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Linda, who is a freelance cartoonist, is just starting out. We don't really feel right about calling "Out of the Darkness" a cartoon, especially considering each of her panels contain so much truth. Each one is a thought piece that reflects or educates on the Gay/Lesbian community.

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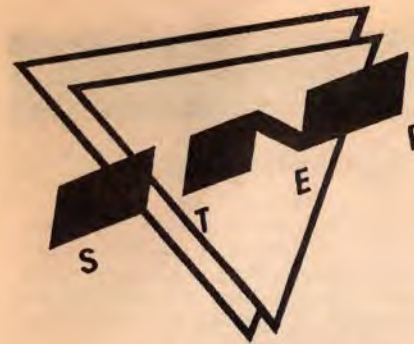
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News

War overshadows domestic talk

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — With war raging in the sands of the Middle East, Congress has fought back with its most often used weapon: resolutions, a handful of bills and talk. Lots and lots of talk.

And the question that appears to be most nagging to those pushing legislators for action on a variety of domestic issues, including Gay and AIDS matters, is whether the obsession with the Gulf will completely crowd out discussion of their issues.

"If you look at the **Congressional Record**... and if you listen to the debates and floor statements, most all of (them) and most all of the bills that Congress has dealt with are on military issues (and) resolutions on the Persian Gulf," comments Peri Jude Radecic, lobbyist for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "And I believe that if the Persian Gulf was not a crisis, we would be dealing with domestic matters."

Whether action on domestic matters would be any further along at this point, though, is questionable. For, had the Gulf Crisis not been worsening in early January, Congress would have been out of town until the President's recent State of the Union Address. And under those conditions, action and discussion on any legislation would have only just begun.

"For the time being (there has been a loss of attention)," says Jeff Levi, Washington AIDS policy analyst, "but that's understandable. The question is whether in a longer war, which is what this is turning out to be, whether attention will return to domestic matters. I don't think we know the answer to that yet."

"I think it's too early to tell," says Steve Smith, lobbyist for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "We knew nothing was going to happen legislatively for several months at a minimum. The budget will happen. (But) it's not clear

that anything else is going to happen this year. At this point we don't know how long the war is going to last and I would guess that committees that have nothing to do with the war are going to start doing some business soon."

Still, some Hill onlookers are quick to note that even the most unlikely committees have already held or scheduled hearings on the Gulf. And no one is sure when, short of an end to the crisis, that phenomenon will end.

To head off a feared congressional fixation on the war, lobbyists are now in the process of joining forces with proponents of other domestic issues to insist that their agendas not be ignored throughout the crisis.

"As AIDS advocates, we can't let it happen," says Dan Bross, executive director of the AIDS Action Council. "We can't allow the Persian Gulf to be used as a distraction for Congress to not address AIDS issues. It's our responsibility and our challenge to make sure that we keep Congress and the Administration's attention focused on domestic issues and on AIDS issues."

Hill staffers, though, suggest that Congress' preoccupation with the Gulf is far from being a blackout on domestic issues. In recent days, phrases relating to Congress not forgetting about the 'wars' being fought in this country are cropping up on the House and Senate floors with increasing frequency. And despite all the war talk, congressional staffers are hard at work putting final touches on soon-to-be-introduced health and Gay and Lesbian related bills.

A variety of things may be contributing to the perception that things are being slow to start. On the Gay and Lesbian agenda, the center of attention this Congress will be on the Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill, which has yet to be introduced.

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The reason for the delay, though, stems largely from the convalescence of Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), the bill's lead Senate sponsor and the hope of Gay lobbyists to flush out more cosponsors before tossing it on the legislative 'in' pile.

Another civil rights bill, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, which will affect the rights of women, minorities and disabled Americans, including those with AIDS and HIV infection, has already been introduced as H.R. 1 by Rep. Jack Brooks (D-Texas). Sources suggest committee action will begin shortly on that bill.

On the health front, at least two bills relating to women's health, which in part address the issue of women with AIDS, are nearly ready for introduction, according to Hill staffers.

But with the war taking the energy and attention of members of Congress and their staffers, some activists are generally negativistic as to what impact the conflict will have on the vital issue of AIDS funding in the 102nd Congress.

"The Persian Gulf is the argument (for limited AIDS spending) this year," Bross suggests. "Last year was the S and L mess. It seems that since Reagan (took) the White House, there's always been a reason why we can't pay more attention to domestic spending and to health care issues. I'm enough of a skeptic to think that if international conflict weren't the excuse, there would be another excuse."

Still, if Congress has reshuffled its priorities, so have Gay and Lesbian groups, shifting the removal of the Defense Department's prohibition on Gay and Lesbian service personnel to the top of their domestic agenda.

"I am trying to find a window of opportunity in this crisis where we can point out the irrational and discriminatory policies of the Defense Department and educate Congress that there are 40,000 or more Gays and Lesbians serving their country honorably in the Middle East," says Radecic. "More are being called up with the reserves. Some are being sent. Some are being discharged."

Asked if, in the end, the conflict in the Persian Gulf could result in the long-term

benefit of the removal of the policy, she is quick to retort.

"Absolutely," she answers, "if we do our work right."

Bush's '92 AIDS budget

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — The White House, as part of its \$1.4 trillion budget proposal for fiscal year 1992, on Feb. 4 released its \$1.95 billion financial plan for fighting AIDS in the coming year, which a top Bush Administration official said reflected an "era of fiscal austerity" in the United States.

The AIDS spending plan, part of the proposed \$525 billion budget for the Department of Health and Human Services, was unveiled by HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan at an afternoon press briefing at the Department's Humphrey Building headquarters.

"In a time of budget deficits and tough fiscal choices, this budget proposal will enable us to continue support for programs to assist the nation's most vulnerable individuals and families — the young, the elderly, the sick, the disabled and the poor," said Sullivan in describing what he called a "fiscally prudent" funding proposal.

Not mentioning AIDS until twenty minutes into his half-hour long statement, Sullivan noted that the Centers for Disease Control has now confirmed over 100,000 American AIDS deaths, saying, "We must pursue every appropriate and promising research lead, and we must work extremely hard to continue our education efforts to reach all Americans with understandable and accurate prevention information."

The Administration's blue print for 1992 AIDS spending marks a \$65 million, or three percent, increase over 1991 funding levels, the smallest proposed percentage increase in AIDS spending since President Reagan's 1987 AIDS budget plan.

Asked about the meager increase in the face of CDC estimates of over 127,000

Americans presently living with AIDS, Sullivan retorted, "This is not a question of throwing out dollars. It's a matter of focusing dollars where there would be most useful."

Later, he added, incorrectly, that presently AIDS is receiving more federal money than any other disease.

Charging that Sullivan was "playing fast and loose" with the spending figures, Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund noted that, although AIDS is receiving the lion's share of federal research dollars, measured up against all federal spending for other diseases, AIDS still ranks behind other more widespread maladies.

"This falls far short of the amount of funding that will be needed to bring this epidemic under control," noted Daniel Bross, executive director of the AIDS Action Council. Bross suggested that AIDS spending advocates estimate that approximately \$3 billion would be needed in fiscal 1992 to meet the needs of the expanding epidemic.

AIDS activists also took issue with Sullivan's statement that the proposed 1992 budget would mark a 50 percent increase in federal AIDS spending "since President Bush took office."

A close examination of the budget figures suggests that Sullivan was referring to all the federal AIDS budgets since fiscal year 1989, the Reagan budget that was in effect when Bush took the White House.

In that time, according to CDC estimates, the number of living American AIDS patients has increased by approximately 100 percent, from slightly over 92,000 in January 1989, to a projected 122,000 by the beginning of the 1992 fiscal year.

"We still have a 50 percent shortfall," added Bross. "It's interesting that the Administration would compare numbers one way, but not the other."

And getting the Congress to up the Bush request, AIDS lobbyists note, will be difficult, as over the past three years Congress has shown increased deference to the Administration in AIDS spending as

the federal deficit has expanded.

The Bush spending plan increases by \$9 million AIDS monies for the Food and Drug Administration, which will be used to ensure the safety of the blood supply and administrative activities.

Federal AIDS efforts through mental health and alcohol and drug abuse agencies receive small increases in the Bush proposal.

AIDS activities at the Indian Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control will receive the same funding as they did in fiscal 1991, with no increase for inflation.

AIDS activists called the level funding at CDC distressing, noting that, as of January, the CDC will now have to offer T-cell testing and early intervention drugs for all the people they test for HIV with the same amount of money they received last year.

The most alarming feature of the President's AIDS budget proposal, AIDS lobbyists noted, was its \$350.5 million funding of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, which is only one third of the spending targeted for fiscal 1992 in the bill. The line-item is included in the funding proposal for the Human Resources and Services Administration which, in the Bush plan, gets no increased monies in fiscal 1992.

Watkins settles with Army

Perry Watkins has won years of legal battles with the US Army over their attempts to boot him out of the service because of his homosexuality in 1984. His lawyers announced Jan. 30th that the Army has agreed to pay him \$135,000 in back pay, promote him to sergeant first class retroactive to June 1985, and "allow" him to retire Feb. 1, 1991 under honorable conditions giving him full benefits.

Watkins was discharged in '84, just four years short of his 20 year retirement date for full pension. Watkins had, at the

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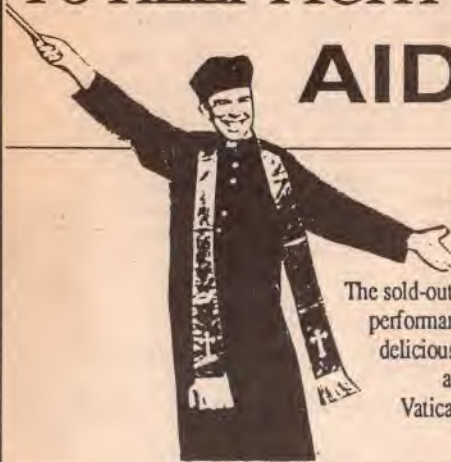
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He later won a court challenge to those proceedings but was forced out of the service with an honorable discharge when his enlistment contract expired in '84.

In '89 the US Court of Appeals, for San Francisco's Ninth Circuit, ruled that despite the military's "unnequivocal" ban on Gays and Lesbians, it would be unjust to permit the army to invoke that policy in Watkins's case, given his multiple re-enlistments, the fact that he had told his superior officers of his homosexuality many times during his career and due to his "exceptionally outstanding military record."

The Bush administration appealed that ruling, but in Nov. '91, the Supreme Court, without comment, let it stand.

With this settlement, Watkins agreed to forgo the court victory he achieved after

six years of legal battles. Instead of forcing the Army to let him re-enlist, he accepted the voluntary retirement plan with an honorable discharge and in return will be given the back pay, full retirement benefits and the retroactive one-grade promotion from staff to sergeant first class.

Watkins vowed to continue efforts to get the Pentagon to reverse its unjustifiable ban on homosexuals.

Groups blast Bush speech

AIDS, Gay Groups Blast Bush

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Leaders of the nation's leading Gay and Lesbian rights and AIDS lobbying groups reacted sharply to President George Bush's Jan. 29 annual State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, arguing that the speech's passing reference to AIDS was a "woefully inadequate" indicator of what they may expect from the Administration in the coming year.



