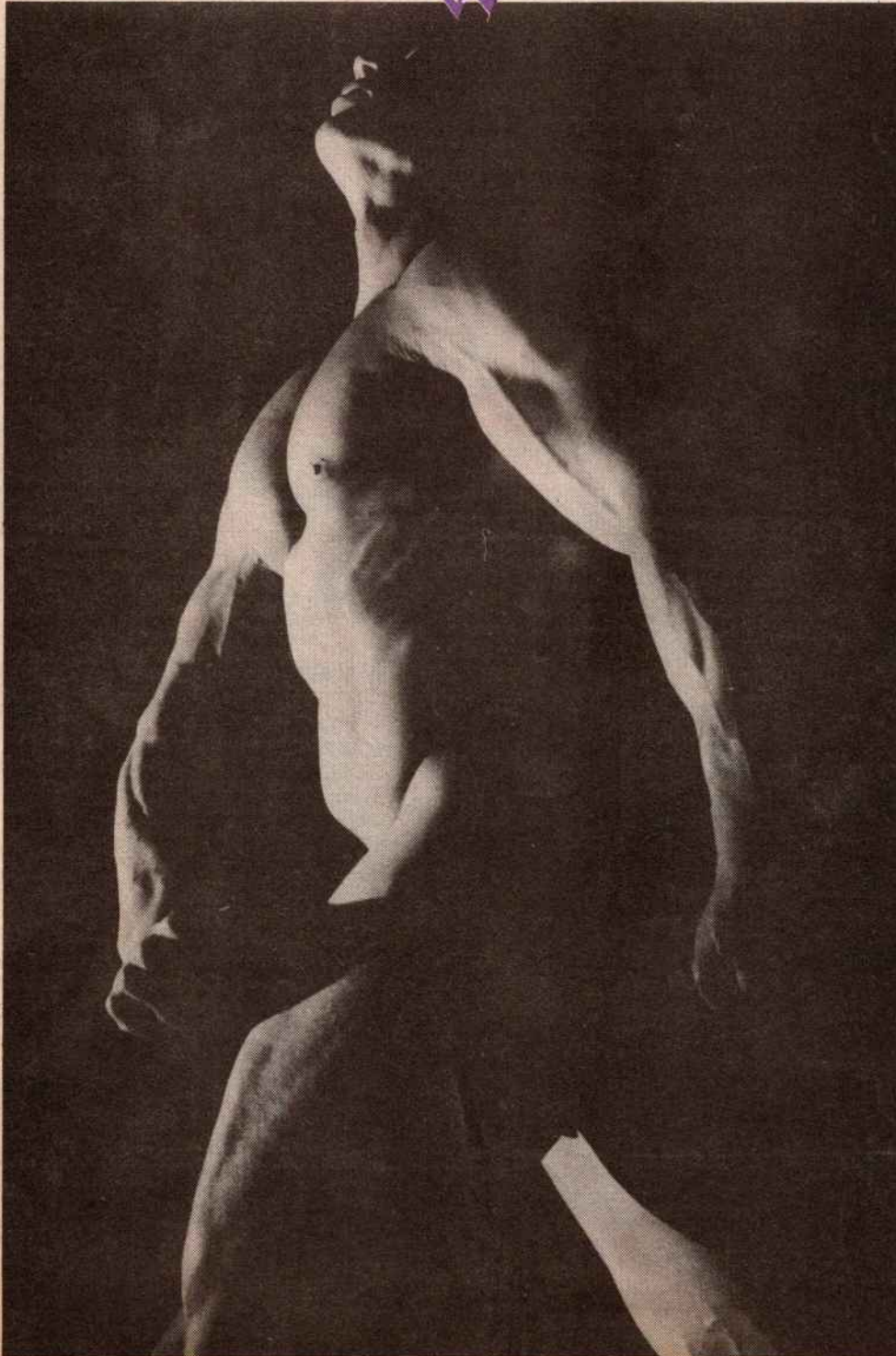


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Conservative Gains May Hinder Progress on AIDS, Gay Rights

But Gay Candidates Win and State Initiatives Are Defeated

By Jamakaya

A record number of openly Gay and Lesbian candidates across the nation won election to public office in November, and two statewide anti-Gay initiatives were defeated in Idaho and Oregon. But major gains by conservative Republicans and Christian Right-backed candidates in the U.S. Congress and the Wisconsin legislature suggest that the next few years may be tough going for advocates of Gay and Lesbian civil rights and progressive AIDS policies.

"I'm very concerned about the political landscape," Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, told *In Step*.

"We definitely have a much more conservative Congress. AIDS services are so dependent on the budget. With the new Republican leadership promising cuts in social services, those reductions will undoubtedly affect AIDS. We will probably have to work much harder for fewer resources from this Congress."

Nelson said AIDS activists must redouble their efforts to make AIDS a bipartisan issue, "to get the Republican leadership to weigh in on the side of recognizing AIDS as a national issue that affects all Americans."

He said this task was not impossible, noting that conservative GOP Sen. Orrin Hatch has been a major supporter of the Ryan White CARE Act. Nelson speculated that the new Republican majorities in the House and Senate might give greater scrutiny to the formulas which produce an inequitable distribution of Ryan White funds, a problem Wisconsin AIDS service providers have been working hard to redress.

Nelson said the greatest struggles with the 104th Congress are likely to be in the areas of the civil rights of people with HIV/AIDS -- specifically, maintaining guarantees of voluntary testing and confidentiality -- and in funding greater prevention efforts.

"Conservative members of Congress are unlikely to support calls for the wider distribution of condoms or clean needles for injection drug users," Nelson commented.

The State Legislature

Mike Verveer, legislative assistant to State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (a Lesbian who won her re-election bid with

76% of the vote), had this to say about the new make-up of the Wisconsin legislature: "The fact that Republicans have complete control of every aspect of state government does not auger well for Gay and Lesbian rights, Gay and Lesbian family issues and HIV/AIDS."

Verveer referred to the GOP's new majority in the State Assembly (51-48), its maintenance of a one vote majority in the Senate (17-16) and Gov. Tommy Thompson's re-election to a third term in the State House.

Verveer believes the basic civil rights of Gays and Lesbians in the Badger State will remain intact. Gov. Thompson and most Republican leaders here have rejected the overt Gay-bashing some right wing GOP members have engaged in in other states.

But with Republicans controlling legislative committees and the agendas of those committees, pro-active Gay and Lesbian civil rights and AIDS legislation could be stymied. And formerly sympathetic committee chairs will not be on hand anymore to table potentially reactionary bills.

Despite the Republican majorities, Rep. Baldwin (who was attending the annual conference of the National Network of Openly Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials when this story was being prepared) intends to introduce her proposals on domestic partnerships and same gender marriage shortly after the new legislative session opens early next year.

"While the opportunity for well-run, respectful hearings in the Democratic-controlled Assembly has passed, Tammy still plans to seek the support of Republican committee chairs to schedule a public hearing," Verveer said.

"Tammy has always intended to introduce these measures for discussion purposes, to begin to raise awareness among all citizens of the struggles Gay and Lesbian families face."

Verveer conceded that since it is widely perceived that such legislation has no chance of passage at this time, it may be difficult to gather co-sponsors.

Regarding AIDS, Verveer thinks the growing fiscal constraints of state government will make it more difficult to win increases for AIDS programs. He also concurs with Doug Nelson that the next legislative session is likely to see a further chipping away at the rights of people with HIV/AIDS.

What follows is a brief summary of how Gay and Lesbian candidates and issues fared in the November election.

The Good News

The best news may have been the defeat of two statewide anti-Gay initiatives in Idaho and Oregon. The measures would have prohibited the states or any localities from adopting sexual orientation non-discrimination laws and would have voided any such laws already on the books.

The initiatives would also have specifically forbidden same gender marriage, the recognition of domestic partnerships and any discussion of homosexuality in the schools.

Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, was exultant: "This is a victory for the fundamental value that all people should be able to live their lives free of discrimination. Anti-Gay extremists who tried to make this election a referendum on equal rights for Gay people have been sent a clear signal that their views are unacceptable to mainstream America."

Three openly Gay members of the U.S. Congress, Democratic Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry Studds of Massachusetts and Republican Steve Gunderson, who represents the conservative, largely rural district of western Wisconsin, easily won re-election.

The most stridently anti-Gay candidate, Senate hopeful and Iran/Contra conspirator Oliver North, was defeated by incumbent Sen. Charles Robb, who supports Gay rights. The most fervent supporter of Gay and Lesbian civil rights, Sen. Ted Kennedy (who frequently engages in shouting matches with Sen. Jesse Helms) was re-elected.

Also in the U.S. Senate, all 13 co-sponsors of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would prohibit job bias based on sexual orientation, were re-elected.

Of 120 ENDA co-sponsors in the House, all but 10 were re-elected, and 11 new members were elected who pledged to support the bill.

"Our base of support for ENDA remains intact," said McFeeley, "which puts us in a strong position to continue working on the bill in the new Congress."

Twenty-four openly Gay or Lesbian candidates won election or re-election to state and local offices. Every Gay or Lesbian incumbent who faced re-election won.

The "lavender ceiling" was broken in four states which have never before had openly Gay elected officials in either their lower or upper chambers. Sheila Kuehl (who as an actress played Zelda Gilroy in the old *Dobie Gillis* TV show) was elected to the California State Assembly. Cal Anderson was elected to the Washington State Senate. Tim Van Zandt won a seat in the Missouri House, and Ken Chevront was elected to the Arizona House.

The first-ever openly Gay or Lesbian judges were elected in Miami, Chicago and San Diego, while Los Angeles elected its second such judge.

San Francisco experienced a virtual lavender sweep, with three Gays elected to the Board of Supervisors (Carole Migden, Susan Leal and Tom Ammiano) and a Lesbian and Gay man elected to the Community College Board.

The Bad News

The worst news, according to a report compiled by the liberal think tank People for the American Way, is that nationwide, 60% of candidates aligned with or supported by Religious Right political groups were victorious, dramatically increasing the movement's power and access at all levels of government. In the election two years ago, the Religious Right's success rate was 40%.

"Religious Right leaders provided the core support for officials taking seats in Congress, state capitols, school boards and other local offices across the country," said People's President, Arthur J. Kropp.

"Now it's payback time, as more politicians than ever owe their jobs to the organizing and financial support supplied by Religious Right groups. That support came with a price. Anyone familiar with the movement knows that its leaders will not be content to be background music. Their expectation is that the right wing agenda will receive top priority in the next two years."

Within days of the election, Kropp's projection seemed to come true as Rep. Newt Gingrich, the new House Majority Leader, vowed to pass a constitutional amendment allowing prayer in the public schools. President Clinton, seeking to build bridges with the newly conservative Congress, infuriated liberals by saying he would probably support such a proposal.

Since Gay rights has been a central issue exploited by the Christian Right, Gay and Lesbian activists anticipate having many struggles with the new Congress in which both chambers, for the first time since the 1950's, will be controlled by Republicans.

"Pushing proactive AIDS, health care, anti-discrimination and hate crime measures in an increasingly hostile environment will be daunting," said Peri Jude Radevic of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "At the same time, we will be fighting to fend off pro-active Radical Right measures. Our challenge at the federal level will be unprecedented."

Leading conservatives like Sens. Helms and Strom Thurmond and Reps. Henry Hyde and Bob Livingston will chair important Senate and House committees with the power to advance or squelch proposed legislation. While in the minority, such conservatives frequently stymied bills by adding anti-Gay amendments. Gay and Lesbian activists are rightly concerned about how these men will wield their newfound power.

In addition to the conservative majorities in Congress, a number of staunch allies of the Gay and Lesbian community went down to defeat in the election. Most prominent among these were Liberal Democratic Govs. Mario Cuomo in New York and Ann Richards in Texas.

Pro-Gay incumbent Sen. Harris Wofford of Pennsylvania was defeated by Radical Right-funded Republican Rick Santorum. The seat of retiring Sen. Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, a longtime champion of civil rights and liberal causes, was won by Radical Right Republican Mike DeWine. Christian Right-funded Rod Grams won a Minnesota Senate seat, defeating a pro-Gay Democrat. Radical Right-backed Bill Frist won a Tennessee Senate seat, ad infinitum. Closer to home, Democratic Rep. Peter Barca, a co-sponsor of ENDA, was defeated by Christian Right candidate Mark Neumann. All these winners have anti-Gay, anti-abortion records.

What is to be done?

"The worst thing for progressive people to do right now is crawl into the woodwork," Doug Nelson told *In Step*. "We need to advance our causes by educating people, building community support and organizing our constituencies to re-elect the progressive people that lost this time and to elect new problem-solving, forward-looking candidates."

World
AIDS Day
Observed
December 1



Many Events Planned in Wisconsin

Madison — Gov. Tommy Thompson has issued a proclamation declaring November 28 to December 4 AIDS Awareness Week in Wisconsin and December 1 as World AIDS Day.

The theme for the 7th annual observance of World AIDS Day, as established by the World Health Organization (WHO), is *AIDS and Families: Protect and Care for the Ones We Love*.

WHO adopted the widest possible definition of "family," hoping to incorporate and involve all those who know and care for people with HIV/AIDS in the struggle against the disease. Its statement read:

"Our concept of family is not limited to relationships of blood, marriage, sexual partnership or adoption. It extends to a broad range of groups whose bonds are based on feelings of trust, mutual support and a shared destiny.

"This means that groups of street children, sex worker collectives and self-help circles of drug injectors are 'families.' So are religious associations and support groups of people living with HIV infection and AIDS, and networks of governmental, nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations. And any company — from the corner shop to the largest global corporation — can regard its workforce as a family to protect and support."

More than 189 countries will observe World AIDS Day as a way to draw public attention to the AIDS pandemic. It provides a unique opportunity for individuals, groups and communities to learn more about AIDS, to pledge their support to people with HIV/AIDS and to donate their money and efforts to work for a cure.

Worldwide, more than 16 million adults and one million children have been infected with HIV as of mid-1994. By the year 2000, WHO estimates the total number of people infected with HIV will rise to between 30 and 40 million.

Nationwide, more than 400,000 people have been infected with HIV and about 250,000 people have died of AIDS

World AIDS Day...

complications. Every day in America, nearly 6,000 people become newly infected with HIV.

In Wisconsin, there are currently 2,450 reported cases of AIDS and 1,400 people have died. Approximately 8,000-10,000 people in Wisconsin are infected with HIV; 70% of those people are unaware of their infection.

Events are planned throughout the state to observe World AIDS Day. Here is a run-down of some of the activities:

Madison

November 28: Hillel welcomes Scott Fried, an HIV-positive speaker from New York to discuss HIV/AIDS from a Jewish perspective. 8pm at the UW Memorial Union. To confirm, call Debbie Goodfriend at (608) 256-8361.

November 30: *Naming Our Family, Healing Our Wounds: A World AIDS Day Vigil* will bring together diverse communities to name, remember and heal. 7 to 9pm at the Unitarian Meeting House, 906 University Bay Drive. Call Denise Starkey at (608) 238-6276.

December 1: *Day Without Art at the Madison Art Center* celebrates artists with AIDS and focuses on the concerns of teens and young adults. The Art Center will offer hourly screenings of Marlon Riggs's film *No Regrets* and *Educate Your Attitude*. Educational videos by high school students will also be shown. 11 to 5pm. For further information, call (608) 257-0188.

December 1: *Unveiling the Zeda AIDS Quilt* at St. Joseph's Chapel on the campus of Edgewood College, 855 Woodrow Street. 11am to 1pm. For more info, call Nancy Irvine at (608) 277-7975.

December 1: *Day Without Art at the Elvejhem*. Join the Art History Graduate Forum and the UW Union Arts Directorate for a discussion of artists who are living with or who have died of AIDS. 3 to 5pm in Room 140 of the Elvejhem

Museum of Art. For more info, contact Cynthia Becker at (608) 284-8611.

December 1: *Deaf Heaven*, a film by Steve Levitt, tells the story of Paul whose lover is living with AIDS. Paul is befriended by Jake, an older Jewish man who survived Auschwitz. The film compares AIDS to the Holocaust. 7pm in the Frederick March Playhouse of the UW Memorial Union. Call (608) 284-8611.

Milwaukee

November 28: *ACT UP Milwaukee General Meeting*. 7pm in the First Floor meeting Room of the Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Avenue. (414) 769-8708.

Nov. 30-December 1: *The Second Decade of AIDS: Strategies for a Changing Epidemic*, presented by the UW-Milwaukee Extension, School of Nursing, Continuing Education and Outreach Program and targeted to health providers. At the Pfister Hotel. Dinner/reception Nov. 30 at 6pm, \$35; conference Dec. 1, 8:45am-4:45pm, \$75. Call (414) 229-5617 to register.

December 1: *AIDS Cure Act Leaflet Distribution* in downtown Milwaukee from 11:30am to 1:30pm, sponsored by ACT UP. Call (414) 483-0376 for meeting place.

December 1: *Open House* at the new location of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, 820 N. Plankinton Ave., 4-8pm. Tours every 15 minutes. Also, *Grand Opening of Survival/Revival*, the Milwaukee AIDS Project's Resale Shop at 246 E. Chicago St. Store opens at 10am, reception from 4-8pm features candle-lighting ceremony and the Fest City Singers. For more info, call (414) 225-1555.

December 1: *Interfaith Gathering* sponsored by the Order of St. Camillus and the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi. 7pm at the Clare Hall Chapel, 3470 S. Illinois Avenue in St. Francis. Local clergy will be augmented by Shirley Bartee and the Love Praise Community Choir and singer/pianist Richard Jerome Bennett. Camillian Brother Stephen Braddock will speak on "AIDS: Healing a Wounded Family." (414) 481-3696.

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Other Events

The AIDS National Interfaith network has called on all houses of worship to ring their bells 14 times at 1:40pm December 1 in recognition of 14 years of the epidemic.

Many other events observing World AIDS Day will be held by churches and community groups throughout the state. Call your local AIDS service organization for information about events in your area. Their numbers are listed in *The Guide* in the last pages of *In Step*.

Clinton Names Patricia Fleming New AIDS Czar

AIDS Activists Cautiously Optimistic

Washington, DC — President Clinton has appointed Patricia Fleming, a former Congressional assistant and aide to Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, as his new AIDS Policy Coordinator. She has been serving as interim AIDS Coordinator since the resignation of Kristine Gebbie several months ago.

Fleming, 57, has extensive political

experience on Capitol Hill and has specialized for many years in the field of health services. Before becoming an aide to Shalala, she served as a staff member to liberal Congressman Ted Weiss (D-NY), advising him on AIDS and other health issues and working to increase funds for AIDS care and research.

Activists are hopeful Fleming's political savvy will make her a more effective leader in the fight against AIDS than Gebbie, who was inexperienced with Washington politics and spent most of her time visiting AIDS service groups and giving speeches defending Clinton's record on AIDS.

"Since her appointment three months ago as Interim National AIDS Policy Coordinator, Fleming has reshaped the office, focused and streamlined its functions and clarified its mission," according to Daniel Bross of the AIDS Action Council.

"Fleming has long been a key advocate for fair and effective federal AIDS policy and has demonstrated a formidable commitment to AIDS policy throughout her career," said Bross. "We hope the President will live up to his campaign promises and provide support to the new director. With his backing, Patsy Fleming can do this job."

"It is significant that an African American woman has been put in this job," said Delna Fraser-Howze of the Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, "because African American issues have been neglected in the past in this epidemic."

For her own part, Fleming has announced her priority will be shaping the AIDS budget from the time each federal agency issues its funding proposal to final passage by Congress. She will be the White House liaison to AIDS service and activist groups and will encourage cooperation and discourage duplication in AIDS programs in different federal agencies.

Fleming hopes to place emphasis on preventive education aimed at women, adolescents and people of color. She has spoken out forcefully on the need to develop female condoms and vaginal microbicides that kill HIV to give women greater protection from HIV.

"Those of us who've worked closely with her," said Secretary Shalala of Fleming, "know that she has a sensitive ear, a quiet resolve and a backbone of steel, which is exactly what AIDS issues need in the years ahead."



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STATE News Briefs

Milwaukee Approves \$89 Million for Water Reforms

Milwaukee — On November 10, the Milwaukee Common Council gave final approval to an allocation of \$89 million to fund improvements in the municipal water treatment system. The reforms are intended to prevent any future recurrence of the cryptosporidiosis epidemic which sickened more than 400,000 people in 1993. The illness contributed to the deaths of over 100 people, many of them people with AIDS or other immune-suppressing conditions.

