Give the People Light and they will find their own way.

The Wisconsin Light

Eighth Annual World AIDS Day Commemorated in Various Ways

Milwaukee, November 1996 - World AIDS Day was celebrated in 1994 with the opening of the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) resale shop Survival/Revival. In honor of the store's second anniversary and World AIDS Day, Survival/Revival will celebrate by offering specials, a variety of new items and free cake.

All of the items found in the shop, located at 246 E. Chicago Street, in Milwau-kee's Historic Third Ward, are donated from caring individuals within the community, and 100 percent of the proceeds benefit

Customers frequenting Survival/Revival are as different as the many items that can be found at the resale shop. There is the Generation X crowd, antique dealers, low income individuals and the average shopper -all looking for great deals on items which include, but are not limited to: clothes, furniture, fur and leather coats, artwork, collectible items, books, records, shoes, appliances, dishes and much more.

In its first two years of existence, Survival/Revival has exceeded all goals, showing not only the success of the store but the positive benefits for many MAP programs.

Hours of operation are Sundays 12 noon to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays; Tuesdays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In honor of World AIDS Day, visit Survival/Revival on Tuesday, December 3 and mention this article to receive an extra 25 percent off any items purchased.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time at the store or donating any items should call Survival/Revival at 414-291-

2856 during store hours. MAP is a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW). ARCW is the Midwest's largest private, non-profit health and social service agency that works to confront and alleviate the effects of HIV disease in Wisconsin.

The ARCW is dedicated to the fight against the worsening AIDS epidemic through prevention, care, research and advo-cacy. For information on AIDS, call the Wisconsin AIDS Line at 800-334-AIDS.

MAP Unveils New Dental Clinic

on World AIDS Day

December 1, 1996, marks the ninth annual observance of World AIDS Day, a day 190 countries around the world will mutually draw public attention to the worsening AIDS Locally, the AIDS Resource Center of

Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) will be recognizing World AIDS Day by hosting a community open house from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 820 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee, on Monday, December 2 when it will unveil the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP Dental Clinic, which will treat HIV positive adults including those with little or no ability

will become the first exclusively HIV dedicated dental clinic in Wisconsin.

to pay for services. The MAP Dental Clinic

"We are pleased to offer this high quality forbid job discrimination against Gays and Please Turn to AIDS Day Page 6 **Ending Gay Discrimination** 60 50 Favor 32 40 Oppose 30 ■ No Opinion 20 9 10 Outlaw Housing Outlaw Job Discrimination Discrimination

A new poll taken by Greenberg Research on behalf of the Human Rights Campaign shows strong support for the passage of measures that will prohibit discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. As evidenced by the graphic above, a substantial majority supports outlawing discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the work place and in housing. Additional results and graphics can be found on page 2. - Wisconsin Light Graphic by

Murder Suspect Sought in Green Bay, Milwaukee



she expected it to be in her new film The Mirror Has Two Faces

New Poll Shows That a Majority of **Americans Support Civil Rights for Gays**

Washington DC-A new poll commissioned by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), shows increasingly widespread support for many of the central elements of the campaign to bring equality to America's Lesbians and Gays.

The poll taken by Greenberg Research tabulated the answers of over 1,000 voters. It indicated strong support for partnership rights in same-sex relationships, AIDS funding and for ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would

In addition by a margin of 41% to 26%, the sample said they were more afraid of the Right wing Christian lobby than they were of the Gay and Lesbian lobby.

Job Discrimination Opposed

A majority of respondents 55% to 30% said they favored passage of ENDA. it was explained that there were no federal laws protecting Gays and Lesbians from job discrimination support for ENDA rose to 62%. versus 26% who said they were

The vast majority of the sample (85%) thought that it was illegal to fire someone for being Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual. 70% said they opposed job discrimination against Lesbians and Gays.

Over 60% of the sample said that Gay teachers should be protected from job discrimination.

Partnership Rights Supported
A majority of those polled said they

supported partnership rights for same sex partners while a majority also said they opposed same-sex marriages.

Over 80% of the sample favored granting Gay partners full hospital visitation rights. Over 60% called for inheritance rights for Gays and Lesbians.

Health benefits for Gay spouses won the support of 51% of the sample, while 46% said they support Social Security Survivor Benefits for Gay spouses and 54% favored protecting Gay and Lesbian parents from

losing their children. Please Turn to HRC Poll Page 6

Milwaukee-The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports that the body of a Green Bay boy, Michael Lee Kasee, 15, was found Friday, November 15th, on a Door County farm. The body had been dismembered with a chain saw.

An autopsy has revealed that the deceased was dismembered nultiple times, after his death.

On Monday, the Door County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for David K. Dellis, 34, as a suspect in the case.

Dellis has been described as white, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, 155 pounds, with short brown hair and green eyes. He is reported to be driving a 4-door maroon BMW, possibly with the license plate KSP-665.

Dellis has a police record and is considered extremely

On Monday, November 18, the Door County Sheriff's Office issued a statement saying that Dellis had ties to the Gay community in both Green Bay and Milwaukee.

Kasee has been described as "a kid," "looking very much his

age." According the Sheriff's Office, Kasee had known Dellis for about the last 2 years. Other sources say that Dellis brought the Kasee to Milwaukee and bought him clothes and other gifts. Kasee was reportedly in the car when Dellis was arrested on drug charges; for possessing more than 2,000 grams of pot,

according to Manitowoc County D.A., Jim Fitzgerald. At the time of his death, Kasee was a sophomore at Green East High School and was last seen in downtown Green Bay at

approximately 1:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 13.
According to Door County Sheriff Chuck Brann, the boy's body was discovered on November 15, by three men who reside

at the farm. The residents of the farm house had been joined the previous night, November 14, shortly before midnight, by a fourth man identified as Dellis.

The following afternoon, November 15, the Sheriff's Office report says that the tesidents of the farm house came home unexpectedly and surprised Dullis as he was attempting to conceal a corpse. Upon being discovered, Dellis fled in a

The owner of the farmhouse, Carl Whitford, of Sturgeon Bay, said the boy was dismembered with a chair saw later found on

It is being reported that Kasee was not killed at the farm, but had been killed earlier. Light's sources say that the boy had been strangled.

On Saturday evening, Wisconsin Light reporters were out and about. Five plainclothes Milwaukee police were in one bar, having with them what appeared to be a faxed picture of Dellis of poor resolution.

Bureau, told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that the bureau is working closely with

Door County Authorities. However, over the weekend and on Mon-

Capt. Donald Werra of the Milwaukee

Police Department's Criminal investigation

day, the bureau was not releasing information to either Wisconsin Light, TV channels 12 and 6. Human Rights League

LesBiGay activists in Milwaukee reacted quickly to reports of the murder and Dellis suspected ties to Milwaukee.

On Monday evening, November 18, the Human Rights League (HRL) issued a press statement affirming HRL's "strong support" for the efforts of the Green Bay and Mil-waukee Police Departments in their efforts

Please Turn to Murder Page 6

Milwaukee Welcomes

Bowlers

To America's Oldest and Finest Les/Bi/Gay **Bowling Tournament**

News From The Nation

Schmitz Convicted of Second Degree Murder

Detroit—AP-A man charged with killing a gay man who had revealed his crush for the murderer on a taped episode of the Jenny Jones Show was convicted by a jury of second degree murder

Jonathan Schmitz, 26, was charged for the shooting death of Scott Amedure, 32, in a Detroit area suburb. Schmitz and Amedure appeared on a taping of the Jenny Jones Show whose topic was "Secret Admirers" The show was never televised.

Schmitz, a heterosexual, knew he was on the show because of a secret admirer, but had no idea the person who had a crush on him was a Gay man. Within a few days after the two men had returned to their Orion Township homes, Schmitz bought a shotgun, went to Amedure's trailer, and shot him in the chest in front of Amedure's roommate.

Schmitz then called police himself and confessed. The jury could have convicted Schmitz on first degree murder, which has a mandatory life sentence in Michigan. With second degree murder, he could be sentenced to 8 to 15 years

The Associated Press quoted a juror to say there was no doubt in the jury's mind that a murder was committed. But the jury was split over Schmitz's intent. The jury was deadlocked Friday with a majority wanting to convict on first degree murder, but after a three day recess, jurors had more time to think about the evidence. As a result, jurors believed sufficient evidence had been presented to create a reasonable doubt as to Schmitz's ability to formulate clear intent.

Representatives of a LesBiGay activist organization, the Triangle Foundation, said they were satisfied with the verdict because it made Schmitz responsible for Amadure's death and showed being humiliated over an association with a gay man cannot be used as a de-

Student Gay Bashing Prompts First Federal Trial **Against School, its Officials**

Chicago- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced plans for the jury trial in a landmark federal case in which a young man will argue that his former Wisconsin school and its officials failed to protect him from years of brutal anti-gay attacks and har-

The trial in the case Nahozny v. Podlesny, began Monday, November 18, in the federal courthouse in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the trial on claims by Jamie Nahozny that his former school had violated his equal protection rights by failing to protect him from anti-gay abuse by other students when he attended middle and high schools in Ashland, Wisconsin. Nabozny alleges that the school failed to discipline his attackers because he is

From Utah and Texas to Massachusetts and Rhode Island, anti-gay violence in public schools is receiving increased attention around the country. Nabozny's case is the first to reach a federal jury to establish the liability of schools and school officials for anti-gay violence in schools

Constitution Session Facing Legal Hurdle

Honolulu-More people voted yes than no on a proposal to convene a constitutional convention in 1998 to recommend changes to the state Constitution. But there are legal questions about whether the convention will proceed.

State Attorney General Margery Bronster said yesterday that she's not yet sure that the law clearly calls for the vote to be decided by a simple majority. She said the wording in the law regarding a constitutional convention is clearly different from that for constitutional

The state Office of Elections has said the law calls for a constitutional convention to be held if the "yes" votes divided by the total of the "yes" and "no" votes is at least 50 percent plus one vote. Elections staff members said that means more than 50 percent of the voters must vote "yes," but spoiled, blank, and invalid ballots are not calculated in the majority for

The amendment proposals require a majority of all votes cast, which means that blank and spoiled ballots are, in effect, added to the "no" votes.

If the constitutional convention is approved, state lawmakers next year will determine the

scope of the convention and how the delegates would be elected.

Gov. Ben Cayetano said in an interview that he expects such a convention would cost at least \$12 million. And he says money would be better spent on education and public health. He said the results of the 1978 constitutional convention have complicated government and added unnecessary regulation. Further, Cayetano said, he has little doubt that public opposition would result in a convention's approving a constitutional amendment against same-

Hate Crimes Reported by FBI for 1995

Washington, D.C. Nov. 5, 1996 - Nearly 8,000 hate-crime incidents were reported to the FBI last year, 61% of them motivated by racial bias, according to a preliminary report issued Monday, November 5th. Some 16% of the reported hate crimes were motivated by religious bias, 13% by sexual orientation bias and 10% by biases based on ethnic or national origins, the report said. The Justice Department began gathering the data from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies following the 1991 Hate Crime Statistics Act

Harvard Students Protest Ralph Reed

CAMBRIDGE, MA - - About 20 kissing Gay and Lesbian students from Harvard University interrupted a speech Wednesday by Christian Coalition head Ralph Reed aimed at drumming up votes for pro- Christian candidates.

As Reed began his speech at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, half of the audience held up signs blasting the coalition's attacks on homosexuality.

In the ensuing ruckus, same-sex couples among the protesters embraced and kissed until police physically removed them from the hall, but not before Reed told them "get used to us, because we're going to be here a long, long time." There were no arrests.

During the question-and-answer section, an African-American Lesbian lashed out at Reed for invoking the political legacies of both Dr. Martin Luther King and Winston Churchill, who supported the eugenics movement advocating racial purity.

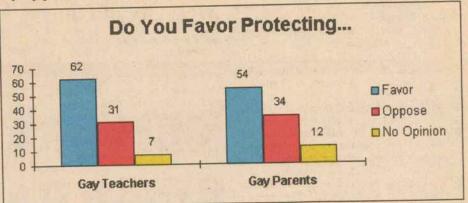
'And now it's people like you who are telling me that as a Lesbian, I can't marry my partner," said Ann Seaton, a Harvard graduate student in English. Clearly your disengenuous, sneaky use of Martin Luther King is just to disguise the fact that you're nothing but sort of a geeky post-modern Christian racist in an expensive suit.

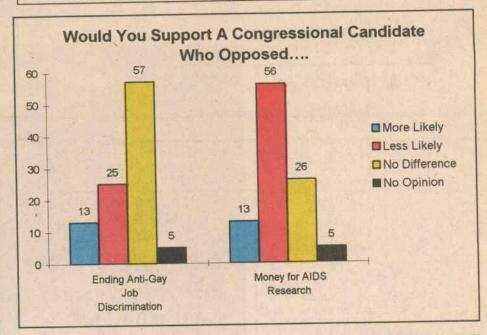
November 12, 1996-**Dentist Declines HIV+ Patient**

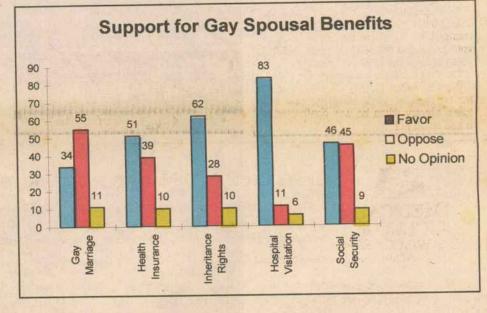
Atlanta, GA-Sydney Abbot is suing Maine dentist Randon Bragdon after he refused to treat her upon learning she is HIV-positive. Abbot's lawyer, Bennet Klein of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, explained Abbot is suing in federal district court under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Klein said, "Health policy should be based on science not fear." Although the Center for Disease Control said there has never been a reported case of a patient infecting a dentist with HIV, the American Dental Association, which has an official policy stating that it is unethical for dentists to withhold treatment from people with HIV or AIDS, is nonetheless siding with Bradgon. For more information contact Bennet Klein (617) 426-1350.

Human Rights Campaign Poll

A new poll commissioned by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) shows growing support for Gay and Lesbian civil rights. While most Americans remain opposed to Gay marriage, large majorities favor granting spousal benefits to Gay couples. Most Americans also say they would less likely to support a Congressional Candidate who opposed continued funding for AIDS research and that they favor protecting Gay parents threatened with the loss of their children and Gay teahers threatened with job discrimination. For full details on the poll see our story on page 1. Wisconsin Light graphics by Stu Feider







Lesbian Author of New Book Sees Much **Hope in Defeat of Amendment 2**

Denver--When the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Colorado's anti-Gay rights Amendment 2 in May, it was "the most significant court victory ever for Gays and Lesbians nationally," said the author of a new book.

'It signaled a change in the Supreme Court's thinking and showed the court to be more in synch with the thinking of most Americans," said Torie Osborn, on a national tour to promote her book, Coming Home to America: A Roadmap to Gay and Lesbian Empowerment.

Osborn came out as a Lesbian at the age of 22 when she was a student at Middlebury College in Vermont. She said that Colorado is on the cutting edge of efforts to promote Gay and Lesbian rights and that the voter-approved Amendment 2 actually served as a lightning rod against anti-Gay rights efforts.

We're not at the stage where most Americans would want their daughter to marry one of us, but it's a start," she said.

Among other advances, Amendment 2 helped trigger counter efforts such as Ground Zero, a Gay civil rights group based in Colorado Springs, home of Focus on the Family, a Right Wing extremist organization and other ultra-conservative groups.

As a result of societal gains in the past two decades, Osborn said today's Gay and Lesbian youths won't repeat her ex-

The 46-year-old writer was a high school student in suburban Philadelphia when she realized she was attracted to another girl.

I was terrified," she recalled. "The next day--the very next day--I went out and got a boyfriend."

Osborn said she spent years denying her sexual orientation.

It wasn't that I didn't like men. They were great friends, but I grew up Catholic and believed in confession. And I didn't want to lie anymore to my parents," said the writer.

Her parents weren't supportive at first. Osborn left home and did not return for six years.

And it was nearly 15 years before my folks were somewhat comfortable with me and my partner," said Osborn.

Osborn said her book deals with the anguish of parents and family members in dealing with Gay or Lesbian children.

LesBiGayTrans Couples Needed for Study

If both you and your partner actively participate in any Twelve Step Recovery Program and you would be willing to participate in a two hour interview. at your convenience, please call (608) 276-5953.

This project is about sharing experiences of strength and hope with other recovering couples.

Anonymity of all participants will be protected.

Town Hall Meeting to Milwaukee City Be Held to Update Progress on **Community Center**

Milwaukee-There will be a town hall meeting to explain the progress to date on the planning of a LesBiGayTrans community center for Milwaukee.

The meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8th, at 3:00 p.m. at the UW-Milwaukee Union on Kenwood Boulevard in Room E-280

Representatives of each working committee will be on hand to give updates on the progress made so far. All members of the LesBiGayTrans community and their supporters are invited to attend, to become involved and to volunteer for committees.

Those already involved welcome everyone and encourage all to attend. This project fosters diversity of people and the inclusion of all who wish to be a part

For more information, write: Community Center, P.O. Box 92722, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0722.

Daniel Cupertino Jr.

Milwaukee County Supervisor Daniel Cupertino, Jr. Died on Saturday, November 16, 1996.

Gays and Lesbians may remember Cupertino from the 1989 Pride Celebration. The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors had issued a Gay Pride Proclamation. Right Wing religious extremists, WVCY's Vic Eliason among them, moved to have the proclamation rescinded by the Board. There were hearings. The decision was to be made by a vote of the

The vote was going to be close. The morning of the vote, one half of the Board room was filled with members of the Right Wing, who made no secret of their detestation of what the Board had done. Many of them hissed and booed.

As Cupertino said, when he heard this noise, what he described as "bigotry" he changed his vote. He had been going to vote to rescind the proclamation, but now voted against the motion to rescind.

The Proclamation was retained. We remember Daniel Cupertino as an honest man of great integrity, one who knew bigotry when he was confronted by it and stood tall.

Council Approves Increased AIDS Funding by **Majority of One**

Milwaukee—Friday, November 8, the Milwaukee Common Council voted 9 to 8 to increase AIDS prevention funding by \$50,000. This increase in City AIDS funding is the first since 1993 and will expand HIV/AIDS prevention, counseling and testing and early intervention services for men, women and children.

AIDS is not the leading killer of African-Americans between the ages of 25 and 44 throughout the country. The strong, diverse coalition of aldermen from throughout the City which came together to support this in-crease in HIV/AIDS funding provided es-

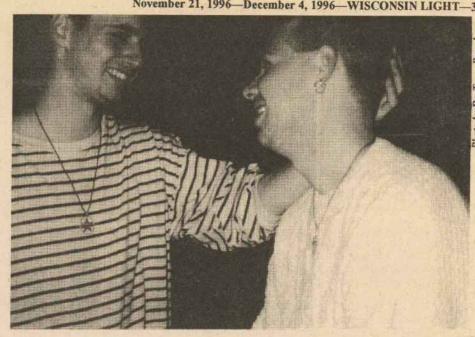
sential support to the fight against AIDS.

The coalition includes: George Butler,
Fred Gordon, Willie Hines, Marlene Johnson-Odom, Mike D'Amato, Paul Henningsen, John Kalwitz, Don Richards and Jim

"The action by the Council on Friday will assure expanded life-saving HIV prevention services for men, women and children from all walks of life," said Mike Gifford, director of public policy at MAP. "The City of Milwaukee has already lost 1,000 people to AIDS. It is critical for the City to step up to its commitment to AIDS in this budget.



Tell Your Friends That You Read All About it in The Wisconsin Light



Robb Gerpoltrz and Yuri Keegstra are getting ready for their December 21st wedding with a little help from their friends who threw them a surprise wedding shower at B's on November 9.

Milwaukee and Madison Don't Make **Lesbian Top 10 List** of Best Cities to Live

Milwaukee-The most recent issue of Girlfriends, one of the country's most prominent magazines for Lesbians, has the third annual list of the best and the worst places for Lesbians to live.

Of the 136 cities, Austin, Texas is number one (up from last year's 11th spot), as a desirable place for Lesbians to live.

Austin's population is 492,329 Among the reasons cited are: the new LesBiGay community center, the over 650 Lesbian-friendly businesses, the 90 Lesbian and Gay organizations, the "great" weather, and a wide range of outdoor activities.

In descending order, others in the top 10 are: Tampa, Atlanta, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Columbia, SC, Columbus, OH, Buffalo and Houston.

The bottom ten are: Laguna Beach, CA, Oak Park, IL, Jackson, MS, Charlottesville, VA, Provincetown, MA, Mobile, AL, Asbury Park, NJ, Stamford, CN, Aspen, CO, and Urbana, IL.

Milwaukee is listed as number 16. Madison is number 58

Friends Throw Robb and Yuri a Surprise **Wedding Shower**

Milwaukee-A wedding shower is pure romance. It's sunlight and roses, with all the friends of the happy couple gathered round to share in their happiness and "shower" them with gifts. A shower is the arborial bower. It is also the gate to the great day

when the two will be joined as one.

Such was the case for Yuri Keegstra and Robb Gerpoltz when their friends gathered at B's bar on Friday, November 8, to wish them every happiness and good fortune in their life together. The shower was sup-posed to be a surprise, but perhaps they knew

About 30 people were in attendance. There was a table full of colorfully wrapped presents, and a beautiful cake all decked out in bright red hearts. The buffet was deli-ciously presented (and even more deliciously eaten.

The loving couple seemed not to notice any of this—or the people there—as is fit-ting. Perhaps they could hear only the melodies found in "Laura's Poems.

The wedding is planned for December 21, a wonderful way to celebrate the winter solstice—and the longest night of the year.



CENTER FOR AIDS INTERVENTION RESEARCH (CAIR), MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN

The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, is seeking applications for several new positions. CAIR is one of three research centers in the country established by the National Institute of Mental Health to develop new and better methods of HIV prevention, as well as the prevention and treatment of psychological and behavioral difficulties among those affected by HIV/AIDS. CAIR's offices are located on the east side area of Milwaukee.

PROJECT COORDINATOR: AIDS BEREAVEMENT PROJECT

This position carries responsibilities for the coordination and management of a large study that will evaluate the effectiveness of mental health smallgroup interventions for HIV+ men and women who are experiencing bereavement due to the loss of loved ones to AIDS. The position requires a Master's degree and clinical certification in social work or an R.N. degree with clinical and mental health experience and credentials. Experience working with HIV+ persons or with those experiencing bereavement, as well as clinical research experience are highly desirable. Position responsibilities will include study management, use of mental health assessment measures, and provision of individual and group mental health and coping intervention services following standardized protocols.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS: **HIV PREVENTION** FOR YOUNG AND MINORITY MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (Two Positions)

CAIR is initiating outreach studies that will lead to the development and evaluation of community-level HIV prevention programs for young and minority gay men. These positions require a bachelor's degree or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Responsibilities include field interviews to assess HIV risk behavior among young men who have sex with men (YMSM), co-leading focus groups, and other data collection and compilation activities. Familiarity with risk issues affecting young and minority gay men, experience in community programs with this population, and understanding of the social networks of YMSM are desirable. Excellent communication and listening skills are essential. Some local travel is required.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT: DATABASE, LITERATURE SEARCHES, AND MEASURE COMPILATION

This position carries responsibilities for assisting in the development of databases and archives of measures used to evaluate the effectiveness of HIV prevention interventions, searches of the scientific literature for studies reporting HIV prevention interventions and the assessment approaches they use, and development of quality control measures for research interventions on HIV prevention. The position requires a bachelor's degree in the behavioral, social, or information sciences; familiarity with psychological scale terminology; excellent computer skills; literature search skills using manual and computer database methods; and attention to detail.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT: MANUAL WRITING AND COMMUNICATIONS

We seek an individual with excellent writing skills for a position with the following responsibilities: (1) development and preparation of manuals that translate research-based HIV prevention intervention procedures developed at CAIR into "user friendly" documents for dissemination to public health agencies; (2) preparation of written documents for the public and for professionals describing CAIR's research and its findings; (3) liaison activities with community agencies, especially in the minority and the gay communities; and (4) other community relations activities. The position requires a bachelor's degree in fields related to communications, public affairs, writing, or related fields, excellent written and verbal communication skills, word processing proficiency; and knowledge of community relations and AIDS/HIV prevention issues.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

This position carries responsibilities for transcribing audiotape recordings of interviews with participants in CAIR's HIV prevention studies, and requires experience in transcription from audiotapes and excellent proficiency in word processing. Because the subject matter of CAIR's research involves HIV risk behavior, comfort with word processing materials that involve sexual behavior is needed. Although primarily a heavy-transcription position, the position also carries responsibilities for general office administrative assistance, handling correspondence, telephone call direction, manuscript and document word processing and similar activities. The position requires a high-school degree with further administrative assistance, training, or transcription experience highly desirable.

All of these positions are fulltime, have competitive salaries, and carry excellent fringe benefits. For all positions, we seek individuals dedicated to CAIR's HIV prevention research mission, comfortable with topics involved in HIV behavioral research, and with excellent education and employment credentials. Interested candidates should mail or fax a résumé and a cover letter indicating the title of the position for which they are applying and describing relevant past educational, employment, and community service activities to:

> Karen Opgenorth, M.S. • Administrator, Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) Medical College of Wisconsin • 1201 N. Prospect Avenue • Milwaukee, WI 53202 • FAX: 287-4683

The Medical College of Wisconsin is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer (M/V/D/U). We particularly seek applications from women and minorities.

Editorial

One Minute on World AIDS Day

For far too many years now, we have written editorials and articles on the occasion of World AIDS Day. Every year the writing forces us to remember the ones that have been lost to the disease. Every year, we sit and wonder if "next year" they will have found a cure?

This year is no different. We sit, hoping for a cure and there is no cure. But this year, there is hope. The word coming from the scientific research facilities is that great progress is being made with the new drugs. People are living longer and living more productive lives. It is even being said that the day is coming when the disease will be chronic, much in the manner of diabetes.

However, even as this happens, more sicken and suffer, more will die, friends and loved traditions that are sacred to us, traditions

ones. Their loss will weigh on us terribly.

Around the state, nation, and throughout the world, ceremonies and services marking another World AIDS Day will be observed. Each of us should make every effort to attend one of them, to join ourselves, with heads bowed, to others to understand our loss.

If, however, you cannot attend, may we suggest this. At noon on December 1st, pause in whatever you're doing for just one minute, a little silent minute between you and yourself. In that tiny bit of time, remember those who have gone on and offer up a supplication to whatever deity you believe in, that this dread scourge will this time next year have passed away.

On Evil

Evil is not exciting, it's not interesting. It is banal. Perhaps that's why In Cold Blood was banal 30 years ago and the TV remake is no different. It is, as evil is, a disgusting exhibi-

Yet evil there is: popes, kings, princes, all kinds of potentates have done it throughout

Governments do it. Democracies, monarchies, dictatorships, they all do it—and have done it.

Institutions or individuals, their crimes reek, which is about as much as should be said about them-except for one thing. Their crimes, whether you're talking about the banality of the Nazis or (by comparison) the petty little machinations of a Henry VIII, have nothing, at all, nothing whatsoever to do with sexual orientation.

To kill one another appears to be (from history, anyway) sadly a dark, dank undercurrent in the human condition-at least some, anyhow. Straight, Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian or Transesxual, all have their specimens of it.

No ethnic group is free of it. Whites, Native Americans, Africans, Asians, and all the rest have examples of evil doings within their ranks.

Therefore, for anyone to think that there are "straight" murders or "Gay murders" is utterly beyond the pale. It's stupid, it's silly, it's banal because it that kind of stereotyping is a form of evil itself.

A person who murders is, just that, an individual, a person, a human being, who commits a viscous act. The numbers make no difference. Kill one, kill a dozen, kill millions, the difference is in degree, not kind.

Sexual orientation aside, gender aside, ethnic background and culture aside, we are all, every one of us, human first, human last, human always. Therein is our glory and our trag-

Editor's Note

Thanksgiving Traditions in One Gay Family

By Terry Boughner

It all begins around nine in the morning of Thanksgiving Day. The guests will begin arriving at 4:00 with dinner at 5:00, and nothing is ready, but before anything can be done, Jerry has to go to work.

The reason for this is that I have a schedule, kept in my head, telling me what I should be doing and when. Included in that are times for coffee, cigarettes and watching the Thanksgiving Parade in New York.

I've long since discovered that Jerry doesn't understand my schedule. Having coffee and cigarettes means "nothing is being done." When that complaint gets nowhere, he will go to the kitchen "for some water." Shortly, I will hear the oven open or a lid come off a pot.

"What are you doing?" I call out.

"Nothing

"Well, stop doing nothing."

To prevent all that, I have this little "arrangement" with his boss. He works on Thanksgiving Day. That way I am left in

Not much thought goes into the Thanksgiving menu. It's traditional, the same every year, just like my mother and her mother before her set on the table. Christmas dinner can be changed around, but not Thanksgiving. That's set in stone.

And it all has to be perfect. The family is

coming to dinner.

Turkey, of course, is the centerpiece. I pack it with a bread stuffing moistened with a half pound of butter and chock full of giblets, fat raisins, bits of apple, diced chestnuts, and redolent of homegrown onion and sage. In the quiet of my kitchen, with some Christmas carols playing, I make the turkey as I think it should be, like a work of

There's candied yams, a mountain of mashed potatoes with melting butter drizzling down the sides. There will be homemade rolls warm from the oven, peas, corn and, of course, succotash.

