



## Historic Breakthrough in Vermont

**M**ontpellier VT - There are two ways to look at the ruling of Vermont Supreme Court on the issue of same sex marriage. On the one hand, the court issued an unprecedented judgement that heterosexual only marriage laws discriminate against same sex couples. On the other hand, for the second time in two weeks, a State Supreme Court dashed hopes of an outright declaration legalizing Gay marriage.

The court's decision was clearly an advance for same sex couples. However, local observers have told WI Light that Gay marriage is not likely to be one of its direct results.

The ruling, which came in the case of Baker et al versus the State of Vermont, declared, "We hold that the state is constitutionally required to extend to same-sex couples the common benefits and protections that flow from marriage under Vermont law." With those words, the Vermont justices moved closer to legalizing LGBT marriages than any court has gone before.

Advocates for same sex marriage are hailing the Court's ruling as a "ground breaking" and "historic" decision. Since the case was a matter of state constitutional law, there is no possibility of an appeal.

Mary Bonauto, of Lesbian Advocates & Defenders and co-counsel for the three same sex couples who sued for the right to marry, referred to the ruling as "a legal and cultural milestone." She stated, "The Court recognized that same-sex couples need and deserve the same legal rights and protections other people take for granted. The Court's decision paves the way for more secure families and stronger communities."

The decision was based solely on the Vermont State constitution's common benefits clause.

That clause reads in part, "That government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people, nation, or community, and not for the particular emolument or advantage of any single person, family, or set of persons, who are a part only of that community."

While Gay advocates welcomed the court's judgement that marriage laws discriminate against LGBT couples, they expressed concern and even disappointment that Court did not lift Vermont's ban on same sex marriages. Instead the Justices directed the State Legislature to remedy the situation, "within a reasonable period of time."

The court gave the lawmakers two options. They can either change the state's marriage laws and allow same sex couples to be legally joined together in wedlock or they can set up a Domestic Partnership system that grants same sex couples the same rights and privileges Vermont affords to its married citizens.

As Paula Ettlbrick, attorney and Family Policy Director at the NGLIF Policy Institute said, "The decision is a significant step forward for our community and makes Vermont the second state Supreme Court to rule that the Constitution protects our relationships."

"However, by stopping short of fully recognizing the freedom to marry, the court has opened the door to complete equality but has not constitutionally guaranteed it. Now the battle progresses to the Vermont Legislature."

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## The Clockmakers

by Terry Boughner, PhD.

**O**nce upon a time, there was a young man of about 20, named Peter who lived in a small town at the foot of some great mountains. His father and grandfather before him had been clockmakers and people said that nowhere in all the country round were there clockmakers such as they. Sadly, both were dead as was the rest of Peter's family and so he lived alone in one small room behind the little clockmaker's shop.

Peter was poor. From dawn to dusk, he worked, making clocks, but try as hard as he would, people did not buy. Oh, he occasionally sold a clock, but those were the ones remaining that his father had made. The clocks that he made, nobody seemed to like and he had no idea why. Often, he went to bed hungry because he could not afford to buy food that day and cried himself to sleep from frustration.

One day in the middle of summer, the lordly bishop from the great cathedral came to the store, entering in a swirl of stoves and a clatter of gold chains.

"I wish to purchase a clock," the prelate intoned in haughty way. "Something perfect, elegant. You understand, as would befit a church."

Ho stopped to look around at the dozens at clocks that hung ticking upon the walls, but none seemed to satisfy.

"Perhaps," Peter offered hesitantly, "if you don't see anything you like, I could make one for you."

The bishop looked down his long, aristocratic nose, his cold eyes narrow, his thin lips stretched tight. "I doubt it. As everyone says, including I might add, his highness the Prince, you are not your father or grandfather. Your clocks are, well," he sniffed, "not up to their standards."

Peter swallowed hard before responding. "My lord bishop, if you would just give me a chance, I am sure that I could make for you a clock that would excel all others."

"Better than your grandfather made for the royal family?"

Peter nodded, feeling his heart pound at the opportunity. "Oh, much, much better."

"Good enough to fulfill the legend?"

Peter gulped hard. He knew the ancient story, as did everyone in town. According to the tale, when someone

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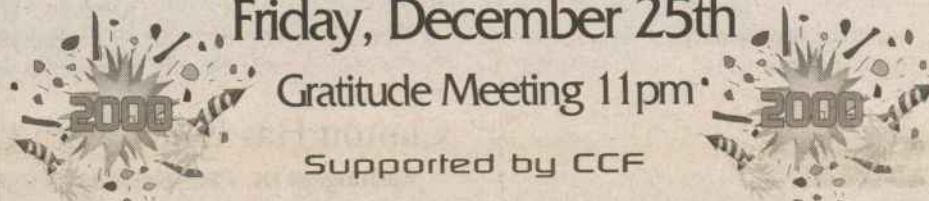
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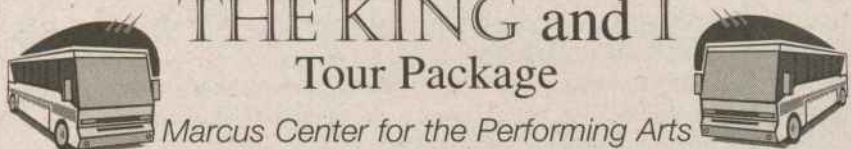
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**AP** Associated Press**National NEWS****Military Controversy Continues to Rage**

**Washington DC** - The fallout from the murder of PFC Barry Winchell continues to hit the Pentagon. Winchell was murdered in his barracks on July 5, because he was perceived to be Gay. His killer, Pvt. Calvin Glover, was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison earlier this month.

Dozens of newspapers have issued editorials calling for a lifting of the ban on LGBT military service. While President Clinton is calling for a "policy fix," Vice-President Gore has called for lifting the ban. Gore's supporters say that he was against the Don't Ask Don't Tell Policy from the beginning.

That claim is backed up by former Clinton Advisor George Stephanopolus who says that during a 1993 meeting with Clinton, Gore insisted that the President stick to his guns and lift the ban.

Defense Secretary William Cohen announced a 90-day review of how the policy is being implemented. The review drew fire from LGBT activists and others because the Pentagon is refusing to guarantee the anonymity of any service member who complains of mistreatment.

Dixon Osburn, Co-Director of the Service Members Legal Defense Network told the *New York Times*, "The big question is can Gay people participate in this survey without getting fired from their jobs? How do you trust anyone, especially at a base where an anti-gay murder took place?"

Republican leaders have remained largely silent or have indicated support for keeping Don't Ask Don't Tell. Leading GOP Presidential contenders, Texas Governor George Bush and Arizona Senator John McCain both said they support Don't Ask Don't Tell. Senator John Warner (R-VA), chairman of the Senate Armed Services committee, told the media that he didn't think anything should be done to fix the policy until after President Clinton leaves office.

**Clinton Has Lunch with Gay Dems**

**Washington DC** - President Clinton told 50 LGBT supporters that the key to advancing Gay civil rights was a large LGBT turnout in the 2000 elections and that he would work to correct the controversial Don't Ask Don't Tell ban on openly Gay military service.

In speaking about the policy, Clinton acknowledged its shortcomings but said that the political climate when it was announced did not allow him to get anything better.

"I have said many times I wish we could have done more but I'm glad we did what we did," Clinton said to the \$10,000 per person group Democratic Party Fundraiser held at the Mayflower Hotel.

One of the attendees, Vietnam veteran Dennis M. Dougherty, asked the President if he would issue an Executive Order voiding Don't Ask Don't Tell. Clinton did not directly answer that question.

Julian Potter, the Presidents LGBT liaison told the *New York Times* that the idea is being looked at by the White House counsel, but also said, "My gut reaction is that can't work." Don't Ask Don't Tell was passed into law by Congress and most experts think only Congress can repeal it.

Elizabeth Birch, Director of the Human Rights Campaign told Clinton he had "a very short window" left to make real headway on his verbal support of Gay issues.

Afterwards, Birch told the press, that while Clinton has done much for Gays, "The sad part is, if his presidency ended tomorrow his legacy would be a gag order in the U.S. military and a ban on Gay marriages."

**Teena Brandon Killer May Get New Trial**

**Omaha NB** - The *Omaha World Herald* reports that a new trial may be in the offing for John Lotter, who was sentenced to death for the murder of Teena Brandon and her two friends, Philip De Vine and Lisa Lambert.

Jeff Haley, a former cell mate of Marvin Nissen, who was sentenced to life in prison without parole for his role in the murder, says that Nissen told him that he and not Lotter was the trigger man in the killings.

"It will call into question the guilty verdict, but it clearly, clearly calls into question the death sentence," Jerry Soucie, Lotter's attorney, said. "If Lotter were not the trigger man, it could make him not eligible for the death penalty." Soucie is seeking a new trial for his client. His appeal is based on Haley's statements.

A hearing on the appeal is scheduled for May 2000.

**BI Women at Greater Risk for STD's**

**Seattle WA** - A study conducted by Dr. Virginia Gonzales of the University of Washington-Seattle shows that women with a history of bisexual activity are more likely to engage in behaviors that put them at risk of contracting HIV or other STDs.

The study published in the *American Journal of Public Health* profiled 264 Bisexual women who took part in an HIV/STD prevention program. It showed that all of them had sex with a male partner and thirty-eight percent had sex with another woman in the previous three months.

They also found the women had a great number of male sexual partners than their heterosexual counterparts and were more likely to have sex with a man who had sex with a prostitute.

The researchers say their findings are important because AIDS and STD groups think that women who have sex with other women are at low risk. Gonzales says the group "may represent an overlooked or hidden subset" of people at risk for AIDS and other STD's.

**Referendum May Hurt Children**

**Sacramento, CA** - An anti-Gay marriage ballot initiative that would prohibit California from recognizing Gay marriages, even if they are legally performed elsewhere, will cause emotional harm to the children of Gay parents concludes a Stanford researcher.

A 30 page report by Stanford University Professor Michael Wald argues that the move could stigmatize the state's estimated 400,000 LGBT couples, destabilize their financial well being and damage the emotional well being of their children.

"Passage of this measure will only add to family pressures," Wald said in an interview with the *Rocky Mountain News*, "and the children will share in the suffering."

California voters will decide the fate of the referendum, commonly known as the Knight initiative, next March.

**One Third of HIV Patients Forgo Care**

**Los Angeles, CA** - One of every three patients with the AIDS virus in the United States goes without treatment because of a lack of time or money, according to a study in this month's edition of the journal *Medical Care*. Poor people, drug users and minorities were most likely to scrimp on care due to the need to work or spend money on basic necessities.

The researchers concluded that more resources must be devoted to supporting patients' non-medical needs in order for all HIV-infected people to gain the benefits of improved therapies.

"We found that an enormous number of people are not receiving medical care that could help extend their lives," said Dr. William Cunningham, lead author of the study.

"Our findings may only be the tip of the iceberg since we could only study people with some connection to the health care system," said Cunningham, an assistant professor at the University of California, Los Angeles Schools of Public Health and Medicine.

UCLA, the Rand Corp. and eight other institutions conducted the study that involved 2,864 adult HIV patients in 1996.

Researchers concluded that a third of U.S. HIV patients, about 83,000 people, went without medical care or postponed it at least once in a six-month period.

The patients said that paying for food, clothing and housing forced them to go without care. Sometimes they delayed getting care because they were without transportation, unable to get out of work or too sick to visit a doctor.

Such patients were more likely than other HIV patients to have never received the latest anti-retroviral therapy. Those who postponed care were more likely to use an emergency room for care best given in a doctor's office.

The problem also worked in reverse - 8 percent of those interviewed said they sometimes had to go without food, clothing or housing because they needed to spend money on HIV care.

**Jewish LGBT Student Conference**

**Austin, TX** - The national Jewish LGBT Student Leadership Conference will be held at the University of Texas Austin from February 18-20, 2000.

