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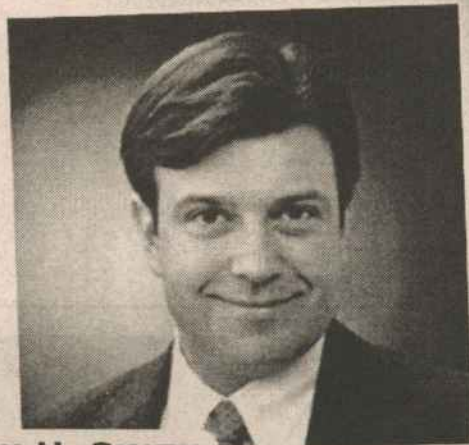
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Primary Election Report: Pro-LGBT Candidates Emerge Victorious

by Mike Leon
of the IN Step staff



Chuck Erickson

Madison — LGBT equity advocates emerged victorious in the February primary election for the Madison School Board and the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

Labor, women, the LGBT community and other progressive activists in Madison are coalescing around the candidacies of Bill Keys, Rob Fyrst and Chuck Erickson.

As the former teachers' union president, Bill Keys was instrumental in securing domestic partnership health care for the Madison school district employees, the second such school district in the nation to offer DP benefits.

Now a candidate for School Board, Keys won his 3-candidate primary with 44 per cent of the vote. He faces another liberal in the general election.

Rob Fyrst is one of two openly gay candidates for the Dane County Board. He easily won his primary and is widely expected to cruise to victory, succeeding State Rep. Terese Berceau's (D-Madison) seat on the Board.

Openly gay candidate Chuck Erickson is running in perhaps the most competitive race as he seeks to knock off a controversial sitting Board Supervisor.

Erickson has picked up the support of U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and State Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Madison), State Sen. Fred Risser (D-Madison), among other progressive endorsements.

His bid to knock off liberal Supervisor Karen Cornwell stems from disenchantment with the otherwise well-regarded Cornwell for her vote siding with social conservatives in selecting the Board Chair.

"I'm finding people are receptive to my message, and I think people are glad that there are two candidates running," said Erickson.

Former Board Supervisor and progressive activist Andy Janssen is bolder in his reading of this closely watched race. "With the endorsements he has picked up and his work ethic, I would definitely bet on Chuck winning this seat."

The general election is set for April 4th.

Madison DP School Pact Upheld

by Mike Leon
of the IN Step staff

Madison — A Dane County judge has ruled that the Madison School District's domestic partners benefits program is legal under state law.

The ruling, issued in late February, rejected arguments by three citizens challenging the establishment of the district's pioneering contract language.

The Madison School District was the second of the nation's some 16,000 school districts to include domestic partners benefits in its contract for its teachers.

Dane County Circuit Judge Angela Bartell's ruling rejected the legal reasoning made by the plaintiffs that the DP insurance is illegal because the statute governing municipal employees does not specifically allow benefits for domestic partners.

The legal argument made by the plaintiffs is thought by observers to be animated by stated concerns about domestic partner benefits undermining traditional family values.

Madison School Board candidate Bill Keys, former president of the teachers' union and a key player in the successful negotiation of DP language, applauded the ruling.

"There is great wisdom in Judge Bartell's ruling. For me, this is a bottom line issue of fairness and equity. This is also about how you treat your employees, with dignity and respect," Keys said in a statement to *IN Step*.

In rejecting the plaintiffs argument Bartell wrote: "The Legislature cannot practicably specify all the powers a school board may need to effectively administer a local school district. If the Legislature tried, the school board would be hamstrung in its ability to innovate or respond to new challenges and changing local conditions..."

The Madison school district was the first political unit in Wisconsin to offer domestic partner benefits.

'Veronica's Closet' Star to Face Hate Charges

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Stephen Marcus has refused to dismiss hate-crime charges against Wallace Langham, star of the NBC-TV program "Veronica's Closet" even though the man he's accused to attacking had agreed to settle a civil case against Langham out of court.

Judge Marcus said a civil settlement isn't appropriate in the case because it involves a "fairly brutal attack" including anti-gay slurs aimed at the alleged victim.

Langham, who plays the "sexually ambiguous character" Josh on the popular TV show, is accused to beating a gay man in a Los Angeles food store.

Deputy City Attorney Michael Pizuti told the court he was concerned that the civil settlement was contingent on the criminal case being dismissed, and believed that the case should continue regardless of any settlement.

Savage Says He Made Up Bauer 'Germ Warfare'

SEATTLE — Sex columnist Dan Savage says he really didn't lick doorknobs, coffee cups, telephones and other office equipment in an effort to give far-right presidential



Dan Savage

hopeful Gary Bauer the flu.

Savage told several news sources, "People understand sometimes I'm pulling your leg, sometimes I'm not. In this case, people lacked that context."

Among other things, Savage said that when he went to Des Moines and volunteered with Bauer's campaign office there, his own flu was past the infectious stage and couldn't have hurt the anti-gay Republican.

But Iowa state officials are still investigating whether Savage broke any laws. The Salon.com columnist who is based in Seattle had also claimed he registered and voted in the Iowa caucuses, even though he had arrived in the state only days before and was staying at a Des Moines hotel.

Justice Delayed in Two Gay-Related Court Cases

by Jamakaya

Milwaukee — The cliché that the wheels of justice move slowly proved true regarding two gay-related criminal cases in Milwaukee Circuit Court in February.

The sentencing of Sharon Dixon, who was convicted of arson in the burning of the popular lesbian bar Fannies, was postponed on Feb. 21 due to Dixon's illness. Dixon was admitted to Sinai-Samaritan Medical Center the day prior to her scheduled sentencing by Judge Elsa Lamelas. Law enforcement authorities told *IN Step* she was released from the hospital and escorted back to the County Jail by sheriff's deputies the following day.

Dixon, unable to make bail pending a appeal, has been incarcerated since her conviction on Jan. 28. She faces 40 years in prison for the arson charge and an additional two years in prison for illegal possession of a controlled substance. Assistant District Attorney James Griffin told *IN Step* a status hearing on Dixon is scheduled during the first week in March. The purpose of the hearing is to clarify Dixon's condition and to set a new date for sentencing.

Fannies, a bar at 200 E. Washington Street which Dixon owned and managed for many years, sustained extensive dam-

age in a fire in October, 1997. A long investigation by fire and police officials resulted in charges being filed against Dixon. Dixon maintains her innocence and vows to appeal.

The case has attracted wide attention in Milwaukee's LGBT community because Dixon has been a well-known lesbian businesswoman, operating bars and restaurants in the city for more than 20 years.

In another case of interest to the gay and lesbian community, alleged gay basher Jason Anthony Mertens has apparently reneged on an earlier agreement to plead guilty to felony battery and misdemeanor battery charges related to an attack outside the gay bar La Cage in December, 1998.

At a hearing before Judge John McCormick on Feb. 10, Mertens' attorney said his client wished to re-enter his plea. This took even Assistant District Attorney Douglas Simpson by surprise; he was expecting a simple sentencing hearing and final disposition of the case. Instead, the matter is set for trial in late April. The change also infuriated the victims of the alleged attack who had been prepared to read their victim impact statements before Mertens was sentenced.

"Both Bob and I are very upset with this latest delay," said Cory Jay Liebmann,

referring to the friend who was allegedly assaulted along with him in the incident. "It's taken forever to get charges pressed and now we have another delay," Liebmann told *IN Step*. "I want justice to be done."

In its Jan. 13 edition, *IN Step* detailed the bureaucratic snafus between the City Attorney's Office and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office which resulted in no action being taken in the case for nearly ten months. Only when Liebmann took his complaint of government inaction to the media (WTMJ-TV ran a story), did the police department and city and district attorneys begin to respond.

"First of all, the police shouldn't have just ticketed him," Liebmann said of Mertens, "they should have arrested him right away. Then the City Attorney shouldn't have lost the paperwork for months and done nothing. Then the D.A. should have charged Mertens under the hate crimes statute. The person assigned to us from the Victim Witness support program never returned my calls. No one told us about him changing his plea. Now we have to wait two more months before we find out what he's up to. Meanwhile, he's out on the streets. It's ridiculous."

Wash. Appeals Court Rules Gay Couples Have No Inheritance Rights

TACOMA — The Washington State Court of Appeals has ruled unanimously that Frank Vasquez cannot inherit the estate of Robert Schwerzler, 78 at the time of his death, even though the two men had lived together as a couple for 28 years and operated a business jointly.

The ruling, written by Judge C.J. Bridgewater, said that if they had been a male-female couple, Vasquez could have inherited the estate, but that the court found "no precedent for applying the marital concepts, either rights or protections, to same-sex relationships" and that "community property law clearly applies only to opposite-sex relationships."

The ruling overturns a lower court decision that had awarded Vasquez almost all of his dead partner's estate over claims by Schwerzler's brothers and sisters who claimed their own right to inherit. Schwerzler died without ever making out a will.

Attorneys representing Vasquez said they would appeal the ruling to the state's supreme court.

Denver Couples Launch Partnership Registry

DENVER — On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 82 Denver couples lined up at Denver's City and County Building to register their partnerships under the city's new registration program.

Mayor Wellington Webb and other city officials joined in the ceremonies launching the first day of the partnership registry. Officials said Denver is the 36th city in the U.S. to set up such a registry.

"Strong family bonds are what make our society great," Webb said. "Today, families of all shapes and sizes will know that this law was meant specifically to include them."

Registering brings no direct benefits, but the partnership certificate can serve as proof of a couple's relationship for companies offering domestic partner insurance and other benefit programs.

Miami Rights Campaign Begins

MIAMI — Florida's Miami-Dade County is now faced with what some fear could be a nasty replay of Anita Bryant's 1977 crusade to repeal a gay rights law there.

This time the Christian Coalition and other anti-gay groups are behind an effort to get enough signatures to force a 1998 anti-discrimination measure to the ballot this September.

The county commission has given opponents the OK to begin collecting the 32,500 needed signatures over a 60-day period to force the anti-bias law to a vote.

Reform Rabbis to Tackle Same-Sex Unions

by Keith Clark of the IN Step staff

Greensboro, N.C. — While nearly every mainstream Christian denomination—from the Roman Catholic Church to the Presbyterian—struggles to deal with homosexuality as perhaps the most divisive issue to confront Western religious institutions in America since slavery, the Reform Jewish movement is also poised to tackle a question that deeply divides both congregations and the country in general: same-sex unions.

On March 26 through 29, Reform Jewish rabbis from around the country will decide at their annual convention in Greensboro, N.C., whether to approve same-sex unions between two Jews or not.

The smaller Reconstructionist and Humanistic Jewish movements have already given their sanction of such gay and lesbians unions, but the upcoming debate and vote by the larger, liberal and more influential Reform movement has far greater significance for many American Jews.

One reason Reform Judaism is considered so vital by many American Jews is its ability to modernize Jewish tradition in light of contemporary experience and insight while maintaining the links of its ancient faith. For Orthodox Judaism, homosexuality is simply an "abomination." But in Reform Judaism, "Tradition has little of value to say because its teachings about homosexuality reflect the long-since-abandoned assumptions and prejudices of ages past."

Reform rabbis are already free to officiate at same-sex unions between two Jews if they want, but the March meeting of the Reform Conference would go further and officially endorse blessing such unions and give the conference's backing to rabbis who officiate at such unions.

But as in many other debates about same-sex unions—both civil and religious—the proposal before the Reform rabbis carefully avoids calling such unions "weddings" or "marriages"—although it does acknowledge the worth of same-sex unions and their "holiness."

The resolution, at least as it currently stands, reads in part:

"The relationship of a Jewish same-gender couple is worthy of affirmation through appropriate Jewish ritual and each rabbi should decide about officiation according to his/her own rabbinic conscience."

Rabbi Gerry Walter, a member of the committee that wrote the resolution for the Central Conference of American Rabbis, said it represents "a big step" for the Reform movement.

"Reform stands very much in favor of supporting gays and lesbians and their choices," Rabbi Walter says. "I think it's natural to want to have a ceremony or ritual to affirm their commitment."

While many Reform rabbis are in favor of the proposed resolution, no one is assuming it will be automatically or easily accepted, and the movement's monthly magazine, "Reform Judaism," has been peppered in recent issues with pro and con arguments over the issue.

Mark Washofsky, a professor of rabbinics at Hebrew Union College, says, "This issue is deeply controversial. To the extent that this union is seen as a marriage, then there is a problem. Jewish tradition understands marriage as heterosexual."

One Reform committee that recommends practical solutions to contemporary issues based on Jewish ritual and ethics, and which Washofsky chairs, could not come to any agreement on what aspects of Jewish tradition—if any—should guide them in suggesting an appropriate ceremony for same-sex unions.

"Reform Jews, as religious liberals, look both to tradition and to their own informed conscience," he said. There are times when the tradition quite clearly does not offer support to a particular idea."

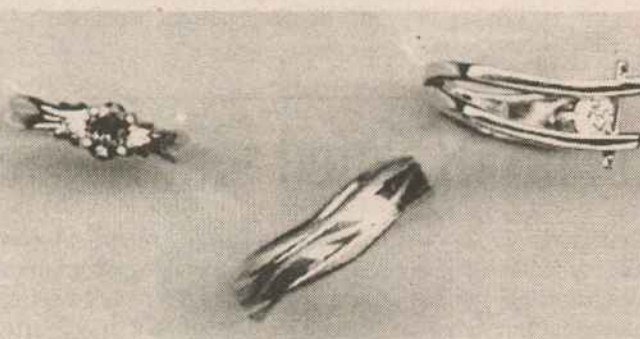
Yet in January Rabbis Paul Menitoff and Charles Kroloff, the top two officials of the Reform branch's rabbinical conference, joined more than 800 other religious leaders in signing a declaration urging all faiths to bless same-sex couples. And in 1996 the Reform Conference endorsed civil marriages for gays and lesbians.

But civil marriage isn't the same thing as rabbis officiating at such unions and so far the Reform movement has left the question up to individual rabbis without any official sanction.

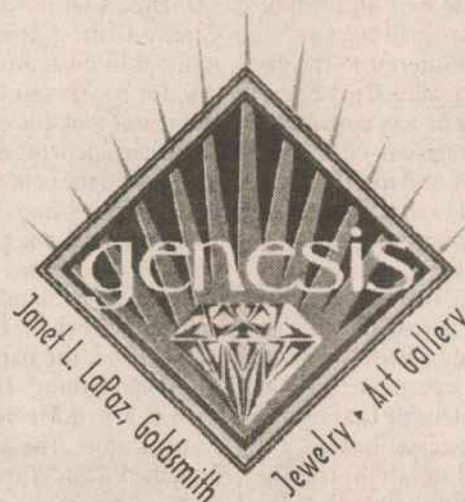
Many Reform rabbis, however, say it's past time for their movement to officially sanction same-sex marriages.

"As I understand Judaism, yes, it can be called a marriage," says Rabbi Robert Barr who will be supporting the sanction move. "The modern religious experience is valid even if it differs from our ancestors' religious experience."

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Out Magazine Acquired by The Advocate, a Key Rival

New York (AP) — The publisher of Out magazine, the nation's most widely read magazine aimed at the gay and lesbian community, has been acquired by the publisher of The Advocate, its major rival, according to the two companies.

Out, which was badly in need of capital and suffering from a recent decline in readership, had been for sale after a failed management buyout, according to Robert Hardman, the chairman and majority shareholder of Out Publishing Inc., which created the publication in 1992.

"There is an open field for a big turnaround when the money is put in," said Hardman, who said he would join the board of Liberation Publications Inc., the Los Angeles company that owns the Advocate, and would continue to play a role with the publication. Although the magazine was "very close" to making money, Hardman said, it needed a significant investment to help build circulation and develop an online presence.

Liberation will also be buying HIV Plus, a much smaller publication, and Out's Web site, www.out.com, which is not currently operating. Terms of the deal

were not disclosed.

"It makes for a dynamite combination," said James Franklin, the president of Liberation, which also publishes books and operates its own Web site, www.advocate.com.

The two magazines, which are located on opposite coasts, have a very different approach to the gay and lesbian market. Out, which is based in New York, is a monthly lifestyle magazine with a circulation of about 115,000 readers. The Advocate, which was started in 1967, focuses on delivering news every other week to its 88,000 readers.

While there is only a minor overlap in their readership, the two magazines were considered rivals. "Out was the magazine we used to collide with on certain covers," said Judy Wieder, the editor in chief of The Advocate and the corporate editorial director for Liberation.

But the last two years have been difficult for Out. Circulation continues to drop from its peak of slightly more than 140,000 readers, partly the result of turmoil at the magazine. In late 1997, Sarah Pettit, its editor and a member of the original team that founded the publication, was replaced by James Collard, the editor of a British gay magazine, in a move that created some controversy. The magazine then went through a radical redesign, complete with strikingly different graphics and a repositioning of its content, which alienated some readers. Last year, Collard, who continues to write for the magazine, was replaced as editor by Tom Beer.

While Franklin said Liberation was committed to keeping Out magazine in New York, the future direction of the pub-

lication remained unclear. "We really hope to help it find its voice again," said Wieder, who said she planned to meet with the staff this week to start talking about what, if any, changes should be made.

While applauding the sale, Henry Buford, the president and chief executive of Prime Access Inc., a New York advertising firm that specializes in the gay and lesbian market, said the new owner faced a significant challenge in trying to make Out and The Advocate into major forces, given the better coverage from general-interest newspapers and magazines and the appeal of local gay publications.

The sale "certainly makes sense in that both magazines have similar audiences and they have different formats to appeal to that audience," said Buford.

But he emphasized that Liberation must still reach greater numbers of gay and lesbian readers. "It's not a very developed category," he said. "The issue is what is the format that is going to yield a broad reach in that market."

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Cop's Suit Against George Michael Dismissed

LOS ANGELES — A \$10 million lawsuit filed by Los Angeles Police Officer Marcelo Rodriguez against pop singer George Michael has been dismissed.



Rodriguez was the undercover cop who arrested Michael in 1998

in a park men's room on lewd behavior charges. Michael later pleaded no contest to the charges and acknowledged in a television interview that he is gay.

