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Editorial

Old Git Writes

Such is the pace of life at ScotsGay Towers that we often miss our own anniversaries. Not this year.

The sight and sound of two of our rats leaving the sinking ship - Otton off to sun himself in Spain and Tivoli off to freeze into obscurity in Aberdeen warned only by Cutearse - has reminded us of the frailty of the whole enterprise.

Then there’s the rat who missed the boat entirely this month - no names, no pack drill, but cuteness is no excuse especially at his age. Anyway, next time we see him, it’s into the sack and dispose of humanely (to the sack).

The organ in your paws is the first issue of our twelfth year of continuous publication and by golly does it show.

The careful design and craftsmanship that went into our first few issues has given way to something that’s carelessly thrown together in a spare hour or so when we’re not all drinking the magazine’s vast profits in the Regent. (Oh! don’t upset the designer - check out the banner headline - Martin.)

And the journalism has got more carelessness - even to the extent of the magazine being excluded from the New Town by Ray and Andy for not mentioning them enough (I blamed a rat but Ray wasn’t having any). A far cry from the carefully measured words of yore which got us turfed out of Bennets, Domenica’s and the Polo.

But behind all this false modesty, there is a hard working team - depleted tho’ it may be - to this hole at Xmas (and any other time of the year) is Felix Domesticos - preferably several of them.

There are many animal charities who will be glad to help (especially in the New Year when the kids are tired of the kittens - personally, I’d hand the kids into the Social Work Department, but there you are).

But this isn’t really the time of the year to be rude or unduly offensive to pissing children, passing homophobes or passing ScotsGay readers - so, may all your Partnerships be Civil. And have a Guid New Year - when it comes. Or you do.

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Civil Partnership Act Becomes Law

On 5th December 2005, the Civil Partnership Act, which received Royal Assent on 18th November 2004, became law.

On 1st October, 1989, two Danes became the first couple to enter a same-sex civil union, registeret partnerskab. In the sixteen years since then, over 22 countries, including the UK, have taken the step of providing legal and formal recognition to same-sex relationships: eight in the decade following Denmark’s change to the law, as many again in the first five years of the 21st century, and half a dozen more in 2005 alone. Of the 25 countries in the European Union, nearly half now offer some legal recognition to same-sex couples, ranging from full civil marriage in Belgium, the Netherlands, and Spain, to domestic partnerships in Portugal and Slovenia.

It must be remembered what an extraordinary change this is. Until 1981, sex between men was illegal in Scotland, even in private: Section 28 of the Local Government Act, forbidding ‘promotion of homosexuality’, and calling same-sex couples and their children ‘pretended family units’, was not repealed until 2000, despite a campaign in its support that was ugly in its public homophobia. Discrimination at work on the grounds of sexual orientation was legal in the UK until 2003. Even today, it is still legal to discriminate on the grounds of sexual orientation in provision of goods and services, though this may change with the passing of the Equality Bill.

Civil partnership in the UK makes same-sex couples legally each other’s next of kin, responsible to provide for each other and support each other and each other’s children. LGBT relationships were, until 5th December, virtually invisible to the law: from 5th December, this invisibility is lifted.

Cohabiting same-sex couples will find their relationship recognised as ‘living together as civil partners’. Equality under the law brings new responsibilities and costs as well as benefits. But it is still a change worth celebrating.

Civil Partnership - Summary

The Equality Network’s leaflet, Civil Partnership - Summary, has been made available to registry offices and public libraries throughout Scotland. You can also find out more about civil partnership at their Civil Partnership website, http://www.civil-partners.org/

‘Scotland will be stronger and more successful if we celebrate diversity and the ways in which different cultures, ideas and experiences enrich Scottish life.’ Malcolm Chisholm, Communities Minister, in response to the Civil Partnership Act becoming law.

A civil partnership is registered by a local registration office, and the ceremony is carried out by a public registrar licensed to perform civil partnerships. Once legally registered, a civil partnership is binding for life, unless dissolved by a court action. (Dissolution of a civil partnership is as expensive and time-consuming as divorce.)

Civil partnership gives same-sex couples the same rights and responsibilities with regard to property, tax, employment, inheritance, and housing, as married couples have always had. Civil partners can have the same rights as spouses (or widowers, for survivor benefits) with regard to pensions, though it is always safest to contact the pension provider and ask.

Civil partnership also gives same-sex couples the right of recognition for immigration and nationality purposes, protection from domestic violence, exemption from testifying against each other in court, recognition as each other’s next of kin, and the right and responsibility to support and provide for each other and each other’s children.
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Lost and Found

Nine ‘lost’ Edinburgh panels from the famous AIDS Memorial Quilt have been returned to their rightful capital.

The Quilt was first conceived 20 years ago this year when a group of gay men in San Francisco got together and made plans for a memorial to the 1000 people from that city who had at that time been lost to HIV. By 1992, the AIDS Memorial Quilt included panels from 28 countries across the globe, and today there are thought to be over 44,000 individual panels of the Quilt, each remembering an individual who died of an AIDS related illness.

The returned Edinburgh panels are thought to have been ‘lost’ over seven years ago when they were loaned to an HIV support charity in Wales for an educational and commemorative exhibition there. But the person who arranged the loan, a man with Edinburgh connections, left the Welsh organisation soon after the Quilt arrived there. Volunteer HIV support worker Frances Elliston, who lost her own son to the disease in the early 1990s, has been storing the Edinburgh panels in a box in her front room ever since, ‘The Edinburgh guy just left. He never said a word. He left in a bit of a hurry. We couldn’t understand.

Without a forwarding address for her former colleague, Frances tried for many years to get in touch with another contact she had in Edinburgh. ‘Honestly, we spent many, many hours trying to contact a guy I knew in Edinburgh called Ian - I can’t remember his second name - I only met him a few times when he was down here visiting - Oh, the times I’ve written to him, phoned him, but it was either an answering machine or no answer at all.’

What Frances didn’t realise was that her friend in Scotland, Ian Dunn, a veteran gay rights campaigner, had died suddenly of a heart attack in March 1998. That was the reason he wasn’t answering her letters and phone calls; that was the reason she couldn’t return the quilts.

And so the nine Edinburgh quilt panels remained in a box in her front room for over seven years. Until, that is, last summer. Then, Frances’ friend Greg travelled from Wales to Edinburgh to take part in the Pride march and celebrations that were taking place in the city over the weekend of the 25th of June. While there, he picked up a flyer advertising an exhibition of panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt, an event also organised by Pride Scotia in association with the George House Trust, an HIV support group in Manchester. The exhibition poignantly ran through the period of the GB summer, where the spread of HIV and AIDS in Africa was being discussed.

‘Greg showed me the flyer and I thought: ‘At last! I’ve got an address I can write to that might work.’ Frances sent the panels, at her own expense, to St George’s West Church, where the exhibition was taking place. Exhibition organisers Pride Scotia have now found a permanent home for the returned Quilts at the Waverley Care Trust.

Names on the Quilts:

- David Andrew Furnley, 11 May 1960 - 20 July 93
- David G. Smith, 15 March 1957 - 22 March 1993
- Rob Walsh, undated
- Margaret McKenzie, 1963 to 1995
- Fen, undated
- Pip, 1972 - 1996
- Crispin, undated
- Michael Oxley, 1953 - 1992

A ninth panel is anonymous.

Frances Elliston is pleased the quilt panels have finally found their way home. “They’re back where they belong. That’s the way I feel about it. The loved ones of these people worked so hard to make these panels. There’s real love in these quilts. They’re so precious. And they’re back in Scotland where they belong.”

Perhaps we could apply this thinking to our Catholic staff or possibly those with a disability that is not visible: out of sight out of mind? I think the Scottish public have a greater level of sophistication than she credits them with. Ms Martin then states that she cannot imagine any area of sexual orientation other than “rent boy activity” which should concern the public. Perhaps she is unaware of the hate crime nail bombing of the “Admiral Duncan” public house which killed three people and injured 138 other patrons solely on the basis of their sexual orientation. Equally, the recent brutal murder of Jody Dobrowski in London, the most recent in a line of innocents killed to death for the entertainment of thugs who were only too interested in his sexual orientation. I agree that sexual orientation is an intensely private matter but I would contend there are still too many people who have a malicious interest in such matters and it is our duty to safeguard all members of our community.

