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This lively and colourful documentary in the Seventh London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival (now on tour) celebrates the biggest open air gay event in the Southern Hemisphere - the annual Mardi Gras in Sydney, which will ride over you with dionysian passion. From the Sleaze Ball to Dykes on Bikes, it's hardly surprising that over \$11 million is raised in tourism alone by this extravaganza, which leaves homophobes speechless and the police and politicians obsequious.

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Dubbed by some 'a gay Thelma and Louise', this high octane 'irresponsible movie' races through the California sunshine on fast-forward. Its two heroes are HIV-positive, lonesome cowboys for the 90's who take to the road to get lost in an America that has betrayed them.

Luke, a sexy, violent drifter and Jon, a bewildered writer are trapped in a hostile Los Angeles. Embarking on a tempestuous love affair, they begin an odyssey across America until their twisted relationship comes to an unnerving climax on a deserted beach.

Director: Gregg Araki, USA 1992, 84 mins at the Phoenix, Leicester, 9th May, 8.30pm, 10th May, 6.15pm.

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The latest from Derek Jarman is a sparse, witty drama with more than a touch of Jarmanesque queer iconographic detail, chronicling the life of Viennese philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein, from precocious child to isolated Cambridge Professor. Jarman's distinctive approach - vibrantly coloured costumes, extraordinary design and beautifully composed tableaux - has produced a highly stylised, visually stunning piece. *Wittgenstein* cunningly plays out the irony of devising a language to create a fictional biography about a man who changed the meaning of logic and truth and highlights the unique talent of the UK's leading gay director (Dir: Derek Jarman/UK 1992/75mins). Plus *The Attendant* (Dir: Isaac Julien/UK 1993/8 mins) a sumptuous short about the gay SM fantasies of a museum attendant. At a good film theatre near you this month.

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"YOU LOT SHOULD BE PUT DOWN"

That was the message to the lesbian and gay community from a Nottingham City Councillor in March. The hate mail was sent to Scott, The OUT HOUSE Project student placement worker who had written to all City Councillors about the Project's work. Back came his original letter with his name at the bottom torn off and heavy lines scrawled across the page. At the top of the letter were the words "You lot should be put down".

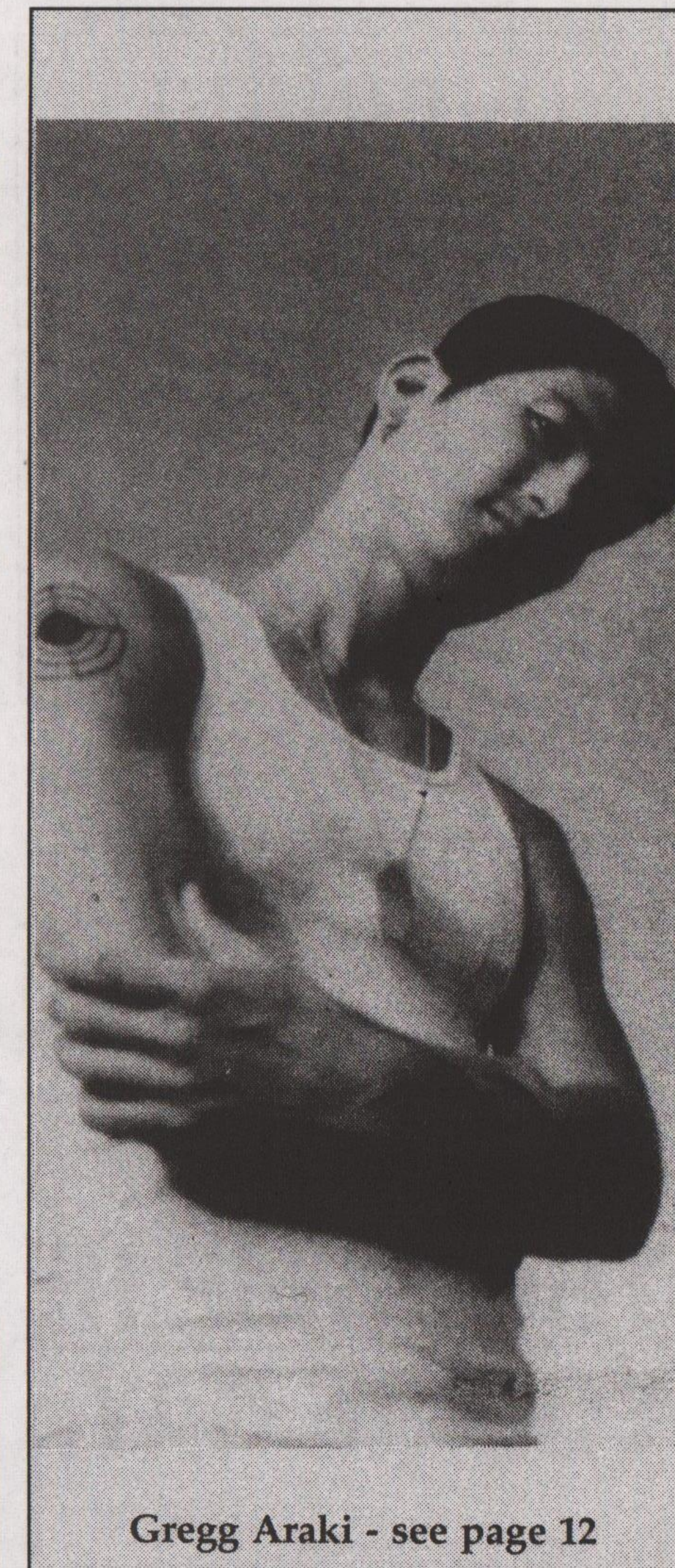
The OUT HOUSE Project immediately demanded an enquiry from the Council. Members of the Project also made their own enquiries. "The handwriting was quite distinctive" said Chris, the Project's Treasurer, 'forward sloping script, slim letter D and a curly S, and a Roman numeral 1'. Within hours members of the OUT HOUSE Committee had inspected the Register of Members Interests at the Guildhall and compared samples of Councillors' handwriting - and came up with three suspects.

Meanwhile a handwriting expert had been consulted and offered an opinion on the person likely to have sent the hate mail. "A man, probably

over 55, right handed, working in or retired from clerical work, slight infirmity in the hand..." The suspects were reduced to two possibilities with one probability.

At the time of going to press no action had been taken by the Council to expose him. "We could have had a professional analysis and comparison of the original writing with that of the Councillors' but the cost would have been prohibitive for us. That's the job of the Council. We want this bigot exposed. We want his resignation. And we want it now" said Chris.

The OUT HOUSE Project is the lesbian and gay community centre co-op. Set up in 1985, it has raised £12,000 towards opening a centre. In 1986 the City Council declared a lesbian and gay centre a 'high priority' but has failed to carry its policy into action. The OUT HOUSE Project believes the current homophobic outburst is symptomatic of the Council's cynical approach to Equal Opportunities. Direct action on the issue was being planned as we go to press.