AIDS activists became concerned when the Council's Finance and Personnel Committee voted against approving \$51 million in the proposal which will be used to install ozone disinfection systems. Some Council members said the huge allocation was not justified by the small measure of extra security the ozone equipment will provide. "Is it possible we are going to spend \$51 million for public relations?" asked alderman Thomas Nardelli.

When the final vote was tallied, however, only three aldermen voted against the \$89 million plan. Mayor John Norquist had been a strong advocate of the full allocation. Residential water bills are expected to rise \$16.80 annually for the next 20 years to pay for the improvements.

The reforms include the installation of ozone disinfection systems at both the Linnwood and Howard Avenue treatment plants, replacement of the water filtration systems at both plants, and relocation of the intake pipe in Lake Michigan that serves the Howard Avenue plant about a mile northeast of its current location.

Anti-Gay Bias Cited in Defense of Accused Priest

Waukesha — The lawyer for Father Jason W. Samuel, who is one of four Episcopal priests charged with child molestation in incidents that allegedly took place at Nashotah House Seminary in Delafield, says his client is the victim of "rabid anti-Gay" attitudes on the part of seminary administrators and the Waukesha County District Attorney.

"Nashotah House was hardly the place for anyone who was Gay," attorney Scott Anderson told the **Milwaukee Journal**. Samuel is openly Gay. "These charges are all simply the result of the backlash of the conservative element at Nashotah House, from the dean on down...It was a hostile environment not only for Jason Samuel but for every Gay student there. Nashotah House was rabidly anti-Gay, and this prosecution is the same way."

Samuel is charged with touching the genitals of a 14-year-old boy and having oral sex with him in 1988 and 1989. He is pleading not guilty. Two other former seminarians have pleaded guilty to similar charges of sex with minors. Another man is contesting the charges.

Also Around the State...

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction of Dirk E. Harris in the robbery and fatal shooting of Dennis Owens in 1988. Owens, a floor manager at WITI-TV6, was a Gay man killed on the near south side. In the trial, the prosecution argued that Harris intentionally set out to rob a Gay man. Harris has no chance of parole until 2035.

Milwaukee — Chicagoan Kennedy Spencer, 29, has been extradited to Milwaukee to face murder charges in the death of UW-Milwaukee Professor Robert B. Jones, who was found stabbed to death in his Juneau Village apartment a year ago. Colleagues said Professor Jones was a Gay man.

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

NATIONAL News Briefs

Self-Defense Claimed by Killer of Gay Men

Laurel, MS — Sixteen-year-old Marvin McClendon, charged with murder and robbery in the shooting deaths of two Gay men in rural Mississippi, is claiming that he killed the men in self-defense after the men allegedly tried to coerce him into sex.

McClendon's claim is adding further fuel to an already incendiary case which mixes the emotional issues of murder, homosexuality and race in a conservative Mississippi community. McClendon is African American. The victims, Robert Walters and Joseph Shoemake, who were shot in the head at point blank range on October 7, were white.

McClendon says Walters and Shoemake picked him up after offering him \$20 to take them to someone who would sell them marijuana. Along the way, the men allegedly stopped the truck and made sexual advances on McClendon. It was only then, McClendon claims, that he pulled out a .22 caliber gun from his pants and shot them both at close range.

National Gay advocates have intervened in the case, concerned that evidence that the murders were an anti-Gay hate crime are being ignored. They have called on the Justice Department for an independent investigation. Local authorities have resented what they perceive as interference from outsiders.

Pedro Zamora, 22, Succumbs to AIDS

Miami, FL — Pedro Zamora, a Cuban refugee who contracted the AIDS virus as a teen and dedicated his life to educating young people about HIV prevention, succumbed to AIDS complications November 11. He was 22 years old.

Zamora gained national attention when he was featured in the MTV series *The Real World*, which traces the exploits of a group of diverse young people brought together under one roof. On the show, Zamora was candid about his HIV infection, and his experience enlightened many young viewers about HIV/AIDS.

Zamora testified before Congressional committees on HIV prevention and the need for comprehensive health care reform. He often emphasized the need for more prevention funds to provide culturally sensitive outreach to Gay men and people of color.

But Zamora's greatest contributions may have been to raising the awareness of youth. He frequently spoke at high schools, colleges and youth groups. "In his abbreviated lifetime," said Dan Bross of the AIDS Action Council, "Pedro did more for HIV and adolescents than anyone I know. His honest, nonjudgmental presentations made him an invaluable advocate for young people with HIV/AIDS or at risk of HIV infection."

Zamora is survived by his lover, Sean Sasser, his father, Hector, and two sisters and five brothers. Donations in his honor can be sent to the Pedro Zamora Memorial Fund, c/o AIDS Action Foundation, 1875 Connecticut Ave., N.W., #700, Washington, DC 20009.

Anti-Gay Zealot Phelps Found Guilty of Contempt

Topeka, KS — The Rev. Fred Phelps, an infamous homophobic preacher who has led noisy protests outside the funerals of people who have died of AIDS, has been found guilty of contempt of court, fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay all court costs.

The contempt charge came in the midst of a civil case pitting Phelps's Westboro Baptist Church against St. David's Episcopal Church. During the trial, Phelps sent faxes to news organizations comparing presiding Judge Michael Barbara to a snake and depicting Barbara's name and the name of the

Kansas Attorney General on headstones.

Phelps's daughter was also cited for contempt after she tried to read one of her father's sermons to the court which contained "scurrilous and offensive personal charges" against Judge Barbara.

Judge Barbara said he wanted to sentence the Phelps to jail on the contempt charges but "the role of martyrdom in this case will provide [Phelps] another forum to espouse his disdain and contempt for the judicial system and this court."

Christian Group Charged With Violating Election Law

Washington, DC — The Washington Blade reports that the Federal Elections Commission has charged the Virginia-based Christian Action Network with violating federal election laws during the 1992 Presidential race.

The Christian Action Network paid for TV and newspaper ads which appeared in 24 cities attacking Bill Clinton for his support of Gay and Lesbian civil rights. The ads mentioned Clinton's pledge to lift the ban on Gays in the military and his support for a federal sexual orientation non-discrimination bill. The ads also claimed Clinton supported "job quotas" for homosexuals.

The Election Commission says the Christian group violated the law because it paid for these ads directly out of its treasury rather than out of a separate political action committee. Tax-exempt religious organizations are prohibited from contributing money to political campaigns. The group claims the ads were merely for information purposes and did not endorse any specific Clinton opponent.

If found guilty of the violations, the Christian Action Network could be fined more than \$1 million.

Man Shot for Holding Hands With Boyfriend

San Francisco, CA — Twenty-four-year old Victor Rohana and his boyfriend were walking hand-in-hand from a restaurant to their car just a few blocks from the predominantly Gay Castro District in San Francisco October 28, when a car hit Rohana, pinning him to a wall. Assailants from the car then shot Rohana in the chest with an automatic weapon.

Rohana and his friend, Steven Damron, were approached by two men in a white Suzuki Samurai jeep who first yelled at them. "We were Gay and they didn't like that we were holding hands," Damron told Associated Press.

The jeep maneuvered in front of the two men, jumped the curb and pinned

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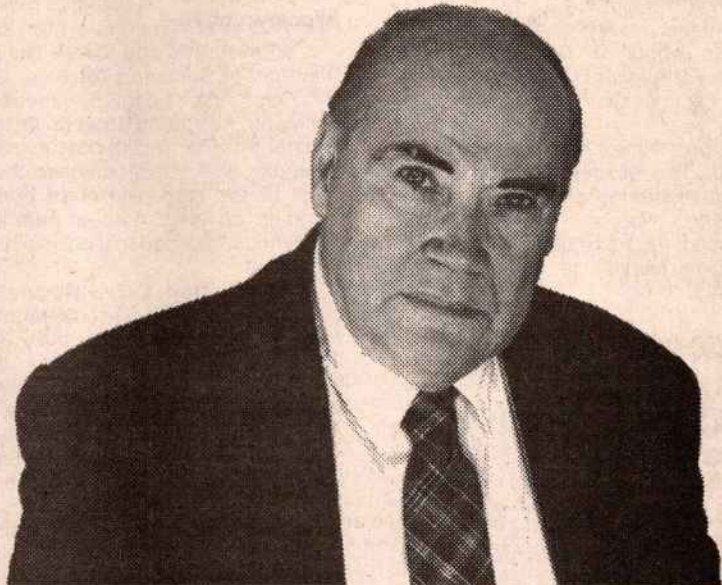


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Rohana against a wall. Then one of the men shot Rohana point blank. Rohana is recovering from the bullet wound which ripped through his lung, narrowly missing his heart.

"They thought we were Gay. They clearly made a decision that they were going to shoot a Gay man," said Damron. "They went to a lot of effort to get the car in position to shoot him point blank."

At presstime, no one had been arrested. The suspects are two white men in their late teens or early 20's. San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan announced a \$10,000 reward for information leading to capture of the assailants.

Incidents of Homophobic Harassment Reported Nationwide

Atlanta, GA — The month of October saw a number of incidents of blatant anti-Gay harassment and vandalism throughout the country.

On October 6, a Gay Jewish man in Portsmouth, Virginia was the victim of a Ku Klux Klan type cross-burning in his front yard. Richard Wagner had previously received death threats over the phone. He said he witnessed the cross-burning by two "rednecks" who fled when they realized he was watching them.

The day before in Birmingham, Alabama, the band Disappear Fear, which includes Lesbian Sonia Rutstein and her sister Cindy Frank, were forced to censor some of their lyrics and songs at a concert at Samford University. A college spokesman said: "They knew before they came here there were going to be restrictions...We didn't want to be seen as endorsing it [homosexuality]."

On October 22, about 20 skinheads interrupted a discussion being held by several Gay groups in Cedar City, Utah. Police were called to escort participants safely to their cars.

In Nacodoches, Texas, a student review board at Stephen F. Austin University revoked the charter of the school's LesBiGay student group citing members' possible violation of the Texas sodomy law. "What's next?" asked review board chair Bryan Simmons. "Are we going to have a mass murderers' club and say it's okay just because they may not be murdering anybody right now?"

On October 21, leaflets proclaiming that AIDS is "God's judgement" on homosexuals were placed on cars outside Atlanta's Outwrite Bookstore. A week later, someone threw a rock shattering the glass in the Gay bookstore's front door.

On Halloween, employees of the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Northern

Virginia arrived to find the words "Homos," "Fags" and "AIDS" spray-painted on the building. Whitman-Walker specializes in treatment of people with HIV/AIDS.

Also on the Newswire...

West Hollywood, CA — The former chairman of Chicago's Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues, Jon Simmons, was found dead on October 2, apparently the victim of a robbery. Simmons was vacationing on the west coast at the time. His nude body was found in an alley not far from a Gay coffeehouse he had visited the night he was killed.

Washington, DC — Regina Agnes Long, famed as the "Disco Granny" who was a fixture at Gay bars in the Washington area for decades, died of pneumonia on October 13. She was 97 years old. Disco Granny danced and often roller skated at nightclubs and made hundreds of friends in the Gay community. Mr. P's bar held a birthday party for her in August of this year. Asked about her connection to the Gay community, Disco Granny told the *Washington Blade*: "Gay people are more fun."

Atlanta, GA — In October, the Georgia Supreme Court heard oral arguments about the constitutionality of Atlanta's ordinances recognizing domestic partners and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. A lawsuit challenging the measures was filed by State Rep. Billy McKinney with the assistance of a group called Family Concerns. A ruling is expected by the end of the year.

Irving, TX — DNA tests have cleared Arkansas parolee Edwin Bernard Perkins of involvement in the murders of two Gay men in Irving earlier this year. But Perkins is still charged with murder for the stabbing death of another Gay man, Larry David Allen of nearby Garland, in August.

Seattle, WA — Wayne Paul Wooten Jr., a 19-year-old self-professed skinhead, has been sentenced to four years and nine months in prison for the July, 1993 bombing of a Seattle Gay bar, the Elite Tavern, and for other explosives and weapons charges. The day after the bar bombing, Wooten's fellow white supremacist conspirators bombed an NAACP office in Tacoma.

Austin, TX — The Texas Department of Public Safety is investigating a telephone death threat received by the state's openly Gay legislator, Glen Maxey. The caller threatened to "vote with a bullet" in November when Maxey successfully sought re-election. Maxey said: "I believe this death threat is the inevitable result of the fervor whipped up by right wing groups and some members of the House," an apparent reference to

homophobic State Rep. Warren Chisum.

New River Marine Air Station, NC — Lance Corporal Elena Martinez, 21, has been given an honorable discharge after she waived her right to appear at a hearing on charges that she engaged in homosexual conduct while in the service. Martinez denies the charges but is happy with the honorable discharge: "It was like a great weight had been lifted from my shoulders."

New York, NY — The Lambda Amateur Radio Club has reached a settlement with the American Radio Relay League, which refused to publish the Gay group's notice in the classified section of its magazine, *QST*. The League agreed to publish a non-discrimination statement, run four block ads and six classified ads for the Lambda Club free of charge, and pay attorney's fees.

New York, NY — Three Gay authors are among the ten recipients of this year's Whiting Foundation Awards, which confer \$30,000 grants on writers of "exceptional talent and promise." They are: poet Mark Doty, author of *My Alexandria*; Wayne Koestenbaum, author of *The Queen's Throat: Opera, Homosexuality and the Mystery of Desire*; and Randall Kenan, author of *Let the Dead Bury Their Dead*.

New York, NY — A national survey called *First Things First: What Americans Expect From the Public Schools*, found that 61% of the more than 1,100 randomly selected people agreed that it is appropriate for public schools "to teach respect for people who are homosexual."

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

GLAAD Media Alerts

Snapple Defends Sponsorship of Limbaugh

New York, NY — Among the few official sponsors of the *Rush Limbaugh Show* is the Snapple Beverage Company, which some activists would like to see withdraw support from the conservative's program.

Responding to a letter from the National Organization for Women which cited Limbaugh's "misogyny and homophobia," Snapple marketing director Lisa Ballas replied that the company's purchase of advertising was based on recommendations of its ad agency.

"Second," Ballas said, "Snapple does not support or even agree with the views of Mr. Limbaugh. Third, Snapple does not contribute money to Mr. Limbaugh."

NOW countered that Snapple's ad dollars "do contribute directly to the

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spreading of misogynistic, homophobic and hate-based messages." NOW said it was not satisfied with Snapple's "attempt to justify Snapple's support of a hate-monger by sending us a list of the progressive groups you support. [These groups] would have a much easier time if it were not for the likes of Rush Limbaugh."

Send comments to: Lisa M. Ballas, Marketing Coordinator, Snapple Beverage Corp., P.O. Box 9400, East Meadow, NY 11554. FAX: (516) 872-4874.

NBC's "Dateline" Wins Praise for Pro-Gay Reports

New York, NY — The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) reports that two recent episodes of the NBC investigative news show *Dateline* have given unusually fair coverage to two compelling Gay and Lesbian issues.

On October 4, *Dateline* ran a story about a Missouri high school teacher who faces possible dismissal or denial of tenure for telling his class, after a viewing of a film on the Holocaust, that

as a Gay man he would have had to wear a pink triangle in Nazi concentration camps. The school's principal called Wilson's statement "inappropriate conduct."

"I simply stated a historical fact," Rodney Wilson said. "Gays were persecuted by the Nazis. I stated another fact, that I am Gay. And I put those two facts together."

Then, on October 21, *Dateline* aired a segment called "Family Feud," about the custody battle being waged between Lesbian mother Sharon Bottoms and the child's homophobic grandmother in Virginia. The episode gave ample time



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for Bottoms and her lover to voice their side of the story, while Bottoms' mother came across as intolerant.

Comments on these reports can be sent to: *Dateline*, NBC News, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10021, (212) 664-4444. Protests can be sent to Principal Ronald Jones, Mehlville High School, 3200 Lemay Fairy Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125, (314) 892- 5000.

Phil Donahue Gives Forum to Homophobe

New York, NY — In October, the usually enlightened Phil Donahue hosted a show about drag and transgender issues featuring Esther Newton, author of *Mother Camp*, and the cast of the movie *The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert*. At the last moment, however, Donahue producers invited homophobic crusader Paul Cameron on the program for "balance."

Cameron was kicked out of the American Psychiatric Association for his flawed research and unscientific opinions, including the allegation that Gays are disproportionately murderers and child molesters.

The guests were assured that Donahue would keep Cameron in line, but he was allowed to take up much of the show's time with his rantings against Gays and Lesbians. The other guests were put on the defensive, spending

valuable air time responding to Cameron's attacks.

Send comments to Patricia McMillan, Executive Producer, *The Phil Donahue Show*, NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10121, (212) 664-6501.

"Family" Group Wants Gay Topics on TV Censored

Tupelo, MS — The American Family Association, the ultra right wing, homophobic media watchdog group has sent out a mailing to millions of people across the U.S. this fall asking them to "Stop Network TV's Promotion of Homosexuality!"

"This fall, network TV executives will continue to try to promote homosexuality as a normal and acceptable lifestyle," the letter states. "Because homosexuals cannot reproduce themselves, they are forced to recruit new members. And the target of their recruitment drives are OUR CHILDREN."

The AFA provided people with postcards of protest to send to three corporations — Phillip Morris, McDonald's and the Ford Motor Co. — saying, "Let these companies know that their support of homosexuality is leading many to unhappiness, sorrow and death." The AFA previously targeted

Proctor & Gamble and PepsiCo for allegedly sponsoring pro-Gay programming.

GLAAD suggests letters of support for their sponsorship of Gay-themed programs should go to officials of these companies. Write to: Michael A. Miles, Chairman, Phillip Morris, 120 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017, (800) 343-0975; Michael R. Quinlan, Chairman, McDonald's Corp., 1 Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, IL 60520, (708) 575- 3000; Alexander J. Trotman, Chairman, Ford Motor Co., P.O. Box 1899, Dearborn, MI 48121, (800) 392-3673.

Also contact: Edwin L. Artz, Chairman, Proctor & Gamble, P.O. Box 599, Cincinnati, OH 45201, (513) 983-1100; D. Wayne Calloway, Chairman, PepsiCo, 700 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY 10577, (914) 253-2000.

To get on the AFA's mailing list, write to: AFA, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803, (601) 844-5036.

Group Notes

Holiday Giving for MAP

Area Bars to Collect Food for MAP Pantry

Milwaukee — Several area bars will be collecting food for the Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry this holiday season. Triangle, Wreck Room, Kathy's Nut Hut, Mama Roux, Cafe Melange, Just Us, 3B's, 1100 Club and Loose Ends will each have barrels available for food collection. This is also has a variety of activities planned that will benefit the pantry.

Holiday Build-A-Basket Drive

The food pantry will also be distributing food baskets to families affected by HIV disease. The agency is currently seeking interested individuals and organizations to provide a holiday dinner complete with all the trimmings for a family of one to eleven or for several families. Baskets will be distributed

through the end of December.

Dinner menus include frozen and non-perishable food items. Monetary donations to assist in the purchase of perishable items such as fresh fruits and vegetables will also be accepted. Menus, which specify the amount of food needed, are available for all family sizes by calling MAP at (414) 273-1991.

300 Secret Santas

MAP is currently seeking individuals interested in making a difference in the holidays for over 300 children affected by HIV disease and AIDS. The agency is offering the opportunity to be a Secret Santa to one or more children who are either infected with HIV or are affected through the infection of a parent, sibling or loved one.

High medical costs and reduced income due to illness often hinder HIV infected families from being able to provide presents for their children, prompting the need for MAP's holiday gift drive.

People interested in being a Secret Santa can request a gift tag from the Milwaukee AIDS Project by calling Vince at (414) 225-1574. The children make gift buying a little easier for the Secret Santas by providing gift suggestions on each gift tag.

Over 800 men, women and children living with HIV disease receive services from the Milwaukee AIDS Project, a

service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Milwaukee, Inc.

Holiday Retreat

For People Living with HIV/AIDS

St. Francis — The Order of Saint Camillus is sponsoring and hosting a retreat experience for men and women living with HIV/AIDS. *Embracing the Mystery: AIDS and the Spiritual Life* is scheduled for New Year's weekend and has been designed to help participants to reframe the often negative experiences of living with HIV disease into personal growth and emotional and spiritual well-being.

The program is open to anyone living with HIV/AIDS without regard to race, sex, religion, sexual orientation or age. It is offered as a learning opportunity with a focus on spiritual growth and emotional support. There is no fee, but space is limited.

For further information, to receive a brochure, or to register, call or write Bro. Steve Braddock, 3661 South Kinnickinnic Avenue, St. Francis, WI 53235; (414) 481-3696.

Volunteers Sought for Bringing AIDS Memorial Quilt to La Crosse

La Crosse — Volunteers are sought to help bring the **NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt** to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse this spring.