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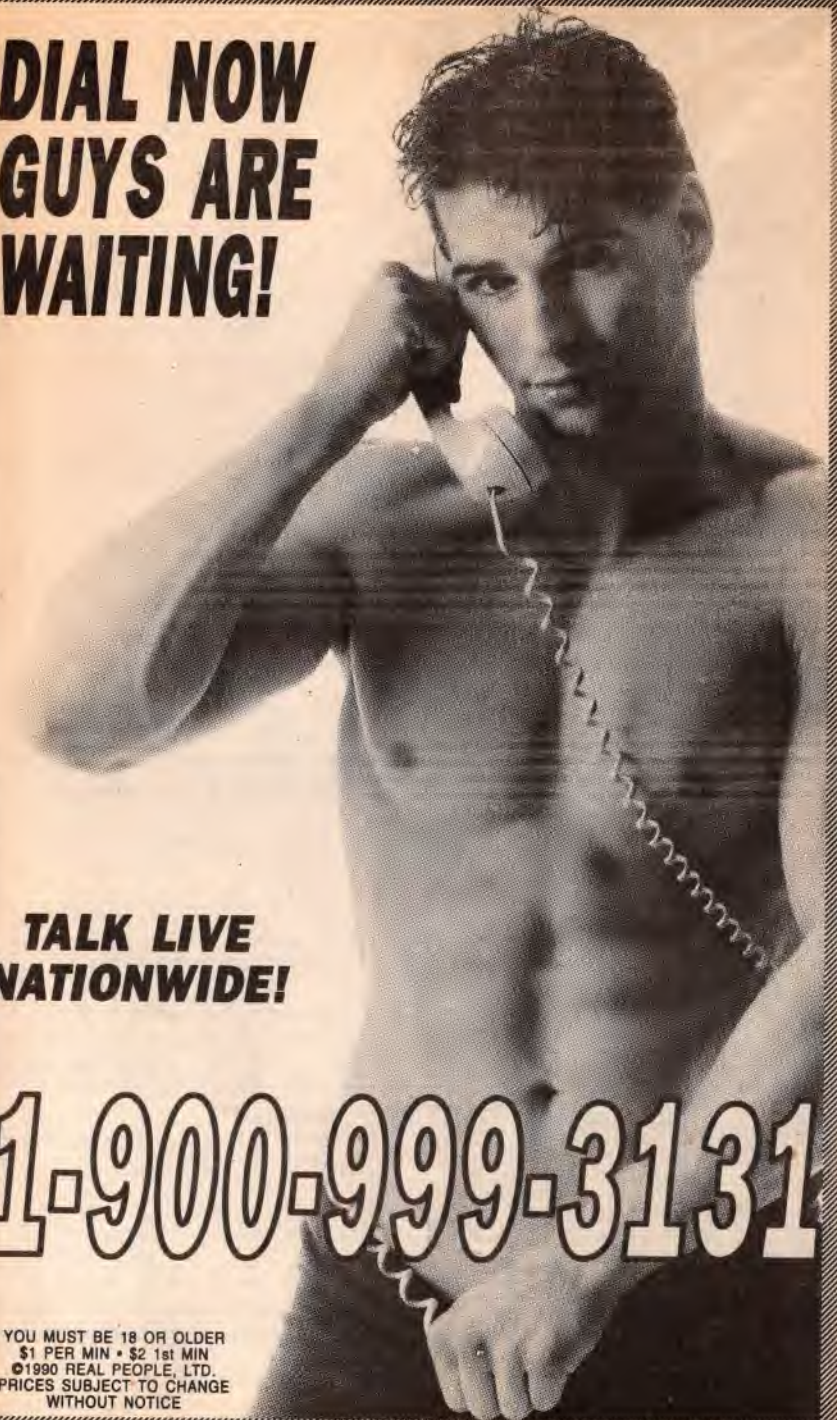


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In between extended comments about the ongoing war in the Persian Gulf, Bush sandwiched broad brushed remarks about domestic issues, including brief references to AIDS, civil rights and health care.

"Who will lead us in this next American century?" Bush asked. "Everyone who steps forward to get one addict off drugs, to convince one troubled teenager not to give up on life, to comfort one AIDS patient, to help one hungry child."

Calling the President's comments "woefully inadequate," Gregory King, spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, expressed disappointment that Bush's speech did not issue more than a call for volunteerism to curb the epidemic.

"People with AIDS need more than hugs," King stated, "They need federal resources, they need dollars for programs such as education, research, treatment and care. Hugs aren't enough."

Also in his speech, Bush made vague comments regarding a proposal of

"health care initiatives — for infants, for children, for adults, for the elderly — to promote a healthier America and to help keep costs from spiraling."

"We want to look closely at (the proposal)," said King, "but if it's as comprehensive as his civil rights agenda, there are going to be a lot of ill people out there."

Gay lobbyists seemed to feel that rather than pointing toward any future agenda for American domestic policies, Bush rather chose to focus on the glories of the last Congress such as the veiled references to the 1990 passage of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Of particular interest to one Gay and Lesbian lobbying group were Bush's comments calling for the abolition of all political action committees, or PACs, which contribute heavily to the re-election campaigns of the majority of the members of Congress.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, which runs a Gay rights and AIDS PAC among its other legislative and grassroots



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mobilization functions, took particular note of the President's PAC related comments, but expressed little concern about them.

"We are busy lobbying on AIDS, civil rights, choice and issues of concern to Lesbian and Gay Americans," said HRCF's King. "Our plate is pretty full. Fighting to keep PACs alive is not one of our high legislative priorities. We will adapt to meet whatever the environment is out there."

UW to report on G/L student issues

Madison — The United Council Minority Affairs Director is preparing to release a report on student services for Gays and Lesbians in the University of Wisconsin System. "The UW system as a whole has provided inadequate services in the area of educating students about Gay/Lesbian issues," announced Beverly Jenkins, Minority Affairs Director of United Council.

The United Council of UW Student Governments is a statewide lobby organization representing over 170,000 students in the University of Wisconsin system on the administrative level and at the State Capitol. "Although at a system-wide level we have UWS 17 (A non-discrimination policy), Gays and Lesbians, in some cases, still have not been incorporated into a school's policy on nondiscrimination," Jenkins said.

This report will rate the UW system in areas of student health, residence life policies, student orientation sessions, and publications on nondiscrimination issued by each institution. "In light of the upcoming National conference on Gay/Lesbian Graduate Studies, it will become clear to administrators and students just how inadequate UW services are on a nation-wide scale."

Jenkins welcomes any input from the community — especially information on existing courses which address Gay/Lesbian issues. Anyone wanting more information may respond to: United Council c/o Minority Affairs, 122 State St., Suite 500, Madison, WI 53703.

London Lesbians camp out in protest

by Rex Wockner

Up to 100 Lesbians have been camping outside the Foreign Office in London since early January, protesting the Persian Gulf War.

A spokeswoman for the Welsh Lesbians who organized the vigil said, "It is boys having a game in a chemical playground. Us women are aware that their games will destroy the world economically and ecologically."

The women joined with 50,000 other protesters last month for an anti-war march through central London.

Also participating in the march were the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, who reportedly vogued along the route, singing, "Saddam with an attitude, Bush and Major in a mood, Don't just stand there, Let's get to it, Stop the war, There's nothing to it, Vogue!"

On Jan. 14, police arrested five of the camping Lesbians for obstructing the highway. The women responded that they will not be intimidated and plan to brave the cold, wet weather until George Bush, British Prime Minister John Major and the rest declare peace.

Four Lesbians chained themselves to 10 Downing St., Major's residence, Jan. 15. Police cut them loose and no arrests were made.

Later that afternoon, two Lesbians invaded the House of Commons, blowing whistles and throwing red powder on 15 members of Parliament as Major made the announcement that the war was going to begin.

ACT-UP Portland 'explodes'

by Rex Wockner

The Portland, Ore., chapter of ACT UP has disbanded following threats of violence by Gay white male HIV-positive members against 'Lesbian bitches' who were members of the group, according to Willamette Week, an established mainstream newspaper.

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The newspaper said the threats came primarily from ACT UPers Dave Robison and Darrell Bilby, who had formed their own affinity group called Vanguard last September.

Robison, Bilby, and other Gay white HIV-positive men were reportedly upset that the group had begun "concentrating on sexism, racism and homophobia to the exclusion of issues important to people who have AIDS," Willamette Week said.

Robison and Bilby, and other members of the former group, all say they will start new ACT UP chapters, according to Willamette Week.

Candlelight memorial to expand

Mobilization Against AIDS is actively seeking cities and towns around the world that will participate in the eighth annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, which will occur on Sunday, May 19, 1991. Last May saw over 200 cities (including Milwaukee) in 31 countries take part in AIDS Candlelight Memorials, which consist of locally organized public ceremonies honoring people lost to AIDS and demonstrating solidarity with all those infected with the HIV virus.

Mobilization Against AIDS, the California-based AIDS lobby group that serves as the coordinating agency for the International Memorials, also announced the launch of its 'First Families Campaign.' Mobilization is asking leaders around the world to follow the example of President Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush, who during last year's AIDS Memorial placed lit candles in the windows of the White House.

For further information on organizing a 1991 Memorial in your community, or assisting Mobilization in enlisting your mayor or governor in the First Families Campaign, contact the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial at 1540 Market Street, Suite 160, San Francisco, CA 94102, telephone (415)863-4676; Fax (415)863-4740.

Survey reflects student attitudes

by Rex Wockner

Almost half of college freshmen believe "it is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships," according to an annual survey conducted by the American Council on Education and the University of California at Los Angeles.

The survey, "The American Freshman: National Norms for Fall 1990," found that 44.4% of college freshmen believe government **should** criminalize Gay sex.

The survey questioned nearly 200,000 freshmen at nearly 400 two-year and four-year institutions in the fall of 1990. It was designed by noted academic Alexander Austin.

In addition to the anti-Gay attitudes, 66.4% of the freshman believe "the best way to control AIDS is through widespread, mandatory testing."

About 30% of the freshmen defined themselves as "born-again Christians."

Seventy-eight percent support the death penalty, 51% think casual sex is "all right," and 65% said "abortion should be legal."

Twenty-five percent think "married women's activities are best confined to home and family."

Sharply breaking with their counterparts of previous decades, only 19% of the freshmen believe marijuana use should be legal.

Seventy-four percent want to see a national healthcare plan. Twenty-one percent say "racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America."

Only 43% said it is "very important" to "develop...a meaningful philosophy of life," the same number who felt it "very important" to "keep... up to date with political affairs."



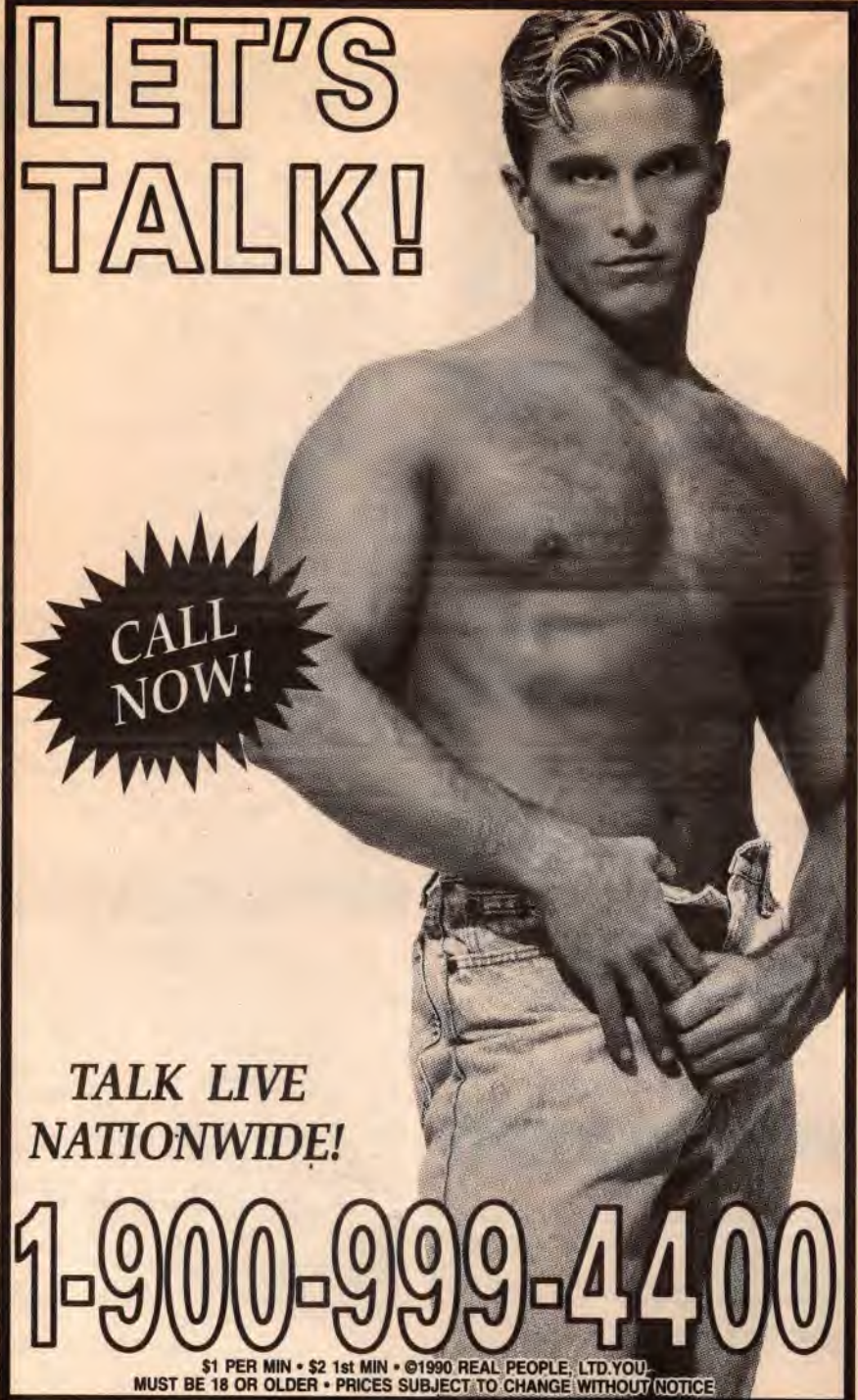
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Graffiti