Jerry dislikes succotash. Most others here in Wisconsin, I've found out, do too, but it's part of my Pennsylvania heritage and I will not leave it out.

And there are pies, mince meat oozing juice, and pumpkin all brown and savory, fresh raspberry custard and lemon meringue.

Like the rest of the dinner, the pies are made from scratch. I use lard, real butter (Lots of it. Four or five pounds, throughout the dinner, to be exact.), whole milk and

pints of heavy cream. Just to look at one of those pies will harden your arteries, but there's no margarine or other phony stuff, no catering to health food on Thanksgiving

Tradition says that the food should be as close to what our grandparents and great grandparents knew as possible. That's the way I think it must be.

Alan and Brent are usually the first to arrive. They come just in time to lift the turkey. Somehow, I got it into the oven by myself, but getting it out is more than I want to handle. I'm too worried.

What if the turkey hasn't browned properly? What if it's not juicy? What if it dried out? What if it isn't done?

Alan and Brent lift it easily and, with one motion, it seems, put it on the big white platter to cool.

"Mercy," Alan exclaims, "was there ever such a bird as this?"

I concede that it is indeed the most beautiful turkey we've ever had but then, I said the same thing the previous year, and will this year, too, no doubt. Now comes a flurry of activity. Others be-

gin to arrive, Jenean, Jason, Dan and his uncle Walter, and there are more: Don, Tim and Ken. Lew and Steve Whether som is able to be there or not, they are family, all

Jerry breezes in. From the look on his face, I know he thinks I've probably had to send out for Chinese or McDonalds, but not so. To his continual surprise, everything is just about ready to go.

When the food is on the table and everyone is there, I take up the platter. Alan has hedged it all about with parsley and spiced crab apples to dress it in bright green and red. Everyone turns in their chairs to look as I bring the turkey in.

I set the platter before Jerry where it is supposed to be. He's the head of the house, the master of the table, and, as always, he will stand and carve.

As I set the platter before him, he gives that kind of look that says, "I don't know how you walled this "F"." how you pulled this off."

I ignore the look and go off to put the

coffee on to perk.

"White meat or dark?" I hear him say to the owner of the first plate to come his way. As I go through the back parlor, I smile at his no-nonsense tone and demeanor and think how much I love him. He is my husband, my spouse.

Night has fallen. If we're lucky, there's

some snow. Candles glow. The music plays

softly. We are a Gay family at peace.
"Happy Thanksgiving," someone always says. "Happy, happy Thanksgiving." This is most usually followed by a voice saying, "Please pass the rolls."

Why bother telling about all this? Because I think our young people, and others, too, need to know what a Gay household, at least one Gay household, is all about. They need to know, too, that there are unnumbered Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgendered households doing much the same

Like them, like everyone else, we have our and dearly held customs that we work very hard to preserve. They work the same way for us as they do for non-Gay people; they give our family roots.

Like everyone else we are thankful, and like everyone else, we talk about our blessings and pray that others may be as fortunate as we.

Let me say now to all of you who read this, "Happy, happy Thanksgiving. May all goodness and bounty and warmth of family be yours, and may you enter this holiday

Letters

season in a cozy glow."

The Quilt's Ugly Panel TO THE EDITOR:

The reviewing of the full AIDS Quilt on the Mall in Washington recently was both tragic and inspiring. It is tragic because the names of those lost to AIDS continues to grow. Each panel told a story, each spoke of a life lost. But there was inspiration also, as survivors celebrated the lives of loved ones.

The photos of handsome young men and young babies incorporated into the panels were too numerous to count. There were panels with poems written for the deceased. There were panels with flowers needlepointed on them. There were teddy bears and theater tickets and T-shirts, each a touching tribute to the life that has been taken. Al Parker's panel even had a pair

And there was one ugly panel.

It was the panel for Roy Cohn, the infamous aide to Senator Joseph McCarthy. Cohn was instrumental in assisting McCarthy with his campaign of Communistbaiting back in the '50s. Many lives were needlessly destroyed in the process, and Cohen played a large part in the character assassinations. None of this is new; it was depicted in the play "Angels in America." Cohen's life was one of meanness and ugliness until AIDS took him in the '80s.

So perhaps it is appropriate that the Roy Cohen panel is similar to his life. Below his name are simply three words: COWARD, BULLY, VICTIM. In death as in life, there is not much good to say of the man.

But the placement of a mean-spirited panel among all the loving ones is a jolt. One's first reaction is that there's been a mistake. Somehow, the controlling body that governs the Quilt must have accidentally allowed a nasty panel to sneak in.

But on reflection, it makes sense after all. To weed out unacceptable panels would require the type of censorship that has been used against Gays throughout

From libraries banning "Heather Has Two Mommies" to museums rejecting Mapplethrope's photography, censorship has been used against Gays. To assess, judge and ultimately censor Quilt panels, would be no better than the type of small-minded actions the Christian Coalition has performed. In the final analysis, all the panels have their place.

And so the Roy Cohen panel sits there among the tributes and poems and flowers. And the message of tolerance and diversity speaks out loudly to all who care to listen.

Brian Treglown Chicago

Birth Announcement

Betty Haydu and Vicky O'Reilly are celebrating the birth of their son, Alexander O'Reilly Haydu. Little Alex was born on Wednesday October 23rd in Milwau-

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Milwaukee—On Friday, November 15, at 10:00 a.m., ground was broken for construction of Wisconsin's first residence dedicated for families living with HIV disease and AIDS. Scheduled for completion during the spring of 1997, the six-unit residence will accommodate the specific HIV-related needs of its residents. The three story building will provide permanent housing for an average of 24 persons.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) initiated the project in 1994 in response to the growing number of Milwaukee families with HIV and AIDS that were in need of housing assistance. ARCW secured a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to construct and operate the residence. The Northwest Side Community Development Corporation is also a sponsor of the

"Every month, at least 100 families affected by HIV turn to us for housing assistance," said Doug Nelson, ARCW's executive director. "This new residence will provide six families the opportunity to remain living together in a comfortable home environment. It will help us meet our historic commitment that no one with AIDS in Milwaukee will ever be homeless.

ARCW provides housing assistance to almost 800 people annually, ranging from a bed or home to sleep in, landlord

referrals and rent and utility assistance.

The new facility will be ARCW's third housing facility.

About 110 people already live in the two existing facilities.

The units in the new facility are designed to eliminate any physical barriers to the disabled. There will be extra-wide corridors and larger-than-usual bathrooms, as well as easily accessible utilities.

Although the rents for the new three- ceived strong endorsement among local bedroom apartments have not yet been set, ARCW says that residents will spend no more than one-third of their income on

"Many of our clients in Milwaukee are low income or indigent, so housing and food and fundamental health care become very costly," Nelson said.

The site, located on Milwaukee's northwest side at 4512 N. 27th Street, will be managed by ARCW. The Milwaukee AIDS Housing Corporation (MAHC), an affiliate of ARCW, is the project owner and housing planner for the development and operations. "We are pleased that the residence has re-

Attendees at the ground breaking ceremony in Milwaukee for ARCW's new residence for families living with AIDS all pitched in help mark this special event. Approximately 35 people, including State Rep. Spencer Coggs (D-Mil) and Alderman Marvin Pratt attended the November 15

When Gay Youth Disappeared No One, Not **Even Their Parents, Came Looking**

community organizations familiar with the needs of people living with HIV disease,' said David Wiggins, president of the MAHC Board. "Our goal is to promote in-dependent living for a prolonged period of time and provide safe, affordable and supportive housing for people with HIV. The construction phase of the project is

estimated at \$700,000. The grant also includes \$361,800 in rental assistance for 20 years. The facility was designed by Architectural Designs of Milwaukee.

Individuals wanting more information should call (414) 225-1537.

other Midwestern states young Gay men have moved to the big city, leaving behind their families to find a place where they could openly express their sexuality. When some of them began disappearing in Indian-apolis, no one came looking for them.

Indianapolis-From rural communities

across Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and

Years later, at least four Gay men have been identified among the remains of at least seven bodies discovered on an 18-acre suburban estate whose owner committed suicide in July. Three were male prostitutes

families didn't come looking for them, members of the Gay community said.

"They go to the nearest big city where there's a number of Gay clubs and Gay life," said Ted Fleischaker, publisher of The Word, a Gay newspaper with 10,000 readers in Indianapolis. "They may or may not even bother to tell their mom and dad they're even gone. They won't even go home for Christmas.

No one knew whether the men had even left Indianapolis. They were reported missing between July 1993 and July 1994, and by that time, 'there was definitely some nervousness" among the Gay community, said Jeff McQuary of Justice Inc., which promotes the civil rights of gays and those infected with HIV

Probably we never would have known if not for this very accidental discovery," McQuary said.

The dead were found along with spent shotgun shells and handcuffs on the Fox Hollow Farms estate. Herbert Baumeister, 49, lived there until he went to Canada, where he shot himself to death in a park in Ontario, police said.

Baumeister, a businessman who was going through a divorce, left behind a fourpage letter that revealed nothing about the

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However, Baumeister's ties to the Indian-apolis Gay community are unquestioned. Police have spoken to men who had sexual encounters with Baumeister, said Sgt. Ken Whisman, the lead investigator on the case.

We put him in every Gay bar in the city," Whisman said.

Whisman, however, refused to call Baumeister a serial killer, saying that since the causes of death remain undetermined, the cases aren't even classified as homicides.

Baumeister's wife, Juliana, contacted police earlier this year after her 15-year-old son had found a skull in the woods on the estate. Baumeister told his family that the skull had belonged to his father, who was a

About the same time, the police department's missing persons unit acted on an informant's tip and sought to question Baumeister about one or more men who had been reported missing. But Baumeister evaded them.

The police department said it handled 160 reports of missing adult men in 1993 and 13 went unsolved. It had 10 unsolved cases out of 232 in 1994 and nine unsolved cases out of 178 in 1995.

Most people in the Indianapolis Gay community believe that police have treated the disappearances seriously, McQuary

Fleischaker, however, said a police registry of missing Gay men may have prevented some of the deaths. "They didn't close in on this guy until it was too late," he said.

From the Mountains of Vermont, a Female working the Gay bars in Indianapolis, police **Impersonator Heads for the Stars** Perhaps the saddest part is that their

St. Johnsbury, VT-- In Victory, sometime in the early 1970s, Halloween came with a cold wind through the saddle of Kirby and the Burke mountains. At sundown, most of whatever children there were among the town's 50 residents put on appropriately dull, warm, costumes: surely insulated princesses, ragbag pirates, thermal superheroes.

Under the same freezing moon, 10-year-old Noel Benoit was carrying out his young fantasy somewhat less conservatively; barelegged, bare-shouldered, in his mother's strapless red taffeta prom dress, the beloved one with white

He is, of course, a boy, and he was shaking like a reed, but he wore that dress with more aplomb and affection than it had ever seen, proudly, and without a second thought.

That this scene has led a burgeoning career as a singer/songwriter/female illusionist. "I always knew I was going to be a star,"

he said. "I know I will be a national star." With the aid of manager Travis Randall of Lyndonville, and the hoped for success of a compact disc. Benoit is currently attempting to finance and put together, this may well come true. Confidence and hard work seem to be his

Benoit lived all around Essex County until he was 18, playing drums with his mother, best known as 1940s performer "Tootie" Boyle, and his sisters in the family musical act, "The Victory Hillbillies.

"Mom always used to make me dance, but I didn't mind. I'm a ham," he said. "I always sang along to the radio and imitated people, he said, citing Elton John, Aretha Franklin, Donna Summer and Barbra Streisand as early favorites. "I guess most people I chose to emulate were women, or men who turned out to be Gav.

Benoit said he first performed his female impersonator act when he spent a year in Key West, Florida, after graduating from college.

What Benoit offers is no different from what one would find in the most mainstream cabarets and on television variety shows. Benoit appears to be a clean-cut, well-dressed female singer with a strong, alto voice and a great manicure.

Benoit wears the female identity naturally. There is no personality overhaul and his hair and make-up, handled by Randall, are strictly soap-opera glam, although he does use heavy theatrical base to cover a five-o'clock shadow.

Unfortunately, the ease with which Benoit combines the feminine and masculine in his personality has also lead to experiences of prejudice.

"I've always vowed to be myself, and I won't compromise." he said. unwavering,

about what gets him through the insults, the prank calls, and the whispering. "I have to maintain a balance living here. Just being who

Benoit said he has to be "very conscious" when he chooses to go out for a walk around town, which can bring on taunts from passing

"I have to be really strong. But sometimes on a beautiful day, I just decide I'm too tired to deal with it," said Benoit who felt fortunate not to have encountered any physical violence.

Of the silent hang-up calls he sometimes gets. Benoit said he suspects that "sometimes it's someone who just needs to talk." Often, Umbrella services refer men struggling with their sexuality to Benoit, or other members of Game Ends, a local group of Gay men with a mailing list of 75-to-100 men, some of whom are openly Gay, some of whom are closeted.

"They're afraid to be out," Benoit said of some of his area peers. "But I think their fear is greater than the actual consequences.

These consequences can often include ostracization from one's family, community and church, things Benoit has not had to face head on, although painful situations have arisen.

Feeling uncomfortable with Benoit's dual personae," or perhaps most by his own comfort with himself, has caused people to attempt to contain it. According to Benoit, the organizers of First Night, at which he has performed for the past few years, once requested that he sign a contract promising not to perform as a woman.

They were afraid people would take me as a joke," he said. 'And I said, 'It's time. They may as well get used to it." In the end, he performed as a man.

"I don't know if I actually took it upon myself," he said. "But I've opened a lot of minds, changed a lot of minds, and found a lot of support I did not know I had.

Benoit, who is close with his mother and sisters, said he is not estranged from his father, who still lives in Victory, but that the facts of his lifestyle and art are skirted in the relationship

"My dad knows," he said, somewhat disappointedly. 'We just don't talk about it. He looks at it as something wrong with me; says it's my mother's fault."

Despite or because of the unusual circumstances of his life, Benoit perseveres, with a singular sense of mission, toward his goals of stardom and change in the world.

'My purpose in life is more than just me,''
he said. 'God wouldn't have given me this talent if I wasn't supposed to use it.'

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Edgar Signs Gay Non-Discrimination Policy, But It's Not Enough, Queer Nation Says

Springfield, IL—Republican Governor Jim Edgar, who had been the lone state constitutional officer without a specific antidiscrimination policy for Gays and Lesbians, has issued such an order for offices under his control.

Edgar issued an administrative order to all agency directors, emphasizing that sexual orientation be included in prohibitions against discrimination in recruiting, hiring and promoting state workers.

We are not aware of any cases of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, but this clearly reiterates the governor's non-discrimination policy," Edgar spokesman Eric Robinson said Tuesday, Novem-

The director of a statewide Gay activist group on Wednesday welcomed Edgar's ac-

This demonstrates that the governor recognizes that a discrimination free workplace is a productive workplace," said Rick Garcia of the Illinois Federation For Human Rights.

Queer Nation Chicago (QN), however, was not so quick to heap praise on the governor. In a press release dated November 14, ON pointed out that Edgar's action does nothing for LesBiGay and Transgendered people who do not work for the state. They can also be denied public accommodations, credit and kicked out of their apartments.

QN blamed the Republicans in the state legislature for thwarting attempts to amend the Illinois Human Rights Act to include sexual orientation and urged the governor to put pressure on fellow members of the GOP.

QN also condemned Edgar for signing SB 1773 which bans same-sex marriages in II-

"Edgar is a hypocrite. Prohibiting dis-

HRL is the LesBiGayTrans organization

in southeastern Wisconsin that works to

educate the public on community issues. As

part of this mission, HRL works closely

with the authorities on issues of concerns to

HRL emphasized strongly that it was their

"expectation that no one" would use

"Dellis's possible connection to the Gay community as a justification for increasing

violence against individuals in the LGBT

"The issue of sexual orientation is unre-lated to the possible crime involved," HRL

The reference is to the immediate after-

math of the Jeffrey Dahmer case in 1991,

when anti-Gay verbal and physical abuse

HRL extended its deepest sympathy to

To more strongly emphasize its point that

this situation has nothing whatever to do.

with sexual orientation, HRL spokesman,

Dr. Gary Hollender, went on TV news pro-

At the same time, Dr. Terry Boughner, Executive Editor of Wisconsin Light went

on TV news shows, urging people to be

careful and pointing out that murder is nei-

ther Gay nor straight. "It is a human thing,"

Boughner said. "A murderer is an aberra-

The Human Rights League urges anyone

dental service to the HIV community," said

Doug Nelson, executive director of the ARCW. "In its first year, we expect more

than 500 individuals will use the Dental

ceived dental care. The MAP HIV Dental

vention (assistance to individuals with HIV

system regularly monitored for changes);

therapies to reduce pain and stress such as

massage, acupuncture and chiropractic care;

physician referral; mental health counseling;

and health education on how to better man-

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Nelson said that the need for the clinic

with information to contact police immedi-

ately. The suspect is considered dangerous.

Do not attempt to do any thing yourself.

grams to point that fact out strongly

MURDER

community.

Kasee's family

AIDS DAY

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services provided by MAP.

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the LesBiGayTrans community

rose against the community.

age living with HIV/AIDS. MAP also offers free and anonymous HIV testing.

We are determined to keep MAP services

In the United States, World AIDS Day will link communities in a unified observance of dimming lights. In Washington, DC, the White House will dim its lights from 7:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as a visual demonstration of the commitment to the fight against the AIDS pandemic and in tribute to

tinuing spread of AIDS. UNAIDS estimated that, as of July 1996, 21.8 million men, women and children worldwide are currently

In the United States, as of December 31, 1995, 513,486 people had been reported with AIDS to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Of these, over 62 percent had already

In Madison

There will be a celebration of life on December 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive in Madison. The celebration, commemorating World AIDS Day, is sponsored by the AIDS Network (formerly MASN), community groups and churches.

In Milwaukee

became acute with the closure of Doyne Hospital where many HIV/AIDS patients re-A prayer service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Clinic is another expansion of health care Other health care services offered confidentially, with most at no charge, to people with HIV through MAP include: early interwho are not experiencing many symptoms of the disease but need to have their immune

A West Bend group has organized to bring

The West Bend AIDS Quilt Display tion, media, volunteer coordination, logis-

crimination against Queers after banning the legal recognition of same-sex relationships makes no sense. Discriminating against our relationships is still discrimination based on sexual orientation," said QN member Robert Castillo.

State personnel rules prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion, race, national origin, sex, age, handicap or any other non-

merit factor.

I want to re-emphasize the policy of this administration prohibiting discrimination and further clarify that any other non-merit factor includes, but is not limited to, sexual orientation," reads the order, which Edgar issued Friday.

A letter from Edgar's chief of staff, Eugene Reineke, said marital or parental status and physical stature are also included

Edgar's order comes as Gav advocates are preparing for another effort to pass a Gay civil rights bill in Illinois.

The governor's policy will help us in our effort to pass a bill to make anti-Gay discrimination illegal in Illinois," said Lana Hostetler, chief lobbyist for the Illinois Federation For Human Rights.

The bill would add sexual orientation to the list of factors for which discrimination is banned in areas such as housing and employment.

Edgar has said he would sign a Gay civil rights bill if one reached his desk. So far, though, efforts to enact one have failed.

Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra, Attorney General Jim Ryan and Comptroller Loleta Didrickson all had policies in place earlier. Secretary of State George Ryan adopted the policy in Septem-

convenient," said Nelson. "With one visit to MAP, clients can access a dentist, a nurse, a lawyer, a housing advocate and a case manager. We want to assure high quality and convenient care."

This year's World AIDS Day theme -"One World. One Hope." -- was chosen by
the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) to emphasize the reality that we are one world, for HIV/AIDS knows no borders and affects us all. It also urges the world to focus on the hope of individuals, families, communities and governments in educating one another, caring for those infected, developing a strong support system and ultimately finding the means to cure HIV/AIDS.

those living with HIV/AIDS and those who have died from AIDS.

Memorials

All communities are affected by the conliving with HIV/AIDS.

on December 1 at St. Joseph's Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd. in Milwaukee sponsored by Southeast Wisconsin Coalition of HIV/AIDS Spiritual Care, which is a group with members representing different agencies involved with the spiritual, as well as the physical needs of those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.

AIDS Quilt in West Bend

the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt to West Bend, March 19-22, 1998. Offering a major display of the Quilt in Southeaster Wisconsin will serve to promote education and awareness of AIDS.

Committee invites everyone to join in bringing the Quilt to West Bend. Volunteers are needed for fundraising, display promo-



Richard Strong (third from left) was honored as one of 12 "Outstanding Volunteers" in Northwestern Mutual Life's Employee Community Service Award program. On behalf of the Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation, Richard presented a \$5,000 check to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). He is seen here with employees from ARCW: (from left to right) Marge Beil, Doug Nelson, Bonnie Creason, James Moore, Laura Porfilio Glawe and Steve Atwell.

tics, merchandise, and panel making.

For further information, contact Lisa at (414) 677-2678 (West Bend) or Mary Rose at (414) 527-2370 (Milwaukee).

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Despite these positive numbers, 55% of the sample said they favored the so called "Defense of Marriage Act, DOMA, which allows states to forbid same sex marriage.

DOMA passed Congress earlier this year and was signed into law by President

HRC Communications Director David Smith commented on the marriage questions of the polls. "Voters continue to be torn this issue," said Smith. "This poll shows that most people would like to see Gay and Lesbian couples afforded the components of legal marriage but they

continue to oppose allowing Gay people to **AIDS Funding Supported**

Nearly 70% of those polled supported providing AIDS drugs to those who can't

afford them. Even Evangelical Protestants supported this idea by a very wide margin.

A very important finding was that 56% said they would be less likely to vote for a member of Congress who opposed continued funding for AIDS research.

Gay Issues Not Important To Most A result that should be taken seriously is the finding that for most Americans, Gay rights are not an important issue.

Only 16% said they voted on the basis of Gay and Lesbian issues and that included those who are anti-Gay. By an almost two to one margin the sample said that Gay issues are not important in deciding who to vote for. Those who didn't base their vote on Gay issues outnumber those who said it was a consideration by margin of 49% to

Most Americans (72%) said they know someone who is Gay or Lesbian.

The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1%. That means that if every American voter was surveyed their answers were vary by no more 3.1% from what the sample's answers were.

WISCONSIN AIDS RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

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Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium (WARC) is currently enrolling individuals with HIV/AIDS for participation in three trials of research drug therapies. These trials may advance scientific knowledge and future treatment of other individuals with HIV/AIDS.

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ELIGIBILITY - If you are over 18 years of age, HIV positive, have a CD4+ count of 300-549, have had no prior investigational vaccine or immune-based therapy treatment and no changes in antiretroviral drugs or doses within the past 30 days, and have no history of or current AIDS-defining conditions except for Kaposi's Sarcoma, you may be eligible for this study.

TRIAL NO. 2 - DELAVIRDINE

This is a double-blind, randomized study. The study compares the resp duals taking varied doses of Delavirdine (DLV) and AZT, AZT and 3TC or a combination of DLV, AZT & 3TC.

ELIGIBILITY - If you are 14 years of age or older, HIV positive, have a CD4 count greater than 200 but less than 500, and haven't been on AZT more than 6 months, you may qualify for this study.

TRIAL NO. 3 -STAVUDINE PLUS DIDANOSINE

This is an open-label study of the safety and biological effects of Stavudine (d4T) taken in combination with Didanosine (ddI) in HIV positive patients who have had prior therapy with AZT.

ELIGIBILITY - If you are over 18 years of age, HIV positive, have a CD4 count between 100 and 500 and have taken AZT as single drug therapy for more than 3 months, you may qualify for this study.

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Les/Bi/Gay Election News Wrap Up

Below are news items from the election that are of special interest to Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community. They have been compiled from our news sources, the Internet, interviews and research conducted by the "The Wisconsin Light."

General Gay Election News

InterNet Crashes the Party on Election Night

Milwaukee-The Great Internet Crash of 1996 provided many major disappointments on election night. A much larger than expected volume of calls combined with computer problems at a major Internet carrier on the West Coast canceled The Wisconsin Light's plans to connect its Election Night parties with other Gay parties around the country.

CNN reported 40 million hits on its home page. Many users who were able to get through found data being moved at a snail's pace, blank screens and other problems.

The need for high speed transmission of images and data for the national teleconference of Gay election night parties made it impossible for those parties to connect.

At 8:00 p.m. as the polls closed, the Light correctly gave the final results in all of the state's congressional races except for the First District which it rated as too close.

Within an hour the **Light** projected Mark Neumann the winner even though his opponent was in the lead and local stations were saying the race was too close to call.

Those at the paper's parties were disappointed by the Internet crash, but everyone seemed to have a good time nonetheless.

Those who were there cheered Clinton's win as well as news of Gay candidates winning around the country. They also booed the news that Jesse Helms had won re-election.

Log Cabin's Protests Seem To Be One Sided

The Log Cabin Republicans sent out a press release denouncing President Clinton for running a radio ad that mentioned his signing of DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act). The ad, produced in response to a Bob Dole ad, ran on Christian Radio stations in the South.

The Dole ad called "Moral Crisis In America," denounced Clinton's attempts to open up the military to Lesbians and Gay men and condemned his support for the distribution of condoms in schools.

The Human Rights Campaign, (HRC), the Victory Fund, and other national organizations, some of whom had endorsed Clinton, also criticized the Clinton ad. They called on the President to take it off the air. Elizabeth Birch, Executive Director of HRC called the Clinton ad offensive.

The Clinton campaign listened. It redid the ad deleting the reference to DOMA. The Dole ad continued to run and remained unmentioned in the Log Cabin Club press

The Dole campaign did not return HRC's calls. It is not known whether or not the Log Cabinites asked the Dole campaign to pull its Anti-Gay commercials.

National Gay Groups Boast of Accomplishments

HRC and the Victory Fund, two national Les/Bi/Gay political action groups provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to candidates in the election.

In addition to their donations, both groups provided technical support and staff to several campaigns.

HRC used student interns and its own staff. The Victory Fund sent help on behalf

of Gay and Lesbian candidates.

HRC is claiming credit for helping
Democrats take control of the California
State Assembly away from right wing
Republicans. HRC's California Project
mobilized people from around the state.

The Victory Fund helped a record 44 candidates win their races this year. Included on that list is Ed Flannagan, the first ever openly Gay state office holder.

The Victory Fund limits its work to openly Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual candidates who show a good chance of winning their races.

Flannagan broke the Lavender Ceiling in Vermont where he was elected State Auditor.

The Victory Fund also helped Sabrina Sojourner become the District of Columbia's non-voting delegate to Congress. Sojourner who is openly Lesbian becomes the first open Lesbian to be part of Congress.

In Wisconsin, the Human Rights Campaign sent campaign donations to losers Lydia Spotswood, and Paul Soglin and to winners, Tom Barrett, Ron Kind, and Jay Johnson. There were no openly Gay candidates running in Wisconsin in this election. The Victory Fund did, however, provide support for Milwaukee Lesbian, Karen Gotzler in her bid for Milwaukee Alderman last Spring.

GOP Adds to Senate Seats

The Republicans added to their majority in the US. Senate much to the consternation of many Lesbian and Gay activists.

In the last week of the 104th Congress, the Senate narrowly missed ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would ban job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

That vote came about, though, only as a result of a deal allowing the Republicans to get a non-filibustered vote on DOMA, the Defense of Marriage Act, and the Democrats to get a vote on ENDA with no amendments allowed to either bill.

Some observers say that such a deal is unlikely to occur in the next Senate. It's not likely that the Republicans would risk ENDA passing or being the bad guys in voting it down.

Last time was a special circumstance they say. If ENDA had been offered as an amendment to DOMA, it probably would have passed. It was only the unexpected absence of an ENDA supporter that kept it from passing on its own.

If ENDA is to pass the Senate this session it will probably do so as an amendment to a popular bill. This is the same tactic Jesse Helms used to pass anti-Gay amendments.

Some of the key races included:

Louisiana Candidate Attacked For Gay Support Wins Narrow Victory

Democrats managed to hang to their open seat here. Democrat Mary Landrieu defeated arch conservative Louis "Woody" Jenkins. Jenkins had attached Landrieu for being pro-Gay and accepting money from the Human Rights Campaign.

Landrieu's win was no sure thing. She had alienated Blacks when she refused to support African-American Congressman Cleo Fields in his bid for Governor last year.

With Jenkins leading in the polls, Vice President Al Gore left the campaign trail and flew to New Orleans to mediate the dispute between Landrieu and Fields who then endorsed her.

One Southern observer noted that Gore's successful effort may be the biggest diplomatic coup of the Clinton administration.

Whatever it was, it worked. Fields endorsed Landrieu just in time for her to win a narrow victory over Jenkins who some say resembles another Bayou state politician, David Duke.

Massachusetts Democrat Kerry Pulls It Out

Gay activists in Massachusetts are breathing a sigh of relief over the re-election of Senator John Kerry. Kerry was in a tough fight with the popular GOP Governor of the Bay State, William Weld.

Weld is one of the few Republicans who has been supportive on Gay and Lesbian issues, but Kerry was preferred by most Lesbians and Gays in his state.

The reason was Weld's opposition to same sex marriage, (Kerry voted against and spoke against DOMA) and his passing up a chance to address the Republican convention where Gays hoped he would address the question of equality.