If any of your readers doubt the need for positive measures to tackle homophobia they should consider whether such bigoted stereotypes would have been printed if they had related to issues of race.

Paddy Tomkins

Chief Constable
Lothian and Borders Police
We’re pleased to announce that ScotsGay is now sponsoring free Wi-Fi Internet access in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Centre at 58a/60 Broughton Street, Edinburgh. Coverage is currently restricted to the front room of Sala and the main meeting room downstairs, but our boffin is working on boosting the signal.

ScotsGay - Working for OUR Community
February 2006 will see LGBT History Month return to Scotland.

February has been designated LGBT History Month throughout the UK. Building on the success of last year’s events, LGBT History Month aims to illuminate the hidden histories of those, who would probably today identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Trans (LGBT).

LGBT Youth Scotland the national LGBT Youth agency will be hosting a number of projects across Scotland. Events are planned for Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Glasgow with others in the pipeline.

Commenting on the proposed events Sean Green (18) of Edinburgh said: “Young people don’t know how different life is for gay folk now than say, 10 or 20 years ago. 15 years ago, my boyfriend and I could have been arrested for something as simple as kissing, and the word transgender didn’t even exist.

“When you think of it like that, you can see why LGBT History is important to remember.” LGBT History Month will be community focused. Events will range from art installations to fashion shows, workshops to music events and will feature a Ministerial Reception to be hosted by the Scottish Executive.

LGBT history month not only illuminates the hidden histories of those, who would probably today identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Trans but is also is an opportunity for all of us to learn more about their lives and celebrate their contribution to society.

Richard Holloway, a friend of the LGBT community in Scotland and a patron of LGBT Youth said: “LGBT History month throws a light back onto the hidden histories of men and women in the past who would today identify themselves as LGBT. LGBT History Month is an opportunity for all of us to learn more about their lives and celebrate their contribution to society.”

Unfortunately, many of the LGBT persons throughout history are selectively ignored or their achievements only mildly accredited. Alan Turing is such an example. Alan Turing, who is widely acknowledges to have been the father of all computers, substantially helped the war effort by assisting in the cracking of the Enigma code. Alan was also gay but his achievements are largely unknown, like so many others.

On a more local level, community activists such as Steve Retson and Ian Dunn are names that are rarely heard of outside their circle of friends.

While LGBT equality has come a long way in the past 20 years, it is important to remember that until recently couples of the same-sex could not have a legally recognised relationship, and at this time, it is still legal to discriminate against LGBT persons in the provision of both goods and services. It was only through the successful campaigning of the LGBT community that same-sex civil partnerships have come into being and likewise, the Government at Westminster has announced that it intends to legislate to outlaw discrimination in the provision of both goods and services.

FUSION, the LGBT Youth volunteer group are actively involved in History Month. The group is planning a variety performance to take place in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh in February. Glasgow Caledonian University LGBT Society has planned a series of workshops on sexual health and drug use while also running several presentations and other events. LGBT Youth will be working together with VIVID Youth and LIPS pulling together a project in Glasgow and the Aberdeen LGBT Society and Youth Council with a Project in the Granite City.

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My name is Ren. I was born a boy and it wasn’t until I was 18 I found the label transgender, although I realised I was different when I hit puberty. Up until I was 15 I just felt like a kid, my parents didn’t raise me to do laddish things but I don’t think that effects who you grow up to be. I didn’t tell my friends or family straightaway but started to tell girlfriends from 18 onwards once I started having more serious relationships. It didn’t go down well, a few said they wouldn’t mind if I took hormones but no-one was comfortable with the idea of me getting surgery. I’ve always hated this because apart from a few straight girls, who perhaps understandably felt awkward, the majority of girls I dated were bisexual and I couldn’t see why they had a problem with it. I’ve learned over the years that being transgender is easier for me to deal with than other people, even though I’m the one going through it. I’m not getting a different personality, I might look different but I’ll still be the same person. People think that some transgender people change personally because they feel they have to act very manly before they start transitioning, but then feel like they should act stereotypically feminine. I wanted to talk to a doctor from the age of 18 but didn’t till I was 21, in Jan 2005. I wish I had gone earlier but they probably would have thought I was too young. I still get told that I’m very young just now at 22 - to be so sure of doing something which will dramatically affect my life. I have a lot of people backing me up now and they all say they think I’m doing what’s right. Ten months later in Nov 2005, I got to speak to a general Psychologist. Apart from when I get told I’ll be on a waiting list to get surgery, this was probably the longest ten months I think I’ll ever remember.

Seeing the psychologist wasn’t scary at all compared to telling my doctor earlier in Jan, as she didn’t seem to think I knew what I was talking about. She asked me if I wore girls clothes and why my hairstyle was boyish. I did want to point out that walking around dressed as a girl might well make me liable to getting my head kicked in, but a mixture of fear and common sense made me keep my mouth shut.

Once you tell one person, you find it easier every time anyone questions you. The Psychologist asked lots of questions but told me he could see no reason why I should need to worry. That was the best news anyone’s ever told me. I was worried I’d get told I wouldn’t be able to get treatment, but the Psychologist said it was up to me what happened. Now even though I know I’ll have to talk to a gender psychologist before I can start hormones, which take years to take full effect and then wait even longer before I can get surgery, I feel like I’m finally getting somewhere. I’m seeing a gender psychologist this month, so I’m hoping I can start hormone treatment early in 2006.

The hardest thing I find about being transgender isn’t the hormones and surgery. The hardest thing is trying to get close to people hoping they’ll accept me for who I want to be, not who I am. How will I get on? I’ll let you know.

Ren

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Imagine you live with and love another man. You hear the news that your lover has been knocked down and killed. The driver didn’t go down well, a few said they wouldn’t mind if I took hormones but no-one was comfortable with the idea of me getting surgery. I’ve always hated this because apart from a few straight girls, who perhaps understandably felt awkward, the majority of girls I dated were bisexual and I couldn’t see why they had a problem with it. I’ve learned over the years that being transgender is easier for me to deal with than other people, even though I’m the one going through it. I’m not getting a different personality, I might look different but I’ll still be the same person. People think that some transgender people change personally because they feel they have to act very manly before they start transitioning, but then feel like they should act stereotypically feminine.

Imagine you are living in a country where gay sex is illegal and where popular homophobia is rife. This is a state where ‘trouble-makers’ are frequently arrested and not gently treated. What would you try where gay sex is illegal and where populous American state, but the International Day Against Homophobia. Never heard of it? Well, it’s a very recent innovation.

In 2006, it will be focusing on Moscow, where the first ever Gay Pride and Conference will be held on Sat 27th May. European Members of Parliament are due to attend this.

On the Thu 25 and Fri 26 May preceding the march, there will be a celebration of Scandinavian and Russian Homoculture. (Big contrast there! Though there was quite a flowering of Russian gay culture in the early years of the twentieth century). An Oscar Wilde event is also planned.

More can be found out about IDAHO on Fri 7th April at 7:30pm at Conway Hall in London, where Louis-Georges Tin, the founder of IDAHO will be talking at a GALHA (Gay and Lesbian Humanist Association) meeting. People from all LGBT groups and non will be welcome, it is hoped that Ken Livingstone and a representative of an Iranian gay group will be there.

Further details of all the above can be obtained from Derek Lennard at E-mail: dmlennard@blueyonder.co.uk if you wish to attend the Moscow event Derek would be delighted to hear from you.

I have yet to hear of an IDAHO related meeting in Scotland, but watch this space in case one is mooted.