Michael then released a video for his song "Outside," which poked fun at the arrest and featured, among other things, two male police officers kissing.

Rodriguez charged in his suit that Michael had profited at his expense through the video and had slandered him by claiming he had been set up by what appeared to be a good-looking gay man.

But the judge hearing the case wasn't impressed and dismissed the suit, ruling that as a police officer Rodriguez is a public official and could not under law bring such a lawsuit.

Maine Poised for Another Rights Vote

AUGUSTA — For the third time in six years, Maine is heading for a state referendum on gay rights—but this time the proposed anti-bias law has the backing of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland.

The state legislature's judiciary committee is expected to endorse the bill, which would bar discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit based on sexual orientation, and send it to the full legislature. Approval by the lawmakers would be contingent on putting the measure before the state's voters for approval as well.

But this year the bill has been limited in its scope, and the Catholic diocese for the first time is backing the anti-bias bill with the support of Bishop Joseph Gerry. The current measure would exempt religious groups and religiously-affiliated organizations, such as hospitals.

Anti-gay conservatives condemned the church's support, charging Bishop Gerry had "abandoned his flock" and that the diocese had "capitulated to homosexual activists."

The Rev. Marc Caron, co-chancellor of the Portland diocese, however, told the committee that the bill would accomplish to goals of the Catholic Church by "affirming the dignity of every human being and eliminating unjust discrimination." He also said Catholic dioceses in Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island had endorsed similar anti-bias laws.

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Why the Marriage Debate Is Getting Serious

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step Staff

The Canadian Parliament is now reviewing a government proposal that would give gay and lesbian couples the same benefits that common-law couples in the country have. The move, prompted by a Canadian Supreme Court ruling that declared same-sex couples have the same legal status as heterosexual couples, has led the government to ask Parliament to change about 60 laws in order to meet the high court's requirement.

But in introducing the laundry list of proposed changes, Justice Minister Anne McLellan reiterated the view of the court itself: "Marriage is a relationship between one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. There is absolutely no confusion about that."

The whole Canadian package ran into immediate trouble with lawmakers, however. Because the government wanted to make sure only couples qualified for the benefits, the legislation is "contingent upon private physical intimacy" so roommates, for example, didn't begin filing for health insurance and pension benefits. But that, of course, puts the Canadian government in the unenviable position of having to somehow ask people about their private sexual life - the last thing in the world the government wants to start doing, and probably the last thing Canadians want to be asked about.

The problem the Canadians ran into typifies the difficulty of trying to create a special class of relationships for gay and les-

bian couples that's sort of like marriage but still isn't actually marriage. It also illustrates the complicated extremes government officials are willing to go to just to keep from accepting gay and lesbian marriages.

Vermont faces much the same difficulty. The state supreme court declared same-sex couples must have all "the common benefits and protections that flow from marriage under Vermont law." But the court said the legislators should decide the issue and gave them the option of legalizing same-sex marriages or creating a statewide domestic partnership program.

The state's lawmakers, for the most part, have jumped at the chance to set up a domestic partnership registry—not so much because they want one but because they're terrified at the prospect of legalizing gay and lesbian marriages. So the Vermont Legislature is busy culling through all the state codes to see how many laws they'll have to amend to achieve something approximating a "separate but equal" status.

The unwillingness of most politicians—and a majority of Americans according to polls—to accept gay and lesbian marriage is so intense that now both Democratic presidential contenders Al Gore and Bill Bradley have resoundingly endorsed domestic partnerships for same-sex couples.

But even the best domestic partnership programs leave large gaps between the rights of legally married spouses and registered partners. For example, everything covered by federal law—from income tax to Social Security benefits—is beyond the reach of domestic partners.

One recent example of this limitation arose in San Diego where Charles Lago, a British national who has been in living in the U.S. since 1992, faces the possibility of being deported by federal immigration authorities. Lago owns a small theater and a successful bookstore and is in a long-term relationship with another man. But while Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations would permit Lago to remain in this country if he were married, the INS does not recognize same-sex partnerships for establishing legal residency.

In another example of the kinds of heart-wrenching problems that can confront same-sex couples that married couples don't face came earlier in February when a Washington state court ruled that Frank Vasquez is not entitled to any of the estate of Robert Schwerzler, his partner of 28 years. The judge hearing the case declared, "We find no precedent for applying the marital concepts, either rights or protections, to same-sex relationship. Community property law clearly applies only to opposite-sex relationships." The estate, instead, will be awarded to Schwerzler's surviving brothers and sisters unless the state supreme court overturns the appeals court decision.

Like many gay and lesbian couples, unfortunately, Schwerzler had not prepared a will, apparently assuming his partner would inherit without opposition from his family - or that legally his partner's inheritance rights were beyond legal challenge.

The array of such potential problems, large and small, faced by gay and lesbian couples is in fact almost bewildering - and sometimes entirely unexpected.

When the city of Oakland, Calif., adopted a domestic partners law several years ago, the city council modified more than a dozen regulations to make sure registered partners had things like visitation rights, educational responsibilities for their children, and so on. But a year later a lesbian couple who had ended their relationship discovered that the council had not modified city tax ordinances. As a result they faced a possible \$1,200 tax penalty when their jointly owned home was transferred entirely to the name of just one of the women. Married couples who divorce are exempt from this tax, but only an emergency measure saved the women from an unexpected tax at a time when they least needed an additional hassle.

The same sorts of unexpected and often complex and expensive problems lie like landmines for gay and lesbian couples because they cannot legally marry. A couple might well pay \$1,000, plus attorney fees, just to get both their names on the title of their home. And they face daunting costs and a complicated legal jumble if they want their children to have the legal protections of two parents.

Even seemingly simple things can be costly or even impossible for domestic partners, while married couples can accomplish the same things without trouble or question.

A married couple who want to hyphenate their names can, generally, do so through their state motor vehicle department either at no charge or with a minimal fee. In many states, domestic partners either cannot switch to a hyphenation or must pay fees of \$200 or more.

Judges will often release prospective jurors from duty if, for example, they have made vacation plans with their families. But in San Francisco recently, a judge was

reluctant to release a gay man from duty even though his partner was facing cancer surgery. The man was his registered domestic partner, was his partner's primary caregiver, and had power of attorney for his medical care. But it took letters from the man's physician and an appeal from his employer before the judge finally agreed to dismiss him from jury duty.

Many gay and lesbian couples are aware they may face serious restrictions in terms of their children. Courts still regularly hear custody disputes when couples end their relationships, and school districts now routinely are faced with how to deal with children who have two moms or two dads.

But even at the most trivial level, gay and lesbian partners could well face the same restrictions when it comes to trying to retrieve the family dog from the pound. Pets are typically licensed to only one person, and since gay and lesbian couples aren't spouses, they technically could not claim a runaway Fido that happened to be registered in their partner's name.

The maze of paperwork, resistant bureaucracies, legal fees, court costs and just downright aggravation gay and lesbian couples face on a constant basis just to gain a small part of the legal rights married couples enjoy automatically is one of the enormous motivators behind much of the push for same-sex marriage. In the lawsuit that led to the court ruling in Vermont, in fact, the plaintiffs in that case successfully argued that being unable to marry denied them more than 300 specific state benefits, and more than 1,000 under federal law.

Michael Wald, a professor of family law at Stanford University, put it unequivocally recently. "None of the domestic partners laws in this country even begin to approach the basic legal structure of marriage, both in terms of rights and responsibilities," he said.

Kate Kendell, head of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, was even more succinct. "Domestic partners is not a substitute for anything coming close to marriage," Kendell says.

But resistance to accepting gay and lesbian marriage continues to be high, although there are some signs that the country may be having some second thoughts.

After the state supreme court ruled that gay and lesbian couples in Vermont had to have the same legal rights as married couples and state politicians rushed to endorse domestic partnership instead of same-sex marriage, state Sen. Jeb Spaulding, in a rare political insight, said the state should just go ahead and legalize marriage for gay and lesbian couples.

"It seems ludicrous to me to have the exact same listing of rights and benefits for same sex and heterosexual couples, but have different names for the commitment process," Spaulding said to his fellow legislators. "I predict that a strictly semantic differentiation will please no one in the end and be extremely unwieldy as well."

His advice had little apparent impact on the Vermont lawmakers, but many same-sex marriage advocates agree that it contains such obvious common sense that it ultimately will have to win out.

As Bishop John Croneberger, the new head of the Episcopal diocese of Newark, N.J., said recently of a proposal for the church to bless gay and lesbian unions, "Today's Rosa Parks might just be a lesbian, and we don't need to ask her to go to the back of the bus again."

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7th Annual "Day of Self-Discovery" Set for March 11

by Mike Fitzpatrick

Appleton—Preachers, politicians and puppeteers will mix during the day-long "Day of Self-Discovery" workshop on GLBT issues March 11 at the Liberty Hall Conference Center in Kimberly. Featured speakers include Wisconsin Assembly representative Mark Pocan (D-Madison), author Will Fellows, gospel singer Marsha Stevens and entertainer C. C. Rae.



Marsha Stevens

Pocan will be part of a political forum which will also include a representative from the Log Cabin Republicans. Pocan and Rep. Frank Boyle (D-Superior) recently sponsored the most comprehensive domestic partnership legislation ever to be introduced in the United States.

Fellows will offer an interactive seminar and offer a sneak peek at the research for his latest book. Fellows is the author of the best-selling "Farm Boys: Lives of Gay Men from the Rural Midwest" and the recently published "The Fabulous Gifts of Gay Men." The latter book focuses on the pioneering role of gay men in historic preservation.

Stevens is a nationally known gospel songwriter and performer who revealed her lesbianism at the height of her career. She will share the story of her struggle as well as



Will Fellows

which utilized two life-sized nun puppets.

Positive Voice, the largest GLBT organization in north-east Wisconsin, has organized and sponsored the conference for the last seven years. The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and end about 4 p.m. Cost for the conference is \$40 per person. Positive Voice members receive a \$10 discount. Students may attend for \$15.

To make reservations or for more information about the conference, contact Positive Voice at 920-435-4404 or pvnew4glbt@aol.com.

Fox Valley Safe Schools Seminar Scheduled for March 9

Appleton — "Safe Schools - Teaching Respect for All," a presentation and discussion on LGBT issues for educa-

perform.

C. C. Rae (aka Randy Bouche) recently retired after nearly a decade of national touring with a show which mixed comedy, puppetry, choreography and female impersonation. Bouche practically stole the show at the recent World AIDS Day extravaganza at the Weidner Center in Green Bay with a re-creation of the lounge medley from the movie "Sister Act"

tors, will be held March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Liberty Hall Conference Center in Kimberly. The free, two hour seminar will feature Kevin Jennings, executive director of the Gay, Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN).

The workshop will focus on ways teachers, administrators, guidance counselors and other staff can recognize and deal with anti-gay bias in school settings at all grade levels. The training also will feature the GLSEN-developed video "Teaching Respect for All."

"For schools to succeed, they must be places free of prejudice, intolerance and discrimination," Jennings said in a recent interview. "Every member of every school community should be valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation. Sadly, those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender report the worst times of their lives were in elementary, middle and high school years when verbal taunting and physical harassment were all too common."

The Harvard-trained Jennings' leadership in the fight to eliminate prejudice in K-12 settings has brought both GLSEN and the safe schools movement to national prominence. Newsweek magazine recently selected Jennings as one of "100 people to watch in the new millennium."

The training is sponsored by the Appleton/Fox Valley chapter of PFLAG and is offered without charge to both school personnel and interested members of the general public. Educators can receive continuing education credit for attending.

Advance registration is requested to assure adequate seating and resource materials. Those planning to attend or wishing more information on the seminar can contact Harriet Bruyn at (920) 749-1629 or hbruyn@athenet.net. Deadline for registration is March 6.

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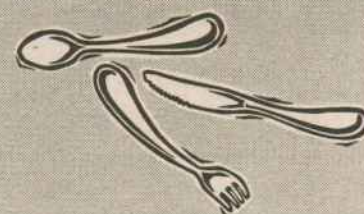
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'Proud Crowd' to Benefit Rainbow Flags

Milwaukee — Since 1995, PrideFest's flags have added both color and symbolism to Wisconsin's City of Festivals as the flags acknowledge Milwaukee's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender citizens.

That tradition continues through the generosity of those people who donate through the annual Proud Crowd campaign, PrideFest's major pre-festival fund-raising event. This year, the funds raised through the campaign will be used to replace and maintain all of the rainbow flags along Milwaukee's downtown streets, most of which mark the route for the annual Pride Parade. Each flag costs PrideFest just under \$150.

"The Rainbow Flags generate a lot of emotional comments from people," said PrideFest Co-Director Christine Klein. "Last year while we were fixing one of the flags, two visitors from San Francisco stopped us and said they hadn't seen so many flags in any other town but their own. They said they felt like they were home—and we told them that they were."

"Some members of the community are under the impression that the city buys and hangs the flags when in actuality this is all done by PrideFest," commented Co-Director Michael Lisowski. "But, we know how important it is to the community that we continue this tradition, and we hope people come through by contributing to the Proud Crowd campaign."

People have several donation levels to choose from starting at \$15. All contributors to the campaign receive

the Pride Card which serves as a three-day pass to the festival. In addition to the premiums, contributors are also invited to a special Proud Crowd reception on Friday, June 9 at the festival grounds.

PrideFest will be held June 9, 10 and 11 at the Henry W. Maier Festival Park along Milwaukee's lakefront. To receive a Proud Crowd brochure, visit the self-service area at the PrideFest office 907 S. 1st St. in Milwaukee, or call (414) 645-3378, or visit the PrideFest 2000 web site, www.pridefest.com.

OutReach Launches New Focus Groups

Madison — OutReach, Madison's LGBT Community Center, has established three new focus groups and is encouraging interested people to get involved in their efforts. The groups involve Minority OutReach, Visibility and Social Activities.

The Minority OutReach group is dedicated to finding ways to make OutReach more accessible and more welcoming to all communities. It will plan ways to make the agency more visible in minority communities and to encourage more minority participation.

The Visibility group has the task of helping OutReach become more visible by communicating better with the community at large. Projects include brochure and poster development, writing and sending press releases and articles, and agency involvement in the community.

The Social Activities group will organize and publicize more activities outside of bar settings that are open and

accessible to all community members.

To become involved in any of these groups, call OutReach's Direct Services Coordinator, Callen Harty, at (608) 255-8582 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Or email him at dirserv@outreachinc.com. OutReach is located at 600 Williamson Street in Madison.

Have a Heart AIDS Benefit Raises \$33,000

Green Bay — Over 300 people helped make the Feb. 5 "Have a Heart Dinner and Auction" benefitting AIDS care, research, advocacy and research in Northeastern Wisconsin a great success. The ninth annual event, sponsored by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), raised \$33,000 from the dinner, silent auction and corporate support.

"I believe that the record attendance of over 300 people, up 25 from last year, is indicative of Northeast Wisconsin's understanding that the epidemic is growing, and that their support is more critical than ever before," said Karen Dotson, ARCW regional director.

Highlighting the dinner program was an award presentation to four distinguished individuals and a corporate sponsor for their work in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Recognized for their tireless efforts were Dr. Barbara Lauderdale, Dr. James Lacey, Kevin Roeder, Wayne Thiele and Gary G. Vander Velden and Home Depot.

"We thank these wonderful people. Without them, our work would be impossible to do," Dotson added.

For more information about ARCW, please call (920) 437-7400, or visit online at www.arcw.org.

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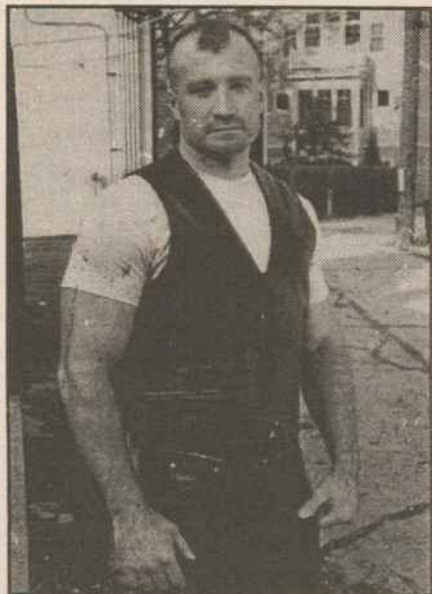
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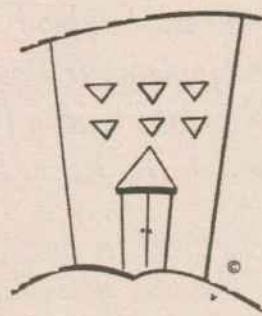
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Madison — The Wisconsin site of the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center conducted over 55 educational seminars bringing cutting-edge HIV treatment information to over 1,000 health and social care providers across the state over the last year. MATEC is a collaboration of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics.

"Our goal is to raise the standard of care for people with HIV and AIDS around the state," said Theresa Lenaghan, RN, MS, and ARCW co-site director of MATEC. "People with HIV and AIDS benefit when their provider knows about the latest HIV issues and treatments."

"The first year of the MATEC collaboration has been very fruitful," said Dr. James Sosman, MD, UW Hospital and Clinics co-site director of MATEC. "We are reaching people who previously didn't have access to continuous HIV training. We have increased accessibility to HIV education in rural areas and the response has been exceedingly positive."

"MATEC also broadened the scope of health care providers receiving HIV care training, such as dentists, pharmacists and other health care workers who in the past were left out of the HIV training loop," Sosman added.

MATEC education seminars are tailored for physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists, pharmacists and social and mental health workers and range from state-of-the-art information on evolving HIV therapies to managing HIV and substance abuse.

MATEC staff are available to present the latest HIV treatment and prevention informa-

tion to health care providers statewide. Please call MATEC, headquartered through ARCW's Madison office at (800) 519-9910 x15 for more information, or visit their Web site at <http://www.arcw.org/TrainingEducation/index.html>.

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Elects New Board

Milwaukee — The membership of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center recently elected new representation, as well as Officers, to the Center's Board of Directors.