North Carolina Helms Wins Again

Jesse Helms, the number one target of liberals everywhere in the country, easily won re-election in his rematch with Harvey Gantt.

Pre-election polls predicted a tight race but a large tunrout among rural whites boosted Helms to victory over his African-

American challenger.

Helms gloated in his victory speech that he would give the liberals and Gays "hell for

the next six years." South Dakota

Democrats Pick Up a Seat South Dakota Republican Senator Larry Pressler was defeated by the State's lone

Congressman Tim Johnson.

This race inspired controversy when a new book claimed that Pressler was Gay. The

book claimed that Pressler was Gay. The man Pressler first defeated to win his seat, James Abrouzek, brought the book's author to speak to a private club.

Pressler made the appearance into a campaign issue claiming that the Democrats were trying to smear him.

The tactic didn't help. Pressler became the only Republican Senatorial incumbent to lose his bid for re-election.

Helped by Wisconsin Democrats Make Gains In

House

Wisconsin Gives House Democrats A Gain of Two

Wisconsin did its part to help the Democrats take over Congress. The voters of the Badger State gave the Democrats a net gain of two seats.

Despite their loss of two seats, the big losers of the evening may have been the Christian Coalition and not the Republicans.

Two Christian Coalition backed candidates lost on election night and another may be blamed for the GOP losing its grip on the Eighth district.

Unfortunately the one race most Gays and Lesbians, especially in the Southeast end of the State, wanted to win was in the First District where Republican Incumbent Mark Neumann eked out a narrow victory.

When **The Wisconsin Light** projected Neumann the winner at its Election Night party at Mama Roux's, the descriptions many in attendance attached to Neumann were quite graphic.

Neumann Has Narrow Escape

It was the third consecutive nail biter for Neumann, who was targeted by Labor, Environmentalists, Senior Citizen groups and Gay Rights groups. Neumann responded with a serious of attack ads that some observers called the worst, most vicious ads ever seen here.

As the campaign came to an end the Kenosha County District Attorney, threatened to prosecute Neumann if he didn't pull his ad claiming that Spotswood enriched herself with her votes on the Kenosha Common Council.

Wisconsin state law forbids candidates from knowingly lying about their opponents.

Neumann was "recomended" for reelection by the Wisconsin Log Cabin Republican Club, who said he had a "mixed record" on Gay rights.

Neumann scored a 0 on the HRC score card, which grades Congressmen on their votes for or against Gay equality.

Klug Wins In Second District

Madison Mayor Paul Soglin came up short in his bid to move to Washington. Soglin who took on popular incumbent, Scott Klug

Klug spent most of the campaign running away from Newt Gingrich claiming that he was really an independent.

Soglin and others pointed out that Klug voted with Gingrich over 80% of the time. The "independent" Scott Klug will most

The "independent" Scott Klug will most probably vote to retain Newt Gringrich as Speaker of the House.

Both candidates claimed support from the Gay community and said they support Gay rights. Most activists thought that Soglin would be better on Gay issues than Klug who recieved a 56% on his HRC score card. The Human Rights Campaign endorsed

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The Human Rights Campaign endorsed
Soglin and donated money to his campaign.

Dems Pick Up Third District

Kind was running against Republican Roger Harnsdorf for the seat being vacated by Steve Gunderson.

Harnsdorf was so conservative that the incumbent Republican Congressman, Steve Gunderson, refused to endorse him.

Dr. Tom Fitzpatrick, a former Republican candidate for Senate, went even further and openly endorsed Kind.

Kind was endorsed by HRC which also donated \$2,500 to his campaign.

Kleczka Survives In Fourth District
A second drunk driving conviction did
little to dampen incumbent Democrat Jerry
Kleczka's re-election bid.

In 1994 Klezcka had a narrow win over his opponent West Allis printer, Tom Reynolds. In their rematch in 1996, Kleczka won a victory of land slide

proportions.

Reynolds was backed by Right Wing Christians and succeeded in knocking off establishment Republican Mac Davis. Davis, who many thought would give Kleczka a real run for his money, sat on the sidelines as did many of his supporters and the national GOP in the general election

Kleczka took advantage of Reynold's positions against the assualt weapons ban, the minimum wage and employer sponsored health insurance with a barrage of ads that showed Reynolds himself answering questions.

With no national support, Reynolds was unable to raise enough cash to mount a response.

Kleczka has a 67% rating from HRC.

Johnson Upsets Proesser in the Eighth

In the Northeast portion of the Badger State, Jay Johnson picked up what had been considered to be a safe Republican seat. In the 148 years since Wisconsin became a state, a Democrat has held this seat for only 14 of those years

Johnson promised to support ENDA, the bill that would ban job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians during his race against Wisconsin Assembly Speaker, Prosser.

Prosser was badly bloodied in a rough primary fight against Christian Coalition backed candidate James Dettman.

The Eight District includes some of the most conservative areas of Wisconsin including Appleton, the home of the late Wisconsin Senator, Joe McCarthy, and the site of the International Headquarters of the ultra right wing John Birch Society.

The rough and tumble primary fight against Detman, left Prosser with less money, resources and reputation than he planned on having for the general election campaign leaving conservative Christians open to charges that they handed this seat to the Democrats.

Incumbents Cruise in Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Ninth Districts

Democrats Tom Barret (Fifth District), David Obey (Seventh District) and Republicans Tom Petri (Sixth District) and James Sensenbrenner (Ninth District) won easily in the re-election bids over their opponents.

Barret had an 89% rating from HRC, Obey's rating was 50%. Petri scored a 0 and Sensenbrenner had a rating of 11%.

Two of Three Gay House Candidates Lose

Two openly Gay candidates went into the history books as the first ever openly Gay congressional candidates. Rick Zbur ran in California's 38th District against incumbent Republican Steven Horn and Mike Berber ran against Conservative Republican, Frank Lucas in Oklahoma's Sixth District, while a District of Columbia Lesbian became the first Lesbian to win a Congressional seat.

Zbur, was soundly defeated by a margin of 53% to 43% with the remaining votes going to minor candidates. Berber lost by a whopping 64% to 36% margin.

Barber had the tougher task of the two. His district is very conservative. After being nominated he came out publicly and offered to withdraw if the Democratic Party wanted him to.

Berber's own family endorsed his opponent because of his homosexuality.

Zbur's district includes Long Beach and a substantial minority population. Furthermore, registration figures show a 15 point edge for Democrats. He was thought to have a good chance to win and, given the demographics of the district, should have done much better.

Zbur's major Democratic primary opponents made an issue of his homosexuality and refused to endorse him.

On the plus side, Sabrina Sojourner became the first Lesbian to have an official position within Congress. Sojourner won the race to represent the Distrcit as a nonvoting delegate. Soujourner also became the first African American openly Lesbian person to be elected to a national office.

Dornan Loses. Gays Rejoice In Victory roughout America rejoic

Gays throughout America rejoiced in the defeat of their number one opponent in the House of Representatives.

Dornan was the one who outed Steve Gunderson on the floor of the House. In a nail biting finish, Democratic

challenger Loretta Sanchez pulled out a narrow win. It took over a week for her to be declared the winner.

Dornan had a lead of just 267 votes after

the ballots cast at the district's polling places were counted. He lost that lead when absentee and mail in ballots were tabulated. Dornan had said that he had "a dream

opponent: A Catholic for abortions and sodomy." Sanchez is pro-abortion and pro-Gay civil rights.

Dornan's Orange County district includes

some of the most conservative voters in America. Doman used that conservative streak to his advantage in election after election.

But Sanchez was able to take advantage of the district's large Hispanic population which comprises nearly 50% of the electorate. Doman outraged his Hispanic constituents with his support of California Proposition 209, an anti-immigrant

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Some Reflections on "Wisconsin Light" as it Enters its Tenth Year

By Terry Boughner

And so **Wisconsin Light** begins its 10th year, which makes the paper the oldest continuously owned LesBiGay publication in the state.

I should say that by my calculation, we have been in our 10th year for about three months. That's when the paper was conceived, one steamy hot August day, by Gay activists from Madison and Milwaukee. It was in November that the first issue arrived at our back door.

Abraham Lincoln, speaking of being president, once told the story of the man who was tarred and feathered and was being ridden out of town on a rail. Someone asked him how he felt.

"Well," the man replied, "if it weren't for the honor of the thing, I'd rather walk."

Over the course of nine years, there are times when I've understood the point of Lincoln's story all too well.

In the Beginning

I remember looking at the piles of bundled papers and saying, "This is either the goose that laid the golden egg—or the tar baby." Well, it's been no golden egg.

In the beginning it was entirely a volunteer effort. Now, while some others get paid, Jerry and 1 do not. In fact, every single penny of revenue from the paper goes back into the paper—as it always has. Because of that, and because we maintain the lowest possible overhead, we have the lowest cost ads of any Gay publication in the state.

The paper started as a monthly, but became a biweekly pretty quickly after that. In the beginning I had a manual typewriter and typed every article by hand. When that was done, the manuscripts were sent over to Dan Schramm (who, at that time, typeset for both In Step and Light), to be retyped and typeset. Later on, a friend would loan us a word processor. How good that was.

We were so green to this. Thank God for Ron Geiman, then publisher/editor of In Step. He'd been in the business for rather awhile, knew its pitfalls, and was willing to share his experience with me. Three things I remember well—and have followed ever

 Every day, walk out and close the door behind you. Otherwise, you'll go crazy.

When you're out and about and someone wants to talk shop, tell them you don't talk about the paper when you're out; that you have office hours.
 Eighty-five percent and more of what

goes on you can never print.

The advice was sterling and I've tried to

follow it ever since.

In the beginning I thought a newspaper was simply a matter of, well, getting the news out to the community. That remains part of its purpose as a community service, but it is more.

Mission and Purpose

Wisconsin Light, as with any LesBiGay paper, is part of the advocate press. In other words, we exist to do what we can to be an advocate for equal rights for Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Gay people. That is our mission.

As part of that mission, we serve an educational function. By that I mean that the paper serves as a conduit of information to the good, decent and curious majority, about who and what we are. They need to know that. We are not a majority and never will be a majority. For that reason, to tell people about us, we have always distributed the paper in "non-Gay" places.

Distribution

In the beginning, those distribution points amounted to less than 50, mainly in Madison and Milwaukee. Now we have hundreds of such points, located throughout Wisconsin and nationwide. However, the majority of those points continue to be "non-Gay."

(Our distribution is still increasing. As of this writing, we've added quite a few more spots.)

Whether the paper can be distributed in a particular location is entirely up to the owner or manager of the business. Getting the okay is only the beginning.

For example, how many papers are to be

The first time or two, that number is based on an educated guess. After we see how the distribution is doing, we can make a judgment about how many to leave at a particular spot.

Once a site is established, we keep tabs on it. We repeatedly check on many of the sites ourselves over the copy run, making what adjustments are needed.

(In the process, we know what other publications are being distributed. Sometimes a site may have a dozen or more free publications it is distributing.)

For those locations we can't reach, we get reports from our distributors—and/or we ask the owner of the business how many

papers are being picked up. The result is that we know, practically to the copy, how many papers consumers take from each site.

We need to know all that information. For one thing, it's useless, for example, to leave 50 papers at a site where only 25 are picked up. Those extra 25 can be used at other sites.

Secondly, sometimes an advertiser will want to know how many papers are being picked up in one section of the state or another. We give them as accurate a figure as we can—and tell how the figure was reached.

Finally, wasted papers (papers left at a site and not redistributed) are wasted money. Copies that are left over in Milwaukee, Green Bay, for example, are sent to our outlets in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York

While Wisconsin Light is a free publication, we do have subscribers. In the beginning there were approximately 100 of them (most of which we inherited from Out!, our immediate predecessor). Now we have hundreds and they keep coming in all the time.

In the beginning, there wasn't any reason to use UPS

Now, it takes Jerry two days to wrap all the bundles. When the UPS man shows up at the door, I have to smile when I see him blanch.

Number of Readers

How many people read **Wisconsin Light**? If you're talking about anything approaching accurate numbers, the truth is, I don't know

Early on, I learned that there is a formula that is used by the mainstream press to figure out how many readers they have. It's a figure based on the assumption that more than one person reads any particular copy. We've used that formula, too, but honestly, it's only a guesstimate.

Publications, mainstream and Gay, spend tens of thousands of dollars to hire agencies to, among many other things, find out how many readers they have. Even after that, they'll tell you the figure they get is accurate only up to a point.

Learning

Wisconsin Light has been nothing if not a learning experience. For example, I have learned just how ephemeral Gay activists are.

As if to drive that point home, I was out and about the other evening and saw an old friend, an activist who had done much for this community. He came over to me. We talked warmly, and then he left.

After he was gone, a young man sitting next to me, an activist himself, asked me who my friend was. I told him.

"Never heard of him," the young man replied with a shrug and went back to his beer

Sometimes I think we (those of us who are older) forget that the younger generation is not coming up to join us. They are coming up to replace us (and in many cases, more angry, more assertive, more aggressive, than we were). They will, of course, build on our accomplishments, but five, ten years from now, few of them will know whose accomplishment they were—and, like my young friend, many of them won't care.

I have learned that it really doesn't make much difference (if any at all) who did something to advance our cause. As long as it" done, does it matter who gets the credit now?

I have learned and I am reminded constantly that, for all of us, the earth that feeds us will, eventually and inevitably, devour us, each and every one. AIDS and the many friends I have lost, the many obituaries we have carried, keeps that in mind.

I have learned that advice is cheap—and plentiful—especially when it comes to how to produce the paper. I have learned to listen and ignore a great deal of it. I like doing it my way.

I have learned that, as someone pointed out the other evening, there is a certain lack of civility in both our society and our community. That's sad, especially since there've been times when I'm just as much to blame as anyone else.

I have learned that the paper is no place to "wash dirty linen." The larger community doesn't need to read any of that.

I have learned that we can carry a main headline, something like "Jesse Helms Comes Out." No one will bat an eye.

However, misspell a name, endorse the "wrong" candidate, or (especially) get a classified ad wrong, and all hell breaks

Over the last nine years, there have been so many high points. I will always remember the memorial service in Juneau Park, held for the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer. I will always remember the march through the twilight to MacArthur Square.

I will remember, too, going to the March On Washington. Especially will I remember being in Dupont Circle in the early evening, standing among uncounted hundreds of other LesBiGayTrans people and listening as a young man broke into loud and joyous song, "I Am Who I Am."

Oh, there've been the low points, the pitfalls, and God knows, there've been the mistakes, but I will say this: We have never mocked or made fun of anyone because of their age, race, gender, or anything else. I am proud of that

Over the years, I've gotten more than one Letter to the Editor in which the writer engages in such things. That gets edited out or the letter doesn't get printed at all.

How large?

When someone asks how large the paper is, what they mean is distribution and how many copies are printed and shipped to the client.

Let me explain

In the beginning, I thought that once the presses had been loaded, somebody pressed a button, the copies came out the other end and you took them away. That's not how it works.

I went to see the paper printed and watched in surprise as copy after copy after copy rolled out, was looked at and then tossed away. As the printer explained, these are the proof copies.

Proof copies include the ones not up to the printer's standard of quality. They are printed while adjustments are being made on the press

on the press.

I'm not talking about small numbers here.
There are hundreds and hundreds of these copies, sometimes several thousand, that are printed and thrown away because they are

imperfect in one way or the other.

It may be hard to believe, but our printer told me that it is not at all unusual for them to print 10,000 copies to get 5,000 good ones.

I have seen dumpster carts stuffed full of proof copies. I've looked at samples. I couldn't see anything wrong, but I don't have a printer's eye for such things.

The customer is not invoiced for the copies that are thrown away and we do not pay for them (not directly, anyhow). Neither do we receive them for distribution.

The waste doesn't end with the print run. There is even more waste if a publication has to go through "Step No. 2."

Wisconsin Light has never had need to go through this step, which means being stapled, trimmed or bound. In that process, the printer told me, mistakes inevitably

happen with the consequence that there are even more copies thrown away.

As with the proof copies, the customer doesn't get these "mistakes" and isn't invoiced for them.

Therefore, even though an advertiser may ask how many papers we print, that person is not interested in a number which includes the copies that are discarded by the printer. What an advertiser wants to know is how many copies do we have available for distribution.

In other words, how many copies are there that have the potential for people seeing the ad?

If I told an advertiser that we print X number of copies and included in that number, the proof copies—and didn't tell the advertiser that's what I was telling them—I would not be truthful.

Based on what I know our actual print run is (the number of papers we receive, are invoiced for and distribute), and the number of our distribution sites, we are, to the best of my knowledge, the largest and most widely distributed LesBiGay paper in the state.

Some Bob of Dornan's "Famous" Quotes

"Every Lesbian spear-chucker in this country is hoping I get defeated."

"I couldn't be that lucky, could I? To have him come out to my district. Maybe he'll wear a dress. Maybe he can bring pedophiles with him."

On hearing that Herb Moses, Rep. Barney Frank's partner, was going to campaign against him.

"I have four years of Latin. There is no such word as homophobia. Phobia of man—homo? If they mean homosexual phobia or decadence phobia, that would be more accurate, but it is not a phobia. It may be an aversion to seeing the collapse of our society or, as Billy Graham put it, a great nation on the brink of self-destruction."

Dornan on why he's a not a homophobe.

Dornan is now a former Congressman.

Anti-Gay Ad in "USA Today" Foiled by Gay Activists

Milwaukee—In an update to the editorial on the homophobic ad carried in USA Today, the Washington Blade reports that the ad was placed by Peter LaBarbara, publisher of the Far Right Wing The Lambda Report.

Gay activists had posted the 800 phone number included at the bottom of the ad on the Internet. The result, LaBarbara is reported to have said, was that so many calls were received that supporters were unable to get through.

LaBarbara had hoped that supporters would not only buy the homophobic video he was trying to sell, but give him enough money to pay for the ad, which he had run in the **Washington Times** and the Orange County, California, **Register**. Gay activists blocked LaBarbara's hope.

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referendum.

Dornan won Gay enmity by accusing openly Gay Republican Congressman Steve Gunderson of having "a revolving closet door," and by offering anti-Gay amendments to various bills.

In the last Congress, Doman managed to pass an amendment to the Defense appropriations bill that mandated the discharge of HIV + service members. The measure was repealed last Spring.

Dornan had boasted that his amendment was offered to "punish Gays."

In typical fashion, the soon to be former Congressman said that he was the victim of fraud, claiming that illegal Hispanic immigrants were allowed to vote against him. His district office had a tape recording pleading for witness of fraud to come forward.

As word of his loss spread, Conservative Talk show hosts offered sympathy and support while Gay leaders celebrated.

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The Sex Lies of the Religious Right; How the Right Wing distorts the facts of life

By Marty Klein

"The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie-deliberate, contrived and dishonest-but the myth-persistent, persuasive and unrealistic."--John F. Kennedy

They lie. When Jimmy Swaggart ranted at the cameras in his televangelical tent that sex education classes promoted incest, it

When Jerry Falwell told followers of his Old Time Gospel show that "homosexuals know they are going to die and they are going to take as many people with them as they can," it was a lie.

Breaking the third and ninth commandments is business as usual for members of the religious right. On their television stations, in school curricula, through their think tanks and in our national newspapers they lie about sex. They lie so big and loud and so often that many people assume they must be telling the truth.

At every opportunity these liars construct a false and defamatory image of sexuality. Pat Robertson says "oral sex is against nature." Anti-family-planning educator Father John McGoey tells a Human Life International Symposium that "there is absolutely nothing loving about sex. Lust is as destructive of love inside of marriage as it is outside." James Dobson, head of Focus on the Family, castigates "sex experts who say abstinence but mean anything goes."

The American Family Association charges that school systems are "reshaping children's attitudes and behavior toward hedonism, heterosexual as well as homosexual."

Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed can tell Ted Koppel on Nightline that "this is bestiality, pedophilia, child molestation. According to the Carnegie Mellon survey [of the Internet], one quarter of all the images involve the torture of women," and go unquestioned.

Michael McManus, a conservative columnist who wrote an introduction to the Meese Commission Report, can use the same media moment to claim that "aberrant sex predominates. Sex between husband and wife can be beautiful. But that is not the image being pulled down by cyberspace users. What's sought are photos of deviant sex: women in bondage, being tortured. It is massively harmful.

Never mind that a swift cruise on the Internet will refute such claims; most people aren't online.

One has to ask: Whose sexual imagination is at work? What tortured thoughts go through their minds when they consider their own sex lives?

It's easy to refute the sex lies of the right using data from biology, medicine, criminology and developmental psychology. But the right doesn't use language to communicate facts about sex. Instead, it conveys emotions about sex--fear, hatred, selfdisgust. Those emotions are far from what sex should and can be. Yet those emotions are shaping public policy.

Take Swaggart's idea that sex education encourages incest. Listen to the emotion behind his message: I am afraid of my own sexuality and that of my children. It is blame-shifting: An outside force creates incest. If the schools didn't do it, the devil will take the blame.

Witness Bev Russell, a powerful member of the Christian Coalition, who began molesting his stepdaughter Susan Smith when she was 14 or 15. According to news reports, he would come home from putting up campaign posters for Pat Robertson to fondle her. Smith grew up with a warped set of sexual values--and drowned her two children in hope of keeping the love of a man. Her stepfather continued to have sex with her just months prior to the murders. Incest is a powerful, corrupt form of sex education.

Images offer an easy way out. But it wasn't an image that prompted Father Bruce Ritter (founder of Covenant House and a member of the Meese Commission) to reportedly fondle boys on couches, or that encouraged Jimmy Swaggart to hire prostitutes so he could look up their dresses.

A sex expert discussing the birds and bees was not what drove Jim Bakker to climb on top of a young secretary in a hotel room at a religious conference. They do not explain the thousands of children who are molested

by priests and pastors. The religious right sees sexuality as an external force, a threat to rationality, authority, religion and marital fidelity. A devilishly clever energy, sex continually manifests itself in new ways. Fashion ads. Rap music. Sex education. Soft-core porn. Videos. Phone sex. Fully clothed cheerleaders at high school football games.

Once you believe sex is an outside force, you look for it everywhere-which is a textbook definition of paranoia. How else to explain the obsessive search for temptation that causes someone to find the letters SEX

in a few frames of The Lion King, or the naked breast of a sunbather in a Where's Waldo puzzle?

Beware of Naked Men!

Sometimes the obsessive fears of the right are comic: The American Family Association in Florida forced the passage of an ordinance banning nude sunbathing on a beach near Cape Canaveral with the explanation, "It will allow you and your family to walk without fear of being offended, or worse, physically attacked by nude or partially nude persons." Beware, beware of the

Clearly, the religious right and its cohorts are dreadfully frightened of their own eroticism. They struggle against their fleshly desires, but they cannot deny that their flesh does desire. They may loathe their fantasies of thighs bulging with sexuality, rippled abs, perky breasts and dewy mouths, but they cannot banish the images.

They preach that desire is weakness. And their own weakness terrifies them.

To overcome this emotional conflict they project their terror onto others: I'm not the bad one, you are. I'm not afraid of me, I'm afraid of you. Repelled by their own sexuality, they loathe and thus fear others' sexuality. And as a misplaced attempt to control their own eroticism, they try to control oth-

That's how we get a Randall Terry telling Operation Rescue supporters, "I want you to let a wave of intolerance wash over you. We are called by God to conquer this nation."

Sex is Scary

The key consequence of these lies is a personal and cultural environment of fear of sexuality, especially male sexuality. People, Gay and straight, learn to mistrust their eroticism, which leads to suffering, acting out, self-repression and the desire for salvation. Feeling the need to protect self, family and community, people turn to institutions (such as the church and conservative political organizations) that acknowledge this fear of sexuality. The resulting culture of fear and mistrust fits perfectly into the right's political-moral worldview.

Satan already exists, as do temptation, the battle for good and evil, a theory of human guilt, an infallible instruction book and an angry, asexual god. The right can integrate any new sexual phenomenon (phone sex, cyberporn, etc.) into its existing model (temptation, immorality) and proposed solution (repression).

Most recently we have the Reverend Donald E. Wildmon charging that Calvin Klein ads are "child porn," and insisting that they be investigated by the Justice Department. Only a mind obsessed with sex could perceive child porn in images of fully clothed teenagers mostly doing nothing.

Do Calvin Klein Ads Get You Hot?

While the Calvin Klein ads may strike you as tasteless, creepy or simply hot, they are not sexual abuse or exploitation. Wildmon, however, demands that the Justice Department go through photographer Steven Meisel's files to see what else happened at the shooting of the commercials.

Calvin Klein is the best thing that ever happened to the zealous and priggish Wildmon. The reverend wants the feds to go after every magazine that ran the print ads and go after every city that had the images plastered on the sides of its buses.

Are you now or have you ever been aroused by a Calvin Klein ad? In all of the coverage of this issue only a handful of columnists had the courage to describe the crusade as nonsense. Child porn is a new form of redbaiting. Since no one can seem to be for child porn, no one will rise to defend the

Underwear is the Road to Hell!

Wildmon is outraged by images of underwear---because those images focus attention on sexual anatomy. That which underwear conceals, it reveals. At some point, underwear ceases to be a tool of personal hygiene and becomes part of our erotic vocabulary. Cotton briefs become lingerie in sexual awakenings. And that is exactly what upsets Wildmon: He thinks, I must draw the line here, or I will lose control.

He cannot admire, fantasize, express awe or warm his soul over nature's heat. If he had his way, Calvin Klein's penance would be to design underwear that could not be removed until the wearer was 21 and mar-

And so Wildmon sponsors clinics for porn addicts--devoted to the notion that even the briefest exposure to sex leads inexorably down the path to debauchery. What others call sexual growth, or discovery, Wildmon views as a force of satanic proportions.

Guilt and Suicide Wildmon's own approach to sex education is a comic book (distributed by the AFA) pornography!" called "God's Quiet Voice." In it, a young boy wrestles with the choice of looking at a classmate's collection of pinups.

A pastor tells the boy, "Jesus would have been upset if you had looked at that magazine. We wouldn't want that, would we?"

The boy answers, "No way! I don't want to do anything to upset Jesus, 'cause he died on the cross to forgive me of my sins!"

It is this kind of thing, this guilt laid on early and with a vengeance that leads so many Lesbian and Gay teens to commit suicide or hit the streets.

This is an agonizingly simplistic view. Phyllis Schlafly, head of the Eagle Forum, says, "The facts of life can be told in 15 minutes." She also says, "Sex education is robbing children of their childhood." But the sex lies of the religious right are sex educa-

"The Lion King" as Porn

Imagine the brainwashing that led three 12-year-olds to write a letter to the Chicago Tribune that reads, "We watched The Lion King and unfortunately, we saw SEX spelled out in a cloud of dust. We can't believe Disney would do such a thing! Little kids watch this movie. Now you can't even watch a movie without being faced with written several books about sex.

A spelling bee becomes pornography? No doubt these kids will grow up to be sexually

The right's picture of pure, nonerotic humans is a fantasy, a yearning for a simple, guilt-free existence without ambiguity or moral conflict. It idealizes this imaginary state and urges us to protect ourselves from

any lust that might crawl across our virtue. Having scared people about others' sexuality, the right promises to rectify the situation. It will take your fear seriously and tell you exactly what to do, feel and believe. It will press legislators to limit the sexual choices you can make. It will continue to find new instances of sexual danger and keep you informed of the ever-growing scourge. It will seek and destroy all tempta-

This last is the most dangerous lie of all.

If the members of the religious right are unable to control themselves, can we let them control America?

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Lesbian Teacher Comes Out in Order to be a Good Role Model for Her Students

Virginia Beach, VA-- Grace Clark re- William and Mary with a degree in govcently won a national award for outstanding first-year teachers. Then, she let the world know she is a Lesbian.

The reason she made the revelation: Jack

The New York Times reported on August 11, that Kemp had said during newspaper and television interviews in 1987 that he believed in civil liberties for Gay people, but would "draw the line at letting them teach in the schools."

'It was terrible," said Clark, a social studies teacher at Bayside High School. "It

just pushed a button.

She called Our Own Community Press, a Norfolk-based Gay newspaper, and did an interview in which she disclosed her sexual orientation. Neither she nor her partner had tried to hide the fact that they were Lesbians, but they had not made an issue of it.

Both women were interviewed by The Associated Press recently. Cark's partner spoke only under the condition that her name not

'It irritates me that straight people can abuse their children, violate drug and alcohol laws and still be in the classroom teaching and nobody says anything about it," said Clark's spouse.

But as soon as you're not straight, then everything is questioned," said the woman, who also teaches at Bayside, Virginia.

Winning the teaching award should prove to students, parents and others that homosexuals can be good teachers, Clark said.

They've been told it's wrong," Clark said. 'I think they think 'Those people are monsters.' Now, their world has shifted. They think, 'Oh my God, she's a good person. How can she be a good teacher and be a

Clark also wanted Gay students to see her as a positive role model. She said they have gotten the message that they're abnormal and worthless.

What drives me on this whole thing, is for the sake of the students," she said. know, looking back, you grow up and you think you're the only one, and it's hard."

Clark, 35, graduated from the College of

ernment but went on to work in accounting and computers. When she hit her early 30s, she decided to become a teacher.

She enrolled in a program at Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach for adults who already have a degree but want to change careers and become teachers.

Clark did her student teaching at Bayside, the same school where she graduated as valedictorian. Later, she held out for a fulltime teaching job at Bayside.