The local committee formed to bring the Quilt seeks volunteers for various tasks, ranging from fundraising and planning for the display to assisting during the Quilt's visit. Those interested in volunteering should contact UW-L Student Activities at (608) 785-8866.

Quilt officials from San Francisco approved the University as a site in September after visiting the campus and meeting the local committee. The Quilt is scheduled to be displayed Thursday, April 27 through Sunday, April 30, in the Mitchell Hall Fieldhouse.

The Quilt began in San Francisco as one person's protest to the AIDS epidemic. Today, panels come from all 50 U.S. states and 29 foreign countries. Along with serving as a way to help people understand and respond to the AIDS pandemic, the Quilt provides a way for people to grieve and raise funds for those living with HIV and AIDS.

Around 1,050 panels each commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS are expected to be brought to La Crosse for the display. This is just a portion of the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt, which includes more than 27,000 panels.

More than \$2,300 was raised for the project by UW-L students during Homecoming. Money raised in conjunction with the Quilt will go to area AIDS funds.

LAMM Holiday & Bowling Party

Milwaukee — It's that time of year again... If you're a Lesbian who celebrates Solstice, Hanukkah, Zwanaa, Christmas or if you just like to party, then mark your calendar for the **Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) Holiday Feast and Bowling Party** at Walker's Point Marble Arcade, 1101 South 2nd Street, on December 15 at 6pm.

In keeping with that fine Lesbian tradition, it's a potluck dinner so please bring a dish to share. In addition to feasting and all-around merry-making, you'll have a chance to bowl! Bowlers of all skill levels are welcome, 'cuz we're just lookin' to have fun. If this isn't enough information, hey, call the office at (414) 264-2600.

8th Annual Community AIDS Vigil in Green Bay

Green Bay — The 1994 *Community AIDS Vigil* will be hosted by **Angel of Hope, MCC Church** on November 26-27 in the Marquette Room of the Best Western Downtowner Motel, 321 South Washington Street, Green Bay. (During the Winter, Worship Services will be held every Sunday at 11:30am in the Best Western South Marquette Room.)

The Vigil will begin at noon on Saturday, November 26 with the initial dedication. Dedications will continue for individuals throughout the 24-hour observance, which will end with a Memorial Worship Service on Sunday, November 27 at 11:30 am.

Angel of Hope, MCC sponsored the first community AIDS observance in Green Bay and has continued the annual tradition. This will be the 8th consecutive annual AIDS Vigil hosted by the church.

Persons wishing to have individuals remembered during the dedications are invited to contact the church at (414) 432-0830 (machine answered, leave a message) or contact any member of the congregation.

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LAMM Offers Brochure on "What To Do If Stopped by Police"

Milwaukee — The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund has prepared a brochure, *What To Do If You Are Stopped By the Police*, which is currently available at many LesBiGay establishments and from the LAMM office. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to LAMMEF, Attn: CCIC, P.O. Box 93323, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

The brochure is modeled after a similar leaflet created in Los Angeles and provides basic information on how individuals should handle confrontations with the police. It outlines police responsibilities and the reasons governing some police behaviors.

Cooperation is the main emphasis, however anyone experiencing police harassment, abuse or unfair treatment is advised to call the **Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Police Relations Hotline**, also known as the **Citizen Complaint Intake Center**, at (414) 264-2600. The Citizen Complaint Intake Center has trained Gay and Lesbian volunteers to help people through the process of filing a complaint with the district stations or with the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission.

2-Step Around the Christmas Tree

Milwaukee — Polish your cowboy boots and put on your best western shirt because on Friday, December 9, the **Shoreline Dancers and 3B's** are holding a Christmas party. The theme is *Two-Step Around the Christmas Tree* and it promises to be a fun evening.

There will be a 50/50 cash raffle, with tickets at \$1 each or \$5 for all the tickets that will stretch from your crotch to your knee (or navel to nipple if your prefer). Shoreline members and others will be modeling sleep wear that will be auctioned off their backs to the public. One dollar buys you a chance to bust a balloon and win a prize while you reveal the wearer of the balloons. The evening starts at 8pm.

The fundraiser is being held to help Shoreline represent Milwaukee at the next meeting of the International Association of Gay and Lesbian Country Western Dance Clubs.

2 Madison Holiday Fairs

Madison — A Women's Arts & Crafts Bazaar will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 10 & 11 from 10am to 4pm at Apple Island, 849 East Washington Avenue.

The Bazaar will feature pottery, jewelry, hand-made clothing, quilted items and more. There will be live music featuring Womonsong, the Feminist Choir, performing on Sunday at 1pm.

Admission is free and open to the public. Wheelchair accessible.

A **Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair** will be held Saturday (only), December 10 from 10am-4pm. The Fair will be held at the Madison Enterprise Center, 100 South Baldwin, 3rd Floor.

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Viewpoint

Angry Gay Voters

By Richard D. Mohr

The data is in. The November 13th edition of the **New York Times** published exit-poll statistics for 100 demographic groups across the last eight races for the U.S. House — with "Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual" added as a category for the first time in 1990. That year, 78% of Gays voted Democratic. In the 1992 election, 77% of Gays voted Democratic, but in this year's election, only 60% did so — a whopping 17 point shift to the Republicans.

By contrast, the shift for whites was 8%, men 6%, union households 4%, women 1%, blacks 1% (89 to 88), and Jews 1% (79 to 78). The overall national shift was 4% (54 to 50). In the year of the angry electorate, Gays were over four times as angry as your Average Jo(e). Only two of the 100 groups were angrier still: liberal Republicans and those who perceived their standard of living as in decline.

How is one to interpret these startling results? Some Gays may simply have given up on the Democrats and reverted to voting their middle and upper

class interests — Log Cabin types returning home, as it were. But something morally more interesting was afoot as well — a case of rising Gay consciousness in action.

When the Democrats seized control of the White House and both branches of Congress in 1992, they degraded Gays as Gays had not been degraded before. They jointly wrote discrimination against Gays into federal law for the first time ever, doing so for the very institution — the military — whose embrace has traditionally been for America the mark of full personhood. Gays justifiably struck back, putting their self-interest on the line for the sake of what is right. Gays at the ballot box made the sort of sacrifice by which identities are asserted and solidified. The vote was not a benighted power grab for Gays, rather it was a morally-motivated assertion of Gay dignity gained at the very risk of power and self-interest lost.

Though the strategy entails short-term social disadvantage, it is expedient over the long haul. It means that Gays cannot be taken for granted by the Democrats — or by anyone. The problem with being taken for granted by some group is not that the groups opponents simply write you off, but that the group itself writes you off — as, for example, Clinton has done to blacks with his racist stance on Haitian immigration, by his jettisoning the Racial Justice provisions

from the crime bill, and by using the same racial codes as the religious Right when discussing crime and welfare. In the voting booth, Gays refused to passively accept similar humiliation and discrimination.

Can We Live with Election Results?

But have Gays simply cut off their nose to spite their face? No. Can Gays live with the results of the election? Yes. There may well be some ugly, largely symbolic legislation passed, like this year's nearly passed Helms Amendment, which would cut federal funding to school districts which teach that it's okay to be Gay. Look for similar restrictions at the National Endowment for the Arts. But none of this is worse than what the Democrats have already done. And if we can successfully defend ourselves against the anti-Gay referendum initiative in Idaho — where the Aryan Nation feels at home — we can be fairly certain that the more paranoid fantasies of some Gay leaders are misplaced.

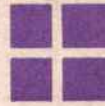
But even the non-paranoid seem to be seriously off the beam. Sheila Kuehl — 'Zelda Gilroy' turned Gay Democratic political operative — said at the end of the NGLTF's post-election national Gay leadership conference, "People are in mourning, as they well should be." This whining is one more sign that the

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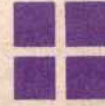
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AIDS Briefs

Oral Drug May Help Prevent CMV

San Diego, CA — A nationwide clinical trial of oral gancyclovir on more than 700 people with AIDS has revealed that daily use of the drug reduced the chances that participants would develop cytomegalovirus (CMV), a common infection for people with AIDS.

CMV is a herpes virus that causes retinitis and colitis. It is a leading cause of blindness and gastrointestinal disease in people with AIDS. More than 70% of those who die of AIDS-related complications show evidence of multi-organ CMV infection.

In the study, the patients — all with fewer than 50 CD4 (t-helper) cells per milliliter of blood or less than 100 CD4 cells and a previous AIDS-defining infection — received either gancyclovir (1,000 mg. every eight hours) or a placebo. Thirty percent of those getting the placebo as opposed to only 16% of those taking gancyclovir developed CMV. Because of the promising results, all participants in the study are now receiving gancyclovir.

An intravenous form of gancyclovir is already being used by people who have already contracted CMV. But these successful clinical trials, sponsored by Syntex Research, suggest that oral

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national Gay "leadership" is out of touch with its constituency. Our organizations are still stuck on the Democrats even as we have moved on. It's time to send our own national leaders the message we sent to Clinton: we can do without you.

Take Canada. There Gays can serve openly in the armed forces, encounter no sodomy laws, have been given constitutional protections, and have legislated civil rights in virtually all provinces. These gains have been achieved even though the country has no national Gay political organization, indeed has never had one. Ditto for Gay-progressive Norway. It is the culture that matters and Gays need not worry too much that we are generally losing the political wars, for we continue to win the cultural ones. In these wars, we will do better to ally with principled conservatives than with phoney liberals, by whom we have been too frequently betrayed.

Richard D. Mohr is the author, most recently, of A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights.

gancyclovir may be effective in preventing or delaying the onset of CMV in many people.

Cancer Drug Shows Promise in Lab Tests

Bethesda, MD — Science reports that researchers at the National Cancer Institute have been able to block reproduction of HIV in some infected cells through the use of the cancer drug hydroxyurea. The research is in a preliminary stage and the successes have occurred in lab blood specimens, not in human trials.

Scientists found that hydroxyurea blocks a cellular enzyme which HIV requires to replicate. The use of hydroxyurea in combination with already approved anti-AIDS medications AZT and ddI significantly improved their ability to block viral replication.

If clinical trials of hydroxyurea on people with HIV/AIDS (soon to get underway in Europe) prove successful, patients would have another compound at their disposal to stave off the ravages of the disease. But scientists caution that hydroxyurea is not yet a cure, merely a new way to inhibit and delay HIV.

Protein May Affect Latency of HIV

Philadelphia, PA — Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania report in the **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences** that they have discovered a specific protein in HIV which regulates its latency in infected cells.

Drs. David Weiner and David Levy identified an HIV gene, called Vpr, that appears to activate the replication of the

virus in blood cells. In test tube specimens, antibodies against the viral protein stopped its activity, leading scientists to believe there may be hope of repeating that effect in human beings thus extending the period of HIV latency.

"What is really important about this finding," Dr. Weiner told the **New York Times**, "is that, in addition to defining a new regulatory loop of the virus, it gives us a new target for drug development. It tells us that anti-Vpr therapies are likely to have some benefit."

Feds Launch New Treatment Information Service

Washington, DC — On October 31, Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala announced the establishment of a new service which will provide information on federally approved treatments available for health professionals and people with HIV/AIDS.

Individuals seeking treatment information can call the toll-free line 1-800-HIV-0440, Monday through Friday, 8am to 6pm CST. The AIDS Treatment Information Service will be staffed by health specialists trained to answer specific questions about all federally approved HIV/AIDS treatment options (in English and Spanish; TDD for the deaf is also available). The service is run by the Public Health Service. Its data base will be updated constantly to include the latest information.

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Information on experimental treatments for bacterial infections can be obtained from the Food and Drug Administration by calling (301) 443-4320 during daytime business hours.

Milwaukee Has New AIDS Legal Hotline

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, and the State Bar of Wisconsin Young Lawyers Division have begun a new AIDS Legal Hotline for the Milwaukee area: (414) 272-HIV1.

Callers can receive information on future planning and wills, HIV antibody testing, insurance, social security and disability, Medical Assistance benefits and recent legal developments. The Hotline also provides English and Spanish referral information regarding HIV/AIDS legal and social service organizations throughout Wisconsin.

David Bourne of the Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association says: "The AIDS Legal Hotline is unique in that callers can choose pre-recorded topics of interest to them and may listen to as many selections as they wish." Callers therefore do not need to identify themselves. Messages cannot be left, however, because the recordings are automated.

Organizers hope that after several months of operation, funds can be raised to provide the Hotline on a toll-free basis around the state.

AIDS Becomes #1 Killer of San Francisco Men

San Francisco, CA — The San Francisco Department of Health recently reported that for the first time in any U.S. city, AIDS has surpassed heart disease to become the number one killer of all men in San Francisco.

In recent years, AIDS had become the leading cause of death among men aged 25-44 years old in San Francisco, but figures for 1992 indicate that it was the first year AIDS became the leading cause of death in all age groups.

In 1991, of the total of 8,345 deaths of men in the city by the bay, heart disease killed 1,189 and AIDS complications 1,152. But the next year, of the 8,143 total deaths among men, 1,195 were from AIDS and 1,094 from heart disease.

Among all residents of San Francisco, 15% of those who died in 1992 died from AIDS complications.

Low Income Reduces Chances for Survival

Toronto — A study of 364 men with HIV/AIDS in Canada over the past ten years found that individuals with low incomes had a much higher likelihood of dying earlier of AIDS complications, according to a report in *The Lancet*.

The study indicated that men with annual incomes of less than \$10,000 (\$7,500 in the U.S.) at the time of enrollment in the study had much lower rates of survival than those who had greater financial resources. The poorer men were 63% more likely to die of AIDS by December 1, 1993 than the wealthier men.

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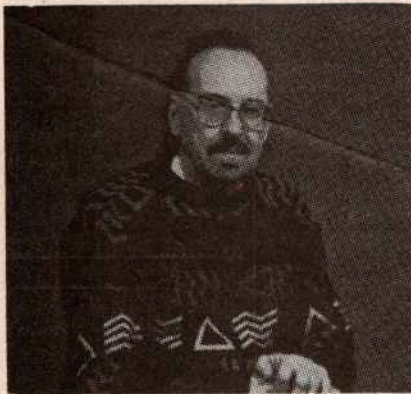
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He was born August 13, 1925 in Neenah, Wisconsin, the son of the late George F. Volkman, Eau Claire and Fern B. (Radley) Volkman, Rural. He graduated from Neenah High School in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army as a Laboratory Technician 1945-1946. He graduated from Oshkosh Business College in 1951.

He was employed by the Equitable Reserve Association Insurance Co. of Neenah for 30 years. In 1990 he moved to Waupaca, where he was active as Waupaca County Democratic Treasurer, Vice President of Friends of the Waupaca Public Library, a member of the Alexander Hamilton Legion Post San Francisco, CA and active in a variety of Gay and Lesbian organizations.

He is survived by his friend and companion Jerry Brown of Waupaca, cousins and numerous friends. No visitation or services were held at his request.

Memorials may be made to the Parfreyville United Methodist Church of Waupaca.

John G. Whitcomb

John G. Whitcomb, formerly from Milwaukee, died on home on November 7 in San Francisco. He is survived by his friend, Hans, of 15 years, and countless friends in the Bay Area, as well as in this city.

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that we, like mute
and senseless logs
upon Gods' mystic fire
must burn here,
ignorant and blind,
while above us stand
the stricken hearts of men —
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and comforted at last..."*

Submitted by
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Bob Arnold

Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

Who or What Is Our Enemy

In the past I've drawn your attention to life's little speed bumps, however they seem minor when viewed in the context of the truck size pot hole called the November election. We suddenly find ourselves in the midst of the enemy. While I don't want to disparage the new Republican leadership before they actually takeover, we should be very concerned. After all, these are the people who stole and distorted the issue of family values. These are the people that think we don't have families, that we don't raise normal families, that we are alone with an amoral choice of our own. I mean how many people do you know who would choose to join an oppressed minority? Further, these are the people who mostly do not support AIDS care and AIDS Research.

It would appear that activist programs such as the AIDS Cure Project are now dead in the water. What is needed is a reexamination of AIDS programs and goals. We must learn to work with the new Republican majority. We might consider having activist groups and AIDS Service Organizations work

together. They could start by meeting with Mary Fisher, the prominent Republican who is HIV+ and who addressed the last Republican National Convention. While she is a moderate and the new Congress seems to be more conservative, she still commands attention in Republican circles. It would benefit all of us to see a series of meetings with Republicans, but no name calling. Since politics is the art of compromise, we must practice this art. We can no longer afford to be assured of congressional support.

On the family values issue, again we must work extra hard. We need to start by involving our friends and families, and whenever possible, friendly clergy. The clergy may become a battle field for us. While the elections signaled a shift to the right, it appears that the extreme right Christian groups have not quite had the impact they had hoped. We need to play on people's true Christian spirit. Love thy neighbor and don't give in to or preach bigotry. We need to convert these people to our supporters. This can be facilitated again, by involving our friends and families. Not all clergy are our enemies, though there certainly are clergy who preach hate and intolerance. We need to combat them without stooping to their level. This is going to take particularly hard work with both southern Christian denominations and many minority denominations. This will require a broad based effort on our part. There are no ethnic or racial groups that have been spared by HIV/ AIDS, and people need to be reminded of that fact. So, let's get out there and get our act together. We are the ones who will benefit.

Some More Thoughts on Mortality

In a recent *NY Times* article, it was pointed out that our life expectancy has increased from 12 months in 1985, to 30 months now. This is from time of an actual AIDS diagnosis. Because of this increase in longevity, there has been a growth in the percentage of us developing neurological disease, particularly neuropathy. Science has done little research on these maladies because the life span was so short. The time has come for efforts to improve our quality of life to work with our new found quantity of life. We need to start campaigning for more research to keep us healthy while we wait to die. The healthier we are until the end, the more everyone in society benefits.

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The Arts

By Carmen A. Murguia

Seers & Rowbuck in their Final Concert Appearance

Cynthia Lampman and Dawn Roethler also known as *Seers & Rowbuck* present their final concert performance of 1994 on December 3rd at The Coffeehouse, 631 N. 19th Street, Milwaukee.

Beginning at 8:30pm, they will keep the mood of the evening lighthearted and fun. *Seers & Rowbuck* will perform songs most requested and some "brand-spankin' new stuff" as well. Admission is \$3.

Ring In Ring Out With the Cream City Chorus

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus looks forward to the holiday season and some of the group's favorite annual performances. Whether its the campy November 26th performance of the Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) banquet, the City of Milwaukee Tree Lighting, carolling at local bars and nursing homes, or this year's main concert of the holiday season, *Ring In, Ring Out*, at the Performing Arts Center, you'll have several chances to see — and hear — the chorus out and about.

On December 11th at 3pm the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will perform their holiday concert at the PAC's Vogel Hall, 929 N. Water Street, Milwaukee. As always, the season's repertoire will include a little something for everyone with numbers ranging from sacred to silly! Tickets for *Ring In, Ring Out* are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, and are



Cathedral Consorts is a great way to get into the holiday spirit.

available through Chorus members or by calling the WCCC office at (414)344-WCCC.

Cathedral Consorts Presented at St. John's Cathedral

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The concert, which begins at 8pm December 8-10, and at 2pm on December 11, will be accompanied by organist Martha Stiehl. Tickets are \$12-16, and are available by calling (414) 291-7605.

Bel Canto Chorus Leads Us Into the Holidays with Christmas Classics

The Bel Canto Chorus and Chamber Orchestra will present an afternoon of classics at 2pm in Waukesha's St. Mary's Catholic Church, 225 South Hartwell Avenue.

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Bay City Chorus Brings Holiday Cheer

The **Bay City Chorus** of Green Bay presents *Noel We Sing* on Saturday, December 3 at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 4 at 4:30pm at the Union Congregational Church, 716 South Madison Street, Green Bay.

Noel We Sing is a concert combined with traditional holiday tunes and an array of contemporary favorites that's sure to get us all in the spirit of the season. The Chorus' annual concert is one that is not to be missed and if it is anything like last year, it is sure to be a sell-out! Tickets are \$6 and advanced purchase is strongly recommended. Tickets can be reserved by calling Steve Jones, Chorus Administrator at (414) 494-5029.

Our Space Art & Craft Fair at The Counseling Center

The Counseling Center of Milwaukee's **Women's Support Group Program** announces the *Our Space Art and Craft Fair*, on Sunday, December 11 from 3-7pm in the basement of The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue.

This 3rd annual event for womyn only, offers holiday shoppers an array of gifts including jewelry, tee-shirts and other homemade country craft items. *Our Space Art and Craft Fair* will also be offering tarot readings and on-the-spot massage! A portion of the proceeds raised will benefit the Women's Support Group Program. For more information, call Cheryl Orgas at (414) 271-2565.

