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JUNE 30	The Allman Brothers Band / Susan Tedeschi	7:30pm
JULY 1	Christina Aguilera	7:30pm
JULY 2	Red Hot Chili Peppers / Foo Fighters / Blonde Redhead	7:00pm
JULY 3	Blink-182 / Bad Religion / Fenix TX	7:30pm
JULY 4	D'Angelo Eric Benét	7:30pm
JULY 5	Don Henley	7:30pm
JULY 6	Brian McKnight with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Andreas Delfs-Music Director	7:30pm
JULY 7	No Doubt / Lit / Black Eyed Peas	7:30pm
JULY 8	Britney Spears	7:30pm
JULY 9	BoDeans / Big Head Todd & The Monsters	7:30pm

BRIGGS & STRATTON BIG BACKYARD

JUNE 29	Lesley Gore	6:00pm
	Indigo Girls	11:00pm
JUNE 30	Maceo Parker	7:00pm
	Morris Day & The Time	10:00pm
JULY 1	Al Green	10:00pm
JULY 2	"Weird" Al Yankovic	10:00pm
JULY 3	Daryl Stuermer	5:00pm
	Norman Brown	8:00pm
	Spyro Gyra	10:00pm
JULY 4	Isaac Hayes	10:00pm
JULY 5	REO Speedwagon	10:00pm
JULY 6	Barry's Truckers	9:30 pm
JULY 7	Peter Frampton	10:00pm
JULY 8	Third Eye Blind	10:00pm
JULY 9	The Booze Brothers Show Band	5:00pm
	Love Monkeys	10:00pm

HARLEY-DAVIDSON ROADHOUSE

JUNE 29	Blues Traveler	11:00pm
JUNE 30	Citizen King	9:30pm
JULY 1	Tito Puente Band with Pete Escovedo & Eddie Palmieri	9:30pm
JULY 2	Taj Mahal and The Phantom Blues	7:30pm
	Buddy Guy	9:30pm
JULY 3	George Thorogood & The Destroyers	9:30pm
JULY 4	The Boogie Men	9:30pm
JULY 5	Styx	9:30pm
JULY 6	Cheap Trick	9:30pm
JULY 7	Dwight Yoakam	9:30pm
JULY 8	Montell Jordan	9:30pm
JULY 9	Kansas	9:30pm

LEINIE LODGE AT THE KOSS PAVILION WITH CBS 58

JUNE 29	C.J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band	9:30pm
JUNE 30	Cowboy Mouth	9:30pm
JULY 1	Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals	10:00pm
JULY 2	The Promise Ring	4:00pm
	All	6:00pm
	Goldfinger	10:00pm
JULY 3	John Hiatt and the Goners	9:30pm
JULY 4	Sister Hazel	10:00pm
JULY 5	Paula Cole	10:00pm
JULY 6	Medeski Martin & Wood	9:30pm
JULY 7	Shannon Curfman	7:30pm
	Willy Porter	9:30pm
JULY 8	Vertical Horizon	10:00pm
JULY 9	La Bottine Souriante	10:00pm

CIRCUIT CITY ROCK STAGE WITH POINT SPECIAL BEER | LAZER 103

JUNE 29	Deftones	11:00pm
JUNE 30	Pushmonkey	10:00pm
JULY 1	Sebastian Bach formerly of Skid Row	10:00pm
JULY 2	Filter	10:00pm
JULY 3	Sevendust	10:00pm
JULY 4	3 Doors Down	10:00pm
JULY 5	Nixons	10:00pm
JULY 6	Stroke 9	10:00pm
JULY 7	Veruca Salt	10:00pm
JULY 8	The Gufs	10:00pm
JULY 9	Jesse James Dupree from Jackyl	10:00pm

MILLER OASIS

June 29	Love Monkeys	9:15 PM
June 30	Todd Rundgren	10:00 PM
July 1	Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band	9:30 PM
July 2	The Edgar Winter Band	6:45 PM
		& 10:15 PM
July 3	Brian Setzer Orchestra	10:00 PM
July 4	Matthew Sweet	10:15 PM
July 5	Marcia Ball	10:00 PM
July 6	Wailing Souls	6:45 PM
		& 10:00 PM
July 7	Violent Femmes	10:00 PM
July 8	Michael McDonald	10:00 PM
July 9	Ben Folds Five	10:00 PM

POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO STAGE WITH SPRECHER BREWERY

JUNE 29	Steel Pulse	11:00pm
JUNE 30	Roger McGuinn	10:00pm
JULY 1	Paul Cebal & The Milwaukeeans	7:30pm
	Ozomatli	10:00pm
JULY 2	BR5-49	8:00pm
	Indigenous	10:00pm
JULY 3	Bryan Lee	5:00pm
	Bernard Allison Band	7:30pm
	Robin Trower	10:00pm
JULY 4	KC & the Sunshine Band	10:00pm
JULY 5	Lonnie Brooks	10:00pm
JULY 6	Otis Taylor Band	7:30pm
	Bo Diddley	10:00pm
JULY 7	Dark Star Orchestra	7:30pm
JULY 8	Radiators	10:00pm
JULY 9	Funky Meters	10:00pm

PEPSI COMEDY PAVILION

JUNE 29	Kathleen Madigan	6:15pm
		& 9:00pm
JUNE 30	Harland Williams	6:15pm
		& 9:00pm
JULY 1	Bobby Collins	6:15pm
		& 9:00pm
JULY 2	Apollo Night at Summerfest	6:15pm
JULY 3	Hughy Donaldson / Chris Barnes	6:15pm
		& 9:00pm
JULY 4	Carlos Mencia	6:15pm
		& 9:00pm
JULY 5	Jimmy Walker	6:15pm
		& 9:00pm
JULY 6	Jim Breuer	6:15pm
		& 9:00pm
JULY 7	Will Durst / Deb & Mike	6:15pm
		& 9:00pm
JULY 8	Lewis Black	6:15pm
		& 9:00pm
JULY 9	Joey Kola	6:15pm
		& 9:00pm

PIGGLY WIGGLY BIG GIG STAGE

JUNE 29	Red Elvises	8:30pm
JUNE 30	Streetlife with Warren Wiegratz	8:30pm
JULY 1	Ronnie Gayle & The Sunshine Crew	8:30pm
JULY 2	American English	8:30pm
JULY 3	Orlando "Maraca" Valle y Otra Vision	8:30pm
JULY 4	Kojo	8:30pm
JULY 5	Pandigenous II	8:30pm
JULY 6	Those Darn Accordions	8:30pm
JULY 7	Streetlife with Warren Wiegratz	8:30pm
JULY 8	TC Carr & The Catch	8:30pm
JULY 9	Those Darn Accordions	8:30pm

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Two Charged in Gay Activist's Murder

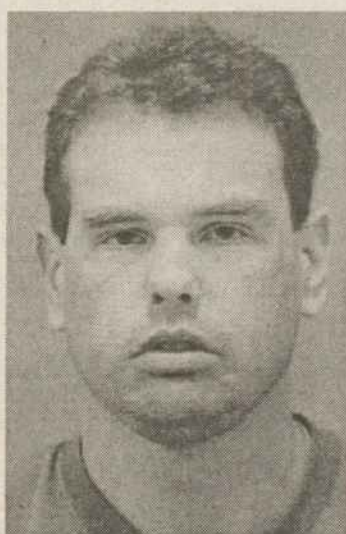
By Mike Fitzpatrick

Green Bay — The brutal 1997 murder of gay activist Jeffrey Whalen appears to be closer to solution with the reading of formal charges against two local men connected with the slaying.

Paul D. Foss, 27, and Daniel R. Chipman, 30, were charged in an initial appearance in Brown County Circuit Court June 16 with being party to the crime of first-degree intentional homicide in Whalen's death. As *IN Step* went to press, formal charges remain pending.

Formal arraignment of Foss and Chipman has been delayed because the public defender's office has had trouble finding attorneys to handle the pair's cases. According to Shane Brabazon of the public defender's office, the agency expects to have attorneys appointed in time for the next scheduled hearing on June 28.

Chipman, who was arrested June 15 in Green Bay, continues to held in lieu of \$100,000 bail. Foss, who originally is from De Pere, remains in custody in the



Paul D. Foss (L) and Daniel R. Chipman, charged with the murder of Jeffrey Whalen

the neck, back and groin.

Foss confessed to the murder and implicated Chipman in a letter sent to the FBI in Milwaukee in early June. The FBI turned the letter over to the Green Bay police on June 14. No motive for writing the letter was contained in the multiple page confession.

In a press conference held prior to Chipman and Foss' initial appearance, Brown County district attorney John Zakowski reported that prior to the receipt of Foss' letter, neither man had been suspected of the crime. Zakowski was noncommittal when asked if the murder also would be charged formally as a hate crime, citing that the investigation was continuing into that possibility.

The criminal complaint read at the hearing included both portions of Chipman's letter and Chipman's statement to Green Bay police. The complaint described how the pair met their victim at the now-closed Paradise adult book store on Green Bay's west side. The three then went to the Motel 6 to a room which Whalen had arranged for. There they looked at gay pornography and discussed Whalen's interest in the gay leather scene.

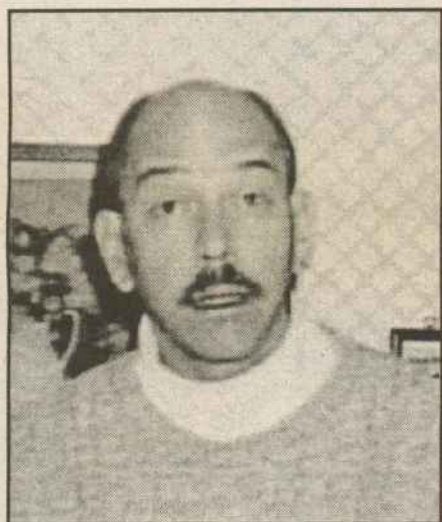
According to the complaint, after hearing the gay-related discussion and viewing the gay sexual images, Foss "got real disturbed" and "freaked out a little." The complaint alleges that shortly thereafter Whalen's compliment about Foss' physique precipitated the attack.

Foss' letter to authorities, excerpted in the complaint, said: "I stabbed (Whalen) in the back and he got up and Dan hit him hard in the head with the 40 ounce (of beer). Then I jumped on him and kept stabbing him in the neck. He tried to get up three more times and each time I would kick him in the head until he laid back down and then stabbed him some more."

Foss' letter also alleged that he attacked Whalen at the instigation and instruction of Chipman, according to the complaint. The complaint also alleges that at one point the pair had discussed robbing Whalen, although they took nothing from the dead man following the murder.

The complaint also included Chipman's version of the event as told to police on June 15. Chipman corroborated that both men were at the west-side motel with the victim: "Whalen's arms would go up and Foss would alternate between kicking him and stabbing him," the complaint said. Foss "stabbed him in the throat mostly and was kicking him saying, 'You know you love it,' in a normal tone of voice," the complaint said.

At the time of his death Whalen had been active in both the HIV and gay communities. He was a member of the Ryan White Consortium and the statewide Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Prevention Planning Council. He had recently been elected to the board of directors of Positive Voice, Inc. He was also involved with Action Wisconsin and the Argonauts.



Jeffrey Whalen

Wisconsin Resource Center in Winnebago County where he is serving an eight-year sentence for an unrelated crime.

Whalen, a 45 year old Marinette resident, had traveled to Green Bay to attend a meeting of the northeast Wisconsin Ryan White Consortium of which he was a member. He was found dead at the Motel 6 in Green Bay on June 24, 1997 by a housekeeper. A subsequent autopsy revealed Whalen's body had multiple contusions and more than 50 stab wounds to

G-Street Magazine Bows

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Eau Claire — The debut issue of *G-Street*, a gay "lifestyle" magazine hit the streets here June 26. The 20 page premiere issue features a two-color glossy cover. According to editor and publisher Bret Holstein, *G-Street* will focus on the gay communities in western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota.

"In a lot of ways we're trying to be the Quest of the West," Holstein said. "*G-Street* has no plans to distribute in eastern and southeastern Wisconsin."

Holstein sees his target market as the smaller LGBT communities in Duluth/Superior, the Chippewa Valley, LaCrosse/Winona, Rochester, St. Cloud and Wausau. "We'll cover some Twin cities events, but that's already covered by *Lavender* and *Focus Point*," Holstein said.

Holstein envisions *G-Street* as heavy on social news and events. "I expect to be fairly light on news content except for major events," Holstein said. "Our premiere issue does have a story on the ACLU class action suit on the (Minnesota) sodomy laws, but not a lot more. I'll leave that job to *IN Step*, which does

a very good job in delivering the news."

G-Street will be published monthly through August and then convert in September to semi-monthly publication on the 10th and 25th of each month. "Like any start-up, there are always bugs and we want to get them ironed out before we go to our promised semi-monthly schedule," Holstein said. "*G-Street* has a small - like four or five - but dedicated group of people who are both learning the publishing business and developing as a team at the same time."

Holstein has been involved with the gay community for a number of years. He served as Web master for the Milwaukee Pridefest 2000 internet homepage.

G-Street is the second LGBT publication to begin in the Eau Claire area this year. *Catalyst*, a news and features monthly with distribution limited primarily to the Eau Claire/Chippewa Falls area, published its first issue in April. "The western Wisconsin gay community has really come alive in the last year," Holstein noted. "It's only natural that we'd begin developing our own media as well."

G-Street joins 7-year old *Quest* and the six-month old *Probe/Angel* in the LGBT lifestyle media market place. Those Green Bay-based publications are distributed statewide. *IN Step*, the 17-year old Milwaukee-based bi-weekly, is Wisconsin's sole LGBT-focused newspaper.

Man Convicted of Bashing 'Gay Dog'

OCALA, Fla. — George S. Finley, 58, charged with fatally beating a pet dog to death because he believed the animal was gay, has been convicted of animal cruelty, news sources report.

Finley told the court he was upset that his wife's neutered male terrier mix dog repeatedly tried to have sex with another family pet, a male Jack Russell terrier.

Finley insisted he hit the dog accidentally, but the animal later had to be euthanized. Police said Finley hit the dog brutally in the head with a vacuum cleaner attachment arm and then hurled it against a tree. "He felt that the dog was a queer-type dog and it made him angry," said police Capt. Mike McQuaig.

Finley could face up to a year in jail on the charges.

Five Cities Vie for Gay Games in 2006

SAN FRANCISCO — Five cities have officially declared their intention to submit bids to host Gay Games VII in the year 2006.

The San Francisco-based Federation of Gay Games has announced that Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles, San Diego and Montreal have indicated they will submit bids to host the popular sporting and cultural event. Formal bids are due by Jan. 31, 2001.

Driver Charged in Gay Parade Attack

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — News sources in Albuquerque, N.M., report that police have charged David Tully, 71, with aggravated assault and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon after he allegedly drove his van toward a crowd at the city's gay pride parade.

Police say people at the June 10 parade told them Tully yelled "f--king faggots" as he drove toward the crowd hitting one man, who was not seriously injured.

Tully later was released on bail and insists he wasn't trying to hit anyone with his vehicle and didn't yell anything. "I was minding my own business, crossing the road," he told reporters.

But a city police officer on duty at the time reported that he saw the van "going after the people in the parade ... and then go towards the people on the sidewalk." The officer reported that he "had to reach into the van and put it into park to stop" it.

Some Like It Cross-Dressed

HOLLYWOOD — The American Film Institute's 100 funniest American films is topped by the 1959 gender-bender classic movie, "Some Like It Hot."

Also on the list of top comedy films was another classic cross-dresser film, "Tootsie."

Federal Court Upholds Firing of Lesbian at Baptist School

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A federal appeals court has ruled that Baptist Memorial Health Care Corp. was within its rights in firing a student services specialist four years ago because of her sexual orientation.

Glynda Hall sued the College of Health Sciences' parent group in 1998, charging religious bias. A district court judge dismissed the case and the appeals court ruling upheld that decision.

Hall claims she was fired after the school learned she was a lay minister at a church that welcomes gays and lesbians.

The appeals court ruled that religious institutions are exempt from civil rights anti-bias laws, even if they receive federal funding and declare they are equal opportunity employers.

Hall's lawyer, Clyde Keenan, said the ruling "would turn a lot of case law on its head." He said, "One of our main points was that you can't have it both ways. You can't get the government to give you money and say we're not going to discriminate — and then turn around and discriminate."

Keenan said, however, he was unsure if Hall would appeal the ruling.

Church Sets Up Scholarships for Lesbian/Gay Seminarians

CLEVELAND — The United Church of Christ has created a \$500,000 scholarship fund for people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender and are studying for a master of divinity degree.

The 1.4 million-member United Church of Christ is based in Cleveland. The scholarship fund was named for an openly gay UCC minister, the Rev. William Johnson, a staff member of the church.

Johnson says he lost his seminary work-study job in 1970 when he proclaimed his sexual orientation. He says that only a scholarship arranged by a church member kept him from dropping out because of financial hardship.

Calif. Court Rules for AIDS Patients Over Insurers

SAN FRANCISCO — California's state supreme court has ruled that insurance companies cannot deny benefits to AIDS patients who had paid premiums on policies for more than two years, even if they were infected with HIV at the time they applied for the coverage.

Lower courts in the state had ruled previously that five years of coverage was required to keep insurance.

But the state's high court ruled that two years of premium payments is enough time for insurers to screen policy-holders for disabilities or illness.

Senate Approves Federal Hate Crimes Bill

By Keith Clark

Washington — The U.S. Senate voted 57-42 on June 20 for federal legislation that would make it easier for U.S. prosecutors to try anti-gay hate crimes in the country, even in states where such crimes are not recognized as hate-motivated.

The legislation covers crimes motivated by bias based on the victim's gender, disability or sexual orientation, none of which are covered in the federal anti-bias Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1988 which the Senate bill would amend.

The bill, sponsored by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Gordon Smith (R-Ore.), was offered as an amendment to the Defense Department's annual financial authorization bill. It

"HATE CRIMES ARE MODERN DAY LYNCHINGS. THEY TEAR AT THE HEART AND SOUL OF OUR COUNTRY."

would let federal law enforcement agencies give state and local officials assistance in investigating and prosecuting bias-based crimes and would give the Justice Department jurisdiction over crimes of violence involving bodily injury where hate was a primary motive behind the crime.

"Hate crimes are modern day lynchings," Kennedy said during the Senate debate. "They tear at the heart and soul of our country."

Vice President Al Gore left his scheduled election campaign in Kentucky to attend the Senate as its chief officer of his deciding vote was needed in case of a tie. Sen. Tom Daschle, (D-S.D.), who asked Gore to return for the Senate vote, said he expected a "very close ballot."

President Clinton also tried to persuade several undecided senators on the measure earlier in the day.

As it turned out, more than enough Republicans joined

Democrats in approving the bill with a wider approval margin than had been expected. The only Democrat to vote against the measure was Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia.

"This year America needs action. No one should be victimized because of how they look, how they worship or who they are," Clinton said in a statement. "We need to work together as partners and as a national community to fight crimes fueled by hate."

Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, said the bill will bring the country one step closer to becoming a safer place for all Americans.

"We are pleased the bill's passage came one week after the two-year anniversary of the murder of James Byrd Jr.," Birch said. "We hope the memory of people like James Byrd Jr. and Matthew Shepard will move the House to action, so they can leave legacies of helping to end hate violence in America."

Byrd was tied to the back of a pick-up truck and dragged to death by three white men in 1998, in Jasper, Texas. The same year, Shepard, a 21-year-old gay student at the University of Wyoming died after being beaten into a coma and tied to a fence in freezing cold. Neither state has a hate crimes law.

In the only serious effort to derail the Kennedy-Smith measure, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, proposed an alternative bill to set up an annual \$5-million fund at the Justice Department to help state and local authorities investigate and prosecute state crimes. Hatch said the Kennedy-Smith measure was too broad and that under the bill every rape prosecution could be a hate crime and prosecuted in federal courts.

The Hatch measure narrowly won Senate approval by a 50-49 vote, but it does not include the new categories of the Kennedy-Smith bill — gender, disability and sexual orientation — and only authorizes further study of hate crimes in existing categories.

"The Hatch amendment is a study," Kennedy said of the bill. "We're beyond study. The American people want action on hate crimes."

The bill awaits passage by the U.S. House of Representatives where, later this year, it is expected to face even stiffer opposition — if it is allowed to come to the floor of the House for a vote at all.

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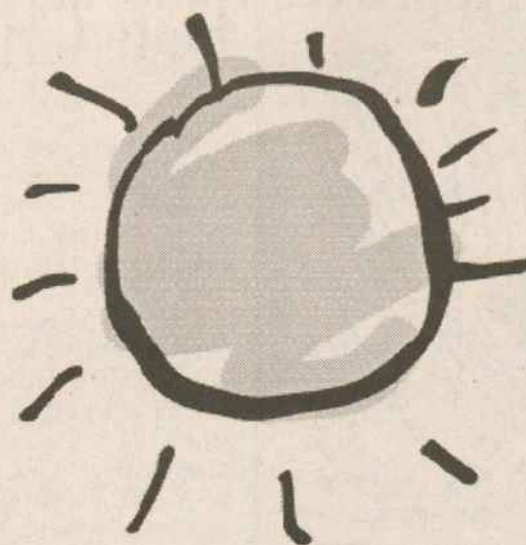
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Deputy D.A. Responds to Hate Crime Inquiries

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee - Gay and lesbian organizations in Milwaukee have finally received a written response to their protests of the District Attorney's failure to file hate crime charges against the assailant of two gay men.

Jason Anthony Mertens was convicted of felony battery and misdemeanor assault for physically attacking and injuring Corey Liebmann and Bob Wendorf outside the dance club LaCage on Milwaukee's south side in December, 1998. Judge John McCormick sentenced Mertens to one year in the House of Correction on June 2.

By all accounts, Mertens' attack on the two men and others outside LaCage that

ments could in any way interfere with the prosecution of the criminal matter."

"The charges filed and pursued in the Mertens case were based upon the specific evidence in that case," White wrote, "and not upon any policy against the use of the 'hate crimes' law."