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Joe: Happy Valentine's Day. I'm so glad we are together after all this time. Here's to the future. **Love, Jon**

Diana Ross, Samoila, Bill: Happy Birthday to all of you. My My aren't we, I mean all of you, getting old. **Love, Mary Wilson**

Rosa Del Mexico: Stay out of them parking lots. **Love, Joanna**

New Bar: Thanks for a great time - you're always perfect hosts! Happy 7th Anniversary to both of us. **Ron, In Step**

Dear Al: I'm extremely in love with you. Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Birthday. **Love, Joe**

Goldie & Paul: Congrats on 1 year together! It was nice to see you two again. Hopefully we can keep in contact...Come on! **Nade [and John]**

Ken & Hartz: Thanks for showing me a good time. Surely you two can make it out here in the fall. Marriage looks good on you! **Mike**

Vanessa: 8 zillion congrats on Miss Wisconsin. Wear that sweatshirt in good health. Your 'Cher' picture is on it's way. **Nadine**

Jackie: I Love You, Happy Valentine's Day. **Mary**

Matt: Don't you think it's time to start shaping up? Quit chain smoking and stop playing those depressing Whitney Houston songs! **Mike**

J.R. [Val]: After all the build-up, you didn't follow through! What sort of dweeb are you, anyway? **Gregg**

P.S. No one phoned to 'get-off.'

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Group Notes

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Queer Nation Milwaukee held an organizational meeting Sunday, Feb. 10 at M&M's Banquet Room, devoted to setting up the first Queer Nation action in Milwaukee on Valentine's Day. Long range goals and future actions were also to be discussed.

(Due to deadline and the fact that the Queer Nation release wasn't received at In Step until Feb. 5, we couldn't promote the formative meeting, and the actions from that meeting would not be available until well after our deadline.)

Queer Nation, according to the release, "is an informal political action group committed to increasing Queer visibility and fighting homophobia through direct action. Queer Nations in other cities have held kiss-ins, Queer Nights Out, and have run Queer Shopping Networks among other activities of a Queer nature. Queer Nights Out involve a horde of Queers invading a 'straight' bar. Queer Shopping Networks are similar adventures within the 'straight' shopping malls and department stores."

The Advocate refereed to Queer Nation in a October 9, 1990 article saying "Queer Nation intends to be to homophobia and heterosexism what the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP) is to AIDS." The article continued to say that Queer Nations have sprung up around the country since April of '90 as a grass-roots, direct action response to "Compulsory heterosexuality" and the invisibility of Gays and Lesbians. "Militant and uncompromising, Queer Nation has the Gay nation talking," said the Advocate.

According to the article, Queer Nation was founded in New York City in the Spring of '90 by four Gay men, all under the age of 30, who had called a one shot meeting to discuss the problem of hate crimes and found themselves part of a new organization established that night.

Queer Nation chapters around the country tend to form various working committees of like-minded people committed to a common project. An organizer quoted in the Advocate said, "Queer Nation was formed as a clearinghouse... there is no ideology, no statement of purpose. It's a place to bring ideas for action and to find other people to work with you."

Whether you want to fight homophobia, promote Gay/Lesbian visibility, celebrate your sexuality or just to be out and proud, Queer Nation may be just what you are looking for. For more information, call (414) 483-0376, and ask for Christopher.

NCOD's handy hints

National Coming Out Day makes available valuable guidelines for individuals and community groups that wish to increase their effectiveness.

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"Our promise to be a resource for community activists is well under way" said Lynn Shepodd, Executive Director of National Coming Out Day. "The single most powerful act we Gay or Lesbian people can do is to take our next step in the coming out process. NCOD's job, in part, is to support us in doing that effectively. Providing support materials is just a part of that effort."

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Curious Newcomer, GWM, student, 25, 6'3", 175 lbs., blond/hazel. Seeking GM (any race), 20-29 for friendship/relationship. If interested, please send photo/phone to Box 915, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

GWM 51, looking for GWM 30 or under for friendship/or relationship. Into music, dining out & quiet times at home. Call Ron (414)426-1871. If no answer leave message on machine. First name & phone #, Discretion assured.

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Vets organize Milw. chapter

Milwaukee — In response to the unprecedented call-up of reserve military personnel from the Milwaukee area, including members of the Milwaukee Gay community for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America wish to announce the first organizational meeting for the Greater Metro Milwaukee Area Chapter.

This meeting will be held on Sunday, February 17, at 2:30pm in the Banquet room above the M&M Club at 124 N. Water in Milwaukee.

GLBVA wishes to invite ALL veterans and active duty personnel, as well as significant others of active personnel incountry Saudi. GLBVA asks people to come to share not only concerns, but ideas, thoughts, skills, and abilities.

Of the 127 phone calls that GLBVA received during the month of January, many of them were from members of the Gay community in the Metro Milwaukee area, expressing concern, and asking for information. Many were from significant others with loved ones incountry Saudi. Miriam Ben-Shalom, National Chairperson of the GLBVA stated, "Our community is the one community not served by support groups and veterans organizations. The time has come for Milwaukee to develop a vibrant, active group to represent veterans, and to represent those with partners and friends in the war theater."

GLBVA is not an organization which espouses either a pro-war or anti-war stand. "We simply seek to aid vets and active duty personnel within the limits of discretion, we look to share concerns and information in a sensitive, caring environment."

For further information, contact the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, 1350 N. 37th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53208, or call the GLBVA hot-line at (414)342-6543.

BWMT meeting Feb. 16

The Milwaukee chapter of Black and White Men Together (BWMT) will be holding its first monthly meeting since June 1990 on Saturday, February 16 at 7:30pm. The new meeting site for BWMT is All Saints Cathedral Library located in the courtyard area at 808 E Juneau Avenue.

Parking for the new meeting location is available either on the street or in the Juneau Village shopping center parking lot. Free refreshments will be available at the meeting. The topic of discussion will be "Black Gay or Gay Black/White Gay or Gay White." The social sour and discussion session is anticipated to last until approximately 10:30pm. Members as well as anyone interested in the group are encouraged to attend.

For more information on BWMT Milwaukee, its activities, Regional Conference in April and National Convention in Detroit this June, please call Michael at 265-8500.

LAMM meeting Feb. 21

Racism in the Lesbian community is the topic of this month's meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM). The speaker is Lula Robinson, who has been active in Tri-Cable and Hurricane and has served as a group facilitator for the Counseling Center of Milwaukee.

The presentation will be at 7pm on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St. It will be preceded by a potluck at 6pm and followed by a business meeting at 8pm. All Lesbians are welcome.

For information call 264-2600.

Argonauts raising funds for CPI

Green Bay — February 3, Brandy's II was the site for the Argonauts of Wisconsin Fund raising party for Center Project Inc., emergency fund.

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ComQuest Application Form (see instructions to the left)

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Step 1 - Confidential Mailing Address - Please *print* your name and mailing address below. This is only for our use in mailing you your matches, and is kept confidential. (Correspondence is mailed discreetly in plain envelopes.)

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Phone (____) _____ (optional)

I hereby affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and that I will hold neither ComQuest nor its agents liable for the accuracy of information provided or the behavior or health of the people I meet as a result of its services. (Signature is required.)

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Step 2 - Contact Information - This is the only information we provide to others about you. Please *print* the contact information below which will enable new applicants who get matched to you to contact you. *This must include at least your first name and either a mailing address or phone number.* Use only the space provided. Use some of the space to briefly describe yourself and your interests. If you do not wish for others to contact you, or if you live outside the areas listed in the Residence category below, cross out this section.

Steps 3, 4, and 5 - See instructions

Residence
me veto no ok yes Chicago/312 area
me veto no ok yes N. Cook County suburbs
me veto no ok yes W. Cook/Dupage/Kane
me veto no ok yes S. Cook & Will counties
me veto no ok yes Gary/S. Bend/219 area
me veto no ok yes Lake/McHenry, IL. coas.
me veto no ok yes Rockford/Madison
me veto no ok yes Milwaukee/SE Wisc.

Preferred Relationship/HIV Status
Circle gms.me per group.
me veto no ok yes Lover/file mate
me veto no ok yes Romantic affair
me veto no ok yes Casual sex
me veto no ok yes Friendship/penpal
me veto no ok yes Roomate
me veto no ok yes HIV negative
me veto no ok yes HIV positive
me veto no ok yes Not tested

Entertainment/Social Activities
me veto no ok yes Fine arts events
me veto no ok yes Popular concerts
me veto no ok yes Spectator sports events
me veto no ok yes Dining out/movie-going
me veto no ok yes Party-going
me veto no ok yes Dancing/Clubs
me veto no ok yes Cooking/Entertaining
me veto no ok yes Quiet evenings at home

Hobbies/Interests/Sports
me veto no ok yes Computers/electronics
me veto no ok yes Photography/arts/crafts
me veto no ok yes Aerobics/body building
me veto no ok yes Volleyball/softball/etc.
me veto no ok yes Tennis/racquetball/etc.
me veto no ok yes Cycling/jogging/running
me veto no ok yes Camping/hiking/nature
me veto no ok yes Reading/language arts

Income/Education Completed
me veto no ok yes Less than \$15,000
me veto no ok yes \$15,000-\$25,000
me veto no ok yes \$25,000-\$45,000
me veto no ok yes More than \$45,000
me veto no ok yes Some high school
me veto no ok yes High school graduate
me veto no ok yes HS grad + some college
me veto no ok yes College graduate

Miscellaneous/Contact Info
me veto no ok yes Have no privacy at home
me veto no ok yes Have no transportation
me veto no ok yes Not openly gay/wife/hands
me veto no ok yes Handicapped

Contact listing (Step 2) includes ...

me veto no ok yes Both phone & address
me veto no ok yes Address but no phone
me veto no ok yes Phone but no address
me veto no ok yes Sexually explicit words

Religious/Political Beliefs
me veto no ok yes Catholic
me veto no ok yes Protestant
me veto no ok yes Jewish
me veto no ok yes New Age/Spiritual
me veto no ok yes Very religious
me veto no ok yes Agnostic/not religious

me veto no ok yes Conservative
me veto no ok yes Liberal

Vices
Circle gms.me per group (required).
me veto no ok yes Non smoker
me veto no ok yes Light smoker
me veto no ok yes Heavy smoker
me veto no ok yes Non or light drinker
me veto no ok yes Moderate drinker

Personality
me veto no ok yes Independent/confident
me veto no ok yes Easy-going/ laid back
me veto no ok yes Good sense of humor
me veto no ok yes Shy/reserved/quiet

Masculinity/Appearance
me veto no ok yes Responsible/mature
me veto no ok yes Youthful/spontaneous
me veto no ok yes Intellectual
me veto no ok yes Emotional

Age Range
me veto no ok yes Very masculine
me veto no ok yes Fairly masculine
me veto no ok yes Average masculinity
me veto no ok yes Somewhat feminine
me veto no ok yes Considered handsome
me veto no ok yes Considered cute
me veto no ok yes Average looks
me veto no ok yes Plain/homely

Body Build/Genital Attributes
me veto no ok yes Muscular/bulky
me veto no ok yes Swimmer's build
me veto no ok yes Average build
me veto no ok yes Not athletic
me veto no ok yes Very masculine
me veto no ok yes "Well endowed"
me veto no ok yes Circumcised (cut)
me veto no ok yes Non-circumcised

Favorite Bedtime Activities
Circle no more than three mes.
me veto no ok yes Cuddling/caressing
me veto no ok yes J/O (manual stimulation)
me veto no ok yes French active (gives BJ)
me veto no ok yes French passive (gets BJ)
me veto no ok yes Greek active (anal top)
me veto no ok yes Greek passive (bottom)
me veto no ok yes Versatile*
me veto no ok yes Experimental/kinky
* If you enjoy both French and both Greek activities, just circle the me for each.