The new board Co-Presidents are Gina Graham, Aurora Health Care; and Dan Riedl, Northwestern Mutual. The Treasurer position was filled by Karl Hoaglund, Hoaglund Consulting; and the Board Secretary is Trung Tieu, Zoological Society.

New board members include Edward Carr, Patrick Flaherty, David Todd, Connie Highsmith, Jean Ligocki and Beverly Jenkins. Also on the board is Stephanie Hume, Margaret Flood, Leo Quartullo, Debbie Lang, and Maria Solis.

Departing from the board were founding members Sheila Zelenski, Steve Markowitz, Joshua Feyen, John Wirth and Adrian Wade.

"We are forever grateful for the contributions our past board members made to the growth of the Center," said Gina Graham, Co-President.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is a member organization. Members vote on electing new board members as well as other business at the Center's annual meeting scheduled in January of each year.

Community Groups Begin Dialog with Mayor's Office

Milwaukee — Representation from Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center, Bay View and Riverwest Rainbow Associations, Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, Human Rights League-Political Action Committee and the Domestic Partner Task Force met recently with Mike Soika, Mayor Norquist's Chief of Staff, to discuss LGBT community concerns and issues.

"A working relationship with public officials is essential to the further development of our community," said LGBT Center executive director Neil Albrecht. "While members of the LGBT community monitor all political issues, there are several that are particularly relevant to our community."

The issues discussed included anti-violence programs to address hate crimes and same sex domestic abuse, workplace discrimination, youth development and domestic partner benefits. Soika agreed to participate on a Task Force that will develop a plan for responding to these and other community issues.

"Our community is behind other urban areas in responding to many of these issues," said Albrecht. "We believe that a strong community action plan will only occur with support from local government as well as the private sector."

In the meeting, the group referenced the recent article in Milwaukee Magazine identifying Milwaukee as "conservative and cautious to change" and not necessarily a gay-friendly environment for Gays and Lesbians. "The LGBT community is heavily invested in the city of Milwaukee. This is well demonstrated through the involvement of four neighborhood rainbow associations," said Albrecht. "We are grateful that the Mayor's office recognizes the value of the LGBT community and is committed to maintaining a strong relationship."

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LAMM: Milwaukee's Lesbian Power Authority

by Jamakaya

On Thursday, March 2, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee is hosting a big shindig at its headquarters at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second Street. The event, from 6-9 p.m., includes that most festive of lesbian traditions, the community potluck. Bring a dish to share and be nourished by your sisters! The LAMM-produced video "Visible Lives, Invisible Women" will be shown, followed by the annual membership meeting and lots of socializing and networking.

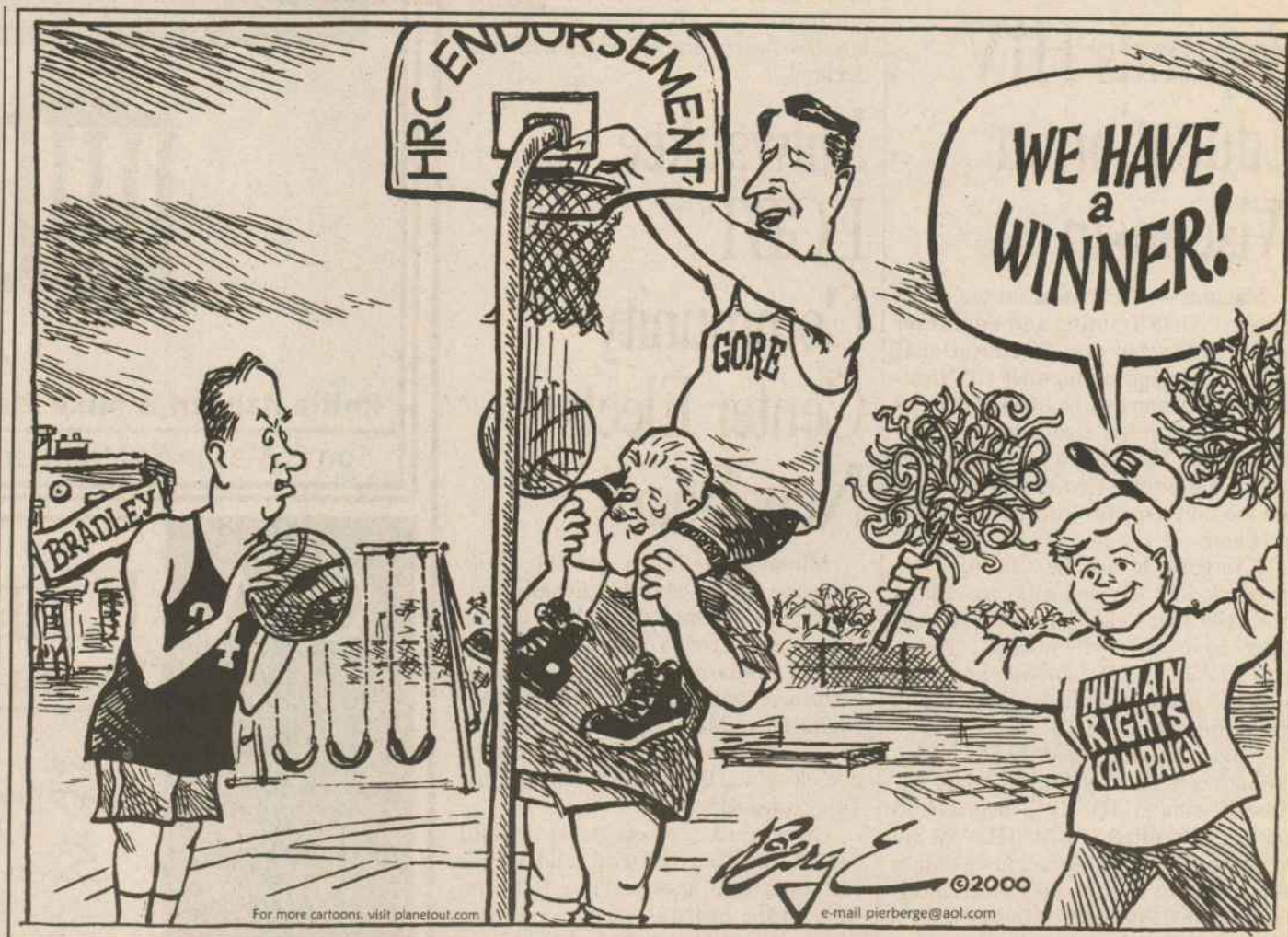
"I see this annual meeting of LAMM as a way to generate new ideas and support from the lesbian community," says Fai DeMark, co-chair of LAMM. "The L2K gatherings last year really rejuvenated a lot of women. We need to use that energy and chart some new directions for the next few years."

Indeed, judging from the 100+ women who showed up to several "L2K" potlucks and networking sessions in 1999, there are many women wanting to re-connect with lesbian groups, whether they focus on sports, business, politics, therapy, youth activities or women of color.

The Lesbian Alliance is celebrating its 11th anniversary this year. It has a proud history of activism on issues ranging from homophobia to health care to softball. Yes, softball. From its very beginnings, LAMM has been an interesting mixture of political organizing and social interaction. When LAMM was started in 1989, founding members hoped to attack many heavy-duty issues, like lesbian bashing, negative images in the media, the lack of openly gay and lesbian elected officials, etc. But another explicit purpose of LAMM was to provide meeting space and to organize events that would bring more lesbians together.

The original mission statement read: "The Lesbian Alliance exists to better unify and organize the Milwaukee area lesbian community to 1) provide education and role models to the Milwaukee community; 2) impact relevant issues in the political/legislative arena as they affect lesbians; and 3) provide meeting space and opportunities for more social contact and communication among lesbians."

And what a magnificent job it has done! I have many fond memories of LAMM events. Among them are the first



huge spaghetti dinner at the Shorewood Women's Club in '89 or '90. Almost 300 women crowded the lodge; the energy was intense, and no one seemed to want to leave! Then there was the slide presentation by Alison Bechdel about her beloved "Dykes to Watch Out For" comic strip. And two or three lesbian variety shows at the Broadway Theatre Center. What fun!

I'll never forget how proud LAMM spokeswoman Kitty Barber made us all during the crisis brought on by the Jeffrey

"WE SEE THE MARCH 2 EVENT AS PIVOTAL.

WE ARE HOPING TO REVITALIZE [LAMM] AND MAKE IT MORE VISIBLE."

—MARY RITA HURLEY

Dahmer murders in 1991. She spoke eloquently and passionately against the homophobic media coverage and the wave of bashings that followed. It was vitally important for there to be a lesbian leader speaking out in addition to the usual spokesMEN the media calls on to speak for the gay and lesbian community. LAMM needs to provide that kind of leadership today.

LAMM has sponsored valuable health symposiums for women. For years, it has fielded a dynamic softball team that plays in the Milwaukee recreational leagues. Games are often played against teams with lesbian players, making for rollicking Friday nights at Wick Field! LAMM and its offshoot, the LAMM Education Fund, have consistently published a monthly newsletter, providing a calendar of events and news of interest to lesbians. As a lesbian journalist who has written for many years for both of our state's major gay-owned (and I emphasize "gay-owned") papers, you must believe me when I tell you what a resource that lesbian-owned newsletter is and the potential it represents!

LAMM's Education Fund holds the coveted 501(c)3 tax exempt status from the IRS. This enables the Fund to solicit tax-deductible donations and to apply for grant funds from foundations.

I think one of the other potential strengths of LAMM is its diversity. In 1989 after the organizing meeting that created LAMM, I wrote: "In attendance at this meeting were teachers, artists, health workers, businesswomen, athletes, real estate agents, reporters, mechanics, mothers, army sergeants, attorneys, clerks, librarians, civil servants and cleaning women."

"The crowd was old and young, black and white, poor and middle class, and from all areas of Milwaukee. My sense was [that it constituted] a highly educated group with more than half veterans of feminist organizing drives of the 1960s and '70s. The experience of the veterans and the enthusiasm and idealism of the newcomers give this organizing drive great potential — if only we, as lesbians, recognize this fact and carry through on our commitments. The diversity of skills and interests represented there are our strength, a significant power base if we are willing to utilize it. I thought of us that night in Alix Dobkin's phrase as 'The Lesbian Power Authority.'"

And I still think of LAMM as our Lesbian Power Authority. It's a group that is there to represent us in all our varied interests and to speak up on our behalf, not just when it's necessary because of a crisis but whenever our voices can make a difference and have an impact.

"We see the March 2 event as pivotal," said Mary Rita Hurley, a LAMM Board member in the mid-'90s who rejoined the Board last fall. "We are hoping to revitalize the organization and make it more visible. We'd like to offer members a little of everything, social, networking-type events and more overtly political activities. I think it can be a very exciting period of growth."

One concern expressed has been the small number of members actually playing an active role these days. "There are people

out there with fabulous ideas, but very few say they have the time to do it," says Hurley. "Our challenge is to match those women's interests to specific, manageable tasks. We also need women who really want to dig in and learn the nitty-gritty of running the organization."

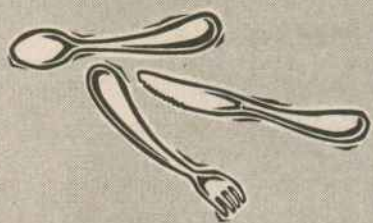
LAMM as an organization has always respected the degree of out-ness or closeted-ness chosen by individual members. No one should fear that being involved with LAMM means they will be outed.

Cindy Malin, who moved from a small town in California to Milwaukee a few years ago, offered this perspective: "For so long, living where I did, I didn't have much of a lesbian influence. There just weren't many lesbians. Here in Milwaukee, there are so many more of us and there are so many things we could be organizing and doing together." Cindy, who operates her own listserve e-mailing lesbian news to women, has become an active and enthusiastic member of LAMM.

LAMM has by no means run out of gas. It has more than 200 paid memberships per year, a total that can certainly be increased but which is the envy of many other LGBT groups.

It also has a lovely office space in the LGBT Community Center and use of the Center's large community room for gatherings. It's in a position to do great things.

So come to the March 2 potluck/meeting. Bring some food and ideas to share and meet lesbians who want to meet you! Become a part of The Lesbian Power Authority! ▲



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Pageant Discord

To The Editor—

I too am disappointed that The Pageant has been canceled. ("The Pageant bows out after 30 years," Issue 17.3) It has always been one of our community's best-known and most anticipated formal events. Mr. Marx may be bitter about the pageant's demise, but let's consider some of the possible reasons for the lack of interest, contestants and customers.

First, the new rule that some feel limited the number of entrants consisted of not allowing those on female hormones to enter. The people that this rule affected are few, and there are plenty of other contests for them to compete in. This rule alone is not a cause for the "lack of interest, lack of contestants, and lack of customers." Therefore we need to look at other reasons for lack of participation.

What are the incentives for potential contestants? Aside from the questionable prize packages, which mainly consisted of bar tabs and gift certificates, what else is there?

I don't know of any scheduled appearances or bookings, except to come back in a year and pass the crown on to the next winner. The scheduling of shows across the state, requiring the appearance of the title holders, could not only spark interest in the annual event, but also raise extra money to help support the pageant.

Secondly, the planning and preparation of such a grand event takes months. The committee should realize that it takes months of planning and preparation for the contestants as well. Advertising just a month before the scheduled date, I feel, is not enough time for the contestants to be ready to compete. Those people attending also need [time] to plan.

The high-priced advance purchase tickets included your run-of-the-mill banquet meal with below average entrees. Most of the people I know shell out the \$50 just so they can be guaranteed a seat to watch the pageant. Likewise, a number of attendees purchase general admission tickets the night of the pageant to defray the cost and avoid the dinner.

In addition, the advertisements for "The Pageant" only appeared in the Milwaukee-based LGBT publications. Quest, a Fox Valley-based publication, was not used to advertise the event. How many past contestants and former title holders were from that area?

Finally, there is the issue of the pageant's reputation and professionalism or lack thereof. The Pageant itself lacks an emcee. While the committee has taken turns "hosting" throughout the evening in the past years, it was difficult to hear and understand what they were saying, and they often seemed disorganized. They [sometimes] showed little respect and professionalism toward contestants.

The crowning, usually the highlight of the evening, has a history of being an embarrassment. Mistakes such as announcing the wrong finalist or naming the top five in the wrong order, leaves the audience questioning: Who won?

I've saved the most offensive comment from Mr. Marx for last: "All the old pageant people are dead, all the important well-known performers are deceased. The young ones aren't interested and older people just aren't interested anymore either."

I'd like to hear reactions to Mr. Marx's quote from all of the unimportant and unknown Possum Queen and Miss

Guernsey candidates who have gone well out of their way raising tens of thousands of dollars for our charities. Although, not necessarily "pageant people," they're definitely not deceased.

As a regular cast member at Club 219, I can't ever remember seeing Mr. Marx or any of the pageant committee at one of our shows. Their attendance at local and statewide pageants and shows seems almost non-existent as well. If Mr. Marx doesn't even know who the female impersonators in the state are, how can he judge how important and well known they may or may not be?

In closing, I feel the best thing that could happen to "The Pageant" is for it to be sold in its entirety to give it the new blood it desperately needs, and allow someone else to "Continue the Tradition."

Kyllie West

Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA 2000

To the Editor—

We as members of the Pageant Committee would like to thank all of the people who purchased tickets to the Pageant and apologize to those who had sent in applications. The sudden decision to cancel Pageant saddened us as well as all of you.

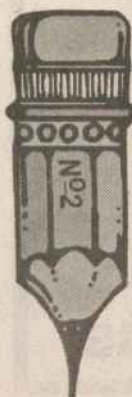
We know this decision caused a lot of people to wonder, "What happened?" What happened was it didn't seem enough interest was being generated in the community. When Pageant started many years ago (30), this was one of the few pageants being held and the different bars would hold contests to send a Mr. or Miss to Pageant. As the Pageant increased, the support started to decrease. As of February 1, we had only three entrants for Miss and one entrant for Mr.! You have to admit, you can't have much of a competition with only one contestant.

Since the decision was made, we've heard from six or seven different people who said they had planned on entering. Now they tell us. What were they waiting for? It takes months of planning and expense to put Pageant together, as anyone knows who has been involved with pageants.

The Pageant is a non-profit production, and according to all accounts over the last three or four years, non-profit is the key word. When expenses outnumbered money coming in, it was time to make a decision, hard as it was. This would have been our 30th year. We would like to see Pageant continue, but who knows what the future holds?

Thank you for all your support.

The Pageant Committee

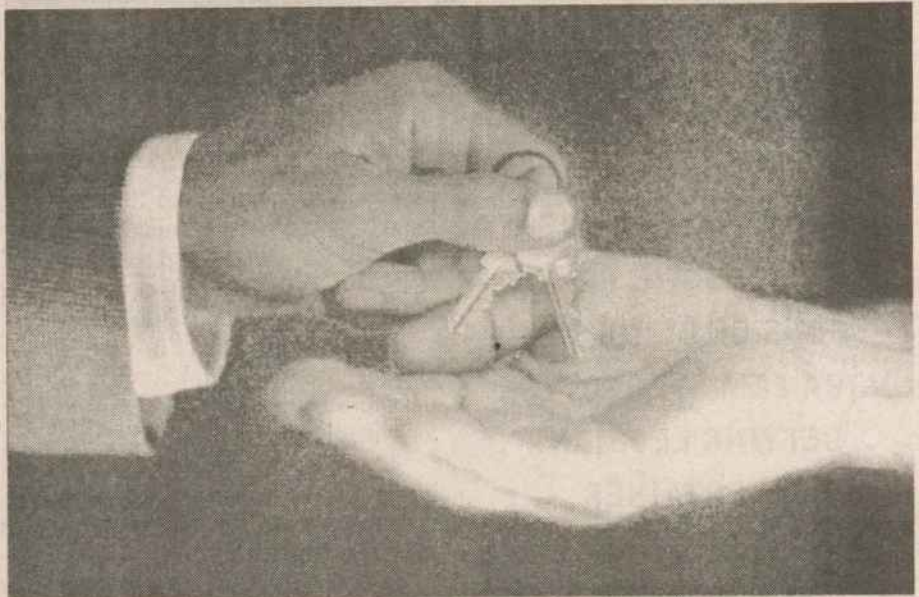


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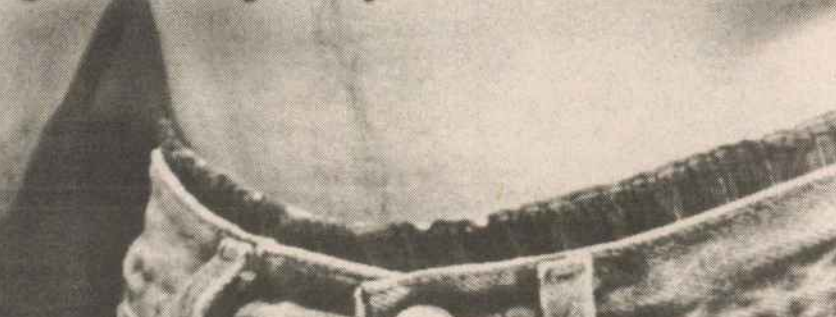
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**SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER
DISCUSSES THE PROS &
CONS OF BEING AN
ULTRA-FEM STEREOTYPE-
DEFYING LESBIAN
ENTERTAINER**

by Bradley David
Contributing Writer

Approaching her tenth year as a stand-up comedian, Suzanne Westenhoefer still gets a thrill out of making people laugh. Even more satisfying, she says, is getting the opportunity to change people's perception of what it is to be gay.