The conference will feature Stephen Schecter, author of the acclaimed book, *David and Jonathan*. It will include workshops on activism, leadership training, coming out, the Jewish tradition, campus organizing, personal relationships and other relevant topics.

There is a January 30 registration for the fourth annual conference. Scholarships are available on a first come first served basis. For more information contact Conference Director Geoffrey Bleeker or Bernard Cherkasov, Executive Director of the National Union of Jewish LGBT Students (NUJLS) at 617-254-8590 or bcherkasov@hotmail.org.

# Vermont Supreme Court Rules for Equal Treatment

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One Vermont Justice, Jennifer Johnson, did not think the court should have thrown the issue back at the legislature. In a concurring and dissenting opinion, Justice Johnson said the court should have ordered town clerks to issue marriage licenses to Gay couples who apply for them. The court "declines to give them (the plaintiffs) any relief other than an exhortation to the Legislature to deal with the problem" she wrote. Johnson added, that the court's role is "not merely to rule on cases, but to decide them."

Deborah Lashman, a spokeswoman for Vermont Free to Marry, agrees with Justice Johnson. Lashman told WI Light that she is "disappointed that the court could find the statute unconstitutional and do what they did."

Lashman says a statewide domestic partnership law would still discriminate against same sex couples because, "It creates a two tiered system and that's inherently not equal." She added that unlike marriages, domestic partnerships are not recognized on an international basis. Moreover, unlike marriage licenses, domestic partnerships can't be taken to another state by couples who leave Vermont.

She adds, "If we are able to get married in Vermont we can claim federal benefits. A domestic partnership plan doesn't allow us to do that." Such a claim would open up DOMA, the 1996 federal law that bans federal recognition of same sex marriages to a challenge under the US constitution's full faith and credit provisions.

Most constitutional scholars believe that the federal courts would overturn DOMA if a state allows Gay couples to marry. Many legal experts also believe that even those states with anti-Gay marriage laws would be forced to recognize LGBT marriages performed in a state where they are legal.

The debate on the constitutionality of DOMA and anti-Gay marriage laws may remain an academic one. While Lashman vowed that her group would keep up the fight for same sex marriages, other Vermont observers say that they seem as far away as they have ever been.

Brendan Hadash a spokesman for VOWS, a pro-Gay marriage Vermont clergy group told WI Light that his group sees the decision as a "great victory," but that he doesn't believe same sex marriages will the result.

Hadash said that he believes the Court's decision will result in a statewide domestic partnership arrangement. "Even Take it to the People, which is a group opposed to Gay marriage, seems to be resigned to the fact that, at a minimum, the State legislature will approve a domestic part-

nership arrangement," said Hadash.

There are signs that his assessment is correct. Although Lt. Governor Douglas Dean and the Speaker of the Vermont House, Michael Obuchowski, say that they favor same-sex marriages, over 70 state legislators, nearly a majority, signed onto a bill that would prohibit them. Furthermore, after the court ruling was announced, Vermont's Governor, Howard Dean, said that he favored domestic partnership over marriage.

If Vermont establishes a system of domestic partnership registration with marriage-like benefits it would be the second state to do so. In 1997, Hawaii's legislature passed a statewide domestic partner law granting 60 benefits to unmarried couples. The law was enacted to avoid an expected a compromise between pro and anti-Gay legislators.

There are, however, significant differences between the situation in Hawaii and Vermont. The Vermont court made it clear that it would not accept anything less than registered same sex couples gaining all of the benefits afforded to married couples.

Furthermore, Hawaii amended its state constitution to ban Gay marriages. Amending the Vermont constitution is a much more difficult task than it was in Hawaii. The Vermont legislature must approve constitutional amendments in two separate sessions, a process that takes four years. Only then can the amendment be sent to the voters.

LGBT activists see legislative approval of a domestic partnership system similar to marriage as a significant step in their direction. It would be the first such system in the country to grant nearly equal legal status to LGBT couples.

With that in mind, Wisconsin Gay activists greeted the Vermont ruling as good news. The comments of Patrick Flaherty, Co-chair of Milwaukee's Domestic Partnership Task Force were typical of those received by WI Light. "The Vermont ruling shows that society is beginning to address the discrimination that same sex couples have endured for too long," he said.

Flaherty and others are hoping that Vermont ruling will aid efforts to pass AB-608 in the State legislature. That bill would establish a statewide domestic partnership program and grant registering couples the same benefits provided to married couples under Wisconsin law.

Whether it will help efforts to achieve legal parity for same sex couples in other states remains to be seen. For now all that can be said for certain is that advocates for the rights of LGBT couples see the Vermont ruling as a hopeful sign of progress as they enter a new millennium.

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## Three Wisconsin Gayla's Greet the New Millennium

Madison's Pink Party, the Fox Valley's Positive Voice Dinner/Dance and Milwaukee Youth Party Usher in the New Year.

Over a thousand people will descend on Madison for the "biggest party of its kind in the Midwest" at the Civic Center. Meanwhile hundreds will gather at the ever-growing Positive Voice event at Liberty Hall to usher in the year 2000. Even before the big night, LGBT youth will celebrate with a Black and Silver Party at Milwaukee's Dish on December 28.

The Pink Party once again promises to be a multi-faceted extravaganza featuring live cabaret, line dancing, comedy and DJ extraordinaire Tony Ritschard spinning for five and a half hours.

Popular Voice's 5th annual Gala includes cocktails, dinner and dancing to the sounds of a live DJ. Drawing from throughout the North Eastern region and the Upper Peninsula, it has become a tradition for many, and grows in attendance each year.

Proceeds from the Pink Party benefit OutReach, Madison's LGBT community center. "There's something for people of every income and interest," notes OutReach Director Debra Weill. Prices range from \$12 to \$35, with some sliding fees available.

The Pink Party's *Treats and Tunes* deluxe entertainment package includes a special cabaret style program of music and comedy and a selection of delectable desserts. It will be held at the Civic Center's Starlight Theater from 9-11:30pm, and costs \$35. It will serve as a special benefit for OutReach's community education programs, and provides admission to all the evening's other events.

Chicago's award-winning cabaret singer Michael McAssey, described by the *New York Post* as "both cabaret's most accomplished balladeer and its wildest most uninhibited musical clown," is part of the *Treats and Tunes* program. Also performing will be comedian Linda Lenzke, whose stand-up act has long been a favorite at her hometown's variety shows and pride events.

### \$12 Version of the Pink Party

For \$12, partygoers can sample an eclectic range of Pink Party activities including Tony Ritschard reigning over the turntables at the Civic Center's multi-level crossroads area.

For those who are "a little bit country", or need to get away for some relief, the Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls will host line dancing in the Marquee Room from 9pm-2am.

All partygoers are invited to attend McAssey's encore performance in the Starlight Room from 11:30pm-1am.

Tickets for both Pink Party options are available at OutReach, 600 Williamson St., and (608) 255-8582; at the door; and at several Milwaukee and Madison outlets. Dozens of volunteers are needed to help make it happen. Help with decorating, ticket table staffing, coat check and clean-up. Commit to a two hour shift (those serving during the midnight hour will have a special break at 12) and you will receive a free ticket into the dance, or a \$15 discount on the *Treats and Tunes* package. If interested, call Callen Harty at the above OutReach number.

### Meanwhile in Appleton...

Party-goers will have to decide whether 2000 marks the millennium, and then celebrate ir- regardless by ringing in the New Year at Positive Voice's Dinner and Dance.

Now in its 5th year, this event is a tradition for many, who have talked it up leading to bigger crowds every year. As one area pundit put it, "Honey, New Year's ain't all about the Pink Party or Milwaukee bars, anymore!"

Held at the Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center in Kimberly, the party starts off with cash bar cocktails at 7pm, dinner at 8pm followed by dancing with a live DJ until 1am.

Cost for the dinner (choice of four entrees) and dance is \$20 for Positive Voice members, \$25 for non-members. Reservations by phone or mail are requested, however, last minute diners will be accommodated at the door.

Tickets for the Dance only are \$10, at the door. Beer/soda and party hats and noisemakers are included for both categories.

Proceeds from the evening benefit Positive Voice, NEWT's largest LGBT organization. Positive Voice provides a speakers' bureau, regular social events, LGBT advocacy and support.

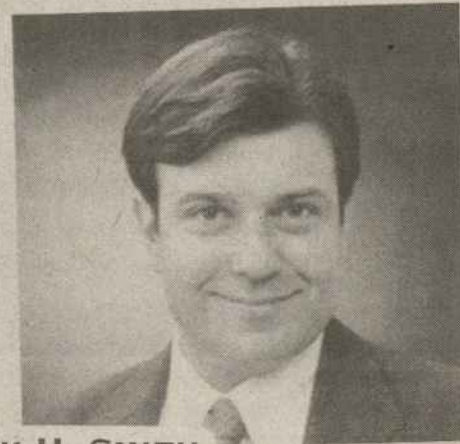
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### LGBT Youth Celebration in Milwaukee

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's True Colors Gay youth outreach program and Dish Night Club, 235 S. 2nd Street, are determined not to leave LGBT youth out of the New Year's festivities.

They are sponsoring a non-alcoholic Black and Silver New Year's Eve celebration from 8pm to 1am on December 28 at Dish. The party will include refreshments, door prizes, party favors, a live DJ and a New Year's Eve countdown at midnight. Black and silver clothing and adornments are encouraged. Tickets are \$5. They are available at the door, 235 S. 2nd Street or by calling (414) 225-1573 for reservations or more information.

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## New Zealand Prime Minister Supports Gay Marriage

**Wellington** - The *New Zealand Herald* reports that the Law Commission is recommending that same sex couples be allowed to register their relationships and receive the same legal rights accorded to married heterosexual couples. The Commission made the recommendation in a study paper that it will present to the Ministry of Justice.

The Commission said that using a registration for Gay couples would avoid offending those who object to changing the legal definition of marriage. It added that the legal standing of those who register should be identical to those heterosexuals who marry.

It added that laws that apply to unmarried heterosexual de facto couples (common law marriages) should also apply to LGBT couples who choose not to register.

Prime Minister-elect Helen Clark has said she would personally support giving legal recognition to same sex couples. Openly Gay Te Atatu MP Chris Carter said he did not advocate marriage for Gay and Lesbian couples, saying the issue was too emotional.

Outgoing Prime Minister Jenny Shipley also supported legal recognition of same sex relationships, but did not go as far as supporting marriage.

## Sri Lanka Lesbians Organize

**Colombo** - The Times of India news service is reporting that Sri Lanka Lesbians have launched their first ever organization. Forty women gathered at a drop-in center for Gay men to begin the new group, Companions, the same name used by a Gay men's group here.

Sri Lanka's Lesbians complain that they are subjected to physical abuse and treated as social outcasts with no social support structure to rely on. Thanks in part to a Danish grant the new organization will provide a safe space for Lesbians in this land formerly known as Ceylon.

That space will provide drop in services, medical information and even residential services for displaced women.

## South Africans Catch Bombing Suspect

South African police arrested Johannesburg - Deon Mostert, a man being sought in connection with the November bombings of two Gay businesses on Wednesday, December 8th. Mostert is being held while Police investigate his possible role in the November 6 bombing of the Blah Bar, which injured 6 people and the November 28 bombing of St. Elmo's pizzeria, which injured 48 people.

Police arrested Mostert at a roadblock they had set up to apprehend him. Police credited the public for helping to bring him into custody. A Police spokesman said that authorities received an "overwhelming response" after they revealed that Mostert was a suspect.

Local news reports say that Mostert may have connections with the Police themselves in addition to links to an extreme right wing group. A Police spokesman said that authorities felt that Mostert did not act alone but was the key figure in the bombings.