Height/Weight

Circle gms.me per group (required)
me veto no ok yes Shorter than 5'6"
me veto no ok yes Between 5'6" and 5'9"
me veto no ok yes Between 5'9" and 6 ft.
me veto no ok yes Taller than 6 feet
me veto no ok yes Slimmer than average
me veto no ok yes Average for height
me veto no ok yes Heavier than average
me veto no ok yes Very heavy (chubby)

Race/Nationality/Body Hair
You must indicate your race/nationality.
me veto no ok yes Black
me veto no ok yes Asian/Oriental
me veto no ok yes Pacific Islander
me veto no ok yes Hispanic
me veto no ok yes Caucasian (white)
me veto no ok yes Smooth (little body hair)
me veto no ok yes Hairy chest
me veto no ok yes Very hairy/teddy bear

Hair Color/Facial Hair
me veto no ok yes Black or brown hair
me veto no ok yes Blond hair
me veto no ok yes Red or auburn hair
me veto no ok yes Graying or white hair
me veto no ok yes Balding
me veto no ok yes Smooth or clean shaven
me veto no ok yes Mustache
me veto no ok yes Beard

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ComQuest's matching system, using advanced computer technology, analyzes your detailed questionnaire responses (see reverse side of page) and compares each of your weighted "ideal match" descriptive responses with the corresponding "self" descriptive responses of all current members, and vice versa, keeping track of the members having the highest matching scores.

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What if my matches don't work out?

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How long will it take?

We fill most orders within a week. If the difference between your postmark date and ours is more than 14 days, we will include an extra \$5.00 credit voucher with your order, applicable to future orders. All correspondence from ComQuest is mailed in discreet envelopes.

OK, I'll try it. What do I do?

This is the hard part. But it can be fun, too. The questionnaire is on the other side of this page. Refer to the instructions to the right to complete Steps 3, 4, and 5. Read them carefully. If you don't follow the instructions we can't guarantee the results. If you need help call 1-708-991-0693 (9-5 CST, M-F). For additional application forms call 1-800-633-6969 (24 hours).

Send the completed form with \$20 (plus \$10 for each extra set of 5 matches) check or money order to:

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Questionnaire Instructions

Step 3 - Describe yourself by circling the word me beside each descriptive item which is a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one me under each category. Circle more than one me if appropriate.

Step 4 - Describe your ideal match by circling the word veto, no, ok or yes beside each and every item (including those by which you circled me) to indicate to what extent you would want that item to be true of your match. Circle exactly one of these responses per item, as described below:

Circle **yes** if you prefer that description to be true of your match. This is a vote for a trait—not a guarantee.

Circle **ok** if you don't care one way or the other. This is an abstention—no vote either way. Lines left blank are counted as ok.

Circle **no** if you prefer that description not to be true of your match. This is a vote against—not a disqualification. Treat it as a "maybe."

Circle **veto** if you want no matches with anyone for whom that description is true, even if they have other desirable qualities. This is a disqualification and is not affected by category rank. Treat it as an absolute "no." We recommend that you circle between 10 and 20 vetoes to restrict age, race, residence, and other important traits of your matches.

Note: The use of vetoes restricts the number of members qualified to meet you. You are guaranteed the number of matches you order, but if you use too many vetoes you may get fewer matches than you ordered initially, in which case you will receive credit for the remaining matches. You can use the credit to alter your questionnaire and/or reorder matches anytime.

Step 5 - Rank the categories. The questionnaire is divided into 16 categories. To insure that your responses on the less important items won't override those on the more important items, you must indicate which categories are important to you. Using the blank to the left of each category heading, either . . .

Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, or . . .

Put a check mark beside the five most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie breakers. Noes and yeses have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled no. However, vetoes are exclusive regardless of category rank.

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Za's and Napalease will host the monthly parties on March 3 and April 7 at 3pm respectively. The proceeds go directly to the fund to assist financially stressed persons with AIDS. The donations are tax deductible.

Please make any donations payable to: Center Project Inc., Emergency Fund. Checks may also be sent to the club's mailing address: P.O. 1285, Green Bay, WI 54305. Our many thanks to all who have contributed in the past and hope we see you again this year.

No fats/fems/ druggies/queens

Milwaukee — For many of us, the process of accepting ourselves as Gay men has been a difficult one. The homophobia that exists within straight society, as well as within ourselves, continues to limit us and our relationships. Straight society's stereotypes and misconceptions of who we are often restrict how we allow ourselves to feel, think, appear, and act. When we accept the belief that 'straight-looking' and 'straight-acting' are the ideal, we perhaps damage ourselves even further. Learning what stereotypes we have bought into is an important step toward self-acceptance and empowerment.

We invite you to join us as we explore how society's stereotypes affect us at our next Gay Men's Discussion Group (GMDG), on Sunday, February 24th from 6-8pm at The Counseling Center, located at 2038 North Bartlett Avenue. Tim Baack, M.S., a psychotherapist and the Coordinator of the Men's Program, will facilitate discussion. The GMDG welcomes you and your insights, ideas, and experiences.

Offered through the Men's Support Group Program, the GMDG's goal is to provide information, ideas, and support to men on a variety of issues that are of interest or concern to the Gay community. Scheduled for the fourth Sunday of every month from 6pm to 8pm, pre-registration is not required and the cost is a \$2

donation. If you'd like more information, please call Tim Baack, M.S., Coordinator of the Men's Support Group Program, at 271-2565.

Make A Promise dinner

Milwaukee — On Sunday, April 7, the Milwaukee AIDS Project will hold its 5th Annual Make A Promise Dinner and Show at the Pfister Hotel Grand Ballroom, 424 E. Wisconsin Ave.

Proceeds from this annual benefit will support the many programs for people affected by AIDS offered by the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$75 for preferred seating, and \$45 for general seating. Reserved seating is available for tables of eight or ten. Tickets for the show only are \$25 per person.

"The Make A Promise Dinner will prove to be a memorable kick-off to an exceptional calendar of special events in 1991," said Chris Doerfler, MAP director of Development. The dinner will be followed by the Art For AIDS Auction on June 2, MAPfest on Sept. 1, and Wisconsin AIDS Walk on Sept. 22.

Hosted by James Pickering, of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, the Make A Promise Dinner will begin with a cocktail/reception hour at 5:30pm. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm followed by a spectacular show at 8pm.

A silent auction will feature more than 70 quality items donated by merchants and individuals from throughout metro Milwaukee. The auction will be open throughout the evening.

For more information, call Louise Searing, special events manager, at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, (414)273-1991. Reservation materials will be available by March 1.

Miss Gay WI- USA line-up

King productions has finalized the dates of upcoming Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA preliminary Pageants.

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GWM 34, 5'11", 175 lb. Looking for GM any race/age for lover/roommate. Must be honest, caring and loving. Please call mornings before noon at 826-2227. (Green Bay area).

Sexually Compulsive? The only requirement for membership in Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) is a desire to stop having compulsive sex. For SCA meeting info. call 276-6936.

Do You Have What It Takes? "Tough Customer" party at Touche, Sat. Feb. 16, 1991. More information? Call Mack at (312)787-5357.

GWM attractive, 49, 5'8" wants attractive young guy who needs loving & companionship. Educated, versatile, considerate, horny. No fats or fems. P.O. Box 83173, Milw., 53223. All replies answered. Milw 53223.

USA Pageant will be held on Thursday, February 14th at Club 219 beginning at 10pm.

The 2nd Annual **Miss Gay Appleton** Pageant will be held on Sunday, March 17th at the Pivot Club in Appleton beginning at 9:30pm.

Contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Talent, and Evening Gown. The winner and first runner-up of each Pageant will have the opportunity to compete in the Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA Pageant to be held July 27 & 28 in Appleton. In order to compete in the Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA Pageant you must have either won or been the first runner-up at one of the 15 preliminaries held around the state.

The winner and first runner-up of the Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA Pageant go on to compete with 90 other contestants in the national Miss Gay USA Pageant. Applications for the Miss Gay Milwaukee and Miss Gay Appleton Pageants are available from the respective clubs or by calling King Productions at (414)344-7470.

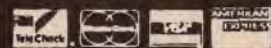
King has also scheduled a series of benefit shows around the state to help send their 5 contestants to the national Miss Gay USA Pageant in Louisville, Kentucky April 2-7.

Wisconsin's representatives are Larinda Kelly, (Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA), C.C. Rae (1st runner-up); Alicia Kelly (Miss Gay Great Lakes-USA), B.J. Daniels (1st runner-up), and Tiffany Thomas (2nd runner-up at both the Wisconsin and Great Lakes Pageants).

Jimmy King states "As you can imagine sending 5 contestants to a national Pageant that lasts 6 days is no inexpensive undertaking. We have expenses for travel, hotel, entry fees, props for talent category, new evening gowns, and whatever else our girls need to best represent the great state of Wisconsin."

The shows will be held in Rockford, Green Bay, Appleton, Kenosha, and Madison during the months of February and March. Also during this time a raffle for bar tabs and dinners will be held.

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“Nothing to Hide” chronicles events

Madison — The one-man producer, director, and cameraman of Cable 4 TV's weekly show, "Nothing To Hide," David Runyon is known as the pre-eminent television chronicler of Madison's Gay and Lesbian community.

Over the past 12 years he has filmed hundreds of hours of political, intellectual and cultural events. Along with rallies, concerts, and parades, have been interviews with nationally renowned writers, actors, and political activists.

"Nothing To Hide" has a lot of exclusives in its monthly rotation of programs — the only Lesbian TV show, only Gay political show, and cultural performances like Womonsong and Chicago's Lionheart Gay Theater. However, it is not a single-issue show, Runyon insists. "In the spirit of the Rainbow Coalition, it politics for all oppressed peoples."

Archived at the Earl Greely Memorial Library at the United, scores of "Nothing To Hide" tapes are available on loan.

Men's center events

Midwest Men's Center will host the first of three weekend 1991 gatherings on March 8-10 at the Haimonwoods Center located near Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Attention Gay Men/Weekend Warriors/Gay Tantric Healers/Radical Faeries/Men Coming Out/Men Loving Men/and others... celebrate the early arrival of Spring and the Vernal Equinox at The Natural Male III, a drug and alcohol free weekend of men exploring our maleness through participation in workshops, playshops on caring for our bodies — physically, mentally and healthily.

We will eat, work and play as a community of men during the weekend. Cost for lodging and workshops is only \$75. In addition each man must contribute either a bag of groceries to be shared with the community (typically meats, vegetables, fruits, juices, pasta) or add \$20 for food supplement. A \$45

non-refundable deposit will secure your reservation. All reservations must be received by February 10. Late reservations add 15% to total cost.

Haimowoods Center is located 50 miles north of Chicago and is accessible by car, train or bus. The facility is located on 250 acres of land and includes woods with hiking trails, indoor heated swimming pool, private rooms and community sleeping space.

To register please send check or money order to Midwest Men's Center, P.O. Box 2547, Chicago, IL 60690-2547, Infoline (312) 604-4410 evenings and weekends.

