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Artist Robert Sherer is creating headaches for censors with his male nudes. Sherer, they say, has no right to paint the male body in traditional female poses. It's a weenie thing. Page 27



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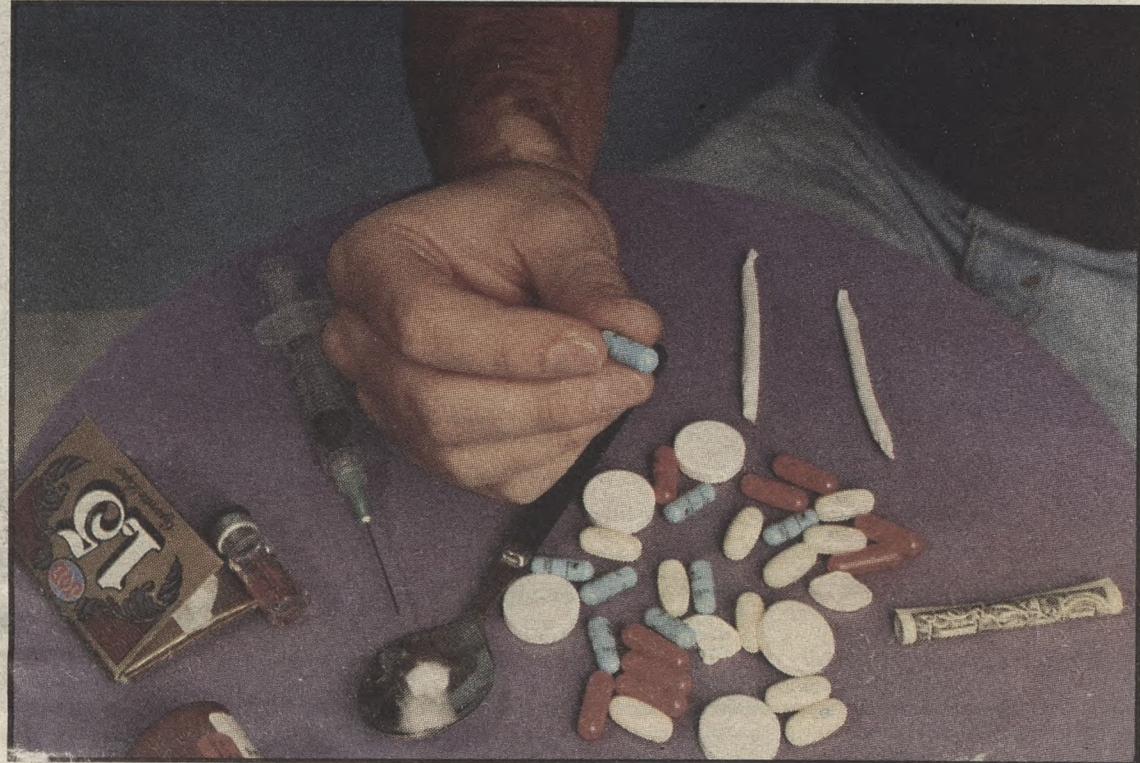
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Pass the pills, please

Drug use and abuse among gay men and lesbians continues to be a stubborn fact of life in Atlanta and across the country

by ADAM J. SANK

"I've done everything," says Jason, grinning ironically, "let's see, I've done coke and crystal, and X and K, acid, mushrooms—but coke was my drug of choice—coke and Ecstasy."

Jason, a rather handsome 28-year-old marketing director is sitting with me in a courtyard outside his office talking about drugs in the gay community. A month ago I saw Jason at local gay club and asked him if he'd speak to me for an article I was writing. At the time, he was X-ing, under the influence of Ecstasy, and he said he'd be more than happy to impart his

drug experiences. Now, dressed in a business suit at midday, he's just as willing to self-disclose, yet his mood is noticeably more somber.

"When I was in college, we would do coke at the gay bars consistently," he says, "because...you don't lose control on it. It's a control freak's drug. You don't wig out like any other drug."

I ask Jason, who has partied with both gay and straight groups, if he finds drug use more prevalent in the gay community. "Absolutely," he says, "more drugs, more often, more frequently."

Why is that, I want to know. Jason offers that it's "escapism...on the whole, I think it's just because we really fuckin' want to party. We had some rough times when we were young, and we come out and we find this new way of life, and it's just so liberal and so free that drugs are easy to do and easy to get."

But not so easy to handle, Jason has discovered. "There's euphoria, there's superiority kind of, you just feel like you're cool...but

[with cocaine] you can't stop, you always want more. I worked full time through college, and I would be using all night and then go to work the next day, and then I'd use that day to get through the day, so that I could sleep the next night."

What about sex, I ask. Was it better on drugs for Jason? "I'm different from most people because I don't have sex on drugs...because one, you do stupid things like have unprotected sex, and two, it incapacitates you...coke and X both do, and it's harder to get a hard-on."

But he knows plenty of people that have used sex and drugs concurrently. "People [will] use drugs during sex and it's definitely a kicker to practice unsafe sex...at the time, you're feeling invincible"

Jason soon found that his own cocaine use was out of his control. "I was definitely one of the people that used it long enough and often enough that my social use became too intense and I had more of an addiction. I'd go out to the

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Skandalakis chooses conservative Christian as policy advisor

by KC WILDMOON

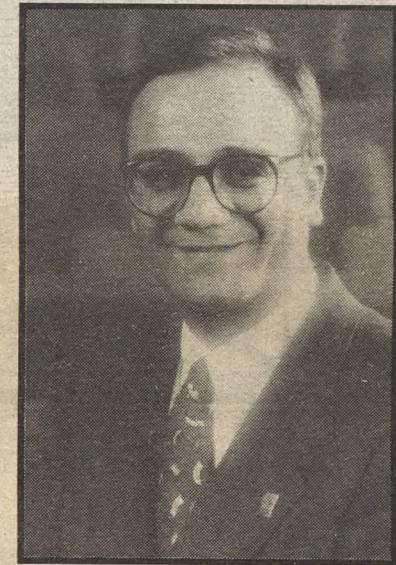
Atlanta—Fulton County Chairman Mitch Skandalakis has added a policy advisor with close ties to the Christian Coalition to his staff. Josh Kenyon comes to the county from the Southeastern Legal Foundation, a conservative group currently providing legal assistance for state Rep. Billy McKinney's legal challenge to the city of Atlanta's domestic partnership and sexual orientation ordinances. Kenyon is now one of four policy advisors to Skandalakis.

"Obviously [Skandalakis] is a commissioner for the entire county," Kenyon said. "He's got to hear the voice of everyone."

Kenyon, whose area of focus is public works, said he doubted he would have any say over gay and lesbian issues in the county. The exception to that, Kenyon said, would be if Skandalakis "seriously considers a domestic partnership ordinance for the county" which he would oppose. He added that he would "try to get [Skandalakis] to attend a few more conservative events."

"I'll be trying to make sure he's got a balance between the conservative and more moderate voices," he said. "I'll advise him, but there's no guarantee he'll take my advice."

The conservative newsletter Bill Shipp's Georgia speculated that hiring Kenyon was a calculated move aimed at shoring up support of the state's religious conservatives for a possible statewide run in 1998. Kenyon said that the Christian Coalition



Fulton County Commission Chair Mitch Skandalakis

does have a much stronger influence in areas outside of the metropolitan Atlanta area, but also said that his being on the staff is no guarantee of Coalition support.

Karen Webster, Skandalakis' chief of staff, said Kenyon's hiring was part of the chairman's effort "to reach out to all the Fulton County citizens."

"[The staff] is almost like Noah's Ark," she said. "We have one of everything. I think that's wise for a politician to do."

Mary Louise Upshaw, an open lesbian who coordinates the Ryan White CARE Act funds for the county, said that Skandalakis still intends to launch a lesbian and gay advisory panel early next year. She said her work toward that has been put on hold while she focuses her effort on battling the incoming Republican Congress, which has threatened to

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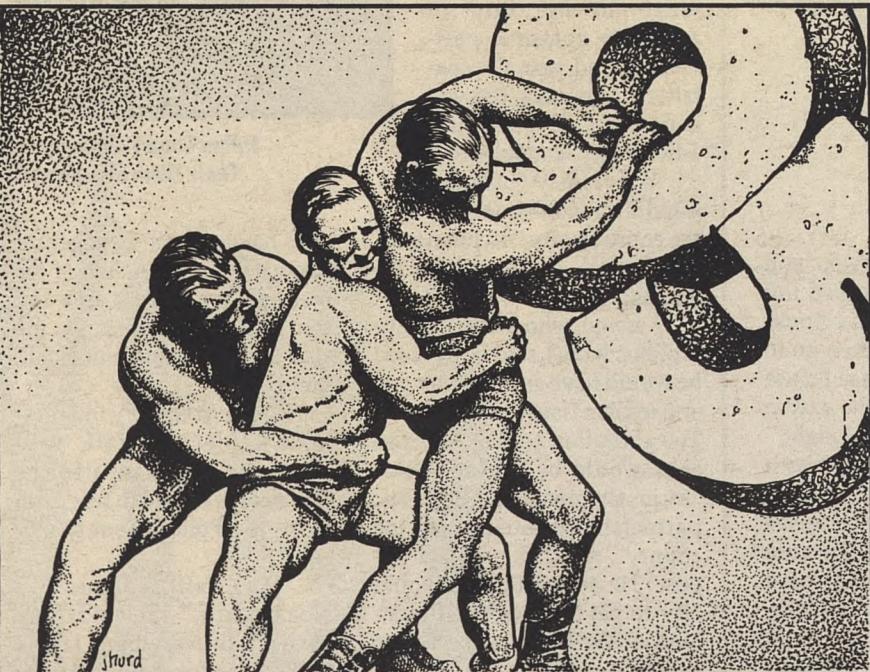
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Va.-Hi. AIDS memorial park gets city funds

by KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—Plans for the completion of the John Howell Park Project have gotten an enormous boost—the City Council has approved expenditure of \$150,000 toward renovations on the Virginia-Highland park, which includes a memorial to those who have died of AIDS.

The city funds—collected from impact fees charged to contractors working on the addition to Lenox Square mall—must be matched dollar for dollar by the project by May 1.

"We already have half of it raised," said volunteer project coordinator Rick Porter. "If we can raise \$75,000 by May 1, we'll have \$300,000 and we can finish the park."

The park is named for neighborhood gay activist John Howell, who died of AIDS complications in 1988. Renovations will include new frontage on Virginia Avenue with park lighting, a children's playscape in the center of the park (where De Leon Street has already been closed) and artwork, as well as completion of the memorial walk, filled with bricks purchased by community members.

"I would like really to get the word out to the gay community that we'll be taking brick orders like crazy," Porter said.



Rick Porter expects smooth completion on the John Howell Park Project.

The brick walk, a semicircle on the Barnett Street side of the park, has the first 500 bricks already in place.

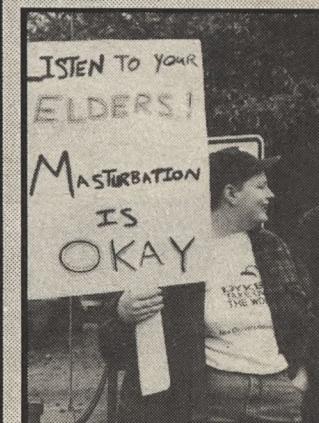
City Councilmember Mary Davis, who sponsored the ordinance that gave the project the city money, said that the completion of the park was long overdue.

"That land was important to me from the beginning," said Davis, referring to the fight to stop construction of I-485 through the area in the early to mid-'70s. The proposed construction left the land between

Barnett and Arcadia streets vacant, and eventually led to the creation of the park, later named for Howell.

"The neighborhood and John Howell Park Project have put together good plans," Davis said. "And I want to see them out there."

Porter said he felt "very confident" that the project could raise the remaining \$75,000 and added that once the monies are in place and construction begins, he expects the project to be completed by 1996.



One of several demonstrators at Grady High

Queer Planet protests Surgeon Gen.'s firing

KC WILDMOON

Atlanta—Grady High School students on their way out of school for the winter holiday were greeted by five members of the newly formed activist group Queer Planet on Dec. 16. The Planeteers were protesting President Clinton's firing of Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, and handed out flyers proclaiming that "it's OK to masturbate."

"These kids, especially at the high school level, need to know that there's nothing to be ashamed of about their sexuality," said Joe de Rose.

Reaction from the students was mixed—some refused the flyers, some took them, some were supportive of QP's efforts, and others shouted anti-gay epithets. School authorities arrived on the scene after the 20-minute demonstration was finished and the Planeteers were on their way back to their cars.

Queer Planet struck again the following day in Roswell, with assistance from the Lesbian Avengers, Refuse & Resist and Empty the Shelters. A dozen protesters picketed outside the Holiday Inn on Holcombe Bridge Road, where Rep. Newt Gingrich was holding his annual volunteer holiday party. Protesters handed out flyers informing the designated Speaker of the House and his followers that homosexuality is not a disease.

No problems were reported at the demonstration, although a few protesters who attempted to enter the party were quickly asked to leave.

Skandalakis

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seriously gut the budgets for Ryan White and Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS.

"We are going to do this," she said. "[Skandalakis] has put it on my agenda."

Upshaw said she hopes to convene a meeting of those interested in serving on the panel early next month, but she added that the lesbian/gay community has shown little interest.

"We've had two people volunteer to serve," she said, "and

"[The staff] is almost like Noah's Ark," said Karen Webster, Skandalakis' chief of staff, "We have one of everything. I think that's wise for a politician to do."

two people have written for more information."

As for Kenyon, Upshaw said the conservative, who told Southern Voice that state Christian Coalition head Pat Gartland is a "good friend" and

that he has performed free legal work for the Coalition, has been "very supportive in getting the Republicans to pay attention to us to get this Ryan White money."

Larry Pellegrini, lobbyist for GAPAC, took a wait-and-see approach to the news of Kenyon's hiring.

"We'll talk with him, just like anybody else, if we have an issue in his official domain," he said. "As usual, we'll welcome the opportunity to have anyone get to know us and what we can offer the community. If he's truly interested in doing a good job in government, he'll welcome that opportunity too."



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Third gay man slain in Miss.

Washington, DC—The body of a gay man was discovered Dec. 11 in Indianola, Miss., just two months after the killings of Robert Walters and Joseph Shoemake, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force reported Dec. 21.

The body of Stanley King was discovered near a vacant house in Indianola, approximately 100 miles north of Laurel, where the bodies of Walters and Shoemake were found. Within hours of the discovery, the Sunflower County sheriff's department arrested Remus Terrell Wilson, 17, on charges of armed robbery and murder.

The circumstances of the cases are strikingly similar to those of the Walters and Shoemake murders: the victim was a gay man; Wilson, an African-American youth, has confessed to the crime and has tried to justify it by claiming that King tried to rape him.

In a letter sent last week to Attorney General Janet Reno, NGLTF executive director Melinda Paras reiterated the gay rights group's request for an independent Department of Justice investigation. "From our point of view," said Paras, "there is more going on in Mississippi than meets the eye. It is difficult to imagine that this is merely a coincidence."

In a Nov. 30 response to previous NGLTF requests for federal intervention

in Mississippi, Assistant Attorney General Deval Patrick wrote that while the DOJ continues to monitor developments related to the Jones County murders, DOJ intervention is not possible on the basis of sexual orientation.

"As you know," Patrick wrote, "there are no federal laws providing criminal civil rights protections on the basis of sexual orientation, thus we would not be able to respond on that basis. However, in the event the investigation indicates that existing federal laws might have been violated, we will take appropriate action."

"Violence against gay men and lesbians in Mississippi is an out-of-control problem that local officials seem unable to handle," countered Paras. "We strongly believe that the truth of this situation has not yet been discovered and fear that, without federal intervention, the pattern of violence and killing will continue."

In his letter, Patrick indicated that the DOJ had contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi. As a result of FBI intervention, lesbian and gay activists in Biloxi have been granted police protection at the G.L. Friendly community center.

Judge considers evidence in slayings

Laurel, Miss.—A Jones County judge is considering whether to allow HIV test results from murder victims Joseph Shoemake and Robert Walters to be admitted as evidence in the trial of a teenager accused of the slayings.

Defense attorneys for Marvin McClendon, 17, had requested the tests be performed. McClendon is charged with two counts of murder in the Oct. 7 shooting deaths of the two gay men.

The test results were opened Dec. 20 in Judge Billy J. Landrum's chambers before lawyers for the prosecution and defense. Attorneys, however, were instructed not to discuss the results.

Also on Dec. 20, Landrum denied a prosecution request to suppress all references to sexual preference in McClendon's trial.

The prosecution had argued to delete references to the men's sexual preference. But Parrish said it would be impossible to present his defense without mentioning it.

"My client maintains that this was a case of self-defense, that it happened as a result of the victims' trying to force him to have sex," Parrish said. "I can't present

an argument for self-defense without making reference to the sexual preference of Walters and Shoemake."

Gay rights groups Dec. 20 expressed outrage that the victims' HIV status was playing a role in the case.

"That the HIV status of a murder victim should be evidence 'justifying' or 'explaining' his murder is an absurd legal concept," said Roger Coggan, director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Services Center's Legal Services Department. "Mississippi must be operating under their own system of justice. Circuit Judge Billy Joe Landrum never should have allowed posthumous HIV testing of the victims in the first place."

Said Catherine Hanssens, AIDS project director for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., "This use of private medical information would set a dangerous precedent not only for people known or believed to have HIV, but for any person with a disability that some members of society might perceive as dangerous or offensive."

"Justice should not hinge on the health status, disability, or sexual identity of the victims," Hanssens said.

Anti-gay killings 'horrific,' survey finds

New York, NY—When Roy Secord came home last year and found that his companion had been battered and stabbed more than 20 times, he saw firsthand the brutality which a new study says is common in gay murders.

A study by the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project found that nearly 60 percent of 151 anti-gay slayings reported in 29 states involved "extraordinary and horrific violence" of a sort "fueled by rage and hate."

While guns are used in 68 percent of all murders in the country, only 26 percent of anti-homosexual murderers shot their victims. Knives, baseball bats, clubs and hammers were the weapons of choice, said the study, issued on Dec. 20.

"The level of violence in these homicides is really gruesome," said Bea Hanson, a spokeswoman for the antiviolence project. "There's no reason why somebody needs to stab somebody more than 100 times."

Secord, 36, of New York City said at a news conference held by the gay rights group that he came home one day last year to find that his companion had been stabbed nearly 30 times by a man they had hired to do some painting.

"He did not go down with stab wounds alone," Secord said. "He was beaten with a pot and an iron."

Secord said that over his objections, prosecutors let the killer plead guilty to manslaughter rather than face trial for murder.

"I don't feel I was given equal time as a spouse would be given," he said.

The study defined a killing as gay- or lesbian-related "if the victim's sexual orientation appeared to have played a role."

"These murders are only the end result of the rampant violence we face as gay people," said Lester Olmstead-Rose, executive director of San Francisco's Community United Against Violence, which helped conduct the study. "What we face is terrorism—the demand by thugs that we conform to their personal and religious standards."

Olmstead-Rose said there were 366 anti-gay attacks and incidents of harassment reported in San Francisco last year. Among the victims was 24-year-old Victor Rohana, who in October was pinned against a wall and shot point-blank in the chest. Rohana sur-

vived the attack, but his assailants have not been found.

A according to the survey, 51 percent of anti-gay killings are solved, compared with 65 percent for all homicides.

The study also said police were "indifferent to gay-lesbian-related homicides" and operated from "a blame-the-victim perspective."

Police disagreed. "There's a tremendous amount of work that goes into these cases," said Armond Pelissetti, a homicide inspector for the San Francisco police. "The gay ones don't get any less, I guarantee you. But I don't know if that's the case elsewhere. I'm sure there are places elsewhere that are homophobic."

Sgt. John Clifford, a New York City police spokesman, said the department "views homicides of all persons very seriously with a special sensitivity toward homicides committed against gays or lesbians."

The study was based on three years of murder records, beginning in 1992. But the anti-violence group said the figures represent only a small percentage of hate murders of lesbians and gays because information was provided by volunteer organizations covering only 29 states and the District of Columbia.

Also, anti-gay violence is underreported because families of some victims try to keep it quiet and police frequently refuse to give details, the study said.

The study said it found at least eight serial murderers preyed on homosexuals in the United States, and six are still at large.

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Victor Rohana of San Francisco survived a brutal assault earlier this year

AIDS housing survives budget ax

Washington, DC—The Clinton administration agreed Dec. 21 to restore funding for an AIDS housing program in its fiscal year 1996 budget. The move to include funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program came after intensive lobbying by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, ACT UP and other AIDS organizations.

"This is good news for the AIDS community, but the fight is only beginning," said Winnie Stachelberg, senior health policy advocate for HRCF. "Now the hard work of convincing Congress begins."

HOPWA, a \$186-million housing pro-

gram, provides grant funds to state and local governments to develop long-term, comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low-income people living with HIV/AIDS. The program was threatened by plans to consolidate 60 Housing and Urban Development programs into three block grants.

