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PrideFest Likely to Be Held on Summerfest Grounds Next Year!

Prestigious Site "A Triumph for All of Us"

Milwaukee — PrideFest, Wisconsin's annual Gay and Lesbian Pride celebration, has received approval from the Board of Directors of Milwaukee World Festivals Inc. to rent a portion of Henry W. Maier Festival Park —popularly known as the Summerfest grounds — for its 1996 festival, scheduled for next June 7-9.

The World Festivals Board voted unanimously to authorize the rental during its November 9th meeting. Though a contract with PrideFest is yet to be signed, PrideFest Co-Director Bill Meunier called the rental of the Summerfest grounds "a done deal."

"It's not only a triumph for PrideFest, it's a triumph for all of us," Meunier told **In Step**, referring to the state's entire LesBiGay community.

Maier Festival Park is a beautiful facility along Milwaukee's lakefront. In addition to hosting the annual Summerfest musical festival, the park provides a venue for many ethnic festivals and other events throughout the summer. With a large number of permanent stages, an amphitheater, food stands, and exhibit areas, it is one of the finest festival facilities of its kind in the country.

"Contrary to what some may think,"
Meunier commented, "the site at Maier
Park is less expensive than at our old site.
This move gives us a chance to save
money, and to use the best festival facilities anywhere."

"We couldn't be more pleased with the Milwaukee World Festival commitment to truly represent the diversity of our community. The move offers us a less expensive site...and the opportunity to continue to grow. While our site is changing, the character of our festival will remain the same," Meunier vowed.

A PrideFest study showed the group would realize significant savings in costs with the Summerfest location. But Meunier cautioned: "While the new site will save us money, we will need more funds up-front than has been the case in the past. The continued financial support of our community is essential."

PLANS FOR 1996

PrideFest Co-Director Susan Cook was also jubilant. She told **In Step:** "It's a significant achievement for our community to be on those grounds. We are now an 'official' festival. I hope people will begin to recognize Gays and Lesbians as a legitimate component of the larger community."

Cook also shared some practical advantages of the move: "Moving to Maier Festival Park will allow us to diversify our menu, provide better facilities for our volunteers to work with and add more food stands from outside vendors."

Many PrideFest attendees will also be pleased that permanent restroom facilities with real plumbing will replace the dreaded port-o-potties of past festivals.

PrideFest plans to use the Miller area, the Williamsburg Village, the Sports area, the Channel 12 area and the Fountain area within the grounds. Entrance will be from the mid-gate only. The new site will be roughly equivalent to the space PrideFest used at its previous site, Veterans Park.

Organizers hope to open the 1996 festival on the evening of Friday, June 7 with a "Rainbow Party." The party will feature dancing and name entertainment. A PrideFest Run/Walk is planned for Saturday or Sunday of that weekend.

A fourth entertainment stage is slated to be added next year, the Shepherd Express Rainbow Cafe will feature coffeehouse-style entertainers and an espresso bar.

Also scheduled to be added in 1996 are two new cultural tents. A Silent Auction tent will feature art work by Gay and Lesbian artists and other items. The Literature tent will offer book readings and signings by noted authors.

PrideFest became concerned about its ability to keep the festival fresh after last year's highly successful event, which drew 12,000 people. Organizers had problems with sound from some of the stages and the dance tents over-lapping each other. It was impossible to add any more stages to Veterans Park without either spending thousands of dollars to fence off a bigger site or eliminating the popular dance tent altogether.

In addition, there were the challenges presented by the problem of putting together a major festival on a site that was nothing more than bare land.

"We had two people who did nothing but run from generator to generator to keep the power going," said Cook. "That won't be a problem at Maier Park because we won't need to use generators."

MANY THANKS!

Cook and Meunier expressed their thanks to everyone who is helping to make the move possible.

"Everyone who has volunteered and contributed shares in this triumph," Cook said.

"We want to thank supporters like the Cream City Foundation, Miller Brewing, Wisconsin Light, In Step, and others who believed in us all along," Meunier said. "Without them, we wouldn't be here. We also wish to thank Mayor John Norquist for his behind-the-scenes support."

The Festival Board's approval of PrideFest's proposal to rent the Summerfest grounds caps a year of many successes for PrideFest.

In May, the group hung the first-ever rainbow flags on light poles along streets in downtown Milwaukee. In June, it produced a major two-day festival with five stages, fireworks, and dozens of entertainers and exhibits. Then in September, it held the first-ever LesBiGay event at City Hall, a reception for a Gay and Lesbian history exhibit, The Advocate's Long Road to Freedom.

To get involved with PrideFest and help with the 1996 festival, call (414) 272-3378.

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Overlooked Opinions Conducts Gay Census '96

In Step Plays Major Role in Nat'l LesBiGay Study

Chicago – Overlooked Opinons, the Chicago based Gay market research firm, has launched GayCensus '96 – the single largest assessment of the Lesbian and Gay population of the United States and Canada ever undertaken.

In Step, Wisconsin's LesBiGay magazine, will play an important role in the census gathering. "We are honored that In Step is the only LesBiGay publication in Wisconsin asked to participate in GayCensus '96," said Associate Publisher Annabelle Havlicek. "We sincerely hope our readers take this opportunity to be counted in this major national survey."

"Nothing like GayCensus '96 has ever been done. We anticipate reaching in excess of one million LesBiGay adults across the US and Canada in the next three months alone," explained Jeffrey J. Vitale, Overlooked'S CEO. "When 1-800-Gay-Voice is dialed, the caller will hear a brief statement and will be asked to respond to questions by pressing buttons on their touch-tone phone. Callers without a touch-tone phone will be sent a survey by mail. A TTD can also be reached by non-hearing persons at 1-800-555-0900."

The ten-minute survey covers basic demographics as well as a wide variety of questions including discrimination, political beliefs, consumer behavior, and general opinions. There is also an optional section for individuals who happen to be HIV+ or have AIDS.

"It will take nearly a year to complete all three phases of GayCensus," notes Vitale. "When the results are tabulated, a great many questions will be answered once and for all. The data promises to be fascinating. It will help the LesBiGay community better understand itself, and it will help the political, educational and commercial sectors develop relationships with our community. It all begins with a phone call."

Please participate now by dialing 1-800-GAY-VOICE. It's fun, fast and will benefit LesBiGays all over Wisconsin.

"Overlooked Opinions' independent research is essential if advertisers are to take a publication seriously. That and the fact that GayCensus will assess the Gay population at large are only two benefits in participating," said Havlicek. "This data will better profile our readers and assist us in making improvements in In Step."

GayCensus will be heavily promoted all across North America with media buys, direct mail and through the use of local and regional coordinators.

"Grass roots organizing is important for this type of project. Overlooked has prepared information kits to help mobilize local communities. The kits include promotional posters, post cards and notecards, as well as an education guide to help local coordinations promote the project," explains Vitale. "With the help of our community at the local level, Overlooked will be able to reach the vast majority of the Lesbians and Gays across North America. We want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to be counted – that's what GayCensus is all about."

Long distance charges have been donated in part by Lyrihn Communications, the home of Community Spirit Long Distance. "We are proud to be a part of Overlooked's GayCensus," says Kyle Storjohann, VP and CFO of Lyrihn. "When Overlooked asked us to contribute to the project we saw an opportunity to help our community and an opportunity to get our name out—many Gays and Lesbians don't realize that a Gay owned long distance company exists."

December 1 Marks 8th Annual World AIDS Day

Dozens of Events Scheduled Throughout Wisconsin

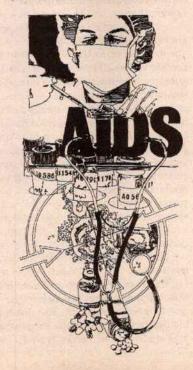
December 1, 1995 will mark the 8th annual observance of World AIDS Day, which will be commemorated with events on the global, national and local levels. The World Health Organization has designated the theme for this year's observance as Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities.

World AIDS Day is intended to draw attention to the growing worldwide pandemic of AIDS and to urge greater community efforts toward prevention of HIV/AIDS and support for those with the disease.

On the global level, the World Health Organization is expected to issue new statistics on the AIDS crisis worldwide and to convene a symposium of international AIDS experts.

In the US, President Clinton plans to dim the lights in the White House in memory of those who have died. In addition, he will host a White House Conference on HIV/AIDS (Dec. 6).

In New York, The American Foundation for AIDS Research will hold a



fundraising dinner at which six important people in the fight against AIDS will be honored. The dinner will be hosted by AmFAR's Dr. Mathilde Krim and actress Natasha Richardson.

More than 100 cable networks and operators around the US are participating in *Cable Positive*, an effort to broadcast public service announcements and information or entertainment specials dealing with AIDS. Look for such programming on Lifetime, HBO, Playboy Channel, BRAVO, E! Entertainment TV, Showtime and Turner Broadcasting.

IN WISCONSIN...

Denise Starkey of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) commented on World AIDS Day and this year's theme, Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities: "This year's theme provides our community the opportunity to consider the impact and prevailing urgency of the dis-

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ease. To date, the state of Wisconsin has over 3,000 confirmed AIDS cases..."

"We need to reflect on what our roles and responsibilities are in caring for the people within our communities. This could include thinking of ways to educate our youth and adults from contracting the virus or ways to care for parsons living with HIV disease."

The following is a list of World AIDS Day events taking place in the Badger State.

APPLETON

November 30: Interfaith Service of Remembrance, Healing and Support, 7pm at the Thompson Community Center. Cosponsored by Center Project, Inc.

EAU CLAIRE

December 1: Interdenominational Service of Remembrance and Hope, 7:30pm, hosted by the University Lutheran Church in the Ecumenical Religious Center on the UW-Eau Claire Campus at 110 Garfield Avenue. Feel free to bring pictures of or memorabilia of those lost to AIDS. Also, HIV Vision art display from 6-8pm at the State Theatre, 316 Eau Claire Street.

GREEN BAY

November 30: Interfaith Service of Remembrance, Healing and Support, 7pm at the Union Congregational Church. Cosponsored by Center Project, Inc.

MADISON

November 27: Living with HIV: Brown Bag Lunch Discussion, 11:30am-1pm at the American Red Cross, 4860 Sheboygan Avenue. Co-sponsor: MASN. For more info: (608) 233-9300. Shared Words, Shared Caring: Reflections on AIDS, 7pm at Edgewood College, 855 Woodrow Street. More info: (608) 252-6540.

November 29: Shared Light, Shared Hope: A Candlelight Vigil, 6:30-8pm on the steps of St. Paul's Catholic Center, 723 State Street. Sponsored by Starthrowers. More info: (608) 252-6540.

November 30: Cook for a Cause — Madison's Favorites Taste-Off, 5:30-7:30pm at Bethel Lutheran Church. Co-sponsors: MASN and Madison Urban Ministry. More info: (608) 256-0906.

December 1: Shared Joys, Shared Pain, Shared Stories: A World AIDS Day Interfaith Memorial Service, 5:30-6:30pm at 731 State Street. More info: (608) 252-6540. Also, Day Without Art Observances at the Madison Arts Center, UW Health Services, Wisconsin Union Directorate. HIV/AIDS Art Show runs through the week at University Health Service, 1552 University Avenue. More info: (608) 262-5323.

December 2: Ecumenical Healing Service, Polluck and Ritual, 6-8pm at University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Avenue. Sponsored by Affirmation. More info: (608) 256-2353.

MANITOWOC

December 1: Interfaith Service of Remembrance, Healing and Support, 7pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Co-sponsor: Center Project, Inc.

MILWAUKEE

December 1: Luncheon at the Milwaukee Hilton, 11:45am. Reception to view photo exhibit on history of AIDS and AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Luncheon speakers: Richard Trauger, Ph.D., AIDS researcher, and Mark Barnes, Director of AIDS Action Council in Washing-

ton, DC. Tickets: \$35. For reservations, call (414) 225-1510. Candlelighting Ceremony, 4pm at Milwaukee AIDS Project office, 820 N. Plankinton. (414) 273-1991. Interfaith Prayer Service, 7pm at St. Joseph's Chapel, 1501 S. Layton Blvd. Social to follow. (414) 449-2680. Evening of Prayer, Music, Song and Drama, 7pm in the Camillian Room at San Camillo, 10200 West Blue Mound Road. (414) 259-4664. Also, 15% off all AIDS-related literature at AfterWords Bookstore, 2710 N. Murray, 10am-10pm. Up to 50% off on merchandise at the Survival/Revival Resale Shop, 246 E. Chicago Street, with proceeds to benefit MAP programs, 10am-6pm. (414) 291-

WAUSAU

November 30: Light Up the Sky Memorial Candlelight Vigil, 5:30pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 504 Grant Street. (715) 848-9060.

STATE Briefs

MAP Creates Client Advocate Position to Address Needs

Milwaukee — Saying it is "unacceptable" that some clients of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) are having difficulty accessing staff and services, MAP's Executive Director Doug Nelson has appointed Jerry Lishawa to fill the position of Client Advocate.

The action came only days after Nelson and other members of MAP's staff hosted two community forums at which complaints were aired about the apparent inaccessibility of MAP staff.

In a letter to In Step, Nelson described Lishawa's role: "The Client Advocate will be an aggressive advocate for clients in getting action and resolution on client problems." Responsibilities include: "Receiving calls from clients who have complaints about MAP and/or have problems accessing MAP staff and services. Immediately working with appropriate MAP staff to assure that within 24 hours action is taken on all client complaints. Following up with clients and staff to assure quick and final resolution to client problems. Seeking client advice on service delivery improvements and working with MAP staff to assure implementation."

Lishawa will fill the post until MAP can complete a formal search for someone to permanently fill the position. Lishawa has been a Special Events manager at MAP for two years. He is Gay, has

HIV, and is himself a client of MAP. Any clients experiencing problems with MAP should call Lishawa at (414) 225-1595.

In his letter, Nelson also promised to keep In Step "informed of all other actions we take in response to the Gay and Lesbian forums."

(Please see "Letters" section this issue for other feedback on the forums.)

Gay/Lesbian Certificate Program Finally Approved at UW-Milwaukee

Milwaukee — After a delay of almost a year and a half during which university officials treated the proposed program like a hot potato, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has finally approved the certificate program in Gay and Lesbian Studies.

The proposal won approval from all the appropriate faculty and curriculum committees at UW-Milwaukee by early 1994. But administrators declined to give the proposal final approval, repeatedly saying that a higher official, or a different committee, or the UW Board of Regents had to approve the idea first. A Latino Studies certificate program, proposed at the very same time as the Gay and Lesbian program did not encounter the same hurdles and was approved almost immediately.

The delay may have been caused by pressure from conservative members of the State legislature, who lobbied the Board of Regents to reject the program and offered to many media outlets distorted and alarmist interpretations of what the program would mean.

Final approval came after the Board of Regents voted November 10 that new academic minors and interdisciplinary certificate programs could receive approval at the campus level.

Jeffrey Merrick, a UW-Milwaukee History professor who helped design the Gay/Lesbian certificate program, called the final approval "a real anticlimax." Nevertheless, he said, "We're pleased the program has finally gained official recognition. All of us involved with the program are looking forward to making it more visible and more productive."

More than two dozen courses being offered in the Spring semester can be used for credits toward the Gay and Lesbian Studies certificate. They include: Introduction to Gay and Lesbian Studies, Queer Literary Theory, Gay and Lesbian Psychology, Sex and Gender and Hispanic Gay Literature.

For a complete list of classes, call Lynne Joyrich in the Department of English and Comparative Literature at (414) 229-6402

Supreme Court Lets Ruling in Visitation Case Stand

Washington, DC — Elsbeth Knott, who went all the way to the US Supreme Court to seek a reversal of a State Supreme Court decision allowing her former Lesbian lover to seek visitation of Knott's 6-year-old son, has been rebuffed by the high court.

In an action taken without comment, the US Supreme Court let stand the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling that is allowing Knott's ex-partner, Sandra Holtzman, to seek visitation with the boy. She has temporary visitation rights until the litigation is conclusive.

The state court ruled last June that non-biological parents who have had a parent-like relationship with a partner's child can seek visitation rights despite having no formal legal relationship with the child. The court set up four criteria on which petitioners for adoption must be judged. They include: the petitioner and child had lived together in the same household; the biological parent had consented to and fostered the petitioner's parent-like relationship with the child; the petitioner assumed some financial responsibility for the child's welfare; and the petitioner had developed a "bonded, dependent" relationship with the child over time. The Supreme Court's rejection of Knott's appeal means that Holtzman's

petition for permanent visitation rights can proceed.

December 6 is Deadline for Filing Crypto Damage Claims

Milwaukee — The City of Milwaukee and the suburbs affected by the 1993 cryptosporidium outbreak maintain that a Notice of Injury and Claim must be filed by each individual or business affected by the tainted municipal water. Attorneys representing crypto victims have challenged the city's notice requirement, but if the City's position prevails, these claims must be filed before December 6, 1995 to preserve the right to seek compensation via the class action or individual lawsuits.