Gregg Araki - see page 12

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ITS FUNDAMENTAL!

The Anti Nazi League are holding a benefit night to help smash the British National Party with the Militant Bradford Rappers 'Fun-da-Mental', bhangra from Bahaar and Nottingham's own Da Dog, plus sounds from Arawak Inna King David Style. All at the Marcus Garvey Centre, Lenton Bvd. Nottingham, Friday 16th April. The first band is on at 9.00pm. Tickets from Marcus Garvey Centre, Selectadisc, Way Ahead, Hyson Green Wholefoods, Admission £4/£3.

OUT IN THE SPRING

May sees the beginning of the second OUT HOUSE festival with a variety of films, performance, circle dancing, karaoke, photography workshops, disco and song, culminating in a wild party at the Old Vic and double decker buses to Pride on the 19th June.

Performers booked include Huffy and Latex Theatre. Watch out for details - and get your free programme in next month's OUTRIGHT.

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MAKE A DATE

The next Womens' Party is on Friday April 30th. New disco equipment! 8 'til late. Leicester Lesbian & Gay Centre, King Street, Leicester.

PINK INK

Pink Ink, the Nottingham gay writers' group meets next on Wednesday 21st April at 8pm. Telephone Tony on (0602) 626995 for details.



Atomic Kandy

BASS PLAYER

Nottingham band, Atomic Kandy, are on the lookout for a new bass player to take over from Fiona now (pictured centre). Interested players should contact either Mary on (0602) 782642 or Sophie on (0602) 706655. The band have done national gigs, including a centre stage spot at Pride '92, Sheffield Leadmill, and Brighton Lesbian & Gay Festival last year.

Sunday Breakfast

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NEWS FROM NOWHERE

This edition of OUTRIGHT carries very little news from anywhere but Nottingham. That's not to say that nothing newsworthy happens elsewhere, simply that we haven't got to hear of it.

So, if you live in Leicester, Derby, Lincoln or wherever and you have some new you'd like to share, just send us a note of it or ring 0602-780124. Your letters and articles will be welcome too.

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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

NOTTINGHAM: Gay Switchboard, in its sixth year of operation, received its first grant of £100 from the students Carnival committee and in April 1977 extended its service from one to two evenings a week.

SHEFFIELD: Ghosts and ghouls were reported at the gay nightclub, The Salutation Inn, at Attercliffe Common. Pints of beer were reported being pulled in an empty bar, a bottle of orange cordial exploded mysteriously with no-one in reach, and heavy footsteps were heard in a deserted cellar. The uninvited guest was said to be the murdered wife of a former landlord.

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BIG WEDNESDAY

Gary Busey, Jan Michael Vincent, William Katt
Dir. John Milius/USA/119 mins/1978.

A welcome re-release of this epic homage to the surf. Busey, Katt and Vincent are the three statuesque Californian boys, bonded by their need to ride the wave. Over a number of years they return regularly, despite the obstacles of adulthood, the Draft and Vietnam. One of the most underrated movies of the 1970's and - a celebration of body culture.

April 6th, 7th and 8th, 8.30pm.

THE CRYING GAME

Stephen Rea, Forest Whitaker, Miranda Richardson,
Dir. Neil Jordan/UK/110 mins/1992.

Neil Jordan's multi-Oscar nominated thriller is back by popular demand. A reluctant IRA gunman becomes increasingly close to a soldier he is guarding. Later, on the run in London, he forms a bizarre relationship with a young hairdresser, a friend of the soldier. This intriguing and distinctive film finishes with a real twist in the tale.

April 30th - 6th May (Fri, Tue, Wed & Thur.
6.45pm & Sat. 8.45pm, Sun. 6pm).

LAST OF THE MOHICANS

Daniel Day Lewis, Madeleine Stowe,
Dir: Michael Mann/USA/112 mins/1992.

James Fenimore Cooper's pioneering novel is transformed by director Michael Mann into a full blown blood and thunder epic full of spectacle and striking imagery. Set in the colony of New York, 1757, the film charts the role of Hawkeye (Daniel Day Lewis), born to white settlers but raised by the Mohicans, in the struggle between French and English.

April 9th - 13th (Fri. 6pm, Sat. 2pm & 6pm,
Sun 5.30pm, Tue. 6pm).

LAW OF DESIRE

Carmen Maura, Antonio Banderas, Dir: Pedro Almodovar/Spain/101 mins subtitled/1987.

Gay film maker Pablo lives the highlife in Madrid with his beautiful transsexual sister, who used to be his brother. A lush, emotionally and sexually charged tragicomic thriller with something to delight and offend everyone. Wit, sex, drugs and topsy turvy cliches abound. Almodovar's natural style carries all before him.

April 23rd-24th LATE SHOWS at 11.15pm.

SEVENTH HEAVEN

Seventh Heaven, the seventh London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival opens in London shortly before touring regional film theatres around Great Britain. This year there is a wide variety of programmes to suit all tastes. It opens with Derek Jarman's new film, *Wittgenstein*, about the Austrian philosopher, while the festival closes with a showing of Rosa Von Prauhim's latest film, *I Am My Own Woman*, about the life of a German transvestite. Lesbian Hollywood director, Dorothy Arzner also features in the festival.



Being at Home With Claude (Canada, 1992, sub-titles) is set in Montreal and based on the successful stage play by Rene-Daniel Dubois. The heart of the film is the interrogation of a young male hooker, Yves (Roy Dupuis pictured, left) by the proverbial police hack in a judge's study. The police inspector tries his damndest to find out why Yves killed one of his punters. Also why won't he give the police his own or the victim's name and why is he meeting them in a judge's house? Dubois keeps a tight control on the escalating tension between the tortured, beautiful killer and the frustrated cop, as they play psychological cat-and-mouse with each other.

Panorama is the umbrella title of a selection of features and documentaries from Britain, Germany, Israel, Japan and Australia and Canada. Not surprisingly, given the non-existent funding for lesbian and gay film projects here, it's not surprising that most of the longer pieces have come from abroad, and proves that there's plenty of imaginative and creditable work around. Some of it is celebratory of lesbian and gay history and looks at sexual desire, while others tackle more serious subjects like murder, repression and AIDS.

TEA DANCE

Loughborough Womens Bar are holding a Tea Dance with live music from the 1920s and 30s from the Sheffield band 'Anything Goes'. The women only event is being held upstairs at The Greyhound, Nottingham Road, Loughborough on Saturday 24th April at 8pm. Tickets are £4/£3/£2 and are available on the door.

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Grim milestone on streets of San Francisco

In San Francisco a bitter milestone has been reached. More than 10,000 of its citizens have now died from Aids related causes in the twelve years or so that the epidemic has swept the world. San Francisco's death rate is the highest in any major city in the West, and perhaps the highest anywhere except for Africa. But the city's services for those affected are threatened by financial cut-backs and recession.