Tenant/landlord guides available

Madison — For eleven years, The Tenant Resource Center has provided Wisconsin renters and property managers with counseling services and educational resources, and has worked to educate the public on rental relations/laws. Since its initial publication in 1972, over 23,000 copies of the TRC's self-help guide for tenants **1990 Tenants Rights in Wisconsin**, have been distributed.

Due to an increased demand for a similar guide for property managers, the TRC has developed the **1991 Property Management in Wisconsin** self-help guide. Like the TRW, it is a comprehensive guide which outlines and explains the laws governing repairs, termination and eviction, discrimination, and security deposits. It also comes complete with sample forms and letters, and several important referral phone numbers. For more information on your rights and responsibilities as a renter or property manager in Wisconsin, or to obtain a copy of this valuable self-help guide, call (608) 257-0006.

Tenant/Landlord Workshop

The Tenant Resource Center began a series of free workshops for tenants and landlords that began on February 5. Other workshops will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at the TRC office (14 West Mifflin St., Suite 4, Madison, 53703). Counselors will be available after the workshops to help individuals on a one-to-one basis.

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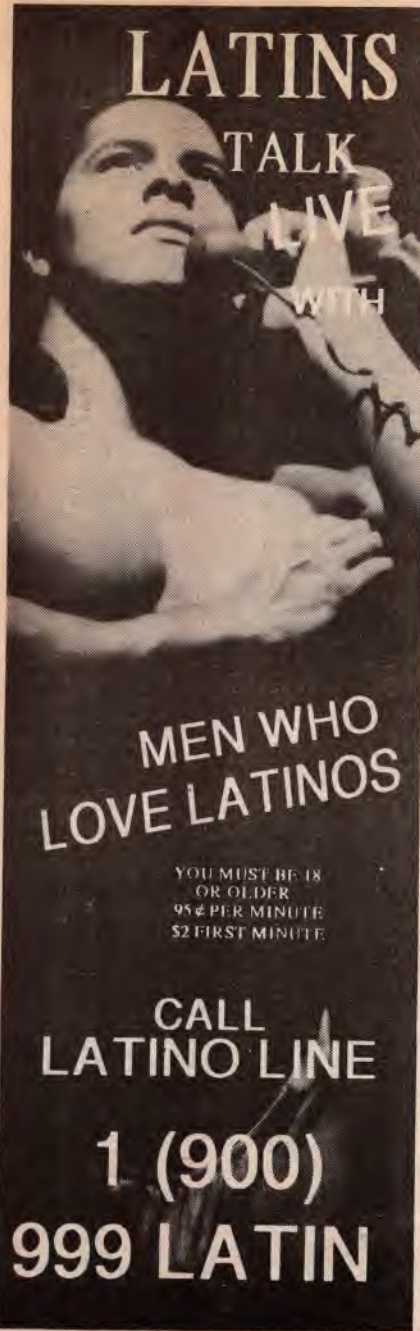
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San Francisco — Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Edward Albee and groundbreaking feminist author Kate Millett will join Native American writer Paula Gunn Allen and pioneering Gay novelist John Rechy as the keynote speakers for Out/Write '91, the second National Lesbian and Gay Writers Conference, scheduled for the weekend of March 1, 2, and 3, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. Out/Write '91 is sponsored by Out/Look, A national Lesbian and Gay magazine.

"We are very excited about the line-up of speakers for this year's conference," comments Out/Look publisher Jeffrey Escoffier. "Over 1,200 people attended Out/Write last spring, which was billed as the largest gathering of Gay and Lesbian writers in history. Out/Write '91 is expected to surpass last year's conference: we're anticipating over 1,800 participants and planning twice as many panel workshops." According to Escoffier, the conference will bring together writers, editors, publishers, booksellers, agents, critics, journalists, students, performance artists and readers from across the nation to discuss practical issues and political and artistic questions facing Lesbian and Gay writers.

This year's conference and events will focus on two main themes: censorship, and the cultural diversity of Lesbian and Gay literature. As Escoffier points out: "With the re-election of Jesse Helms and the continued attacks on freedom of expression, Out/Write is more important than ever. The success of this type of event marks the coming of age of Lesbian and Gay literature. The creative imagination that once flourished only as spoken words in dark rooms, bars, and in our silent hearts, now also exists on paper: it can be read, it can be remembered, it can move and protect us. This conference is our way of nurturing that imagination and saying to the world the Lesbian and Gay writing is not only alive and well — it's here to stay."

For further information contact:

Jennifer Kennedy, Conference Coordinator, at (415)626-3334.

Astraea launches Lesbian writers fund

New York — As part of the growing need for recognition of the significant literary and political contributions of Lesbians to our society, on March 8, ASTRAEA, the National Lesbian Action Foundation, will officially launch a new fund to support the work of Lesbian writers in the United States. The event, hosted by such distinguished Lesbian writers as Adrienne Rich, Audre Lorde, Dorothy Allison, Cheryl Clarke, Marilyn Hacker, Sarah Schulman, and Jewelle Gomez, among others, will take place on International Women's Day.

The Lesbian Writers' Fund is made possible by a generous grant of \$300,000 by Joan Drury, a Lesbian feminist philanthropist from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Astraea, founded in 1977 as a multi-racial feminist fund for women, began awarding grants in 1979 to projects and organizations that address issues such as heterosexism, homophobia, and sexism. With two grant cycles a year, plus the Lesbian Writers' Fund, Astraea will award more than \$160,000 in grants in 1991.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Katherine Acey, the Board of Directors voted to make Astraea the first nation-wide Lesbian foundation in 1990.

The grant for the Lesbian Writers' Fund will be distributed over the next five years and increased with matching funds raised by the foundation. In 1991, 5 grants of \$11,000 each will be awarded to emerging Lesbian writers of fiction and poetry. Additionally, a \$5,000 Sappho Award of Distinction will be awarded to an established Lesbian writer.

Submissions to the 1991 Lesbian Writers' Fund must be fiction or poetry. The work of the applicant must have been published in a magazine, newspaper, literary journal or anthology. Authors of published books are not eligible for application, unless the book is



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self-published, or the author is the editor of the book.

The 1991 deadline for application is Friday, April 5. For application forms or more information about the Lesbian Writers' Fund or Astraea's other grantmaking programs, please call (212)529-8021, or write The Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation, 666 Broadway, Suite 520, New York, New York 10012.

G/L physique '91

San Francisco — The 5th annual Gay/Lesbian bodybuilding contest will be held in San Francisco on June 30 — the evening before the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade. Each year the contest grows both in quality and quantity. This year will be no exception, especially after the magnificent display of our athletes at the Gay Games III contest in Vancouver this past August.

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Weight classifications for men and women as well as masters divisions for men or women over 40 years old are offered. In addition, same sex pairs (m/m, f/f) as well as mixed pairs (m/f), have become an exciting part of the show.

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Health

AIDS in Wisconsin

As of January 20 a total of 852 cases of AIDS have been reported in Wisconsin resulting in 502 deaths, according to the Wisconsin Division of Health. Of those, 75% were homosexual/bisexual males, 7% were IV drug users, and 4% consisted of Gay male IV drug users. Heterosexual contacts and those of an undetermined origin each made up an additional 4% of cases.

Males were most seriously affected, with 94% of reported cases. When looking at race/ethnicity classifications, 79% were white, and 16% were black, with Hispanics making up 5% of cases. When looking at the age range at diagnosis, 43% were between the ages of 30-39; 23% between the ages of 20-29; and 21 percent were 40-49. Another 11 percent were over 50.

Based on surveillance statistics for Wisconsin in 1990, a new case of AIDS was reported in Wisconsin every 34 hours, with an AIDS-related death every 3 days.

Other figures emerge from the division's publication "Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Update" including Counseling and Test Site (CTS) utilization data. 9.9 percent of those people tested by the Brady East Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic (BEST) in their Outreach testing at Gay bars test HIV positive. BEST figures for in-clinic testing show a 7.6 percent positive rate. In Madison, the Blue Bus Clinic's Outreach bar testing program shows 12.5% testing positive, while only 3.4 percent test positive at the clinic itself. Obviously, those figures show the outreach testing into Gay bars is a very effective way of reaching an AIDS/HIV impacted community.

INSURANCE CONTINUATION

Since November 1990, the state of Wisconsin has made available the AIDS/HIV Continuation Coverage Premium Subsidy Program which enables persons with HIV who have reduced their

work hours or who are no longer able to work, to maintain their group health insurance.

The program will not purchase new insurance for individuals who have lost coverage or who were never covered. It does cover the cost of continuation of group health insurance for qualified, HIV-infected individuals for a period of up to 18 months.

To be eligible for the program, an individual must:

- live in Wisconsin,
- have a physician certify that the individual has an HIV infection and must reduce work hours or terminate work due to HIV related illness,
- have an income that is not greater than 200 1/2 of the federal poverty level for a family the size of the applicants family,
- be eligible for continuation of the coverage, and
- not be eligible for or receiving Medicare.

Since the programs inception in November, through the end of December, 9 persons have been enrolled in the program. Potential applications are encouraged to seek the assistance of a case manager at one of Wisconsin's 9 AIDS Service Organizations when applying for this subsidy program. Applications are available at each of the ASOs.

Langlade Co. AIDS group

Langlade County AIDS Education Taskforce is an organization of representatives from the community concerned about AIDS/HIV infections. The purpose of the organization is to provide education and information to at risk groups and to the general public regarding AIDS/HIV infections. The Taskforce is a member of Central Wisconsin AIDS Network (CWAN).

The Taskforce has established an information resource library at the Antigo Public Library. Additional information is available at Langlade County Public Health Nursing Service. Speakers are available for presentations upon request.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

I was recently given a copy of your November 21/Dec. 5 issue and an article on 'safer sex' rules. I was quite disappointed with the content, as least in regards to the coverage of oral sex which you define as "HIGH RISK BEHAVIOR." I have enclosed a small example of sources, none of which support your statement. You seem 'out of step' here.

You justify your position because of a study of two possible transmissions of HIV via oral sex noted in a San Francisco study. That number hardly justifies your hysteria. (It would be further evidence against your conclusion if one considers the motivation of the researchers was widely believed to be to promote hysteria as a way of combating 'relapse' and/or as a tool to increase their own specific research grants rather than any altruistic intention to provide 'education'.)

In addition you noted ex-Surgeon General Koop saying "oral sex might be a route of transmission." Koop said a lot of things, some silly, and some not. This particular response to a question was intended to decrease, not increase, fear of transmission by oral sex. I don't know why you misrepresented the quote — it was quite well discussed in Equal Times and other papers. I realize journalism in a world of Pentagon Censorship and Shilts is not what it might ideally be, but deliberately distorting material in this way strikes me as abuse of journalistic speech.

Even if the incident had not been distorted by you, 'possible' is not 'high risk.' It is 'possible' everyone in Milwaukee could die in the next minute; it is possible Milwaukee could be leveled by an earthquake. It is possible the Green Bay Packers could win the Superbowl. (I apologize for extrapolating to the most absurd case scenario.) Almost anything is 'possible'. Rational and informed people are capable of making decisions based on degrees of plausibility and possibility. Useful, coherent, and productive

discussions of 'risk' in life and in sex save lives; your irresponsible paranoia does not. Printing this article is like distributing copies of 'Reefer Madness' saying you are contributing to 'drug education.'

Your introduction said something about it being a long time since you last covered this topic; I would suggest if you can't do any better than this example, you don't make any future tries.

—Sincerely,

Jerry Jansen, San Francisco

Editors Note: Obviously, oral sex continues to be a topic of safer sex controversy. We prefer to err on the safer side of the issue. Studies have shown stomach acids kill HIV, but ingested semen (as well as pre-cum) must first travel through the mouth & throat. If the recipients mouth & throat have tears or abrasions, that is where HIV infected semen could enter the recipients blood.

To The Editor:

Shock is the best word to describe our reaction to Scott Gunkel's letter (In Step Vol. 8 #2) about some people trying to make money off hate crimes. We join his concern about such charlatans.

As you will recall, the Hate Crimes project was the idea of Gay Information & Services (GIS) over two years ago. GIS took the idea to Lambda Rights (LRN) as a way for LRN to gain higher community visibility. And while In Step has fully cooperated with the Hate Crimes Project, a few others have not for unknown reasons.