We all know how lucky we are to live in a society as tolerant as ours at present, even though there is still a long way to go. There remain many people here who would and do happily spread antigay propaganda. Regular readers of Gary Otton’s column will be well aware of that. The existence of extensive gay apprehension in many other countries is something that only emboldens such people and let’s them think they can call us ‘abnormal’ and ‘unnatural’. Therefore it is in our own interests to attempt to obtain gay rights in those countries where such rights do not exist. We know about the purges on British gays as recently as the 1950’s, the amount of entrapment that has occurred more recently, the homophobic bullying that still goes on in our schools, and the people who still legally speak hatred against us. It might be nice to see an incitement to Homophobic Hatred Bill in Parliament. Therefore, we can feel for those who suffer much greater apprehension abroad.

If each of us makes a stand we can make a difference.

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The Doctor Dances (episode 10)

The Doctor, Rose and Captain Jack realise they must pass the

Rose: Are the words “distract the guard” heading in my general
direction?

Captain Jack: I don’t think that’s such a good idea.

Rose: Don’t worry I can handle it.

Captain Jack: Trust me, I’ve gotten to know Algie quite well since
I’ve been here. You’re not his type. I’ll distract him. Don’t wait up!

Rose looks put out. Captain Jack had been flirting with her - now
he is making his moves on a man.

The Doctor: Don’t worry, he’s a 51st century guy - he’s just a little
more flexible when it comes to dancing.

Rose: What do you mean?

The Doctor: Well by his time you lot are spread over half the
galaxy.

Rose: Meaning?

The Doctor: So many species, so little time.

Now, in 2006, the openly gay Glaiswegian comedian Charlie Ross has
become the latest famous fan to join the Dr Who Big Finish universe. He plays a baddie
who is pit against the eighth Doctor, Paul McGann, in a brand new story by Eddie
Robson, called Memory Lane.

“It’s a dark, comic piece with a twist!” enthuses Charlie, “It’s a traditional Dr Who
story of the best kind. Good writing, great acting, solid storytelling.”

Charlie has been a Dr Who fan his whole life. He grew up watching Tom Baker and
Peter Davison. ‘Who I’ve been lucky enough to meet’ and often includes Dr Who
material in his stand up act.

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ScotsGay Bound and Gagged

Welcome pervs and per- vesses to the best BDSM col- umn in Scotland, well OK, the only BDSM column in Scotland! Similarly to last month we have a number of moves on the BDSM scene. It would seem that just like on the Gay scene, the Xmas period accentuates the normal greed and avarice of venue owners. Thus House of Principles, Nightshade and even Rebound, have found themselves being pushed out of their venues. Obviously this makes fantastic financial sense, push out an organisation that books a venue for twelve months of the year, for a bunch of pissed up office attending aseholies who will never darken your doors for the following eleven months. Brilliant, definitely another business school graduate!

Fortunately, Rebound organised another venue at the last minute, well done them. To the other clubs, better luck in the New Year.

Now to something more positive: Scotland’s longest running munch which will next be held on Wed 4th Jan 2006, from 8pm at The Balcony, Ward Road, Dundee. They will be seated upstairs in the small room to the right - just follow the F&T Munch signs. Any singletons wishing a meet and greet or anyone wishing further information, please E-mail: fite anddaysidemunch@yahoo.co.uk

Onto home territory, the Glasgow Munch, which is normally held at the warm and welcoming Admirals Bar on Waterloo Street, will for one month ONLY be held at the new club ‘Rebound’ venue at 30 Dora Street, Dalmarnock, Glasgow. This is down to some confusion with the date and the new owners of the Admirals Bar and all will return to blissful normality in the New Year. It runs from 8pm until kicking out time, on the 4th Thu of the month, in this case 22nd Dec (my birthday!).

So, as usual, bring along an item of food and for this month only booze will be on a BYOB basis. However there will be soft drinks available for a moderate charge and glasses and ice will be available, along with tea and coffee. Your meeters and greeters are Bumhug and Simply D, lovely people and very welcoming. Dress code is street clothes, casual wear or something festive!

You will notice from the above example that people often use a pseudonym, mine for example is Mistress Anya. So feel free to do likewise.

If you are free on Wed 19th Jan, happen to be in Edinburgh and want to meet people with similar interests, all you have to do is swan along to the Holyrood Tavern on Holyrood Road. The Munch will be in the back room, walk past the bar, buying drink on the way and join in. The fun starts at 8pm, but you can turn up at anytime up until Midnight, when the place shuts. They do serve coffee, but not food.

Now onto the clubs. ‘Rebound’, a very popular Glasgow club, has moved once again, due to the shortsightedness of the event manager at the Bastille. So ‘Rebound’ now has its own private venue which is being converted into a permanent home for this very popular club. The next club night will be Sat 14th Jan 2006. Doors will open at 8pm and close at 2am. The entrance fee is £10 on the door. Dress code is fetish and/or black.

Location is 30 Dora Street, Dalmarnock, Glasgow. As of next month there will be an alcohol free bar service i.e. glasses, ice and soft drinks will be available, alcohol will be on a BYOB basis. Transport details are available on both the club website and their yahoo group: http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/ReboundClub or http://www.reboundglasgow.com/

Now to an old favourite, club ‘Violate’ next takes place on Sat 7th Jan 2006 at the Big Joint, 1084 South Street, Scotstoun. A very popular event, this club welcomes a mixed crowd of all ages. Music is provide by DJ Loveless - a mix of Dance and Rock. A play area is set up in the large back room and food is included in the ticket price. As an introduction to the BDSM scene this club night is ideal. Doors open at 8pm club runs until 2am, doors close at Midnight. Tickets are £10 on the door or £5 for members.

A quick note on ‘Nightshade’: the event planned for 17th Dec has been cancelled, due to loss of the venue, for further details please check the website: http://www.nightshade-club.org/

DV8 is a monthly fetish club held in the atmospheric cellars of the Spiders Web Pub on Morrison Street, Haymarket, Edinburgh. Entry price is only £5 for members. Membership costs £10 for a year and is available to anyone who has been to at least two previous DV8 events. Guests can be brought in by a member for £10. The doors open at 8pm. You may pose on the equipment for your own photos until the club starts at 9.30pm. NO cameras including cam- eras on phones allowed from 9.30pm onwards. The club runs from 9.30pm until 1.30am.

Any questions or venues you would like listed contact me on my E-mail address below. You can also reach me on the following forums: http://www.informedconsent.co.uk/ or http://www.re bondedsw.com/ or http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/ReboundClub or http://www.reboundglasgow.com/

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Crimbo comes but once a year and Santa’s sack is bulging! Well, here we are again - ‘Yule’ the winter festival of the Celts! Or, to most of us, the time when we are asked to pay to come into our own city centre at Hogmanay! Yes, it’s true, most places will be putting their prices up for entry and for most other things as well! If you’re not going out, just cast your mind back to that ill thought out party that you had, the cat has still not forgiven you! Or worse, spending too much time with family at this time of year.

In sheer boredom, if nothing else, you will be rearranging the tree balls in pairs, calling your dad’s best mate ‘Trixi’ and chatting up the next-door neighbours! It may cost more, but at some point over the season you are all going to ‘scene it,’ you know you are!

Best deal (as always) for Hogmanay is the LGBT Centre - they will be doing their festive bit for the community at the cheapest price in town with raffles, games and lots of fun! Coco in Jamaica Street is doing a special ‘First Hogmanay’ kinda thing in their lovely newly done up establishment, with lots of sweet young things to serve your every need - what better way to welcome in the bells! Bennets is where many traditionalists still like to have a swallow or two at the appointed hour and some will still be parked by their drinks in the Polo when the time draws near (even if they have been there since opening)! to raise a glass - although The Polo certainly seem to have ruffled some feathers on the Internet: http://www.thepololongesucks.com/

If you do Fancy something more than just a wee bit different how about a boat party? Melting Pot’s New Year Nautical Adventure (tickets from ‘Tickets Scotland,’ 239 Argyle St, 0141-204 5151). Starting at 9.30pm the boat leaves the Broomielaw and later you are whisked off to the Riverside Club in Fox Street. I know! Costs £25 or £15 if it’s just the club without the boat. Loads of very drunk people on the River Clyde until the small hours with only sailors and seagulls for company, but I thought that I should let you all know about in case there were any nautical types among you!