San Francisco's deaths may seem few compared with the 133,000 Americans killed in the past decade by Aids, or the two million people with Aids worldwide. But San Francisco, the worlds gay capital, has still been hardest hit. An estimated 4% of the city's 724,000 residents are living with HIV, including 40% of the gay community. "It's a humbling thing," said Joseph Fera of the San Francisco Aids Foundation, the city's largest private agency for PWA's. "It's hard to be in the city and not be affected by the epidemic."

By comparison, in all of the wars this century San Francisco lost 1,350 residents. The 1906 earthquake, which razed huge areas of the city, took 2,500 lives, a level reached for Aids more than five years ago. The number of deaths is projected to peak this year at 2,500 because the rate of infection started plummeting a decade ago once the disease was identified. PWA's often die about eight to ten years after infection.

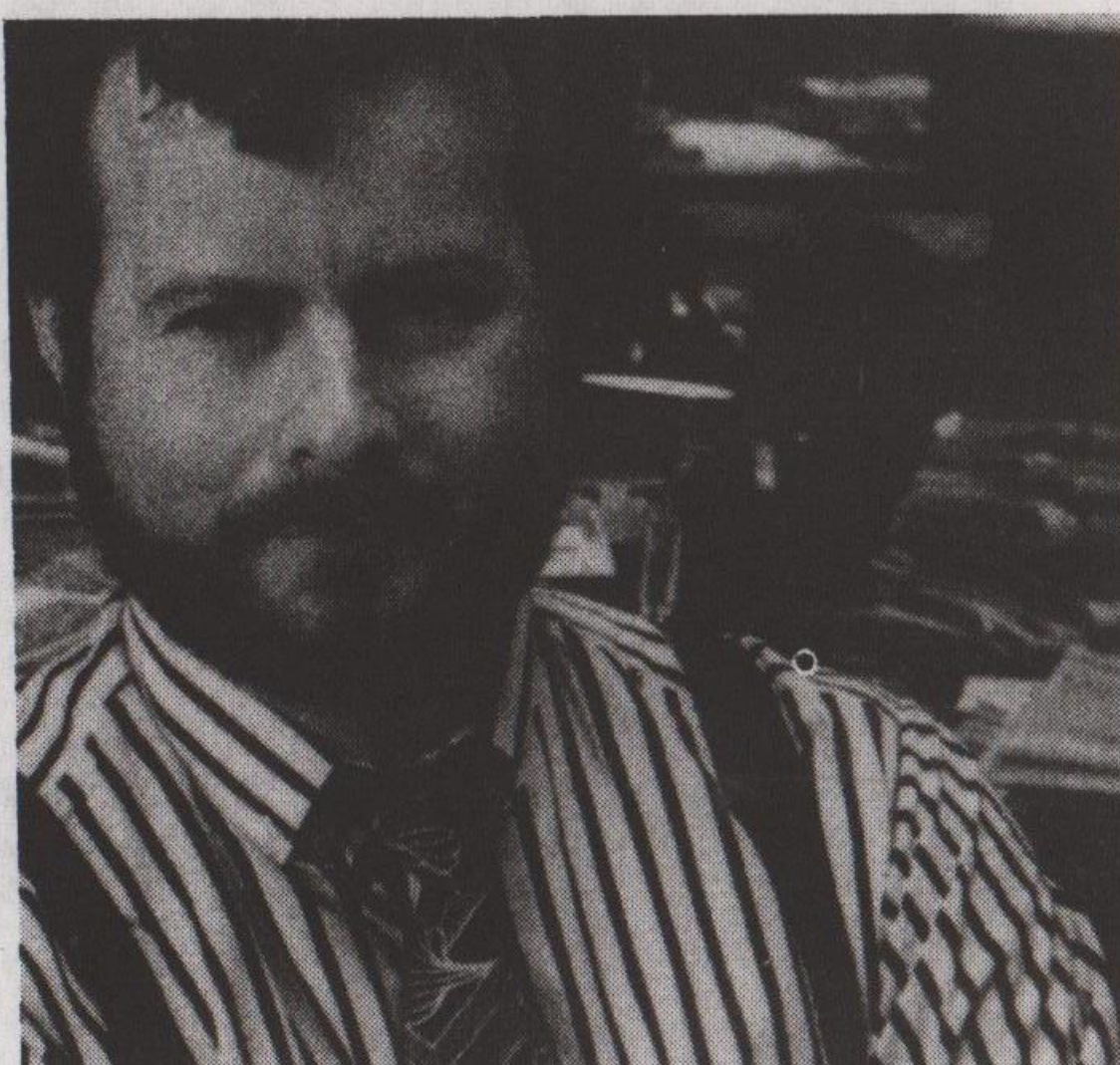
Indeed, so advanced is the epidemic that last week city experts announced they could not find enough volunteers to test an Aids vaccine aimed at slowing the virus. To be eligible, patients must be HIV positive, show no outward signs of the disease, but never have taken anti-viral drugs such as AZT used in the most advanced cases.

"It's been a massive disaster for this city," said D. Paul Volberding, director of the University of California Aids programme at the city-run San Francisco General Hospital. "Those of us living day-to-day with this epidemic lose track of how devastating it's been. This much loss, this much grief.. I don't think any of us would have guessed in our worst dreams it would be this bad," said Volberding.

Although none of the city's PWA's is internationally famous, the creative arts community has been ravaged over the past ten years. Last month the most notable PWA announced was Randy Shilts (pictured), prize-winning author of 'And The Band Played On', the book that exposed the Reagan administration's slow response to the epidemic.

The city's services are characterised by short hospital stays and more at-home care, helping to cut costs, according to Dr. Mitchell Katz, director of the SF Aids Office.

Among private agencies is the Aids foundation, which employs 70 people, logs 100,000 calls on its hot line annually, and which offers emergency services and programmes in Spanish, Japanese and Filipino. Shanti Project provides housing, transport, entertainment, and counselling to an estimated 85% of the city's diagnosed. The Castro Village Pharmacy, in the heart of the gay district, specialises in Aids.



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Recently Mayor Frank Jordan declared a public health state of emergency to fund needle exchanges to reduce the infection rate from Aids. The unprecedented action challenges California Governor Pete Wilson, who vetoed a bill last year allowing free needle exchanges for drug addicts.

The measure underscores local officials' frustration. "We've known for at least five or six years how to stop this," said the Aids foundation's Fera. "But we have a lack of sympathy from federal and state legislators for the sort of programmes that can stop this epidemic." Based on a report in *The Herald*.