'It was one of those really comy things about going back and doing something good for society," said Clark. She devotes long hours to developing creative lesson plans for her ninth-grade classes. She also coaches girls volleyball and is an advisor for the student literary magazine.

Her efforts were recognized with the Sallie Mae National First-Class Teacher Award, given to one first-year teacher in each state and the District of Columbia. The award is sponsored by the Student Loan Association, or Sallie Mae, but the winners are chosen by the American Association of School Administrators.

The winners were flown to Washington for a four-day weekend in and meetings with Congressional leaders. When she came back, Clark decided to come out about her

Most of the reaction to her disclosure has been favorable, including about a dozen letters, Clark said. So far, the school has not suffered any backlash from Clark's decision, said Catherine Rogers, an assistant princi-

The school's five administrators unanimously recommended Clark for the award, and her personal life was never a consideration, Rogers said. "Her personal life is personal. That is her business," she said.

She's an outstanding teacher," Rogers said. "She more than deserved the award. She teaches with an assurance and confidence that belies her being a first-year



Politically Speaking

Log Cabin Club Blows Another Opportunity

Commentary by Bill Meunier

Once again the Log Cabin Club blew an opportunity to prove itself worthwhile to both the Gay community and to the party it claims to be a part of. If there is a big loser in this election it has to be them.

First of all they endorsed Bob Dole and got nothing at all in return. If the idea of a group supporting someone who has publicly insulted them kind of strikes you as being weird you are not alone.

When Bob Dole returned Log Cabin's donation to his campaign last year, he not insulted them, he revealed the bare truth. That truth, like it or not, is that the Log Cabin club is not a player in national politics or even within its own party

I know some people who say that one Democrat is worth 10 Republicans, but I never counted the Log Cabinites among them.

Presidential candidates are not known for alienating groups that they need for support. Dole's public rejection of Log Cabin spoke volumes about how the group is viewed.

Then there is the Republican platform with its pronouncements of doom for Gay rights and AIDS funding. If the Democrats had even approached the level of bigotry seen in the Republican platform, The Stonewall Democratic Club would have led a floor demonstration in protest.

In San Diego, there was no protest at least not from the Log Cabinites. Apparently they were too afraid of getting their fancy business suits soiled by the magic markers used to make up picket signs.

Then as they waited for a request to endorse Dole, a request that never came, they declared that Dole was in fact their choice for President.

We are told that the reason was that the Log Cabin Club saw real progress in this convention. Translation, no one engaged in overt Gay bashing from the podium.

Maybe not, but the fact is that there was plenty of Gay bashing coming from Dole et al during the GOP primaries. Apparently Dole's statements against ENDA, against Gay marriage, against Gays and Lesbians serving in the military, against educating our youth with the truth about being Gay don't count. As long as he didn't say it from the podium, it doesn't matter.

During the campaign, the Log Cabin Club did not exactly distinguish itself. When Clinton's camp ran ads mentioning his signing of DOMA, the Log Cabin Club was quick to pounce on him. When Dole ran ads attacking Clinton for his support of equality for Gays and Lesbians it said

Nor did we hear of or see any protests over GOP candidates who tried to Gaybash their Democratic opponents.

But then again perhaps they knew they wouldn't be listened to anyway so they ignored it.

But what is the point of having a Gay Republican group if it is not going to stand up for Gay civil rights?

seven Republican Senators voted against it. All but four Democrats (one of whom was with his sick son) voted for it. But who did the Gay Republicans blame for ENDA's defeat? Why, they blamed the Democrats of

It's the new Log Cabin Club math. You see those four Democrats apparently count for more than the 47 Republicans who stood in the way of gaining equal opportunity for Gays in the work place.

I know some people who say that one Democrat is worth 10 Republicans, but I never counted the Log Cabinites among

The bare truth is that the leadership of this group has mismanaged, mishandled and squandered every opportunity.

Log Cabin could have concentrated its efforts on electing moderate Republicans to Congress. Yet it endorsed Dole, shocking and further alienating most of the community it purports to serve.

Log Cabin could have been a forceful voice denouncing Republicans who try to paint their Democratic opponents as being soft on Gay rights.

Log Cabin could have announced that it would not support Bob Dole because of his stands against equality, just as it refused to endorse George Bush. That might not have won it much support in the GOP, but it would have won it respect in the Gay community.

But the Log Cabin Clubs didn't do any of these things. Instead they pandered to their friends in the GOP. One example of that was their recommendation of Mark Neumann for re-election in Wisconsin's First Congressional District.

Dole's public rejection of Log Cabin spoke volumes about how the group is

The Log Cabin Club claimed that Neu-mann had "a mixed record" on Gay rights. I kid you not, they really did say that.

If Neuman'ns Gay rights record is mixed it's only because one day he hates us and the

The bottom line is that The Log Cabin Club is an organization in search of an identity and a purpose. Is does not serve the long term interests of its party by ignoring, covering up or distorting bigotry. It does not gain credibility in the Gay community by broadcasting half truths about Democrats and turning the other way when confronted with the hatred of some Republicans.

On the one hand Log Cabin claims to support Gay equality, but on the other it also claims to support a Party that denounces the idea of equal treatment for Gays and Lesbians

It's not necessarily an impossible task. It is, however, a task that the current National leadership has no apparent strategy for undertaking.

In trying to both good party members and responsible member of the Gay community, the Log Cabin Club has wound up being

Look at ENDA for example. All but

Governments and Churches Debate Same-Sex Marriage from America to Asia

Augusta, ME-From Maine to Taiwan, governments and churches are debating the topic of same-sex marriage. It appears to be one of the hot button issues of the year.

In Maine, Gay advocates say all eyes will be on their state as the people debate a divisive" proposal to disregard same-sex marriages in the months ahead.

A far Right Wing group called Concerned Maine Families set the stage for a likely 1997 referendum by collecting what appear to be far more signatures than needed to force the statewide vote

The proposal would ban same-sex marriages in Maine and direct the state to refuse to recognize those performed in other states.

'I think it's a sad day for the people of Maine (to be) thrust into the national spotlight on such a divisive issue," said Karen Geraghty, spokesperson for the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance.

Pointing to the provision that disregards same-sex marriages performed in other states, Geraghty questioned whether the Maine law could survive a legal challenge. But for now, she said, the alliance views the initiative as a legislative issue.

Concerned Maine Families leader Carolyn Cosby said volunteers collected about 20 percent more signatures than the 51,131 needed to force a November 1997 referen-

We will be at the Legislature in January," said Cosby, whose group led last year's unsuccessful referendum campaign to deny Gays civil rights in Maine.

With more than 60,000 signatures collected and more still pouring in, the people of Maine have taken a giant step toward defining our cultural norms, the public policies of our state and the meaning of a family," said Cosby.

She plans to turn the petitions over to state election officials, who will verify the signatures and send the measure to the Legislature. The bill will go to a public vote unless lawmakers pass it first.

Tuesday's announcement came as a poll conducted for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) found a majority of Americans sup-

ports allowing states to prohibit same-sex marriages. But HRC's poll also suggests significant support for giving same-sex couples inheritance, parental and other rights associated with spouses.

Cosby has maintained the initiative only states explicitly what the marriage laws already state implicitly: that marriage in Maine is recognized to be between one man and one woman only.

Its statement of purpose declares the initiative is designed, in part, "to encourage the traditional monogamous family unit as the basic building block of our society, the foundation of harmonious and enriching

Cosby said the bill partly was prompted by a 1993 ruling by the Hawaii supreme court that said it might violate that state's Constitution to deny marriage licenses to same-sex couples. She said it is reasonable to assume Gay Mainers would go to Hawaii to marry and return to Maine.

She also cited a new policy of the University of Maine System to extend benefits to the partners of Gay and Lesbian faculty as a reason why the referendum is needed.

Maine citizens have the right to determine what will be their cultural norms and definitions without the deliberate interference of out-of-state activists bent on forcing Maine to accept their counter-cultural standards," said Cosby.

In September, President Clinton signed a bill denying federal recognition of same-sex marriages.

In Akansas

Moving to follow a new federal law, lawmakers filed legislation Friday, November 15, that would ban same-sex marriages in Arkansas

The measure was among the first bills pre-filed in the House to be introduced in the Arkansas General Assembly that convenes January 13

Arkansas family law defines marriage as a civil contract between consenting parties. A provision relating to issuing a marriage license to under age persons contain age requirements for the male and female, the only reference to gender.

The proposed bill would declare that marriage shall be only between a man and a woman" and would void marriage between people of the same sex. The state would not recognize same-sex marriages performed out of state by people who move to Arkan-

"What (Gays) do in the privacy of their own bedroom is their business, but I don't feel like it's something that I want to recognize as being legal and right" said the lead sponsor, Rep. Doug Kidd, D-Benton. ' state of Arkansas should not recognize that as a marriage."

Kidd said the bill is an outgrowth of scores of calls he received from constituents in his central Arkansas district during the hot debate on the federal ban passed by Congress

Debra Bailey of the Arkansas Gay and Lesbian Task Force said the state's homosexual community was not surprised by Kidd's bill and would fight it as a matter of social justice.

She said Lesbians and Gay men absolutely" have a moral right to marry.

'The basis for the far right is that homosexual behavior is promiscuous and dangerous. Yet we have people who are building families on morals and values who want to live within those moral guidelines," Ms. Bailey said. "Whether or not a person chooses marriage to sanction their relationships, all people should have that right.'

Ms. Bailey said her organization has about 2,000 members statewide, many of whom live in unions performed in private ceremonies that are not recognized legally.

The Episcopalians A month after Pennsylvania passed a law banning same sex marriages, the state's Episcopal Diocese has voted to create a

blessing for Gay and Lesbian relationships. At the diocesan convention Saturday, November 8, clergy delegates voted 101-43 and lay delegates voted 75-53 to develop "a rite or rites for the blessing of committed relationships between persons of the same

The Pennsylvania Diocese plans to urge the national church to do the same.

The combined 176-96 vote "was a sur-prise to me," said Bishop Allen Bartlett, who had expected a closer margin.

The 65,000-member diocese, which has 163 parishes and missions in Philadelphia and four surrounding counties, will submit the approved resolution to the church's national governing convention, which meets in Philadelphia next year.

If the General Convention's two chambers approve, the church's Standing Liturgical Commission will be asked to devise an appropriate rite.

Such a blessing would have no legal standing unless a state legislature chose to recognize it.

That appears unlikely in Pennsylvania. In October, Governor Tom Ridge signed legislation banning same-sex marriages in the state. The law, which takes effect in December, also says the state will not recognize such unions performed elsewhere.

The Rev. David Moyer, rector of Good Shepherd parish in Rosemont, sharply criticized the Gay blessing resolution. can I now lecture young people and tell them my diocese says fornication and sodomy are not to be avoided?"

But the Rev. Ruth L. Kirk, who cosubmitted the resolution, said Christian moral codes cannot be developed purely on the moral codes of the first century

'As I said at the convention: Can God do a new thing? And can God use the church to do a new thing? For centuries we have condemned Gays and Lesbians. It is time to support committed, loving relationships."

In Taiwan More than 500 guests, including officials of the Taipei city government, attended Taiwan's first public Gay wedding Sunday, November 10, between a Taiwanese author and his longtime American companion.

Wearing a traditional Chinese scholar's robe, Hsu You-sheng exchanged vows and rings with Gray Harriman at a downtown

The ceremony was praised by social reformers, but will not be legally binding because Taiwan does not recognize same-sex marriages.

Hsu, a well-known author of 11 books on Gay topics, met Harriman, a college administrator, while studying in New York.

Hsu's open homosexuality is a rarity in Taiwan, where many Gays face social stigma and intense pressure from parents to marry and continue the family line.

But the wedding has gained mostly positive response in Taiwan, and one of the state-owned television networks plans to run a special on the couple. Another leading cable television station carried the ceremony

Taipei Mayor Chen Shui-bian sent a letter of congratulation read at the ceremony by his spokesman. Other guests included officials of the municipal government and Taiwan's main opposition Democratic Progres-

'I wouldn't make a big deal out of this. I'm just here to wish them well," said Shih Ming-teh, a former DPP chairman.

Two Gay, HIV+ Men Thrown Out of Church **Because God's House is No Place for Sinners**

Watervliet, MI- A church service erupted into a shouting match when a pastor told two openly Gay members of the small that they were no longer welcome at the church.

No one was hurt Sunday, November 10, but one man was escorted out of Plymouth Congregational Church in tears

The Rev. Don Campbell invoked Bible passages to justify his decision earlier this week to tell Kip Thumm and Roberto Torres, who are HIV-positive, that men who commit "vile sex sins" should be cast out of God's house until they "change their evil ways.

Thumm, a lifelong member of the church, and Torres, sat quietly during Campbell's sermon. Nearly 30 people supporting the men sat in the front pews, wearing red rib-

bons. "You're wrong!" one supporter shouted at Campbell during his sermon.

What about love and forgiveness?" asked

This isn't an open forum," Campbell said.

A man stood up and pointed at Campbell. You're preaching hatred!" Read the Bible, young man!" someone

shouted from behind. Just then, an elderly man grabbed the arm of a man whose hand was raised. "Let the pastor finish. Let him finish talking," he

Campbell jumped down from his podium and spoke to the elderly man in an effort to calm him down.

As he did, a supporter of Thumm and Torres stood up at the front of the church, arms raised, and addressed the congregation.

'God loves us! Homosexuality is more than sex. It's about pride and identity! "God loves us too!" Torres pleaded, tears running down his cheeks.

Campbell ordered an usher to "get the sinner out of here." The man continued talking and sobbing as he was escorted out. Another man rose, pointed his finger at Thumm's supporters: "I didn't come here to listen to you people, I came here to worship God," he yelled. "This is God's house!

There's no room for people God hates!" Campbell managed to regain order, then quickly ended the service, saying "Go in

peace." He then walked out of the room. Campbell said he hadn't intended to give a sermon on homosexuality, but when he saw Thumm's supporters sitting in the front row,

he switched gears. Campbell added he will be deliver up sermons on the topic of homosexuality for the next seven Sundays.

He said he has received "unbelievable support" from people across Southwest Michigan for his approach to homosexuality, which is to denounce "these people" as "filthy, vile sinners."

Harvard Minister Publishes Book Showing Bible is a Book of Inclusion

Cambridge, MA-Peter J. Gomes is a preacher who defies stereotypes.

He's an ordained Baptist minister who presides over Harvard University's nondenominational Memorial Church. And he's a Black, Gay Republican.

He's also Harvard's Plummer Professor of Christian Morals. But he knows that title might not sit well with the Jerry Falwells of the world.

"I'm sure I don't fit your idea of Christian morals, which is why I think you're quite wrong," he said in a recent interview in his basement office at Memorial Church, gesturing as if in imaginary debate. "They have patented the notion of Christian morals, but it is not theirs to coin or mint."

Gomes majored in history at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and planned to study antique decorative arts after graduation. But a religion professor urged him on to Harvard's Divinity School.

There, he said, "I found it was possible to be both intelligent and thoughtful on the one hand and pious and believing on the other; that mind and heart thing."

Gomes (rhymes with homes) rejects the anti-Gay Biblical interpretations of the Religious extremists. And in his new book, The Good Book: Reading the Bible With Mind and Heart, published this month by William Morrow, he argues the Bible's words support him.

Throughout history, he says, some Christians have manipulated the Bible to oppress certain groups: Jews, women, blacks and homosexuals.

And it's those Christians who claim to be the most devout who traditionally have been the biggest oppressors, he says: the white Southern Baptists who perpetuated slavery, for example, and the German Nazis who executed millions of Gay men, Lesbians and

But, Just because white people had abused Scripture didn't mean Scripture was abusive," he said.

I wanted Black people, women and homosexuals, among others, to see and to hear that the Bible was both for them and with them," he wrote.

But it's also for the white, Christian mainstream _ those who might come to understand that the Bible's authors never meant to persecute, he said. However, he does not expect everyone to be swayed by his ideas.

His words, he said, will do nothing "for those whose minds are already so firmly made up they operate out of prejudice.'

Gomes says he felt a moral imperative to examine the text of the Bible and explain what he sees as its true contextual meaning.

Those who use the Bible to denigrate Gay people have taken the book's words out of its historical context, he argues.

You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination," Leviticus 18:22 reads.

When the Old Testament was written, Gomes argues, homosexuality was seen as a risk to the Jews' cultural identity and procreation. But that does not mean God disapproves of all same-sex relationships.

The biblical writers never contemplated a form of homosexuality in which loving, monogamous and faithful persons sought to live out the implications of the gospel with as much fidelity to it as any heterosexual believer," he wrote. "All they knew of homosexuality was prostitution, pederasty, lasciviousness and exploitation.'

Gomes' moral imperative to write the book became especially clear five years ago.

It was 1991, and a conservative Harvard undergraduate magazine devoted an entire issue to attacking homosexuals. The authors, most of whom were conservative Roman Catholics, argued that homosexuality should be condemned on biblical grounds.

The journal outraged many on campus. And Gomes was asked to address a Harvard Yard rally from the porch of Memorial Church, over which he has presided for 22

He was asked to speak as a calming influence, not as a Gay man. Indeed, few knew of his sexual orientation at the time. After all, this was the man who had prayed at the inaugurals of Ronald Reagan and George

Gomes hadn't planned on disclosing his sexuality that day. But he did, he wrote, be-cause he wanted to demonstrate "that there was more than one way to read the Bible.'

His book, however, devotes only five pages to his own "coming out." His primary intention was to help others find meaning and virtue and, ultimately, religion.

The Right Reverend Lord Runcie, the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, calls Gomes' work "easily the best contemporary book on the Bible for thoughtful people" and one "we desperately need."

Gomes also contends the Bible is silent on abortion, and that abortion protestors have misinterpreted Exodus 20:13: "Thou shalt

A more accurate translation from the He-brew would be, "Thou shalt do no murder," Gomes said

In Hebrew, murder refers to the premeditated taking of life outside the womb; killing was associated with the ritual slaughter of animals for sacrifice.

Not only is the Bible therefore silent on the question of abortion, but the one text used to justify opposition to it is wrongly construed in English," he wrote.

Gomes, 55, is a short, stocky man with an expressive face, demonstrative hands and a strong, theatrical voice. He has a lifelong love of antiques-his church office and his Plymouth home are full of them--and is partial to three-piece suits, adorned by a gold pocket watch.

Gomes preaches to a wide variety of faiths in his Sunday sermons at the 17th century Memorial Church. Time Magazine once called him one of the country's top seven preachers.

The only child of a middle-class African-American couple in Plymouth, Gomes fell in love with religion as a small boy. His mother was a Baptist, and he attended Sunday morning services at the town's predominantly white Baptist church.

But Sunday nights, he and his family would go to the tiny Bethel A.M.E. church with some 20 other Black worshippers.

The Good Book: Reading the Bible With Mind and Heart by Peter J. Gomes. William Morrow And Co. Inc. \$25.

Gay Republican **Blasts GOP** Homophobes

Scottsdale Az--In the November 11 Sunday edition of the Scottsdale (Arizona) Progress Tribune, the lead front-page story, written by David Lebowitz was headlined, Gay Candidate Says County GOP Shut Him Out".

It contains allegations that openly gay Republican candidate, Steve May, for the State Senate had problems with local party leaders unable to reconcile their ideology and his sexual orientation.

The article discusses how May, a tireless worker and donor for his local Republican party since his teens, had his campaign systematically torn apart by party leaders. Maricopa County GOP chairwoman Bernice Roberts refused to give May the same \$1,300 donation made to two other heterosexual District 25 Republican candidates,

telling The Tribune,.
Roberts told The Tribune "I do not support that homosexual agenda.... I feel that it's wrong." Leibowitz quips, "Gosh Bernice, so much for 'inclusiveness' and a 'big tent,'

Several other examples cited in the article included Republican committee members going door-to-door to denounce May. May, in the article, says he was "outed" by religious radical Charlotte Reed (District 25 party chairwoman) during the primaries, and describes her as "an ignorant, undereducated liar....The truth is, she has handed our district over to the Democrats... because she won't support anyone unless they adhere to her radical, right-wing philosophy.

Since May is publicly attacking his own party's homophobia while also being opposed to same-sex marriage and, as Leibowitz puts it, "teaching homosexuality in the classroom," the columnist wonders if he might be "too gay to be Republican and too Republican to be gay.

The article ends with May saying that, "This is my mission in life, I guess. I have to help teach the voters that you can be gay and Republican. I have to teach Republicans that, and I have to teach gay people that. The question is, are the people going to let me have a chance?"

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Like the Early Christians, Mormons Have **Historically Tolerated Gay Love**

Salt Lake City, UT-Evan Stephens, composer of many of the most beloved hymns of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS)(Mormons), was a bachelor who shared his life with a succession of young male singers.

Stephens even gave up his 26-year career as Mormon Tabernacle Choir director in 1916 to move to New York City with `a blond Viking who captured the eye of everyone as a superb specimen of manhood."

Was Stephens Gay?

Probably, according to historian D. Michael Quinn, although all Stephens' "boy chums," as he called them, eventually married, and it is possible Stephens never translated his love of men into sexual practice.

More important to Quinn, and a central thesis of his forthcoming book, is that the attitudes of 19th century Mormons toward the whole range of same-sex relationships were far more relaxed than the `homophobic concerns" reflected in today's headlines.

And in that regard, straightlaced pioneer Utah was no different than the nation at large in the last century: Adult friends of the same gender held hands and kissed in public, slept together in the same beds-sometimes for years--and wrote each other emotionally intense, even passionate letters.

Both Washington and Lincoln were good

examples of that.

In most cases, these relationships were not erotic. But when they were, Mormons at times were even more tolerant than other Americans, Quinn points out in Same-Sex among Nineteenth-Century Dynamics Americans: A Mormon Example, to be published in May by the University of Illinois Press.

Church founder Joseph Smith, the polygamous husband of many wives, snuggled with male friends throughout his life. He preached in 1843 that two friends "should lie down on the same bed at night locked in each other's embrace talking of their love ...

His successor, Brigham Young, organized all-male dances and dreamed of sleeping with non-Mormon men as a means of resolving conflict. Later church presidents Joseph F. Smith and Heber J. Grant kissed their counselors good-bye.

Not many years later, though, another president, David O. McKay, said he would rather sleep on the floor than in the same bed

Indeed, Quinn noted a distinct change in attitudes toward same-sex relations among church leaders who reached adulthood in the 20th century and were not accustomed to the pervasive same-sex sociality of the 19

So relaxed were the views of early Mormons toward such relationships, Quinn excommunicated for an extramarital affair with a woman and church leaders had made the reason public.

was not unusual. As late as 1950, a stake presidency in Idaho asked the church's governing First Presidency whether to excommunicate or otherwise discipline a Mormon professor who had engaged in a Gay relationship for several years.

J. Reuben Clark, a First Presidency counselor, replied that "thus far we had done no more than drop them from positions they held.

But that was to change.

During the 1950s, Apostle Spencer W. Kimball became the chief advocate for encouraging Gay men to marry women as a "remedy" for their same-sex desires. He considered Gay sex a "habit" mainly caused by masturbation.

However, it wasn't until 1968 that the First slurs during the attack. Presidency made Gay love and sex grounds for excommunication. And in 1987, Gordon B. Hinckley, who became church president a year ago, instructed church members that marriage should not be considered a "therapeutic step" for Gay men and Lesbi-

Quinn had no idea when he began researching an article on same-sex dynamics in 1993 that he would find enough letters, diaries and other archival material for a book. Nor did he imagine it would be published amid a statewide controversy over Gay and Lesbian clubs in Salt Lake high schools.

Quinn doesn't believe church leaders will ever condone same-sex unions. But Utah Mormons, while supporting the church's stand for traditional family values, appear troubled by the issue of basic fairness raised by the recent ban of all nonacademic clubs in the Salt Lake City School District, he said.

"Even if this issue were to go away from the headlines, there is a recognition among a majority of people now that there is a prob-lem," he said. "And the problem isn't Gay students. It's how they're treated.'

writes, "that there was much that did not have to be hidden by the Mormons who felt sexual interest for those of their same gen-

Thus, it often was possible for Gay men

and Lesbians, speaking in the 19th century vernacular of platonic love, to subtly allude to and still mask their erotic relationships.

Employing just such a subtext, three prominent Mormons apparently "came out" in an official church magazine, the Children's Friend, in 1919, according to Quinn, author of a two-volume history of the Mormon hierarchy.

One was Stephens, the former choir director, who detailed his numerous close relationships with young men in unbylined articles written in the third person. He wrote that at 13, he had become "the pet" of the young men in his local church choir.

Timidly and blushingly he would be squeezed in between them, and kindly arms generally enfolded him much as if he had been a fair sweetheart of the big brawny young men," Stephens wrote of himself. Oh, how he loved these men, too!"

The other two self-revealers were Louie B. Felt, general president of the church's Primary organization for children for nearly 40 years, and its first counselor, May Anderson, with whom Felt had lived for 30 years.

The October 1919 issue of the Children's Friend featured a photograph of Felt and Anderson with a caption calling them the David and Jonathan" of the Primary board. It spoke pointedly of their love and intimacy and mentioned that they shared the same bed.

Those who watched their devotion to each other declare that there never were more ardent lovers than these two. And strange to say during this time of love feasting, Mary changed her name to May because it seemed to be more agreeable to both," according to the magazine, edited by Anderson.

Quinn writes that even though the three were writing in the bilingualism of 19th century homosexuals," they "took a risk by telling of their same-sex relationships so honestly in October 1919."

Still, Mormon leaders down to the 1950s were almost always more tolerant of Gay love and Gay sex than they were of heterosexual activity outside of marriage. Quinn cites numerous cases, including that of Joseph F. Smith, grandson and namesake of the Mormon president at the turn of the century.

Appointed church patriarch in 1942, Smith already had a hidden history of Gay relationships. He was released from the high position in 1946 when church president George Albert Smith learned of his ongoing extramarital affair with a 21-year-old man.

Yet, Smith was not excommunicatedchurch leaders cited poor health for his departure-and in later years he was appointed to an LDS stake high council.

Just three years earlier, in 1943, church apostle Richard R. Lyman had been promptly

Gay Bashers The example of leniency in Smith's case Ordered to Write **Apology to Victims**

San Francisco-A San Francisco judge has ordered two Contra Costa County men convicted of hate crimes in the beating of a Gay man to write and pub-

lish letters of apology to their victim.

John Cody Lee, 22, of Walnut Creek
and Jonathan Bell, 25, of Moraga each will serve several months in jail for beating the man outside a Gay bar in San Francisco's South of Market district last

During the trial, the victim and other witnesses testified that two men and an accomplice repeatedly shouted anti-Gay

In addition to their jail time and apologies to the victim, the men also must attend a series of counseling sessions on Gav and Lesbian issues.

Their letters will be published in the Bay Area Reporter, a Gay-oriented newspaper.

They were sentenced Thursday by Municipal Judge Julie Tang after they were convicted of misdemeanor charges of battery and a hate crime in the October 1995 attack on Ronald Bennett outside the San Francisco Eagle bar.

Lee will spend five months in the San Francisco County Jail and Bell six

Both men expressed remorse, according to prosecutors, and apologized to the victim at their sentencing

Prosecutor Chris Clifford had sought the maximum sentence of one year in jail. But it was also his idea for both to apologize by having their letters published in the newspaper.

This hate crime wasn't just against the man they beat up _ this crime was directed at an entire community," Clifford 'This is a city where diversity is not just accepted or tolerated, it's celebrated. ... I think it's appropriate that they apologize to San Francisco."

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Crimes of Violence Against Women Under Reported or Totally Ignored

Brighton, England-Many women raped during the genocide in Rwanda two years ago were infected with the AIDS virus and rapists are still holding some women as sexual slaves in refugee camps, a European Union human rights expert said Wednesday.

In former Yugoslavia, war has militarized" personal relationships and led to an increase in violence against women and in Kurdistan, women are still being killed and constantly moved but their plight is ignored, women's activists said.

We have war criminals and we have peace criminals against women," Yugoslav feminist Lepa Mladjenovic, who runs a center for sexually abused women in Belgrade, told 2,000 delegates at an international conference on violence and abuse

The exploitation of women during and after wars rarely makes headlines because many are too frightened to speak out about rape and other attacks, fearing ostracism or retribution, the activists said.

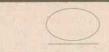
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Kalliope Migirou, who spent a year working with women in Rwanda for the U.N. Human Rights Field Operation, said men who rape and abuse women during wars are trying to destroy them physically and psychologically and humiliate their

husbands, families and ethnic groups.

During the 1994 genocide, between 500,000 and 1.5 million Tutsis and moderate Hutus were slaughtered. But because of the stigma attached to rape, the number of victims can only be guessed, with estimates ranging from 15,700 women by the Rwandan government to between 250,000 and 500,000 by the U.N. special representative, she said.

Migirou, an EU field worker from Greece, said many Rwandan women were gang raped and had their sexual organs mutilated. In some cases, she said, militia men forced fathers "to rape their daughters and sons their mothers.

Rapists infected many women with the AIDS virus, wanting their victims "to die from AIDS and spread AIDS to their com-munity," she said. "Some babies born after a rape were contaminated by AIDS as well."

Some women chosen to be sex slaves by Hutu militia men during the genocide were then taken to refugee camps and kept there as the "wives" of these milita members, Migirou said.