During the cryptosporidium outbreak of 1993, when the municipal water supply was tainted by parasites, about 400,000 people became ill and at least 100 people, many children or immune-compromised individuals, died.

In 1993, a class action lawsuit was filed against the City of Milwaukee and those surrounding suburbs supplying City of Milwaukee water to their citizens. The suit seeks compensation for all persons claiming to have suffered personal injury or business loss as a result of the contamination. Compensation amounts will be determined by the class action and other lawsuits because the cities are not settling individual claims at this time.

Damage claim forms are available in various local newspapers and at local businesses. A form appeared on page 3 of the last issue of **In Step**. To obtain a damage claim form or more information, please call (800) 783-0081.

Needle Exchange Program Opens in Racine

Racine — Racine has become the second city in the state of Wisconsin where a clean needle exchange program is operating to help stop the spread of AIDS.

The program, called Lifepoint Racine, is operated by the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project. It offers to exchange clean needles for used needles at two locations within the Racine city limits. The two exchange sites are staffed on Wednesdays and Fridays for a total of eight hours each week.

According to the State Bureau of Substance Abuse and the Racine Police Department, between 700 and 1,200 active drug users live in the Racine area. Experts estimate that at least half of them share used needles, a practice that is among the highest risk behaviors for HIV transmission.

"Our sole purpose is to save lives," said Doug Nelson of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. "This is an aggressive strategy that can and will control the spread of AIDS cases among drug users, their sexual partners and infant children. We expect that Lifepoint Racine will save hundreds of lives of men, women and children over the next several years." The Milwaukee AIDS Project has operated a successful needle exchange program within the city of Milwaukee for more than 18 months - the first and only other needle exchange program in Wisconsin. Since its inception, nearly 2,000 of the estimated 5,000 active drug users in Milwaukee benefited from Lifepoint. More than 180,000 clean needles have been exchanged in Milwaukee.

NATIONAL News Briefs

Lambda Files Appeal for Gay Youth Brutalized in Wisconsin School

Chicago, IL — In the first known federal appellate case challenging anti-Gay violence in public schools, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed an appeal to a ruling by a Wisconsin federal judge who dismissed a lawsuit by a Gay student against his former school.

The student, Jamie Nabozny, suffered multiple physical assaults from seventh to eleventh grade in a school in Ashland. Students trapped Nabozny in the hallways or the bathroom and beat him, punching, kicking and even urinating on him. During one assault, several boys pinned Nabozny to the floor and acted out sexual acts on him, with the class looking on. He also endured relentless verbal abuse.

Throughout the years of abuse, Nabozny's parents stood by their gay son and unsuccessfully attempted to get the school to discipline the bullies, but no discipline was ever imposed. Instead, school officials reportedly scoffed at Nabozny's plight, telling him that "Boys will be boys."

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"Our public schools cannot shirk their responsibility to protect Gay and Lesbian students from violence and harassment — no teenager should have to endure abuse to get an education," said Patricia M. Logue of Lambda's Midwest Regional office. "With the federal government reporting that one third of teen suicides are by Lesbian and Gay youth, it is imperative that schools show zero tolerance for anti-Gay attacks."

Lambda is seeking review by the Federal Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago. The appeal is from a grant of summary judgment on October 5 in the Western District of Wisconsin, which denied Nabozny an opportunity to take his case to trial.

Maine Votes Against Anti-Gay Measure

Portland, ME — The citizens of Maine apparently heeded the message of the pro-Gay group Maine Won't Discriminate and voted on November 7 to defeat an anti-Gay initiative which would have forever excluded the category of sexual orientation from any of the state's antibias statutes. The vote was 53% to 47%.

Maine Won't Discriminate built a powerful coalition to oppose the measure, including Gov. Angus King and US Senator Olympia Snowe, both Republicans. Religious groups, labor unions and women's organizations also joined the successful effort. Tennis pro and Lesbian icon Martina Navratilova put in an appearance denouncing the measure, drawing comparisons to how a similar anti-Gay measure has negatively impacted her home state of Colorado.

Right wing groups poured much money into the Maine campaign, hoping it would mark the resumption of anti-Gay statewide measures. The constitutionality of Colorado's initiative will soon be ruled on by the US Supreme Court. Similar initiatives in Oregon and Idaho have been defeated.

Meanwhile, in Northhamptom, Massachusetts, in the town dubbed "Lesbianville" by the media because of its highly concentrated population of Lesbians, citizens narrowly passed (by less than 100 votes) a measure which repealed the city's limited domestic partners' ordinance.

The domestic partners law had been passed unanimously by the City Council in May. It allowed straight and Gay unmarried couples to register their partnerships with the city and guaranteed them visitation with partners in local hospitals and jails.

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Achtenberg, Harris Lose, But Other Gay Candidates Are Elected

San Francisco, CA — Roberta Achtenberg, one of the most high profile Lesbian activists and politicians in the country, who served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and in the Clinton administration's Department of Housing and Urban Development, lost her bid to be elected Mayor of San Francisco.

In the Democratic primary election November 7, Achtenberg received 28% of the vote compared to Willie Brown's 32% and incumbent Mayor Frank Jordan's 34%. For the run-off in December, Achtenberg has thrown her support to Brown as the candidate with the more progressive record.

In Seattle, Sherry Harris, the first openly Lesbian candidate to win public office, a seat on the Seattle City Council, lost her bid for re-election. The margin of victory for her opponent was just 2%. But another openly Lesbian candidate, Tina Podlodowski, won a seat on the Seattle Council.

many other victories by Gay and Lesbian candidates were posted around the country. Barbra Kavanaugh won her race for the Buffalo, NY City Council. Christopher Kolb won a seat on the Ann Arbor, MI City Council. Al Oertwig won a seat on the St. Paul, MN School Board. Jim Moeller won a seat on the Vancouver, WA City Council. Dan Stewart won reelection to the Plattsburg, NY City Council. And Mike Nelson was elected Mayor



Roberta Achtenberg

of tiny Carrboro, North Carolina.

"Generally, I'm encouraged by the off-year election results," Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund Director David Clarenbach told the Washington Blade. "The bottom line is that Gay and Lesbian candidates are winning and the public has demonstrated an ability to look beyond stereotypes."



Milwaukeeans Scott Gunkel, Andy Bagnall, Dan Fons and Bonnie Nedrow pose with NGLTF Director Melinda Paras (center) at the "Creating Change" Conference in Detroit. Photo: Stephanie Hume

Wisconsin State Rep. Tammy Baldwin chats with Melinda Paras, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, at the "Creating Change" Conference in Detroit. Photo: Stephanie Hume



A Record 2,000 Activists Attend "Creating Change" Conference

Detroit, MI — Up to 2,000 LesBiGay and Transgender activists, including dozens of Wisconsinites, attended the 8th annual *Creating Change* political organizing conference sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) November 8-12.

Wisconsin State Rep. Tammy Baldwin was given a rousing welcome and a standing ovation for her keynote speech, which set the tone for the conference. Baldwin talked about the current political climate and the need for all Gays and Lesbians to come out, to build coalitions by educating different constituencies about LesBiGay issues.

In addition to Baldwin, other speakers included former NGLTF Director Urvashi Vaid, who has just published a treatise on the Gay and Lesbian movement called Virtual Equality, and Elias Farajaje-Jones, a Bisexual author and theologian who talked about the intersections of race, class, gender, sexual orientation and identity.

The conference featured a diversity of attendees. At least 250 participants were under 24 years of age, representing a strong potential for youth leadership. Twenty percent of those attending were people of color. Bisexual and Transgender issues were an important part of the conference as well.

"The Gay and Lesbian movement is at a crossroads," NGLTF Director Melinda Paras commented. "We gathered in Detroit to state our agenda. To end discrimination and violence against us. To create a more compassionate society, one that respects the worth and dignity of all of its citizens. To create real and lasting change."

Essex Hemphill, Black Poet and Performer, Dies at 38

Philadelphia, PA—Essex Hemphill, whose poetry and performances chronicled and illuminated the experiences of African American Gay men, died of AIDS complications November 4 at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. He was 38 years old.

"Essex Hemphill was a diminutive man physically, but he was a giant mentally," a colleague and friend, Tyrone Smith, told Philadelphia Gay News. Hemphill edited Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men, an anthology which won a Lambda Literary Award. He published two books of his own poetry and prose, Earth Life and Conditions and Ceremonies: Prose and Poetry.

Hemphill's poetry is also featured in the movies Looking for Langston, Tongues Untied, Black Is...Black Ain't and Black Nations/Queer Nations? Look for his poetry in these anthologies as well: In the Life, Art Against Apartheid, Men and Intimacy and Gay and Lesbian Poetry in Our Time.

"I want to be not just a black writer, or a black writer who is Gay, or a black writer who is Gay and HIV-positive," Hemphill wrote, "but a writer who has figured out some little truth about the human experience and discovers a way to represent it so that it embraces us all."

Victories Announced in AIDS Discrimination Cases

Los Angeles, CA — A federal judge in California has ordered a company to revise its health insurance policy to ensure that employees with HIV or AIDS have the same cap on benefits as other employees and a restaurant in Chicago has been ordered to pay damages to an employee fired when it was learned that he had HIV.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) had sued the Lee Data Corporation because it adopted a drastically lower lifetime health insurance cap — \$100,000 — for workers with "HIV-related illnesses." Workers without HIV had a \$1 million cap.

Federal Judge Marianne Pfaelzer approved a settlement in which Lee Data will institute an equal \$1 million health benefits cap for all employees. The policy must be retroactive to May, 1992 when the discriminatory cap was first adopted, and the company must inform all employees since that time of the revision and any benefits they may have coming. Gerald Vining, the Lee Data employee who complained to the EEOC about the disparate rates, has since died. But Lee Data must pay substantial compensatory damages to his estate.

In Chicago, a restaurant called The Pub must pay Larry Conway, who was fired because he is HIV-positive, a significant monetary sum and must begin HIV transmission and sensitivity training sessions for all of its employees.

"This settlement should serve as a warning to employers that firing someone based on irrational fears about HIV is not only wrong, it's time-consuming and costly," said an attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department has filed suit against Bekins Van Lines and Schloer Enterprises, Inc, the Bekins agency in Philadelphia, for allegedly refusing to move the household items of a man whose friend has AIDS.

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Keebler Pulls Elf From "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom"

Chicago, IL — According to a report in Windy City Times, the Keebler Company reneged on a promotional agreement and cited "our family-oriented image" as justification for demanding that its costume of Ernie the Elf be returned from producers of the campy play Vampire Lesbians of Sodom, currently running in Chicago.

Keebler also insisted that a large number of packages of cookies, which were to be distributed to audience members during the Halloween season, be returned along with the elf costume.

A spokesman for Hartzell productions told Windy City Times that Keebler withdrew their support because "They didn't want to have Ernie the Elf associated with a production that had 'Lesbians' in the title."

"I kept on stressing in my conversation it was about vampires, but he said it was the Lesbians," Colleen Loeffler of Hartzell reported. The production of Vampire Lesbians of Sodom ran into problems earlier when Channel 5 backed out of doing a segment on the play. Apparently the title was all it took to keep it off the air. The hilariously campy play was written by drag performer and writer Charles Busch and has played long runs in New York and San Francisco.

Also On the Newswire...

San Francisco, CA — Felony charges have been dropped against four members of ACT UP/San Francisco who occupied the offices of the local Republican Party for several hours last July. At a preliminary hearing, the judge found that less that \$2,000 in damage had occurred. The GOP group claimed more than \$10,000 in damages. Trenton, NJ - The Rainbow Foundation, a charitable organization based in New Jersey, is threatening legal action against the Rainbow Card Foundation, the group promoted by Martina Navratilova which funnels proceeds from a new charge card to Gay and Lesbian groups. "There are hundreds of similarly named organizations around the country," said a spokesperson for the Rainbow Card. "I don't think there is any confu-

Washington, DC — GOP cuts in the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities are taking their toll. A year ago, the Arts Endowment had 289 employees. In December, it will have only 148. The 1996 budget has been reduced

from \$162 million to \$99.5 million. The Humanities Endowment has been forced to cut 90 members of its staff. Last year's budget of \$172 million has been reduced to \$110 million.

San Diego, CA — A judge has ordered a convicted Gay basher to perform 25 hours of service with a Gay or Lesbian group or AIDS service organization. James DeLong, 20, pleaded guilty to assaulting a Gay man with chains and beer bottles outside a Gay bar last May. The community service is in addition to a one year jail sentence, a \$1,000 fine and payment of the victims' medical expenses.

New York, NY — NYNEX, the phone company which serves customers throughout New York and New England, has announced that it will offer health care benefits to the domestic partners of Gay and Lesbian employees and their children. The policy does not cover unmarried heterosexuals because, the company says, they have the opportunity to marry.

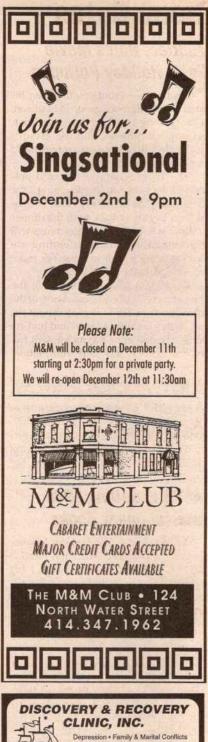
Fort Collins, CO — A student group affiliated with the Republican National Committee has sued three Colorado colleges because they have policies requiring student groups not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. The colleges will not recognize the junior GOPers because they refuse to abide by the policy.

Washington, DC — The FBI has announced that more than 5,800 hate crimes were committed in the US in 1994, a 15% drop from the previous year. Of those crimes, 702 were crimes motivated by sexual orientation bias. African Americans were the largest target with 2,100 crimes reported. Criminals committed 908 acts of hatred against Jews. Observers noted the figures may be low because several states and municipalities did not submit statistics to the FBI.

Washington, DC — The Congressional office of fair Employment Practices has ruled that Rep. Barbara Rose-Collins violated the Americans With Disabilities Act when she fired legislative assistant Bruce Taylor because she believed he was HIV-positive. The Board has ordered Collins to pay Taylor all back pay and benefits dating to the time in 1994 that he was fired.

Muskogee, OK — Four right wing extremists have been charged with terrorism after plotting a series of bombings of Gay bars, welfare offices, civil rights groups and abortion clinics. They were charged with conspiracy to manufacture and possess a bomb. One of the four, Willie Ray Lampley, 65, claims to be a "prophet" and crusades against the government.

— Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya





Group Notes

Frontiers Holds Movie Night, Holiday Potlucks

Madison — Frontiers, the Gay/Bisexual Men's Outreach group in Madison, will be holding Thanksgiving and Christmas potluck dinners, and the group's Film Circle will be holding a movie night in upcoming weeks.

The Thanksgiving dinner and potluck will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, at 4701 Judy Lane. The social hour begins at 4pm, with the dinner to follow at 5. Turkey and trimmings will be provided, but those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass. For more information, call (608) 241-2500.

On Wednesday, December 6, the Film Circle will sponsor a showing of the Australian film *The Sum of Us,* about the relationship between a father and his Gay son. A discussion of the movie will follow. For location and more information, call (608) 274-5959.

Finally, the Christmas dinner/potluck will be held on Saturday, December 9. Festivities begin with cocktails at 6:30pm, with dinner to follow at 7:30. Frontiers will provide the ham and turkey. Those attending are asked to bring side dishes like potatoes or veggies. For more information, call (608) 244-8675.

LAMM is Selling 1996 Entertainment Books

Milwaukee — The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund is selling 1996 Entertainment Books, a big book full of coupons and savings for restaurants, theaters, sports and services throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Each book is \$35 and can provide thousands in savings. They are great ideas for holiday gifts.

The Entertainment books are available at LAMM member meetings and programs or by sending name, address, phone number and payment to: LAMMEF, Entertainment Book, P.O. Box 93323, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Personal checks, VISA and MasterCard are accepted.

Winter Car Care Tips at Atwood Community Center

Madison — Is your car ready for the winter? Have you put the appropriate amount of anti-freeze in your radiator? Do you even know what anti-freeze is? If not, you'd better get some winter car care tips!

A Winter Car Care Tips program will be held Monday, December 11 from 7:15 to 9:15pm at the Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Avenue in Madison. The program, open to everyone, will be led by Nan Mortenson, a professional auto mechanic who has conducted women's auto mechanic classes at the Center. Practical advice will be given about preparing cars to meet the challenges of Old Man Winter. There will be a question/answer session.

Cost for the Car Tips program is \$15-10, sliding fee. Call Patti at (608) 241-1574 to sign up.

Survival/Revival Celebrates Birthday with Big Sale December 1

Milwaukee — In celebration of its first anniversary, the Survival/Revival Resale Shop, whose proceeds benefit the programs of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, will be holding a special sale and birthday party on World AIDS Day, December 1.

"We've done much better than projected and the store is doing well," reports the manager, Kathy Fortier. "We invite everyone to check out our quality merchandise at low prices. All the proceeds go to an important cause."