"I like to think I've been able to break down a lot of stereotypes for the mainstream," she says proudly.

Spending much of each year on the road — "Last month I did 19 shows in 23 days," she says — Westenhoefer often surprises middle America audiences who can't imagine that a confident, sexy, dolled-up blonde like herself could be a lesbian.

"When I'm out there in straight clubs and they see me, I think it opens up people's minds to the fact that lesbians can look like all kinds of things," she says.

The downside to her feminine looks, however, has been her inability to land lesbian parts in the TV and movie projects she has auditioned for.

"I'll never get cast as a lesbian," she says. "I've been told that a million times. I don't look or act enough like a lesbian for them. If you fit the stereotype, it's very easy to write the part. It's very easy to plug you right into the sitcom or the movie. If you don't fit the stereotype, it's a lot tougher."

Westenhoefer has been taking acting classes in Los Angeles for the past three years and hopes to eventually have a breakthrough as an actress. She divides her time

between L.A. and Columbus, Ohio, where her girlfriend of seven years lives.

Born and raised in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Westenhoefer says she didn't fully realize she was a lesbian until college.

"I was 20 when I really understood it," she says. "I had been attracted to women sort of, but I can't really say that I knew I was gay because I dated boys. I liked boys, I had a boyfriend the whole way through high school. I did all the normal things — went to the prom."

"It was easy for me to date guys, whereas the only girls I knew that might be gay or that people whispered about — they were a very tight clique and they played field hockey and tennis and softball," she continues. "I was not remotely involved in any of that, and since that's what I thought it meant to be gay, I just assumed I wasn't."

She didn't try her hand at stand-up



comedy until the relatively old age of 29 (she's now 38).

"The last day of July, 1990 was the very first time I got up at a cabaret in [New York's] West Village that had Tuesday night comics," she says.

Asked if she had contemplated becoming a comedian for very long before taking the plunge, she says, "Everybody around me had been contemplating my doing it. I was a member of ACT-UP — I was so totally out — and I was like, What am I suddenly going to get up there and talk about my boyfriend? Because we didn't know then that I could do [gay material] and that it would be OK. Some people were afraid for my safety. Not only did it go very well, but my timing could not have been better, because within two to three years after I started, k.d. lang and Melissa Etheridge came out and the March On Washington happened and on and on."

The 1993 march was a major milestone in Westenhoefer's career. Her dazzling performance from the rally stage bowled over not only the marchers, but the masses watching at home on C-SPAN as well.

She hopes to be invited back to perform at the Millennium March on Washington, scheduled for April 30.

"I had heard that they were going to use me and then someone asked me and I was like, Absolutely, yes, totally, proud, thrilled, honored" she says. "And then I heard from my agent that they might not be using any comics at all. But whatever

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happens, I think I'm going to perform a show [in D.C.] that night or the night before."

She says she has been dismayed at the reported infighting within the gay community concerning plans for the march.

"I think it's unfortunate," she says. "I think it's just another case of our community eating itself, instead of trying to get over our egos for the good of the whole cause. But you know, we're human beings — we're not just gay people — so it does happen."

Known for her early comic material about her idol, Martina Navratilova ("I want to lick the vein in her arm!"), Westenhoefer had the privilege of interviewing the tennis great for an Advocate cover story in 1995. Her current 90-minute show, however, contains no Martina references.

"I try to change my entire show about every 14 to 16 months," she says. "Because let's say I come to your city once a year — you want people to feel like they can come every year and not see the same thing. If you see me every year, you're going to get at least 80% new material."

Asked if she would be disappointed if she never gets more famous than she already is, she says, "I think that I might be somewhat disappointed, but from a Zen state — as a practicing Buddhist for ten

years — I would have to say I've done more than I ever thought I would do. I'm very happy with the things that have happened for me, but of course you always hope there will be more. But it might be something totally different. Maybe I'll run for political office. Me and Warren Beatty. There's a ticket. A womanizer and a lesbian oh, WE'LL get elected!"

Suzanne Westenhoefer will perform on March 25 at Madison's Barrymore Theater located at 2090 Atwood Ave.



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City Chooses Gay Carnival Royalty

Wittenberg — The East German city of Wittenberg, pop. 55,000, chose a gay-male couple as its Carnival royalty this year.

The city is famous as the place where Martin Luther launched the Protestant Reformation by nailing his 95 Theses to the Catholic cathedral door.

The couple, Michael I and Thomas I (Michael Fonfara and Thomas Walter) have lived together in the city for several years operating a company called Image Design.

According to national television reports, which have shown the couple kissing and strolling through Wittenberg's cobble-stone streets in their elaborate Karneval costumes, no one has objected to this year's king and queen being two kings.

In fact, Mayor Eckhard Naumann bragged to reporters that even sophisticated Cologne—Germany's Karneval capital—has yet to crown a gay couple.

Israel Accepts Foreign Partners

Jerusalem — Israel this month granted permanent residency to the foreign lovers of two gay citizens.

"We agreed to their requests and they will now be considered as permanent residents," said Interior Ministry spokeswoman Tova Ellinson.

The foreign partners will have all privileges of Israeli citizenship except the right to vote and have an Israeli passport. The process of obtaining full citizenship for a foreign spouse takes about five years.

The cases were championed by Member of the Knesset Yossi Paritzky who told the local Ha'aretz newspaper: "I advised the first couple who turned to me to get married because marriage is status. If the marriage was recognized in one country, another country cannot refuse to recognize it, and the Ministry of the Interior is then obligated to register their marriage. In the case of [Israeli citizen] Shuki [Yatir] and [Belgian] Paul [Vanwinsberga], I suggested they go a step beyond. The country recognizes the status of common law spouse, even of the same sex, and thus there's no reason not to demand in the name of this status citizenship as well. I think that an important step for human rights has been taken."

Gay Indians Upset Parents

New Delhi — Gays are coming out of the shadows in India, the Kyodo News Service reported Feb. 5.

Authorities are registering one new gay activist group about every six months and the eight-year-old New Delhi gay film festival was opened to the public for the first time this year.

"An increasing number of middle-class Indian gays are 'coming out of the closet,'

much to the disapproval and consternation of their families," Kyodo said.

The agency credited the growth of gay life, in part, to satellite television and the Internet.

Canadian Doctors Face Homophobia

Montreal — The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is urging medical schools to develop anti-homophobia programs in the wake of a McMaster University/CMA study which found gay physicians-in-training are afraid to come out of the closet.

The researchers also urged schools to hire faculty to be role models for gay students and to set up gay support groups.

The study appears in the current Canadian Medical Association Journal.

OutRage Campaigns For Cruising Sex

London — In a submission to Britain's Home Office, the highly visible gay activist group OutRage! has called for legalization of gay sex in cruising locations and for reform of other anti-sex laws, British newspapers reported last week.

"We do not believe that consensual actions between adults, no matter how bizarre they might appear to the majority, are any concern of the law, or its agents," the group wrote. "Thus we seek to legitimise consenting actions in bath-houses and saunas, 'backrooms' in pubs, and all group sex in private, including sadomasochistic games."

OutRage! continued: "We would also like to extend the concept of private to include public lavatory cubicles and after-dark 'cruising' areas. ... Since recreational sex is a natural activity and popular pursuit, all laws which seek to control it should be abolished. ... The whole basis of the current homosexual control laws is moralistic and based on a largely medieval concept of Christianity which we believe has no place in a pluralistic democratic society. Terms such as immoral, indecent, unnatural, sodomy and buggery have no place in a modern legal code."

The Home Office is in the midst of a review of sex-related laws.

Prisoners To Get Sex-change Operations

Ottawa — Corrections Canada will let some transgender prisoners undergo sex-change operations, Canadian Press reported Feb. 17. The new policy will settle a human-rights complaint filed by a transsexual murderer.

ACTIVITIES:

Saturday, February 26

"Gay and Christian? Seminar on Christian Ethics, History and Theology" (Milwaukee): Free and open to all. 1-5:30 p.m. at Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. Sponsored by Chapel of Hope. FMI: (414) 297-9116.

FrontRunners Milwaukee - Weekly Run/Walk (Milwaukee): This weekly run/walk starts at 9 a.m. from St. Mary's Watertower. Join the group for brunch afterwards. Everyone is welcome. FMI contact Bill Morley (414) 278-0787 or wmorley@pitnet.net.

Sunday, February 27

Flapjacks, Java and Women (Madison): Sunday morning brunch, 10 a.m. to Noon, Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 241-1574.

Perfect Harmony Chorus - Weekly Rehearsal (Madison): Meet and sing every Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church on Capital Square from 7-9 p.m. Enter from the West Washington side of the court yard. FMI: (608) 232-0528.

Bette Davis Bowling League (Madison): Bowling for gays and lesbians every Sunday, with 5 person team format. 3 p.m. at Bowl-a-Vard Lanes, 2121 E. Springs Dr. FMI: (608) 271-8889.

Masque: Mardi Gras Festival (Milwaukee): Jugglers, live jazz, fashion show and more, benefiting Theatre X and Danceworks, 8 p.m. at the Tom Tom Club, 618 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 221-9096.

Tuesday, February 29

Womansong Chorus (Madison): Rehearsal of women's chorale at the Beth Israel Center, 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Wednesday, March 1

Madison LGB Business Alliance (Madison): Meeting at 5:30 p.m., 122 W. Washington Ave., Suite 900. FMI: (608) 245-1611.

Comedian Suzy Berger (Oshkosh): Jewish Lesbian comedian Suzy Berger performs at Reeve Union at UW-Oshkosh at 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 206-3182.

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus - Weekly Practice (Milwaukee): Practice takes place at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. FMI: (414) 276-8787 or (414) 271-2656.

Thursday, March 2

LAMM Potluck and Annual Meeting (Milwaukee): All lesbians welcome! Bring a dish to share. 6-9 p.m. at LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second Street. FMI: (414) 272-9442.

Friday, March 3

Men's High Tea & Talk (Madison): Not exclusively for seniors. 3 p.m. at Monty's Blue Plate Cafe, 2089 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 257-9751.

Saturday, March 4

Indian Summer Festival's Winter Pow-Wow (Milwaukee): Sat. And Sun., March 5 at State Fair Park. Crafts, food, dancing, singing. FMI: (414) 774-7119.

Saturday, March 11

"Day of Self-Discovery" (Kimberly): Positive Voice's 7th annual Conference on GLBT Issues, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhower Dr. For Tickets: (920) 435-4404.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Sunday afternoon bottle beer special from 3 to 7 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison) Beer Bash from 3 to 8 p.m. \$.50 off all taps, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Live entertainment.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): \$1 tappers & \$1.50 rail drinks from 4 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Rotating Events!

Emerald's (Milwaukee): Men's Night! Call drinks \$2.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Open at 3 p.m. \$1 off all Miller products. \$4 pitchers of beer.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers - \$2 a mug.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Naples Lounge (Green Bay): \$6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys hosted by the Gay Voice.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Patio bar open at 2 p.m. Beer Bash from 2 to 8 p.m. Open volleyball. Food available from 2 to 6 p.m. 2/4/1 10 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): During the day there is a \$1 beer sale from 3 to 9 p.m. on selected varieties. Shirtless Sunday Nights with Jake and Steve M. Half-price tap & rail if your shirt is off. 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$2. Mimosas \$2.

Switch (Milwaukee): Service Industry Night. \$1 off all cocktails, bottled

beer and taps, 5 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50. Tap beer 90¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rail drinks \$1.80 6 p.m. to closing.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Game Show Mania every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. \$1 Bloody Marys!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Trivia Day/\$5 Beer Bust & \$2 Bloodys from 2-6 p.m.

Za's (Green Bay): Dry Dance Night! (16 & up in Za's). Alcohol served to over 21 in Java's.

Mondays:

The Barracks (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago): WWF/WCW Wrestling. \$2 specials on microbrews.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands, \$10.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night-spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pool & Dart Leagues - sign up now.

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): 4 to 6 p.m. Pull tabs!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Mountain of BBQ Rib Special!

Naples Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢). There is a \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Melrose Mondays. Free pizza & shot specials.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. \$3.50 and under drinks over \$3.50 get \$1 off.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): \$3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$1 off tap and rail 9 p.m. to midnight.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. Girl's Night Out! 2-4-1 rail drinks and taps for the girls, 8 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.90. 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Miller products - \$1.50.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$4 pitchers of beer. Melrose Place Mondays.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Barkeeps Drink Cheap

to 2 a.m.

Za's (Green Bay): Free Pool & Darts. \$6 Super Bust at Java's.

Tuesdays:

The Barracks (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust - 8 to midnight!

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to ? Tacos \$1.75 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Naples Lounge (Green Bay): Shake a Drink! Aces free and sixes half-price - 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): All coffee drinks - \$2.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Free pool with drink purchase from 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2 Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$4 pitchers 9 p.m. to midnight.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. Nuts and Bolts night, match and win, 8 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Bud Products \$1.50. The Trading Company (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2. Domestic bottles and rail mixes all night.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Free bountiful buffet.

Wednesdays:

Barracks (Madison): 16oz. taps of Lite, \$2. All rails \$.50 off, shots of Cuervo, \$1.50.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. It's Leather Night! Prizes throughout the night.

Cell Block (Chicago): Open Shawn's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! Check your planner for more: \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

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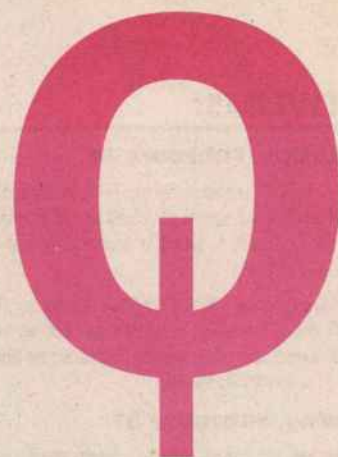
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Cheryl Dawdy, Grace Morand and Connie Huber, *The Chenille Sisters*

Chenille Sisters, Celtic Fiddlers at Pabst Theater

Milwaukee—The Pabst Theater is presenting its usual eclectic mix of entertainment in March. Among the highlights are the annual performance by the singing Chenille Sisters and, on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, a Celtic Fiddle Festival.

The Chenille Sisters will perform on Friday, March 3 at 8:00 p.m. Grace Morand, Connie Huber and Cheryl Dawdy are famed for their air-tight harmonies, innovative style and crowd-pleasing humor. The trio perform original material along with pop standards. Their witty stage banter between songs keeps everything light and entertaining.

On Thursday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m., the Pabst will present the Celtic Fiddle Festival, featuring four of the world's finest musicians. From Ireland, Kevin Burke specializes in the fiddle style of County Sligo. Scotsman Johnny Cunningham's technique is equally suitable for lightning fast reels or dreamy, slow airs. Christian Lemaitre from Brittany in northwestern France is a master of traditional Breton dance music. Joining them is guitarist Soig Silberil.

Tickets for the Chenille Sisters and for the Celtic Music Fest can be obtained by calling the Pabst Theater at (414) 286-3665.

"Trials of Oscar Wilde" at Madison Rep

Madison — The next production of the Madison Repertory Theatre is "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde." The award-winning play by Moises Kaufman will run from March 10 through April 2.

"Gross Indecency" is a gripping courtroom drama that depicts the gradual destruction of one of the most celebrated playwrights and wits, and certainly the most prominent openly gay writer, of his time. Oscar Wilde went from being the toast of London to complete humiliation and ruin in prison, largely because of his unapologetic homosexuality. This provocative exploration of the issues of censorship, sexuality and the role of the artist in society is brought to life through actual trial transcripts, personal letters, newspaper accounts and Wilde's own writings.

For further information on show times and tickets, call (608) 256-0029 or email: madisonrep@aol.com.

Present Music Performs at Congregation Shalom

Whitefish Bay — As part of the International Arts Festival, Present Music, Milwaukee's acclaimed new music ensemble, will perform "Different Trains/Different Times" on Sunday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Shalom, 7630 N. Santa Monica Blvd.

The concerts will feature the Present Music Ensemble performing "The Dreams and Prayers of Isaac the Blind" by Osvaldo Golijov and "Different Trains" by Steven Reich. Golijov's work, written for string quartet and cantor, is a musical depiction of 6,000 years of Jewish history reflect-

ing the ideas of Abraham, exile and redemption. Cantor Jerry Berkowitz will join Present Music to interpret the work. Reich's "Different Trains" combines string quartet with the taped excerpts of Holocaust survivors.

Tickets for the concert range from \$7.50 to \$19. To purchase tickets, call (414) 271-0711.

