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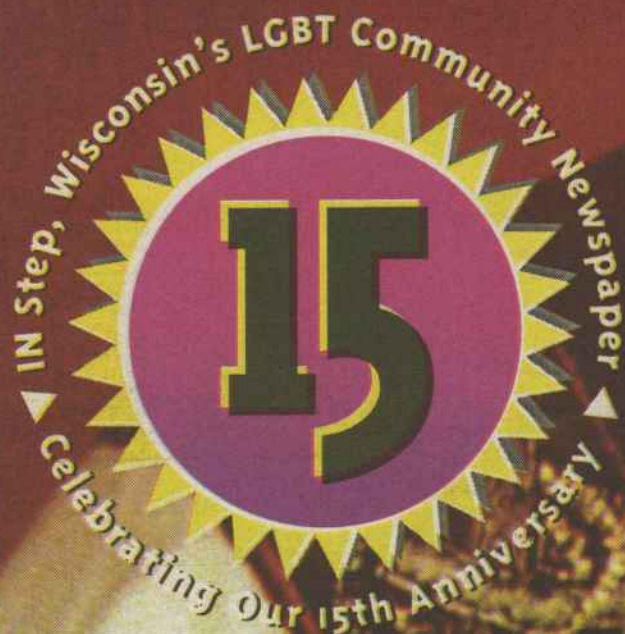
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Federal Court Upholds Firing of Madison Anti-Gay Firefighter

Madison — U.S. District Court Judge Barbara Crabb ruled that Ron Greer, a Madison firefighter discharged for passing out anti-gay material, has no basis for getting his job back and that the city's fire commission didn't infringe on his First Amendment rights in the case.

Greer was initially disciplined for handing out anti-gay literature to firefighters at the station where he worked, and later issued a press release charging that Debra Amesqua, the city's fire chief, did little to discipline his boss, Division Chief Marcia Holtz, because both women were lesbians.

At Amesqua's request, the commission fired Greer for insubordination and department rules against harassment based on sexual orientation.

Since then, Greer has pursued a federal civil rights lawsuit against the commission.

But Judge Crabb said the commissioners did nothing wrong in firing Greer and that his free speech rights were subordinate to the need of the fire department to maintain order and keep the work environment free of harassment.

Greer didn't comment on the ruling, but his attorney said the case would probably be appealed to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Stonewall Inn Becomes National Historic Site

Washington — The Stonewall Inn, site of the June 1969 riots in New York City that launched the modern phase of the gay rights movement, has once again made history as the first gay- or lesbian-identified location to be given federal landmark status in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Greenwich Village bar was formally given its status at a ceremony at the site at an emotional commemoration by John Berry, an Interior Department assistant secretary, in which he compared the three nights of rioting at the bar in 1969 to the event of the Boston Tea Party.

There are 68,000 sites listed in the Register of Historic Places, and the Stonewall Inn is the only one that is connected with gay and lesbian history.

Poll: Gays, Lesbians Good Parents — But No Marriage

San Francisco — A *San Francisco Chronicle* poll of some 1,200 likely state voters conducted by the Horizons Foundation, indicates that even though a solid majority — 60 percent — say gays and lesbians are just as qualified to rear children as heterosexuals are, an almost equal proportion — 55 percent — say same-sex couples should not have the right to legally marry.

Of those polled, only 39 percent said they would vote against a state ballot initiative in March 2000 that would recognize only marriages between "one man and one woman" under state law.

Milwaukee D.P. Registry Crosses First Hurdle

by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

Milwaukee — Loud cheers erupted from scores of supporters after a Common Council committee approved by a 3-1 vote on June 24 the creation of a same-sex domestic partners registry for the City of Milwaukee. The measure now goes to the full council on July 13. If

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passed and signed by Mayor Norquist, the registry is scheduled to be launched on Sept. 1, 1999.

"I think the vote on June 24 shows that great things can happen in Milwaukee when our community pulls together. I think we can win final passage if we keep up the pressure until the vote on July 13," Patrick Flaherty, co-chair of the Domestic Partnership Task Force told *IN Step*.

The registry would be administered by the Milwaukee city clerk's office and couples would pay a \$30 fee to have their names placed on the registry. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, and be able to provide some proof of a financial commitment like a joint bank account, joint ownership of a home or automobile.

An analysis completed for the council projected that 500 couples would sign up for the registry in the first year, bringing in over \$15,000 in fee income to the city.

Start up expenses for the registry include \$5,000 for a computer and

postage supplies. The analysis also projects that 100 couples would sign up in the second year of the registry.

The Testimony

An estimated crowd of 150 persons attended the two-hour hearing on the morning of June 24. An overflow crowd of supporters and opponents quickly filled the hearing room, a second viewing room and the hallway by 9 a.m.

Harsh rhetoric began early in the day when when a man wearing a button in support of the measure fell ill inside the hearing room just before the testimony began. Another man who later identified himself as a representative of Wisconsin Christians United was heard to clearly say, "Look at the results unhealthy your unhealthy lifestyle."

He was quickly admonished by several in the room.

Testimony from opponents ranged from a litany of AIDS "statistics" which claimed gays — on average — have several hundred sexual partners, to the scripture readings, to promises of eternal damnation for homosexuals and their

A Call to Action

According to Patrick Flaherty, co-chair of the Domestic Partnership Task Force, here's what you can do to help pass the Milwaukee Domestic Partners Registry:

1. Call the Common Council at (414) 286-2221. Callers can leave a message for their alderperson asking him or her to vote in favor of the ordinance.
2. Call the Mayor John O. Norquist at (414) 286-2200 and urge the Mayor to support the ordinance.
3. Call the Domestic Partnership Task Force at (414) 225-1621.

wicked lifestyle.

Many of the opponents who testified were not even Milwaukee residents.

When Bob Braun, a West Allis resident came to testify, Ald. Tom Nardelli, — who later cast the only no vote for the registry — roared, "Why are you here? You don't even live in Milwaukee. Tell everybody where you live."

Later in his testimony, Braun said, "I consider it a disgrace to live here."

That was greeted by laughter and shouts of "You don't live here!"

Supporters of the measure were no less emotional about their support for the registry. Testimony ranged from tears after one woman described years of discrimination and struggle for equality to a P-FLAG mom who described her conversion from homophobia after her son came out to her.

Voting in favor of the measure were Aldermen Fred Gordon, Marvin Pratt and Wayne Frank. Ald. Don Richard left the meeting before the hearing began, but indicated he would support the measure before the full council.

"I wish everyone in the community could have been in that hearing room to hear the cheers that when up after the vote," Flaherty said, "It was really inspiring."

What's Next?

According to sources, the registry nearly has the nine votes needed for passage. Council members identified as still undecided include, Ald. Michael Murphy, Ald. Sue Brier and Council President John Kalwitz.

"People really need to call their alderperson and voice their support for the registry, even if they have already done so," says Flaherty.

Congress To Reintroduce Bill Outlawing Anti-gay Job Discrimination

Washington — A bipartisan assembly of congressional lawmakers today reintroduced the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). Congressional leadership should move swiftly to allow Senate and House votes on the bill that would protect gay and lesbian workers from job bias in all 50 states, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"Congress has the power to end a major injustice that still haunts this country," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "It is perfectly legal to fire gay, lesbian or bisexual people in this country simply because of their real or perceived sexual orientation. Most Americans find that abhorrent, and support this effort to outlaw unfair job discrimination against gay people."

If passed, ENDA would extend federal employment protections currently based on race, religion, gender, national origin, age and disability to sexual orientation. The bill would prohibit employers from using an individual's sexual orientation as the basis for employment decisions, such as hiring, firing, promotion or compensation.

ENDA would not cover small businesses with fewer than 15 employees. There is an exemption for religious organizations, including educational institutions substantially controlled or supported by religious organizations. Under this legislation, preferential treatment and quotas are explicitly forbidden and the legislation clearly states that affirmative action programs may not be imposed as a remedy for sexual orientation discrimination.

Slated to speak at the event are the bill's lead sponsors: Sens. James Jeffords, R-Vt., Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.; also attending will be Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn. and Barney Frank, D-Mass.

First introduced in 1994, ENDA came within one vote of Senate passage in 1996. Major corporations that already have

their own non-discrimination policies and support ENDA include Eastman Kodak, Bell Atlantic, Microsoft and AT&T. Eleven states currently have laws prohibiting discrimination: California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin, New Hampshire and Nevada. Also to be released at the announcement event is a letter from William T. Monahan, Chairman and CEO of Imation, a Minnesota based high tech company.

"Quite simply, ENDA would afford gay and lesbian Americans basic employment protection from discrimination based on prejudice," wrote Monahan. "The principles it fosters are consistent with our corporate principles of treating all employees with fairness and respect."

At press time, the bill has 35 Senate cosponsors, including two new cosponsors, Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa. In the House, it has 153 cosponsors, including Reps. Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio, Michael Forbes, R-N.Y., and Calvin Dooley, D-Calif. Additional House and Senate cosponsors are expected to announce their support tomorrow.

"We have seen growing support for ENDA since it was first introduced in 1994," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC political director. "For the first time we see support coming from key lawmakers in leadership positions in both parties."

President Clinton, who first endorsed ENDA in October 1995, said the bill is about "ensuring that Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation, can find and keep their jobs based on their ability and the quality of their work. It is designed to protect the rights of all Americans to participate in the job market without fear of unfair discrimination."

Clinton reiterated his support in his 1999 State of the Union address.

The public supports ENDA by a wide margin, according to a bipartisan 1998 poll conducted for the Human Rights Campaign by Lake Snell Perry and Associates and American Viewpoint. The poll shows that 58 percent of Americans support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. The poll of 800 people had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percent.



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Ten Percent Society Dance - Friday, July 16, 8pm - Midnight, Monona Terrace Convention Center

MAGIC Picnic - Saturday, July 17, 1pm - 7pm, Brittingham Park

University of Wisconsin GLB Alumni Brunch - Sunday, July 18

Pride March and Celebration - Sunday, July 18

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Rev. Lew Broyles. Photo by Dorothy Austin.

Broyles and Milwaukee MCC Church Settle into New Home

by Dorothy Austin
of the IN Step staff

After six years of scrimping and saving, Rev. Lew Broyles and his congregation now have their own Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church, 1239 W. Mineral St. They purchased the small brick building, which may have been built in the 1860s or 1880s, from the Hmong Baptist congregation which left to build a church on the northwest side.

Until recently, the Metropolitan Community group met for Sunday services in a meeting room at the Astor Hotel.

Now they have services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays, and their congregation has grown from 20 to 40. For Broyles, 43, the spiritual journey has been satisfying and strenuous. But he is a big man, with a big fund of energy.

He told his story and that of the denomination as he guided a reporter around the church, which he and volunteers are renovating.

When he was a senior in high school, Broyles recalled, he read a book, *The Lord is My Shepherd, and Knows I'm Gay* by Troy Perry, the founder of the Metropolitan Community Church, and decided he would attend the church to see if it were genuine.

He discovered he had found his spiritual home and his calling. He took his bachelor's degree in theology at Samaritan College, Los Angeles, and went to Jackson, Miss., for his first pastorate. Although he received death threats he stayed for five years, and then responded to a call to serve as a chaplain in the AIDS ward in a Fort Worth, Tex. hospital.

Later, when he lost a lover to AIDS he decided to remove himself from the hospital environment. He was recruited for his secular job by the Medical College of Wisconsin, as a senior research associate at the Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR). Recently he was appointed as a facilitator.

Now, with two jobs, he is a busy man, but still finds time to be a "baseball nut" as he put it, and to go bowling occasionally. He is proud that the Metropolitan Community Church bowling team placed first this year in both gay leagues.

Socially he is an extrovert, and enjoys talking about theology, his inclusive views, and the denomination as a whole.

"Our church is not just for gays, but for all people," he said earnestly.

He noted that 52% of the clergy are women and added that in his view, homophobia has the same roots as racism and sexism. The Milwaukee congregation has

women and men, gays, lesbians, some who are straight, children and seniors, whites, African Americans and Hispanics.

Broyles described the denomination as traditional and trinitarian, with its focus on the Eucharist rather than the sermon. Still, he preaches a powerful sermon, and one that is occasionally interrupted by a hearty "Amen" from one or another in the congregation.

"Don't think so much about what people are thinking about you," he urged at one point in a recent sermon. "Think about yourself and your relationship with Jesus."

Later in the service his rich, strong baritone led the singing of the traditional hymns.

The communion comes near the end of the service, and all are invited to share in it, including those who may be newcomers or visitors to the church. Most in the congregation do come up to stand in line and receive communion from the pastor or his assistants.

Overall, there are about 300 churches in 18 countries. The largest is in Dallas, with about 2,500 members in its congregation. The church was founded in 1968 when 12 people attended a meeting in the living room of Troy Perry's home in Los Angeles. He preached on what he called the "three pronged gospel of Christian salvation, Christian community and Christian social action."

The small group began to grow and bought its first building, which was destroyed by arson in 1973.

Broyles recalled that Perry stood in the charred rubble and addressed the unknown arsonist.

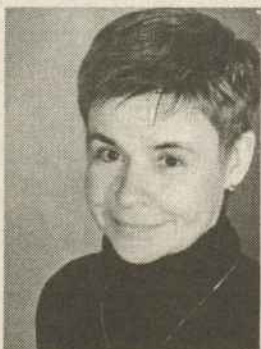
"If you think this is going to stop us, you are wrong," Perry said.

Groups in other cities began to meet and ask for affiliation, leading to the formation of a Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Now there are Metropolitan Community churches in 18 countries, Broyles said. He added that it is not accurate to describe them as "gay churches" because the outreach includes, in addition to gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgendered persons, racial and ethnic minorities, those in prison, the young and old, the poor and ill — all who are seen to be "different" from the majority. Church members are also called to meet Christian social action and social justice needs, including feeding the hungry.

Broyles plans to move into the church neighborhood soon, to save commuting time and to get acquainted with the neighbors. He planned to go door to door, he said, and was glad that his partner, Steve Rose, is fluent in Spanish. He also plans to build a volunteer group to help renew and improve the church and its grounds. The interior needs paint, and there are rooms for church offices and a Sunday school, which need refurbishing.

"One thing I need right now, more than anything, and I'm praying for God to send a strong, Christian, feminist lesbian to join the board," he added.

CCF Begins Annual Fundraising Drive



Mary Messerlie. Photo: Jorge Cabal

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation, the only non-profit grant-making community-based foundation in the state of Wisconsin whose sole purpose is to support the challenging needs of the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) communities, has begun its annual fund-raising drive.

Mary Messerlie, Cream City foundation's (CCF) new president is overjoyed at the positive response CCF has been getting. "Since our move into the new LGBT Community Center in March, we have received many letters and calls of support," she stated. "In fact, our volunteer list has expanded and we are being offered a number of new venues for fundraising."

CCF was founded in 1982. The foundation's principle objective is to encourage philanthropic activism through grants that are then used to provide financial support to non-profit organizations serving the LGBT community. CCF has awarded grants to organizations such as Great Lakes Gay/Lesbian Film & Video Festival, Lesbians of Color, PrideFest, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, SAGE, Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, and scholarships, to name a few.

Besides a marketing campaign that has begun to help raise funds, there will also be two major events this year and a number of smaller fund-raisers. "These events are critical for establishing the needed support to provide funding grants," stated Scott Gunkel, CCF Grants Chair. The first of the smaller fund-raisers will be an Ice Cream Social during the summer. Information will be provided as plans are completed.

ACHOICE and United Way's Donor Choice program are two of the avenues for providing funds to the foundation in the workplace. If workplace giving is not available, a tax deductible direct contribution is welcome and can be put to immediate use in the community. Those interested in offering financial support or volunteer commitment can reach a representative of CCF at (414) 225-0244.

Pridefest Announces Main Stage Acts

Milwaukee — PrideFest festival-goers will be up and dancing in the aisles again this year when this year's national acts take stage. Featured this year are Kathy Sledge (lead singer of Sister Sledge), Les Lokey and Men Out Loud.

Kathy Sledge deserves a place in gay and lesbian history. Together with her sisters, collectively known as Sister Sledge, she recorded "We Are Family," a disco tune that has become an

anthem for LGBT people everywhere. Sledge will bring her seductive voice and gay-friendly routine to the Miller Stage at PrideFest on Saturday evening, Aug. 7 at 9 p.m. As a solo artist, Sledge has enjoyed several dance hits, including the #1 "Take Me Back (To Love Again)" and "Good Times."