GIS continues to record incidences of hate and violence occurring to Lesbians and Gay men from throughout S.E. Wisconsin. It is indeed sad that Gunkel totally misrepresented major facts in his letter, but this is sadly, not unusual. The Board of LRN totally failed to regularly inform people about the line. The impression we received from attending one of their Board meetings was that

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Hopes are that an informed community will be able to respond to AIDS/HIV infections in a more effective and supportive manner.

Contact person for information regarding services of the AIDS Education Taskforce is Ms. Pat Galarowicz, Langlade County Public Health Nursing Service, 1225 Langlade Road, Antigo, WI 54409 Phone (715)627-6250.



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panel discussions on "The aesthetics of community based video" and "new visions-new images," concerning the representation of women of color in media.

Women in the Director's Chair International Film and Video Festival is the only festival of women's work in the Midwest. In its tenth year, the Festival received this year over 270 film and video entries, more than ever before. The Festival is a unique opportunity for audiences to see recent work by women in the United States and around the world. The Festival gives local artists and the public the forum to meet independent media makers and discuss issues of importance to women, artists, and the world.

A complete and detailed festival schedule was to be available February 11. Call (312)281-4988.



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unless there were hundreds of reports it wasn't worth supporting the line.

GIS receives hundreds of calls each month for referrals to bars, restaurants, professional needs, etc. GIS seeks out funding to pay not only for the 24 hour service, but to insure full and ongoing support for this vital program. We also seek funding to build our significantly used Speakers Bureau and Trainers.

During the last quarter of 1990 we spoke to over 700 people in numerous gatherings about Gay and Lesbian people. We return ALL phone calls, regardless of long distance charges, and are trying to receive enough money to begin advertising in 'Mainstream' publications.

The hate/crimes report for 1990 will be forthcoming. Once again, the old rule that it is wiser to check out FACTS before assuming truth in rumors and innuendo proves valid.

—Respectfully,

Ralph F. Navarro, Coordinator GIS

Editor's Note: We apologize for not verifying information Mr. Gunkel provided in his letter as being factual. Gunkel's letter potentially does significant damage to two organizations and the people involved with them.

Dear Editor:

To begin with, I do not plan to give you my name. I don't want to put up with all the hate calls I'd get from radical segments of the community.

Last night, while drinking at (a Milw. Gay bar), I witnessed several toady guys performing sex acts on each other. I have witnessed the same activity there before and (at another Gay bar) Bartenders at both bars condone the activity and, by condoning it, encourage it. In addition, drugs are sold openly at (two other bars).

Because of these activities and because the police department appears to be 'on the take' (they do not even dispatch a car in response to complaints involving these bars), I plan to contact the F.B.I. and request they determine whether these clubs are paying bribes to police officers. I also plan to notify the Mayor of my action

and request he initiate an investigation. In addition, I plan to distribute fliers urging people not to contribute money to the ACT UP organization until they start tackling the primary cause of AIDS in this city... which is this 'anything goes attitude' by bar owners.

I know of at least six other people who think as I do, so I am not alone. We have decided to see whether you will dare take a stand on this issue before we act, but we are doubtful.

—Sincerely,

The Milwaukee Seven

Editors Note: We are printing your letter with the bar names deleted, because we feel the issues you raise are important. We deleted the names to protect those accused, but not convicted. Normally, we would not print any letter that was not signed, and included an address & phone number for verification purposes. We do withhold letter writers names from publication if requested.

Dear Mr. Geiman:

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—Sincerely,

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The Arts

Rep MAP benefit show

On Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30pm the Milwaukee Repertory Theater continues its fight against AIDS with a benefit performance of **A Little Tomfoolery** in the Stackner Cabaret. Since beginning the benefit performances two years ago, the Rep has raised over \$12,000 for the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Written by Tom Lehrer and adapted by Cameron Mackintosh and Robin Ray, **A Little Tomfoolery** was the smash hit of last season. enjoy the witty naughtiness of Lehrer's satirical humor with all your old favorites and a few new surprises!

Tickets for the February 20 performance ar \$12 and all seats are reserved. Tickets can be purchased at the MAP office at 315 W. Court Street, the MRT Box Office at 108 E. Wells Street or by calling (414)224-9490.

The final AIDS benefit of the Rep's 1990/91 season will be held in the Stackner Cabaret on April 10 with a performance of **Hula Hoop Sha-Boop**.

Join us for this encore performance of **A Little Tomfoolery** and help the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

'Sincerity forever' at X

Theatre X is proud to announce the Milwaukee premiere of **Sincerity Forever** by Mac Wellman, February 17th through March 17, with previews on February 14, 15 and 16.

Sincerity Forever is a biting, comic portrait of a small town, Hillsbottom, whose young people meet in cars and ponder weighty issues (as young people do in America). That these young people are wearing Klu Klux Klan robes should disturb no one. After all, they are sincere, kind, well-meaning citizens. But there is a rot seeping into the community. Poisons are leaking into the soil from the nearby

toxic waste dump and two ominous creatures, mystic furballs, have arrived. These malevolent furballs spew venom and this venom is beginning to possess the souls of Hillsbottom. Watching over all, is a traveler, a black woman, carrying a staff and heavy suitcase. "This world was not one of my father's happier creations" she says "I have this from the horse's mouth. He is John Q. Fedup on the subject of planet earth."

Mac Wellman's wild and hilariously satiric portrait of a lazy belligerence masquerading as sincerity premiered last summer at the Berkshire Theatre Festival to rave reviews. Dedicated to Jesse Helms and Reverend Donald Wildmon, **Sincerity Forever** is an explosively entertaining response to the forces of ignorance, hate and prejudice which hope to silence the voice of dissent in this country.

Sincerity Forever opens at Theatre X, 158 N. Broadway, in the Historic Third Ward, on February 17 at 7:30pm, and runs Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30pm., Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2:00 and 7:30pm from February 17 through March 17. For more information call Theatre X at 278-0555.

Women's film fest in Chicago

Chicago's "Women In The Directors Chair" holds its 10th Anniversary International Film & Video Festival March 7-10 at Chicago Filmmakers, 1229 West Belmont in Chicago.

The four-day event includes screenings of over 70 films and videos by independent women directors from around the world (including U.S. and Chicago premieres), guest filmmakers, and panel discussions.

Highlights of this year's festival include the Chicago premieres of two feature films: Yvonne Rainer's **Privilege**, and Hong Kong filmmaker Cheung Yeung-ting's **Eight Tales Of Gold**; and

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Dan Quayle? Speaking of wings, couldn't a fairy-winged queer Cupid have wreaked Gay havoc on those Democratic presidential primaries? But no, some wiseass heterosexual cupid had to go and shoot Gary Hart and the Rice woman, resulting in a whole lot of **Monkeybusiness** on that boat, eventually selling us all down the river.

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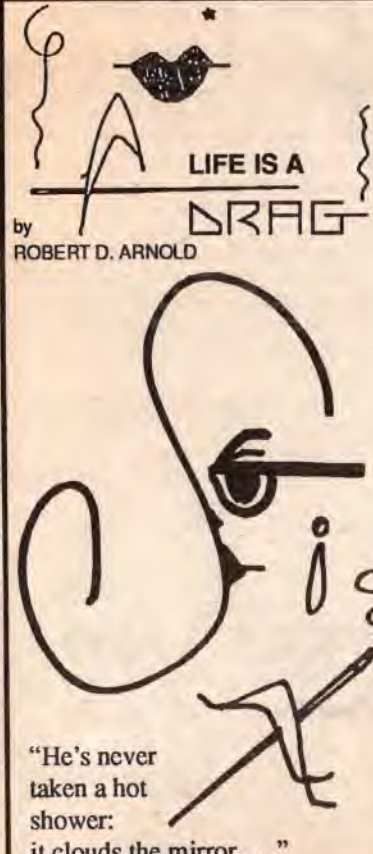
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instead of her haughty heterosexual head rolling off the guillotine.

The American Revolution would never have occurred if the English redcoats and American soldiers had been firing at one another from Cupid's lusty quivers instead of those trusty muskets. They would have been so totally turned on by their flashy red uniforms that those American minutemen would have hopped into the trenches with those hunky limey men...in a minute.

And can you imagine the incredible women's music festivals the patriot sisters would have put on if only they were freed of their hetero homemaking duties — Betsy Ross so busy sewing the flag and

Dolly Madison serving meals in the White House. They could have been foremothers to Holly Near and Chris Williams.

We most certainly would not have had to endure the senseless Civil War if Cupid had shot both the southern soldiers and the yanks with manly love. We've heard of Black and White Men Together; well, this would have been Blue and Grey Men United. There would be no question about slavery, except for which one was the slave and which the master in the bedroom. "Now, listen here, Rhett honey, I've got the handcuffs so you have to be in bondage this time."

And now here we are in the second year of Gay nineties, but just how Gay is it with right-wingers President Bush and Veep

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How might the mighty Roman empire have lasted even longer had Cupid shot Marc Anthony and Julius Caesar instead of screwing around with that Cleopatra dame. Those boys were already having wild Roman orgies at the baths. So without Cleo's influence they never would have even bothered trying to conquer each other — except in bed. "No, this time I'm gonna be the top, Jules." Then Cleopatra could be the first lipstick Lesbian, with her berry juice cosmetics tips for all her ladies in waiting.

Moving along into the fourteenth century, we know that all the men of King Louis' court were already flouncing around in wigs and high heels, so it was just a matter of piercing their chests as well as their ears with a few Gay arrows shot at those silly courtiers before the first drag show would have evolved.

And had Marie Antoinette only shouted to the Bastille women, "Let them eat pot luck," her reign would have continued — supported by the French sisters — with her level Lesbian head on her shoulders

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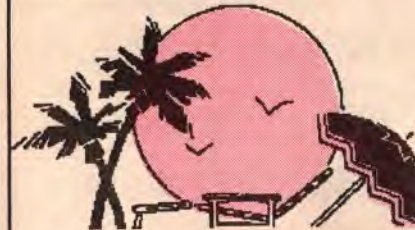
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No Nonsense by Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

Stupid cupid

As Valentine's Day nears, it might be amusing to muse how the course of history might have been changed had Dan Cupid ever come out of the closet. Let's face it, here is this fairy who runs around much of the time practically nude or in a scanty posing strap, and points his big ole arrow at just about everyone he sees. Now if THAT isn't Gay love, what is?

Just suppose that way back in the Garden of Eden where the whole "love thang" began, Cupid had aimed his bow of eros at Adam and then at the serpent, instead of Eve. It would have been the original phallic symbol and the original phallus-owner united in heavenly love. Then God would have had to create Eve's helpmate from Eve's own rib, and all that male chauvinist pig stuff would never have existed. Eve would have fallen in love with Eve Junior, not Adam. And if Cupid had continued matching up the

boys with the boys and the girls with the girls just outside the gates of the Garden of Paradise, there would not be a population explosion today. Of course, there wouldn't be ANY population at all, so maybe we'd better cease our digression. Gaily onward!

What if in paleolithic times the cavemen settled down with other cavemen, painting prehistoric porn on those walls, and being more concerned with redecorating than reconnoitering. "Oh, puhleeze, Miss Cromagnon you homo Homo Sapiens you, that brontosaurus skin couch simply does NOT go with the triceratops bone coffee table! Ugh!"

And can you imagine the sheer joy when cave-sleazes discovered that mastodon skins made fabulous chaps? Naturally the hunter/gatherers of the species would be the sapphic cavewomen, teaching the men how to fashion meals from tofu and pterodactyl wings, and deciding important tribal business over weekly cavewimmin

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Wouldn't you know it, I reflected last time about all the snow we've had this winter, and by the time last issue hit the streets we were in the middle of a thaw. Now I'll reflect upon the thaw and by the time this issue hits the streets we'll be back into the misery of cold weather and snow. Just can't win!