If it’s really all too much and all you want is a nice quiet way of welcoming 2006 then why not do so in one of the bars? Icon is doing a low key night at Hogmanay and this may well be more to your taste! If you want something a wee bit spicier but not too hot, try next door in the Merchant Pride and enjoy the cabaret. Revolver is a favourite for many with its small intimate feel and welcoming atmosphere. I cannot really speak for the ‘last order’ times in any of these and you may well have spotted that just like the Tron geography places all these venues in the heart of the action, so to speak!

If any of you have braved Glasgow’s out doors Hogmanay extravaganza, then you know what to expect, but if you are a virgin, then please listen! Wrap Up, all those jumpers you never wear because they’re ‘so yesterday’ will make all the difference in the world as will gloves and a hat! It’s not a fashion parade it’s a Glasgow winter: T-shirts that are more than two sizes too small for you that you got for your baby sister are not suitable attire!

If any of you have volunteered in any way. To stuff an envelope or steward a march. To sit at a desk ‘to meet and greet’ or shake a tin to raise some cash. If you explained how to knit or pinned a ribbon. You may have sung or drummed. You may just be a voice on the line or you may just have typed. Whatever and however you gave to our community, I would like to thank you. Without all of you, we would have no community to speak of! I have, with many mistakes, done my best with this column and I have done it in my own way and in my own time. I hope it has at least been informative and at best that it has entertained!

Well, that’s all that I have heard, seen, been told and had screamed at me! Till our next merry meeting in 2006, this witch must fly!

Criz
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Hello everybody, this is a two in one edition of Dundee’s scene. Because this edition is out just before Xmas you’re going to get a quick festive update followed by what’s on in the New Year.

Remember that both Charlie’s and Brooklyn’s are open till 1am at the weekend throughout the festive season. And no need to worry about missing an hour of dancing in the club as OUT is open till 3.30am on a Sat. Both pubs will be having their annual Xmas Eve parties with Ross providing the music in Charlie’s and Suzie hosting Karaoke in Brooklyn’s. OUT is then taking you into Xmas Day with Dean proving the music.

Charlie’s will be opening for ‘escape the family’ drinks on Xmas Day, opening at 6pm. As will Brooklyn’s opening an hour later at 7pm. The club will be open Xmas Day night from 11pm till 3.30am. Both pubs and the club will be open as normal on Boxing Day. Charlie’s, Brooklyn’s and OUT will be in full swing to welcome in the New Year. The show bar will be open on either the 1st or 2nd of Jan and is a great way to start the New Year (I can already hear ‘well hello dolly’ ringing in my ears).

Diversitay is holding its monthly ice-breaker on the 21st of Dec - for more details phone Dundee (01382) 202620 Mon 7-10pm. Remember that Diversitay’s phone line is having two weeks off over Christmas but will be back on 9th Jan.

Once the silly season is over, 2006 is starting in a positive (or should that be drunken) manner.

- Charlie’s Bar celebrates its seventh year in business this month; Charlie and Ian are celebrating by escaping to warmer climes for a couple of weeks.
- The first quiz night of 2006 at Charlie’s will be held on Tue 7th Feb. And following on from last year, Ross will be proving the music on a Fri and Sat night. Ross’s night ‘does your mother know’ has finalised its venue change and will now be held every Wed in the Piano Bar at the London Nightclub.
- Brooklyn’s has also started to run its own pub quiz and this is held every Mon night, with a bottle of vodka for the winner and the chance to win the door takings (this will carry on till the week after if not won). Karaoke is being held every Wed, Fri and Sun if you fancy a sing along.
- OUT, Dundee’s only LGBT nightclub is open Wed to Sun, with specially drinks promotions on a Wed and Thu night. Dean provides the music on a Wed, Thu and Sat and Jamie DJs every Fri and Sun.

Diversitay will be holding its Jan Icebreaker on Wed the 18th. And everyone is welcome along. Diversitay has also relaunched its newsletter now called ‘Right About Now”. This will come out every other month and they are on the look out for anyone who wishes to contribute. Ring Dundee (01382) 202620 on a Mon evening for more details. Diversitay have also finalised the date of their next Women’s Disco, it will take place on 11th Mar in Braes Below, more details to follow.

Mi Cielo at Bliss (formerly Whispers) Night Club in Perth is going from strength to strength and is holding its next night on Sun 8th Jan, 10pm till 1.30am and all drinks are £1.50 till Midnight. They have the fantastic ‘Uha Holeburns’ performing and looks like a lot of fun.

And as of this month they will also have copies of ScotsGay for you to pick up (a good reason to go if I ever heard one) Information can be found on their website http://www.blissandenvy.co.uk/

Lastly I would like to congratulate all those who tied the knot and have become civil partnered. I wish you all the best for the future. If you have a photo of the ‘happy couple’ that you would like included in the next issue please E-mail me it. And for all those thinking about following in their footsteps find out more by contacting Dundee’s Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages 89 Commercial Street, Dundee, DD1 2AF. Tel: Dundee (01382) 435222. Fax: Dundee (01382) 435224.

Beth
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The pubs are filling up with Xmas cheer with the promise of more to come at the New Year.

First up is The Big H (as Habana’s new logo is getting the place called). They’ve managed to wangle a wee extentionette out of the Licensing Board over the festive season and will be open until 3am for the dispense of sherry. Cabaret Nights with Ms Samantha are on Boxing Day and 2nd Jan, whilst Xmas Eve and Xmas Day will see Graeme F on the decks. Graeme F return on Ne’er Day whilst Chris Paton provides the loud popular noise at Hogmanay. During the festive season, Gordon, Lorraine and all the staff will be happy to give you a punch and will only charge £1 a glass (with all proceeds going to Marie Curie Cancer Care).

eGo are running a night of what they quaintly describe as "Filthy Electronica" on Wed 21st Dec. This would appear to consist of sets from Alan Joy, Jemma & Alan Bloodbath and C-Dogg. Entry is £3 and cheap drinks are promised.

Down the Walk at No 18, Kate Dykes proudly announces that not only is her establishment the first gay sauna in the UK to be VAT registered, but HMRC are using the place as a benchmark for similar establishments throughout the length and breadth of the land. If you’re entertaining foreign visitors, be sure to ask for a VAT receipt with your towel and claim back the tax!

Up at the Regent, young Alan happily boasts that he got ten out of ten for product knowledge when Punch Taverns sent in a mystery shopper the other day. He’s also doing well in the beer scores with the local CAMRA branch who will soon be voting on pubs for their annual Good Beer Guide. Membership forms are available on the counter in case you want to join and vote for your favourite pub.

Whilst on the subject of real ale, I hear that the Claremont has got Deuchar’s IPA in. Haven’t had a chance to pop in to sample it yet, but I’m sure it will be a good move with the Bears drinking nothing else!

Burly Too is taking a holiday in January but should start up again on Sat 25th Feb after a much needed break. I’m told that the last few events at Mariners have been somewhat full.

In my capacity of Pastor Best, I was out with the Order of Perpetual Indulgence on World AIDS Day and we visited a fair number of the bars. Sadly, the cozy little Frenchies wasn’t on our route, but we managed the New Town where our condom packs (sponsored by Edinburgh Switchboard) were especially well received. Next on the route was the Blue Moon, followed by Sala and then The Street.

After that, we made our way over to Habana and Planet Out (it was a little early for CCs) before replenishing our condom supplies at the Convent and heading for the Regent. I called it a night about then, but I think that some of the Sisters moved on elsewhere afterwards. The OPI will be out and about again over the festive period - please demand your personal condom pack and make sure you use the contents!

The New Town is, I hear, due for a major refurbish next year - but that’s in the future and the place will be operating normally over Xmas and New Year.

HMS Luvely will be having their January Sail on Sat 7th Jan at the Liquid Room. Dress code is ‘nautical, sailors, pirates and cheap & trasy’ with the usual queue priority for folk who make an effort.