Local Lokey Goes National

Wisconsin Area Music Industry award-winning rock-blues performer Les Lokey, fresh from a national tour opening for Ambrosia and an appearance at Summerfest, will be gracing the Harley Stage at PrideFest on Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. Les Lokey is being sponsored by DISH, a popular women's club in Milwaukee.

A favorite at last year's festival, Lokey will be performing her special style of blues, folk and alternative country music. A dynamic Milwaukee-based singer/songwriter, Lokey has been performing across the country lately with a vocal passion and style that has received rave reviews from some of the most hard-to-please critics.



Les Lokey. Photo by Stacy Kaat.

Her latest CD, *Burned Up and Shining*, is a full-length collection with new versions of classic Les Lokey songs along with several new tracks. The new CD shows her departure from a strictly acoustic sound and features a variety of guest musicians playing everything from jazz trumpet to the tabla. "Burned Up and Shining," produced by Joe Puerta, is available from Firefly Records at selected stores in Milwaukee and at all Les Lokey shows. Her 1996 release, "Seven," is also available.

Men Out Loud Returns

Men Out Loud was one of the most popular acts at last year's PrideFest, so the group was invited back this year to please fans once again with their beautiful four-part a capella harmonies. Men Out Loud will perform their magic on the Miller Stage at 8 p.m., on Aug. 7 and at 3 p.m. on Aug. 8.

The group started when Steve Steinberg and a couple of friends gathered in his Los Angeles home after the 1995 earthquake to sing and calm their nerves. They entered California's Harmony Sweepstakes singing competition, got the attention of a record producer, and released "Sweet Enuf 2 Eat" on Pure/Mercury in 1997. Sales hit the top of the CD chart in *The Advocate* magazine by fall.

Men Out Loud's sound is sweet and ranges from pop, disco, and doo-wop to R&B, with a little Broadway in the mix. Some reviewers compare them to Boyz II Men or Manhattan Transfer. Their CD includes *Empty Chairs at Empty Tables* from "Les Miserables" as an AIDS song that never leaves a dry eye in the house.

For a free brochure or a Pride Guide magazine, contact the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-554-1448. Visitors from out of town are encouraged to locate lodging early.

Group Notes

OutReach Seeks Board Members

Madison — OutReach, formed in July 1998 through the merger of The United and the Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, seeks individuals interested in serving South-central Wisconsin's LGBT community as a member of our board of directors. The board provides oversight and direction to the agency, setting short- and long-term goals, objectives and priorities. Board members contribute a minimum of 5-10 hours a month, working in one or more of the following areas: fund-raising, financial management, program oversight, strategic planning, special events or board leadership. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

Individuals interested in serving on the board should send a brief letter outlining their relevant experiences, qualifications, and what they would like to accomplish by serving on the board to: Julia Belt, Board President, OutReach, 600 Williamson St., Madison, WI 53703.

Lesbian and Gay Studies Offered

Milwaukee — The Gay and Lesbian Studies certificate program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has completed its fifth year and will produce a new program brochure this summer.

Current program information is available at this UW-M Web site: <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/GLBCert>.

To request a copy of the brochure or information about courses to be offered in the fall, contact the program coordinator, Jeffrey Merrick at (414) 229-4924, or e-mail at jmerrick@uwm.edu.

The program would like to award an annual prize for outstanding undergraduate work in LGBT studies and welcomes contributions to the prize fund. Checks should be made out to Gay and Lesbian Studies and mailed to Merrick at History, UWM, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Douglas Dunes Sold and Renamed

Saugatuck, MI — The Douglas Dunes was sold before Memorial Day to Greg Trzynbiski, Danny Esterline and Mike Jones who renamed the gay motel and cottage complex The Dunes Resort. The bar is being painted inside and out. It should be ready by July 4.

The restaurant, "The Blue Frog Bar & Grill" will open in July with a minor facelift; major renovations are planned during the winter months. Upstairs, new merchandise is coming in to the gift shop on a daily basis. The upstairs Bistro will become a plush martini bar called the Lava Lounge and the cabaret will get an overhaul.

Remodeled motel rooms and cottages are in the plans along with a new façade for the main building. The Dunes Resort is the largest gay and lesbian resort in the Midwest. Memberships are still on sale for \$35. For more information call (616) 857-1401. Look for a complete listing of events in *IN Step's* Calendar.

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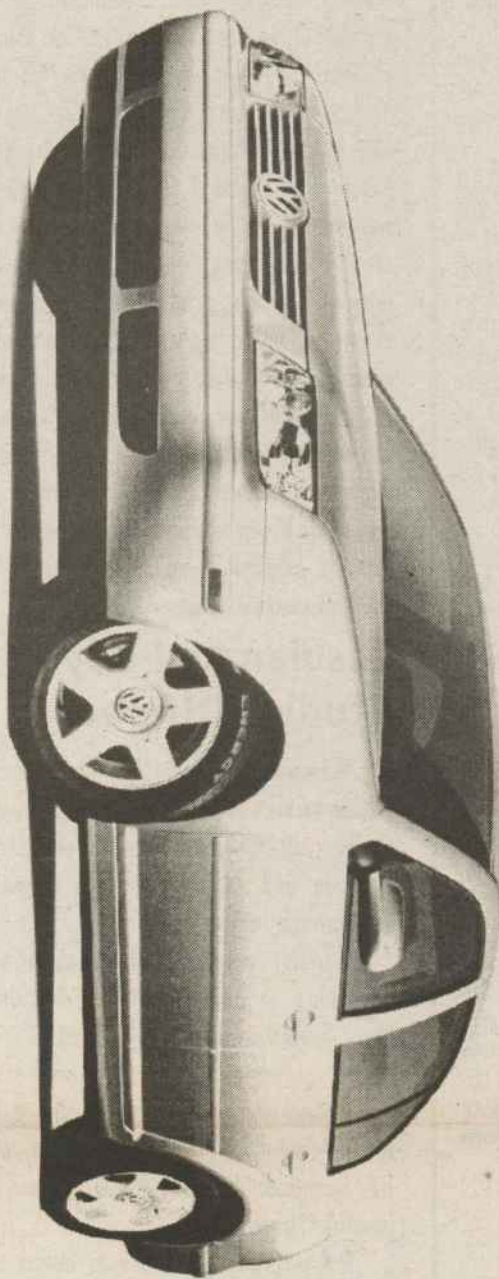
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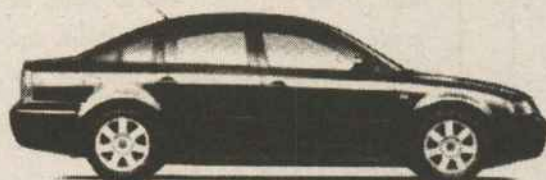
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Gay Pride Celebrated With Parades

by Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press Writer

New York — Some marched in evening gowns, some in leather thongs, some danced to disco music and some had political messages.

On the 30th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, when patrons of a gay bar in Greenwich Village fought back against a police raid, members of the gay community turned out on June 27 to celebrate their pride with parades in Manhattan, San Francisco, and elsewhere.

In New York, some parade-goers complained of heavy-handed treatment by police officers who ejected a group with a slogan criticizing Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and forced another set to cut short a moment of silence.

Floats rolling down Fifth Avenue carried gay gospel singers, AIDS activists, and a disc jockey named Billy deMace who told spectators: "We're going to play a song in memory of our friends who died of AIDS and hate crimes."

As Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" began to play, a drag queen dressed in a black evening gown lip-synched the words.

Among those watching was a group called Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. "To have my mom out here is a joy," said Frank Jump, 40, with his arm around his mother. "I came out to her at a young age, and we've been coming to the parade together for 20 years."

The 1969 Stonewall Riots are commemorated around the world as a watershed for gay rights, and the bar, the Stonewall Inn, is being added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. The Gay Pride Parade began in 1970.

Ohio Protesters Burn Gay Flag

In Ohio, two protesters were arrested in Columbus, at the Statehouse after one of them took down the rainbow flag that represents gay rights and burned it.

Charles Spingola, 43, and Donald Richardson, 63, were taken into custody during an altercation between the protesters and gay rights advocates.

Spingola, accused of taking down the flag and burning it, has been charged with rioting, criminal damaging and disorderly conduct. Richardson has been charged with disorderly conduct and misconduct in an emergency.

In Houston, there were dog collars, dance music and a Texas-size disco ball hovering overhead. But amid all the fun and frivolity, the people who came to the Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade said they turned out to spread an important message of tolerance.

"We're here to show that we're human, just like everyone else," said Hector Martinez, a participant in the 21st annual event. "It's an expression of who we are."

As many as 100,000 people turned out, making Houston's gay parade the third largest of its kind, behind parades in New York and Los Angeles, according to organizer Clarence Bagby.

The event theme was "Pride, Power and Pizzazz," reflecting the dual tone of a parade that is fun and political at the same time. The showcase of the event was the 8 1/2-foot disco ball, a mirrored globe that some say may be the largest of its kind in the world.

In Berlin this weekend, rainbow flags flew, marchers threw feathers to the crowd and half-naked men wearing

bird costumes danced in the street.

In Manila, Philippines, marchers carried placards reading: "Same sex, same love." One Filipino gay man, Edgar Mendoza, told reporters: "We are doing this event because we are proud of what we are, we are proud of how God made us to be."

In San Francisco, leather clothes, feather boas, and platform shoes mixed with shorts and T-shirts. A half-million spectators stood five-deep along the parade route, and marchers ranged from members of a gay veterans' group to a contingent from an antique auto club for gays.

The parade was interrupted early by an unscheduled contingent from Act Up! The activists carried signs including "Sex Doesn't Kill" and "Open the Baths," referring to the city's recently revitalized controversy over public bathhouses.

Back in New York, Giuliani marched, as he always does, with Log Cabin, a gay Republican group. The

Gay Pride Worldwide



group's legislative director, Robert Hasek, heralded New York City's domestic partnership policy, which provides health insurance and other benefits for same-sex partners of city employees, as "the best of any in the nation."

The mayor waved and smiled as he walked the route, saying: "It's a wonderful celebration. I'm here every year." Some in the crowd applauded, but others booed. Gay activist Bill Dobbs complained that City Hall has spent too much time shutting down porn shops and too little time fighting AIDS. He handed out cards reading: "Stop Giuliani's Sex Police!"

Across from St. Patrick's Cathedral, a dozen members of Dignity — a group for gays who are Roman Catholic — prayed for acceptance by their church.

"In every other parade, the cardinal is on the steps greeting people," said Brendan Fay. "It's always sad for me to see the doors shut."

A block away, Randall Terry, leader of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, protested.

"If you repent, God will forgive you!" he shouted. Drag queens blew him kisses in response.

A group of gay firefighters called Fireflag marched for the first time as a fraternal organization officially recognized by the city. A half-dozen male ballet dancers leapt their way down Fifth Avenue, while square dancers swung their partners. The Brazilian Rainbow Group featured towering Carmen Miranda-style headdresses made from fruit and flowers, and men in colorful saris walked with the South Asian Lesbian and Gay Group. Salim Patel, costumed as Ra the Sun God, was covered head to toe in gold body paint.

"The freedom to be different," said Grand Marshal Joan Nestle, "is a freedom for all of us."

Chicago Pride Parade Draws Thousands

Chicago (AP) — The crowd, as usual, was immense. Thousands of persons from across the nation descend on Chicago around this time of year for an event now three decades old. As early as 10 a.m., they began to gather along the streets of the North Side, in the heart of the gay community, in anticipation of the city's annual Gay and Lesbian Pride parade. Before it was over, some tens of thousands of people had lined the streets of the parade route.

Although the parade was scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., the streets of Lincoln Park and Lake

View were filled with people of all different backgrounds well before noon.

"It's always interesting," said one man as he waited for the procession of people, floats, and politicians to begin their journey from the intersection of Belmont and Halsted to their final destination in Lincoln Park.

The parade route ran north from Belmont and Halsted to Grace, where the procession turned east to Broadway and Grace. From there, the parade began moving south to Diversey and then west to Lincoln Park.

Although it began to rain just before the parade started, it did not seem to deter the crowds who had come to watch or participate.

"I came to show a little solidarity. I'm not going to let the rain stop me," said Matt Blecher, North Side resident and gay rights activist.

Others came for different reasons. Andrew, a Lithuanian tourist, said he came just to have a good time.

"I'm here to have a good time, and I'm gay," he said.

Ron Smith said he is not gay but came to the parade anyway.

"It's my day off and this is where the people are," he said, adding that "it's all about having a good time."

Some onlookers like Tom Miller, a Lincoln Park resident, expressed a little disappointment in the parade.

"They say it is the Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade but I think it is more of a freak show because all the flamboyance of it is not representative of the gay community," Miller said, alluding to outlandish behavior displayed by some of the parade's participants.

"The parade is really just about having a good time."

Gill Foundation Pledges \$18,000 'Match' Grant to Milwaukee LGBT Community Center

Story by William Attewell
Interview by David Batterson
of the IN Step staff

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center has received a big boost in the form of an \$18,000 "match grant" from the Gill Foundation, a Denver-based philanthropic foundation founded by Tim Gill, the openly gay founder of Quark, Inc.

The Gill Foundation will match funds up to \$18,000 of donations received by the community center. The funds granted are earmarked to help underwrite the center's "inc-

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cubation offices" which are designed to encourage the growth and development of LGBT organizations by providing low rent, shared resources and technical assistance.

"As a start up organization, both the financial support and credibility the Gill Foundation has given the center, has been critical to achieve our mission," Neil Albrecht, executive direct of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center told *IN Step*.

"We are really impressed with the caliber of the staff from the Gill Foundation, both their expertise and enthusiasm for the growth and development of nation-wide LGBT organizations," added Albrecht.

The Gill Foundation has already advanced \$9,000 of the grant amount help to support the development of the community center's major donor campaign kicking off July 9. The major donor campaign has a final goal of raising \$25,000 by the end of 1999.

"We are impressed with their work," Lilia Gracey, director of donor resources for the Gill Foundation, told

IN Step. "We are very excited about working in tandem with the community center to provide technical assistance and support to community-based organizations."

According to Gracey, the grant is larger than average for the Gill Foundation and their decision was based on the center's ability to leverage the funds to the maximum.

Who Is Tim Gill?

Quark's founder and chairman is openly-gay Tim Gill, also the founder of the Gill Foundation which has given millions of dollars to GLBT and AIDS organizations in Colorado and across the nation. A Colorado native, successful software entrepreneur, and one of two openly gay individuals on the 1997 Forbes 400 list, Tim Gill is an active philanthropist who cares passionately about many issues.



Tim Gill

Recently, Gill was asked about his company, the Gill Foundation and the progress of the LGBT community.

Q: Quark, obviously, has domestic partnership benefits. Does Quark recruit for new employees through any GLBT publications/Web sites, or gay-owned headhunter companies? If not, why not?

A: No. I don't think gay people are that much different than straight people when it comes to where they go when they're looking for jobs. And we aren't trying to hire more than the average number of gay people. Equality means that gay people get exactly the same treatment as anyone else. If I singled out gay people with a special recruitment effort, I am sending the message that they are more important than others. They are not. We are all equally important.

Q: You recently said the Gill Foundation will move from Colorado Springs to Denver, due to the conservative, religious right climate in Colorado Springs. Has being in that locale

resulted in some prospective employees feeling uncomfortable and not wanting to move to that town? Have there been threats or any unpleasant occurrences?

A: The reason for an additional office in Denver is because it's the largest metropolitan area in the state. It's good for us to have a presence in a location that's so important to us. I wouldn't say that the religious right creates a hostile climate in Colorado Springs, though it is certainly interesting. But it is easier to attract people to Denver because it's a shade more cosmopolitan. And as we grow, we want to be sure we have locations that allow us to attract the best.

Q: What's left for philanthropist Tim Gill to do? Any chance you might join forces with the Geffen Foundation, or form a new national foundation with money from other wealthy gay individuals?

A: That's an interesting idea I hadn't ever considered. There are several foundations that do that kind of work, but they typically don't limit themselves to just wealthy individuals. Most of the contributions in the U.S. come from much smaller donors. I think every individual has to come up with their own funding priorities. Combining wealthy individuals to make some kind of mega fund seems to me to run the risk of limiting the diversity of what gets funded. There are still too many interesting philanthropic experiments to try for us to be doing something that might limit what we fund because of some kind of groupthink.

