

SAFE ORAL ENCOUNTERS

GWM, above average looks, trim, hung, seeks similar for safe oral encounters. #1485

PSYCHIC AWARENESS

Elder GWM Mystic (60's) in Western NC seeks younger man (30's) with psychic awareness to explore live-together relationship. #1486

DISCRETIONS ASSURED

WM Masculine 6'4", 210, looking for masculine Black male top. Discretion assured. Can handle business. #1487

RACE UNIMPORTANT

Early 40s, nice looking, 5'10", solid 180, dedicated, professional, HIV+, GBM, seeks sincere GM for dating/relationship. #1489

COUPLE SEEKS COUPLE

GM couple, 27 and 33, down to earth, masculine, likes outdoors, seeks similar GM couple for fun and friendship. #1490

PASSIONATE ITALIAN

Sexy, passionate, Italian, GWM, 32, swimmer's build, 6'0", 160, seeking hot, gym-boy couples for mutual satisfaction. #1491

BOTTOM WANTED

By attractive playful safe top, late 30's, Australian heritage for safe discreet fun-day/night. #1492

SPREAD & SMILE

Love your butt played with? 39, hairy HIV-top, 5'10", 170, seeks healthy bottoms, 20-

45 for rear action. NO MARRIEDS! #1495

SPORTS, TRAVEL & POETRY

GWM, 40, 6', 210, br/blu, into 99X, sports, travel, poetry, seeks GWM 35-55 for dating and possible relationship. #1578

TV/TS**BOOT LOVER**

Professional 30 yr old BM, handsome, ISO TV/TS and females w/leather boots. Be sexy. I travel Atlanta, Charlotte, Columbia, Washington DC. #2434

IN NEED.

Black male top mid 40s, HIV- seeks feminine, pleasant HIV- TV/TS bottom for fulfilling relationship. In urgent need. #2431

A FEMININE MALE

Or TV/TS sought by BM 43 for first experience. #2156

VERY PASSABLE

TV/TS 028, 5'7", very passable, white, 200+ lbs., seeks BM for friendship/relationship. #2195

LONELY ONE

BM-Top: mid 40s, HIV-, seeking feminine, pleasant, HIV-, TV/TS bottom for fulfilling relationship. It has been a very long time. Please respond. #2011

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Attractive GWF, 24, 5'7", br/bl, feminine affectionate, playful, social, down to earth, cuddler and grad student. ISO similar GWF (22-28) for friendship and more. Let's enjoy going out/staying in. Many Versatile Interests! No Bi's/Butches/Smokers. #2514

TEDDY BEAR

GWF, 33, 6', br/gr, butch, sexy, passionate, romantic teddy bear. ISO feminine GWF for exciting companionship. Don't delay! Call today! #2517

FREE SPIRIT

GBF, 33, 5'10". Writer, free-spirited child of the universe. Looking for tall GFM, 28 to already on a spiritual quest for stimulating conversation, occasional nights out, quality friendship. #2521

CUTE BUTCH

GWF early 40s, intelligent, romantic, sensual artistic, athletic, adventurer iso femme between 38-48 with similar qualities. #2524

LIKES NATURE

"Once (s)he drew with one long kiss my soul through my lips." GWF likes nature, darkover, music, conversation, ISO similar. #2523

LOVE CAN LAST

GWF, 45, I believe love can last. If you do, too, Cathy was Arrested. We need to discuss who is going to be on hannah goffee tail long is guatancanal. #2511

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

Attractive Professional GWF desires maximum seduction. ISO GWF 37-42 with aggressive nature, discretion and open mind. #2510

SEEKS MATURE BUTCH

GWF, 27, tall attractive, ISO older/mature butch to share life/friendship/love for honest fun. Let's play heterosexes. #2519

ROBIN

You answered my ad, but your voice mail number is out of service. How do I reach you? Hopeless romantic! P.O. Box 2443, Acworth, GA 30102.

HELP!