They write letters to their families letting them know that they are still alive and they are 'married' to a man in the camp," she

While sexual violence is considered a war crime by the Geneva Convention, not one of the more than 4,000 cases prepared for Rwandan war crimes trials includes a rape charge, Migirou said. Some 80,000 Rwandans are in prison on suspicion of participating in the genocide, about 8 percent women, she noted.

In former Yugoslavia, rape was also widespread during the war.

"War has increased all forms of violence against women," said Violete Krasnic of the Autonomous Women's Center Against Sexual Violence in Belgrade, which along with other women's groups has studied the war's

effects for six years.

In Belgrade, domestic violence is on the increase, with death threats against women increased 30 to 50 percent, rape increased 30 percent, and violence in inter-ethnic marriages also increased, she said.

Forty percent of women reported being threatened with weapons, and men used violence against their wives after being exposed to nationalistic propaganda, she said.

Nazaneen Rasheed, London-based representative of the Women's Union of Kurdistan, said women in her homeland in northern Iraq have no power or land, face death by bombs, mines and artillery, and are in emotional turmoil because of missing loved

Some women turned to prostitution to survive, but hundreds have been killed by male relatives because of shame to the family, she said.

All our resources are being used for military purposes instead of redevelopment or aid," Rasheed said, and women's peace protests and appeals to the Kurdish political parties are "totally ignored."

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Speaking From the Right

Election Wrap-Up

By Jim McFarland

We at Log Cabin Republicans are greatly relieved now that the elections are over, as I imagine everyone else is. We now have some time to ourselves, and money to ourselves. The elections provided mixed results from our point of view. We were, of course, disappointed by Bob Dole's defeat, but we were generally pleased that the Republicans retained control of the U.S. Senate and House.

I said "generally pleased" because we were not entirely happy with the results, particularly in the Senate. Unfortunately, the Republican gains in the Senate tended to be in the South, where both Republicans and Democrats tend to be less supportive, and the Republican losses tended to be in the Northeast and Midwest, where Republicans (and Democrats) tend to be more sup-

Bucking this trend was Susan Collins in Maine, who won that state's open Senate seat campaigning as a fiscal conservative with a moderate to liberal stance on social issues. She will be a strong supporter of Log Cabin in the next Congress. In general, though, the Senate will be a much more conservative body.

In the House, the same phenomenon occurred (GOP gains were in the South, losses were in the Northeast and Midwest), and a number of our best supporters lost their seats, but in this case, the advantage will go to the moderates who remained in office.

This is because the GOP lost enough seats to make their narrow majority more dependent on the moderate Republicans, without whom there would be no majority. This gives the moderates even more negotiating power, and the House should look more moderate in the next Congress regardless of who is in the leadership.

In addition, some of Log Cabin's strong-est supporters bucked the Clinton tide and held their seats such as Rep. Sue Kelly

(NY), Rep. Steve Horn (CA), who beat back vicious and false attacks from an openly Gay opponent, Rep. Brian Bilbray (CA), Rep. Jim Kolbe (AZ), and our own Rep. Scott Klug (WI).

At the state level, there were mixed results as well. While the Republicans did not regain control of the State Senate, two of our strongest supporters won re-election: Sen. Mary Panzer and Sen. Alberta Darling. While both were expected to win, many thought Sen. Darling's race would be much closer, but she ran far, far ahead of Dole in her northern Milwaukee suburb's Senate

In the Assembly, all of our incumbent allies won re-election, and many of the challengers we were supporting came within several hundred votes of winning. The GOP gained one seat in the Assembly, creating an even number of members in the GOP caucus and allowing a tie vote in the election for Speaker of the Assembly for seven

Rep. Scott Jensen and Rep. Ben Brancel each had an equal number of supporters until the last ballot, when Rep. Brancel became Speaker. Fortunately, he immediately appointed Rep. Jensen as Co-Chairman of powerful Joint Finance Committee. This bodes well for us, as Rep. Jensen as been extremely supportive on AIDS issues. While we are not as familiar with Rep. Brancel, we understand that he is fairminded and is not expected to tolerate gaybashing in the caucus.

Thus, Log Cabin Republicans looks forward to working with the new Congress and the new Legislature in the next two years. We are confident that we will be able to build on our successes in the past several years, gain new allies, and continue to promote issues not only of concern to the Lesbian/Gay community, but of concern to the entire community.

so there is no opportunity for the virus to mutate and become resistant to these drugs. This is one of the most significant benefits to

Since Hydrea only stops most of the preparation of materials that HIV uses, some viruses still continue to infect cells and reproduce. However, given that Hydrea starves the virus, HIV is vulnerable to attacks from other drugs. One way to capitalize on the virus' vulnerability at this point is to force it to use "junk food" (bogus materials). Nukes such as ddI are junk food and when they are used instead of good materials, HIV self-destructs and cannot infect the cell. The end result is that using Hydrea in combination with ddl and possibly some other nukes yields a very powerful antiviral effect.

Since researchers discovered the potential benefit of using Hydrea in combination with nukes there have been small studies with exciting results.

A study in France which came out last summer showed that seven out of 12 people who took Hydrea and ddI had undetectable viral levels (the virus is not gone but is below 200 which is the lowest level that can be accurately detected) and an average T-cell count increase of 244 cells after three months of therapy. The remaining five people on this therapy had viral load reductions from 95 to 99.9 percent and similar responses in their Tcells. It is important to note that the people in this study began with greater than 250 T-cells.

A second study in Canada on the effects of adding Hydrea to ddI therapy confirmed that Hydrea is an effective supplement to nukes for HIV therapy.

The current nationwide study on ddI and Hydrea will provide more information on just how good this therapy may be and also on the safety of the combination. In the meantime, you should talk to your doctor about whether or not ddI and Hydrea would be the best choice for you. If you want to participate in the study and live in the Boston area, call Community Research Initiative of New England (CRI) at (617) 566-4004 ext. 19. For the Providence, R.I. site, call (401) 456-2437 If you live elsewhere, call (212) 682-7440 ext.

133 for more information. When to Act

It is widely accepted that there are two important surrogate markers (measurements of your health). They are the measurement of T-cell levels, "CD4 counts", and the measurement of the amount of virus in the T-cell levels, blood, "viral load". If your viral load has been rising or is over 100,000, or your CD4 counts have been dropping faster than 100 per year on average, or your counts are below 300, aggressive treatments are in order.

Although most clinicians agree with these guidelines, recent studies about the effects of viral load on your health suggest that even relatively low levels of virus can do damage to your immune system. Therefore, it may be important to seek treatment that keeps your viral load as low as possible for as long as possible. In a recently released study of viral load and disease progression, it was reported that a viral load of under 2000 poses little threat to the immune system. presentations show that under 10,000 probably causes minor damage. However, a viral load greater than 10,000 can cause damage, and over 30,000 can result in significant damage to the immune system. In any case, it is clear that effective combinations of antivirals which reduce viral load both extend life and delay the onset of opportunistic infections.

There is no absolute treatment formula for everyone. So, before taking any action, a treatment strategy should be worked out with a doctor who knows you and the latest laughed. developments in HIV treatment.

which work similarly to Hydrea. One such this happened every day for several weeks, drug. Ribavirin, is less toxic. This drug is he told his mother. The teacher responded already available, in testing with ddl, and showing promising results. Hopefully it will not be tolerated, and asking that they write be available by the end of the year.

Also there is exciting news of a new nuke. far, 1592U89. In small preliminary studies, this drug showed results better than any other currently used nuke. It caused viral load reductions of 99.5 percent and boosted T-cells by 116 in 19 people over the course of the 12week study. This drug in combination with currently used antivirals will be a promising additional HIV therapy.

Also in development by Gilead are two drugs called "nucleotide analogs" (as opposed ported in 1995-96. They were added to 49 These drugs are to nucleoside analogs). supposedly more effective than he conventional nukes, are in testing now, and have favorable results.

For more information on anything in this article or for reprints of past Reasons for Hope articles by the Boston AIDS Writers Group, please call "Search for a Cure" at (617) 536-

Minnesota AIDS **Groups to Receive** Less than Expected from AIDS Ride

Minneapolis--Minnesota AIDS organizations will receive less than expected from last summer's Twin Cities-to-Chicago AIDS bike ride because expenses exceeded the budget, financial reports show.

Still, the organizations will receive more than \$950,000, a spokesman said Monday, October 28.

The Twin Cities-to-Chicago AIDS Ride and similar rides in cities such as Philadel-phia to Washington, D.C., was promoted by Pallotta and Associates of Los Angeles.

The amount is about \$100,000 less than had been budgeted. Expenses amounted to about 54 percent of the money raised for the event, according to financial reports filed last week with the Minnesota attorney general's charities division.

By contrast, expenses for AIDS Walk Wisconsin amounted to less than 20%

Nevertheless, "I think it (the ride) exceeded our expectations," said Chuck Peterson, president of AIDS Events Minnesota, which represents the sponsoring organiza-

We couldn't go out collectively, probably, and raise a million dollars as we did with the ride," Peterson said.

The ride helped promote housing, meal and support programs, and "I think we achieved visibility in the community that we couldn't have achieved without this event,"

Peterson said logistic expenses, such as food, tents and communications systems, were higher than anticipated.

Groups that evaluate charities say that nonprofit organizations generally should allocate no more than about 40 percent of their expenses to fund raising and administration. However, expenses are usually higher for special events that require significant logistical support.

About 1,500 riders, nearly 600 of them from Minnesota, pedaled to Chicago.

Reasons for Hope: The Latest News on **Combination Therapy for HIV**

By the AIDS Writers Group

People with HIV in the 90s have more options for treatment than ever before. At this point in HIV treatment research you can be sure about one thing: treatment that reduces viral load and maintains high T-cell counts is an effective way to reduce the risk of progression to AIDS. We now have exciting new combinations of antivirals that reduce viral load by significant amounts in addition to offering boosts in T-cell counts.

Ongoing research of combination therapy (taking more than one antiviral at the same time) shows that the use of already available therapies, when combined, can produce surprising effects. For example, a long overdue study of D4T and ddl with the long used and already available drug called Hydroxyurea revealed powerful antiviral effects with significant reductions in viral load. In the near future you will see more drugs similar to Hydroxyurea used with antivirals to fight HIV.

These, of course, are not the only treatments available to you but you should talk to your doctor about when or if they may be useful to

In this article we will report the latest news

Using ddI in combination with D4T or Hydroxyurea;

When to use antivirals; and

Drugs in development which may be useful for you in the near future. Alphabet Soup

AZT, ddl, D4T, ddC and 3TC are all "nucleoside analogs" (nukes) which most HIV infected people encounter as the first medication that a health care provider recommends. Each of these antivirals work in a similar way. They block the ability of the virus to successfully infect new cells.

HIV cannot reproduce by itself; it must take over the cells in the immune system. It does this by copying itself into the human cell's operating instructions (DNA) and then using these infected cells to make new viruses. Nukes act as phony DNA building blocks, and when they are mistakenly used by the virus, HIV is not able to correctly create DNA. Therefore, it cannot successfully infect the cell and make new viruses.

No single nuke is even close to 100 percent effective at stopping the virus from reproducing. However, it has been proven by carefully done studies that the use of combinations of antivirals can approach 100 percent effectiveness. A good example of this phenomenon is the AZT/3TC combination. The use of AZT plus 3TC initially reduces viral load by 96 to 99 percent on average. This is a bigger reduction than the sum of

each of the individual effects, a result which scientists call "synergy"

D4T plus ddI

The results of a recent study presented at the 3rd Annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections showed surprising results on the combination of D4T and ddl, two nukes made by Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals. There are two significant points that make this combination unique and exciting.

First, the data from the study gives reason to believe that this combination does have a synergistic effect. After six months of therapy, 32 people experienced an average viral load reduction of 95 percent and 51 people had an average T-cell increase of 70 cells. After one year, one quarter of the trial participants had an average viral load reduction of 97 percent and an increase of approximately 60 T-cells, slightly better than

Therefore, the benefit of this therapy is long lasting. It is clear that D4T/ddI is a good nuke combination for treating HIV although the synergistic effect will need to be confirmed by more thorough study.

Secondly, there was great concern that this combination would have significant side effects, especially peripheral neuropathy (pins and needles sensations in the hands and feet), since both D4T and ddI alone produce this effect. The report indicated that of the 76 people who were enrolled in the trial, only person experienced peripheral neuropathy. This means that people who cannot tolerate the side effects of AZT or some of the other nukes may still have a reliable drug combination to use.

(Warning: This combination was only tested in people with more than 200 T-cells and may be more toxic to people with lower T-cell

Hydroxyurea: How It Works

Hydroxyurea (Hydrea) is a drug which has been used for over 30 years in the treatment of various types of cancer including leukemia. New and innovative HIV research has shown that this drug can help stop the virus in an effective way. For HIV to infect human cells, reproduce, and ravage the immune system, it must "feed" off some of the materials already in the human cells. Hydrea works by limiting the production of most of these materials and, in effect, "starving" the virus of the "food" it needs to infect a cell. This unique approach to HIV therapy starves the virus by stopping an enzyme called ribonucleotide reductase (RR) from preparing "food" which the virus

Hydrea changes the way the human cells work and does not primarily effect the virus,

Students Torment Anyone Who They Think is Gay

Seattle-Students torment heterosexual classmates as well as Gay and Lesbian ones with anti-Gay insults and attacks, says a report released today by a coalition promoting safe schools.

All students targeted for such harassment are more likely than their peers to use drugs heavily, think about suicide or attempt suicide, said the report by the Safe Schools Anti-Violence Documentation Project.

We are increasingly hearing from heterosexual youth who are being attacked for being assumed to be Gay," said Beth Reis, principal investigator and author of the project's third annual report, which detailed 28 incidents of anti-Gay harassment at Washington state schools.

Among the anecdotes from telephone in-

A teen-ager who announced plans to join the jazz choir got an instant comeback from a classmate at lunch. "Why? Are you some kind of fag?" he asked, and other students

Second-graders taunted a 7-year-old Future classmate, saying "Get away, Gay boy,"
Up and coming is a series of new drugs and "Don't let Gay boy touch you." After by telling the children name-calling would letters of apology. One girl wrote that she was sorry she had not told the bullies to It is made by Glaxo and goes by a number so stop. The mother was satisfied with the response but the boy believes he has lost

> A high-school girl reported that a boyfriend made her watch as four other boys aped a Lesbian girl who was her friend. She said the victim's lip was cut and her clothes were torn.

> The incidents ranging from casual insults to assaults and gang rape _ were reanecdotes made public in two previous reports by the coalition of nonprofit groups. government agencies and Gay-rights

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Youth Column

Gobble, Gobble

Commentary by J. Alan

I love Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is a holiday of many causes. It is a holiday (although, not originally) to commemorate the fall harvest and the onset of winter. It is a holiday with fresh, plump turkey on the table. It is a holiday, at least in my family, with fresh, frothy eggnog so well spiced you would think it fit for a king. Perhaps, most importantly, Thanksgiving is a holiday for close friends and family to take a break and relax.

However, the "funest" (as my younger brother would say), part about Thanksgiving is that the political campaigns and elections are finally over.

I have endured endless political commercials—inescapable, sleazy, annoying,, bothersome, pesky, and just downright make-you-want-to-puke, commercials—and just when I have finally stood as much as I can stand and can't stand no more, the turkey is almost on the table.

Thank you, Jesus!

It is no secret that this year has been a politically difficult year for many in the Gay community. We have at many levels of government watched many promises broken

Won't You Please Help With a Gift of Food This Holiday Season?

Milwaukee—The holiday season is a time to enjoy with family, friends and others. As many celebrate, however, there are those less fortunate who are either related to someone, or themselves are, infected with HIV/AIDS, a very costly disease.

Throughout the year, the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) Food Pantry supplies food to families affected by HIV/AIDS. This is the fifth year MAP is sponsoring a Winter Holiday Food Basket program through its food pantry during this special time of year.

To donate a food basket, call the MAP Holiday Line at (414) 225-1622 by December 6 to sign up. MAP will send you a menu of food ideas for the family size you have selected and will deliver the food basket

once it is completed.

As you plan and shop for your holiday meals, please consider preparing a food basket. Another family will be thankful for your generosity and kind offering.

and many unspoken promises kept.

We have, as a community, started to gain political influence and make gains in the general perception of the public—gains that have borne a heavy weight on the leaders of our community.

As this community has strolled down the path to, what I believe to be an inevitable victory, we have, on occasion, stumbled and fallen, only to arise again with renewed vigor.

Two years ago, an unprepared Gay community stood dumbfounded in the face of a new Republican controlled Congress. Many moderate onlookers looked down upon this political situation and shook their heads.

There stood a Democratic President who had won two years before with only the narrowest of margins looking at a GOP Congress that was biting at our leaders' heels at every moment. And, in the middle of this political mess, a politically fledgling Gay community. It was David vs. Goliath. "They'll never win," many said.

However, amazingly, the underdog came out fighting strong. As a surprise to this nation, David beat Goliath, giving him a bloody nose and proceeded to whoop his butt, beating every anti-Gay initiative with the exception of an unconstitutional piece of unbridled bigotry known as DOMA (The Defense of Marriage Act).

The underdog, often betrayed by those from within, often finding support in unlikely places, had clearly come out ahead.

The Gay community fought hard and won many a round, leading to another four years with a leader who has championed our rights from the very first day of his Administration.

It is a happy Thanksgiving indeed, for me and my house. It is a happy Thanksgiving indeed, for this community—and, indeed, it is perhaps the happiest of Thanksgivings for this great nation.

Thanks to the efforts of our community and many others, the best interests of this nation are in the able eye of a proven leader who was once an underdog himself. We have a great deal of work to accomplish in the next four years. We can only continue to make something out of ourselves if we continue to maintain the sense of pride we have maintained over the past four years.

Therefore, if you are still debating over what to do with your sexuality and your life, why don't you write to me. I will listen and I will care.

J. Alan may be reached at: J. Alan, c/o The Wisconsin Light, 1843 N. Palmer St., Milwaukee, WI 53212.

Micael Tapia Sees That Facing Death is Often the Way to Reassess Life

By Barry Cherin

A year ago, Micael Tapia, 40, was preparing to die. He was down to one T-Cell, bedridden and going blind because of CMV. His lover had just passed away.

Fall/1996 finds Tapia in a totally different place. His T-Cell count is up to 300. His viral load is down to 3,000. He is only bedridden when sleeping or when he taxes his growing strength.

Like many people with AIDS who are experiencing a health change due to new medicines (he is taking Quicksaven and 3pc), Tapia is also experiencing a radical change of outlook and attitude.

"For 3 years I was preparing to die and now I am preparing to live," says Tapia. "I was on my deathbed. I had made my peace. Blindness was just a part of the package and I wasn't dealing with it because I didn't think I'd be around for very long. Now I am dealing with the reality of being blind for life because it looks like my life is going to go on for awhile. I view myself as having a chronic disease."

Within the last year, Tapia's entire philosophy has changed. Certainly a journey back from the brink of death would give one cause to reassess one's life.

"This return to life is like a marvelous explosion," continues Tapia. "I am thrilled to have this opportunity. Like most people, I was raised to have self doubt but I have thrown aside this characteristic. This experience has freed me."

What Tapia is going through is a situation facing many people with AIDS. They sold their insurance, took that phenomenally expensive trip, bought that outrageous car, went through therapy to get beyond denial, and made their wills all because they thought the end might be approaching. Suddenly, the scenario has changed. Some people who thought they were not going to be around for 1997 New Years Eve parties may have to start planning for the next century.

Tapia's return to life is a return to a quantity of activity that could prove challenging to an Olympic gymnast.

He is studying Braille and may eventually buy a guide dog. He is learning to play the guitar. He has learned to operate a high tech computer that responds with a voice. He is taking a ceramics class. He dances and plays the conga and ashika drums. He writes and has had a poem published. He attended the California Mens Gathering and will take part in the Los Angeles AIDS Walk. He recently took a train ride - unaccompanied - from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara and will shortly travel again (alone) to Napa. He paints with acrylics ("The outcome doesn't matter; it's the creative process that counts"). He even goes to movies. He can eat a large plate of linguini accompanied by a few glasses of red wine and make less of a mess than a sighted person.

Tapia lives with his mother and helps with

the cooking and cleaning. He gets around Los Angeles via taxis and walks city streets alone

using a cane as a guide.

But how can a blind man walk the streets of Los Angeles alone and manage to pay cab drivers?

"People are generous and helpful. Γm never in a bad situation. When I pay taxi drivers and merchants, I am partially dependent on their honesty and partially dependent on my own system of folding the different cash denominations in various ways."

Everything in Tapia's home is placed so that he can find whatever he looks for. His clothes, purchased when he was sighted, are labeled, so that dark-haired, very attractive Hispanic with a dazzling smile is still a savvy dresser. Some sighted people could use a lesson in wardrobe choices from Tapia.

His social life is full of friends and relatives who provide a very solid support system. However, Tapia's brink-of-death experience has colored some of his friendships. He was become more spiritual and has no time or patience for gossip and superficialities. He now has a need to connect with people on a basic gut and heart level.

Even romance, which Tapia had discounted, is now a possibility in his life. He knows that his deceased lover, Dan, would want him to fully re-enter the world of the living.

Blindness has opened up a spiritual plane of sensitivity to Tapia that much of the Gay subculture might choose to ignore. He doesn't just meet people, he truly senses them.

"I no longer size people up on the merits of their appearance as some Gays might. I judge people by what they are like rather than what they look like. Fat or unattractive doesn't matter to me. I am attracted to a person's spirit. A friend recently told me that someone I'd been talking to was not physically attractive. Unfortunately, my friend is enslaved by that objectification. I am free of it."

However, Tapia is the first to acknowledge that he is not an angel.

"I'm not Pollyanna. I have my bad days. Certainly I feel pain, bitterness and hurt. It is healthy to acknowledge these feelings and then let them go, perhaps in increments. Everyone has a right to these feelings."

At one time, Tapia could not visualize himself being alive in 1997. Now, he is just beginning to fantasize what his life might be like in the year 2000.

"I want to be on the lecture circuit. I will have two books published. I will be involved in the community politically. I want to motivate people. I want to teach them to

"There is nothing stopping me — nothing can hold me back. That's the gift I received from being sick." ∇

Episcopal Bishop Equates Bible's Support for Slavery and Condemnation of Gays

Charleston, SC-- It has been a bad year for the spiritual leader of the nation's 2.5 million Episcopalians, with a financial scandal involving a top church official, a fierce battle over homosexuality and calls for his resigna-

"It's been the worst year of my ministry," said the Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning.

"No doubt about it."

The soft-spoken Browning was in Charleston for the weekend installation of a new suffragan bishop for the Diocese of Charleston.

An outspoken liberal, Browning replaced a conservative bishop as head of the Episcopal Church 11 years ago.

He has preached against racism and pushed for women's rights. He has also launched a crusade to make the church more welcoming to Lesbians and Gay men, a move criticized by the church's Right Wing.

Conservative bishops have leveled formal charges against a retired New Hampshire bishop for ordaining Gay deacon six years ago, who is in a committed, long-term marriage-style relationship. An ecclesiastical trial

is scheduled for later this year.

Seventy-six bishops backed the ecclesiastical charge against the retired bishop, including the present and retired bishops of the Diocese of South Carolina.

There were also calls for Browning's resignation last year when the then national church treasurer admitted stealing more than \$2 million from church accounts.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina declared the church was suffering from a "decisive crisis of confidence"

dence."

"The presiding bishop is a hard-working person who has struggled with a very difficult job," said the Rev. Kendall Harmon, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Summerville. "But you would have to say many of

us have been deeply distressed with his leadership."

Browning, in an interview with The (Charleston) Post and Courier, said the scandal involving the former treasurer and the debate about the place of Gays in the church are legitimate concerns.

But he equates the biblical condemnation of homosexuality in the same light as the Bibles hearty endorsement of slavery. Both are ancient laws made untenable by science and modern culture, he said.

Genetics has shown homosexuality is inherited, not chosen, he said.

"If it's a genetic matter, doesn't it behoove you to look at it ... in a more tolerant and understanding manner?" he asked.

He said the New Hampshire bishop hurt the church by acting on a disputed issue before the church reached a consensus.

Browning sympathizes with the bishops who brought the charge but said ``it's not a matter that's going to be settled by a court case ... it's a matter of the heart.''

Browning, whose 12-year term as bishop ends next year, notes that, after a heated fight, there is a relative acceptance today of women ministers. And he hopes the battle over homosexuality can be resolved the same way.

way.
"I don't think everybody will be happy about it," he said. "But I think we eventually will reach a level of tolerance that will reflect the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



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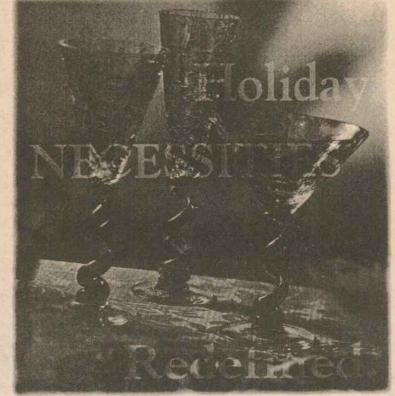




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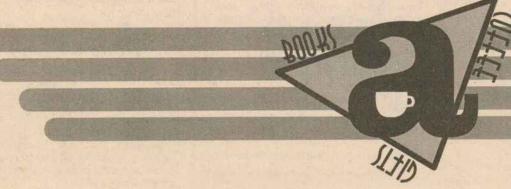
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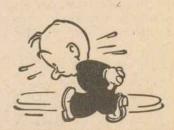


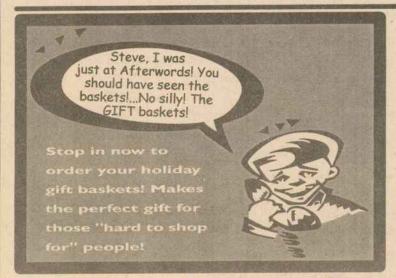
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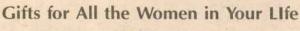


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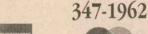
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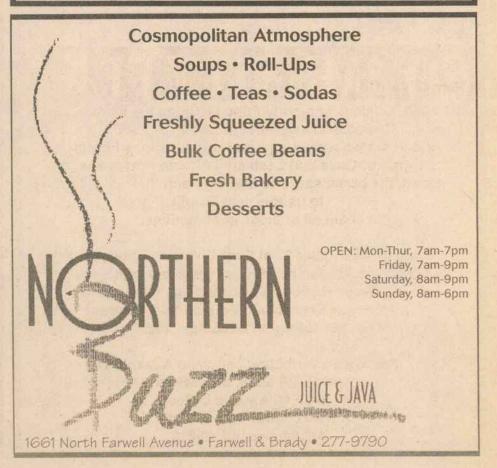




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Schedule of Events

This year the action starts on Thursday with a short shift of bowlers from 5 to 9. Later that evening, the HIT Board of Directors will put on its annual show at Club 219 beginning at 10:30. There is a \$2.00 cover all of which goes to HIT to help defray the costs of putting on the event.

The action starts again on Friday with doubles and singles bowling from 10 AM to 10PM. Saturday bowling from 10 AM to 1 PM features team competition. There will be a banquet on Saturday evening at Milwaukee Downtown Hilton and a farewell brunch on Sunday at the M & M Club.

It's Not Too Late To Enter

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'Destiny In Space' at the IMAX Theater is Truly the Next Best Thing to Being There

Reviewed by John Jahn

Destiny in Space is the first film to be presented in Milwaukee's new IMAX theater, and it is truly an eye-popping, dazzling experience.

dazzling experience.

The Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater allows each person in the audience to feel totally involved in the action of the film. It features a 7,500 square foot image projected on a concave, circular screen located inside the domed roof of the building, some six stories high at its apex. The screen space is so large you can fit a life-sized image of a whale on it! The six channel, digital stereo system—with four speakers located behind the screen—fills the room with 12,000 watts of power, and can actually "move the air" in the theater so that you feel like you're right there,

Destiny in Space, a 45 minute film detailing space travel history, is a great way to inaugurate this special theater, and I highly recommend it.

where the action is taking place.

A great deal of the action takes place on and around the Space Shuttle and its many historic missions. Unlike televised images of the Shuttle in action, **Destiny** puts you inside among the crew, outside in the cargo bay, or involved in the heroic Hubble Space Telescope repair mission.

But for me, the most fascinating parts of the film were computerized images of the surfaces of Mars and Venus, which you think you're "flying over" at one or two miles in altitude. You'd swear you were really in a space ship, flying through the inner atmosphere of these two neighboring planets.

The film's narrator, Leonard Nimoy (aka Mr. Spock), discusses the potential for life on Mars, even our own future colonization and terraforming of the Red Planet. The impact of all this is quite breathtaking. Also, there's a little minifeature before **Destiny** begins on which I won't spill the beans and ruin your surprise. Let's just say you'll never look at downtown Milwaukee the same way

On a 1-10 scale, Destiny in Space rates a 9.

Now that you're interested in going, a few words of advice. Buy advance tickets. Even though this particular film shows 6 days a week from now until the end of January, most shows sell out.

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'The English Patient' is One of the Most Stunning and Romantic Films in Memory

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

A dense, beautifully textured, dazzling novel of love and loss, of loyalty and betrayal, Michael Ondaatje's The English Patient might at first glance seem to be an unlikely basis for a popular film.