Q: OK, put on your crystal ball for us. What will the millennium bring for GLBT individuals? Will it be our Golden Age, or will there be an upsurge in anti-gay activities and hate groups? Will employers finally realize how much we have to offer them?

A: I'd love to say that the millennium will bring about a golden age. But it's not going to happen. I predict years of struggle. Blacks are still discriminated against, so are Jews and other minorities. And they've been working in this much longer than we have. We'll see swings both directions on our issues. That's probably just "natural." In the end, though, we win by convincing each and every gay person that coming out is the most important thing they can do.

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Joy-Terror-Stress



by Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin

Whenever I go in the district these days, people are always asking me what my first six months in Congress have been like. I tell them "If I had to write a headline summarizing these first six months in my new job, it would be Joy-Terror-Stress. Let me explain.

First, Joy — I got the chills the first time I walked into the U.S. Capitol building last

November knowing that I was about to become a member. (I confess that I still do.) Walking onto the floor of the House of Representatives, itself, was stunning.

There's a hall outside the main entrance to the chambers called Statuary Hall. In it are displayed statues of heroes and pioneers from every state in the Union. Wisconsin has contributed statues of Robert M. LaFollette, Sr. and Father Marquette. Passing through that room, I can't help but think about our history. Knowing that Robert M. LaFollette, Sr. once held this seat gives me goose bumps.

I experience joy when I realize what a tremendous impact our state has made on this nation; the legacy of all the policies that we helped shape including Social Security and Workers Compensation. It's the "Wisconsin Idea" at work.

A simple thing like flying home after my first week working in D.C. filled me with such wonderment. Sitting in a window seat as I flew into Madison — first over the beautiful rural parts of the district, the suburbs, then the city — I thought about how lovely Wisconsin is and how humbled I am by the honor of trying to represent the hopes and dreams of more than a half million people.

As for terror — those of you devoted to C-Span will appreciate the story of my first speech on the floor of the House. I've done a lot of public speaking in my career and I'm pretty comfortable by now speaking to large audiences, but I was struck with terror at the thought of delivering a speech in that huge chamber with barely a soul in the room. There I was, pretty much alone except for the Speaker Pro Tem of the House and the C-Span camera operator.

The Speaker intoned, "The Gentlelady from Wisconsin is recognized for five minutes to speak about the Patient's Bill of Rights." We so rarely articulate it, but most of us feel that uncertainty when we face something new. Especially when the stakes are high and people are counting on us.

Stress is probably familiar to all of you who juggle jobs and families and still try to find a few moments for yourself. I've been busy trying to learn the names, faces and home states of my 434 new colleagues; setting up two different offices in two cities; learning as much as I can as quickly as I can about a multitude of subjects; practicing the art of being in three places at once; and never finding enough time to finish my homework. (Yes, I still have homework.)

It may sound overwhelming, but all of my experiences and emotions have been worthwhile. The joy, obviously because rep-

resenting you here gives me a sense of purpose and meaning. But I also appreciate the terror, because to me, the terror marks that fact that the work calls on me to be courageous. Things worth striving for often require that we do the right thing, not the popular thing. Those actions that require us to be brave often expose us to moments of terror.

And I even welcome the stress (at least right now) because the stress, the pressure, the tension force me to prioritize and figure out what is important in my job ... to cut through the clutter and apply my time to what really matters.

As I've spoken to graduating students this season, I've told them about my feelings of joy, terror and stress and related them to their own journeys into new schools and new jobs. We all experience these emotions as we venture into uncharted territories. What's important is to use them productively so that our efforts are successful and satisfying. ▼

Editorial

Half Way There

by William Attewell

After winning committee approval before a packed hearing room, Milwaukee's gay and lesbian activists are closer than ever to a real political victory for the first time in many, many years, as the proposed Domestic Partners Registry moves on to a full vote in the Milwaukee common council on July 13.

I loved the baseball analogy that Patrick Flaherty of the D.P. Task Force used in our recent interview with him. The idea that — like a struggling baseball team — all Milwaukee's LGBT community needs is one victory to start a winning streak.

Well, thanks to Flaherty and the team of many dedicated activists, including Paul Williams, Gean Ligocki and Tanya Atkinson — to name just a few — we are closer than ever to putting one in the win column.

But wait! While there may be men on base, we still need to bring them home. I urge you now, more than ever, to contact your alderman and express your support of the Domestic Partner's Registry. Several council members are still sitting on the fence. If you have previously called, do it again. If you have never called, what are you waiting for?

While you are at it, you could also telephone Mayor Norquist at (414) 286-2200. Indications are that Norquist is likely to sign the measure if passed — but who really knows? I can't help but be disappointed by Norquist's amazing invisibility when it comes to the registry. A few words of public support from the Mayor could go a long way — is that really too much to ask? I guess so.

Some people have called the registry a symbolic "feel good" measure. If you ask me, there is absolutely nothing wrong with feeling good. But clearly, the registry would provide real benefits for some lesbian and gay couples and makes business sense for Milwaukee. It is simply a no-brainer.

Let's start a winning streak!



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Out Right

My Own Pride Season Awards

by Scott Evertz



Pride season — which now extends from June through August (depending on where you are) — is upon us and it is often used as an occasion to recognize leaders of the gay and lesbian community as well as our allies. All too often, however, these awards are no surprise, and they go to the people to whom everyone expects they'll go.

In the remainder of this column I present my own pride awards, of sorts, to people who are rarely, if ever, recognized in other venues. Some of you will remember that I did an "I Like Tons of People" column several issues back. You're not experiencing déjà vu. This column is very much like that column but the people are different. If you weren't in the last column, it isn't because I don't like you. If you're not in this one, it isn't because you don't deserve an award.

Ally of the Year Award goes to Eric Gravenkamp, deputy director of the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry. I've been told that there was a time when Eric wasn't as accepting of gay people as he is now, but I find this impossible to believe. It's obvious that he truly loves the clients he serves in his work at St. Camillus, be they gay or straight, male or female, bisexual or transexual, black or white. The kind of love he displays is not something you learn, but is something with which you must be born, so I refuse to acknowledge that he could have ever been any different. A married man with two young children, his life must be rather chaotic, but his clients are always given time and respect as he works with them on the issues with which they must deal as people living with HIV/AIDS.

Tireless Advocate Award goes to Mike Fitzpatrick, president of Action Wisconsin and staff member of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's Northeast Wisconsin office. Indeed, Mike is relentless in his pursuit of our dream of full citizenship and rights. He always throws himself into that in which he is involved with fierce dedication, and his work with LGBT groups and at ARCW have positively

impacted the lives of literally thousands of people. Any of you who know Mike will know that he can be a little long-winded but just remind yourself the next time you're on the receiving end of one of his tirades that it's only because he cares so deeply that he's going on and on ... and on. (Psst. Don't tell anyone but I think Mike might be turning into a Republican.)

Best Behind the Scenes Player Award goes to Patrick Prudlow. Patrick's participated in so many community organizations it would be impossible to mention them here. I know Pat because of his work with Log Cabin Republicans, Action Wisconsin, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, and because he is a friend. Because so much of what he accomplishes is behind the scenes, I really can't tell you about it or I'll blow his cover. Suffice it to say, however, that he has been responsible — from behind the scenes — for many of the positive gains our community has made. He whispers something in someone's ear at a fund-raiser (literally), makes a couple phone calls, has lunch with a few friends and the steamroller is out of the station and down the track, and many never know it was Patrick who actually started the engine. If you're wondering if you owe Pat Prudlow a debt of gratitude, chances are you do.

Most Well-Intentioned (Even if I Disagree with Him Most of the Time) Activist Award goes to Dave Runyon. Dave and I have had our little spats in our respective columns and I disagree with just about everything he says, but he is entirely dedicated to the LGBT community and has spent many, many hours trying to make it a better place. Dave may not know this but I totally agree with his opinions concerning the city of Madison's lack of sophistication and diversity. Venture beyond the graduate schools of the University of Wisconsin and you'll find a racist, provincial little city that only treats its gay and lesbian citizens well if they're white and mow their lawns. They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions but I believe Dave is paving a road to heaven and will be rewarded there for his intense commitment to "the cause."

Okay, that's it. Another nice column. I've got to do this occasionally lest anyone think I'm not really a nice guy. If you have nominations for my awards for next year, please feel free to send them in. Happy Pride Season. ▼

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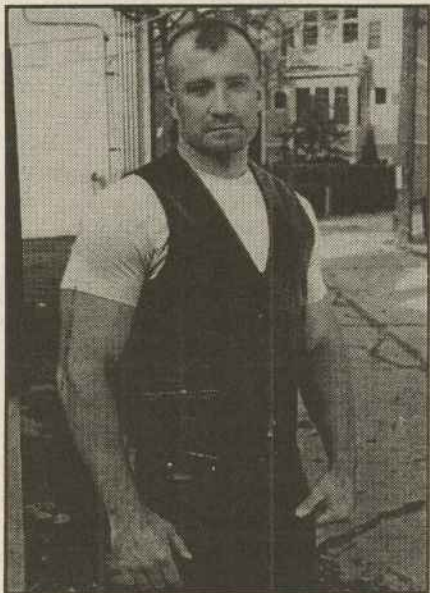
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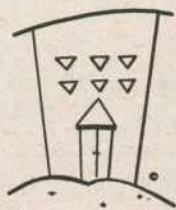
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Summer In The City

by Ed Grover

There is so much going on this summer. Sadly, it will all be over before we know it. Last fall I enlarged my garden so I could plant more vegetables to fill the freezer I got from a friend. The Saturday morning vendors at the Cathedral Square Farm Market have supplied me with new plants: perennials, herbs, sweet peppers, eggplant and tomatoes. I bought some things from Peter who used to dance with the Milwaukee Ballet. He now puts his energy into growing organic produce. All the vendors have extra starter plants at the beginning of the season when there is nothing else to sell but spring lettuce, spring onions, peas, spinach and radishes, but we are grateful to get those after a long winter.

My sister came for a visit in early June and we drove out to Wauwatosa to pick up my yearly supply of green tea. We decided to cut over to the West Allis green market while we were out that way. This place is something to see with stall after stall of fresh produce and bedding plants, not to mention honey and poultry vendors and the herb ladies who told me 1999 was "The Year of Lavender." Get there about noon on any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday, wander around and look at everything. But remember, you can't even buy so much as a twig until the bell goes off at 1 p.m.

With the car loaded with bunches of peonies and bags of spinach, not to mention the evening's supper from my favorite old couple who sell strictly fresh poultry, we made our way home. We got two very young fryers to grill in the back yard. The birds sizzled away as I basted them with garlicky olive oil and lemon juice. I put chopped Italian parsley and fresh rosemary under the skin; the aroma was wonderful. With a wilted spinach salad and a few new potatoes, it was all mighty tasty.

The Lakefront Festival of the Arts and Polish Fest finished off the last weekend of spring without mishap. Summerfest, our music festival, ushered in summer with their "Big Bang" fireworks on June 24. On July 3rd, Firststar Bank's Annual Fireworks and Air Show is scheduled to erupt at Veteran's Park, and Summerfest will echo all this noise on the Fourth of July. After that there will be fireworks after every ethnic festival throughout the end of summer, with the Italians producing the most noise after their Festa. Those of us who live near the lake will soon be immune to all the noise and crowds.

Bastille Days will take over Cathedral Square Park with the Storm the Bastille 5K Run/Walk. The park will be transformed into a French influenced festival for four days of great food, wine and music. The Great Circus Parade follows the day after with a parade down Wisconsin Avenue on July 11. For those who love the circus there will be a week's worth of circus performances, clowns and antique wagon viewing at Veteran's Park prior to the parade. All the horses will be stabled there, and the harnessing-up for the parade is as much fun as the parade itself.

This is also vacation time. A friend of mine is spending a few weeks in Saugatuck near the dunes on the other side of Lake Michigan. Others are planning long weekends at Mazomanie, and the nude beach. The beach is still going strong even if there is no more overnight camping and you can only get in during the day after 8 a.m., and you have to walk in along the dirt road from the new parking lot. The National Nude Olympics in July is always great fun; I wonder how the DNR will handle the crowd this year. There are motels and the Prairie Garden B&B nearby for those who need a soft bed and a warm shower. There are also campgrounds for people with tents, RV's and a sturdier determination, but you had better get a reservation in if you want a place to

stay.

Madison will have their 26th Annual MAGIC Picnic at Brittingham Park on July 17. Finally, after years of planning, the people who get things done in Madison have combined all their events into a four-day celebration called *Making One Madison*, affectionately known as MOM. The big GLBTQ Rally and March is on July 18, with the march leaving from the Capitol Building and going down State Street to Brittingham Park (again), where they will have another picnic. Comedian Kate Clinton will provide some of the entertainment. I hope there's good weather for all this merrymaking.

Milwaukee's own PrideFest is scheduled to take place Aug. 6-8 at the Summerfest grounds. Possum Queen fundraisers are going full tilt at all the bars, with the finale of that series of events topping off the first evening of our celebration. If you want to be involved, there are lots of things to be caught up in. Can you play a tuba — or any other instrument? Check out the Gay Marching Band that will debut in the Pride Parade. There are the floats that each organization and a lot of the bars will be putting together; they will all need help, so go to your favorite bar or organization and volunteer. Check out PrideFest's Web site at www.pridefest.com. I understand that volunteers are still needed, so call (414) 272-FEST and offer to help.

After all this activity, the next big event for most people is the Wisconsin State Fair in August. Then there's Mexican Fiesta, and Indian Summer and we're on the home stretch to fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas. How depressing; I feel like I just thawed out and here I am talking about the end of the year. Of course, that brings us to the ultimate celebration that everyone will be involved with one way or another — New Year's Eve — and the millennium will be upon us! ▼

Robert's Rules

One For The Road

by Shelly Roberts

Now that I don't have to, I'd like to log a lament with the Lesbian Board of Standards about the Sorry State of Lesbian Singles. Or, as I've come to think of it, being a "Me-sbian." I spent a year and a half, recently, as a "theoretical" lesbian. Monosexual. Solo. Me, myself, and a few friendly plug-in appliances.

It was by choice, and except for the days when I was tearing telephone books in half for increased upper body strength and outlet, it wasn't half bad. I learned to be self-reliant again. I made great friends I felt no inclination to sleep with. I ate whatever was in the refrigerator for dinner, which was sometimes a plate of cookies, and sometimes a box of broccoli, without once hearing the words, "Is THAT what you're eating?" as though self-evidence wasn't. All the bathroom mess was mine. And I cleaned it up regularly whenever I felt compulsive, or got tired of guessing about the color of the floor tiles. Nobody in my life took THAT tone about what time I quit working and went to bed. I paid for one ticket to the fundraiser, one meal, one guilt-free Godiva chocolate bar.

Oh, sure, Valentine's Day was lonely. But then again, I always knew who's fault it was if there wasn't any gas in the car. OK, mine, but I almost never nagged me about it.

But single, well, it's a trip that is, as far as being lesbian is concerned, more of a stumble. It's the Rodney Dangerfield of Lesbianess. I would have registered my complaint sooner, but it seemed to me that if you do it while you're still a resident of that state, it sounds like whining.

Take lesbian dances. Please. Lesbian dances are a terrible place to meet single lesbians. They're a couplesfest. Duos come dressed to the nines to see if either can remember which one is supposed to lead. Whole gangs of women stand around trying to figure who in the rival gangs they can ask to dance, if they could ask in the first place, which they apparently can't. Single lesbians clump closely with best friends, making it impossible to tell them from the real couples.

Sometimes organizations try to help. They pass out Poor-Thing stickers. Oh, they don't call them that, but you can prac-

tically hear the twosomed tongues clucking. Ostensibly, these fly-paper tags are designed to save some terrified soul from inadvertently asking the dojo owner's girlfriend to have coffee. In lesbian reality, they're all too often like sticking a loser label to your forehead, for all the sighing coming from the partnered parishioners.

Last year I was preparing a presentation to potential sponsors for this little world-wide millennium celebration party I'm planning for a few hundred thousand of my closest friends. I found great images of respectable lesbians, and wholesome gay men to show funders what a desirable target market we are. Before I committed the program to the permanence of a CD, I requested feedback. The only surprise I got was from a single lesbian who pointed out, accurately, that all the pictures were Noah's animals, two-by-two. I realized then, of course, that if we're identified by who we partner with, then, obviously, when you aren't partnered, it must follow as the night day, that we just have to turn in our membership cards. Can we say the word "Aha!" Boys and Girls?