For those of you wondering about our 900 personals we're promoting, we are holding off until at least the next issue in listing the ads for it and advertising the 900 number. Why? Because when we start it, I want a big enough selection of ads to make it worth while for callers to respond. So keep on sending in the forms for your Free 20 word personal ad in In Step, with 900 system response. The ad and form for the system appear in the centerfold of this issue... you can't miss it. (No more running around to get a PO Box or putting your phone number in your 'people' ad! This makes it so much more convenient!)

We had to rush my roommate Kim Z (who is also 219's DJ) to the hospital in the middle of production for the last issue for emergency appendectomy surgery. It happened on a Saturday night, and he got out of the hospital on Thursday, Jan. 31. Then I had to baby-sit him until coming back to work to get this issue out. Since spinning records is not strenuous, he went back to work on Feb. 7. It will be another month before he's completely healed. Thanks to all of you who expressed concern, sent flowers and offered to help.

How do you like the new look of In Step? We made a few changes last issue, including new section headings in reverse, and a new lower case look to headlines. I get bored with the look of the magazine and like to change the styling every few years. I think this new look helps to provide readers with a visual guide to the different sections we offer. Opinions?

'The Guide' section was updated with changes for this current issue. The Guide

listings are only re-typeset every 5 issues or so due to the cost of having it done. Please notify us of any errors you may find so we can correct them next time we update it.

Happy Birthday to **Fannie's** owner Sharon Dixon who hit the big 4 0 and celebrated with a Black and White Affair on Jan. 24. Sharon's bar wench (Miss Gay WI) Vanessa Alexandre entertained, as did Holly Brown (prior to her departure for points West, and then back home again to Australia).

The **Wreck Room** held its 3rd annual 'South of the Border' party on Jan. 25 complete with music, decor and lots of tasty Mexican food. Who was that sexy man in the sombrero?

For all you country two-steppin' fans, don't forget **Jet's Place** has expanded two-steppin nights to Fridays as well as Tuesdays from 8pm to close. Great fun if you're into it!

Not only were there scads of Super Bowl events, **Station II** got started early with a pre-bowl party on Friday, Jan. 25. Then on the Big Day, it was Super Bowl mania at **Triangle, Station, Ballgame, Club 3054 and Fannies**. For once it was a good, close game...no blow out this year!

Za's had a busy night on Jan. 26, by starting out the night with a Pet Shop Boys release party for their recent "Behavior" release. That was followed by a show featuring Milwaukeeans B.J. Daniels, Mary Richards and Tiffany Thomas. The show was followed by Pet Shop Boys give-aways. **La Cage** held their "Behavior" release party on Feb. 7 complete with a "Being Boring" (a song off the album) best buns contest. (Doesn't sound too boring to me!)

Post-Super Bowl, **La Cage** presented Bonnie Bitch and crew (Jackie, Kevin Roberts, Sasha Mitchell & Rudi D'Angelo) in "Don't Touch That Dial" illusion show which was centered around television bits. The show was so well received by the crowd you can expect an encore performance, I'm sure.

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•Rona [upper left] celebrated her birthday at M&M Club with her Broadway show featuring a cast of special guests. The show was a benefit for the Cream City Chorus.

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'liberal,' very closeted, woman a kiss. The closeted woman tosses her hair and looks as if she had caught a homeless man taking a pee in the back seat of her Jaguar. She draws her man's attention from his shoes and they hurry towards the respectable queer they came in with. The woman's evening is pretty much ruined, not even dancing with all the gorgeous boys can make it alright again. She wants desperately to go to the bathroom but she's afraid it might look like an invitation, as if the dykes playing pool were straight out of a 1950's Anne Banyon novel and ready to hold her captive in the stall in order to do the most repulsive things to her against her will. Later, when she's safe in her hot tub, the closeted, liberal, trendsetting woman will masturbate, fantasizing, of course, about the pool playing dykes who haven't given the closeted, liberal trendsetting woman another thought and never will.

Two young guys whisper rapidly in Spanish and glance repeatedly at the DJ booth. After a while, they go up to the bar, do a couple of Tequila's, and hurry back to take up their original position. Three hours from now they'll be sitting in the all night diner talking about the bar and the DJ. The DJ will be home and long asleep unaware that the two guys will continue to plan on the phone all week and then Friday and Saturday at the bar just like they've been doing since that night almost two months ago when he said hello to one of them on his way back to the booth from the bathroom.

Two women, once passionately in love, argue hotly in the corner. They take turns accusing each other of messing up their

connection. They'll be at it all night, right up until they meet with their dealer. They don't go home and make passionate love, not anymore. Now they go home so they can shoot their dope and dream about all of the things they're never going to do. The dope will keep them high right through Sunday. But Monday will come again, too soon, and the two woman will wonder where all the money went, how come all the dreams never happen. They won't wonder about the love, though. That has become expendable.

The guy on the dance floor is afraid he might be HIV positive. He's been worried about it for days now. More than worried. It's like he just knows, like he can feel the devil breathing on his shoulder. This week, he tells himself, this week I'll get tested. Then he catches the eye of a cute little number he's been cruising. He'll get lucky in the parking lot later and for a few precious minutes all thought of AIDS or death will be drowned out in the sweetness of promiscuous sex.

It all comes down to a little relief. Or hope. Or both. And of course it isn't those few hours over the weekend that really count. It's the fantasy that is, or was, or might be. The possibility that the ten bucks MIGHT be good luck or Richard Gere MIGHT show up; the memory that the dyke MIGHT have wanted to ravish and the DJ MIGHT have meant a lot of different things in the way he said hello. Just a little relief. Just a way to pretend that love never dies and that there is no such thing as AIDS. Just a little hope. Just a way to forget how long we've had to dance with the devil.



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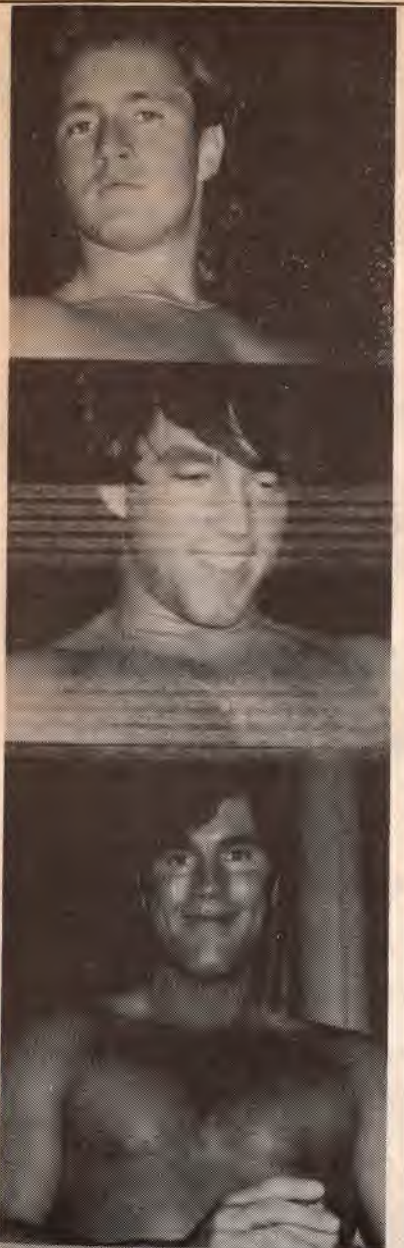
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Hunter and the Headliners, are crowd favorites at Club 219 Plus.

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Tuesday, Jan. 29 The New Bar celebrated its 7th Anniversary with a blow-out cocktail party complete with buffet and waiter-served hors d'oeuvres. The evening was capped off with a packed show by recording artist Paul Lekakis. Wisconsin can't seem to get enough of Paul (and he can't get enough of Wisconsin men, but I won't talk about that!). In the past 16 months he's done two shows at the Pivot, and one at 219 before this Madison gig. The New Bar accommodated the 18- 20 year olds for his show by opening the upstairs balcony bar for them without alcohol service. The place was packed (including lots of Chicago & Milwaukee VIP's) and the crowd was as good- looking as always.

I had all but forgot until that night in Madison that when The New Bar has an anniversary, In Step follows two weeks later. This is our 7th anniversary issue you are reading, and our first issue detailed the opening of The New Bar back in 1984. It's hard to believe I'm in my eighth year of publishing this magazine! If my memory serves me right, La Cage should be celebrating their 7th anniversary very soon, too.

Milwaukee's favorite male dance troupe, Hunter and the Headliners made a return appearance at Club 219 to wrap up January in a very hot way. Mimi Marks was scheduled to appear but was a no-show... she sends her apologies to all her fans.

Ces't La Vie kicked off their \$2,000 dart tournament Sunday Feb. 3. It was supposed to start on Saturday, but not enough had signed up. The tourney runs every weekend through March 3 at 3pm. You can still sign up (\$10 entry fee), and there are weekly qualifiers and winners each weekend. Put your dart skills to the test!

Rona (Ron Thate) held her millionth annual 29th birthday party by hosting a big show "Rona's Broadway" on Feb. 2 as a benefit for the Cream City Chorus. Big cast with lots of great entertainers, and as always, a huge crowd. (Ro, I'll be your age come my birthday in August, but we won't tell, will we?)

Milwaukee has gone Queer! That's

View from a Room

by Nancy Lyn Define

Dancing with the Devil

The fifty year old woman over there worries because her hair is thinning as fast as her savings and she's been unemployed for almost six months now. She does shots in between to make the tall drinks last longer but the alcohol just doesn't hit her like it used to, like it did when she could buy the other regulars a round. It's hard to get high what with all the worrying about money and no work and thinning hair. She sits just staring at the ten dollar bill wedged between her glass and a pack of cigarettes as if staring could make things go back to the better days. Then she looks up, catches herself in the mirror behind the bar, and gives a half snort to her reflection. She signals for another one.

The drag queen hovers at a back table with a couple of hookers who appreciate

the two hour makeup and teased hair job and he licks his lips and touches at his tight fitting dress right at the hips the way he saw the girls do it when they were working. He ignores the main clientele in much the same way they dismiss him. Every few minutes he checks his platinum hair and glances toward the door. He's seen the movie 'Pretty Woman' seven times and he fantasizes that this will be the night Richard Gere walks into this small-town bar.

A man and woman, proudly heterosexual, make out in the middle of the room because they don't want to be mistaken for one of us even if they did oppose Jesse Helms and consider themselves trendsetting liberals. Everytime the man bends down to take another piece of imaginary lint off of his Gucci loafers, the woman steals covert glances at the two (what she is certain are downtown dykes) playing pool. One of them catches her looking and throws this

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another's problems. Furnishing a home just the way you'd like. Not compromising. Not answering to anyone. Exploring new options without having to consider anyone else's needs but your own. Listening to the music **You** want to hear. Reading a good book. Not attending that awful annual Christmas party! The list is endless!

Then, there is all the self-blame and guilt which result from a break-up. After all, this was to last forever. This was the one, absolutely right person, who was probably put on the planet solely for me to love. If this **PERFECT** relationship failed, how flawed I must be! If this forever was merely temporary, dare I chance another?

And therein rests the fallacy. Whoever said that we were to love just one person for all of our life? We don't just love one job, one hobby, one food. We seldom remain in one home, or one city or even one part of the country. Yet we expect a coupling to hold what no other aspect of our life does!

Then there are the more mundane fears. How to ask for a date? The possible rejection. What to wear. How to act. What should I say and who should I ask? The first kiss. Making love with a stranger.

Time and again I am asked, Aren't you really looking to settle down? Don't you hate dating?

I hate people assuming that if they see me with a woman more than once, we must be a couple. I hate our concept and preconceptions about dating.

If dating is a constant search for that one and only Ms. or Mr. Right, it is an abysmal experience. Because we miss so many others. We miss all the gifts that those who we may never end up in love with have to give us. We cheat ourselves out of so many good moments. We miss the joy and fun of sharing our life with many instead of just one. We lose the ability to have certain people meet our specific needs rather than expecting one individual to meet them all.

When are we going to grow up? Isn't it time we realize that we can fill our own empty spaces? Take care of ourselves? Answer most of our own needs?

And that until or unless we do, we have nothing to offer anyone else, anyway?