Feminine, funny, professional, upbeat, GWF, 32, in search of quality people to communicate with. Rescue me from this nightmare! Write SoVo Box 8600, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306

SENSITIVE SEEKS BUTCH

GWF, 31, feminine, sensitive and has sense of humor seeks butch GF for fun and friendship. Let's get together. #2500

ROMANTIC DEVIL

GWF, 39, butch, funloving, romantic devil, seeks one whom enjoys happiness. Dancing, movies, fishing, diving. Listening to the wind. #2501

PIERCED BEAUTY

Tall, dark, pierced beauty, 27, emotionally stable and vivacious; ISO GWF 25-35 outgoing and attractive who's interested in cultivating a friendship. #2480

WANTS A REAL DYKE

GWF, 28, 140 br/gr, wants a real dyke. Seeks beautifully butch women. #2472

FORTUNATE & WHIMSICAL

Taurus/Gemini, easy going, missing another intense woman in my arms, want to dine or dance, have coffee? 2484

AFRO PASSION

things afrocentric are my passion, along with sistahs, short tall, dark light dark, conscious, self-aware, caring cool hot, reaching for language - intellect #2446

VISA INFO

Need to contact anyone who has helped a non-US National with work and/or visa. All information appreciated. July/Colette (404) 938-6389. #2458

SEND ME AN ANGEL

Mysterious, pretty, gorgeous femme fatale—GWF, 32 who is passionate, romantic; sensual, and creative, seeks similar sincere woman for friendship/romance/relationship. #2210

SEX-STARVED

Tall, blond, green eyed fem wild Ban-shee ISO; soft Butch in Gladiator shape, ready for a challenge. Let the games begin! #2461

SPIRITUAL

GWF, 44, sensitive, loving, humorous, intelligent, spiritual (Unity Church), ISO similar, sincere, GWF, 35-50. NS, Alcohol/Drug

MY STARS

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ENERGETIC AND FEISTY MARS squares off with volatile Pluto this week, which means that our actions will definitely speak louder than our words. This is a time of monumental breakthroughs and breakdowns that we, ourselves, can cause. See how Mars squared Pluto affects each sign:



ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 20) The Mars/Pluto tango will make every indulgence count in a big way. On one hand, it may be the big romantic breakthrough you have been looking for, or it may be the last straw for your world-weary lover.



TAURUS (APRIL 21-MAY 21) The time has come for a dramatic reformation of priorities between you and partners. Do you feel like relationships need a little spicing or sprucing up? Change may be what is needed to keep the wheels nicely oiled and rolling.



GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21) Your words could set off an avalanche of change on the job. If you have been toiling away in a house of cards, allowing small details and tasks to be swept under the rug, expect a crash! All at once, your obligations have come due. Payment in full.



CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 23) Fun may cost more than expected. Money becomes the ways and means to a more glamorous lifestyle, if that's what you want. Be careful of blowing your financial wad all at once. You'll be at the mercy of others for your jollies.



LEO (JULY 24-AUG. 23) Talk about pushy! Leos are ablaze with self confidence. You strive to splash upon the public scene at the expense of the warm privacy of your home. Remember that people who live in glass houses must dress in the basement.



VIRGO (AUG. 24-SEPT. 23) Intuition runs into overdrive. I advise you to keep your more outrageous and creative conspiracy theories to yourself. Happily, it could be an excellent time to ferret out hidden enemies and destroy them once and for all.



LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23) Friends may become overbearingly needy. (Or at least it will seem so to you.) The planets indicate that friendships won't bear the burden of a financial obligation. At any rate, Libras may not have enough dough to go around.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 22) Your career skyrockets, but at what cost? Mars energizes

your professional fortunes, setting off Pluto's quest for world recognition. You can't measure personal success through the eyes of others and be totally satisfied in the long run.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 22) Mars' vibes help you reevaluate and reform your global philosophy, but be prepared for Pluto to reveal hidden elements in this new vision that may be unpleasant. Don't take someone's philosophy at face value.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23-JAN. 20) The more you feel you know yourself, the stronger you will feel that your choice of friends and social acquaintances must change. There will be an intense introspection. Your circle of friends may, in fact, be stifling you.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19) Partners' demands are at odds with career demands, and someone or something has got to give. It is a good time to review the effect of professional aspirations on your personal life. Gauge the overall cost and upheaval and be prepared for changes.



PISCES (FEB. 20-MARCH 20) Work demands speed up, and you may begin to feel like a rat on a treadmill. You may be very tempted to chuck the whole darn effort aside and escape to parts unknown. This is fine, but be careful; Pisces can "escape" and never return.