D'ja ever notice when anyone announces her domestic partnership has logged double digits how loudly we all applaud? When's the last time you applauded for someone revealing that she has been waltzing foot-loose since before the Ford Administration? Me either.

And well-meaning couples friends aren't much help either. How do they always find the singularly most inappropriate match possible? They also stop inviting you to intimate dinner parties for matched sets, or to white water rafting soirees, in fear your condition could be contagious.

I know wonderful single women who delight in their optional solitary. Many who've said, "Princess Charming or no one." Where is their honor? Where is our respect for their rugged individualism?

Now I don't want to tell you that I'm not thoroughly enjoying my return to full lesbian status. Or that I'm not thrilled pairing with someone who remembers where I left my car keys. Don't think it isn't fabulous sharing space with someone willing to venture into the night with me, armed only with a loaded broom handle, to discover the cat at the window sill, and not a contingent of Klan paying a welcome call. This time I fully expect Willard Scott to congratulate us for accomplishing our hundredth anniversary. So I'm not signing up for singledom just yet. Especially given the reverence paid to our lesbian ones.

Should, however, something disastrous befall, and I become a one again, do me a favor, would you? Just shoot me. Maybe in heaven I'll find that lesbian singles can get some respect.

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An Honest Day's Work

As required, Rep. **Tammy Baldwin**, D-Wis., recently released figures on her net worth. Baldwin, the first openly lesbian woman elected to Congress and the first woman from Wisconsin, earned \$39,211 last year as a representative in the state assembly.

Her major assets include Colorado rental property valued at between \$100,001 to \$250,000 and a trust worth \$100,001 to \$250,000.

Two Men Kiss on the Today Show

Al Roker and NBC Today Show viewers had a little surprise on June 28 during Al Roker's 8:35 AM weather segment. Al was outside speaking with people and turned the microphone over to a cute guy to propose to his girlfriend "Jill," or so Al thought. The guy said, "I am so happy,

Jill," and then he proceeded to give his boyfriend a big, juicy kiss on the lips as they both hugged. "Big Al" Roker was more than a little surprised and regained his composure by making a comment about that not even happening on *Will & Grace*.

Gay Youth Challenges Gore

Tattooed on both arms and wearing sandals, **Javier Garcia**, 20, asked Vice President **Al Gore** during his visit to a gay community center in Los Angeles what he plans to do for gays if elected president.

"I believe you will be president," Garcia said as he sat in an overstuffed chair, elbows on his knees and face-to-face with Gore. Sitting on a sofa, Gore acknowledged his comment by knocking on a wooden coffee table for luck.

"What can you say to make us believe you will help the gay community?" he asked firmly. It was a direct question, but probably the most polite challenge Gore



has received after hardcore AIDS activists have shouted and used whistles to get his attention at some stops.

Gore, 51, pledged to support legislation that would bar workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and would back laws against hate crimes that he said are "based on a fear of differences." Garcia gave him an in-house published book called *When the Bough Breaks*, a gritty collection of poems and pictures about life on the streets for straight, transexual and gay youths.

We'll expect Gore's book report in a few weeks. No word on what **Tipper** thought of the book.

Meanwhile Dole Urges Crackdown on Porn

Republican presidential candidate Elizabeth Dole wants to withhold federal money from public libraries that don't close "pornography-permitting loopholes."

Mrs. Dole, says libraries should install computer software that blocks access to pornographic sites on the Internet ... I guess it is still okay for her husband to talk about flacid penises in every American living room.

Type Casting?

David Spade has apologized — sort of — for using some anti-gay slurs in a recent *Playboy* interview.

The star of *Just Shoot Me* was asked by the mag if his character, Finch, was gay. The show's creators "try to fag me up," Spade replied. "I have to put my foot down. [Finch has] got these fruity little traits that come out every week. ... But when I get too faggy, they have me make out with a chick."

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation fired off a letter of complaint to Spade. But a GLAAD spokesman tells us it was only after two weeks of phone calls that his publicist replied with a statement saying, "He was just trying to be a comedian, and everything he said was in good nature and he's sorry if he offended anyone with his comments."

GLAAD spokesman **Scott Seomin** gripes: "How can you consider using derogatory, hurtful rhetoric as 'good-natured'? He wouldn't 'good-naturedly' use racial or ethnic slurs."

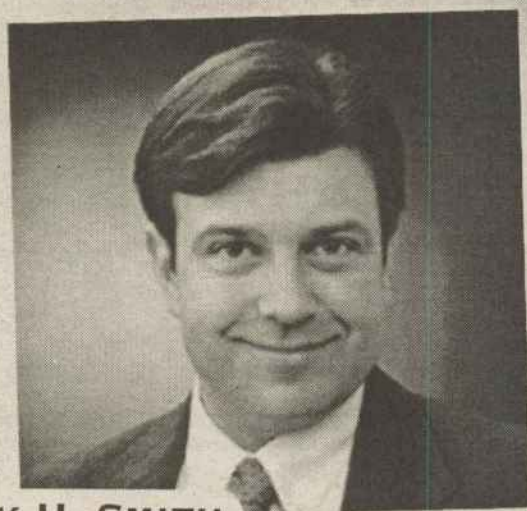
Internet Sites Go Ballistic Over New 'Star Wars' Character

Continuing a seemingly endless preoccupation with the alleged sexual orientation of fictitious TV and motion picture characters, **Jar Jar Binks** of **George Lucas'** *The Phantom Menace* has become the latest object of anti-gay vilification.

Hostility toward the Jar Jar character has spawned a string of Web sites on the Internet, including "Kill Jar Jar," "Jar Jar Binks Must F--king Die!" and the "International Society for the Extermination of Jar Jar Binks."

The fact that the Lucas movie character doesn't actually have a sexual orientation of any kind — or even a specific gender for that matter — seems to be immaterial to die-hard Star Wars fans who want George Lucas to recall prints of the film from distribution and edit Jar Jar out of it entirely.

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UW-Milwaukee Dance Presents 'Summerdances'

Milwaukee — *Summerdances* (*summer not*), an evening of new dances by UW-Milwaukee Faculty choreographers Ed Burgess, Marcia Ruth Parsons and Andre Tyson will be performed by UWM Dance majors on July 30 and 31 in the UWM School of the Arts Theater, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the School of the Arts Box Office, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, or by calling (414) 229-4308.

Monthly Open Mike Planned For LGBT Community Center

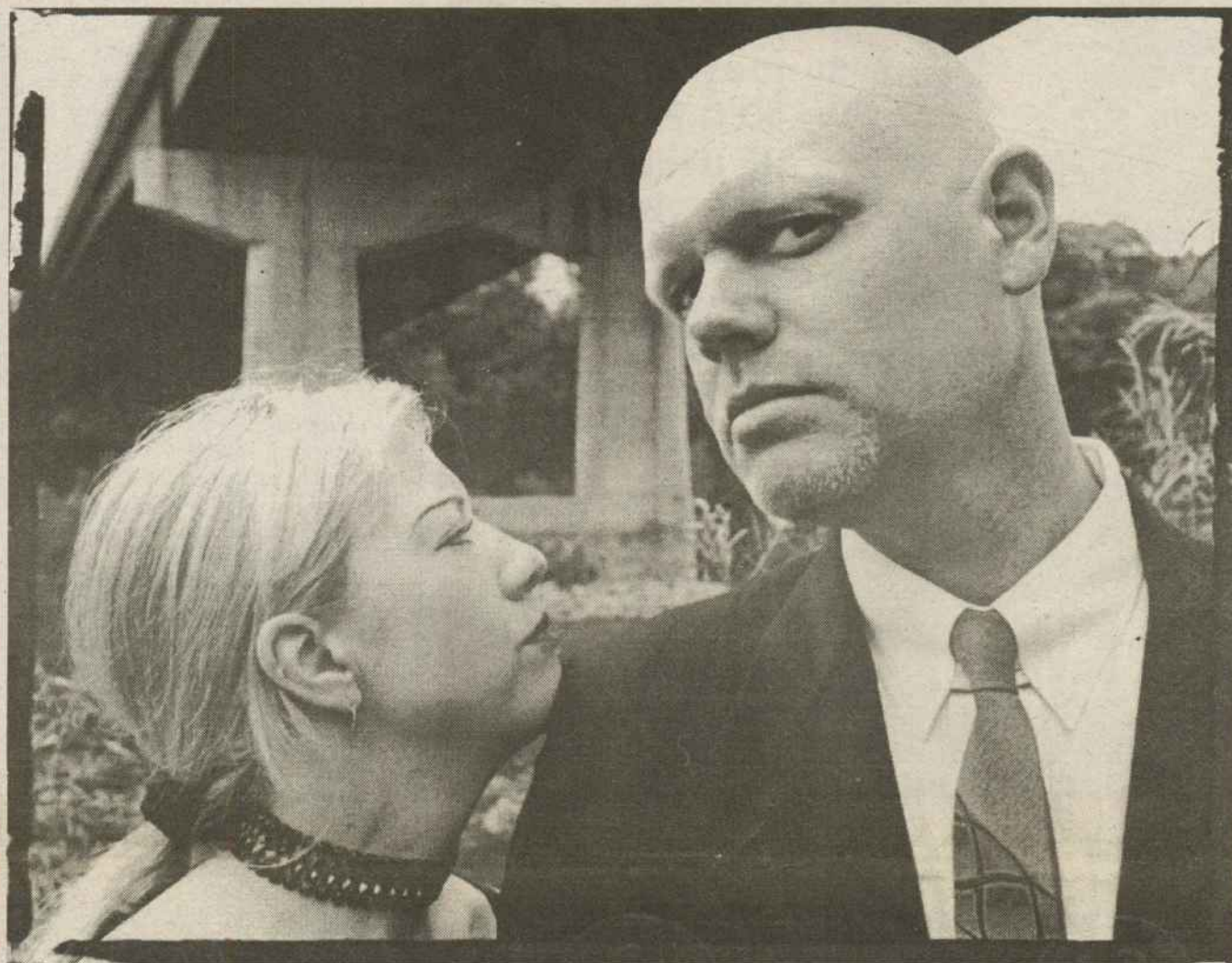
Milwaukee — Kuumba Productions will present *A Revolution of Women in Poetry* on the evening of Sat., July 24, at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. This open mike event will be scheduled to occur on the third Saturday of the month thereafter, and is open to all women. It is dedicated to crossing barriers of race, class, sexuality, and disability.

Kuumba is currently looking for feature poets for future open mikes. All poets and performance artists who are interested in performing should call (414) 873-7133 for more information.

Watercolors and Bronzes At Charles Allis Art Museum

Milwaukee — Charles Allis Art Museum presents an exhibition of contemporary watercolors and bronzes by Wisconsin artists Jean Crane and Lora Otjen, opening Thursday, July 8 with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by Friends of Charles Allis Art Museum (FOCAL) and music will be performed by pianist Danielle Zinke.

Jean Crane's watercolor paintings range from organic still lifes to geological, geometric abstractions. She constructs layers of luminous color within a stark background, solidifying form and fragment. Lora Otjen creates whimsical figures through bronze casting, wire sculpture and expanded polystyrene outdoor sculpture. The exhibit will run through Aug. 1, 1999. Admission to the museum is \$3, free to members and children under 13. For more information, call (414) 278-8295.



Cocktails *with the* Finks

It's not exactly punk, and it's not exactly goth. Matt Fink and his wife Sister Cash Box have a style all their own. Expect the unexpected. This outspoken art team is plotting to annihilate your preconceptions.

story and photo by Waswo

I had been warned that the home of the Finks was "like a cave". Not knowing what that means, I somewhat expect to walk into the equivalent of a dank medieval torture chamber. The pleasant surprise is that the "cave" turns out to have an abundance of mood lighting illuminating walls painted rich dark hues. The hipster furnishings bring to mind the more elegant lounges of the fifties. The Finks, of course, are fashionably attired. Correction: "stunningly" attired.

Sister Cash Box, or "Cashy" as she is called by her friends, is perhaps best known as the charming love goddess who narrates fashion extravaganzas at Survival Revival's periodic Street Beat parties. As a performance artist, her witty and frenzied monologues are both humorous and surreal.

Matt Fink, her husband, has garnered a reputation as Milwaukee's premiere underground artist. I've always admired Matt's talent for creating small, intriguing paintings. He has a knack for capturing the sinister truth.

Together, Cash Box and Fink have become a dynamic duo synonymous with eastside counter-culture.

We are served chips and salsa, refried beans, and sausage impaled on toothpicks. Matt and I indulge in tumblers of tequila and ice. Cash Box drinks wine from a blood-red goblet.

Cash Box: Next Saturday is Bondage Night at the Globe. Do you want to come? We can tie you up. I have a whip.

Waswo: I'll have to check my calendar. How did you two meet?

CB: Matt and I have been together since '84. We were both really into the hardcore scene. I saw this guy. He was working in a factory and I was working as a waitress. I saw him in a building in the Riverwest area. He was standing in a window with his shirt off, in the summer, singing at the top of his lungs with a white towel thrown over his tanned shoulder. It sounds delusional, but I plainly remember that. It was quite gorgeous.

Matt Fink: I'm denying everything she says. CB: Of course the next day I had to go back for a repeat performance. It became a ritualized, repeat viewing. My girlfriend and I would talk about him, like, "I'm going back to see Mr. Six O'Clock Man." Anyway, one day he walked into the Pigeon Club which was on S. 2nd St. and later became the Outlaw Biker Clubhouse. They'd have hardcore shows there. I saw him walk in and I said, "Oh my God! It's Mr. Six O'Clock Man!" I walked over to him. It was kind of scary, but then he said "Aren't you the girl who's been stalking me at the factory?" It was like talking heads. Right from the

beginning we were soul mates. The demented sense of humor, the cynicism, was a common thread for the two of us. We were both into a running critique of late 20th century America.

IN Step: What drew you to the art scene?

MF: I started painting around '88 or '89. That's when I started playing around with watercolors and stuff.

IN Step: Were you inspired to take that up through Cashy?

MF: No, not at all. I had some friends who were artists. These people all had degrees behind them but I thought their stuff wasn't very good. I thought I could do better than that. I started painting and really enjoyed it.

I think Jimmy von Milwaukee gave me my first show. I think it was Barn Buggers at Leo Feldman Gallery. I'm not really sure, I'll have to check my records. CB: I think She-Male Trouble was first.

MF: Maybe. I was doing a lot of strange stuff. A guy I worked with was renting porno tapes to his fellow workers. It was usually straight, heterosexual porn. But then one day he tossed the she-male thing in there. I'd never seen anything like it. It wasn't even about sex. It was some strange operation shit. It came right out of left field. I realized that up until then I was being pretty vanilla. So I explored some gender-bender type paintings.

CB: It was men with beards with guns and platform shoes.

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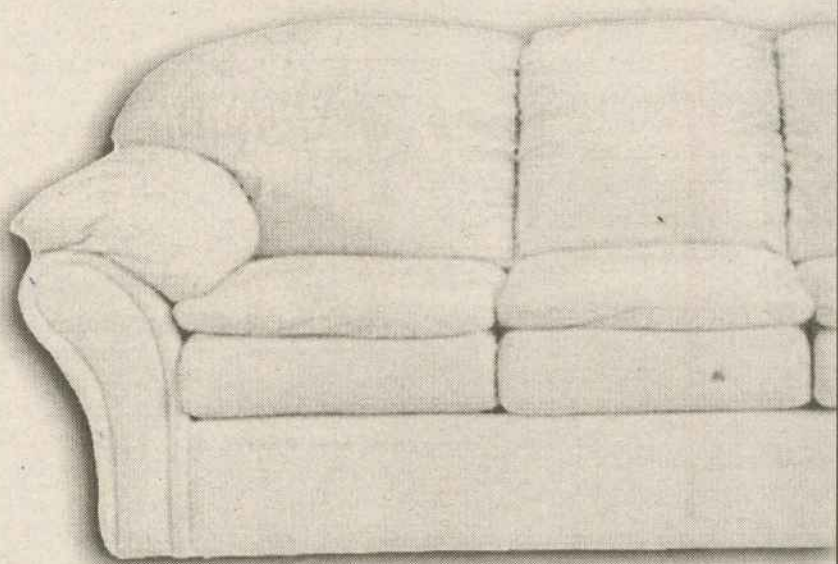
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Madison Rep to Open Season With Song

Madison — Madison Repertory Theater opens its 1999/2000 season with *A ... My Name Will Always Be Alice*, a musical revue that celebrates the pleasures and frustrations of growing up female. Opening night is Friday, July 23, at the Madison Civic Center's Isthmus Playhouse. The play has a six-week run of 35 performances and closes on Saturday, August 28, 1999.