It is estimated that between 33-50% of all people with AIDS are homeless or in danger of losing their homes. "As the AIDS epidemic continues to spread, especially in low-income communities, it is critical that the President's FY 1996 budget reverse this disturbing trend," Stachelberg said.

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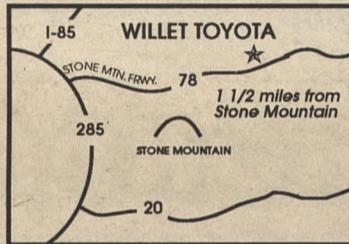
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Defense protests tactics in murder case

Frankfort, KY—Nelda Chumbler was feeding apples to horses at a McCracken County farm with her husband and grandson when a bullet from a high-powered rifle smashed into her chest and killed her on Dec. 27, 1990.

A hunting accident, some theorized. But McCracken Commonwealth prosecutor Tom Osborne had another theory.

He accused Charles Chumbler of conspiring with Michael Kariakis and Holly Kariakis to kill his wife of barely three years.

Osborne said Michael Kariakis and Charles Chumbler had been lovers off and on for years. Through a nearly four-week trial, Osborne introduced evidence of Chumbler's other gay affairs going back two decades, pictures of sexual devices supposedly belonging to Chumbler, and hints that Chumbler might be accosting children.

Then there was Osborne's portrayal of Michael Kariakis, who had changed his name to that of a soap opera character he admired for his lack of scruples, Kariakis' criminal record and his boasting that he was a "hit man" for the Greek underworld.

Defense attorneys told the Kentucky Supreme Court on Dec. 15 that Osborne went way too far and it was all designed to inflame the jury into convicting the three of plotting the murder of Nelda Chumbler.

"Needless to say, the jury was left with a disgusting impression in its mind," said Julie Namkin, Chumbler's attorney on appeal.

The justices were unusually quiet during the oral argument. Justice Charles Leibson, during one question of Osborne,

said the introduction of "sordid evidence" left him influenced as well.

"I'd have found something to convict these people of anyway," Leibson said.

Osborne, who took the unusual step of following the case to its appeal, said he raised controversial issues after the defense made the points. Osborne said the case would have been simpler had it been an ordinary heterosexual love triangle.

"In this particular case, you have a man murdering his wife for another person," Osborne said.

Nelda and Charles Chumbler actually lived in Brandon, Fla., where she was a schoolteacher. They were visiting her relatives near Woodville when the shooting occurred. Osborne said the plot to kill her began in 1987, when Chumbler and Kariakis plotted that Charles would marry Nelda for her money. After the money ran out, the plot extended to killing her for her life insurance and retirement benefits.

Holly Kariakis, 30, was implicated when she bought the .270-caliber rifle Michael used in the slaying.

Holly Kariakis and Chumbler, 56, were convicted of complicity to commit murder. She was given a life sentence.

Kariakis, 31, was convicted of murder. He and Chumbler were sentenced to life without possibility of parole for 25 years.

The Dec. 15 oral arguments were in the Supreme Court's automatic review of Michael Kariakis' and Chumbler's convictions and sentences.

MARK R. CHELLGREN

Coach says lesbianism got her fired

Columbia, KY—Many volleyball and softball players at Lindsey Wilson College say that former coach Diana Chalfant's personal life was never an issue for them. They are expressing outrage at Chalfant's firing, which she says was because she is a lesbian.

"Number one, she never told any of us she was a lesbian or ever commented on it. It was not an issue," said Melissa Schultz, 19, a sophomore volleyball player from Campbell County. "It didn't matter. It wasn't an issue. ...If they did fire her because she's a lesbian, that's just not right."

Chalfant was preparing the women's softball team for its first fast-pitch season this spring when she was fired Dec. 9 by Ray Wells, athletic director of the private liberal-arts college, which is affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

"When we found out, we were shocked that this could happen," said Sonya Mouser, 19, a freshman from Nelson County.

According to Chalfant, Wells told her he didn't like her handling of the volleyball program, although the team had just finished a winning season. The team, in just its second year, compiled a 24-13 record after going 9-15 the previous season under a

different coach.

Wells also said there had been "some lesbian incidents," Chalfant said.

Chalfant, 30, acknowledges being a lesbian but said she was not open about it on campus and never made advances toward any of her players.

Wells and college President John B. Begley declined to talk about Chalfant's firing. They cited a school policy that forbids publicly discussing personnel matters.

"She was a fine coach," Begley said. "All personnel decisions are hard to make, and it was particularly hard with Diana."

Begley said the school must follow the lead of the church, including its social principles.

Chalfant said Wells fired her after first asking her to resign quietly. When she asked for a detailed explanation, he wouldn't give one, she said.

"It was, 'Get off campus, get your stuff out of your office, and we don't want to see you,'" Chalfant said. "It was awful."

Kentucky has no state law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. Nonetheless, Chalfant said she wants to sue.

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AROUND THE SOUTHEAST

Gay TV Show Calls It Quits: "One in 10 People," an award-winning monthly cable program aimed at gay men and lesbians in northern Virginia, suburban Maryland and the District of Columbia, will end a two-year run that featured such headliners as Lily Tomlin and Jonathan Demme, the show's producer said. The show is produced by volunteers at Channel 10, Fairfax County's public access station. It won numerous awards and became the nation's most widely distributed gay cable program, said producer and creator Pearson Brown.

Brown said she decided to end the show in order to pursue a film career. "I wanted to get out while everything was still exciting," she said. "My goal was to put out a high-quality show which would represent the gay community accurately and show them as accomplished and productive members of society. It was like 'Entertainment Tonight' with a gay slant." The final episode of "One in 10 People" airs this month.



Co-hosts Joe Liberatore and Judy Hittman on the set of 'One in 10 People.'

Confessed Killer Says Roommate Not One Of His Victims: Gary Ray Bowles, the man authorities say confessed to killing six gay men, including one in Atlanta and another in Savannah, has been charged with the first-degree slaying of his roommate, Walter Jammell Hinton, in Jacksonville, Fla. Bowles, however, pleaded innocent through his attorney Dec. 13 in Duval Circuit Court, said prosecutor Tom Bishop. Bowles made the FBI's 10 most wanted list last month just before his arrest in Jacksonville. Bowles has been charged with fleeing prosecution after being charged with strangling a 72-year-old disabled veteran in Savannah, and has also been charged with murder in the strangling of a 39-year-old loan processor in Silver Spring, Md., and the death of a 37-year-old Hilliard, Fla., man. Authorities said he has confessed to murders in Atlanta and Daytona Beach but has not been charged.

Charlotte Film Series Announces Schedule: The Charlotte Lesbian and Gay Film Series has announced the schedule for its fifth season, with monthly films beginning Jan. 19 and running thru June. Scheduled films include "Sex Is...," "Confirmed Bachelor," "Fear of Disclosure," and "Central Park" (Jan. 19); "Death in Venice, California" and "Lesbian Avengers Eat Fire Too" (Feb. 24); "Out: Stories of Gay and Lesbian Youth" and "Thick Lips/Thin Lips" (March 16); "One Nation Under God" and "Greetings From Africa" (April 7); "World and Time Enough" (May 18); "Sis: The Perry Watkins Story" (June 15); and "Closing Numbers" (June 16). All films will be shown at the Spirit Square Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. Ticket price is \$5, except the June 16 showing, to be held at Park Terrace at 11 p.m. Season tickets are \$25, available by sending a check to 428 Park Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203. For more information, call (704) 334-5089.

'White Party' Raises \$300,000 For Miami AIDS Group: Over 2,500 people turned out for Miami's 10th annual White Party, held at the Vizcaya Museum on Nov. 27. The event, sponsored by Absolut Vodka, raised more than \$300,000 for Health Crisis Network, a not-for-profit organization that provides counseling, education and support to people with AIDS in South Florida. The annual party, attended by guests dressed all in white, has become the centerpiece of a week that draws some 30,000 visitors to Miami. "Beyond raising much-needed financial support, the White Party brings the community together in a way that fosters a spirit of hope," said Arthur Shapiro, executive vice president of marketing for the House of Seagram, importers of Absolut Vodka. Ruth Hamilton, director of development for Health Crisis Network, said, "We are so grateful to Seagram for its support of our fight against AIDS in South Florida."

Fort Lauderdale Plans Protest Of Pat Robertson: An open community meeting will be held next week in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to plan a demonstration against the upcoming "Reclaiming America for Christ" conference. The second annual conference, sponsored by Dr. D. James Kennedy and the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, will feature Rev. Pat Robertson as keynote speaker. "We must put out the truth that no one has an exclusive lock on America or being American," said Dennis Delta, president of Gays United to Attack Repression and Discrimination. The community meeting is slated for Monday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 at the Sunshine Cathedral MCC in Fort Lauderdale. For more information call (305) 570-5791.

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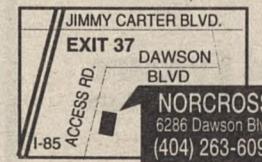
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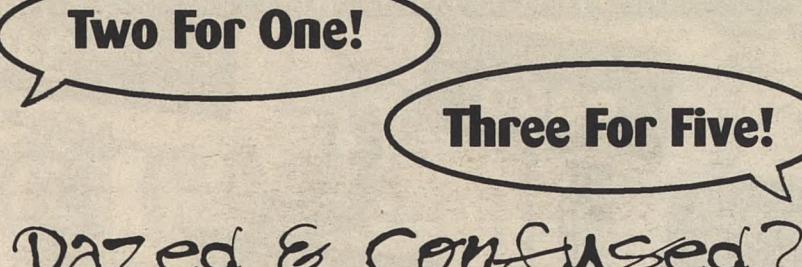
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Anti-gay activity rising, report says

Washington, DC—Political and community leaders continued to crack down on gay men and lesbians last year as an anti-gay campaign spread across America, says a report by the liberal advocacy group People for the American Way.

"While most attention has focused on two statewide anti-gay ballot initiatives in Oregon and Idaho, a growing anti-gay campaign is gaining ground all across America," said Arthur J. Kropp, president of People for the American Way.

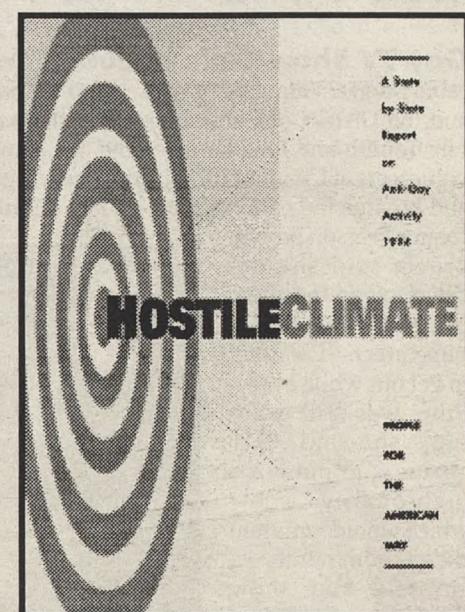
The organization's report, entitled "Hostile Climate," documents 134 incidents of what it termed anti-gay activity in 37 states and the District of Columbia. The group counted statewide anti-gay ballot initiatives, federal or state legislative battles, court decisions, local ordinances, education-related activity, censorship and miscellaneous incidents related to public policy.

They ranged from the introduction of 14 anti-gay bills in the Kentucky General Assembly to the cancellation of "Tootsie Day"—when boys dress as girls and vice versa—at a high school in Apopka, Fla.

In Boulder, Colo., several school principals canceled performances of a play about censorship, "Don't Read This."

In Georgia and Oklahoma, the state legislatures took punitive actions against public broadcasting stations for showing "Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City," which featured gay characters.

And in at least two states, well funded lobbying efforts prevented passage of leg-



islation recognizing same-sex domestic partners or offering protection for gays against hate crimes or discrimination.

"Popular hate-filled rhetoric commonly used by religious right leaders is breathing life into a broad range of anti-gay policies and personal attacks," Kropp said in a statement. "The result is a political and social climate hostile to the principles of justice and fairness that safeguard every American."

The same report one year ago found evidence of 132 anti-gay incidents in 41 states and the District of Columbia.

KIM I. MILLS

Group forms to counter Rev. Phelps

Kansas City, MO—Faith in free speech is being put to the test among members of a coalition who believe Rev. Fred Phelps has stretched the limits with his verbal attacks on gay men and lesbians.

"The message of love will be stronger than the message of hate," said Ginger Ashmore, one of the coalition leaders who met Nov. 26 to discuss ways to reply to Phelps, whose small Baptist congregation consists mainly of family members.

The catalyst for the meeting was Phelps' recent verbal attack on poet Maya Angelou, who is well-known for her civil rights work, which has included standing up for gay rights. Angelou, whose car was surrounded by Phelps supporters after an appearance in Topeka recently, canceled a speech at Emporia State University after she was shouted at by the group.

The coalition claims more than 70 groups as members. Their first step was to send an open letter to Angelou, urging her to come back to Kansas.

"This behavior is an outrage and an embarrassment to our community," the letter said. "The actions in Topeka resulting in a lost opportunity for students at Emporia State to hear your message is inexcusable and will not be ignored."

Coalition members conceded that no

organized support has emerged against Phelps out of the fear that Phelps will target homes and businesses for his demonstration.

"How about all of us who believe in acceptance—why aren't we out there with our signs?" Ashmore asked.

Others urged a massive letter-writing campaign to Angelou in an attempt to draw media interest to the group's message.

"He inspires his followers to vicious acts," said Karen Pearson of the Kansas chapter of the National Organization for Women. "We are not here to stop Mr. Phelps, neither will we remain silent should he choose to continue to spread his vicious words of hate."

Throughout the two-hour meeting, the group of about 50 people continually wrestled with the free speech question as Emporia State students in the audience said Angelou has agreed to come back sometime next spring.

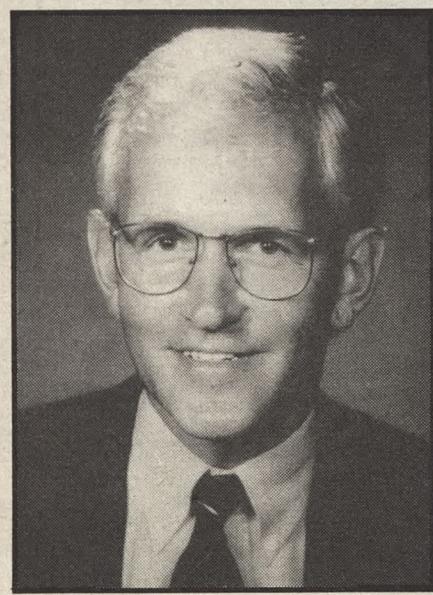
"We consider it a blessing in disguise because Maya Angelou agreed to come back," student Connie Dudgeon said of the Topeka incident. "We are not about limiting the free speech and assembly rights of the Phelps family. That is not the answer."

CRAIG HORST

AROUND THE NATION

Congressman, Activists Hurl Drinks: Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-Wis.) got into an altercation with D.C. activists Michael Petrelis and Steve Michael on Dec. 17 over the congressman's refusal to sponsor the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and the AIDS Cure Act.

During the fray, Michael dumped a glass of beer on Gunderson's head and Gunderson flung a cocktail at Petrelis, who had poured a Coca-Cola on Gunderson's head at a gay bar in 1991. The latest incident occurred at the Green Lantern, an S/M bar in Washington, D.C. Gunderson has spoken openly about longtime companion Rob Morris but has never said openly that he is gay. "If he is not going to use his political power to advance responsible gay and AIDS bills in the House, then he should not expect a friendly reception when patronizing gay establishments," said Petrelis.



All wet? Rep. Steve Gunderson got in a drink fight at a D.C. gay bar.

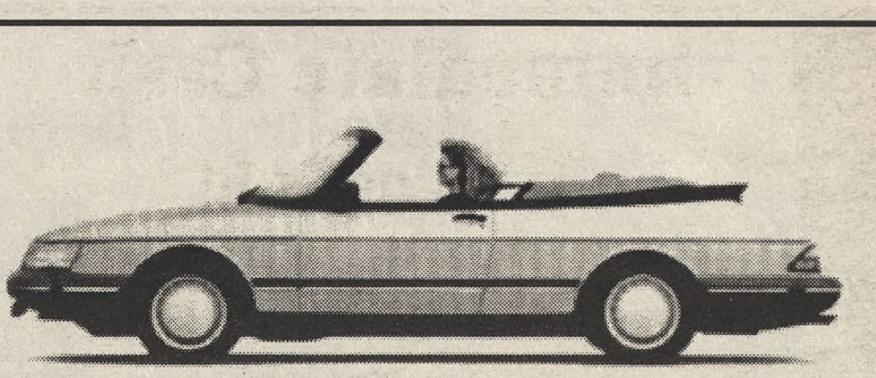
suspect in the killing, police said. Ladwig said the pair had dated for about four months before he discovered his partner was a man. "I was kind of confused, but I wasn't upset," he said. "I consider her full female. I'm not gay. I don't feel that way. It wasn't really a sexual relation. We were friends. I was lonely, she was lonely. Mostly we enjoyed each other's company." Military officials are investigating the incident, including Steven Ladwig's sexuality. The investigation could take some time because officials are unsure if Ladwig falls under the military's anti-gay "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Former N.H. State Rep. Hospitalized With AIDS: Former New Hampshire state Rep. Alphonse Plourde, active in HIV/AIDS issues while in the legislature, has been hospitalized with AIDS-related complications. Plourde was admitted Dec. 6 in serious condition, but is improving and was expected to be released last week. He said he had not previously admitted having AIDS because he "didn't want to be a single-issue candidate. I never planned to keep it a secret," he said. "Sometimes it's almost like living a lie. It's far more comfortable to be in the open with things like this." Plourde, former chair of a 22-member legislative task force on AIDS, lost his reelection bid in November. His defeat was blamed partly on his move into a more conservative district and partly on being too ill to campaign.

Man Plea-Bargains In Anti-Lesbian Attacks: Gilberto Arrendondo, charged with hate crimes in assaults on two lesbians in Salt Lake City, pleaded guilty Dec. 12 to reduced charges as part of a plea-bargain arrangement. Arrendondo was charged with assaulting Cecilia Rinehart, whom he said flirted with his wife, in April and an October assault on Rinehart and Rose Padilla. Arrendondo pleaded guilty to third-degree felony aggravated assault and misdemeanor assault, in exchange for dismissal of several other charges. Padilla said she was disappointed that Arrendondo ducked the hate-crime conviction. "A lot of people in this state get hurt because of their sexual origin," she said. "I live with a woman who is a lesbian, and Mr. Arrendondo didn't like that fact. He hurt me and the woman I love." Arrendondo is the first person in Salt Lake County to be charged with a hate crime.

Olympia, Wash., Passes Domestic Partner Ordinance: The Olympia, Wash., City Council has extended benefits to the domestic partners of city employees, effective in January. Passage of the ordinance came after nearly two years of research, and little opposition was heard during public hearings on Nov. 15. The state Christian Coalition chapter, headquartered in Olympia, has not presented an organized response to the ordinance. Olympia Mayor Bob Jacobs said that the move was a matter of common sense. "We are providing these benefits under the same rationale that we provide benefits for a spouse or children—that is to relieve a burden of stress off the employee who must be concerned about members of the household," he told the Seattle Gay News.

San Francisco Gets Transgendered Rights: The San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on Dec. 12 to add a provision to the city's human rights ordinance to ban discrimination based on gender identity in housing, public businesses, employment and social services. The move came after the city's Human Rights Commission released a report on discrimination against transgendered people and recommended the clause.



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EDITORIAL

Here junior, here junior

by CHRIS CASH

It's standard practice among gay men and lesbians to refer to their pets as their "children." I hear it almost daily. Drop in on any Sunday brunch or Saturday night dinner party and when discussion turns to things domestic, you will hear the "parents" wax fondly and forever about the latest poop on their cats, dogs or whatever.

Straight folks are guilty of the same but the level of devotion doesn't compare to that of gay folks. Of course, that's because most straight people have children so they know better than to equate the two. However, I have heard childless heterosexuals go on and on about the precious things Pooky did with his catnip so they are not completely innocent.

It's more than a stretch to assume that pets and children are one and the same. If you are a parent, as some of my closest friends are, this comparison is particularly irritating.

I have found that this phenomenon cuts across gender lines as well, something rather rare in our community. Men and women both turn mawkishly maternal when it comes to their "babies." I suppose this is understandable. Pets are dependent and quite cute, so there are some similarities between young human beings and small animals. And both are prone to chew things up from time to time. But it's more than a stretch to assume that pets and children are one and the same. If you are a parent, as some of my closest friends are, this comparison is particularly irritating.

I am a co-parent myself. He's 15 and doesn't live with us full-time, so I have been denied a lot of the pleasures and the pains of raising him from babyhood. I do know, however, that parenting of people requires a helluva lot more than an occasional trip to the vet for shots and abscess lancing and trips to the pet store to shop for goodies. I am a godparent too, a responsibility I do not take lightly, and just that one night a week



visit is enough for me to forever refrain from comparing the raising of children to the caretaking of pet animals.