Madison Art Center Celebrates Centennial

Madison — "Work in Progress: The Madison Art Center Collects," the new exhibition showing from Feb. 27 to May 14, celebrates the foundation, growth and future of the Art Center's permanent collection as the museum approaches its 100th anniversary. The collection is an integral part of the Art Center's mission to preserve and interpret visual art for the enjoyment and education of the entire community. More than 100 works of art will be presented in groupings that illustrate the history of the collection and its significant growth in recent years.

Early cornerstones of the collection include paintings by Frida Kahlo, Marsden Hartley and John Steuart Curry. Also on display will be works by regional artists such as Roger Brown, Hollis Sigler and Tom Uttech; sculptures by Jin Soo Kim and Louise Nevelson; and photos by Henri Cartier-Bresson, Robert Mapplethorpe and Cindy Sherman.

An opening night celebration will take place Saturday, Feb. 26 from 7-10:00 p.m. Art historians will offer their perspectives on the art works. Admission is free.

The Madison Art Center is located in the heart of the city in the Civic Center at 211 State Street. For viewing times and more information, call (608) 257-0158.

Petula Clark as *Norma Desmond*

"Sunset Boulevard" Comes to Milwaukee

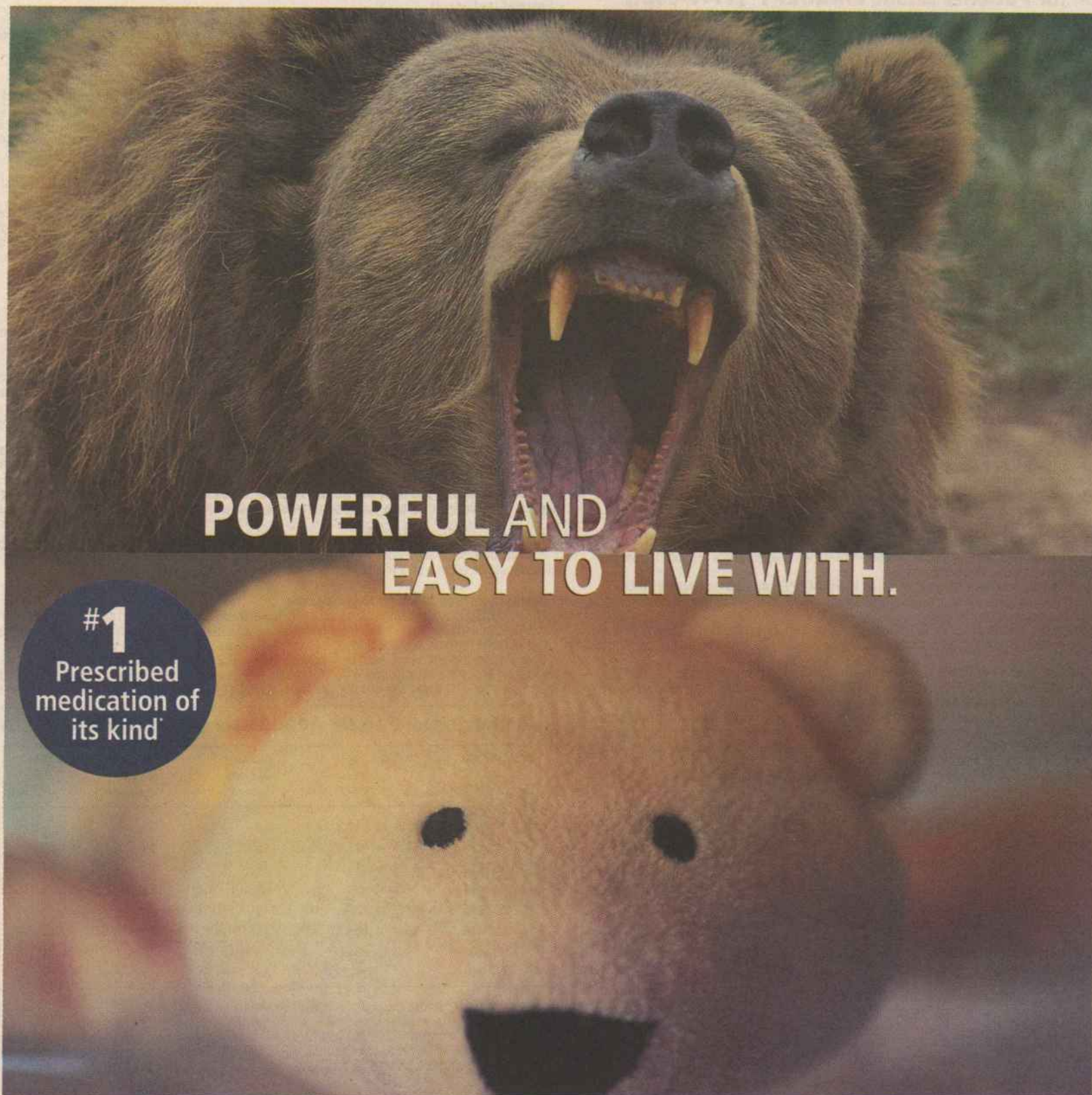
Milwaukee — British pop star and actress Petula Clark plays the classic role of aging actress Norma Desmond in the touring company of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Boulevard" at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, March 14-19.

"Sunset Boulevard" was a smash hit in London and on Broadway, starring Glenn Close. Its songs, including "As If We Never Met" and "The Greatest Star of All" have entered the canon of musical standards. Based on the 1950 movie by Billy Wilder, "Sunset Boulevard" tells the story of fading movie queen Norma Desmond ("I am big! It's the pictures that got small!") and a writer, Joe Gillis, who becomes entangled in her life. The screen classic has now become a musical classic by Webber, the composer of "Evita," "Phantom of the Opera" and "Les Miserables."

"Andrew Lloyd Webber's haunting and dazzling 'Sunset Boulevard' allows audiences to experience the glamour, romance and intrigue of Hollywood in the 1950's," says Petula Clark. "I'm thrilled to be part of this epic production and excited to play the flamboyant silent screen star Norma Desmond."

For show times and tickets to this limited engagement, call the Marcus Center Box Office at (414) 276-2030, toll free (888) 612-3500.

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WHAT IS VIRACEPT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

VIRACEPT is used in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4 T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

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VIRACEPT is usually taken together with other antiretroviral drugs such as Retrovir® (zidovudine, AZT), Efavir® (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerit® (stavudine, d4T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of VIRACEPT are not known at this time. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

If you are pregnant: The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

If you are breast-feeding: You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. **Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.**

Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT Oral Powder should be prepared.

If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

- Seldane® (terfenadine, for allergies)
- Hismanal® (astemizole, for allergies)
- Propulsid® (cisapride, for heartburn)
- Cordarone® (amiodarone, for irregular heartbeat)
- Quinidine (for irregular heartbeat), also known as Quinaglute® Cardioquin® Quinidex®, and others
- Ergot derivatives (Cafergot® and others, for migraine headache)
- Halcion® (triazolam)
- Versed® (midazolam)

Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.

- Rifampin (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®

This drug reduces blood levels of VIRACEPT.

Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with:

Mycobutin® (rifabutin, for MAC); you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin.

A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

- Phenobarbital
 - Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
 - Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)
- These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.

Oral contraceptives ("the pill")
If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER ANTI-HIV DRUGS?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

Nucleoside analogues: No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

- Retrovir (zidovudine, AZT)
- Efavir (lamivudine, 3TC)
- Zerit (stavudine, d4T)
- Videx® (didanosine, ddl)

If you are taking both Videx (ddl) and VIRACEPT: Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs):

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

- Virmune® (nevirapine)
- Other NNRTIs

VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

Other protease inhibitors:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

- Crixivan® (indinavir)
The amount of both drugs in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.
- Norvir™ (ritonavir)
The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.
- Invirase® (saquinavir)
The amount of saquinavir in your blood may be increased. If used in combination with saquinavir hard gelatin capsules at 600 mg three times daily, no dose adjustments are needed. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include abdominal pain, asthenia, nausea, flatulence, and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. The light blue VIRACEPT Tablets should be taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack. You do not have to take VIRACEPT exactly every 8 hours. Instead, you can take it at normal times when you are eating.

Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. **Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.**

Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. **Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label.** The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, **you should not miss any doses.** However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)

The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 through 13 years of age

The VIRACEPT dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or 9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.

Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

Pediatric Dose to Be Administered Three Times Daily

Body Weight		Number of Level Scoops*	Number of Level Teaspoons†	Number of Tablets
Kg	Lb			
7 to < 8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1	-
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1¼	-
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1½	-
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1¾	-
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2	-
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2¼	-
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2½	2
≥23	≥50.5	15	3¾	3

In measuring oral powder, the scoop or teaspoon should be level.

* 1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

† 1 level teaspoon contains 200 mg of VIRACEPT. Note: A measuring teaspoon used for dispensing medication should be used for measuring VIRACEPT Oral Powder. Ask your pharmacist to make sure you have a medication dispensing teaspoon.

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

The oral powder may be mixed with a small amount of water, milk, formula, soy formula, soy milk, dietary supplements, or dairy foods such as pudding or ice cream. Once mixed, the entire amount must be taken to obtain the full dose.

Do not mix the powder with any acidic food or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. Do not heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

Do not add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE STORED?

Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and store at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

Discuss all questions about your health with your doctor. If you have questions about VIRACEPT or any other medication you are taking, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You can also call 1.888.VIRACEPT (1.888.847.2237) toll free.

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THE BEST AMERICAN
EROTICA 2000

EDITED BY SUSIE BRIGHT

Reviewed by Ed Grover

Susie Bright has diligently combed through piles of the newest erotica to bring you "The Best American Erotica 2000." In her introduction, she says she has seen many trends come and go since she started editing this series in the early 90s. She says, "One of the events that has emerged over the past year is the beautiful-people backlash. In many of the stories I have read the plot turns on a character who—for supernatural or quite pedestrian reasons—is physically grotesque. Ugly people seem to be calling the shots, ranging from the disabled to the strange to the terribly plain."

Included are stories in this vein such as "Calcutta" by Bob Vickery (sex with a double amputee), "Sophie's Smoke" by Mark Stuerz (where you find out exactly what people can do with cigars.), "It Will Do For Now" by Molly Weatherfield (foot fetishes), "Maryann" by Marc Levy (what happens to sexy seniors who place sex-wanted ads), and "ReBecca" by Vicki Hendricks, which tells of the sexual adventures of a pair of Siamese Twins—joined at the head. The conclusion and resolution of that one is a real kick.

In "The Maltese Dildo" by Adam McCabe. The main character (McCabe) tells a story about a client who hires him to find a jewel-encrusted dildo that was stolen from an orgy. McCabe is given a ticket to attend the next orgy, where he is told he will find some evidence and, maybe, the dildo. What he finds is some hot action with a fat man named Gutmann. He retrieves the stolen equipment and gets a real surprise when he returns it to the man who hired him.

Included is an excerpt from Bret Easton Ellis' 1999 novel "Glamorama." The story is about a young male model adrift in Manhattan who is searching for a female model named Jamie. He finds her in London and what happens will make you sit up and take notice. It will also make you think twice about Bret Easton Ellis. In this eight-page passage, the action starts in the shower and moves to the bedroom, where there's enough sex going on between the girl, her boyfriend, and the male model to satisfy anyone's interest, be they gay, straight or bisexual.

In "the Manicure" by Nell Carberry, the author tells about stopping for a manicure at a Nail Parlor in Greenwich Village. Here,

a small Asian woman in nothing but a pink smock and a man in black give her a going over she somehow doesn't want to escape from. She is blindfolded, the lights are turned off, and the front of the store is left open so the passers by on the street can watch the action. And some action it is!

Another trend is writing about youthful experiences or youth in general. There are gay, straight and bisexual stories that will either remind you of your own youth or at least take you on an erotic journey back in time. Bright says, "Interestingly, what is coveted and rhapsodized today, more than any other quality of beauty, is youth—pure childish sensuality and teenage bloom." She's all for teengae sex; she asks if youth are supposed to wait until "Grad School" to get their experience.

In "Two Cars in a Cornfield" by William Harrison, we listen to Kipper as he tells of his sexual adventures with seven of his classmates (four straight couples) as they discover sex and friendship during their senior year in high school. At the end of the story, many years later, he meets one of the girls and they compare notes on everyone and catch up with each other.

In "Midsummer of Love" by Simon Sheppard, we get all the inside action on a house full of gay kids in San Francisco. Sandy Stein is smoking a waterpipe of pot and listening to Janis Joplin. He is alone except for two boys having sex in the next room. One of his friends, Demetrius (who's after Sandy's ass), comes in and invites him to come to the park to watch a bunch of Hari Krishnas do "some kind of parade or something."

Sandy picks up a Krishna boy and they return for sex, while Demetrius leaves to go and practice with the "Cockettes", a bunch of gender-fuck drag queens who are staging a musical extravaganza entitled "Greek Love." Many stoned pages later, Sandy and Demetrius finally connect. How and where is the climax of this tale.

Of the thirty stories reproduced here, Susie Bright says, "Erotic storytellers are frequently truth tellers as much as they are fantasy writers. They perform the function of pointing out what is real under surreal conditions. ..." She says she doesn't think she will understand the spirit of erotica in the year 2000 until she's at its tail end; but all the while, she will hear voices from the sexual underground, and they will carry the weight of a new century's most blatant fears and desires. (Touchstone paperback, Simon & Schuster, ISBN 0-684-84396-X, \$13 USA, \$19 Canada).

Jamakaya To Lead Workshop
at Woodland Pattern

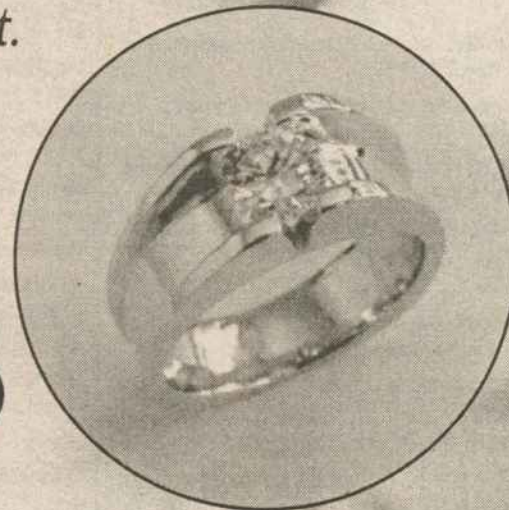
Milwaukee—Jamakaya, a local journalist and historian who is also Assistant Editor at *IN Step*, will present an afternoon workshop entitled "History in the Telling: The How-To's of Gathering Oral Histories" on Sunday, March 12 from 1-4 p.m. at Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust Street.

The workshop will present an overview of the practice of oral history and offer a step-by-step guide through the process of interviewing an individual who has life experiences to share. Topics include choosing a subject, preparing questions, interviewing techniques, recording equipment, the editing process, ethical issues and more.

Jamakaya is a writer and historian who has documented the feminist, labor and gay and lesbian movements in Milwaukee for 25 years. Most recently, she coordinated the Women of Wisconsin Labor Oral History Project and published the findings in her book, "Like Our Sisters before Us: Women of Wisconsin Labor."

The workshop fee is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. Reserve your place by calling (414) 263-5001.

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Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): It's Point Night! There are pints of Point for \$1. 2-4-1 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Lady's Night! Call drinks \$2.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Karaoke Night! Pull tabs. Drinks as low as 25¢. Dart leagues starting the 2nd week of January. Sign up now!

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m. Bottles of Corona & shots of Cuervo \$2 from 8 p.m. to close.

Jo'Dees International (Racine): Free Pool & \$6 Super Bust! MGD and Miller Lite!

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Hump Day! Everything's a buck. Open to close.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): 7-5-7. Special: Rooms and Lockers \$7 for 5 hours.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Miller Time! Miller Nite, \$1.50 taps and \$2.00 bottles.

Naples Lounge (Green Bay): Rail drinks \$1.50. Soda & juice are 50¢ from 3 to 7 p.m. \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Karaoke! \$1.50 MGD and Michelob Goldens.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. \$1.50 Dr. or Schnapps with drink 9 p.m. to close.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2 domestic bottles and rail mixers. 9 p.m. to closing.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. 2/4/1 all day, all night (open to close).

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Mini Pitchers \$2.50. Rail drinks \$1.50

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. Boyz Night Out! 2-4-1 on all cocktails, bottled beer and taps for the boyz. 8 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Special Export \$5 pitchers and 90-cent mugs from 9 p.m. to 1am.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/\$50¢ drafts. Retro party with DJ Cris.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! South Park Wednesdays. \$5 All-U-Can-Drink Superbust (beer & soda).

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour, 4-9 p.m. Intra-Bar Dart League.

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. Sean spins requests.

Thursdays:

Barrracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): All whiskey drinks, \$.50 off, pitchers of Lite sm., \$4, lg., \$5, shots of DR's, \$2.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Pitchers of Lite \$5. Frozen cocktails, \$3. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Tea Thursday! Ice Tea \$2.50.

Fannies (Milwaukee): \$1 off almost everything including top shelf.

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m. Cosmopolitan Martinis \$3 from 8 p.m. to close.

Jo'Dees International (Racine): \$6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite. Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra Shots - \$2.50

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Slammers! \$1 - 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to close!

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Tex-Mex Night! \$2 bottles of Corona, \$2 shots of Cuervo and Tequila Rose.

Naples Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs! drinks as low as 25¢ 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1 bottle beer. 50¢ drafts.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Free Pool & Darts. 2-4-1 tap beer 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bottle and Can beers, 50¢ off. \$1 shots of cold Schnapps.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. Karaoke Night! 8 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Pull tabs... try your luck!

The Office (Rockford, IL): Beer \$1 Well drinks \$1.50.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$6 All-U-Can Drink Rail Bust!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Double Bubble all day, all night.

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. DJ Mark spins.

Fridays:

Barrracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all other drinks. From 4 to 8 p.m. plus the Happy Hour wheel.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.25 from 4 to 8 p.m. Patio open in June.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Friday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange. No cover before 9 p.m.

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Pull tabs! 5 to 7 p.m.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): All you can eat Fish Fry and other great specials.

