

ENTERTAINMENT

World AIDS Day debut

Blood Lines, a film made by two young, HIV-positive filmmakers from Portland, has been adapted by MTV and will make its national debut as *It Could Be You* on World AIDS Day, Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. on MTV, according to a press release from Wieden & Kennedy Entertainment, which helped produce the original film.

In their film, Rebecca Guberman, 26, and Jennifer Jako, 25, document the lives of a variety of HIV-positive young people. The release contains a statement from Jako that reads: "This film is an attempt to get our generation to incorporate the threat HIV/AIDS poses into the choices that they make.... If we prevent even one more youth from contracting HIV we will have made a difference."

The MTV special *It Could Be You* also airs Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 10 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 4, at noon; and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 9:30 a.m. The original 20-minute film, *Blood Lines*, will make its Portland premiere Friday, Dec. 4, as part of an event at the Pacific Northwest College of Art, 1241 N.W. Johnson St. The event runs from 6 to 9 p.m. A \$20 donation is suggested, with proceeds benefiting local youth and AIDS service organizations.

House party

The Queen Anne Victorian Mansion will again outshine "a thousand points of light" with its fourth Miracle of a Million Lights, which helps raise money for Our House of Portland, an AIDS hospice, and Court Appointed Special Advocates, a group dedicated to helping abused, neglected and abandoned children in court.

The switch will be flipped Saturday, Nov. 28, illuminating the mansion with 2.5 million lights wrapped around its exterior and grounds. Inside, six different florists will create theme rooms with the help of Daisy Kingdom fabrics and dress designs.

CASA will raise funds by selling their Kids for Kids holiday greeting cards at the festival, while Our House will sell hot beverages in a heated gazebo on the grounds.

The mansion will be open Sunday through

Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. and till 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. There will be limited viewing hours on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24. The mansion will be closed, however, on Dec. 25. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 13, and free for children under 6. The festival runs until Wednesday, Dec. 30.

The Queen Anne Victorian Mansion is located at 1441 N. McClellan St. in Portland. For more information, call 283-3224.

Monday, Monday

New promoters have stepped in to continue the tradition of Queer Night at LaLuna by offering a Monday night dance venue with queer appeal—Queer Monday, starting Nov. 30.

Unlike Queer Night, which lasted roughly five years and ended July 6, Queer Monday is not an all ages event—at least for the time being. Queer Monday will, however, remain at LaLuna, 215 S.E. Ninth Ave. in Portland, where it will offer a 21-and-older "homo house party," beginning with DJ Gregarious. Admission is \$3. For more information, call 241-5862.

Her-icane relief

Portland musicians and songwriters Anne Weiss and Connie Cohen will perform together Friday, Dec. 4, in a benefit concert to help hurricane relief in Honduras. The event is sponsored by the organization they helped create, Business and Artists for Sustainable Culture.

The show starts at 8:30 p.m. at Snake and Weasel Coffee and Ale House, 1720 S.E. 12th Ave. in Portland. Admission is offered on a \$6-\$10 sliding scale. For more information, call 232-8338.

Herbal expo

Organic foods, herbal remedies, natural products and a potpourri of other products that fall under the Holistic Industries heading generate roughly \$60 billion annually in the United States, say organizers of the Whole Life Expo. And, according to expo planners, Port-

land is the Northwest's holistic ground zero. Accordingly, they've decided to bring the expo—which they bill as the nation's premier event for natural health, personal growth, spirituality and global change—to the Oregon Convention Center Friday, Dec. 4, through Sunday, Dec. 6. It will be the touring expo's only stop in the Northwest.

The expo kicks off Friday at 3:45 p.m., when the Tibetan Monks of Drepung Loseling Monastery plan to consecrate the expo entrance and construct a Yamantaka sand mandala.

Expo visitors will have a bevy of workshops to choose from, such as *The Path of Sexual Spirituality*, presented by David Deida at 5 p.m. on Saturday; or *Raving in the Light of the Third Millennium*, presented by Terence McKenna, author of *True Hallucinations*.

A Taste of Whole Life Dining Court will ensure that no one need meet the New Age on an empty stomach, offering Indian vegetarian food at Ghandi's, herbal enzyme elixirs at Herbal Junction, and more.

Several admission packages are offered. Call 1-800-551-EXPO for the full range of ticket prices and other information. Or, visit the expo's Web site, wholelife.com.

The expo also seeks volunteers. If interested, call 1-888-764-EXPO.

The Oregon Convention Center is located at 777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

AIDS, animals, action

Peter Tatchell, a prominent gay-rights and AIDS activist with OutRage!, joined actors Linda Blair, Joaquin Phoenix and Elvira on Oct. 27 to launch the Hollywood Campaign Against Animal Experiments at a pre-Halloween screening of *The Exorcist*, for which Blair received an Oscar nomination. The event, held at Mann's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, was a benefit for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

According to a Nov. 8 PETA press release, Tatchell warned attendees that animal experimentation is counter-productive in the fight against AIDS: "Research findings with other species cannot be generalized to humans, because animals and people are very different biologically, as evidenced by the way protease inhibitors can kill dogs and rats, but save lives of people with AIDS."