Sorry if my route knowledge is a bit thin this month, but when you get thrown in at the deep end half an hour before things get to the printers and none of the pubs are answering the phone, there’s not a lot of bricks to be made from the straw on my premises.

Things will improve next month - and that’s a promise.

John Hein
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Hi there and here is my final round up of what's happening North of anywhere.

The biggest news this month has to be the introduction of the Civil Partnership Act that finally allows same sex couples to have their relationships recognised. This act marks a huge step forward in the rights of LGBT people and should be welcomed with open arms. Among the first and most prominent of Aberdonians to get hitched will be local councillors Neil Fletcher and John Stewart who are celebrating their big day onTue 20th Dec. I hope that they have a great day and wish them all the best for the future.

The Aberdeen University LGBT Society continue to have an active programme of events and had their Christmas meal at Jimmy Chungs on Tue 13th Dec. For further information on future events, E-mail Mark ataulgbtgroup@hotmail.com

Bar Indigo on the Adelphi continues to provide Aberdeen with its only gay venue. Open 7 nights a week it must now be Aberdeen's longest running exclusive LGBT venue in the last few years. I am sure they will have a full range of Christmas and New Year events over the next few weeks. Watch out for posters and information on G-Zone for further details.

Due to other commitments I am standing down as Aberdeen's Scene reporter so any one who wishes to take over this role please contact the editor. It only remains for me to say thanks to everyone who has provided me with information and inspiration to write these articles over the last couple of years. I want to wish everyone a happy and peaceful festive season and great New Year.

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Since the last Scottish Media Monitor there has been a sharp increase in media homophobia and religious propaganda. Shortly before Garry Otton put his last column to bed, after ten years, he received a call from The Sunday Herald asking him to write a piece for them.

It was pulled at the last moment before being asked to make substantial alterations. What they had just done, a unsuitable and was persuaded to allow a ‘sympathetic’ expert to write his piece for him. Garry Otton has been subjected to ten years of media censorship, distortion and misrepresentation and has been forced to close the column following warnings of up to six years imprisonment should proposed legislation protecting religion become law. Garry’s article appears here, in its uncensored form, exclusive to ScotsGay. This is his story...

My first brush with the media was through my London agent selling illustrations for love stories drawn for magazines like Jackie. The illustrations sold in nine countries but after 500 or so, I felt the magazines weren’t being particularly honest. They were asking me to promulgate a heterosexual viewpoint, weren’t being particularly honest. They were asking me to promulgate a heterosexual viewpoint, weren’t being particularly honest. They were asking me to promulgate a heterosexual viewpoint, weren’t being particularly honest. They were asking me to promulgate a heterosexual viewpoint, weren’t being particularly honest. They were asking me to promulgate a heterosexual viewpoint, weren’t being particularly honest. They were asking me to promulgate a heterosexual viewpoint, weren’t being particularly honest. They were asking me to promulgate a heterosexual viewpoint. After 485 magazines they told the author was unsuitable and persuaded to allow a ‘sympathetic’ expert to write his piece for him. Garry Otton has been subjected to ten years of media censorship, distortion and misrepresentation and has been forced to close the column following warnings of up to six years imprisonment should proposed legislation protecting religion become law. Garry’s article appears here, in its uncensored form, exclusive to ScotsGay. This is his story...

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campaign to prevent the repeal of Section 28 by Scottish business tycoon, Brian Souter, assisted by a PR circus engineered by Jack Irvine, a former editor of Scottish editions of The Sun.

Over the past ten years, Scotland's media has boasted an abundance of equally conservative columnists operating within almost every major newspaper in Scotland. It was The Scottish Mirror's Jack Irvine - regularly carrying his rabid homophobia, including a reference to "slobbering queers" - who inspired Brian Souter to enlist his support for his £2 million 'Keep the Clause' campaign. Jim Sillars, a former SNP MP would write weekly in The Scottish Sun advising readers that "if my sons grew up to think porn was harmless, then I'd know something you find". She wrote: "If my sons grew up to think porn was harmless, then I'd know...". The Scottish Daily Mail is, of course, particularly popular with the morally conservative. There was — and sadly still is — the ubiquitous Mrs Katie Grant, a Catholic, Conservative who, along with regular appearances on BBC Radio Scotland, writes regular columns in The Scotsman. The Sunday Times Scotland and, of course, The Scottish Daily Mail.

Over the past ten years, Scotland's Internet is not only challenging the media's prudery, it has opened up a wealth of opportunities to experiment with sex in ways that were once inconceivable. But it will make hypocrisy more exposed and so divided in a moral debate that spilled out into the new century. Homophobic billboards were mounted across Scotland. Souter launched a private 'referendum' while the media, much like the church today, went to war with itself over the issue of homosexuality. There were daily stories demonising gays - including anatomical drawings on how to spot a homosexual - set against a background of vandalism to gay-run premises, beatings and murders of gay men. 'Keep the Clause' was supported by the Scottish School Boards' Association (SSBA) at the same time it became homophobic catchphrase in Scottish playgrounds. I believe much of religion has stunted Scotland's growth as a nation. During the seventies and eighties, Scotland haemorrhaged as the young, the talented and the inspired fled, usually to London, escaping the moral strictures of a grey theocracy to seek fame and fortune in a more liberal climate. Call me naive, but at the dawn of a new century, like so many of my contemporaries, I believed in a modern, progressive Scotland at the heart of Europe that would show a grumbling middle-England the way forward. But that was before ten years of Tory Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, Warner once wrote that condoms offered little protection against AIDS and insists there is a powerful gay clique undermining government. 'Well, it would be nice if they did something useful instead of always leaving it up to Europe to enforce equality for us'. He once begged in his column: 'We cannot sit idly by and watch minority pressure groups and their allies secure an absurdly disproportionate profile in the media...'

Despite all this, the media’s attitude to sexuality has changed. It’s had to. The Internet is not only challenging the media’s prudery. It has opened up a wealth of opportunities to experiment with sex in ways that were once inconceivable. But it will make hypocrisy more

The National Library of Scotland, which selects websites that are judged to be an important part of the documentary heritage of Scotland, will archive the Scottish Media Monitor. Garry Otton is author of Sexual Fascism and plans to publish Badge of Shame, a book on the repeal of Section 28 in Scotland.

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Swedish Lutheran ministers rebel

More than 800 of the 5,000 active and retired ministers in Sweden’s Lutheran church have signed a declaration promising to resist the Church Assembly’s decision to offer blessings to gay couples who have registered their partnership.

The Church of Sweden Assembly voted 160 to 81 in favour of the policy. “We are bound by the promises of faithfulness to Holy Scripture and to the confession of the church which we made at our ordination,” the 363 ministers declared. “We therefore totally reject this order.”

Swedish has offered registered partnership to bestow nearly every right and obligation of marriage — since 1995.

Knights of Columbus lose lesbian case

The Human Rights Tribunal in Canada’s British Columbia has ruled against the Knights of Columbus organization saying it injured the dignity, feelings and self-respect of a lesbian couple by canceling their reservation to hold their wedding reception in the Knights’ hall in the town of Port Coquitlam.

Deborah Chymyshyn and Tracey Smith were slated to wed on Nov. 16, 2004, once the material leaders became aware of the nature of the event. They already had sent out their wedding invitations.

The Knights must pay the women $2,000 in damages.

The tribunal said the Knights do have a general right, under religious-freedom guarantees, to refuse to rent their space to homosexuals, but “that right is not absolute.”

The organization could have settled with the women, apologized for the cancellation, reimbursed them for their costs, and helped them find a new location, the tribunal said.

To not have done so offended the women’s “inherent dignity” and amounted to “discrimination,” the judges said.

Danish ambassador slept with lover on first date

Damsgaard said he was with his partner of more than 12 years, Esben Klint, when he was like me. He had something adult [about him], and he saw me. Since then, essentially, we haven’t been apart.”