South Water Street Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Margarita Madness \$2. Corona \$2.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. DJ and dancing after 8 p.m.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$2.50 bloody's screw and greyhound & 90-cent taps... 11am to 6pm.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Best Dance Party! DJ Cris.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): All chilled shots \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m.

Saturdays:

Barrracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): Levi/Leather/Uniform Night! 50¢ off all drinks if dressed in L/L/U. Bartenders discretion.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Hot Music to dance to. Two new DJs playing top 40, booty, house, funk, oldies etc.

Jo'Dees International (Racine): Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots - \$2.50. \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weissie.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Short beers 2 for \$1.50.

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Mid-night. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials. DJ/Dancing.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close: 50¢ off all drinks with card. Progressive Happy Hour from 7 to 10 p.m.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): All chilled shots only \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m. DJ & dancing starting at 11 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Dirty Cocktails Specials (ask bartender). Hot Sex \$1. Slammers \$1.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. DJ and dancing after 8 p.m.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.30. Tap beer 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! DJ's Jerry & Jess One.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Trivia Challenge Day!

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, February 24

HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be at Fluid, 819 S. Second St. Second St., from 9 p.m. to Midnight. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Saturday, February 26

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Brew City Bears monthly meeting followed at 10 p.m. by club night and party. 209 E. National Ave. FMI: (414) 299-0401.

Friday, March 3

Shamrock Bar (Madison): Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group Happy Hour. The group meets at the Bar at 6 p.m. for cocktails every Friday night. Decides where to dine at 7 p.m. 117 W. Main St. FMI: (608) 274-5959.

Thursday, March 2

HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be at La Cage, 801 S. Second St., from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Saturday, March 4

NTN Trivia League Meeting at Woodys (Milwaukee): Starting at 3pm. Come down for more info.

Tuesday, March 7

Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Party at Fluid: (Milwaukee) 8pm to close. DJ John Murges. Beads for all.

Party Gras at Switch (Milwaukee): Costume Contest, \$1 off all drinks for people in costume. Win Prize\$.

Mardi Gras Party at Woody's (Milwaukee): Special prices, great food and fun. Costume contest starts at 8pm.

Fat Tuesday at Triangle (Milwaukee): Miller giveaways, t-shirts, beads and more!

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

Thursday, February 24

Chitra Divakaruni at Schwartz (Shorewood): Award-winning Indian poet Chitra Divakaruni reads at 7 p.m. at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Wednesday, March 1

Dyke Poets Meet (Madison): First Wednesday and third Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

James Morrow Reading (Mequon): Reading by James Morrow, author of "The Eternal Footman," 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Bookshop, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Thursday, March 2

LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee): Gay Men's Writing Group (Milwaukee): Meets 3rd Monday and 1st Thursday of the month. For writers, poets, essayists and all others to create an environment where members write together, share together and critique together. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, March 4

Science Fiction Book Club (Madison): 3 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Wednesday, March 8

Elizabeth Strout Reading (Brookfield): Author of "Amy and Isabelle," 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Bookshop, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

Thursday, March 9

Mark Bowden Appearance (Mequon): Author of "Black Hawk Down" speaks at the Schwartz Bookshop, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

(Please read carefully. Some meetings occur the same day weekly, others the same day bi-weekly or monthly.)

THURSDAYS:

Diversity G/L Resource Center (Rockford, IL): Located at 610 E State St. Open from 4 to 9 p.m. Teen Drop-in Hours. FMI call (815) 964-2639.

Gay AA - Open Meetings (Appleton & Green Bay): There are five open AA Meetings for the gay and lesbian community each week in Appleton and Green Bay. FMI & Locations call (920) 336-2868 or (920) 954-9169.

Gay AA/Gay Al-Anon - 12-Step Meetings (Kenosha): These recovery groups meet every Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5810 8th Ave., at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115

Gay/Lesbian AA Closed Meeting (Madison): Meets weekly at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. FMI call (608) 222-8989.

South Madison Health & Family Ctr. (Madison): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

HIV/AIDS Support Group & Hotline (Upper Peninsula, MI): These projects serve Dickinson, Iron, & Menominee Counties. For information on the support group in Iron Mountain, Michigan on the first Thursday of each month, call the HIV/AIDS Hotline at (906) 779-2904.

HIV Self-Help Group - Monthly meeting (Baraboo): This group sponsored by persons living with HIV, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & the AIDS Network meets every 3rd Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Baraboo. Refreshments are served, transportation assistance is available. FMI: (608) 643-7241 or (608) 643-7583.

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian Singles Discussion Group (Milwaukee): Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ongoing discussion about unique challenges and rewards of being single, open to all lesbians. The group picks a different topic each month. FMI call Pat, (414) 329-8404.

LGBT Community Center - Parenting Support Group (Milwaukee): This group meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The group grew out of the "Maybe Baby" Rainbow U lecture. The group is for people who are considering adoption or conceiving their own children. FMI contact Andrew Warner at (414) 964-9505.

LGBT Community Center - Rainbow U Lecture Series (Milwaukee): Every 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 to 8 p.m. The series encourages awareness and discussion of issues important to the LGBT Community. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Campus Center - Boy-Oh-Boy Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison): This weekly group provides an outlet for gay/bi students at UWM. Social outings and great discussion. Hosted by University Health Services and Sex-Out-Loud, Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center on the second floor of the UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street.

South Madison Health & Family Center (Madison): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

Triangle Coalition - LGB Support Group (Rockford, IL): Meet to establish and explore friendships & relationships. Discuss a variety of topics every Thursdays at 8 p.m. FMI call (319) 583-1834.

Women's Consciousness Raising Group (Madison): Meets weekly at 5:30 p.m. at 122 State St. Suite 403. FMI call (608) 250-6775.

Unitarian Universalist Church - Lesbian Support/Discussion Group (Rockford, IL): The group meets weekly from 7-8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI call (815) 636-7298.

FRIDAYS:

High Tea & Talk - Men's Group (Madison): High Tea & Talk is an opportunity for men of all ages, who enjoy the company of other men, to chat and graze at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 3 p.m., 2089 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 257-9751.

LGBT Youth Group - Meeting (Kenosha): This group meets the first & third Fridays of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the ARCW Offices, 1212 - 57th St. FMI call 800-924-6601.

MGLQ & MGLPO - Red Light Night (Marshfield): Every Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., 130 S. Central Ave., above the Thimbleberry Bookstore. Meet local LGBT people, enjoy Videos and Dancing. Everyone is welcome. FMI: Jim (715) 384-6731 or Vic (715) 387-2068.

ProjectQ Drop-In Night (Milwaukee): LGBT Youth 24 and under are welcome to stop in Fridays, 5-10 p.m., at Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second Street, 5-10 p.m. FMI: (414) 223-3220.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. An opportunity for men with HIV/AIDS to socialize and find support. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

Frontiers Dining Out (Madison): Madison-area Gay/Bi men meet at the Shamrock Bar around 6 p.m. FMI: (608) 274-5821.

Madison Transgender Group - Support Group (Madison): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-T-F and F-T-M), Cross Dressers and their Friends, Families and Significant Others. 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 14 West Mifflin Street. FMI: (608) 255-4927.



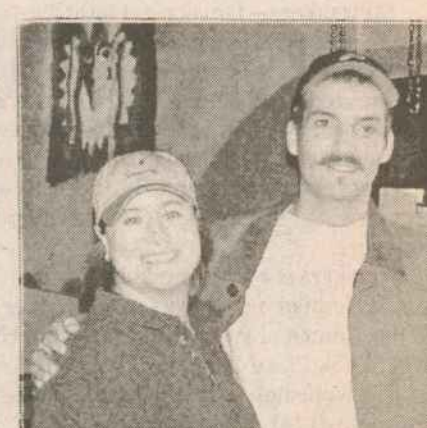
Steppin' Out. Photo by Chris at Woody's



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First runner-up. Photo by Chris @ Club Boom



Sucking up to the boss. Photo by Chris @ Fluid



We love prozac. Photo by Jamie @ SWS Docks



Docks Tea Party. Photo by Jamie @ SWS Docks



Three way smooch! Photo by Chris



Triple trouble. Photo by Chris @ M&M

SATURDAYS:

AIDS Network - HIV/AIDS Support Group (Madison): Meets from 10 a.m. to noon at UW Hospital, 600 Highland Ave. in K6/Rm. 280, 2nd floor. FMI: (608) 252-6540 or 1-800-486-6276.

GLB AA - Open Meeting (Madison): Every Saturday at 6 p.m. at Out-Reach, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Social Night (Duluth, MN): Meets every Saturday. Activities include games, videos and other social events from 6-9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

SUNDAYS:

Angels of Hope MCC - Religious Services (Allouez and Appleton): Services are held every Sunday at 11 a.m. at 3607 Libal St. in Allouez, and 5 p.m. at 815 N. Richmond St. in Appleton. FMI: (920) 991-0128.

LGBT Catholics (Milwaukee): Monthly discussion group for LGBT Catholics meets from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at Holy Trinity/Guadalupe School, 613 S. 4th St. FMI: (414) 481-8543.

Gay Men's Discussion Group - Monthly Meeting (Milwaukee): The group meets at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., every second Sunday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. Topics range from relationships and dating to HIV/AIDS to spirituality and mental health. FMI: Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church - Worship Service (Madison): Services at 9 and 11 a.m. at 2146 E. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 242-8887.

LGBT Community Center - Meditation Circle (Milwaukee): The Circle will begin with centering and grounding exercises followed by guided meditation. 10 a.m. to Noon on the 1st Sunday of the month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Conversations With God (Milwaukee): The group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Drumming Circle (Milwaukee): Meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the 4th Sunday of the month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Rainbow Friends - Quaker Worship Group (Madison): Meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. Diversity is encouraged, feelings honored, and boundaries respected. FMI & location, call (608) 250-7989.

Seeking Sobriety - Non-Religious Recovery Group (Milwaukee) This recovery group meets at 6 p.m. every Sunday at BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (use side door). FMI: Danny at (414) 540-0961 or Richard at (414) 442-1132.

Silver Space - Older Lesbian Discussion Group (Milwaukee): Meets on the third Sunday of the month at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., from 6 to 8 p.m. \$3 donation. FMI: (414) 271-2565.

University Congregational Church - Worship Service (Madison): Weekly services are at 10 a.m. at 1127 University Ave. FMI (608) 256-2353.

MONDAYS:

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton): The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Society meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of Coleman Hall at Lawrence University Memorial Union, 615 E. College Ave. FMI: Irene (920) 722-7572 or Bernie (920) 982-0220.

Gay AA/Gay Al-Anon - 12-Step Meetings (Racine): These recovery groups meet every Monday at 625 College Ave. at 8 p.m. FMI: Art at (414) 694-0115.

Gay/Bi Men's AA - Closed Meeting (Madison): Meets at 8 p.m. at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave. FMI: (608) 222-8989.

LGBT Community Center - Membership Drop In Nights (Milwaukee): These are casual nights the first Monday of the month. Board games, pool and Ping-Pong are available, along with snacks and coffee. Not a member? Stop by and see about the benefits. Free for members, \$2 for non-members. FMI: (414) 271-2656

LGBT Youth Pride Support Group - New Meeting (Green Bay): This group will be available to youth every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Counseling Center, 311 Jefferson St. FMI: (920) 437-4325.

WISH - Generic AA 12-Step Meeting (Madison): Meets weekly at 6 p.m. at the Atwood Community Ctr., 2425 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 249-5096.

UWM Rainbow Group (Milwaukee): University LGBT group meets at 7:30 p.m. in Student Union Room E307. FMI: (414) 229-6555.

TUESDAYS:

HIV/AIDS Support Group - Fox Cities (Menasha): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Assn. of Fox Valley, Midway Rd., 1488 Kenwood Drive. FMI: (920) 739-4226 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian 12-Step Al-Anon Group (Milwaukee): Meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism with a relative or friend. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Project Q Youth Drop In Night (Milwaukee): The group meets Tuesdays from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. Drop In nights provide a variety of youth activities in a space that is welcoming, safe and accessible to LGBTQ (questioning) youth. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Madison Community Health Ctr. - HIV Testing (Madison): Free, anonymous, walk-in HIV testing from 3 to 5:45 p.m. at 1133 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-0704.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Open Discussion Group (Duluth, MN): Meets weekly from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Opera Block, Suite 309. Topics include coming out issues, support & resources. No age limits. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

PFLAG - Milwaukee - Open Office (Milwaukee): A representative of Milwaukee's PFLAG Chapter will be available to speak to parents, youth or anyone who wants to stop and say hello each Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Sober Seniors - AA Meeting (Milwaukee): This meeting is focused on the unique recovery needs of elders, and meets every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 3200 W. Highland Blvd. FMI: ElderLink (414) 289-6874.

UHS Counseling & Consultation Services - Sex Out Loud (Madison): This discussion group for Gay/Bi students meets in the Memorial Union at 12 Noon every Tuesday. FMI: (608) 265-4901.

Womansong - Rehearsal (Madison) This women's chorale meets at the Beth Israel Center at 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Yoga Spirit - Free Classes (Milwaukee): Every Tuesday there are free classes for all people living with HIV. Among other things you can reduce stress and ease neuropathy & joint pain. Classes are held at 301 N. Water St., Suite 410 at 3:30 p.m. FMI: (414) 289-9660.

WEDNESDAYS:

Diversity G/L Resource Ctr - Coming Out Support Group (Rockford, IL): Meets every Wednesday at 610 E. State St. from 7 to 8 p.m. FMI: (815) 964-2639.

Gay/Bi Men's Al Anon Group (Madison): Meets at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave., every Wednesday at 6 p.m. FMI: (608) 256-4107 or (608) 846-2860.

HIV/AIDS Support Group - (Green Bay): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Meetings take place at Renaissance Healing Arts Ctr., 311 S. Jefferson from 7:30 to 9 p.m. FMI: (920) 437-4325 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

LGBT Campus Center - Les/Bi Curious Women's Group (Madison): This weekly group, open specifically to lesbian, bisexual and curious women who are UWM students, meets every Wednesday night, 8 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Landgon St.

Madison Vet Center - GLB Veterans Meeting (Madison): The group meets every Wednesday at 147 S. Butler at 5 p.m. FMI: (608) 262-7084 or (608) 264-5342.

Queer Chicks - Social Group (Madison): Meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 219 N. Hamilton St. FMI: (608) 265-3344.

FILM, TV AND RADIO:**Monday, February 28**

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): "Westler: East of the Wall," 7:30 p.m. Call for location: (608) 274-5959.

Tuesday, February 29

Videographer Portia Cobb (Milwaukee): Cobb speaks on "Experimental Film & Video," 7 p.m., 208 N. Water St. Sponsored by Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. FMI: (414) 276-7889.

Saturday, March 4

Gay Video Club (Madison): Showing "Common Ground" and "Dream Team," 8 p.m. FMI: (608) 244-8675.

Sun., March 5 & Every Sun.

Women's Music Radio (Milwaukee): WMSE-91.7FM. 10:30 p.m. to Midnight. Variety of women's music genres, announcements of events in Milwaukee women's community.

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU-Weekly TV (Madison): "Nothing to Hide" runs LGBT programming every week from 2-3 p.m. Re-runs the next day at 8 a.m.

"Hotel Milwaukee" - Live Taping (Milwaukee): Weekly taping of the radio program "Hotel Milwaukee" at 5 p.m. at Hotel Metro in downtown Milwaukee. It is rebroadcast over WHAD 90.7 at 7 p.m. Fridays and 4 p.m. Saturdays. FMI: (414) 352-3331 or (414) 276-7889.

Womyn's Radio (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM - A weekly show titled "Her Turn," Womyn's news and information by and about women, airs from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by "Her Infinite Variety," Women in Music from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All genres and styles. Interviews, live guests and announcements for the women's community. FMI: (608) 256-2001 or <http://www.netphoria.com/wort>.

"Better Living Through Show Tunes" (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM - Hosts Bruce Wheeler and Earl Bricker, 2-3 p.m. (608) 256-2001.

Tues., March 7 & Every Tues.

"The Queer Program" (Milwaukee): Live weekly telecast on MATA Public access cable channel 47 (96 in some areas) at 7 p.m. Hosts: Michael Lisowski and Charles Daniels. Re-broadcast Saturday at 12:30 a.m. and Sundays at 10 p.m. FMI: (414) 265-8500.

Wed., March 8 & Every Wed.

"Nothing to Hide" (Madison): Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU runs LGBT Programming every week from 9-11 p.m. Re-runs from 12:30-2:30 a.m.

"Queery" (Madison): WORT, 89.9 FM - G/L Radio. Madison's local GLBTQ radio show, followed by "This Way Out," the international LGBT show, which runs from 7:30-8 p.m.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:**Ongoing Exhibits:**

Adambomb Galerie (Milwaukee): Mixed media works by Shawn Stephany, 524 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 276-BOMB.

Alverno College (Milwaukee): "The Guild of American Papercutters Traveling Exhibit" thru March 11. 4th Floor of Liberal Arts Building, 3401 S. 39th St. FMI: (414) 382-6000.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): "Patterns Through Time," runs thru Feb. 27 at W62-N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Gallery Cora Dora (Milwaukee): The works of Jeanne Brill, Michael Merritt Mangon and John Ernst thru April 9. 211 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 283-9244.

Grava Gallery (Milwaukee): "The Return of Randy James" - A showing of recent works by city artist Randy James runs through March 3. Reception with artist on opening night from 6-9 p.m. 1209 E. Brady Street. FMI: (414) 277-8228.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Ever Green: Mixed Media Works by Helen Altman," thru end of Feb., 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "Work in Progress: The Madison Art Center Collects," features cornerstones of the Center's collection, including Mapplethorpe photos, Nevelson sculptures, Frida Kahlo paintings and more. 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Michael H. Lord Gallery (Milwaukee): "Vanity of Vanities," 12 new paintings by Barbara Kohl-Spiro. Through March 14 at 420 E. Wisconsin Ave. FMI: (414) 272-1007.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milwaukee): "Interventions: New Art in Unconventional Spaces," includes recent work by 12 international artists, including Robert Gober, Cheonae Kim, Inigo Mangano-Ovalle and Ilya Kabakov. Through April 23. 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. FMI: (414) 224-3200.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milwaukee): "Breach Broach," an exhibit of mixed media works by Lauren Garber and Mark Klassen. Exhibit runs through March 11. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

Wustum Museum of Fine Arts (Racine): "Jewelry and Sculpture in Recycled Materials" by Robert W. Ebendorf. Through April 30. 2519 Northwestern Ave.