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QUIET EVENINGS

GBF in search of GF for friendship. Enjoys movies, music, dining out and quiet evenings at home. Relationship maybe. #2402

FEMINE AND SHY

GF 46 - energetic usually feminine shy fun-loving lifeloving. ISO romantic real life-long friend companion possible lover. Photo unimportant. Write to SoVo Box 8000, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306.

PETITE & PRETTY

GWF, 40, feminine, petite, pretty, spiritual, funny, honest, professional, passionate, seeks similar GWF for theatre, walking, hiking, dinners, romance, loving. #2436

WACKY SENSE OF HUMOR

GWF ISO GWF with wacky sense of humor and gentle spirit! I'm sort of butch, 5'7", blond/blue animal lover. #2197

CUTE '62 MODEL

Low mileage, two previous owners, rarely used. Seldom abused. Clean interior/exterior, sporty. Seeking luxury sports coupe. #2428

CONFIDENT, ARTSY

WF, early 30s, curious, ISO creative, sexy, semi-butch WF mentor to help me reach my true potential! Me: arts professional, Asia traveler, liberal, attractive, sophisticated, financially secure, intowner. #2419

TRAVEL, MOVIES & MORE

25 year old GWF, attractive, employed, professional. I enjoy outdoors, travel, movies, music and more. ISO GWF 21-35 for friendship/more. #2408

SEMI-FEMME

GWF, 24, 5'4", slim, attractive, semi-feminine, educated. Enjoy dancing, fun and romance. ISO compatible Fem for friendship and more. #2413

NO ROLES

Closeted, 20, BF, non-role playing, Scorpio, eccentric, student, natural, vagabond, somewhat reclusive, life is music and books. Desire to share and listen. #2414

LIKES ANNE RICE

GWF, 27, full-figured seeks other GFs for friendship and fun. More comes in time. Into Anne Rice, M.E., more. #2415

DANCING BUDDY

ISO fortyish dinner/maybe dancing buddy, intelligent conversation, some laughs, good stories, loving kindness, easy going friend, maybe massage partner. #2417

MARRIAGE

Entrepreneurial GWM, 30, seeks marriage of convenience. Write P.O. Box 77152, Atlanta, GA 30357

SHARE MY HEART

GWF seeking affectionate, playful GWF to hold, walk with, talk to and love. Come share my heart and life. #2418

LOVE LETTERS

Tall, creative, adventurous, romantic, energetic, GWF, 33, professional educator, who likes to "Run With the Wolves." Into outdoor activities, music, spirituality and personal growth. ISO feminine soulmate who still believes in writing love letters. 2420 or write SoVo Box 7101, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306

NO HEAD GAMES

Attractive, lipstick lesbian-21. ISO GWF 25-32. Must love music and great sex with no fear and no head games! #2423

WANTED

GF 28-35, feminine, professional, confident, sincere, compassionate, mentally/physically fit, spiritual, strong character, animal lover, drug/alcohol/ex-girlfriend free. Interested in dating and friendship. REWARD: GWF, 32, with same qualities. #2429

SINCERE & SAGACIOUS

GWF seeks synergistic connection. GWF 38-45, 5'6"+, clear, kind, centered, ambitious, articulate, savoir-faire. You believe in true love that lasts, sets your mind, heart on fire, keeps you held warmly when you need to come in from the cold. You are openly

expressive of/receptive to honesty, affection. Walk beside a sojourner whose heart has become impatient to fill the space that has always belonged to you. No smokers, drugs, ex's, smugs, country-westernites. Interested working towards long term, monogamous, relationship with gentle, positive woman of character. Write SoVo Box 6551, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306, or call 2373

INTELLIGENT AND INEXPERIENCED

WF, 23, sexy, cat-green eyes, long hair, intelligent and inexperienced. Have always been wildly attracted to sensuous, intelligent women, but just starting to explore my more feminine side. Seeking feminine stable WF, 22-26, who loves to laugh for friend and lover. #2395

EUROPEAN GWF

Forties, 5'7", sensual, honest caring, seeks sporty GWF with qualities, tastes, for relationship and active healthy lifestyle. #2393

FRIDAY NIGHT BUTCH

GWF seeks attractive, educated fem or butch 35-45 for Friday-night outings. (No alcohol or drugs) #2391