United Arab Emirates may give arrested gay hormones

Twenty-six men were arrested in the United Arab Emirates in late November at a hotel in the city of Ghafia where police said a mass homosexual wedding was taking place.

They face lashings, five years in jail and possible treatment with hormone injections. “There will be no room for homosexuals,” Minister of Justice and Interior Mohamed bin Nukhairah Al Dhahiri told the Khaleej Times.

Interior Ministry spokesman Issam Azouri added: “Because they’ve put society at risk it will be given the necessary treatment, with hormone injections to psychological therapies.

It wasn’t just a homosexual act,” he said. “Now we’re dealing with a kind of marriage. There was a ritual involved.”

Amnesty International blasting Poland

Amnesty International has denounced and Poland for “a climate of intolerance … against the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community,” answering the banning of public events organized by the LGBT community, openly homophobic language used by some high-profile politicians, and incitement of homophobic hatred by some right-wing groups.

The organization also expressed concern over the recent abduction of the government office responsible for promotion of equal treatment for sexual minorities.

On 15th Nov, the mayor of Poznan, Ryszard Grobelny, banned the city’s gay-pride parade due to “security concerns.” Despite the ban, a few hundred people gathered on 20th Nov for a demonstration. They were harassed by members of the group All Polish Youth, who shouted “Let’s gas the fags” and “We’ll do to you what Hitler did with Jews.”

The police intervened near the end of the march, roughed up several marchers, and arrested and interrogated more than 65, who were later released.

Amnesty International is concerned that the events in Poznan are not a one-off event but part of a series of bans on events by the LGBT community.”

The organization said Warsaw’s gay-pride parade also was banned by local officials both this year and last. Mayor Lech Kaczynski, who is now Poland’s president, called this year’s parade “sexually obscene.” An improvised march took place on 10th Nov, with more than 2,500 participants.

Switzerland elects gay House speaker

Members of Switzerland’s House of Representatives has elected an openly gay speaker. Lawyer Claude Janiak, a Social Democrat, received 154 of the 177 votes cast.

In his first address to the body, Janiak called on fellow MPs to eschew political posturing and vote their convictions, swissinfo.org reported.

Janiak is best known for lobbying for an easier citizenship procedure for young foreigners, pushing for legalization of marijuana, and denouncing the Roman Catholic Church’s opposition to same-sex partnerships. He will serve in the position for 12 months.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS by Rex Wockner

Push to report antigay abuses to U.S. State Dept.

Activists in London and San Francisco are piquing the people around the world to report antigay abuses to the U.S. State Department.

I hope to increase the number of submissions that are included in the department’s country-by-country human-rights report, which the agency must produce and send to Congress.

Submissions must be received at the State Department before the end of 2005.

“This will help improve the US State Department’s monitoring of such abuses and expand a data base that can be used by human rights campaigners pressing for an end to homophobia,” said longtime LGBT activist Michael Petrelis. “The data will also be helpful to corroborate the claims of the activists.”

Federal Parliament is grossly underdocumented, according to the interfaith organisations pressing for an end to homophobia.

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Belgium’s lower house OKs gay adoption

The lower house of Parliament in Belgium, one of five countries where gay couples can get married, has voted 77 to 63 to allow same-sex couples to adopt children.

The bill now moves to the Senate where it should see action in March.

“We have them to two parents with whom they have full, legal rights.”
Dear Vanessa

I’m an active gay man of 35 years old. Recently I have noticed that if I go swimming or lie down in the bath I take water into my arse, then for some time afterwards water trickles out. Now my boyfriend is refusing to go to bed with me if I have washed. He says it’s like fucking a watermelon. Is there anything I can do to prevent me taking on liquid in this way?

Holy shit! You must have had an awful lot of arse action to stretch your ring that much! Anyway, what to do is very simple – just stick a big CORK (note the spelling – it is important) up your arse. Now please don’t shove it up too far or your boyfriend might have to use a corkscrew to get it out. Another thing, avoid eating beans before going off dancing or gyrating too excitably as you just might pop your cork like a big bottle of nasty brown bubbly. OR ... if you don’t like that suggestion, try to superglue a zipper between the cheeks of your arse... well, maybe not. Hey! How exactly does your boyfriend know what fucking a watermelon is like? Never mind, I don’t really want to know, I’m sure he’s probably the type who would even give one to a knothole in a plank of wood. No! Don’t try this at home stupid!

Ever heard of wood splinters? Well, the only other option is to put your name down as an arse transplant. OH... Hire yourself out as a water feature for gay peoples gardens – I can just see you with a steady stream trickling out of your clenchet buttocks watering all the pansies. OR... Take the lazy option and never wash your bum hole again!

Dear Vanessa

I recently broke up with a girlfriend after two years together. She and I are both 24 years old – it was my first lesbian relationship. The split was a long and drawn-out process and painful for us both, even though - in my eyes at least - the relationship was great and truly over. However, in the weeks since the split we’ve run into each other a number of times and the result has always been the same - we’ve ended up in bed together. Breaking up was definitely the right decision. I think. But as you can see I’m quite confused over the whole thing. The sex we’ve had since splitting up has been better than it ever was when we were together and I’m actually looking forward to the next time, though she’s now beginning to get ideas that we’re getting back together and I don’t know what to do. I also miss her cats. Please help.

Oh, for heavens sake! Look, it’s simple; just steal her cats and tell her you’ll feed them to your drunken Goth flat-mate who thinks he’s really a flesh-eating vampire, unless she becomes your sex-slave. So then you can happily have your wicked way with her just as much as you like, you two-faced evil whore. Obviously, once you get bored to death with the stupid needy bitch, you can just feed her to your Goth flat-mate instead and keep the cats …… SORTED!

Dear Vanessa

Here’s my question. It’s embarrassing to ask, but I would like some pointers for using a dildo. I am a 20-something single lesbian who is addicted to Peperami. As you know, Peperami is a spicy pork salami sausage that delivers a big flavour kick and a great taste. It’s a known fact that he has never tasted klingons and I never will. I've never been able to forgive them for the death of my boy. When Kirk was recording his log, his exact words were “I’ve never trusted Klingons and I never will. I’ve never been able to forgive them for the death of my boy.”

How did this happen? This has totally shaken my faith in William Shatner and the Star Trek universe. Please help me.

What in Spocks name are you talking about? You sad silly Trekker, don’t you know anything? The real answer to your laughable state of confusion actually lies not in Star Trek itself, but in episode three of Blake’s 7. The clue is when big hunky Blake tells Avon to stop rimming him while he’s trying to steer the Liberator toward the evil Galactic Federation battle fleet. Avon slowly lifts his head from between Blake’s ample buttocks and replies: “Thank God your arse is so clean ... I’ve never tasted klingons and I never will. I can never forgive them for bad breath on my body... ooh! Those nasty brown stains!”

You see? It’s just so bloody obvious now isn’t it? No? God, you are so blind as well as stupid! The answer is that Kirk is reincarnated and comes back as Jean Luc Picard and rings big ugly Wor the Klingon’s arse (all three of them). THEN he walks into time portal ‘No17’ and comes out at the other end of the space-time ‘Channel’ as ‘Avon’ the gay ‘Opium’ smuggler who likes to ‘Rimmel’ and ‘f**k’ anything that moves. He then joins the rebel ‘Armani’ and there he meets ‘Calvin Klein’ along with his big hairy pal ‘Givenchy’ and his two robots, ‘OKWV’ and ‘REVLON’. They all come together (No, not that way!) to fight the spread of pure ‘Poison’ by the Dark Lord ‘Dior’ from the evil planet ‘Lancome’ ... WHAT? You think I ‘Maybelline’ NO! It’s all true; I’m honestly not making it up!

However, if you ever get confused again or begin to have doubts, you should always bring to mind the golden rules of Star Trek:

- Every planet they land on is always a class “M” planet, so they never need a space suit. That’s really lucky isn’t it?
- In every landing party to a mysterious planet (class M of course!) it’s always the poor security guard that gets the chop first.
- Scotty can fix absolutely anything with just a roll of sticky tape, a plastic twirly thing, a lighted sparkler and a ludicrously tight deadline that anyone else couldn’t even finish wiring a plug!