Roses In December Fine Arts Fair to Benefit ARCW

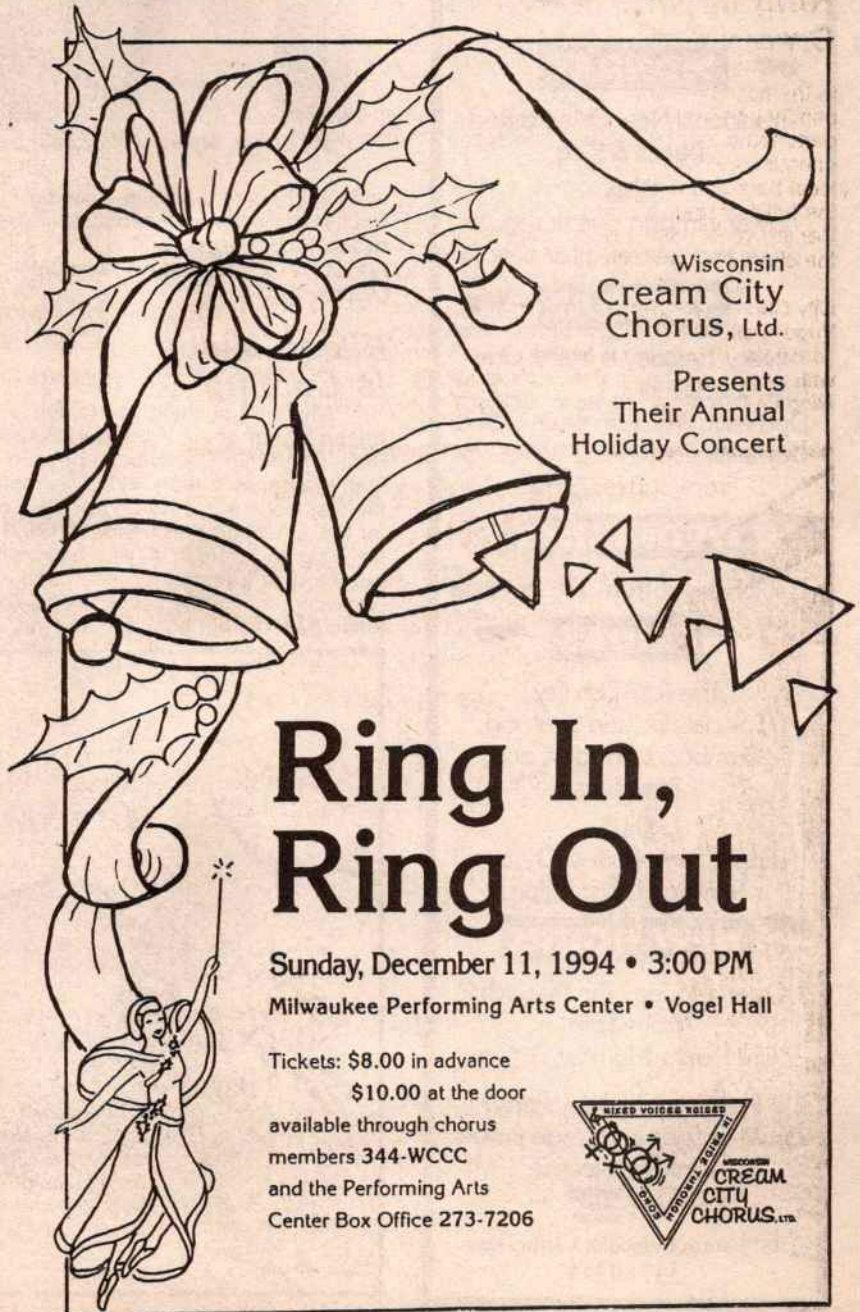
The *Roses In December Fine Arts Fair*, a silent auction event with proceeds to benefit the programs and services of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, is being held at Renaissance Place, 1451 N. Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, on December 11 from 11am-5pm.

This year's *Roses In December Fine Arts Fair* features live performances by Ben Woolman and Cathy Bolton. Auction items include jewelry and bead work, photography, oils, watercolors, mixed media prints, and wood sculpture. Admission is \$2.

Woodland Pattern Book Center Celebrates 15th Annual Holiday Open House

Woodland Pattern, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets, will celebrate its 15th Anniversary with a holiday reading on December 4, as part of a *Holiday Open House* at 720 E. Locust Street from 1-5pm.

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Eileen Myles Is Coming

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Film

Immortal Boytoy

Interview With The Vampire

Reviewed by Hank Sartin

Directed By: Neil Jordan

Written By: Anne Rice

Starring: Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt, Kirsten Dunst, Antonio Banderas, Stephen Rea

During the contract negotiations, Tom Cruise reportedly insisted on revisions to make *Interview With the Vampire* less homoerotic. Given the steamy looks, extended cruises, and professions of passion that have made it to the screen, one has to wonder just what exactly they cut out. This movie, like Rice's novel, imagines vampirism as a polymorphously perverse substitute for sexuality.

When you go to see the movie (I won't even pretend that anyone is simply going to give it a miss), the key to getting through this generally overcharged but pretty-to-look-at film is to treat it as camp. Clearly that is what director Neil Jordan has done. The results are at times sultry and sexy, at times hilarious, and at times just overblown and unfocused.

The entire movie takes Rice's twist on the vampire story and plays it out to the hilt. Where most vampire stories are fascinated by the humans who battle evil, this movie has no interest in humans at all. This is the story of the eternal search for companionship, with the vampires putting a whole new spin on the phrase "longtime companion."

The film establishes its Gay subtext in the opening scene, in which the journalist (Christian Slater) is talking to a man he has picked up in an alley in San Francisco (Get it? San Francisco?), supposedly to "interview" him. *Right.* The dialogue knows what's up, with Slater and his trick, Louis (Brad Pitt), saying things like "I saw you watching me," and "When you turned around, I knew you knew..."

Louis reveals that he is a vampire, complete with veiny marbled skin, and assents to tell his life story. His story turns out to be a mix of his extended agonizing over the big questions of vampire existence (What am I? Is it wrong to kill if I must kill to live? Who's for dinner?) and his terrible trials as the object of just about everyone's desire.

Louis, it seems, is the ultimate undead boytoy. From the vampire LeStat to the little girl Claudia to Armand, the king of vampires, to the journalist himself, everyone is yearning for Louis'

companionship. It's like interviewing the cutest guy at the bars, who turns out to be immortal and to have a penchant for drinking blood.

Given his almost-collagen pouty lips and his chiseled jawbone that looks like a lesson in human architecture, Brad Pitt makes a good object of desire. In fact, more than a pretty boy, Pitt actually handles the challenges of the role quite well, delivering the sometimes purple prose with elegance and feeling. He's also good at capturing Louis' often annoying soul-searching, which at times walks right over the line into whining. Pitt plays the whole thing absolutely sincerely, and it works.

Tom Cruise does better than you might expect as LeStat, though he has had to modify the original character



Louis (Brad Pitt) destroys the Theatre of the Vampires in Geffen Pictures' "Interview With The Vampire".

somewhat to do it. Where Rice's character was elegantly seductive, Cruise's LeStat is more of a wealthy cad who has stumbled into the world of darkness. At times, Cruise delivers that heightened dialogue like a teen actor trying to sound stately, and you can almost see the smirking pilot of *Top Gun* glowing luminously beneath the vampire skin.

LeStat makes Louis a vampire because he wants a companion, and from that point on, everyone in the movie seems obsessed with finding a single companion to share eternity. When LeStat sees that his relationship with Louis is not working out, he comes up with the solution of many failing marriages; he decides they should have a child to fix things.

Once Louis and LeStat have made Claudia (Kirsten Dunst) their vampire daughter, the movie becomes a kind of cautionary tale about Gay parenting. The surprise is that the caution is not that Gays make bad parents, but that children

just aren't worth the trouble. When Claudia drinks her seamstress dry, LeStat lectures her "How many times have I told you? Never in the house!" Claudia is a model of childhood greed, consuming blood, clothes and dolls with the reckless abandon of the young. When she doesn't get her way, she throws the hissy fit of the damned. It's enough to put you off adoption for good.

Director Neil Jordan does a fair job of moving things forward, though he tends to make sections of the film rather overheated and one-note, all bluster and atmosphere. Perhaps his biggest stumbling block is the script itself, which teeters on the brink of absurdity, and throws in some annoying little anachronisms. Worst of all, the movie loses its nerve in the last five minutes, and we are treated to some stupid stuff from the pop-up school of horror and a punchline engine that makes a mockery of all that has come before. It's a shame, because what has come before is not a bad effort.

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"Star Trek: Generations" is Entertaining But Shallow

Drama, Thrills Leavened by Wry Humor

Reviewed by Jamakaya

Star Trek: Generations is the first *Star Trek* movie to include characters from the *Next Generation* series. As an avid Trekker and dedicated fan of the second show, I looked forward to the generational shift and the opportunity for the stellar cast of *Next Generation* to have their day on the big screen. The result is a mixed bag, but is a must-see for Trekkers and sci-fi fans nonetheless.

Generations is a transitional film for the *Star Trek* series. In it, the portly but still swaggering Captain James T. Kirk (William Shatner) joins forces with Captain Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) to prevent a madman intent on reaching his own personal Nirvana (in this case an altered reality called The Nexus) from destroying a planet with millions of inhabitants that happens to be in his way.

Will the evil Soran, played with relish by Malcolm MacDowell, succeed in his mad quest? Will the Enterprise captains save the day? More important, will Captain Kirk live to tell about it?

I'm not going to give anything away, especially the fate of Kirk. Suffice it to say *Generations* is filled with many twists and turns, lots of time- and

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Star Trek...

galaxy-hopping, plenty of battles and explosions, a booming sound track and a bevy of special effects.

Generations is thoroughly entertaining and engages one's attention for its two hour length. Especially welcome is the wry humor exchanged between officers of the Enterprise — old generation and new — who have bonded and mellowed through their many adventures together over the years.

What *Generations* fails to do however is to fully engage one's mind.

Most critics agree that the hallmark of *Next Generation*, and the element that raises it above the frequent shlockiness of the earlier *Star Trek*, is its superior writing and its more sustained attempts to examine serious issues: cultural differences, inter-species communication and ethical issues, ranging from militarism and unhindered technology to prejudice and spirituality. This more cerebral approach is personified in the less action-oriented, more thoughtful character of *Next Generation's* Captain Picard.

Lack of Depth

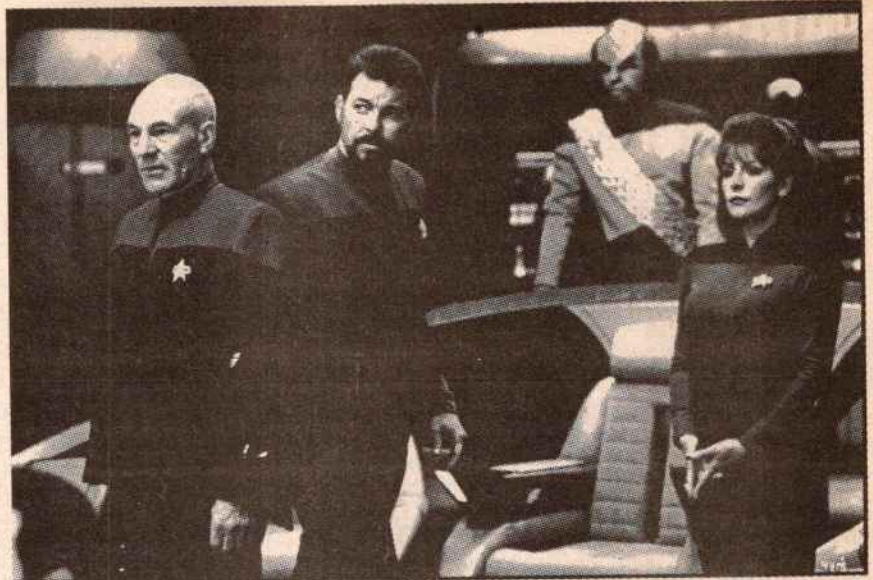
Despite Picard's presence and a brief appearance by the ever-wise Guinan (Whoopi Goldberg), *Generations* offers little for us to ponder. What it does offer is an action-oriented but rather pedestrian plot built around a stock villain motivated by a personal obsession. There's very little depth to anything that goes on.

The derivative nature of the story was driven home for me by the climactic confrontation between Kirk, Picard and the evil Soran. Their wrestling and fisticuffs on a sun-bleached rock formation reminded me of dozens of scenes from old John Wayne westerns. It looked amateurish, like the director, David Carson, had resorted to a worn-out movie formula.

Star Trek, both old and new, was best when it truly went "where no one has gone before." The most compelling episodes had the crew of the Enterprise facing truly alien and inscrutable forces like the Borg or overcoming imaginative "interstellar anomalies" like time loops and alternate universes.

Paramount plans to produce more *Star Trek* films with the *Next Generation* cast. Here are my recommendations to the writers and directors:

First, allow the *Next Generation* crew to stand on their own, without Spock or Kirk miraculously showing up. All the actors, including Stewart, Goldberg, LeVar Burton (Geordi), Brent Spiner (Data), Marina Sirtis (Troi), Jonathan Frakes (Riker), Michael Dorn (Worf) and Gates McFadden (Crusher) have the stature and charisma to pull it off. (And please cut the sexism! The women in *Generations* are insultingly peripheral.)



"Star Trek Generations" stars are back for the newest futuristic adventure film.
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Second, write a story as thought-provoking as it is action-oriented. Have a good science fiction writer devise some imaginative challenge for the Enterprise crew and imbue that struggle with the moral questions that have always been at the heart of the *Star Trek* tradition.

More attention to ideas and character will enhance future *Trek* movies. I look forward to them.

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CNN Airs "Christian Soldiers" Documentary December 4

Atlanta, GA — On Sunday, December 4, CNN's newsmagazine *CNN Presents* will focus on battles being waged by Christian conservatives for control of public schools. The program, *Christian Soldiers*, will air at 8pm CST.

In *Christian Soldiers*, CNN correspondent Kathy Slobogin examines how some members of the Christian right are using fear tactics, misinformation, homophobia and deception to get elected to school boards. Once elected, some are advancing agendas that include censorship, restricted sex education, creationism and book banning.

Slobogin takes a close look at the Vista, California school board, where local citizens organized to take back their board from a Christian majority that has been in control for the last two years.

Video on Wisconsin's PrideFest on Public Access Cable

Milwaukee — *Gay Pride, Gay Future: Let It Shine*, a 60-minute video on last June's Gay/Lesbian PrideFest on Milwaukee's lakefront produced by Mark Behar, will be telecast Wednesdays, December 7 and 14 at 8pm and Fridays, December 23 and 30 on Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14.

Besides showing scenes from the Pride Parade and snippets of the festival's entertainment, the program features interviews with a diverse group of 40 people who were asked what they expected to be doing with their lives in 5, 10 or 20 years. Behar wanted to compare and contrast the responses of a sample of Milwaukeeans with recent reports about the attitudes of Gay men on the West Coast, many of whom expressed a fatalistic view of their futures.

Channel Surfing...

Los Angeles, CA — *Daddy's Girls*, the CBS comedy starring Dudley Moore in which openly Gay actor Harvey Fierstein played a supporting role as a designer, was canceled after just six weeks because of poor ratings.

New York, NY — PBS will air a documentary on the late, acclaimed Gay playwright Tennessee Williams as part of its series *American Masters* on Monday, December 19. The 90-minute program is called *Tennessee Williams: Orpheus of the American Stage*. Check your local listings for times.

Los Angeles, CA — On November 19, the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center honored Home Box Office with its annual Corporate Vision Award for its continuing sponsorship of Gay-related programming. HBO produced *And the Band Played On* last year and is currently underwriting *The Celluloid Closet*, a documentary based on Vito Russo's history of Gays and Lesbians in the movies.

San Francisco, CA — Frameline, the sponsor of San Francisco's annual International Gay and Lesbian Film festival, has opened its collection to home viewers by launching *Frameline's Lesbian and Gay Cinema Collection*, the

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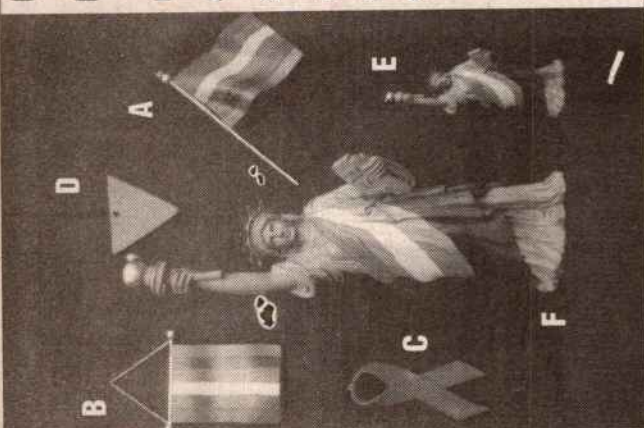
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By Belle Pepper

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Lesbian & Gay Cinema Collection

Frameline, the nation's leading distributor of Lesbian & Gay film announces the launch of *Frameline's Lesbian & Gay Cinema Collection™*, the first Lesbian and Gay home video line available in the US.

A non-profit, San Francisco based media arts organization, Frameline has been projecting images of the Lesbian and Gay community for almost 20 years through the production of the San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival.

Ten to fourteen titles are available via direct mail from Frameline as well as through **Shocking Gray's** catalogs. The compelling narrative of *Together Alone*, an all night odyssey about two men who go home for a one night stand; *Extramuros*, an intriguing story of love and ambition behind a convent's wall; Marlon Rigg's award-winning tribute to Black Gay men, *Tongues Untied*; several compilations of high quality short films; and documentaries about issues that are critical to the LesBiGay community are all featured in this historical cinematic collection.

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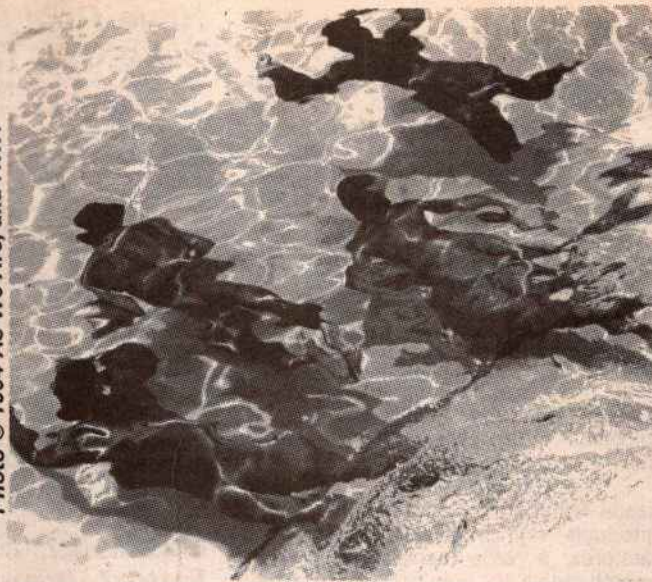
Video Catalog of Nude Art

As We Are's (AWA) two new video catalogs, *Bodyscapes* and *Man-Defined: Studies of the Human Male Musculature* are available at \$20 each, plus \$4 shipping and handling, whether ordering one or both tapes. Videos are sent post-paid with a \$20 rebate certificate enclosed which may be redeemed toward the purchase of works shown in either video.

Each video catalog offers visual representations of over 120 excellent works with the male nude human figure as subject. Prices for works shown on the video range from as little as \$10 to several thousand dollars. Five minute video sequences depicting moments from AWA's male nude figure photography workshop events during 1993 and 1994 appear at the end of each video catalog.

For further information, or to place an order for a video catalog by credit card, call toll free (800) 470-9933, extension 2705. AWA has provided **In Step** with the photo featured on the cover of this issue.

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As We Are's video catalogue offers works of art such as this photo by Rudy Pedraza for AWA.

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Picture a video rich in family values yet horrifying to right-wing extremists. Such a video is *The Fight Before Christmas*, a warm, humorous, musical look at a problem common to many same-sex couples — the failure of blood relatives to recognize the relationship.

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The Well Dressed Gay Coffee Table

Gift Books 1994

Reviewed by Carl M. Szatmary

Okay, it still hasn't actually snowed yet, but its been weeks since Halloween and the weather has turned decidedly colder and... brace yourself... there's less than 30 shopping days before Christmas! Crisis time? Perhaps not. There are several new gift books, ideal for the Lesbian or Gay coffee table, to choose from this year plus a host of old favorites that should make Christmas shopping a breeze.