LIPSTICK LESBIAN

28, petite, brown/blond seeks attractive, literate, fit, soft butch, 11/it 5'5" or over. #2390

OLD FASHIONED ROMANCE

Attractive, feminine, friendly, idealistic, gentle, funny, professional (out of town weekdays) GWF, 33, seeks platonic friendship or old-fashioned romance. #2387

HEY BABY

Where are you? Attractive GWF, 36, ISO gentle, down-to-earth GWF 26-42 for friendship and more. Blonde a plus, but not necessary. Call me! Write SoVo Box 6554, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306, or call #2409

RUBENESQUE

Passionate, humorous, sensual, devilish sweet, Rubenesque, Caucasian lesbian, 39. Seeking independent, funny, spiritual lesbian. #2378

FEMMES ONLY

Cute GWF, 37, ISO GWF who wants it ALL. Friendship, romance, fun, and love. Fems only/no druggies. #2377

OUTGOING & INTELLIGENT

GWF 30, attractive/professional. Outgoing and intelligent seeks to meet same for friendship. 28-35, no butches. #2376

JUST ARRIVED!

GF couple from Virginia anxious to meet new friends. No games-just evenings in/out. Leave message. #2374

QUASI-CONSERVATIVE

GWF 28 of Latin descent, attractive, petite, quasi-conservative, spiritual, sensitive, freedom-loving. ISO classic feminine for music, outdoors and honesty. Friendship first. #2372

SHY AND FUNNY

GWF, 28, 5'2", 116 attractive, shy funny, responsible. Enjoys life and good company. Looking for compatible fem. Friendship, possibly more. #2352

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

GWF, 22, Rubenesque, attractive, adventurous, new to area. ISO GWF under 30 for coffee, conversation, friendship and more. #2354

GOODLOOKING AND FIT

GWF with light hair & eyes. ISO attractive GWF 35-43. Must be outgoing, humorous & love adventure. #2229

INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION

GWF, 24, seeking intelligent conversation and laughter. I enjoy Asian history, classic films, meditation, gardening, Trivial Pursuit and baking bread. #2228

UNPRETENTIOUS WOMAN

GBF, NYC, political, spiritual, caring, seeks mature, non-role playing, sincere, unpretentious woman of color for conversation, romance and more. #2213

INTELLIGENT, ATTRACTIVE

Levi's semi-femme GWF 23, into Girls, Melissa, k.d., Rain, movies, books; raising 2 mini-feminists seeks GFs for friends,

lover. All answered. #2214

UNDERCOVER NERD

GWF, 28 attractive, undercover nerd. Chess, movies, theatre and music. Seeks same 28-35. Cobb metro area. #2211

SENSUALITY & GREAT LIPS

Wanted. Attractive GWF, 35-43 for attractive professional. Stressed out. Qualifications include humor, stress management, sensuality & great lips. #2188

RED HAIR, BLUE EYES

GWF, 28, red hair, blue eyed loves dancing, music, etc. Seeks GWF 24-30 for friendship, possible relationship. #2191

TOUCH MY SOUL

GWF, 29; attractive, androgenous, fun-loving and professional. Dare to reach in and touch my soul, it's thoughtful of life, honest and open. Seek same for friendship/more. #2194

FAILED DEBUTANTE

Reply if not frightened to GWF: 27, Psy. Graduate student, blonde, eyes: 1 green, 1 brown, 5'4", wanting friends. Tame looking-surprise wild child. Fin. secure. cat-person, garlic lover, eclectic music, cappuccino addict, lives to blow bubbles in the woods under moon, warms toe rings by fireplace, reads lots, no white drugs, smokes only on WEAK days, plays with beads & drinks fine wine. Travelled, spiritually creative, Rush hater, failed debutante. #2152

LOVE ANIMALS

GWF, 30, petite, br/blue, professional. I smoke & drink! (Just thought I'd warn you.) Seek fun loving woman for friendship, maybe more. Enjoy dining out, reading, movies, walks, and love animals. I'm new to area & would love to meet woman with similar interests. #2151

AN HONEST AD.