So, I advocate the establishment and celebration of National Narcissism Day. Narcissus gave self-love a bum rap. He loved only his physical self. We should frolic in a day of self-adoration, self-love and self-acceptance. Buy yourself the candy, write yourself a love letter! Send yourself the new American symbol of love - the narcissus!

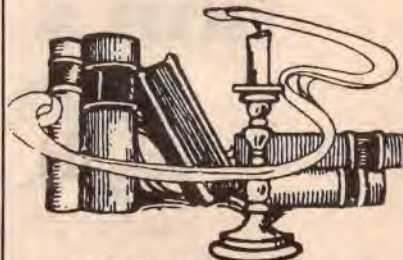
Then and only then will we have the freedom to chose. Then and only then will we not be trapped in our aloneness; but liberated by it. Being single will truly become an alternate lifestyle. For some, it will be the only one that works. ▽

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Vanessa [Miss Gay Wisconsin] and Tony Harvey with birthday woman, Fannie's Sharon as she celebrated her big '40'.

right, Queer Nation now has a local group that likes to say "We're here, we're Queer... get used to it!" I've liked the 'out' attitude of this national movement since I first heard of it last year. No more apologies, no more hiding. The local group announced their formative meeting scheduled for Feb. 10 in a Feb. 5 news release. Unfortunately, not timely for this issue and too late for the last one. According to the release, the formative Feb. 10 meeting was to be devoted to setting up the groups first action on Valentine's Day. Queer Nation groups across the country have done such things as held kiss-ins, Queer Nights Out (masses of Queers invading 'straight' clubs), and Queer Shopping Networks (group adventures into 'straight' malls). It should be interesting to see what happens on Valentine's Day... See the article in 'Group Notes' this issue for more information on Queer Nation/Milwaukee.

I just picked up several pieces of art work I had framed at **Grava Gallery** and can highly recommend their work to you.

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Club 219 Plus: King Productions' Miss Gay Milwaukee Pageant, a WI-USA preliminary.

New Bar [Madison]: Valentine's Dance, free cocktails (rail, wine & domestic beer) from 9 to 9:30, DJ Tony Ritschard 10pm-close.

Ballgame: A Valentine's Affair, 8-? Snacks, door prizes, 2 for 1 cocktails till close.

Station II: Valentine's Day, free champagne 6-8.

Triangle: \$1.98 Drag Contest, hosted by Alice Ann & Bonnie Bitch. \$175 in prizes. Contestant info & entry forms at the bar.

Partners: Passion Night, \$1.75 per shot.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Club 219: Fresh new faces & bodies featuring Indiana's 'Unicorn Dancers'.

New Bar [Madison]: Lincoln Park Lagooners ski trip welcoming party.

Jet's Place: Girth & Mirth Meeting, social, 10:30pm.

Leaded Shade II: Valentine's Show & Party, hosted by Monique Williams with special guest stars.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: Valentine's Show with Magician/Illusionists "The L'Armay Brothers," 9pm.

Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic presents free, anonymous on site HIV testing from 4-8pm.

ZA's: Guest host for Lip Sync Mary Richards.

Station II: Tap beer 75 cents & rail drinks \$1 until 10pm.

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Reflections from the Joan Zone by Joan Lawrence

Single again for the first time

It's Valentine's Day! One can not walk down the street without being assaulted by the symbols of romance, relationship and togetherness. Love is in the air. It's only a matter of time till Cupid's arrows will pierce us all!

Our annual observance of what I will call partnering or coupling is once again upon us. We exalt in it! Total happiness is only achieved by finding that perfect match — our sweetheart — the one who will meet our every need and make us whole.

Unfortunately, this is no less true in the Gay/Lesbian community. Go into any Gay/Lesbian bar on a weekend. Look at all the desperate faces, searching and afraid they will have to go home alone. Read the personal ads in The Shepherd or in In Step. Check out all the Gay computer dating services. We have totally bought into the national obsession with coupling. Add the very real fear of HIV disease and STD's to the years of cultural brainwashing, and is it any wonder that Gays and Lesbians have become phobic about being partnerless?

I write this as someone who was totally involved in a committed, monogamous relationship for almost ten years. We raised her child together. We chose to have a Ceremony of Holy Union. We bought property together. No one was more into coupling than I.

So, when the single life loomed, I was terrified. All those primal fears about being alone surfaced. Would anyone ever want me again? Or was I destined to spend the rest of my life as a pariah — deserted and lonely — sentenced to remain that way until I died, dreadfully alone?

How many of us have stayed in relationships which never should have happened or in ones that had long outlived their purpose, solely because of fear? How many men and women do we all know

who stay partnered despite emotional, sexual or physical abuse? How many remain even though they are miserably unhappy and emotionally dead?

The Gay and Lesbian community will never be truly comfortable with the concept of aloneness until our entire society is. American culture has confused solitude with loneliness. Our society never rejoices about the pleasures and gains of solitude. When we are forced to be alone, we are taught to drown out the silence with TV's and CD's. Quiet reflection is avoided at all costs. Go to the gym, join a 12 Step Program, a support group — anything — to avoid spending time with yourself.

Is it any wonder we cringe when we anticipate being single and thus, alone?

No one ever mentions the simple joys in being alone. Coming home at the end of a hard day and not having to deal with

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Masquer's [Wausau]: Stars of Wisconsin show featuring King Productions title holders.

Hurricane Women's Valentine's Dance: 8pm-midnight, Lake Park Pavilion (3133 E. Newberry Blvd. Lake Park in Milw.). \$6 admission, DJ, cash bar.

Ballgame: Monthly sheephead tournament, limited to 40 players, advance sign-up.

Station II: Love songs all night long, free champagne 9-10pm.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Pivot Club [Appleton]: 5th Anniversary week wrap-up, Mr/Miss/Ms Pivot Club contest, 9pm.

La Cage: Special guest for tonight's show, Cincinnati's "Hurricane Summers" as Tina Turner, 11pm.

New Bar [Madison]: A Mid-Winter's Show. \$3 cover, starts 10pm.

Gay/Lesbian Veterans Group: Organizational meeting to form a greater Metro Milw. Area Chapter of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA). All Veterans, active duty personnel & significant others of active duty personnel in country Saudi Arabia. M&M Banquet Room, 2nd floor, 124 N. Water St., 2pm.

Station II: Open 1pm, \$1.25 Bloody Marys & 75 cent tap beer until 6.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The New Bar [Madison]: President's day at Hotel Washington, buy your 1st drink at regular price plus one penny & get your second drink free!

Cafe Melange: Open Mike collection of musicians, poetry & artists, 8pm every Monday. Drink specials and complimentary appetizers.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable channel 4, 9pm, a conversation between Sam Day & Alderman Bert Zipperer.

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New Bar [Madison]: 5th Annual Devil's Head Ski Trip.

Partner's: Last night of Las Vegas night.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

LAMM Meeting: Racism in the Lesbian Community, with speaker Lula Robinson. 6pm potluck & 7pm program. Milw. Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th, All Lesbians welcome. For info call 264-2600.

M&M Club: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 8pm-midnight.

MLGPC Pride Rally Meeting: Volunteers interested in helping with June 15th Rally please come to 711 W. Wisconsin Ave. Apt. 2. 7pm, or call Larry at 271-9946.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: Entertainment by Jeff Jennings.

Station II: Washington Day fun with pick your drink price Cherry Tree.

JC's Rainbow: Happy 20 Something Dan Bolander, free beer 8-close, midnight champagne cocktail/buffet.

Club 219 Plus: Promotional release party for Donny Osmonds' "Eyes Don't Lie".

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Jo'dee's [Racine]: King Productions, 'Stars of WI' show.

Wreck Room: Monthly party night, special drawing from food drive.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Beach Party starts 90m, prize for wild & wackiest beach attire, tropical drink specials.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
MAP Monthly Interdenominational Worship Service: Village Church, 130 E. Juneau, 5pm.

Hot Spot: Lip Sync contest, 2 for 1 drinks.
Mr. C's [Rockford, IL]: Miss Gay WI-USA benefit show by King Productions.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Club 219: BESTD Clinic presents free, anonymous HIV testing from 9-12.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Oct. '90 Press conference at UW Madison by poet Lesbian Toni Morrison, only African American to have received a Pulitzer Prize.

The New Bar [Madison]: Special edition Womyn's Night with entertainment by Lesbian folk artist Monica Grant, showtime 8:30.

Partner's: Las Vegas good-bye party, prizes.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Wreck Room: Drawing for food drive participants.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

ZA's [Green Bay]: Kitty hosts Lip Sync.


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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

The latest in love

W.W. Wells, world famous professor of Psychology and Cruising currently lecturing at The Truman Capote University, has dedicated his scientific endeavors to the mysteries of Gay love and romance. So, as a special Valentine's feature we present the fruits of his incredible, groundbreaking research and the following startling conclusions:

• Over 47% of Gays and Lesbians have made groggy, post-bar overtures to a 'platonic' roommate in a fit of sex-deprived lust. 27% of the roommates responded with a common act of 'mercy,' 17% gently rejected the advance and acted like nothing had happened the next morning and the remaining 3% had sex with the roommate and held it over their head in exchange for a rent reduction.

• Following the hottest trend in cosmetic surgery and the axiom that 'bigger is better,' hundreds of Gays are undergoing Lip Augmentation (ala Madonna, Barbara Hershey) in hopes of improving their performance during oral sex. Although the artificially thickened lips do not actually better love making, many lip-enhanced drag queens reported they have been mistaken for Pretty Woman, Julia Roberts. However, there is no independent confirmation of those claims.

• According to a recent study, over 87% of Gays suck in their stomachs while on a date, at a party or bar. As a result, they appear much fatter when naked and are sometimes sued for false advertising by disappointed bed partners.

• The fastest way to offend a date suffering from male pattern baldness is to say, "I bet you were cute with hair."

Any man who leaves a big, 64 oz. jar of lube, uncapped in his Toyota's built-in cup holder is not a good prospect for a long-term relationship. A man who is a good catch would keep it in his glove box next to a box of kleenex and his stash of condoms.

• Over 98% of drag queens who try to be 'macho' end up coming across as

'bitchy.'

• Over 77% of 'thirtysomething' Gay men who aggressively cling to a hot looking, 'just-out' stud-ling, under the pretense of 'friendship,' is in reality attempting to get inside the boy's panties.

• "It was dark and I was drunk," is the most common excuse given by a Gay man after bringing home an exceptionally unattractive bar pick-up. "Just taking him for a test drive," is the least common excuse given.

• Most Gay men love and like their cats more than they like their lovers. However, most would prefer french kissing their lover than their cat. In addition, most Gay men prefer cats over dogs because they think Lassie was probably a Lesbian.

• Avoid a long-term romantic involvement with any man whose idea of an exciting night consists of watching a tape of **Steel Magnolias** (for the fiftteenth time) naked, while eating Fruit Loops right from the box.

• What Gay couples consider most important in maintaining close relationships include sharing values (including religious beliefs and lusting after the same porno stars), the willingness to change and being the same size so they can wear each other's clothing with-out stretching each other's expensive designer label sweaters all out of shape.

• To avoid next-morning-shock due to subtle camouflage of physical flaws hidden by bar lightening, experts recommend that most first dates occur over lunch so you can see exactly how a person looks in the daylight.
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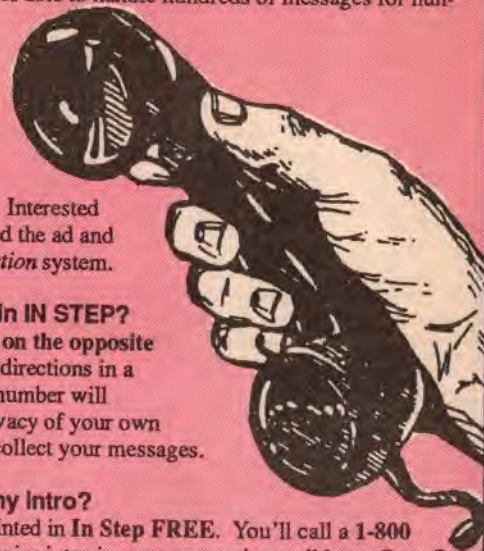
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