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The big book this fall, not only in star appeal but in actual size, price, and also in hunks of flesh is Tom Bianchi's photodocumentary, **Rod & Bob** (St. Martin's Press HC \$60). There seems to be no end in sight for the appeal of these two muscle boys turned Gay couple-icon of the '90's. Be forewarned, there is no frontal nudity in **Rod & Bob** but this is no way lessens its considerable charms. A clear labor of love, **Rod & Bob** attempts to illustrate the intense, very personal love the two men share, in a variety of locales and situations. Fans of Tom Bianchi's characteristic, naturalistic, "out-of-the-studio" style will find much pleasure in exquisite shots of Rod and Bob Jackson-Paris in various states of undress. Joyously appealing, mildly erotic and yet wholesome enough for Uncle Frank (particularly if Uncle Frank is Gay!).

For those individuals who never tire of lush photographic images of the male nude, look for a new book by Klaus Gerhart entitled, **Embracing Men** (Pohlmann Press, Pb \$30). Even those



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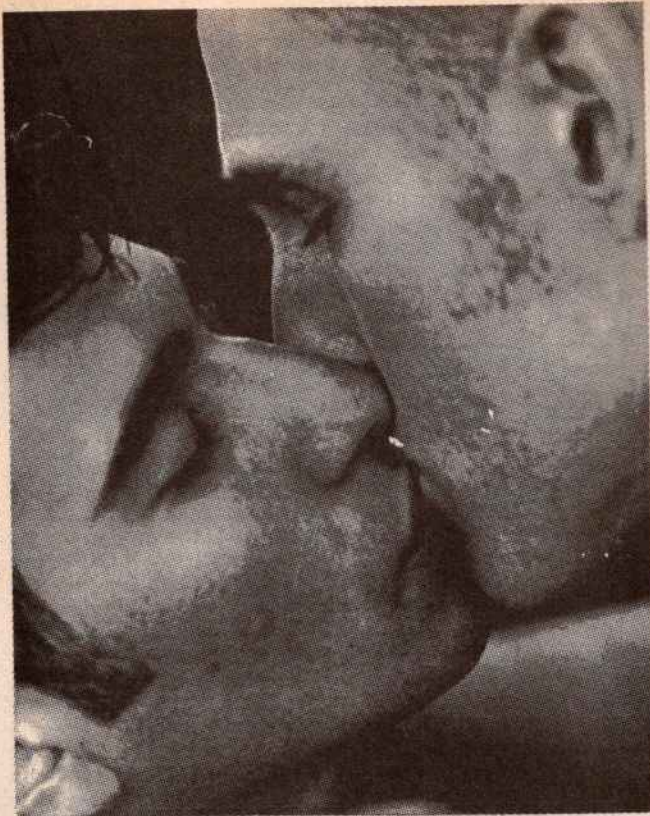
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One of the photos from Klaus Gerhart's "Embracing Men", a great idea for holiday giving.

not familiar with Klaus Gerhart by name will still recognize some of his photographs from a very popular line of blank cards (and from the photos reproduced in this issue). With a distinct style that embraces both a romanticism as well as an eroticism, Gerhart has gathered together a truly dazzling collection of male nudes that is sure to leave everyone eagerly awaiting a second book. (*In Step* has a feature interview with Gerhart elsewhere in this issue.)

Of tremendous and surprisingly equal appeal to both Gay men and Lesbians will be *Out in America* (Viking, HC \$34.95). From the staff of *Out Magazine* comes this lavishly illustrated *A Day in Lesbian & Gay America* which features candid photographs of an incredible cross-section of our Gay community. *Out in America* features essays from such leading journalists and activists as Eric Marcus, Kate Clinton, and Frank Browning and focusing on a wide range of aspects of life, from the worlds of sports and entertainment to more personal aspects of family and home. A wonderful and thoughtful book!

In *Uncommon Heroes* (Fletcher Press, Pb \$25), editor Phillip Fletcher has sought to celebrate the role models for Gay men and Lesbians, individuals who have contributed to not only the Gay and Lesbian community but also to society as a whole. The range of individuals included in *Uncommon Heroes* is impressive, ranging from current celebrities like Amanda Bearse, Tony Kushner and Mel White to early Gay personalities like the Rev. Troy Perry, Harry Hay and Audre Lorde. In *Family: A Portrait of Gay & Lesbian America* (Harper San Francisco, Pb \$25), Nancy Andrew has sought to replace any Gay and Lesbian stereotypes with the creation of a very human and personal image of the Gay and Lesbian community through the use of candid photographs and personal narratives.

For those looking for something totally different this Christmas, keep an eye out for *The B Book* by Brian Randall (Warner, HC \$22.95) and Jack Ugelmass's *Masked Culture: The Greenwich Village Halloween Parade* (Columbia University Press, HC \$39.95). In *The B Book*, Randall has

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A few other gift books of note include a lavishly illustrated **Elton John, Bernie Taupin: The Complete Lyrics** (Hyperion, HC \$40), a paperback edition of Tom Bianchi's **Extraordinary Friends** (St. Martin's Press, \$25), Crawford Barton's outrageous and erotic view of San Francisco in the 1970's entitled **Friends, Lovers and Husbands**. All in all, there would seem to be a coffee table book to suit every taste!

Feature Interview

Photographer Klaus Gerhart

His "Embracing Men" on the Top of Holiday Lists

By Dale Reynolds

Klaus Gerhart is a 29-year-old, out Gay, attractive photographer who specializes in taking pictures of nude men. As there's a big market for this kind of work, his very first collection of photographs, **Embracing Men** (his own publishing firm, Pohlmann Press/1994/\$30), which has been distributed all over the world, may very well end up making him big money, and in the process, elevate him into the upper ranks of Gay male photogs alongside Herb Ritz, Tom Bianchi and Greg Gorman.

But the talented Mr. Gerhart is a fascinating case study in how Gay men can successfully reinvent themselves when they are so violently challenged by the world that survival demands a re- think of who you are. Born of a German-immigrant father and "mixed- mutt Anglo/ Native America" mother in Iowa in 1965, Gerhart early learned lessons about the perils of abandonment. When he was seven, a half-brother, then nine, was adopted out of the family because his parents couldn't handle him. Traumatized, young Klaus asked his mother when he would be given away. His mother made re-assuring noises to the child, but Klaus found out the hard way that for him serious abandonment would be at age 20.

"I was living in Chicago and not out to my family as Gay. My folks came to visit me, and got there very late, and for some reason my mother started berating Gays in general. I was angry and defended "them" — in the third person — until I finally asked, "What if someone in our family was Gay?" Father slammed down the newspaper he'd been hiding behind during this heated argument, and said, "I wouldn't want to know!", which was like a red flag in my face, so I shouted out, "Well, I'm Gay!". My mother started crying. Father jumped up, grabbed her purse, took her out the door, and I've never seen them since." And all this told in a quiet, unemotional voice, as if we were discussing the relative merits of Streisand vs. Midler.

That particular tssurus that Gerhart suffered isn't all that uncommon with Gay people, unfortunately, but cruel nonetheless. "I cried both by myself and into a Gay neighbor's lap that week. But I think that after 20 years together, if you don't love each other enough to overcome your differences,

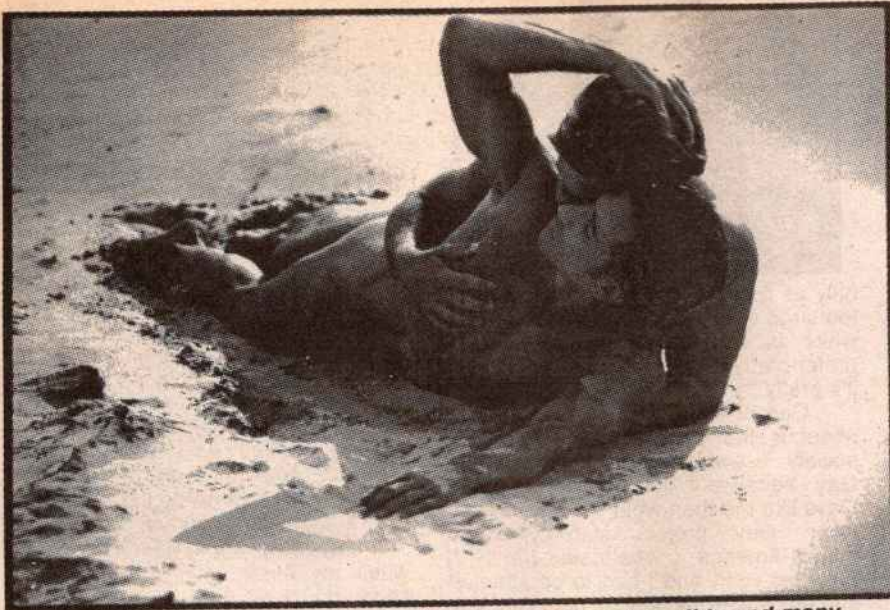
there's no reason to stay in touch. That included my other brother, who's a year younger than I. And that's sad." But as the adage goes, As the Twig is Bent, So Grows the Tree: both parents had learned unhappiness and abandonment early in their lives, and merely passed it down. "My mother hated her family — she had been sexually abused by her father and his buddies. My father disowned his own father at age 17, while newly arrived in Iowa from Europe. I only met my grandfather at my grandmother's funeral years later."

So he moved to California. "I became a photographer for a number of reasons, mostly because as I didn't know what to do with my life, I had to do something. Photography didn't appeal to me at first — I didn't feel I had a knack for it. Hell, I didn't even own a camera. I was sitting at home on New Year's Eve, having a private self-pity party, and I couldn't think of an occupation on earth which interested me, so I worked backwards thinking of the aspects of a career or field which interested me. And those five reasons I came up with were: 1) I needed to be my own boss, 2) I wanted to be creative and to be able to maintain creative control, 3) I wanted to be around beautiful people, 4) have a job with unlimited potential for income, and 5) to become famous. At first, it never crossed my mind to shoot nudes; I was more interested in becoming a fashion photographer — I'd been influenced by the figure-photography of Victor Skrebneski, back in Chicago. Then I waited for beautiful people to call and ask me to take their pictures. A futile effort, as it turned out."

Gerhart is something of a beauty himself — not the drop-dead gorgeousness of his models, but the quiet, healthy American beauty of his well-fed generation. He's 6', rangy, with attractive brown eyes ("like pools of shit" he responds), great white teeth, and a full head of hair he re-styles often: "I've gone from the long-haired Hippie look to the crewcut of the '50s to today's conventional look; I really wanted a Sinéad O'Conner look, but ended up with Uncle Fester instead." Self-deprecating always, perhaps unwisely he works out at the infamous Athletic Club, where, like Tom Bianchi, he meets many of his models. "My relationship with these men is rather difficult to assess. I'm generally not sexually attracted to my models, only aesthetically. I distance myself because I can easily be intimidated by their beauty. I don't shower at the gym, for instance, because I try to keep a distance from my models, somewhat like a school teacher. I think it encourages a trust between us; a comfort level. I'm not erotic with them — no teasing, flirting, or cruising, unlike some other famous photographers of nude males" (whose names he won't mention out loud). "I don't like to use my art as a way to get laid. And besides, the models prefer each other to me."

Which leads us delicately into the sensitive area of Gerhart's view of himself in relation to the rest of the world. He's friendly, intellectually open, and gives the sense that all his moves are calculated to the split-second towards those he deems important in his life. "Well, it's not much of a secret, but I do suffer from low self-esteem. I seek validation by dating a lot. And more often than not, my type is the scrawny guy, preferably European types, non-buff, smaller than I am, lean with nice legs and butts, and small muscles. Even though my folks had me clipped at birth, I generally find uncut men more visually or emotionally intriguing partly because they're never quite naked in my eyes, with the head of their penis covered. I think I'm beautiful, but I don't think anybody else does. I'm desperate for affection, so everyone is a potential husband, and that probably scares people away. I drown them with forced affection." Although the man is still single, he's had a couple of very short-term relationships, but stays aloof from the madding crowd.

He's a quiet one, this bright guy, with many opinions on many subjects, some even unpopular, such as his views on pornography: "As much as a voyeur as I am, I still don't find watching sex exciting. I find the aesthetic of the black and white photo of a nude preferable to color ones — color is more about documenting what exists, rather than showing off beauty. Most color figure-photography isn't artful to me. And I don't feel most of my work to be sexually exciting — it's not created for that



Klaus Gerhart's "Embracing Men" coffee table book features this and many other erotic male photos.

purpose, ergo I don't see it that way. For me, it's mostly a sensual projection people do themselves when they see my work, as opposed to overtly sexual feelings." In the preface to the book by female Japanese novelist Ricko Matsuura, an essay written for the book, the writer states that "[Gerhart's] models are not seeking sexual exultation. They are content with the feelings behind the

embrace, rather than using it as a sexual tool." Gerhart agrees. "See, my photography doesn't excite me sexually — only once have I ever been excited by one of my images [a glorious shot of a nude man, gleaming white butt in the center of the photo, climbing a power python.] Art to me is all about beauty. For that reason, I don't care for Robert Mapplethorpe's work: he's shock art —

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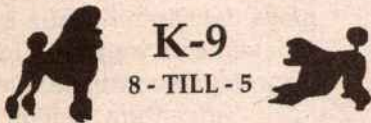
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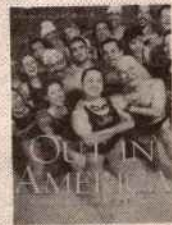
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Interview...

it's created to offend, not because he thought it beautiful. The most beautiful sights in the world to me are men and their bodies, and how beautiful those bodies can be. Masculinity is attractive to me. You won't find femininity in my work at all." And here he takes off on a tear: "Why on Gay Pride day, will men dress as women? I don't understand. Everyone blames the media for the negative image of homosexuality, and we contribute to that by handing them these images on a platter, who then use it as a cover for themselves. Our sexuality isn't about leather and dresses, it's about love. Natural love. Sexuality isn't about sex, it's about love, and sex is a by-product of love."

Gerhart's opinions and diatribes are softened somewhat with his charming, almost boyish approach to a listener. And he has opinions on everything Gay. "I don't like to see men in drag. Clothes should flatter the wearer. Dresses are for women — to flatter their figure. Men don't look right in dresses. Male clothing is made for the male physique; it shows their v-shape, their nice butts and baskets. In my art, cock size is important



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only as it relates to being in proportion; too large or too small adds a dimension which is visually not in proportion. I prefer pretty dicks; size is unimportant if it's pretty."

One of the issues he's passionate about is the closet and its effect on society. "I want everybody to know I'm Gay, because I think there are more Gays like me than what the media uses when they project stereotypes to middle-America. I was tested [for HIV] only last year, and I had to be shamed into doing it — my doctors harassed me. But I tested negative and that surprised me; in fact, I was amazed. I've been having Gaysex since I was 16, and only rarely did I use a condom, even though anal penetration isn't my way — I never initiated fucking unless I'm with a hungry bottom. I prefer frottage or the Princeton Rub. But I'm an inflexible guy — I'm a German Taurus, so naturally I'm stubborn — Jesus, how much more stubborn can you get? It was a forced independence, at first, nine years ago,



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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Less Than 30 Shopping Days...

Can you live with it? Time is just going too fast! I haven't even begun to shop! To help make it a bit easier, our *Holiday Season Pages* this issue features ideas for coffee table gift books and for LesBiGay Male (oops, Mail) Order items.

I'm not even going to bring up the elections, I'll let Jamakaya tackle that in the 'News' section, Dr. Mohr in his 'Viewpoint' commentary and Arnie Malmon in 'Positively HIV' — all in this issue.

I got myself in trouble writing about *The Pageant* in the last issue, and that was just supposed to be a News Flash to get you through to my full write up in this issue. Well, I'm over that, too, so I just won't talk about it any more...

There were a few events that occurred prior to *The Pageant*, that I didn't get to last issue. (We extended our deadline for *The Pageant* photos, but these other *soirees* were post

normal deadline...)

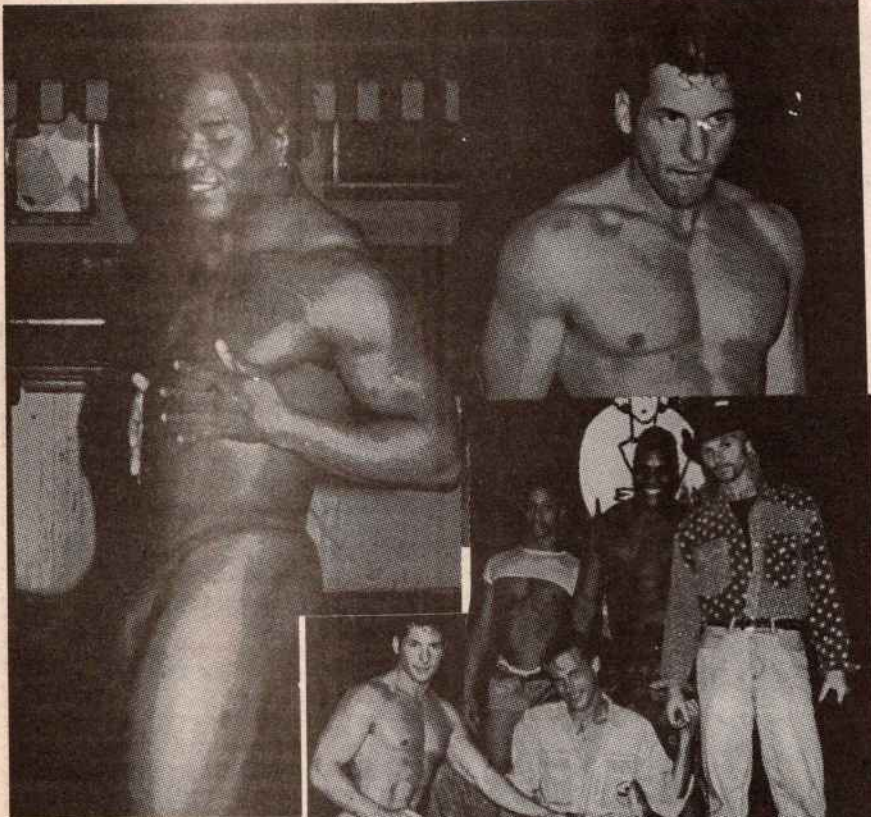
The *Body Sweat* male dancers left the cat "out of the bag" at **Club 219** on Friday, the 4th, and at **Club 94** on Saturday. Four hot dancers, an animal trainer, and an eight month old live tiger! Honest to God!

I was working in my office that Friday night at about 10:30pm, and had just stepped outside to get a breath of fresh air. Our office is two doors south of Club 219, and there in front of the bar was a mini pick-up with a large cage in the back. As I stretched, this big ole kitty cat hopped out of the cage (leashed) and was led into Club 219! I knew it had been a long day, but was I losing it?

Turns out the trainer (who was not a dancer, but was the hunkiest of the bunch) decided to give the crowd a little more than manflesh to growl at! The cat joined the dancers the next night at Club 94 to the delight of their crowd.

A week later 219 hosted the *Men at Work* dancers (gotta keep the droolers drooling!).

A great friend of the community, **Tom Salzsieder**, celebrated his retirement at *The Ballgame*, also on the 5th. Hosts Tom Look, Fred Stewart, Dick (Dickert) Krekowski, Dick Foncannon and Joe Appleman roasted Tom (actually raked him over the coals!), who took it all with a smile on his face. Tom asked for no gifts, but requested donations be made instead



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The *Savage Male Revue* dancers, plus a giant live kitty cat made recent appearances at both Club 219 and Club 94.

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to MAP or the BESTD Clinic. Tom is a real sweetheart, and is one of the founders of the Saturday Softball Beer League, Bowling, and his big baby, the Milwaukee Classic softball tourney. He's provided this magazine with softball and other sports coverage since our inception, too. He'll still be around, helping out, he just won't be donning a suit and tie and getting paid to work, anymore! Congratulations, Tommy, you deserve a rest!

Don't forget that the **M&M Club** now offers Carl Chadek hosting open mic every Sunday from 7:30-11:30pm. Have a few belts and you'll be primed to belt out a few... songs. Happy

Birthday to the Pineapple Princess, who celebrated with an extravaganza at the **Triangle** on Nov. 6th. Then, on the 9th, Max, one of the **Triangle's** infamous bartenders (aka as Victoria Maxwell) hosted his retirement party... from the drink jockey game (she's getting old, you know, and just can't take the hangovers anymore!).

Quite a few of you wiggled out at the **Art Muscle** magazine benefit **Wigstock** at **Club 219** on Nov. 10th. Miss B.J. Daniels played hostess for the evening with Dean (Zsa) won the Big Wig Prize for his stunning plastic do replete with Christmas lights and ornaments, and topped off with make-up *ala Priscilla*.