Gay men and lesbians who are parents, you might note at your next brunch or dinner party, do not refer to their pets as children. They know too well the differences. I have three dogs myself and never have I had to haul diapers, a change of clothes, a bottle of milk, a bottle of juice, three toys, a teething ring, teething medicine, a car seat and a stroller to go for a walk in the park. No, all Fido requires is her leash and, if I'm in the mood, her favorite frisbee. My two cats, although moody in their own way, have never had to be rocked all night to soothe their upset tummies. And I doubt I will ever have to discuss sex, drugs and death with any of them. They don't talk back either which many people find calming but I find tremendously boring. A good conversation with an angst-ridden teenager makes my day but I know I'm an exception there.

It's sad but true that in our community children are most often referred to as "rug rats" and "curtain climbers." While there always seems to be room for Fluffy at the table, a child is seen as merely a nuisance. Gay and lesbian parents are very aware of this and pick their friends accordingly — mostly other parents. Children are yet another thing that divide us along with all the other differences that are too long to list here.

Someone told me recently that she prefers the company of animals to humans. "Animals are so much higher evolved," she explained, very pleased with this profound insight. Hello, I said. On what level are they more evolved — emotionally, intellectually, spiritually? My question angered her, and she mumbled something about how far I had to go on the evolutionary scale as she stomped off. As I think about it, maybe she had a point.

LETTERS

Gay money, straight money

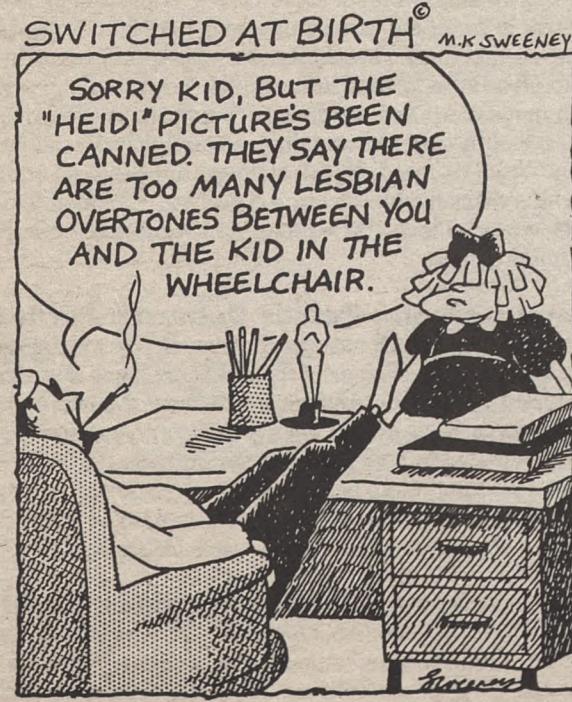
All of us here at E.D.'s Gourmet Records felt we should write to you regarding the December 22nd issue's article on the new gay and lesbian music section at Tower Records. We are thrilled that a mainstream music store is progressive enough to include a gay and lesbian section and we respect them for doing so, but let's face it — it is 1994 and only recently has it become politically correct enough for these large corporate retail stores to extend our community this "favor."

But right here in Midtown we have had two gay-owned and operated music stores, E.D.s and Let The Music Play, that have been serving our community for well over five years. And thanks to the primarily gay and lesbian support, we are still going strong.

It's about time that corporate America is beginning to respect our community as a force in the economy, but let's not delude ourselves into believing that if the political climate changes for the worse these large companies will stand behind us with continued support. That's where stores like ours come in — we are actively involved in community activities and issues not because it is the "94" thing to do, but because we are part of it ourselves.

We all have a choice about where to spend our hard-earned money, but doesn't it make sense to keep it in our community?

Sincerely,
 Eric Lopez, owner
 E.D.'s Gourmet Records



Stop whining

While sipping my morning coffee I was reading the latest copy of Southern Voice. Of particular interest was the editorial and a letter about the Republican landslide.

I have a simple message for the editors and readers — stop crying and stop whining about the election. The Democrats lost and the Republicans won. Deal with it!

Instead of bitching about the Republicans, why don't you find a way to start working with them? Most are right wing jerks but there are a few reasonable Republicans, we should be looking to work with.

The bottom line is that we must deal with the political facts as they are not as we wish them to be.

America is a two-party country, when are gays going to be a two-party constituency?

L.F. Fremont
 Atlanta



AS I SEE IT

by KAREN SHOFFNER

Lesbian trappings

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

According to my friend's lack some of the trappings of lesbianism. I own neither a cat nor a leather jacket. An allergy to animal hair helps explain my cat-less state. As for a leather jacket, well, I'm simply not the leather jacket type. I have a vigorous imagination, but still, I have a hard time picturing myself in the sort of leather get-up that seems to be *de rigueur* among some lesbians. I'm not a vegetarian and don't see a conversion to that dietary regimen on the horizon.

I'm not into goddess worship. In fact I worship no deities. (Jodie Foster and Emma Thompson are possible exceptions.) Surrendering myself to any Higher Power is a notion I don't wish to contemplate.

I used to see a therapist, but I can't afford her anymore. It's just as well. Her tendency to reduce my life to psychobabble and to ask me things like, "How does that anger feel?" was maddening. I knew it was safe to be weaned when, during one of our last sessions, I laughed at her for a good five minutes. She had just said something ridiculous. Laughter was the only response.

As if that wasn't enough to put my lesbian status in jeopardy, someone recently criticized me for not having enough "women's energy." Huh?

Let me set the scene. I work part-time in a feminist bookstore.

Picture me sitting behind the counter — jewelry case on the left of me, cash register to the right of me — counting the minutes to the end of another work day. Picture a lovely, dark-haired woman walking up to the counter and asking, "What's there to do in Northampton?" I might have fished a date with her at this point, but I'm not that smooth so I remained in helpful sales clerk mode. I asked what she had in mind, "Oh, something lesbian," was her vague reply. I suggested a few things, none of which seemed to catch her fancy.

As it turned out, she was more interested in telling me the purpose of her Northampton visit was two-fold: to get in touch again with that time 10 or 12 years ago when she first came out at U Mass and to let go of a relationship. Her account of her coming out was remarkable in its detail. For example, she wore a slinky, red disco dress to her first gay and lesbian dance. She told me more about that time than I have space for, so I'll move on.

I asked her what she meant by "letting go" of a relationship. She said that she'd brought all the love letters and other trinkets from her ex and that she was going to let them go. I looked perplexed, so she explained, "I'm going to find a fireplace, do a ritual and burn them." I didn't know how to re-

spond. I took out a map of Northampton to show her places to hang out (and perhaps burn things). I pointed out a lesbian-owned restaurant. This prompted her to rhapsodize about a dyke-owned restaurant from her coming out days in the happy Valley. She said that that particular eatery didn't allow men, a fact she seemed quite pleased with. I mentioned a dyke-owned restaurant that existed in Northampton in the '70's. My friend, Lori had read about it in a lesbian separatist newsletter and had told me about it, I can't remember its name, but it was a vegetarian/ no sugar establishment where, if one was uncomfortable paying for one's meal, one didn't have to. Surprisingly enough, that unusual and financially suicidal policy wasn't what put them out of business. The story goes that someone, perhaps a disgruntled employee, smuggled meat and sugar into the restaurant causing an uproar which somehow precipitated its closing.

I found, and still find, the incident terrifically funny. I laughed telling the dark-haired woman the story. (Maybe it wasn't sisterly of me to laugh, but life is difficult and short enough without laughing.)

She forced a smile and said, in a prissy school teacher tone, "I see you didn't bring very much women's energy with you to work today."

This sent me into another fit of laughter. I said, "Women's energy? What's that?"

"You don't know what women's energy is?" she asked, incredulous.

Alas, I'm still in the dark about women's energy. The woman beat a hasty retreat soon after our exchange without giving me an answer. Is it something to do with estrogen, this women's energy?

Is it non-hierarchical, matrilineal, nurturing? Was I suffering women's energy deficiency when I laughed at my therapist? Did that woman find a fireplace?

Another woman friend of mine, who has a cynical turn of mind, suggested that the women's energy the bookstore customer talked about was of the sort that numbs critical thought and demands allegiance to absurdities simply because lesbians are involved. If there is such a thing as women's energy, I'd like to think that it is more positive than that.

So. I don't have some of the typical lesbian accoutrements and I don't have the requisite amount of women's energy. Ain't I a lesbian?

Karen Shoffner lives in Northampton, Mass. and is a regular contributor to Metroline.

OPINION

Miracles in our hands

by DANNY INGRAM

A friend who is a nurse at Piedmont Hospital told me a story about one of his patients who was in the final stages of an AIDS-related illness. The patient had lost his ability to speak so he communicated with the staff using a pad of paper and pencil. The nurse stopped by the patient's room during the last hours of the man's life. There was nothing more that could be done for the patient. All medical expertise had been exhausted. The nurse asked if there was anything he could do. The patient responded by writing the two simple words "hold hand". The nurse sat with the patient and held his hand until the young man left this life a short time later. Sharing that transition was one of the most powerful experiences in my friend's life, and the little piece of paper will always be one of his most prized possessions.

AIDS is a deeply challenging

illness. As if the devastation of one's body were not enough, the stigma of the disease often leads to profound emotional trauma as well. It is difficult to ignore the painful rejection that is so often a part of the journey. To reach out as a volunteer to persons living with this disease is to invite into your own life a tremendous amount of frustration, sorrow and brokenness.

It is also to open your life to the wonder of miracles.

Many religious traditions embrace a belief in the power of healing. I never believed much in healing or miracles. I had no need for such beliefs in my life. I had never encountered anything in my life over which I could not maintain some degree of control. AIDS changed that for me. AIDS took me to places of pain and helplessness that were so spiritually desolate that there was no way for me to pull myself from the despair. But in the midst of that terrible brokenness, hands of compassion reached out to and I

experienced for the first time the miracle of healing.

One night I sat in a busy hospital emergency room with my partner who was in pain. The nurses were very busy and there was only one doctor on duty. After a long wait the doctor came over. He performed a number of tests and finally admitted he couldn't make a diagnosis. I could see the frustration in the doctor's face, a look I had seen too often. Doctors like to heal people, and are not accustomed to their own helplessness.

The doctor apologized and asked if there was anything else he could do. My partner whispered, "I'm really thirsty". The doctor went to get a glass of water, and he gave it to my friend, something he could have gotten a nurse to do. But he did it himself. He did it himself. The tiny miracle of that busy, frustrated doctor's compassion provided perhaps more healing than any medical skill could ever achieve.

We are healing to one an-

other. I have experienced this simple miracle over and over again. In our own hands we possess the ability to heal the broken spirit, to bring wholeness back into the lives of the wounded heart.

Each of us has the power to help bring miracles into the world. Sometimes in the lives of others. Sometimes in our own lives. And sometimes it becomes difficult to tell who is really receiving the healing—the person who is ill or the person who is reaching out to help.

I do not have AIDS, yet I am a person living with AIDS. I don't have a life-threatening disease, yet I have received more healing than I ever knew I needed—than I ever knew was possible. But then "possibility" doesn't matter much to me anymore. Because I believe in miracles.

Danny Ingram is the coordinator of AIDS Outreach Ministries at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

LETTER

Second hand woes

What idiot wrote your front page Christmas shopping article? (SoVo, Dec. 8, 1994) It's enough to put up with heterosexual stereotyping of gays and lesbians. It is more than I can bear to read that gay men buy designer clothes and lesbians buy second hand clothing at thrift stores. I guess they splurge on the Doc Martens.

You owe all of us an apology.

Ms. Leslie Bian
a non downwardly
mobile lesbian

Editor's note: The idiot is Adam Sank, and we do apologize for implying that lesbians only buy second hand clothes. Adam, however, says he frequents thrift stores and would recommend them to anyone.

HEALTH & LAW

Dentist who won't treat AIDS patients faces lawsuits

Portland, ME—A Bangor dentist who is being sued for his refusal to treat patients with AIDS and HIV denies that his policy was motivated by prejudice against homosexuals.

Dr. Randon Bragdon, who maintains that patients with infectious diseases cannot be treated safely in a dentist's office, faces lawsuits under both the Maine Human Rights Act and the federal Americans With Disabilities Act.

Bragdon says HIV can spread in ways yet unrecognized and that policymakers are taking the wrong approach by treating the epidemic as a political issue rather than a medical issue.

"Dr. Bragdon's political thinking and science is way outside the mainstream," responds attorney Bennett Klein, who is handling both court cases on behalf of the Boston-based AIDS Law Project of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders.

A lawsuit was filed against Bragdon in state court early last year by the Maine Human Rights Commission and the estate of a Brewer man, identified in the complaint as John Doe, who died of AIDS on in 1992.

Doe's complaint said he called Bragdon's office in 1991 for root canal treatment only to be told of the policy against treating anyone with HIV or other infectious diseases.

Doe went to the Maine Human Rights Commission, which concluded that Bragdon, as owner of a "public accommodation," had discriminated against Doe.

Sidney Abbott, also of Brewer, filed her lawsuit Dec. 1 in U.S. District Court. The suit said that when Abbott told Bragdon that she had HIV, he said he would treat her in a hospital operating room and that she would have to pay the hospital's fee.

Klein says writings by Bragdon about HIV and AIDS demonstrate that his policy "is strongly colored by nothing more than pure prejudice towards gay men and other people infected by HIV."

Bragdon responds that his practice includes gay men and lesbians and that he is doing what he knows is right.

"People who want to treat this as a disease are not homophobes," he says.

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PWA argues in court for medicinal marijuana

La Plata, MD—A Charles County dairy farmer went to court Dec. 19 to argue that he needs marijuana to help fight the effects of HIV.

Jerome Mensch, 43, was arrested in November 1993 for marijuana possession. At the time, he told officers he needed the drug to combat nausea and weight loss associated with his illness.

In order to be allowed to use the defense, Mensch's attorney, Andrew Dansicker, said he must prove that Mensch's life is at risk, that there were no reasonable alternatives and that the use is not disproportionate to his medical needs. Dansicker planned to have several medical professionals testify on the effectiveness of marijuana.

Dansicker said the case most likely will be tried in March.

According to court papers, Mensch started using AZT in 1987 after he was diagnosed as being infected with HIV. The AZT began losing its effectiveness in 1992, when Mensch started to suffer from bouts of numbness, diarrhea, nausea and fatigue, according to a memo Dansicker submitted to the judge.

Mensch said he began using marijuana in 1992, which eliminated nausea, helped him regain weight and allowed him to return to working on his farm 15 hours a day.

While attorneys say the defense is the first in the state, it has been used successfully elsewhere.

Robert Randall, president of the Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics, a Washington-based patients rights group, said 35 states have passed laws recognizing the beneficial effects of marijuana use for cancer and glaucoma patients.

Dr. Donald Abrams, a professor at the University of California at San Francisco, said that he has been trying for two years to win federal approval to launch a study of marijuana's effects on AIDS patients.

"There's a lot of anecdotal information, but it's never definitively been studied," he said.

Abrams said he learned earlier this month that his most recent request was rejected by the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

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Kaposi's Sarcoma Linked To Herpes Virus: Kaposi's sarcoma (KS), the cancer that afflicts more than a fourth of all gay men with AIDS, may be related to a herpes virus, researchers reported Dec. 15. Led by a husband-and-wife team at Columbia University, the researchers report that unique DNA sequences, or fragments of genes, were isolated from tissues of Kaposi's sarcoma lesions taken from AIDS patients and that the gene material may be from a previously unknown human herpes virus.

"The DNA sequences we found contain portions of at least three different genes that are unique to herpes virus," said Dr. Yuan Chang. "The evidence strongly suggests that these DNA sequences belong to a new herpes sequence, but additional tests are needed to confirm it." The new findings raise the possibility that the virus is the cause, or at least a contributor, to the cancer.

Laboratories all over the world have been trying to determine if KS is caused by some infectious agent. Other viruses or bacteria have been suggested in the past, but were never confirmed.

"It's really good work, and it could be a substantial advance," said Dr. Robert Gallo of the National Institutes of Health. "But I have major questions." Gallo and other researchers suggest more proof is needed of the precise role of virus in KS.

Chang and Moore said they plan to test for the virus in tissue from patients with the slow-growth form of KS not associated with AIDS. If the virus is found there, it would support the suggestion that the virus causes KS.

Doctors' Ability To Read Mammograms Varies: Doctors who specialize in reading x-rays vary widely in their ability to spot cancer on mammograms, a study conducted at the Yale Medical School shows. The new study confirms widely held suspicions that specialists' competence to read these x-rays is not uniformly high.

The study asked 10 community radiologists to look at 150 mammograms, describe what they saw and give their recommendations. All of the doctors came to the same conclusion in just 10 cases. The study found a surprising variability in the doctors' ability to see worrisome signs. Overall, they urged further tests to get a definite answer in 87 percent of the women who actually had cancer.

There were major disagreements among doctors in how to handle 25 percent of the patients. These including such disparities as one doctor recommending a biopsy while another suggests routine follow-up. Five months later, the researchers shuffled the mammogram films and asked the radiologists to check them again. The doctors disagreed with their earlier assessments 16 percent of the time.

Drug For AIDS-Related Diarrhea 'Disappointing': Clinical trials of a new drug designed to stop diarrhea in advanced AIDS patients have been disappointing for a Portland biotechnology firm. The clinical trials have concluded that the milk-based antibody product from Immucell Corp. didn't significantly reduce diarrhea, but did lower the number of parasites.

"Unfortunately, there was an assumption that if you knock out the parasite, then the diarrhea would go away. But that didn't happen," said Michael Brigham, Immucell's chief financial officer. Success in the clinical trials would have resulted in a milestone \$1.2 million payment for marketing rights from Immucell's partner, Univax Biologics Inc.

Volunteers Line Up For AIDS Vaccine Trials: Heterosexual male drug users in Thailand and gay men in Brazil will be the key volunteers of the first major human tests of two AIDS vaccines, the chief of the U.N. AIDS program said Dec. 16. Dr. Peter Piot of Belgium, appointed this week to head the new U.N. program to combat the disease, said tests will begin in 18 months to two years.

The World Health Organization has just completed a master plan for the tests of two vaccines, Piot told a news conference. He said other vaccines are being developed, but are still only in the laboratory or are being tested on animals and are years away from being tested on humans.

Officials in the U.N.'s World Health Organization said the test groups were selected because they were very likely to be exposed to a strain of the AIDS virus for which a vaccine had been developed and because researchers could track them. At least 3,000 to 4,000 people will take part, and possibly as many as 20,000, Piot said, adding that Brazil and Thailand had volunteered to host the tests.



Dr. Robert Gallo said the findings could mark "a major advance" in the fight against KS.

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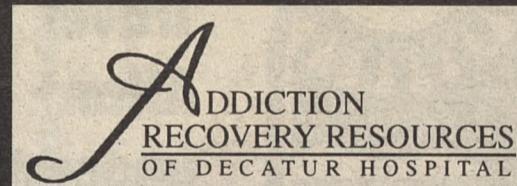
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Winter travelers head south for Art Deco Weekend

by THOM CARDWELL

Right on the heels of the holidays, Miami Beach is definitely the place to see and be seen for the annual Art Deco Weekend.

It's become the hottest spot in the nation for fashion-conscious style makers in the past few years, despite the adverse publicity over vacationing in Miami. In fact, the most recent surveys within the travel industry indicate that Florida continues to rate among the top three vacation destinations in the nation.

The splendors of art deco style are celebrated each year in Miami in early January by the Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL). This year's Art Deco Weekend is the MDPL's 18th annual event, slated for Jan. 13-Jan. 15.

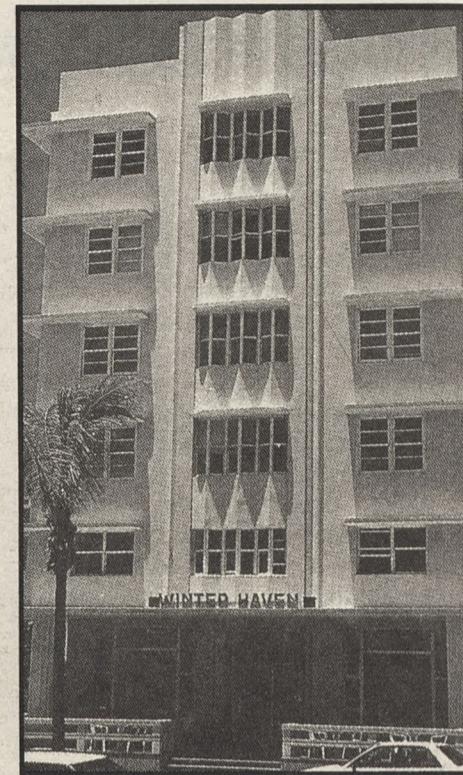
Located in the heart of Miami Beach's historic district, the weekend activities include everything from "Queen of Salsa" Celia Cruz (in keeping with this year's theme "Art Deco Latin America"), the annual Antique Automobile Parade, and a colorful street festival featuring local singers, dancers and character actors along with craft vendors and antiques/collectibles dealers.

Guided walking, bicycle and trolley tours of Miami's famed art deco district are scheduled throughout the weekend.