The film is set in the waning days of the Second World War. The place is Italy. German forces are beaten, making a hasty retreat. Hana (Juliette Binoche), a dedicated nurse who has seen too much death, too much dying, has in her care a desperately wounded man known only as "the English patient" (Ralph Fiennes).



Ralph Fiennes

Seeing her best friend die, a senseless, meaningless death caused by an explosion of a long forgotten land mine, Hana herself seeks a retreat. Leaving behind her colleagues, Hana takes her patient into hiding, into an old, burned-out monastery where he might find some solace as death approaches.

Their idyllic solitude is brief, broken by

the arrival of two men.

Caravaggio (Willem Defoe) claims to be a Canadian and working with the Allied forces in disarming the local partisans. A mysterious man, Caravaggio has a special interest in both the morphine that Hana provides her patient and with the English patient himself.

More devastating, at least for Hana, is the arrival of Kip (Naveen Andrews), a Sikh bomb disposal expert who with his partner, Sgt. Hardy (Kevin Whately) have the job of making the countryside safe by seeking out and detonating the thousands of unexploded mines and bombs.

Told in haunting flashback is another story, one in which the English patient, one Count Laszlo de Almasy proves to be a prominent member of an international group from England's Royal Geographical Society. Their prewar expedition finds them exploring the uncharted deserts and making the first maps of the region.

Into their little group comes a young English couple, Katherine and Geoffrey Clifton (Kristin Scott Thomas, Colin Firth). Immediately apparent is the attraction between Almasy, by nature something of a loner, and Katherine, a beautiful and vibrant woman. Quickly their passions lead them to a reckless love affair.

What circumstances have caused the devastating injuries to the English patient? What happened to Katherine and Geoffrey Clifton and the rest of the expedition? What piece of the puzzle does the mysterious Caravaggio play as he continues on his quest for justice?

If Anthony Minghella's cinematic adaptation sacrifices some of the novel's rich complexities and perhaps leaves some questions less than completely answered, The English Patient nevertheless proves to be one of the most visually stunning, lushly romantic films in recent memory.

Most dazzling of all is Ralph Fiennes as the dazzling, enigmatic Count Laszlo de Almasy. Unrecognizable as the horribly scarred patient, in flashback his beauty literally takes one's breath away. (Glenn proved to be breathless throughout most of the film).

Equally impressive is Kristin Scott Thomas as the independent, aristocratic Katherine, a woman unable to reconcile her growing love for Almasy with her feelings of duty to her husband.

With such emphasis placed on flash-backs, it is perhaps not surprising that the relationships (and characterizations) of the Italian part of the story prove to be less than successful. Juliette Binoche's Hana provides the necessary warmth and caring but lacking the emotional scars so pivotal to her character in the book. Willem Defoe's performance as Caravaggios disappointingly one-dimensional. Still, Naveen Andrews registers as the gentle, sincere Kip.

Book purists may quibble and being a tad bit long at 162 minutes, The English Patient is still a beautifully realized, visual, intellectual and romantic delight. Most highly recommended.

Rating \$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$)



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The New Film, 'Twelfth Night,' is a Rollicking, Gender-Bending Tale

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Has anyone noticed how dreadfully boring Masterpiece Theatre has been this fall? Glenn certainly has. With Shakespeare, Austen and even boring old Thomas Hardy making it to the big screen, what's left for PBS's perennial fa-

The new cinematic Shakespeare for this week is the delightful gender-bending comedy Twelfth Night starring Helena Bonham Carter, Imogen Stubbs plus such award-laden types as Ghandi's Ben Kingsley and The Madness of King George's Nigel Hawthorne. Not burdened with the usual inclusion of some inept Hollywood personalities as box office guarantee, the resulting film is absolutely marvelous.

Purists often hold Shakespeare's oftproduced drama's: Romeo and Juliet,

Sebastian is saved with the aid of the lovelorn Antonio (Nicholas Farrell). Only Sebastian seems unaware of Antonio's unrequited passion for him.

Viola meanwhile transforms herself into "Cesario" and becomes an attendant boy to the heart-broken Count Orsino (Toby Stephens). Orsino is in love with Olivia (Helana Bonham Carter) who continues to rebuke his advances.

Shakespeare's mischief begins when Orsino sends "Ceasario" to woo his love. But when Olivia falls in love with

Glenn shall not further divulge this enchanting play's myriad of mistaken identities, misdirected passions, and steady stream of slapstick comedy featuring the delightful comic characters Malvolio (Nigel Hawthorne), Sir Toby Belch (Mel Smith) and Sir Andrew Aguecheek



Helena Bonham Carter, Imogen Stubbs and TobyStephens are shown in this scene from Twelfth Night opening at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater on Friday November 22.

"Hamlet," and "Macbeth" in total thrall while summarily dismissing the comedies such as "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Twelfth Night" as insubstantial froth. Glenn finds this curious.

So must famed Royal Shakespeare Company director Trevor Nunn who here has countered the play's traditional lightness with a touch of autumnal melan-

The film begins as the ship carrying identical twins Viola (Imogen Stubbs) and Sebastian (Stephen Mackintosh) is wrecked off the coast of the fictional land of Illyia (which looks amazingly like Victorian England). Separated, both siblings believe the other has perished and each sets forth to create a new life in this for(Richard E. Grant).

Trevor Nunn has surrounded himself with an absolute dream cast, attractive actors who not only speak Shakespeare's wonderful lines well but actually seem to understand them

(Leonardo DiCaprio as Romeo? Wake

Imogen Stubbs is a radiant Vi-ola/Cesario, at all times believable, whether being chased by Olivia or pining for Orsino.

Looking for all the world as is she stepped out from a fabled pre-Raphaelite painting, Helena Bonham Carter makes a wonderfully perplexed Olivia.

Nigel Hawthorne and Mel Smith prove Please Turn to Twelfth Night Page 28

'The Funeral' Revisits Old Time Gangster Films, But Who Cares?

what comes to mind to most folk are baseball ("the national pastime") and Mom's apple pie. Until Andrew Lloyd Weber came around, your average show queen would, no doubt, offer up the mu-

Let Glenn settle this question once and for all: nothing is more American than the gangster film.

Glenn grew up watching on television those classic Warner Brothers gangsters films starring the likes of Edward G. Robinson, James Cagney, George Raft and of course Humphrey Bogart.

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Reviewed by Glenn Bishop Escaping typical routine genre treat-When talking about things American, ment was The Petrified Forest which starred Leslie Howard (a major 30's matinee idol whose descent into total obscurity remains prevented only by a lucky appearance in Gone With the Wind), a young and fresh Bette Davis and an equally young Humphrey Bogart.

A thinking man's gangster flick, Robert Sherwood's The Petrified Forest pitted the animalistic Duke Mantee (Bogart) against the educated, rather effete Alan Squier (Leslie Howard). That film's central, lengthy existential ruminations on the conditions of man make The Petrified Forest today seem stagy and a bit dated.

Curious then that a clip from The Petrified Forest, one featuring the young, charismatic Bogart in the role that would make him a star, opens The Funeral, a new film from Abel Ferrara.

Set in the New York of the 1930's, The Funeral is the story of a gangland family torn apart by a history, a tradition of vio-

Eldest brother Ray (the ever menacing Christopher Walken) in a bizarre rite-ofpassage kills a man as an innocent youth, at the instruction and urging of dear of dad.

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Glen Close stars as the ashoinable fur lovign Cruella DeVil in Walt Disney's new live action movi

'Caught', a Tale Well Told, Blazes With Heterosexual Heat

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Bored but young and beautiful wife. Bored but boring (not to mention old and not especially attractive) husband. Throw in a few touches of foreshadowing doom. Enter the handsome stranger. To seduce the bored but boring, old and not especially attractive husband?

Not in Hollywood.

Warning! Warning! Editorial moment approaching. Just once Glenn would love to see a film where the handsome, mysterious male stranger intrudes on a happily-heterosexual household and seduces the husband. Just once. We now return to our regularly scheduled review.

Caught, a new film starring the ever sturdy, reliable Edward James Olmos and the ravishing Maria Conchita Alonso, offers up a pretty standard Hollywood morality tale while managing a few refreshing stylistic touches.

Joe (Edward James Olmos) is a "fish man" and for some inexplicable reason is damn proud of it. His beautiful, much younger wife Betty (Maria Conchita Alonso) merely watches the world go by wearily as she scales and bones fish at their little shop.

Ya' gotta know something's afoot. Enter the handsome stranger, Nick (Arie Verveen), a strapping young man, a

bit down on his luck. Fleeing the boys in blue and by trick of cinematic coincidence, Nick enters the small Jersey City fish shop run by Joe and Betty. Ever the good Samaritan, Betty offers the young lad some warmth and comfort. Before the boy knows what has hit him, he is effortlessly (if not especially comfortably) ensconced in the role as their surrogate

Amidst an apartment smothered by regrets and tacky fish-themed housewares, Nick warily accepts the proffered kindness, noisily gulping down their food, uneasily appropriating their absent son's bed and blankets but ever with a wary eye, always with escape on his mind.

He's gonna be outta there just as soon as he's had a few meals, as soon as he's got a few bucks in his pockets. Or so he thinks.

Betty's hormones raging, her attraction to the toothsome Nick is blatantly evident right from the get go. Joe, on the other hand is initially vexed by the intrusion, seeing in Nick only inconvenience and trouble ahead. Glenn couldn't agree more but would have been hard pressed himself not to offer shelter to the hunky

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Arie Veveen is Nick in the steamy hetro tale Caught now playing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater

'Star Trek: First Contact' Has Plenty that Will Endear it to the Hearts of Trekies

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Star Trek: First Contact signals an end of an era. Following the less than entirely successful, blatantly transitional Generations film, here at last is the first motion picture entirely based upon Star Trek: Next Generation.

Gone are any last, fleeting ties to the original Star Trek. Sure, their ship is still called the Enterprise but where is the ever reliable, redoubtable Captain James T. Kirk? Can there be a Sick Bay without cranky ol' "Bones" McCoy? Are Spock, Scottie, Sulu and the rest of these ever so familiar characters, almost friends really, truly gone forever?

Perhaps the more important question is how well does director/co-star Jonathan Frankes and screenwriters Brannon Braga and Ronald D. Moore bring this small-screen universe to the big-screen.

Among the series of six motion pictures

devoted to the original Star Trek series, a couple were real dogs, particularly the overblown first film and William Shatner's ill-advised fifth entry. Others in the series were certainly entertaining, relying upon an increasing aged crew whose fan appeal admittedly never waned.

For Trekkies, all of their favorite Next Generations characters make at least an appearance including the amazing Michael Dorn who has recently signed on with Star Trek:Deep Space 9 and Star Trek: Voyager's quirky holographic doc, Robert Picardo.

Even better, the Borg are back. Those nearly indestructible creatures, halforganic, half-robotic, hell-bent on control the universe are advancing upon the Federation as the film begins. The Enterprise has orders far away from the

imminent battle, Captain Jean-Luc Picard Please Turn to Star Trek Page 28

Alfred Hitchcock's Masterpiece, 'Vertigo' Could be Our Bridge to the 21st Century

By Steve Stavron

Alfred Hitchcock's films from the late '40s to the early '50s had become curiously academic and conventionally narrative in their execution. Under Capricorn, Rope, Stage Fright and I Con-fess seemed more like sleek, overlyfashioned limousines than suspense thrillers. To Catch a Thief and The Man Who Knew Too Much were basically uninspired star vehicles lacking in tautness what they gained in smoothly baroque mellifluousness. Even Paradine Case now seems like a turgid version of Rebecca.

Of course there was Strangers On The Train and, better yet, Rear Window, but Hitchcock's attention to detail, usually one of his prime virtues, seemed subordinate to stylishly crafted, but rigidly ossified melodrama.

Only Rear Window seemed to retain

some of that original spontaneity that made Notorious, Spellbound, Shadow of a Doubt and even the earlier Rebecca seem imaginatively ahead of their time.

But, in truth, most of Hitchcock's Hollywood output had a lush, smootherthan-silk quality which evoked viewers' admiration, but was sometimes compared unfavorably, and often unfairly, with his earlier British films. Hitchcock always used the star system to his advantage, but his best Hollywood films, such as Notorious, balanced performance with tension.

One must wonder if Hitchcock would be as revered as he is today had it not been for three landmark films which follow hard upon each other in the late 50s: Vertigo (1958), North by Northwest (1959), and Psycho (1960). This unique trio not only rubber stamped Hitchcock's final reputation, but shared another curiously illusory quality; the deception of reality

In Vertigo the detective is obsessed by a nonexistent woman. In North by Northwest Cary Grant is believed to be the nonexistent Mr. Kapland, and in Psycho the audience is terrified by a

woman long dead.

The remarkably parallel similarity of Hitchcockian metaphysics exemplified in this strange trio has escaped analysis. Evolving in such close sequence, these three films might be compared to symphonic movements with the usual variations of tempo and mode: North by Northwest as allegro, Vertigo as ada-gio, and Psycho—that mockingly evil lit-

tle masterpiece—as scherzo.

Only in Psycho does Hitchcock sardonically remind us that he can still terrify, and there is no doubt that the taut, relentlessly rapid fire, and yet exotically horrifying cinematography, qualifies it as a genuine classic. It is the most copied

of the Hitchcock triumvirate.

North by Northwest is a humorous reminder that Hitchcock can still outwit and firghten us while remaining within the comic genre. But it is Vertigo, the first of the series, that remains hauntingly suffused in illusion and memory with its curious blend of pathology and romantic mysticism.

The story line is almost foolishly straightforward. A wealthy industrialist hires a detective suffering from fear of heights to follow his wife whom he suspects is a suicidal reincarnation of an cisco. The detective follows here endlessly by car and becomes unusually fixated watching her movements from a distance against some glorious shots of the San Francisco Bay area.

After this initial, barely plausible, plot introduction, the film moves in several directions at once. The famous, downward spiraling vertigenous shots associated with Vertigo are counterpointed by long, long laterally circular track shots as James Stewart follows Kim Novak's somnambulistic movements through San Francisco's streets, near Golden Gate bridge, into the silence of the art museum, and into the serenity of the sequoia woods.

They never share sequences with the other characters in the film and the viewer feels a sense of intrusion into a private world for two. The endlessly slow lateral shots of the Bay area seem to exist only as focus upon the sense of exclusive privacy. His obsession with her is not as erotic as has often been stated, as it is a blend of the metaphysical and

When she dies in mid-film, these horizontal movements come to an abrupt halt. We feel an unanticipated and uncomfortable sense of the loss of the Madeline (Novak) persona. We hadn't realized what the film was "doing" to us.

To complicate our discomfort, Stewart suffers a nervous breakdown—unusual in a detective thriller, especially for James Stewart. We are forced to share his mournful devastation as he sees visions of Madeline in other women who resemble her from a distance. His anxiety becomes a major shock to the audience as well as the film now abruptly shifts gears.

When he meets Judy (also played by Novak), her strong resemblance to Madeline relieves his anxiety, as well as ours, with a curious sense of hope. His efforts at resurrecting the Madeline persona through Judy take on an unbeara-

bly optimistic urgency.

When she finally emerges completely reconstructed with every hair in place, appearing in the hazy reflected light of a green neon sign, one of the most disturbing and emotional scenes put on film—and the heart of Vertigo—the symbolism is twofold, but coordinate: for him the resurrection of his beloved; for us the awesome realization that we cannot match his feat or ever resolve one of human kind's most timeless yearnings: to bring back from the dead a lost loved one.

This scene has caused some viewers to refer to **Vertigo** as necrophilic, but they miss the point. The motivations in Vertigo are intrinsically primal and resonate at a more profound level. Vertigo deals with the mystery of death as well

as the mystery of love. It is difficult to imagine Hitchcock's intentions in making a psychological thriller with such a high emotional temperature, breaking the bounds of genre and further adding to critical and viewer confusion by revealing the "plot" in mid-film. The movies was not well received in 1958. Reviewers and audiences complained of not understanding what Hitchcock was about. There were too many loopholes in the plot. Perhaps the great-

est confusion lay in their reactions.

Vertigo, for all its beauty is strangely threatening. Hitchcock's plot revelation, at a point where a thriller is still supposed to keep us guessing, only increases his anguish as well as ours. We're forced to anticipate the return of the Madeline persona, while suppressing the realization that this should not occur. We watch in rapt wonder and horror as Judy gives Madeline once more. The interrupted vertigenious cycle of movement is resumed, completed and all that remains for the detective is to discover freedom from both obsession and loss. His own resurrection becomes immi-

Vertigo has disturbed even film historians. In his review in New York Magazine, David Denby finds the film "odd and crazy" in part, but warns that it might be "overwhelming for the uninitiated," and yet he cannot conceal a slightly hysterical enthusiasm for this "tragic work of art-so resonate and profound.

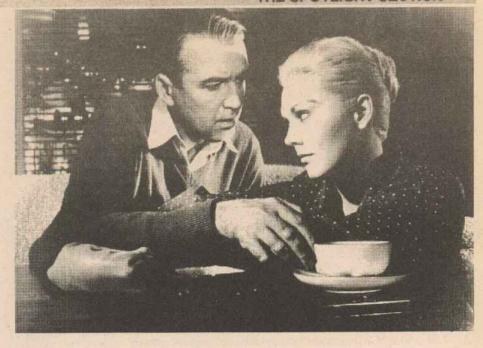
The New Yorker Magazine synopsis refers to Vertigo as an "unconventional masterpiece, an outre classic." Yet Vertigo doesn't seem like a great film or operate at a highly histrionic or intellectual level. The story is deceptively simple and has that casual contemporary "feel" scenes are rather low keyed and the first part of the movie fairly rambles.

The surprises, when they come, seem curious and disembodied from the initial plot structure, and for many are too emotionally jarring. The film has no social or political agenda, deals with no major social issues, and is aligned to no particular genre or style. It stands apart, even in Hitchcock's output.

Artistic masterpieces are not so easily parsed out or assigned specific declensions. Writer/philosopher, Ayn Rand, describes art as dealing with the "epistemology of the subconscious." What she probably meant was learning to access new emotional perspectives.

I wonder how the generation of the cool (read that as cold) '90s will respond to this film? What will a crotch-crazy culture reared on sex as high-tech aerobics, think of Vertigo? For those who feel that a movie needs to move and move in a predetermined and foreseeable direction, this film is going to seem nonsensically nebulous and very, very

Vertigo is that rare film which delivers and demands with remarkable simultaneity. What you see seems to be what



you're getting. But the rewards are greater if your intuitive antennae are positioned inwardly, as well as outwardly, while watching the movie. If you're accustomed to foreseeable reactions to given material with neat pathways to predictabilty, this film is not for you.

Or if you categorize your reactions to given situations, you're going to be dis-

appointed.

Surprise for its own sake is not necessarily a challenge. Vertigo is neither strange or novel or bizarre. Its surprises are its rewards. Certain great romantic films such as Wuthering Heights (1939), operate on a higher emotional plateau-sustained ecstasy without sex, passion without eroticism, love as poetic intoxication—but Vertigo is deceptively even-keeled, even a little cool at times. Like Madeline herself, it is a detective story transformed into tragedy. Remarkably it has not direct anticedence in film making. It's a curiosity classic.

Since Vertigo doesn't function as most great films, even the critical acclaim bestowed upon it recently has a slightly apologetic overtone. Leonard Maltin states that the movie requires repeated viewings. Denby's warning of the film's emotional power has a touch of misgiving. He might be right. In the age of the tangible and technolocal, thrillers evolving into tragedies may well be unnerving for a generation programmed to regard emotion as reaction to the specific, the personal, the socio-cultural. In other words, the "real" world.

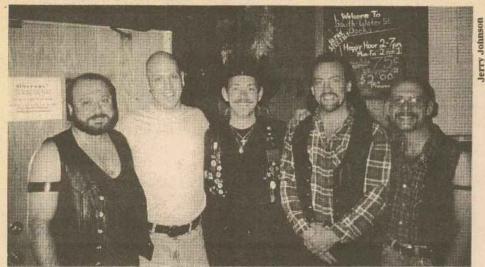
However, it is interesting to note that in the most recent ten year poll of international directors and critics compiled by the noted British film journal, Sight and Sound, using two separate listings for the first time, Vertigo is the only film made since 1950 that appears on both the directors' and critics' list. Most films on either list were made before 1950. Have we run out of bridges to the 21st century?

Vertigo has been extensively restored and is now playing in selected cities. Watch for it at a theater near you.

Editor's Note: Steve Stavron lives in Milwaukee and will be periodically writ-ing about films for the Light.







Giving it up for Kids With AIDS Milwaukee's Oberons Leather Club held another of its fund raiser to raise money for Children with AIDS at South Water Street Docks on November 16th. Shown above (L-R) are Oberon Steve Polomis, MAP representative Chris Braman, Oberons Tim Jones and Mike Campbell along with Dan Kirmse, South Water St. Docks Manager.

The next Oberon Fund Raiser for the kids will be on Saturday November 30 at Mama Roux's 1875 N. Humboldt from 10 PM to Close. (Can't wait to see Mama in Leather). Manoeuvres in Madison, 150 S. Blair, also has a toy drive for kids with AIDS including a special show on Sunday December 1

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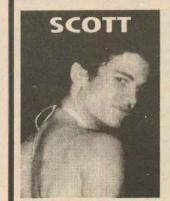


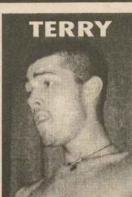
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The Internet Crash prevented us from hooking up with other election night parties around the country, but that didn't stop the people in attendance from having a good time. Shown above are some of the people who were at our party at Mama Roux. From (L-R) Bill Clinton fans applauding the results, two friends sharing a hug, and Lu Shanti who provided some great music for the party. Because it was production night for the paper we were not able to send a photographer to R Place in Madison for its election party, but we can tell you that we hear the party at R Place was equally successful as well. Of course with Rich, Danny, Matt and the rest of the staff, that is to be expected.

The Night Light

By Dusty Sass

Well folks the year is coming to a rapid and furious finish. The Holidays are upon us and not a moment too soon, I might add. Whoever planned the calendar and realized that we need something to cheer us up as we go into the cold winter has my thanks.

Speaking of the holidays, Milwaukee has its big HIT tournament over Thanksgiving weekend. I plan on going down the Red Carpet Regency to watch some of the games and to take in a couple of the other events too. Good luck to all the bowlers.

On Thursday November 21 I will be over at the Cafe Melange in Milwaukee for their big night of the year. It's the new wine opening party and it's going to be great. Larry and his staff have even booked strolling European musicians. (Hmmm can you speak French or just Greak?)

On Saturday November 23 I will be going up to Green Bay for the Club Cheeks comedy show. This Club is trying hard with some innovative shows that are well worth seeing. That means of course that I will miss partying with my friends from the Firebirds at the Boot Camp. The FB's are having a fund raiser for the Raphael House that is part of the St. Camilius AIDS Ministry.

As long as I am on the road, on Sunday November 24 I'll head over toe Manoeuvres in Madison for the Lesbian Gay Straight Teachers Network benefit. This is one very nice bar and they are pulling out all the stops (and a few other

things too if I am lucky) for the teachers.
They have a wonderful "One Woman Show" put on by Devine who will be joined by Wisconsin's Top Title holders.
Can't wait to see Paddy Cakes and the rest. Don't miss this. It's for a great cause and its going to be a great time.

Speaking of **Manoeuvres** they are also having a free Thanksgiving Day pot luck. Dinner is from 5 to 7. The bar will provide the turkey and potatoes you bring yourself and a side dish.

Friday November 29 After filling myself with Turkey (the kind that comes out the oven, not that guy you saw me with last Saturday), I'll be ready for a good fish fry at Mama Roux (which is also putting on a fine Thanksgiving Day Dinner by the way) Mama's fish fries are great. They have all these choices cod or catfish, cajun or regular and its all you can eat. (My sex life should be that way)

After eating my fill, I'll head over to B's for their "College Night." Bobby, Bruce et al have been working hard to bring you some great daily specials. Stop on in any time and see what surprises await you.

Saturday November 30, The Mad Hatter in Wausau has the Big Miss Wausau US of A Pageant. Vicki and company are ready to welcome all of their friends including me for their big event of the month.

I'll be Mama Roux for the Oberons Fund Raiser for Kids With AIDS. I can't believe it but they tell me that Mama is finally going to go leather. Can't wait to see the old broad in a harness, slapping a whip to her thighs. This is a great cause and the Oberons are to be commended for the work they have put in on their annual charity drive.

Being at Mama Roux's means I will miss my good friend Chase Hunter at Club '94. Anyone who has ever seen this stud er I mean fine actor in a Falcon Video knows how uh, uh, talented he is. This is a one night stand. Hmmm that Sunday December 1 I'll stop at Manoeuvres for their World AIDS Day funcraiser for Children with AIDS They need donations of nice toys (not the kind YOU play with) for the kids.

Before I leave for Mad Town I have to stop in at Fannies for the Packer game. This is a fun bar with a great staff.

Course I will have to rush back to Milwaukee for Mama Roux Deer Hunter's Party. Wear Blaze orange (and try to look butch) and they'll give you a free drink. Plus there will be drink specials for \$1.00 all night long. Hey why travel to

the North Woods to get your eight pointer, when you can get one right here.

Tuesday December 3 I will have dinner at the M amd M Club. They have great pasta specials on Tuesdays.

Saturday December 6, join me at Just Us for some country dancing. I like Line Dancing, but the problem is that I can never do it in a straight line. Guess I've always had a problem doing things straight.

Last but not least on Sunday Decem-

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Videos, All Scintillating, Many Sizzling, Can be the Perfect Gift this Season

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Hark! Hear the deafening clamor of the clanging bells in the hands of dozens of Salvation Army Santas piercing the peace and the quiet of shopping malls near and far. Feel the nip in the air (as well as in Glenn's legendary Holiday Nog). Is that snow falling?

The horrors of yet another Christmas retail season loom imminent on the horizon or my name isn't Glenn Bishop. Yet

all is not lost.

With a wide selection of Gay and Lesbian videos more bountiful and cheaper than ever before, what a perfect gift idea gift for even the most difficult to please man or woman in your life.

Of Lesbian Interest

Surely every Lesbian who has any desire to own that most infamous of Lesbian flicks, Nicole Conn's Claire of the Moon already owns a copy. Or does This often misguided if wellintentioned love story starring Karen Trumbo and Trisha Wood continues to prove a best-seller at \$29.95

Billed as a romantic comedy without men, Bar Girls features a group of women whose lives intertwine against the backdrop of a Los Angeles Lesbian bar. Now sell-through priced at a bargain \$19.95, Bar Girls proves to be an entertaining portrayal on the rarely seen, exotic ritual of the Lesbian dating game.

Also at \$19.95 is the delightful teen romantic comedy, The Incredible True Adventure of Two Girls in Love. Starring baby butch wannabe Laurel Holloman as Randy and Nicole Parker as the rich, spoiled Evie, here is a warm and fuzzy story of first love and guaranteed to please even the most jaded holding the remote control.

Equally entertaining is Rose Troche's playful, wry romantic comedy, Go Fish Wonderfully off-beat, this charming video tells the story of the rerelationship between (Guinevere Turner) and Ely (V.S. Brodie).

Funny Lesbians? You bet. Those wonderful folks at Naiad Press just released The Club Skirts & Girl Bar Queens of Comedy Show featuring that Queen of Comedy, Kate Clinton with guests Dos Fallopia and Maggie Cassella. \$29.95.

Popular favorite Suzanne Westenhoefer's delight HBO Comedy Special is also avaiable at \$19.95.

Winner of the best Lesbian video title is Framing Lesbian Fashion (\$19.95), a documentary by Karen Everett and Phyllis Christopher. This fascinating film explores how changes in Lesbian identities are reflected in traditional Lesbian dress.

Lesbian erotic videos will never, ever, ever match in numbers those available for Gay men but this Christmas there are more erotic videos than ever to place under your favorite Lesbian's holiday tree.

True, Glenn isn't probably the best critic but getting a big thumbs up from several friends of Glenn is Siren (\$24.95), an erotic Lesbian film for women which is said to fulfill its promise of exquisite imagery, a haunting soundtrack and some genuinely erotic moments.

Perhaps a bit short at a mere 23 minutes (remember Glenn, it isn't quantity, it's quality) is Et L'Amour: an erotic interlude between two women (\$24.95).

Conversely, at 80 minutes is Jan Kroesen's Desire: An Erotic Fantasyplay starring Monique Parent is almost twice as long as any of the other erotic Lesbian videos and is likewise a great deal pricier at \$49.95.

Gay Male Interest

The perfect title (and quite reasonable at \$19.95) for one and all this holiday season is Home For the Holidays, Jodie Foster's second directorial effort. Claudia (Holly Hunter) and Gay sibling Tommy (Robert Downey, Jr.) return home for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Little proceeds according to plan but along with all the trimmings, plenty of hilarious, family-values filled moments fill this wonderful film.

Eagerly awaited on video but at \$95.95 well beyond Glenn's meager savings is Andre Techine's marvelous, poignant coming-of-age film, Wild Reeds. story of four teenagers awaking to love and life in France in 1962, Wild Reed focuses on Francois (Gael Morel), a handsome vouth who falls in love with his

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hunky classmate Serge (Stephane Rideau). Forget the sub-titles and just sit back and enjoy one of the most films on youthful Gay love ever made.

Just in time for the Christmas gift-giving season, several popular Gay interest titles have recently been reduced to the low, low price of \$19.95.