Nov. 12-14 was a Big Time Entertainment Weekend in Milwaukee with Lesbian legends **Cris Williamson & Tret Fure** at Centennial Hall on the 12th, out Lesbian rocker **Melissa Etheridge** on the 14th at MECCA and the **Gay Comedy Jam** at Club Comedy on the 13th. I really enjoyed the comics — two different styles of comedy performed by two out Gay men. One was nellier, Gay and campy; the other Gay and Bawdy (he fit in well with the Milwaukee blue color image).

The drawing we held for the Melissa tickets brought some interesting results... there were 67 entries (20 men, 47 women), with a third of the respondents coming from outside the metro Milwaukee area. The winners included a Gay male from northern Illinois, and a Milwaukee drag queen; and two women: 1 from Milwaukee and 1 from West Allis. Congratulations to Michael, Kris, Julia and Connie... hope you enjoyed the concert. (All the entrants should rest assured that complete confidentiality was maintained. As I am writing this, all contestants and winners entries have been tossed in the trash!)

On the 12th, **Club 94's** Follies Girls presented the **Country Girl Stampede**... ride 'em Cowgirls! But one of those girls nearly made my photographer, Jamie, HAVE a Cow when she lobbed one of her water balloon breasts directly at him, and his 3rd new camera! The performer did apologize, but an apology won't replace a \$400 camera. Meanwhile up at the **M&M Club** the ever large and enjoyably rude **Khris Francis** took over the keyboards and microphone for an evening of cabaret.

The **Club 219 Beer Bust Awards** were given out on the 13th to some very deserving and *apropos* winners: **Bitchiest** (Dennis), **Most Eligible** (Victor), **Dizziest** (Chris), **Sluttiest** (Scott), **Loudest & Most Obnoxious** (Larry), **Butchiest** (Tom), **Miss Beer Bust** — heavy competition in this category — (**Sofonda Cox**), **Drunkest** (Bob), **Best Couple** (Tim & Tom), **Nelliest** (Luther), **Whiniest** (Wheezy).

On the 17th, my deadline night, 219 was hosting Nashville's Gay country music recording artist **Jeff Miller** (aka as The John Deere Diva) live to kick off their every other Thursday country night hosted by the **Shoreline Dancers**. A show by Shoreline is followed by dance lessons. This was Jeff's first Milwaukee appearance (he's a West Allis native), but he has appeared elsewhere in the state.

MAP and 90s Choice Beer didn't get me the press release about their MAP benefit promotions Nov. 14-18 until after we went to press with the last issue. "Dog Tags" were sold at \$5 each



Gay Nashville recording artist Jeff Miller helped the Shoreline Dancers kick off their every other Thursday Country Night at Club 219 on Nov. 17.

to help promote the new beer to Milwaukee and raise funds for MAP and special prices for the beer and chances to win other great stuff from 90s Choice. Participating clubs included Club 219, Zippers, Triangle, Ballgame, Fannies and 3B's. La Cage hosted their 90s promo benefit for the **Brady East STD Clinic**; and This Is It, M&M Club and Just Us selected the **Cream City Foundation**, instead.

Ray's Bar and Grill celebrates its 2nd anniversary the first weekend in December, and then on Dec. 9, Ray also opens **Geraldine's**, as Madison's newest Gay dance bar. He was

originally going to call the 3052 E. Washington Avenue location **Reflections**, but he decided to name it after his mother instead!

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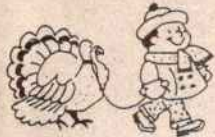
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WEDNESDAY, NOV 23

Holiday Invitational Tournament Weekend: Reception at Marc Plaza Hotel, 5-10pm.
Club 219: HIT weekend presentation of Body Sweat, 4 male dancers, 11pm show.



THURSDAY, NOV 24

Holiday Invitational Tournament Weekend: Registration at Marc Plaza Hotel, Noon-10pm; Team event Red Carpet Regency (N. 76th) 5pm; Welcome Show at 219 at 10pm.
Travlur Lounge (Rockford, IL): Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.
Club 219: Proudly hosts HIT's Welcome Show & Party, 10pm.
Just Us: Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, \$5.95, 2-6pm.
Frontiers (Madison): Thanksgiving Potluck dinner, 4pm, 4701 Judy Lane, Madison, (608) 241-2500. Turkey and dressing will be provided, call to arrange side dishes.
M&M Club: Closed for lunch, but serving Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Call for reservations.

FRIDAY, NOV 25

Holiday Invitational Tournament Weekend: Registration at Red Carpet Regency (N. 76th) 9am-10pm. Singles/ Doubles Event, Red Carpet, 10am & 5pm; Buffet at Just Us, 9pm.
Club 219: Victims of Desire Male Dancers.

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SATURDAY, NOV 26

Holiday Invitational Tournament Weekend: Team Event, Red Carpet Regency (N. 76th), 10am; Awards Banquet at Marc Plaza Hotel, cocktails 5:30, dinner 6:30, awards 8pm.
Travlur Lounge (Rockford, IL): The Lesbian Band *Desert Hearts*, performs live.
Club 219: *Victims of Desire* Male Dancers.
Madison Gay Video Club: Screens *Pretty Boy* and *Paradise Plantation*, 8pm, (608) 244-8675 for info/location.
Just Us: The Just Us Divas, 10pm showtime, \$3 cover, lots of special guests.

SUNDAY, NOV 27

Brunch on a Train (Madison): 1pm, North Freedom "Santa Express" Train, \$45. Early reservations needed if you want to be included. Call Dave (608) 241-2500. Bring cameras, videos.
M&M Club: HIT Farewell Brunch, 10am-3pm. Open Mic with Carl Chadek, 8pm-on.
Just Us: Lory's levi/ leather Birthday celebration, 8pm, shot specials.
The New Bar (Madison): *We Love the Night Life...* A Diva's Night Out. A Simply Divine Benefit show for Dane Co. AIDS Hospice (see ad for details). 10pm, \$3 cover.
Club 219: 219 Girls Turkey Show.

TUESDAY, NOV 29

Action Wisconsin's Region 2 Meeting (Milw): 7pm, Just Us Bar Meeting Room. Appetizers available. FMI call Laurie (414) 645-0177.
Club 219: Las Vegas or Bust! A Good Luck Show to send off Lena Chavez.

THURSDAY, DEC 1

Boot Camp: World AIDS Day Dinner Benefit. Info available at the bar.

FRIDAY, DEC 2

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 2nd Anniversary Weekend. Extended Happy Hour until 9pm. Wear purple and get one free shot of Dr's! Champagne at midnight.

SATURDAY, DEC 3

Charles "D" Productions Pageant: MATC Technical Auditorium, 1101 North 6th Street, Milwaukee, 7-11pm. Tickets \$9 at the door. FMI call (414) 931-7590.
M&M Club: Singational Productions perform.
Christmas Cookie Benefit Bake Sale: Bay Shore Mall, Milwaukee. Benefits MAP Food Pantry. Food donation barrel on-site.

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Bay City Chorus (Green Bay): *Noel We Sing*, 7:30pm, Union Congregational Church. See "Arts" for details.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 2nd Anniversary Weekend, Black & White Cocktail Party, 5-9pm, \$2 Raffle, 50% of money goes to MASN, drawing at midnight, must be present to win.

SUNDAY, DEC 4

Boot Camp: Christmas Party starts at 3pm.

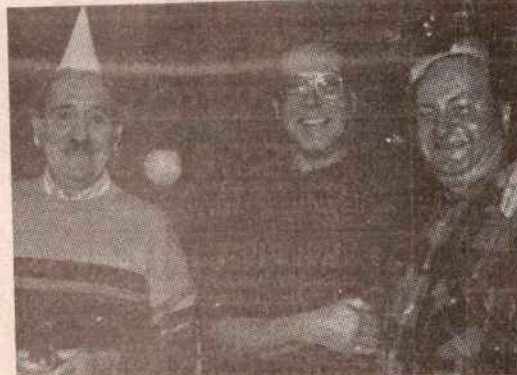
The Pivot Club (Appleton): King Productions 5th Annual Ms. Gay Wisconsin Pageant. Women only contestants compete in personal interview, talent and evening wear. For more information or applications, contact Debbie Wagner at (414) 954-9214.

Christmas Cookie Benefit Bake Sale: Bay Shore Mall, Milwaukee. Benefits MAP Food Pantry. Food donation barrel on-site.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 2nd Anniversary Weekend, open at 2pm. Happy Hour prices 2-8pm, shot specials, cake.

Bay City Chorus (Green Bay): *Noel We Sing*, 4:30pm, Union Congregational Church. See "Arts" for details.

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Friends of Tom Salzsieder (bottom right) gathered at the Ballgame to celebrate Tom's retirement. Tommy will still be around the community, volunteering as usual, but no longer getting paid to work his "Real" job.

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The New Bar (Madison): An Excalibur 5th Round Talent Search. Applications at the bar, show starts 10:30pm, \$3 cover.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 7

La Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 10pm-1am.

Gay Pride, Gay Future "Let It Shine!": 60-minute cable program of last June's Milwaukee PrideFest, Warner Cable Channel 14, 8pm.

Club 219: King Productions' Miss Gay Milwaukee WI-USA contest, 11pm. Apply at bar or call Jason at (414) 272-2875.

FRIDAY, DEC 9

3B's/Shoreline Dancers: *Two Step Around the Christmas Tree*, 8pm-close. Holiday performance by Shoreline.

Just Us: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 6-9pm.

Geraldine's (Madison): Opening Night of Madison's newest Gay dance bar. See ad for details.

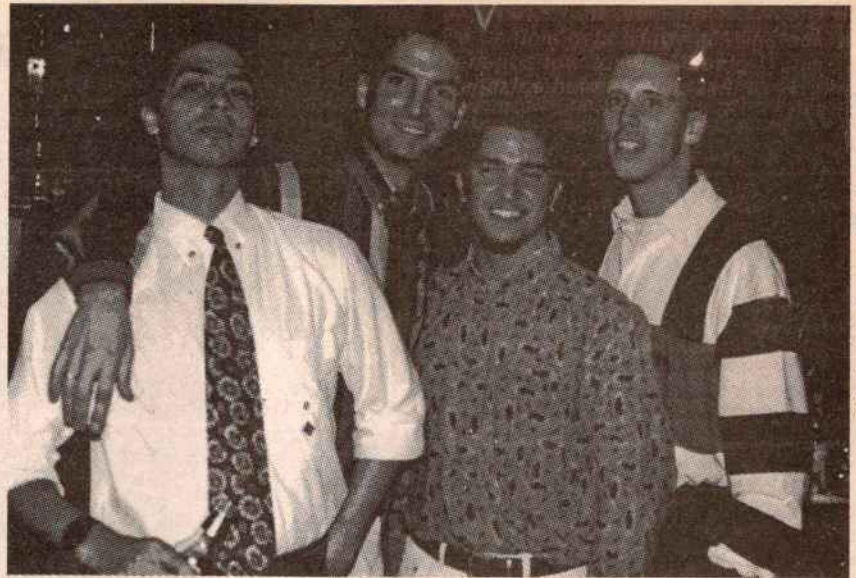


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Max (lower) celebrates his retirement from behind the bar at Triangle with other staffers, and owner Rob.

SATURDAY, DEC 10

Club 94 (Kenosha): Club 94 Follies Girls present *A Woodland Christmas Show*, 11pm, a benefit for SEWAP Food Pantry.

Wimmin's Arts & Crafts Bazaar (Madison): Apple Island (849 East

Washington Avenue) 10am-4pm. All womyn's art, handmade holiday gifts.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair (Madison): Madison Enterprise Center (100 S. Baldwin), 3rd Floor, 10am-4pm.

Mistletoe Dash (Milw): LOC, Women of Color annual holiday womyn's dance. Lake Park Pavilion (Lake Drive & Newberry), 8pm. Fundraiser for LOC, \$8 donation. With DJ Sandra Silk. Alcohol and non-alcohol beverages.

SUNDAY, DEC 11

Fine Arts Fair (Milw): *Roses in December*, 11am-5pm, Renaissance Place (1451 N. Prospect), \$2 admission. For details see "Arts."

M&M Club: Carl & Tami perform.
Wimmin's Arts & Crafts Bazaar (Madison): Apple Island (849 East Washington Avenue) 10am-4pm. All



Photo by Belle Pepper

BJ Daniels gets wiggy at Wigstock, a benefit show for Art Muscle Magazine held at Club 219.

Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

Queer Things to be Thankful For

Every year around this time our country celebrates the feast of Thanksgiving. Americans reflect upon their lives through turkey-stained glasses and give thanks for everything they have to be thankful for. So, while we're at it, I figured it's as good a time as any for Gay Americans to do the same. To help you get started, here are twentysome queer things every Gay person can be thankful for...

Be Thankful...

... that even if you're not comfortable coming out of the closet at work, you can at least be Gay in front of your pets.

... you can't become Gay just by watching TV, otherwise most Gay men would end up acting like Uncle Arthur.

... that at least your sexual fantasies don't have to be sensitive and politically correct.

... that a difficult break-up does have its advantages. In fact, most states now allow the emotionally crippled to park in handicapped zones.

... that only a small percentage of Gay men actually ever become as bitchy as Bette Davis or Nancy Reagan.

... that no matter how wonderful he is in bed, you don't officially have to ask him to be your roommate for at least six months, unless of course he's Brad Pitt.

... your new boyfriend doesn't want to get matching commitment rings for pierced nipples.

... most Gay men don't think their half empty bottle of lube would make a cute knickknack and proudly display it on a coffee table, right next to a three year stack of **Raunch Magazine**.

... you're smart enough to realize you're not a bonafide Leather Man just because you own a bomber jacket and your watch has a leather band.

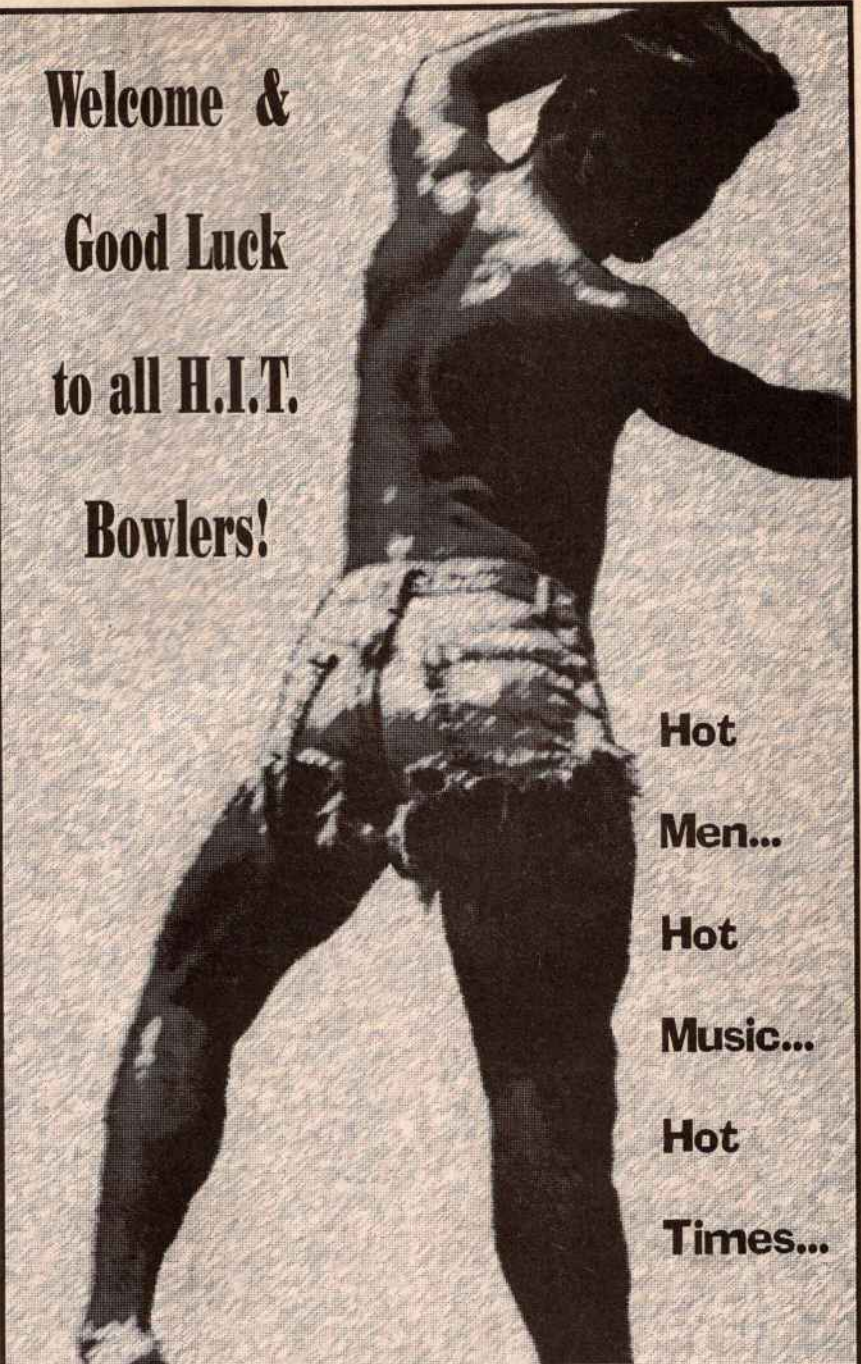
... when a man cruises you so heavily his eyes start to hurt. This either means you've still got your looks or possess some unusual physical characteristic he finds very exciting and which perfectly matches his favorite fetish.

... you've never mistaken tanning gel for lube, otherwise you'd probably end up looking John Wayne Bobbitt crossed with a Coppertone commercial.

... that you've had enough sensitivity training to finally understand that Lesbians are not speaking a foreign language.

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Cleaning out my closet

By Shelly Roberts

Secret Code

I've been out cruising on The Information Highway.

And it should come as no surprise to anyone who hasn't been living in an unplugged trailer park at the rim of Tempe, Arizona, that we are not only *everywhere*, but we seem to have a couple of our own off-ramps on the electronic expressway.

Now for both of you analogs who still believe that the initials IBM stand for I've Been Mudwrestling, The Information Highway is an advertising euphemism for an extremely chaotic and tangled web of computer systems, strung together by virtual chewing gum and bailing wire, called The Internet. It all started when the militar, in its oxymoronic wisdom,

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... that you can finally say hello to a hot man without checking out his basket, or mentally undressing him. Unless of course, this man is Brad Pitt. In which case, if you don't cruise him, you must be dead.

... that your boss never figured out it was you who misdialled and accidentally left a sexually explicit message meant for Brad Pitt on his Voice Mail.

... you are mature enough to ask for what you want in bed. But don't get so carried away that you come prepared with written instructions and diagrams more complicated than the manual to your VCR.

... you've never had yourself waxed, shaved, pierced or tattooed while drunk. To those who have, you have my condolences.

... you know that the difference between love and lust is the same difference between five and ten inches and you've got a lot of people in lust with you.

... that even after five years together, your partner still gets the urge to take off his clothes whenever you smile at him.

... you don't believe every hot, attractive male celebrity is Gay just because you've never seen them announce on *Oprah!* they are 100% heterosexual.

... you're not straight, otherwise you'd think *Home Improvement* is the funniest damn show on TV and couldn't understand all the fuss about Brad Pitt.

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decided that just in case the Ruskies ever figured out how to push the button that could send our electronic brains crashing to our knees, it might be a good idea to have another way for MIT to talk to the Pentagon than through traceable "channels." So when no one was looking, they took their wires on a tiny detour through Nebraska, and Santa Monica, and a couple of other indirections that hopefully wouldn't show up on Moscow's triple A triptik to our computer defenses. It used to be called DARPA-net and had something to do with Defense and Army and Research and Puttering Around with punchcards and Univacs that took up entire counties to house. You needed a white labcoat and a snow-white security clearance to play on this particular turnpike. Closed system. Unless you happened to be experimenting with new ways to end life as we know it on the planet.

What else they hadn't known was that the University of Helsinki, and the Broward County Library would eventually want to string a wire into the net, could couple up, and, thanks to a saskillion BrandsMart discount specials on affordable micro-clones, so, eventually, could the rest of us.

"Are you on The Net yet?" Barrie enthused, knowing I had my hands consecutively on a connected keyboard since 1981. Astounded when I replied that I'd tried telecommunicating way back in the eighties, and that it was a primo time-suck, and that I had since gotten a life. None of which stopped her hyperactive ebullience "... but... but... there are DYKES there!" Well, here's a lady who knows how to get my attention.