The show evokes an overview of women's lives in the '80s and the first half of the '90s, as told by some of today's funniest and best writers. The revue is a combination of the 1984 award winning Broadway musical revue, "A ... My Name Will Always Be Alice," and its 1992 sequel, "A ... My Name Is Still Alice," conceived and directed by Joan Micklin and Julianna Boyd.

Madison Rep first presented this revue in 1987, and it quickly became the most

popular show in its history. When Madison audiences first met Alice, she was married to Albert and sold apples in Alabama. Happily, she is doing all right, having survived the 90s with enough humor and insight to amuse and enlighten us again. Torch songs and ballads alternate with hilarious moments of truth. In "Painted Ladies," women in famous artworks come to life, including Mona Lisa, who explains her mysterious smile.

Cast members Collen Burns, Laurie Birmingham and Carrie Hitchcock have appeared in the Rep's previous productions. Making their Rep debuts are Robyn Payne and Sarah Sokolovich. The show will be under the guidance of director/choreographer Pam Kriger. Jack Forbes Wilson is the musical director.

Tickets are \$25 for Friday and Saturday performances and \$20 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances. There will be a reception following the opening night performance at Deb & Lola's at 227 State St. Audience Talkbacks are scheduled to follow the 1:30 p.m. performance on July 25 and the 7:30 p.m. performance on Aug. 4. Tickets for a sign-interpreted performance on Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m. are available. For more information call (608) 266-9055.

MIAD Teams Up with Hotel Milwaukee

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) has just formed a partnership with *Hotel Milwaukee*, a musical/variety program on Wisconsin Public Radio. The partnership coincides with the beginning of MIAD's Silver Anniversary celebration and *Hotel Milwaukee's* pilot taping for National Public Radio (NPR) on July 25. A reception and raffle will be held with the taping, beginning at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 25 at the Astor St. Grand Ballroom, 924 E. Juneau Ave.

"The partnership will benefit both *Hotel Milwaukee* and MIAD through shared resources and connections throughout the state," explained MIAD President Terry Coffman. *Hotel Milwaukee* highlights Milwaukee's artistic talent and personalities that make it unique. Now, the show will also highlight MIAD's events, exhibitions and programs, and the talents of its faculty and students."

Based on the strength of a programming submission, NPR expressed interest in a pilot episode for possible syndication. NPR requested a holiday-themed show to be aired between Thanksgiving and Christmas across the country. The Berkely Fudge Jazz Quintet with Adekola Adedapo, classical accordionist Stas Venglevski, the Bach Babes from the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and others will perform on the show, along with historian John Gurda and a cast of regulars.

Hotel Milwaukee, "an old-time radio program with a '90s twist," airs in the nine stations of the Wisconsin Public Radio network. The show presents a fascinating range of musicians, poets, authors, excerpts from plays and musicals, comedy skits and vignettes of Milwaukee's past. The radio show, directed by Pam Percy, is taped in front of a live audience on Sundays and airs on Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4 and 10 p.m. Admission to the live taping is \$15 with advanced reservations or \$20 at the door. For more information call Pam Percy at (414) 276-7889, ext. 009.

WPCA Presents 'Four Voices'

Milwaukee — Walker's Point Center for the Arts (WPCA) proudly presents *Four Voices*, a Latino performance series offered July through October, 1999. Four nationally acclaimed performance artists will interpret their experience of Latino life and culture in WPCA's theater space at 911 W. National Ave. in the heart of Walker's Point.

On July 2 and 3, Beto Araiza performs "H.I.Vato," chronicling his perspective as an HIV positive Mexican-American coping with profound cultural prejudices. On Aug. 6 and 7, Jose Torres Tama presents his NEA award-winning performance of "CasinoAmerica\$," commenting on the effect of legalized gambling on the Latino culture. He will also direct a performance piece developed collaboratively in a two-week community residency with local youth.

On Sept. 17 and 18, humorist and cello player Maria Elena Gaitan offers her multimedia satire "The Adventures of Connie Chancia," addressing stereotypes, racism and hatred toward Mexican immigrants through humor, music and biting commentary. Her performance is dedicated to the memory of

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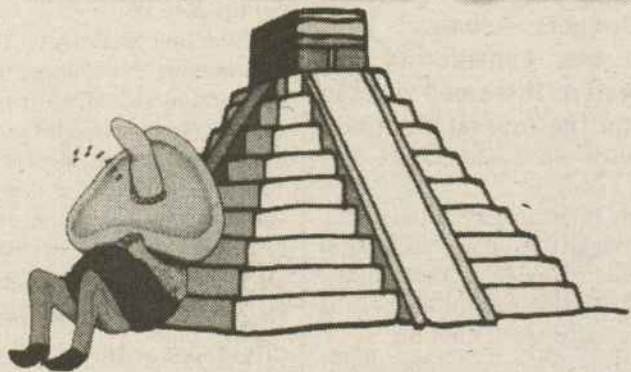
Cesar Chavez. On Oct. 15 and 16, Adrian Villegas critiques contemporary cultural attitudes with his one-man comedy "Six Mexicans Named Gonzalez: A Comedy of Ethnic Proportions," a whirlwind tour of six stories of lives and experiences overlooked by mainstream media.

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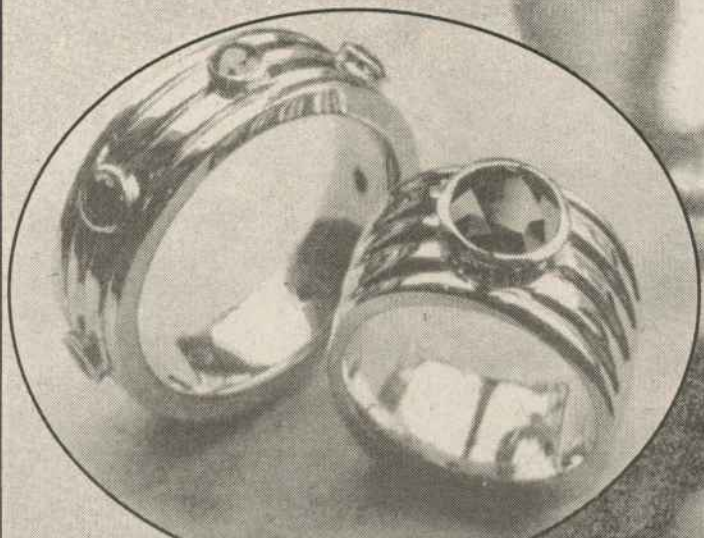
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MF: The paintings weren't just about cross dressing. They were also about crossing over to violence. Or the perceived threat of violence.

CB: A Soldier of Fortune type thing was the thread. Women in bikinis with bazookas. Men with beards in bikinis with platform shoes and bazookas.

IN Step: I remember James Auer wrote a nice article on Matt's Barn Buggers show. That surprised me, considering the subject matter. It seemed way too extreme for the Journal/Sentinel.

CB: That was a good opening. We served big stir-fried sausages..

MF: It really stimulated all of the senses. The Barn Buggers show was about how people mythified living in the country. They think it's this cleaned-up Martha Stewart type existence. It's not that at all. There's all sorts of perversions on all different levels. Drugs, alcohol, sex, incest...

CB: Crystal Meth.

MF: Drunk driving is just rampant in the country. When I get out in these small communities and ride my motorcycle around I've really got to watch out. It's much more dangerous to live in the country than to live in the city.

CB: We're definitely outside of consensus mentality. There's all these people doing poetry slam stuff here in this city and I choose NOT to TALK like THAT when I do POETRY. You know what I'm imitating. That codified sort of presentation that is so pretentious. But it puts me on the outside, like Finky. Finky's outside the academia. They don't know how to digest him. They need special enzymes injected into their brains to know how to digest FINK!

IN Step: Tell me about your last performance at Survival Revival.

CB: My last performance was a historical fantasy. It took place in 13th-century France. A nobleman who is very decadent is dabbling in the dark arts. He brings a wooden doll to life, and engages in sexual intercourse with the wooden doll.

I had a lot of fun doing it. I tried to do things with the narration like interior rhyme. I played with the historical flavor by reading from a long scroll. There was a lot of smoke to soften things. It wasn't hard-edged. It wasn't like "here's the beaver shot". There was nudity and sex, but I also think it had a sort of sonnet feel.

I like to read things like Jack London, Ayn Rand, Herman Hesse. Strong, passionate writers. I read a lot of young writers. People who are somewhat porny. But it has to be literary. It just can't be page after page of bonking. That gets old really fast. I mean, how many different ways can you say "burthole"?

IN Step: I understand Matt's been selling in New York?

MF: I'm in a summer show that runs July 15th through the better part of Septem-

ber. Then I'm having a solo show opening October 31st. Both are at the same gallery, the Margaret Bodel Gallery. It's located at 13 East Seventh St.. One block south of St. Mark's in the East Village.

CB: Yeah, so if you happen to be shopping at Religious Sex, you just head south.

IN Step: I know where Religious Sex is.

CB: It's such a great store! You got your medieval, your rubber, your collars. You have your goth factor. It's all covered right there.

MF: I've been working on a new series of paintings where I've been putting people's heads on insect bodies. It's the way I see a lot of these marginal people who live on the edge. They're almost like insects. That's the way they're treated. They kill and dispose of one another and no one cares. That's what I'm trying to convey.

IN Step: I like the backgrounds to those paintings. The really twisted cityscapes with the overabundance of McDonald's golden arches.

MF: It's my way of knocking them down. You can't drive down the street these days without seeing cheap franchise architecture. It's so offensive. Old people work in these places for minimum pay and no benefits. It's intrinsically evil. I only use franchise food joints to go to the bathroom. That's all they're good for.

These places are all engineered to lessen your sense of community and get you to buy into the huge corporate monopolies. Just drive down South 27th Street. It's a visual nightmare. But people don't care. People are so brainwashed they think they have no other choice. They go home and turn on the TV.

IN Step: What did the two of you think of the whole Columbine thing?

CB: I was afraid of the whole media aftermath. I was afraid of the misperceptions of people in their forties. Can they even understand how kids feel today? Everybody's looking for the whys and wherefores. Hey, I remember high school. I know what it's like to be an outsider. If you have access to firearms, well, tempers rage...

MF: High school toughens you up though. Yeah, people are mean in high school. They're mean in the real world too. The trouble is, you don't know who has a gun anymore.

IN Step: You seem like you could have been a bully in high school. Were you a bully?

MF: No. But I was always hustling. I was always working hard. I have dreams. I have ambitions. I don't want to be just some loser sitting at a corner bar. I want to be big! I want to be huge!

CB: The pinnacle! The zenith! The absolute elite!

MF: I'll never quit, either! I can get up earlier than you! I can work harder than you! I can have more fun than you! I know how to do it, so you better watch out! ▼

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ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, July 1

JAZZ in the Park - Outdoor Summer Concert Series (Milwaukee): This weekly event is held in Cathedral Square Park in the heart of East Town. Tonight: **BILL BONIFAS QUARTET** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bring a picnic blanket or grab a table and set up a feast. Food and beverages are also available. FMI call (414) 271-1416.

SUMMERFEST - Party of the Century (Milwaukee): America's biggest outdoor music festival continues through 7/4 on the Summerfest Grounds of Meier Festival Park. Don't miss the fireworks tonight. FMI call (800) 272-FEST or visit their web site at www.summerfest.com.

Friday, July 2

LAMM - Softball Game (Milwaukee): The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee is playing games weekly at WICK FIELD #4 at 6, 7, 8, & 9 p.m.. If you want to play, contact Monica at (414) 860-1829.

Saturday, July 3

East Town Farmers Market (Milwaukee) Flowers, vegetables, homemade bakery and more! This happens every Saturday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Cathedral Square Park. Milwaukee's best and brightest jazz artists will highlight the morning while you shop. The outdoor market runs through Oct. 5.

Firstar Fireworks & Air Show - Veterans Park Lakefront (Milwaukee) Join the crowds at Milwaukee's Lakefront at Veteran's Park for the Air Shows during the day and early evening and the fireworks will erupt around 10:30 p.m.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Annual Rhythms & Brooms Potluck (Madison, WI): It all starts at 4 p.m. at 4701 Judy Lane. Hamburgers and brats will be provided; you bring side dishes and dessert. Watch the fireworks on the lawn of either the Lutheran Church or the Department of Human Services. Finish up at Matt's home dessert and party till...FMI: (608) 241-2500. The Rain Date is July 4.

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

Integrity/Dignity - Fireworks & Party (Madison, WI): Integrity/Dignity will have an all-night party at Tony & Rod's. Bring a desert to the afternoon picnic. Food is served at 5 p.m. Watch the fireworks in Warner Park and come back to the party. FMI call (608) 836-8886.

Tuesday, July 6

The Great Circus Parade Week - Veteran's Park Circus/Wagon Exhibit (Milwaukee): The Royal Hanneford Circus will perform and all the antique circus wagons will be on display through 7/10. Admission and most events are free of charge.

Wednesday, July 7

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Concert on the Square (Madison, WI): Join the guys at 7 p.m. Buy and/or bring potluck goodies for a picnic. Meet at the end of Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, on the grass on Capitol Green Commons. Bring a blanket. Candlesticks are optional.

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison, WI): At 7 p.m. there will be Beginning Line Dancing with John

C. At 8 p.m. there will be Two Step lessons with Kris. From 9 p.m. to close there will be Open Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. in the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. Everyone is welcome. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

Making One Madison - Final Meeting (Madison, WI): This is the last MADISON PRIDE Planning Meeting before the event; @ Fyfe's Corner Bistro, 1344 East Washington Ave. at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 8

Bastille Days - French Festival (Milwaukee): M&I's Storm The Bastille 5K Run 2-mile Walk will take place today at 9 p.m. starting at N. Jackson St. and Kilbourn Ave. Bastille Days will run through 7/11 at Cathedral Square Park with (mostly) French music and food. FMI Call (414) 271-1416.

Greek Fest - (Milwaukee): Greek food prepared on open spits, live music, ethnic dancing and carnival rides. Don't miss a chance to see the Frank Lloyd Wright Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church at 9400 W. Congress. Also on 7/9.

Friday, July 9

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison, WI): At 8 p.m. there will be Line Dance lessons with Sharon or Bill. From 9 p.m. to close there will be Open Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. in the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. Everyone is welcome. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

SAGE/Milwaukee - Game night (Milwaukee): Senior Action in a Gay Environment is open to all ages but has a special outreach to older gays and lesbians. Men and women play Sheephead, cards and other games in Room b at 6:30 p.m. Sheephead lessons are available. FMI call (44) 271-2656.

South Shore Water Frolics - South Shore Park (Bay View, WI): The annual festival begins with a traditional Friday Fish Fry and continues with a mini-carnival, music, food, fireworks, arts & crafts and a parade.

Saturday, July 10

Rainbow Over Wisconsin - Pride Picnic (Hilbert, WI): An all-day picnic will be held at the Al Kamke Farm, N8287 Hwy. 57 (near the intersection of Hwy. 10 & 57 at Forest Junction). Games, food, beer & soda, vendors and information booths will be available from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. FMI call Ken R. at (920) 565-3443.

Sunday, July 11

Great Circus Parade - Downtown (Milwaukee): The circus parade with 50 antique circus wagons, wild animals and marching bands will leave the lakefront grounds at 2 p.m. and wend its way through downtown Milwaukee. FMI call Circus World Museum at (608) 356-8341.

Monday, July 12

AIDS Ride 4 - (Twin Cities - Wisconsin - Chicago): AIDS Ride 4 Opening Ceremony, Convention Center, Minneapolis. Riders arrive in Chicago 17 July. FMI contact Cristal Mendlen (888) 743-3947, x18.

Wednesday, July 14

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison, WI): At 7 p.m. there will be Line Dance lessons with Bill or Ron. At 8 p.m. there will be Folk Dance lessons with Dee. From

9 p.m. to close there will be Open Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. in the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. Everyone is welcome. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

Milwaukee Historical Society - Twilight Cruise (Milwaukee) Gary Grunau of the Milwaukee River District will discuss the recent development of the MILWAUKEE RIVER-WALK at 7 p.m. during a cruise on the Edelweiss II. FMI and admission call (414) 273-8288.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

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

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$2, Beer Bust \$1, Tap beer 50¢.