The sale on December 1 will feature



Manager Kathy Fortier invites everyone to the 1st anniversary sale and celebration at the Survival/Revival Resale Shop December 1. Proceeds benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Photo: Jamie

discounts of up to 50% off storewide. Between 2 and 4pm that day, children under 12 are invited to visit and accept a Christmas token from one of Santa's elves. There will also be a birthday cake.

The Survival / Revival Resale Shop is located at 246 E. Chicago Street in the Historic Third Ward. Business hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 10am to 6pm; Saturday, 10am to 5pm; and Sunday, 12 Noon to 5pm. Call (608) 291-2856 for more information.

Out Up North Plans Community Gathering in Washburn December 10

Washburn — In the spirit of "building community," Out Up North, the organization of LesBiGays in Wisconsin's Northland, is holding a gathering on Sunday, December 10, at the Brokedown Palace in Washburn. The event will take place from 2-8pm.

The gathering will include a potluck, some movies, board games, ping-pong, and lots of food and fun. It is meant to let all Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and their families and friends in the Northland realize "You are not alone up here."

"We have a very diverse population of people in the Northwoods, and we hope that we can all come together for this one day to help build a sense of community in the area," said an Out Up North spokesperson.

Those who can't make the December 10 gathering are welcome to drop in at the informal Monday night gatherings at the Black Cat Coffee Shop in Washburn. People meet there at about 6:30pm.

For directions or any other questions about the December 10 event or the Monday night meetings, call Out Up North at (715) 682-2890.

Milwaukee AIDS Service Groups Explore Coalition

Milwaukee — Representatives of nine Milwaukee area organizations having an HIV/AIDS component met at the Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church November 7 to explore working together in a more focussed way. The two hour meeting, chaired by Mary Naber of Caring Bridges, also identified other agencies sharing the spirit and service philosophy

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who might be invited to join a future coalition. In addition to sharing a brief synopsis of its service scope, each participant was given an opportunity to review and provide input into the proposed characteristics of the future coalition.

Agencies represented at the first meeting were the BESTD Clinic, Caring Bridges, the Milwaukee Archdiocese Catholic AIDS Ministry, the Order of St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry, the Presbytery of Milwaukee, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, St. Francis Cabrini Church (West Bend), the School Sisters of St. Francis, S.E.T. Ministry and STD Specialties.

The Board of Caring Bridges will study all of the input from the meeting and issue a call for further gatherings, discussion and cooperative action in the future.

Men of All Colors Together/ Chicago Celebrates 15 Years

Chicago — Men of All Colors Together (MACT), the Chicago chapter of the National Association of Black and White Men Together, will celebrate its 15th anniversary during the first weekend in December.

The Gay multi-racial organization has a gala weekend planned Friday, December 1 through Sunday, December 3. It includes parties, a museum tour and shopping tour, a festive banquet/talent show, a Sunday Brunch and much more. Most events will be held at Gentry's, 712 North Rush Street in Chicago, on the Ballroom floor.

For more information, call MACT/ Chicago at (312) 878-5521.

Boot Camp Saloon Holds AIDS Fundraisers

Milwaukee — The Boot Camp Saloon, in association with the Wisconsin Leather Men's Association Inc., will hold its annual World AIDS Day Benefit Dinner for PWA's on Saturday, December 2 at the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street in Milwaukee. Cocktails begin at 6pm, with dinner at 7. Tickets are \$25 and available at the Boot Camp Saloon or by mail from 209 E. National Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53204. Last year, donations from the dinner totaled \$1,460 and went to the BESTD Clinic, the Milwaukee AIDS Project, St. Mary's Hospice Center and various people with AIDS.

Also, on Friday night, December 8, the Firebirds of Milwaukee will hold an AIDS Food Pantry Fundraiser at the Boot Camp.

For more information on these events, call (414) 643-1652.

WORT to Sponsor LesBiGay Show, "Queery"

Madison — WORT 89.9 FM, Madison's listener-sponsored community radio station, is initiating a news and views show for the Madison area Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. The debut episode is likely to be aired Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm. Queery will offer what the name suggests: a radio program that questions and challenges norms, that offers something different. Queery is currently looking for volunteers interested in sharing Madison area LesBiGay news and information.

Please call Fred at (608) 255-9449 for more information.

St. Camillus Holds Retreat for People with HIV/AIDS

Milwaukee — The St. Camillus AIDS Ministry is inviting people living with HIV/AIDS to register early for Embracing the Mystery: HIV/AIDS and the

Spiritual Life, a retreat experience designed to help participants to reframe their often negative experiences of living with HIV disease.

The retreat is open to anyone living with HIV/AIDS without regard to race, sex, religion, sexual orientation or age. There is no fee required for participation, but enrollment is limited. Please call (414) 259-4664 to register or receive more information.

Madison G/L Resource Center Launches "\$10 Campaign"

Madison — The Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center has launched a fundraising effort called the \$10 Campaign. The campaign seeks to obtain at least \$10 from every person who supports the group's work. The final goal is to make \$10,000 to fund materials and programs for 1996, including new library books, computer center upgrades, bookshelves and magazine subscriptions.

Those who are able, are asked to pledge \$10 per month or per quarter to sustain the group's efforts. Checks should be made payable to: MG/LRC, P.O. Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701.

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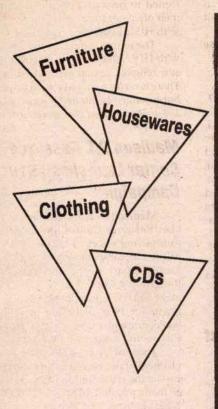
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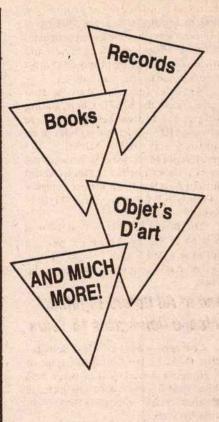
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Letters-

MAP: Readers Talk Back

To the Editor:

I recently read two articles about the forum held by the Milwaukee AIDS Project concerning the problems in the Gay and Lesbian community with MAP. As a tavern owner, with the bartenders hearing input from many customers over the years, I decided to attend the meeting.

I wasn't surprised at what the MAP clients said. Poor service at MAP has been the talk of the community for several years. I was terribly upset that more of Milwaukee's tavern owners, who have heard the same information, were not present. Also, only about five clients or volunteers came forward. Someone asked me why more didn't come. First, you have to understand this meeting was held on MAP's turf and under their controls. I was told before I went that this was just going to be a public relations ploy for MAP to toot their horns. Therefore, why bother going? I have to agree, they ran the meeting, and gave very little answers to any problems.

[Executive Director] Doug Nelson defended MAP's voice mail system. For people with AIDS, voice mail is worse than getting put on hold when calling the suicide line. MAP has hundreds of volunteers, but three times, MAP officials said positions needed to be filled or have been vacant for months. Yes, I think something is wrong at MAP. Someone should do some house cleaning.

The appointment of Jerry Lishawa within a week of the forum to look into clients' problems is probably a part-time bandage. If the telephone problems continue, good luck reaching him. The information I came away with at the meetings was that some programs are working, while others are not, and the upper office management seems to be doing financially excellent at the clients' expense.

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My question to the community is: who is operating and directing MAP? Who in Wisconsin's Gay community sits on the Board of Directors to represent a large portion of the AIDS patients? In conclusion, remember that the patients need money for medicine, housing, etc. Are they getting it? Or does Milwaukee have a large self-supporting bureaucracy for a few?

A Milwaukee Gay bar Owner Name Withheld on Request

To the Editor:

Thank you for your coverage of the forum sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project. I too have heard many complaints about MAP over the years and it's time that these criticisms were brought into the open.

MAP has a pretty bad rep in Milwaukee's Gay community. This is based on things I've heard from clients who have been frustrated with their services and on horror stories told by Gays and Lesbians who have worked there.

I hope that MAP is sincere in its promise to make the changes that are needed to serve people with HIV/AIDS better. The Gay community needs to make MAP accountable to us.

- Name Withheld on Request

BESTD Thanks LINKS, Boot Camp

To the Editor:

The Brady East STD Clinic recently received two gifts which were the result of fundraisers held on its behalf.

Bob Mazzacone delivered a check in the amount of \$250, the Clinic's portion of the Links Block Party held on Labor Day weekend. The prime movers behind that event were Designing Men and Fannies. BESTD Clinic was designated as a beneficiary along with St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry, MAP's Food Pantry, breast cancer treatment for Lesbians, the Rodney Scheel House and the Center Project Client Assistance Program. The Clinic also received a check for \$150 from the Boot Camp Saloon, also the result of a fundraiser.

Since BESTD Clinic does no fundraising on its own behalf, it always welcomes these spontaneous efforts by others. Funds raised by these events allow the BESTD volunteers to continue to provide all of its services without charge or fee. Many thanks and a tip of the BESTD hat to both the Links Block Party and the Boot Camp Saloon.

- Ross Walker, BESTD Clinic



Profiles

Havlicek Wins Traveling Friendship Award

Annabelle Havlicek, Associate Publisher of In Step Magazine and owner/operator of Havlicek & Associates, was awarded the 1995-96 Traveling Friendship Award by The Pageant Committee on Sunday, November 5, 1995. The presentation of this annual award is part of the Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant, which was held at the Milwaukee Hilton.

Havlicek has been involved with The Pageant for approximately five years, handling advertising and promotion. "I was really honored to be a recipient of this coveted award. Looking at the past award winners, I'm awed that I would be considered for this honor," said Havlicek. "Ron Geiman, Ginger Spice, Miss M and many others have received this award in the past."

When presenting the award, Ronnie Marx said, "This person [Havlicek] has probably been a friend to each of you at one time or another."

"It really makes you feel good to come in your office and see this honor sitting on your desk," said Havlicek. "I'm honored to be considered a friend and ally of Milwaukee's LesBiGay community."



Annabelle Havlicek accepting the Traveling Friendship Award at the Pageant on November 5. Photo by Jeff Butler.





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Viewpoint

Backlash Against Gay Sex Nationwide

It's Past Time to Defend Our Sex Lives

By Richard D. Mohr

As I read local Gay papers from across the country, I wonder, "Am I just being paranoid or is there something menacing afoot in the land?"

In February, New York City vice squads closed Rounds, the elegant Midtown hustler bar. Over the summer, they closed five Gay movie theaters and started arresting Gay masseurs and call

Also this past summer, for the first time in anyone's memory, police arrested guys cruising for sex under Provincetown's "Dick Dock" pier. Caught up in the zeal, a local paper published the men's names. Indeed Gay men trying to have "plain air sex were arrested all over the country: 61 men in Topeka's Gage Park; 17 men in two police sweeps of Baltimore's Loch Raven Watershed area; multiple arrests have been made in Lincoln, Nebraska's Pioneers Parks, Omaha's Turner Park, the Fenway of Boston, Raleigh's Oak Hollow Overlook Park, and Miami's Flamingo Park.

In Atlanta, police have even busted six shops for selling dildos or what in the eyes of Peach State law are "devices whose primary purpose is to stimulate the genital organs." In all, 15 people were ar-

Indecency, loitering, and solicitation statutes have sprung back to life. Every appearance suggests that this past year has witnessed a marked upsurge in the police's wholly discretionary enforcement of such "victimless crime" statutes against Gay men. The general pattern of arrests suggests some sort of repression in the offing. But what is it?

BACKLASH TO GAY PROGRESS

My hunch is that these police actions are not to be understood as just more of the usual run of things - "rounding up the usual suspects." They are not, that is, on a par with the police's periodic harassment of the livelier elements of street culture - prostitutes, urchins, druggies. Rather, I conjecture the actions represent a backlash to the progress Gays have been making on the social and cultural fronts.

standing of Gayness as something akin to an ethnic classification, like being Irish,

For you see, society's thinking about Gays is rapidly solidifying into an underor more precisely something akin to a mixed ethnic and religious classification, like being a Hasidic Iew or Mormon. These are people who have a socially distinctive feature which is the basis of a whole way of life. Gays are on the verge of being considered just such a social group, one that while perhaps being viewed as weird, is not viewed as repulsive or monstrous, and while perhaps

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HIV DRUG TRIALS OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT

WISCONSIN COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (WCRC)

The WCRC is currently enrolling individuals with HIV disease for participation in two trials of experimental drug therapies. These trials may advance scientific knowledge and future treatment for other individuals with HIV disease.

TRIAL NO. 1 - DELAVIRDINE

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TRIAL NO. 2 - DELAVIRDINE

This is a double-blind, randomized study. The study compares the responses of individuals taking varied doses of Delavirdine (DLV) and Zidovudine (AZT), or placebo and AZT.

ELIGIBILITY:

If your are fourteen years of age or older, are HIV positive, have a CD4 count greater than 200 but less than 500, and have not been on AZT therapy for more than six months, you may be eligible for this study.

For information about enrolling in these trials, please call Jacque Kaczinski, R.N. at the WCRC office at 414-225-1578.

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tolerance and so of rights.

Sensing this social ground shift, conservative institutional forces are striking back as best they can and each in its own distinctive way. The religious Right and cultural conservatives more generally are striking back chiefly by trying to reestablish taboos over discussing Gays and Gay issues - in schools and libraries, on stage and screen, at the NEA and PBS. These are skirmishes, though, which for the most part conservatives are losing. The military has fared better, striking back narrowly but intensely on the plain of society's symbols and ideals. The policy "don't ask, don't tell" ritualisticly treats Gay people as scum or excrement - as a dirty, loathsome, abject thing which cannot even be named among decent people. By contrast, the police are attacking Gays not at the level of ideals, symbols, and ideology, but at the level of actual sexual behavior - our weakest flank.

GAY LEADERS EMBARASSED

Weakest, because our mainline institutions have never defended our sex lives. Sodomy law reform, let alone any radical rethinking of sex law, has never been integral to Gay political agendas. Even perfectly legal sex seems to embarrass Gay leaders. Who can forget NGLTF director Torie Osborn's 1994 rant against what she dubbed "sexual freedom": "The idea of sex as salvation and as self... dominates Gay male – and now young Lesbian – culture. [Such sex] holds no promise for real change; it is consumeristic and ultimately hollow." Thank you, Torie.

Now, the weakness of our national organizations notwithstanding, the good news is that all these anti-Gay attacks are really counter-attacks, reactions to the progress Gays have been making in winning the heart and mind of America. With the collapse of taboos over discussing Gay issues, Americans are being won over through one-on-one personal contacts with Gay folk and through the media's coverage of Gay issues which call out for justice.

The bad news is that attacks on Gays' sexual behavior may well survive the solidification of Gayness as an acceptable social identity. Consider: three of the nine states that now have Gay civil rights legislation – Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Rhode Island – had sodomy laws on their books when the legislation was passed. Indeed Minnesota and Rhode Island still do. Further, counter-attacks on Gay sexual

behavior may even provide a pivot for residual attacks on Gay identity, just as attacks on black familial styles and arrangements are now used by conservatives implicitly to attack black identity. In any case, a lot of Gay men's lives are being mangled right now by police attacks on Gay sexual styles and arrangements.

This backlash is probably part of a larger cultural trend. In their attacks on Gays, the police may well feel emboldened by certain politicians calls "to renew America." Such calls are not exhortations to improve America by drawing it nearer onto yet unrealized general principles of justice. Rather they are attempts to drive America back to some largely imaginary but quite specific Golden Age which both offers and demands a particular, tribalistic vision of who counts as a person and how people must lead their lives.

In consequence, such calls for "renewal" and for a "Return to Glory" are always fascisticly-tinged. The stakes are high. Gays might win the cultural wars only to lose the cultural peace, just as blacks were to lose the cultural peace of Reconstruction.

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Cris Williamson, Tret Fure Set Madison, Milwaukee Gigs

Madison — Women's music pioneer Cris Williamson and Tret Fure will be making the rounds of the Gay Rights State soon with concerts in Madison and Milwaukee on December 1 and 2, respectively. Both concerts are sponsored by Full Moon Productions and celebrate the release of Snow Angel, an album of seasonal and holiday songs, on CD.

At 48, Williamson has 17 albums to her credit, including Strange Paradise, Lumiere, Wolf Moon, Country Blessed, Prairie Fire, Postcards from Paradise and Meg and Cris at Carnegie Hall, the 10 year celebration of Olivia Records. She is still best known, perhaps, as the singer/songwriter whose album Changer and the Changed, released in 1975, impacted many women's lives and has become the biggest selling record in the history of women's music.

Tret Fure has been performing solo and with Williamson for 14 years. Her albums include *Terminal Hold*, *Edges of the Heart*, *Time Turns the Moon* and, with Williamson, *Postcards from Paradise*. Both Cris and Tret are founders of In the Best Interests of the Children, Inc., a pediatric AIDS organization that develops entertainment-based HIV education programs and sponsors Camp Colors, a family day camp for kids with HIV/AIDS in Massachusetts.

The Madison concert takes place on Friday, December 1 at 8pm at the Barrymore Theater, 2090 Atwood Ave. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. They are available at the Barrymore box office, A Room of One's Own, The Exclusive Co., Green Earth, Star Liquor and Magic Mill. Or call (608) 241-8633.