A lively lecture series conducted by historians, curators, authors and professors of art deco style will be offered focusing on Latin American art deco, including the monumental deco of the Argentine Pampas to the art deco jewelry of Carmen Miranda, from Rio de Janeiro to the art deco buildings of Havana, Cuba. Authors Michael Kinerk and Dennis Wilhelm ("Rediscovering Art Deco USA"), Ari Millas and Linda Polansky ("Old Miami Beach: A Case Study in Historic Preservation"), and Laura Cerwinski ("Tropical Deco") will also be participating in the weekend's events.

Running simultaneously with MDPL's activities, there's the Miami Beach Convention Center Antiques Show from Friday, Jan. 13 to Wednesday, Jan. 18. Now in its 34th year, this exhibition and sale of deco antiques and collectibles features approximately 800 exhibitors worldwide and has become one of the finest shows of its kind anywhere. For more information, call (305) 754-4931.

At the James L. Knight Center, "Miami Modernism: At Home in the Twentieth Century," is scheduled from Friday, Jan. 13 to Sunday, Jan. 15, with 65 dealers from across the country representing all



major design movements from 1910 through 1970. For airline and hotel packages for Miami Modernism, contact Deco Tours at (305) 531-4465.

As if there wasn't enough to see and do during this busy weekend, there's also the Miami International Fine Arts Expo Jan. 13-15.

Proceeds raised through Art Deco Weekend support MDPL's continuing programs to save, protect and promote Miami Beach's Art Deco District. For more information on the Art Deco Weekend, contact Miami Design Preservation League, P.O. Box L, Miami Beach, FL 33119 or (305) 672-2014.

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Magazine tracks gay business growth

by WAYNE HOFFMAN

It may not have the cachet of the Fortune 500, but the Victory! 50 is an important step toward recognizing the tremendous growth occurring in the business sector of the gay community. In the current issue of Victory!, the year-old national gay and lesbian entrepreneur magazine, the publication ranks the 50 fastest growing gay-owned companies.

From the Big Hair/Big Art hair salon and art gallery in Sacramento, with gross revenues in 1993 of \$81,000 to the Denver-based software giant Quark Inc, with earnings of \$110 million, all the businesses in the Victory! 50 experienced significant growth over the previous year. Two Atlanta businesses made the list: Brushstrokes, which reported a 25 percent revenue increase last year, and PFM Mortgage Services, which enjoyed a 37.5 percent increase.

"A list of the 50 largest companies would be stagnant," says publisher MJ McKean-Reich, who is planning to make the list an annual event. "Instead, seeing the fastest growth, you'll see what are the hot businesses, what are the niches people are getting into."

Victory! magazine did not qualify for its own list; being only one year old, it had no 1992 financial record upon which to improve. Besides, the fledgling magazine has yet to turn a clear profit. But perhaps next year, it will join fellow gay publications Out and Genre on the list.

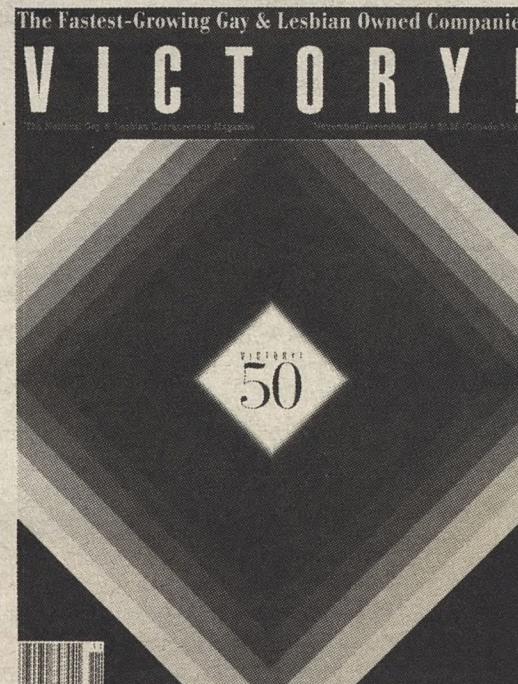
With a print run of 20,000, Victory! has already achieved serious national exposure since its debut last December. McKean-Reich hopes eventually to increase advertising, pull the magazine firmly into the black, and double circulation. Optimistic plans in a field littered with failed publications, perhaps, but McKean-Reich is something of a success story of gay entrepreneurship in his own right.

Growing up in Pittsburgh's inner city, McKean-Reich lived on AFDC government assistance, spared the trials of urban gang life only because he was "too effeminate" to be a part of any gang, until he entered college at Yale. Though he earned a degree in organizational behavior, he always maintained a keen interest in business affairs.

After graduate school and a job leading diversity seminars for men's clubs, McKean-Reich decided he was ready to take on corporate America. With the help of his lover, Thomas, McKean-Reich—a 27-year-old novice with no previous experience in publishing and no educational background in business—started Victory! in December 1993. His goal in launching

Victory! was "to provide opportunity for other people, not to push my ideas on them but to say, 'If you want to do this, this is the way I did it.'"

But defining a gay business is not a simple matter. McKean-Reich outlines the types of businesses his magazine covers: the gay-owned, gay-oriented store; gay-owned businesses, like Quark, that cater to mainstream consumers; gay-friendly companies that are straight-owned; and



finally, mainstream companies run by straight people that may include outstanding gay entrepreneurs within their ranks.

Despite the range of businesses covered, it is apparent from the photos accompanying the Victory! 50 that nearly all of these entrepreneurs are white, and a lopsided majority are men.

"I think it's reflective of mainstream America. I think we are a smaller multicultural version of the larger picture," says McKean-Reich. He is happy to report that the gender split among subscribers is nearly even, but this has been achieved only with serious effort. "We look for the women, while the men come to us," he says.

McKean-Reich hopes that Victory! can do for gay business people what Black Enterprise or Working Woman did for others in the past—namely, showcase role models and create a forum for discussion of problems within a budding minority business community. Only by building up our community economically, he argues, can we achieve the mainstream acceptance, exposure, and respect we desire.

"The only way things are going to change is if we own businesses," he says. "The next step for the civil rights agenda for the gay community in my opinion is economic stability."



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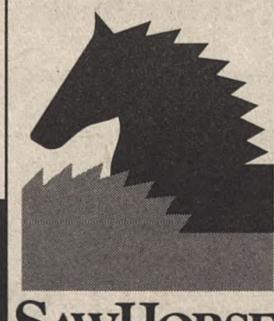
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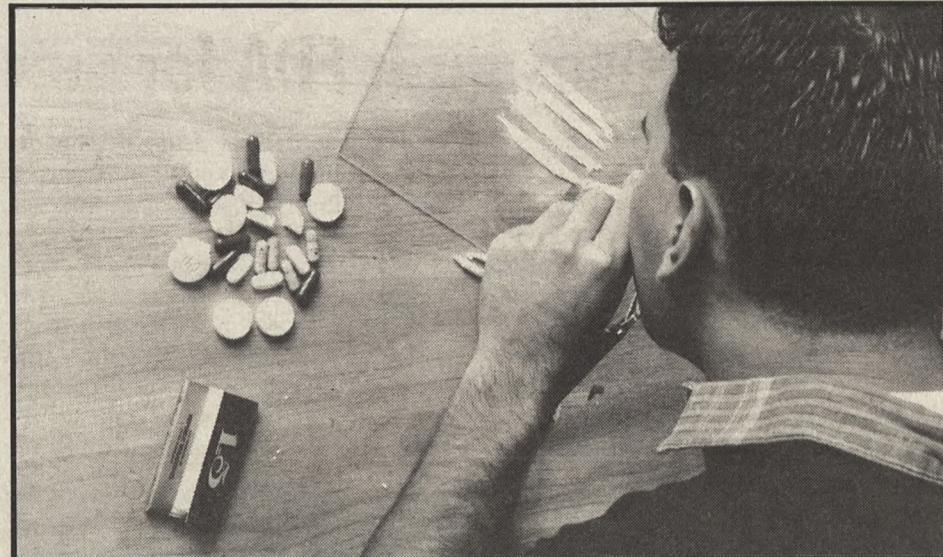
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bar and I had to use drugs."

The last semester of his senior year in college, Jason checked into a rehabilitation center and later, a 12-step program. He stopped using and felt that he had completely recovered.

Then, he moved to Atlanta.

I ask Jason to estimate the percentage of gay men who regularly use illegal substances in Atlanta. "I'd say 60% in the city overall, and 80% in the clubs use drugs or alcohol to excess. I moved to Atlanta, and I stopped going to the 12-step program. I fell into drug use again, and it was just as bad, if not worse. So I went back into the program."

Apparently, I had seen Jason out one of the last nights he had used drugs. "A lot of people go in and out of programs thinking they can use again, because it's a fucking disease is what it is," says Jason.

He currently uses no substances, and I ask him if he plans to start going out to the bars again now that he is in recovery. "I pray not, man," he laughs, "because that's how it started when I got to Atlanta. I started out New Year's Eve [1993] just drinking champagne...but what happens is you just go right into it—it starts out with one thing but it comes back eventually. It never goes away."

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I'm thinking about what Jason said about drugs and unsafe sex as I telephone my cousin Zachary Sank, a gay Atlanta psychotherapist who deals primarily with HIV-infected people. Zachary agrees with Jason's assessment. "I think [gay men] get drunk in the attempt to make the social meeting easier, to make it more emotionally comfortable, and then they end up being sexual and they're drunk enough to [think], 'oh, well, I'll use a condom the next time.'" I ask Zachary if he has had HIV-infected patients who attribute their infection to the influence of drugs or alcohol. "Yes," he says, without hesitation.

"Well, what do you see as the bigger risk," I ask, "do you see the unprotected sex as being more of a problem for gay people using drugs than addiction?" Zachary pauses and then responds, "It's very hard to make that comparison. What you're talk-

ing about is an addiction which can be reversed. When you talk about HIV or AIDS you're talking about something that is irreversible...and it almost always ultimately leads to death. So it's hard to equate the two."

Good answer to a stupid question, I realize.

A better one is this: so far I've only heard about substance abuse in relation to gay men. Does Zachary feel that drug use is evenly distributed among gay men and lesbians?

"I'm afraid I may be biased because I treat many more men than women," he says, "but try to think about how many gay women bars there are compared to gay men bars. There's a very great disparity in the numbers. So I have a feeling that women have the opportunity to meet and socialize with other women without it being in the context of an alcohol-serving situation."

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Lesbian therapist Marilyn Hughes is less optimistic. "I'd say that in the lesbian community substance abuse is a prevalent problem. I think about 10% of the lesbian population is addicted, primarily to alcohol, and then cocaine would be next," says Hughes, a recovering alcoholic and the director of Common Steps, a program for lesbian and gay substance abusers at Decatur Hospital.

I mention to Hughes that I've heard a lot about Ecstasy and crystal meth usage in the gay male community. "We have not seen any Ecstasy in the lesbian population that we've treated," she says, "but we have seen crystal meth, and I think there may be a correlation in the lesbian community between crystal meth and eating disorders. Crystal meth suppresses the appetite, and there are women who want to lose weight and they use it...and get addicted."

I ask Hughes what the warning signs are for a serious drug problem. "If you can't stop using," she says, "if it becomes something you're preoccupied with...if you find yourself looking forward to using...those are real subtle clues that some people aren't aware of. You know some people will say, 'I only use cocaine on the weekends, so I'm not a cocaine addict.' I differ with that. Even

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Conservatives push FDA for quick approval of HIV home test

Washington, DC—AIDS activists are questioning the credentials of conservative groups demanding speedy government approval for an experimental home test kit to detect HIV.

The heads of two conservative organizations, the Free Congress Foundation and the Institute for Justice, held a news conference Dec. 13 demanding that the Food and Drug Administration move quickly to approve the home test. In the absence of FDA approval, the groups signaled they may seek legal or legislative remedy.

But the head of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association, which has raised

concerns about home testing, questioned the organizations' commitment to the fight against the disease.

"Where are these people coming from?" asked executive director Christopher Portelli, whose organization is an umbrella group for 11 clinics that provide HIV testing for some 150,000 people annually.

"I don't see any contributions these people have made in the fight against AIDS," he added.

Paul Weyrich, president of the Free Congress Foundation and a founder of National Empowerment Television, said he feels compelled to speak out because the situation

isn't improving.

"The FDA now for seven years has sat on a proposal for home access HIV testing and counseling," Weyrich told a news conference. "We are not going to tolerate this unconscionable delay any longer and if they persist we will seek a legislative remedy, which I think is now very possible given the new political realities in Washington."

Joining the organizations in their request for rapid approval of the home test kit was Texas Congressman Ralph Hall, a conservative Democrat not usually inclined toward activism on health issues.

The issue of home testing has proved

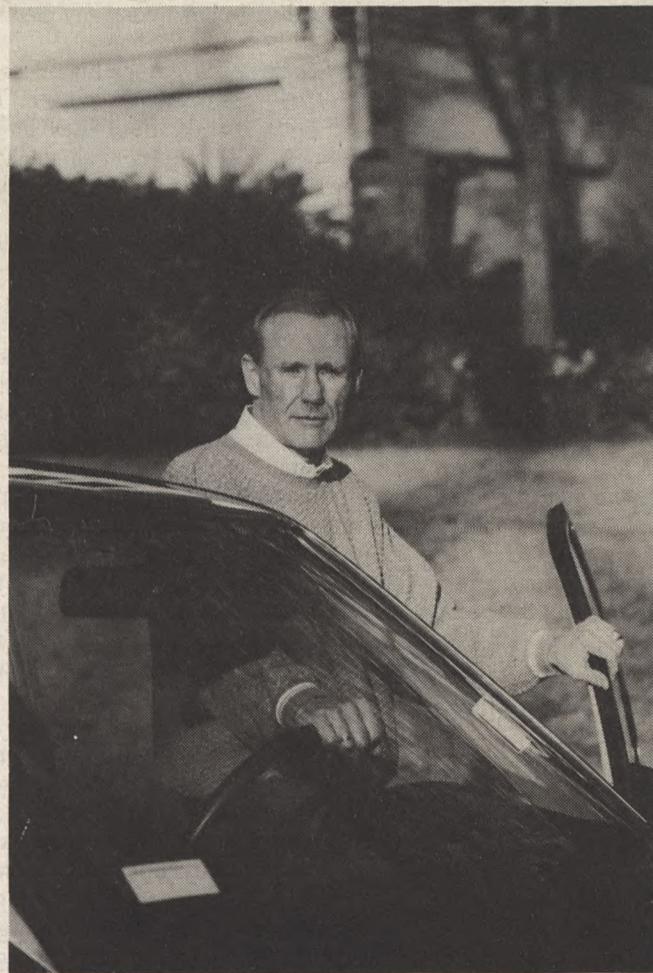
quite controversial.

Proponents contend hundreds of thousands of Americans who currently decline to be tested at public health clinics would take advantage of a test they could buy at a drug store and use in the privacy of their home.

Critics question whether the telephone counseling offered with the home test would be adequate to inform about health risks and guard against suicide. They also are worried that the test could be misused by employers and that the testing could provide inaccurate results.

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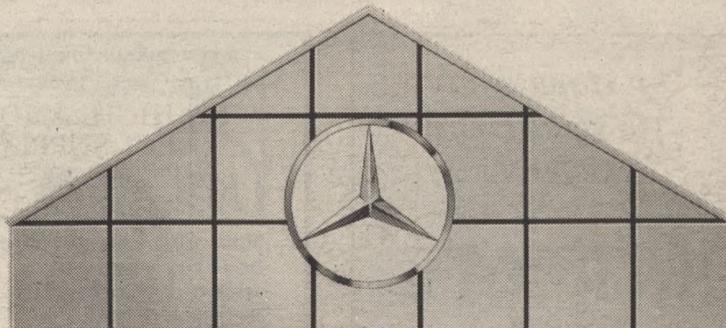
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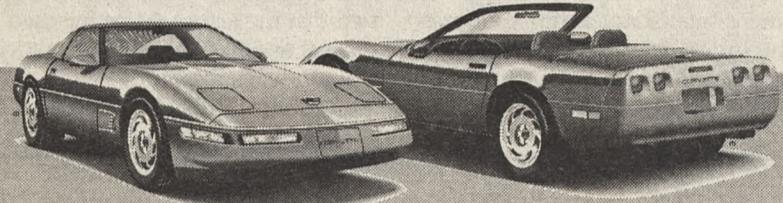
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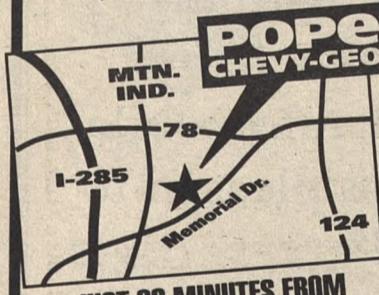
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if it's controlled use, you can still be caught in the cycle."

And to what does Hughes attribute lesbian and gay drug use? "One of the reasons is the lack of connection that gay men and lesbians have to society," she submits, "the cutoff that we feel as human beings. That goes back to heterosexism and the oppression that we get from society. If bars are the only place you have to meet people, then that's where people end up going."

But what about what Zachary said about different social settings? Are the circumstances surrounding drug use different for lesbians? "I don't want to get into stereotypes," says Hughes, "but generally speaking, I'd say that that is true, that there is much more of a party mentality in the gay male community than in the lesbian community. Most lesbians that I've worked with use alone, as opposed to going out and partying, although younger lesbians do go out and party a lot. They just don't get to treatment yet. They haven't lost everything yet."

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Dr. Chris Crowe, a gay Atlanta psychologist who specializes in anxiety disorders and depression, is listing some of the negative long-term affects of popular drugs.

"Chronic cocaine use can lead to suspiciousness or even a paranoid psychosis, and a certain kind of brain syndrome," he says.

"The patient looks pretty much like a schizophrenic, and after someone stops using cocaine, you can have a severe depression. Ecstasy is believed to be highly addictive psychologically but not necessarily physically. As for crystal meth, some of the psychological effects are depression, anxiety and irritability. People have a very hard time getting off of it because they get so depressed."

And are these the drugs Dr. Crowe's patients are using? "In my practice I see a preponderance of people using crystal and Ecstasy," he says, "and people who are mixing cocaine and crystal together. Research indicates people with a tendency to have mood disorders, people who may be prone to depression, for example, are more likely to abuse these drugs." Again, why so much drug use? "It's very prevalent in our community...it always has been. It's been sort of associated with the '70s, with the 'disco lifestyle.' I can't help but think, right now there's so much pathos in our community because of HIV that it's a way to try to escape the grief."

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"It's frustrating that we don't have more concrete data," says Eleanor Nealy, director of Project Connect, the alcohol and drug intervention program at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York.

"Studies in the late '70s and early '80s on the lesbian and gay community indicated that in terms of alcohol and drug abuse, one out of three lesbians and gay men has some kind of drug or alcohol-related problem, as compared to 10% for the larger population. But there were a lot of methodological problems with the early studies, so there's been a lot of debate in recent years about how accurate that figure is."



What accounts for the discrepancy between gay and straight drug use? "One of the things studies have found," responds Nealy, "was that drug and alcohol use declines significantly with age in the general population and that didn't happen in the lesbian and gay sample."

I ask Nealy if she sees a distinction between lesbian and gay male drug use. "I don't hear lesbians talking about K, crystal, and X, the way I hear gay men talking to me about that," she says, "so I would make a judgment that lesbians are not using those drugs the way that gay men are. I hear about cocaine in both communities." The term now being used for cocaine—"girlfriend"—seems very appropriate to me now.

Nealy pauses, then adds, "I don't know whether the dynamics are different in Atlanta from New York City, but cocaine and crack run neck and neck with alcohol in terms of the lesbians we work with."

Nealy adds that "in terms of treatment, we tend to run gender-specific groups here. Even in the larger community, men seek drug and alcohol treatment at much higher rates than women do, and that seems to play out in the lesbian and gay community. Women also drop out at a higher rate than men."

I wonder aloud why that is. "There's still more stigma for women around being identified as an alcoholic or addict," says Nealy, "but rates of alcohol-related problems are much higher for lesbians—about three times higher—than heterosexual women."

And Nealy agrees with the notion that gay male drug use is very socially oriented. "With the gay men that I see who are into designer drugs and clubs, there seems to be a lot of acceptance. If you're spending all night long Saturday at gay clubs it's expected you're doing crystal or K or something."

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It's Saturday night and I'm dancing at an Atlanta gay club. Suddenly, there's a commotion in the middle of the crowd. One guy has passed out, and his friends are dragging his unconscious body across the room. Instinctively, I run to get help, telling the doorman to call 911. He seems only vaguely concerned and dispatches club security to check out the situation. I rush back to the dance floor area only to see the guy up on his feet again, his friends encircled around him. "Is he O.K.?" I ask, "I told them to call 911."

"There was no reason to do that," one of them snaps, "he's fine now."

And I can see that indeed he is fine. For now.

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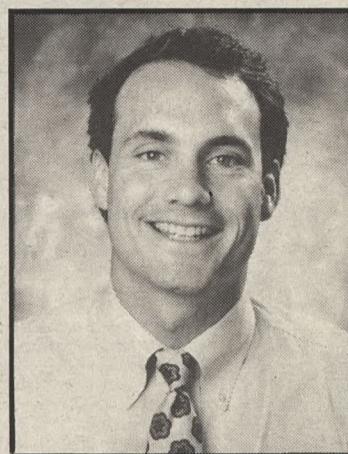
by DEVON CLAYTON

With the opening of the 1995 legislative session just around the corner, Atlantans interested in politics are invited to join The Progressive Network.