THEATRE/MUSIC ARTS:**Now Playing:**

"Forever Plaid" (Milwaukee): In its fourth record-breaking month! Must close March 12. At Vogel Hall of the Marcus Center, 123 E. State St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

"From My Hometown: A Celebration of Rhythm & Blues" (Milwaukee): Presented by the Milwaukee Rep in the Stackner Cabaret thru March 12. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"The Gin Game" (Milwaukee): Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's production of the two-character farce. Through March 5 at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Midnight and Moll Flanders" (Milwaukee): World Premiere of Marie Kohler play, produced jointly by Renaissance Theaterworks and the Professional Theatre Training Program at UW-Milwaukee. Through Feb. 27. For tickets and show times, call (414) 229-4308.

"A Night in November" (Milwaukee): A one-man, multi-character comedy about the "troubles" in Ireland produced by Next Act Theatre thru Feb. 27 in the company's new space in the Off-Broadway Theater, 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-7780.

"To Lift Ourselves Up" (Milwaukee): Theatre X's staged history of the Yiddish Theater in Milwaukee, written by John Schneider. Through March 12. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Uncle Vanya" (Milwaukee): Boulevard Ensemble production of Chekhov's classic. Through March 19 at 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. FMI: (414) 744-5757.

AND:**Friday, February 25**

"In the Movies" (Milwaukee): A Dale Gutzman Production. Musical revue, audience participation and more! Also Feb. 26 and March 3 and 4. 8 p.m. at Centennial Hall of the Milwaukee Public Library. FMI: (414) 327-3552.

Saturday, February 26

Trinity Irish Dance Company (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. at the Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells Street. FMI: (414) 286-3665.

Sunday, February 27

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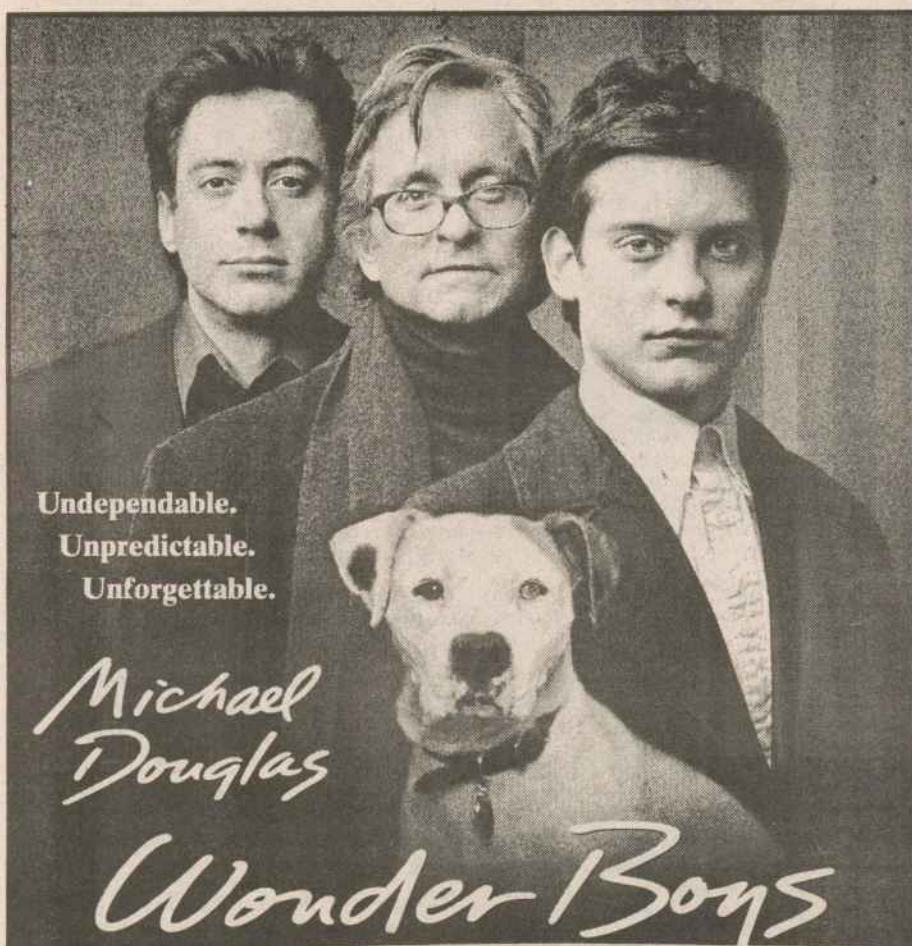
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Chamber Theatre Deals Winning Hand with "The Gin Game"

by Carl M. Szatmary

Playwright Donald Lee Coburn's own story would very likely make for one fascinating play. Debuting in a 49-seat theater in Los Angeles, "The Gin Game" seems to have been Coburn's very first staged work. Despite its humble origins, the play managed to captivate actor Hume Cronyn who thought that it would be a perfect vehicle for he and his wife, Jessica Tandy. With fabled Broadway director Mike Nichols persuaded to take the helm, "The Gin Game" proved to be an extraordinary Broadway success, playing over 500 performances. Amongst the many critical accolades the play received was a 1978 Pulitzer Prize as the year's best drama.

This is quite an auspicious beginning for a young playwright. However since "The Gin Game," Donald Lee Coburn hasn't offered anything to match his amazing debut triumph.

"The Gin Game" is at first glance a deceptively simple play. Coburn's chosen setting is a very old-fashioned "old folks home", the sort of place where the management, striving to keep those in care entertained, do so in such childlike ways as with magicians and coloring books. Imagine, if you will, Shady Pines, the nursing home Sophia burnt down on the popular sit-com "Golden Girls."

Coburn offers only two characters: Weller (Paul Boesing, making his Milwaukee Chamber Theatre debut) and Fonsia (Ruth Schudson). Fonsia seems a worn but kindly soul while Weller is certainly a cantankerous old devil.

As the play opens, Weller is seen playing a game of Solitaire, the theme song from "The Price is Right" blaring from an unattended television. A recent arrival, Fonsia joins Weller on the porch and following some introductory chat, Weller slyly offers to teach her the game of Gin. Weller is more than a little obsessed with card playing, particularly Gin, and sees Fonsia as a perfect foil. Weller's thinking is quite transparent. He thinks that he has



Paul Boesing and Ruth Schudson

found a partner he'll be able to beat easily and often.

No such luck. Fonsia is either a natural card player or pretty darn lucky as she keeps winning games, to Weller's increasing frustration.

Over the course of the next 90 minutes, Weller and Fonsia play cards, bicker, play a few more hands and then bicker some more. Neither seems very happy. Both were divorced, neither ever seem to have a visitor on visitor's day. When they talk of other, unseen, patients, they describe them as either blankly staring out of windows or, worse, constantly complaining of real as well as imagined ailments.

While the two are clearly drawn together, this is no simple geriatric "love story." The stage appears set up for the expected gooey, feel-good ending where the two "old folks" go gently into the sunset. Only Coburn here is too savvy a playwright for such a simple resolution. Instead of relying upon stock stereotypes, Coburn bestows upon Weller and Fonsia surprising depth and complexity, their facades stripped away as they do battle at the card table.

In the hands of such capable actors as Ruth Schudson and Paul Boesing, "The Gin Game" becomes an absolute delight. Both possess impeccable comic timing in addition to crafting fascinating, full-blooded characters.

"The Gin Game" continues at the Cabot Theatre at the Broadway Theatre Center until March 5.

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humor

Perils of a Gay Home Buyer

by Kevin Isom

Finding a house to buy is a lot like finding a boyfriend or girlfriend. When you finally find one you like, the first thing you do is to try to change it.

When I finally paid off my last student loan recently, I decided that it was time for me to put down roots. Or at least come up with some other large debt that I can use to fill the gaping emptiness in my life where my student debt used to be. Besides, there's only so much you can do with an apartment, and even though my gay design genes are limited at best, I am a great organizer. I like projects and plans. And I've re-organized one too many boyfriend's closets. ("Order out of chaos," I said. "You labeled my socks and divided them by color," he replied in shock.)

The first thing I did when I decided to take the plunge into the turbulent waters of buying a place was to find a real estate agent. A family oriented agent, that is. I needed someone who would understand my special concerns about living space. Proximity to the gayer areas of town is important to me. Easy access to restaurants, movies, and my favorite coffee house are key. I'm not looking for a house in the extreme suburbs, no matter how affordable it might be, and I am definitely not into major yard work. I got enough of that when I was growing up. (I learned to drive on a riding lawnmower. And I drew out detailed landscaping plans for our yard in my spare time.)

Ultimately, for the choice of agents, it was a toss-up between a tough-as-nails lesbian (did you see the movie *The Negotiator*?) and a gay man with construction experience. My lesbian friend is an exception to the stereotype of lesbians and power tools, and I'm looking for a fixer-upper (again, isn't it just like dating?), so I decided to go with the guy with construction experience. Unlike some gay folks, I don't walk into a house and say, "That wall must go!" My skills do not extend that far, and I was terrible at Tinker Toys. I needed the remodeling advice.

Once we started looking, I realized that finding the right house or condo—or

humble hovel—wasn't going to be as easy as I thought. You see, there are two basic types of existing homeowners. The gay or lesbian, and the handicapped, otherwise known as straight.

Almost every place you look at that is owned by gay folks is move-in quality. Crown molding, fabulous kitchens, updated bathrooms (gotta love those two-headed showers), open, airy, and bright. (Not unlike my last boyfriend after I'd completed his re-training and released him back into the dating pool.) But the houses built by gay folks are priced to match. Then there are the ones owned by the artsy or frou-frou gay folks. The ones with the koi ponds beside the patio and the dog house with the miniature marble staircase. This is where the gene goes too far.

It's a whole other experience when you look at homes owned by straight folks. The difference is sometimes astonishing. It's a lot like being in the movie *The Wizard of Oz* and going back to Kansas. Everything goes from technicolor to black and white. I find myself wondering, "How do these people live this way? Is it environmental or genetic?" There are kitchens in need of a wrecking ball, hideous carpets covering perfectly good hardwood floors, and wallpapers that would make a cannibal queasy.

I have developed a coping mechanism to adapt to the shock of looking at such places. First, I walk in and gasp in initial shock and dismay. Then I close my eyes, click my heels together three times, and repeat, "There's nothing like crown molding, there's nothing like crown molding!" Buying a straight-owned home is a little like dating a guy direct from his parents' farm in Iowa. There may be a lot of potential there, but a lot of work has to go into it. And I'm just not into complete reconstruction. I am not a lesbian.

Still, I've learned to look at a place and immediately imagine it as I would want it to be. And in a way, that's the same approach I've always taken to life as a gay person. I look at things the way they are, and I imagine them the way I want them to be. Then I just do it.

Maybe someday I'll be a happy homo homeowner. If I survive the perils of house hunting, I'll be putting up crown molding soon.

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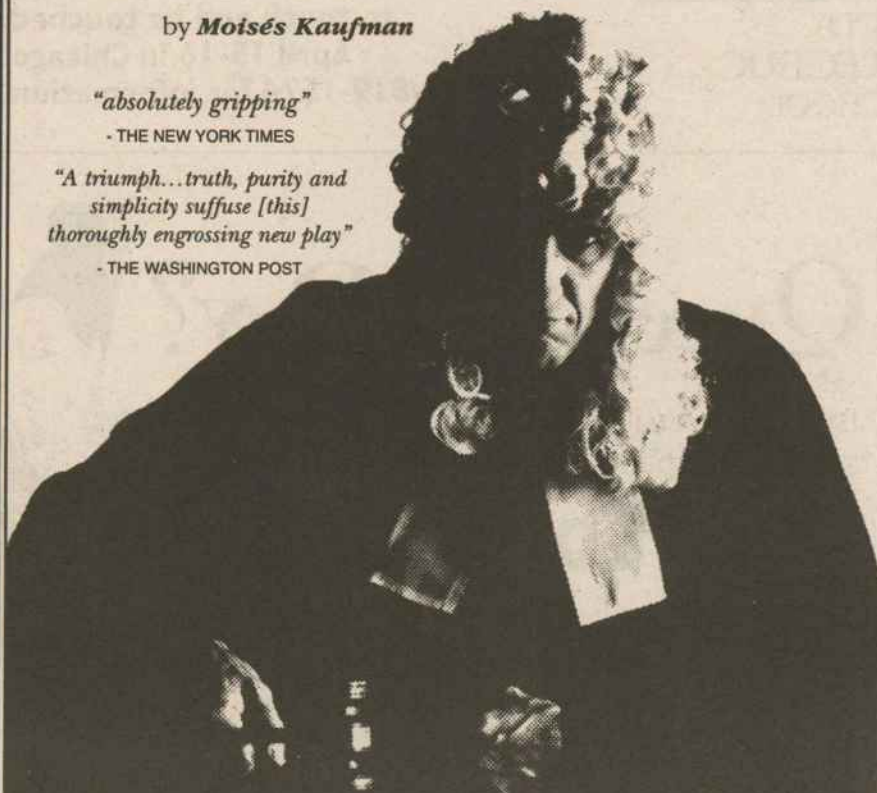
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"I did have one gay boy, about 17 or 18, who came up and said, 'I had such a hard time, I'd just come out to my parents, and then they watched your programme and they think my life is like that.' And actually your heart bleeds, and I was saying, 'I am so sorry if I caused you any difficulties.' But when you're in front of a keyboard being honest about a story, the moment you start to take other people's considerations into account it becomes a blander piece of work. This kid's parents—it's their problem if they watch a piece of television and blame him for that."

—Russell T. Davies, author of the groundbreaking British TV series *Queer As Folk*, to London's *Gay Times*,

"Have you seen *Queer As Folk*? It's really amazing. That rimming scene about made me faint. Not because I haven't seen that sort of thing before, just the thought that it was on motherfucking TV, not cable, in 'repressed' Great Britain. Amazing. And it didn't hurt that the rimme looked like every boy I was in love with in high school, either. Nice butt."

—E-mail to this column
from sex-advice columnist
Dan Savage.

Don't Get Her Started

"Don't get me started. I was married before, so I know what it means, legally and psychologically. I'm just annoyed beyond belief that we don't get the same rights."

—Julie Cypher, lover of rocker Melissa Etheridge, to the *Advocate*.

Nice Big Toes

"I started getting e-mails from foot fetishists because Will sometimes walks around his apartment without shoes."

—Will & Grace star Eric McCormack
to TV Guide.

Marriage on Death Bed?

"Marriage as an institution is on its last gasp. Its death will come from the charges of homophobia used to block meaningful public policy discourse. There are public policy issues aplenty when it comes to marriage

and children, but they will be sacrificed at the altar of the homophobia accusation we fear and worship by remaining mute."

—Columnist Marianne M. Jennings writing in Salt Lake City's *Deseret News*. Jennings is a professor of legal and ethical studies at Arizona State University.

Or Your Vote

"An openly known homosexual is somebody who probably wouldn't share my philosophy."

—Presidential candidate George W. Bush on WMHK radio in Charleston, S.C., Feb. 17 when asked if he'd appoint open gays to his administration.

Gore Accepts

"I don't pretend to have an understanding of homosexuality that sustains a discussion of its roots ... but I do not believe it is simply an acceptable alternative that society should affirm."

—Al Gore to the Nashville Tennessean newspaper in 1984 when he was running for U.S. Senate.

Bradley Flips

"I do not support gay rights."

—Bill Bradley in 1978 during his first campaign for the U.S. Senate.

A Proper Cup of Tea

"[She went to make tea.] It was the classic English response. You know it's bad when they make tea."

—Gay writer Andrew Sullivan on his mother's reaction to being told he is gay, as reported by the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, Feb. 4. Sullivan addressed students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Feb. 3.

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The Third Miracle

Review by Kevin John

In the last twelve months, Hollywood has spurt up, like so much green pea soup, a slew of disgraceful religion films from "Stigmata" to "Dogma" to "End of Days" whose tests of faith are purely cinematic. "The Third Miracle" seems poised to reverse this trend. It boasts a prestigious director, Agnieszka Holland ("Europa, Europa," "Total Eclipse") seamless acting (courtesy of headliners Ed Harris and Anne Heche) and an honest approach towards its existential grappings. And yet, unfortunately, the films it brings to mind are "Entrapment" and "Six Days, Seven Nights" (the latter also starring Heche).

Father Frank Shore (Harris) struggles with his faith as he first doubts then rallies behind the beatification of a recently deceased Chicago woman, Helen O'Regan (Barbara Sukowa). But it's his relationship with Helen's daughter, Roxanne (Heche), that leaves a bitter aftertaste. Roxanne is a non-believer and is disgusted by the notion that her mother would be canonized as a saint (Helen deserted a sixteen year old Roxanne for the church). On the surface, she seems to function as an obstacle to Frank's goal. But Archbishop Werner (Armin Mueller-Stahl) will provide a much more formidable obstacle later in the film. And because Roxanne falls in love with Frank, she functions more precisely as

Frank's fountain of youth

Now falling in love with Ed Harris is not a ridiculous impossibility. He looks damn good, a fact underlined by an early scene with his shirt off. I'd do him. Because Roxanne's character is so broadly drawn (she barely exists outside the realm of Father and mother), however, her reasons for falling for Frank are unclear and thus come across as arbitrary. Ultimately, she serves a Hollywood where middle age-plus men (Harrison Ford, Sean Connery, Harris) are allowed their adventures (existential and otherwise) with much younger women (Catherine Zeta-Jones, Heche) but similar excursions for middle age-plus women are obviously taboo (let's get the real Straight Story and pair Heche up romantically with Richard Farnsworth).