"While it is true that the defendant used derogatory language related to sexual orientation, those comments took place during the physical assault for which he was prosecuted and convicted. Alone, those words do not establish the motivation prohibited by the 'hate crimes' law. Identical language is frequently part of a physical assault, or a fight, when neither of the parties is gay. In the same manner,

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night was unprovoked. In the course of the attack, Mertens yelled, "I'm going to kill you, faggot!" and other anti-gay slurs.

Wisconsin's hate crime statute allows stiffer penalties for convicted criminals if their actions were motivated wholly or partially on hatred of the victim's actual or perceived race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, disability or sexual orientation. The 11-year old law was ruled constitutional by the US Supreme Court and has become the model for similar statutes in other states.

After a long bureaucratic run-around (during which the case file was misplaced by the City Attorney's Office for nine months), Liebmann was disturbed that the hate crime penalty enhancer was not attached to the felony and misdemeanor counts against Mertens. "If this wasn't a hate crime," Liebmann told *IN Step* at the time, "I just don't know what is."

Concern grew in the gay community that the District Attorney's failure to invoke the hate crime statute was part of a pattern or even an unwritten policy against using the law. Despite numerous attacks against gays and lesbians in the city over the last decade, the Milwaukee District Attorney has never invoked the hate crime statute in any incident involving sexual orientation.

(On at least two occasions while covering cases involving attacks on gay men, this reporter was told by Assistant District Attorneys, who insisted on anonymity, that they could not file the hate crimes charge because of District Attorney E. Michael McCann's belief that the hate crime enhancer is "bad law.")

A coalition of groups including the LGBT Community Center, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, the Human Rights League, P-FLAG, the Cream City Foundation and the Rainbow neighborhood associations conferred about the issue and decided, as a first step, to send formal letters of inquiry to the District Attorney about the Mertens case. Most of these letters were sent in March.

In her letter of response, dated June 6, Deputy District Attorney Carol Lynn White explained that she "waited until the conclusion of [the Mertens] case so that there would be no possibility that my com-

derogatory racial terms may be used during a confrontation between two persons of the very race to which the epithets apply. The fact that Mr. Mertens chose to use this language does not by itself establish that he believed his victims were gay, or, more importantly, that such a belief was the motivation for his attack."

"Significantly, the defendant's first words in the incident were those commonly used by a person who has perceived some challenge to himself ('Do you want a piece of me?'). It is only later that he used the terminology in question... [H]is aggression during the incident ultimately seemed to turn against anyone present, as opposed to specific targets... Mr. Mertens'... antisocial conduct appears to be motivated by the merest perceived provocation by anyone. He seems to be extremely hostile and aggressive in general."

In closing, White wrote: "As prosecutors, it is our ethical obligation to file only such charges as we believe the evidence will support beyond a reasonable doubt. While you may disagree with our conclusions, I can only assure you that our concern for the victims is genuine, and that care was taken in reaching the legal conclusions we did."

"I think we all appreciate that we finally received a reply," Neil Albrecht, Executive Director of the LGBT Community Center, told *IN Step*. "Though some of us still disagree with their decision, it's clearly a thoughtful letter. It shows she really took some time to review the concerns we expressed, and we've certainly put them on notice that we will be watching their charging decisions in the future."

"Personally, I see this as part of a process," Albrecht said. "It's really become evident that we need to have some direct communication with the District Attorney — either a liaison or a task force. I think our next move should be to try to arrange a sit-down meeting with someone in the D.A.'s office to keep the dialogue going."

The coalition is expected to hold another strategy session sometime this summer. For more information, call (414) 271-2656.

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Jerry Johnson Resigns from Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — Jerry Johnson, a longtime activist in Milwaukee's gay community, has resigned from his position on the city's Equal Rights Commission. He resigned along with fellow commissioner Ruth Zubrensky, a prominent civil rights activist.

In their letter of resignation, Johnson and Zubrensky cited budget cuts and lack of support from city government.

"We have both served since the commission's inception nine years ago and feel that unless the commission is reconstituted and given more resources it will continue to be a weak instrument in ending discrimination and making strides toward a more tolerant city."

The Commission was established in 1991 to "eliminate all discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations in the city of Milwaukee." Its primary activities have been advocat-

pered by budget cuts, lack of promotion by the city and lack of support from Mayor John Norquist himself.

The Commission's annual budget once stood at \$135,000. Today it is less than half of that. By comparison, a similar equal rights body in the city of Philadelphia is budgeted at almost \$2 million a year. Commission members are not paid, but funds are needed for legal research and clerical and other administrative support.

Johnson charged that the city was failing to publicize the Commission's existence, to the point of omitting it from the phone book and the city's own Directory. Since the Common Council voted to increase the Commission from five members to seven, Norquist has not yet appointed new commissioners.

"The mayor has no real interest in this Commission," Johnson told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "It's just a very low priority."

Norquist responded to the resignations of Johnson and Zubrensky in a letter, thanking them for their service. But he did not acknowledge, let alone address, the issues they raised about the Commission's ineffectiveness.

The need for the Commission still exists. It recently heard compelling evidence that several temporary job placement agencies in the city actively discriminate against African Americans and individuals enrolled in W-2 (Wisconsin Works), the welfare-to-work program.

Zubrensky is concerned that lack of finances and legal support are preventing the Commission from fully investigating and adjudicating such discrimination complaints.

Meanwhile, she told the Shepherd Express Metro, "Other problems in the community continue to fester. Gays and lesbians continue to be harassed, and bad relations between Arab Americans and African Americans continue to exist. We are afraid that the lack of outreach personnel equipped to handle racial and other types of intergroup flare-ups will come back to haunt the city."

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— LETTER TO MAYOR JOHN NORQUIST

ing for fair employment and housing policies within the city and handling discrimination complaints.

But Johnson said the Commission has been increasingly ham-

MCC Nashville Takes Part in Billy Graham Crusade

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee gay and lesbian paper "GayTN" reports that MCC Nashville has become the first predominately gay and lesbian church to be welcomed to participate in the Billy Graham Crusade held there recently.

The paper quoted Graham as telling the audience at the Crusade, "God loves us no matter the color of our skin, our gender, or the type of relationship we are in."

The paper quoted Greg Bullard, senior pastor at MCC Nashville, as saying, "We participated in the Middle Tennessee Billy Graham Crusade and had an excellent experience. We were open about who we were and our affiliation."

The paper also reported that MCC Nashville also made history at the event because the Crusade referred newly confirmed Christians attending the Crusade to the church, as the Crusade typically does with other local congregations.

Coca-Cola Adds Partners Benefits

ATLANTA — The Coca-Cola Company has joined a growing list of major U.S. employers offering domestic partner benefits to its lesbian and gay workers.

The company announced the new benefits program will begin Jan. 1, 2001, saying the soft-drink giant "is committed to attracting and retaining the most diverse workforce in the world."

Earlier in June, the nation's Big 3 automakers - Ford, GM and Daimler-Chrysler — announced they were offering domestic partners benefits programs in a growing list of top U.S. employers adding such benefits packages.

Seattle Women's Pro Basketball Team Hosts Gay Pride Night

SEATTLE — In an unusual move, the National Women's Basketball Association team, the Seattle Storm, will host a gay pride night on June 30.

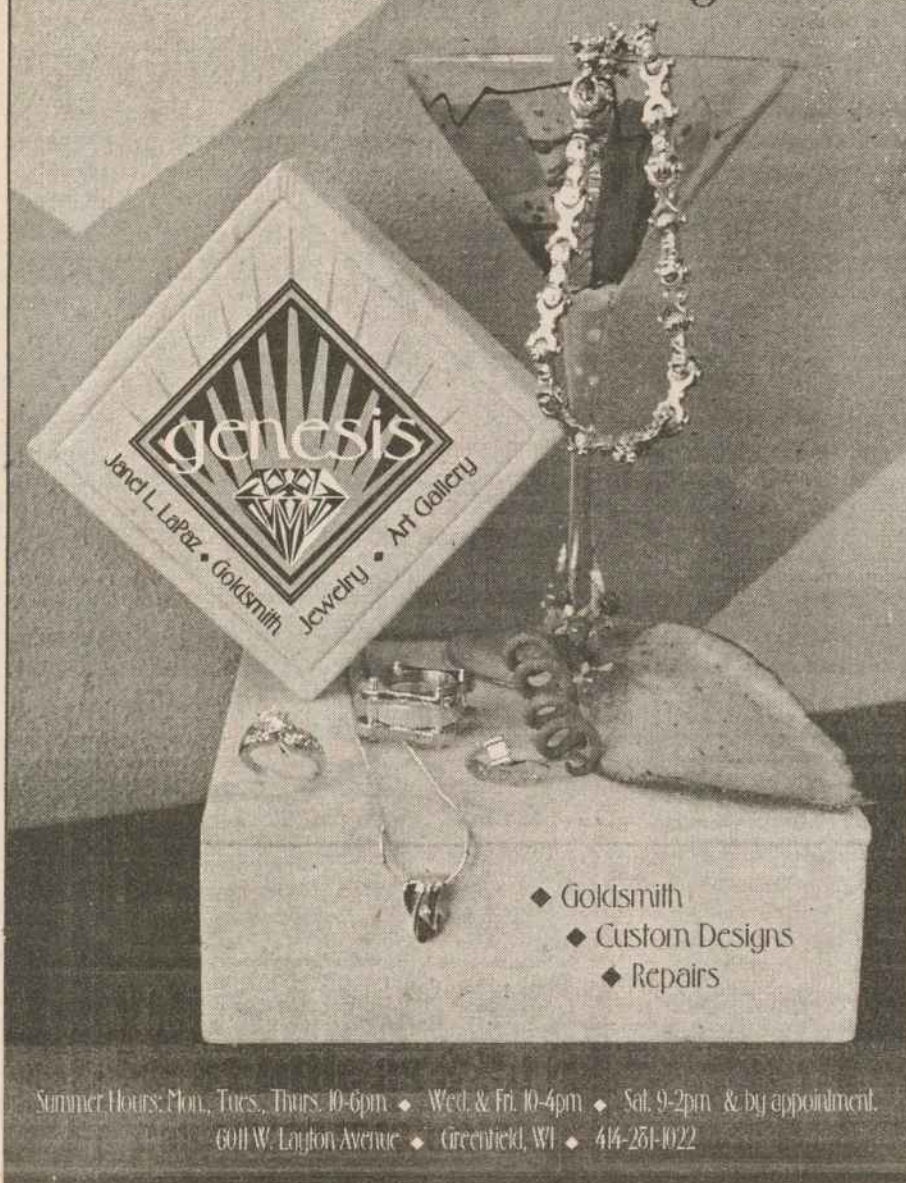
Professional sports franchises have generally avoided any association with gay rights events and the move by the women's expansion team may in fact be a first.

The Storm will be offering discount prices to groups of gays and lesbians of 15 people or more for the evening along with Storm T-shirts.

Molly Yanity of the WNBA team said, "With this weekend's parade being a celebration of diversity, why not further that theme with the Seattle Storm? This truly is a team for everyone, and I say let's be part of the celebration."

A spokeswoman with the Lesbian Resource Center said the group has already sold some 200 tickets to the game as well as to a post-game party.

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Adult "Allies" Sought for GLBTQ Youth

Milwaukee — How many gays and lesbians have thought, "If I'd only had someone to talk to about the way I was feeling... If I'd only had a role model to ease my way..." Well, now adult gays and lesbians have the opportunity to help gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth.

The LGBT Community Center is offering a second training for individuals interested in becoming "Adult Allies" of LGBT youth. The training, scheduled for Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will focus on increasing understanding of issues facing youth and awareness of their diversity, defining the role of Adult Allies and identifying ethical issues and boundaries.

The Adult Allies Program was created to help build bridges between youth and adults and provide a way for adults to actively support and work with Project Q youth at Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center. If you are interested in learning more about becoming an Adult Ally, call Kathy at (414) 271-2656.

Dotson Advanced to ARCW Lead Post for HIV Programs

Milwaukee — In an important move to continue fighting HIV locally, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin announced the promotion of Karen Dotson of the Milwaukee area to deputy director of programs. Dotson, who has been at ARCW for a year, will now lead all of ARCW's prevention, health, social, housing and volunteer programs statewide.

"Karen has done an excellent job of developing important community relationships and strong HIV programs for ARCW," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "This is ARCW's top program management position from which Karen will continue her commitment to HIV and the health of the community."

"AIDS remains a serious local epidemic and is growing disproportionately within the African American community," said Dotson. "I am eager to lead the charge of stepping-up HIV education and protecting men, women and children in Wisconsin from HIV."

Data released in 2000 by the State Health Department shows the rate of new HIV infections catapulted 14 percent among African Americans, rose 15 percent among women and more than doubled among youth in 1999.

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus Audrey Awards

Milwaukee — On June 17, the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus announced the winners of its annual Audrey Award for outstanding dedication and enthusiasm. The presentation was made at the Stackner Cabaret during a sold-out performance of "The Gay Concert V: Show Us Your Tunes."

Recognized for their efforts were two greatly loved chorus members: Donna Plaski and Shirl Greeb.

Donna Plaski joined the WCCC in 1993 and quickly became active in board activities. During her seven years of membership, Donna has served as both Financial Committee Chair and Secretary, has taken on many concert-related duties including coordination of the annual Silent Auction, and has organized a plethora of community fundraisers. She was also one of the driving forces that led the WCCC to be among the first tenants of the LGBT Community Center. Donna's "can-do" attitude has made her one of the chorus' most valuable assets.

Shirl Greeb, though never an official board member until this year when she accepted the post of Membership Committee Chair, has been a staunch supporter of the WCCC for many years. Not only has she spearheaded fund-raisers (including a garage sale and an ongoing aluminum can drive) and led the push to acquire a keyboard, but she has also been an outspoken supporter of the chorus throughout the LGBT community.

Past recipients of the Audrey Award are Ron (Rona) Thate and Keith Mixdorf (1997-98), and Emory Churness (1998-99).

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus performs three concerts annually, and will return from summer break on Wednesday, September 6 to begin rehearsals for its holiday concert. For more information about the chorus, call 276-8787 or write to the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus at 170 S. 2nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204.

The Make Mine A Miller Tour - 2000

Milwaukee — On June 6 Milwaukee was visited by a virtual "Who's Who" of gay Chicago as club owners, bartenders and assorted prominent Chicagoans travelled to Milwaukee as guests of The Miller Brewing Company.

Over 35 persons representing various Chicago businesses and organizations including: The Cell Block, The Lucky

Horseshoe, The Gentry, The North End, Gay Chicago, LesBiGay Radio and others attended the event. The event included a VIP tour of the brewery led by Tom Reed, Miller's Director of Public Affairs and Patti Brash McKeathan.

Also included was a luncheon at The M&M Club, where Milwaukee activists and business leaders met with their Chicago counterparts. Neil Albrecht from The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, Christine Klien of PrideFest, PFLAG-Milwaukee's Brigitte Volcheck and Elna Hickson, Dan Nelson and Tommy Salzieder from SSBL, Tony Rhodes, and Bill Attewell and Jorge Cabal of *IN Step* all attended the event.

Milwaukee Tennis Club Play Underway

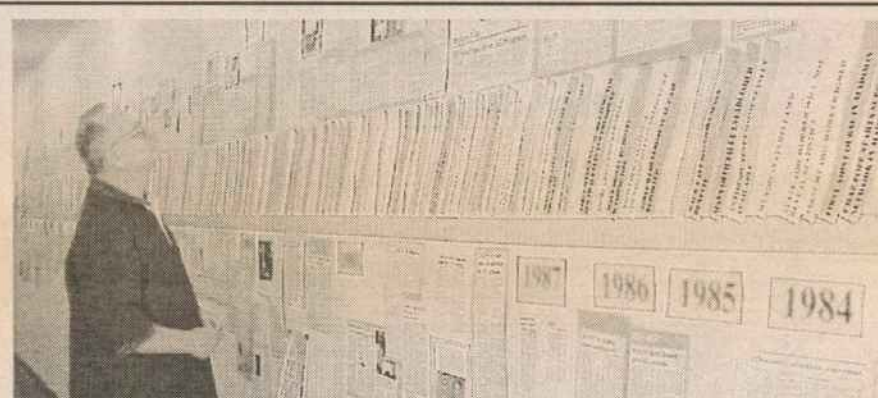
Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Metro Tennis Club's team tennis league is well underway for the Summer, 2000 season. This year, two more teams were added to the league to accommodate the increase in the number of new members. Team tennis is played on Sundays from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. at Sijan Park on S. Kinnickinnic Ave. in Bay View.

After four weeks of play, Einstein Bagels is the leader of the league with Team Fluid not far behind. Following the two leaders are Dock's, Club Boom, M & M, Switch, Club 219 and Woody's.

The Club also offers a Challenge Ladder, which allows members to play each other in a more competitive manner. As of June 19, the top 10 were: 1) Bill W.; 2) Ed L.; 3) Mark J.; 4) Doug M.; 5) Gary O.; 6) Greg H.; 7) Steve H.; 8) Paul L.; 9) Joe W.; 10) Tony B.

Four of the Club members played in the Minneapolis Gay and Lesbian Tennis Association (GLTA) tournament June 10-12. Although no one brought home a trophy, a great time was had by all. Many of the members are signed up for the upcoming national GLTA tournament in Chicago over the August 4-6 weekend, which coincides with Chicago's Halsted Street Days.

For information on upcoming tournaments, contact Gary at (414) 218-5217.



The AIDS Timeline was a focal point at the AIDS Network Open House.

AIDS Network Commemorates 15th Anniversary with Open House

Madison — The 200 visitors to the AIDS Network's 15th Anniversary Open House on June 22nd received a compelling reminder of the impact that this epidemic has had on each one of us as they entered the network's new offices at 600 Williamson St. A 50-foot long timeline reminded them of the costs and challenges AIDS has presented on both a personal and community level, and its impact both locally and globally.

"Tonight we pause to reflect on the past 15 years and pay tribute to all those who have come before us," Bob Power, AIDS Network executive director, told those assembled. "There really is no cause for celebration, but this is an important milestone to observe. We do so tonight due to the perseverance, the stamina, the passion, the motivation and the dedication of literally thousands of individuals and organizations who have helped sustain us over the years."

Power was joined at the podium by the Madison mayor, the Dane County executive, and representatives from the offices of U.S. Sen. Feingold and Kohl, and U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin. Madison Mayor Sue Bauman had distinct memories of 1985, a year that was her first year in the Common Council and the year when the issue of funding for the agency then called the Madison AIDS Support Network was first before it.

"Like most of us, I didn't know a whole lot about AIDS then. I knew that supporting the agency was important as it continues to be important," Bauman said. "I'm proud to say that the city of Madison will do so as long as it is needed... While we've made advances, and it is possible for people who are HIV positive or who have come down with full-blown AIDS to be doing a whole lot better and live a lot longer, we have a long way to go. Hopefully 15 years from now, there won't be a reason for AIDS Network to be. But I'm glad that AIDS Network is here now, that all of us are here now, and that we continue to do this very important work."

Especially moving were the words of two AIDS Network board members directly affected by the epidemic. Mike Loeftgren choked back tears as he remembered his brother, whose life is commemorated on a quilt that hangs in the offices. Roxanne Young-Dotson, who frequently speaks out about her experiences as an HIV-positive client of the agency, offered thanks for the support of family and friends, including her boyfriend Nelson. She reserved special thanks for the AIDS Network staff. "They've helped me at times that I was so weak that I couldn't help myself, but they've been there. I love having the network here, but yes, someday, I do hope that we don't have a need for the network here."

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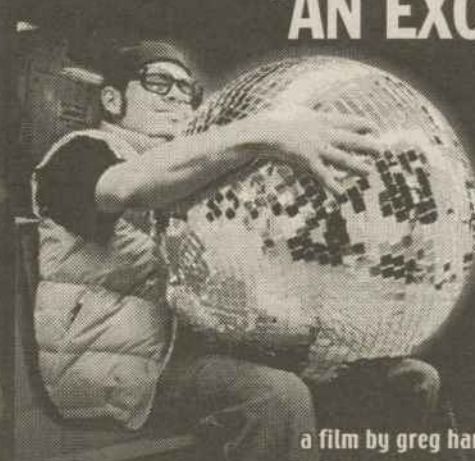
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Cat Fight

"I do resent very much that he took away Marilyn's song and gave it to Diana. Fickle son of a bitch."

—Author John Rechy on Elton John to *Genre* magazine.

The Perfect Storm

"The gay scene is like a port in a storm where you dock for a while. As it's grown

bigger and bolder, more body-oriented and looks-oriented, it's become more mercenary. I don't feel that it has much to offer me, but I try not to be too judgmental, because I do feel it has things to give to a younger generation. It's just sad that it can't be a scene that can encompass more shapes and sizes."

—Singer Jimmy Somerville to the *Advocate*.

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"I don't look like anyone else on TV. I'm bald, and I have a beard — how often do you see that? And I think they like my theatrics — my devilish sense of fun."

—Christopher Lowell, the swishy host of the Discovery channel's home-decorating show, *The Christopher Lowell Show*, to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

In Mourning

"Hundreds of my friends have died before their time [of AIDS]. The most profound effect it's had on me is that when I heard that someone had died from a heart attack it was almost like an elation. I was like, 'oh, okay.' Because you just got to the point where you couldn't take one more [death]. Couldn't take one more."

—Actress Whoopi Goldberg to the *AIDS* magazines *A&U*.

Getting Some
"I probably have more sex with young men now than I did when I was younger, because either I can buy them now, which I couldn't afford when I was younger, or they're attracted to me because I'm a famous writer, which I wasn't when I was younger."

—Famed gay author Edmund White to *Genre* magazine.

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—Singer k.d. lang to the *Advocate*.



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Biological Idiot

"We have vaginas and penises. We were biologically meant to give birth to more people. Not being able to relate normally to a member of the opposite sex is some kind of error. I do not see that as insulting at all. It is a statement of biological fact. ... Some people just don't want to hear the truth. ... I regret that my words were taken out of context, distorted and lied about so people were hurt from the lies. But that's not my action. Any time I was on the air, I had context, clarity and compassion. What is distilled out does not."

—Dr. Laura Schlessinger to *Time*.