Formed in September by state Sen. Ron Slotin, the group meets informally on the first Wednesday of every other month to exchange ideas, announce events, and meet candidates for office. The next meeting is Jan. 4 at Manuel's Tavern, 602 N. Highland Ave., at 6:30 p.m.

"I get a lot of calls from people asking, 'How can I get more involved?'" explains Slotin. "So I set up the Progressive Network. We give out information on campaigns, let people know how they can get involved. At our meetings different groups make announcements about what they're up to, candidates present their views. It's a good exchange."

Slotin says the group offers a



State Senator Ron Slotin

forum for progressive-minded people both gay and straight to take constructive action, and even a springboard for those eyeing public office themselves. "The radical right has done a good job of organizing," Slotin points out. "Instead of complaining about what some of them are doing, why not join a group that is doing something?"

Hotlanta basketball cranks up

by RICHY HOWARD

College basketball has cranked up again, and it's that time of year when the Hotlanta Basketball League starts to bring in its largest crowds. The league has open play on Tuesday nights at North Druid Hills Methodist Church on Ponce de Leon and Briarcliff.

The competition is full-court, and those who haven't played in a while should expect a tough workout—full court means fast break after fast break. Players shoot for teams and then play five on five, alternating in other teams of five. The league averages 10-15 players a week but pulls in larger crowds this time of year.

The Hotlanta league is gearing up for a tournament in Chicago in February. "Our first tournament was in New York [during Gay Games IV]," says Eddie Vanison, a league organizer.

"We would like to travel to at least one tournament a year."

League play at North Druid Hills Methodist Church is open to all interested players—gay and straight, male and female. Cost is \$3 or \$4 per night, depending on turnout, and play begins at 8:30 p.m.

Other sports news

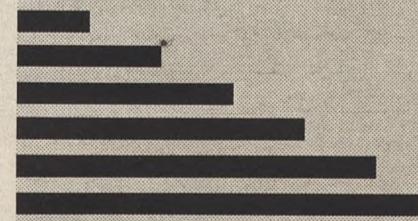
On Thursday, Dec. 15, the Hotlanta Volleyball Association held the finals of their double elimination tournament to determine the 1994 league champions. The play concluded a second week of tournament play at the Atlanta campus of Mercer University.

This year's HVA champions are Rex's Pecs in the Triangle Division (most difficult), Keith's Chiefs (Lambda Division), and Hal's Pals (Rainbow Division).

The league will have open play on Thursdays until league play begins again in January.

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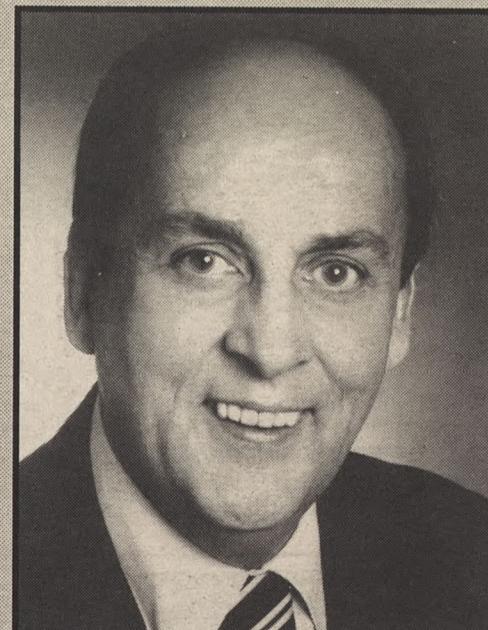
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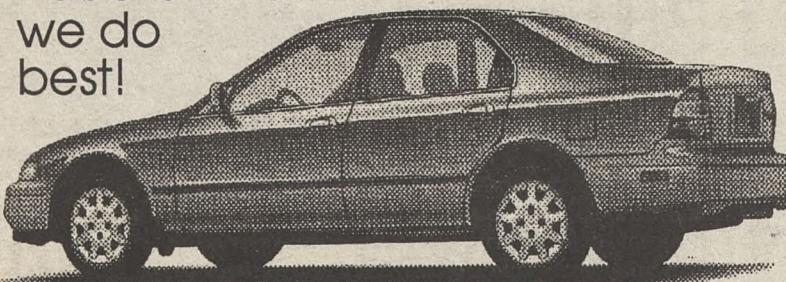
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AIDS ORGANIZATIONS

- AID Atlanta—872-0600
AIDS Athens—706-542-2437—provides support services to PWAs, their families and friends, and community education and awareness.
AIDS Education/Svcs for Minorities—POB 87277, Atl, 30337, 753-2900, 753-4300—a certified non-profit, community-based service organization which provides transitional housing, education outreach and case management to gay African-American men living with HIV/AIDS.
AID Gwinnett—POB 884 Lawrenceville, GA 30246, (404) 962-8396—respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic through advocacy, education, and collaboration with other agencies.
AIDS Hotline for Women—888-9991
AIDS Info Line—876-9944 (Atlanta); 1-800-551-2728
AIDS Legal Project—614-3969—provides free legal services in civil matters to low income persons living with HIV/AIDS.
AIDS Outreach Sewing Guild—325-4143
AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA)—876-2317
AIDS and Substance Abuse Speakers Network—977-7797
AIDS SUPPORT—Jewish Family Services—888-6400, #76
AIDS Survival Project (formerly Atlanta NAPWA)—874-7926 (voice); 872-1192 (fax)—diverse people living with HIV united to promote the education and self-empowerment of HIV-affected individuals.
Atlanta Buyers Club—874-4845, or POB 77003, Atl, 30357, or fax 874-9320—provides access to experimental, alternative and complimentary medical treatments for people living with HIV.
Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network—874-8686
Atlanta Lesbian AIDS Project—POB 5409, Atl, 30307
Childkind—936-9655
Common Ground—874-6425—new ways of finding safe places for people infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS.
First MCC AIDS Ministry—325-4143
Georgia AIDS Therapy Information Network—1-800-551-2728
Good Samaritan Project—873-4589
Grady Mem. Hospital Infectious Disease Program—341 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atl, 30308, (404) 616-2440
Jerusalem House—527-7627
The Living AIDS Memorial Park Project—876-0105
The Names Project/Atlanta—605-7386
Outreach, Inc.—3030 Campbellton Rd, Atlanta 30311, 346-3922 or 1-800-441-2437—the first African American HIV/AIDS and substance abuse service agency in GA and the oldest in the South.
Pets Are Loving Support (P.A.L.S.)—876-PALS
Positive Impact—885-9040—no-cost counseling for people affected by HIV with low incomes. Call to receive services or to volunteer.
Positive Outlook On Health—872-9954
Project Open Hand Atlanta—525-4620—home delivered meals for people with AIDS-related illnesses.
Sisterlove, Inc.—753-7733 (voice); or 753-1500 (fax)—non-profit organization that provides support services to HIV+ women and HIV/safer sex education to the community.

ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURE

- Atlanta Diversity Chorale—739-5607
Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus—438-5823—a non-auditioned chorus celebrating strength and diversity in women through music.
Atlanta Freedom Marching Band—872-9763—gay and lesbian marching band organized to provide a musical outlet for our community.
Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Arts Festival—874-8710, POB 55475 Atlanta GA 30308—annual festival in support of our community in performance, visual, market and literature.
Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus—POB 77114, Atlanta 30357, 977-6310
Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing—POB 7032, Atl 30357, 876-1060—preserves, promotes, and protects lesbian and gay history and culture.
Atlanta Rainbow Ensemble—633-9419
"Funny...That Way"—875-2275
Dichotomy—2300 Bankhead Hwy. #86 Austell—819-1096
Pen-draggin' Poets—523-3639
Silver Fingers Productions—388-4624
Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc—609-9590
Southern Country Atlanta—908-7480
Young Lesbian Art & Craft Exchange—Decatur, GA; 378-3367

BARS

- The Armory—836 Juniper, 881-9280
Backstreet—845 Peachtree St, 873-1986
Blake's—227 10th St, 892-5786
Buddies Cheshire Square—2345 Cheshire Br. Rd, 634-5895
Buddies Midtown—239 Ponce de Leon, 872-2655
Bulldog's—893 Peachtree, 872-3025
Burkhart's—Ansley Square, 872-4403
The Chamber—2115 Faulkner Rd, 248-1612
Club Fetish—(Weds.) 695 North Ave, 577-8178
The Eagle—308 Ponce De Leon, 874-EAGLE
The Heretic—2069 Cheshire Bridge, 325-3061
Loretta's—708 Spring St, 874-8125
The Metro—48 6th Street, 874-9869
Model T—699 Ponce de Leon, 872-2209
Moreland Tavern—1196 Moreland Ave. S.E. 622-4650
New Order—1544 Piedmont, 874-8247
Odella's—1231 W. Peachtree 897-5777
Opus 1—1086 Alco St, 634-6478

- The Otherside—1924 Piedmont Rd, 875-5238
Pearl Garden—107 Luckie St, 577-7059
Phoenix—567 Ponce De Leon, 892-7871
Players—800 Sandtown Rd, Marietta 429-9115
Revolution—293 Pharr Rd, 816-5455
Scandals—Ansley Square, 875-5957
Shahan's Saloon—735 Ralph McGill 523-1535
Spectrum—Ansley Square 875-8980
Velvet—89 Park Pl, NE 681-9936

DIRECT ACTION/POLITICAL

- ACLU of Georgia—142 Mitchell St., Suite 301, Atlanta 30303 523-5398—legal assistance or referral in cases where the denial of rights is due to the victim's sexual orientation.
ACLU/Lesbian & Gay Chapter—523-6201
ACT UP—44 12th St. NE, Atlanta 30309-3979, 874-6782 (O)
Atlanta Greens, Green Party USA, Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Queer Caucus—368-7137
Catalyst—(404) 776-1478
Cobb Citizens Coalition—POB 965336, Marietta 30066, 256-8690—Education, positive community and political outreach efforts on human rights (primarily sexual orientation) issues.
Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—876-1398
Georgia Advocates for Battered Women & Children/Lebian Task Force—524-3847, or toll-free (800) 643-1212; 250 Georgia Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atl, 30312—a statewide coalition working to end the violence against women and children.
Georgia Equality Project—POB 78351, Atl, GA 30357—662-4030 vm
GAPAC—Georgia Political Action Committee—872-8095, FAX 874-8628
Human Rights Campaign Fund—Federal Advocacy Network, 231-5751
HRCF Event Hotline—POB 78401, Atl, GA 30357—840-6969 vm
HRCF National Office—1101 14th St. NW, Ste. 200, Washington DC 20005—(202) 628-4160
LEGAL—605-7476
Lesbian Avengers—798-7742
National Association of People with AIDS Hotline—874-7926
National Organization for Women—875-0176
National Org. for Women, Gay & Lesbian Rights Task Force—315-0084—Grassroots politics and coalition building.
Works within NOW to ensure rights for lesbians/gay men.
Neighbors Network—816-8348
Out Front—PO Box 12369, Atlanta 30355
Queer Planet—875-7711
Republicans for Individual Freedoms—PO 13162, Atl, GA 30324, 239-1679—gay republicans fighting "homophobia" in Republican party and fighting "Republiophobia" in the gay community.
Straight But Not Narrow—242-2256 (voice mail)
STOP Bias Crimes Hot Line—605-STOP

NATIONAL

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

PROFESSIONAL

- ANGLE (BellSouth Gay/Lesbian Employee Group) — (404) 723-6540
Atlanta Entrepreneurs' Club—Dr. Bravy 457-6347
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 Assn.—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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CATHY CARMICHAEL

Age: 30**Occupation:** Cook, photographer**Relationship Status:** Single**Last Book Read:**

"Singing and Swinging and Getting Merry" by Maya Angelou

Making a living as an artist isn't an easy task, but Cathy Carmichael is determined to make a go of it.

"I'm not a very business-minded person," she admits. "I haven't figured out the right avenues to go with my photography."

But she's on the right track. Carmichael has just finished work on a calendar featuring her photographs of some of Atlanta's women musicians, and the final product will go on sale next month to benefit SisterLove, an AIDS agency focusing on African-American women. And she's quick to point out that the work isn't just about familiar faces.

"I'm not selling faces," she says of the

calendar. "I'm selling the way I look at them."

The musicians represented a different turn for the native Decaturite—Carmichael's photographs are a study in light, shadow and texture, objects from everyday life seen through her eyes and the camera's lens.

"I like raw materials," she says. "It's because of the colorization. Rust is exciting. It's another process of life."

"I like deterioration," she adds with a laugh. "My desire is to make people stop and look at the simple things. There are so many patterns. And it's never same after that moment."

OCCASIONS

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



Debbie Smith treated herself to a marathon run for her 43rd birthday.

BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Smith turned 43 on December 22, and celebrated by running her first marathon in Jacksonville.

Happy birthday to James Lindley on January 1.

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Stinner and Jeff Graham celebrate their sixth anniversary on New Year's Eve.

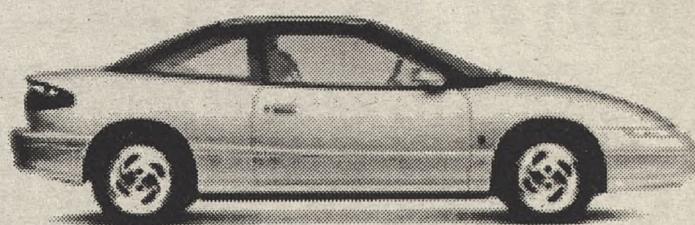
Bryan Hill and David Whatley will toast their 10th anniversary (along with the new year) at the Atlanta Couples Together New Year's Eve party.

Jeff Clements and Edward Jividen celebrate their first year together as partners January 1. They're loving every minute of it.

EMPLOYMENT

Former Atlantan David van der Griff has been elected to the board of directors of the National Education Foundation for Individual Rights, based in San Francisco.

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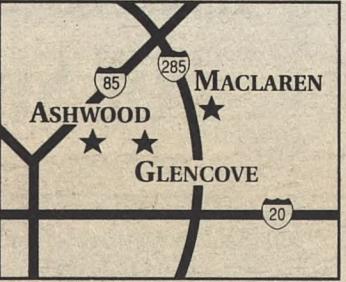
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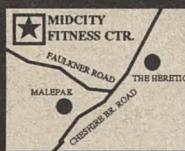


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Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain—297-0350—Christian community accepting and celebrating spiritual and cultural diversity in human experience, reason and art. Circle of Grace Community Church—(404) 624-9570 Clifton Presbyterian Church—(404) 373-3253 Congregation Bet Haverim (Jewish)—642-3467—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-creedal 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

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International—POB 7320,

Laguna Niguel, CA 92677—(716) 248-1299—A non-profit organization with charitable status, serving present or former Seventh-day Adventists who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transsexual.

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

SERVICE/SUPPORT/SOCIAL

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

Atlanta Executive Network—POB 77267 Atlanta, GA 30357-1267—842-0023—Atlanta's largest business and professional group. Meets 3pm Thursdays. Guests \$15.

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

Biwomen's Shared Living Resource Center (Florida)—1-800-538-3864

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

Emergency International—876-3997

Emotions Anonymous—925-4825

Fourth Tuesday—POB 7817 Atlanta, GA 30309—662-4353—A networking organization with social, recreational, educational and professional activities for all lesbians.

Friday Night Support Group—627-7387—open to all lesbians are a friendly discussion group.

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

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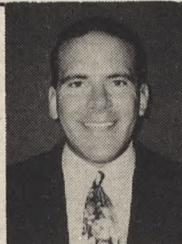
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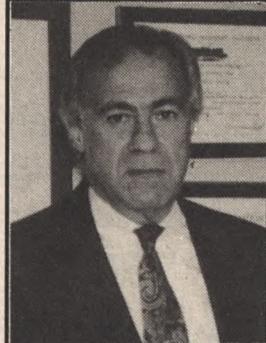
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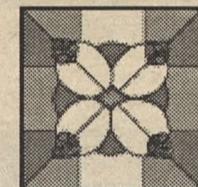
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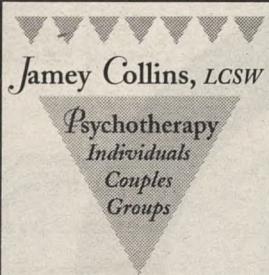
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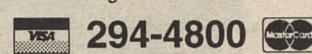
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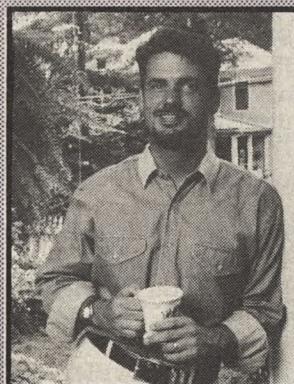
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Bathroom do's and don'ts are always very black-and-white to me. If the bathroom is small with no storage, then regardless of how great the display is at

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The master bedroom does a lot of things to the psychology of sleep—for example, when you reach to turn the light off, this is the last room you see; as morning comes, it's the first room you see. Subconsciously, the art, lamps, fabrics and color of the room can sometimes govern a good night's sleep.

Artist Robert Sherer angers sexists—and incites censors—with his paintings of male nudes in classically female poses

What is it about Robert Sherer's paintings that has so many people upset? How is it that in just a few short years this openly gay artist has found himself in three censorship flaps, most recently earlier this month at an exhibition in Birmingham, Ala.?

Robert Sherer paints nudes. Male nudes—in poses traditionally reserved for women. And he does it very well. Perhaps a lesser artist, one who did not appropriate the style and tone of the old masters, might not evoke such response. Yet because his brilliantly executed paintings arouse an emotional wallop, they manage to provoke controversy.

In 1990, at an exhibition of five artists at Cleveland's Lake Erie College, the gallery director called Sherer a week after his paintings went up and asked if he could cover one up for a day. "He thought one of my paintings was offensive," recalls Sherer. "A group of children was coming that day, so would I mind if this one painting was covered up? I was very naive to all this censorship stuff at the time. I agreed. I said, 'No problem. You can cover it up. It's only going to be for an afternoon.'

"Then he calls me the next day," Sherer continues, "and tells me he has decided he's going to take down all of my works. And I said, 'What do you mean take down?' And he said, 'I've already done it. I've taken your works off the wall and put them in the basement. I don't care what you think. I'm doing the right thing because your work is offensive.'"

Sherer says that what angered him most about the incident was that the other four artists in the show took no stand

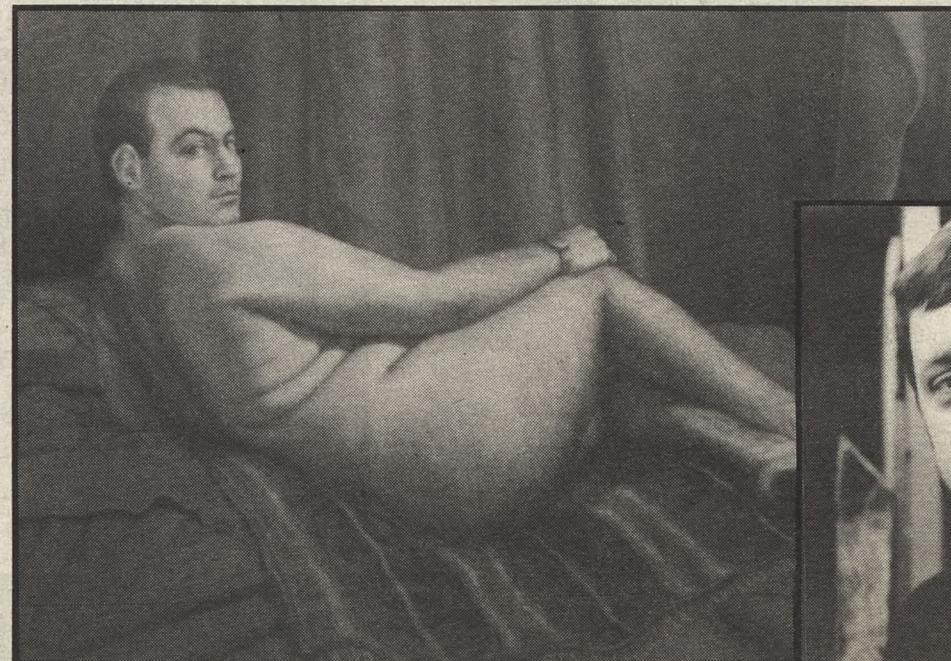
on the censorship. "None of them defended me," Sherer says. "They were heterosexual, and basically had the attitude of, 'Well, you were asking for it because you painted male nudes. If you had painted female nudes like we've all done, you could get away with it.' Then, a week later, the guy doing the censoring got a bit braver. He censored one of the other paintings as offensive. Then, all of a sudden, the heterosexuals were saying, 'Oh my God! Oh, censorship is bad!' And they all jumped on the censorship bandwagon. But they were unwilling to do it for me."