The Milwaukee concert is Saturday, December 2 at 8pm at Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th Street. Tickets (same prices) are available at People's Books, Just Us, AfterWords and Outpost Natural Foods.



"Christmas in Fest City" Musical Review December 10

Milwaukee — The Fest City Singers will present Many Times, Many Ways: Christmas in Fest City, a Christmas musical review and party at 7pm on Sunday, December 10 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2308 E. Belleview Place.

Comic and serious by turns, the songs and dances show the secular, religious, ethnic and historical dimensions of the holiday. "We pay special tribute to Charles Dickens," says writer/Artistic Director **Peter Mortenson**. "His is the vision of Christmas that prevails, and it transcends many religious and ethnic differences. He urged the importance of seeing the world through the eyes of childhood. In addition, Dickens' pervasive concern for the poor and helpless makes him extremely relevant today."

True to the Dickensian vision of Christmas hospitality and revelry, the Fest City Singers will treat their audience to a holiday supper buffet and party following the concert. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person (or \$8 for groups of eight or more) and include the party and supper buffet. For reservations or further information, call the Festline at (414) 263-SING.

"Faggot With a Gun" in Chicago December 1-10

Chicago — "He's not just another high strung queer, he's mad as hell, he's a Faggot With a Gun!" — so goes the promotion for a one-man show by actor/comedian Mark Davis at the Studio Theater of the Bailiwick Arts Center, 1229 W. Belmont in Chicago: The show runs from December 1-10.

Faggot is part of Bailiwick's Solo'd Out Series, which began this fall with John McGivern's More Midwest Side Stories and Michael Garcia's Hold the Hot Sauce! Davis is one of a group of hot young comics spawned by San Francisco's Gay comedy clubs.

In a charming blur of fact and fiction, Faggot With a Gun tells the tale of a small town boy who runs away from home to discover his tribe. In hilarious fashion, Davis pokes fun of dad (a mortician), mom (Mavis Davis), high school jocks, evangelists and the "Queer BLT" community. Davis's tale leads him into battle with arch conservative Rush Sheldon Helms, who has imprisoned all the current Gay icons in his subterranean vault. Who else can come to their rescue but the Faggot With a Gun?

For show times and ticket information, call (312) 883-1090.

Cream City Chorus Presents "Christmases Remembered"

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus Ltd. will perform its holiday concert, Christmases Remembered, December 10 at 3pm at Vogel Hall of the Performing Arts Center.

For this concert, the Cream City Chorus will revisit pieces from several of their past concerts. "We're all really pleased with our musical growth this year," said Chorus publicist Emory Churness, "so we're bringing back some of our favorite pieces, even bigger and better than before." The Chorus has also added some new selections. As always, the concert will be a mix of holiday and seasonal songs, blending traditional with contemporary, the heartwarming and humorous.

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A cassette tape, also called *Christmases Remembered* will be available at the concert and by mail order through the Chorus office.

Tickets for Christmases Remembered are available through the PAC Box Office, the Chorus office, from Chorus members, and at the BESTD Clinic, Survival Revival and the M&M Club. They are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus rehearses at the First Unitarian Society every Wednesday evening from 7-10pm. After a break for the holidays, rehearsals will resume January 3.

For more information on the concert, the Chorus or its rehearsals, call (414) 344-WCCC or write to WCCC at P.O. Box 1488, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1488.



Shirley Jones stars in Home for the Holidays at Milwaukee's Performing Arts Center, December 1-3. Photo: Harry Langdon

Shirley Jones Stars in "Home for the Holidays"

Milwaukee — Singer/actress Shirley Jones, who starred in the movies *The Music Man* and *Oklahoma* and who became known to a younger generation of fans through her role on TV's *The Partridge Family*, will perform with the Milwaukee Symphony Pops in *Home for the Holidays* December 1-3 at Uihlein Hall of the Performing Arts Center.

Jones will sing a bevy of everyone's favorite carols of the season, accompanied by the Carroll College Project Children's Choir. Jones is also expected to sing a selection of tunes from musicals she has starred in, including Oklahoma, Carousel, Music Man and more.

For ticket information and show times, call the PAC box office at (414) 273-7206.

Windy City Choruses Sing Together December 8-9

Chicago — The Windy City Gay Chorus, UNISON: Windy City Lesbian & Gay Singers and the Windy City Slickers will celebrate the holiday season in concert December 8 and 9. Don We Now XVII...An Evening in December will be presented at the Preston Bradley Center, 941 W. Lawrence Avenue in Chicago at 8pm.

This concert marks the long-anticipated debut of Music Director Bill Young. Both the Windy City Gay Chorus and UNI-SON will present programs which combine traditional holiday music along with some innovative choices, including numbers by Poulenc and Irving Berlin. Sing-a-longs and a stirring rendition of Silent Night will round out the evening. The Windy City Slickers will be directed by After Dark Award-winner Eric Lane Barnes.

Tickets are available by calling (312) 404-9242 or through TicketMaster.

Bel Canto Chorus in Christmas Concert in December

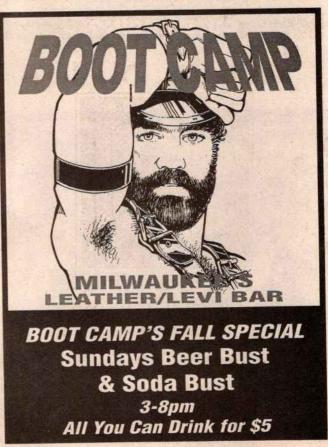
Milwaukee — The Bel Canto Chorus and Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Richard Hynson, will present a holiday concert on Friday and Saturday evenings, December 1 and 2 at 8pm at the Cathedral of St. John, 802 N. Jackson Street in Milwaukee.

The program includes Gian Carlo Menotti's Christmas classic Amahl and the Night Visitors, Camille Saint-Saens's Oratorio de Noel, Randall Thompson's Alleluia and Angels We Have Heard on High. Soloists include Milwaukeeans Jennifer Clark (alto) and Russell Kopitzke (baritone), and Laura Medendorp of Racine (soprano). "Amahl" will be played by Robert Rubino of Wausau.

Tickets are \$15 and \$20 and can be obtained by calling the Bel Canto office at (414) 272-7950.

"Drag Queen" Author Robert Rodi at AfterWords December 2

Milwaukee — Move over Closet Case. Watch out, Fag Hag. Here comes Drag Queen, the newest novel by Gay writer Rob-



ert Rodi. AfterWords is bringing Robert Rodi to Milwaukee to read from Drag Queen on Saturday, December 2 at 1pm at the bookstore and espresso bar, 2710 N. Murray Ave. The event is free and everyone is welcome.

Rodi is perhaps the most entertaining comic Gay novelist writing today. What They Did to Princess Paragon was a scathing send-up of the wild, wacky world of comic books. In Closet Case, Rodi took aim at the cut-throat world of advertising. The world of drag is vividly portrayed in Drag Queen.

In Drag Queen, Mitchell Sayer's well-ordered life is thrown into absolute shambles when his beloved mother reveals that not only is he adopted but that he has a twin brother. Nothing can prepare Mitchell for meeting his bro, the flamboyant drag performer Kitten Kaboodle. When the two find themselves caught up in a game of switched identity, nothing will ever be the same for the brothers or the reader!

For more information on Drag Queen or Rodi's appearance, call AfterWords at (414) 963-9089.

Also on the Arts Scene...

Milwaukee — The Fall 1995 UW-Milwaukee Student Film and Video Festival, co-sponsored by University Film Services and the UWM Union Theater, will be held December 2 at 8pm in the UW-Milwaukee Union Theater, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. For more information, call (414) 229-5656.

Also at UWM, The Figure in Art, figurative art by area artists, will be on display through December 8 at the Union Art Gallery. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Call (414) 229-6310 for more information.

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Books

The Male Form is Subject of Two New Homoerotic Picture Books

By Carl M. Szatmary

Gianni Versace: Men Without Ties Abbeville Press, \$75

Masculine: Photographs by George Machado Crown Publishers, \$50

Homoerotic images are transforming the advertising business. Images of gorgeous men are everywhere. Selling everything. Not like the old days. Used to be a gorgeous young woman, most often scantily clad, hawked products ranging from cigarettes and beer to hardware and pickup trucks and even, on occasion, women's fashions.

Used to be.

In the 1990's, a gorgeous young man is just as likely, if not even more likely, to represent these products to the mainstream American buying public.

The appeal of the male form will not come as any surprise to Gay readers. Who doesn't fondly remember Scott Madsen, famed for his Solo-Flex ads in years gone by? And Calvin Klein underwear ads are, quite simply, legendary.

Reflecting this change in perspective this Fall, two coffee table books offer striking new looks at the male form: Gianni Versace: Men Without Ties and George Machado's Masculine.

Gianni Versace is one of the leading fashion designers today. In Men Without Ties, such top photographers as Bruce Weber, Richard Avedon and Herb Ritts, each in their own unique styles, interpret Versace's vision of men's fashions in essence defining the "Versace Man" —a man without ties.

The result is an absolutely gorgeous book, large format pages filled with brilliant color and black and white images of men with style, wearing Versace fashions or perhaps nothing at all. Celebrity shots include Jeremy Irons, Sting, and that universal Lesbian icon, k.d. lang, among others

Men Without Ties is playful and arty and erotic all at once. Brief essays by Barry Hannah, Richard Martin and by Gianni Versace himself seek to put into words what the book's magnificent photos effectively convey — the timeless elegance and eroticism of the male form.

A somewhat more traditional look at the male nude emerges in George Machado's Masculine. Less well known than Versace, Machado can likewise draw from experiences, including as a clothing designer and as a fashion photographer. His resulting images are striking and pro-

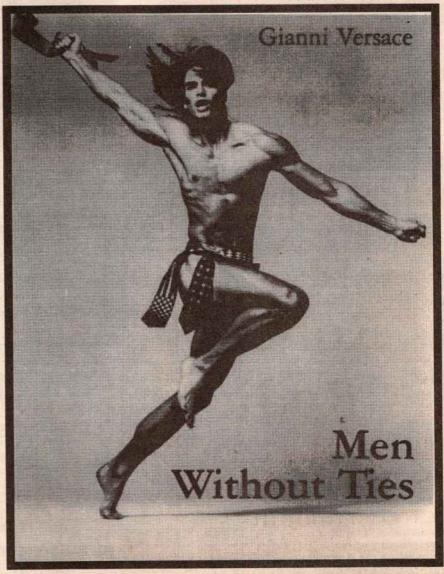
In Masculine, Machado utilizes stunning black and white photography to capture the beauty and magnificence of the male form, and to explore visually the various notions of masculinity. By varying the background, alternating the poses of models in light or within shadows, Machado reflects a range of masculine images whose erotic charge comes more from the eyes of the models than from simple displays of frontal nudity.

Adding little to Masculine is a brief introductory essay by Frank Browning, author of the controversial The Culture of Desire. With his discussion of man as

"sperm packer" and "skin as a chromosomal gift," this Browning essay is so over-the-top that it is a rather silly addition to the book.

The visual pleasures of Versace and Machado more than warrant the two books' hefty price tags.

Recommended.



TV/Video

We're Here! We're Queer! We're On Network TV!

Gay and Lesbian Characters Popping Up All Over the Tube

By David Max

For TV addicts and selective connoisseurs alike, finding a Gay and Lesbian "slice of life" on mainstream network TV has often been hard.

But this season the pickings have been lush, much more so than in the past. Between the big commercial and cable networks, there are at least nine shows with either main or recurring characters that are Gay or Lesbian. Sitcoms and dramas are both boasting homosexual story lines.

The FOX network features the boldest of Gay characters with the shows Melrose Place and The Crew.

Melrose may have the highest profile Gay story line involving a social worker, Matt Fielding, played by actor Doug Savant. Last season, the frequently overlooked character took center stage as his love affair with a doctor turned to murder. This season, the story line has pulled back some, but loyal viewers know that earlier this Fall Matt celebrated a homecoming with his parents, who had difficulties dealing with his homosexuality.

"THE CREW"

As for *The Crew*, the fledgling comedy about airline attendants has taken off just fine. Actor David Burke plays Paul, a cute, witty, '90's kind of homosexual. Paul is smart but, above all, has fun with being Gay — something American televi-



Sandra Bernhardt plays Nancy on Roseanne. Photo: Jake Crain

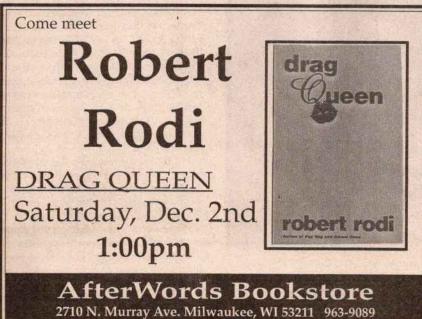
sion, much less sponsors, have hardly been eager to endorse. In *The Crew's* first season, you can catch cameos by drag diva extraordinaire Ru Paul and Little Richard.

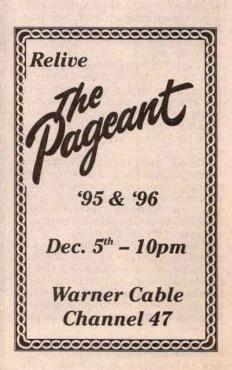
On ABC, folks can tune in to the reliably Gay-friendly Roseanne, which features the supporting queer characters of Leon and Nancy. Martin Mull played Roseanne's sharp-tongued boss Leon, who later sold her his greasy spoon restaurant. He still shows up to spar with her occasionally.

Meanwhile, Sandra Bernhardt portrays Nancy, Rosie's openly Lesbian friend. Bernhardt isn't in every episode, but she occasionally appears with a variety of girlfriends, like Morgan Fairchild and Mariel Hemingway. Roseanne faced down the network when they threatened to censor the episode in which Hemingway gave her a big smooch—and the world continues to go 'round.

Drama fans can watch NYPD Blue for a variety of minor but poignant Gay and Lesbian characters. Recently, a Lesbian officer, Lesniak, has surfaced, along with a Gay precinct administrator who will reportedly play a continuing role due to positive response from the audience.

ABC's daytime soap All My Children now has a continuing Gay character, a high school teacher named Michael Delaney, played by Chris Bruno. And CBS has hired openly Gay actor Keith Christopher to play the recurring role of Wyatt, a Gay man with HIV, on their soap, The Guiding Light.





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"FRIENDS" AND MORE

If you're looking for some Gay Friends, it won't be one of the sexy six. But on NBC's blockbuster Friends, the lovable Ross, played by David Schwimmer, was left by his wife Carol (Jane Sibbett) for another woman. Cleverly, the writers introduced the divorce after Carol discovered she was pregnant with Ross's baby. So Carol and her lover Susan (Jessica Hecht) pop up on Friends as two contemporary lipstick Lesbian mothers.

Also on NBC, Nora Dunn plays the recurring role of a TV producer, Norma Lear (!), on Sisters. She and her Lesbian partner just had a baby. And in Pursuit of Happiness, following the Gay-friendly Frasier Tuesday nights, one of the main characters, a lawyer, is openly Gay.

DON'T FORGET CABLE!

HBO snatched up that flaming "Kid in the Hall" Scott Thompson to play a funny, faggy assistant on *The Larry Sanders Show*. Thompson has a flair all his own and a nonchalance about playing Gay roles. It's very refreshing.

In addition, MTV saved it so teens and Generation X-ers can fawn over it: ABC's old My So-Called Life, the award-winning drama about teen struggles. The show features a Gay teen named Ricki, played by openly Gay actor Wilson Cruz. One episode showed what he faced when his parents rejected him because of his homosexuality, another showed him despondent over a broken heart.

Many of the regular comedy and drama series on network TV have run one or more individual episodes built around Gay plot lines. These include Murphy

Brown, Seinfeld, Frasier, Picket Fences, etc. A recent episode of Deep Space Nine

A recent episode of *Deep Space Nine* included one of the most passionate kisses between two women ever seen on the small screen. The characters were actually creatures called Trills, who had loved each other in a previous life as male and female, but the extended kiss was clearly between two present-day female actresses!

If you've enjoyed and are enjoying these shows — great! Let your friends know, and let the networks know. See the addresses and numbers below. The only way we're going to see more Gay and Lesbian characters on TV is if we push to keep them there.