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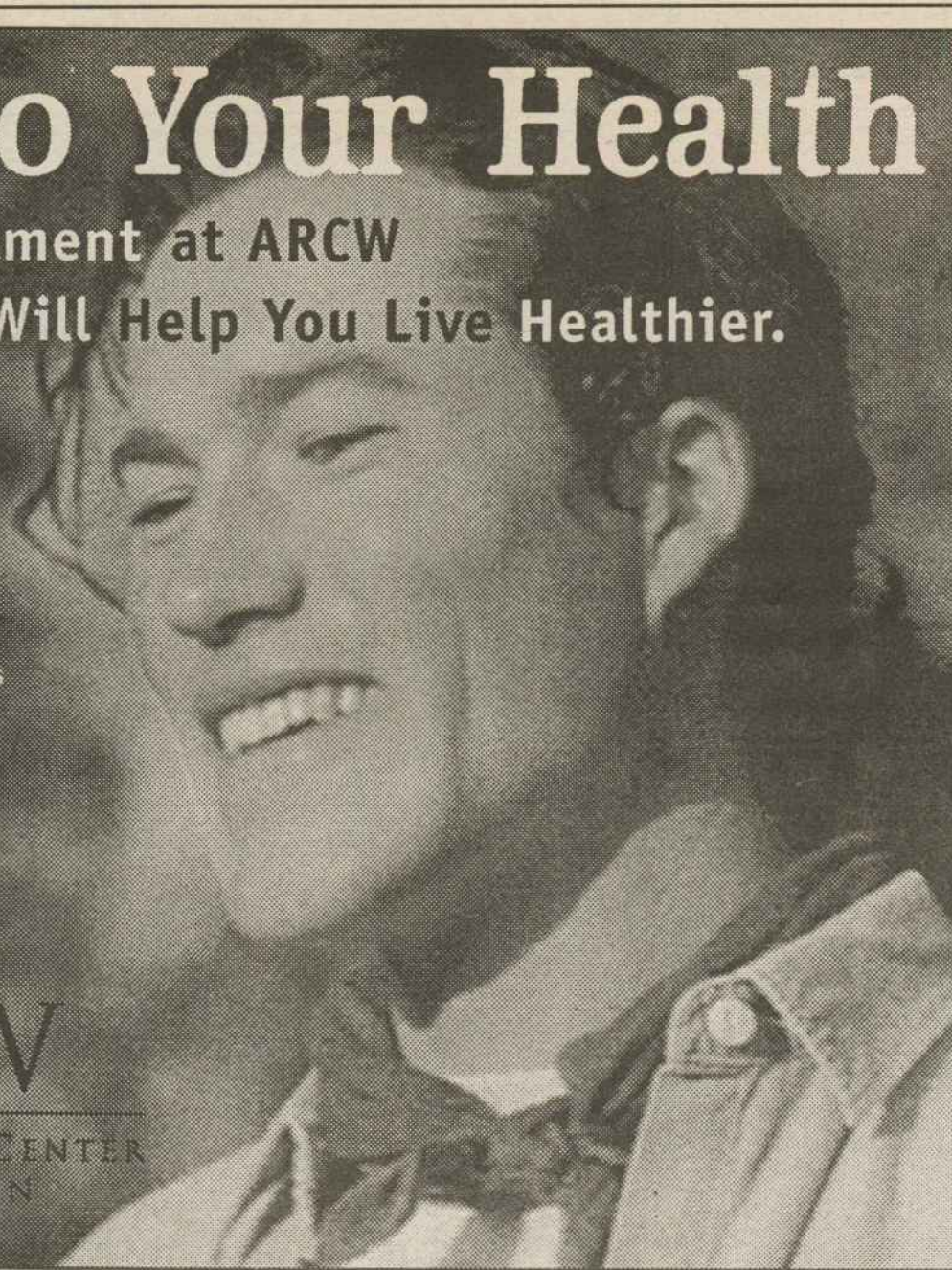
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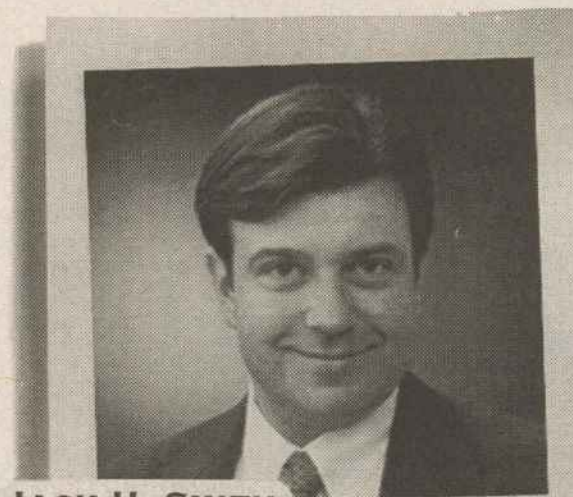
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Vermont's Civil Unions Facing a Rocky Start

By Keith Clark

Montpelier, Vt. — Vermont Superior Court Judge Stephen Martin has ruled that opponents of the state's civil unions law had "failed to demonstrate that they will suffer irreparable harm" by allowing the law to take effect on Saturday, July 1.

But while it's likely the sweeping law will technically go into effect on that date, there are also signs of a grassroots rebellion among opponents determined to block the law — one way or the other.

The civil unions law was the legislature's proposal after the state supreme court ruled that gays and lesbians in fact were being discriminated against in violation of Vermont anti-bias laws because their relationships were given no recognition - and no benefits - as married couples enjoyed. The high court told the legislature to either legalize same-sex marriages or adopt some sort of statewide partnership law that would extend all the state benefits.

The legislature adopted the term "civil unions" for the new law that in fact will make registered couples eligible for hundreds of benefits previously available only to married Vermont couples. But opponents said the new law was simply same-sex marriage under a different name and sued to block the new legislation from taking effect.

But even as Judge Martin dismissed this lawsuit to block the law, another part of the suit still will face a civil trial. But no date has been set for a court hearing on that portion of the lawsuit, which claims 14 lawmakers had bet a dollar each on the number of "yes" votes the civil unions bill would get and were therefore disqualified

from voting on the measure because their bets gave them a vested interest in the outcome. Few observers expect this portion of the suit to win, but Judge Martin simply left the claim to be settled at trial.

In the meantime, however, Juanita Claflin, the Topsham, Vt., town clerk, has said she will not issue any civil union licenses to same-sex couples, calling them "endorsed perversion" in a virtual rebellion against the new law.

In a letter to all the town's residents, Claflin said she wouldn't personally register any same-sex couples and asked the town's residents if she should resign her post, hire an assistant who would handle the paperwork, or simply refuse to comply with the law.

Claflin says she still hasn't made an "absolute final decision" but said that the majority of the citizens who have replied to her official letter so far have urged open defiance of the new law.

Claflin isn't alone. In Turbridge the town clerk has already resigned rather than register same-sex couples, and both the town clerk and assistant town clerk in Waterbury have also resigned effective July 1 — the date the new law goes into effect.

The state attorney general's office has already said in an opinion that anyone who is refused a civil union license without just cause could sue the town clerk and the town itself for both the license itself and damages.

The attorney general's office said that town clerks could also be subject to criminal penalties for willfully refusing to issue the licenses, although it was unlikely such cases would actually be prosecuted.

Pride Events Held Across The Nation

New York (AP) — Drag queens and dignitaries shared Fifth Avenue on June 25 in the annual Gay Pride parade known as much for its politics as its revelry.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and U.S. Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton marched in Sunday's event in New York, but Clinton's new Republican rival, Rep. Rick Lazio, chose to spend the day campaigning upstate instead.

Political victories were celebrated as activists pointed to passage of a hate-crimes bill in Albany and a Vermont law that allows civil unions between homosexuals.

"It's a tremendously significant year," said lesbian activist and former White House aide Virginia Appuzzo, one of the Heritage of Pride Parade's grand marshals. "The changes have been dazzling."

Clinton supporters shouted "You look gorgeous" and "We love you" as the first lady joined the parade accompanied by state and local officials.

Clinton marched 20 paces behind a man in a pink tutu and a Rollerblader wearing nothing but a thong. She gave the thumbs-up sign and clapped her hands to the disco music.

"This year, because of the hate crimes bill in New York and the civil union law in Vermont, it's a year we can look back on and say there's been some progress," she told reporters. "I'm pleased to be here on behalf

of equal rights for gays and lesbians."

The parade, which commemorates the 1969 uprising at the Stonewall Inn credited with sparking the modern gay rights movement, was led by Stonewall veterans in drag riding behind a rainbow of balloons stretched across Fifth Avenue.

There were gay "Star Trek" fans, AIDS activists and church groups singing gospel music. There also were scattered protesters, including Joseph Garber of Brooklyn, who held a sign that said, "Sodomy is a crime."

In Chicago, thousands of revelers lined the streets of the city's North Side for the 31st annual Gay Pride parade. The parade attracted more than 200 entries, including floats, bands and marchers representing local businesses and civic groups.

In San Francisco, what began in 1970 as a meager procession followed by a low-key "gay-in" at Golden Gate Park has become one of California's biggest events, and one of the world's best-known celebrations of gay pride.

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Tami Friday

"DYKESVILLE" CARTOONIST AND FIERCE SOFTBALL PLAYER

By Jamakaya

By her own admission, Tami Friday was always something of a "doodler." Way back in eighth grade, when asked what she wanted to be when she grew up, Tami didn't hesitate to say, "artist."

But reality has a way of intervening. By the time she reached college, Tami worried that art might not be the most practical career to pursue. It can be highly competitive and not always terribly remunerative. So she got a degree in Psychology from

"I NAMED THE COMIC AFTER A TOWN IN WISCONSIN CALLED DYCKESVILLE."

UW-Milwaukee instead and, after graduation, settled into a good job at a group home for the mentally ill.

Ah, but the art muse was still beckoning.

In her spare time, Tami enjoyed sculpting with polymer clay. She designed jewelry for friends and continued her doodling.

In 1998, a co-worker asked her to draw some cartoons based on things he had written. "While working on those," Tami told *IN Step*, "I found myself wanting to create cartoons based on my comic observations, not his. So I started thinking up my own ideas and drawing them."

The result is "Dykesville," a single panel cartoon that sheds light on, and sometimes makes light of, lesbian life and its foibles. Most lesbians can immediately relate to its simple, humorous truths. One memorable panel is the drawing of lot filled with U-Haul trucks. The caption underneath says: "Lesbian Car Dealership."

"I named the comic after a town in Wisconsin called Dyckesville," Tami explained. "Whenever I drove past the town, I imagined a whole community of

lesbians living and working together, similar to the Michigan Womyn's Festival. I try to create each comic panel as a slice of life moment in the fictional and sometimes surreal world of Dykesville."

"One of the disadvantages of a single panel is that people don't get as attached to it as they do, for example, to a continuing series like Alison Bechdel's 'Dykes to Watch Out For,'" Tami commented.

That may be true, but there's also great skill in creating a single image with a pithy message that can be quickly appreciated by viewers. The growing popularity of "Dykesville" seems to bear that out.

"I've been really surprised at how quickly it's grown because I've only really been doing this for a year and a half," Tami said. The first papers picked me up in February of 1999 and I'm published in about 20 papers right now."

In addition to *IN Step*, "Dykesville" is carried by Baltimore Gay Paper, the Texas Triangle, Chicago Nightlines, and Liberty Press in Kansas, among others.

Tami, 28, has purchased the Internet domain "Dykesville.com" and plans to launch her web page in the future. She's also looking into marketing some of the comic panels on t-shirts and possibly publishing them in a book.

Her success with the cartoon has encouraged her to return to school and pursue her first love. "I'm now going to MATC part-time while I'm working and taking graphic design. So far, I'm enjoying it a lot."

"It's exciting to feel like I have a real direction again," Tami said. "I'm kind of antsy to learn more. My job at the group home has become just a job, and I'd like something that will be a little more satisfying."

And She's - Crash! Boom! Pop! - SAFE!

Tami might be having a little more time to draw in the next few months. On June 16 she broke her leg while sliding into second base in an intense softball game between



Tami Friday at PrideFest. Photo by Jamakaya.

rivals Wisconsin Outdoor Women (WOW) and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMB). Tami is an outfielder for LAMB. The WOW shortstop who tried to tag her out broke her hand during the collision. Here's Tami's play-by-play:

"It was the bottom of the first inning and WOW had already made four runs against us, so we were really pumped. I was the first up to bat and I hit a line drive to right field. As I approached first base, I thought I had a pretty good chance of making it to second. So I ran really fast. When I slid in there was a crash and my foot somehow got caught in the bag. Other players said they heard it pop."

It was pretty painful," she says. "And the game had to stop for a half hour while the ambulance came and picked me up. That was really embarrassing. But I was ruled safe," she added, with the satisfaction of a true lesbian softball veteran.

(Only after Tami was carted to the hospital did the WOW shortstop realize her own hand was swelling badly. She too was then taken to the hospital.)

Tami spent the night at St. Luke's where she was diagnosed with breaks in both her tibia and fibula. She's currently stuck in a full leg cast and has to stay off her feet for two months. "It's pretty hard to get around right now," she said. "Monica has to help me out a lot," she said of her partner

of five years. "My parents have been wonderful - very concerned and supportive."

The scene at the hospital after the accident was something of a bonding experience, with Monica, lesbian teammates and Tami's mother and father fretting together and doing what they could to make the injured lover/friend/child comfortable. "It was kind of neat because I think they all got to know each other a little better," the patient said.

Tami came out to her parents several years ago and they have been very supportive of their daughter. She tells a funny story about a trip to the Half-Price Bookstore with her mother. Right after coming out, Tami and her mom went to the store together to purchase some books about gays and lesbians. Tami, the new 'baby' dyke, admits she was too embarrassed to be seen perusing the "Gay and Lesbian" section of the bookstore, so her mother actually had to choose and purchase the books!

In the intervening years, she has adjusted to being a lesbian "just fine." Tami is in a long-term relationship and about to purchase a house with her partner. She has designed and sold her own "Pride" buttons and jewelry at PrideFest. She is a member of LAMB and its softball team. And she is now creating "Dykesville," a lesbian comic that is being seen by thousands of people across the US and Canada.

"I'm pretty happy with the way my life's going," Tami says. "I just can't wait to get this darn cast off!"

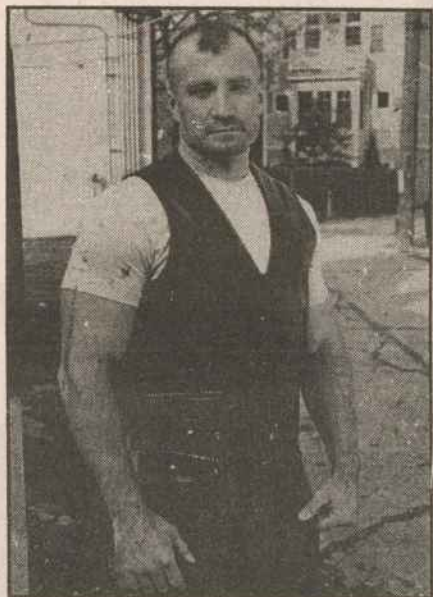
Dykesville

by Tami Friday



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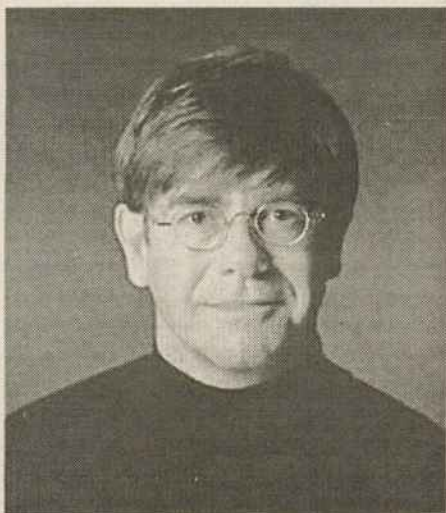


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Elton John

Elton John Blasts Cardinal

London — Sir Elton John denounced anti-gay Roman Catholic Cardinal Thomas Winning of Glasgow, Scotland, June 15.

In an article in *The Spectator*, Winning had said: "Far from liberating a person it [homosexuality] ensnares them in a lifestyle that can never respond to the deepest longings of the human heart. [S]uch behaviour is not good for the human person."

In the next issue of the magazine, John responded: "Cardinal Winning, and his ignorance, is totally representative of why people are turning away from the Church."

"I am astonished to be told by Cardinal Winning that my sexuality is not good for me. He argues that homosexuality

'ensnares them in a lifestyle that can never respond to the deepest longings of the human heart'. From what practical perspective does he form this point of view?"

"As a Cardinal and presumably a celibate and solitary individual, how can he possibly be in a position to judge? As a gay man I am perfectly happy with my sexuality and my life. I can honestly say that the deepest longings of my heart are satisfied."

Cafe De-Gays Itself

Bucharest — Actors' Cafe, the gayest establishment in Bucharest, Romania, turned straight June 14, says activist Bogdan Honciuc of the gay group Accept.

"The management denies gays access either to the bar or terrace," Honciuc said. "Sources within the staff of the cafe claim that several persons have been hired to spot the gays during the last few weeks."

Mexicans March

Veracruz — The Second LGBT Pride March-Meeting in Veracruz, Mexico, is scheduled for July 1.

In Guadalajara, gays were scheduled to march for the first time June 24. The city had a gay protest march in 1982 in response to bar raids but has never had a pride march.

At press time, the Culiacan Gay Pride Group in the state of Sinaloa had held a June 16 dance and demonstration in the city's central square across from the Catholic cathedral.

Ten thousand people marched in Mexico City's 22nd parade June 17, from the Zona Rosa down Paseo de la Reforma

to the presidential palace in the Zocalo plaza, Mexico's political center.

Organizer Beatriz Gonzalez said the march "holds people accountable at all levels of government, ahead of the next elections" on July 2.

In Tijuana, about 150 people marched in the sixth pride parade June 17 chanting "Los putos unidos jamas seran vencidos." Hundreds more cheered from the sidewalks of the city's main street, Revolution Avenue. Partiers on the balconies of the avenue's straight discotheques also hooted and hollered their support.

The parade was followed by political speeches in a city park and parties at some of the city's eight gay bars. Tijuana has a population of around two million.

The chant was a take-off on the popular revolutionary slogan "El pueblo unido jamas sera vencido," which means, "The people united will never be defeated." The gay version was "The fags united will never be defeated." There has been some movement by Mexican gays in recent years to reclaim "puto" ("fag") from its strictly pejorative use.

First Pride Parade In New Brunswick

New Brunswick — The first gay-pride parade in the Canadian province of New Brunswick attracted about 100 marchers in the city of Moncton June 17.

They chanted, "Hey hey, ho ho, homophobia has got to go."

Organizers said most of the city's gays and lesbians did not participate for fear of workplace discrimination.

Warsaw Gays To Stage Conference

Warsaw — The Third World Conference on Gay & Lesbian Culture, scheduled for July 9-16 in Warsaw, Poland, will feature Canadian gay filmmaker Bruce LaBruce, American porn star Chris Steele and famed European erotic filmmaker Jean Daniel Cadinot.

There also will be "countless workshops, concerts, exhibitions, plays, movies and parties," said spokesman Slawek Starosta. Full information is available at http://www.gay.pl/gay_pride/angiel.htm.

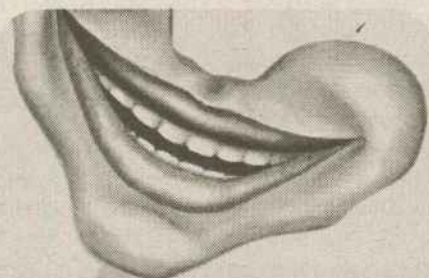
50,000 March in Vienna

Vienna — Under the slogan "Vienna goes the other way," about 50,000 people marched the wrong way around Vienna's one-way ring road in the city's June 17 gay-pride parade.

"It's not just about putting an end to discrimination, but also formulating positive rights for those concerned," said Social Democrat parliamentary leader Peter Kostelka.

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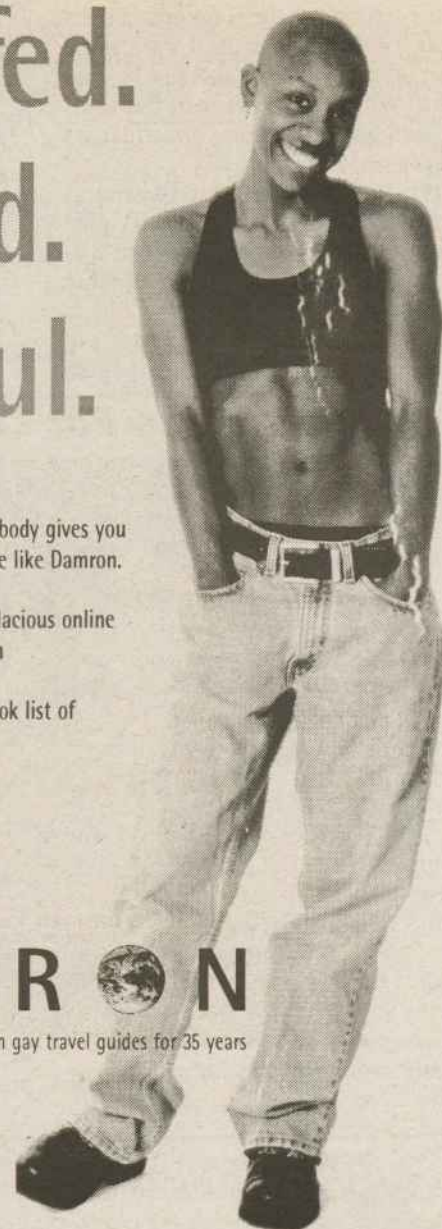


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reality check Big Lies and Dirty Little Secrets

By Mike Fitzpatrick

In the Great Homosexuality Debate between Gay folk and Fundies a lot of "truth" has been spilled by both sides. One of the perks of being a skeptical naysayer is the opportunity to deflate the pompous blowhards on both sides of the debate. Expect to hear a lot of hissing.