But "The Third Miracle" is greater than the sum of its compulsory heterosexual parts and Holland deserves credit for realizing her fascination with, as she put it in the press kit, "the Catholic Church as an institution with its own fascinating history, folklore, rules and metaphysical dimensions." Her mise-en-scene is littered with painters, glass fillers and nuns collecting books in a library, answering phone calls or, most tellingly, picking up litter after a particularly strong showing for a bleeding statue of Mary. Always at the edges of the frame, they're constantly undercutting the "natural" processes by which a "little housewife" becomes a saint (three posthumous miracles are needed, hence the title). Now if only we could hear their stories we might have something different under the sun for once.

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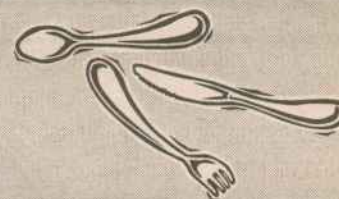
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by Michael Johnston

And now it's "Cordially Yours," Still basking in the glory of Valentines Day. Holidays can take sooo much out of you. Who said it was better to give than to receive?

I had dinner recently at **Brett Favre's Steakhouse**. No not **Brett Sommers'** and unfortunately no "match." I enjoyed seeing what they did with the old, legendary Park Avenue. While the service was great and the decor not bad, for a glorified sports bar, it wasn't of the caliber of a "downtown eatery." Maybe if Mr. Farve was there it would help bring in more patrons and ones that looked as though they were dressed for dinner and not a game of touch football.

Alas, Park Avenue is but a faded memory, today if one desires to cha-cha we have: **La Cage, Club** (yes they are still open) **219, Dish** and now, **Club Boom!** Quite a fun new spot located right between **Dish** and **La Cage**, formerly housed **Curt Peck's** old bar, **In Between**. The venue has been updated quite a bit, but still maintains it's original charms. **David** and **Russ** had quite the capacity of localities lurking about, on a cold Saturday night in February! I knew I was in for a good time when **Chuck**, the door man asked to see my ID. I, of course obliged, after blowing the dust off and a few cob webs. I couldn't help but notice a brand spanking new "virgin" bartender named **Yves**. Yes, he is fluent in French! If you're looking to make your feet happy, as well as other parts of your anatomy tap on over to **Club Boom** for an explosive time!

While I'm on the park theme, I caught "Barefoot in the Park" at the newly renovated **Waukesha Civic Theatre**. It's quite remarkable to see old neighborhood theaters like this converted to—a live production theater. Here in Milwaukee, The **Modjeska Theater** has also been the sight of many live stage productions. The **Waukesha** troop were fine in their roles and it's interesting to see how **Neil Simon's** work still holds up.

What to do, what to do—about those "Blue Mondays," especially this time of year. I found a solution! The first Monday of every month including June—**Taylor's Blue Monday Party**. Innovative music, imaginative lighting, and fun cocktails, not to mention a great buffet and fascinating people. Hey there, **Meagan!**

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I'm sorry to report that **The Pageant** has been cancelled or postponed. Hopefully, one of our longest running institutions will continue, in our new century ... time will tell.

Did you have the chance to catch — "That John McGivern Thing" at The **Stiemke Theater**? The **Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel** gave it a rave. I told you so.

Adios, to my amigos from **The M&M Club. Rona and Company** are doing their perennial tour, South American way, olé!

So long!!! **Steven** from **South Water Street Docks**, is winging his way South. Our very own "Miss Gay Mukwonago" will now be the toast of North Carolina!

Until next time, keep warm, ignore all ground hugs and I shall remain, "Cordially Yours."

If you would like to contact me, please write to me at cordiallyyours@instep-news.com.

P.S.

While **Jamie**, my colleague of **Keepin' In Step** fame, takes a few well-deserved weeks off, let me just quickly fill you in on a few events hitting Milwaukee's fabulous club scene...

Why go to New Orleans? Seems like Milwaukee has become the center of decadence for **Mardi Gras 2000** ... On **Fat Tuesday**, **March 7** look for a slew of parties. First up, dust off those old Halloween outfits for costume contests at **Switch** and **Woody's**. **Fluid** is having a **Fat Tuesday** party with fabulous **DJ John Murges** and lots of beads! Plus, you can always swing by **Triangle** for **Miller** give-aways including t-shirts and other goodies. I wonder how many people will be calling in sick on **Hang-over Wednesday**?

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- Cross Lutheran Church** (Reconciled in Christ)
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5933 W. National Ave., 53214 259-1229
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10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226 259-4664
- St. James Episcopal Church**
833 W. Wisconsin Ave. 271-1340
- First Unitarian Society** (Unitarian Universalist Church)
1342 N. Astor St. 273-5257
- Village Church** (Reconciled in Christ)
130 E. Juneau Ave. 273-7617

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- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin** (www.arcw.org)
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- 5 Club 219** (MW, DJ, V)
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- 4 Dish** (Wm, DJ)
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- 29 South Water Street Docks**
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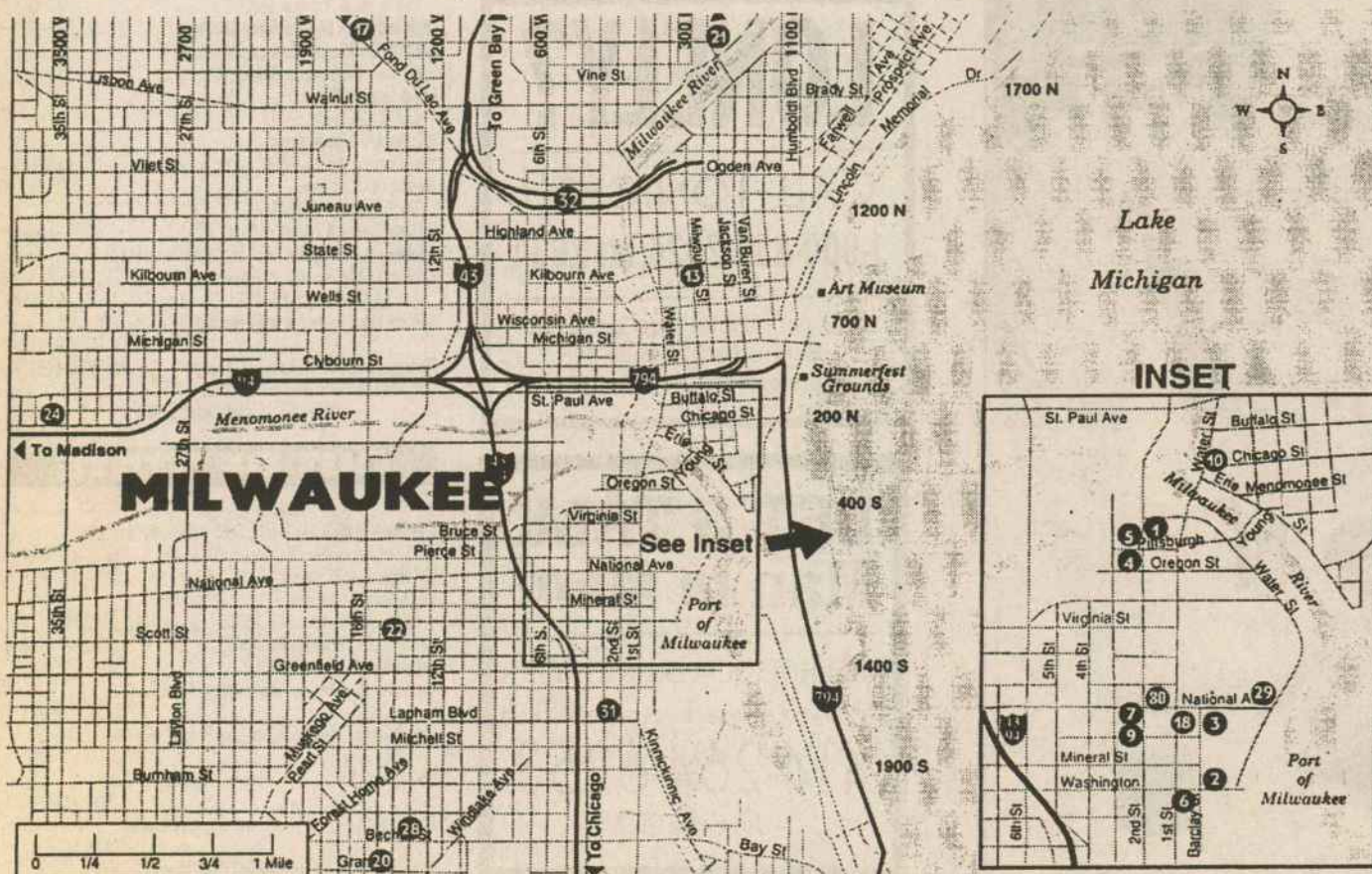
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(referrals) 444-7331
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Gay/Lesbian Support Group
 Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806
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 PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of
Gay/Lesbians/Bi's 359-7432
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 Shirley: 458-2506 Carolyn: 467-0422
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 (800) 924-6601
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 1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880 394-4009
 (877) 242-0282
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 304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701 838-9494
The Main Club (MW, DJ)
 1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880 392-1756
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 8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 722-8585
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 Greater Chippewa Valley
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Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) (202) 628-4160
National G&L Task Force (NGLTF) (202) 332-6483
Crossroads (LesBiGay Real Estate National Referral)
 (800) 442-9735
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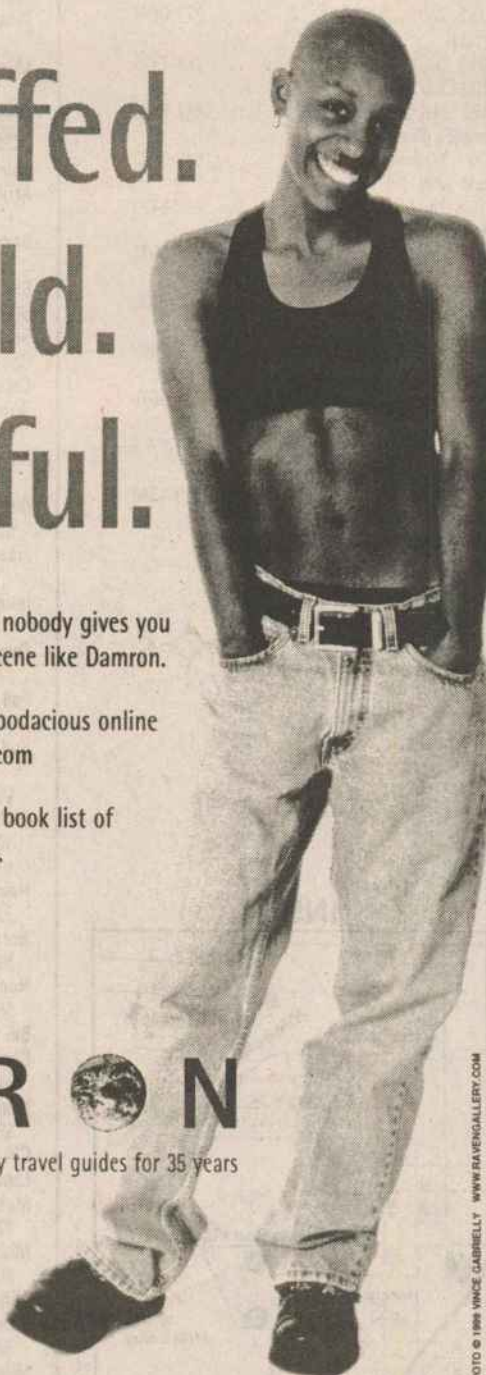


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GIMME A CALL James is a 25-year-old GBM, versatile, open, good-humored, enjoys bowling, cooking, dancing, good sex, parties. Seeking GBM for friendship, possible relationship. (Chicago) ☎15356

HAIRY CHEST, NONSMOKER John is a GWM, 38, 5'10", 175 lbs, employed, enjoys movies, dining, travel, light drinker. Old-fashioned in many ways but modern in my thinking. Seeking GM, age and race is open, for casual dating, friendship and possible LTR. (Palatine) ☎13954

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INTERESTED? Late-50s Male, young-looking, seeking Male to pleasure, all calls returned. ☎11718

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SEEKING SAME Robert is a GWM, HIV +, kind, considerate, healthy, enjoys travel, music. Seeking HIV+ Male, with similar interests. (Chippewa Falls) ☎12601

GWM 55, 5'11", 200 lbs., decent-looking, enjoys the outdoors, quiet times at home. Seeking Male for friendship, possible relationship. ☎15467

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21-YEAR-OLD GAY BLACK MALE seeking down-to-earth, fun-loving, easygoing Male, to spend time with. (Milwaukee) ☎14026

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GIVE ME A SHOT Gary is a 43-year-old Male, 6'3", 200 lbs., blonde/blue, in fairly good shape, loyal, sincere, playful, enjoys animals, traveling, reading, good conversation. Seeking Male for possible long-term relationship. ☎23121

PLEASURE John is a 44-year-old WM. Seeking Male to experience pleasure with. (La Crosse) ☎10625

USE ME ANYWAY YOU WANT Very submissive WM, early 40s, 6'0", 185 lbs., foot fetish, very oral, loves being humiliated. Seeking a dominant WM, 40+, overweight or chubby a plus. ☎16640

WORKS OUT REGULARLY Dan is 38, 5'10", 195 lbs, very much a bottom is seeking a GM, age and race is unimportant, for good times and exploring our new frontiers. You will be very pleased as I am very versatile. Help me live out my fantasies. (Milwaukee) ☎17011

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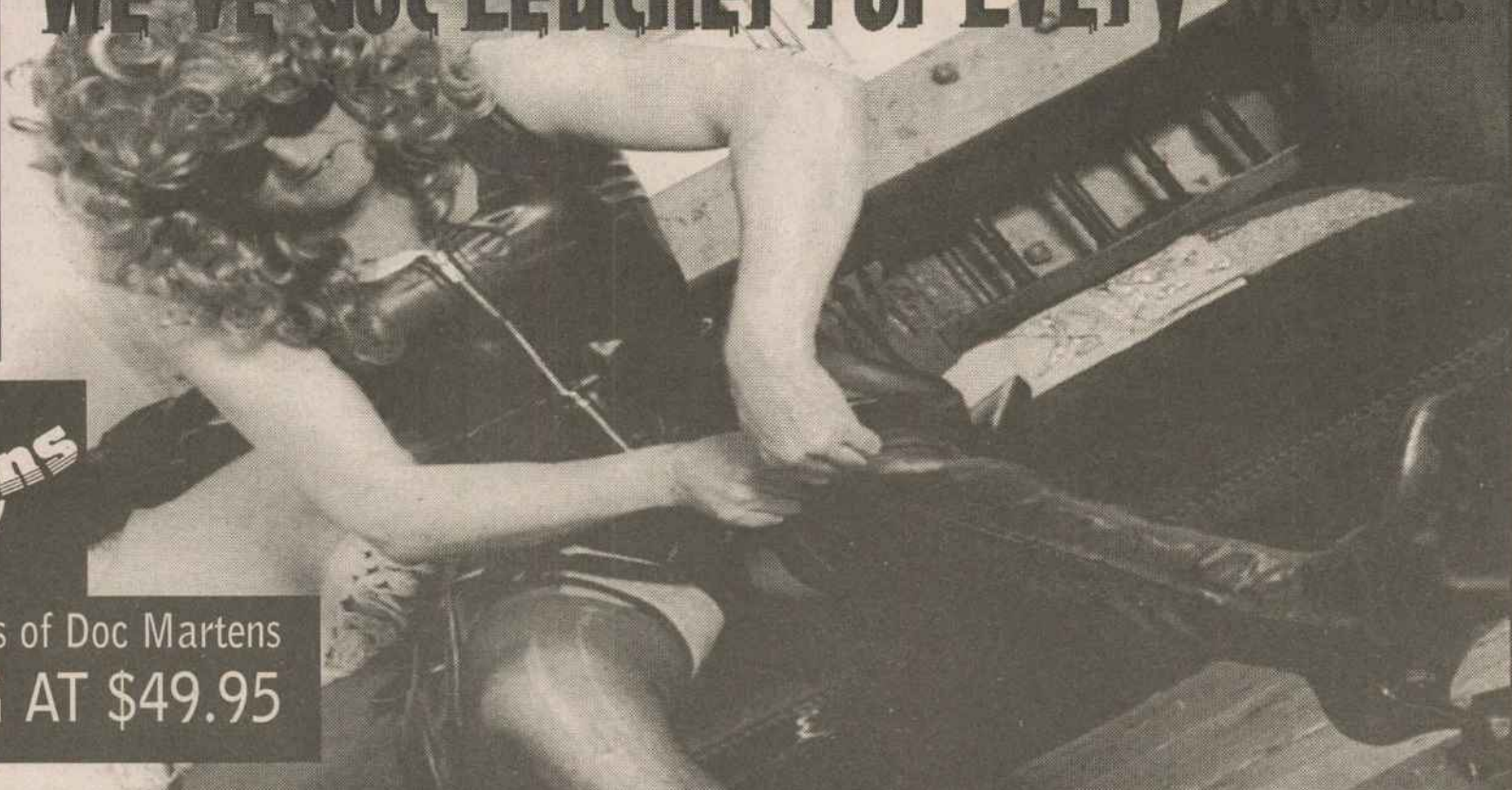
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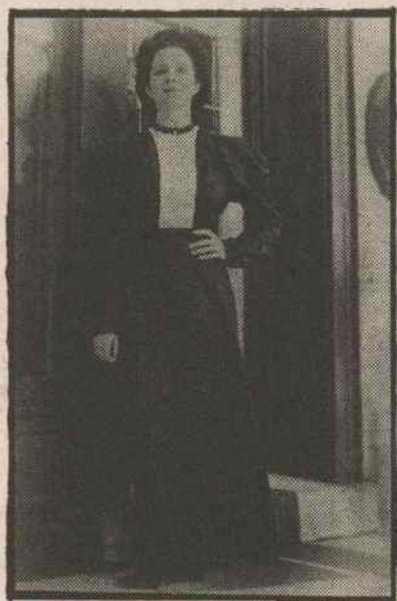
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