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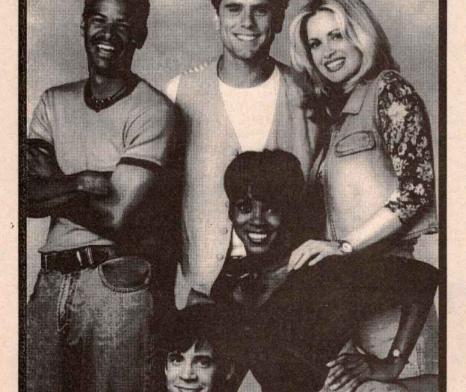
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The cast of The Crew on FOX includes, clockwise from top left: Dondre T. Whitfield as Bartender Mac; Charles Esten as Randy; Kristin Bauer as Maggie; Rose Jackson as Jess; and David Burke as Paul, "a '90's kind of homosexual." Photo: Debra Feingold/FOX

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CANADIAN LESSON

When it comes to sex and the police, American Gays would do well to learn a lesson from our Canadian counterparts. In the late '70s, Ontario police made sweeps of Toronto's Gay bathhouses. During one, 400 men were arrested on a single day for being "found-ins in a bawdy house." Toronto's Gay community organized to protest the raids and assist those arrested. Dogged organizational efforts paid off. A majority of cases against those arrested were dropped on various technicalities. And organizers so embarrassed the Ontario government that such raids have passed from the Canadian scene.

Mind you, the laws under which the busts were carried out are still on the books, but cultural forces and Gay activism have stamped them "dead letters." The same could happen to the solicitation and indecency laws which in this country provide the police with pretexts for anti-Gay harassment, if only Gays were a little more courageous in defending our sex lives.

- Richard D. Mohr is the author of Gaysl Justice.

Film

"Carrington" - A Remarkable Love Story

A Talk with Screenwriter Christopher Hampton

By Dale Reynolds

World War I was the dividing timeline between the death of rule by a landed aristocracy and the rise of the rule of technocrats; Great Britain sagged, America rose. And as the literary, theatre, and visual arts began to break from their strait-jackets of numbing conformity, so too did personal and sexual limits begin their slow crumble into some of the excesses of today.

Lytton Strachey was a minor figure of the period, a member of the famed Bloomsbury group, an artistic (mainly literary) clique of figures who were in the forefront of the moral revolution which still reverberates. Strachey was an inelegant, homely 36-year-old man who wrote novels. He was eccentric in the way the British encouraged: do your own thing, but quietly in a corner. A woman of the period, a painter named Dora Carrington, came to love him in a platonic way, and this is their story.

As written by Oscar-winner Christopher Hampton (Dangerous Liaisons), Carrington is an amusing and fascinating look at love and how closely people may grow, when mutual respect and shared interests intertwine. Hampton, 47, wrote his first draft in 1977 and managed to direct it himself last year. Its release (by Gramercy Films) is low-key, not unlike the film itself.

UNCONVENTIONAL LIVING

"The script evolved organically for me. The climate for not living in a conventional way was rather good in the '20s. They'd just come out of the stupidest war in history, killing millions of people for no good reason, so it was one of those moments where young, intelligent people could say, 'enough already. We're going to do something different.' "Carrington is played by the great Emma Thompson and Strachey by Jonathan Pryce.

"I think Carrington was an individualist and through blind instinct found her way to Lytton, who, I guess, she thought would give her the kind of freedom she needed to lead an independent life. She wouldn't have got married to someone more conventional. Had she married one of the painters of the period who fancied her, she would merely have been Mrs. Marc Gertler and they'd have said of her paintings, 'those aren't very good.' She wouldn't have had any autonomy, so in fact it was a smart choice for her to live with Strachey," making him a good wife in every-



Carrington Writer/Director Christopher Hampton chats with Emma Thompson and Jonathan Pryce on the set. Photo: Jill Furmanovsky



Jonathan Pryce as Lytton Strachey and Emma Thompson as Dora Carrington have an unusual love affair in the Gramercy Pictures release, Carrington. Photo: Jill Furmanovsky

thing but as a sexual partner. The script posits the notion that she was in love with him and he with her; it raises a lot of questions, but doesn't provide any answers – it's up to the audience to figure out what the implications of the story are.

The beautifully shot movie (the director of photography was Denis Lenoir), filmed mainly in Sussex and Surrey, counties in the south of England, reflects the 'lumiere Anglaise' which draws so many visitors to the lovely countryside – where Carrington and Strachey lived for the last seventeen years of their lives. Writer/Director Hampton makes the film shine with both the elegant visual look as well as the exquisite work of the actors.

Thompson, who won her Best Actress Oscar for her work in *Howard's End* and Pryce, who has won two Broadway Tonys for *Comedians* and *Miss Saigon*, both represent some of the highest caliber work to be found on either side of the Atlantic. That particular British combination of intelligence, talent, and sensitivity make their work together here memorable.

"TOTAL ECLIPSE" TOO

But Hampton is also partly responsible for another "art" film, co-incidentally released around the same time as Carrington, Total Eclipse, helmed by Polish-French director Agnieszka Holland, and starring Leonardo DiCaprio and David Thewlis as the French poets Arthur Rimbaud and Paul Verlaine. Both films, again coincidentally, feature Gay men in "situations." The two films, however, are as different as chalk and cheese.

"Total Eclipse is really depressing, but I certainly don't think Carrington is a depressing or even tragic film. The end is fatal, but I think the life they figured out together is one which is rather positive. Terrible things happen at the end, but until then the film has been rather light and entertaining. That's how I wanted it to be."

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Leonardo DiCaprio plays French writer Rimbaud in the movie Total Eclipse, written by Christopher Hampton. Photo: Etienne George.



Hampton is not known for his happy scripts, thank God. "I'm always told Americans don't like downbeat endings, but Hollywood recently made a dismal version of your American author Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter, which I haven't seen, but they changed the down ending to an upbeat one, which

upset people even more."

Hampton wrote *Total* in 1967, after an initial infatuation with the work of Rimbaud, "but before I even knew about his sexual liaison with Verlaine. [Homosexuality] was just barely being allowed to be discussed; the early plays treated it with tremendous hysteria. One of the motivating things I wanted to say was that their relationship was just like anybody else's, and with *Carrington* that they were willing to live outside of the contemporary boundaries."

When *Total* debuted in the late '60s, it became quite contro-

When Total debuted in the late '60s, it became quite controversial – the police raided it in London, and it was banned in Australia. "It was also intensely disliked by the first set of critics who saw it" and as some of the reviews have been decidedly

hostile, "nothing seems to have changed."

EMMA AND JONATHAN

Carrington is based on a massive biography of Strachey by Michael Holroyd, published in the 1960's. Michael Newell was set to direct but because of funding delays over a four-year period, they lost him when his comedy Four Weddings and a Funeral became a hit, and he was offered other work. So Hampton

stepped in to direct - his first time.

"Emma and Jonathan had already been cast in their roles. I called Jonathan and said 'There's good news and bad news: the good news is that we have the start money, and the bad is that I'm directing.' He said, 'Let me get back to you.' I'm awfully glad he decided to do it. He's been waiting an awfully long time for this part. It's a bit like Anthony Hopkins waiting for The Silence of the Lambs, the feel that this actor has got this part, taken it over for his own, and vanished over the top of the hill with it."

Thompson had tested for the role years before and they were prepared to cast her even then, but when she won her Oscar, it

made the financial deal possible.

"Emma's not like Carrington at all, except she shares with her a candor and openness on her face, which was very important to the film. I remember during the first week of the shooting, while we were looking at some early rushes of the film, I said to her that this is one of the best performances I've seen her do; one of the extraordinary things about it is that she didn't seem to be acting at all. She was just simply Dora. I told her, 'Let Jonathan do the acting – you just be.' "

Jonathan Pryce, 48, is a consummate actor who has starred

Jonathan Pryce, 48, is a consummate actor who has starred in films since the 1983 SciFi thriller, Something Wicked This Way Comes, along with Brazil (1985), Glengarry Glenross, The Age of Innocence, etc. He won the Best Actor Award at Cannes Film Festival for Carrington this year, a feat he won't be able to duplicate at Oscar time unless the film makes money in America.

"Jonathan reminds me a great deal of Alec Guiness whom I worked with in a television film, Tales From Hollywood. They both like to disappear into the part – that's what makes them happiest. He's an enigmatic man, but very easy to work with. We had two weeks of rehearsal, which helped solidify the relationship between Dora and Lytton. He really wanted to rehearse, being as he is a theatre actor, but Emma didn't want to rehearse at all. So I asked her, please for my sake, do it. On the set she was very like the film, bringing him cups of tea, and cappuccino, and blankets."

MANY OTHER AFFAIRS

These two people – he the selfish and arrogant writer, she the self-effacing painter – make for a fascinating couple. The sexuality is dealt with by her husband and lovers, although a decision was made to not include a Lesbian affair she had with Henrietta Bingham as it complicated an already long script.

"Henrietta was also having an affair with a sculptor named Steven Tomlin, who was also having an affair with Lytton, as well as with Carrington. Now, when I read the first draft, one of the problems was that it was four hours long, because it dealt with each and every one of these relationships."

In addition, some Gay critics are bound to carp on the amount of time given to her heterosexual affairs and the skimpy

time given to his homosexual one.

"One of the scenes I cut at the last minute was a scene with Lytton and his boyfriend in Rome, a scene which I liked very much, and which was very well-played, but which didn't advance the film, and was said more powerfully in an earlier scene not in bed. You make these choices, which in the end got to be very, very hard."

Pryce insists there was no feeling on anybody's part that the Gay love should be hidden or muted. "Had it been lit differently you could have seen more of our kiss," and here he demonstrates some of his famous humor, "The truth is you didn't



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Home for the Holidays: Delightfully Dysfunctional

New Flick Directed by Jodie Foster

By Christopher Jones

Welcome to chez Larson. Cigarette smoke clouds the air, compliments of the chain-smoking lady of the house. There go the happy couple, Mr. and Mrs. Larson, reviving the dance steps of their heady youth. In the corner, beside Mr. Larson's easy chair, the family feline coughs up smoke and hair balls. The Larsons' middle-aged daughter puffs on a joint in the bathroom. Their Gay prankster son is on his way with a Polaroid camera.

This home, the setting for the film Home for the Holidays, doesn't offer anything close to a Norman Rockwell vision of Thanksgiving. In fact, it challenges viewers to question the

"thanks" behind Thanksgiving.

Holly Hunter plays Claudia Larson, a single mom who faces one ordeal after another, triggering reminders of Dorothy Parker's infamous inquiry, "What fresh hell is this?" Leaving behind her shattered life and a daughter bent on losing her virginity, Claudia boards a plane to join her family for Thanksgiving — only to realize she is jumping from the frying pan onto the unpredictable Larson hearth. Narrowly escaping a nervous breakdown on her flight, she is greeted at the airport by Mr. and Mrs. Larson (Charles Durning and Anne Bancroft). The Larsons wrap their middle-aged daughter in a hot-pink oversized parka, pack her firmly into the family car, and drive her to face her destiny: Thanksgiving dinner with the rest of the Larson clan.



Robert Downey, Jr. plays Tommy, Holly Hunter's Gay brother, in Home for the Holidays, a Paramount film directed by Jodie Foster. Photo: Bob Marshak

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want to see more of Lytton's sexuality – it wasn't a pretty sight. But Hampton's emphasis was on Dora Carrington. It's a feature of the film that you see her discomfort with sex; it wasn't really what she wanted. What she wanted was what she received from Lytton. And Strachey didn't have a completely happy sex life – you see that in how he smothers his young man emotionally."

What seems strange, but isn't, is that we get to know Strachey through the eyes and the love of a woman. It's a remarkable love story, after all, because, as Hampton says, "Carrington, more clearly than he, put her life in front of her art. She chose a way of living which meant she could practice her art without any financial pressure or restrictions at all. That seemed a very interesting decision and a smart one for a woman painter at that time."

DOWNEY IS GAY SON

The surprise appearance of her younger Gay brother and confidant, Tommy (Robert Downey Jr.), eases Claudia's load considerably. Downey plays Tommy with his trademark comedic slapstick to good effect. If the trickster is not taking embarrassing snapshots of Claudia with his omnipresent Polaroid camera, he's trading put-downs with his ultra-conservative sister Joanne and her husband, Walter.

Occasionally, the viewer gets glimpses into Tommy's life with his lover, Jack, who wisely opted to skip the Larson gathering in order to entertain his own "family" in a fabulously decorated urban loft. As directed by Jodie Foster and staged by Downey, Tommy is an altogether-refreshing Gay character whose sexual orientation takes a back seat to his more dominant personality trait: tomfoolery.

In addition to fine performances by Hunter and Downey, Bancroft lives up to high expectations. In a confrontation with her Gay son, Bancroft as Mrs. Larson recaptures the power of her performance in Harvey Fierstein's 1988 classic *Torch Song Trilogy*. Wacky Aunt Glady is played with delicious vapidity by Geraldine Chaplin. Charles Durning's jolly portrayal of Mr. Larson, along with his plump figure and shock of white hair, reminds viewers that Christmas is right around the corner.

When the Larson family finally sits down to an undeserved Thanksgiving dinner, the result — thanks to Foster's direction — is not to be missed.



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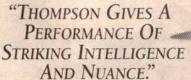
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Mark L. Starzinski

while in Wisconsin, an oil company in Houston, and as a purchasing planner for VSI Inc. in Phoenix.

Mark is greatly missed by his Mom and step-Dad and many friends from all over the US. Some day we will meet again, till then, our love and thoughts will be with you always.



Holiday Pages

Tips on Picking the Perfect Toy for the Kids in Your Life

Consider Safety and Age-Appropriateness

Children love the holidays, especially the new toys they'll receive. But for many parents, friends and relatives, the many choices make it difficult to select the right toys. Consideration must be given to safety as well as age-appropriateness.

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4C — Community Coordinated Child Care, Inc. — has issued the following helpful tips on selecting the right toys for the

kids in your life.

INFANT - 1 YEAR OLD

Infants to one year old children are familiarizing themselves with the world around them. Color, sound, movement and texture help little ones develop their senses. Children within this age are exploring their surroundings by looking, touching. listening and tasting. Everything eventually ends up in the mouth. It is important that toys for this age child do not have small pieces that may break off and lodge in an infant's throat.

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Appropriate toys would be mobiles, rattles that can be easily handled by a baby, safe mirrors to encourage exploration of self, soft musical toys or music, and cloth washable animals and

dolls with painted or drawn-on features.

1 - 3 YEARS OLD

One to three year old children are very curious. During this age, repetition of activities, stories, songs and daily routines is the way the toddler puts order into his or her life. Matching activities (What is the same? What is different?) are fun for this age child. Language is developing, and repeating sounds and phrases can be hours of entertainment.

Also, during this stage of development they have no sense of danger and can take things apart. Consider books that are cloth or plastic with colorful illustrations, stacking toys, pull toys, toys that encourage language development, telephones and mu-

sical toys.

PRESCHOOLERS, 3-5

Children three to five years old love to imitate adults and older children. This is when dramatic play becomes the main focus. Dress-up and housekeeping for both boys and girls help preschoolers experiment with different roles in society. Play tools and workbenches, housekeeping toys, plastic foods and cookware, building/connecting blocks, art supplies — chalkboards, crayons, paints, scissors, paste and clay — are all excellent choices for this group.



6 - 9 YEARS OLD

Schoolagers, six to nine years old, are beginning to use abstract thinking. At this age, children use their imagination, whether it is group activity or solitary play. A new sense of creativity can be observed at this age. Rules are important throughout this stage of development. The rules may not remain the same, but this is an attempt to structure social activities.

Team sports help to develop cooperation among peers and allow experimentation with problem solving. Favored items would be sports equipment (for boys and girls), bicycles, table/board games, crafts, video games, train sets, musical instruments

and books.

Each child's interests differ, so it is important to remember the child's individual needs. As the child grows and develops, you will have the opportunity to encourage trying different interests and activities. To make the gift enjoyable, it is important to remember the age appropriateness of the toy.

Community Coordinated Child Care, Inc. is a non-profit agency that educates the community about kids and advocates for quality child care. It serves Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington and Ozaukee counties. For more information on 4C, call (414)

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apartment as part of my Christmas decorations, and keep them up all year round.

Joe at Argosy Gifts of Distinction in Brookfield offers this tip regarding lights. Only buy strings of 50 lights each. One hundred and 200 lights per string are no bargain because they are all made up of 50 light strings which have been wired together, creating weak spots.

If you experience your entire string going out when one bulb burns out, it's because you have "series-wired" lights. In these type of lights, each bulb acts like a fuse; if one bulb burns out, the circuit is broken.

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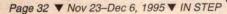


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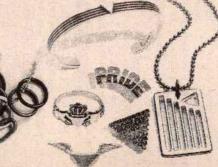


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Wanderings

By Mary Shafer

Thanksgiving

Each of us has our certain, special things to cherish, but there are many for which we can share feelings of appreciation. Since this is the Thanksgiving issue, I thought it would be appropriate to go ahead and reflect on those things for which we can all be grateful.

First, I know it's easy to feel tired and defeated, standing in the long shadow of the hateful Religious Right and a certain pudgy little white-haired politico who bears not a small resemblance to Porky Pig. But if you think about it, we can feel grateful for the courage and strength of those who stand up for all of our rights by challenging that hatred and its attendant fear and bigotry. This year, more and more Lesbians and Gay men have stood up and demanded their right to choose their families by adopting children or by refusing to be bulldozed by the legal system into giving up custody of their blood children.