I have found just about everyone who claims to possess the "truth" invariably does not. What they usually have is a bunch of pseudo-facts based on a lot of false or shaky premises. This column reveals a series of Big Lies and Dirty Little Secrets.

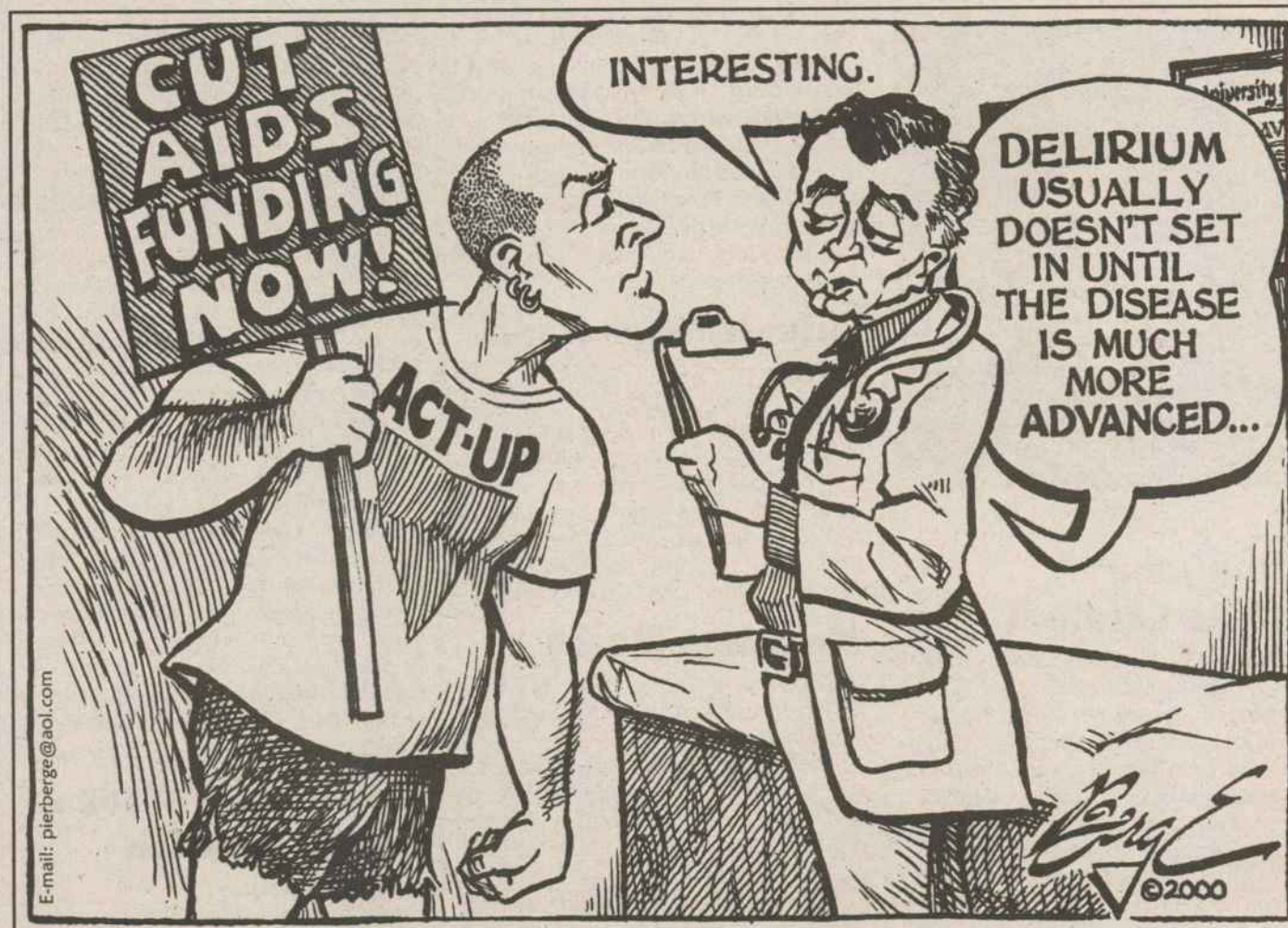
By way of definition, a Big Lie is an oft-told statement by one side which has no historic or scientific basis to support it. In fact, the opposite may be true. A Dirty Little Secret is something akin to a fart in church. Everyone has some sneaking suspicions about the problem, but no one really wants to dig deeper into the issue.

Big Lie #1: "The United States is a Christian Nation" (AKA founded on Christian Principles). Anyone who checks the U.S. Constitution will not find the word "god" anywhere in the document, no less Jesus or Christ. The reasons for that are clearly outlined in "The Godless Constitution: the Case Against Religious Correctness," by historians Isaac Kramnic And Laurence Moore.

In their book, Kramnic and Moore detail the struggle of the Founding Fathers to create a religiously neutral state along the lines promoted by Rhode Island's "radical Christian" Roger Williams. His ideas were based on the thinking of secularists John Locke and Joseph Priestly.

After losing at the Constitutional Convention, the religious minority promoting a "Christian nation" took their battle to each state legislature voting to ratify both the Constitution and the Bill of Rights between 1786 and 1789. They lost every time. Even after the adoption of the "godless" Constitution that minority continued their attempt to "Christianize" the new country and were opposed successfully for most of the early 19th Century by a succession of Presidents and their key religious ally - the Baptists. That leads me to:

Dirty Little Secret #1: The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) was formed to support the continuation of slavery. 21st century readers may be shocked but one of the leading forces in the American abolitionist movement in the mid-1800's was the Baptist church. Well, the northern Baptists anyway. According to historian R. G. Torbet in his definitive



"A History of the Baptists," the denomination, which saw several schisms throughout the 19th Century over a number of social issues, suffered the largest break from the faith when white Southern plantation owners and their supportive ministers established the SBC in 1845.

In addition to the slavery issue, over the last 150 or so years, SBC leadership or factions within the denomination have gone on to oppose every expansion of civil rights in the United States: women's suffrage, school desegregation, racially based equal rights, racial intermarriage and, of course, equal rights for LGBT people. One successful social engineering experiment the SBC supported did survive fourteen years: Prohibition. Quite a record.

Now that I've blasted the Baptists, let me draw a bead on a couple of our side's so-called "truths."

Big Lie #2: "One in ten persons is gay or lesbian." Although this "statistic" may be an article of faith with many a gay activist, the science that supports it is largely nonexistent. One part of the problem is how gay and lesbian is defined and the other part is the quality of scientific research in matters sexual in general.

For starters, how do you define gay? Sexual behavior? Same-sex affectional attraction?

When Kinsey focused on behavior back in the 1940's he found between 4-5% exclusively or almost exclusively homosexual. Other peer-reviewed behavioral studies suggest homosexual behavior is higher in men than in women. The first study

focusing on a same-sex affectional matrix occurred at Harvard University only 12 years ago. How many did the researchers find were strongly attracted to their own sex? 3 to 5%.

The "quality research" problem which has bedeviled many areas of science in the last half of the 20th century is especially

what each of the genes on the map actually does will take the better part of the 21st century. Those homosexual genes may be on that map. We can only wonder at this point, however.

It's important to note that not having a clear reason for the cause of my homosexuality doesn't make me any less gay. The

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problematic in the studies of human sexuality. Lack of replication of study findings by subsequent studies is endemic, the motives of many researchers remains in question, and studies which are peer reviewed often find faulty methodology.

It's interesting to note that the median percentage of all the peer reviewed studies conducted since Kinsey duplicates his original findings: between 4 to 5% of us are gay. On a planet of six billion people that's 270 million queers, roughly the current population of the United States. And that brings us to ...

Dirty Little Secret #2: We're probably not all "born that way." Just as I have problems with Calvin's religious concept of predestination, I have similar problems with genetic pre-determination. For one thing, there's no solid scientific evidence — yet. Even the most ambitious studies only suggest a genetic connection to homosexuality. The myriad of diversity within humanity would seem to demand a more complex answer to the gay question than a bit of DNA clicking on at some point in a person's development.

When the Genome Project announced the completed mapping of human genetics earlier this week, the scientists were quick to point out that the work of finding out

more I've grown to accept my gay self, the less important it's become to find out why it all happened in the first place. My inquiring mind still wants to know but is also just as comfortable with the mystery.

So what's the point in exposing the Big Lies and Dirty Little Secrets? Not to prove who's right and who's wrong if that's what you're thinking. For one thing, it's fun to remind the self-righteous and the self-important that sometimes "eternal truths" can be demolished in less than a lifetime. Galileo and Copernicus showed us that a half millennium ago.

More importantly, however, is the need to keep our minds open and our options many. It's the only way to live a quality life.

Do you have any Big Lies or Dirty Little Secrets you'd like to share with InStep's readers? I'd love to incorporate them into a future Reality Check column. Write me at foxvalley@instepnews.com



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Why is Madison So Gay Unfriendly?

By Chris Ott

Residents of Madison, I have some bad news: The Hotel Washington burned down, and nothing has replaced it. I've talked with a bunch of Madison residents over the last few months about the scarcity of much "gay space" in town. Sometimes people agree with me, sometimes they don't, but what I hear from nearly everyone is how different things were when the Hotel Washington was still around: It was a place to talk, dance, have a drink, eat, or just hang out, all in a gay-friendly environment.

But here's the problem: as good as the Hotel Washington apparently was — I never had a chance to go, and already there are lots of us who moved here after it was gone — Madison doesn't have anything like it anymore, even spread throughout the whole area, not to mention in one place.

By saying this, I don't mean to put down the gay spaces that Madison does have. I grew up in a tiny rural Wisconsin town myself, so I know what a haven for gay people that a city like Madison is. Downtown places like the Shamrock and the Rainbow Room can be fun places to hang out. A Room of One's Own is terrific, and of course there are other gay or gay-friendly bars, restaurants, cafes, stores, organizations, churches, and special events. And taking a larger view, the election of Tammy Baldwin and Mark Pocan was exciting, and it's been impressive to see the city's decent response to the hate-mongering of Ralph Ovadal.

Still, there's something missing.

In Madison as elsewhere, there's a lot of talk about the "gay community," but how much of a community can there be when the chances to meet and mingle are so few, and generally limited to nights out or special events? I'm not saying there's anything wrong with what we have, just that there's not enough of it. You would think that a city of Madison's size — especially one with Madison's progressive leanings — would be a more gay-friendly place than it is.

It's not fair to compare Madison to much bigger cities, but still, the list of things that Madison lacks is disappointing:

... In Denver, for instance, there's a gay bar called the Grand. It's well-lit, and it opens up into a large backyard patio area. If you want to go out, it's the place to be on a Friday night after work while the sun goes down. Madison has nothing like it.

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... In Providence, R.I. — a city about the same size as Madison — there is a downtown lesbian bar in addition to several bars and clubs mostly for gay men, and a cafe called the Coffee Exchange, where most of the people who go are gay men. Madison has no equivalent.

... In any number of cities, including many that are about the same size as Madison, or even smaller, there are gay dance clubs, and some of them are downtown. Madison has Club 5, but it's in a remote location that can be inconvenient to get to and from for those without a car, or for those who, after a few drinks, probably shouldn't be driving anyway.

My boyfriend and I moved here in the summer of 1998, and while there's a lot that's good about Madison, it was also sur-

prising and disappointing to find the gay community so scattered and dispersed, and to find so few gay places. Maybe to gay men especially (Madison seems like a better place than most for lesbians), and maybe especially for the growing number of

us who came to Madison after the demise of the Hotel Washington, the city feels more like a town of 20,000, not 200,000. We're looking for things to do, and ways to meet.

I'm not raising these questions to complain, but to ask what can be done about it. I also don't mean that gay people in Madison should separate or seal ourselves off from everybody else but it's not OK to constantly be on the margins either.

If you're concerned about the fragmentation of Madison's gay community and the need for more "space" — and interested in ways of supporting the gay and gay-friendly resources the city does have, encouraging the development of new ones, and finding other ways of making more of a real community — I'd be interested in hearing from you by email at chrisott@earthlink.net, or at P.O. Box 2202, Madison, 53701.



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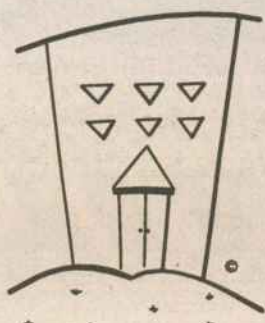
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Thanks to PrideFest

Dear Editor:

Once again, the GLBT community has displayed its generosity and compassion through the overwhelming support of the food drive conducted at PrideFest. Although this is only the third year the drive has been coordinated with the festival, a record 4,467 pounds of food was collected.

That's almost three times the total collected last year! Working with the PrideFest organization is always a pleasure. It was great to work with everyone from volunteers to festival attendees for they were in the mood to celebrate!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and clients of Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee, I extend our gratitude for such a successful drive. We appreciate your continued commitment to creating food security in our community.

Michael Jonas

Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee

"Out" and Looking In

Dear Editor:

We are a lesbian and gay man living in the Milwaukee area who don't have access to our "new" community center or a majority of the clubs in the area. We are disabled, and must use wheelchairs.

We know that we're not the only disabled people in the area who would need/want to be a part of the LGBT Community Center. The center has been in existence for almost two years now and nothing has been accomplished to accommodate our needs. We paid our dues for membership, but we can't get in.

The director of the LGBT Community Center has explained that it will cost approximately \$70,000 to make the center accessible, of which the center is expected to provide \$20,000. The landlord is supposed to pick up the difference.

We don't know if the center occupies more than one floor of the building or if we'd be able to use the restrooms, but we need and want to be a part of the community and we find that to be difficult if we can't get into the buildings where like-minded individuals are.

Our hope is that if people from the gay community see this letter that they'll come forward and donate their effort, energy, money, talent and time to help with the construction to make an inclusive dream a reality.

*Dawn M. Green and Scott M. Koser
Milwaukee*

Thanks A Lot!

Dear Editor:

The Log Cabin Republicans have shown their "power" once again, as their party nominates the notorious homophobe, John Gillespie, to run against Sen. Herb Kohl. Thanks a lot guys.

*Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee*

PrideFest Thoughts

Dear Editor:

Just a few thoughts about Pridefest...

I read your PrideFest "Wish List" with great interest and it has made me think about what Pridefest is and what it should be.

Having attended PrideFest for several years, beginning in the early '90s when the festival was little more than a simple picnic in Juneau Park, through to its present home on the Summerfest grounds, I've seen the event grow and change.

From its lowly beginning at Juneau Park, PrideFest can now boast, in this "City of Festivals," as one of the many festivals featured on the wonderful Summerfest grounds. But I am concerned that PrideFest has increasingly become just another lakefront festival, floundering without an identity.

I remember past PrideFests which offered so much more. In the past Pridefest offered many more gay and lesbian singers and comics, a history tent, a tent featuring the works of local artists, speakers and even a vintage car show. But most of all, what was so terrific about these first few PrideFests was the sense of community, of our community, that occurred.

Pridefest 2000 offered none of this. At this year's festival, there seemed little to do except drink over-priced beer, do some "people-watching" and take yet another spin past the vendors hawking their wares in the Williamsburg Village.

This is not enough.

It is time for the PrideFest Committee to offer a festival worthy of the Summerfest grounds and, most importantly, worthy of our community. And it is time for bar and business owners to become much more actively involved in PrideFest, an event which showcases our entire community.

What is needed is for the Pridefest committee to open their doors to both some new blood and to some new ideas. At the very least, a series of town hall meeting must happen. It is only with the interest, the energy, the enthusiasm and the involvement of our entire community can PrideFest become a festival that we all can be proud of!

According to the attendance figures reported in *IN Step*, this year's festival achieved record numbers. This is terrific. Everyone associated with PrideFest deserves a collective "pat on the back."

Now let's get to work on next year's PrideFest!

*Carl Szatmary
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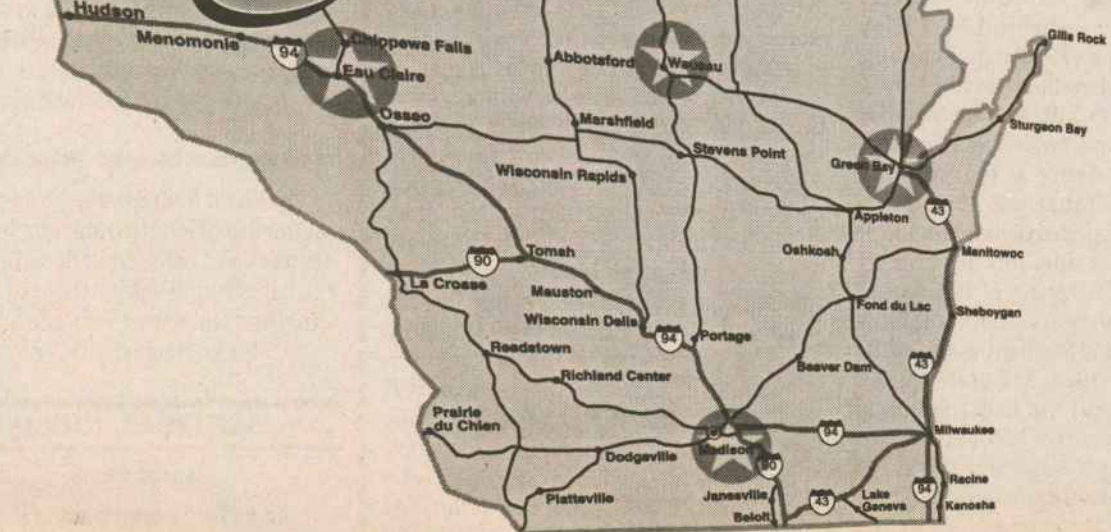
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Pride Goes Statewide



By Mike Fitzpatrick

Milwaukee's PrideFest may be a pleasant memory, but the fun's just begun! LGBT pride events are scheduled for nearly every weekend throughout the month of July. From Eau Claire to northeast Wisconsin, and from Madison to Wausau, rainbow flags will be flying and tiaras will be glittering. *IN Step* has the scoop on all the happenings.

Chippewa Valley Pride Weekend in Eau Claire, June 30 - July 2

"I'm amazed at both the interest locally and statewide in this year's pride celebration," media coordinator Bret Holstein admitted recently. With statewide organizations ranging from Action Wisconsin to USofA Pageantry getting involved with this year's Chippewa Valley Pride Celebration, it's easy to understand Holstein's amazement.

Pride kicks off Friday, June 30, with a 6 p.m. reception for the Mr. & Miss Eau Claire USofA pageant judges and contestants at the Wolfe's Den, 302 E. Madison St. "Sing with Pride Karaoke" will follow, featuring the finals of the bar's multiple-week Karaoke contest.

The annual Chippewa Valley Pride Family Picnic will be held at the Riverview Island Park in Eau Claire from 1 to 7 p.p. on Saturday, July 1. The picnic will feature music, games, vendors and information booths as well as food and beverages. "This is the one all ages event of the weekend," Holstein said.

The Mr. & Miss Eau Claire USofA Pageant will be held at Scooter's, 411 Galloway St. Saturday evening beginning at 8 p.m.. This official preliminary for the Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA pageant will be followed by "Dance with Pride." There will be a \$3 cover charge for the events.

A "Looking Forward to Pride Open Meeting" will be held on Sunday, July 2 at a site to be determined. "We had hoped to do more on Sunday this year," Holstein said. "This 'recovery' meeting hopefully will recruit volunteers to organize an even more expanded Pride weekend for 2001."

According to Holstein, out-of-towners can arrange accommodations for the weekend at the Green Tree

Inn (715) 832-1837 or the Holiday Inn Convention Center (715) 835-6121. Both are located in downtown Eau Claire and close to all the scheduled events.

"This year has seen terrific awakening within Western Wisconsin's LGBT community," Holstein said. "That change is reflected in many ways, including the excellent local support we have for this year's pride celebration."

"We hope our neighbors from around the region will join us this weekend to share in our camaraderie and lend support to help keep this spirit alive," Holstein added.

Rainbow Over Wisconsin Pride Picnic Weekend, July 7-9

Popular recording artist Ronnie Nyles, "cowtestants," drag dolls, entertainers, award winners, "Pie in the Sky" and parties galore will mark northeast Wisconsin's Rainbow Over Wisconsin (ROW) Pride Picnic Weekend, July 7-9.

The weekend formally will begin with the introduction of this year's herd of "cowtestants" at the 9th Annual Gay Guernsey Pageant Kick-Off Show starting at 10:30 p.m. at Buddies, 1264 Main Street in Green Bay.

According to Guernsey organizer Elsie Bovine (AKA Wayne Thiele), the greatest challenge for this year's fund-raiser for ARCW will be the amazing success of last year's contest. "We raised over \$18,000 in 1999," Bovine said. "That's nearly half of what this contest has raised in its entire history."

The annual ROW Pride Picnic on Saturday, July 8 will feature expanded hours, an expanded grill menu and popular recording artist Ronnie Nyles. This year's event will run from Noon until 8 p.m. at the Al Kamke Farm on Highway 57 in Hilbert.

Nyles will open and close the full day of entertainment scheduled at the picnic, with hour long shows

and 90-minute shows beginning at 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively. Also scheduled to appear are the Entertainers Against AIDS troupe at 1:30 p.m. and the annual Pride drag extravaganza featuring female illusionist talent from throughout the state at 4 p.m. Rainbow Over Wisconsin's annual Pride Awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m.

ROW will revive drag races at 3:30 p.m. Throughout the day, visitors will be able to enjoy ROW's game booths and "tower of strength" tests of skill. Regional and statewide organizations and vendors will offer information and LGBT-themed merchandise to picnic-goers. The grill menu will feature additional side items and combo plates in addition to brats, burgers and grilled chicken sandwiches. Thirsty picnic-goers will find a wide selection of beer, soda and bottled water.

The picnic is the centerpiece event of the weekend, according to ROW President Terry Tetzlaff. "The picnic is ROW's largest single fundraising project each year and requires a battalion of volunteers to entertain and serve an army of partying picnic-goers," Tetzlaff said.