Mr Spock REALLY does hate Doctor McCoy and would like to beat the pompous idiot to a pulp – just like the rest of us! So although he calls himself a Vulcan, old pointy-eared Spock really is quite human after all. Actually, if you watch some of the earlier episodes, you can catch him trying to get a sneaky look up Uhura’s short skirt and it’s a known fact that he has nothing but hard porn on his tri-corder.

So just remember, whatever else happens in your tawdry little life, don’t ever lose faith in James T. Kirk – that man is a fucking Sci-Fi icon! Besides, with a real name of Shatner he’s bound to have plenty of klingons around his Uranus (Sorry, I just couldn’t resist that one!) so perhaps it’s understandable that he doesn’t like them one little bit!

Anyway, I’m glad I managed to clear that one up for you and any other Trekker retards out there. I for one, would be appalled that you might have doubts about the validity of the Star Trek Universe. Shit, you might even start to think it isn’t real! Right! I’ve had enough of humouring you with this juvenile space claptrap, you incredibly sad bastard! Why don’t you really try to push the envelope of your mental powers and get yourself a fucking etch-a-sketch!

Until next time...
We’re jumping again – from the ancient to the latest offering from this Academy Award-nominated screenwriter of Philadelphia. Despite the success of his latest film, screenwriter Ron Nyswaner (Philadelphia, Soldier’s Girl) has been contemplating self-destruction. “I don’t want a mediocre, empty life,” he tells his psychiatrist-acupuncturist-herbalist after half-heartedly attempting to hang himself with a belt. Then, on a trip from his home in upstate Los Angeles, Ron meets and falls for world-aweary Johann, a Latin-quoting, leather-clad hustler from Germany. In the next year Johann will teach him many things: how to make a crack pipe out of a soda can, how to lose oneself utterly in passion, how to come down from a crystal binge and how to keep living when everything you’ve been living for is gone. Loving Johann might kill Ron, but it will never be boring. Often hilarious, more often deeply disturbing – Ron Nyswaner’s first book is a frank insight into a life less ordinary. This book is a tour de force of self destruction, passion and the involuntary nature of love – compelling.

You really want to get away from it all? Well, don’t go without this book if you want to avoid wasting lots of time when you get to your destination or be disappointed by your choice of hotel. The new 5th edition is 448 pages of gay hotel information from around the world. For the first time, the publishers have added a small guide to “practical” phrases the gay man might need in Europe. We can only guess what Bruno Gmünder means by this... The hotel and restaurant guide lists gay friendly hotels and restaurateurs, giving those establishments an opportunity to present their businesses in a professional and attractive way. A series of picture-toms gives the reader a multitude of extra information and the photos round off the picture. The text is in German and English and provides the reader with background and any useful special information. This newest edition is again the definitive worldwide gay guide and includes information on bars, clubs, discos, baths, beaches, cruising areas, hotels, apartments, cafes, restaurants, bookshops, gay stores throughout the world! If you’re planning to venture abroad, and don’t want to miss out... get it!

Here’s something really tasty for all you comic art lovers – a collection of 5 volumes in a slipcase featuring the incredible talents of the artist Touko Laaksonen, the Finnish boy who became Tom of Finland, the pseudonym he adopted to avoid persecution so prevalent to artists appearing in explicitly gay publications in the 50s. Each of the five 150-page volumes are packed full of the most exquisite comic art and feature eight or more complete stories. They include all twenty-six episodes of Tom’s infamous leatherman Kake. This collection is the definitive guide to this incredibly talented artist, the chronologically arranged stories take us right through the life of this man who said: “If I don’t have an erection when I’m drawing, I know it’s no good.” If I’ve wetted your appetite with this review go and have a look at the publisher’s website at www.taschen.com for more information on the life and works of this highly influential artist.

Following on from the previous review here’s another brilliant comic book, this time by William Morgan, alias Howard Stangroom, and Stephen Lowther. Both these authors set the tone of the Meat Men anthologies in the early 80s through the mid-90s, not to mention countless other comics. The stories in Prime Cuts run the gamut from gentle humour to hardcore, spiced with a bit of science fiction and naturally with a few invincible super heroes as well. The book is a collection of 128 pages of the funniest, sexiest, and most famous stories from this legendary pair of artists.

‘Lukas in Love’, as the title hints, is dedicated to Lukas Ridgestone, one of the first Bel-Ami superstars. Here he is presented alone and with his friends. His dreamy sensuality and natural charisma give the photos a special allure and charm. Bel Ami’s playful young men are shown even more erotic and emotional than ever. The shots are magical and show their breathtakingly beautiful bodies as if they never do anything but play for the camera. It’s the finest and freshest eroticism available.

After Fred Goudon’s first, very successful photo book ‘Bedtime Stories’ in 2000, here we have this French photographer’s second, long-awaited book. La dolce vita awaits your discovery in this fascinating collection. Beautiful young men full of untamed energy celebrate their lust for life. Alone or in pairs they dive into a sea of sensuality. Goudon is a master of light and shadows, his images show a surprising interplay of masculine forms and movement. Refreshing like a summer rain!

This is a coffee-table book together with a specially produced music CD to go with it. In numerous, lavishly produced photographs Ari Gold shows his fans poses from the erotic to the dreamy, full of sexiness and an impressive candour. He has once again surprised us with his new talents and makes us curious about his upcoming projects. Fabulous!
Choice, Royal Scottish Academy, Until 23 Jan, Free

I remember when the Weston Link between the Royal Scottish Academy and the National Gallery was opened being taken on a whirlwind tour of the then exhibition led by a nice bloke called Tim, before getting a tour of the building by the Architects. At the end of this there was a reception where as I had not eaten before I decided to steer clear of the booze. This behaviour was noted and commented on, so it seemed bad manners to reject their hospitality so I got stuck in. It wasn’t until I picked up the following day’s papers that I realised Tim was in fact Sir Timothy Clifford, Director General of the National Galleries of Scotland.

Anyway, Tim is retiring next month and this massive exhibition of over 350 pieces reflects his choice of what he has collected for the nation over the last 21 years. You will have to make your own choice at this exhibition as it is too big to view in one session. I’ve been twice and I expect to be back for more. It is also impossible to mention more than a handful of the works on display. That’s my choice.

The first thing that caught my eye was a monumental egg slicer by Mona Hatoum. Seeing everyday objects in a gallery setting can lead us to look at the artistic merit in them. However it can have a downside. I once visited An Exhibition of Street Furniture (litter bins, benches, etc). For weeks after people gave me strange looks as I stood in the street admiring novel litter bins.

Entirely different is Two Men by Lucien Freud - instantly recognisable as the work of the artist. Michael Andrew’s Edinburgh (Old Town) is apertedly decent painting from the foot of West Bow, but it would not have been my choice to spend £158625 on it. Also of Edinburgh is Alexander Nasmyth’s Princes Street. A vision of construction from 1825.

Canova’s Three Graces is back. This time the choice was to put it on a plinth. Very often one gets an idea of an artist’s sexual orientation from an exhibition. It is clear just from this one piece that Canova was a lover of the naked female form. The finest work of pornography I’ve ever seen. Surrealism is not forgotten with works by Magritte, Delvaux, Ernst, Picasso, and others.

When viewing the exhibition I was struck by the large number of people sitting and viewing the art. Go and take your own look. You are bound to find something you like.

The Christmas Exhibition, Edinburgh Printmakers, Until 23 Dec, then 10-21 Jan, Free.

Make no mistake this is a Christmas present. An unexpected and wonderful display of an enormous number of prints. Lots of different styles, but all of them brilliant. Go see. I’ve only got space to mention a few. John Bellamy has the ability to make something seem normal until you look at it in detail. His Before Eden is a perfect example. Make what you will of Erika Servin’s My Guardian Angel. Exquisitely drawn and abounds with meaning. Rona Maclean has interesting drawings that would honour any wall. I’ve only described part of one wall. There’s lots lots more. When I described this as “free”, that’s to get in. As all the work is for sale it could turn out to be very expensive.