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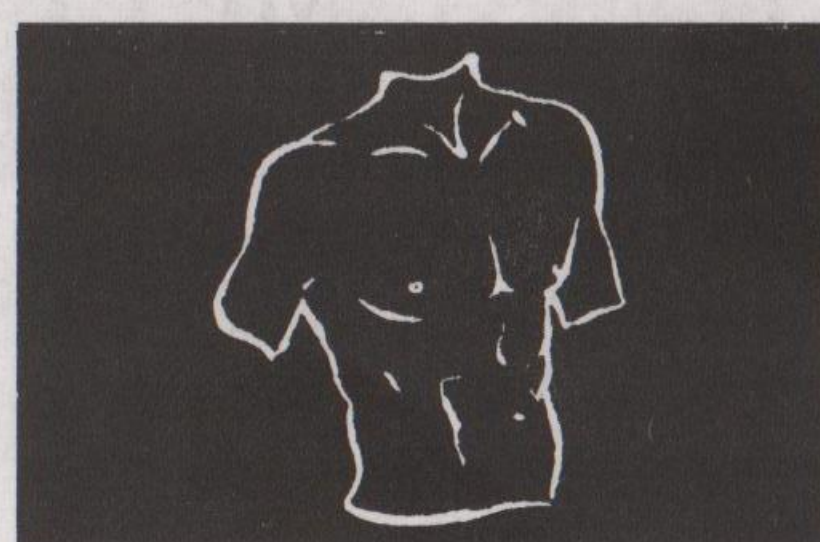
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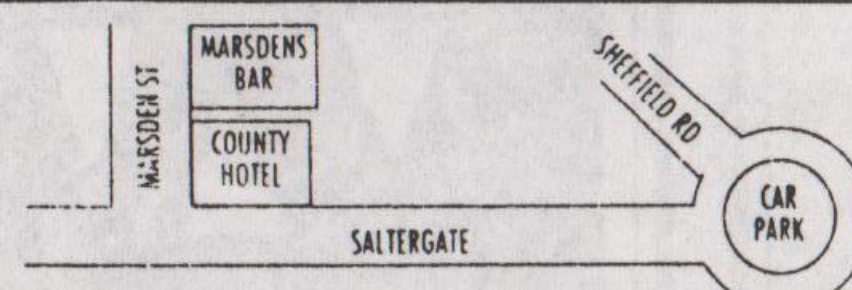
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OUT ON THE BOX

Lesbians and Gays on TV

Traditionally, lesbians and gays have been virtually invisible on British television, but the 60's and the 70's did bring a handful of exceptions. This important retrospective presents a body of work which has until now been neglected - some of which was never transmitted, but merits re-examination, debate and acknowledgement in the history of British television. OUT ON THE BOX comes to Leicester, Nottingham and Derby in April and May. The programming at each venue varies. These are some of the offerings.

Out of the Archives - Lesbians and Gays on TV

An Afternoon study event presented by Stephen Bourne, gay film and TV historian and film critic for The Pink Paper. An illustrated talk about the historical representation of gays and lesbians on British TV, including extracts from a range of television material particularly from the 60's and 70's. There will also be a

screening of the controversial BBC drama 'The Two Of Us' and opportunities for discussion.

On Trial: Oscar Wilde

Dir. Silvio Narizzano, transmitted August 1960, 56 mins. Michael MacLiammoir is outstanding as Wilde in this dramatisation of the 1895 trial which uses the original transcript.

Blasphemy at the Old Bailey

Transmitted Sept. 1977, 75 mins. A dramatic reconstruction of the Gay News blasphemy trial, produced by the Everyman team. Courtroom scenes are interspersed with interviews with among others Mary Whitehouse and Editor Denis Lemon.

Agony and Ecstasy - Lesbians on TV

This programme includes, 'Country Matters, Breeze Anstey', from H.E. Bates' short story in which Breeze and Lorn's idyll is threatened by Lorn's fiancée; 'In Second City Firsts: Girl', in which an army recruit played by Alison Steadman is seduced by a WRAC she-wolf; 'The London Weekend Show: Young Lesbians', featuring two young women talking about their relationship, plus an extract from 'Agony: Too Much Ecstasy'.

The other Side: Only Connect

Transmitted April 1979, 50 mins.

W. Stephen Gilbert, a gay BBC producer commissioned Gay Sweatshop's Noel Greig and the late Drew Griffiths to write for TV. The result is a compelling, moving drama which centres on a research student's rediscovery of a forgotten pioneer and campaigner for Gay Rights. The programme also includes extracts from 'Sex in Our Time: For Queer Read Gay' (made in 1976 but never broadcast), 'Gays Speaking Up', (transmitted Aug 1978, and 'Gay Life' (transmitted June 1981).

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Mention Circle Dancing to most people and they are liable to raise an eyebrow, but for those of you who've not sampled it Ian Buckley traces a brief history of the Dance and how it has already woven itself into the social calendar of many a gay man.

Borrowed from Eastern Europe

In the 1970's a German dance teacher called Bernard Wosien introduced to the Findhorn Community in Scotland the idea of borrowing from the nations of Eastern Europe which had not lost their traditional dance culture, and using these dances in an explicitly spiritual context rather than regarding them as 'folklore' to be collected. From this there developed a network of teachers and dancers of a style known successively as Scared Dance, Sacred Circle Dance, and eventually simply Circle Dance, characterised by the attention given to the atmosphere, energy and feelings created by the dance.

An instant convert

Fast forward to 1986 when a friend brought a tape to Lauriston Hall Gay Men's Week of beginners' dances and shared some of them with us in a couple of workshops. I was an instant convert - here at last was an accessible way of moving to the kind of music I'd always liked, free from disco isolation, ballroom formality, or ceilidh boisterousness. No worries about partners or gender roles, no chance of getting lost from your place in the circle. Others felt similarly, and a tradition soon developed that, following meetings, we would use dances chosen from the few that we then knew as a way to bring the group together and to lighten up long sessions of talk. Some friends and myself went off to a weekend in Norfolk and learned some more dances, and I was introduced to the wider Circle Dance network.

Making it our own

I was now keen to dance regularly and, lacking an accessible group in my part of Kent, used the resources of the network to improve my teaching skills to the point where I could start one myself, and begin to offer workshops at Gay Men's Weeks and other dance weekends. At around the same time the resident musicians at Lauriston Hall Community began to play something more challenging than the country dance music they'd been used to.

Unlocking doors

I hope this will give Circle Dance a bit of context for anyone who's slightly curious and I hope that many more of you will share my experience of having a long-dormant ability to dance unlocked, and doors opened on all sorts of exhilarating dance styles. If you want direct access to the Circle Dance network, you can subscribe to the Grapevine, a quarterly newsletter, which costs £6 a year from Phyllis Hubbard, 56 Combemartin Road, Southfields, London, SW18 5PR. A number of gay men already attend fortnightly Circle Dancing in Nottingham in a mixed group. If you would like details please contact Nottingham 780124.