Saturday evening will feature a variety of post-picnic parties being held at the bars in Appleton and Green Bay. Gay Guernsey fundraising will begin in earnest at contestant Diva's "Pie In the Sky" auction and party at Napalese Lounge, 1351 Cedar St. In Green Bay. Party-goers will bid on the rights to throw creme pies at local celebrities such as ARCW's Paul "Cricket" Jacob, drag dolls Katrina Kaye and Elsie Bovine, and *IN Step*'s Mike Fitzpatrick.

Sunday will feature more post-picnic parties at area bars plus the return of Za's famous all-you-can-eat Sunday Brunch on the Patio beginning at Noon at Cafe Bourbon, 1106 Main St. In Green Bay.

Central Wisconsin Pride Fest in Wausau, July 29

Pride events have had a spotty history in central Wisconsin, according to Kevin Grabko, one of the organizers of this year's Central Wisconsin Pride Fest. "Most past events were held in out-of town spots like Eau Claire Dells state park," Grabko said. "Technically it's happening in Rib Mountain, but it's the first pride event ever to be held in the Wausau metro area in years."

Central Wisconsin Pride Fest will run from 1-7 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, at the Nine Mile Recreational area of Rib Mountain State Park. The event is co-sponsored by the Wausau office of ARCW and Wausau's Oz Bar, which is co-owned by Grabko and his partner David Nolen.

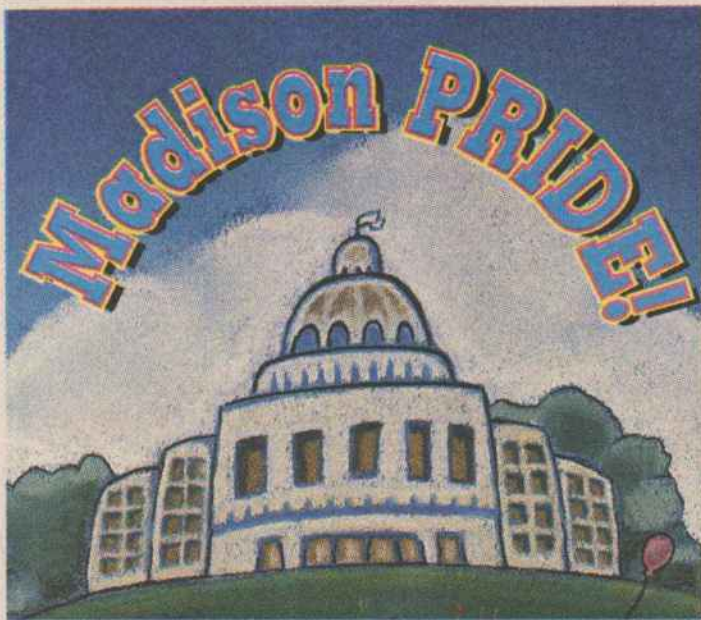
Fest goers will enjoy an interactive deejay hosting games and dancing throughout the day. Among the games planned are a cake walk, drag races and horse shoes.

Dinner will be served from 3-5 p.m. and will feature traditional brats, burgers, hot dogs and other grilled treats plus a selection of salads and chips. Beverages will include beer, soda and bottled waters. Following the meal, the Oz show troupe will host a drag show featuring performers from Green Bay, Eau Claire and other cities.

One price will cover the cost of the entire day's food, beverages and events. Advance tickets are \$10 each and available at Oz, 320 Washington St. In Wausau or the ARCW office, 1105 Grand Avenue, Suite 3 in Schfield. Advance tickets may be ordered by phone by calling Kevin at (715) 842-3225 or Steve Korzinek at (715) 355-6867.

A post-picnic party will be on tap at Oz that evening, according to Grabko. "We had thought about doing (another) show, but that's not decided for sure at this time," Grabko said.

Editor's Note: For a complete run-down of Madison's Pride Weekend, including the Magic Picnic see article on page 22.



Madison — Anticipation is building for Madison's annual pride events — a time to party down with good music, dancing, food and fun. The weekend's events kick off on Thursday evening, July 13th with a 7:30 p.m. concert at the UW's Music Hall, featuring the gay male chorale "Perfect Harmony." (Music Hall is located at the foot of Bascom Hill, one block south of the Memorial Union on Park Street.)

On Friday night, the action moves to the Monona Terrace Convention Center, 1 John Nolen Drive, beginning with OutReach's Eighth Annual Dinner and Award Ceremony. A reception and silent auction begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The price of the dinner is \$45.

Later that evening, the action moves downstairs to the Ten Per Cent Society's dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$5. If past years are any indication, a diverse crowd of well over a thousand people is

expected to attend.

A longtime Madison tradition, the Magic Picnic will provide fun and entertainment, and raise funds for Madison area LGBT groups on Saturday, July 15 from 1 to 7 p.m. at Brittingham Park (located on W. Washington Ave. near the intersection with Park Street).

On Saturday evening, Flaming Dykasaurus performs at James Reeb Church, 2146 E. Johnson Street (behind East High

School) at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tickets for the ASL-interpreted event are available on a sliding scale of \$5 to \$10. Also on Saturday night, the Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys are sponsoring a dance at the Sapphire Ballroom, at 1133 Sherman Ave. in the Northgate Mall. Suggested donation is \$3.

On Sunday morning, July 16, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., the University of Wisconsin-Madison GLB Alumni Association is hosting a breakfast in the Starlight Room of the Madison Civic Center, 211 State Street. From noon to 1pm, the LGBT political group Action Wisconsin holds its annual meeting at the State Capitol. (Ask at the rotunda information booth, or look for signs at the State Street and N. Hamilton St. entrances for exact location.)

At 1:30 p.m., a rally begins at the State Street entrance to the Capitol, culminating in the LGBT Pride March to Brittingham Park, beginning at about 2 pm. An after-

noon-long celebration of food and entertainment begins at Brittingham, beginning at 2:30 pm, with the weekend's events wrapping up at around 6 pm.

OutReach Awards

One of the highlights of this and past weekend's has been the opportunity to honor the accomplishments of people working for LGBT rights at the annual dinner of OutReach (formerly The United). This year, five outstanding individuals and one organization will be recognized.

Dan Ross is this year's Man of the Year. Ross, president of Action Wisconsin and a leader in Pride in Wisconsin government, will be recognized for his tireless and highly effective efforts in advancing domestic partnership rights and other accomplishments in the political realm. Ross is also extremely accomplished in monitoring and working with the statewide media to provide better coverage of our lives.

Woman of the Year Vicki Shaffer has been a pervasive and enthusiastic leader in supporting LGBT youth, through her work as a teacher and as a leader in GLSEN (the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network). Shaffer and the members of the Gay/Straight Alliance at Middleton High School were featured in a front page article in the Washington Post during the Millennium March on Washington on April 29.

Ally of the Year, Mary Rouse's support of the LGBT community goes back many years. She has spoken candidly and lovingly of her relationship with her late sister, who was a leader in the lesbian community. As University of Wisconsin-Madison Dean of Students, she has also worked aggressively to provide a seat at the table for LGBT people at the university, often behind-the-scenes. Later this year, Rouse begins a new position as a vice chancellor in charge of the Morgridge Center, which links university faculty and students with opportunities to make a difference in the community.

Laura Gutknecht is OutReach's Volunteer of the Year. Gutknecht has been a phone counselor and leader in the Advocacy Group and Speaker's Bureau — in short, she's been willing to do whatever it takes to make a difference. Gutknecht is also a prolific producer for WORT-FM's weekly "Queery" radio show. Recently, she spearheaded efforts to add "transgender" to Madison's equal opportunity ordinance.

Special recognition is being given this year to longtime community leader David Runyon, who has been an ubiquitous presence at LGBT community events as a producer and videographer for cable TV's "Nothing to Hide." Thanks to Runyon, there is a large archive of information about the LGBT community available on videotape dating back many years. Runyon has also been active in a wide range of LGBT organizations, and publishes a monthly e-newsletter.

Lastly, the Organization of the Year award goes to Teens Like Us, a group for LGBT and questioning teens. The group is co-sponsored by Briarpatch, AIDS Network, and the Center for Prevention and Intervention, providing teens with a supportive environment to deal with issues of homophobia and coming out.

For more information about Pride weekend events, call Madison Pride at (608) 848-2239, website: www.madisonpride.org or contact OutReach at (608) 255-8582, Web site: www.outreachinc.com

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SATURDAY, JULY 15

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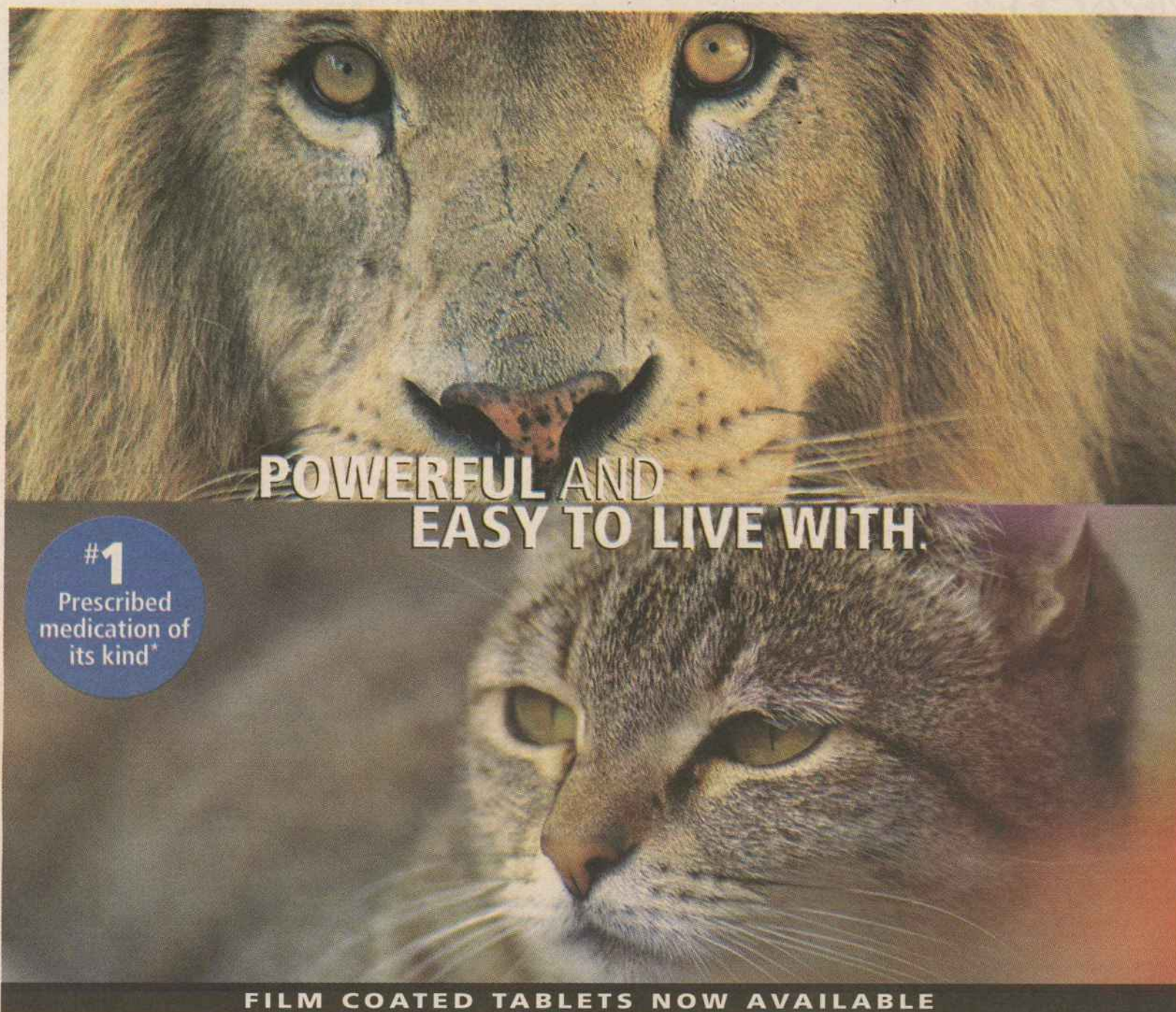
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Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be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

Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking protease inhibitors. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs and arms may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

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:

- 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.

Special considerations

Before you take Viagra® (sildenafil) with VIRACEPT, talk to your doctor about possible drug interactions and side effects. If you take Viagra and VIRACEPT together, you may be at increased risk of side effects of Viagra such as low blood pressure, visual changes, and penile erection lasting more than 4 hours. If an erection lasts longer than 4 hours, you should seek immediate medical assistance to avoid permanent damage to your penis. Your doctor can explain these symptoms to you.

It is not recommended to take VIRACEPT with the cholesterol-lowering drugs Mevacor® (lovastatin) or Zorcor® (simvastatin) because of possible drug interactions. There is also an increased risk of drug interactions between VIRACEPT and Lipitor® (atorvastatin) and Baycol® (cerivastatin); talk to your doctor before you take either of these cholesterol reducing drugs with VIRACEPT.

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)
- EpiVir® (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:

Viramune® (nevirapine)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be reduced. Studies are now taking place to learn about the safety of combining VIRACEPT with Viramune.

Sustiva® (efavirenz)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. A dose adjustment is not needed when VIRACEPT is used with Sustiva.

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. 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 14-20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily or 1250 mg (five tablets) two 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. Your doctor may prescribe the light blue VIRACEPT Tablets either as 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or as 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack.

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 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 to 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	Number of	Number of
Kg	Lb	Level Scoops*	Level Teaspoons†	Tablets
7 to <8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1	—
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1 1/4	—
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1 1/2	—
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1 3/4	—
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2	—
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2 1/4	—
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2 1/2	2
≥ 23	≥50.5	15	3 3/4	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 foods 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 stored 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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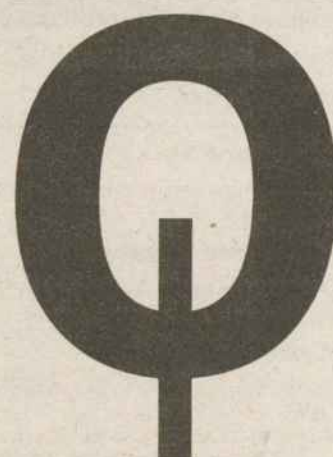


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Lesbian Musical "Lavender Rose" to Debut in Madison



Fran Zell

Madison — Fraz/zled Productions is presenting a new lesbian musical, "Lavender Rose," at Pres House, 731 State Street in Madison. The preview performance is Thursday, July 20, with shows on July 21, 22, and 23 as well. All shows are at 8 p.m. except the Sunday, July 23 performance at 5 p.m.

"Lavender Rose," with book and lyrics by Fran Zell and music by Katherine

Younger, is a sexy, love-filled show about coming out joyously with the help of friends and allies — something of a lesbian "South Pacific." There are 14 original songs and a cast of 12 Madison area lesbians and friends, most playing multiple roles. This will be a workshop production, using minimal sets and props, presented with an interest in audience feedback to help develop the new play. On Saturday, July 22, the show will be followed by an audience discussion with playwright Fran Zell, composer Katherine Younger, and director Nancy Alexander Phipps.

Tickets are \$8 for the preview and \$10 for all other shows. They are available from A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson Street, from Fraz/zled Productions at (608) 283-0983, and at the door.

Terry Boughner's "All Loves Excelling" World Premiere Set for July 13

Milwaukee — Off the Wall Productions is presenting the world premiere of an original play by Terry Boughner, "All Loves Excelling," at the Circlestage Theatre Thursday, July 13. Subsequent performances will take place Fridays and Saturdays, July 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Director Dale Gutzman, who helped shape Boughner's play for theatrical presentation, calls the work "unapologetically romantic and spiritually uplifting." With qualities similar to the works of Edward Albee and Harold Pinter, "All Loves Excelling" turns the living room of a wealthy, conservative family into an emotional battlefield as interactions and flashbacks reveal hidden truths and provide insight into motivations and behaviors.

Marion, a controlling woman who verbally abuses her husband and younger son, eagerly awaits the arrival of her beloved older son who is returning from college. Steven, the older son, is her pride and joy. Robert hates his older brother and wallows in parental neglect. When Steven arrives, it is with his gay lover, an Asian student with whom he has been living. Marion resorts to racial prejudice and homophobia in her struggle to 'reclaim' her son. In the ensuing confrontations, no one is left unwounded.

Beryl Brenner will play the role of Marion. Scott Sorenson plays Steven, Mathew Shawlin plays Robert. Lawrence J. Lukasavage portrays the battered husband, while Trung Tieu plays Michael, Steven's lover.

The Circlestage Theatre is located at 127 E. Wells St. Tickets for all performances are \$15. For tickets and more information, call (414) 327-3552.

Danceworks Summer Dance Festival in July

Milwaukee — Danceworks' annual Summer Dance Festival takes place on the stage of the UW-Milwaukee School of the Arts Mainstage Theatre and in parks throughout the Milwaukee area in July.

"Light Steps," featuring large group works by UWM Dance faculty member Marcia Parsons, will be performed in three free concerts in Milwaukee parks: Thursday, July 6 in South Shore Park;

Monday, July 17 in Humboldt Park; and Thursday, July 20 in Lake Park. All these shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

"Paragraphs on Wind" will be performed at UWM on July 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. Allyson Green brings her New York-based company to town for this work inspired by the beauty of White Sands, a childhood haunting place. This work for eight dancers, to a score by Guy Yarden, unfolds as a triptych, framing a personal journey with images of human interaction and soaring transformation.

"UWM Summer Dances" on July 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. and July 30 at 3 p.m. includes new works by UWM faculty members Janet Lilly, Ed Burgess and Andre Tyson.

Tickets for the performances at UWM are \$10/\$7 students. For tickets and more information, call (414) 229-4308.

Avant-Garde Works at Charles Allis Museum

Milwaukee — This summer, the avant-garde artistic movements of the middle and late 20th century will be brought to life with theater, music, commentary, and multimedia visual projections, at the Charles Allis Art Museum.

The first program, "Propaganda: Art in the Service of Politics," on July 8, 9, 14 and 15, deals with Social Realism. Short plays by Nobel Laureate Dario Fo and Marguerite Duras, poems by Mayakowski, and commentary by Walter Benjamin and Clement Greenberg will form the program, along with music by UW-Milwaukee's Music From Almost Yesterday Ensemble, directed by Yehuda Yannay.

The second event, "Flux: Order, Chaos and Void," on Aug. 19, 20, 25 and 26, will explore Abstract Expressionism and Theater

of the Absurd. The program will include excerpts from Ionesco's "The Bald Soprano" in a marionette version presented by Polaris Puppet Theatre, a film about artist Jackson Pollock, the music of John Cage, and a rendition of Allan Kaprow's "Happenings."

Each performance is followed by a "philosophical café" and discussion. General admission is \$8; seniors and members, \$6; students, free. All performances are at the Charles Allis Art Museum, 1801 North Prospect Ave. Evening performances begin at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 3 p.m. For more information, call (414) 278-8295.

Arts Festival in Sheboygan, July 15-16

Sheboygan — The 30th annual Outdoor Arts Festival, sponsored by the John Michael Kohler Arts Center, will take place July 15-16 on the grounds of the Arts Center at 608 New York Avenue in Sheboygan.

The JMK Art Center's Outdoor Festival is the largest multi-arts event in east-central Wisconsin. This year, the juried festival includes the works of 135 artists from across the nation. Many of these art works will be for sale. The festival will also include artists' demonstrations, entertainment and food. Up to 20,000 people are expected to attend.

For more information on the festival, call (920) 458-6144.

"Falsettos" at University Theatre in Madison

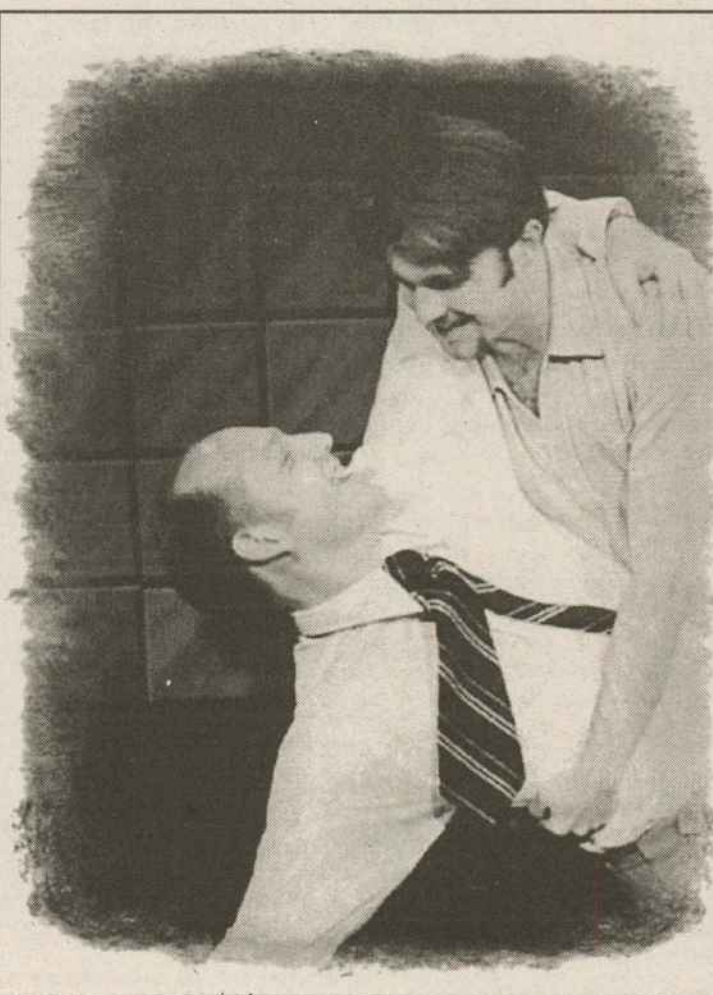
Madison — University Theatre has opened its summer season with "Falsettos," William Finn's witty, poignant, gay-sensitive musical tale of one complex American family.