## Canada Grants Refugee Status to Gays

**Toronto, Canada** - The *Ottawa Sun* reports that Gay men from around the world are seeking refugee status in Canada in an attempt to flee persecution in their native lands. The Immigration and Refugee Board, IRB, reports giving refugee status to eight Gays on the basis of claims that they faced persecution in their homelands.

The IRB said in a recent case, it granted asylum to a Pakistani, who said he could be jailed for up to life and given 100 lashes for being Gay in Pakistan. "Homosexuals have no legal protection from discrimination," the IRB ruled. "There is no visible support for Gay and Lesbian rights."

No one knows how many Gays have applied for refugee status because the IRB does not keep statistics based on sexual orientation or list applicants who are being processed or weren't accepted. Board officials say they don't compile statistics based on sexual orientation.

The Reform Party's immigration critic Leon Benoit said that only in Canada is homosexuality used as the basis of a refugee claim. He said the UN doesn't recognize refugees based on sexual orientation.

"Canada is seen abroad as having a soft touch. These people know if they make a claim they'll get in," said Benoit, who added that his country should judge refugees by UN definitions.

In the United States, the Clinton administration quietly changed American immigration policy to allow Gays and Lesbians to seek asylum in 1995. Over two dozen Gay refugees have been granted political asylum in the US under the new policy.

# the gay Agenda

**24 Fri.** **Don Your Gay Apparel, LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** Open from 6-10pm. Enjoy friends in a safe, no-alcohol, no-smoking environment.  
**Christmas Eve Service, Metropolitan Community Church (Milwaukee):** 7:30pm service.  
**Candlelight Meeting, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** 11pm at the club, 2408 N. Farwell (414)276-6936.

**25 Sat.** **Don Your Gay Apparel, LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** Open from 6-10pm. enjoy friends in a safe, no-alcohol, no-smoking environment.  
**Christmas Day Service, Metropolitan Community Church (Milwaukee):** 10am service.  
**Gratitude Meeting, Galano Club (Milwaukee):** 11pm at the club, 2408 N Farwell, (414) 276-6936.  
**HIV+ Gay Men's Social, BESTD Clinic (Milwaukee):** Drop-in center provides the setting and opportunity. Last Saturday of every month. 1240 E. Brady St. (side door, closest to street) 8-Midnight (414) 353-4798

**26 Sun.** **LGBT Youth Group Meeting, ARCW Office (Kenosha):** LGBT youth and sexuality issues, ARCW Office, 1212 57th St.

**27 Mon.** **Film Circle, Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison):** Screening: Romeo and Juliet, the Franco Zefferelli version made in '68. Woody's house, call for location: 7pm, (608) 244-0894.

**Thank You Reception, The Campaign Against Racial Profiling (Milwaukee):** Petition drop off and thank you reception. Light eats and live jazz. Black Historical Society and Museum, 2620 W. Center St. Call Karen Murphy-Smith (414) 228-9962 or Angela Davis Copwatch Hotline 297-9295.

**28 Tue.** **Millenium Youth Dance, ARCW True Colors Youth Outreach/Dish (Milwaukee):**Black & Silver New Year's Dance for youth. Non alcoholic, 8pm-1am. Refreshments, door prizes, party, favors, live DJ. New Years's countdown at midnight. Black & Silver clothing & adornments encouraged. \$5 at the door.  
**Lesbian 12 Step Al Anon Group, LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** Meets every Tuesday ; 12 step recovery group for relatives or friends of alcoholics. LGBT Center, 170 S. 2nd St., 7:30-9:30pm; (414) 271-2656.

**31 Fri.** **5th Annual New Year's Eve Party, Positive Voice (Appleton):** Dine and dance at NE Wisconsin's biggest gala event.  
**Open Today, LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee):** Open from 6-10pm. enjoy friends in a safe, no-alcohol, no-smoking environment.  
**Pink Party, OutReach (Madison):** At the Madison Civic Center, one of the biggest LGBT New Years celebrations in the midwest.  
**Party & Dance, Galano Club (Madison):** Party in an alcohol free environment.

**1 Sat.** **Madison Gay Video Club, MGVC (Madison):** Special New Year's Party, Top Videos of 1999. Call evenings for the location: 8pm; (608) 244-8675.  
**New Year's Day Open House, Frontier's Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison):** Open House, spend the first afternoon of the year socializing. Call for location: 1-5pm, (608) 233-9008.  
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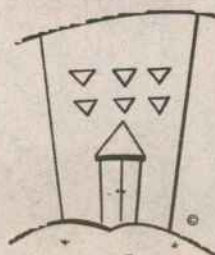
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## View from the **Bi Side**

This is always a difficult time of year for me. The sun hangs low in the sky all day and then it's dragged below the horizon all too soon. I'm always either too hot (too many clothes) or too cold (not enough clothes). I always find myself daunted by the cold outside and then end up feeling trapped in the house.

It's nice at first. Sitting cozy by the fire, savoring warm bowls of thick soup, settling into a slower, more introspective pace. Usually I enjoy this chance to take stock of my life: Where have I been? Where am I going? Sometimes the process is painful - grieving losses, agonizing over mistakes. But my core philosophy is always there, something to cling to when things get really dark.

My core philosophy might be said to come out of *It's A Wonderful Life*: Be kind and generous and honest and loyal and not only will all of this come back to you, but you will make a positive difference in the lives of others. Cheesy and cliché as it may be, I believe that the best way to live is with my heart open and fully engaged.

I keep a quote by Antoine de Saint-Exupery near my bed that says, "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye." To me this has always been an unquestioned truth - like breathing, or the sun rising.

This autumn I had a falling out with a dear friend. We were incredibly close - we always said we'd be little old ladies together - so when we decided we had to part as friends it was very painful. Last autumn I had a break with a different dear friend. That one wasn't permanent and the circumstances were different, but in both instances everyone was hurt.

Here's the crux: I was kind, generous, honest and loyal to the best of my ability. I lived with my heart open and engaged. I had faith that living this way is the path to peace and harmony, for myself and for

## Leap of Faith

By **Nikki Schlaishunt**

those around me. But everyone got hurt.

So, here I am, following the sun into lengthening darkness, questioning my very existence. Pretty dreary stuff, even if it is seasonally apropos. Maybe I should close in, shut down, give up. I mean, what's the point if people just get hurt?

I've been a social activist since I started wearing my "ERA Now" button to junior high school. I've worked for feminist issues, for peace, for the environment and as a Bisexual activist. The common thread has been my faith that people can change, society can change. We can make this world a better place.

Working in the Bisexual community has made it clear to me just how complex and fluid people are. We are all unique and at the same time we are all changing. Some of the fluctuations are small like getting a haircut, some are large like changing religions, and everything in between.

Whole individuals are convoluted, intricate, perplexing, fascinating beings. We are made up of sexual identity, likes and dislikes, genetic predispositions, family influences, and a million other things.

Our actions have affects and ramifications far beyond what we can perceive in the here and now. Some of my actions will have negative affects - I make mistakes just like anyone else - and some will have positive affects. So far, an angel hasn't come to show me the score. Unless that happens, all I can do is have faith in something I can not see or touch. To believe, if I keep trying with an open heart and an open mind, that I will ultimately make a positive impact in this world. This is my challenge.

I can't say I can feel it in my heart yet - there is too much pain and fear right now. But maybe I will be able to follow the sun out of her darkest hour and back into the lengthening light. I just need to take a deep breath, close my eyes, and leap . . .

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# OutState



by Mike  
Fitzpatrick

**N**ew Year's Gayla Positively Fabulous: You're about to read a shameless plug for the best deal available for LGBT New Year's revelers anywhere in Wisconsin: the Fifth Annual Positive Voice New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance.

If you're into crowds, fashion and all night partying, there's Madison's Pink Party and many great club packages. However, if you're looking for a classier evening that won't keep you in bed for most first day of Y2K, a great mix of couples and single people, you won't do better than the PV bash. Moreover, it's a bargain to boot.

A cocktail hour with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres begins at 7pm with dinner at 8. The menu choices are glorious: Maple Encrusted Orange Roughy, Prime Rib, Roasted Breast of Chicken with Door County Cherry Glaze or Roasted Winter Vegetables over Homemade Fettuccini.

Chef Mike Van Asten goes over the top for "his people" every year so the little extra touches to the feast have transitioned from surprises to expectations. Dancing follows from 9 - 1am. The music mix runs from Big Band to classic rock & roll, current club hits to disco classics - all with a Gay twist.

Plus, there's slow dancing for cuddling with that special someone. The one thing that has always driven me crazy about so-called Gay culture is we only seem to express ourselves musically in 4/4 time. Historically, the ballad mix has run from the "classics" (Judy, Patsy and Babs) to that occasional obscure golden oldie that had a Gay subtext you never thought about when you first hummed it way back when.

Refreshments include complimentary beer and soda all evening long and champagne toast at midnight. You get all the other extras too: noisemakers, party favors and hats.

In addition to sensible hours there's another plus for those of us who no longer can handle the nicotine fog of your average club: the dining and dance areas are smoke-free. For those who want to enjoy that after-dinner stogie or just feed the habit, smoking is okay in the adjacent bar.

What do you pay for all of the above? Twenty five dollars per person - and if you're a PV member, it's only a sawbuck! Some bars are charging more than that just to walk in the door.

Still too much? You can attend the dance only (with the refreshment and midnight treats) for just ten dollars. Advance reservations are requested. Call (920) 435-4404 and leave a message. Reservation deadline for dinner is December 29. You don't need to reserve a ticket for the dance.

**Fantasy Gift Giving:** Since this column will come out just as Santa begins his annual run, I've decided to list a few perfect gifts for celebrities of all stripes with connections to our community.

**For Representative Marc Pocan:** A game of Twister. Some Wisconsin GOP folk say that at times you don't play nice with others. You can quiet the complaints by having a round with Rep. Steve Nass or Lorraine Seratti. Can we watch?

**For Rantin' Ralph Ovadal:** A bottle of tanning oil and a sun lamp. Bring 'em down to Mazo Beach and you can protest all winter long! Out in the cold that's just where most sensible people think you belong.

**For HRC's Elizabeth Birch:** a calculator. I realize this is heresy in what appears to be the official newspaper of the Millennium March, but here goes. Girl, do the math. The most conservative estimate I've seen suggests the average MMOW-goer will spend \$250. For a million bods, that's a quarter-billion dollars. Spent on what? A Melissa Etheridge concert warm-up?

If two hundred Wisconsinites ignore this siren's call and donate their money to Action Wisconsin instead, that group could afford to pay a lobbyist to push for our issues right here at home full time.

**For my favorite phobe Reggie White:** A sixth grader's American history book. I'd give you the Bill of Rights but based on your recent Iowa tirade, you don't understand it. Civil rights for Gay people are an offense to every black person in America? Don't you realize you're hanging with the progeny of the same folks who expected your great-great granddaddy to call them "Massa"?

**And last but not least** for retiring *WI Light* editor Bill Meunier: a year-long ocean cruise with Gay Brad Pitt, Leonardo DiCaprio and Brendan Fraiser look alike's to do your every bidding. For all the crap you've put up with over the years - you deserve it!

Finally, as an evangelical Unitarian Universalist, I'm having a Happy Hanukah, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Kwanzaa and a simple Solstice celebration this year. *Whatever your reason, enjoy the season!*

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# Editorial

## Don't Ask Don't Tell

### What Others Are Saying

#### *Business Weekly Editor's Commentary*

"The incredible thing is that after all these years, a presidential candidate must actually defend the right of a certain group of his countrymen to defend their country.

"No one seems to have had a problem with homosexuals fighting and dying in World War I, World War II, or Vietnam. And if you are such a Flathead that you don't believe tens-of-thousands of so-called fags took a bullet for liberty, then you probably don't deserve the freedom they died to protect.