Tatchell also blamed results of animal experimentation for possibly delaying the implementation of protease inhibitors to treat people who carry HIV, the virus largely believed to cause AIDS.

Now you see me

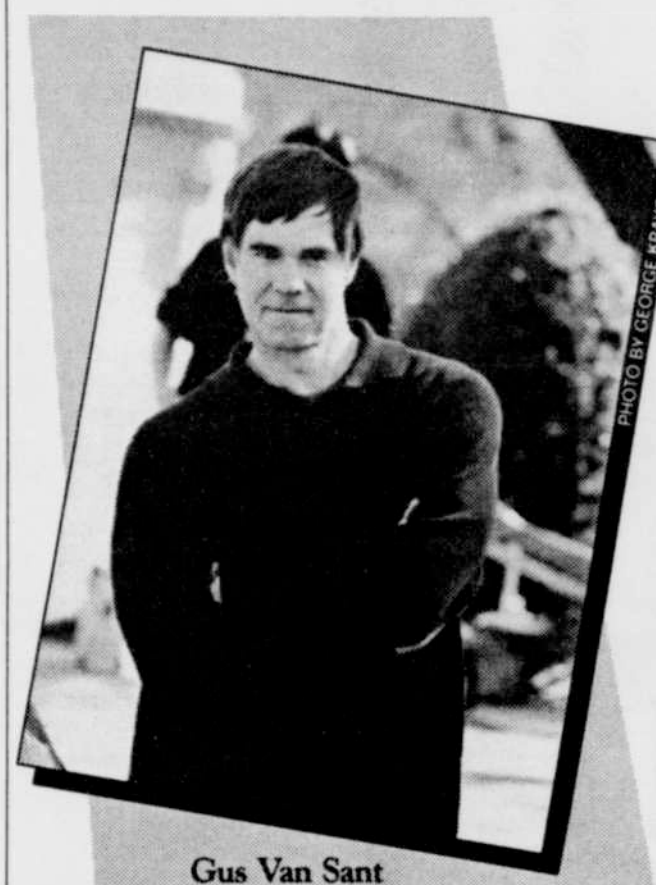
Transparencies, a theatrical piece created from personal stories, experiences and interactions shared during Pride Northwest's Trans Conversations Project, will be presented Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. in Portland.

Pride Northwest's Conversations Project intends to foster a greater sense of community within the Portland area's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and transgender populations through programs of structured conversations. By the time *Transparencies* is presented, the trans project will have been working toward this goal for ten weeks; *Transparencies* will be the culmination of that process.

Several other conversation projects concentrating on other populations within the queer community are set to

follow, with each ending in a similar public forum—or a potluck, lecture, or whatever else participants may choose.

Admission to *Transparencies* is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information about the show or the Conversations Project, call the Pride Northwest Hotline at 295-9788.



Gus Van Sant

Double your Gus

Portland Art Museum's Northwest Film Center is offering a double feature to celebrate Portland gay filmmaker Gus Van Sant. The center will screen *Drugstore Cowboy* at 7 p.m., followed by *Mala Noche* at 9 p.m., for three days Nov. 27 to 29. Both films were directed by Van Sant and shot in Portland.

Drugstore Cowboy, a 1989 release based on the James Fogle novel, follows four drug addicts through, for the most part, 1970s Portland. *Mala Noche* is the 1985 release adapted from Portland artist, writer and poet Walt Curtis' autobiographical novella about a gay grocery clerk's obsession with a young Mexican immigrant.

Screenings are held at the Guild Theatre, 829 S.W. Ninth Ave. in Portland. Admission to both films is \$6, \$5 for students, seniors and Portland Art Museum members. For more information, call the Northwest Film Center at 221-1156.

Celebrating five years

In Other Words Women's Books and Resources, the only nonprofit feminist bookstore in the United States, celebrates its fifth anniversary Saturday, Dec. 5, with an event going by the name *In Other Words Celebrates 5 (formative, funky, fearless, feisty, feminist) Years*. The event will be held from noon to 9 p.m. at the store, located at 3734 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. in Portland, and will include readings by Ursula K. LeGuin, Janice Gould, Judith Barrington, Diana Abu-Jabar and others. A historical overview of the store, plus music and food, will also be offered.

In Other Words will continue its five-year anniversary observance with an art show that was unveiled in the store on Tuesday, Nov. 17. Fifteen percent of the proceeds from each piece sold will benefit the store. The exhibit, comprised of artwork by various women artists at Portland State University, continues through Jan. 1. For more information, call the store at 232-6003.

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Miracle of a Million Lights at the Queen Anne Victorian Mansion