To these brave souls I say "Thank You" for reminding us that we are not who we sleep with, but are whole beings with the need to love and be loved; that we are real, and not just an apparition that haunts the modern-day, spiritually bankrupt Scrooges when they've partaken too heavily of their own self righteousness. If Dickens only knew what a fine analogy his Victorian tale still draws to modern life...

BRAVE VOICES

Let's be thankful for all the brave, clear voices that speak to those who would reach out and welcome us if only they knew how. Some of those voices are serious, and we need them. But now it seems we've begun to learn that you can draw more flies with honey than with vinegar, and have sweetened not the message, but the way that it's presented. We have begun to understand the power of laughter. As an example of the former, Urvashi Vaid comes to mind; of the latter, appropriately, Kate Clinton. And Suzanne Westenhoefer. Romanovsky and Phillips. Lynn Layner. Lea Delaria.

"Thank You" to all these people and more, who make the message of tolerance and acceptance and, yes, even love, easier to hear. It's awful hard, they know, to be hating someone or feeling angry when you're laughing so hard you're just trying to keep from losing control of your bladder.

I, for one, am tremendously thankful that this Holiday season my concern is finding the money to buy nice gifts, and not having to find a warm place to sleep or enough to eat. I am unutterably grateful that, unlike others in this land, no one has bombed the building where I work this year, or taken from me anyone I dearly love. And despite the government shutdown and all the stupid, useless political wrangling that brought it to that point, at least it remains a government; no one has murdered our head of state or mounted an armed takeover.

Sometimes I believe we have all taken our freedoms as Americans too much for granted. Despite the dread I feel at having to endure another presidential campaign, I am still amazed and thrilled that our yet-young country continues to maintain a peaceful exchange of power every four years. What a gift, really.

Of course, there is a pestilence among us, its horrifying progress fueled by the fear and hate I mentioned above. I won't pretend it isn't sad, maddening or tragic; there will never be enough funding for AIDS research or a quick enough cure. But it is, as are most swords, double-edged. It may cut us down with

the one, but on the backswing, it has sliced deep into the awareness of those who would be our enemies in a way we could never have done with our words and actions alone. It has forced a consciousness of our existence and our rights to live and love as we choose that was unprecendented until this disease began decimating our numbers. It leaves such huge vacancies in the lives of so many people that we simply cannot be ignored anymore. For that not-so-small victory, even in the face of all the heartache, we can be thankful.

IMAGES, ROLE MODELS

While we're on the subject of visibility, why not remember and be grateful for the spate of big screen offerings that in the past year or so put us in the limelight, and mostly a positive light at that. Sometimes just seeing ourselves up there on the silver screen (or on the tube) is enough of an affirmation to help us keep our sanity when it seems like the whole world wants either for us to just go away, to stop being who we are or, worse yet, pretend we don't exist at all. To those whose talent, drive and belief in their vision put such works as *Priscilla*, *Go Fish*, *Bar Girls*, *To Wong Foo* and a host of other films into theaters we've actually heard of, thank you for not letting that happen.

Special gratitude goes out to Barbra Streisand for the courage and dignity she displayed in making *The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story*. Hers is a cherished voice in the vast entertainment industry wilderness, crying out always for justice and

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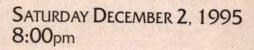
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Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

Sandwiched between a Dominatrix and a Chastity Belt

Recently, I faced the age old question, Just what do you say on the air when you follow a dominatrix and her two submissives on a radio show? I'm sure you've faced this question many times yourself over the years. Okay, well neither had I – until one fateful night late this September.

I had been asked by the producer of a radio show in Chicago called *Let's Talk about Sex* to come talk about my new book. I wasn't entirely sure why – given there is only one rather short chapter in the book on this subject, most of which discusses my reluctance to talk about it – but under the rubric of "There's no such thing as bad publicity" and against my girlfriend Kathy's

better judgment, I decided to go on anyway.

I say my girlfriend's judgment because apparently I have none of my own, having simply said, "Okay," to being on a show cohosted by a former adult film star. And of course you don't need to be told that the word "adult," used here to modify "film star," is not intended as a contrast to, say, a Mickey Rooney or a Macauley Culkin. Although frankly, a show called Let's Talk about Sex hosted by either of the aforementioned former child actors seems even more frightening to me somehow.

Actually, the thing that bothered me most about this appearance was the fact that I was scheduled to be on from 11:30 at night until 12:30 in the morning. Normally, I am spooning with my girlfriend on our flannel sheets by then. In a world gone topsy-turvy, though, instead of getting undressed after the late news, we got dressed, got in the car, and drove downtown. I had had a caffeinated beverage earlier in the day to prepare for this,

though the adrenaline pumping through my veins as we listened in the car to hosts Seka and Stan making lewd comments and jokes made caffeine seem superfluous.

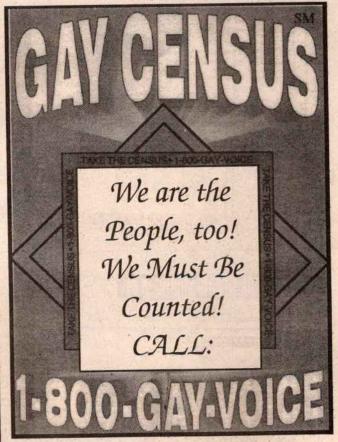
ENTER MISTRESS AVA

In the room where they had us wait – Kathy came along for moral support, although I'm not quite sure what "moral" means in this context – the show was piped in, so we had no choice but to listen while Mistress Ava described the tools of her trade and proceeded to demonstrate a number of them on one of the submissives. Sharp cracks of various leathers on skin were each time punctuated by suggestive little grunts. I massaged the grow-

ing kink in my neck.

Suddenly, when a commercial came on, two women in business suits burst into the room, smiled, and said hi. Immediately behind them came another woman, dressed in a smart-looking Marquis de Sade-ish black leather-and-chains number and, of course, high heels. I couldn't help but notice that the breast area of this outfit was MIA, revealing – well, a lot, but also – pasties that looked like tiny doilies with tasteful black bows marking their creamy centers. Also missing was the butt portion of this outfit, except for a thong thing running between her cheeks, one of which was tattooed with a rose. It was apparent that we had here, right before our very bugged-out eyes, Mistress Ava and her minions. But who was who? With all those smiling, happy faces, it's surprisingly hard to pick a dominatrix out of the crowd.





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Mistress Ava had made a point of saying that in her business – for she doesn't humiliate and put welts on people just for fun but charges them money – in her business, no sex was allowed, only slapping and whipping and such. But something must have been going on there in that studio because no sooner were they in the room than they all lit up cigarettes. While she puffed away, the one with the pasties began applying glue to the left doily. I kept my eye on her growing ash and prayed for all our sakes that the glue wasn't flammable. When they all dashed back into the studio, Kathy kept saying of the glue, "We can only hope it was hypo-allergenic."

But the glue was the least of my con-

cerns at this point, as Seka was asked to join in on the slapping. The submissive this time was an embarrassed Rachel, who had apparently neglected to put on underdrawers and was worried about the crew seeing her naked butt.

"Okay," I'm saying to Kath, "maybe I can tell that vibrator story," recalling the story of a friend of a friend I have put in the book. I don't even have my own vibrator story! "Yeah," says Kath, "and talk about that papercut thing," referring to a bit in the book about how I could never do S/M because I am tempted to seek out a medical professional when I get a papercut. Oh man, I'm thinking, I am going to seem so vanilla.

"ALMOST KINKY" LESBIANS

But time just flies when you're listening to the sound of one hand clapping on someone else's butt and before I knew it, Mistress Ava came out wearing a trench coat, carrying a carpenter's bag with a whip or cat o' twenty-seven tails or something sticking out. She was followed by Rachel, who you would never guess to look at her no-nonsense blue skirt suit was not wearing undies, and Michelle, who has now put on a darling flowered sundress over her leather and chains. Gulp: I was up next. I met the hosts, who were not at all scary looking, took a seat, got set up with head phones, took a deep breath, and mentally reviewed my tiny store of almost-kinky stories and jokes.

We are on the air, Seka, Stan, and I. We smile, we chat, we get the title of the book right, and I am waiting. Waiting for

the first off-color question.

"So what's this book about?" they ask. "When did you come out?" "How did your family deal with it?" I cannot get these people to talk about sex! Or anything else that's in the book for that matter. They are interacting with me like I am the first Lesbian in captivity! And I mean that in a good way: they were very pleasant, very interested in the large and small details of Lesbian life, and so on. I try to interject stories from the book whenever I can, try to inject bits of wit here and there, but it is hard to be funny when you are asked to give the etymology of the word "Lesbian" and to describe what a labyris is.

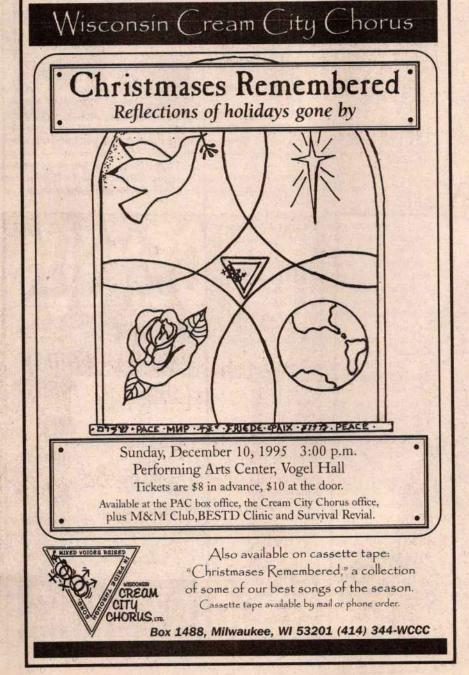
Prepared for campy, expecting ribaldry, girding myself for sordid repartee, I get instead a request for the origin and symbology of the pink triangle. By now listeners are convinced that Ransacking the Closet (I am asked to define the term "closet") will be about as lively a read as The Chicago Manual of Style or the phone book. But at least, I think, no

spanking is involved.

And if nothing else, it was memorable – in that same way as when you stare too long at a bright light or the sun and permanently burn that image on your retina. Only in this case, the indelible impression is etched on my tympanic membrane and it's of that Salt 'n Pepa song "Let's Talk about Sex," which no one has to tell you – because you get it on your own after you've heard it ten or twelve times – is their theme song. They played this song so much that, at one point, I thought they were trying to get me to leave the Koresh compound and surrender to Janet Reno. I would have done it, too, but I was distracted by thinking about how they were going to do, on the radio, a chastity belt show – the guests scheduled to be on after me.

Chastity belt modeling is up next, and I am talking about cooking, cutting the lawn, and doing laundry. You know how kinky we Lesbians are.

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Robert's Rules

By Shelly Roberts

There's A Pony In Here Somewhere

I have a theory, and a confession. The theory first. It has been my ex-

perience that life is often built backwards.

Just when you need a friend, all the strangers around you, sensing that telegraphing thing we all do when we're truly, pitifully needy, head for nearby hills, underground bunkers or convenient convents achieving invisible sanctuary. And tell me what century it was when a *next* lover actually materialized appropriately, precisely when those tractortrailers were trucking holes through anyone's stomach over the mess left behind by a *last* lover?

And just try borrowing from a bank when you actually *need* the money. See what I mean? Backwards.

We'll get back to this. But for now, let me get to that long overdue admission.

It really pains me to tell you this. It is terribly revealing, and I wouldn't exactly say that it's something I'm proud to share. In fact, my folks don't know this about me. Or my kids. And I don't know that I've ever actually revealed this in public beefore. So you'll excuse me if I seem a bit nervous about sharing this kind of intimate a detail. But here goes:

I was onceum...

I have in my lifetime...uh...

Okay. Okay. Okay. BeenaRepublican. There I've said it.

Phew. I'm so ashamed.

But I did it for a good cause. Honest.

You see, it was way back in the Nixon years when I was a tiny tyke, just barely tall enough to pull a lever in a voting booth. I looked at Richard, the Chicken Hearted, and Watergate, and the 18 minute "accidental" gap the charmer managed to blame on his loyal and everfaithful spinster (a technical term) secretary, and signed right up. I knew that I couldn't buy a used country from the man, much less the used car that everybody talked about then. I also knew that no one was going to count the number of Democrats who voted against Nixon. That was, after all, their job.

But, hey, *Republicans* who voted against Nixon, that they would count. They'd definitely tally the R-word people who used their ballots to just say "No!" So I switched. Just for that year. And until now, I've never told anyone.

I don't mean to be taking up your time Republican bashing here. I'm sure that there are some fine, upstanding examples who are a credit to their bank accounts. It's just that I am having a really, really hard time reconciling the term "Gay" with the term "republican." And as we all know by now, the Log Cabin Republicans have been getting a lot of press lately, not to mention that thousand dollars back. So there we are: Gay (Shudder) Republicans. It brings back haunting thoughts of everything I ever read about Vichy France.

I mean why exactly would you want to be voting for, working for, campaigning for, posturing for, fronting for the self-same party which embraces our declared exterminators, the Brothers Pat, Buchanan and Robertson? And the salamander speaker who spends too much time speaking out for our annihilation? Splane it to me, Lucy.

Why would supposedly smart people invest their time and energy in an effort designed to get them back into camps wearing symbols their cars used to sport?

Cokie Roberts, the former NPR and now mainstream newsnick, guest moderating a panel at the National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association convention in Washington DC, loudly proclaimed to CSPAN and everybody that the Log Cabin Republicans were now probably THE most visible Gay (and I'm sure she also meant Lesbian) organization in the country. "Who knew they were there!" Roberts (no relation) exhilarated to accompanying laughter and applause. So now I find myself represented in the mainstream media by Ru Paul and the Collaborators.

That other Roberts also suggested that LCR's membership rolls have probably seriously swelled from all the extraordinary publicity. That they are getting bigger for committing an act that appears to be absolutely, irrefutably against their own self interest. And yours.

So you see what I mean about life often being built backwards.

Unless, on the other hand... hmmmm... maybe they too became Republicans so that they could vote against the bad guys. Maybe they really planned to have Dole look like a weathervaning buffoon on this whole Gay issue thing for sending back the check.

Maybe they meant to do it. Did it intentionally. Were instrumental in causing the downfall of a so-called (but dangerous) moderate to help elevate a surely unelectable extremist in the party. Yeah, yeah. That's probably exactly it. And ain't that a pistol?!

Maybe they aren't so dumb after all.

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Stark Reality

By Kirk Stark

I Drove All Night

Some people will do stupid things in the name of romance. I've heard of people doing Herculean tasks to prove their worth and devotion. I have seen the greatest of sacrifices made, the most unselfish acts done, and seen things more touching than a herd of Care Bears. Now, even though those damn bears give me hives, I

feel I have done something equally insane and immense.

I traveled over 2,000 miles on a Greyhound bus to meet someone I had met on the Internet. Yes, a Greyhound bus — the purgatory of traveling.

I had met David on Internet Relay Chat (IRC). He was everything I thought perfect in a man: intelligent, funny, loaded with a bevy of interests, stunningly handsome (he sent me his picture), and he is a dominant top. Who could ask for any-

We spoke on IRC for months, talked late nights on the phone, and sent each other numerous E-mails. For a few months, we woke up to each others' E-mail, and talked before going to sleep. It was all the benefits of commitment without actually having the other person in the same time zone.

The problem was figuring out how I should get there. David was in Vancouver, British Columbia. Canada. Over 2,000 miles away from me. I wasn't sure how I would get enough time off.

By a bit of luck or, as one friend mentioned, fate, I got off for two weeks and had a small windfall. Large enough to get to Vancouver, but not large enough to do it first class.

I checked on plane fares, and they were insanely expensive. Amtrak was less expensive, but took too long. That left Greyhound. I dreaded the thought of the travel time, but I could afford it, and it would allow me nine days with him. I was set.

I packed like lightening, bought my ticket, and I was off to the races.

JOYS OF BUS RIDING

The beginning of this trip was fraught with minor annoyances. I brought my package to the handler and he told me I didn't need a ticket for my bags. I took his word, waited for the bus, and waited for the bus some more. After an eternity, the bus started boarding.

I got through the line and went to the bus driver to show him my ticket. Then, with the timing of Joan Rivers, he looked over my bags and asked me for my baggage check. I looked at him blankly, and told him I was told I didn't need one. He looked at me, walked off and then came back with a baggage ticket. I can't explain how, but he managed to put the ticket on my luggage with an air of condescension.

I made it to the bus. There were two seats available. I snagged one right before a small planetoid of a man took the bus with his mighty gravitational pull. I was settled in, and was ready for whatever might come next.

I was wrong. Next, the perm-on-legs that sat in front of me turned her Walkman on and moved her seat back—right into my legs. Then the perm fell asleep. I suffered for about an hour in silence and loathing. Then I found a way

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to amuse myself. I drew my knees far back enough to get a centimeter of room and began slamming them into the back of her seat like jackhammers. Within a few moments, she was awake and had moved her seat up. It was effective, and great for toning my thighs.