Club 5/Planet Q/The Barracks (Madison, WI) Sunday Miller Lite Beer Bash from 3 to 8 p.m. Power Hour from 8 to 9 p.m. Doubles for \$1 more up to \$3.25 regular drinks. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Live Drag & Male Strippers. Patio open in June.

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

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

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

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI):

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Underwear Night! \$1 off all alcoholic beverages for those in their underwear. DJ Eddie.

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 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

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): Beer Bust (tap beer \$6) 3 to 8 p.m. \$8 rail mixers, \$10 call mixers, \$2 dbl. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers all night.

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

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.30. Tap beer 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rail drinks \$1.80 6 p.m. to closing.

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust! Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers are \$2 from 2 to 6 p.m.

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

Mondays:

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

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

Club 5/Planet Q/The Barracks (Madison, WI) 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50 all night. All other drinks \$1 off. Power Hour from 8 to 9 p.m. Doubles for \$1 more up to \$3.25 regular drinks. Shots of Hot Sex Sor Pucker are \$1.50. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Patio open in June.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Margarita Mondays! \$2 - 8 p.m. to midnight.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed until March 1999.

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

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

The Klostet (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. After 7 p.m. It's Guy's Night Out! \$1.75 well drinks, \$2.25 call drinks, \$1 Special Ex, and 50¢ Pabst on tap.

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

Man's Country (Chicago): Half-Price Night. Rooms \$10, Lockers \$7.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 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, WI): \$3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.80. 9 p.m. to close.

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m. Barkeeps drink cheap to 2 a.m.

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

Tuesdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50 and under, plus Spin the Happy Hour Wheel to win beer bash, free drinks, fish fry & more. Customer Appreciation Day. Free taps of Lite from 8 to 9 p.m., plus all rail drinks & domestic bottles are only \$1. 9 p.m. taps of Lite, domestic bottles of beer & rail drinks are \$1.25. Price goes up 25 cents every half hour until 11 p.m. From then to close taps of Lite, rails & domestic bottles are \$2. Shots of Pucker & Hot Sex are \$1 from 8 p.m. to close. Dancing & DJ at 10 p.m.

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

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Jesse Green is an award-winning journalist and a regular contributor to *The New York Times Magazine*, among many other publications. He lives in New York with his partner, Andy, who made his own journey through the "hedonistic eighties" and finally realized that he wanted to have a child and become a father. Green, on the other hand had decided to become an adult without a child. This is their journey together to become good parents in a society whose reactions to unconventional families were both funny and frightening. (Random House, ISBN: 0-375-50164-9, USA \$23.95, Can \$36.95 HC)

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edited by Charles Michael Smith

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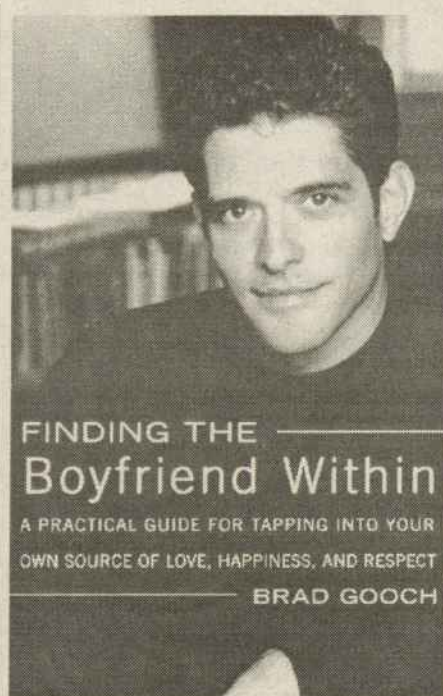
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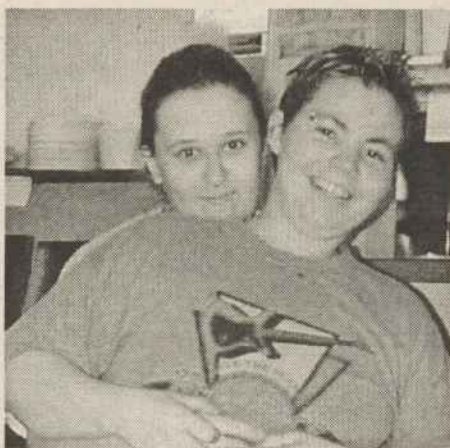
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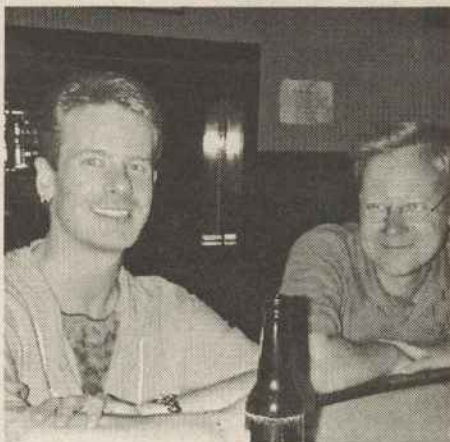
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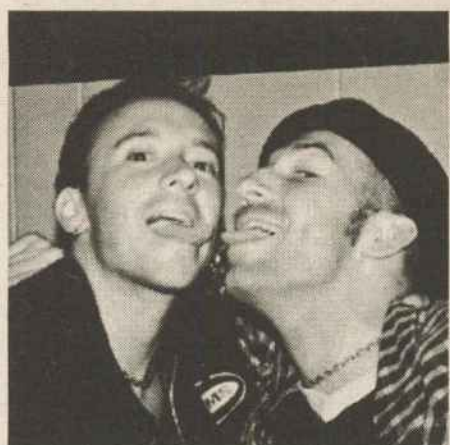
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Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leather/Levy Night. Well-drinks & draft beer \$1. Dress Code Enforced. Pit open.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison) 2-4-1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. on all drinks \$3.25. Rail drinks & domestic beers are \$1 @ 8 p.m., \$1.25 @ 8:30 p.m., \$1.50 @ 9 p.m., \$1.75 @ 9:30 p.m. and \$2 from 10 p.m. to close. Shots of Hot Sex or Pucker are \$1.50. Power Hour from 8 to 9 p.m. Doubles for \$1 more up to \$3.25 regular drinks. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Patio open in June.

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

Dish (Milwaukee): Closed

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): \$6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite.

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

Kirby's Klub (Madison, WI): Every Tuesday is Fetish Night! Shaved, Leather, Wet N' Wild, Flesh, Latex, Master & Servant. \$50 prize for best Fetish Outfit. If you wear a fetish outfit prices are \$2 rails, \$1.50 taps.

The Kloset (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. \$1 shots (Liqueur or Schnapps) and 75¢ taps. Starting at 8 p.m. Karaoke with Pam!

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Levi/Leather. Open 8 p.m. Free Pool, \$5 pitchers.

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 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

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): Progressive Night! 9 p.m. through close. \$1 rail mixers, 50¢ mugs of beer. Price goes up 25¢ every half-hour to closing.

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$2.90 top-shelf, \$1.80 rail drinks from 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Bud Products \$1.50.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire, WI): 2 for \$2. Domestic bottles and rail mixes all night.

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m. FREE Bountiful Buffet!

Wednesdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 8 p.m. to close pints of \$2. Rail drinks 50¢ off. Shots of Cuervo or Deers \$1.50

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 8 p.m. on drinks up to \$3.25. 50¢ off all taps & rails. Cuervo & Dr. \$1.50 Karaoke from 8 to 11 p.m. Power Hour from 8 to 9 p.m. Doubles for \$1 more up to \$3.25 regular drinks. Shots of Hot Sex or Pucker are \$1.50. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Patio open in June.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Kloset (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4

through 7 p.m. \$5 Beer Bash! DJ spinning the hits starting at 9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 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, WI): 2 for \$2 domestic bottles and rail mixers. 9 p.m. to closing.

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

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Tap beer Special Export 80¢ a glass.. 9 p.m. to closing.

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m. Dart Tournament 7:30 p.m.

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

Thursdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour plus the Happy Hour wheel from 4 to 8 p.m. After 8 p.m. All whiskey drinks (rail, Jim Beam, Jack Daniels etc.) are 50¢ off. Pitchers of Lite \$4 for small & \$5 for large. Shots of Doctor \$2.

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.25. Frozen cocktails \$3. Pitchers of Lite \$5. Will & Grace Night: \$1 off Martinis during the show. Power Hour from 8 to 9 p.m. Doubles for \$1 more up to \$3.25 regular drinks. Shots of Hot Sex or Pucker are \$1.50. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Patio open in June.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$3 Weiss Beers Collection (selection varies).

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$1.80 rail drinks 9 p.m. to close.

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

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m. Specialty Beers \$1.50.

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

Fridays:

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

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

Cell Block (Chicago): Fetish Night! Check your Monthly Planner. \$100 drawings. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Club Night. Chicago's Leather and S&M Clubs welcome. Pit open.

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

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

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Envelope Night! WIN \$\$\$cash & prizes. DJ at 10 p.m. with the best of the 70s, 80s & 90s.

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): 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 (Milwaukee): Pull tabs! 5 to 7 p.m.

The Kloset (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. DJ spinning the hits starting at 8 p.m. \$1.50 bottles and \$1 shots (Liquor and Schnapps).

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Fetish Nite! 50¢ off all beverages for those who are Fetish dressed from 10 p.m. to close. 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8pm to 10pm. The Shaft Bar opens at 10 p.m. Dress Code enforced. DJ Eddie.

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Fish Fry 4 to 7 p.m. Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close: 50¢ off all drinks with card. Friday Fetish Night!

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Cocktail hour from 2 to 9 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres.

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

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m. Come Down & Harass Us!

Saturdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): Levi/Leather/Uniform Night! 50¢ off every drink for proper L/L/Uniform attire. 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all drinks over \$3.50, plus spin the Happy Hour Wheel from 4 to 8 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago, IL): Open at 2 p.m. Saturday Night Riot 'til 3 a.m. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Freddie Bane DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Drawings for Eagle Leather all night. Pit open.

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

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

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): 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.



Dishing it Out. Photo by Jamie @ Dish

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. DJ Eddie!

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 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, WI): All chilled shots only \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m. DJ & dancing starting at 11 p.m.

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

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): Open at 2 p.m. Softball Crazy Day. Help Celebrate our Wins!

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, July 1

LoCage -- HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Friday, July 2

Dunes Resort (Saugatuck, MI): Douglas Dune is under new management and has a new name. The pool is open every day. No cover before 10 p.m. DJ Chris Racine spins. There are strippers every Friday beginning at 11 p.m. FMI call (616) 857-1401.

Saturday, July 3

Dunes Resort - Fourth of July Weekend (Saugatuck, MI): Douglas Dune is under new management and has a new name. The pool is open. Slushy Specials from 4 to 6 p.m. on the deck. There will be a Tea Dance from 4 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. DJ Chris Racine spins. Fred & Amy entertain in the Cabaret. Sunday too! FMI call (616) 857-1401.

Friday, July 9

Dunes Resort - Cabaret Entertainment (Saugatuck, MI): Douglas Dune is under new management and has a new name. No cover before 10 p.m. DJ Chris Racine spins. Strippers at 11 p.m. Becky Menzie entertains in the Cabaret. Saturday too! FMI call (616) 857-1401.

Saturday, July 10

South Water Street Docks - Fund-Raiser (Milwaukee) Best Buns Contest. Possum Queen fund-raiser for Miss Ain't B. Forgotten 10 p.m. to Midnight.

Sunday, July 11

Boot Camp Saloon - Cook Out & Possum Queen Benefit (Milwaukee): There is a benefit at 3 p.m. for MISS AIN'T B. FORGOTTEN, the Boot Camp's Possum Queen Candidate. Beer Bust, Brats, Hot Dogs, Carnival Games & an Auction. FMI call (414) 643-6900.

Dunes Resort - Cabaret Entertainment (Saugatuck, MI): Douglas Dune is under new management and has a new name. There will be a Tea Dance from 4 to 9 p.m. DJ Chris Racine spins. Fred & Amy entertain in the Cabaret. FMI call (616) 857-1401.

South Water Street Docks - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

Thursday, July 1

LGBT Community Center - Book Club (Milwaukee): The Center Book Club meets at 6:30PM in Room B. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Friday, July 9

Afterwards Bookstore - Afterwards Celebrates 6th Anniversary (Milwaukee): Sales, Specials & Surprises. FMI call (414) 963-9089 or check the web site at www.afterwards.com.

Monday, July 12

Afterwards Bookstore - Afterwards Book Club (Milwaukee): The Club discusses Michael Cunningham's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, THE HOURS at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-9089 or check the web site at www.afterwards.com.

Wednesday, July 14

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Brookfield, WI): Elizabeth Berg will read from her latest novel UNTIL THE REAL THING COMES ALONG at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 797-6140

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:



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Thursday, July 1

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, WI): 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, WI): 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, WI): 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 Self-Help Group - Monthly meeting (Baraboo, WI): 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 & location call (608) 643-7241 or (608) 643-7583.

LGBT Community Center - HIV Tests and STD Screening (Milwaukee): These testing/screening services are available weekly at the BESTD office in the Community Center from 5 to 7:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656 or (414) 272-2144.

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian Singles Discussion Group (Milwaukee): The meeting is at 7 p.m. and is open to all lesbians for ongoing discussion about unique challenges and rewards of being single. FMI call Pat Walsh (414) 329-8404.

South Madison Health & Family Ctr. (Madison, WI): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located 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 Thursday at 8 p.m. FMI call (319) 583-1834.

Women's Consciousness Raising Group (Madison, WI): 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 to 8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI call (815) 636-7298.

Friday, July 2

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.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Happy Hour (Madison, WI): Meet at the Shamrock Bar every Friday night around 6 p.m. for drinks and maybe a bite to eat afterwards.

High Tea & Talk - Senior Men's Group (Madison, WI): High Tea & Talk is an organization-free (no long associated with SAGE/Dane) opportunity for senior men, and their friends of all ages, who enjoy the company of other men on Friday afternoons. The group meets at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 2089 Atwood Ave., from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and is wheelchair accessible.

LGBT Community Center - Coffee Chat (Milwaukee): The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin sponsors a youth chat from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room A. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

MGLO & MGLPO - Red Light Night (Marshfield, WI): Come every Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to Marshfield's #1 spot at 130 S. Central Ave., above the Thimbleberry Bookstore. Come and meet local LGBT people, enjoy Videos and Dancing. Everyone is welcome to attend. Carry-in Alcohol accepted. FMI call Jim (715) 384-6731 or Vic (715) 387-2068.

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

SAGE/Milwaukee - Co-Ed Discussion Group (Milwaukee): Senior Action in a Gay Environment is open to all ages, but has a special outreach to older gays and lesbians. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. in Room B. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, July 3

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

Bi Definition - Meeting (Milwaukee): Bi Definition meets at 6:00 p.m. in Room A, at the LGBT Community Center. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

GLB AA - Open Meeting (Madison, WI): This meeting takes place every Saturday at 6 p.m. at OutReach, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

Gay Men's Singles Club - Monthly Party (Madison, WI): This monthly party for single men seeking long term relationships takes place at 7 p.m. There is a pot-luck, so bring something to pass. They will plan summer activities. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

Gay Youth Milwaukee - (Milwaukee): This youth group meets every Friday & Saturday in a safe space. FMI visit their web site or e-mail gayouthmil@aol.com

Northland Gay Men's Center - Social Night (Duluth, MN): Meets every Saturday. Activities include games, videos and other social events from



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6 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

Sunday, July 4

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

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

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church - Worship Service (Madison, WI): Services are from 10 to 11 a.m. at 2146 E. Johnson St. FMI call (608) 242-8887.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, July 5

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton, WI): 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 call Irene (920) 722-7572, Bernie (920) 982-0220, or Harriet (920) 749-1629.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Rap Group (Madison, WI): Join the group at 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 600 Williamson St. in the Gateway Building. FMI call (608) 255-4297.

GLBT Youth Pride Support Group - New Meeting (Green Bay, WI): 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 call (920) 437-4325.

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 6

Boyz Nite - ARCW - (Milwaukee): The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Assemble Safer Sex kits and other prevention materials. It's a place to hang out with other gay men and just dish. Movie night is on the first Tuesday of each month. All ages welcome. FMI call Chris (414) 225-1556 or Andy (414) 225-1502.