I love romance, but my passion is for good sex, intelligent conversation and laughter. Is anything else important? #2149

ADVENTUROUS HEART

GWF, 42, professional, adventurous heart, searching soul, personal/spiritual growth is priority. ISO committed relationship with like-minded mature women. #2155

FUN AND FROLIC

Intelligent, feminine, cultured woman, 35, desires fun and frolic with affectionate, witty, feminine, stable professional GWF 30+, into motorcycles, travel, the arts. Smokers welcome, drinkers not. #2125

CONVERSATION, CUDDLING & MORE

GWF, 38, feminine, attractive, fun-loving professional seeks same. Enjoys conversation, golf, tennis, beach, adventure, cuddling, romance and more. No dykes, bis, druggies. 35+. #2103

FEMINE, PROFESSIONAL

GWF, 34, 5'4", 130, br/br, attractive, feminine, professional. Enjoys watersports, walking, reading, good times, with friends. ISO feminine GWF 28-40. #2018

DINNERS, MOVIES & TALK

GWF, 25, short brown hair, blue eyes, seeks GBF 24-30 for dinners, movies and long talks, etc... No drugs/smoking. #2019

FEMINE NON-SMOKER

GWF, 28, professional 5'3", 110, blonde/blue, feminine, attractive, nonsmoker, spiritual, affectionate, passionate. Loves animals, music, quiet romantic evenings. ISO feminine woman 25-35 for friendship, hope-fully more. #2021

SINCERE & CARING

GBF 28 seeking GBF for good times friendship or relationship. Must be drug free over EX. No Bi's. #2022

SEEKS HIPPIE CHICK

GWF-very goodlooking, alternative, petite, professional, fun and physically fit. Seeks: same or a gorgeous hippie-chick. #1993

ANDROGENOUS AND SENSUAL

Gorgeous and outrageously daring GWF ISO androgenous and sensual GWF. 35-45 in relationship but seeking quality time with discreet partner. #1994

LET'S DO LUNCH!

Our life is dull! GBF (couple) seeks other

couples to befriend. Nothing sexual. Just lunch - movies or 2 hang-out with. Give us a call #1980

TRAVEL & ROMANCE

Stable, professional, GWF, 37, who enjoys movies, reading, walks in the mountains and along the beach, eating out, travel and romance. Seeking somewhat feminine, non-smoke with similar interests. 35-45 yrs. #1981

PLAYFUL SPIRIT

GWF, 43, feminine, educated, professional, passionate, affectionate, honest and adventurous. Seeks warm heart, intelligent mind, playful spirit for quality relationship. #1982

LOVES MUSIC

GWF, 29, attractive, fit, non-smoker, settled, honest, caring, affectionate. Seeking spiritual growth. Loves music, sports, animals. Desires mature relationship. #1983

NATURE-LOVING

Attractive, feminine, GBF artisan, 30's (laid-back, nature-loving, spiritually-expressive) sks GF for conversation, friendship & intimacy. #1984

KEY TO MY HEART

Cute GWF, 29, semi-butch, open minded, br/grn, fin. secure, loves to laugh, dance & romance. ISO: similar semi-fem, 26 and up GWF, "over Ex." Come try your key! #1986

OVER YOUR EX?

Relationship oriented, professional GBF seeks same. Must be emotionally stable, disease free, and over your X lover. #1712

CREATIVE WOMAN?

GWF, 25, blonde, blue-eyed, slim, addicted to coffee and music, enjoys traveling, writing, movies, psychology, seeks attractive, intelligent, creative woman. Let's talk. #1713

QUIET GWF42

Seeking warm, healthy, stable GWF over 35 who likes sports. I like sunbathing in summer and fireside talks in winter. No smokers/druggies. #1714

WANTS FEMINE WOMAN

WF wants serious relationship with tall, slim, feminine woman. Prefer long hair. Must love animals, and fun. Outgoing, trustworthy and honesty a must. No butches or Bi's. Age 23-35. #1619

LOVES SPORTS

GWF, 25, attractive professional. Love golf, all sports, quiet evenings. ISO feminine women age 30-38 w/similar interest for dating. #1620

APPRECIATES HUMOR

GWF, 37, tall, attractive, blonde/blue, fit, feminine, professional. Appreciate: humor, honesty, spirituality. Interest: music, sports, movies. ISO similar traits, appreciation/interests. Age 32-42, for friendship/dating. No smoking/drugs. #1621

SEEKS BUTCH BUDDY

38 y/o GWF in committed relationship seeking Butch Buddy for friendship/pal. I'm honest, hardworking, nature lover, in recovery. Alcohol/drug-free. #1622

LESBIAN ARTIST

Attractive, professional, 31, ISO woman with similar interests between 29 and 35 for friendship possibly more. No smokers. #1614

GF ANY AGE.