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PLAYING BY THE RULES

Following a successful 1992 Autumn run, a new play about the rent scene by Birmingham based playwright, Rod Dungate, returns by popular demand to the Birmingham Studio Theatre. Rod Dungate spoke to OUTRIGHT about some of the reasons he wrote 'Playing by the Rules'.

"I was commissioned by Birmingham Rep to write about the lives of rent boys. It's a play about six young people all of whom are involved in the gay rent scene. I wanted to write about what it is that draws young people, kids on street corners, and others into the rent scene and what it does for and to them."

Hidden From View

The idea for the play came from a paper 'Hidden from View' written in 1991, documenting the realities of life on the rent scene for young men in Birmingham. It was written by a West Midlands Police Sergeant attached to the Vice Squad who persuaded the Home Office to commission a report on the issue. He concluded that harassment and fining of young rent boys was not the answer to a problem caused by a variety of factors including no income support for the under 18's, homelessness, poor experiences in local authority and private care, and inadequate after-care follow up. He argued that what was needed was another approach to the problem.

The report never officially surfaced, but its recommendations were leaked at the time, causing a great furor. The Birmingham Mail carried an editorial on the issue, urging that the report's conclusions be taken seriously.

Not there from choice

"As I researched the issue more, I became convinced the rent boys are not there by choice" said Rod. "I don't want to take a moral position on it, but simply to state that you and I let this happen for a variety of reasons."

"In this play some of the actors are gay and some are not. I did not deliberately set out for all the actors to be gay, on the basis that gays play heterosexual roles all the

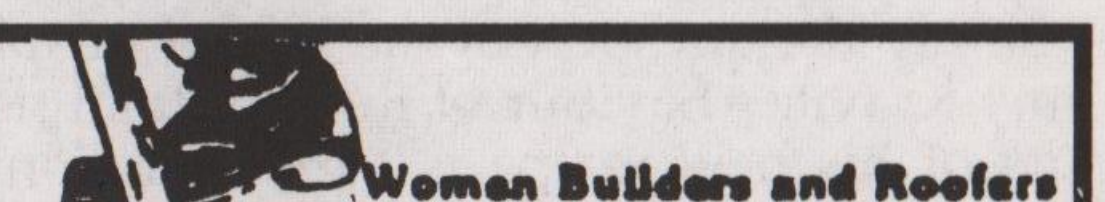


time. "What is remarkable is how well this group of actors have adapted to their parts. The play is about a serious issue and gives them ample theatrical opportunities to demonstrate their skills as craftspeople. They tell the story from the boys' points of view. True we get a biased view, but it is them speaking for themselves which is the important thing."

Taken to heart

"The gay community have taken this play to their hearts and came in large numbers to see it. It has also reached people who don't normally go to the theatre, because of its message. I've also had a lot of letters from youngsters who are or have been in care themselves, and a very positive letter from a magistrate."

'Playing by the Rules' is at the Birmingham Rep Studio until 24th April and for a short season at the Drill Hall Theatre, Chenies Street, London from the 27th April.



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PEACOCKS SPREAD THEIR WINGS

A new self-help group has recently been set up in Nottingham for people who are newly diagnosed living with HIV/AIDS. The Peacock Club has been set up to fill the gap left by the suspension of some of the Nottingham Aids Information Project's services during its period of restructuring, reported on in the March edition of Outright.

The group now has a regular weekly meeting place at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings. Anyone wishing to contact the Peacock can do so through the Health Advisors at Nottingham GU Clinic, City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham, (0602) 691169; Drug Dependents Anonymous on (0602) 412888 or their Emergency & Bust Line - evenings and weekends (0602) 588732; Nottingham Welfare Rights Service (0602) 823823.

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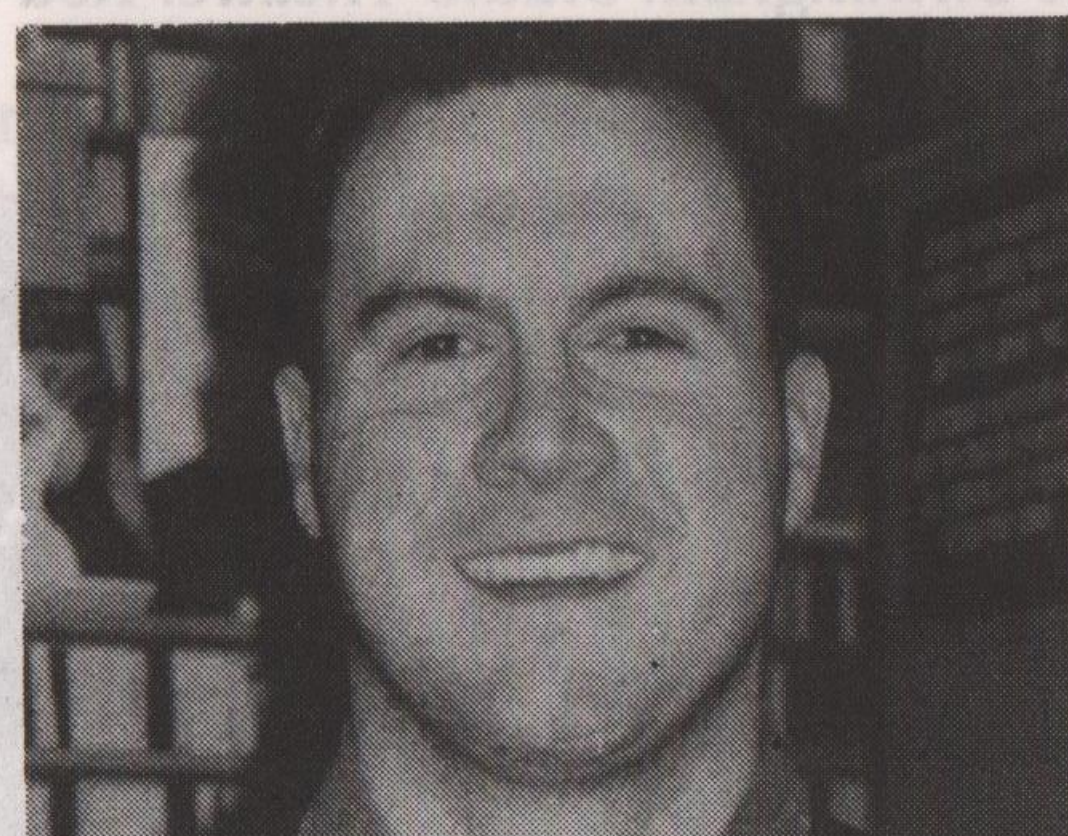
Now then, guys and gals, as it 'appens, the D-lish Saint Etienne are back up your street and playing for keeps. Touch black, can't swap back. From the 7 o'clock Sunday morning comedown of Camden Town to the heights of the previous night's Soho madness, we're whooshed on a red double decker bus trip to the times of Strawberry Mivvi's, Chopper bikes and Lift Off With Ayshea. Booming bass back-up with trademark sickly sweet vocals like a whiff of a Fondant Fancy. Dazed and confused, but I love this gang. From the smash 45 'You're In A Bad Way' to the backwards tape wind of 'Railway Jam', I declare this item Fab 208!