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

LGBT Campus Center - Youth Group (Madison, WI): The group meets weekly from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. The under-21 support group is for all Madison lesbian, gay and bisexual youth, whether in college or not. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

LGBT Campus Center - Young Feminists' Task Force (Madison, WI): This group meets weekly at the Center at 8:30 p.m. on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

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



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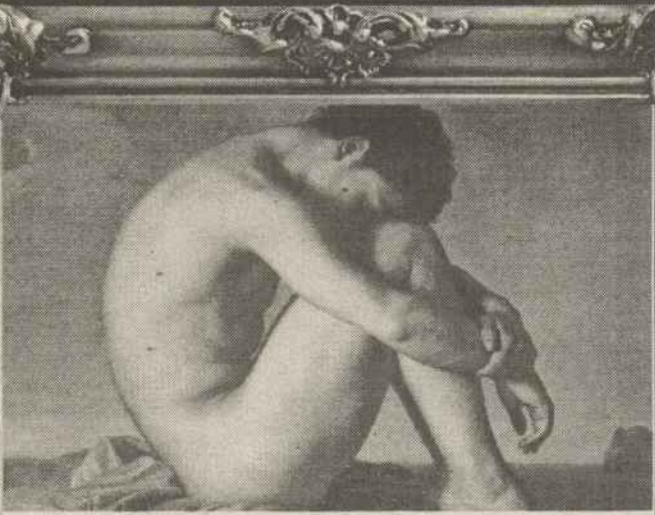
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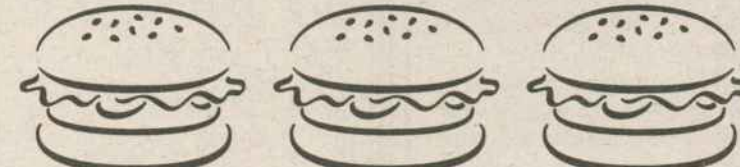
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Mom Charges Lesbian Menace on Women's Tennis Tour

by Keith Clark
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London — Alexandra and Samantha Stevenson are proving to be a stunning team at Wimbledon this year, with Alexandra playing some intriguing tennis on court and her mother, Samantha, threatening to take the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) to court and charging rampant racism and licentious lesbianism everywhere.

Samantha Stevenson is a noted sports-writer who now works for the *New York Times*. When the WTA said it would refuse to award any Wimbledon prize money to Alexandra after the 18-year-old tennis newcomer declared she was turning pro, Samantha bristled and threatened to sue.

But what really grabbed tabloid headlines were charges by Samantha that racism was rampant on the tour and that a lavender red herring in the sport's locker room represents an unhealthy atmosphere for young women like her daughter.

When the tournament got started earlier in June, Alexandra Stevenson was an 18-year-old out of San Diego, Calif., who got into the Wimbledon draw as a qualifier. She was the kind of player that might have drawn little attention outside her hometown. But after defeating Olga Barabanschikova in the second round, she turned into something of a media darling and excitedly announced that she would bypass college and instead turn pro.

The Stevensons say they did everything by the rule book in notifying the WTA of their intentions, but the WTA says there was no official notification and that Alexandra was therefore disqualified for any prize money from the tournament. "We'll fight this in court because the WTA is dead wrong," Samantha growled.

But all that faded into the background after Alexandra's third-round victory over Julie Halard-Decugis and Samantha charged that her daughter was the object of racism at Wimbledon — an accusation that tennis at all levels is particularly vulnerable to. After all, it was only a little more than 40 years ago that Althea Gibson became the first black person to win Wimbledon. And while Arthur Ashe became one of the best-known names in tennis and now Venus and Serena Williams are almost reinventing women's tennis, at any given moment there are still very few black players.

Making no connection, however, between nasty comments she says people made to her while her daughter was playing and her own remarks, Samantha went on to say, "It's an absolute jungle out

there, a big, bad place that just isn't a normal life for a young girl. The biggest threat to girls of her age are the other girls on the tour."

She charged that there was something of a lesbian menace in the locker rooms saying, "You want your daughter to grow up like a woman, but some girls don't want that. I never leave her alone for a minute. When she goes in the locker room, she looks for me. I'm not going to let anything happen to her because girls can be led down the wrong path."

What Samantha Stevenson didn't do, however, was cite anything specific to explain her near-panic concerns and Wimbledon officials said she had made no complaint to them about anything untoward.

Bart McGuire, CEO of the women's tour, said, "The WTA tour is made up of players from a myriad of ethnic, cultural and racial backgrounds. We pride ourselves on our diversity, openness and competitive spirit. That being said, we are disappointed that their assertions have been made to the press and not the tour. If any

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assertions are presented to the tour, we will look into them."

WTA insiders said the Stevensons' complaints sounded very much like "sour grapes" after Alexandra was disqualified from prize money when she announced going pro. Acknowledging that there are doubtless people who harbor racist attitudes in the stands at Wimbledon — just as there probably are at any major sporting event — sources said there was little the WTA could do about it if neither of the women would provide them with specifics.

As for lesbians in the locker room, some WTA insiders said Samantha Stevenson's remarks "smacked of sheer homophobia" adding, "She may be uncomfortable because there are lesbians on the tour — and nobody with a clue has ever thought there weren't — but that hardly means these athletes are pouncing on each other in the changing rooms and showers. Get real."

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A Feather Duster for Dusting?

by Jamie



Phase four or five or whatever phase we have hit on this house has been completed. The back bedroom which has served its purpose as a storage room for the past couple of years is now, paneling free. All the stuff that had been stored back there has found a new place or has been thrown out.

Josh ripped the paneling out a few weeks back, and since then we have been prepping the room for a fresh coat of paint. As you know, it's hard for me to throw on a coat of paint and leave it at that. This time we used a \$1.99 feather duster to apply the second and third colors to the walls. It looks fabulous. Yes, we watch **Christopher Lowell** (by the way, great interview in the last issue of **IN Step**). The back bedroom is a bit larger than the one we were in, so we moved back there. It's so cool having a new part of the house. It also allows us more space for all of our stuff. The house actually looks like a normal house again.

Josh is much better at arranging things than I am and has done a great job on the place. When it was just me, I think I had five pictures on the walls and that was about it. Now there is some artsy stuff, some more pictures and prints that actually match the décor that warms the place up.

There is still paneling in the bedroom we were in so we will have to rip that out, give it a fresh coat of paint (of course something fabulous, maybe we'll use tin foil or something ... I wonder if a roll of

tin foil will fit in a paint roller?). That room will be our guest room/dressing room/office.

The final phase will involve removing the last of the paneling in the bathroom and the kitchen. Yeah ... a paneling free house! (I really hope paneling doesn't become popular again, 'cause this boy ain't ever gonna hang paneling on plaster walls!) This phase will have to start relatively soon 'cause the dishwasher partially blocks the door to our new bedroom. Yes the most expensive phase was saved for last and will probably take some time completing it. I just don't have a couple thousand dollars laying around for new fixtures and cabinets, so we'll buy them when we have a few extra bucks.

In between the painting and plastering, I managed to get out to a few events. **The Ed Sullivan Possum Queen Fund-raiser at M&M** was so much fun. **Charlotte Lorainne** came on stage in a nun's outfit and played guitar... or at least that's what it looked like. **Sage LaRue** came out as **Mama Cass**. One of the staffers brought out a sub sandwich at which point the crowd went nuts. Someone told me that if Mama Cass and Karen Carpenter shared that sandwich they would both still be alive. (I know, the story about Mama Cass and the sandwich isn't true.)

The Battle of the Drag Queens-Possum Queen Fund-raiser at Water Street Docks was also a big hit. I got there a little late but managed to get a few pictures. Some of the entertainment didn't show up, so the show didn't last as long as they expected, but I'm told the show was a success. **The Mexican Fiesta Patio Party at Boot Camp** brought in lots of **Possum Queen** cash as well. Si had raffles, prize give-a-ways and a weeklong special on Margaritas. Happy



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The weather for **Fluid's** beach party was a bit chilly for people to show up in shorts, but that didn't stop people from showing up in some sort of beachwear. The party was so much fun... Bill brought out a hula-hoop which only one person could keep it going for more than 10 seconds. Even I tried but I was not very good at it. In any case, we all had a blast.

Specking of blast ... I recently discovered karaoke. Yes, I have seen it done before but was too chicken to actually do it. We were over at **Switch** on a Thursday when I was talked into doing it. I'm tellin ya, it was so much fun, and you will probably

find me over at **Switch** on Thursdays, waiting to terrorize the crown with my voice. Stop in and check it out.

Another place to check out is **Dish**. With the second floor of **Dish** now open for business, there is that much more room to play in. **Julia** has also added **Alternative Nights** on Fridays and Sundays. EVERYONE is welcome at **Dish** and if you're into great music and a great staff, **Dish** is the place.

That's about it for this issue. I hope you haven't spent your whole savings account at Summerfest. Remember, we have **PrideFest** in August, so save your pennies. Until next time, remember that feather dusters do more than just dust and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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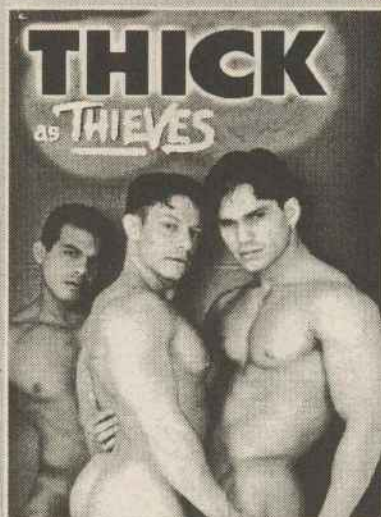
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South Park

I have to cover my ass here and state right off that I am not a prude. My favorite film of all-time is Richard Kern's 1987 *Submit To Me Now*, a Lower East Side NYC psychosexual Super 8 piece of trash that covers pube removal, penis mutilation and various other anti-social acts in under 20 minutes. Warhol's *Blow Job* is my fifth favorite film of all-time. I love all the John Waters films from *The Diane Linkletter Story* on (*Pink Flamingos* is my seventh favorite film of all-time) but couldn't stand *Pecker* because it was, well, prudish. I dig Otto Muehl's sick, sick, sick action loops from the early '70s including the duck-fucking one. *Nekromantik*, *The Wizard of Gore* and *The World's Most Disgusting Short Films* (starring the informative Box Ball) are all in my video library. I could go on, but I hope the above litany is sufficient enough to establish my non-prude credentials.

And now I can feel comfortable stating that I do not like *South Park*. Because the show gets shot at from all sorts of moral authorities, its defenders label anyone who doesn't like it a prude. Witness this invective from Film Threat's (sharp-shooting authorities themselves) Ron Wells: "If you don't generally find *South Park* funny, go watch *Notting Hill*, ya loser."

My distaste for Trey Parker's and Matt Stone's combustible creation has nothing to do with placing blame for Columbine much less a love for *Notting Hill*. I just find the swearing dull and unfunny. I can curse with the best of them ("sperm-burping gutter gash" is a long-time fave) but I wouldn't dream of fashioning a cartoon enterprise around that ability unless I were to situate in some sort of context. Maybe it's the fact that little kids utter "fuck" and "shit" that made it Comedy Central's biggest hit ever. But to my cheap thrills-prepped ears, the only context I can hear is swearing for swearing's sake which is just as lame as shocking for shocking's sake or weirdness for weirdness' sake.

There's a good deal of contextualization to the swearing in the new *South Park: Bigger, Longer, And Uncut*. Stan, Kyle, Kenny, and the fat kid sneak into an R-rated feature from their Canadian faves Terrence and Phillip. When they take T&P's toilet talk home, Kyle's mom, Sheila Broflovski, begins an anti-Canada crusade to rid America of this vice eventually leading to an all-out Canuck/Yankee War.

The obvious targets here are First Amendment enemies but I think Beavis and Butthead attacked them much more assiduously in that episode where they got the idea to electrocute themselves from a PBS special on Ben Franklin. And they did it without a heterosexual escape clause (Kyle, I think, performs his narrative duties for the love of a girl) and with an itchy streak of nihilism *South Park* couldn't hope to approximate.

And soon the swearing gets old just as quickly in its bigger, longer and uncut form although I should add that Terrence and Phillip come off as an almost post-verbal parody of *South Park*, the closest the film ever comes to Beavis and Butthead's bombed-out endgame. Thankfully, the film is saved somewhat because the dynamic duo deigned to turn it into a musical. As someone actively annoyed by the propensity of Broadway (and Disney) showtunesmiths to continually recycle century-old vaudeville clichés, I adored the film's dead-on piss-take on those very conventions. Not only that, most of the songs are as emotionally felt as Broadway (and Disney) showtunes at their too infrequent best.

So in the final analysis, if you think the show is funny, you'll think the movie is funny. If not, don't fret about missing it and stop your bucks at the Oriental for Tom Tykwer's *Run, Lola, Run*. Lola's boyfriend Manni loses

\$100,000 of drug money. If he doesn't present it in 20 minutes to the dealers, he dies. So Lola runs to get the money for him with three different outcomes in 80 minutes.

Even though I loved this German film, there's not much to say about it beyond the fact that if it's complete trash storywise, it's still one of the most stylistically radical films of the decade. Slow-motion photography, serpentine camera work and hilarious attention to incidental characters make *La Femme Nikita* seem like Little Nikita. It may be going too far to call it a *Petulia* (Richard Lester's 1968 masterpiece) for the '90s. But if Tykwer is our next Fassbinder, he's got a great Hanna Schygulla in Franka Potente. And the casino scene is as classic as any in cinema history.

—Kevin John

The General's Daughter

How could a sense of dread not accompany the knowledge that *The General's Daughter*, the latest John Travolta headliner, was directed by Simon West? Yes, this would be the same Simon West responsible for last summer's mindless, violent, testosterone-drenched *Con Air*.

Here West attempts less an action flick than a stab at a psychological thriller. *The General's Daughter*, based upon a Nelson DeMille best-seller, has an astonishingly convoluted plot filled with enough kinky sex, incest, rape, murder and conspiracy all neatly packaged in a top-level military scandal that seems stolen right off the pages of some disreputable supermarket tabloid.

Here's the story and it ain't pretty! Not long following the full-dress uniform retirement party for outgoing General (as well as Vice-Presidential wannabe) "Fightin' Joe" Campbell (James Cromwell), his pretty daughter Elisabeth (Leslie Stefanson) is found dead, naked and tied-up spread eagle on a Savannah, Ga. base.

Enter into the scene intrepid Warrant Officer Paul Brenner (John Travolta), mere moments after putting away a bad guy in the gosh-darn exciting action sequence that opens the film. Travolta's Brenner is the sort cocky, crumpled anti-hero Bogart played effortlessly is some of the best films of the forties. No such luck here.

Brenner is a hard-boiled sort of guy but takes this particular murder personal. Why? He had made the acquaintance of the general's daughter, ogling her as she fixed a flat tire for him! Now Brenner is the sort to work alone, and the appearance of his spunky ex-flame Sarah Sunhill (Madeleine Stowe) as his co-investigator he takes less well. Immediately Brenner finds time to crack wise at her expense while she forever pushes back the ever present, ever annoying wisps of hair that seems to plague Ms. Sunhill throughout the first half of the film.

A few scenes, particularly those in which Brenner confronts Col. Robert Moore (James Woods), positively crackle with excitement and intelligence, offering a tantalizing hint at just how good this film might have been. Instead, director's Simon West's meandering pace allows all but the most logically challenged in the audience to spot the countless holes in this preposterous narrative.

What is most disturbing is the film's positively juvenile approach. One can almost hear the filmmakers sniggering as each of Elisabeth's myriad of sexual peccadillos are trotted out seemingly for little reason. Nor are the excessive and brutal shots of the nude and writhing victim necessary.

Amidst this cinematic heterosexual male wet dream, it then comes as something as a miracle when a minor gay subplot is handled with an element of maturity.