All fun! No games. Happy Shiny People seek same. LET'S DO LUNCH. #1616

VERY GOOD LOOKING

N/E Coast GWF-28 intelligent, great sense of humor, well-travelled, studying law. ISO similar friends, but would enjoy dating if mutual attraction. Tell me about yourself. #1497

GUITAR GODDESS

GWF, attractive, blue-eyed, long-maned guitar goddess looking for GWF, hippy-

type, 26+ for friendship, possible relationship. No drugs. No smokers. Call now... #1498

SEEKS "BETTER-HALF"

GWF seeks petite, femme, GWF 35-45. Be center of my amorous attention/sexual energy. Let's talk. No drugs/bisexuals/alcoholics. #1500

NEW TO LIFESTYLE

Curious gdlkg 5'5", 114#, bl/br, 36, feminine seeks same for friendship. D/D-free. New to lifestyle. No butches. #1502

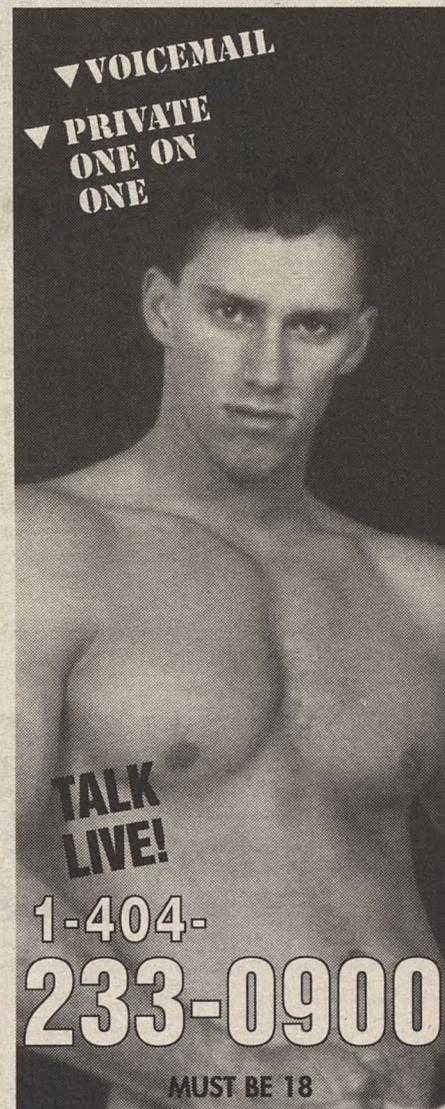
ENJOYS JAZZ

Attractive GBF educated, career oriented, feminine. Enjoys jazz, dining out, weekend rendezvous, and more. Seeks GBF for friendship/more. #1503

MARRIED SEEKS SINGLE

BiWF, 27, 5'4", 119#, married, seeks single, attractive BiF's 18-35. Live-in lover relationship possible. No Men/Couples. #1593

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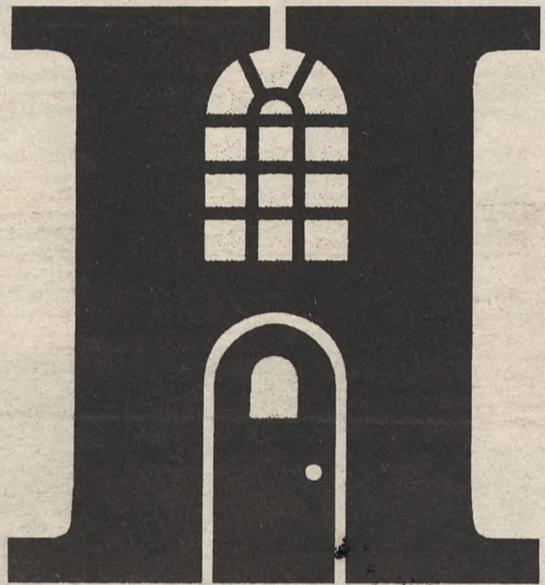
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