"There's not a shred of evidence that heterosexuals are any better soldiers, pilots, or naval officers than homosexuals are... what kind of an Army are these joker generals running if they can't keep their troops from beating each other to death over as personal a matter as sexual preference.

"Forget about don't ask, don't tell. The new policy should be simply: don't care."

#### *Washington Times*

"It is true, as both Clintons, Mr. Gore and Mr. Bradley now believe, that 'don't ask, don't tell' is a disaster. But six years into a failed liberal experiment, the remedy is not still-greater liberalization. The 'don't ask, don't care' policy such Democrats are advocating would further undermine the morale and efficacy of the U.S. military, as though 'sensitivity training' were a component of national defense and military bases were re-education camps.

"Homosexuality is a behavior that is detrimental to both military cohesion and effectiveness... it is nobody's right to serve in the military in the first place."

#### *Washington Post*

"Don't ask, don't tell' was never more than a gloss. Mr. Clinton tried, to his credit, as no president had before and at considerable political cost, to achieve more. He lost; the resulting compromise requires both sides to engage in a form of hypocrisy. Gays must pretend they're not Gay, and the military must pretend it doesn't care.

"The military will follow a non-discrimination order if it is handed down, and handed down with conviction. On other issues, including race, it has - compared with the society at large - a commendable record of having done so. This is not a defense issue so much as an issue of fundamental fairness on which compromise has been tried and failed. It's time - past time - just to do the right thing."

#### *The Seattle Times*

"How a person behaves while in uniform and how that behavior reflects on their service and their duty is the standard that should be applied to all members of the armed forces. Straight or Gay, men and women in uniform should be judged by the same code of conduct. It's time to stop the failure of 'don't ask, don't tell' and have the same rules of personal conduct apply to everyone."

#### *St. Louis Post Dispatch*

"Mr. Cohen's asking whether homosexuals are being harassed under an obviously discriminatory policy is akin to asking whether black soldiers were discriminated against when the armed forces were racially segregated.

It is time for Mr. Clinton and the military to dispense with 'don't ask.' The best policy is the one American's claim to hold so dear - don't discriminate."

#### *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

### Calls Policy "Still Workable"

"The first responsibility of a military leaders is to protect the troops under his or her command. That seems to have been almost completely forgotten by Army leadership, notably the leadership at Fort Campbell, Ky., where a young soldier was beaten to death with a baseball bat because he was thought to be a homosexual.

"The murder... has revived complaints that the armed forces' policy on homosexuality in the ranks - 'don't ask, don't tell' - ought to be replaced.

"But Winchell's murder does not provide that the policy is unworkable; it provides abundant new evidence that the policy has not been enforced - indeed, that it is ignored or scorned by some of the very people whose job it is to ensure its implementation.

"...Winchell had been tormented with merciless and unrelenting jibes and insults by fellow soldiers who believed he was a homosexual. Not only did officers fail to protect the young soldier from this abuse; some of them actually helped to create the hate-filled environment in which the murder occurred...

"...This torment is explicitly prohibited by the army's 'don't ask, don't tell' policy, yet it went on for months and (if gay-rights groups are to be believed) is rampant throughout the armed forces.

"...[Defense Secretary] Cohen needs to tell his subordinates to obey orders, and his command ought to be rendered in language that is blunt enough and clear enough to be understood even by dunderheads. Refusal to obey the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy should be punished as swiftly and as severely as other forms of insubordination."

## Our View:

### End the Charade

When Army Private Calvin Glover used an aluminum bat to smash the skull of a sleeping Gay soldier, PFC Barry Winchell, he also smashed any doubts about the failure of the Don't Ask Don't Tell Don't Pursue policy. America is waking up to the harsh reality that Gays and Lesbians who serve their country are not safe even in their own barracks.

The military has answered the question of who murdered Winchell, but other questions remain. Why did despite years of complaints has the Pentagon failed to enforce Don't Ask Don't Tell? Why has it failed to issue even a reprimand to those who harass LGBT service members? Most importantly, who is running our armed forces? Their elected Commander in Chief or a military establishment that apparently thinks it can pick and chose which of his directives to enforce?

**"The Army's message to Winchell's tormentors couldn't have been clearer if it had painted a target on him. The only protection he received was the honor guard that escorted his casket to a grave."**

Unfortunately, the answer to that last question became obvious during Glover's trial. Testimony showed that Winchell was repeatedly derided, even assaulted for months. Numerous witnesses testified that they complained about the daily abuse he faced. No one did anything to discipline his attackers.

The Army's message to Winchell's tormentors couldn't have been clearer if it painted a target on him. The only protection he received was the honor guard that escorted his casket to a grave.

The Pentagon's response to the public outcry is woefully inadequate. After first claiming that nothing was wrong with Don't Ask Don't Tell, the Defense Department shifted gears and ordered a 90-day review into whether or not the policy is being followed.

No one should be surprised if that review backs up the military's claims that there is no problem. Because the Pentagon is refusing to guarantee the anonymity of any LGBT service member, who steps forward to complain about mistreatment? Any such complaints would violate Don't Ask Don't Tell and result in a discharge. That alone makes it doubtful that this so-called review will be anything more than a vehicle to placate an angry American people.

As is the case with any public policy that relies on deceit to be effective, Don't Ask, Don't Tell was flawed to begin with. However, that does not excuse the commanders who refused to implement it or the civilian policy makers who did nothing to force them to do so.

It's time to end this charade. Lift the ban on LGBT military service and allow ALL of those who have sworn to lay down their lives for the country they love to serve with the dignity and pride they deserve.

## Letters

### Response to McFarland

I am writing to take issue with the column by Jim Mc Farland in the Dec. 8-14 issue. In it he states that unions have a built in advantage because they do not need to ask their members for permission to use dues for political purposes while corporations have to ask their employees for PAC donations.

Cigarette manufacturers do not have to ask those who use their products for permission to give to political candidates, usually Republicans. Indeed the smoker does not have any choice if he wishes to continue smoking because all cigarette companies contribute. Also corporations make money off of the productivity of workers, part of that often goes toward political purposes, the workers aren't asked for their permission.

Union contributions for political purposes go to candidates who care about labor concerns unlike a system where employees would have contributions taken from them through employers given to political candidates, who do not care at all about their concerns.

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# Cinema Review

## Anna and the King

Review by John Jahn

**A** *Anna and the King* represents the fourth time that the story of Anna Leonowens, a widowed British school teacher who traveled to Siam in 1862 to tutor King Mongkut's children in English, has been committed to film. The first, *Anna and the King of Siam* (1946) is a competent version, starring **Rex Harrison** and **Irene Dunne**. The most famous was 1956's *The King and I*, with its terrific Rogers & Hammerstein score and classic performances by **Yul Brynner** and **Deborah Kerr**. This year brought forth both a terrible animated feature and this one, which reinvents the story as an epic romance.

The principal players are **Chow YunFat** as the stern and imperious King Mongkut. An inspired choice for the role, he has an



Anna Leonowens (Jodie Foster) finds herself engaged in a battle of wits - and a deepening relationship - with King Mongkut (Chow Yun-Fat).

Sadly, like too many movies, this one cannot end quietly and gracefully. Even so, *Anna and the King* is a nice counterpart to the often fatuous, somewhat dated *The King and I*.

2 1/2 Stars

## Mansfield Park

Review by John Jahn

**M**ansfield Park has long been viewed as the black sheep of Jane Austen's literary output. It has also intimidated filmmakers, thus far only viewable as a BBC miniseries. While Canadian Director **Patricia Rozema's** radical approach will leave some Austenophiles in stunned disbelief, others, including this critic, will be delighted by the changes. They will see *Mansfield Park* as a welcome addition to the recent wave of impeccably produced Austen films.

In keeping with Austen, the film is wordy and deeply introspective, with much of the action taking place inside the head of the



Jodie Foster as Anna Leonowens in *Anna and the King*.

imposing screen presence and brings the perfect mix of enlightenment, compassion and aloofness to the part. Opposite Chow is **Jodie Foster**. She brings more softness and humanity to her portrayal than her predecessors did. Like Chow, Foster radiates charisma and the two work well together. The kind of onscreen bond they form is important in a story like this, where the romance constantly simmers just beneath the surface, but remains unconsummated.

Although *Anna and the King* is too long, it is engaging and well paced entertainment. The unnecessary inclusion of a silly, treasonous plot against the throne by a renegade general and his group of rebel soldiers mar the film, however. The resolution, and all that leads up to it, is patently ridiculous. The inclusion of these adventure scenes seriously hurts the film's credibility and consistency.



Frances O'Connor as Fanny Price in *Mansfield Park*.

heroine - Fanny Price (**Frances O'Connor**).

Price is passive and difficult to like, at least initially, but Rozema makes her much more likeable than Austen did. The result is a screen version of Price that is bright, funny, and affable. We don't have any problem rooting for her happiness.

There is a strong feminist streak in *Mansfield*, which is not surprising since Austen is seen as a "protofeminist." Other

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themes and issues including the slave trade, hints of Lesbianism and incest are more fully explored and fleshed out in the movie than they were in the novel.

The quality of acting in *Mansfield Park* varies, with a few cast members seemingly uncomfortable in their period costumes. Luckily, the heroine, played by O'Connor, is the best of the performances. She effectively uses facial expressions to convey emotion. The energy and spirit O'Connor imbues her with is part of the reason we like Fanny.

Unfortunately, her costars aren't on the same level. **Alessandro Nivola** and **Embeth Davidtz** are adequate, but the depth of their acting doesn't match O'Connor's. More uneven is **Jonny Lee Miller**, whose portrayal of Edmund, the male lead, is occasionally uninvolved and even a little flat.

In the end, *Mansfield Park* succeeds based upon its gorgeous cinematography, engaging story, fine set designs and strong acting by its lead actress.

**3 Stars**



Jonny Lee Miller and Frances O'Connor in *Mansfield Park*.



Alessandro Nivola in *Mansfield Park*.



Embeth Davidtz in *Mansfield Park*.

**Theatre  
Review**

**Holiday Punch**

Review by John Jahn

**D**ale Gutzman's 1999 edition of *Holiday Punch*, his 21st annual send up of Christmas and New Years celebrations, was one of his most ambitious and successful yet. For about 2 hours, Dale was M.C. to over 20 different musical and comedy sketches, pulled off with great energy, enthusiasm and timing by his 12-member cast. The performances took place at Centennial Hall in downtown Milwaukee.

One of the best aspects of *Holiday Punch* is the fact that Gutzman alters the lyrics to well-known songs so that they conform to current events, turning old chestnuts into amusingly creative ditties. A particularly successful example of this was *Hair Care*, in which songs from that late '60s musical were sung by cast members in hippie costumes, but the lyrics had been updated to address '90s pop culture obsessions, particularly with diet and exercise.

The show also contained its share of comedy bits sprinkled between the musical numbers. It is here that *WI Light*'s own Ruthie (**Mark Hagen**) delighted the crowd with her acerbic wit. Her attempt to play *My Heart Will Go On* on the accordion was priceless!

Gutzman retained freshness in the show even in the "serious" moments with renditions of out-of-the-ordinary holiday songs, such as *This Child Is, It's a Marshmallow World* and *It's a Quiet Thing*. **David Flores** sang a neglected but beautiful holiday song, *The Christmas Waltz*, and guest performer, and former Miss Wisconsin, **Nicole Locy** of Fox 6 News contributed her lovely voice to *Evergreen*.

All-in-all, this was one of Gutzman's most ambitious and successful renditions of *Holiday Punch*. With a lot of material covered, appropriate timing and an obviously well-rehearsed and choreographed cast (ironing out some of the rough spots and wrinkles of the show in years past), this *Holiday Punch* was a great way to kiss the 20th century good-bye.