Mr Razzle Dazzle

Good news for those fortunate enough to have caught Mr Razzle Dazzle himself, Marc Almond on his last bijou tourette - the stunning 'What Makes A Man A Man' is out on single release now as a dramatic teasing taster for the upcoming live album. A two-part CD single set has Marc belting out old Soft Cell and solo standards, much to the hysterical delight of the audience of ex-Gutterhearts and Cellmates. Positively yummy.

Saviour of Rock?

Surely the question of the lips of people from Planet Pop is: Lenny Kravitz - Saviour of Rock or total tie-dyed dickhead? The name of his new recipe is 'Are You Gonna Go My Way' and blended together in young Leonard's groovy 1967 Cosmic Chefette are Sly Stone, Miss Hendrix, a pinch of Jim Morrison and surely (judging by the vid) a sprinkling of T. Rex in there somewhere. Stuck in third gear in a retro daze, we get past decades regurgitated in a flare and (hopefully fake) fur



phantasmagoria (Oooh, Missus!). But does it work? Well, ish. The drag is bona and the tracks do improve on each hearing, but - well, he's done it all before. All we need now is for him to cover the 60's Sly Stone number, 'Don't You Call Me Nigger, Whitey'. Still, I'll give it five!!

This is Wild!

Having paid his dues playing with the likes of New Model Army and myriad busking slots, virtuoso of his home-made five string purple electric violin Ed Alleyne-Johnson

has his debut album out and in the shops now. Called, for some bizarre reason 'Purple Electric Violin Concerto', this is wild! Surging waves of depthcharged delights - this is a real aural fractal. Well worth checking out as an original addition to the new wave of rock/classical crossovers. See you next month!

LINCOLN SWITCH

Lincoln Lesbian and Gay Switchboard have undergone a reorganisation recently and are now operating with a new number and different times: Thursdays 7-10pm on 0522-535553. Their next regular fundraising and social disco is at the Swiss Cottage pub, Newland, in Lincoln on Friday 16th April. The switchboard are also looking for volunteers: if you're interested ring the number above or write to PO Box 99, Lincoln, LN4 2SD.

DEAF WITH A BIG 'D'

It's difficult enough to meet other lesbians and gays if you have your hearing and speech, but when you can't hear properly, the conspiracy of silence is even greater. One self-help group determined to make themselves visible are the Deaf Gay and Lesbian Group, called Eastern Rainbow. Not for them the new jargon of 'Hearing Impaired'. 'We're Deaf with a big 'D'', said Kevin, a member of the group.

Making the effort to learn the language

The group is open to anybody who is lesbian, gay or bisexual and is also open to hearing gays and lesbians who want to support the group or who have friends or partners who are deaf themselves.

"If you genuinely appreciate someone else's difficulties and are prepared to learn British Sign Language, it is just common decency to make the effort, its like not expecting someone from another country to speak your language all the time", said June. One of the reasons the group was set up was so deaf gays and lesbians could come together in a relaxed atmosphere without outside communication pressures and the need to work hard at being understood.

There are branches of Rainbow in Birmingham, London and Manchester in addition to Eastern Rainbow in Nottingham, and there are new ones starting up in Tyneside and Sheffield areas soon.

Own grapevine

Some of the members of the group grew up in school together and others met through their own grapevine. One member of the group found another gay member through the telephone directory and went and knocked on his door, but obviously there are risks involved in making contact this way.

But these days, thanks to technology, people without speech or hearing can still communicate by telephone by using text telephone devices, bringing an end to unnecessary isolation.

The picture above shows members of the Nottingham group, (from left to right, Gordon, Derek, Di, Carol, David, Raymond and front row, Colin, Kevin and June). enjoying their monthly get-together at Triangles in Nottingham. Further details of meeting times from Pat on (0623) 662585.



HOPES FOR '93

"An equal rights act to protect lesbians, gay men and people with HIV against discrimination; and for Jason Donovan to act more overtly heterosexual so queers and dykes will never have to suffer the slur that he is one of us." Peter Tatchell. (From Gay Scotland).

COTTAGE WATCH

Since the Outright report on the Nottinghamshire police vendetta last November, reports are still coming in of police activity in cottages. This is despite assurances given to Paddy Tipping MP that their surveillance in the city centre was a result of City Council pressure. Latest reports suggest that the boys in blue have transferred their attentions to the subway toilets on Maid Marion Way and at Lady Bay, West Bridgford. Readers who want to alert us about other venues should write to 'Cottage Watch', OUTRIGHT, PO Box 4, West PDO, Nottingham, NG7 2DJ.

A recent correspondent warns visitors to London who may be driving via the A1 and stopping for recreation at the Scratchwood Open Space, west side, near Mill Hill. There the problems come from youths in blue denim sauntering through the woods carrying stout sticks. Their car registration number is LLY 23K.

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MENS PERSONAL

CONCERT/THEATRE partners sought by nice looking thirty something. Will pay for UB40/students. I'm sick of culture vulturing alone. Will you join me? Box 1318.

32 YEAR OLD seeks companions for various activities incl badminton, squash, cycling, swimming, walking, boozing, discos, board games, cards etc. Looks not important but photo apprec. Prefer 30-60 yr olds, Nott'm area. Box 1319.

NOTTS/DERBYS ONLY, guy, 30, tached, hairy, stocky, seeks guy bearded, tached, 25-50. Bears, chubby guys welcome. ALA. Box 1320.

NEWARK AREA, bi-guy, 27, slim, easy going, friendly, varied interests include some sport, videos, computers. New to area. Discreet. Looking for similar friends. ALAWP, promise. Box 1321.

LEICESTER, two guys, 30s, both well endowed, muscular, non-camp, seeks non-camp mates up to 40 for no-strings fun. Details and photo for reply. Box 1322.

SHEFFIELD/ANYWHERE, gay, younger looking/acting 47. Energetic, handsome, cheeky, humorous, house owner, into work outs, nights in/out. Wanting smooth, attractive guy. Must be trustworthy, caring for close friendship. ALA. Box 1323.

LEICESTER, lonely male, 30, wishes to form friendships via letters and visits. It's an unusual situation, as freedom restricts. Curious? Want to know more? Then please reply. Box 1324.

NOTT'M, guy, late 20s, smooth, medium build, 5'7", seeks guys early 20s, inexperienced, non-scene for friendship, poss 1-1. ALAWP. Box 1325.

TO COLIN:
From just an ad
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NOTICE BOARD

▼ **Loughboro Women Amblers**
Meet for a gentle stroll around the local countryside on the first Sunday of every month at 11.30am (0509) 213894 for more details.