From there, the time dragged on. I read two books, listened to a few hours of music, went over a project that I'd have to do when I got back, and created a particle accelerator out of a few Wet Naps, a match and two old pipe cleaners. I was

getting bored.

Time dragged on and on and on and then was suddenly broken by the pointing of my fellow passengers. I looked to see what was going on. There was a blanket thrown over two seats, it was moving, and arms and legs appeared and disappeared from the folds. No, it wasn't the Blanket Monster maiming nubile teenagers. Just a pair of horny twenty-somethings screwing on the bus.

I was amused.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

So I got my fellow passengers to join in a song for the skrog puppies (Think Aaron Spelling):

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The blankets stopped moving. A head poked out like a groundhog seeing if winter was over. An *embarrassed* groundhog, that is. Needless to say, they took at least two minutes before they went back at it and finished what they were doing.

So, the entertainment over, we all poised for the numbing boredom of the ride to return. But the boredom wasn't powerful enough so I could sleep. The minute the sun went down, everyone began dozing. And snoring. The snoring got so bad I thought at least 15 acres of virgin timber was being taken down.

But it was the last night in the pits of Hades. Seven hours from that point I was destined to hit Vancouver. Freedom, showers, and amazing sex were soon to

be mine!

The last few hours were bliss. People got off the bus, I had room to stretch out,

and it was quiet.

I slept until the border crossing, relaxed and stretched and made it into Canada without any problems. David was more stunning than his picture, Vancouver was beautiful, and the sex...well, that I will leave to the imagination. But suffice it to say it was very 9 and 1/2 Weeks-esque. But then, there was the bus ride back. (Re-read previous paragraphs, omitting cute men and great sex.) Take my advice: FLY!

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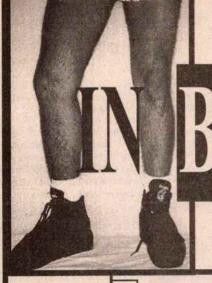
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"As a kid who was a dancer in Houston, Texas, I got my face kicked in a lot. When I moved to New York as a dancer, all my close friends were Gay men, and I also knew a touch of the drag world. I had three friends who were dancers and drag queens. They were the most caring, compassionate people I had ever met. I wanted to honor their memory and the memory of all the guys I danced with who aren't here anymore."

 Actor Patrick Swayze on his role as Vida Boheme in To Wong Foo...







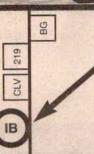
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By Billy Holliday

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- D.U., Phoenix, AZ

Billy Replies:

Honey, you are just dirt!! Go for it, girl. Why should I waste my breath on you, girl? And are you sure that your name isn't Newt? Didn't he just ditch his girl on a sick bed? So honey, look where it got the Newt! Go for it. But don't look back. Don't think about it later, and don't tell too many people about it. Not that you'd say, but some old-fashioned Maryjanes might get all blue-nosy about it. Go. And bless you, my child. Your kind always needs feeding.

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- B.K., Sarasota, FL

Billy Replies:

Maybe your neighbor is lonely? Or maybe he has a nervous tic? Or maybe you just don't know how much fun you're having. Are your legs up in the air, heels tight up against the wall? Is your face turned to the wall, every moan magnified, every groan intensified? Does your sling pull against the wall support with every thrust? Can I ask any more questions without coming...over?

Honey, try moving the bed away from the wall. Try tricking on the kitchen counter. Play in the tub. But by all means, keep it up and keep it loud. And if Mr. Jerk-Off next door keeps knocking, maybe he's just pounding his pud—so pound back. Make it an anonymous circle jerk. Keep yelling, honey!

Dear Billy,

Have you ever paid for sex?

— H.G., Milwaukee, WI

Billy Replies:

Dear H.G.:

Naughty boy, don't be so naive; sex always costs something. A day at the clinic. A night at the symphony. Dinner. A subway token. A bus transfer. And at the end of a sexed cab ride, perhaps the fare. Unless, of course, it was the cabbie. Oh, I know, but one or two, honey, one or two, hmmmm, hmmmm.

Never scorn sex for hire. Try it first. Try it second. But by all means, try it. The girls have got to earn a living, and some of them—oh, my goodness! Boys for hire are also real good about safe sex—do it for free and risk it all. Do it for hire and play safe. Life is good when it has a little bit of it all.

Dear Billy,

What's a troll?

- W.W. Little Rock, AK

Billy Replies:

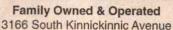
Dear W.W.,

My date last Saturday.

(Having a problem or two? Billy is keen to offer sage advice, whether requested or not. Send your questions to: Billy Holliday, P.O. Box 1726, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10011.

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Keepin' In Step

By Jamie

This is definitely Wisconsin. I, for one, am NOT ready for this weather. OK, I will admit the snow sure looks pretty while falling from the sky, but along with the snow comes the cold temperatures. I don't see very many shirtless guys at the lakefront and there are not a lot of big Gay outdoor events. I will, however, make the best of the winter season. I'm always looking for someone to ski with so...

It also happens to be flu season. I missed a couple days of work and a couple nights of sleep dealing with this year's flu, but I am not complaining. This is the first time I have been sick for quite awhile. By the time this issue goes to press I should be feeling better. So wash your hands a lot and if you do get sick, stay home, rent a movie (daytime TV is so boring) and curl up in your favorite comforter until you feel better. This advice free from Dr. Taylor.

Remember last column, I said November will be a relaxing month for me? Think again. Other than the "flu down time", I am still looking for the time to relax. There is so much going on.

Lampshades on your head? On pur-

pose? Yup. That's what was goin' on at the Ballgame November 8th. Just about a dozen people grabbed their favorite lampshade, decorated it and wore it for all to see. Well, there was \$150 cash and 2 round-trip tickets in the equation. Hey, if you're into watching the Packers on Sunday afternoons, Ballgame always has a "packed" bar for the Packer games.

The opening of Milwaukee's newest Gay bar, In Between, was a great success. I stopped in Thursday the 9th (opening night) for a look-see, and it was a full house. I ran into a lot of people I know and saw some new faces as well. Two very cute bartenders (Tom and Bob) were serving up the cocktails. For those of you who are wondering, Bob is saving himself for me so don't get any funny ideas! My first impression of In Between, is that of a low pressure, unpretentious and friendly atmosphere. There didn't seem to be any attitude and I felt very welcome. If my first impression is correct, the bar will be servin' up a good time for many years to come. Our best wishes to George, Curt and staff!

MORE SHOWS, DANCES

Saturday, November 11th, Club 94 hosted the Honky Tonk Angels with the Follies Girls. Them girls sure can put on a great show. Randy, I mean Anita Little, as usual needs to stand a little bit closer to the razor before the show. The mustache clashes with her purse... or her shoes... or was it that her shoes clashed with each other?? Some very creative costumes and some great music kept the crowd entertained. I know I had a great time.

Also on the 11th was a Latin Dance contest at Just Us. Deb the manager tells me "the place was packed." Seven couples got out on the dance floor competing for one of 3 prizes.

3 B's hosted a Shoreline Party with country dancing, games and other surprises. Also, if you're wanting to learn country dancing, stop in on Friday nights. The Shoreline Dancers will give you free lessons.

Rudy DeLa Mor made an appearance at M&M Sunday, the 12th. I'm tellin' you, you better be ready for audience participation for his show! If you sat anywhere near him, you participated! I'm not sure how many times Rudy changed his hat, but if you were looking for hat ideas for your aunt (or your boyfriend), you have to see DeLa Mor's collection. It was hilarious!

Here are a couple of other things I've been meaning to write about the last

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the Ballgame

Scenes from the Ballgame's recent Lampshade Contest. Above: Left – David Frey took 1st place; center – Brian Rochon took 2nd; right – Frank Villarreal took 3rd. Below, Rick's Mom Nettie (right), center, Fred Stuart, who donated the airline tickets, and left, Rick. Photo by Jamie.

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Scenes from the Pageant. Upper left corner, Jeff Jennings was crowned Mr. Gay Wisconsin. Upper right, Mary Richards in evening gown and crown. (photo by Scott). Center left, Dynasty DuPonte says good-bye. Center right, What do you mean there's a tie and we have to answer a question? Below, the winners. Photos by Jeff Butler.



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couple of issues. I been wanting to give John Clayton the credit I think he deserves for the way he teaches the mechanics of bartending. He always taught "the circle." You don't have to wait long for a drink if the bartenders "work the circle." Most of the members of the former C'est La Vie bartenders club are pretty quick at getting you a drink and you usually didn't get passed by. This little bit was not brought on by any particular bar (personally I usually get pretty good service), I have just been meaning to mention this for awhile.

Finally, Lady Gale and I have not, are not, and will not be doing the horizontal bop. I heard it from several people and I am willing to fess up to any past partners but Gale is just my sister. I am still happily single. That being said, this year get your Christmas shopping done early (I wear size 34-32 Levi's and envelopes full o. cash) and as always; slower traffic keep right.

By Belle Pepper

Sorry I haven't been out and about to cover all those snifty events that have been goin' on . . . but I've been terribly busy lately. Brian has taken my place at several events over the past month or so, and you've seen his pictures as well as Jamie's in past issues.

I did manage to attend a portion of The Pageant on Sunday, November 5 at Milwaukee's newest Hilton Hotel (formerly the Marc Plaza). Approximately 680 people attended this annual Mr./Miss Pageant. Nine girls and 3 guys competed for the title of Mr./Miss Gay Wisconsin.

A delicious dinner was served following cocktails and an hour or so of schmoozing, I didn't arrive early enough to schmooze this year, and had to leave early because we were on the dreaded DEADLINE (the story of my life).

Dynasty DuPonte, Miss Gay Wisconsin 1994-95 opened the show with Colors of the Wind from the *Pocahontas* soundtrack, which went into a techno mix when the contestants joined her on stage.

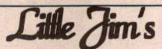
This was the year of firsts for The Pageant committee: first time they ever announced the Interview Category winner (Mary Richards) and, first time they ever had to break a tie (between 1st and 2nd runner ups). In addition to winning Interview, Mary had the highest cumulative score in the history of The Pageant.

Mary Richards won the Miss portion of The Pageant, along with Jeff Jennings winning the Mr. portion. Mary's fantasy was an elaborate rendition of Marie Antoinette, walking off the canvas of a painting. Her talent number was also fabulous, Le Jazz Hot from Victor/Victoria.

Jeff sang God Bless the USA live and appeared as an elementary school teacher for his fantasy.

Trey C. Shane (Miss portion) and Dance (Mr. portion) took first place; Lady Miranda (Miss portion) and Ted Dekker (Mr. portion) took second place. Cass Marie Domino (Madison) took third runner-up and Billie Blaze captured fourth runner-up.

This year's pageant was dedicated to Tedd Bunzel who was killed October 31 in a drive-by shooting.



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equal human dignity for all. And thanks, too, on behalf of those whose first or only exposure to the possibility of a Lesbian or Gay lifestyle might have been one of these shows. Perhaps one or two young, tortured souls remained on this earth long enough to discover that there is life after enforced hetero hell because they saw an alternative. That alone would have made these efforts worthwhile.

I hope you'll each take a few moments to reflect on your own reasons to celebrate this holiday, and that you'll start with the existence of magazines like this one that provide such a wonderful forum for us to communicate with each other.

Thought for the Day: Most people would rather die than think; in fact, they do so.

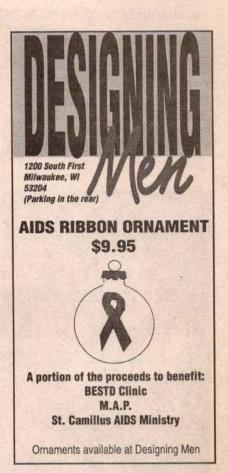
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Calendar

Wednesday, November 22

Madison Wrestling Club (Mad): Practice/ Instruction. No experience necessary, 8pm. FMI (608) 244-8675.

3B's (Milw): Deer Widow's Ball (show), 10:30pm. A MAP Food Pantry Benefit. \$1 cover or bring pantry item.

Thursday, November 23

Positive Voice (GrBay): G/L Guide to Northeastern Wisconsin Dinner Meeting. 6:15pm, Bay Family Restaurant-East. Business meeting follows at 6:45pm. Everyone welcome.

Integrity/Dignity (Mad): Annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner. Henry's, 902 Spaight Street, Madison. 3pm Dinner. Call (608) 836-8886 FMI.

New Bar/Rod's (Mad): Strippers! 10:30pm. No Cover.

Rod's (Mad): Rod's annual Thanksgiving Bash.

Frontiers (Mad): Thanksgiving Dinner and Potluck. 4pm Social, 5pm Dinner. Call (608) 241-2500 FMI.

BESTD Clinic Live!: (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Guest: Mimma Megna, Thanksgiving for Thanksgiving.

Club 219 (Milw): HIT Show for the HIT bowlers, 10:30pm.

Gargoyles (Milw): Milwaukee's newest bar opens its doors just in time for Thanksgiving and H.I.T. Check them out at 354 East National Avenue.



Rudy DeLa Mor played the M&M Club recently. Photo by Jamie.

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Friday, November 24

Dances of Universal Peace (Mad): LesBiGays and their allies invited to dance for universal peace, 7-10pm at the First Unitarian Universalist Society, 900 University Bay Drive.

Shoreline Dancers (Milw): Dance Instruction at 9pm at 3B's. Tonight: Cowboy Rhythm.

AfterWords (Milw): Turkey-Leftover Madness Sale, 2710 North Murray. 3B's (Milw): HIT Country Weekend, Line dance lessons. 9pm.

Saturday, November 25

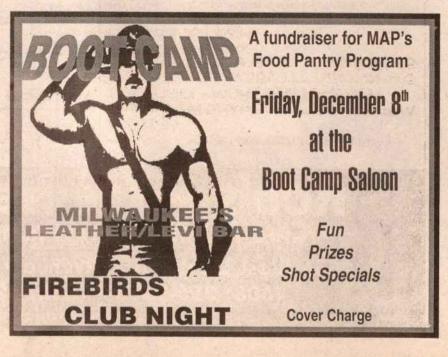
Madison Gay Video Club (Mad): Bad Boys Ball & The Backroom, 8pm. FMI (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Rod's (Mad): Black Light Party.

3B's (Milw): HIT Country Weekend. Live, in concert, leff Miller. Cover.



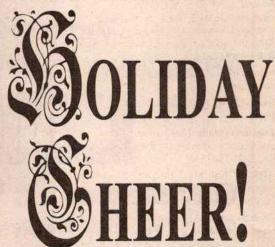
Better sit way back at the Rudy DeLaMor show, unless you're ready for audience participation. Photo by Jamie.



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Sunday, November 26

Angel of Hope MCC (GrBay): Special service welcoming Rev. Ken Hull as its pastoral leader. 11:30am at the Downtowner Best Western, 321 South Washington Street.

A Show to be Thankful For (Mad): At The New Bar, 10:30pm. \$4 Cover. Starring Cass Marie Domino and Dedra Lee.

Monday, November 27

SAGE (Milw): Guest speaker Theresa McKinnon, Exec Direc of the Alzheimer's Assoc of SE WI. At the Eastside Library, 1910 East North Avenue, 6:30pm.

Wednesday, November 29

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Thursday, November 30

Rod's (Mad): Monthly Birthday Bash.

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Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Guest: Doug
Nelson, What's Ahead on this World AIDS
Day?

A complete listing of World AIDS Day Activities can be found on Page 6.

Friday, December 1

Angel of Hope MCC (GrBay): 24-hour annual AIDS Vigil, 6:30pm at the Downtowner Best Western, 321 South Washington Street. FMI (414) 432-0830.

Pride Youth (Mad): 7pm - Board Games. Call (608) 256-2667 for more information.

Cris Williamson & Tret Fure (Mad): 8pm, Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood, Madison. \$15 advanced; \$17 at the door.

Manoeuvres (Mad): Grand Opening Party Weekend, live entertainment, prizes and specials. 150 South Blair Street.

Shoreline Dancers (Milw): Dance Instruction at 9pm at 3B's. Tonight: Cowboy Boogie.

Ujima (Milw): Welcome to Ujima social/ fund raising event. 6-8pm at 1442 North Farwell Avenue, Suite 602.

Survival/Revival (Milw): One Year Anniversary celebration. 4-6pm. Birthday cake, discounts, fun.

Saturday, December 2

Mr. Gay WI USA Pageant (GrBay): at Za's with the current and reigning Mr. USA Diandré. For information call TAG Team Productions at (414) 432-2577.

Manoeuvres (Mad): Grand Opening Party Weekend, live entertainment, prizes and specials. 150 South Blair Street.

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Sunday, December 3

Ms. Gay WI USA Pageant (Appl): at The Pivot Club. For information call TAG Team Productions at (414) 432-2577.

Sunday, December 3

New Bar (Mad): Wanna be Girls host their drag show, 10:30pm. \$3 Cover.