After a few expensive false starts with American On-Line, I discovered that my local library had a freenet with full access. All I had to do was redial my way onto one of the fifty available phone lines, which is why heaven invented auto-dial, and voila, there I was on the lavendernet.

You gotta go. It's massively confusing, by design. But you always talk about getting out and meeting new people. Well, here's a way to do it without having to shower, or pull in your stomach. Now, it's kind of tricky to find, but if you can traverse the pathways, there's an LesBiGay pot of rainbow at the end.

I have lurked (a techno-term for sanctioned eavesdropping) on US and Euro-sappho conversations involving rights of privacy, taken an Amazonian adventure, and learned of the existence of Ottawa, Kansas from a Canadian Ottawonian. (Sometimes discussions digress.)

I've wended my way through the University of Minnesota's accommodating interconnection to the University of Michigan's USENET with the Nineties version of the Great Society. This is a social corkboard where people interested

in anything at all in common can post and reply to notes and notices for weeks on end. These replies are called threads, and can pretty much take up September or your Christmas vacation following along or participating.

Our particular intersecting avenue is a group called MOTTS. No, not Mincing On The Town, Silly, Nor Maureen Only Takes Tuesdays Seriously. It's *Members of the Same Sex*. When last I looked, there were 452 posted messages or replies or replies to replies of interest. Here's a sample of just some of the listed topics: My Gay Aladdin; MOTTS Places in Chicago; Facial Hair Removal; Aileen Warnos Press Release; NBC Nightly News, Gay in America; Defining Horniness; I Dated a Republican; Lesbians.lipstick; How to Suck a Penis (sic); Cracker Barrel Status. And the list goes on.

These message boards are in addition to "subscription" mailboxes from specialty e-mail lists that can link you directly with Gay men and Lesbians all over the globe. And once you're connected to these mailing lists, like so many other mailing lists, you get a lot of unsolicited mail, some of it fascinating, and some the equivalent of offers for peach and lime colored leisure suits at amazing discounts. I haven't actually mastered the fine art of posting yet, but it will come. But everyday I have a whole new stack of Gay and Lesbian friends who don't even know me yet, just waiting to tell me of their inter-most thoughts.

If you think you're up for a little computer interaction, climb on the (Gay) InterNet. You can find it via CompuServe, America On-Line, Delphi, etc. for a fee. Or if you're lucky enough to have an enlightened a library system as I do, you may find a free-net that will let you in. However you get on, do it. Get on-line. Drop *me* a line. My InterNet address (and doesn't that look cool on your new business cards?!) is shellyr@bcfreenet.seflin.lib.fl.us (all lowercase-no spaces). It'll be fun to hear from you, and I can shortcut your aimless searching of interspace for community by, oh, say probably three or four years.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have sixty-one messages to read and reply to. Or not. And there's this blond, Finn, I want to try to connect with.

See you on-line.

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Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

A Boy and His Doll

When people talk about "gender confusion," they typically mean that an individual person is confused about his or her gender. Frankly, I think the confusion about gender is on the part of those folks who are assigning particular toys, hobbies, games, and clothing items to one sex over another.

Way too many people are way too concerned these days with deciding what activities are "normal" or "natural" for which group of people — as if there is anything natural about scraping the hair from one's tender underarm area — for either gender. In the old days, there didn't seem to be so much confusion about this confusion. There were tomboys and sissies, sure, but that was merely a fact.

Having been a tomboy myself and having never particularly floundered over the question of my actual gender, I haven't given too much thought to the concept of gender confusion. Until recently, that is, when some friends were talking about their five-year-old son, whom they are in the process of adopting. It seems he kept expressing an interest in wearing their perfume. My friends weren't especially worried about what psychological implications this desire might indicate. But what they were concerned about — aside from his wasting their expensive perfume — was what the folks at school, the social worker etc. would think when a young boy — living with two out Lesbians — showed up wearing "women's" perfume. So they bought him his own cologne.

This brings up the question, Just what kind of cologne to you get for a five-year-old? Little Brut? Old Spice, Jr.? English Leatherette? Or has Barney lent his famous image to backing a cologne called something like Purple Passion or Jurassic Park? It also brings up the question, How can we ever win with the homophobes?

Lesbians have long suffered under the stereotype of being manly women, burly women, women who could use a shave and pick their teeth with a knife. This virile image of Lesbian manhood would appear not to be enough, however, to convince the homophobes that Lesbians bearing boy children aren't destined to churn out a race of mincing nancy boys — not that there would be anything wrong with that, to cadge a line from Jerry Seinfeld. But the contention of those who would condemn Lesbian mothers for providing no male role models for their sons seems, simply, plain wrong to me. Who better, for instance, to teach the kid about baseball

and football and basketball than Lesbians? Besides sports, mothers and son could share a love of off-road vehicles, dogs, and women. And if the boy turns out to be Gay, it seems to me you could hardly blame his moms: they will have done everything they could to set the little tyke on the butch and narrow — just as their own parents before them strove in vain to boost their interest in lace, dolls, and boys.

As for Gay men raising daughters, could a little girl ever hope to have anyone more adept at giving make-up and fashion lessons than a Gay man? Even the nonprofessional drag queen

has experience with these things from years of Halloween parties. Gay daddy's little girl would be quite the catch for any upwardly mobile man, what with dad's legacy of gourmet cooking expertise, interior decorating sense, and generally refined sensibilities, including a keen appreciation for opera and knowledge of the nuances of tea time versus high tea. Unless, that is, of course, she were being raised by tattooed Gay leather biker daddy — in which case she'd probably grow up to be Marilyn Quayle, just to spite him.

As for Gays and Lesbians raising children of their own gender — well, we

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No Nonsense

By Sister Dana Van Iquity

Happy ThanksGAYing!

Thanksgiving will soon be here, which can only mean one of three expected events is about to occur:

Either we Gay people are (1) eagerly anticipating a lovely, warm holiday gathering with our family (be than an extended, non-nuclear, non-traditional family or a liberal and very accepting biological family); (2) fearfully foreseeing a lowly, cold holiday inquisition with parents and cousins and aunts who will ruthlessly drill us until we admit we're homo and then accuse us of deliberately killing off the family tree; or (3) depressedly settling for a lonely, frozen holiday TV dinner for one (probably Swanson's Hungry Man turkey entree complete with reconstituted mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce boasting a self-life into the next century) while watching that insipid Macy's balloon parade on TV along with a gazillion holiday specials depicting happy couples with their happy family, ice-skating and later sitting by the fireplace drinking hot cider.

If you are anything like most of my circle of friends, options 2 and 3 are the only ones open to you. But fear not, fellow faggots, dear dykes, blessed

Bisexuals and trusted transgenders (have I left any sexual minorities out, gawd forbid?!).

Sister Dana has developed his own holiday tradition (Hallmark Cards be damned!) called ThanksGAYing, whereby he thanks God (who you may substitute as goddess, godette, higher power, cosmic zippitydoodah, oh, whatever... okaay?!) for Gays. **Thank God I'm Gay. T.G.I.G.**

Actually to be a tad more truthful, Sr. Dana thanks God for **queers**, T.G.I.Q., because he is sick and tired of having to politically-correctly write, in his journalistic endeavors, the awesomely and superfluously lengthy yet all-inclusive phrase "Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/ Non-Gay but accepting of l/g/b/t people." Anyway, it has become my tradition around latter November to be extremely thankful that I was born Gay, and that while scientists may belittle my undersized homo hypothalamus, they concede my Gay brain is bigger than the average breeders.

Since I am, if nothing else, a holy nun, I celebrate this little liturgical ceremony with my queer peers repeating the phrase, "Thank God I'm Gay." Actually we say "queer" but you can insert your own word, just as long as you are thankful about it; because those days of wishing for a different sexual orientation are over, honey. Whether we are born that way or environmentally directed that way or God made a mistake and we're that way — we are that way and we'll be a hell of a lot happier (Gayer?) if we come out proud and

other friends, for instance, initially wanted to be a ballerina this past Halloween and has shown more interest in dolls than his older sister ever did, but, at the same time, he is a rabid fan of all motorized vehicles and idolizes their closest male friend, whom he call "Poppy."

We are in the position of being able to let our children explore a broad spectrum of experience by virtue of the fact that, having been forced as youngsters ourselves to try to fit into a mold that we clearly didn't fit into, we know that neither gender has a lock on particular interests, behaviors, and styles of dress. Now if we could only stop having to worry that other people will snatch our sons away when they want to smell pretty or pretend to be ballerinas or have Lesbian moms...

But don't let the homophobes stop you this holiday season from buying the Barbie dream house that the little boy on your list has been dreaming about or that hockey gear for the little girl. And let me know if you find any Calvin Klein fragrance for Toddlers, would you? I may be needing some soon for that two-year-old.

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thankful about it!

Which means we can rethink those three options I gave us and (1) attend that Thanksgiving dinner with our accepting, homophobic family but go one step further, seeking their activism in advocating for Gay civil rights; (2) go to that dinner with our censoring, homophobic family but loudly, proudly standing by our sexual orientation with thanksgiving (no, make that "ThanksGaying"); or (3) invite other single Gay people over to share some turkey, commiserate in our uncoupled status or maybe even cruise one another and find something to really be thankful for.

Whichever option you choose, please don't be a turkey and spend your Thanksgiving holiday alone or ashamed; be an eagle and fly with your fellow-birds-of-a-feather — fly high and proud; but if you must be an ostrich, be a Gay one, strutting about with your fabulous feather boa, telling the world, *Thank God I'm Gay!!!*

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all know what the homophobes, with their perverted sense of what it means to be queer, think the child-rearing risk is there. All I have to say to that is: consult the statistics on (hetero) father-daughter incest. We couldn't begin to compete with those kind of numbers, even if we were so inclined. There is also the fear that we will raise our same-sex children to prefer same-sex partners as they mature, just as we did. We have just about as much chance of raising our children to be Gay as our parents had of raising us to be straight. The kid's going to turn out how the kid's going to turn out, no matter what toys we buy him or her and no matter who they see us having our long-term, respectful, and loving relationships with.

The truth of the matter is, Gays and Lesbians are often in a much better position to raise truly well-rounded kids, kids of both sexes who know how to play sports and how to cook and who are sensitive to issues of difference and have a sense of what really matters about people. The two-year-old son of some

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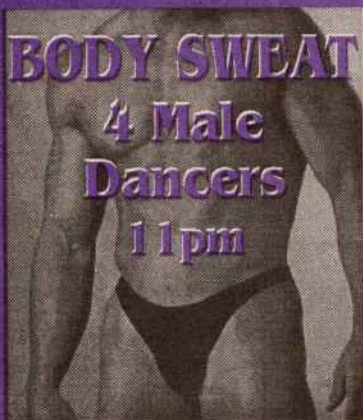
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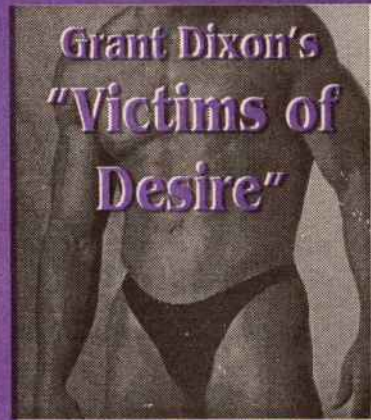
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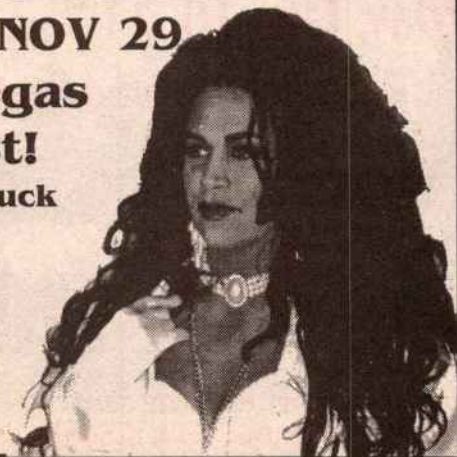
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Stark Reality

By Kirk Stark

The 'Interesting' Life

It seems that my generation is cursed. Over my own cradle, as well as the cradles of countless others in my age bracket, the Confucian curse: 'May you have an interesting life,' was made. We're all too damn terminally interesting for our own good.

We've surpassed our parents. We've seen and done things that they only dreamed of when they were our age. We've had 'interesting' classes, 'interesting' jobs, and more 'interesting' sex than one could shake a bloody stick at.

We're jacks and jills of all trades. There is little we can't do.

Balance a check book? We can handle that.

Fix a car? No problem.

Write a book? Give us a topic.

Act normal and fit in? *Are you high?*

That's right. The majority of us can't fit in. For some of us it's because we don't want to. In many cases, such as mine, it is because we are incapable.

We don't know how to fit in because we never considered it a virtue. Once upon a time we tried to do the 'normal' thing; look like everyone else, do the 9 to 5 shtick, and be content in the domestic life. *We're allergic to it. Really.*

That is how a counterculture forms. A bunch of people who realize that they are out of the loop create a loop of their own to belong. We've found our loop, and Nine Inch Nails is playing in the

background of it.

We go to poetry readings and kvetch about society in general. We read prolifically, we take classes, and we expand our horizons. We have to, it's in our DNA.

We are interesting, not because we want to be, but because we are doomed to be. We've grown up believing that life is meant to be explored, conquered, and enjoyed to it's fullest. Our parents instilled it in us because they didn't do it, and they wanted to live vicariously through us.

Now we're doing it, *and it scares the crap out of them.*

We've drank enough smart drinks to fill a lake and have created our own musical sound. We've got our own brand of angst which is currently fueling a series of motion pictures, books, and bad sitcoms. *We're annoyingsomethings.*

We've read the **Kama Sutra** and can bend into the majority of the positions because of all the ballet classes we took as kids.

We can speak in two or more languages, and can cook in three more.

In one second we can swear like a longshoreman, and in the next we can spout dialogue from *Othello*. We can do

anything. *Except fit in.*

It's our badge of honor and our curse all in one package.

We've lived up to our expectations, or perhaps we've lived down to them, depending on one's perspective.

We've created a new world order, and it wears black leather, silver jewelry, and hairspray. And it's not going to lie down and die.

So, since we know we're doomed to be interesting, we're going to take it as far as we can. Soon we'll be staging mass burnings of the **Bridges Of Madison County**, *only* because it's a piece of literary phlegm.

We'll do our damndest to make sure that today's normalcy is considered tomorrow's weirdness. And, because of our severe coffee addictions, we'll be anointing Juan Valdez as the 'new' God.

And after we're done completely mucking around with the world we'll hand it over to our own children, but not before telling them that we wish we could have had 'perfect' nuclear families that were just like everyone else, so that we could have fit in.

They will have just that, and then the cycle will begin all over again. *Yowza.*

Ask Billy Holliday

Dear Billy:

I met this really great guy. We've been going out together for ten months and it's been terrific. We've now both decided to take the next big step and make some sort of official statement


about being life partners. The only problem I have is that he wants me to sign a release contract, sort of a "prenuptial agreement." If he's in love with me, why does he insist that I sign this thing? I don't want his money, just him.

— Tommy G, Chicago, IL

Dear Potential Bloodsucker:

(*an ugly analogy, but let's face it, money is lust.*) Our friend either knows or has been warned that: *the best of intendeds is often befriended when the ardor has*

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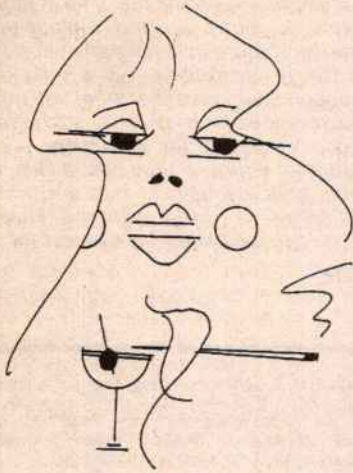


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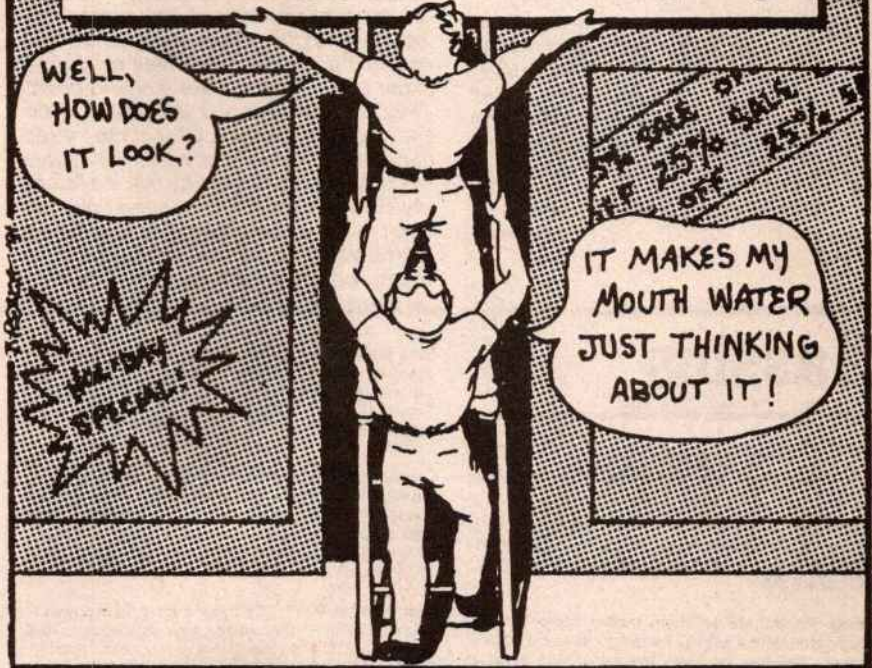
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Jock Shorts

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Last year's event, attended by over 1,200 people, was a huge success. For 1995, organizers have expanded their program of events and activities — from sleigh rides, barbecues and elegant

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For more information, contact Brent Benaschak, Event Coordinator, (604) 938-0772, Fax: (604) 938-1250; or call your local travel agent.

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2 Models, Inc.	49/21
3 3B's — Bowlers, Boys & a Bitch	39/31
3 OJ's Hung Jury	39/31
5 Absolutly Fabulous Booze Bags	36/34
5 This Is It — TNG	36/34
7 Rainbow Bowlers	35/35
7 Triangle Trailer Park Trash	35/35
9 This Is It — GDS	30/40
10 Four Divas and a Dyke	29/41
11 Searching for Velma	27/43
12 Triangle — Bottoms to Tops	21/49

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As of November 6

TEAMS	WON/LOST
1 We & The Queen	29/6
2 Who Knows	23/12
3 Barons	23/12
4 Wreck Room — Heirs of Uranus	23/12
5 Ballgame	21/14
6 Gutter Sluts from Mars	20/15
7 Slippery Zippers	18/17
8 Something Sassy	17/18
9 Strike Oppose	17/18
10 Just Us — Cartoon Alley	15/20
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ended by a lawyer distended on fees uncomprehended based on reasons pretended for a break-up mended. If you love this guy, then sign the damn paper. For heavens sake, I hear this whine all the time, "if he loves me then why..." Because he's not stupid; if the thought of being rich with Mr. Right never crossed your mind, you would have already signed. So get over it and practice your signature, and then practice making a good healthy long relationship based on caring.

Dear Billy:

I've never done any heavy stuff, sex stuff, but when I look at porn magazines, the short stories always make it sound really good. I just don't know how to start, or where to start. What should I do?

— Larry B., Denver, CO

Dear Larry:

I'm sending you my phone number in the mail right now. Have I've got something just for you! Well of course those short stories make it sound good; They're all imaginary. I want to help you find the true path. Of course it all depends on what you mean by heavy sex stuff — and, by the by, kill the "stuff" stuff. Where I'm about to send you, you don't want to be caught talking about stuff unless you're really talking turkey. If you really want to learn some basics

and see if you are really cut out for this "stuff," then there are a few easy ways to go about it. Find some S&M rags and see if the pictures do for you what the words initially did. If that moves it along, invest in some torn jeans and a tee shirt and head to the nearest town with a leather bar. Spend some time hanging around to soak up the atmosphere. However, before investing any effort into meeting someone and risking disappointment on either side, you might also consider looking for a paid escort — check some of the porn rags — and learn from a 'pro.' It may cost a little, but these guys are usually safe and willing to, as they say, work with you. Have a ball or two and keep an eye out for my letter.