▼ **Further Education/16+ Society**

Group for lesbian, gay and bisexual students at F. E. and 16+ colleges. Meet first and third Monday at 7.30pm at Clarendon College, Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

▼ **Nott'm Bisexual Group**
Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7.30pm at ICC, Mansfield Rd. Next meetings: 8th April Transsexual, 22nd April Attitudes to S&M.

▼ **Lincoln Gay Switchboard**
Lincoln Lesbian and Gay Switchboard's next disco is on Friday 16th April. Write to Switchboard, PO Box 99, Lincoln, LN4 2SD or phone (see helpline panel, p 11).

▼ **Sheffield Hallam University**
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Society meets every Wednesday

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Romance. Box 1326.

EAST MIDLANDS, 35, reliable, honest, affectionate, 5'8", dark short hair, blue eyes, likes squash, music, food, pubs, occas clubs, country walks. Seeks friends, 25-35, perhaps more. ALAWP. Box 1327.

STUDENT, 21, 6'2", attractive, wants 1-1. You older, non-smoker, masculine, hairy, honest?, caring? If you aren't afraid of sharing feelings, get in touch! Interests, travel, walking, economics, films, having fun! Photo! Box 1328.

PASSIVE, 50, shaven, clean, can be straight or kinky, wants healthy, active, younger, gentle guy for understanding,

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friendship and regular satisfaction. Your full details ensures reply. Leics. Box 1329.

NON-PROFIT MAKING gay community (Spain). All ages/nationalities, short/long term. Language academy director retired after 25 years in Spain seeks friends for community living. SAE for details. Box 1330.

GOOD LOOKING Indian guy seeks guys for fun and friendship in Leics/Nott'm/Sheffield areas. Must be able to accommodate like myself. 5'8", 24, slim, fit. ALA. Photo please. Box 1331.

NOTTINGHAM, guy, slim, inexperienced, seeks guy early 20s to learn the ropes, poss 1-1. ALAWP. Box 1332.

CHINESE MALAY friends sought for good clean fun and friendship. Me very horny, experienced and genuine,

in SCA Room, top floor, Nelson Mandella Building (Students Union), Pond St at 7.30pm. Tel: 0742-610167.

▼ Lesbians in Education

A new group for lesbians studying or working in education meets monthly at the Lesbian Centre, Chaucer St, Nottingham.

▼ North Notts Parenting

North Notts Lesbian (Parenting) Group meets monthly in Mansfield, for details phone Mansfield 659453 (24 hour answerphone).

▼ Women Resisting Fascism

The Women Resisting Fascism and Racism group meet 7.30-9.30pm on Wednesdays at the Nottingham Womens Centre, Chaucer St. For day school for women on Sat 24th April at Queens Walk phone Ev (782989) or Vran (605469).

▼ Eastern Rainbow Deaf Gays & Lesbians Group

Meets monthly in Nottingham, details from Secretary (0623) 662585.

40, non-scene with varied interests. Come on, don't be shy, lets have fun. Box 1333.

EAST MIDLANDS, alternative gay! Professional, naturalist, gardener, angler, walker, sporty, traveller, masculine, good looking, 40, graduate, seeks good looking younger man needing encouragement, dependability, trust, consideration, love. ALAWP. Box 1334.

NOTTINGHAM, 25, big lad wants horny young guys, 21-35 for hot times wearing tight briefs and sexy soccer shorts. Your place only. Reply now! Box 1335.

DERBYS, gay couple, early 30s, with very stable 10 year relationship, looking for other gay male couples for genuine friendship. Interests country walks, dogs, occasional scene, pubs, clubs. Box 1336.

NOTTINGHAM, 25, wants to make friends on the scene for laughs. Likes clubbing, cinema and sport. Write back if you want a good time. Box 1337.

PASSIVE attractive male with boyfriend seeks liaisons with extremely w/e active men. No strings. Box 1338.

SHEFFIELD/ANYWHERE, 32 year old gay male. straight acting, looking for similar for friendship, poss relationship. Likes pubs, eating out, travel, occas scene. Dare you reply? All letters answered prompt. Box 1339.

NOTTS gay guy, sense of humour, interests incl travel, photog, cinema, music, pubs, clubs, eating out, quiet nights in. Seeks similar for friendship, poss 1-1 with right guy. Photo apprec. Box 1340.

NOTT'M, 21, Asian guy, caring, good sense of humour and genuine, seeks guys 21-30 for fun, hopeful 1-1. Non-camp. I'm ready and waiting. Photo ensures reply. ALA. Box 1341.

YOUNG GAY MALE seeks other young gay guys for friendship or possible relat. Likes having a good time even though inexperienced. Box 1342.

NOTT'M, fun, tactile, mature (40s), arts enthusiast, also thoughtful and caring, seeks younger man (21-40) of any race for entertaining times and perhaps more. Box 1343.

NOTT'M, guy late 20s, 5'9", smooth, medium build, seeks guys 20s-30s. Into cp, massage. ALAWP. Phone. Box 1344.

SEEKING sports partner(s)?, like badminton, squash, tennis, swimming, lifesaving, canoeing, aerobics, weight training, jogging, rambling, or any others? Reply! Others local to you might too. I'm Nott'm based, can travel. Box 1345.

DERBY, gentle, passive guy, late 30s, tall, dark, seeks muscular, active, caring, reliable partner 21-50 for genuine friendship, poss 1-1, maybe more. ALA. Phone. Box 1346.

LEICESTER/ANYWHERE, 33 yr old, 5'10", dark hair, chunky, varied interests, genuine and reliable. Own flat, seeks new friends for fun in or out. ALA. Discretion assured. Box 1347.

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YOUNG good looking gay student, sporty, fit, experienced, 5'11", honest, seeks similar, sincere guy up to 25 for meaningful relat. Photos appreciated. All letters will be answered. Derby area. Box 1349.

NOTT'M, 35, attractive, 6'4" tall, non-scene seeks dominant guy for fun, friendship. Loves jocks, briefs, shorts, ac/dc welcome. Would also like to meet naturist guys. Interested? Photo? ALA. Box 1350.

DERBYS, guy, 30, tall, slim, attractive, straight looking/acting, genuine, honest. Yes, I'm a real person wanting a 1-1. No chubbies, passive or timewasters please. ALA. Box 1351.

NOTTS/LEICS, 22, good looking, straight acting, likes music, sport and pubs. Seeks similar young guys, poss skinheads? For friendship or 1-1. ALAWP. Box 1352.

MIDLANDS! Horny guy seeks contact with discreet, active guys 30-40 for safe fun! Asians and bi-guys esp welcome. Me, 30 and very open minded. ALAWP. No strings. Box 1353.

LEICESTER, just turned 30. Quiet, sensitive, romantic, caring, genuine, sincere. Enjoys nights in/out. Likes travel, swimming, dining, drinking. Seeks friends, poss 1-1 relat. ALA. Box 1354.