In 1992, at Edinboro University in Pennsylvania, Sherer and his fellow graduate students were given an opportunity to mail out a postcard announcing the exhibition of their work. Only Sherer wasn't allowed to mail his out on campus because a liberal arts dean thought the painting on the card—two nude men, one asleep on a bed and the other sitting in a chair—was offensive. A brouhaha ensued, eventually bringing in the ACLU.

"The images I saw on the cards that came out before mine were invariably sexist poses," Sherer says. "One in particular was of a nude woman lying down, her legs spread in a very unbecoming position, and a pack of wild dogs were sniffing and licking her body—and [the university] saw no problem with that image! But just because there's a little, tiny weenie that you can see in my painting, it was enough to cause the trouble."

On Dec. 2, 1994, Sherer was again censored, this time at his first exhibit ever in his home state of Alabama. At Gallery 2030 in Birmingham, 10 of Sherer's works were on display. But his paintings were deemed inappropriate to be seen at a fundraiser being held on behalf of A Baby's Place, a foster care service for children with HIV. Glenda Harris, who works with A Baby's Place, covered the works because she did not want to "offend people who give kids with HIV money and medicine."

"Yeah, like who gives the money?" retorts Sherer.
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This 'odalisque' painting was among the works of artist Robert Sherer that were censored in Birmingham.



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ROBERT McCURDY-DON PORCARO. Thru Jan 28. Painting and sculpture. Nancy Solomon Gallery, 1037 Monroe Dr. 875-7100.

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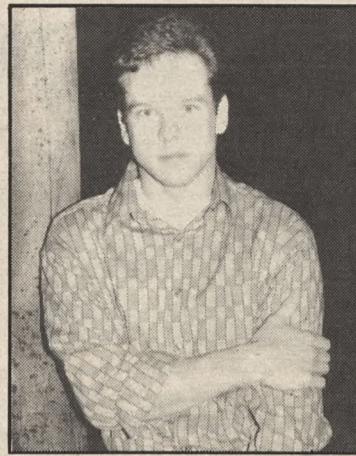
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by PETER NEWTON

Happy queer new year

Here we go again for the 1,995 year in a row. Break out the party hats, the noisemakers, the gee-whizzers and the hob-nobbers. Add a split of champagne, a happy thought and a free spirit and you're a first kiss waiting to happen this New Year's Eve in Atlanta. I went asking some urban party planners what makes their first night celebration different than

any other in Atlanta. Here's what they had to say:

"It's all about dancing with friends and family," says Steve Bernaman, whose high-tech production company will revamp Velvet this Dec. 31 for "Beads and Bodies," a benefit for Project Open Hand's Masquerade. It's a fundraiser for a fundraiser in an intimate

voice. And for New Year's Eve, she says, "you're in for a candlelight dinner, oral decadence and a live dessert bar with fetish performances throughout." The Chamber may offer just the type of multi-sensory experience that could change the way you look at the world. Call 248-1612.

"If you're in the mood for the local music party atmosphere, Eddie's is the place to be," says Laura Hudgens, PR person for Eddie's Attic. Matthew Kahler, Millan & Kenzie and Michelle Penn will give it all they got for the New Year's celebration. Party favors and a champagne toast will top off an acoustic and rockin' evening by some of Atlanta's most talented musician/songwriters. 377-4976.

All dressed up and nowhere to go will not be the case for partygoers at The High Museum of Art's "High Ball" at the NationsBank Plaza building. "It's a fundraiser for our Young Careers group, who help the High raise money for new art acquisitions," says Marty Rainbow of the Members Guild. "And more than that, it's the place to ring in the New Year with lots of people who have art in their hearts." Gaming tables, dancing, a silent auction and live entertainment by "Numerous Complaints" will round out the black tie optional affair. Tickets for the high-end but affordable event are available in advance or at the door. Call 733-4428.

The most talked-about party going on in Atlanta is also the largest. Code Blue Productions out of Nashville presents the illustrious RuPaul in a welcome-home New Year's Eve concert bash that's expected to draw upwards of 5,000 people to the Atlanta Apparel Mart. The evening goes like this: DJ Jimmy Marshall spins 'em from 9 p.m. until RuPaul appears at the stroke of midnight for a 45-minute show. Miami Beach DJ Lydia "Bad Girl" Prim takes it from 1-4 a.m., just when everyone's heatin' up. For tix call (800) 781-4066.



Atlanta's gift to the world, RuPaul, will be back to rule the Apparel Mart on New Year's Eve.

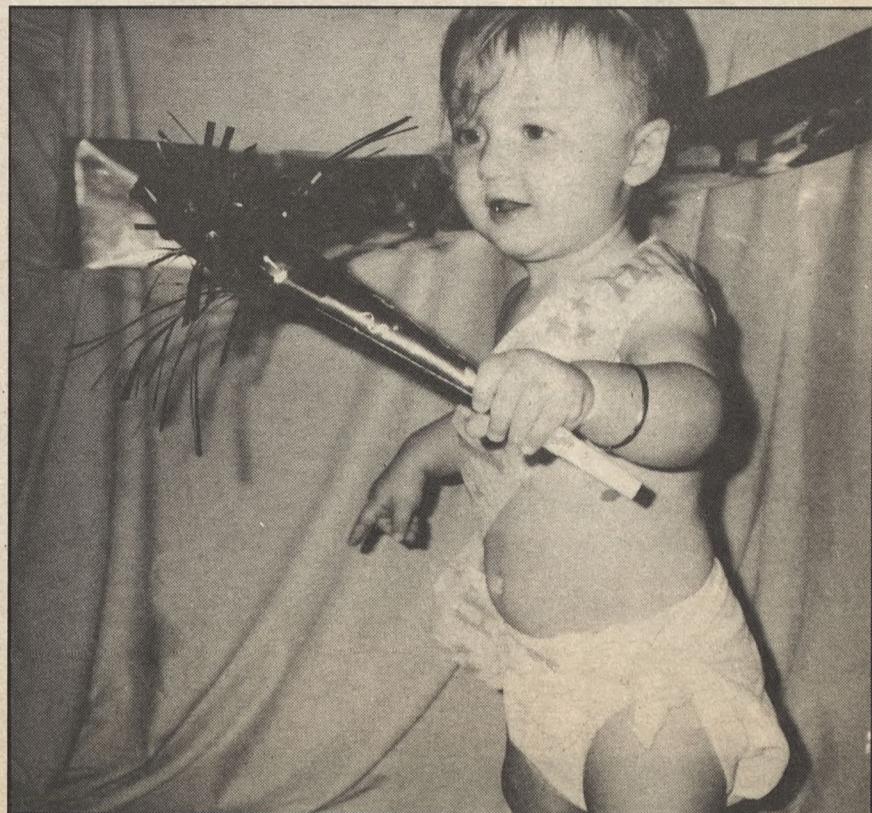
600-person maximum setting with an emphasis on hi-energy dancing. For more info call 681-9936.

"Come on out and spend 'An Evening in Las Vegas,'" says Revolution owner Jill Cohen. Miss Gay Atlanta 1972, Rachel Wells, will join in the cabaret-style casino theme. "There'll be blackjack, craps and roulette, with proceeds benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation," says Cohen. The Erin Musslewhite Band will be upstairs at Jake's. Call 816-5455.

The best new bar of 1994, Mon Cherie's The Chamber, is where "all lifestyles can come together in a utopia sort of way," says Mon Cherie in her raspy and alluring

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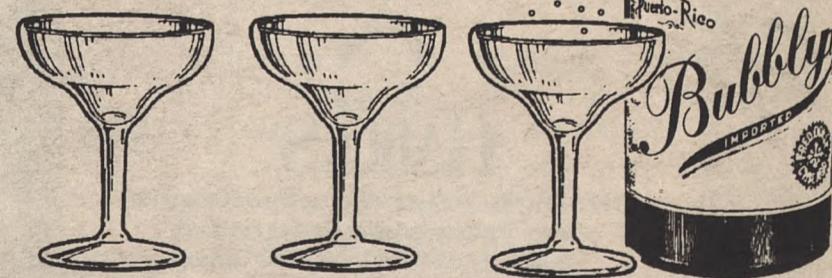
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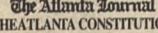
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FILM

GO TRABI GO. Jan 4. This 1991 film about a family tracing Goethe's journey to Italy is part of the Goethe Institut's "German Comedies" series. Also playing is "No More Mr. Nice Guy," about two men in search of their inheritance in the former East Germany.

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

EDDIE'S ATTIC NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. Groove with local musicians Matthew Kahler, Millan & Kenzie, and Michelle Penn. 377-4976.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE OPERA. Capitol City Opera Company presents favorites from "Die Fledermaus," "The Merry Widow" and other light operas. 8 pm, followed by three-course dinner. \$100 per person. 633-2848.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

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

MUSIC

A NIGHT IN OLD VIENNA. Dec 29-31. William Fred Scott conducts Strauss waltzes, marches, polkas and other delights in three "champagne/coffee" concerts. Symphony Hall. \$17.50-\$45. 733-5000.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

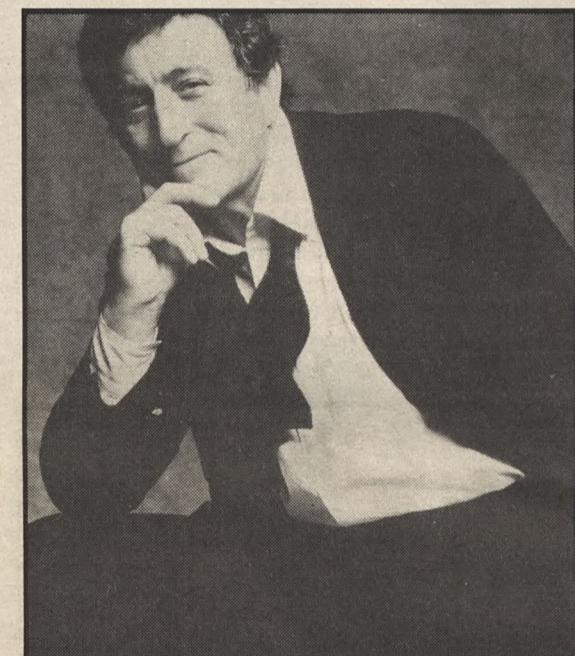
RU PAUL. Code Blue Productions presents Atlanta's most famous expatriate drag superstar at the Apparel Mart. Major crowd expected. (800) 781-4066.

BEADS AND BODIES. Steve Berman revamps Velvet as a benefit for Project Open Hand's Masquerade. 681-9936.

AN EVENING IN LAS VEGAS. Blackjack, craps and roulette at Revolution, benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. 816-5455.

BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER. Ring in the new year with BWMT—dancing, food, and champagne. \$5. 892-BWMT.

HIGH BALL. High Museum of Art bash at the NationsBank building. Black tie optional. 733-4428.



Crooner Tony Bennett rings in the new year with a special on GPTV, Channel 8.

ANNIE LEIBOVITZ

TONY BENNETT: WATCH WHAT HAPPENS. The suddenly hip crooner rings in the new year starting at 10 pm on GPTV, Channel 8.

NEW YEAR'S ROCKIN' EVE. Dec 31. Dick Clark hosts his 23rd New Year's Eve special on ABC-TV with guests including Melissa Etheridge, Salt-N-Pepa and Margaret Cho. Channel 2.

VARIETY PLAYHOUSE NEW YEAR'S EVE BLOWOUT. Dec 31. Features Tinsley Ellis, Col Bruce Hampton and the Fiji Mariners, and Kenny Neal. 1099 Euclid Ave., 8:30 pm. \$17.50 adv, \$25 day of show. 524-7354.

RADIO

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ON SCREEN

FILM, VIDEO & TV REVIEWS



by ALAN FRUTKIN

Screen picks big and small

Throughout 1994, queer images hit the big and small screen in record numbers. Here are my picks for the best of the year.

TV

1. **Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City:** Adapted from the first of Maupin's six-volume series, this loving portrait of lesbian and gay life in 1970s San Francisco was so far ahead of its time, PBS canceled funding for a sequel.



Guinevere Turner and VS. Brodie do the wild thing in "Go Fish."

2. **The Real World III:** With cast member Pedro Zamora, who died of AIDS in November, and companion Sean Sasser (who is also HIV-positive), MTV's hit docu-soap presented to viewers TV's most honest and unapologetic portrait of gay life in the '90s.

3. **My So-Called Life:** This follow-up from "thirtysomething" producers Edward Zwick and Marshall Herskovitz is most notable for its inclusion of TV's first gay teen—Ricky Vasquez (Wilson Cruz), a sweet and streetwise ne'er-do-well whose unabashed effeminacy is the year's most intriguing development. Catch Cruz while you can, though. ABC puts the show on hiatus come January.

4. **Roseanne:** From the show's much-hyped "lesbian kiss" episode in March, which featured actress Mariel Hemingway, to Leon's (Martin Mull) "Life Is a Drag" party at Halloween, Roseanne continues to forge an ongoing alliance

with the queer community. Perhaps the only gay plot line left for her to conquer is Darlene's (Sarah Gilbert) coming out.

5. **Frasier:** In a now-classic episode, Seattle's eminent psychiatrist sets up his gay station manager (Eric Lutes) with housekeeper Daphne Moon (Jane Leeves), but he thinks the date is with Frasier.

FILM

1. **Savage Nights:** Cyril Collard's brutal testament to hope and despair in the age of AIDS. Against the backdrop of Paris night life, Collard plays in irresponsible, HIV-positive bisexual, and newcomer Romane Bohringer turns in a stunning performance as his obsessive teenage girlfriend.

2. **Heavenly Creatures:** A chilling look at the world-famous murder case involving a pair of obsessive, fantasy-prone teen killers. Whether they were, in fact, lesbians is a question that's never answered. But the presumption that they were, and their subsequent separation, led them toward their crime.

3. **The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert:** Not just "the feel good movie of the year." Terence Stamp's moving portrayal of the film's transsexual, Bernadette, is a virtuosic performance. And Hugo Weaving (who plays Mitzi, Australia's premier drag artist) provides the film's highest moment of comedy, when he steps out of drag and tries to spit.

4. **Go Fish:** Rose Troche's lighthearted look at a group of young lesbians in Chicago's Wicker Park. Combining low-budget effects with a loosely knit narrative, this funny film also includes a spellbinding indictment of the so-called "lesbian mafia," and a witty discourse on female genitalia.

5. **Interview With the Vampire:** Tom Cruise turns in a surprisingly agile performance as the vampire Lestat. At turns sensual and effete, Cruise is indeed faithful to the Anne Rice character.

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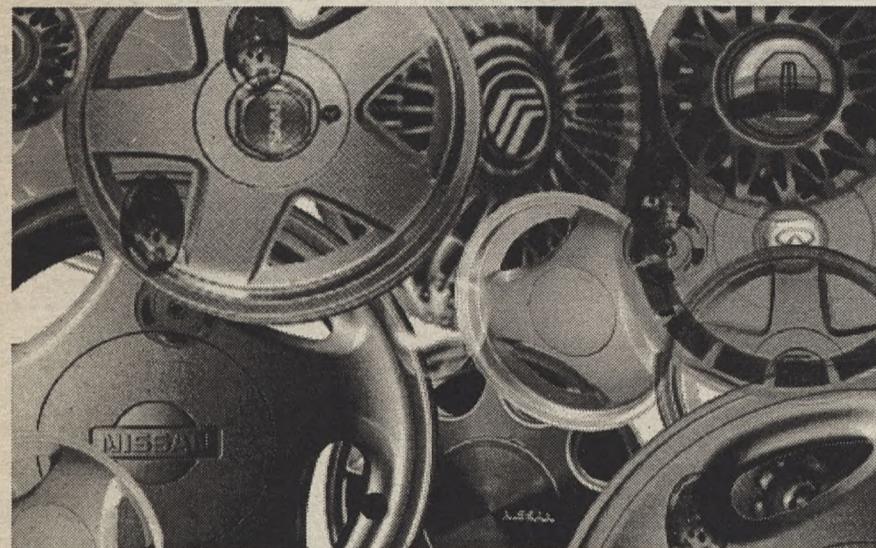
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TELEVISION

ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS. Sundays on Comedy Central. The cult sensation from England inspires homos stateside every week. Check local listings.

KIDS IN THE HALL. Every Mon-Fri. The Kids—including openly gay cast member Scott Thompson—do their thing at 10:30 pm on Comedy Central.

OUT IN ATLANTA. Every Mon 10:30 pm and Wed 5:30 pm. Atlanta's local lesbian and gay cable program, featuring interviews, news, arts & entertainment and more. Cable Ch. 12.

GAY USA. Every Mon 11 pm. Cable queerness on display on cable Channel 12.

DYKE TV. Every Mon 9:30 pm. Activist television from a dyke perspective. People TV. Cable Channel 12. Also airs Tues, 5:30 pm.

POSITIVE LIVING. Every Wed 2:30 pm and Sat 10 pm. This locally produced show about people living with AIDS airs on People TV Ch. 12. Also airs on City Ch. 6, Thur 5 pm.

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

THEATER

THE NUTCRACKER ON ICE. Dec 29. The fabulous Fox theatre becomes an ice rink for this special production. Starring Olympic medalists Oksana Baiul, Viktor Petrenko and Brian Boitano. 881-2000.

1940's RADIO HOUR. Thru Dec 31. Perennial favorite set in Dec 1942. Tues-Fri 8 pm, Sat 7 and 9 pm, Sun 2:30 and 7 pm. At Marietta's Theatre in the Square. 422-8369, ext. 10.

FROSTY THE DEAD MAN. Thru Jan 25. Murder at an office



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holiday party is the fare for Agatha's—A Taste of Mystery dinner theater. Mon-Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 7 pm. Price of \$33-\$40 includes five course dinner. Peachtree & Third. 875-1610.

UPCOMING

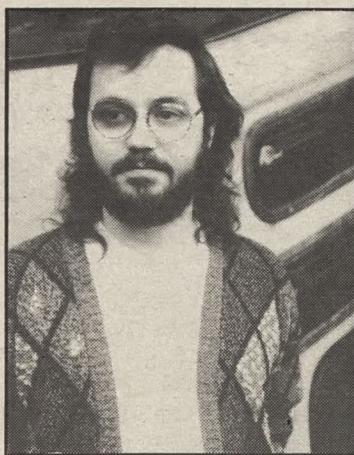
WALTER WANGER: HOLLYWOOD INDEPENDENT. Jan 6, 14, 21. Three rarely shown films by Wanger—"Gabriel Over the White House," "The Moon's Our Home," and "The

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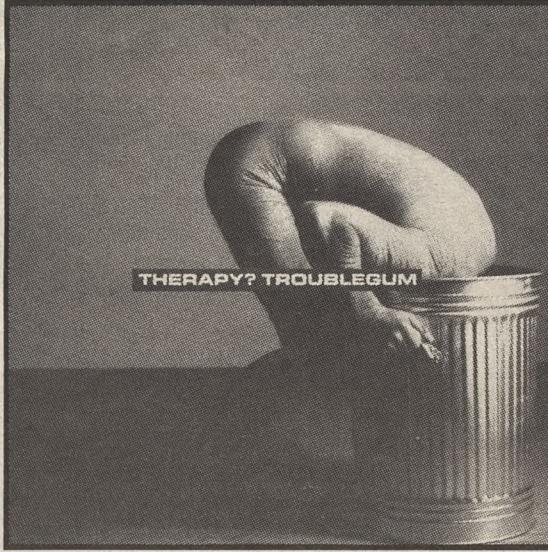
by LEE HUGHEY



1994's greatest hits

Soon 1994 will be just another ring in the tree trunks, and except for a few untimely deaths and the release of that Mariah Carey Christmas album, it's been a great year for music.

Therapy? "Troublegum" (A&M)—The year's best, hands down. Fast, pissed-off, surprisingly catchy songs with loads of guitar crunch flow relentlessly into one another. Scary and gorgeous at the same time.



The London Suede, "Dog Man Star" (Columbia/Nude)—They've made androgyny (Bowie-style, not Boy George-style) cool again in the U.K., but Americans are foolishly still ignoring them. "Dog Man Star" is about love during apocalypse, and hope during meltdown. Seedy, glamorous, arrogant and fragile, London Suede deserve your immediate attention.

Hole, "Live Through This" (DGC)—Courtney Love rages one moment, makes you feel her heartbreak the next. Love can't decide whether she's a hurt little girl or a dragon lady, and hopefully she never will.

Julian Cope, "Autogeddon" (American Recordings)—Cope has been everything from a Liverpool punk to Britain's reigning musical mystic, and the

trip's still not over. This album about spiritual road trips tells me that Julian has driven down that road to nowhere many times.

Beastie Boys, "Ill Communication" (Capitol/Grand Royal)—The snot-nosed brats' best album yet. The Beasties make home-brew out of every musical element they've ever touched—rap, funk, jazz, hardcore punk—then flavor it with guitar noises ripped off from bad porno flicks to produce an annoyingly great album.

Smoke, "Heaven on a Popsicle Stick" (Long Play)—Atlanta's own Smoke create music as ethereal as their name, and as gritty. Benjamin, the skinny gay dude with the voice like a car crusher, sings melancholy hymns to loves known and never known.