—Carl M. Szatmari

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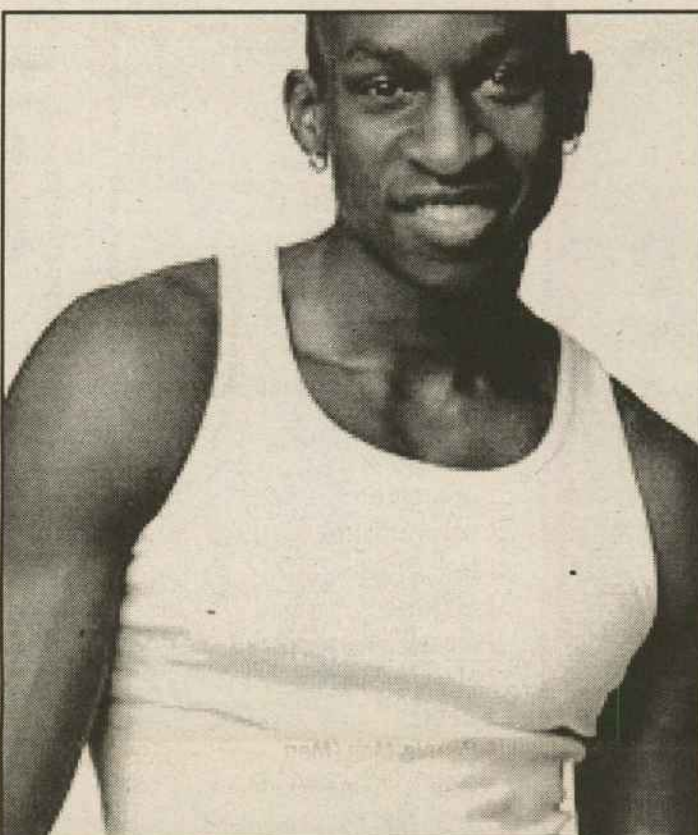
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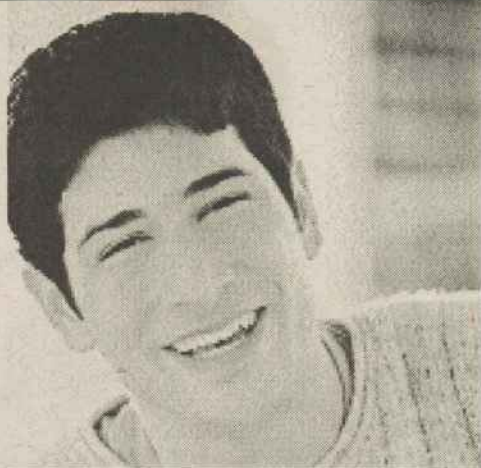
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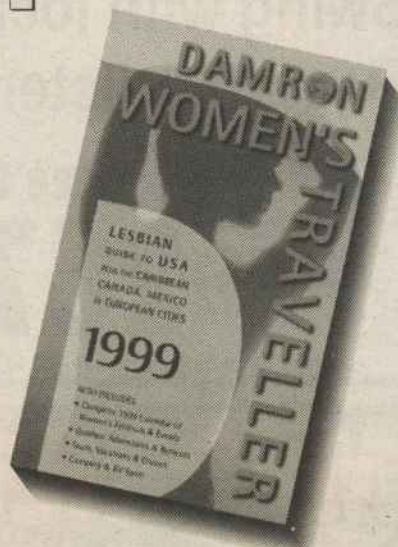
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4311 W. Vliet, 53208 342-4333
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Medical Center Specialties Clinic
945 N. 12, 53233 219-7908
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(Nursing Care)
10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226 259-4664
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3251 N. Holton, 53212 264-8800

BARS

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196 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-7474
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5 Club 219 (MW, DJ, V)
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4 Dish (Wm, DJ)
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6 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F)
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300 W. Juneau Ave., 53203 273-6900
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29 South Water Street Docks

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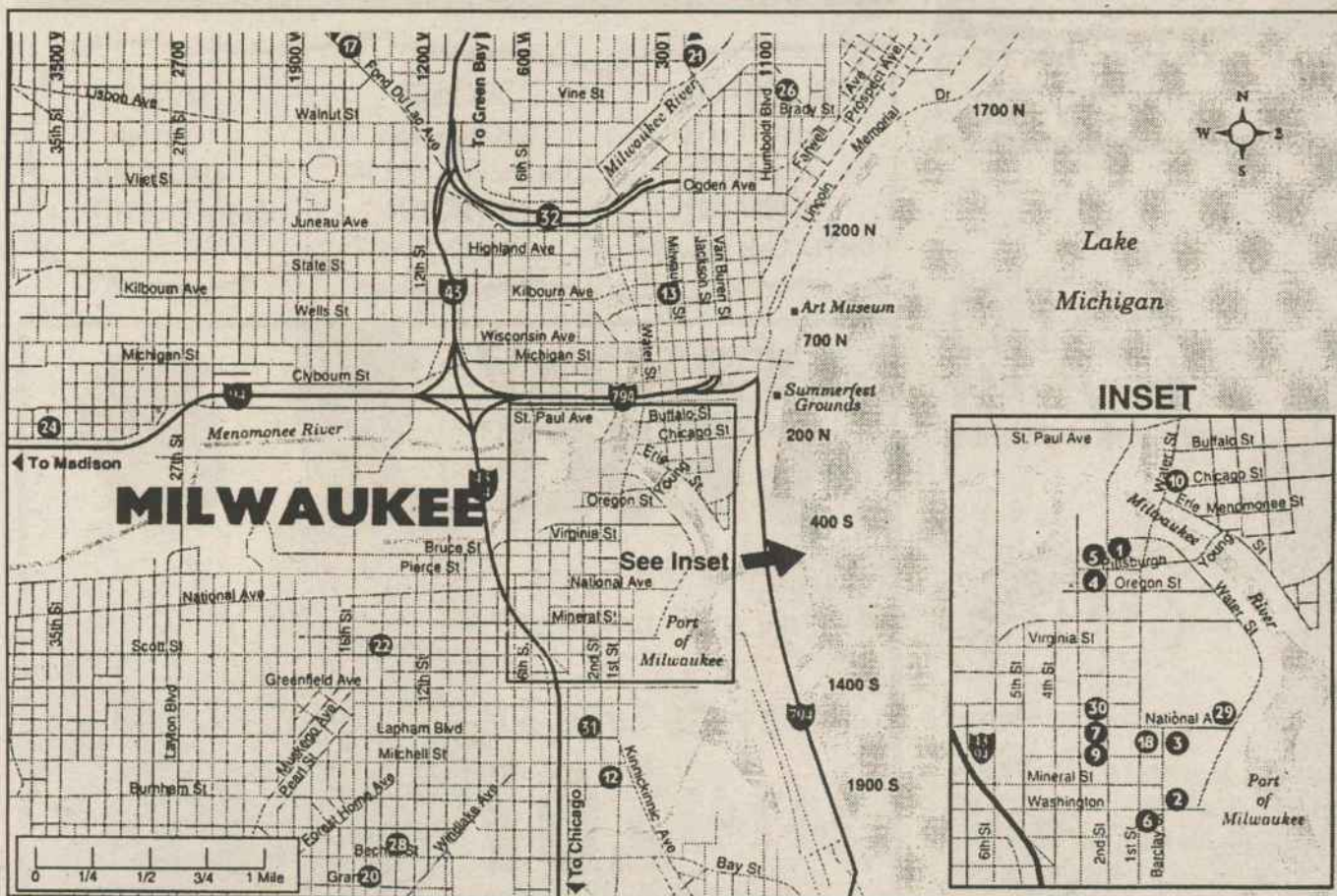
The Force
(referrals to GBLT counselors) 276-8487
Gay Information Svcs.
(referrals) 444-7331
Gay Bash Hotline (confidential) 444-7331
Gay Youth WI Hotline 272-TEEN
888-GAY-TEEN
Helpline (Crisis Counseling) 271-3123
Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling/referrals) 271-1560
Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymous) (414) 273-AIDS
(800) 334-AIDS
Milw. Mayor's Office LesBiGay Problem Resolution 286-2200

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 P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481 (715) 592-6245, extension 5920200
Joseph T. Chojnacki, Ph.D. (Psychologist)
 Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449 387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort
 Eagle River, 54521 1-888-334-3987
 http://www.edgewinn.com
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 1932 Strongs Ave
 Stevens Point, 54481 342-0576
G&L Society/Wausau 848-0608
UWSP 10% Society
 Campus Activities Complex, Box 68
 UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481 346-4366
LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)
 PO Box 152, Wausau, 54402 848-0343
Mad Hatter (MW, DJ, V)
 320 Washington, Wausau 54401 842-3225
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 2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481 345-6500
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 c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449
 Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim: (715) 384-6731
Platwood Club (MW, D)

701 Highway 10W, St. Pt., 54481 341-8862
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 336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481 346-4851

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
 Oneida County Health Dept. (715) 369-6228
 P.O. Box 400, Courthouse, Rhinelander, 54501
Gay/Lesbian Support Group
 Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806
Northern WI Lambda Society
 PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of
 Gays/Lesbians/Bis 359-7432
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 PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891 682-2890

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Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081 457-1636
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
 Shirley: 458-2506 Carolyn: 467-0422
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 336 Superior Avenue 53081 452-6757
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 823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan 458-4889

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 1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140 657-6644
 (800) 924-6601
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 6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140 857-3744
Club 94 (MW, DJ)
 9001 120th Ave (Hwy C& I-94)
 Kenosha 53140 857-9958
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 6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143 657-5667
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 2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403 634-9804
What About Me? (WM)
 600 6th St. Racine 53403 632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting) 554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine
 625 College, Racine 53403 634-0659
UW-Parkside G/L Organization
 900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141 595-2244
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 309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190 472-5738
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 W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie 63-4421
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 8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168 843-4209

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AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info)
 P.O. Box 8486, Jonesville 53545 756-2550

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 11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563 868-6646
Cathren House (B&B)
 Mineral Point 987-2612
CrossRoads Bar (G/S/M/W)
 W6642 Hwy B, Lake Mills 53551 648-8457
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 232 Shirland Ave., Beloit 54991 363-8764

NORTHWEST (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire (www.arcw.org)
 505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701 836-7710
 (800) 750-2437
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior (www.arcw.org)
 1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880 394-4009
 (877) 242-0282
Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)
 PO Box 264, Superior 54880
Different Strokes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board)
 PO Box 152, Wausau 54402 842-1377
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 33 E. Spruce St, Chippewa Falls 723-0943
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 W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750 448-4302
GLOBE (Campus Lesb/Gay group)
 105 Garfield, 132 Davies Ctr, Eau Claire 54701
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The Trading Company (MW, DJ)
 304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701 838-9494
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 1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880 392-1756
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Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
 Greater Chippewa Valley
 PO Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0011
Rainbow Club (social/support for LGBT youth)
 P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702 836-7710
Scooter's (MW)
 411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703 835-9959
Trio (Wm)
 820 Tower, Superior, 54880 392-5373
Twin Ports Pride
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UW Stout 10% Society
 c/o 153 C Harvey Hall, UWS
 Menomonee, 54751 UW Eau Claire
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 22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729 723-8490

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 Grandview Center, 1707 Main St., #420 (608) 785-9866
 La Crosse, WI 54601, (800) 947-3353
The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group)
 PO Box 131, Platteville 53818 348-5596
 e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu
Cavalier Lounge (MW, D)
 114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601 782-9061
Chelo and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat 735-4829
GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth)

P.O. Box 602, Onalaska, 54650-0602 791-1963
Gay & Lesbian Alliance
 Box 131, Platteville, 53818
LaCrosse L/G Support Group
 c/o Campus Ministry Center 784-7600
Leaping La Crosse News
 Box 932, LaCrosse 54602
LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays 782-6082
Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601
Rainbow Revolution (Alternative Books)
 122 5th Ave S, LaCrosse 54601 796-0383
Rainbow Ridge Farms Bed and Breakfast 783-8181
Pioneers (Southwest WI Rural G/L Alliance) 800-484-8131
 Code 4419, e-mail to pioneerssw@aol.com
 PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581

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A Brother's Touch Books (Books/Gifts) www.brotherstouch.com
 2327 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55405 (612) 377-MARY
CDC National AIDS Hotline (800) 342-2437
Gay & Lesbian Americans
 PO Box 77533, Wash., DC, 20013 (800) 889-5111
Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) (202) 628-4160
National G&L Task Force (NGLTF) (202) 332-6483
Crossroads (LesBiGay Real Estate National Referral)
 (800) 442-9735
Douglas Dunes Resort, Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406
 (616) 857-1401
Club Xpress (MW, DJ), 904 Ludington, Escanaba, MI 49829
 (906) 789-0140
Little Jim's (M, V), 3501 N Halsted, Chicago, IL 60657
 (312) 871-6116
Lambda Car Club Int'l, PO Box 268534, Chicago, IL 60626
 (312) 465-5307
Male Hide Leathers (Leather Shop)
 2816 N Lincoln, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 929-0069
The Office (Mw, D, L), 513 E State, Rockford, IL 61104
 (815) 965-0344
OH Zone (MW), 1014 Charles St. Rockford, IL 61104
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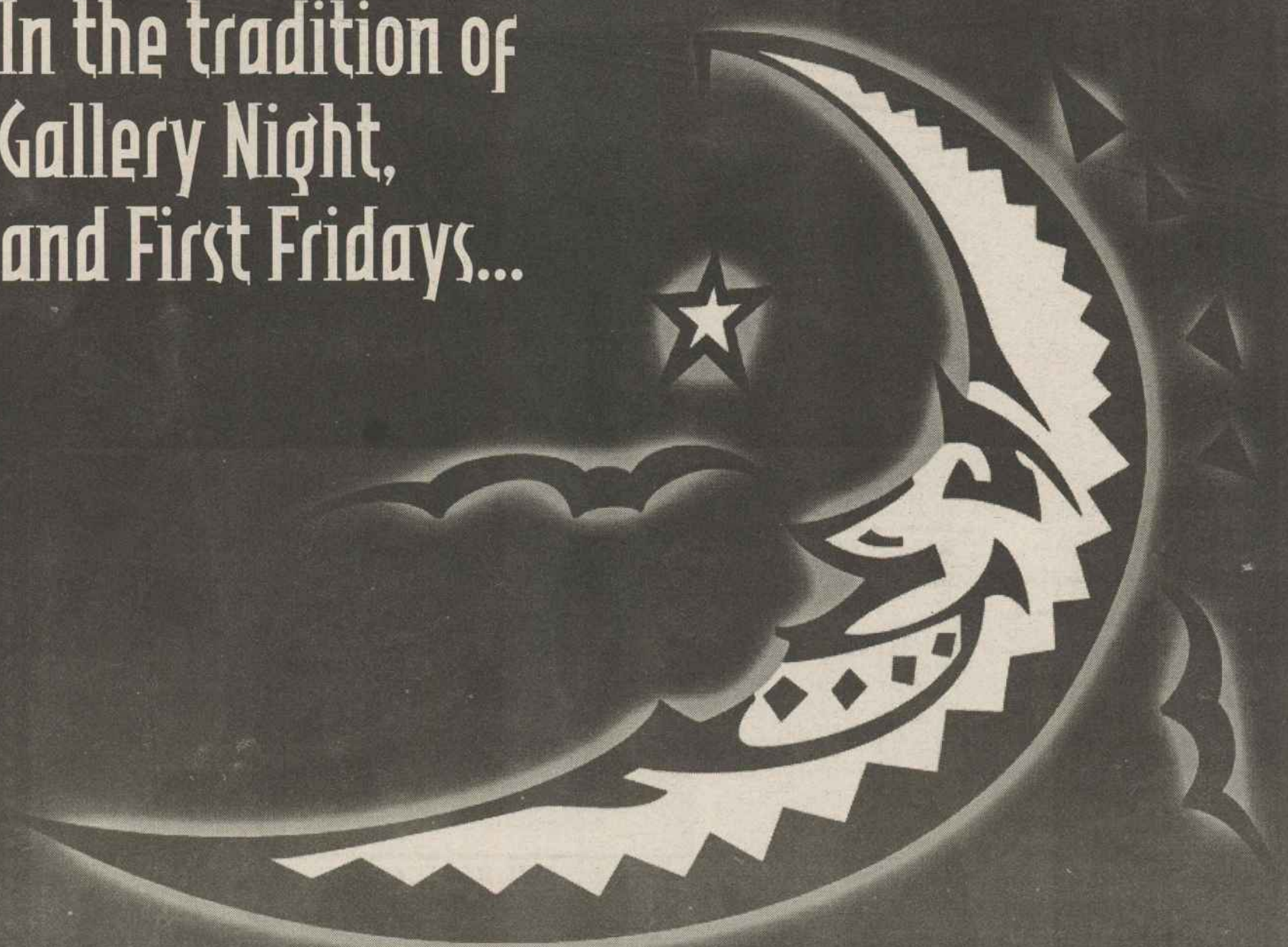
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