NOTT'M, student, 25, slim build, cropped, 5'4", black hair, offers his personal services, at your convenience. Write for details and phone no. telling what you find enjoyable/little about yourself. Box 1355.

LEICESTER, 23, 5'10", blondish, slim. Feeling isolated and depressed. Anyone out there sincere and under 26 feel like making both our lives a bit

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LEICS/ANYWHERE, 29, 5'8", medium build, honest, caring, enjoys cinema, clubbing, music, horny times, seeks similar guy 21-30 for lots of love 'n stuff. Photo/phone if poss. ALA. Box 1357.

TWENTY ONE year old seeks studs, 20s for fun and frolics. Nothing too serious. Photo/phone if poss, not essential. Frank letter please. How about it? Box 1358.

AMATEUR photographer seeks good looking young men for photo sessions. All expenses paid. Fees negotiable. ALAWP. Discretion assured. Box 1359.

BURTON/DERBY, guy, 39, 5'10", slim, attractive, brown eyes, passive, unempl, needs holiday, seeks guy for love and fun, friendship. Me/you honest caring guy, poss 1-1. Any offers? ALAWP. Box 1360.

NOTT'M, guy, 22, 5'8", medium built, clean shaven, enjoys swimming, socialising, cinema etc. Seeks guy 21-30 for friendship, poss more? Coloured guys welcome. Genuine replies only. Photo if poss. Box 1361.

LEICESTER, Asian guy, 32, slim build, 5'8", clean shaven, active, seeks non-scene, straight acting, white, smooth skin guys esp fair haired for funtimes, poss 1-1 relat. Photo ensures reply. Box 1362.

LEICS/MIDLANDS, I am 34, slim, very loving and sincere, masculine; working class, non-scene, average looks. Is there a similar guy, 30s, medium build/stocky who wants monogamous relat? Box 1363.

NOTT'M, video enthusiast (esp Cadinot and other European producers) seeks others for safe voyeuristic fun. Box 1364.

32 YEAR OLD, clean shaven, good physique, seeks active/versatile men 30-60 for occas meetings. Prefer bearded men but not essential. Nott'm area only. All letters with photo receive prompt reply. Box 1365.

AMATEUR photographer? Looking for young, early 20s lads to wine, dine and take care of, own car, house. Me, late 20s, straight acting, non-effem, please. Derby area. Photo. Box 1366.

NOTT'M, guy, 27, intelligent, handsome, humorous, mad, respectful, strong willed. Into gym, swimming, travel, nature, conversation, romance! Seeks optimistic, loving, communicative, tolerant guy under 38 for 1-1. Box 1367.

ANYWHERE, Bob Hoskins look-a-like wanted by Buster Bloodvessel type. You? Stocky hairy pref but not essential. Me? Shaved head, big belly. Fun sought, life long commitment not. Photo? But ALA. Box 1368.

34 YEAR OLD guy, brown hair, clean shaven. Likes pop music, Abba, Human League etc and computer games. Shy. Seeks similar for relationship. Box 1369.

POP-EYE'S PECS reqd to train with in Nott'm and maybe more "not scene" to work on. 23, non-smoking and sporty! Box 1370.

NOTT'M, 36, non-camp, romantic, affectionate, 5'6", slim, variety of interests. Are you 30+ looking for friendship, poss 1-1? Lively personality, humorous? ALAWP. Box 1371.

GAY GENT living in Derby. I like the live theatre, discussions, and I think I would put love before sex, but sex is nice. Photo if poss. Box 1372.

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WOMENS PERSONAL

TWO non-smoking gay women, young 40s, who enjoy playing sport, occasional evenings at gay clubs, cinema, would like to hear from other couples with similar tastes. Nott'm/Leicester. Box 1117.

YOUNG 43, Nott'm lesbian. Attractive, romantic, caring, sense of humour. Books, music, countryside, the arts, cosy evenings. Seeks woman for loving relationship, non-smokers only please. Any age. ALA Write soon!! Box 1118.

NOTT'M gay female, 37, with two kids, one dog. Looking for similar to share life with. Smoker, enjoys pubs, music, romance. Good sense of humour. Hard working Scorpio. Box 1119.

SHEFFIELD, lesbian, loving, affectionate, seeks feminine woman for fun, friendship/relationship. Not into 1-1 but can share special times. Maybe eventual long term lover for mutual support, honesty. Photo please. Box 1120.

LEICESTER, Fri 12 March in 'Street Life', who was that attractive girl, grey T shirt, jeans? We shared the drier in the loo! They take forever you know! Was it you? Box 1121.

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ENCLOSE TWO 1st CLASS STAMPS

LESBIAN, 27, seeks similar for friendship, poss relat. Age not imp, photo if poss. Non-scene, enjoys cinema, music, pubs, loving and caring. Anywhere or South Yorks areas. Box 1122.

NOTTINGHAM, lesbian, young 19, loves football, pubs and clubs. Seeks similar for friendship, poss relat. ALA Photo apprec. Box 1123.

ATTRACTIVE LESBIAN, seeks attr. woman 26-36. Me, 26. Somebody to share nights out and in, good sense of humour and personality, non-smoker, genuine relat, working, own car. Photo apprec. Box 1124.

LESBIAN COUPLE, one smoker, one non-smoker, seeks friends. Varied interests, sport, dancing, driving, eating out, country walks, cinema. Car drivers, age 35-40. Derby/Nott'm/Leics area. Box 1125.

ATTRACTIVE GAY FEMALE, 30, feminine, seeks attr, feminine, woman for lasting relat. I'm honest, caring, genuine. No bi's or butch dykes. Photo apprec. Lincs. Box 1126.

NOTT'M, woman, 26, into self development and honesty, seeks similar for warm fun, friendship or maybe more special times. Not 1-1. Box 1127.

MANSFIELD/NOTTS AREA, 27 year old lesbian, honest, caring, loving, seeks similar for friendship, poss relat, who's genuine, also with a sense of humour. Photo apprec. Box 1128.

ATTRACTIVE, slim, sense of humour, loving, sincere, young early 40s, Nott'm lesbian, seeks younger woman for relat. Books, music, theatre, cosy evenings, walking. Non-smokers only please. No Bi's. ALA Box 1129.

LESBIAN, late 20s, enjoys cinema, music, countryside, books, cosy evenings etc. Honest, caring and genuine, seeks similar indep woman for friendship, poss 1-1. Looks and age unimp. Box 1130.

LESBIAN social work student, 40, with teenage daughter would like to meet caring non-materialistic soul mate for friendship/relat. Looks unimp. Into women's issues. Sense of humour. Leics/anywhere. Box 1131.

ARE YOU CAREFREE, spontaneous, humorous yet sincere? Do you seek shared fun, excitement, warmth, sensitivity, harmonious times, a new friend? Then we've a lot in common so get in touch, soon!! ALA Box 1132.

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