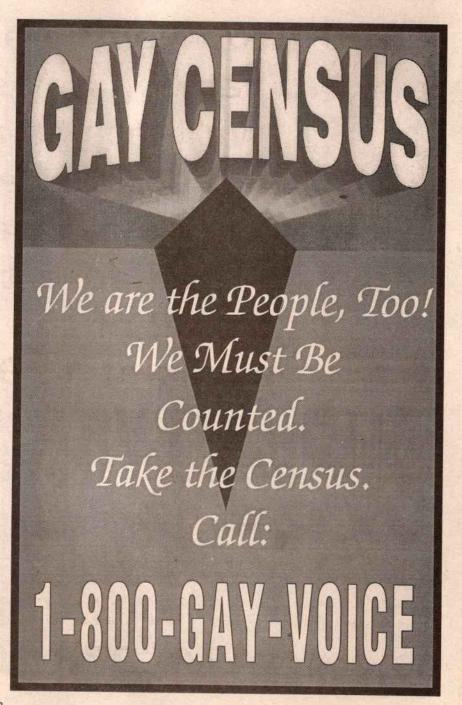
Monday, December 4

Positive Voice (GrBay): General Membership Meeting, 6:30pm. Brown County Central Library (lower level). Holiday gift wrap party. Refreshments and social to follow. FMI (414) 499-5533.

Rod's/New Bar (Mad): Toys for Tots Drive. Bring in a new, unwrapped toy and get a Free drink of your choice!

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Each year over Thanksgiving weekend, HIT welcomes to Milwaukee hundreds of Gay bowlers and their guests for days of bowling, friendship and unity. This year is no different.

The Milwaukee Hilton will be the home base for this year's tournament, with all the games being played at the Red Carpet Regency Lanes on N. 76th Street and Florist Avenue.

On Thursday night, November 23, HIT will host its annual "Welcome Show" for tournament participants at Club 219, 219 S. Second Street, at 10:30pm. The \$3 cover includes a free drink. Everyone is welcome. There will be a Bowling Team event for registered participants at 5pm earlier that day.

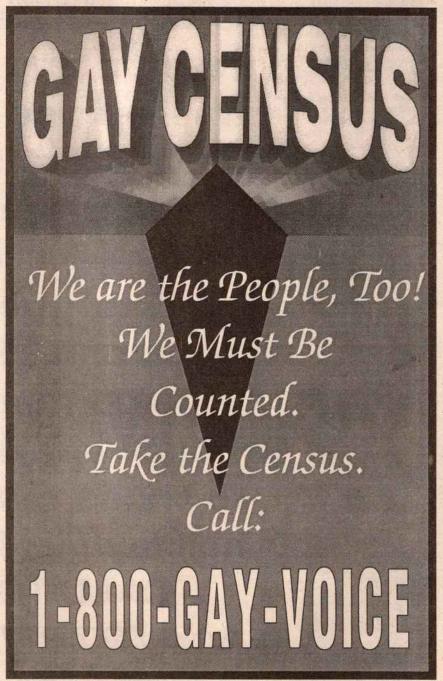
On Friday, November 24, there will be two shifts of Singles and Doubles play at Red Carpet Regency Lanes, at 10am and 5pm, respectively. On Saturday, the 25th, there will be Team Play beginning

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at 10am. Later Saturday night, there will be a banquet for tournament participants at the Hilton from 5-10pm.

On Sunday, November 26, HIT will bid farewell to out-of-town bowlers at a private Brunch at the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street, from 10am to 2pm. While participation in tournament play requires pre-registration, everyone is welcome to come out to the Red Carpet Regency Lanes to watch the HIT competition.

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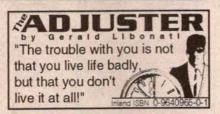
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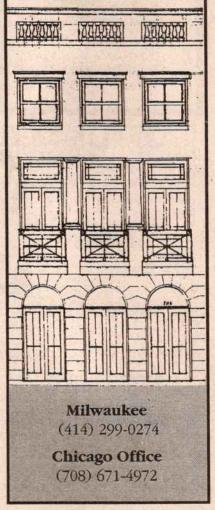
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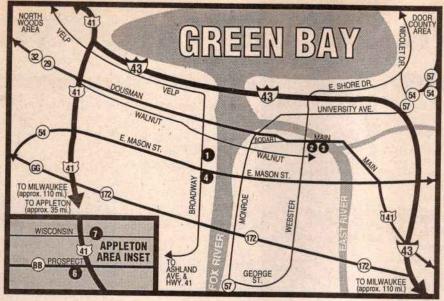
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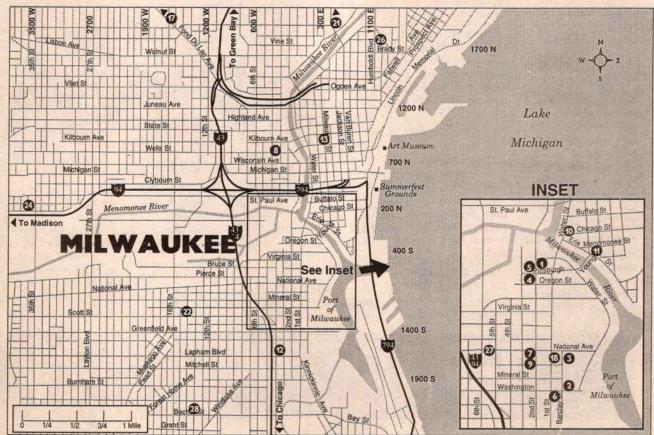
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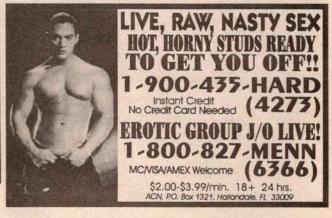


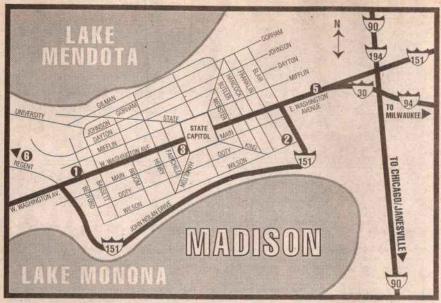




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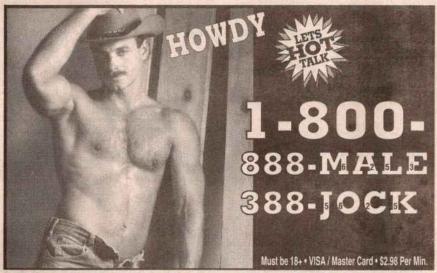
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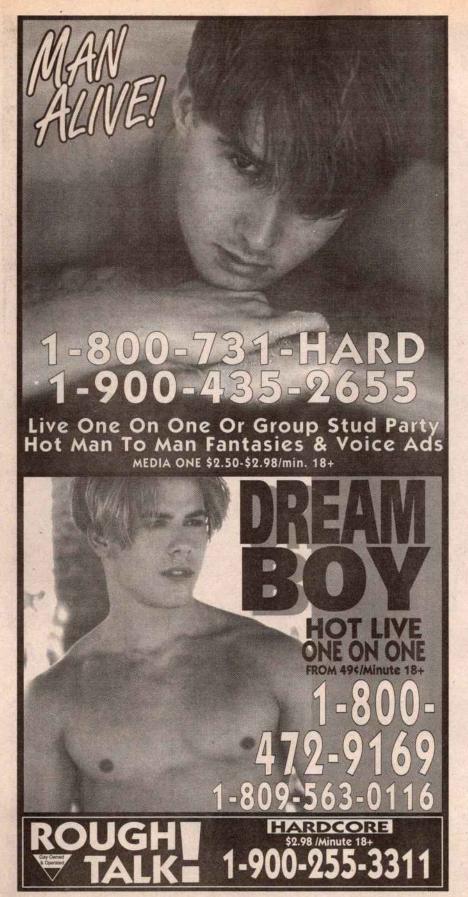
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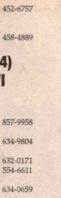
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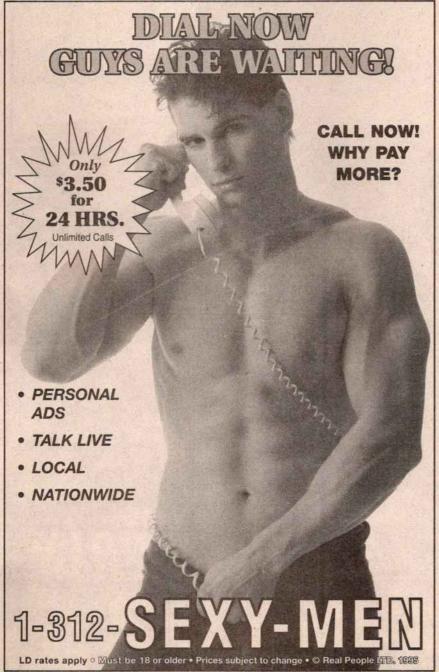
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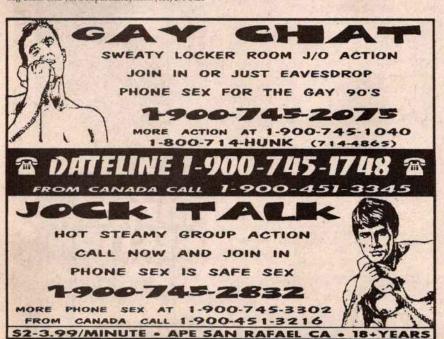
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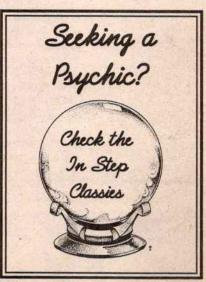
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ENCOUNTERS: GWM,
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blue/green eyes, smoker,
very masculine and straight
appearing/acting, varied
interests, seeks GWM, 3040, for friendship,
companionship and more.
Please leave a message,
#16286

Wisconsin MILITARY
ORIENTED: GWM, 27,
5'7, brown hair, blue eyes,
ex-Marine, varied interests,
seeks other straight acting
GWM, 18-27, with similar
interests. Please leave a
message. \$\pi\16491\$

Wisconsin FOUR OR MORE IN THE FLOOR: GWM, 26, black hair, brown eyes, 5'10", good shape, hairy and clean cut, seeks Bi or Bi Curious males, under 30 and dominant preferred, who are into group activities. Please leave a message. #16665

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Wisconsin LEATHER
NOVICE: GWM, 5'8",
150, brown hair, hazel eyes,
smooth, well built, very
muscular, seeks very
dominant men, smooth,
slender and muscular
preferred, for friendship and
much more. #13692

Wisconsin LONELY AND READY TO START OVER: GWM, seeks friends in the local area for exploration and more. Please leave a message. #17185

Madison MASCULINE
ONLY: GWM, 29, blonde
hair, blue eyes, 6', 185, nice
body, masculine and straight
appearing seeks same, 2139, for fun and more. Please
leave a message. \$\pi 17406\$

Wisconsin WISCONSIN WINTERS: GWM, 31, 5'10", 140, blonde hair, blue eyes, varied interests, seeks friends, under 31, for fun and possibly more. Please leave a message. \$\pi\$16794

Wisconsin RELATIONSHIP
ORIENTED: GWM, 24,
5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes,
varied interests, seeks others,
20-27, for friendship and
long term relationship.
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\$17624

Milwaukee LET'S PLAY DOCTOR: GBM, 24, 5'11", 140, brown hair and eyes, nurse, variety of interests, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave a message. #17820

Wisconsin ALL AMERICAN CREAM:

GWM, 30, 6'2" 200, brown hair, blue eyes, boy next door, seeks same, 25-45, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. \$\pi 46088\$

Ashland NORTHLINE COLLEGE: GWM, 19, college student, 6'2", 190, blonde hair, hazel eyes, varied interests, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave me a message. \$\pi\$13280

Madison BOTTOM TO TOP: GWM, 5'9", 165, 30 something, brown hair, very good looking, aggressively dominant seeks submissive's only for mutual pleasure and excitement. Discretion a must. Call me now! \$\pi\$14481

Madison DEADHEADS:

GWM, deadhead, long haired couple seeks same. Let's meet and go Phishing! #14493

Appleton
LET'S PARTY:
GWM, long
hair, blue
eyes, seeks
others, 18-22,
for good
times. Please
leave a
message.
#14769

Wisconsin TOUR GUIDE NEEDED: GWM, 27, 6', 210, new to area, varied interests, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave me a message. #14878

Madison
WILLING
TO NEGOTIATE:
GWM,
20, student,
good shape,
blonde hair, blue e

good shape, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'7", 140, seeks in shape and dominant men, 23-35, professional, open for new ideas. Leave me a message. \$\pi\$15019

Milwaukee GAM, 22, 5'5", 120, brown eyes, black hair, very gorgeous, seeks others, 30-35, masculine and well built, for pleasure and relationship. Please leave me a message. #15149



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Oshkosh ANY PORT IN A STORM: GWM, 39, seeks friendship and more. Please leave a message. #15327

Milwaukee SERIOUS
RELATIONSHIP ONLY: GBM, college student, 130, 5'8", non smoker/drinker, varied interests, seeks tall and slim GBM, 19-29, only. No BI's please. Must be non smoker and drinker. No one night responses. #13034

Wisconsin COCKED AND LOADED: GWM, 6'2", 170, attractive, seeks GWM's, under 35, for friendship and relationship. \$\in\$12577

Wisconsin **DEEP NEED:**GWM, 24, 6', 150, brown hair and eyes, seeks new friends with relationship possibilities. Please leave a message. \$\pi\$12761

Milwaukee SENSUAL SPANDEX: GWM, 27, 6'1", 160, brown hair, hazel eyes, seeks GWM's, 21-45, attractive and in good shape, for submissive spandex pleasure. Groups and couples a plus. Please call. #13226

Milwaukee LET'S TALK:
GWM, 22, 125, 5'6",
blonde hair, blue eyes,
musician and artist, seeks
other GWM's with similar
qualities and interests for
fun. Please leave me a
message. #13411

Milwaukee
RELATIONSHIP
MINDED: GWM, 38,
sincere and romantic, seeks
a sincere relationship with
GWM, 25-40, hairy a plus.
Let me share my life with
you. Please leave a
message. \$\pi\$13772

Milwaukee **TRAIN ME:**GWM, 34, 150, 5'8",
brown hair, hazel eyes,
muscular, smooth, seeks
discipline from other GWM's
with same qualities under
35. Please leave a message.
#13692

Milwaukee LONG TERM COMMITMENT: GWM, relationship oriented, seeks GWM, 20-30, drug and smoke free, for serious relationship. Please leave a message. #13835

Wisconsin WHERE ARE YOU?: GWM, 5'9", 150, seeks other males for fun. Please leave a message. #14216Milwaukee BOYS WILL BE BOYS: GWM, 26, 5'10", 165, blonde hair, blue eyes seeks GWM under 30 for friendship and possibly more. Please leave a message. #11276

Milwaukee BI BOYS: 18, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'9", BIWM, seeks other young WM's between 18-21, for friendship, camping and hiking. Other things possible as well.

Please leave me a message.

LaCrosse STRAIGHT BUT BENDS: GWM, 34, 6', blue eyes, long blonde hair, masculine, seeks GWM, 18-36, who are straight acting /appearing, and who know what they want from life. Please leave a message. #11450

Madison BUDDY
BONDING: GWM, 27,
5'2", 125, brown hair, blue
eyes, seeks other GWM',
21-32, for fun and
adventure. I have varied
interests as I hope you will.
Please leave a message.
#11802

Wisconsin NOT TYPICAL: GWM, 23, 6'2", 170, blue eyes, long brown hair, not into the bar scene at all, seeks other GWM's between 18-30 for friendship first with endless possibilities. Please leave a message. \$\pi\;11725\$

Madison DADDY CAN BE A BOY: GWM, 46, 5'11", 160, seeks fraternity hazing with other frat boys under 25. #11816 Madison BI THE WAY, R UP: BIWM, 25, 6'1", 230, seeks other BiWM's under 30 in the local area for a good friendship with more possible. Please leave a message. #12072

Milwaukee SIR, THANK
YOU SIR!: GWM, 27, 6'2",
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eyes, seeking a dominant
master into CBT, TT, WS, FF,
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do for you sir! \$11529

Wisconsin **YOU AND ME:** GWM, 27, 160, 5'8", enjoys sports, seeks GWM, 18-28, for outings and friendship. Please leave a message. #12286

Wisconsin PLEASURE SEEKER: GWM.

30, 5'8", 150, attractive, new to area, seeks other local GWM's. Please leave a message. #1095

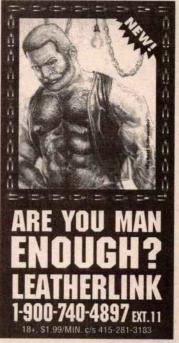
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rel, #9315

Green Bay **YOUNG LOVE:**Eric, Im 26, iso my age in the area, outdoors, good music, having fun, Iv a message-#9485

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owner, seeking construction
worker dudes who enjoy
outdoors, cabin living,
scuba diving, swimming,
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