Smoke & The After Hours
The X Factor Dance Company
3 February 2006 - Tron Theatre, Glasgow
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Not a strange title but a double bill by this great company that is touring in the new year.

Smoke is a new work by guest choreographer Colin Poole. It takes its name from Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary’s definition of the word and form the framework of a thought-provoking examination into the American dream - the dream of individualism, democracy, free trade, the spread of our way of life throughout the globe and the nightmare of terror that accompanies this ideal.

Alan Greig’s new work The After Hours is presented in his trademark humorous and eclectic style. The production is set in the surreal world of dreams - dreams of love and anger, people, places and the hauntingly unfamiliar. Greig creates a fast shifting merciful world of athletic dance, spoken text, imaginative lighting and fascinating sounds blending original music by Tom Murray with Jilted John, Bernard Herrmann and Andy Williams. More info - http://www.xfactordance.co.uk/

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CURRENT RELEASES

Part of my education on old movies was tracking down the 1933 production of “King Kong” as I know it stunned moviegoers at the time. The latest “KING KONG” (12a) will have a similar effect on current audiences as it is the most impressive film of the year. Made by the man responsible for “The Lord Of The Rings” trilogy it will bring more Gore to director Peter Jackson. Set in the American depression years of the early 30’s it has a film director eager to take a rundown ship to an undiscovered island. His cast has experiences too terrifying to relate here, but the special effects of battling dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures have to be seen to be believed.

You will be engrossed for the entire three hours.

A Mel Brooks 1968 film “The Producers” did so well he added music to make it a hit Broadway stage musical that is now packing them in on the London stage. The movie version of this musical “THE PRODUCERS” (12a) is worth every penny to see it. Much humour is derived from a mature stage producer and his accountant, who decide the best way to make money is persuading investors to give them far more than they need to stage a disaster that comes off quickly. The producer is prepared to stimulate wealthy elderly ladies to give him cheques. There are brilliant musical production numbers and it is great entertainment.

Those of us eager to please nieces and nephews at this time of year must consider “LASSIE” (PG) based on the best selling novel “Lassie Comes Home”. Falling on hard times a Yorkshire family is forced to sell their beloved dog to a duke in a remote Scottish castle. But she is determined to walk 500 miles back to the family she loves. It is a film that will bring tears of joy to many.

For me the most memorable new girl in movies is the British Rosamund Pike. In the 17th century drama “THE LIBERTINE” (18) she is Johnny Depp’s hard faced wife and in “DOOM” (15) set in Mars in 2046, a sci-fi horror film, she is a sympathetic doctor calming the nerves of dying men. If there was a contract system here or in Hollywood that systematically built stars, as there was in the past, this girl would stun the world. “KEEPING MUM” (15) is the black comedy of the year with Rowan Atkinson as a nervous village parson so obsessed with writing. Good sermons he is unaware of the problems of his wife, Kristin Scott Thomas, and two children. When a sweet grey-haired housekeeper arrives, Maggie Smith, she decides to cure everything in a very dramatic way. Kristin feels so neglected she is about to have an affair with a riding instructor Patrick Swayne. More detail would spoil it for you. I was intrigued throughout.

DV WORLD

There could be readers who have never heard of Mae West. She was the most charismatic blonde bombshell of the thirties and most highly paid woman in Hollywood who wrote as well as starring in her films. Her wit has been repeated ever since. Lines like “It’s not the men in your life that count dear, but the life in your men.” When a cloakroom girl comments about her beautiful fur coat with “Goodness!” Mae retorts “Goodness had nothing to do with it honey.”

Six of her best films are now on “MAE WEST – THE SCREEN GODDESS COLLECTION” and if you can’t find it locally call MovieMail on 0870 264 9000. Essential reading is “Mae West - It Ain’t No Sin” from Faber & Faber that will make you realize how incredible this woman was.
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Tight Leather Jeans

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Hairy-bodied, masterful type looks for submissives. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6174.

Eating and Drinking

Horny 40 year old would like to meet a slim camp male. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6181.

Armed Forces

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WHY NOT Suck IT AND SEE?

Go West

Why not suck it and see?

For Sale

Good looking, slim, muscular Duncan guy, 30 years, likes swimming, cooking, travelling and photography and many other things is looking for younger males with similar interests who will like to join up. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6400.

David from Aberdeen

David from the Aberdeen area is 45 years old, 6’ tall with blue eyes, clean shaven. He is a chest and a 24” waist. His hobbies include walking, nights in, eating, cinema and cinema. He is genuinely, easy-going guy looking for a guy 20-30 years old for fun and friendship with a view to lasting. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6306.

Mature Male

Joe describes himself as “a fun male top” who is into keep fit. He is looking for a slim camp male or sexy feminine TV for fun and friendship. “If you’re out there and get in touch”. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6354.

Firm Hands

Paul, 43 years old with a stocky/medium build, 100% passive and is looking to meet a guy who is stocky or muscularly built, 30-50 years. Can travel within a reasonable area. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6271.

Chastisement

61 year old Edinburgh disciplinarian. Call me now for ‘Tough Chastisement’! Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6157.

Army

David from Aberdeen is an ex-army guy with a smart appearance. He would like to meet gay guys for fun and relaxation. “Sacked and uniformed guys most welcome”. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5547.

Slim Slave

Slim 43 year old slave looking for dominant guys. 50+ years: tall, cool and cutey. He likes watching TV, quiet nights in. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5670.

False Poo Ralphie

I am looking for a dominant TV. I am a mid-forties male who stays in film and works in Edinburgh. Looking for somebody who is into fun and entertainment. Please get in contact with me. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5647.

Anything Goes (You Name It)

“I am a male in my early forties who is looking for a dominant master to be your slave. Anything goes. Just outline dressing, you name it.” I come from the Edinburgh area. If you are interested, give me a call. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5550.

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Hair

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Army

Male, mid-forties, quite fit and easily impressioned is looking for a feminine TV who likes to dress up. “I am not a time waster, so please get in contact with me.” Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6101.

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A community of LGBT+ individuals gathered to discuss health and social issues relevant to the LGBTQ+ community. Various organizations and services were represented, offering support and addressing common concerns. The event aimed to foster a sense of community and provide a platform for dialogue and resource sharing.

**HEALTHY GAY SCOTLAND:**
A national HIV prevention & sexual health promotion organisation for gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (MSM).

**GAY MEN'S HEALTH TAYSIDE:**
For men who have sex with men in Angus.

**LESBIAN AND GAY REAL ALE**
This is an informal network of parents and women who define themselves as male some or all of the time you will be welcome to a support group.

**VIVIDYOUTH:**
Project supporting young lesbians and bisexual women aged 25 and under. Meets every Wed at 7pm from 9pm to sample the brew-

**SPORTS**
Agenda Gay Men's Swimming Group:

**GAY GOLF CLUB:**
contains all the information, support and activities.

**TV/TS**
A community-led Lothian wide project working in partnership with the LGBT Centre for Health & Wellbeing.

**MINTON CLUB:**
Gay men's health Tayside. Tel: 0131-558 1122. Fax: 0131-558 621266. E-mail: director@waverleycare.org.uk

**POSITIVE VOICE:**
The Edinburgh convent. Write: Sister Tierney Daniel, FRS, Tierney_daniel@hotmail.com WWW: http://www.positivevoice.org.uk

**LGBT CENTRE FOR HEALTH & WELLBEING:**
For members of the LGBT Community who support Independence, and those involved in local and national decision-

**THE BANSLEY EAGLES:**
Meets in The Regent 1st Mon of each month. Tel: 07919 843226. E-mail: info.co.uk or Write: c/o Reach Out

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**INFORMATION CENTRE**
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**LIBERAL PARTY GAY AND LESBIAN GAY CAMPAIGN:**
Meets monthly on Payday Tuesday in the ages of 16 & 25. Meets every Wed at 7.30pm from 9pm to样本 the brew-

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