"Falsettos" centers around the charmingly neurotic Marvin as he struggles to create a "tight-knit" family. Marvin leaves his wife Trina and their son Jason to be with his lover Whizzer, and their familial circle expands when Marvin's psychiatrist marries Trina. In Act II, preparations for Jason's bar mitzvah show the maturation process of each character as they negotiate their changing roles. Through witty lyrics, high-energy staging, and a mixture of cynicism and hope, "Falsettos" explores the shifting definitions of being a man, a Jew, a parent, a friend, a lover, and a family.

This production of "Falsettos" is directed by Norma Saldivar. Joe Dahl plays Marvin. Jason will be played on alternate nights by two local 12-year-olds: Thomas Kasdorf and Peter Scheean.

"Falsettos" is playing in the Helmsley Cabaret Theatre of Vilas Hall, where the actors also play waiters and serve popcorn and drinks. It plays July 1, 6-8, 12-15, 20-22, and 27-29. Tickets are \$16/\$13 students. For tickets and more information, call (608) 262-1500.

Pictured: John Dahl as Marvin and Aaron Mize as Whizzer.



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ACTIVITIES:

Friday, June 30

Women's Softball (Milw.): Every Friday night, 6:30 p.m. at Wick Field, Diamond #4, 4929 W. Vliet St.

Friday, June 30-July 2

Chippewa Valley Pride (Eau Claire): Call Wolfe's Den at (715) 832-9237 or Scooters at (715) 835-9959 for information.

Saturday, July 1

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers (Madison): Meet at Lake Wingra Park, Knickerbocker and Arbor Dr. at 9 a.m. for 3K to 10K run or walk. FMI: (608) 663-6463.

SSBL Men's Softball (Milw.): 12 Noon to 5 p.m. at Silan Field on S. Kinnickinnic Ave. and California St.

Sunday, July 2

Perfect Harmony Chorus (Madison): Rehearsal at Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington, 7-9 p.m. FMI: (608) 232-0528.

Wednesday, July 5

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (Madison): Lessons line dancing, two-stepping, then open dancing. 7 p.m. at Sapphire Ballroom, Northgate Mall, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. FMI: (608) 245-0672.

Cream City Chorus (Milw.): Weekly rehearsal at the LGBT Community Ctr., 170 S. Second St., 7 p.m. FMI: (414) 276-8787.

Saturday, July 8

Art Fair on the Square (Madison): The Madison Art Center's annual cultural event: art, entertainment, people-watching, food and more! 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Ko Thi Dance Co. (Milw.): The renowned African dance company in a free concert at Washington Park, 6:30 p.m., 1859 N. 40th St. FMI: (414) 273-0676.

Sunday, July 9

Tennis Club (Milw.): Milwaukee Metro Tennis Club plays from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. at Sijan Park along S. Kinnickinnic Ave. and California St.

Bette Davis Bowling League (Madison): 5-person team format, 3 p.m. at Bowl-a-Vard Lanes, 2121 E. Spring Dr. FMI: (608) 271-8889.

Tuesday, July 11

"What's I Got to do With LGB?" (Madison): Transgender panel, 7 p.m. at the Wilmar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jennifer St. FMI: (608) 255-8582.

Thursday, July 13

"Maybe Baby" (Milw.): Support for LGBTs wanting a child through adoption, insemination, etc., 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Ctr., 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 964-9505.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

Boom (Milw.): Margarita Mania! Corona, \$2. Shots of Cuervo, \$2.

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison) Brunch, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. 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 (Milw.): \$1 tappers, \$2 rail drinks, \$2 bottled beer. Two shows: 8:30 p.m. - no cover - and 11:30 p.m.

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): \$6 Beer Bust, taps of Gen. Draft or Miller Lite, 5 to 9 p.m.

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

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

Naplese 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.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Beer Bash, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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 (Milw.): 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 (Milw.): Bloody Marys \$2. Mimosas \$2.

Switch (Milw.): T-Dance, 3:30-8:30 p.m. \$6 beer bust on the patio.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50 'til 6 p.m.

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

Woody's (Milw.): Beer Bust Trivia Day! Beer Bust, \$5 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.

Boom (Milw.): Closed.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink special. Bud Nite! All Buds, \$1.

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

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

Jo'Dees International (Racine): \$6 Super Bust! by MGD and Miller Lite, all the MGD or Miller Lite you can drink - ALL NITE! (\$4 Packer Bust for televised Monday night Packer's games. Open 1 hour before televised games).

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

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

Naplese 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.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Rolling Rock, \$1.50

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

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5 to 8 p.m. Girl's Night Out! Win 25¢ drinks and free pizza!

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.90 from 9 p.m. to close.

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

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. - Absolut and anything, \$2.

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Tappers \$7.5, rail drinks, \$1.50.

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.

Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. \$1 off all drinks, 8 p.m. to close.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink special. Vodka Nite! All vodka drinks, \$1.50 and Call Brands, \$2.50.

Cell Block (Chicago): SMUT Tuesdays! XXX Videos. Cheap Drinks. Free Games.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leather/Levy Night. Well-drinks & draft beer \$1. Dress Code Enforced. Pit open.

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

Club 219 (Milw.): Amateur Strip Nite! No cover. \$1 tap beer, \$2 rails and bottled beer.

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

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): 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 (Milw.): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Naplese 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.

Rainbow Room (Madison): \$1 off rail and domestic

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 (Milw.): 2 Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$4 pitchers 9 p.m. to midnight.

Station 2 (Milw.): Closed!

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 - 8 p.m. Nuts and Bolts night, match your hardware to win drinks, prizes.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Cocktail Hour rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck! 9 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 (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Woody's (Milw.): 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.

Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. Ultra '80s music. \$2 buy in \$1 rail Miller and Bud.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink specials. It's Leather & Western 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.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$.50 off all Taps and Rails. \$1.75 Coronas, \$1.50 shots of Cuervo and Dr's. Karaoke from 8-11 p.m. Pitchers of Long Islands, \$10.

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

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

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

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

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

The Klostet (Beloit): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. \$5 Beer Bash! DJ spinning the hits starting at 9 p.m.

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

Naplese 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.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Shots of Doctors - \$2

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 (Milw.): 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 (Milw.): Mini Pitchers \$2.50. Rail drinks \$1.50

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 to 8 p.m. Internet Meat & Greet Nite for the guys, SuperBust, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Special Export \$5 pitchers and \$1 mugs from 9 p.m. to close.

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

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. Super Beer Bust - All U Can Drink! \$5 domestic, \$7 premium.

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

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

Thursdays:

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

Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 all night.

Boot Camp (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink specials.

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

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

Dish (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Groove with Amy! Amy entertains!

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

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

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

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

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

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

Rainbow Room (Madison): Corona - \$2

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

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 to 8 p.m. Karaoke Night! 8 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Cocktail Hour rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck from 9 p.m. to close.

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 (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. \$6 Rail Bust!

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

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

Fridays:

Barracks - 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.

Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. Live DJ.

Boot Camp (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink special.

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

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

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

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

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

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

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

Switch (Milw.): 2-4-1, 5 to 8 p.m. DJ and videos at nite, outdoor patio bar open.

The Ballgame (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served!

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

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

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$3 Margaritas from open to close.

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Tappers \$.75, rail drinks, \$1.50.

Saturdays:

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

Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 from 5-8 p.m. Live DJ.

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

Fannies (Milw.): 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 Weisse.

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

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

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

Rainbow Room (Madison): Beer Bash, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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 (Milw.): Dirty Cocktails Specials (ask bartender). Hot Sex \$1. Slammers \$1.

Switch (Milw.): Opens at 5 p.m. 70s and 80s DJ spin, outdoor patio bar open.

The Ball Game (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50, and \$1 mugs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Woody's (Milw.): Softball Doggy Day, open at 2 p.m.

BAR EVENTS:

Friday, June 30

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

Friday & Saturday, June 30-July 1

film

Two New Films Dance to Their Own Beat

"The Filth and The Fury" and "Groove"

By Kevin John

Do The Sex Pistols still make their existence felt today? Apparently so, judging from the recently released "Never Mind The Sex Pistols — Here's The Tribute" (Radical), a hardcore update of every song in order from Never Mind The Bollocks — Here's The Sex Pistols along with several stray classics. Never mind that the best track is Les Stitches' take on "Bodies" where the singer suggests we listen to the Pistols instead of this tribute

prospects for the future." That sentiment is in keeping with the film's raison d'être of countering manager Malcolm McLaren and the influence he had over the original Pistols film, "The Great Rock 'n Roll Swindle," also directed by Temple (indeed — "The Filth and The Fury" is subtitled "A Sex Pistols Film"). However, it does nothing to counter the impression that the Pistols are dead to the present.

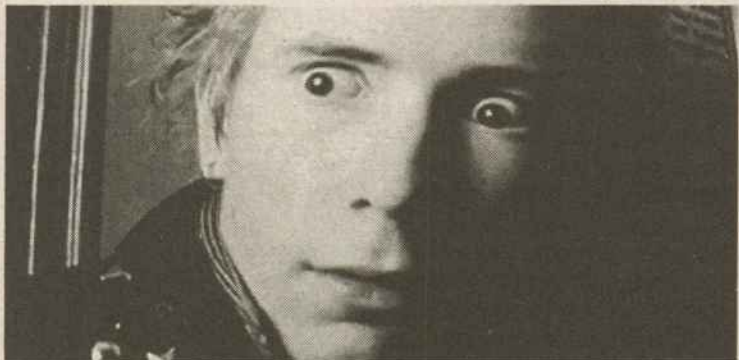
During an emotional assessment of the forces that led to Sid Vicious' destruction, John Lydon/Rotten actually breaks into tears...and the silhouette prevents us from seeing it. What this obstruction does is merely reiterate reactionary notions on aging (can't ravaged faces tell us something?) and objectivity (Temple obviously conceives of emotionality as somehow incommensurate with "the facts"). Unlike a documentary like "Shoah," which makes the presence of the Holocaust felt today, "The Filth and The Fury" firmly ensconces the revolutionary potential of punk in the past, which makes you wonder how revolutionary it was in the first place.

Edited, written and directed by Greg Harrison, "Groove" is not a documentary but it might as well be. An alternate title might be Rave 101 given Harrison's obsession with excavating rave subculture — why it's important to eat before taking drugs; what a bad mix sounds like; who John Digweed is; etc. It's so giddy in its anthropology that it's closer in tone to the corny ebullience of Empire Records than anything else.

But it resembles "The Filth and The Fury" in that it's stuck in an unfortunate time warp. Its episodic narrative chronicling a single night of raving underlines how absolutely it's caught in the present. Characters worry about the future and reference the past; there's even some "hang-over" scenes towards the end (and whadaya know — the gay couple never make it to the party). But there's no consequence to any of it. Ultimately, it augments punk's "no future" cry with a shout of "no past" (or, more precisely, "eternal present"), an effect duplicated on the Kinetic/Reprise soundtrack which skips some songs heard in the film to make WishFM's continuous mix more seamless. You can't have any time gaps in an eternal present, after all.



Both films

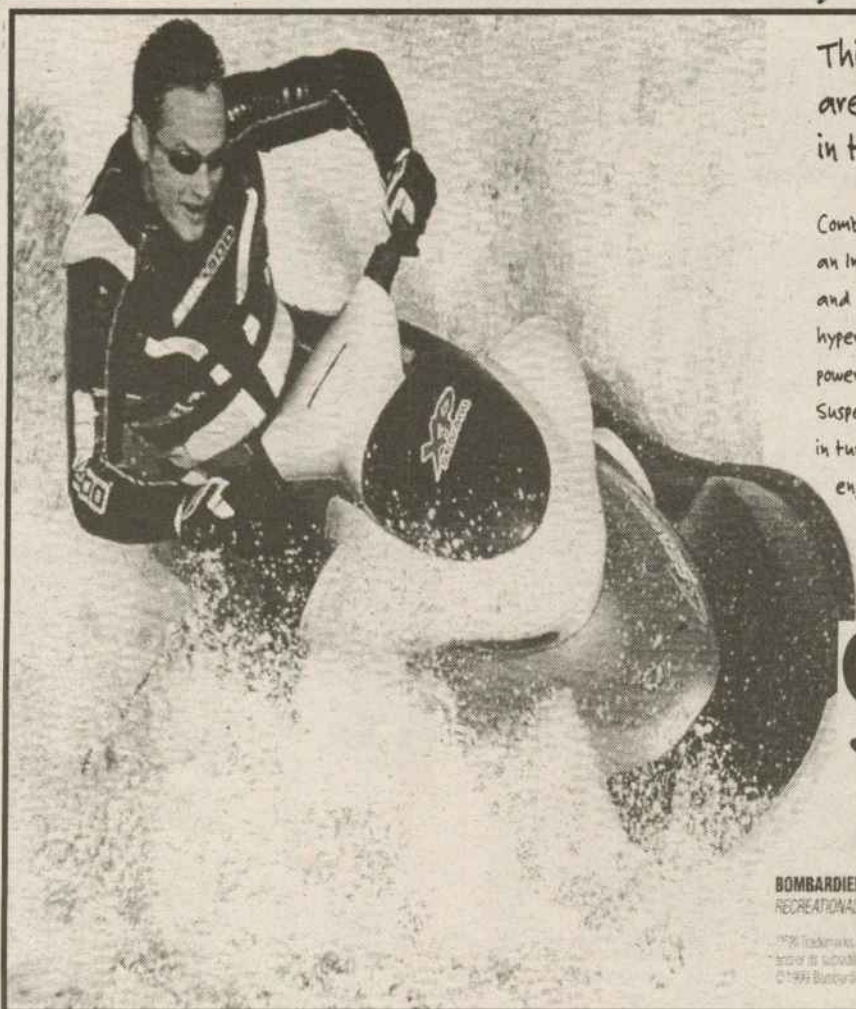


John Lydon/Rotten from "The Film and The Fury"

record. Just the appearance of such a record alone proves there are still cinders falling to the ground almost twenty-five years after the punk rock explosion.

Julien Temple's new documentary, "The Filth and The Fury," seems poised to make the Pistols reverberate with meaning in the present. And, indeed, the resulting 107 minutes, culled from largely unreleased footage from vaults and Temple's personal archives, is a winning, continually watchable tsunami of live footage, interviews, newsreels, game show clips, tatters from other punk documentaries and several scenes from Laurence Olivier's version of Richard III. The only new footage is the interviews with the original band members.

But there's something dishearteningly backward-looking about those interviews and it has everything to do with the fact that they were shot in silhouette. Explains producer Amanda Temple, "We didn't want the audience to be taken away from the extraordinary energy and purity the Pistols had. A lot of what this band was about was being young and being angry about their



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dear ruthie



Dear Ruthie,

I'm dating a guy I met four months ago. He's gorgeous: strong face, bedroom eyes and a smile that takes your breath away. He's

always at the gym and it shows: from his tan, wide shoulders to his thick, muscular calves. Best of all, he really cares about me.

The problem? He's a jerk to everyone else. He constantly belittles people, joking about their weight, hair loss, income, etc. He thinks he's funny, but he isn't the comedian he thinks. It's embarrassing. He has few friends and most of mine find him rude.

I thought I could change him, but now I'm not sure that will happen. Should I leave him based on how he treats others?

Signed,

In Love With A Cause-less Rebel

Dear Lover,

This reminds of the time my girlfriend Pearl was going out with a bartender named Hal. Hal used to work at the Spit Pit bar and grill a few blocks from our trailer park. He seemed like a great guy—was only in jail twice, had all of his teeth, tee-shirt stains were at a minimum and, rumor had it, he actually took off his pants to have sex.

I started noticing, however, that Hal mixed people's drinks with his finger. He gave dirty glasses to customers he didn't like (which was everybody) and talked down to most people. He even called our friend Harriet a hooker, which was a lie! Everyone knew Harriet gave it away for free!

He may have rocked Pearl's trailer, but everyone thought he was an ass pipe. I told Pearl that although he was nice to her, he was mean to everyone else and that meant he was a mean guy. At first, Pearl kept seeing him. But after catching him boinking a Spit Pit waitress, she tossed him like a first notice collection bill.

The moral? Don't let a guy with an adequate jail record make your drinks. No, the moral is that mean is mean.

You said he didn't treat others with respect, so why keep him in your life? He may flatter you now, but what about in a few years? A few months? You could talk to him about your concerns, but I think that in the end, you'll have to close the curtain on this comedian.



Hey folks, I'm back.
Write me:

Dear Ruthie c/o
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274-5959.

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic Traveling HIV Testing Clinic, 9 p.m. to 12 midnight at C'est La Vie, 231 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Sunday, July 9

Switch (Milw.): Comedy Nite! Featuring local gay interactive comedy troupe Up All Nite! 52, 8:30 p.m., 124 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 220-4340.

Wednesday, July 12

Chip and Py's (Mequon): Live Jazz Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Reservations. 1340 W. Towne Square Rd. (I-43 at Mequon Rd.) Call (414) 241-9589.

Thursday, July 13

HIV Testing (Milw.): BESTD Clinic Traveling HIV Testing Clinic, 9 p.m. to 12 midnight at Fluid, 819 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

Thursday, June 29

Kristin Gilpatrick Talk (Mequon): Author of "The Hero Next Door," about Wisconsin veterans of WWII who did courageous things during the war, 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Friday, June 30

Poetry Reading (Madison): Andrea Potos, Judith Strasser, Peggy Hong and Gay Davidson-Zieske read from "Essential Love: Poems About Mothers and Fathers, Daughters and Sons," 6:30 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Saturday, July 1

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

Wednesday, July 5

Dyke Poets Meet (Madison): 5:30-8 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Sunday, July 9

Al Roker Talk & Signing (Shorewood): NBC "Today" show personality and author of "Don't Make Me Stop This Car," 6 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Wednesday, July 12

Writing Workshop (Milw.): "Texere," a 6-week class facilitated by poet Jen Benka, 6:30-8 p.m. at Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. \$75 members/\$80 non-members. To register: (414) 263-5001.

Thursday, July 13

Deborah Cohen Talk (Mequon): Author of "Just get Me Through This!" about dealing with breast cancer, 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Book Shop, 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:

AIDS Network (Madison): Meditation and Wellness, 6-7:30 p.m., 300

Williamson St. FMI: (608) 252-6540, ext. 26.

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 (Milw.): 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 - "Maybe Baby" Support Group (Milw.): This group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. The group is for people considering adoption or conceiving their own children. FMI: Andrew Warner at (414) 964-9505.

LGBT Community Center - Rainbow U Lecture Series (Milw.): Every 4th Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. The series encourages awareness and discussion of issues important to the LGBT Community. FMI: (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:

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

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 Community Center - Project Q Youth Drop-In Night (Milw.): The group meets Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4:30 to 9:30 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.

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.

MGLO & 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.

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.

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

True Colors LGBT Youth Coffee Chats (Milw.): 1st and 3rd Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Brewed Awakenings, 1208 E. Brady St. Back room. FMI: (414) 225-1573.

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 (Milw.): 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 (Milw.): The group meets at the Counseling Center of Milw., 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.

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 (Milw.): 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.

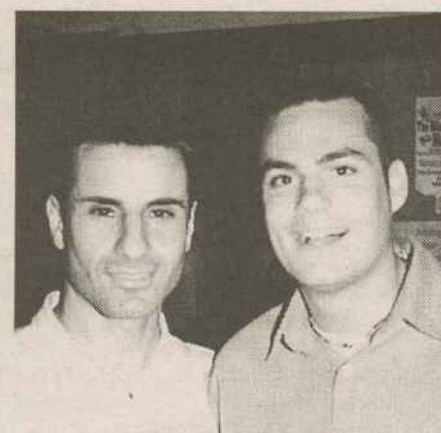
Silver Space - Older Lesbian Discussion Group (Milw.): Meets on the third Sunday of the month at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., from 6 to 8 p.m. \$3 donation. FMI: (414) 271-2565.



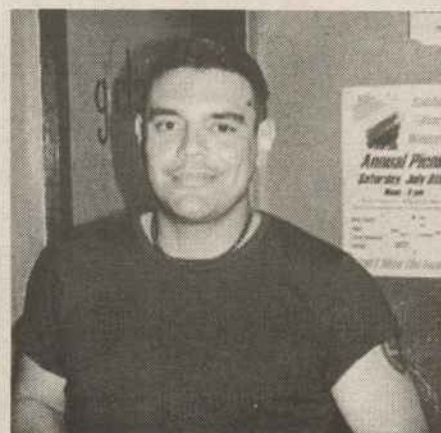
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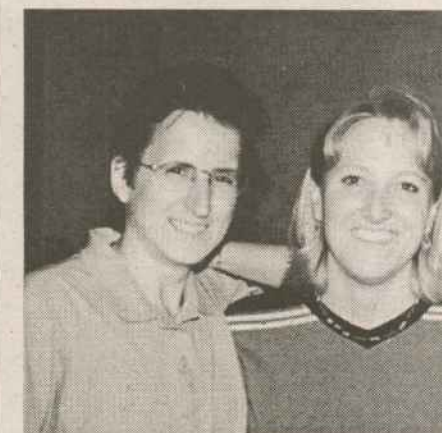
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A big how-do-you-do! Photo by Jamie @ Ball Game



We Love the Paparazzi! Photo by Jamie @ Fluid



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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 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.

True Colors LGBT Youth Activity Nights (Milw.): 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at ARCW, 820 N. Plankinton Ave., 1st Floor Conference room. FMI: (414) 225-1573.

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 (Milw.): 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 - Project Q Youth Drop-In Night (Milw.): 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.

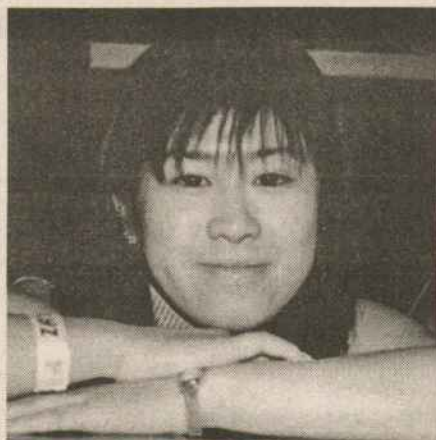
PFLAG - Milw. - Open Office (Milw.): A representative of Milw.'s PFLAG Chapter will be available to speak to parents, youth or anyone who wants to stop and say hello each Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Sober Seniors - AA Meeting (Milw.): 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 (Milw.): 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.