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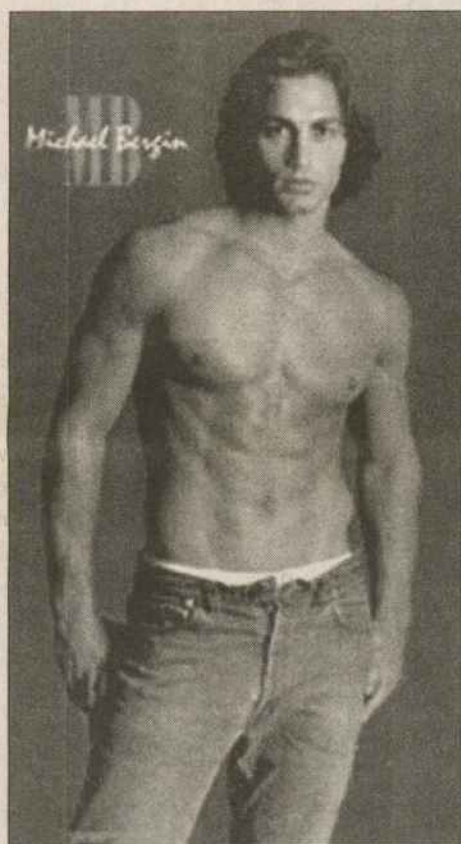
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# Gotcha!

Here we are at one of my favorite columns of the entire year – the Best of Gotcha. This is my opportunity to recap some of the stories I have particularly enjoyed over the past year and, in a few cases, give you an update.

Since it's the holiday season, let's go back to the first column of 1999 for a story stemming from last year's holiday season. On the last Saturday before Christmas, **Michael Eisner** visited the Abercrombie and Fitch store in San Diego's Fashion Valley Mall. Mikey wasn't shopping for any clothes. He was there to pick up a poster called "Abercrombie and Fitch Boys".

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Michael Bergin

A&F store had 25 of these posters for sale - \$100 each, with a limit of one per customer. Eisner was waiting when the store opened and, rules or not, he wanted more than one poster. Although he was able to cajole the salesgirl into selling him five posters, he caused enough of a scene for onlookers to write me and ask what the CEO of Disney could possibly want with \$500 of homoerotic posters. *Darlings, if you have to ask....*

A few months later, I was minding my own business in a crowded men's room. As I settled into "position" at the one free urinal, a familiar voice addressed me from behind, "Do you mind if I join you, Billy?"

I looked up to find the delectable **Michael Bergin** giving me that sly grin. I nodded as he moved in closer. After a silence that seemed like an eternity, I whispered, "So, what do you think?" Michael looked me in the eye, then

by Billy Masters

looked down and said sheepishly, "It's certainly impressive, and longer than I expected. Mine is much shorter."

Yes, we were discussing the just concluded first act of *Evita* at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood. Mickey didn't have a CD of the entire show – only selections. Me? *It's the whole thing or nothing.*

One of the biggest scoops in early 1999 was my discovery that **Steve "Hooked on Phonics" Kmetko** was also hooked on diet pills! My sources said



Faye Dunaway

that Kmetko was watching what he ate, working out obsessively enlisted the aid of a doctor and was taking Phentramine.

I've seen Steve shirtless (no details, sorry) and I couldn't imagine that he needed any improvement. Plus, when people are in relationships, they usually don't care as much about stuff like that. That leads us directly into the next story.

The following is a brand-new item. As you know, I was just down in Ft.



Steve Kmetko



Greg Louganis

Lauderdale. While I was there I caught up with Kmetko's ex, **Greg Louganis** (oh, you didn't know that they had broken up? Don't feel bad - neither did Greg).

Greg was appearing in a local production of the musical *Nunsense A-Men*, and, how shall we say this, he wasn't great. It's not that he was bad - Greg has some charisma and sparkle, but his acting is rather stiff and deliberate, and his singing voice is virtually non-existent.

*Back to our year-end wrap-up.* A few months ago, I read a *London Times* headline – "Palace Bans Gays After Kiss." It seems that the **Queen** and **Prince Charles** started extending invitations to the longtime companions of invited guests instead of just to married couples.

This shift in policy opened the door for Gay couples to visit Buckingham Palace. There weren't any problems until a Gay couple shared a kiss in the garden and someone brought it to the attention of **Prince Phillip**. I was amused to find out that the couple was comprised of two priests!

Before we hit two of my favorite "Could it be" items, let me share with you my favorite installment of *Fayewatch* from 1999. I spent a bit of time with **Faye Dunaway** at this year's Golden Globes, and it was there that a classic *Fayewatch* incident occurred. When **Camryn Mannheim** won for *The Practice*, Mommie Dearest allegedly turned to someone at her table and asked, "What exactly does that fat girl do?"

Gotta love a line like that. Once Faye realized that Cam is an up-and-coming star, she didn't miss a photo op and made sure that the paparazzi were around when one winner congratulated the other. *It's all about appearances, darlings.*

Could it be that a certain subject from Billy's Blind Item Hall of Fame is back to his old tricks? More like back to his old

haunts looking for some new tricks!

Seems that this guy was in NYC and couldn't resist dropping into his old gym, American Fitness. Then he dropped his trademark briefs, dropped into the steam room, and promptly dropped his towel in front of the object of his affection.

Although he didn't get into as much kissing as usual, he's added a thing or two to his repertoire. He still enjoys the pleasure of a man's tongue, but according to my source, this time he liked it on the flip side. He also seemed to enjoy an audience - all that work on the runway must have paid off. Then again, it's kinda damp in the sauna - maybe it felt as if he was back on the set.

Could it be that a certain NFL player was arrested when he the police found him scoring a touchdown in the back of his RV with a member of the same sex? Not only is it true (it's taken me a couple months to confirm this), but it seems the boy in question was a steel - only a few quarters changed hands.

I can't imagine what the cop's thought when they found this famous face with a rent boy in the buff. I mean, how many exciting things happen in Pittsburgh? (You'll note that I reported this item about nine months ago, and it looks like the mainstream press has finally picked up on it.)

When I give you two "Could it be" items, a *Fayewatch*, and the details of a private encounter with Bergin, then we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. Actually, in this case, we've come to the end of yet another year!

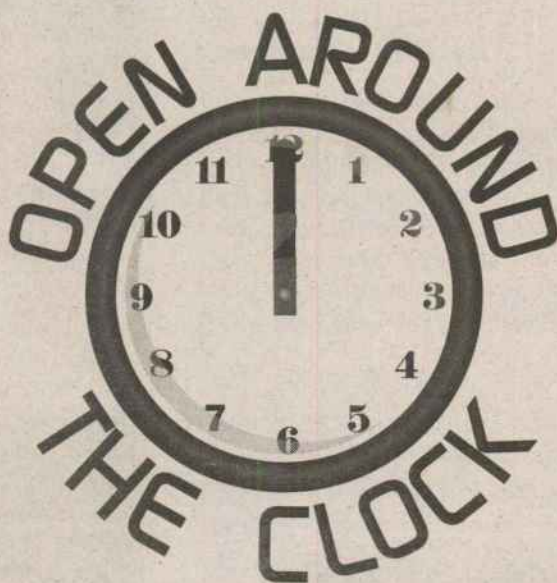


Camryn Mannheim

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# The Clockmakers

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offered a gift in the cathedral on Christmas Eve; a gift of such surpassing beauty and loveliness that it would touch the heart of God, the angels themselves would descend to receive it and place it before the Holy Throne.

The origins of the legend were lost in the mists of centuries, but every year, princes and potentates, commoner and churls, came from all over the world to lay their gifts at the foot of the high altar in hopes that their gift would be the one to attract the eye of God.

And every year nothing happened, but no one had ever given up hope. "Wait until next year," they said. "Wait until next year."

Again Peter swallowed hard, sweating under the steely gaze of the august prelate. Finally, he replied, "Yes," he said and felt determination within him grow. "Yes, lord bishop, if it pleases your grace, I will make you such a clock that the legend will come true."

The bishop considered for a moment and then nodded, "So be it. Make it. But I warn you, if you do not make such a clock and again nothing happens, as has been the case with all my predecessors, I will destroy you. Do you understand?"

Without daring to say anything, Peter simply nodded and, at that, the bishop turned on his heels and swept out.

For a long while, Peter could not stop his slender body from shaking with trepidation at his own audacity.

"What have I done?" he cried. "What have I said?" He bowed his head. "Oh, dear God, help me!" he prayed - and prayed again and again.

One day, several weeks later, a young man who looked about Peter's age, entered the store. He was tall with dark blond hair and was exceedingly handsome; perhaps, Peter thought, the most attractive man he had ever seen.

"Pardon me," the beautiful stranger said in clear and gentle voice. "My name is Steven. I come from a far country and I wondered if you might have some work that I could do?" Peter was about to send him on his way, but something wondrously soft in Steven's deep blue eyes stopped him.

"Well," Peter began hesitantly. He could feel his heart pounding and he had trouble catching his breath.

Steven smiled with a look that said he was as attracted to Peter as Peter was to him. "I can do almost anything," he said. "Especially carving and design."

"Well," Peter began again, trying hard to hide the quiver in his voice. "I could use help, but," he added sadly, "with business as it has been, I can't pay."

"Don't worry," Steven replied. "It will be good enough just to work with you - as long as I can stay here."

Peter agreed instantly.

The days flew by in a cloud of happiness that enveloped them both. They were deeply in love and by and by, as is only natural, they expressed that love in each other's arms. But

while Steven was happy beyond what heaven often gives to earth, Peter seemed sad.

"What is the matter, my love?" Steven asked gently, his soft lips caressing Peter's cheek.

In response, Peter told him the whole story about the bishop and the clock. When he had finished, there were great, hot tears streaming down his smooth cheeks.

Steven held Peter close, stroking his dark, silken hair. "Peter, Peter," he soothed, "nothing will happen to you. Nothing," he said with quiet determination. "You are soul of my soul, heart of my heart and I love you so much. I have searched all of my life for you. I will not lose you, not for anyone, not for any reason. We will, together, create such a clock that the high hosts of heaven will weep at its beauty."

There was so much strength and conviction in Steven's voice and warmth in his touch that Peter was comforted and fell asleep; his head on Steven's shoulders. But as his eyes closed, though he loved Steven with his whole being, fears and doubts remained.

The following day, the two young men set to work on the bishop's clock. They choose the finest woods that Peter's father had left and, while Peter worked to fashion gears and wheels, Steven began to design the case.

The work progressed steadily, for few were there to disturb them. As they heard, some of the townsfolk were whispering among themselves, damning their love as unnatural and a thing of the devil that ought to be stopped. The choirmaster suggested that the two young men be taken to the pillory in front of the cathedral and there, beaten until they died.

But other, calmer heads advised waiting. "God will not accept anything from such hands as theirs," they said. "Only wait. When heaven rejects them as it surely will, then the bishop will have their blood and our town will be cleansed of sin." And all the people murmured in agreement.

By the second week in December, the clock was finished. Tall and shaped like a cathedral bell tower, its highly polished red cherry case seemed to gleam with a warm interior glow all its own. The lace was painted with a gleaming blue enamel finish that was studded with little silver stars. The hands were of finest gold. The chimes were so sweet and melodic that ancient Pan would have ceased his piping to listen to them ring.

At the base was the Nativity with every figure so cunningly carved that each one seemed to have a personality all its own. And when the hour sounded, the tiny figures moved. The Virgin bowed her head, the shepherds with their sheep and the Magi with their gifts, entered the stable, there to offer worship to the Babe.

It was indeed, a most wonderful clock and Steven and Peter were justly proud of it; so proud that they decided to place it in the shop window for all to see.

People did stop to look in amazement and with awe for none before had seen such beauty. Yet, as they stared at the clock, they

murmured among themselves, wondering how could it be possible for two such sinners to make something of such exquisite loveliness as the clock. Was it possible that the love of the two young men was not so evil after all?