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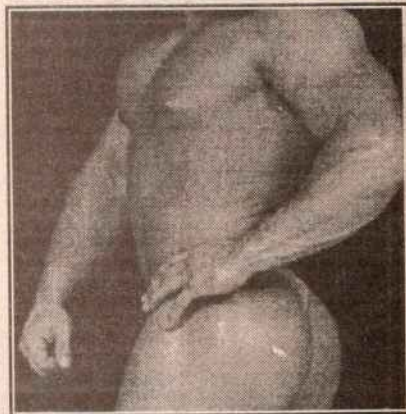
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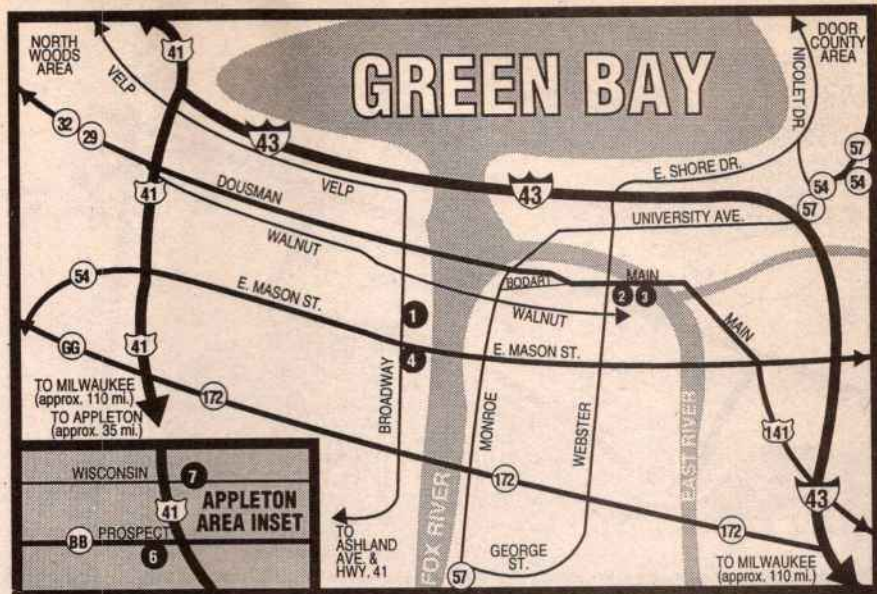
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 733-2068

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Gay AA/Anon
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 UW-O Counseling Center 424-2061

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MADISON (608)

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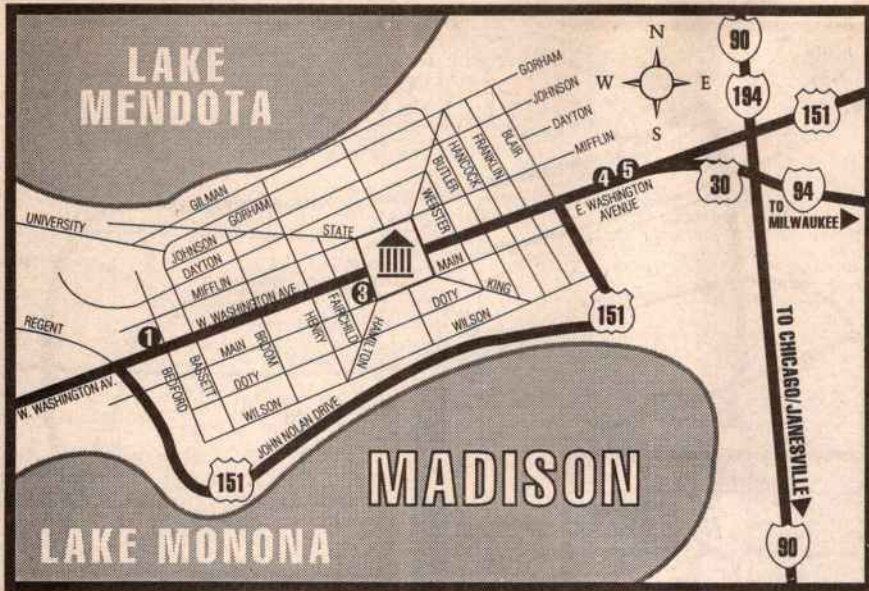
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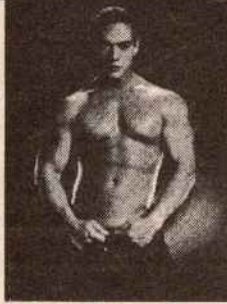
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Office/Staff 273-1991 AIDS Information 273-2437

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Rick Beaudoin 937-5000

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Gay People's Union Hotline 562-7010

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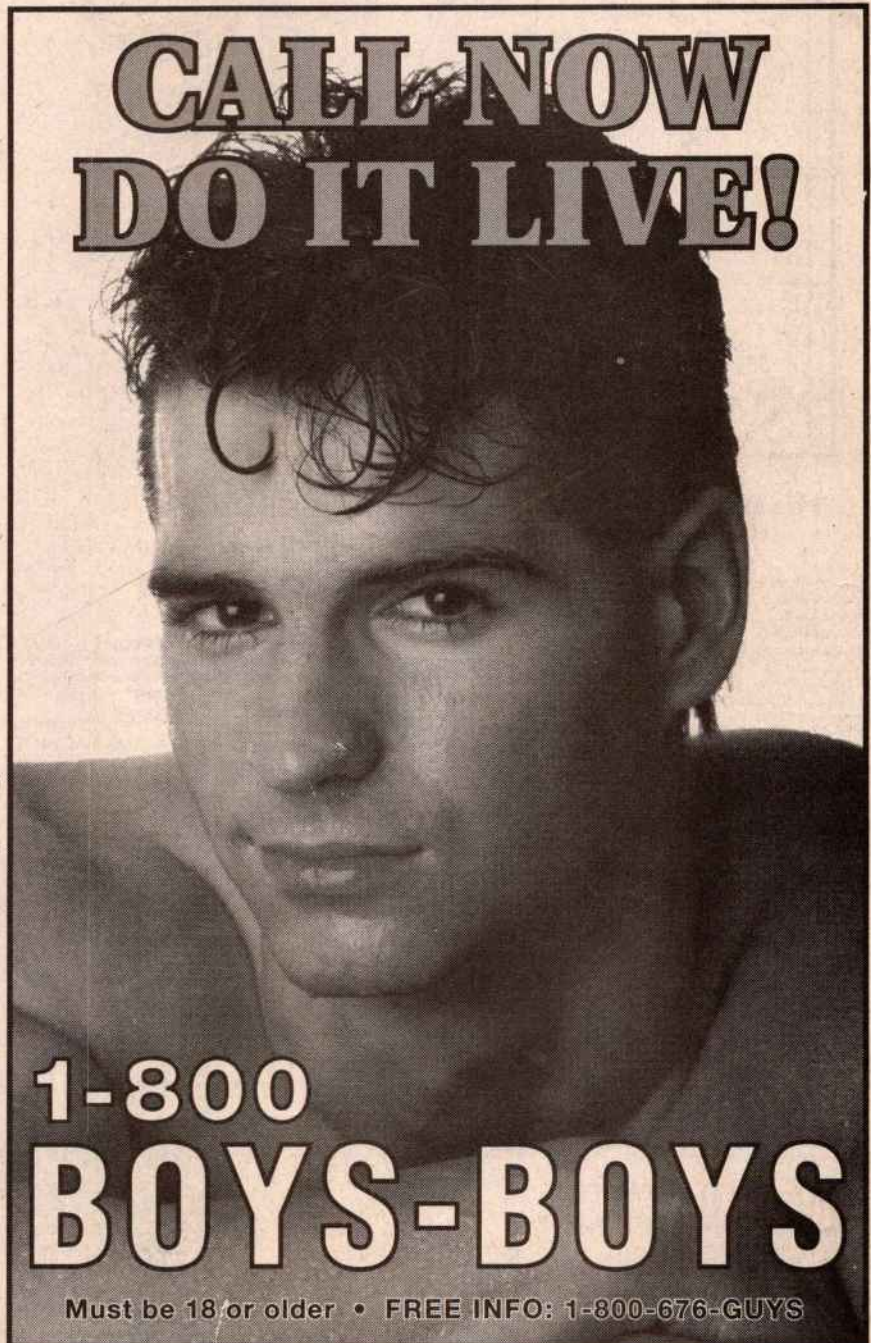
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Ask for Vic at (715) 384-2613
Northern AIDS Network (HIV/AIDS Service Organ.)
June Peters, Courthouse Rhinelander, 54501 369-6228
Northern WI, Lambda Society
PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 (715) 362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents,
Family, Friends of Gays/Lesbians/Bi's (715) 359-7432
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)
PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891 (715) 682-2890

SHEBOYGAN AREA (414)

Sherlock's Home (Mw, G/S, F)
733 Pennsylvania (No phone)
Blue Lite (Mw)
1029 N. 8th, 53081 457-1636
Olde Bricke House (Bed and Breakfast)
303 Niagara, 53081 451-9779
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
Shirley: 458-2506 Carolyn: 467-0422
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336 Superior Avenue 53081 452-6757

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600 8th St, Racine 53403 632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)
554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine
625 College, Racine 54303 634-0659
Gay Lesbian Union of Kenosha
c/o Unitarian Universalist
PO Box 593, Kenosha 53141 654-9427
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HIV/AIDS Service Organization
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Tap Line: (715) 839-3425 Linda: (715) 839-3687
Scruples (MW, DJ, F)
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Northland Gay Men's Center
8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309
Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 722-8585

SO WEST/WEST CENTRAL

Cavalier Lounge (MW, D)
114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601 (608) 782-9061
Gay & Lesbian Alliance, Box 131, Platteville, 53818
La Crosse Health Dept. (AIDS/HIV Service Organ.)
300 N 4th, La Crosse 54601 (608) 785-9872
LaCrosse L/G Support Group
c/o Campus Ministry Center (608) 784-7600
Leaping La Crosse News, Box 932, LaCrosse 54602
UW Stout 10% Society
c/o 153 C Harvey Hall, UW-S, Menomonee, 54751
LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays (608) 782-6082
Rainbow's End (G/S, WM)
417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601
Rainbow Revolution (Alternative Books)
122 5th Ave S, LaCrosse 54601 (608) 796-0383
The Pioneers (Rural G/L Support Group)
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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE

Action Wisconsin (LesBiGay Statewide Network)
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Bottom Line Travel (G/L Travel) Milw. (800) 933-8330
Slammer Productions (414) 347-0261
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Phone: (414) 278-7840; FAX Only: (414) 278-5868
King Productions (WI-USA pageant) (708) 872-1128
PO Box 208, Zion, IL 60099
Log Cabin Club (G/L Republicans) (414) 276-5428
New Beginnings (Mo. newsletter)
Box 25, Westby 54987
Great Lakes Harley Riders
PO Box 341611, Milw, 53234-1611
Wisconsin AIDS Line (outside Milw.)
Quest (bi-weekly G/L Entertainment Mag.)
PO Box 1961, Green Bay, 54301 (414) 433-9821
Mon-Fri 9 to 9, Fri 9-5:30 1-800-334-AIDS

Wisconsin Light (bi-weekly G/L newspaper)
1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee 53212
Phone: (414) 372-2773 fax: (414) 372-1840
WI. Legislative Hotline 1-800-362-WISC

OUT OF STATE

CDC National AIDS Hotline (800) 342-2437
Gay & Lesbian Americans
PO Box 77533, Wash., DC, 20013 (800) 889-5111
Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF)
(Speak Out Campaign) (202) 332-6483
National G&L Task Force (NGLTF) (202) 332-6483
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(815) 344-6495
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Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406 (616) 857-1401
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Madison **WORK OUT PARTNER:** Emmanuel, BM, 6' 170, grey eyes, attr, looking for someone to have fun and work out with weights- ☎11271

Milwaukee **WITH A RIBBON ON IT:** 33, male, 165, 5'10, hazel/brn into safe fun, have interesting package give me a call- ☎9720

Milwaukee **OPEN ALL NIGHT:** Eddie, 6'3 brn/green 300+ willing to do anything with the right person, like to get together and have lot's of fun- anytime at night-bye- ☎10032

Milwaukee **THE YOUNG AND THE... RESTLESS:** John looking for other hot guys, end'd young only pls ☎11225

Milwaukee **BOB SEEKS ROD:** Brent, brn/blu hairy, 41, 5'10 180, must, into bodybuilding, looking for bodybuilders in my area-looking for guys musc, to hang out with, int in the leather scene also- ☎11299

Milwaukee **NO BUTTS, PLS:** non smoker caring proff 40's looking for a life partner blk/brn



music humor pets cooking, looking for ser only- ☎11323

Milwaukee **CAN I HAVE THE USED ONES? 30** Bi wm 5'8 155 brn/brn on the jock side, looking for bi or gay males- ☎11353

Milwaukee **ANY TAKERS? I'm** a 35 bi male, looking for a man in the area not picky, I'm willing to pls, am married, ☎11354

Milwaukee **JASON, 20, 5'10** 145, blind/blu athletic, easygoing, college student, wide var of interests looking for guys 18-23, ☎11557

Wopaca **CABLE READY:** Sam, 38, 5'5, 150 long brn hair/blu eyes gay TV and pass well-like to meet masc quiet and intelligent- ☎11632

Milwaukee **NON-SMOKING GWM** 40's, blk/brn seeking a ser rel, life partner 6'2 football players build, must lng 4 a healthy pos attitude, comfortable in a rel looking 4 Mr. Right, metal, country, jazz good sense of humor, movies, pets pol active- ☎1132

Milwaukee **LARRY, 5'6 130,** discreet, WM open to almost anything in regard to having fun, try me, give me a call- ☎11719

Madison **DENNIS,** just moved here from Chicago 21 5'8 155 lkg for any male that is gay, race not imp't, slim, like to have a good time- ☎11741

Milwaukee **VAL, 25, dkbrn/brn** 5'7, many int music going out, meeting new people, give me a call- hope to hear from you- ☎11751

Waukesha **ALL BI MYSELF- BI WM** 34, looking for BI WM around the same age, who likes movies, camping, and talking for a poss rel, or just friendship- ☎11817

Appleton **GWM** 23, 6'1, blk/brn lkg to meet in my area 18-23 to go out with have fun dance movies, spend quiet times @ home, call me- ☎11908

Green Bay **FIRE IN MY HEART:** Alan, proff GWM 41, 5'11, 175, eyes at home, fireplace, travel, seeking 35-45 pot rel, give me a call- ☎12009

Milwaukee **GENTLE BM** looking for someone romantic, quiet eyes and not into bar scene, if this is you give me a call, end'd top, sometimes blm- ☎12021

Reedsburg **LASTING RELATIONSHIP:** Troy, 21, blk, brn, hairy chest 6'2, 185, like to swim, tennis, pool, ping pong, smoke, mustache, lkg for someone who wants a commitment, 21-35, and if that's you, lv a message- ☎12043

Madison **STEVEN, 19 6'1** blind int in water skiing, swimming, snuggling and watching movies, ☎12129

Kenosha **DIRTY DEEDS DONE DIRT CHEAP:** Bi WM 40 BI WM 21, seeking other bi or gay under 25 for fun and friendship, like heavy metal music concerts- not really into bars, social drinkers ☎12162

Milwaukee **ITS ALL GREEK TO HIM:** Wayne, 34, 5'5, 130, red/swimmers build, looking for a greek top, i'm a greek botm- ☎12202

Milwaukee **LOWER EAST SIDE,** Rob, 23 6'2, 200 blk/blu, lkg to meet to go out and party- ☎12206

Eau Claire **ROB** 21 college student looking to meet some guys in the area- if int, pls lv a message, thanks alot! ☎12231

Milwaukee **DAN, 35, lkg** for a younger guy 18-25 for a good time, want to meet younger, own my own business looking for a partner to have a fun time with 6' 195 green eyes, brn hair, German/Polish, like to meet masc guys only- ☎12284

Milwaukee **LATIN LOVERS:** Jerry looking for a hisp male no taller than 5'10 160, someone who has a goal in life, movies, going out to eat, sports movies,

like dancing, really looking for a rel- ☎12348

Milwaukee **JASON, 6'3, blind/** blu looking for a nice guy- ☎12391

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Milwaukee **THE FORK IN THE ROAD:** Mickey, 34, 5'7 175 brn/green looking for a CD or TV- need to know more about the direction of my life- call me- ☎12579

Milwaukee **ANDREW** 5'6, 21, stocky, blu/brn int in 18-25 for friendship poss rel sports movies outdoors and having fun- ☎12584

Omro **JOHN, 5'11, blk/blu, lkg** for a companion to have some fun with, and whatever, 39 GWM hoping to find a partner- like music, dance, rollerskate and talk to people- ☎12647



Plover **JURN, 24, 5'10, 155,** lkg for someone 18-25, to have fun with poss rel- ☎12674

Madison **BRUCE,** new to area, GWM 35 tall attr, looking to find GWM sincere, var of interests, open minded for friendship, like to hike, go to movies, let's get together- give me a call- ☎8589

Milwaukee **COREY,** looking for a really built, clean shaven man, really like to get to know you! ☎8852

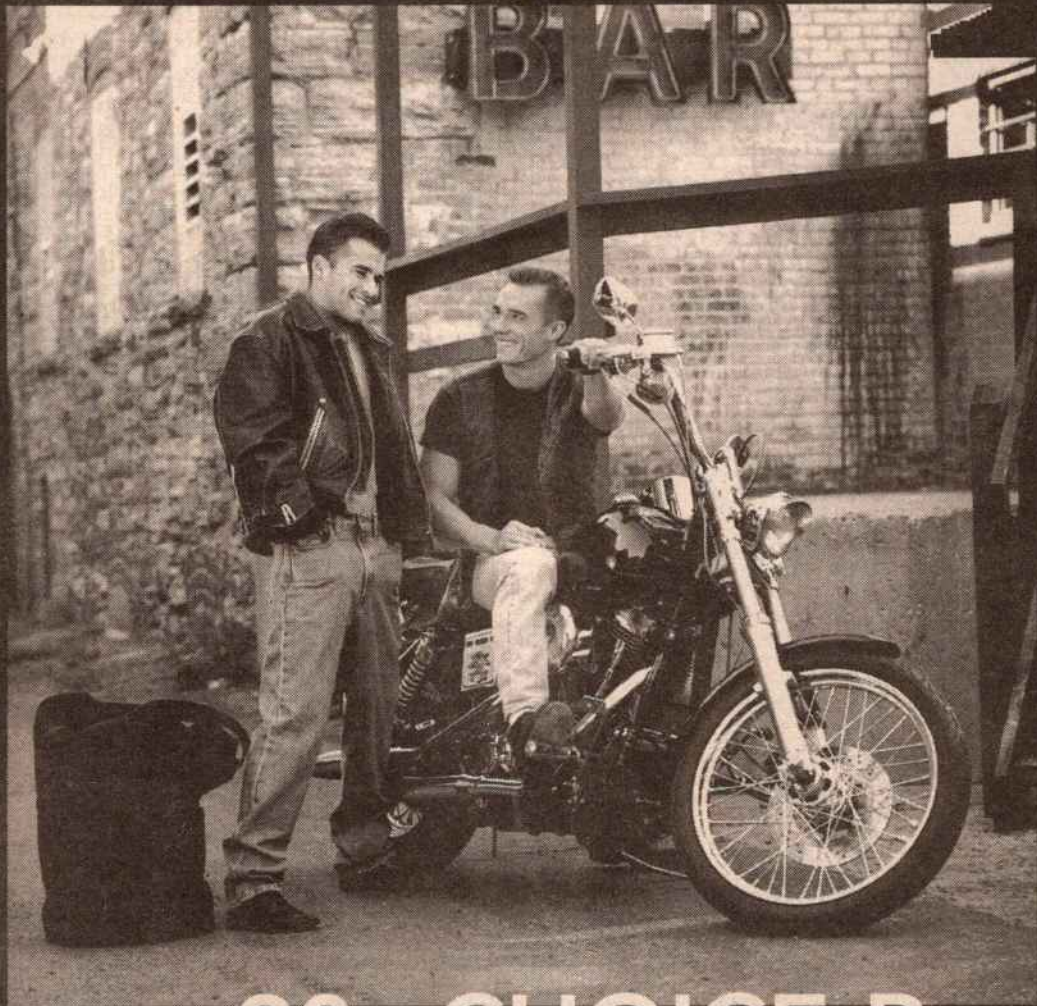
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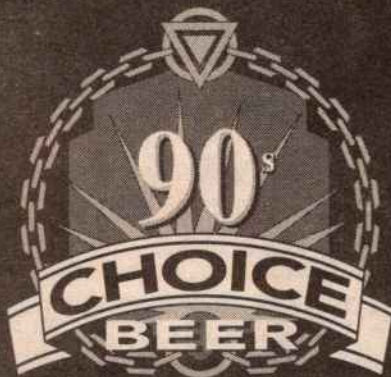
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