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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 Langdon 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:

Friday, June 30

SAGE Movie Night (Milw.): A&E's "The Transgender Revolution" followed by a discussion with transsexual Debra Johnson, 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Community Ctr., 170 S. Second St. (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, July 1

Gay Video Club (Madison): "Heaven's a Drag (To Die For)" and "Thrill Me," 8 p.m. FMI: (608) 244-8675 evenings.

Sunday, July 2 & Every Sunday

Women's Music Radio (Milw.): WMSE-91.7FM. 10:30 p.m. to Midnight. Variety of women's music genres, announcements of events in Milwaukee's women's community. Request Line: (414) 799-1917.

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.

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.

Monday, July 3

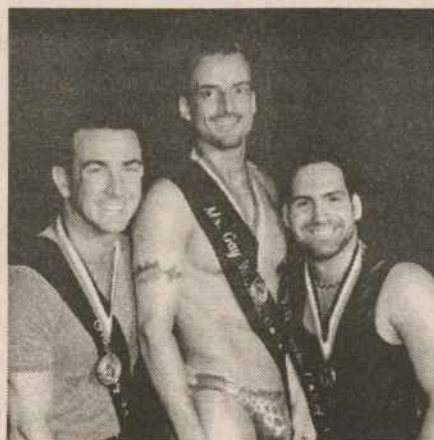
Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): John Waters' "Pecker," 7:30 p.m. FMI: (608) 825-7116.

Tues., July 4 & Every Tues.

"The Queer Program" (Milw.): 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., July 5 & Every Wed.

"Nothing to Hide" (Madison): Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU



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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 Gallery (Milw.): Joe Stanke's oil paintings, through July 22. 524 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 276-BOMB.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): "Art for Living," through Sept. 3. W62N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milw.): "Propaganda: Art in the Service of Politics," multimedia celebration of Social Realism, 8 p.m. July 8, 14, 15, and 3 p.m. July 9. S8. 1801 N. Prospect Ave. FMI: (414) 278-8295.

Charles Lyons Paint Box Gallery (Ephraim, WI): Miniature show: paintings, pots, lithographs, sculptures. 10426 Highway 42 in Door County. FMI: (920) 854-4435.

Circus World Museum (Baraboo, WI): Open daily, 9-6 p.m. through Labor Day, 550 Water St. in Baraboo.

Gallery 218 (Milw.): 10th Anniversary Juried Exhibition, through June 30. 218 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 270-1043.

Gallery Cora Dora (Milw.): "Slap the Paint: The Art of John Ernst and Bill O'Neil," through July 8, Pier 221 Cafe, 211 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 283-9244.

Grava Gallery (Milw.): "Out of Towners," paintings by Roni Golan and sculptures by Ryan Rudie through July 21. 1209 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 277-8228.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Melissa Gwyn: Venus Rings," through Aug. 13. 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Katie Gingress Gallery (Milw.): Beginning July 7, photographs of Ray Hartl and Rick Preston, handblown glass vases by Chris Hawthorne, neocolors by Raymond Schultz. Through July 31. 241 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 289-0855.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): Art Fair on the Square, July 8 and 9. "Dancing at the Louvre: Story Quilts by Faith Ringgold" and "Robert Fischer: In Site," through Aug. 20. 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Marian Gallery (Milw.): Lisa Englander's paintings and works on paper, through July 2 in Caroline Hall of Mount Mary College, 2900 N. Menomonee River Pkwy. FMI: (414) 256-1233.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milw.): "Toulouse Lautrec and the Pleasures of Paris" through August 13. "Currents 28: Hiroshi Sugimoto," through July 30. 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. FMI: (414) 224-3200.

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): "Snapshots from the Family Album: Milwaukee Labor After World War II," b/w photos of workplaces and CIO union activities, through Sept.; "Take Me Out to the Ball Game: A History of Baseball in Milwaukee," through Sept. 910 Old World Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (Milw.): "Postpartum: MIAD Graduate Work" in the Frederick Layton Gallery through July 22. 273 E. Erie St. FMI: (414) 276-7889.



Glamor overdose. Photo by Jamie @ Za's

Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Madison): 3330 Atwood Ave.

Ozaukee Art Center (Ozaukee): W62N718 Riveredge Drive.

Villa Terrace (Milw.): Decorative arts from the 15th through the 20th century. 2220 N. Terrace Ave. FMI: (414) 271-3656.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milw.): Annual Membership Show through July 15. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

West Bend Art Museum (West Bend): "150 Years of Wisconsin Printmaking," through July 23, hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wed.-Sat. 300 S. 6th Ave., West Bend.

THEATRE/MUSIC ARTS:

NOW PLAYING:

"All Loves Excelling" (Milw.): An Off the Wall Production of Terry Boughner's play, Opening night: Thursday, July 13 at 8 p.m. Also, July 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29 at the Circlestage Theatre, 127 E. Wells St. Tickets, \$15. FMI: (414) 327-3552.

"The Color of Dust" (Madison): Another original play by Callen Harty at the Broom Street Theater. Fridays-Sundays, 8 p.m. through July 9 at 1119 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

"Falsettos" (Madison): William Finn's gay-sensitive musical about the meaning of family, July 1, 6-8, 12-15, 20-22, 27-29 in the helmsley cabaret Theatre of Vilas Hall. Tickets and more information: (608) 262-1500.

"Lavender Rose" (Madison): New lesbian musical premieres Thursday, July 20 at Pres House, 731 State St. FMI: (608) 838-7011.

"On Golden Pond" (Fort Atkinson): At the Fireside Dinner Theatre through July 23. Business Highway 26 South, Fort Atkinson. FMI: (800) 477-9505.

"Ragtime" (Milw.): National touring company opens July 4 and runs through July 11 at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

AND:

June 30-July 2

Pops Concert (Milw.): "Riders in the Sky," Andrews Sill conducts the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday and Sat., 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Uihlein hall of the Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 291-7605.

Sunday, July 2

Fine Arts Quartet (Milw.): Selections by Beethoven and Dvorak with guest artist and pianist Jeffrey Siegel, 7:30 p.m. UWM School of the Arts Revital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tickets are \$16/\$9 students. FMI: (414) 229-4308.

Thursday, July 6

Danceworks (Milw.): "Light Steps" - free dance concert in South Shore Park, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 8

Ko Thi Dance Co. (Milw.): The renowned African dance company in a free concert at Washington Park, 6:30 p.m., 1859 N. 40th St. FMI: (414) 273-0676.

July 10

Mrs. Fun & Robin Pluer (Milw.): Free concert in Lake Park at Picnic Area #3.

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By Michael Johnston

I hope you are all ready for a long, hot Summer, ahead - the first Summer of the NEW millennium, the Summer of "Survivors & Millionaires."

To begin with, I had the pleasure of attending **The Chicago Gay Pride Parade - 2000** on Sunday, June 25. It was their 30th Celebration! I attended with my dear friends of **PFLAG - Milwaukee**. 32 of us boarded the bus leaving Brew City for our sister city. I decided to march for my ride, like I was going to miss being in another parade this season! We were so warmly received, it was an honor.

And guess what? One teeny, tiny insignificant group of nay-sayers. That is the way it should be! Thank you Chicago! Thank you to my delightful hosts, PFLAG - Milwaukee. P.S. Bubbles, you still got it!

SummerFest - June 29th - July 9th, Held at The PrideFest Grounds.

You asked for it... **Club Boom** will be holding another "UnderWear Party!" "UnderWear Party-II" on Saturday, July 1 at 10 p.m. Special guest DJ. David E. This should "heat up" your holiday weekend! Rumor has it that the Boom-sters are in the process of pulling together a "Broadway Night." Adding to their vast video library a "Show Tunes Collection" that will be celebrated weekly. On Monday, July 3rd - Happy Birthday David, the Big Boom!

While in the neighborhood, Cordially Yours would like to welcome **Shawn**, a new addition to **Switch**. You can meet the "Spirit of St. Louis" every Wednesday and Saturday in the newly refurbished Beer Garden at Switch.

The **M&M Club** will be offering "Ragtime" as their next theatrical rendezvous. A fabulous dinner & show package on Wednesday, July 5. I saw "Ragtime" in Chicago, the Spring of 1999 and the show is a totally delicious slice of Americana, and how apropos to have its run over the Independence Day Holiday. You will love it, Salute!

On Saturday, August 5, The M's will be offering another star-studded review. The proceeds go to **The ChiChi for Possum Queen Candidacy**.

The Milwaukee Chairman of the Board, **Jerry Grillo**, will be out and about this Season, gracing some of the hottest spots around: The Uptowner - Sunday, July 2; County Clare - Wednesday, July 5, Zappa's - Friday, July 7th (excellent Mediterranean cuisine. Give Gary my regards.) SummerFest - Sunday, July 9 Milwaukee's Lake Front, Channel 12 Stage, Noon - 02 p.m.; Zappa's - Friday, July 21; Jazz In The

cordially yours

Park - Thursday, August 31, 6:30 p.m. - 9p.m. in Cathedral Square (Milwaukee's best Summer-long party).

Sometime this Summer, Jerry is booked to break all kinds of records at The Czech Republic - Jazz Artist Exchange. Jerry's sounds are heard all over the world, with much radio airplay in Russia, Japan, The Czech Republic, Argentina, Brazil, Sweden and Italy. "This Funny World," his latest CD, is available at The Exclusive Company, Mainstream and Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

On the topic of international artists, **Patrick Farrell's** "2000 Collection" will be debuting at **The Tory Folliard Gallery** next month.

As stated in my last column, I had the chance to catch up on a little R&R at the B&B, **The Little House On The Prairie** in Sullivan, IL. As always, it was the most magical of weekends. No one knows how to entertain quite like Guy Little. He sends his warm regards to all his many dear friends here and looks forward to his next visit to Milwaukee. In the interim, one can always go to his extraordinary inn and be treated like royalty, highly recommended, indeed!

On the subject matter of grand things, I must share with you my most favorite current read: "Great Dames" (what I learned from older women) by Margaret Brenner for Crown Publishers, New York.

No, I am not that much of an animal fancier! These are the two-legged variety and in my day revered as "Grand Dames." Great or grand, it's simply semantics. This book is a truly flawless tale of yesteryear and the glamour of Café Society. Profiled are such luscious luminaries of the lush life as Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Clare Booth Luce, Pamela Churchill Harriman, Marietta Peabody Tree, Kay Thompson, Luise Rainer and, of course, that femme fatale of the game show set, Kitty Carlisle Hart.

Besides having three names in common, these ladies are surprisingly interesting and the book may answer the multi-million dollar question: "What are they famous for?"

On a personal note, I must thank, from the bottom of my heart, all you dear fairies, OOPS - I mean FRIENDS, who made my "Jack Benny" birthday soooo unforgettable! And remember to watch out, you all have one at least once a year - and I'll get you back, my pretties...

And that about does it for yet another column - Happy Birthday America - 224!

Until next time, I need sleep, and I shall remain, "Cordially Yours,"

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JANET, MY MOTHER, AND ME

A MEMOIR OF GROWING UP
WITH JANET FLANNER AND
NATALIA DANESI MURRAY



WILLIAM MURRAY

JANET, MY MOTHER AND ME BY WILLIAM MURRAY

By Ed Grover

William Murray writes a loving memoir about being raised by two exceptional women — his mother, Natalia Danesi Murray, and her long-time lover, Janet Flanner. Murray opens his memoir with Flanner's death at 86 in New York in 1978. When his mother rushed Flanner to the hospital, she was asked, "Who are you?" In her grief, what could she say about the woman she had lived with and loved for thirty-seven years? She said she was the only friend that Flanner had in New York. As a result, she was told to wait at the entrance by "a nurse who had clearly mastered the rules." If they had had the same rights that heterosexuals have, this wouldn't have happened.

Natalia sat there for hours without information of any kind; the anesthetist finally handed her a small bundle containing Janet's pajamas and red bathrobe — all that was left of the greatest love of her life. All she could do was go back to a silent and empty apartment. Janet was cremated, as Natalia would be in 1994. William Murray mingled their ashes in the waves of the Atlantic Ocean off Cherry Grove; they were together at last.

In 1918 Janet Flanner took her small inheritance and headed for New York to further her writing career. There, she soon began to frequent the city's literary and artistic haunts. At the studio of Neysa McMein, she met all of New York's literary and artistic denizens. McMein later became the model for Delia Poole, the heroine of Flanner's first novel "The Cubical City." Through McMein she met and fell in love with Solita Solano, the drama editor for the New York Tribune. Soon they were off to Paris where they felt more at home.

It was there that Flanner developed her keenly observant style to create a new literary form. Her first "Letters from Paris" column appeared in the October 1925 issue of a struggling new magazine called The New Yorker. They were originally gossipy and frivolous. Later, during WWII, she would do "Letters" from London, Germany and Italy. She began to write longer pieces in the form of Profiles of important people in 1927. Flanner never used the personal pronoun in her work and was furious when an editor inserted an "I." She "struggled with her style in an

effort to be original."

Natalia Danesi, met and married William Murray [Sr.], an art and music-loving intellectual in Rome. Murray Sr. was not a tender lover and the marriage was not a success. After her son was born in New York in 1926, Natalia fled to Rome with the excuse that she could only properly care for her sickly child in her native Italy. Young William grew up surrounded by extraordinary women and had no idea who his father was or if he even existed. He didn't even know he was a natural born American citizen.

When Janet and Natalia met at Cherry Grove on Fire Island in 1940, their encounter was like a thunderbolt that instantly sent them rushing into each other's arms. Flanner "was exasperated by the compromises love imposed, but also by the basic needs of the flesh. . . there were moments, when the very thought of a sexual organ . . . filled her with shock and horror." She felt she should be motivated by another organ — the brain.

Murray's account of growing up in the households of these strong, caring women is amusing and touching. He spent many of his summers at his mother's cottage and on the beaches of Cherry Grove. When he was 16, one of his school friends "assumed" that he knew nothing about his mother's homosexual relationship. Murray said he already knew, and, "What was the problem? They loved each other, wasn't that enough?" What they did in the privacy of their own bedrooms was their own business.

The author devotes a few chapters to his father who seems to have known many creative people in New York and Hollywood, but this memoir is specifically about the two women in his life. His father young William out to Hollywood for a visit and tried to get him a job with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. He was told to come back when he had finished college, which is what his father really wanted; he was a manipulator and Murray is soon done writing about him.

William Murray originally hoped to become an opera singer. At the urging of Flanner and his mother, he eventually took up their profession. He started as a "stringer" for Time magazine in Italy, and also worked for many years as an editor and writer for The New Yorker magazine. He is the author and translator of more than twenty books of fiction and non-fiction.

The struggle these two women went through, not with their relationship, but in their efforts to stay together, raise Natalia's son on both continents, and to survive during the Second World War, are amazing. Seemingly they did just fine.

This book makes a strong statement for equal rights for same-sex couples and goes a long way in showing that gay and lesbian couples can successfully raise children without any of the problems the religious right and other right-wingers would have us believe. The bigots who say that gay men and lesbians are not capable of giving unconditional love is unconscionable. (Simon & Schuster, ISBN: 0-684-80966-4, \$24 US, \$35 Canada).

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By Billy Masters

Faithful fans — I have let you down. You don't know it yet, but I am going to disappoint you in the worst possible way. As you are undoubtedly aware, **Diana Ross** and her new "Supremes" just kicked off their "this is not a reunion" tour in Philadelphia. Your humble scribe, Billy Masters, had a not-so-humble front row center seat at the Spectrum for this special event, and I am writing this column just a few scant hours after the final song.

Shocking as it may sound, this was one of the greatest concerts I have ever attended! I went in with the expectation that I'd see the biggest bomb since Nagasaki, but I witnessed a triumph. Not only was Ross in amazing voice, but the chemistry with **Scherrie Payne** and **Lynda Laurence** was easy, playful, and effortless. The first half of the concert consists of non-stop Supremes hits for over an hour. Everything imaginable — many of which Ross hasn't sung in the last 30 years (if ever). While she continued to have trouble remembering words at this performance, the numerous TelePrompts at the stage apron (not to mention a giant screen TelePrompter hanging above the audience) made most songs come off as easily as Supreme Karaoke. A few songs had major fumbles that were saved by the energy of the performers, and one song — "Forever Came Today" (a minor hit never before performed in concert by Ross) — came off as a high point despite the shaky performance.

Certainly fifty percent of the show's success was due to Payne and Laurence, who are stronger vocally than any backup singers really should be (to the point that their mikes were discernibly lower than Ross' mike). But it was Ross who set the tone from the entrance — all three women walking down a staircase side by side as a real group. These Millennium Supremes were not pushed to the background; they stood next to Ross throughout the show and had a playful camaraderie that belied their relatively brief relationship (Ross met both women last year for the first time). You know that I'd be the first person to say it was awful, an ego show all about Ross, and a mess. And there are ego moments in this touring show (Ross talks about wanting love so much that she reminds you what a high-maintenance diva she can be). But I must urge all fans of the classic Ross — who, in the second half, sings many of her older hits, including "Reach Out (I'll Be

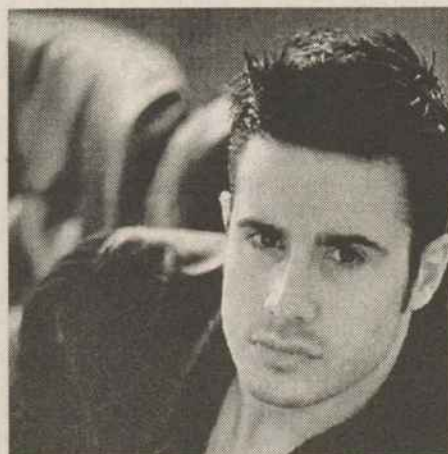
There)" — to attend this show for a pleasant surprise.

One person who seemed to enjoy the show in Philly was an almost too-thin **Luther Vandross** (who has always wanted to be a Supreme more than anyone who actually was one). Ross noticed him as he was trying to sneak out and dragged him on stage for a stirring duet on "Amazing Grace."

In the Philly audience there was also the surprising presence of celebrity biographer, **J. Randy Taraborelli**. As you may know, Taraborelli wrote "Call Her Miss Ross", which was not the most pleasant portrait of the diva. What you may not know is that Randy (who's current bestseller, "Jackie, Ethel, Joan: Women of Camelot," is being made into a miniseries for NBC next season) is still a major Ross fan despite his ability to see her for who she is — flaws and all. I was shocked to see him in the front row, just a few seats from moi. What would happen when Ross (who has publicly denounced him) saw him? She came down the stairs into the audience to meet the fans, went right over to Randy, and embraced him on the spot! The times they are a-changin'.

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday, **Prince William**, Happy Birthday to you! Knowing that Wills is reading my column (the royals are all such big fans), I thought it was important to acknowledge Willie's 18th birthday. And while I'm talking about the heir to the throne of England (once removed), let's go to a rumor about him — after all, that's what you came for! The buzz in London is about the existence of a certain videotape capturing a certain crown prince "snogging" with a lovely, somewhat older, British deb. The footage, caught on a surveillance camera, stems from a tryst somewhere in public following a London gala. What does it show? While the tape is reportedly not of the best quality, I'm told that Wills' willy (otherwise known as the "royal nether regions") is in full view. Jolly good!

Speaking of nether regions, let's turn our attentions to a more domestic brand of willy — that belonging to my buddy and porn star **Chad Donovan**. In case you don't know, Chad is exceptionally well endowed and bandies his measurements around as part of his name. He is often billed as Chad "10-Inches" Donovan. At least, that's how he used to be billed. I was recently informed that Chad's name has changed — let's say that he's expanded his

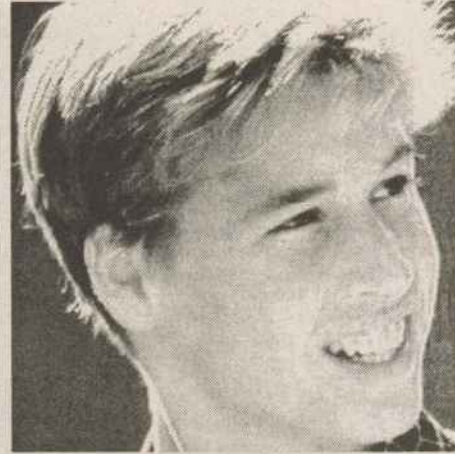


Freddie Prinze, Jr.

title. He is now to be referred to as Chad "11-Inches" Donovan. I'm not quite sure what happened — has he been measuring incorrectly all these years? Did he get one of those Sylvester Stallone Penile Pumps? Does he start measuring mid-thigh? Who knows? I'll be sure to find out (and then, of course, report it here).

Since I'm talking about hot guys, I now have to voice a complaint. As you all know, I have never been quiet about my affection for **Pamela Lee** (just follow me, people — I am going somewhere with this). No matter what bad press she's gotten or how foolish some of her decisions have been, my support has been unwavering. But I'm sorry — enough is enough! It has now come to my attention that Pamela has broken up with her incredibly humpy boyfriend, pro-surfer **Kelly Slater**, and has now taken up with MY boyfriend, **Marcus Schenkenberg**! Oh, sure, Marcus doesn't know that he's committed to me (or maybe I should be committed), but surely Pamela should know better. How in the world am I supposed to compete with her? Get breast implants? Dye my hair — again? Oh, if I'm suffering like this, I can only imagine what Luther's going through!