First, there is the popular romantic comedy about one Gay man's search for love in the age of AIDS, Jeffrey starring Steven Weber, Patrick Stewart and sexy Michael T. Weiss.

For pure lighthearted entertainment, it is hard to beat Wigstock: The Movie featuring an absolute who's who of America's foremost drag performers including RuPaul, Lypsinka, Jackie Beat and festival founder, The Lady Bunny

Drag queens are behind the wheel of To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Wesley Snipes and Patrick where Swayze play the biggest, butchest drag queens Glenn has ever seen. John Leguizamo is a delight as the drag princess, Chi Chi.

Compilation films of Gay shorts have been very popular and this fall finds a new release titled Boys in Love (\$29.95). What Gay video shelf is complete without Parting Glances (\$29.95), still perhaps the most positive portrayal of Gay life featuring cult film favorite Steve Buscemi. Likewise, Harvey Fierstein's Torch Song Trilogy is once again available and at the low price of \$19.95.

Nothing says Christmas quite like those amusing videos featuring the flowering youth of Eastern Europe from the folks at Greenwood/Cooper. Boy (\$24.95) and Boy 2:Boys at Play (\$24.95) remain popular favorites while new titles include My First Time (\$29.95), where six luscious youths speak freely of their first experiences and more

For the first time, the many and varied variations on Gay lovemaking are brought sensationally to life in Kama Sutra of Gay Sex (\$39.95). In No Ka Oi (\$39.95) beautiful men (naked of course) are placed in lush, tropical Hawaiian set-

Labeled a video flight of ecstasy, Morning Music (\$39.95) features six original music videos featuring a cast of the gloriously gorgeous men for which Greenwood/Cooper is known.

Glenn's personal favorite amongst the Greenwood/Cooper collection is (\$29.95). Shot on location in a Turkish bath, Viz (which in Hungarian means 'water"), traces the adventures of one beautiful man and his search for camaraderie. An absolute delight.

Fans of the Bel Ami boys (and be honest, who isn't?) have been eagerly awaiting anything new from that most popular Bel Ami of all: Johan Paulik. Think of Chain Reaction (\$29.95), another softly erotic film which features Johan and his friends as something of a Christmas present to one and all.

Here then are just a sampling of Lesbian and Gay videos readily available. So, it doesn't have to be all repeats of It's A Wonderful Life and a lot of Bah Humbug this holiday season. Pick up a few videos, turn on those VCRs on and God Bless Us, Everyone.

(All of the above listed videos can be found at AfterWords Bookstore and other fine stores.)





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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21

WINE OPENING PARTY AT CAFE MELANGE

Cafe Melange, 720 N. Old World Third Street, Milwaukee, will be joining in the world wide celebration of the new wine with a Beaujolais Nouveau Opening party.

By law the wine can not be opened before 5:00, which is when the party starts. To add to the excitement Cafe Melange will be providing free appetizers, strolling musicians.

Pike's Creek will join in the fun at 8:00. There is a \$3.00 cover charge after 8:00.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23

FIREBIRDS RAISE FUNDS FOR ST. **CAMILIUS AIDS MINISTRY**

The Firebirds Leather Club will hold a club night at the Boot Camp Saloon, 209 E. National for the St. Camilius AIDS

The fun begins at 10:00 p.m. The party includes drawings for gift certificates, and a silent auction.

CLUB CHEEKS COMEDY SHOW

Club Cheeks 232 S. Broadway, Green Bay, is holding a special, side splitting comedy revue.

Sgt. Comedy's Revue is guaranteed to bring you one laugh after another. Your \$3.00 cover will be donated to the Johnny Harris Medical fund.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24

MANOEUVRES HOSTS BENEFIT FOR THE WISCONSIN GAY **LESBIAN STRAIGHT TEACHERS**

Manoeuvres presents "A One Woman Show" featuring Simply Divine. The show is benefit for the Wisconsin Chapter of the Gay Lesbian Straight Teachers Association.

Help support this worthwhile group that is fighting to educate students with the truth about being Gay.

The fabulous show includes Wisconsin's top three title holders, Miss Gay Wisconsin America, Vicki Cee, Miss Gay Wisconsin US of A, Josie Lynn, and Wisconsin Entertainer of the Year, Paddy Cakes, plus a special cameo from Cass Marie Domino. It will be emceed by that Latin goddess, Jessica Nolan from South Reach.

The show begins at 10:30 p.m. Manoeuvres is located at 150 S. Blair Street, Madison.

THANKSGIVING DAY

MANOEUVRES HOSTS HOLIDAY POTLUCK BUFFET

Manoeuvres will hold is annual Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck Buffet. The bar will provide turkey, stuffing and potatoes at

Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. This is a wonderful way for Manoeuvres to thank all of its customers for their support.

Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 PM. Manoeuvres is located at 150 S. Blair St.,

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30

MISS GAY WAUSAU US OF A PAGEANT AT THE MAD HATTER

The Mad Hatter will be the site of the exciting 1997 Miss Gay Wausau US of A

The popular Northern Wisconsin bar is located at 320 Washington Street in

Don't miss this stellar once a year event. For applications to enter call Ken (414) 435-4107 or The Mad Hatter (715) 842-3225

MAMA ROUX DOES LEATHER FOR KIDS WITH AIDS

Mama and her kids are kicking in to help Children with AIDS with a lot of help from their friends, the Oberons.

There will be a \$5.00 Beer Bust from 10:00 on, plus raffles to raise money for toys to be given to children with AIDS.

Don't miss this chance to help those who are less fortunate. Mama Roux is located at 1875 N. Humboldt, Milwaukee.

FALCON STAR, CHASE HUNTER TO PERFORM AT CLUB 94

Chase Hunter, that handsome hunk from Falcon Studios will give a very special performance at Club 94., 194 and Hwy C, Kenosha.

This one night only show will begin at

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE AT MANOEUVRES IN MADISON

Manoeuvres will be holding a special celebration of World AIDS Day along with a Holiday Toy Drive for children.

Bring a new toy and receive free admission to a special show. All funds collected this evening will be donated to AIDS organizations.

GET YOUR EIGHT POINT BUCK AT MAMA ROUX IN MILWAUKEE

Mama Roux is celebrating all those who tromp through the woods trying kill Bambi with a Deer Hunter's Ball.

Wear Blaze Orange and get a free drink, plus there will be Buck Drink specials throughout the evening.

Mama Roux is located at 1875 N. Humboldt, Milwaukee.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7

BOOT CAMP'S WORLD AIDS DAY DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Join your friends from the Boot Camp for their annual dinner commemorating World AIDS day. This annual fund raiser includes a delicious dinner and a silent

For more information contact the Boot Camp 643-6900

New Titles at AfterWords

Gay Fiction

Kept Boy by Robert Rodi, Dutton HC

Gay Non-Fiction Into the Light/Out of the Darkness: The Art of the Black Male, Photography by Vega, Vega Press Pb \$30.00 Lesbian Fiction:

Love or Money by Jackie Calhoun Naiad Press Pb \$10.95

Lesbian Non-Fiction:

Early Embraces: True-life Stories of Women Describing their First Lesbian Experience, edited by Lindsey Elder Alyson Pb \$11.95

Skylight Opera **Theatre Presents New Series after** "My Fair Lady"

Milwaukee—The Skylight Opera Thea-tre announces that Tony Clements and Ray Jivoff, accompanied by Josh Schmidt, will perform "The Ray & Tony Dog & Pony Show" after each Friday and Saturday evening production of My Fair Lady, which runs November 27 through

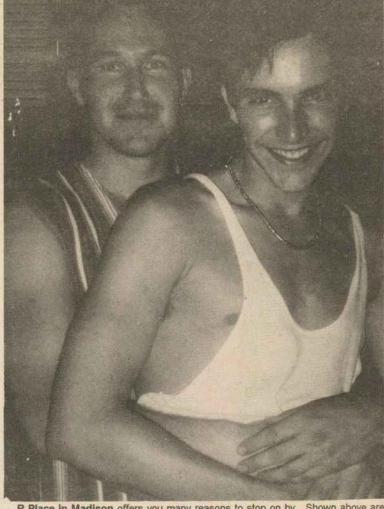
December 22, 1996. The "Ray & Tony Dog & Pony Show" is part of the Miller Cabaret series which is free and open to the public.

Miller Cabaret performances are staged in the Skylight Bar. Music begins at 11:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays immediately following the Skylight's main perform-

For more information, call the Broadway Theatre Office at (414) 291-7800.

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Teenager Heading to College Reflects on Life With Lesbian Parents

Clareendon Springs, VT-Erin Gluckman didn't know it when she stood up before a hall full of strangers at a public hearing last summer, but she was coming out of the closet, a place she'd hidden as the child of a Gay par-

Gluckman was 16, and the occasion was a June, 1995 hearing on one woman's campaign to move a children's book about two Gay men to a special shelf in the public library

"I did not choose to be straight, just as my mother did not choose to be a Lesbian," Gluckman told the crowd.

Until that night, Gluckman hadn't told many people that she grew up in the home of her Lesbian mother, Lynne Barton, and her mother's partner Lynn Reardon. From the age of 10, when she found out her mother was Gay, she had kept her home life private.

I was scared that people who I knew would find out. I was afraid my teachers would grade me lower because of it," said Gluckman, now a poised and athletic 18-yearold starting her freshman year at Hampshire College in Massachusetts. "I was very paranoid about it for the longest time."

But when about 400 people gathered last summer to give testimony for and against relocating a book about Gays out of children's reach, Gluckman was moved to say she had turned out just fine.

Let me get one thing straight: I like men," Gluckman told the crowd.

The Rutland library hearing was a turning point for Gluckman. It was the first time she had told her friends her mother was Gay. And it wasn't nearly as hard as she thought.

I guess it's a lot easier to say in a public place where a lot of strangers are listening," Gluckman said.

In fact, telling turned out to be a relief.

I really wanted not to hide. It kept me so uptight," she said. "After the hearing, the next day I went into school and all my friends were cheering for me and saying great things. It was terrific.

Gluckman's story isn't that unusual, said Stefan Lynch, the director of a San Franciscobased group called Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, or COLAGE.

Children of Gay parents usually hide the truth about their family until they feel secure enough to "come out," often in their late teens, Lynch said.

A lot of kids kind of fear these terrible reactions, and sometimes they materialize, and often they don't," said Lynch, 24, himself the child of a Lesbian and a Gay man who separated when he was very young. "Because what you hear about Lesbian and Gay people from some sources...is not necessarily what everyone thinks."

COLAGE, a volunteer group with about 2,00 members in the United States and overseas, estimates that there are about 500,000 children 18 and under in the United States "with open, public, out, Lesbian and Gay parents," Lynch said. "Not necessarily custo-dial parents, but that do have at least one parent that is openly Gay."

The group works to bring those children together, and to show them they are not alone.

'Unfortunately so many of us are isolated,"

Gluckman's parents got divorced when she was 8 years old, and she grew up with her mother, who is an artist and a teacher. She was about 10 when she found out her mother was Gay. She didn't tell anyone.

"I was very into normal when I was younger," said Gluckman.

But hiding her mother's sexual orientation was a strain. It kept me so limited," she said Even though she didn't tell, Gluckman thinks some of her friends figured it out.

'Lynn was always here when they came over," she said.

Gluckman remembers kids in school making jokes about Gay people in general, but she doesn't remember anyone harassing her family because her mother was Gay.

For the most part people who knew were supportive," she said. "And if not supportive, respectful."

And she doesn't remember how she first found out that some people thought being Gay was wrong. But over the years, she did find

"I remember one year my mother marched in a Halloween parade in Rutland with the Rutland Lesbian and Gay Coalition and peo-ple threw eggs at them," said Gluckman. "I was watching and I thought, You know, this is not something I want to tell people if they're going to throw eggs at me."

She was quiet at school, with just a very small, close circle of friends, and she was a good student, focusing on art and running cross-country. She liked writing poetry, and she stayed home a lot. And after tenth grade, she switched largely to home-schooling, earning her GED last year.

But after she spoke at the library hearing, she became more socially active. This summer she had a boyfriend, a job at a bookstore

Once I left school I started to learn a lot

more about my life, about trusting myself and taking risks," she said. "I started making some serious commitments, like being honest and saying, 'This is who I am, and this is who my mother is."

These days, college is far more on Gluckman's mind than family matters. She hopes to enter a field that allows her to shape public policy to help children, especially in school.

She doesn't expect to work for Gay rights, but she said her upbringing had definitely taught her things not everyone gets a chance to learn from their parents.

I know that homosexuality won't twist children's minds and that homosexuals don't recruit kids or anything silly like that," she

That means she doesn't have to be afraid of homosexuality, or of having a friend or a child turn out to be Gay

I know it can happen, and it might happen, and that it would be fine," she said.

FUNERAL

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Middle brother Chez (Chris Penn) hides a psychotic sadism behind a pleasant smile and a gregarious outgoing nature.

The youngest, Johnny (Vincent Gallo) is revealed in flashback to be a vicious, violent slimeball and/or sincere advocate for the labor unions.

As the family gathers for Johnny's funeral, a veritable hotbed of emotions is revealed as tears flow freely, cheesy clichés are dusted off and uttered as if precious lines of poetry and the threat of domestic violence has most characters responding with a habitual, increasingly annoying cringe.

For all of it's pretensions as a hip, postmodern, politically correct exploration of the gangster film genre, Abel Ferrara's The Funeral is likely to fool no one.

Make no mistake, Nicholas St. John's screenplay manages to find, trot out and routinely bandies about all the right buzz words from the 1930's gangster vernacular: revenge, honor, justice. Female characters as presented are either virgins or whores. Society, never the individual, is blamed for what evil men do.

If Cagney, Robinson and Bogart found immorality in dozens of thrilling, charismatic portrayals, here Walken, Penn, Gallo and company conversely emerge as little more than minor, petty, mean-spirited wannabes.

Similarly, the poor, long-suffering wives Clara (Isabella Rossellini) and Jeanette (Annabella Sciorra) elicit little sympathy but merely look like fools for marrying such jerks in the first place. The educated Jeanette certainly should have known better.

And what about that blond woman who kept crying over Johnny's corpse? Glenn kept wondering who she was and what was her relationship to the deceased.

Although the cast does as well as possible under the circumstances (Isabella Rossellini in particular seems wasted as the milquetoast punching bag Clara), by the time **The Funeral** reaches its melodramatic climax, most are likely to be past the point of caring.

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STAR TREK

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being suspect having been assimilated into the Borg six year prior and miraculous, heroically saved during "The Very Best of Both Worlds", a classic two-part episode.

Managing to get the Borg on the run, the Enterprise and Co. follow a Borg ship back to Earth of the 21st century. Seems that the wily Borg decide to utilize time travel to conquer Earth in the 24th century by conquering the Earth then. And by doing so, the Borg furthermore threaten the historic "First Contact", the first encounter between humans and extraterrestrials. In doing so, they seek to change history forever.

But wait, the wily, pesky Borg manage to invade the Enterprise undetected and proceed in proper, robotic fashion, to systematically take over the Enterprise.

Star Trek: First Contact is an exciting film, filled with plenty of action (including some rather un-Roddenberry-like violence), lots of plot twists and a generous helping of Star Trek's trademark humor. Purists might complain that some of their favorite characters get short-changed. Glenn's favorite, Lt. Reg Barclay (Dwight Schultz) in particular is given just a fleeting big-screen moment.

The wonderful Patrick Stewart as Picard (uncharacteristically thrown center stage for most of the film) and the delightful Brent Spiner as the all-too-human even if he is an android, Data shine in key roles. James Cromwell likewise offers up a colorful characterization as Cochrane, a man at odds with his heroic place in history. Other newcomers to the world of Star Trek, Alfre Woodard (Lily Sloane) and Alice Krige (Borg Queen) make the most of their few yet pivotal scenes

Especially impressive are technical credits. Their universe sure looks a lot bigger on the big-screen.

All told, Star Trek: First Contact is a genuinely exciting, entertaining film. Seems this new series of motion pictures is destined to live long and prosper.

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CAUGHT

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Ever plotting his escape, Nick soon find himself caught up in their lives and situations (get it, caught). Squirreling his earnings away, he succeeds, at least at first, to maintain a reasonable distance between him and the luscious Betty, while managing some male-bonding with the

Jerry Grillo, Jazz Vocalist, Performing at the City Grill

Milwaukee—Jerry Grillo, renowned Jazz vocalist, is appearing at the City Grill located on the corner of Brady and Van Buren. Grillo is accompanying such guitarists as Mike Sullivan, Jack Grassel and others.

Grillo is perfoming on Wednesdays and Fridays in November and December. All shows are from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. There is no cover.

For reservations, call (414) 273-

Events at AfterWords

Early-Bird Special!

Christmas will be here before you think! Get an early start on sending out those gay and lesbian holiday cards and save money! All boxed Christmas Cards will

be on sale from November 1 to Thanksgiving at 10% off.

Thursday, November 21st
Gay & Lesbian Writers' Group - Initial Meeting 7:00pm

All interested writers welcome to join in this proposed monthly group.

Friday, November 22nd

Author Appearance: Gary Pool

7:00pm

The Bread of Wickedness

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28th -Closed

Saturday, November 30th
AfterWords Holiday Open House
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fatherly Joe who soon begins to see in Nick the "fish-son" he never had.

As expected, their carefully constructed "wall o' cards" comes a tumbling down and pretty soon Betty and Nick are a moanin' and a groanin' right under Joe's nose. Naivete or perhaps such a genuine affection for the lad keeps Joe from any doubts

Into this hotbed of infidelity and betrayal comes two startling events. First, a lucrative corporative buy-out of their little shop promises to make Joe and Betty richer than their meager dreams had ever allowed them. Second, the return to home and hearth of the prodigal son Danny (Steven Schurb), a washed up, neverbeen comic with wife and infant son in

Inevitably, nothing will ever be the same

Not perhaps possessing the most inspired originality, Caught nevertheless is never less than engrossing. Director Robert M. Young has an unwavering eye to both the inherent decencies and many and varied pettiness of his characters, never condescending to their simple lives and stories.

Acting is top-notch all around. Edward James Olmos bringing a warmth and a decency all too rare with a role fraught with such stereotypical potential. Likewise Maria Conchita

Alonos's Betty is all too human.

Still, it is newcomer Arie Verveen as Nick who provides Caught with it's magical spark.

Whether he is bonding with Joe or Betty, vastly different sorts of bonding to be sure, Verveen's Nick is never less than genuine and sympathetic. An attractive and charismatic actor to look out for.

Blazing with heterosexual heat and misguided passions, Caught is a familiar story well-told.

Rating \$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREEN BAY

Positive Voice Launches Gift Drive for PWA's

Positive Voice's annual Christmas gift project for clients of the Center Project Inc. is in need of your help.

The PV Social Committee has contacted the Center Project Life Care Services to acquire a "Wish List" based on client needs.

Positive Voice is asking for your help in filling those needs, which include food gift certificates, long distance phone cards, bus pass packs, winter clothing and other needs.

For more information contact Bill at (414)

Christmas Party at The Woodside on Dec. 13

The Positive Voice Christmas celebration will be on Friday December 13 at the Woodside Supper Club. Cocktails are at 6:00, dinner is at 7:00.

The evening will include entertainment, a white elephant gift exchange, and family style dinner.

Tickets are \$14.00 for PV members and \$16 for non-members. Guests are asked to bring two gag gifts wrapped in newspaper.

Reservations are due on Tuesday December 3. For more information contact Positive Voice.

KENOSHA

Gay/Lesbian Studies Course At UW-Parkside

Professor Carole Vopat has announced that she will be offering UW Parkside's only course in Gay and Lesbian Studies beginning in January, 1997.

The course, a survey of literature written by Gays and Lesbians from the end of the 19th Century through the present will meet on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:45 PM, beginning on January 22.

Everyone is welcome to register for credit or audit. There are no perquisites.

Registration begins December 2 and runs through January 17. Beginning students should enroll for the course by registering for Woman's Studies 290. Those who wish to obtain credit for advanced study should register for English 464.

MADISON

Video Night On Nov 23

Shake It Up will have video night on Saturday November 23. Bring your favorite movie, munchies and beverages. For more info call (608) 241-2500.

Thanksgiving Pot Luck

Frontiers and Shake It Up are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck. Gathering at 4:00, dinner at 5:00.

Turkey will be provided, you bring a side dish, holiday cheer and yourself.
For more information call (608) 241-2500.

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to be glorious scene-stealers in the plum adversarial roles Malvolio and Sir Toby Belch, respectively.

In these increasingly hip and happening 1990's, much can and is often being read into the gender confusion that plays such a remarkable role in the plotting of Twelfth Night. Too bad the Bard is not

available to elaborate.

Certainly regular readers of the Wisconsin Light will find the romance between Olivia (Helena Bonham Carter) and the male-attired Viola (Imogen Stubbs)

The intensifying relationship between Viola and the heart-broken Orsino (Toby Stephens) should likewise delight.

If one might suggest a criticism of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," it is the somewhat unconvincing ending. It is as if Shakespeare himself was reluctant to restore order, to set things straight. Olivia might marry Sebastian but Glenn never believed for a moment that it wasn't truly Viola/Ceasario that she wanted.

And remember, in as much all female characters were in Shakespeare's time played by boys, a character such as Viola had a boy playing a girl playing a boy. Even Tootsie would have been confused.

Rating \$\$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)

WORT Radio Seeks Fund Raiser

WORT Radio is seeking a fund raiser to work full time with its Board of Directors.

The position requires two years of experience as a fund raiser for a non-profit or commensurate experience.

For more information call (608) 256-2001.

MASN-Tap It Plans AIDS Outreach To Youths December 3

Tap-It Dancing and Theatrical Company LTD and the Madison AIDS Support Network will offer area high school students a special performance designed to show the human face of AIDS.

The free event begins at 10 am at the Barrymore Theater 2090 Atwood Ave with a performance of "Without Pity", Tap-it's multi media docudrama based on the life of Neil Peckett who died from AIDS.

The performance is made possible by funds from the New Harvest foundation, MASN, and Richard B. and Marilyn Mazess.

For more information call Tap-It at 244-2938.

World AIDS Day

Remembrance
The Southeast Wisconsin Coalition for HIV/AIDS Spiritual Care invites all those infected or affected by HIB/AIDS to its annual ecumenical evening prayer service. This

year's theme is "One World One Hope.

The service which will be feature a gospel choir, a Hebrew Cantor, a rabbi speaker and others reflecting cultural and spiritual diversity will be held on Sunday December 1 at St. Joseph's Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee. All are welcome to attend.

Election Skills Session Saturday December 7

The Community Election Coalition will be sponsoring a day long work shop on political organizing and campaigning on Saturday December 7 from 9 am to 4 pm at the UW-Milwaukee Student Union.

The session will include how to choose issue, developing and using a strategy chart, finding a support base and fund raising.

There is a registration fee of \$5.00. For more information contact Mark Street 223-4295.

Shoreline Holiday Party

December 7

The Shoreline Dancers will celebrate Christmas at Just Us, 807S. Fifth Street Milwaukee by dedicating a panel for the NAMES AIDS Quilt and having a party.

There will be country dancing, free line and 2 step dance lessons and \$1.00 Christmas gifts with the proceeds donated to the NAMES Project.

For more information call 383-2233.

Sage Free Holiday Buffet December 22

Mark your calendars now for the Annual SAGE Holiday Buffet Dinner. This free dinner will be held on Sunday December 22nd at 1:00. The dinner will be held at Just Us, 807 S. Fifth street, Milwaukee.

For reservations call 271-0378 between

December 5 and December 17.

Frontiers' December Calendar of Events

Dec. 7—6:00 p.m.—Fourth anniversary of the Frontiers bridge group. Buffet followed by bridge for everyone.

Dec. 10—7:30 p.m.—Activity planning for January events.

Dec. 14—6:00 p.m.—Frontiers annual holiday party. Main course will be furnished by Frontiers. You bring a dish to share.

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Dec. 18—7:30 p.m. —Film Circle
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SHOW ME A SIGN I'm 19 years old, Blond hair, Brown eyes, 5'10, 170lb's, very good looking. I'm seeking the same. I'm not interested in games. (Joliet) #13938

CONFIDENT AND OUTGOING I'm a Gay White male, 54 years old, Gray hair, Brown eyes, 5'10, 215lbs, clean shaven, discreet, and drug free. I'm masculine, educated, and outgoing. I have a wide variety of interests. If you would like to know more, please call. (Lansing) =3587

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A QUEST FOR BLACK I'm 6ft, 240lbs, I'm a bottom looking for big top. I have Brown skin, beard, and mustache. I'm looking for a hot Black man to have fun with. (Oak Park)

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DRESS UP TIME I'm a 49 year old Bi male. I enjoy cross dressing and sex toys. I would like to get in contact with a TV or another cross dresser for a little phone rendezvous. (Cedar Rapids) =14683

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Minnesota

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ELK RIVER COMPANION WANTED I'm in my 50's. I'm looking to meet a younger man 19 to 30 for friendship and the possibility of a relationship. I look forward to your call. (Elk River) #5714

ACTIVE ENDEAVORS I'm a Gay, White male, 5'10, 160lbs, neat, clean, discreet, well built, dark hair, Green eyes. I'd like to meet anyone, 18 to 35, who is in shape and very slender. I like biking, roller blading, and talking. (Mankato) =15752

SLENDER GUYS ONLY I'm looking for men 18 to 30 who are slender. I'm very active and I like golf, music, theatre, nature, etc. I'm an honest man looking for honest and sincere guys of any race. (Maplewood) #14722

MAKE OUT MAVERICK I'm 30 years old, 5'7, 155lbs, long Brown hair, Brown eyes, good shape, runner, cyclist. I'm looking for my first Bi experience. If you like to make out and you are very good looking and horny, call me. (Marshall)

I AIN'T TO PROUD TO BEG I'm 36 years old, slave. I'm looking for a dominant man into bondage and discipline. Call me. I will be a good boy for you. (Minneapolis) #13189

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FILL MY SADISTIC NEEDS I'm a 41 year old, 6'2, 230lbs, experienced master looking fo a slave boy to fill my sadistic needs. You will learn to serve me in absolute obedience. (Minneapolis) #17025

CREATIVE MIND I'm a White male, 5'9 160lbs, attractive. I like to do a variety of things. l like movies, skiing, and skateboarding. I'm looking for an attractive guy who is intelligent, creative, and fun. I'm into being more submissive. (Minneapolis) #16820

CAT LOVER I'm 5'11, 265lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, clean shaven, hairy. I seek men, 22 to 35, who like a little extra padding. I love cats, music, and more. I like White and Hispanic men who are clean shaven tops. Call me. (Minneapolis) #15360

AND THE KITCHEN SINK TOO! Attractive, 41 year old, Gay, White male, 170lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes, masculine, with a hairy chest and stomach. I seek an attractive, Gay, Black male, 30 to 50 year old top, who has a nice build, is well endowed, drug free, down to earth, and sincere. (Minneapolis) #15424

MY AGE I'm a student, 21 years old, Brown hair, Hazel eyes, 5'11, 150lbs. I'm looking for friendship and a possible relationship. I enjoy tennis, skiing, hiking, movies, and concerts. I'm only looking for men around my age. (Minneapolis) =15497

DROP YOUR PANTS If you are a bad boy and need some firm discipline, my belt and paddle are ready to put you in line. This dominant male knows what you need. I'll treat you the way you deserve. (Minneapolis) #15725

PASSABLE TV OR TS WANTED I'm a 38 year old White male, 6'2, Brown hair, Brown eyes attractive, muscular, work out. I like music, dining out, movies, casinos, travel, and quiet times with someone special. I seek a passable Transvetite or Transsexual. I'm seeking friends for good times and casual dating. (Minneapolis) #9438

FRIENDLY TAQUITOS WITH MEAT I'm looking for friends. I am 26 years old, look much younger, Mexican, cute. If you want to meet me please call. (Minneapolis) =12820

VINO MAN Do you speak Italian? Check out this mailbox. This guy sounds really hot!! (Minneapolis) #13128

PRIVATE DANCER I'm Blond, 6'1, 185lbs, attractive, in shape, smooth, late 30's. I'm looking for well hung Bi or married guys for discreet encounters. Privacy assured. (Minneapolis)

SPANKINGS GIVEN To in shape college upl (Minneapolis) =14541

CHOCOLATE CITY Looking for a chocolate bar. I like men who are tall, 28 to 40, well endowed, tone, great head on his shoulders, etc. Let's spend some time. (Minneapolis) =14419

TAKE A BREAK FROM THE BOOKS I'm a college student looking for a person around 21 ears old for dating and a relationship. I'm 5'11, 150lbs, good shape. I enjoy music, skiing, reading, writing, hiking, nature, etc. I seek a guy with similar interests who is clean shaven. (Minneapolis) =14576

LET THE GOOD TIMES BEGIN I'm looking for a Gay White male who is straight acting and nice looking. I'm into good times and cuddling. (Minneapolis) #13430

ROMANCE THIS TRANSSEXUAL I'm a 35 year old Transsexual looking for a well endowed man around 35. If you want to treat me like a lady call me. I'm looking for romance and candlelight. SOUTHERN SUBURBS I'm looking for a discreet relationship. If you are interested in please let me know. (Minneapolis) #12188

SOUL MATE WANTED I'm 28 years old, Blond hair, Blue eyes, 5'7. I like to work out, go to movies, eat, and have fun. I enjoy the outdoors as well. I'm looking for a special soul. (Minneapolis) =12527

IT'S A MANS WORLD I'm just looking for a person to hang out with. I like sports and hanging out with guys a lot. (Rochester)

SHOW ME AROUND Sean 23, like long walks, camping hunting fishing, new in town looking for someone to show me around, leave a message- (Rochester) =34496

HAPPY TO BE GAY I'm a Gay male, 46 years

old, 199lbs, clean cut. I love romance, dancing, and more. I'm looking to meet someone who is

South Dakota

I'LL MODEL FOR YOU GWM, 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes, 140 versatile, varied interests, seeks others. Give me a call. (Aberdeen)

Wisconsin

BE MY SECRET LOVER I'm a 27 year old

Gay, White male with a good looking, smooth

body. I'm straight acting and discreet. I'm looking for a male, 18 to 29, to be my secret lover. Satisfaction is guaranteed. (Appleton) #9712

WORK IT GIRL I'm a cross dresser, good looking, 6ft, 180lbs, 38 years old. I love to wear silk stockings, garter belts, and high heels. I

SECRET LOVER I'm a Bi White male, 27 years

old, smooth, good looking. I'm looking for a younger White male 18 to 29 to be my secret lover. I can travel the whole state. Call me.