Then up rose the bishop in high anger at such talk. On the Sunday before Christmas, from the towering height of his pulpit, the furious cleric denounced the clock as the "work of demons" and that never, not ever, would it be allowed in the church.

When Peter and Steven heard what the bishop had said, they were heartbroken.

"Why," Peter asked uncomprehendingly, "even if they hate our love, do they deny as well the beauty of the clock?"

"Hush my love," Steven said, taking Peter into his arms. "God's thoughts are not those of men."

Then it was Christmas Eve and a new snowfall covered the town in glistening white. Steven and Peter stood at the shop window watching as people hurried past intent on holiday preparations. Despite their disappointment over the clock, this was the happiest Christmas that either could remember. They had finished the clock and most especially, they had each other.

It was late afternoon. A winter day was coming quietly to its close and, as night came on, the sky filled with little stars, each one twinkling brightly to celebrate the holy night.

Peter and Steven were sharing their meager meal when they heard the front door to the shop open and then close with a bang. They went to see who it could be and found an old woman all warmly dressed in wools and soft fur. She was looking at the clock and turned quickly when they entered, clutching and unclutching her gloved hands.

"I am Mrs. Hartwig," she said. "Ah...ah, Clara Hartwig. Perhaps you know...?" She paused. "No, I suppose not. I am William Stoffer's governess."

Peter and Steven looked at each other in surprise. The Stoffers were the richest family in town, their wealth second only to that of the prince himself.

"Can we help you?" Peter asked.

The woman took a deep breath before she answered. "Willy - William - is very ill." She stopped, gathering herself and then went on. "It is thought - the doctors say - he will not live out - not live to see the new year."

Steven was about to offer what words he could in comfort, but she shook her head.

"No, no. Please. Let me finish. Willy has heard of your clock. It's all he talks about; all he's talked about for days. This afternoon he told me that he had been dreaming about the clock and he knew if he could see it and hear its chime, he would get well. Oh, I know it's not true, but if you could only see your way clear to bring it to him? It wouldn't be for long. But if only he could see it; just a short while, I..." "Of course," Peter said. "We'd be glad to let him see it."

The poor woman was so relieved and grateful that she did not know whether to smile or cry so she did both. "God bless you this holy evening," she said through her tears. "God bless you." And then she added very quietly so that the two young men did not

hear, "No matter what you are."

Shortly, the three set out, trudging through snow-covered streets to the Stoffer mansion on the edge of town. Mrs. Hartwig led the way with Peter and Steven carrying the clock, covered with a thin blanket to offer some small protection against the cold.

Presently, the great house loomed before them, dark and forbidding looking. Mrs. Hartwig took them around to the back, to a heavy wooden door that opened by an unseen hand to her tap-tap-tap.

They climbed stone stairs that gave out into a long hall at the end of which was the sick boy's bedroom. They entered to find a warm and well-lit room filled with every conceivable kind of toy. At the far end, there was a huge bed in which Willy lay propped up on fluffy mounds of pillows. "Is that the clock?" the boy exclaimed, his sea-blue eyes wide with excitement.

Mrs. Hartwig hurried over to the bedside. "Yes, dear," she answered, patting his covers to calm him a little.

At the old woman's nod, Steven and Peter crossed the room to place the clock on a table beside the bed and then pulled away the protective blanket. Leaning on Mrs. Hartwig's arm, Willy leaned forward as Peter started the wonderful clock.

There was the tick-tock, tick-tock and suddenly, the warm air was filled with the most glorious sounds for the golden hands had reached the hour and the clock had begun to chime.

The boy's eyes glowed in wonder as the sweetest music played, calling forth visions of rainbows, of dew-drops sparkling in the sun of a Summer's morn; of warm Autumn days and crisp nights when the silver moon rode high and soft blue lights on new-fallen snow.

The chimes rang on and there seemed to be dark eastern forests full of stars and all sorts of exalted visions that only saints and poets ever see.

In their little world, the tiny figures moved in a stately rhythm and it was as if the illusion of time had dropped away and all in the room were present at the birth of Christ.

Suddenly, the door of the bedroom burst open and there stood the towering figure of Mr. Stoffer, leaning heavily on a thick, black cane.

"What is going on here?" he shouted, his deep voice booming out.

"Father!" Willy cried happily. "Father, look at the clock, the beautiful clock! Father, just seeing it and I feel stronger and hearing it — Oh, daddy, I can be well. I can get well. I know it. I..."

But the man paid no attention to his little son. Instead, his eyes, full of anger and disgust, were fastened on Steven and Peter. "You filth!" he raged. "Scum! Degenerates! You dare to come here, — to my son's own bedroom! You dare!"

Mrs. Hartwig tried to intervene; tried to explain, but it was no use. In high anger, Mr. Stoffer strode rapidly across the room and, before anyone could stop him, took his cane and slammed it into the face of the clock, sending it toppling over and crashing to the floor. Peter lunged toward him, but the man

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raised his cane again, bringing it with full force down upon the young man's head.

"Peter!" Steven cried and grabbed his lover.

Then, in the midst of the furor, Willy clutched his chest and fell back against his pillows.

"Daddy," he said weakly and then was silent. He would never speak again.

Mrs. Hartwig cried out while Mr. Stoffer stood, transfixed, looking at the dead body of his beautiful son.

Then he turned to Steven, holding Peter in his arms. "You will both die for this!" he thundered. "You will die! If the bishop does not see you dead, I will!" Then he turned back to the bed.

Steven, half-carrying Peter, left the house, going out into the hush of Christmas Eve. They would go home, Steven thought, and on the morrow, in the light of Christmas Day, they could decide what to do next.

So, they went along, Steven helping his injured lover through the drifted snow as best he could.

The going was slow and it was nearly midnight when they came to the cathedral. From inside they could hear the thunderously majestic sounds of the great pipe organ and with it, a thousand voices raised in song, singing a wonderful old carol that spoke of joy, of peace and of love unbounded on the gladdest of glad holidays. They stopped to listen.

"We had a gift," Peter said sadly, remembering the beautiful clock that now lay shattered in unnumbered pieces.

Steven gently kissed Peter's bruised head. "We still do," he said gently, his heart aching with love.

Peter turned his head and looked at Steven uncomprehendingly.

"Ourselves," Steven said. "God gave us our love and that we can offer Him."

Peter could not believe the words he heard. "Steven. In there? In front of — ?"

"Yes, my love," Steven replied firmly and with assurance. "in there and in front of everyone. Before the high altar and our God. Remember, man's opinions are not God's thoughts." Then he kissed Peter warmly on the lips.

With effort, the two young men mounted the wide stone steps, Steven helping Peter as they went. Before the massive wooden doors of the cathedral, they stopped, exchanged smiles and then entered the church carrying in their hearts, their single gift that they would present on Christmas Eve.

The air was redolent of sweet smelling incense, of pine bows and the pungent odor of melting wax from a seeming thousand candles that illumined the vast sanctuary. Far down the aisle, they could see the magnificent altar and, at its foot, gifts, piled high, of every kind. In front stood the bishop and all his priests, resplendent in their robes, preparing to offer the sacrifice of the Mass.

"Come," Steven whispered. He squeezed Peter's hand and felt a warm, familiar pressure in return.

Slowly, they began to make their way to the front. As they did, those in the back pews turned to look, their movement followed by others until there was a wave of heads turning and a swelling rumble of angry words that grew louder as they went.

"What are you doing here?!" the bishop thundered. "Get out! Get out of this holy place! There is no room for you here!"

The two lovers walked on, ignoring him as they paid no attention to the eyes, blazing red all around them. On they went, step by step, until finally, they reached the foot of the altar.

In a cold rage, the bishop, in a swish of robes, advanced upon them, stopping only when they were a few feet apart.

"How dare you defile this place!" the prelate screamed. "How dare you!" Then he raised his arm and shouted, "By the authority given me of God, I condemn you both to everlasting fire; to spend your eternity in Hell!"

And, suddenly, as the bishop finished, there was music; sweet, soft wonderful music coming from high in the vaulted arches of the church. It swelled, grew louder, and as it did, there was light, brilliant, beautiful, advancing, chasing the darkness before it. It was glorious, sublime, such as had not been seen since the dawn of all creation.

In startled and fearful wonder, Peter and Steven looked up, falling to their knees as they saw in the midst of the light, forms, as it seemed, hundreds and hundreds of forms, all of radiant white.

And before them, a young man of wonderful beauty, clothed in light like the sun. On he came, leading the host, slipping through the air as if it were the smoothest path; coming until he stood before where Steven and Peter knelt.

"My Lord," Peter whispered, digging his fingers into Steven's hand.

"Not Lord," came the reply, echoing richly throughout the cathedral. "But I am Michael, Archangel of the Hosts." So saying, he turned to the bishop who stood shaking at the sight. "Who are you?"

The bishop sputtered, coughed and tried to speak, but no words came.

Then Michael thundered, "Who are you to think you have authority here? What arrogance leads you to judge others when you, yourself, are guilty? Now, let your own sentence uttered by your own mouth be carried out!"

At Michael's words, there sprang up all around, great, red-orange tongues of flame that consumed the bishop and he was no more. Abroad in the church, there was weeping and wailing; a great out-cry, as people screamed in terror and begged forgiveness for their sins.

But Michael paid no attention. Instead, he turned again to Steven and Peter, saying gently, "Be not afraid. Your gift of love returned to Him who gave it to you; to love itself, has touched the heart of Heaven and so the legend is fulfilled this night. Now, as he who has defiled this place with his hatred has gone to his father, so I have come to take you to yours. There you will live together forevermore."

The music swelled once more and was joined by a mighty chorus of angelic voices, singing words heard by mortal ears on only one other Christmas Eve.

Afterward, all seemed to be as it was before. The great church became a center of pilgrimage and, it was said, miracles were wrought there. But few there were who ever understood why.

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# Latino Holiday Traditions

## Part 2 of 2

by Carmen Alicia Murguía

The holidays are a rich and colorful cultural experience especially when viewed from the Latino tradition. Below are a few examples of how the holidays are celebrated in the Spanish speaking world

### Christmas In Nicaragua

Nicaraguan towns vary in their celebrations. Some retain the customs of old Spain, while others do not.

In Niquinohomo on the night before Christmas Eve, the people participate in the Mass of the Rooster at 4am. Groups of children come out with whistles or pitos, they play guitars and sing songs to wake people.

During the nine days before Christmas Eve, Las Posadas are reenacted. As the Virgin Mary and Joseph search for a place to stay, there is singing and the person that follows them offers chocolate and cookies.

On Christmas night the Godparents give a party with pastores and songs to baby Jesus, and a midnight mass is held to announce that baby Jesus has been born.

Nicaraguan children don't believe in Santa Claus. They say, "El niño me lo trajo" which means the baby Jesus brought me this present. Many fireworks go off on Christmas and New Year's Days and families feast on dinners of turkey and nacatamales, or Nicaraguan tamales.

The festivities end on the Sixth of January with a night time procession to bring the baby Jesus to his new Godparents.

### Christmas In Venezuela

Venezuelans attend early morning church services between December 16th and 24th. In Caracas, the capital city, it is customary for the children to roller-skate to this service and many neighborhoods close the streets to cars until 8am.

Before bedtime, children tie one end of a piece of string to their big toe and hang the other out the window. The next morning roller skaters give a tug to any string they see. After mass everyone gathers together to eat.

### Christmas In Spain

In Spain, the Christmas holiday season is full of the usual Christmas festivities, but there is one tradition that is not at all common elsewhere.

The tradition originated long before Christmas itself. It is the observance of the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year and the beginning of winter. People jump over "Hogueras" (bonfires), as a symbolic protection against illness. The fire jumping can be seen primarily in Granada and Jaen.

The more common traditions include incredibly elaborate "Nacimiento" (nativity scenes), Christmas trees, and Christmas markets where piles of fruits, flowers, marzipan and other sweets, candles, decorations and hand-made Christmas gifts are sold.