Could it be that **Freddie Prinze Jr.** is shy? Absolutely. His latest film, "Boys and Girls" (Kylie was at the NYC premiere), marks the first time that Freddie's been shirtless on film for an extended period of time (he was briefly shirtless in "House of Yes"), and he has admitted that he was very uncomfortable when it came to shooting that scene. He explains that his body isn't much to look at in real life — he's very skinny and has no muscle tone whatsoever. However, after the makeup artist gave him a "tan" and painted on some "muscles",



Prince William

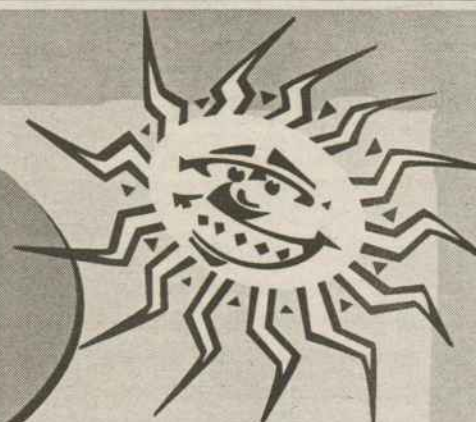
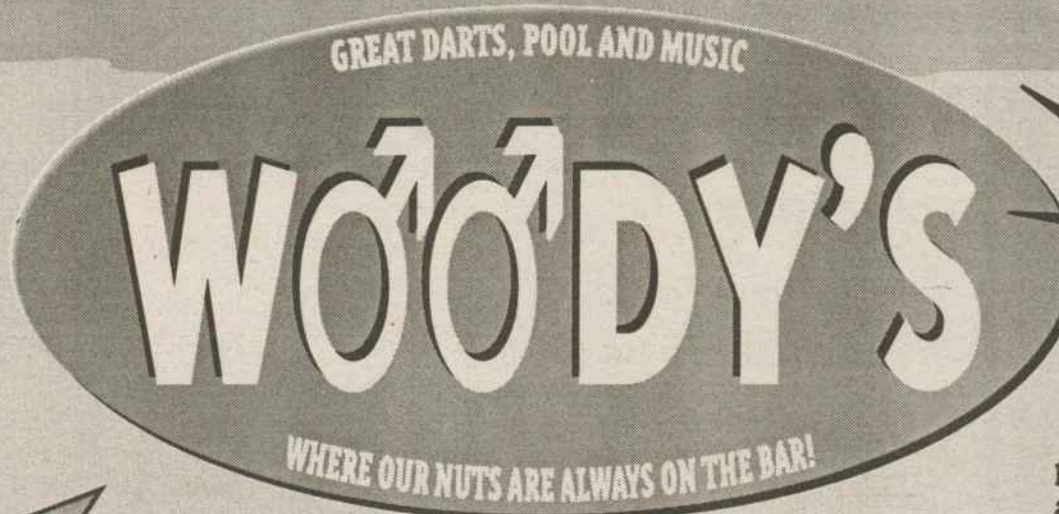
Freddie was more confident and felt that he looked passable. Certainly his fans agree, because when that scene came on at the NYC premiere, many people in the audience actually took photos of the movie screen!

Could it be that a certain soap actor is gay? Or maybe he's just pretending to be gay. That's the question that fans were left with after the heartthrob's recent personal appearance at the Andover Grill just north of Boston (Billy's hometown). According to my sources, the very "fey" surfer was engaging and telling some amusing anecdotes about living in Hollywood. The soapster alluded to his sexuality when he told the crowd that he and a couple of friends from his West Coast-based soap hang out in West Hollywood and pretend to be gay. And now that he's told the story, if you ever see him in a gay bar, you won't know if he's gay or just acting. Let me give you a tip — he ain't that good an actor!

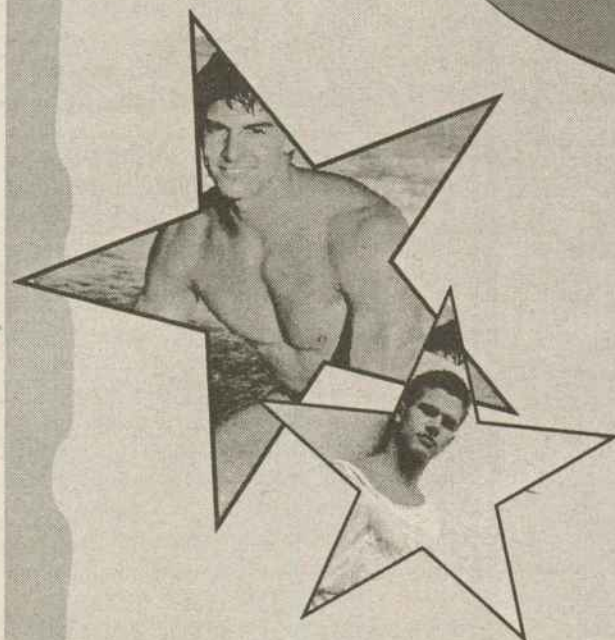
When gay actors are pretending to be gay (or are they?), then it's definitely time to end yet another column. And what was that item about Freddie Prinze Jr.? Painting muscles on his body? I gotta find me a body makeup artist (we can all use a bit of enhancement — see Chad Donovan and Sly Stallone!). So, what's the bottom line regarding Ross' summer tour? See it if you can. Yes, the \$250 top ticket price is daunting. But buy even a cheap ticket and go to enjoy an evening of well-presented nostalgia, fun, and great singing. Need some other recommendations? Are there other questions burning inside of you? Then go ahead and send an e-mail to me at Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before Chad grows another inch! So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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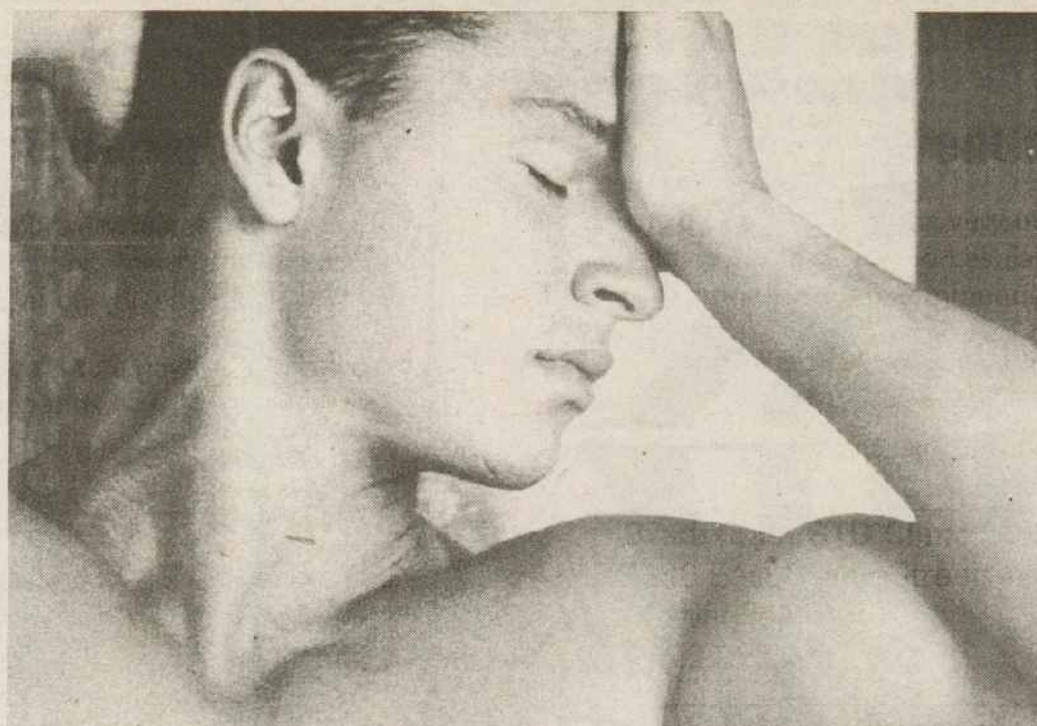
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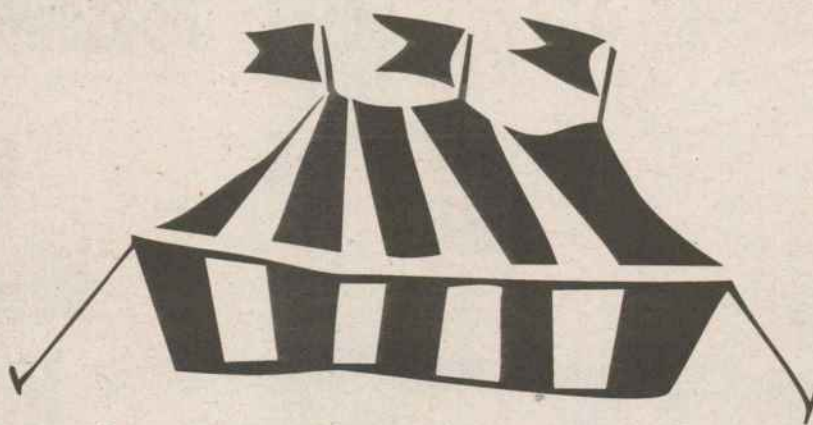
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Separation Anxiety

By Kevin Isom

"Honey, I think that we should separate."

Four years and two cats into our relationship, the words fell like cold water on a hot stove. Like the executioner's blade on Anne Boleyn. Like the most painful, devastating thing I could imagine. Yet oddly, at that moment, the thing I was thinking was, "We just went to Sam's Wholesale Club together two days ago. Who buys in BULK two days before announcing a separation?" Was he really concerned that we'd run out of toilet paper and laundry detergent?

But then, my thought patterns are like that. Even in the midst of searing pain, I tend to see the lighter side. For this character trait, I blame my dad, a man for whom a happy pill would be redundant—I often carry a buffalo-strength tranquilizer dart gun when I visit him. Dad used to like to liven up funerals, for heaven's sake. I'd be paying my respects to the deceased person lying in state, when suddenly I'd hear, "Psst! Could you scratch my nose? I've got an itch, and I'm just a little stiff today!" And there I would be, laughing hysterically over the deceased, as some poor family looked on in horror. True, I became adept at making laughter look like weeping, but I never mastered throwing my voice the way Dad did.

In the ensuing days since my life change (gotta love euphemisms) occurred, I've relearned some of the great things about being a gay person. The most important among them has been remembering the value of the strong friendships that we form. Like my gay and lesbian friends who said to me, "Get out now. Don't wait. He's made a decision—let him live with it. Don't prolong your own pain."

And they did more than that. They helped me to move to my new place just a couple days later. (I am efficient when motivated, despite anything my editor may tell you to the contrary, and I found a fabulous apartment the very next day after "the talk.") In fact, during the move my friends did most of the heavy lifting, knowing that I really wasn't in a mental state to calculate get-the-sofa-through-the-door spatial dynamics. Who knew that muscles actually did something other than filling out a tight t-shirt? Or that one lesbian and a tool belt can single-handedly re-wire a cable connection?

Then they stayed with me every night for a week. Not all at once, mind you. That would have looked too much like a pajama party, and I am not an Annette Funicello queen—I never got the whole Frankie Avalon thing. But my friends stayed with me, because it's tough to sleep alone, in a new place, when you keep rolling over looking for HIM—except that HE'S chosen not to be there any more. Not to belabor Annette, but it's no fun being on a beach blanket alone when the party's moved on. So I coped with it the same way she would have—I called in the Mouseketeers! The gay ones, that is.

I've noticed, as time has passed, that I've become very demanding on my friends in terms of physical reassurance. I need lots of affection. No less than five hugs a day. "Hug me now," I announce. Pause. Tap foot. "No, not in a minute. Now. You WILL comply." My Trekkie friends have taken to calling me "Seven of Need." (If you've never watched "Star Trek: Voyager," you didn't get that.) It's part of the healing process.

At this point, whether this separation is truly only that—or turns out to be a divorce—is unclear. A lot depends on things like couples counseling and working through personal issues. And on whether love can survive all that. Heaven knows the Kleenex will. I have that in bulk.

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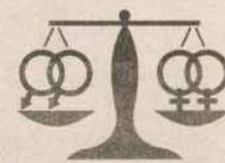


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I Only Report the News!



By Jamie

First of all, I want to welcome Ruthie ("Dear Ruthie" advice column) to IN Step. I have been a loyal reader of her column for a long time and am thrilled she is now with us. However, I have heard some things that even I was startled by. I called Ruthie and 20 minutes later I was in her trailer enjoying a glass of ice tea. It appears that the police were called to her trailer park last week. The police report read something like this:

After receiving a complaint from Ruthie's neighbor, Gurdie, we drove up to the residence. Upon entering the trailer owned by Ruthie (I've taken out her last name to protect the incontinent) we discovered Ruthie reclining in her easy chair, facing the ceiling screaming and moaning, 'Mark, Mark!' There was a broken wine glass and an empty bottle of Boone's Farm Strawberry Hill on the table (the wine glass probably shattered by the high pitch squealing). Officer Striker (no relation to Jeff) and I noticed that Ruthie's hands were concealed in her pink and white sun dress. Alarmed that she may be harboring a weapon, we ordered her to get her hands above her head. The embarrassed but cooperative Ruthie slowly raised her hands above her head as ordered. Officer Striker noticed a long silver object that appeared to be humming. When we removed the batteries, the words Make Me Moist Vibrator were clearly stamped on the object. At that point we decided not to press charges as it looked as if Ruthie was paying the price through sheer embarrassment.

When I asked Ruthie about the incident she said there was much more to the story, but couldn't really go into any detail. But then she proceeded to give a dubious, three-hour explanation about mistaken identity, being framed, stolen vibrators, blah, blah, blah. She said me that since that incident, she has forgiven Gurdie for calling the cops without cause and the two have grown even closer and promised each other not to call the cops when the trailer starts rocking not matter what.

In any case, that wasn't the only thing happening these past couple of weeks.

If you're into horse racing, **The Ball Game** had an Arlington Horse Race party June 17. I'm told you could hear all the cheering over at **Dish** while the races were on. Hmmm, those guys sure have a lot of enthusiasm for sports. Stop by on the Fourth for drinks specials and goodies... they'll be opening at noon.

Midtowne Spa threw a **Garage Party** that from what sources tell me went very well. I tried to find out how many tubes of axle grease they went through but couldn't get an accurate number. I'm sure they had a great time and if you ever need a tune up, you know where to go.

Switch's Sunday Tea Dance is taking of quite nicely. There is usually something to munch on, great music by DJ, Kelly, and of course drink specials. Rumor has it that owner Craig is thinking of stripping for Sunday Tea Dance. Hmm, I think I'll get a group to go over there and cheer him on.

Keepin' IN Step

Woody's has a new addition to the club. Many of you remember the (in)famous wagon — a fixture over at the old **Wreck Room**. Well, that wonderful piece of Milwaukee architecture has a new home with Woody's. Stop by on July 3rd for their **Red, White & Blue Underwear Party** and check it out, it really is quite unique. I wonder how much it would bring on the "Antiques Roadshow?"

Singsational made their monthly appearance at M&M June 17. **Singsational** has been a part of Milwaukee entertainment for several years now and **M&M** is their favorite place to perform. Watch M&M ads for show times.

Meanwhile, over at **Fluid ... Bill and Jim** along with the rest of the staff has created a nice place for great martinis and great conversation. I stopped in last Friday before heading to **La Cage** and the place was packed. Just know your limits on martinis or you won't get much dancing time in before it's nighty night time.

Over at **South Water Street Docks** the gang is saying good-bye to club manager **Dan Kirsme** with a **Dan Appreciation Day** on Saturday, July 8th. They'll be having prizes, drink specials and the like. Sounds like a wonderful way to say good bye and good luck!

Their first one was such a hit, that on July 1st, **Club Boom** will be holding their **2nd Underwear Party!** The fun and Calvin inspections begin at 10 p.m. The Boom Boyz, **David** and **Russ** having been are working hard to bring some hot videos to Milwaukee's newest hot spot. Check it out!

If you weren't in Chicago for their gay pride celebration, you might have stopped by **The Triangle** for their new ownership **Grand Opening Party**. I missed the party because I had to be in Green Bay. (I'll get to that in a minute). Also, Happy birthday to bartender **Dave**, who celebrated his birthday at Triangle. Speaking of Birthday parties, **Corky** will celebrate his birthday June 30. The 4th annual **Jack Smith and Jamie's Birthday Party** (yes, yours truly is getting older) will be at Triangle July 23. We will run an ad in the next issue, so watch for it.

As I said earlier Josh and I were in Green Bay this recently. The event was **Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA Contest** and **Mark Mariucci** asked if I would judge. We hopped in the car Saturday afternoon and a couple hours later, we were at **Java's**. Josh had never been to Green Bay, so it was quite an experience for him. We ran into **Sage Larue**, who kept Josh entertained while I was doing judging things. Did you know that Sage can get a whole cocktail tumbler in her mouth? Yikes. Anyway, the contest started just a bit late.

All four contestants worked very hard to win the 2000 title. I would encourage all of the contestants to continue trying to win these contests. It was a pretty close call but **Thomas Patrick** of Green Bay won the title and will head down to Dallas for Nationals. Thanks to Za for providing a great hotel for Josh and I. We hope to get up there soon, we had a great time.

That's it for this issue. I did want to mention a new place for ya'll to shop at. **Studs Warehouse** is now open (225 S.2nd St) and believe me, they have a huge stock of erotic boutique kinds of things. They also carry a huge selection of DVD movies, so check them out. Once again, thanks for reading and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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Division of Public Health, HIV/AIDS Program
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Bay City Chorus
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Gay/Lesbian Support at UW-GB 465-2343

G/L Guide to N.E. Wisconsin
P.O. Box 1381, Green Bay 54305

Men's HIV+ Support
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5 Ray's (MW, DJ)
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914 Regent, 53715 257-BUSH

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Planet Q (MW, D, V)
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UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706

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4701 Judy Lane, 53704-1723 241-2500

10% Society (student organization)
<http://tps.storg.wisc.edu>, e-mail: execs@tps.storg.wisc.edu
P.O. Box 260394, 53726 262-7365

Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
PO Box 536, 53701

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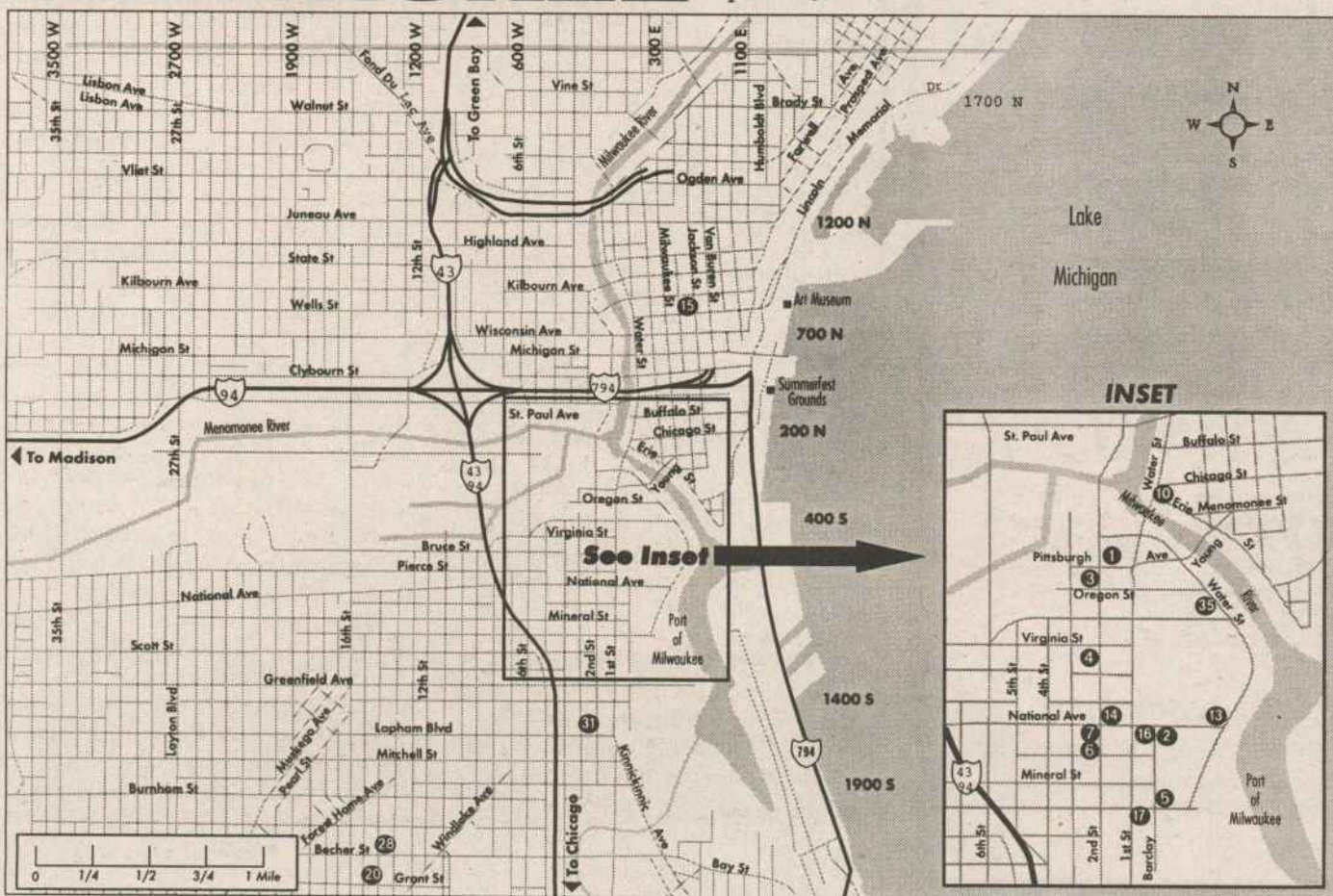
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1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F) 196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
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16 Triangle (M, V) 135 E. National 53204	383-9412
31 Woody's (Mw, D) 1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806

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Gay Bash Hotline (confidential)	444-7331
Gay People's Union	645-0585
Gay Youth WI Hotline	272-TEEN
	888-GAY-TEEN
Helpline (Crisis Counseling)	271-3123
Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling)	271-1560
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Bay Tax Service , Paul Rathjen	332-9584
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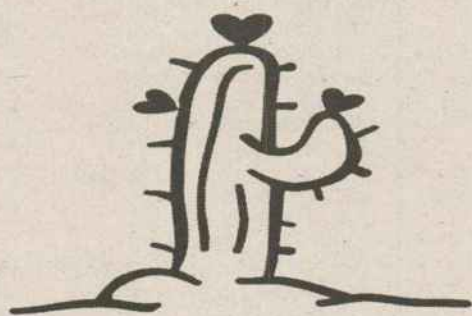
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