COLLEGE KID I'm a student at Northland

college. I'm 20 years old, 6'2, 180lbs. I like

swimming, walks, bike rides, bowling, ice

skating, etc. If that sounds interesting to you please respond. (Ashlan) =12484

EAGLE RIVER COUPLE We are looking to

villing to travel. I'm 28 years old, 6'1, 190lbs,

Brown hair, Brown eyes. My boyfriend is 29 years old, Brown hair, Blue eyes. Let us know if

HOMO ALONE I have a hairy chest and nice

meet Gay men in my area. (Eau Clair) =6870

White male, 5'11, 190lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. I'm seeking well hung, top men, 21 to 40 years old, for hot encounters. (Eau Claire) =16562

ENCOUNTER THIS I'm a 31 year old, Gay,

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your every command. Make me do things you

TOUCHING AND HUGGING I'm 5'11,

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way. Please call me sir. (Green Bay) #13475

body, Bland hair, Green eyes. I would like to

your interested. (Eagle River) #12856

meet other men in our area or men who are

would like to meet other cross dressers.

(Appleton) =13646

(Appleton) =8732

happy to be gay. (St. Paul) #5782

NEW TO MADISONI I'm 57, 180lbs, 26 years old, Brown hair, Brown eyes, muscular build. I'm into outdoor sports (especially downhill skiing), movies, and dancing. I'm looking for friendship and possible relationship. Serious replies only. (Modison) =14270

"HUNG" HUNTER! I'm 6ft, Blond hair, Blue eyes, medium build, very well endowed. I'm looking for men who are good looking and well endowed. (Madison) #17253

EARLY MORNING HARD ON I'm looking to get together with someone in the mornings or late evenings. (Madison) = 17456

MUTUALLY SATISFYING I'm new to the Madison area. I'm 5'11, Bland hair, Blue eyes, 33 years old. I'm looking for men for friendship and possibly more. (Madison) #17106 MUSCLE MADNESS I'm 5'8, 155lbs,

Bland hair, Blue eyes. I'm looking for muscular and hairy men who like to have fun. Call me. (Madison) =8511 ARREST ME I'm a submissive Gay White male, 5'11, 155lbs, Brown hair, Hazel eyes. I'm looking for a dominant man 21 to 45 who is in law enforcement. Call me.

Madison) #2840 ISN'T THAT YOU ON THE SCREEN? I would love to get together with some guys in my area. If you are into adult videos call me. Lets watch together. (Madison) =1314

MADISON BEAR I'm 28 years old, 6'2, heavy set, short Brown hair, hairy all over. I like big hairy men like myself. I'm into movies, theatre, reading, and good conversation. Call me. (Madison)

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME I'm a Gay White male, 6'1, 175lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes, 30 years old, fit, clean cut. I'm looking for a top Gay male for fun, friendship, and possibly more. Try me. No disappointment (Madison) =34680

LET ME MODEL FOR YOU I'm 5'10, 195lbs, muscular build, professional model. I'm looking for a friends first relationship. (Marion) #16614

MENASHA MAN I'm a Gay male in my early 30's. I enjoy the outdoors. I'm new to the area. Call me. (Menasha) #16411

SOME OF US WANT TO BE ABUSED I'm 6ft, 160lbs, White, submissive, slave. I'm seeking a dominant Black man or a group of dominant men to use me on a regular basis. (Milwaukee) #12191

SMOOTHIE? I'm 6'1, 175lbs, 30's. I swim and I dance. I have a nice smooth body. I like to give and receive massage. (Milwaukee) #17702

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feet. Hope you are too. Let's talk soon. (Milwaukee) =13168 wiDE RECEIVER I'm a Gay, White male, in search of other men who are into football gear and football. In shape guys only. Discretion assured. (Milwaukee) #17403

LET ME TOP YOU OFF SAFELY I'm a White male, 32 years old, 5'11, 150lbs. I'm looking for bottom men for safe sex. I love getting it on with

BROWN HANKY WIENERSNITZEL Hey Brown Hanky wearers. I'm a hot German, Gay, White male, 6'5, Brown hair, Blue eyes, late 30's, 190lbs, masculine and looking for a buddy who wears a brown hanky. I'm not into bondage, but I enjoy leather. I'm usually a missive boy. (Milwaukee) =17314

other men. (Milwaukee) =17554

STRAIGHT UP I'm a Black male, 6'2, 150lbs. I'm seeking a man who is straight acting and appearing. (Milwaukee) =16937

HOT WIRED WHEELS I'm interested in meeting hot guys in the Milwaukee area. I'm 57, 150lbs, Brown skin, good looking, and very well maintained. (Milwaukee) =15990

SADDLE UP I'm 28 years old, Blond hair, Blue eyes, 148lbs, top man. I like riding guys. (Milwaukee) =15781

RAUNCHY AND UNINHIBITED I'm a hot, 39 year old, Gay White male, 6'5, 190lbs, very well hung. I'm looking for Gay, White males, who like butt worship. (Milwaukee) #13543

BROWN HANKY FUN I'm 39 years old, 6'5, 190lbs, very well hung, handsome, Gay White male. I'm looking for Gay White males for uninhibited taboo action. Respond only if you know what Brown hanky means. I'm into humiliation. No bondage. I have a playroom in downtown Milwaukee. (Milwaukee) #8024

CHUBBY DADDY 48 year old top, chunky build, 5'11, Bland hair, Hazel eyes. I'm looking for a male slave 18 to 35. If you want to b daddy's boy call me. (Milwaukee) #14429

TRANSSEXUAL DOMINATRIX WANTED would like to meet White, Hispanic, or Asian Transsexuals who like to dress up and get into new and exciting scenes. I'm 5'9, 175lbs. I would like to meet someone to dominate me. (Milwaukee)

FINE, YOUNG THING I'm in my late 20's, tall, slim, straight acting, cute. I'm looking for an older gentleman 35 to 50 who is dean, discreet, and masculine. I'm submissive and seek an in shape older man who is aggressive. (Milwaukee) **=14334**

FOR THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE I'm new here from Chicago. I'm tall, 200lbs, work out, dark skin, live on the East side. If you would like a companion call me. (Milwaukee) =12586

DRESS UP TIME I'm a submissive, non passable cross dresser, mid 30's, Bi sexual, looking for a strong, attractive top to use me as his toy. I also can be versatile. (Milwaukee) #14236

HOT, BLACK BROTHER I'm an African American male, 5'11, 170lbs, Brown skin, bald head, nice body, well endowed. If you like this call me. (Milwaukee) =13995

WEST SIDE MASSAGE I'm 26 years old, good looking, Gay White male, Brown hair, blue eyes, smooth, clean shaven, swimmers build. I'm looking to get together with someone who will give me a massage. I will reciprocate (Milwaukee) #13563

REACH NEW HEIGHTS I'm a good looking 33 year old White male, Brown hair, Brown eyes, 511, 175lbs. I'm looking for top men. I'm more of a bottom. (Milwaukee) #5873

CONDOM SENSE I'm 5'10, 180lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes. I'm looking for top men for clean safe sex. I am a Bi male. Lets get together and talk. (Milwaukee) #12022

ATHLETIC, WHITE MALE I'm a very good looking White male, 5'10, Brown hair, Brown eyes, nice build, very athletic. I'm into movies, volleyball, and anything athletic. I'm seeking men with similar build and interests. Please call me. (Milwaukee) =12112

WATCHING AND WAITING I'm 38 years young, 5°11, 175lbs, 32" waist, Brown hair, Green eyes. I'm looking for someone intelligent and sincere. I like boating, good food, books, music, hiking, poetry, politics, etc. If you have similar interests call me. (Milwaukee) #12129

ANYTHING GOES I'm an 18 year old Black male. I'm 5'6, educated, and more. I like to do anything you'd like to do. Call me, Let me please you. (Milwaukee) \$2861

SMOOTH, LITTLE BOTTOM, WANTED I'm a top man, 41 years old, 6'5, 230lbs: I'm looking for a smooth little bottom 18 to 25. I'm secure and a workaholic. If you would like to know more please call me. (Nina) #8686

HERE'S THE SKINNY I'm a Gay White male, Bland hair, Green eyes, skinny, 1 20lbs. I like cuddling, watching movies, and the beach. If I sound interesting to you please call. (Racine) **#17609**

MORAL OF MY STORY I'm a Gay, White male, 29 years old, 5'3, 130lbs, Brown hair, changing eyes, look younger than I am. I enjoy shopping, the country life, movies, home life, and cuddling. I'm looking for a life time relationship with a man 27 to 33. You must be a non smoker and non drinker. You should have church morals (River Falls) =15672

THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT I'm a 31 year old Gay White male, 5'8, 155lbs, Brown hair, Hazel eyes, handsome, young looking. I enjoy biking, nature, hiking, camp fires, snow, dags, and music I'm a caring and trusting person in search of a clean White male. (Wassau) =12491



180lbs, single Gay White male. I like quiet times and going out. I'm looking for friendship first. (Kenasha) #13604 (Minneapolis) #13653 GUESS WHERE I'M PIERCED I'm a 22 year IT'S ALL IN THE GAME I'm looking for old Bi White male, 5'10, 185lbs, Blandish Whitish someone to just have fun with. I'm 5'11, muscular hair, Blue eyes, pierced, good looking, good build, 160lbs, clean cut, shaved. I'd like a man in build, average shape. I'm looking for other Bi guy's to hang out with. Let's connect. (Minneapolis) #13292 his early 20's. I'm a versatile top man. (Madison)

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Surprise! New Poll Finds That We're Not So Different From Everybody Else

New York— Gay Americans' concerns mirror those of the population at large, with crime and drugs the biggest personal worry, followed by economic issues, health care and education, a poll sponsored by a Gay rights group found.

A majority of those who identify themselves as Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual say they live now

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or have lived with a partner in a serious relationship, according to the poll. Nearly half say they are involved in a long-term monogamous relationship and 22 percent say they have children living in their homes, the Human Rights Campaign reported.

Rights Campaign reported.

Just 45 percent ranked same-sex marriage as an important issue for national Gay organizations to be pursuing, compared with 81 percent for a nondiscrimination law and 80 percent for more funds to fight AIDS.

"The importance of AIDS and employment discrimination was interesting and the height-ened concern among Lesbians about hate crimes," said Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster who oversaw the survey.

One in four ranked crime and drugs as their top personal concern, about the same result Lake has gotten when she presented the same list to the general population. (Crime ranks lower in polls asking people what issue is most important in deciding how they will vote for president.)

Because sexual orientation is too sensitive for some people to talk about, few efforts have been made to scientifically survey homosexuals. Even among the self-identified respondents, 53 percent said they had not shared their orientation with employers.

Using a series of 28 telephone polls that interviewed 28,282 adults over 13 weeks, the study found 354 respondents willing to participate. Survey experts described this method as professional and sensible but with unmeasurable risks of getting an imperfect sample.

"There may be some type of self-selection bias," said Janice Ballou, director of the Center for Public Interest Polling at Rutgers University.

Tom W. Smith, a University of Chicago social scientist who reviewed the poll for the Human Rights Campaign, called it "a pioneering study" with credible numbers. But he cautioned against using it to measure the size of the Gay population, because the survey lacks questions about sexual behavior or sexual attraction.

Respondents were younger, better educated, more urban, more liberal and more Democratic than the American population, but typical in their racial makeup and income.

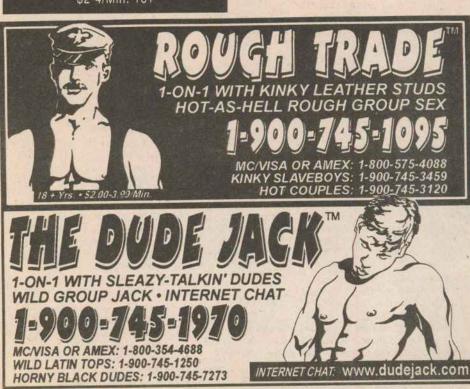
Some past attempts by the media to poll Gays have relied on commercial mailing lists, resulting in an upscale portrait. "I think it was just stereotyping," Lake said.

The poll was taken after President Clinton announced he would sign the Defense of Marriage Act, a bill approved by Congress September 10 to define marriage in federal law as a legal union between one man and one woman.

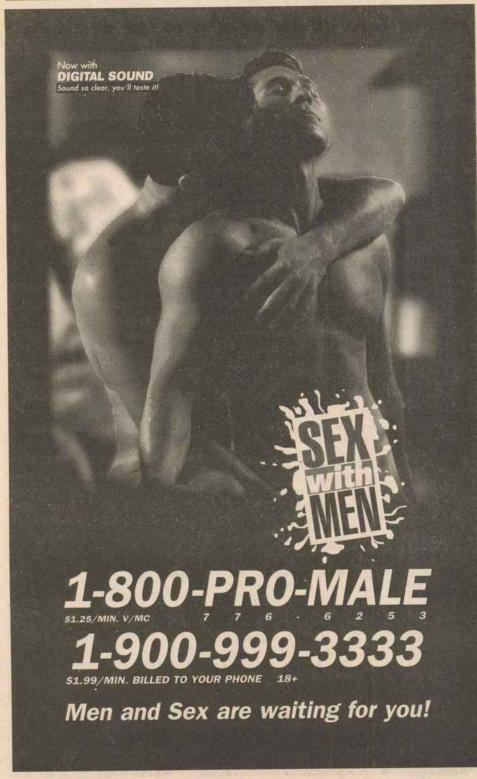
But even though Clinton opposes same-sex marriage and abandoned his effort to let Gays serve openly in the military, he got an over-whelming 73 percent favorability rating in the poll, compared with 27 percent for Bob Dole. Lake found little volatility in voting preference over the 13 weeks, with Clinton leading by 74 percent to 13 percent.

In a three-way match up, 70 percent said they would vote for Clinton and 11 percent for Dole, who was in a statistical tie with Ross Perot at 9 percent.

The poll was taken from June through early September by ICR Survey Research Group for Lake Research. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.









Tired of Gay Life in Chicago? Go East Advise those who Live in Vermont

Winooski, VT- When Fred Kuhr and his partner Kip Roberson went on a leaf-peeping jaunt to Vermont four years ago, they stumbled across something in a Manchester bookstore that touched them more than any pretty red or orange leaf ever could.

Sitting on a shelf was Out in the Mountains, Vermont's only Gay publication.

"It was incredibly exciting... kind of a warm, fuzzy," says Fred, a tall, wiry man with a broad, warm smile and a quick wit. "It was like, 'Oh my God, Vermont has a Gay newspaper!' We took it back to our hotel room and read it cover to cover."

The couple, together since 1989, had already considered moving east from their Chicago home and Out in the Mountains, Fred remembers, "made Vermont that much more at-

"I felt a sense that there was a community here, an active community trying to reach out and find each other," says the 27-year-old Brooklyn native. "There are other people like me out there in Vermont. I'm not the only one

Kip and Fred made the move to Winooski in 1993 and landed jobs as librarians. Kip works at a public library in Middlebury and Fred commutes to Goddard College.

However, Fred has another job and another passion. Last year he became edito-in-chief of Out in the Mountains.

Thanks to efforts by the now-defunct Vermonters for Lesbian and Gay Rights (VLGR) and a \$2,000 grant from the Haymarket People's Fund of Boston, Out in the Mountains was launched in 1986.

Besides a small handful of subscribers in Burlington, however, the only areas to receive the monthly newspaper were Montpelier, where a volunteer distributed 200 copies, and Brattleboro, where copies were available at a Gay bar.

Over the years, however, circulation (now 2,000 a month) and popularity grew and soon Lesbians and Gay men throughout Vermont-those from urban hubs with alreadyestablished, thriving Gay communities as well as those from remote towns with nary a Gay neighbor--were sharing viewpoints and experiences for the first time.

The publication, approaching its 10th anniversary, promised to be "your newspaper-whether you're just 'coming out' to yourself or

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you're 'out' on the evening news." It was, as the first issue in February 1986 described, "The voice of our community... which "is not the voice of any small group, but rather a rich and varied, sometimes discordant, cacophony of countless men and women.

Out in the Mountains has covered Vermont's Pride parades, the 1986 ERA campaign and the state's 1992 bill that made it illegal to discriminate based on sexual orientation. It has included editorials about AIDS, a regular comic strip called "Dykes to Watch Out For," and updates on local and national civil rights

"It is the one way that Gays and Lesbians all around the state have a way to communicate, says Fred. "That's their link to the commu-

For Fred, whose entre to journalism came at Brooklyn's Lincoln High School where he edited The Lincoln Log, working on Out in the Mountains is a task he relishes.

"I've always been somebody who wants to be involved and when I 'came out' (at age 20), I felt like I had a cause. It woke me up in all sorts of ways... I love the responsibility of having to produce the news paper. It's sort of a calling," he says.

And despite a comparably small Gay population, Fred feels more comfortable being Gay in Vermont than, say, in Chicago.

"In Vermont, I feel like it's easy to feel connected to other people and what's going on. You feel like you matter," he says. "I think it's more fun to be Gay here.'

"In Chicago, it's very clique-ish and there's lots of attitude. For Gay men, there's a certain style, a certain look," he says. "It makes it harder to exclude people in a smaller community. We all have to stick together. There's no room for 'No, I'm sorry, you're not goodlooking enough to run with our crowd.'

Many urban Gays, explains Fred, are

"As a backlash against the stereotype of Gay men-- feminine, weak, fuffi...(Gay men in cities) say, 'We're all going to pump up and be muscle boys,' almost creating a different stereotype. It's like a cultural overcompensa-

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In Vermont, says Fred, Gays aren't as hung up on such stereotypes and don't tend to judge each other on the basis of beefy pectorals or

Which is not to say that things are ideal for Gay people in Vermont.

As is the case nationwide, discrimination, both subtle and overt, is ever present. Fred and Kip can't always hold hands in public. They can't be legally married. Legislators

who support antidiscrimination measures have been taunted by Gay-bashers. And though Fred's parents are understanding about his sexuality, there's still a sense of "otherness.

'My parents would never tell someone who lives on their block about Kip," says Fred. "If my brother was married, my mother would be toting around pictures of her son and her daughter-in-law. So why doesn't she tote around pictures of (me) and her son-in-law?"

Fred, who wears a gold wedding ring on his left hand, had a marriage ceremony with Kip on the shores of Lake Michigan a few years ago. The two wore matching turquoise ties and lapel flowers for the celebration in front of 50 friends. Their parents were invited. None

Despite such disappointments, however, Fred remains unceasingly upbeat.

Gay) community has come as far as it has in crete plain envelope. such a short time," he says.

It wasn't until the 1980s that organizations like Vermont CARES and VLGR (the precursor to the Vermont Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Rights) were formed, says Fred, who adds that the '80s also saw Vermont's first Gay Pride march and the founding of Out in the Mountains.

And now look where we are. Out in the Mountains is entering its 10th year. Vermont CARES is still going strong. The Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights is stronger than ever," last year drawing more than 500 people to its Middlebury conference, says Fred. "Twenty years ago, none of this was here.

And it is for this reason that Out in the Mountains remains so crucial to the Gay community. "(It) is the only way to get that sense of history of Gay and Lesbian culture in the state. It is our only record of all the struggle and all the progress," he says.

But regardless of Fred's contention that Vermont's a safe space" for Gays, it is clear that the volunteers who create Out in the Mountains and the Gay Vermonters who read it face years of work before all political and social impasses to equality are broken through.

Ten years after the publication was founded, the subscription card inside each issue still "It's incredibly powerful that the (Vermont promises to deliver the newspaper "in a dis-

Homophobia and AIDS Triggering Growing Child Prostitution World-Wide

Switzerland-Young children view that young prostitutes are less likely to have AIDS, a U.N. report says.

The report, issued the first week in March child prostitution, estimates 1 million children dollars or in exchange for drugs are involved in the sex trade in Asia working under conditions "indistinguishable from

Human Services report estimated that up to 300,000 child prostitutes are on the streets in the United States, many only 11 or 12 and some as young as 9.

Though the numbers are impossible to calculate, many of these are boys or young men who have left their homes or been thrown out because they are Gay

Ofelia Calcetas-Santos, an expert from the Philippines, said many Asian children, 'especially boys," are sold by their parents into sex rings that often involve corrupt policemen and politicians, and child-kidnapping rings dealing in boys were said to be operating in Cambodia, China, Laos, Burma and Vietnam.

An estimated 35 percent of Cambodian sex workers are girls aged 12 to 17, it said, while an equal number or greater are boys or young

In some countries, boys are sold by their fathers when they (the boys) are perceived to be Gay. They are not considered "men," the report said, "and so are worthless.

Boys and girls from rural villages are reportedly lured by travel agents who offer domestic or factory jobs to support their families but who are instead sold into prostitution," she said.

In some countries daughters and sons are sold to distant brothels by parents who are so desperately poor that they can not afford to feed another mouth, she said.

"One young boy was said to have been sold when he was 13 to a male club where he served numerous customers," Calcetas-

Another report told how three male friends around the world are increasingly being sold from a remote mountain village were lured by into prostitution, possibly out of the mistaken a monk with promises of good jobs and sold into prostitution, she said.

In the drug-infested suburbs of North America, the investigator highlighted reports by the U.N. human rights investigator for of parents who sell their children for a few

Sex with male and female children was also growing in former Communist countries. particularly in Russia and the Czech Repub-A recent U.S. Department of Health and lic, the report noted without elaborating.

In Sri Lanka boy prostitution "rampant," the report said.

"It is reported that in Germany, Sri Lanka is known as a 'paradise for men seeking boy slaves," Calcetas-Santos said, adding that there were instances of a German organization supplying its affluent members with a survival package" that included information ranging from safe apartments to false passports to a young man for a week-or

A U.S. study carried by D. Gene Abel, professor of psychiatry at the Emory University of Medicine, found that 403 persons had exploited 67,000 children, 63 percent of whom were boys, the report said.

The time span and locale of the study were not specified in the U.N. report.

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ber 7 I'll be at the Boot Camp's annual World AIDS Day Dinner. This is a very worthwhile fund raiser to AIDS groups. Stop by the Boot Camp for details and tickets.

Earlier in the day you can find me at In Between for their Packer Game Party.

This is a great place to watch a game. There's always some hot guys, I mean real fans there to watch it with.

Well that's a wrap until I see you out and about. Happy Thanksgiving and remember to be safe and stay proud.

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A gala balloon drop helped wind up In Between's First Anniversary Week. The popular bar located at 625 S. Second Street gave away hundreds of dollars hidden in the balloons that were quickly grabbed and exploded by a pack house. In its first year, the bar has made a big impact with its Packer Parties, special events and other activities. The Wisconsin Light congratulates Kurt and his staff on a fine first year in business and wishes them many, many hap

Modern Calendars Are as Much Eye Candy as Devises to Tell the Date

By Terry Boughner

Every year in December, usually on a Saturday, my mother would say to my father, "When you're at the bank, pick up a couple of

He would bring home a couple of them, each rolled up in a tube, to be put aside, ready for New Year's Day.

The calendars were large utilitarian things made to be hung on a cupboard's back door. The numbers were big and black (Sundays and holidays were in red.), and there was enough space to write reminders in. Usually there was a picture, but only one, showing a farm scene, a landscape or a still life of some

Things have changed. Calendars are sold in book stores, gift and card shops, all gussied up to be given as gifts. Far from being generic, they are aimed at specific audiences (Lesbian, Gay and others).

So, here come the holidays. Let me give you a few examples of the ones I've come across.

For Gay Men The Colt 1997 Leather calendar is for you if you like black and white photos of slightly older man, hirsute and dominate.

For those of you who are familiar with Lukas Ridgeston and his friends, the Bel Ami '97 calendar is certainly worth a look. The photos are in full color and show Lukas and Johan Paulik et al in some delicious poses.

The Colt Man calendar features Steve Kelso this year in glorious color. (Watch for an interview with Steve in an upcoming issue of Wisconsin Light.)

If you like more variety in your Colt men, take a look at the 1997 Colt Calendar. There are great color photos of hunky beefcake

1997 Colt Classics is another Colt calendar, this one celebrating their 30th year.

For all those who love the work of the late Tom of Finland, the Tom of Finland 1997 Calendar is a must-have. There are 13 examples of the famed artist's most sensual work. The numbers aren't large, but who

If you like Brazilian men, Eduardo Velasquez's Naked Men 1997 calendar is well worth having. The black and white photos give meaning to the title. The sensuality is scious to behold

Naked Men New York Two shows the photography of Hans Fahrmeyer. The 20something models are not buck naked for the most part, but you see all that counts. If you'd like a closer look, try fotofactory's web site: http://fotofactory.com/foto.

Like black and white drawings of beefy, rough, hot-blooded men in ten gallon hats? Take a look at Bunkhouse 1997.

Roundup is another calendar with a western/rodeo theme. There are color photos of women and men in cowpoke gear

If you're familiar with Kristen Bjorn videos, Men of the World is a calendar you'll want hanging on your wall. The cover alone, I

think, is worth the price.

For those who like young men with lithe bodies and liquid eyes, take a look at Boys & Their Toys from 10% Productions. These are photos in black and white. There is no way, I think, you're going to be disappointed, especially by the cover boy.

Another calendar from 10% is In The Studio. This is a 16 month calendar showing artfully posed, muscular young men (both singles and pairs) in stances designed to emphasize their outstanding physiques.

Yet, another calendar from 10% Productions is With All My Love. This, in my opinion, is the best of all from 10%. It's a delightfully unique calendar, displaying as it does, the beauty of young Asian, African-American and Hispanic men. I don't suppose many will agree, but the "blonde hunk" is

In line with its attention to the non-European male, Landmark has brought out Heat Wave. This is a full color photo collection of young African-American gods (There's no other word), some in denims, some in bikinis and posing straps.

Want to see gorgeous young men from "down under?" Thunder from Down Under from Landmark Calendars shows off some of Australia's most delectable young men posed in tight little swim suits and cavorting on a sunny beach.

Another calendar from Landmark is Steel Blue. Here are photos of dark haired young males, no shirts, and wearing skin-tight jeans. The photos are in black and white, but the denims are in levi blue.

Landmark has also brought out a full color

calendar devoted to RuPaul. The brilliant, young female impersonator is shown in costumes that range from Mae West to Gypsy Rose Lee.

Rage-On shows young men "enjoying themselves." Photos are in black and white.

Men Two is Klaus Gerhart's 1997 calendar. The photos are in black in white and show the nude, muscular young male in all his glorious strength and beauty.

For Lesbians

Several book sellers have told me that the number of calendars for Lesbians is less this year. They didn't know the reason.

From "Out Magazine" comes Out, a unique

long for and prize.

Among them all (all of the above), my favorite calendar is Dykes To Watch Out For. The wildly famous and funny cartoon characters created by Alison Bechdel, are all here in a whole series of new adventures-one new one a month.

(See if you can resist reading them all at

once.) Women by Women is a collection of black and white photos showing that magic that can transpire when women take pictures of persons of their own sex. The creative process which goes on is, to me, mysterious, but the results, as seen in the pages of this calendar.



A display of 1997 Calendars available at Afterwords Books

paintings. The artists include Catherine Opie, Nicole Eisenman, and Katharine Kuharic.

10% Productions has brought out a 16 month calendar called Desire. Here is a collection of black and white photos of women (singles and couples) who have bodies to die for. Take a look at this one.

Women to Women is another 16 month calendar from 10% Production. The black and white photos by Sunny Bak show Lesbian lovers in beautifully affectionate posesthose little moments of silence that we all

collection of full color photos and abstract are as superlative as they are compelling. This is a calendar, I think, that you'll want in your collection.

There are lots and lots and lots of calendars aimed at the Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Gay male markets. Those above are only a few that I found especially attractive.

All the above calendars range in price from \$10.95 to \$15.00.

These calendars were provided for review by AfterWords Bookstore in Milwaukee. They are available at fine bookstores and gift shops everywhere.



This is it in Milwaukee was the site of a special Barcardi Spiced Rum Party on November 6. Shown above is Barcadi Rep, Keith Hill, serving owner, Joe Brehm a shot of Barcardi while Barcardi Reps Al Devlin, Jillan Anderson, Trent Wesley and Steven Katten looked on.

Happy Thanksgiving



From The Staff of The Wisconsin Light