As the Christmas Eve stars appear in the heavens, tiny oil lamps are lighted, warming village windows. The crowds at the Christmas market thin as shoppers return to prepare for

the coming meal. The Christmas Eve gaiety is interrupted at midnight by the ringing of bells calling the families to "La Misa Del Gallo" (The Mass of the Rooster).

Christmas dinner is never eaten until after midnight. The family feast may be highlighted with "Pavo Trufado de Navidad" (Christmas turkey with truffles). Family members gather around the Christmas tree and sing Christmas carols and hymns of Christendom after the meal. The rejoicing continues into the wee hours of the morning.

As an old Spanish verse says... "Esta noche es Noche-Buena, Y no es noche de dormir" (This is the goodnight, therefore it is not meant for sleep.)

The Spanish Christmas continues for a few weeks after Dec. 25th. On the Eve of Epiphany, January 5th, children place their shoes on the doorstep, and in the secret of the night, the Three Wise Men pass leaving gifts.

January 6 is heralded with parades in various cities where candy and cakes are distributed to throngs of children. The three Wise men are seen everywhere in Spain at Christmas, visiting hospitals, orphanages, etc. To properly receive them, the children fill their shoes with straw on Epiphany Eve. For their efforts, they find their shoes filled with presents the following morning.

### Christmas in Puerto Rico

In Puerto Rico, small bands of carolers who play traditional folk music for the holidays, known as Trullas, make their rounds throughout the cities and towns. Crowds of children go to see the church of San Jose at La Navidad to see the animated Nacimiento - the birth of Christ.

During the feast of the Epiphany, children place water and maybe some grass under their beds for the wise men's camel, and in return presents are left. Bethlehem Day is January 12th and people parade through the villages in tribute to the Magi (Three Wise Men).

According to my amigas Lesbianas who live in Puerto Rico, people celebrate with family and friends beginning the week of Christmas through the Day of Three Kings. Exchanging gifts, visiting friends and relatives or inviting guests, partying, dancing, eating lechon, arroz con gandules, and platanos, and singing is all part of the traditional ritual.

I recently, ran into two Gay male friends who teach in Milwaukee but will be returning to Puerto Rico where they are originally from. They said wouldn't even think of spending Christmas and New Year's away from family and friends (or each other for that matter since they are from the same hometown). "It's what you do, you follow tradition, you spend it with family. And besides, Milwaukee is not our home, Puerto Rico is," they said.

Where ever your home is if celebrate the holidays with family and friends and you too will have a taste of Latino culture this holiday season.



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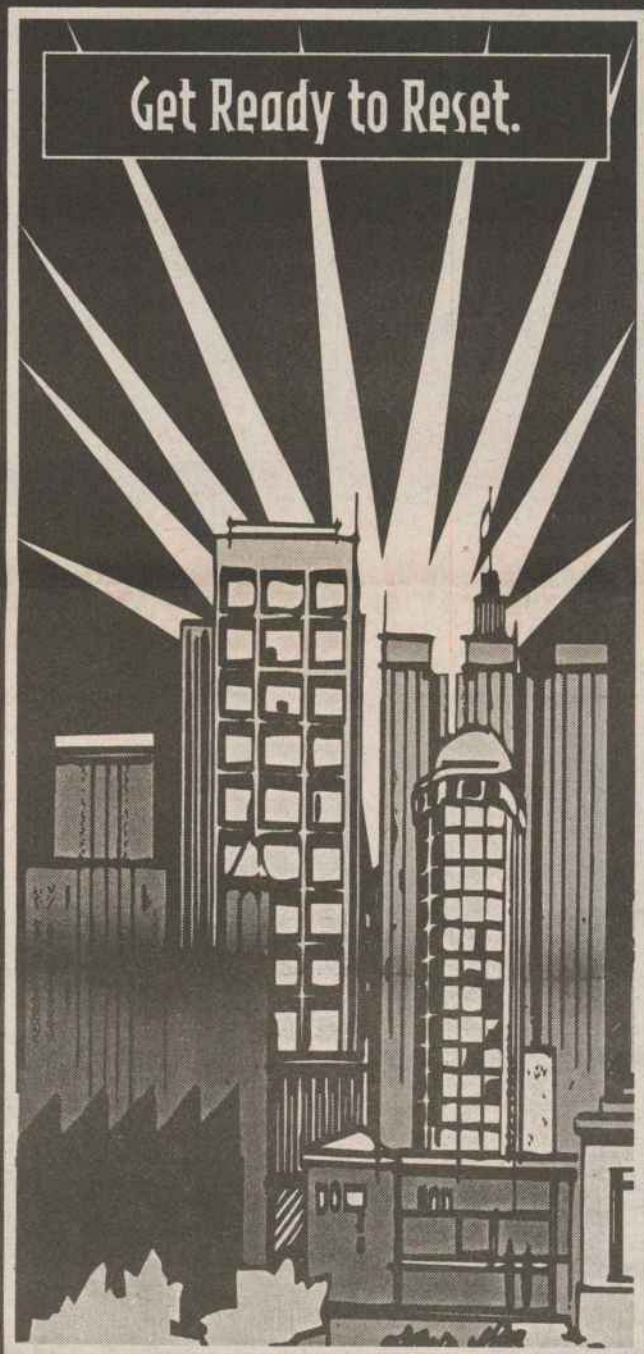
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# KWANZAA

Every year for seven days, beginning December 26 to January 1, African Americans celebrate their heritage and honor the traditions of their ancestors during a season called Kwanzaa.

It is an expression of unity and positive values in our struggle for equality in America. The important aspect of this holiday is for African Americans to plan for the year to come and work on ways to make themselves better people and their communities a better community.

In 1966, Dr. Maulana "Ron" Karenga, a major contributor to Black nationalist ideology during the 1960s, created this cultural holiday based upon ancient African customs. After the Watts riots, Dr. Karenga, who felt his people had lost touch with their African heritage, began to research ancient African ceremonies and celebrations.

Dr. Karenga wanted to unify and instill in them a sense of pride in their culture. He studied the cultures of the Yorubas, Ibos, Ashantis, Zulus, and a variety of other African ethnic groups. Although each group celebrated a little differently, the festivals had much in common.

Dr. Karenga believed there should be a special time during the year set aside for this purpose, during which he incorporated many African customs traditions, symbols, and words from Swahili, a language spoken throughout East Africa and many other areas of the continent.

The word Kwanza is Swahili for first. Dr. Karenga then added an "a" to create the name for the holiday. The prescribed rituals and ceremonies at the heart of the festival reflect African experiences, particularly the traditional agricultural festivals of the first fruits and honors the seven principles known in Swahili as, *Nguza Saba* **The Seven Principles**.

The seven principles are a special set of goals to be memorized, discussed, and achieved during Kwanzaa and throughout the year. The harvest festival is a way of rewarding each member of the tribe for all of their contributions during the year. Everyone, including children and the elderly, have a job to do.

By working together, (Harambee in Swahili), everyone has food to eat for the whole year. The tribal leader prays for each member of the tribe and gives honor to the tribal ancestors. Feasting, music and dancing, which lasts through the wee hours of the morning follow the ceremony.

Kwanzaa is a celebration of the past present and future. It is a time for all African Americans to join together as a family, community and a nation. It is an event that inspires one to practice the things studied so that they can be guide our lives throughout the

year.

The principles, symbols, and ceremonies that are a part of this uniquely African American event celebrate the beauty of working together as one for the good of the community. Hence the Swahili word, Harambee. The proverb often quoted during Kwanzaa celebrations is, *I am because we are, because we are, I am.*

## The Seven Principles

### UMOJA (U-mo-ja) Unity

Umoja is the first principle of Kwanzaa. It is symbolized by lighting the black candle in the center of the kinara. Umoja encourages us to work for togetherness in our family, the community in which we live, and our nation.

### KUJICHAGULIA (Kuj-cha-gu-lia) Self-determination

Kujichagulia the second principle of Kwanzaa is symbolized by lighting the first red candle on the kinara.

Kujichagulia encourages us to define, create and learn traditions about ourselves rather than allow ourselves to be defined by others.

### UJIMA (U-ji-ma) Collective Work and Responsibility

Symbolized by lighting the first green candle on the kinara, Ujima reinforces the idea that African-Americans must work together for the betterment of our communities. The key to growth, as a community is

the spirit of co-operation.

### UJAMAA (U-ja-ma) Cooperative Economics

The fourth principle of Kwanzaa is Ujamaa, symbolized by lighting the second red candle on the kinara. Ujamaa is based on the concept that African-Americans must own, support and maintain Black businesses. To build viable institutions within the African-American community that will speak for the collective and defend our interests, we must pool our resources together and participate in the spirit of Ujamaa.

### NIA (Ni-a) Purpose

The fifth symbol of Kwanzaa, Nia, is symbolized by lighting the second green candle on the kinara. Nia involves recognizing that we all possess a divine purpose and taking the responsibility to develop to our potential.

### KUUMBA (Ku-um-ba) Creativity

The sixth principle of Kwanzaa, Kuumba is symbolized by lighting the last red candle on the kinara. It challenges us to use our God-given talents in a way to strengthen, enlighten and uplift our people and to all with whom we come in contact.

### IMANI (I-mani) Faith

Symbolized by lighting the last green candle on the kinara, Imani encourages us to have faith in the creator and our people.



## out in Cyberspace



by Michael  
Stewart

### Virtual Hard Drives

**T**his time of year—the week before Christmas and the fortnight or two after it—is one of mixed blessings for Internet Service Providers, otherwise known as ISP's. That's because everyone who's lucky enough to get a new computer for the holidays goes online for the first time.

On the one hand, they're thrilled to get all the fresh customers in the electronic door. On the other hand, all those net newbies, enticed by flashy commercials showing happy people effortlessly sending video clips back and forth to friends and relatives often manage in a short time to overload their provider's capabilities, leading to frustration all around.

It's not long before the multimedia inclined realize that the television ads exaggerate a tad: transmitting all those videotaped holiday highlights is not only time-consuming, sometimes it's impossible. A postage-stamp sized mini-movie with sound that runs a mere 30 seconds can exceed ten megabytes (10MB) in size, and even the most generous of ISP's rarely allow the sending or receiving of files larger than 5 MB.

As is so often the case these days, someone has figured out a way to avoid the problem by using the Internet itself. Since July of 1999, X:drive at [www.xdrive.com](http://www.xdrive.com) a Santa Monica, California-based company, has been offering free online storage for files of all type, including word processing documents, spreadsheets, pictures and audio/video files. The basic free package gives 25MB of storage space. Additional megabytes are available for a monthly fee.

Although many web-hosting sites have long offered storage space, making use of it by way of the Internet's FTP (short for "File Transfer Protocol") facilities is difficult for all but the most computer-savvy. X:drive's big innovation is to make the process painless.

You can upload or download files simply by clicking a few buttons in your web browser. Windows 95/98 users can download a small 1.2MB applet that treats your X:drive storage space just like a regular "local" hard drive so you can easily drag and drop the files you wish to share.

Taking advantage of X:drive's generosi-

ty couldn't be simpler. The registration process is super-quick, and the online form asks for the barest minimum of the usual demographic information.

Once you've registered, you can use the X:drive immediately—simply click on "Upload" to send a file to their server. When you upload a file, you can choose to park it in a public directory (which anyone you invite may access and download from), or in a private space, accessible only to you.

For example someone who wants to write their resume at work, but doesn't dare store the word processing file or its accompanying cover letter on their employer's computer might find X:drive to be helpful. A few minutes of thought quickly brings to mind many other possibilities. To share your files with all your friends, just e-mail them the "address" of your public folder, instead of the file itself.