Man...or Astroman?, "Destroy All Astromen!" (Estrus)—What's not to love about this album? Almost two dozen spacy, psychedelia-tinged surf instrumentals by a band from Auburn. There's even a surf-styled remake of the theme from "Mystery Science Theater 3000."

"Natural Born Killers" soundtrack (Nothing/InterScope)—Produced by Nine Inch Nails angst-meister Trent Reznor, this album flattens late 20th-century culture into a roar of white noise: Patsy Cline bumps up against the world music of Peter Gabriel; a gloomy Leonard Cohen dissolves into a furious L7; Bob Dylan's whine fades into a Duane Eddy strut. Add NIN's hellish new track "Burn," and the album blows your head off as surely as Mickey and Mallory would.

Honorable mentions go to Combustible Edison, "I, Swinger"; The Indigo Girls, "Swamp Ophelia"; The Pet Shop Boys, "Disco 2"; and Aphex Twin, "Selected Ambient Works, Vol. 2."

Lee Hughey is a former DJ, and claims to have seen every episode of "Absolutely Fabulous."

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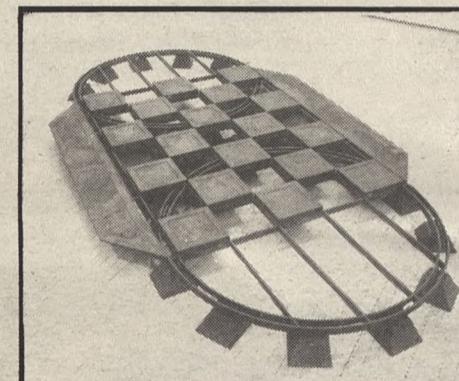
"Reckless Moment" screen at the High Museum. 892-3600.

DREAM TIME: FEAR AND FANTASY ON SCREEN. Jan 7-March 25. The second part of the High Museum's "100 Years of World Cinema" begins Jan 7 with "Apocalypse Now." 892-3600.

TOTALLY F*ED UP.** Jan 6-12. The latest from gay nihilist filmmaker Gregg Araki ("The Living End") plays at GA State's Cinefest for one week only. 651-3565.

CATS. Jan 10-15. The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical lives up to its slogan, "Now and Forever." If this doesn't scare you, go see it as it returns to the Fox.

RED SCARE ON SUNSET. Jan 18-Feb 26. Charles Busch's gender-bent spoof of B movies comes to Marietta's Theatre in the Square. 422-8369.



Robert McCurdy's sculpture "Pad V" is among the artist's works on view at the Nancy Solomon Gallery.

CHESS. Jan 27-March 5. The Richard Nelson-Tim Rice rock musical comes to Onstage Atlanta. A love triangle involving rival American and Russian chess players brims over with songs of passion, jealousy and rage. 897-1802.

SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME. Feb 1-March 5. The London and New York hit play about three hostages in a prison cell—called "brilliantly disturbing...well-crafted and funny" by the Irish Times—comes to 7 Stages. 523-7647.

RELATIONSHIP! Feb 10-12. A Valentine's weekend retreat for lesbian and gay couples to explore the spiritual nature of relationships with friends, lovers, children and others. The Mountain, Highlands Camp & Conference Center, Highlands, N.C. (704) 526-5838.

ON STAGE

THEATRE, DANCE & ART REVIEWS

by MICHAEL KAPE



The best on the boards in '94

I'm tired. I've been to the theatre 133 times this year. Now it's time to look back on all that I saw.

Best Performances, Actress: Shelley McCook ("Laughing Wild," Alliance); Sarah Lancaster ("Titus Andronicus," Atlanta Shakespeare Company). Both actresses delivered wonderful performances, one comic, one deadly serious, in difficult material. Honorable Mention: Rachel Fowler ("Philadelphia Story," Actor's Express).

Best Performances, Actor: Peter Ganim ("Man & Superman," Actor's Express). An absolutely

Without question, the most amazing set of the year.

Lighting Design: P. Hamilton Shin ("Vampyr"). Again, an amazing design.

Costume Design: Joanna M. Schmink (many plays). This woman's costume work is everywhere, it seems.

Best Direction: Chris Coleman ("Man & Superman," "Cloud Nine"). Two amazing pieces of theatre, made all the better by Coleman's impeccable direction. Very Honorable Mention: Kenny Leon ("Angels in America," "Boys From Syracuse")

Best Shakespeare Production: "The Winter's Tale" (Theatre Emory); Honorable Mention: "Titus Andronicus" (Atlanta Shakespeare Company).

Best Touring Shows at The Fox: "Hello, Dolly!" (Carol Channing really was phenomenal) and "The Who's Tommy." "Tommy" was an incredible production, even though I ultimately don't like the play all that much.

Best New Work to Debut in Atlanta: "Many Things Have Happened Since He Died...And Here Are the Highlights" (Horizon).

Best Place to See Unexpectedly Good New Works: Discovery Arena at Neighborhood Playhouse.

Best New Group in Town: Art Attack (it had a couple of misfires, but it is on the right track).

Best Work Which the Other Critics Loathed: "Mad Forest" (Theatre Emory). An offbeat, off-kilter production, it held my interest throughout.

Best Work Done by the Alliance in a Long Time: "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches"; Honorable Mention: "The Boys From Syracuse"

Best Musical: "A. My Name Is Still Alice" (Horizon). Honorable Mention: "Whoop Dee Doo" (Onstage Atlanta)

Best Play: "Man & Superman" (Actor's Express).



Carol Channing as Dolly was the highlight of the Fox musical season.

stunning performance—just perfect. Honorable mention: Edwin Ashurst ("Present Laughter," Neighborhood Playhouse), Jerry Hannah ("The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me," SAME).

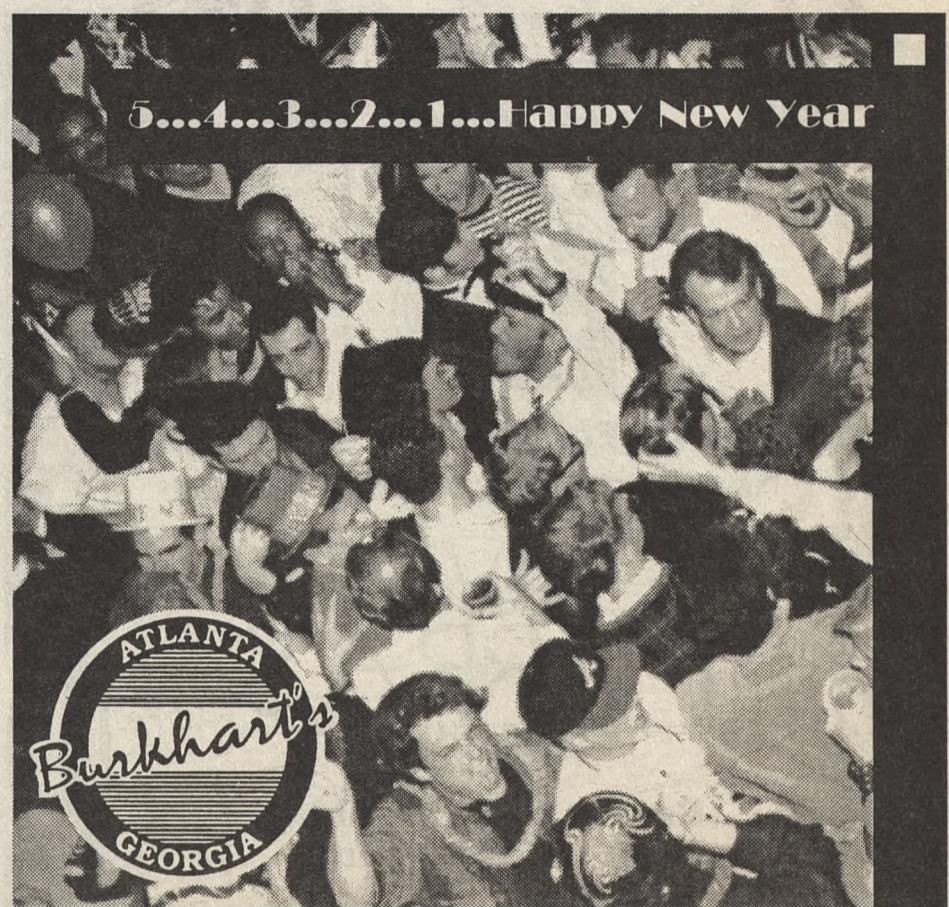
Best Supporting Performances, Actress: Kim Salome ("Tarts," E/R Christmas), Lauren Gunderson ("Philadelphia Story")

Best Supporting Performances, Actor: Theo Harness ("Cloud Nine"), David Milford ("Of Mice and Men")

Best Musical Performances, Actress: The cast of "A...My Name Is Still Alice." Don't ask me to split apart an ensemble like this.

Best Musical Performances, Actor: Daniel L. Carne ("A Little Night Music"); Bryan Mercer ("Children of Jazz").

Set Design: Rochelle Barker ("Vampyr," Theatrical Outfit).



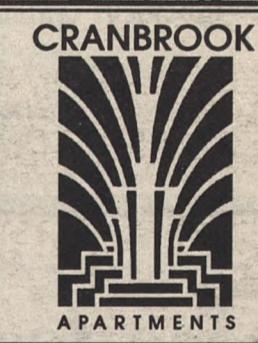
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EATING OUT

by GARY KAUPMAN

The holidays are a time for memories, right? The Taste Sheriff and I (starved for protein and craving the comfort of a quiet corner table in a womb-like environment) got an unexpected side of nostalgia when we supped at the **HIGHLAND TAP** (1026 N. Highland Ave., 875-3673).

The Tap, located in the basement at the corner of Virginia and North Highland, occupies the granite and brick grotto-like space formerly habited by the Texas Drilling Company—the bar that was the predecessor to The Eagle—and before that by a blues/jazz club called (I believe) the Uptown Cafe.

The T.S., who moved to Atlanta in the mid-'80s and knows about leather only as it applies to shoes, was vaguely familiar with Texas, but he didn't know that before the bar moved into the cave where it became legend, it was located in the upstairs space that is now Chow.

"A gay bar in a storefront at the queen of all Intown commerce corners?" gasped the Sheriff. "How did that happen?"

It seems that the folks who took over the then disheveled buildings at the corner of Va. and Hi. had previously lived in San Francisco. They set out to recreate a commercial area that resembled those of that fine city. And a gay bar, one with windows that faced the street, was a requisite part of their plan for reviving the area. My memories of the bar in its upstairs incarnation are hazy, but I do remember dancing my fanny off to Stevie Wonder on more than one late night.

Texas moved downstairs when Theda's (a fairly trendoid eatery owned by two lesbians named Katherine and Lou and named for Lou's mom) moved in upstairs. The food was fab and the atmosphere relaxed. And oh, the scene at brunch. The women who run the Flying Biscuit may have learned the mechanics of their trade at Partner's and Indigo, but the institution they've created has a spiritual link to Theda's.

But K&L decided that being business partners was having a deleterious effect on their relationship and sold the place to a man who was not able to maintain the energy. Chow's remodeling and ultrasuccessful run came on the heels of his failure. In the meantime, the buildings got new owners, the rents went up, upscale shops moved in, and the Highland Tap's brand of beef replaced Texas'.

All this came back in a big flash when our waiter (the epitome of a wise

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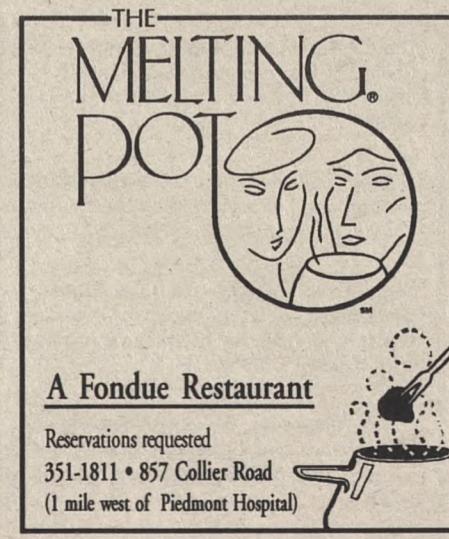
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and well-maintained Castro clone) at the Tap greeted us with a smile that made me wonder if he was the one who'd played those Stevie Wonder tapes for me more than a decade ago. Probably not, but the twinkle in his eye sure made it feel like old home week.

The food?

It's OK. The fresh-baked brownish bread served on individual cutting boards is an idea whose time should have passed before Jimmy Carter left office. In fact, the stuff is almost insulting when you're shelling out \$15-25 for an entree and when some of the city's finest loaves are available right across the street at The Bread Garden.

And my \$6 martini was fun to look at (it comes in a tiny carafe floating in a brandy snifter full of ice) but no bargain.

But the fried onion rings were fat, crispy and properly greasy; the baked potatoes are better than good, even if you don't drown them with sour cream or butter. Salads, like the bread, are also a throwback to a previous decade.

The Sheriff's prime rib (the 14 ounce "Queen" cut—it takes a real man to stare a butch waiter straight in the face and order that instead of the 21-ounce "King") was tender and properly pink, but nothing to clog your arteries about. My ribeye packed more flavor but shouldn't cause any panic for the owners of Chops or Bones.

We even thought about sharing a serving of "chocolate sin" for dessert, but the name brought back yet another memory of yet another late night (mis)adventure within these walls.

If the season has you in search of red meat or memories, give the Highland Tap a try. The crowd is mostly straight, but there are enough queers that you won't feel like the only one in the world. The atmosphere is cheerful, the service is attentive and the nonsmoking areas amazingly smoke-free. On the other hand, a pack-a-day friend tells me it is her very favorite site to suck on cigs while she chews the fat with friends.

And, if you never made it to Texas but wonder what it was like, check out the weekend scene at the Highland Tap's bar starting about 11 p.m. Take a gander at the crowd, then imagine that the women are men, that they are all wearing jeans or chaps (not Chaps) and that the music has a far more distinct bass beat... See that man over there in the corner? The one with the stern smile on his lips and the twinkle in his eye?... Have a safe and happy New Year.

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Reversing the roles

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"Where does the majority of their money come from?"

All 10 of Sherer's works in the Birmingham show were censored, including one that, he says, "when you look at it, you will not be able to understand why it got censored... It's inside of a natural history museum. It's a woman holding a camera, photographing inside one of those dioramas. There's a scene in the background. Way off in the bushes you can see that there's a man back in there. All you see is a corner of his shoulder and his neck and head. You don't see anything else. The idea behind that painting was it is the reversal of what's happened in art history—men have always been depicted as being identified with culture, with technology; women have always been identified with nature. All I did was flip that. The woman was erect, in control of the technology. She represented culture and advancement."

Sherer finds ironic amusement at having his work now censored even by women. "I am very well versed in feminist politics," Sherer says. "I know what constitutes sexism. That's what my work is all about. Her censoring my work and the way she did it—it is the finest example of my thesis I've had so far. She's on my side and doesn't even know it!"

Sherer's thesis is that throughout art history, there has always been a sexist approach to nudes. Females are, males are not. Or if they are, they are the idealized figures. His radical approach evolved when all his early ideals of what constitutes art and art history were crushed.

"I began to notice, as I carefully studied art history, that women have very valid complaints," Sherer says. "Art history has treated them wrongly. It had never really dawned on me to discover how men had been mistreated. I assumed that since art had been controlled by the patriarchy, that men would not be mistreated at all. I was very, very wrong. Men have been treated horribly by men, especially by Christianity. The mere fact that 97 percent of all the male nudes throughout the entire history of art

are of the Baby Jesus. That offends me deeply."

Sherer believes historical depictions of men in art are so unrealistic that "we can't possibly live up to that ideal. Ultimately it hurts all of us."

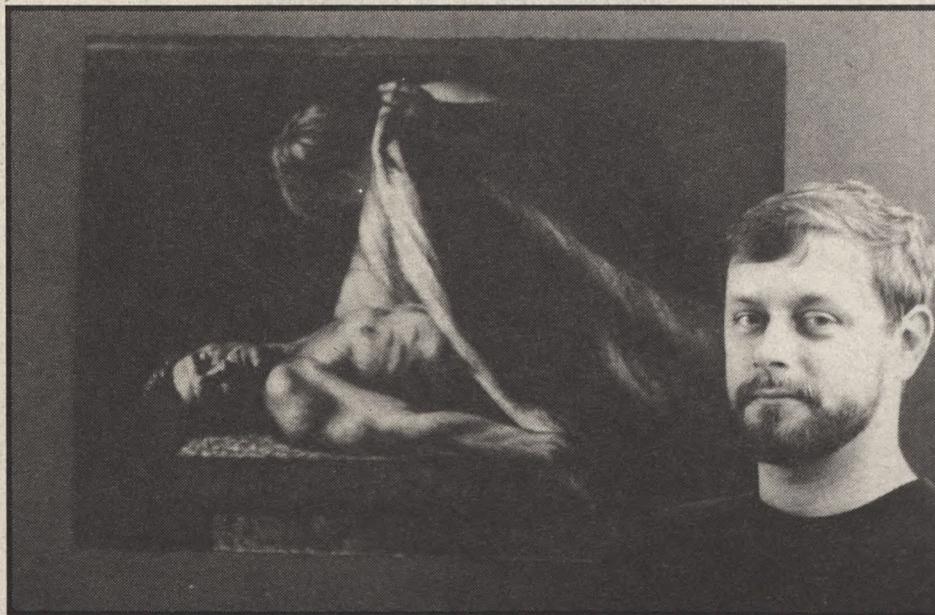
"If you have a big art history book at your house, one that covers the whole history of art, flip through it and count the times, for instance, you even find an image of a man with chest hair," Sherer says. "Name one. You can't. There actually were a few—very few—paintings of men with chest hair, but they were paintings of satyrs, which was the high culture's put-down of all it considered gross and animalistic. Men are hairy. Men do not always stand around with swords in their hands, being erect. Men lie down. There are no paintings about men being comfortable."

Borrowing from an early 19th century style ("we call it appropriation—it's a euphemism for the historical rip-off I'm doing"), Sherer has turned art history on its ear, simply by substituting men for women (and vice versa). That constitutes the thrust of his next major effort.

"I'm doing an experiment right now here in Atlanta with Sheila Ray," Sherer noted. "She's a wonderful person. She's pretty popular in the gay community. She's a lesbian and an actress and a professional artist model. We're taking some standardized poses from art history—something as simple as an erect figure standing behind a prostrate figure. We're trying these different poses to find out, in what way, if we reverse the gender, is it sexist?"

First, of course, Sherer is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his ten paintings back from Birmingham. Their next stop, he hopes, is an exhibition at the Lowe Gallery, where he serves as director. "We want to put it up here, just as it was, and see what the reaction in Atlanta would be."

One thing is for sure, he can't censor himself. "Yeah," Sherer jokes, "but I guess by 1996 I'm not going to feel good if I'm not in a murk again."



OUT IN PRINT

A GAY & LESBIAN READER

by GENE GABRIEL MOORE

Browsing the hits of 1994

Voracious book lovers, like opera devotees and nocturnal tipplers, tend to idolize their own favorites. Therefore, putting together a "year's best" list is a bit like coming upon one's diabolic nephew putting a kitten in the microwave: it's not for the faint of heart. Still, to a Southerner who grew up during the reign of Joseph McCarthy and J. Edgar Hoover, the real blue-ribbon aspect of these books with gay or lesbian themes is the fact that they exist, period.

Here are my picks of the best of the 1994 crop.

Skin: Talking About Sex, Class and Literature by Dorothy Allison (Firebrand, 261 pp., \$13.95). Essays and autobiographical narratives. Exemplary writing and a first-class mind.

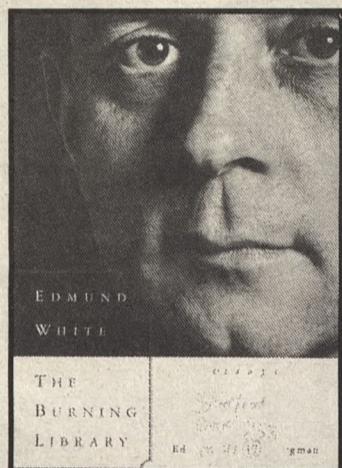
Public Sex: the Culture of Radical by Pat Califia (Cleis, 264 pp., \$12.95). Pro-sex feminist's chronicle of essays is electrifying.

A Sexual Tour of the Deep South by Rosemary Daniell (Push Button, 97 pp., \$10). 20th anniversary edition of collected poems. Lovely honesty by a fine poet and Savannah-based novelist who, as Tennessee Williams once put it, has covered the waterfront.

Alternate Roots: Plays from the South. Edited by Kathie deNobriga and Valetta Anderson (Heinemann, 340 pp., \$17.95). Language gone glorious by, among others, playwrights Rebecca Ranson, Jo Carson, John O'Neal and Jim Grimsley.

Queer and Loathing: Rants and Raves of a Raging AIDS Clone by David B. Feinberg (Viking, 275 pp., \$22.95). Essays by the author of "Eighty-Sixed," who died last month at age 37. Dark wit, gay valor.