No sooner had X:drive opened its cyberspace doors than a competitor cropped up. FreeDiskSpace.Com [www.freediskspace.com](http://www.freediskspace.com), headquartered in Mill Valley, California, began about the same time. It offers over the Internet 25MB "virtual hard drives," but with a few twists. You can get an additional 5MB of storage for each friend that signs up for the service. Different services are offered to different computer platforms, tailored for their use. Plans are afoot to allow users to click a button and have all their stored files "burned" to a CD-ROM disk, for you to treasure forever.

So, if you have mega file you want to share with your friends, or just need a bit more space on your hard drive check out X:Drive and FreeDiskSpace.Com to see if they work for you.

Happy Holidays! See you in the next millennium!



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# out with Dusty

All of Wisconsin's LGBT bars will be holding festivities so if you are not heading off to that Egyptian Pyramid thing or some other expensive New Year's eve celebration head to your favorite Gay nightspot to be with your "family" as we welcome a new millenium.

**Recaps...** I had a great time at some Christmas parties in Milwaukee. The **Triangle** put on a big bash last Friday. Rob thanked his loyal patrons with a one hour long open bar from 8pm to 9pm. I missed the open bar but there were still plenty of fun folks on hand when I got there two hours later.

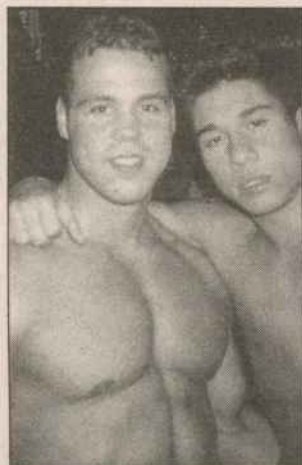


James and Rob

As you can see Manager James and owner Rob were in a festive mood. So was everyone else.

Of course, my good friend Jamie was there. He was kind enough to show me how to drink Tequila - with training wheels. Thanks Jamie, now I know why I stick to Doctors when I have a shot. Jamie also showed me his latest piercing, which he wrote "put a whole new twist" in his sex life with Josh. I was most impressed.

I was equally impressed with the strippers or I mean tastefully artistic dancers I saw at **219** after leaving the Triangle. I submit the photo below as exhibit A to show that the hunks at this bar just keep coming.



"Ho Yeah!" Dancers at 219.

I was also impressed with the holiday party at **Switch**. Santa himself paid a visit. There was some very nice food, plenty of prizes and a ton of people. I met owner Craig's lovely mom, grandmother and "second mother")



It was a family affair at the Switch Holiday Party as owner Craig's family joined him & Santa for the party.

Craig's grandmother is 93 years old but there she was there to party with the best of them. Now I know where Craig gets it from. I was about to challenge her to a shot-drinking contest, but then I thought better of it.

I wasn't able to make it over to **This Is It's** holiday party. However, my spies, *WI Light* Publisher Greg Quindel and his partner our Copy Editor Rick Haag tell me that it was a grand affair with loads of people and loads of great food.

They said the shrimp was fabulous, holiday cheer pervaded the atmosphere, and LGBT Milwaukee's best jukebox kept the tunes coming to keep everyone in good spirits.

**Coming up...** If you picked up this paper the day it came out (Wednesday, Dec. 22), then you might still have time to run over to the **Dish** and **La Cage** Christmas parties both of which are scheduled for our delivery night. Dish is always a great time and the La Cage party features their famous grab bags, great food, and more.

Dusty's Wish List This millenium is almost over (unless you are one of those snooty statisticians who say the new millenium really begins next year) so what better time to write Dusty's last Christmas wish list of the century?

I could wish for peace on Earth and full equality under the law for all Gay peoples throughout the universe but hey this is a bar column. I will leave that to our esteemed and ever so knowledgeable Editor (soon to be our ever so esteemed and knowledgeable Internet guru). Okay so he is pulling his hair out right now trying to figure out what the hell happened in the Vermont Supreme Court so I will wish for those things too.

What else would I like to see under the tree (Besides an open bar throughout the year?)

For one thing, I would to see more recognition of the central role our bars have and continue to play in our community. I get tired of hearing people talk about the bars and those who patronize them in derogatory terms. Our bars provide us with a valuable social outlet. If you don't want to take advantage of that outlet fine, but let's not look down on

those who do.

They contribute in other ways too. From the Possum Queen and Guernsey contests in Milwaukee and Green Bay to the homeless and Toys for Tots fundraisers in Madison, our LGBT bars open their hearts and their pocketbooks.

It would be nice to see more mixing of Gay men and Lesbians in our bars. How can we expect the heteros to accept us if we don't accept each other?

New material for those performers who think they can come out on stage and lip synch the same tired numbers in the same worn out dress for the umpteenth time.

On a personal note, I wish that some bars (and you know who you are) would let us know when they have a special event taking place. We want to include everyone in our bar calendar.

Last but not least, I wish for financial prosperity for our Gay bars around the state and good time for their customers.

That's a wrap for this week. Happy holidays to one and all! Remember to stay safe and be proud!

*Dusty Sass says that his need for training wheels is confined to drinking tequila. He'd love to hear from you about what is going on at your favorite nightspot. You can reach dusty via e-mail [dusty@wilight.com](mailto:dusty@wilight.com), fax (414) 226-0096 or voice (414) 226-0075*



# Nights out Events

**22 wed.** **Christmas Party, La Cage (Milwaukee):** Buffet at 9pm, drink specials, Santa comes to give out gifts for everyone. Christmas show by the La Cage Show Girls.

**Xmas party, Dish (Milwaukee):** Starts 8pm with performance by Pamela Means and special guest, Bent. Two floors of food, drink and holiday cheer.

**24 Fri.** **Christmas Eve**

**Christmas Eve Party, Ballgame (Milwaukee):** Food and fun, 7pm-?

**Christmas Eve Party, C'est La Vie (Milwaukee):** Annual party, come home for the holidays. Buffet 7-?, Open Bar 8-?

**Bear Club Night, Boot Camp (Milwaukee):** Bears gather every 4th Saturday.

**25 sat.** **Christmas Day**

**Christmas Day Party, Ballgame (Milwaukee):** Open at 11am, spend the day with your friends and family.

**Levi/Leather Night, The Main Club (Superior):** Last Saturday of each month.

**26 sun.** **Christmas Party, Boot Camp (Milwaukee):** Join Si and his staff starting at 3pm.

**28 tue.** **Youth Millennium Dance, Dish (Milwaukee):** All ages dance party, 8pm-on. See "Gay Agenda" page 7, for more information.

**31 Fri.** **New Year's Eve**

**Millennium Fun, Fluid (Milwaukee):** 331/2 hours of fun, DJ John Murgas at 3am.

**Millennium Celebration, Ballgame (Milwaukee):** Open around the clock, food, fun, favors, buffet at 1:30am.

**Millennium New Year's Party, Rainbow Room (Madison):** Free hats and horns.

**New Millennium Celebration, Club 5 Planet Q (Madison):** Live DJ - John at 10pm, Free buffet and champagne at midnight, shots by Desiree, party hats and favors. Open until 6am.

**New Millennium Eve Party, C'est La Vie (Milwaukee):** Hats, horns and lots of cheer, buffet starting at 2am.

**New Year's Bash, Dish (Milwaukee):** Where do you want to be? Two floors of Millennium madness. Dance Club party downstairs, Disco Party upstairs. Champagne, hors d'oeuvres, party favors.

**Millennium Masquerade Party, Fannies (Milwaukee):** See ad on page 16 for more information.

**New Year's Eve Package, Switch (Milwaukee):** See ad on page 7 for more information.

**Ring in 2000, La Cage (Milwaukee):** See ad on page 21 for more information.

**1 sat.** **New Year's Day**

**New Millennium Celebration, Club 5 (Madison):** Reopening at 11am for New Year's Day brunch.

**Badger Blast, Woody's (Milwaukee):** Rose Bowl Party, open 2pm, tailgate starts at 4, \$5 beer bust, complimentary buffet. Free shots with every score.

**New Year's Day/Badgers Rose Bowl, Ballgame (Milwaukee):** Badgers Football Party.

**New Year's/Badgers, Fannies (Milwaukee):** Open 3pm for Rose Bowl, free shots every Badger touchdown.

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<b>CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)</b>			
Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington, Wausau, 54401	842-3225
Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862
<b>EAU CLAIRE (715)</b>			
Scooters	Wm	411 Galloway St., 54703	835-9959
Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	302 E. Madison, 54703	832-9237
<b>GREEN BAY (920)</b>			
Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main St., 54302	437-3917
Buddies	MW	1264 Main St, 54302	437-9256
Napalese Lounge	MW, DJ	1351 Cedar, 54302	432-9646
Sass	WM, Sp	840 S. Broadway, 54304	437-7277
Za's/Java'	MW, DJ, E, F, V	1106 Main St., 54302	435-5476
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Cafe Bourbon		1106 Main St., Upper, 54301	435-5476
<b>LA CROSSE (608)</b>			
Cavalier Lounge	MW, J, DJ	114 N. 5th St., 54601	782-9061
Rainbow's End	Wm, J, E	417 Jay St., 54601	782-9802
My Place	Mw, J, K, E, F	3201 South Ave., 54601	788-9073
<b>MADISON (608)</b>			
CE's	W,m	2415 Winnebago St. 53704	241-5042
Club 5/Planet Q	MW, F, DJ, V, E	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fox Hole	W, J	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Mens Room	M, L/L	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Rainbow Room	MW, DJ, E	121 W. Main St., 53703	251-5838
Ray's Bar & Grill	WM, DJ, F	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Shamrock	MW, F, J	117 W. Main St., 53703	255-5029
The Barracks	M, L/L	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-8700
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Club 5	Fine Dining	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fyfe's Corner Bistro	Fine Dining	1344 E. Washington	251-8700
<b>MILWAUKEE (414)</b>			
1100 Club	M, L/L, F, J	1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
Ballgame	M, S, E, J	196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
<i>(Open 2pm, Cocktail Hour 2-9 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; Sun open 11am)</i>			
Barbie Dolls Playhouse	MW, E, K, D	700 E. Meinecke, 53212	374-7441
Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
C'est La Vie	M, E, J, D	231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
<i>(Open 5pm, Cocktail Hour 5-8 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; Sun open 2pm, Daily Specials)</i>			
Club 219	Mw, DJ, E, V	219 S. 2nd St., 53204	276-2711
Dish	W, M, DJ	235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
Emeralds Lounge	MW	801 E. Hadley St., 53212	265-7325
Fannies	Wm, DJ, E, K	200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
Fluid	MW	819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
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Kathy's Nut Hut	Wm, Sp, J	1500 W. Scott St., 53204	647-2673
La Cage	Mw, DJ, E, V	801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
<i>(Open 8pm; DJ 7-nights-a-week; Sunday show; Thur. Super Bust)</i>			
M&M Club	MW, E, F	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
Milw Eagle/Shaft	M, L/L, DJ	300 W. Juneau, 53203	273-6900
South Water St. Docks	M, L/L, J	354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
Station 2	Wm, Sp, J	1534 W. Grant, 53204	383-5755
Switch	Mw, Sp, J, K, DJ	124 W. National, 53204	220-4340
<i>(Open 5pm, outdoor patio, Cocktail hour 5-9pm, nightly specials 9-close)</i>			
This Is It	Mw	418 E. Wells St., 53202	278-9192
<i>(Open 3pm every day; Cocktail hour special)</i>			
Triangle	M	135 E. National Ave., 53204	383-9412
Woody's	M, J	1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Annex Cafe	Late Nite	1106 S. 1st St., 53204	384-7999
Glass Menagerie	Fine Dining	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
<b>RACINE/KENOSHA (414)</b>			
Club 94	MW, DJ, E	9001 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-9958
Clubhouse Filling Station	MW, F	6325 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3744
Capers/Illusions	MW, DJ, E	6305 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3813
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