How am I to be Heard? Letters of Lillian Smith. Edited by Margaret Rose Gladney (North Carolina, 384 pp., \$34.95). Fearless Georgia writer and civil rights advocate who knew it's a terrible sleep when you can't wake up.



Winter Birds by Jim Grimsley (Algonquin, 252 pp., \$18.95). A topflight first novel by one of North America's major dramatists.

What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality by Father Daniel A. Helminiak (Alamo Square, 128 pp., \$9.95). Amen.

Two Friends and Other Nineteenth-Century Lesbian Stories by American Women. Edited by Susan Koppelman (Meridian/Dutton, 288 pp., \$10.95). Anthology of 19th century writing by women helps excavate our yesterdays.

Angels in America: Millennium Approaches and Perestroika, by Tony Kushner (TCG, boxed set, \$20.95). Two epic plays as Big Bard (or maybe Bertolt Brecht) might have written them.

Chelsea Girls by Eileen Myers (Black Sparrow, 276 pp., \$13). Alive, loudly.

Knowing When to Stop: A Memoir by Ned Rorem (Simon & Schuster, 647 pp., \$30). Sardonic, narcissistic composer-diaryist is still thriving and naming names at 70.

Memoir of a Race Traitor by Mab Segrest (South End, 274 pp., \$15). Courageous Alabama-born white activist's essays examine who we really are down here.

The Burning Library by Edmund White, edited by David Bergman (Knopf, 385 pp., \$25). The collected essays of sometime expatriate novelist White ("A Boy's Own Story"). The "boy" grows up and discovers it just will not do.

The Starwick Episodes by Thomas Wolfe, edited and with an introduction by Richard S. Kennedy (LSU, 108 pp., \$11.95). Asheville's king of the adverb treated lover Aline Bernstein like dirt, so don't be dismayed by how he dealt with his gay pal at Harvard.

My Own Country: A Doctor's Story of a Town and its People in the Age of AIDS by Abraham Verghese (Simon & Schuster, 347 pp., \$23). Fatalities and overcoming fears in Johnson City.

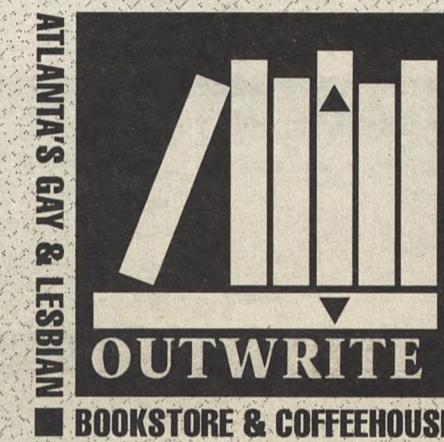
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Small bathrooms, for the most part, can be the most fun to decorate. Think of a rich color on the walls—steer away from wallpaper if this is a high traffic bath. However, for guest baths and half baths,

wallpaper can set the stage for the room, with towels, shower curtains, and accessories following closely behind.

A ragged wall, a rubbed finish, or even a two color stripe can add personality and style to this part of the house.

As 1994 becomes 1995, I want to share something I stumbled upon over the holidays from the book "The Heart of Christmas." It speaks of the hearth and home, both of which are my passion.

"The generosity of the season is the giving of time, that most precious commodity—the hours spent searching for the perfect present or the special ingredient, the trimming and untangling, the wrapping and shelling and roasting and polishing,

And out of all this labor and time come the true gifts of Christmas: the blessing of hearth and home, the strengthening of family ties, and the unfolding of the few days that are, as Shakespeare wrote, 'so hallowed and so gracious.'"

Happy New Year.

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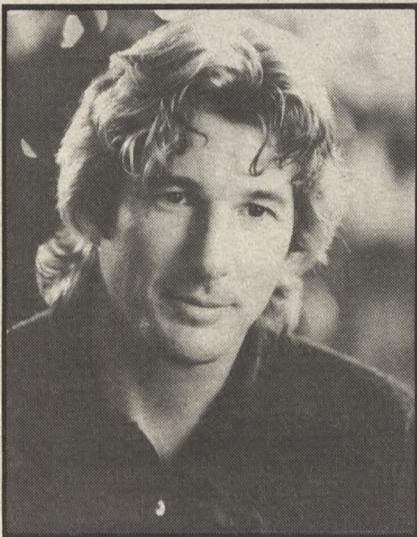


DISH

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

What's this Nonsense?

Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn seems to be broadening his horizons a bit—or at least trying to do so. The man who made enemies with the gay community during the military-ban debate was recently spotted at a screening of "Heavenly Creatures," the New Zealand film about two matri-cidal Kiwi lesbians (and don't ask us to explain that for you). Dish would especially like to have seen the look on Nunn's face during the film's brief-but-graphic Claymation orgy scene.



Single, white, straight male Richard Gere.

Democrat would also "believe that there are little Richard Simmons Jrs. running around." Though Dish doesn't especially relish the idea of little Richard Simmonses, we think the star of "Junior" should know that in today's reproductive world anything is possible—even if it takes a turkey baster to do it.

SHOW ME, DON'T DO ME: In a move that illustrates beyond a shadow of a doubt that politicians are not qualified to enact laws, the Missouri General Assembly has recently adopted legislation that bans not only queer sex but hetero sex as well. The convoluted resolution was originally meant to legalize sex between consenting teenagers of opposite sex and consenting homosexuals, but the law as it is written now states that a person commits the crime of sexual misconduct if "he has deviate sexual intercourse with a person of the same sex or he purposely subjects another person to sexual conduct." Looks like Missourians will have to start taking the "show me" thing much more seriously from now on—looking is the only thing left that's legal in the state.

PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF: A doctor in Cleveland, who says that HIV does not cause AIDS and that the disease is not contagious, was ordered by a judge to halt his plan to inject himself with HIV-tainted blood on World AIDS Day. Dr. Robert Willner, who says "AIDS is absolutely curable," told a gathering sponsored by ACT UP that the disease is caused by poor nutrition and drug use. Though Willner was not allowed to carry out his macabre demonstration, he has several times before injected himself with HIV-carrying needles to "prove" that the virus is not transmitted through blood exchange. No word yet on the good doctor's health—his physical health, that is.

JOYCELYN ELDERS WOULD APPROVE: Dish just received a newsletter entitled "Celebrate the Self," which is all about the joys of solo sex for men. The publication covers the gamut of masturbatory techniques, from the most basic moves to some really complicated methods involving leather straps, feather dusters and even penile injections of prostaglandin (for men with erection problems), with how-to illustrations (yikes!). The newsletter, besides offering some "personal experience" stories, also has merchandise to sell, including videos, books and toys. Interested? Write P.O. Box 8888, Mobile, AL 36689—and, by the way, the editors request that you be naked while writing to them. Don't ask.

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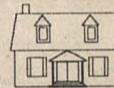
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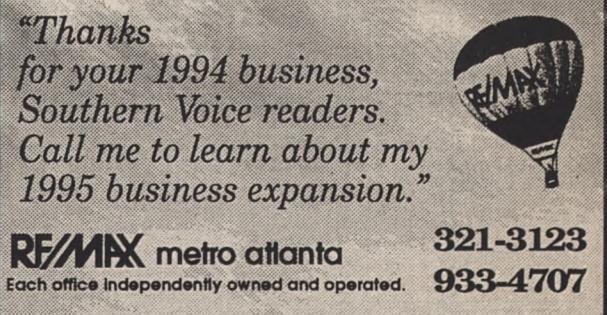
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LOTS OF KISSING
Deaf. GWM, 30, 5'10", 130, brown-eyed brunet, nice-looking. Enjoy life. You: GWM, brunet, 30-40, 6'+, dominant, hairy, decent, monogamous. HIV-. into lots of kissing and French Kissing, cuddling, quiet times, relationship possible. Knowledge of sign language preferred, but not required. Send photo: P.O. Box 152, Fairforest, SC 29336.

MATURE PROFESSIONAL
GWM mature professional seeks goodlooking, sincere and mature, young man (20s) for dining out, travel, shopping, spoiling, relationship? No drugs/smokers. #2497

MASTER SEEKS SLAVE
Master seeks attractive young GWM slaveboy for light S&M, piercing, B&D, personal services. Must be a serious bottom. #2498

LOOK GREAT IN LEATHER?
Leather daddy needs leather boy. Would YOU look great in leather jock, chaps, harness, collar and cap? Party with the men. #2495

LOTS OF TRAVEL
Former pro football player looking for person to move to Florida, take care of my home and me. Lots of travel. #2498

HOTLOOK&ANGRY
FREE? use it:seduce, laugh. DARE breeder/queer/self expectation: U trying too? HotLook&AngryPast R a + #2499

EXPLORE TOGETHER
Jewish GWM, 31: Professional, warm, humorous, affectionate, community-minded and family oriented homeowner seeks handsome best friend really ready to settle down. Let's explore our hopes, fears, dreams and desires together. #2483

CUTE SLIM ASIAN
Wanted by blonde, blue, GWM, 34, 5'11". Prefer sincere honest non-smoker. Enjoy movies, travel, boating. #2485

NO STRINGS
WM, 26, 6'0", 175, br/bl looking for nice looks and personality for fun times and maybe more but no strings. #2486

DISCREET GOOD TIMES
Grey-eyed, clean-cut, 25, cute bottom seeks top for hot discreet good times. #2478

COMMITTED SERVICE
Leatherman Daddy seeks slim Third Musketeer for committed service, mentoring, long term. Right mustard handkerchief for right gray. Obedience required. #2469

DADDYISH TOP
Professional, GWM, 38, muscular like a football player, daddyish, short hair, 210, attractive, top, seeks endowed, muscular or well-defined GBM, dark or light, bottom for wild hard rides plus. Describe yourself and interests. #2470

INTO PUMPING UP
Adventurous, athletic, attractive WM, thirty-something, 5'10"/155, dark hair/eyes: intelligent, with good self-esteem and a joie de vivre. Negative sero-status. ISO a boyfriend, not a "lover"; someone to hangout with, not set up house with, who's financially stable, not a sponge; into pumping up, not getting f-ed up. #2473

WILL SERVE
34, 5'8", 145, gdkg GWM wants sexual attraction w/from gdkg masculine top. Possible relationship. Open to fantasies. Will serve. #2474

SMOOTH BEEFY BODY
GWM, 28, 5'9", 210, blond, green, smooth beefy body, seeks nonsmoker up to age 40 for friendship, possible relationship. #2475

NON-SMOKERS ONLY
28 y.o. GWM seeks Mike Landess look-alike for friendship, possible relationship non-smokers only need apply. #2476

LAGRANGE AREA
GWM, 30ish, interested in meeting others. Are You Out There? Give me a call! #2477

FUN TIMES
WM, 5'7", 130, slim, mid-30s seeks well-endowed males for occasional fun times. Race unimportant. Box 190593, Atlanta, GA 31119-0593. #2479

SISSY NEEDS A DADDY
GWM, 50, 6'1", 190, ISO smooth bodied slim 20-35 GWM, sissy who needs a daddy type to serve. #2481

ENRICH MY LIFE
Attractive GWM, 24, 5'11" seeks masculine, romantic men of any race to enrich my life during the holidays and beyond. #2482

CUDDLY, AND FUNNY
A Michigan yankee in Queen Scarlett's Court. Forty-two year old GM seeking to expand social network and perhaps even find a beau. Interests include liberal/progressive politics, NPR, gay/disability rights activism, books, music, theatre, travel, nature walks, and, of course, brunch. I'm fun-loving, youthful spirit, cuddly, and funny—with enough love for several new people in my life. Write SoVo Box 8100, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306.

LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP
I am 29, 5'9", 120. I am HIV positive. I enjoy going to the movies, bingo. I like spending just time together. I enjoy watching SPORTS ON TV. I am a smoker. I am a GWM. Really just looking for friendship or possibly MORE. Write SoVo Box 1801, 1189 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306.

MONOGAMOUS RELATIONSHIP
NICE GUY bottom/versatile seeks masculine top. GDLKG, 39, 5'11", 170, athletic, HIV-, hairy, receding hair, mustache, HONEST GWM wants to meet physically fit, HIV-, GWM, similar in age and height, who wants a monogamous relationship. No smoking, no drugs. #2448

SAFE FUN/FRIENDSHIP.
BIG BROTHER seeks little brother, 39 yr old, brown hair/blue eyes, mustache seeks cute submissive guy for safe fun/friendship. #2449

DOMINANT TOP
PUMP YOUR RUMP. Dominant top, 30s, 5'11", 165, likes to safely bounce off a hot set of buns. #2450

MARIETTA/SMYRNA AREA
Masculine GWM, 21-35 Marietta/Smyrna area, masculine. Is being sought by GBM masculine. Tall, slim. #2451

LIVE THE MAGICK
Skinny, pretty, Capricorn boy seeks strong, beautiful Pagan man for spiritual stimulation and rites of Brotherhood. Let's live the Magick. #2455

BJ BUDDY
Handsome WM, 5'8", 150, lives in mountains (Blairsville), HIV-, great guy, many interests, enjoys life, seeks similar very goodlooking oral/BJ buddy. #2456

VALUES HONESTY
Christ-centered GWM, 31, ISO romance and passion with GWM, 28-40, who hopes to be a parent, values honesty and fidelity, and enjoys sports, travel and socializing. #2457

GWINNETT/WALTON
WM, 33, 6'2" discreet, Christian, likes music, movies seeks WM (23-38) in Gwinnett/Walton county area. #2459

RELATIONSHIP-ORIENTED
Monogamous, attractive, honest, relationship-oriented, stable, single GWM. If these traits describe you and interest you, please call! #2460

HANDSOME AND DOMINANT
GWM, 33, HIV-, handsome and dominant, goal oriented seeks GWM 25-35, avg. plus looks, humorous for LTR. No fats, barflies or ad regulars. #2462

AFTERNOON DELIGHT
Sugardaddy, senior, married. Seeks to service healthy top 30-40 any weekday between 11AM and 4PM. #2463

ATTRACTIVE AND TALENTED
Seeking WMs. 30ish, attractive, masculine and discreet to orally service. Me: 33, prof. masc, attrac (really) & talented. Roswell Rd/285 area, your place, no strings. #2467

MASCULINE COMPANION
Frustrated, hairy chested, masculine teddy bear divorced "late but finally out". Searching for masculine similar companion, sports enthusiast. #2443

SAFE FUN
GWM 35, 5'9", 175, bearded, balding, goodlooking, well equipped, versatile, seeks older GWM, GBM into toys safe discreet fun. #2433

ADVENTUROUS ENCOUNTERS
Prof, 27, 5'11", 160, bn/gn seeks goodlooking boyish, prof for fun, adventurous, encounters. #2430

WANTED-ATLANTA
Bodybuilder bottom, WM 25-35, 5'10" max, must be into and/or learning SM, BD, CBT, TT. Must like leather, outdoors and quiet times. Master/Dad 46 HIV- who works hard and plays hard. Send photo and letter and I will answer. Send to ETF, P.O. Box 7427, Atlanta, GA 30357-0427.

BJ BUDDY

PROFESSIONAL & ATHLETIC
GWM, Irish, 43, 5'11", 160 professional athletic enjoys running, roller blading, 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
GWM, 34, 5'9", slim, br/bl, fairly hairy w/stache seeking similar WM. Too many interests to list here. Intrigued? #2421

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

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

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

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

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 dining out and cozy evenings. Must be masculine, 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

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

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by Eric Orner...

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.

NURTURING 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

CUB SEEKS BEAR

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

QUIET & CONSERVATIVE

GWM, 36, br/b, 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

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 Mt, fun, relationship? No fems/lsts/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

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

SECURE RELATIONSHIP

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

BOATING BUDDIES

Lake Lanier professional GM couple, both 35 seeks single/couples for boating, cookouts fun and friendship. No fats, fms, drugs. #2142

FRIENDS & COMPANIONS

Young 35 yearold 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/b, 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 +. #2123

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

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. #2107 (7.40)

POSSIBLE THREESOME

Goodlooking, athletic, GWM, 25, bottom-versatile, seeks nonsmoker, handsome, athletic-muscular, GWM, top-versatile 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, gdkg, 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 cleancut inshape guy for lasting goodtimes. Do It! #2135

ROMANTIC ENCOUNTERS

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

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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WOMEN**FULL FIGURED**

GWF, 33, full-figured seeks other GWFs for fun and friendship and more. Are you lonely, sad? I'll make you smile. #2578

INEXP, SHY, ROMANTIC...

GWF enjoys books, movies, music and adventure. Seeks similar 21-35 for friendship, maybe more. #2581

ANDROGYNOUS

GWF, 31, petite, honest, stable, professional, who enjoys dining out, music, travel and romance. ISO androgynous/funloving GWF. #2583

HOMEBODY

GBF a little butch, quite attractive. Grad student career oriented. ISO attractive fem of color to challenge my intellect. #2585

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DYNAMITE

GWF, 45. Small package. Lots of dynamite. Cultivate a relationship with honesty, loyalty and compassion. 37-50. #2511

LEATHERDYKES

Safe, sane, consensual. Looking for a sensitive, dominant leatherwoman? Don your leather and call. Let's negotiate. #2564

ADVENTUROUS

GWF, 36, 5'4", 140, non-smoker. Likes: hiking, music, movies, reading, arts, humor, fine wine, animals, friends, dating. Seeks: similar GWF. #2548

LIKE TO TRAVEL?

Fun loving, youthful spirit, happy, GWF, 5'7", black/blue. Interests include fishing, swimming, walking, nature, theatre, concerts, weekend getaways, ISO that special female 38+, caring, loyal, with gentle touch and tender heart. Write to SoVo Box 901, 1189 Virginia Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30308.

SHY FEMME

GWF, Femme, shy, likes antique shops, flea markets, music, quiet dinners, fireplaces, quiet conversations. Into Native American/Mexican culture, angels, teddy bears, ISO GWF assertive, non-smoker with like interests for friendship. #2533

DOWN TO EARTH

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 GBF, 28-40 already on a spiritual quest for stimulating conversation, occasional nights out, quality friendship. #2521

LOOKING FOR LINDA

You're 45/5'9", short bl hair, hazel eyes. You didn't leave me your telephone numbers. Please call me back #254#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

SEEKS MATURE BUTCH

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

SPIRITUAL

GWF, 4

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

QUIET EVENINGS

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

FEMININE AND SHY

GF 46 - energetic usually feminine shy funloving lifeloving. ISO romantic real lifelong 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", blnd/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, intown. #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-femme, 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 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, 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, 1t/lt 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

RED HAIR, BLUE EYES

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

TOUCH MY SOUL

GWF, 29: attractive, androgynous, 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

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1994 CLOSES ON A BANG. This week, Mercury and the Sun face off in Capricorn and charge up communications. Reach out to others and express your opinion, whether it's in work, play, love or money. Read ahead to see how to maneuver ourselves and others. Happy holidays!



ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 20) You easily grab the ear of someone in authority who will give high priority to a matter of importance to you. Give some thought to what you want the pinstriped 1995 baby to bring you. What a shame to waste this energy on nonsense!



TAURUS (APRIL 21-MAY 21) Since this is the holiday season, you may want to find a good excuse to visit faraway friends or family and therefore scratch those itchy traveler's feet. At least gather some kindred souls together and have an exotic, unusual celebration.



GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21) The mind works in mysterious ways as you find yourself focusing more on sex and deeply intimate urgings. The secret to success in your quest is to talk less about yourself and more about the fabulous qualities of your targeted quarry.



CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 23) You can't stop talking about what your needs are, what you are feeling about partners and partnerships in general. This is all very well as long as you don't become whiny. Air out the dirty linen, but remember, a little goes a long way.



LEO (JULY 24-AUG. 23) If you apply this electric conjunction properly, you can be extraordinarily effective on the job. Try your hand at something new. You can make quick and accurate business decisions because your mind is crystal clear.



VIRGO (AUG. 24-SEPT. 23) This aspect gives you extra courage to do some public speaking or even a bit of dramatic performance. (I vote for comedy over tragedy.) You may surprise a few people with how gregarious you can be at parties. Go with the flow and have fun!



LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23) You may be tempted to let family or very close old friends know exactly what you think, come what may. The holiday season can bring out the best or the worst in us. Libras are usually diplomatic enough to avoid messy recriminations.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 22) Plan to take intellectual matters to the next step. This is a superb time to catch up on correspondence;



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 22) Sags are pretty carefree with their money, but now allow your money to work for you instead of vice versa. Financial planning is highlighted as your mind is sharp and focused on the bottom line. Plan now to recap financial benefits later.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23-JAN. 20) Focus your attention on personal growth. Decide what you need to start now in order to advance your personal agenda. Word of warning: this conjunction could make your personality stronger than usual. Don't use a hammer when a feather will do.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19) Intuitive thoughts are sharp and on target as you uncover hidden elements in your life, whether they are areas of opportunity or deceptive areas of challenge. Give generously to our community projects this holiday. Show your rainbow colors and get involved.



PISCES (FEB. 20-MARCH 20) Are you getting all you need from friends? Pisces sometimes show an alarming tendency to give their all for the greater good of the group. This is not always advisable, as the planets now make amply clear. Establish who you are, warts and all.

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